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Novi head football coach John Osborne (above) provides instruction on some of the game's finer points, while players (at right) run through their drills. Practice for the Wildcats Aug. 10. The team will look to improve on its 4-5 record of a year ago. The school's first losing season since 1984 ... they hope to make it the last.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Windward crime spree discussed

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Minor disagreements over such things as a locked gate, bonfires and grass cutting can combine and multiply into a neighborhood feud.

That's what seemed to be happening between residents of the Windward Bay condominium complex and longtime homeowners in the surrounding area.

But after a Thursday, Aug. 13, meeting between seven representative members of that neighborhood and Novi Crime Prevention Officer Karen Koester, new hope was voiced that Novi's north end residents might be able to live in harmony.

The issue arose last month when Windward Bay resident Carol Rice wrote a letter to Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn, which was shared with the City Council in an open meeting.

In the letter, Rice alleged that she and her fellow condo residents were being robbed and vandalized by juveniles who live in the surrounding neighborhood, and that the juveniles' parents condoned their actions because they didn't want the condominium there.

But according to Koester and Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, the history of incidents at Windward Bay does not suggest that residents there are being targeted.

"The problem is not necessarily a crime rampage that's going through Windward Bay," Koester said. "It's more a case of misunderstandings."

At Thursday's meeting, most of the parties agreed that some of the resentment in the area stemmed from wetland destruction involved in the original construction of the condominiums, and alleged abuse of the remaining wetlands by the new condo residents.

Two representatives from the city's engineer-

ing firm, JCK and Associates, attended the meeting to explain the city's wetland ordinance and discuss some of the resident complaints.

One complaint by area homeowners involved a natural area on private Windward Bay property that they said was originally supposed to be left alone. A section of the area has been cut down by Windward Bay residents, and conflict has arisen over attempts to replant it.

"We do intend to use that land some day, maybe as a playground," said Carol Rice. "It's not going to be cattails."

According to Amy Kay, a water resource specialist, complaints by north end residents about wetlands ordinance violations have been costly and extreme, with calls about pieces of shrubbery being cut or uprooted lillipads.

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Mason cites
a pattern of
tabled votesBy JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

To Novi City Council Member Carol Mason, council's decision Aug. 10 to vote on the M-5 wetlands mitigation while she was on vacation is an example of what she calls Novi's "old boy network."

Mason asked by letter that the action be postponed, saying that in the past council meetings have been rescheduled to accommodate other members' holidays — and even a televised basketball playoff.

"They change meetings when (Mayor) Matt Quinn and (Mayor Pro Tem) Hugh Crawford are on vacation. When Nancy Cassis and Carol Mason can't be there, they just go right ahead. What's good for one is good for all," Mason said.

"What old boy's network?" Mayor Matthew Quinn asked. "I never get vacations. I haven't had a real vacation in over a year."

The proposal to build 35 acres of new wetlands here failed by one vote to win the required majority of five.

A vote will be taken again Wednesday night.

Mason said that she could support the pact to build 35 new acres

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Matt Quinn
Novi Mayor

of wetlands in Novi — if she's told the exact dollar figures for the city's share of the M-5 project. Novi will pay 8.75 percent of 10 to 20 percent of the \$90 million — and climbing — cost of the Haggerty Connector.

"If they have all the t's dotted and the t's crossed, I have never been against this thing to begin with. I have only been for the people's rights in the community," she said. "I don't want to hear between \$60,000 and \$150,000. I wouldn't buy a car this way."

Mason said she knew the M-5 issue would come up "sometime in August," but wasn't sure of the date when she left for California.

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Suit may block
Novi's water line

Franklin Village plans to decide today whether to file a lawsuit against the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to stop construction of a 6-foot water main under Fourteen Mile Road.

Franklin's opposition to the project has led to a state department of public health-imposed water moratorium on new developments in western Oakland County and Wayne County communities, including Novi.

In response to the moratorium,

Novi adopted a mandatory alternate-day lawn sprinkling ordinance.

Water pressure problems experienced by some Novi residents are expected to be reduced if the new main goes through.

Locally, developers — including the owners of the Sandstone planned unit developer — have been opting to build new subdivisions on residential wells when city water is not available.

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Jaycees carnival cancelled

The Novi Jaycees' annual fundraising carnival, which had been scheduled to begin Thursday at Novi High School, has been cancelled, according to club president Sally Dale.

Dale said late Friday she had just learned that Crown Amusements, which has regularly operated the show for the Jaycees in past years, was pulling out in apparent disagreement with the site. Rather than the high school, Crown wanted the carnival to be located at the Novi Town Center. No contract

had been signed and Crown cancelled the date, Dale said.

The carnival is one of the Jaycees' major fundraisers of the year. Last year, it netted \$5,000 for the service club, Dale said. The event has not been rescheduled.

But Dale explained that an expansion of the club's annual Haunted House in the fall and the addition of another as yet undetermined fundraiser just before Christmas may make up for the loss.

Credit fraud tied to national ring

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A woman arrested at Twelve Oaks Mall July 22 for credit card fraud has turned out to be a member of a nationwide theft ring.

The entire national investigation is known as the "Fredericks of Hollywood case" because that is where the credit card thefts related to this crime ring were first discovered, said Novi Police Detective Jack Grubb.

"There have been 70 total arrests all over the United States on this particular credit card ring," he said. "We've turned the entire investigation over to the Secret Service."

said Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. "There was a much larger scheme involved than the local investigation that took place."

Novi Police Lt. David Butler said a warrant has not yet been issued for the woman because she is currently cooperating in the Secret Service investigation, although he believes she will likely be charged in the future.

According to Novi police reports the woman was shopping at Lillie Rubin in Twelve Oaks Mall when an employee there told security guards that the woman was behaving in a suspicious manner.

After she purchased several items with a Citibank VISA card

and left, a Twelve Oaks security guard contacted Citibank to check on the card's validity.

A Citibank operator told the guard that the numbers were valid, but decided to contact the owner because he lived in California and the call was from Michigan.

The owner of the VISA told Citibank that he had the card in his hand, but that he did not know the name of the person on the VISA card used by the suspect. The operator reported a \$3,000 cash advance as well as heavy activity on the VISA that day.

Twelve Oaks security and Novi Police asked the woman, who was by then in the mall Arby's restaur-

ant, for identification and she provided them with an altered Oklahoma driver's license.

On March 27, a driver's license office in Tulsa, Oklahoma was robbed. A camera and 308 blank driver's license forms were taken. The subjects involved in the Frederick's of Hollywood case have been using those driver's licenses plus altered credit cards to make purchases and cash withdrawals all over the country.

Novi Police arrested the woman and confiscated a total of \$4,200 in merchandise, all purchased at Twelve Oaks Mall with three different fraudulent credit cards.

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Community Calendar

Today, August 17

Band Boosters: The Band Boosters of Novi High will meet at 7 p.m. in room 511 of the high school.

Tuesday, August 18

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

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

Wednesday, August 19

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, August 20

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule has been changed. Originally scheduled for Aug. 13, the meeting will be on Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, August 24

Council meeting: The Novi City Council meets in chambers at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

High school registration: Registration for seniors at Novi High is scheduled for today in the library of the high school building. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25

High school registration: Registration for juniors at Novi High is scheduled for today in the library of the high school building. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

High school registration: Registration for sophomores at Novi High is scheduled for today in the library of the high school building. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 27

High school registration: Registration for freshmen at Novi High is scheduled for today in the library of the high school building. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-2:30 p.m.

Historic study: The Novi Historic District Study Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Novi Town Hall, next to the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile Road.

Friday, August 28

High school registration: Make up registration at Novi High is scheduled for today in the library of the high school building. Registration will run from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Monday, September 7

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Tuesday, September 8

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

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, September 10

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

Monday, September 14

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

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

Tuesday, September 15

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Wednesday, September 16

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Thursday, September 17

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, September 21

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, September 22

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Council rejects higher density

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

A request to increase the residential density of the northeast corner of Taft and Eleven Mile roads was recently doused with cold water by Novi City Council.

The petitioner, Charles Tvardak, said he needed the zoning change so he could divide his 2.4 acre homestead and possibly build a residence there for his parents.

The proposed switch would have aligned the parcel with the city's master plan. But the change from R-4 large lot residential to R-4 could have allowed another five houses to be built on the land.

This is what led the council to unanimously deny the request this time around.

"The petitioner has submitted to us that he can very well reach his goal on the property the way it is zoned," Council Member Tim Pope said.

The matter had been tabled by the city council in Sept. 1991 until the neighboring Heritage Acres subdivision could be platted.

Neighboring property along Eleven Mile Road is zoned R-4. The R-4 permits 3.3 dwellings per acre. Tvardak's representative, Realtor William Gladden said that the division of the site would allow the owner to keep his existing house, barn and garage on the land.

Gladden said that in order to build the five homes Tvardak would have to destroy his own residence. "It's just not feasible to do that."

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers recommended the rezoning, which would have made the site consistent with the city's 1988 master plan.

But Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford pointed out that the city would have no assurances just one house would be built.

"We can't do contract zoning," he said.

Residents meet to solve condo crime

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"We would request that if there's a serious wetland violation, like a truck leaking oil into the water, let us know," she said. However, she added, residents should use judgment in making the complaints "because if you really care about the environment... you won't waste [investigators'] time like that and you won't waste the taxpayers' money."

Other conflicts between the neighbors, who agreed that they used to be on a friendly basis, were discussed and cleared up at the meeting. Many were misunderstandings, such as a belief by Rice that a neighbor at the meeting had called the fire department about her bonfire in an attempt to harass her; a Windward Bay lock that was placed on a gate owned by a nearby homeowner; a conflict between several people over a disturbance by watercraft users; and resentment over area youths being told not to trespass on the Windward Bay dock.

Some problems were left unresolved. Windward Bay residents reported that an unknown man verbally assaulted a hired groundskeeper over cutting some grass, and a neighboring resident said someone from the Windward Bay direction keeps sitting at his shed with a BB gun.

Koester told the residents that, if they go beyond the ongoing minor conflicts, they can become an excellent Neighborhood Watch group, and could band together to fight crimes in that area.

"If you guys get it together, you're going to be a fantastic group," she said. "You all want the same things. It's just the little things that are dragging you down. Let's put it all behind you. Let's start with August 13 and move onward."

Franklin suit could block main to Novi

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Attorney Gary Rentrop, who lives along the proposed sewer line route in Franklin, volunteered to represent the village for free in the suit.

Rentrop said he would work with village attorney Michael Feller to file the suit and halt the project before it is approved by the Novi Board of Water and Sewerage Department.

The village suit will meet tonight to decide whether to file the suit.

Franklin Village Trustee Diane Lake said the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board has already built two years of litigation into its construction schedule, so the village could expect a protracted fight.

The main is to run from near Adams and Square Lake road, south on Adams to Big Beaver, west on Big Beaver to Lahser, south on Lahser to Fourteen Mile and west to the Franklin pumping station near Inkster Road.

Rentrop said about 60 houses on Fourteen Mile Road within the village limits would be affected by the construction, which could mean the uprooting of more than 100 trees, some more than 100 years old.

"You cannot destroy a 100-year-old oak and replace it," Rentrop said. "There would be a die-back zone on each side of the trench (dig for the water main)," Rentrop said. He said the village needs to act quickly to stop the project, because "they (contractors) will destroy the vegetation and pay the price later."

He said it is often more economical for contractors to forge ahead with the project and pay fines imposed later than delay the project up front.

How successful the village will be with the lawsuit is debatable, although Rentrop and Feller expressed confidence the village has a strong case.

But a likely key defense that will be used by Detroit is a document signed by the village in the early 1970s agreeing in principle to future installation of a water main.

"It's an antiquated document," countered Rentrop. He added the original consent did not specify a term limitation for the consent. "And a document without a term can be terminated," said Rentrop.

But Feller cautioned, "You can be sure the city will rely on it" in its defense.

Feller also said the village could hold liable for damage charges and delay costs if it loses the suit.

However, Feller said, "I think the village has a viable case."

As for the cost of the suit, Feller said, "A few thousand dollars" will be required. The figure could grow. "You're looking at major litigation," he said.

Asked if he thought the village could stop the project, Rentrop said, "Things more unbelievable than that have happened."

Representatives from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department or Oakland County Road Road Commission could not be reached for comment.

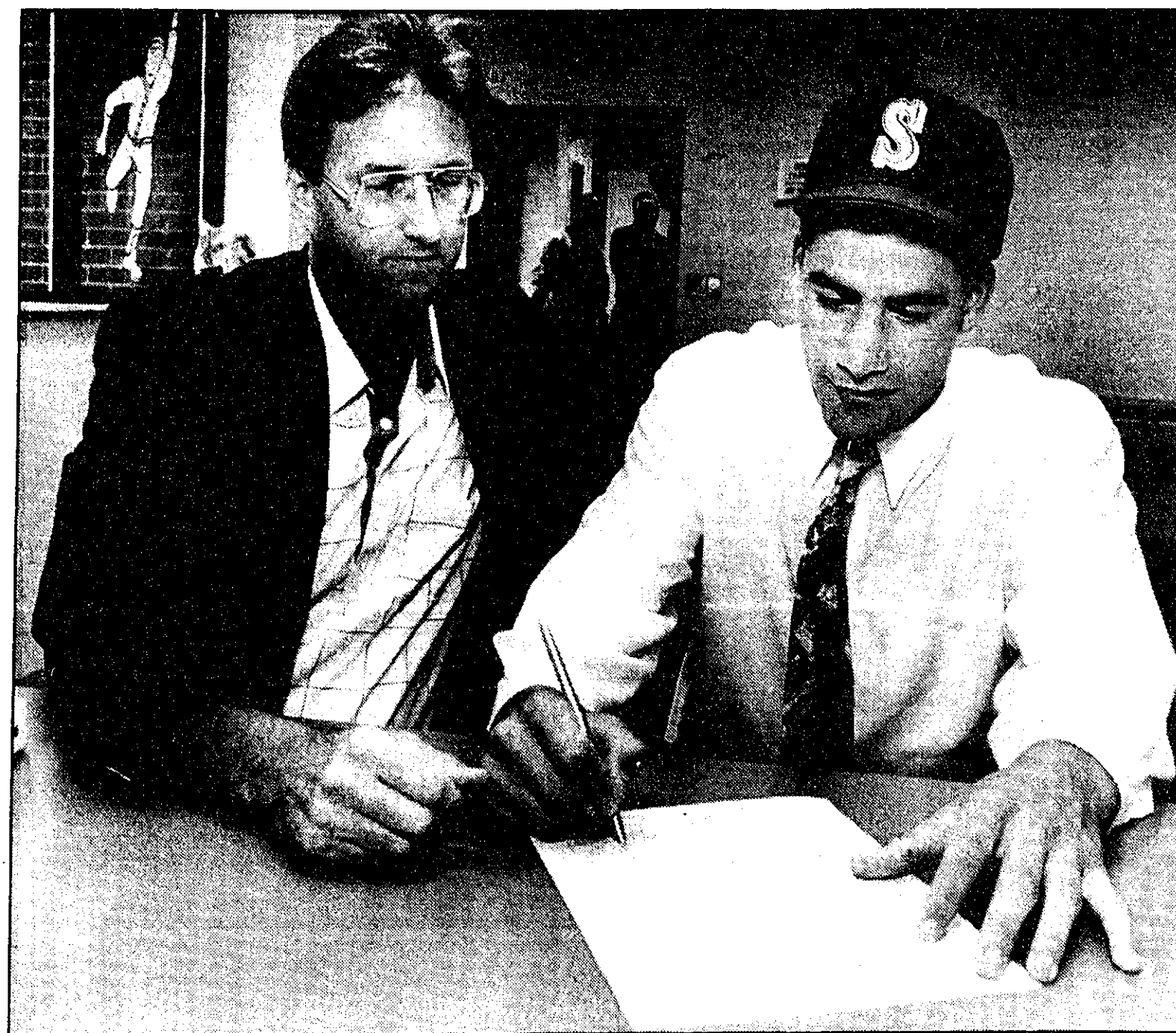


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On the dotted line

Ken Madeja, a Novi resident and scout for the Seattle Mariners, signs Rob Valentino of Dearborn to a contract with the team.

The signing took place Wednesday at Grand Slam USA in Novi, where Madeja watches young ballplayers work out.

Other votes delayed for full council vote

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Quinn said the wetlands contract had originally been scheduled for two weeks earlier — but the state attorney general's office hadn't completed the document by then.

My recollection was that as soon as it was ready it would be on the agenda," Quinn said. "This was a (regular council) meeting that has been scheduled since last year. I don't know if Carol had this vacation scheduled since before she was elected. A good council member will attempt to schedule their vacations around the council meetings."

Mason arrived home two days after the meeting to a political uproar but it wasn't a surprise to her that she — along with Council Members Nancy Cassis and Joseph Toth — was targeted by Haggerty Connector supporters for a possible recall campaign. Cassis kept her posted on the situation by telephone.

Only Cassis and Toth supported Mason's request.

"It's an issue of respect and courtesy towards another fellow elected official," Cassis said last week. "They waited for (Council Member) Bob Schmidt to return for my staffed, misplaced, misarranged, misappropriated Mystic Forest."

Quinn said that items have been "very infrequently" due to a member's absence in the over five years he's been on the council.

"Only if it was going to be a key vote and everybody realized we would need everybody. That wouldn't apply here because Carol had voted against it all along and that wouldn't make any difference," he said.

In at least four cases where an item has been delayed due to the lack of a full seven-member contingent, the action was not taken at the bidding of the absent council member.

In a decision on Southern Michigan Company (SOMOCO) permits, the tabling was at the suggestion of City Attorney David Fried. Fried said it was a matter of "due process."

None of the four items — although all were controversial — will bring the changes to Novi that are sure to follow in the wake of the Haggerty Connector.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials at the Aug. 10 meeting did not request a full city council.

"Mystic Forest (subdivision) had the benefit of a full council. I think

this is the same thing. For Dragon City (liquor license), they waited for a full council. They do what's convenient," Mason said.

On May 11, 1992, when reviewing Dragon City's request for a liquor license, a motion by Cassis to table the issue until the absent Schmidt could be present passed by a majority of five votes.

On March 2, 1992, a decision on the preliminary plat of Mystic Forest subdivision on Novi Road was delayed until Schmidt could be present. The subdivision's developers, South Hill Construction Company, are now embroiled in a controversy over the re-routing of a water main.

Council Member Tim Pope asked if the matter should be held over and Quinn said "that was up to the petitioner." The tabling passed with Cassis in dissent.

On Sept. 17, 1990, when then-Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger was on vacation, Fried advised the attorney for SOMOCO that the firm had a right to request a full council before a vote was taken on their plans to place an oil well in Novi.

SOMOCO opted to wait until everyone could be present.

Fried explained that nothing in the Novi City Charter says that the applicant has a right to a full council, but that it was a question of "due process."

"When you have a determining body that consists of seven people and there are only six people present, then it's really a question of whether you're getting the full right to a full hearing of only six people considered. He has a right to ask for that. Council has a right to refuse them if council wants to proceed on six," Fried said, according to the minutes of the meeting.

With SOMOCO appearing with its own attorney and court reporter, it appeared likely the firm would sue Novi if denied its permits. That did happen.

In a June 1991 discussion of an option agreement with the Amoco Oil Co., then-Council Member Crawford and Quinn were absent. Pope, saying that it would be "appropriate" to have everyone present, asked that the matter be tabled. Pope noted that in the past when "important issues" were under consideration, a full council was present.

His motion failed, winning only the support of Cassis.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Fast company

Members of SPARK, the support and fund-raising group for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, met up with some fast company last week. Former Winston Cup stock car champion Rusty Wallace (seated left) and up-and-coming star Michael Waltrip (seated right) paid a visit to Bob Sellers Pontiac at Ten Mile and Grand River on Wednesday to sign a few hundred

autographs and meet their fans. A delegation from the Hall of Fame also greeted the drivers, and presented them with Team Novi caps and Novi Special pins. Here SPARK Vice President Linda Detorre gets an autograph from Wallace. Both Wallace and Waltrip raced Pontiacs in Sunday's Champion Spark Plug 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Monthly Allergy Tip



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Man attacked with sledgehammer

Police News

Novi police are investigating felonious assault charges against a man who struck another man with a sledgehammer.

According to police reports, the suspect and the victim, both employees of Kueckle Extrusion on Novi Road, were involved in an argument that led to a fist fight. Co-workers broke up the fight and the two men went back to work for a few minutes.

But the victim told police that, as he was working, he suddenly felt a sharp pain in his back and turned around to see the suspect standing there with a sledgehammer.

The suspect allegedly struck the victim again, this time in the arm, and verbally assaulted him. The two men started fighting again, and co-workers again broke up the fight.

PANTHER SIGHTING? A resident on Antler reported Aug. 9 that he saw what he believes was the infamous black panther walking through his back yard.

He said he saw the big feline walking through the yard on Aug. 8.

About two weeks earlier, he said, his wife also saw what looked like a panther in their neighbor's yard around 6 a.m.

The resident told police he will keep his eyes open and notify the department of any additional sightings.

DISORDERLY PERSON: Novi police

arrested a 35-year-old Farmington Hills man for disorderly conduct Aug. 3 after he was nearly hit by a car on Haggerty Road.

According to police reports, the man was at the railroad gas station at Grand River and Haggerty trying to pump gas into a blue truck.

When an officer approached him, he reportedly ran, yelling, into Haggerty Road. He reportedly had a tough time keeping his balance, and almost fell several times while running.

When the officer was guiding the man off the road, he reportedly fell and hit his head in the ditch while yelling obscenities.

After he was arrested for disorderly conduct, he was transported to the Novi police station where he was found to have a blood-alcohol content of .18.

He was later released on a \$3 bond to the custody of his brother.

FIRE: A resident in the Fountain Park apartment complex reported that on Aug. 6, several juveniles started a fire in his parking lot.

The man told police he watched as the juveniles broke a bottle filled with

a flammable substance on the pavement, then ignited it.

The Novi Fire Department responded to the scene at approximately 10 p.m. and extinguished the blaze.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 22-year-old Northville man for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) Aug. 9. He was stopped along southbound Novi Road a few minutes before 1 a.m. in a 1992 Ford Mustang.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 52-year-old Northville man was arrested along westbound Eight Mile Aug. 9 for OUIL. Police stopped him at 3:45 a.m. He was driving a 1975 Dodge.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested for OUIL Aug. 8 on southbound Beck Road. He was driving a 1990 Ford Aerostar.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: An employee at Sonny's Catering on Meadowbrook reported Aug. 7 that someone broke into the building and stole a computer and fax machine.

The employee told police that he

arrived for work in the morning and discovered that someone had turned off the alarm system.

When he entered the president's office, which was locked, he discovered the missing items.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A resident on Citation in the Saddle Creek apartment complex reported Aug. 6 that someone broke into her apartment.

Police said the unknown suspect forced open a patio door and stole several pieces of jewelry from the bedroom.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: The Bavarian Village sporting goods store was broken into Aug. 6 by someone who smashed a window with a rock, police said. Numerous golf clubs were reported missing from the store.

COUNTERFEIT BILL: An employee at Kmart discovered Aug. 8 that someone had paid for a purchase with a counterfeit \$20 bill.

According to police the item was a \$1 bill with \$20 ends taped to it. The employee could not remember who gave him the bill, or what was purchased with it.

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

Novi Briefs

A-hunting we will go? Heigh ho the merry-o, the City Council recently tabled until Aug. 24 a proposed ordinance which would control hunting within Novi's limits.

Under consideration are two drafts. The first possibility — get those sling shots out now — would prohibit hunting by firearms or bow and arrow.

Or, restricted shotgun and bow hunting would be allowed, subject to the receipt of a 60-day permit from the chief of police.

Under these guidelines, shotguns would be limited to steel shot no larger than .2 inches in diameter; the shroud could be no closer than 800 feet from roadways and inhabited structures; property lines would have to be posted with warning signs; and no more than four permits within a year could be granted per each piece of property to be hunted.

Crossing repairs: The CSX Railroad Company will be closing four streets in early September to conduct repairs of railroad crossings in Novi. To be closed Sept. 1 will be Twelve Mile Road. Novi Road will be closed from morning to early afternoon on Sept. 2 and Nine Mile Road will be closed beginning in the early afternoon the same day. Ten Mile Road will be closed Sept. 3.

CSX originally scheduled the work for the past week, but the project had to be delayed when the railroad was unable to get the construction equipment in time.

CSX spokesperson Jay Westbrook said the purpose of the repairs was to smooth out the crossings for trains.

The crossings are on Ten Mile Road, between Novi Road and Meadowbrook Road; on Novi Road, between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road; and on Twelve Mile Road at Taft Road.

Detour routes will be set up while the work is on.

Novi man hospitalized by attack with a log

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

A Novi man spent four days in the hospital after an attack by a stranger who reportedly hit him on the head with a log Aug. 10.

A spokesperson for Providence Hospital in Southfield said the victim was released Aug. 12. He was being tested and treated for head injuries that he sustained in the attack.

According to Novi Police reports, the victim and a friend were walking home from the Novi North bar at Novi Road and Thirteen Mile around 3:30 a.m. Aug. 8. On Charlotte Street, they were approached by three men. The suspects were described only as white males, and the men were unable to identify them.

One of the suspects, who was standing behind the victim, reportedly called him a derogatory name. He turned around and saw one of

the suspects holding a log. The suspect then swung the log at the victim and struck him on the left side of the head, knocking him to the ground. After he fell, police said, the suspects fled the scene.

The friend told police he heard the suspect call the victim a name, and said he told the victim just to forget about it and go home. The friend kept walking, then turned around and saw the victim lying on the ground.

He was transported to Providence Hospital-Wood, then transferred to Providence-Southfield for a CAT scan.

Police returned to the scene, where they found a log that might have been the one used in the incident. However, no other evidence was found and there are currently no suspects.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

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Opinions

As We See It

Time to review Novi liquor license policy

There's been a call, even since last September, for a review of Novi's liquor license policy, and now that the American Civil Liberties Union is looking at the possibility of suing Novi over the rejection of a license for Dragon City, it looks as though review is due... perhaps overdue.

The calls for review have come from former Council Member Martha Hoyer, who proposed last September that the city invite each of the 20 estimated applicants for liquor licenses to the same meeting, to familiarize them all with Novi's approval process and give the council a feel for all the applicants.

Council Member Nancy Cassis recently called for the review, suggesting perhaps a rethinking of the criteria by which the city grants licenses. She made the suggestion when it appeared Dragon City's license was indeed likely to be rejected.

Perhaps it is time to reconsider Hoyer's idea of a meeting. And it would appear those criteria do need to come under scrutiny.

Scott Wang, owner of the Dragon City Restaurant in the West Oaks II shopping center, has been seeking a liquor license since May 1991. He's come before the council a number of times, and so far he has been unsuccessful.

Although the state Liquor Control Commission leaves the issuing of licenses to the discretion of the local government bodies, there are several factors in the Dragon City rejection which have raised questions for Wang... perhaps not unjustifiably.

First, at the time Wang's license came to council for approval, city administrators contended that only one of the 22 licenses allowed for Novi by the LCC was still available. Council member Carol Mason challenged that figure at the time and Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall now admits the number of available licenses was miscounted. Besides the one set aside for the Novi Expo Center, there are still two more left.

Secondly, at the time Wang was before the council, there was the argument



Phil Jerome

that the restaurant did not meet the city's "uniqueness" requirement for license approval because Novi already has one Oriental restaurant with a license. Wang and his attorney Lisa Cheuk May Chan argued that his Northern Mandarin cuisine is really quite different than the Cantonese menu offered at the other restaurant.

Now Wang believes his ethnic background may have something to do with the denial and Chan has asked the ACLU to investigate. The ACLU is looking into the matter, but has not yet decided whether to pursue the case.

We do not suspect the Novi City Council or its administration of out-and-out discrimination. Their longstanding stance of tolerance on other issues causes us to give them the benefit of the doubt. But the question of whether they may have been ethnically insensitive remains to be answered.

There is yet another concern. Dragon City, unlike so many other restaurants seeking liquor licenses, did not wine and dine the council. Others have offered to host council members for dinner on the grounds that this would give members a good idea of what kind of atmosphere and food they intended to provide. Some council members have defended such invitations on those grounds, while other members have refused to take part in it.

Considering all this, it is time for the council to take a closer look at how it is handling the issue. It should meet with all interested applicants, and compare the various projects up for consideration before Novi hands out its last two licenses.

Letter to the Editor

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We welcome your ideas and opinions and encourage you to submit them to us for publication in the form of letters to the editor. To aid you, we offer this instant letter to the Editor form.

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Of course, you needn't use this form to submit letters. Any paper will do — plain white bond, ruled yellow lined paper, brown paper sacks, old train tickets, etc. — as long as the letter is legible.

Deadlines for submission are: Thursday edition — deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, Monday edition — deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday.

City council members Joe Toth and Nancy Cassis were much criticized this past week, by other council members and supporters of the M-5 Haggerty Connector, when they voted against a well-intended agreement in order to delay action until member Carol Mason could return from vacation. Upon return, however, Mason noted that in the past a number of controversial and important decisions have been delayed so that the full council could be present for the vote. What do you think? Should the council delay action on important items in order to have each and every member there to vote?

Q Yes, we don't want anyone skipping out on a vote. Let's get 'em on the record so we know exactly where they stand on these issues. We don't want anyone saying, "Well, I wasn't there, but I would have voted..." Who said council members get vacations anyway?

Q No way. Come on, let's get on with business. We need to get things done, and if council members want their votes on the record, they should find a way to be there. Can you imagine if Congress adopted this practice?

Additional comments:

Signed:

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Results are in — Big Boy statue is art

Well that settles it — the results of our Instant Letter to the Editor opinion poll of Novi readers conclusively proves that the statue of Big Boy standing next to the entrance of the Elias Brothers Restaurant on Novi Road is art and not just another sign.

Eight readers said Big Boy is art. None were willing to put their names on a

piece of paper claiming that he is merely signage.

Some letter writers put his status on par with Santa Claus. Others compared him to the national heroes we have immortalized in bronze. Writers' actual comments will appear in Thursday's edition.

Subdivision crime rates high



John Reddy

It was Friday, which means that John Reddy had stopped in for his weekly visit.

"You have time for lunch?" asked Reddy, who's executive vice-president in charge of editorial for Suburban Communications Corporation, which, of course, includes The Novi News.

I make it a point of having time for lunch whenever asked by a corporate vice-president, so we set off in the direction of the nearest restaurant, expressly to have lunch but really to talk about our favorite topic — community newspapers.

"You must have had 'rules' when you were managing editor back in Novi," he said. "You know, rules — guidelines which you always tried to follow when you were getting out the newspaper every week."

"I suppose I did," I acknowledged. "I had certain philosophies which I held near and dear... philosophies I tried to drive into the heads of all my reporters because I believed it was essential to the success of the newspaper, not to mention essential to meeting our community service obligation of being the primary information source for people in Novi."

"That's exactly what I was looking for when I said 'rules,'" he said. "So tell me one of your rules."

"I'll give you a two-parter," I replied. "Here goes. The police blotter can be too short, but it can almost never be too long. And, the related rule is that sub-

division crime is more important than big crime."

"Explain," said Reddy, digging into his broiled cod. "I believe people like to read about crime in their community," I said. "But it's not really liking to read about crime as much as it is wanting... needing to know what type of crime is occurring in and around the places they live."

"It's not a lurid interest in crime. It's an interest in knowing when and where they have to be especially careful."

"And that leads to the second part, the part about subdivision crime being more important than big crime," I continued, warming up to the topic.

"Subdivision crime means crime which occurs in subdivisions. You know, things like breaking-and-enterings, of course, but also lots of smaller things — vandalism, stolen hubcaps, larcenies from autos."

"Those types of crimes are more important than a bank robbery which took place several miles away because it's more immediate to your own personal well-being. It's not likely bank robbers are going to break into your home, but if somebody's stealing hubcaps in your subdivision, you want to know about it so you can put your car in the garage at night instead of leaving it parked outside."

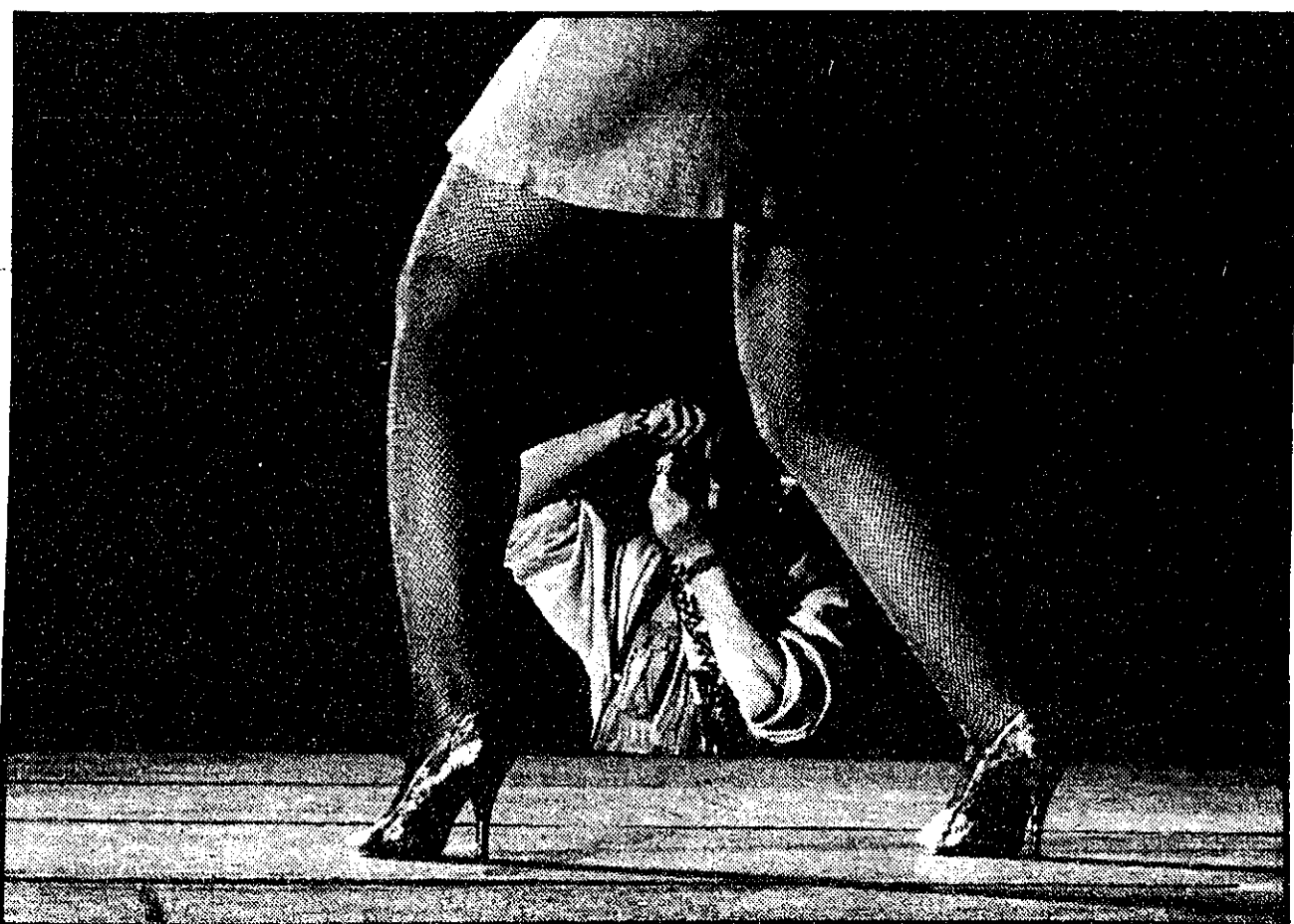
"Bank robberies go on the front page," I added, "but subdivision crime is every bit as important."

Reddy had finished his meal by now and said he thought my rule about subdivision crime was interesting and had some merit. "What other rules did you have?" he asked.

"There's always my 'sacred cod' rule, John," I replied. "But to hear that one we've got to go out to lunch again next week."

In passing

By Hal Gould



'One tough job'

Novi News photographer Bryan Mitchell shooting pictures at the Michigan 50s Festival

Thought sign war was over



Rick Byrne

The list of business people who are incensed over Novi's sign ordinance grows longer every day. It seems.

Take, for example, Shirley Cash and Leo Harwood, partners in the real estate firm Realty World-Cash & Associates. The ordinance, blasted universally among business people as being too restrictive, is causing Cash and Harwood headaches both at their office and at the homes they sell.

"We're not allowed to have a sign on our canopy," said Cash. "We can't have an open house sign."

Harwood, who's lived in Novi since it was just a wide spot in Grand River Avenue, explained that a home for sale may only have one sign in front of it.

"You can't even put one in the window," he said. "The problem, the two of them agree, is that business people haven't yet gotten serious about fighting the ordinance."

"They can't get a leader," Harwood said. "These two know whereof they speak when it comes to fighting local sign ordinances."

Back in 1977, Harwood and Cash were just two among many realtors who came up against an Oak Park city ordinance that prohibited all signs of any kind in front of a home for sale.

"Mayor Shepherd had an idea that you should have no signs at all," said Harwood. "That meant 'Free kittens,' 'Happy Hanukkah,' and everything else."

It took nearly two years and \$50,000 of their own money to literally fight city hall. Though the local and national boards of Realtors wouldn't back them, Harwood and Cash did draw a lot of cheerleaders. Along the way, a New

Jersey case which got a favorable verdict in the U.S. Supreme Court, fueled their fire.

The following editorial, broadcast on WWJ radio and Channel 4 in Detroit, illustrates well the mood that surrounded the issue in July of 1977:

"Many of us thought the 'For Sale Sign' war in suburban Detroit was over. We thought the war ended when the United States Supreme Court ruled that a homeowner has the right to put up a sale sign in front of his house. Well, Monday night, the war broke out again. The Oak Park City Council voted to come up with a new ordinance that would get around the Supreme Court ruling. The Council is looking for a new tactic, a new maneuver, after being outgunned and outmaneuvered by Washington. There's a lot of flag-waving, a lot of slogans on both sides. But like many wars, people are forgetting how the whole thing got started. The war got started by fear — fear that posted sale signs would lead to black-busting, 'White Flight,' and the eventual deterioration of suburban neighborhoods. It's a misguided war. Signs don't ruin neighborhoods, people do. Foolish people, ignorant people, people who don't think. The way to beat the problem is to be open and honest. People should talk to their neighbors. Talk to folks moving in and out of their areas. In fact, 'signs' might help get people talking. Hiding the sign is hiding the problem. And foolish restrictions only infringe on your rights and mine. The Supreme Court sees it that way and we agree."

Cash and Harwood won the war at the State Supreme Court, and their signs stood. But it was a long and sometimes lonely road to victory.

If business people in Novi are serious about rewriting or rescinding the sign ordinance, it's going to take a coalition effort. The Novi Chamber of Commerce already has a committee working on the ordinance. If you're a Novi business owner, and you want the ordinance changed, why not call the chamber and see what you can do to get the ball rolling?

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Women fare well in local races

Primary returns are in. Ballots are counted. So, is this the year of women in politics? For U.S. Congress and state House candidates in Oakland County, maybe not. For Wayne County judicial candidates, maybe so.

And for Oakland County Commission incumbent Kay Schmid, things may be looking good. Schmid, a Novi resident and Republican, ran unopposed in the August primary. But with the 2,488 votes she won, it appears she may have a bright future in Oakland politics.

Her opponent, Democrat William Brinker, was also unopposed in the primary and won 1,001 votes. Brinker lives in Novi, too.

As always, the abortion issue loomed large in the congressional race.

The area's most highly publicized female candidate, former Oakland Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert, finished a surprising third in her Congressional primary.

It was anti-abortion candidate Joseph Knollenberg, not the pro-choice Gilbert or self-styled moderate Dave Honigman, who carried off the GOP nomination in the 11th District, winning votes from Birmingham to Livonia.

"As usual, Dave Honigman muddled the waters and that's too bad," said Carol King of the Michi-

gan Abortion Rights Action League.

Of three candidates candidates heavily backed by MARAL, only incumbent state House member Barbara Dobb was a winner, defeating two other female candidates.

Fellow state House hopeful Patricia "Pam" Godchaux of Birmingham fell short in her bid to unseat first-term incumbent John Jamian, R-Birmingham.

"She ran a good race, but it's very hard to unseat an incumbent," King said.

While King is consoling herself with the victory of Dobb — and of Penny Crissman in the primary race for a Rochester-area state House seat — anti-abortion forces are ecstatic over Knollenberg's eye-opening victory.

"You hear so much about Oakland County being a pro-choice county yet it does have a sizable number of pro-life voters," said Jane Muldoon, director of the Michigan Right to Life PAC.

One of the primary's surprising female winners was anti-abortion Megan O'Neill, who defeated three male Republicans in her north Oakland Congressional district for the right to take on incumbent U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, in the fall. O'Neill's victory, anti-abortion supporters believe, is proof that female candidates need not be pro-choice to succeed.

The flip side: pro-choice male candidate Jerry

Vorva ousted moderate incumbent Georgina Goss in a Plymouth-area state House race that may have turned more on the incumbent's involvement with a controversial local sewer project.

Both races beg the question: Is election of an anti-abortion female a victory for the women's movement? Is election of a pro-choice male?

No such questions need be asked in probate and circuit court judicial races.

There, female candidates did well.

Half of Wayne County's six circuit court nominees are female. Denise Page Hood, Diane Marie Hathaway and Jeanne Stempfen will fight it out with Robert Ziolkowski, Joseph Vincent Brennan and John William Cahalan for three circuit court seats. Hood and Hathaway were the two top vote-getters in the primary. Another female candidate, Deborah Thomas, came within 700 votes of edging Cahalan for the final spot on the fall ballot.

Two female candidates, Cathie Maher and Nancy Diehl, survived the probate court primary. No Oakland County judges had competition in the Aug. 4 primary.

Then there was the case of Oakland County executive hopeful Philip Marcuse, quoted as saying women "are not leaders."

He lost. To Democratic rival Betty Howe. By a 3-1 margin.

Obituary

Evelyn N. Tuck

Evelyn N. Tuck of Novi died July 25 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 60.

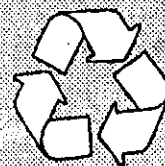
She was born Dec. 23, 1931 in Farmington to Odell and Mary Ellen Wilson Nichols. She married Harold Tuck, who survives her.

Other survivors are her children, Patti Ann of Northville and Michael of Novi; her grandchildren, Jennifer and Katelyn; her sister, Elsie Hall of Georgia; and her brother, Ray Nichols of Farmington Hills.

A bookkeeper at Novi Auto Parts, she spent her entire life in the area. She was active on the Novi Election Committee, Novi Band Boosters, Novi Athletic Boosters Club, Novi Tennis Team Mother, Girl Scout leader, Methodist Women's Club, and Marine Prop Riders.

The funeral was held July 29 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Rev. Charles Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit. Family would appreciate memorials of your choice.

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Projects will force detours

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Construction. Closed streets. Detours.

Roadwork in Farmington Hills appears to be a preview of what Novi has in store when its own stretch of Twelve Mile Road is widened in conjunction with the Haggerty Connector.

This summer, the inconvenience remains greatest in the Farmington area.

Novi, meanwhile, is working on purchasing rights-of-way for its stretch of Twelve Mile Road.

As part of the city's 1990 voter-approved road bond millage job list, Novi will acquire easements from Haggerty Road to Novi Road.

Purchase of the easements is expected to free up \$65 million in state and federal money to push further west the widening of Twelve Mile from two lanes to a four- to six-lane boulevard which will hook into the Haggerty Connector freeway interchange.

The now-in-progress Twelve Mile Road refurbishment from Haggerty to Halsted roads is a continuation of a Farmington Hills widening and boulevard project along the thoroughfare. Unlike other projects, the one-mile portion of road is completely closed because a drain is being replaced.

By now, most motorists have gotten the hang of the detour around the Twelve Mile boulevard project by heading toward Hillside Drive to travel in either direction.

"They only need to go one mile out of their way," Farmington Hills city engineer Skip Otwell said.

"I believe motorists are doing OK," Otwell added. "If we had been able to plan it all ourselves, we wouldn't have had all three projects at the same time."

Another Twelve Mile Road project in Farmington Hills has motorists looking for alternative routes.

At Twelve Mile from Orchard Lake to Middlebelt roads, work includes lowering the hill near Rollercrest three feet, as well as moving the traffic sig-

nal from Schulman Drive to Rollercrest. A fifth lane on Twelve Mile in that area will be added. Schulman Drive will be realigned to sit directly across from Rollercrest.

"There was a lack of sight distance there," Otwell said. "Now you'll be able to see over the hill."

Concern about the dangerous hill and lack of sight distance escalated when a Farmington Hills student was hit by a car last year as he crossed from the high school, Otwell said.

The road is closed during construction, but local access is available to businesses and residences in that stretch. "People are at each end of the area who ask you where you are going," Otwell said. "There are businesses in that area that need access."

Looking ahead in Farmington Hills, plans are under way to widen Eight Mile, from Halsted to I-275, to five lanes. This is expected to begin in 1993.

Farmington Observer writer Joanne Maliszewski also contributed to this report.

A dirty election raises call for campaign reform

Even the author of a proposed campaign reform law admits Michigan politics is likely to remain muddled in the wake of Aug. 4 primaries.

State Sen. Phil Arthurhult, R-Whitehall, seeks a new law that would bring criminal charges against candidates and campaign committees that knowingly issue false print or broadcast ads.

But Arthurhult admits controversial ads that recently appeared locally would probably pass muster even if the law had been in effect.

Take Congressional challenger David Honigman's television ad alleging fellow challenger Alice Gilbert, a former judge, left a courtroom full of people waiting while she attended an opening day baseball game at Tiger Stadium.

"At first blush, I don't think she could bring charges," Arthurhult said. "Were there people in the court that day? Were court cases scheduled and then dismissed? All that would come into play."

Then there was the bare knuckles battle for Wayne County Sheriff. Radio spots for challenger Kevin Kelley used a squeaky-voiced impersonator to ridicule incumbent Robert Ficano, who countered with ads of his own in which a UAW official charged Kelley with making "David Duke-like" statements.

"Ficano might be uncomfortable but there's probably nothing he could do," Arthurhult said. "As for the David Duke allegations, it's not like saying his opponent himself had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan."

What, then is the point of the proposed reform?

"There's actually two points," Arthurhult said.

First, campaign chairpersons and

treasurers would have to sign affidavits stating the print or broadcast ads they were presenting were true to the best of their knowledge.

"It's almost impossible to bring action against a campaign committee," Arthurhult said. "This at least puts a name to the claims."

Second, cash payment for campaign advertising would be banned. Arthurhult said he believed this would make all ads traceable to their authors.

Infractions would be considered misdemeanors.

"It is a fine line, but this at least would penalize those who step over it," Arthurhult said.

It's one thing to identify mudslingers, another to bring them to court. A third provision, requiring a 24-hour "cooling off period" before an ad was printed or broadcast has already been deleted.

"We found that would be illegal under Federal Communications Commission law," said Arthurhult, who also acknowledged the provision drew howls of protest from First Amendment defenders as unlawful prior restraint.

From its outset, American politics has been a rough-and-tumble affair. Court rulings have steadfastly kept it that way, giving public officials less protection under libel laws than that afforded private citizens.

Lately, however, many citizens have begun questioning negative ads — calling them a turnoff.

The defeat of Honigman and Gilbert at the hands of non-advertiser Joseph Knollenberg was attributed, in part, to voter dissatisfaction with the others' name-calling ads.

While public sentiment can't be legislated, that doesn't mean it can't be effective.

National credit card ring hits Novi's Twelve Oaks

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The other two credit cards, which also were registered to California residents, were found under the booth where she and two other men had been eating. The two men were released.

Police also discovered suitcases full of new clothing and an envelope full of cash and credit cards inside a car that the woman had rented —

also with a fraudulent credit card. Grubb said the credit cards had been stolen, then the numbers and names had been altered. The names on the cards were fictitious.

According to a spokesperson for the Citibank Fraud Investigation Department in Illinois, the Frederick's of Hollywood case started in Los Angeles earlier this year and has caused millions of dollars in losses to credit card companies.

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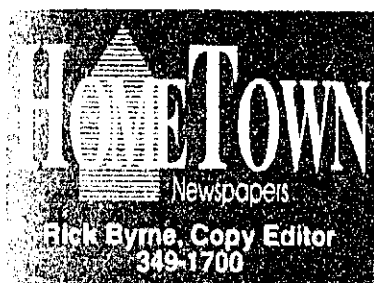
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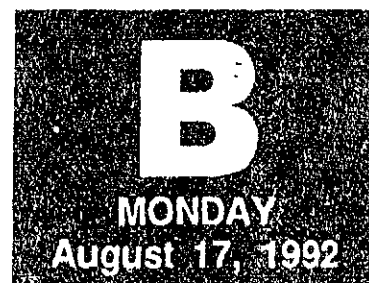
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Lois Thieleke/Home Economist

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In a hurry for your pudding comfort? Use the microwave. Microwave cooking of pudding occurs from all sides rather than only the bottom. This eliminates the possibility of scorching. For added convenience, measure, mix and cook pudding in a four-cup glass measure.

You may have given up on pudding thinking it is too fattening. Make some changes. Use skim milk, egg substitutes, cut down on sugar by adding more vanilla and use reduced-calorie margarine. The pudding will still be good and smell as wonderful as you remember.

The "queen" of old-fashioned pudding is bread pudding, blending lemon and vanilla flavors. Old favorites also include rice, tapioca, vanilla or chocolate puddings. (Homemade, of course.) Basically, pudding comes in two versions, top of the stove or baked.

For a top-of-the-stove pudding, use a double boiler, being careful that the heat is not too high or the egg will toughen. Baked versions are set in hot water in the oven. Bake until they are "set." The water allows for a gentle heat to avoid the break or curdling of the pudding.

When fresh from the oven, steaming-hot bread or biscuits say, "Welcome!" The aroma alone gets the memories going. Yeast breads are easy to make and now you can use the microwave to cut the rising time in half.

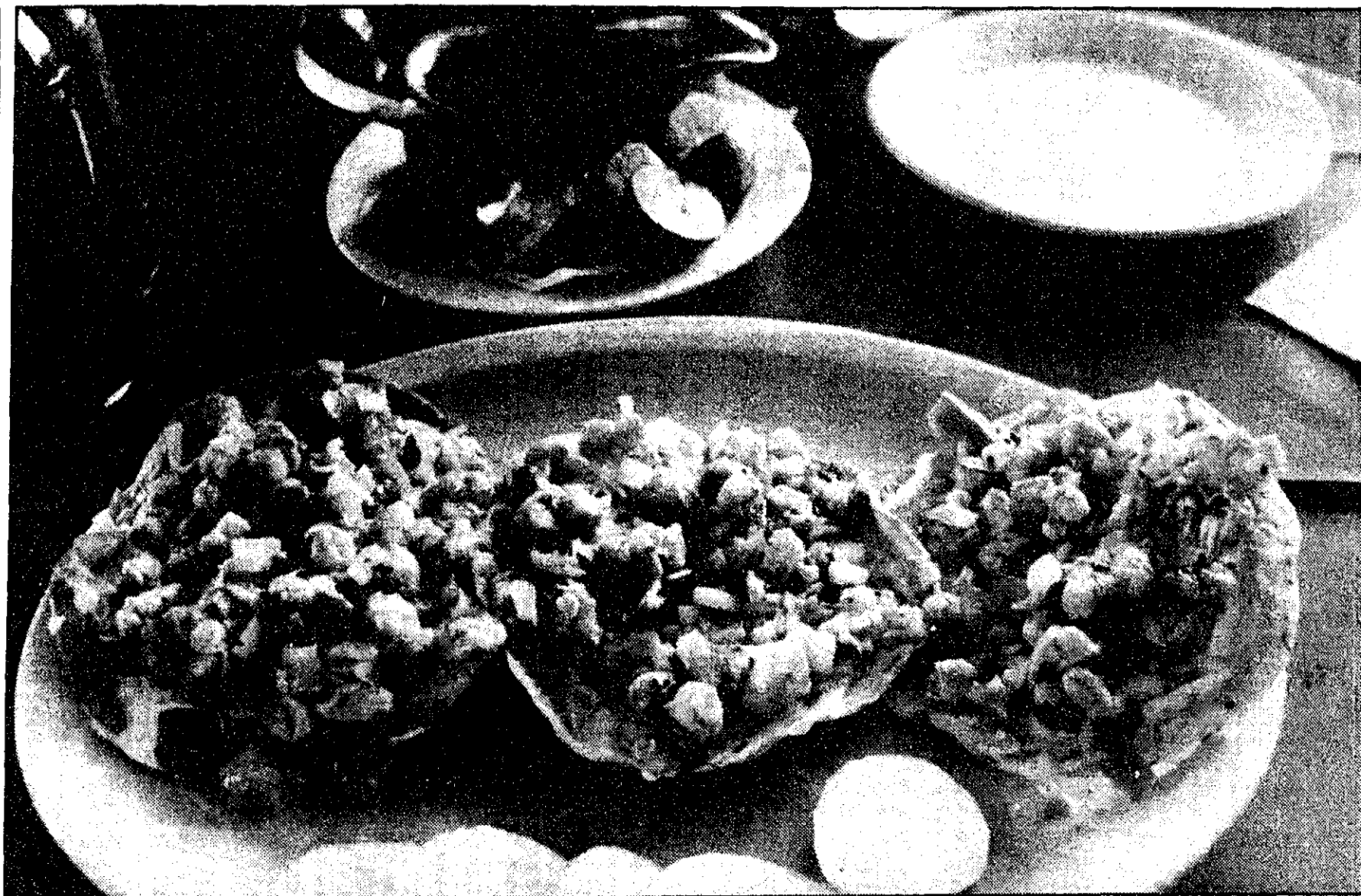
Place the yeast dough in a well-greased microwave bowl, grease the top and cover loosely with wax paper. Set the bowl in a baking dish and pour hot water to the depth of about one inch in the bottom dish. Microwave at medium-low (30 percent power) two minutes, let stand in microwave for five minutes. Repeat this procedure three times or until dough is doubled in bulk. Give the dish a quarter turn after each microwaving period. If the top looks dry, carefully turn the dough over in the bowl.

Fiber-rich whole grains give breads and biscuits a robust flavor. For a light and flaky biscuit, handle the dough as little as possible. Too much mixing makes them heavy and tough. The most tender biscuits are made with solid fat such as shortening or butter. Biscuits should be cut close together, leaving as little dough as possible to reroll. Do not knead the scraps. Simply press together, reroll and cut. Too fattening for your diet? Try to serve steaming hot. There is no need for additional butter and jam.

A simmering pot of soup is a welcome, comforting sight any day. Serve soup in mugs to spark appetites and offer comfort. The secret to flavorful soup is the broth or stock. A tasty broth can be prepared with little effort. To make a great broth let the mixture simmer slowly. If the liquid boils the broth will be cloudy.

Add vegetables and herbs for extra flavor. Carrots and onion deepen the color of the broth and add sweetness. Remember to strain several times and remove fat to make a lighter and healthier broth. Chilling helps to degrease broth and stock. The solidified fat can be easily removed before reheating. Soups make large batches, so the enjoyment can continue, especially since many taste better the second day.

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Surimi mixed with other ingredients yields a refreshing surprise for seafood lovers, like this surimi salad

Great Impostors Phake phish is a flavorful budget beater

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

A lot of shoppers don't know what surimi is — but they know they like it. Witness this exchange in supermarket in front of an iced counter full of cartons of surimi salad:

"Do you like surimi?" a woman asked a customer.

"I don't know what it is," admitted the customer.

The woman pointed to the surimi salad containers.

"Oh, you mean fake crab," he replied.

"Yeah, I like it."

The shopper wasn't the only one who didn't know the seafood product surimi (pronounced sir-REE-mee) by its proper name. Yet most were familiar with the substitutes for high-priced seafood, including crab, lobster and shrimp. While these pricey three, when cooked and shelled, are \$10 and \$20 a pound fresh, surimi pretenders — also fully cooked — average about \$3 to \$4 a pound.

Part of the reason surimi has an identity problem is unclear labeling. Not all manufacturers put the word surimi on their labels, instead calling the product imitation crab, (or spelling it krab), Sea Legs, seafood salad or other names.

"That's why the Surimi Seafood Education Center was formed," said Clare Vanderbeek, vice president of communications for the National Fisheries Institute, a trade association that oversees the education center.

"There's been a lot of misinformation as to what the product was and how it was made," Vanderbeek added.

"Now it is a product in its own right and people are responding to it because

it's a nutritional seafood at a reasonable price and it's ready to use."

Although surimi has been a food staple in Japan for years, it was only introduced in this country in 1976 by a San Francisco-based company under the brand name Sea Legs. By the turn of the decade, 1980, sales of surimi in the United States had reached 6.1 million pounds. During the '80s, surimi consumption here rose to 150 million pounds — an increase that made it one of the fastest-growing fish categories.

Today, Alaskan pollock, the primary ingredient for surimi seafood blends, ranks fourth in per-capita consumption, right after traditional favorites of tuna, shrimp and cod. Just about any white-fleshed fish can be used for surimi.

It's true that ersatz seafood and the real thing don't exactly taste alike. But mixed with other ingredients, consumers in the taste tests have like the seafood substitutes.

Surimi is made by removing the skin and bones from the pollock fish, mincing and then washing and straining it until it is an odorless, flavorless paste.

The fish paste is then combined with sugar or sorbitol to help it retain moisture and decrease damage from freezing, plus salt, starch, binders, flavors, coloring and — by some manufacturers — some real shellfish meat. Finally, the paste is extruded and pressed into shapes. Most companies do not add MSG but a few do, so check the label if you're MSG-intolerant.

The seafood products are fully cooked and pasteurized and according to Sylvia Treitman at the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, they contain 87 calories in a 3-ounce serving.

"Surimi-based seafoods are not without criticism," she said. "Concern has been raised over the production process which adds sugar and sodium. Some of the vitamins and minerals are also washed away, leaving surimi nutritionally inferior to unprocessed seafood."

Indeed, one ounce of real raw crabmeat contains 83 milligrams of sodium, while the same amount of surimi packs 238 milligrams.

"Nonetheless, foods made with surimi-based seafood products offer a low-cost alternative to seafood that is low in fat," said Treitman. "The FDA regulates the labeling of packaged surimi products for retail sale. Products representing a specific type of natural seafood must be labeled 'imitation,' such as 'imitation crab legs.' But if an item does not represent a specific seafood or body part, 'imitation' is not required."

Linda Susan Dudley of Copley News Service also contributed to this story. Recipes below are from Copley News Service.

SURIMI SEAFOOD WITH BLACK BEAN AND CILANTRO SAUCE

2 cups frozen corn
1 (16-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained well (2 cups)
¼ cup chopped fresh red pepper
1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained (¼ cup)
¼ cup minced cilantro
4 green onions, green and white part minced
12 ounces lobster-flavored surimi seafood chunks, shredded or flake style

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 to 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno chili, or to taste (optional)
2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons water
3 tablespoons olive oil
Yogurt Cilantro Sauce (recipe follows)

Yields 4 servings.

Place corn in strainer and run cold water over it to thaw; drain well. In large bowl, mix corn, beans, red pepper, chilies, cilantro, green onions, and surimi seafood. On cutting board, with point of sharp knife, mash together garlic, cumin and pepper to form a paste.

Place paste in small bowl and whisk in vinegar, jalapeno chili, lime juice and water. Gradually whisk in oil. Drizzle vinaigrette over beans and toss.

Serve as salad at room temperature in bowls or lettuce cups. If chilling salad taste and adjust seasoning before serving. Pass Yogurt Cilantro sauce separately.

YOGURT CILANTRO SAUCE

1 cup plain non-fat yogurt
¼ cup minced cilantro
¼ teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ to ½ teaspoon cayenne

Yields four servings.

For sauce, stir together all ingredients until well mixed.

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Chef Mary Brady

Gathering brings memories of family fare



Last weekend, for the first time in over two years, all of my siblings were together.

It started a few months ago when Kiti from San Diego decided to come spend a few days. Then Marj and Isabelle got in on the low air

fares and flew in from Tampa. There are seven children, six girls and one boy. We miss having the whole family together and enjoyed our visit immensely.

Of course, food was a big part of it. As far back as I can remember a significant

amount of time was spent on planning and consuming food. With nine people in the immediate family this is not hard to imagine.

Breakfast was not just a box of cereal. Eggs, french toast, bacon and pancakes were offered on a frequent basis. We would make huge platters of toast and scrambled eggs. They had to be done in batches and kept warm if we were to all sit down at once.

As our palates grew more sophisticated, souffles, crepes and omelets were included as Sunday treats.

The lunches I remember with the most fondness were those at the beach. In our childhood days, summers were spent in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They were days of bliss and freedom. The beach was a daily ritual.

The sandwich making was done "as-

sembly line" style. Seven kids running around on the beach all day required plenty of energy. Lots of fresh fruit and lemonade rounded off the meal. I marvel that my mother could keep track of us. Her time was spent counting heads, not reading the latest novel.

From the time I was about seven or eight I helped with dinner. The barbecue grill was nearly always stoked up to eliminate the need to use the oven and heat up the cottage. There was no air conditioning. We relied on the summer breezes to cool us off.

Fresh sliced tomatoes, new potatoes and corn on the cob were regular menu items. On the weekend my father's parents would often visit both Saturday and Sunday from Buffalo, across the Peace Bridge.

My grandmother's potato salads were

marvelous. The German style, hot and tangy, or regular, refreshing and crunchy. Dessert was her forte. Shortcakes rich and filling, with the sweetest of fruits or a real treat, New York style cheese cake.

At least a few times a month we would venture to the other side of the bridge and see my other set of grandparents. They never drove and relied on the bus system to get them around.

Grandpa was an avid fisherman, sometimes bringing home thousands of perch over the period of a few days. We lived for this. Fish fries at the Edicks were a sight to behold. Aunt Betty would stand and fry fish and potatoes for hours. A crisp coleslaw and relishes rounded out the dinner.

Sometimes there would be 40-50 sisters, brothers, and cousins vying for the delectable fish. Great memories. Those

were the days. No worries of mercury poisoning. Just good, homestyle cooking.

In recalling past meals I could not help but relate it to this past weekend. Again we found ourselves planning our activities around the sustenance we would take.

Friday we took a boat trip to St. Clair for the day and evening. A cookout was planned. Fresh halibut packaged along with vegetables and herbs, Caesar salad, roasted corn on the cob. An appetizer of marinated, roasted peppers slathered on chunks of bread with goat cheese held us while the grill did its work.

We sat down as a family once again. Like the old days — a picnic table, paper plates and good food. We remembered stories, enjoyed our memories and renewed our ties.

The Refrigerator Door

COOKING CLASSES: The Les Auteurs School of Cooking in Royal Oak announces the following classes for the month of August. On Aug. 26, Chef Paul Grosz of The Whitney will present the End of Summer Splash, a night of preparing seafood entrees and wine tasting. Cost is \$35.

Anyone may enroll. Call (313) 545-3400 for more information. September classes are also registering at this time. Call the above number.

FREE INTRODUCTION TO WEIGHT WATCHERS: Weight Watchers has announced that its main centers are now open for free introductory consultations.

"We want everyone to know that Weight Watchers teaches people how to live healthier and eat better, no matter how much weight they have to lose," said Florine Mark, president and chief executive officer of W W Group, the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.

"Many people don't realize that they can come to Weight Watchers even if they only have five pounds to lose. They'll learn new ways of eating, how to make healthy choices and how to keep their weight off without changing their lifestyles."

Weight Watchers staff will be available to explain what Weight Watchers is all about and will give out free recipes and information as well. The following centers are available for this service: Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores. For further information or to set up a special appointment, please call 1-800-487-4777.

GROCERS SUPPORT CHARITY: Look for "A Slice of Smiles" in your favorite grocery store through Sept. 11. Manufacturers of select products have agreed to donate a portion of each purchase to Muscular Dystrophy.

KNOW THE FOOD PYRAMID: Want to know what you should eat to stay healthy? The Food Guide Pyramid, beyond the "Basic Four," a new brochure, helps answer this question. The brochure condenses the information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) booklet "The Food Guide Pyramid" and features the new food guide graphic on the elements of a healthy diet.

The brochure was developed by the Food Marketing Institute in cooperation with the USDA. For a copy, send a check or money order for \$1 payable to the Superintendent of Documents, to Consumer Information Center, Department 159-Y, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA COMING: The Schoolcraft College Foundation will present a "Culinary Extravaganza" on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2-5 p.m. in the College's Waterman Campus Center. Over 50 of the finest restaurants from the Detroit metropolitan area will offer tastes of gourmet appetizers, entrees, and desserts. Tickets are \$45 per person. All proceeds will fund student scholarships. To purchase tickets or receive further information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

LEARN FOOD PRESERVATION AT HOME: "If you've always wanted to learn to preserve foods properly, but just haven't had the time to devote to going to classes there is a solution for you," says Sylvia Treiman, Home Economist for Oakland County Cooperative Extension service. A seven-week correspondence course in Food Preservation is available. "You can work at your own pace and in your own kitchen," she added.

Learn the latest U.S.D.A. recommendations that make home canning a safe method of food preservation. Older hand-me-down recipes are risky and may cause food-borne illness. "No one should take chances regarding their family's health and well being," says Treiman.

The course covers all aspects of food preservation, including food safety canning of both low acid and high acid foods, freezing and drying fruits and vegetables as well. The cost is \$15 to cover postage and handling charges.

To obtain an enrollment sheet or for further information call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, Monday through Friday, 8:30-5, 858-0904.

AMERICAN HARVEST CLOSED: Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant closed for the summer on April 30. The on-campus restaurant, which features gourmet specialties prepared by Schoolcraft's Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, will reopen when classes resume in the fall.

Vinegar gets flavor infusion

Recipes will make a splash

MIXED HERB VINEGAR

4 cups white wine vinegar or cider vinegar
1 five inch fresh sprig of thyme, free of blemishes
1 five inch fresh sprig of tarragon
3 peeled garlic cloves
3 allspice berries
3 black peppercorns
1 small bay leaf

Place herbs in a French canning jar fitted with a spring top lid. Cover with vinegar. Allow to set on kitchen counter for 5 days. Swirl mixture every few days. When desired flavor is achieved, pour into sterilized bottles with spring top lids. Store on cool dark shelf.

BERRY VINEGAR

4 cups distilled white or white wine vinegar

1 cup ripe fresh unblemished or frozen strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, cherries, blackraspberries or gooseberries

2 tablespoons sugar, optional
In a non-corrosive saucepan mix together berries and vinegar. Heat mixture until it simmers. Add sugar if desired, stirring until dissolved.
Four mixture into a sterilized glass jar. Cool to room temperature, then cover with plastic wrap then the lid. Allow mixture to steep 3 to 5 days at room temperature. Pour into a metal strainer or funnel with a paper coffee filter. Discard fruit. Pour vinegar into a sterilized glass bottle fitted with a spring-stopper top. Store vinegar in a cool dark place.

Place herbs in a French canning jar fitted with a spring top lid. Cover with vinegar. Allow to set on kitchen counter for 5 days. Swirl mixture every few days. When desired flavor is achieved, pour into sterilized bottles with spring top lids. Store on cool dark shelf.

Diane Schmitt of Birmingham fell in love with homemade vinaigrettes and flavored vinegars while studying classic French cuisine at La Varenne cooking school near Paris.

Every summer she prepares a variety of berry flavored and herb vinegars after harvesting wild black and red raspberries and herbs from her garden. "These are great to have on hand in the winter when no one has access to fresh herbs and fruits," she said.

This summer Schmitt infused seven different flavored vinegars to keep on her pantry shelf to use throughout the year and to give as gifts. She recommends using distilled white vinegar for all the berry vinegars because the berry juices will dilute the base resulting in a full-bodied vinegar.

When preparing tarragon vinegar, she generally uses a cider vinegar as the apple cider flavor blends nicely

4 red peppers, quartered, cored, seeded, roasted

1 small head bibb lettuce
Vinaigrette:
6 Tablespoons light French or Italian Olive oil
2 Tablespoons basil flavored wine vinegar
1 1/2 Tablespoons fresh, snipped basil leaves
1 teaspoon anchovy paste, or to taste
salt, if desired

Mix vinaigrette in jar or blender and refrigerate until serving. Arrange leaves of lettuce on individual salad plates. Alternate pepper slices with the cheese. Shake dressing and pour over each salad at serving. Garnish with Italian parsley leaves and black olives.

with tarragon. Her "garden vinegar" is made with white wine vinegar, oregano, sage, thyme, mustard seed, and a few cloves of garlic.

Shirley Siegel of Troy has been making flavored vinegars for about five years and recently taught a class in Troy. Siegel is a slicker when it comes to sterilization equipment and

follows through with the selection of her ingredients. She stresses using fresh fruit at the peak of perfection. "You can't use anything else if you want a pure vinegar to last."

If you don't grow your own fruit, Siegel suggests shopping the roadside stands and top quality fruit markets.

Helpful hints preserve freshness

Here are some helpful tips about making flavored vinegars from Diane Schmitt and Shirley Siegel.

When asked about using champagne vinegar as a base, Schmitt answered, "People get esoteric about these. Unless you're tasting these straight or in a simple vinaigrette you can't tell the difference."

Schmitt recommends mixing berries with vinegar in a saucepan until the mixture simmers. Remove mix-

ture and pour into sterilized jars. Cover and allow to sit for three to five days on the kitchen counter before filtering through a paper coffee filter and packing into sterilized glass bottles.

Two of Siegel's favorite flavor combinations are strawberries, cinnamon stick and lemon zest to be used in salads, and a versatile tarragon vinegar flavored with dried chili pepper, peeled garlic cloves and a few

black peppercorns.

Siegel suggests mixing the berry vinegars with mayonnaise or sour cream when making fruit salads or using the herb/pepper vinegars in vinaigrettes or for marinating meats before grilling.

Schmitt and Siegel avoid storing their homemade vinegars in bottles with cork tops. They prefer those with wire spring tops or simply use can-

ning jars.

If you'd like to sample a few commercial flavored vinegars before experimenting on your own, the Rothschild Berry Farm flavored vinegars are highly recommended. Located in Urbana, Ohio, they began producing vinegars in 1985. Their vinegars are made in small batches, all by hand with a white wine vinegar base. Look for them in the pantry shop at Hudson's.

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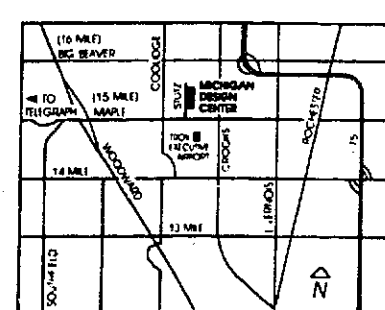
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Surimi is low-fat, flavorful shellfish substitute

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SURIMI ZUCCHINI FRITTATA WITH FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

2 tablespoons olive or salad oil
1 (5-8 ounce) zucchini, thinly sliced
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green pepper, seeded
3 eggs (see note)
6 egg whites (see note)
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh basil or 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/4 teaspoon pepper
6 ounces surimi seafood, crab or lobster flavored, chunk style
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
Fresh tomato sauce (recipe follows)

Yields 6 servings.
Preheat oven to 375 F. In 10-inch cast-iron or heavy metal-handled skillet, heat oil to "rippling" over medium heat. Add zucchini and onion and green pepper and cook, stirring often, 5 minutes or until zucchini begins to brown. Turn into mixing bowl and set aside to cool slightly.

In second mixing bowl, beat eggs and egg whites until well blended; add zucchini mixture and surimi seafood, beat well. Meanwhile, in same skillet in which vegetables cooked, melt butter over medium heat, swirling skillet to coat evenly with butter. Pour in egg-surimi seafood mixture and place skillet on middle shelf of oven. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until eggs are set throughout. Loosen around edges with metal spatula then cut into wedges. Serve hot with fresh tomato sauce.

NOTE: Six whole eggs can be substituted for 3 eggs and 6 egg whites. The following tomato sauce also can be used as a summer pasta sauce. Make the sauce according to directions and add 6 ounces of surimi seafood at end of cooking. Serve over hot, cooked pasta. Yields 2 to 3 entree servings.

FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

2 tablespoons olive or salad oil
1/4 cup onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed

3 cups fresh tomatoes, skin removed and coarsely chopped
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh basil or 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
1 teaspoon each salt and sugar (optional)
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Yields 6 servings.

Microwave Method: In 4-cup microwave-safe glass measuring cup or bowl, stir oil with onions. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes; stir in garlic.

Add tomatoes, basil, salt, sugar and pepper; cover with paper towel to prevent splattering and microwave on HIGH 15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes.

Stovetop: Film small, heavy saucepan with oil; add onions and cook over low heat until tender but not brown. Add garlic, cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes, basil, salt, sugar and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook, uncovered, 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve 1/4 cup sauce over each wedge of Seafood Frittata.

SURIMI SEAFOOD, AVOCADO AND BROUT SALAD

12-ounce crab-flavored surimi seafood, flakes, chunks or salad style, well flaked
1 small firm-ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
1/4 cup thinly sliced celery or peeled English cucumber
1 cup alfalfa sprouts
2 tablespoons reduced-calorie mayonnaise
2 tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt
2 tablespoons prepared creamy horseradish
1 teaspoon lemon juice
4 large romaine lettuce leaves

Yields 4 servings.

Combine surimi seafood, avocado, celery or cucumber and sprouts in medium bowl. Stir together mayonnaise, yogurt, horseradish and lemon juice. Add to surimi seafood mixture and toss gently. Arrange romaine on 4 plates and divide surimi seafood mixture on top.

MEXICAN SURIMI MELT SANDWICH

12 ounces crab-flavored surimi seafood, flakes, chunks or salad style, well flaked
1 large tomato, halved, seeded and diced
1/4 cup sliced green onion
1/4 cup sliced black olives
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup salsa (commercially prepared or homemade)
4 whole-wheat English muffins
8 thin slices Jack Cheese (about 3 ounces total)

Yields 4 servings (2 open-faced muffins halves each).

Combine surimi seafood, tomato, green onion, olives and cilantro in medium bowl. Add salsa and toss gently to mix.

Split English muffins in half and place on baking sheet. Broil 5 to 6 inches from heat until toasted, about 2 minutes. Divide surimi seafood mixture between muffin halves and top with cheese. Broil until cheese is melted; 1 to 2 minutes. Serve warm.

Mrs. Fields doles out cookie recipes

Cookie lovers! After much clamoring for her secret recipes, Debbie Fields, originator of Mrs. Fields Cookies, has written Mrs. Fields Cookie Book: 100 Recipes from the Kitchen of Mrs. Fields Time-Life Books Inc.; August 1992, \$12.95, paperback; color photographs throughout.

Since opening her first sweet shop 15 years ago in California, Mrs. Fields cookies have become the favorite of kids and adults. Today there are more than 500 stores around the world.

The recipes were tested in Fields' home kitchen and given the sweet tooth seal of approval by her five young daughters. "My daughters made the final selections. If they did not love a recipe, we did not include it."

Here's a recipe from the book.

MARBLE BARS

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup salted butter, softened
1 large egg
1/4 cup (4 oz.) sour cream
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt with wire whisk. Set aside.

Combine sugars in a large bowl using an electric mixer set at medium speed. Add butter and beat until batter is grainy. Add egg, sour cream and vanilla, and beat at medium speed until light and fluffy. Scrape bowl. Add the flour mixture, and blend at low speed until just combined. Do not overmix.

Place chocolate chips in double boiler over hot but not boiling water. Stir constantly until melted. Or, place chips in a microwave-proof bowl and microwave on high, stirring every 20 seconds until melted.

Cool chocolate for a few minutes and pour over cookie batter. Using a wooden spoon or rubber spatula, lightly fold melted chocolate into the dough. Do not mix chocolate completely into cookie dough.

Drop by rounded tablespoons, 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 23-25 minutes. Do not brown. Quickly transfer cookies to a cool surface. Yield 2 1/2 dozen.

Bread and soup say 'Welcome home'

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The above comfort foods are healthier than the following one but certainly not tastier. Small amounts once in a while. What can it hurt? Just like kids, many of us will eat

anything as long as it has chocolate on it. A real chocolate fantasy would be not only a bar but a chocolate desert filled with chocolate and frosted with chocolate. That's comfort! Chocolate scurries easily, so take care to melt slowly over hot water. When moisture gets into melting chocolate (even a drop of water), it hardens, siffens and turns grainy. Then you have a problem. Keep containers and utensils bone dry and melt uncovered so no steam can condense and get into the chocolate. Whether you eat the chocolate chips right out of the bag or wait for the chocolate

product to get done, there is no doubt chocolate is a comfort food.

Everyone seems to have a food or foods that mean comfort by representing a fond memory of childhood. On a stress-filled day, try one of your favorite comfort foods.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Historical Commission. Persons interested in appointment should contact the City Clerk for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is September 7, 1992. Persons unable to meet the deadline should contact the City Clerk for further instructions.
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LABOR DAY EARLY DEADLINES

Monday Buyers Directory: Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Shopping Guides; Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Buyers Directory; and Wednesday Buyers Directory deadlines will be Thursday, September 3rd at 3:30pm.

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MEDICAL office manager, MA or equivalent needed to teach front office procedures and insurance billing at Ross Technical Inst. Brighton 3 yrs. current field experience, secondary education needed, degree not required. Part-time, evenings for fall. EOE. (313) 227-0160.

MENTAL health staff for residential program in Brighton for adults with mental illness. (313) 221-1170.

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NOW hiring Bar, Grill & Golf Shop help. Morning and afternoon shifts. Apply in person at: **Dunham Hills Golf Club**, 13561 Dunham Road, Hartland.

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OPTOMETRIST OFFICE needs people to train as technicians, full/part-time available, some even & weekends. Only those willing to work need apply. Non-smoking office. Novi area. Send resume to: Office PO Box 160, Novi, MI 48376-0160

PAINTER

Self starter, neat, clean, w/ tools & transportation. New construction. After 6pm., (313) 887-7734.

PART-TIME cashier needed for music store in Northville, (313) 349-9420.

PART-TIME breakfast cook with minimum experience of 3 years. For appointment call mornings only (313) 223-7101 ask for Rose.

PERSON needed to deliver to stores & carriers for the Brighton Argus, in the Brighton and Pinckney areas. Must be available to work Sunday & Wednesday. Must have van, or pick up with cap. Call (313) 484-4808 ask for Robin.

EXPERIENCED persons in car detailing, full-time. Call (313) 229-0600.

POLICE Candidates wanted. High school seniors and graduates wanted to fill over 40 military police positions in Michigan Army National Guard. We will train. College money available. Other career fields also open, including some for GED holders. Call Sgt. Pierce at (313) 548-5127.

JOIN our day care center family. We're looking for caring individuals w/ long term employment goals. We offer pleasant atmosphere, small groups of children, staff team work, lots of fun & fulfillment. Between 9-3pm (313) 684-6319. Milford area.

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PRESSER wanted for cleaners in Walled Lake. Highest wages paid. Excellent people to work with. Paid vacation. Will train. Experience preferred. Call in the a.m. Mrs. Nilsson or Mrs. Ramsden. (313) 624-4333.

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Tappan Bros./Norander, a leading manufacturer and wholesaler distributor of exterior building products is seeking a Sales Representative to be responsible for building and home improvement contractor sales for a newly established territory. The ideal candidate will have a successful track record in building sales or previous experience in the construction industry. Tappan Bros./Norander offers an excellent benefit package, base salary and company car. If this career opportunity fits your goals, forward your resume along with salary history to:

TAPPAN BROS. 195 S. Alloy Fenton, MI 48430 EOE

PROFESSIONAL installers needed for wood, ceramic & vinyl. Experience required. Apply at: Donald E. Mc Nabbs Co., 31250 S. Milford Rd., Milford (313) 437-8146 9-9 Mon-Sat.

PROFESSIONAL insurance cleaning co. needs hard working reliable people, full/part-time, train, advancement opportunity. (313) 689-2183

PROGRAM aide needed in Milford home. Full time. Benefits. Call (313) 684-6464, 10am-6pm.

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Automotive supplier, service parts, minimum 5 yrs. experience with C.N.C. mills & lathes, able to set up & program. Must have leadership abilities & good organizational skills. Good pay & benefits. Brighton area. Apply in person: **Machining Center, Inc.**, 5659 Ford Court, Brighton.

START work right away. Permanent part-time position for a mature dependable person, must like people and working with clothes, will train, some weekends and nights. Send resume, Hartland, POB 367, Hartland, MI 48363.

SUBSTITUTE cafeteria help. \$5.25/hr. To work on an on-call basis. Apply in person: **Northville Public Schools**, 501 W. Main, Northville.

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Minsky The Tailor in Novi Town Center needs a full time alteration person which quality skills. We offer Blue Cross, paid holidays and vacation, pension and profit sharing. No lay off or cut in hours. Phone, (313) 662-8869.

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WANTED: Experienced auto glass installer. Apply: **Henderson Glass**, 7979 W. Grand River, Brighton.

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WEEKEND janitor position. 8 hrs Sat, 3 hours Sun. Milford United Methodist Church. Call (313) 684-2738. Mon-Fri. 9-1 Will send fax.

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