DINING

Relish raises sauces to an art

BY ELENOR & RAY HEALD

Since its opening Sept. 21, Relish has been drawing crowds attracted to its new concept relishes. Every cuisine in the world has some sort of relish, said Jim Barnett, Unique Restaurant Corp.'s corporate chef.

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"We consider them sauces and they include salass. Pacific Island sambal and Indian chuter, the original reliab. We go further and include ketchup, chow chows and piccalillia, a sweeter version of chow chow. From Indonesia, we offer blatiangs (blat-yong) and stjars. While walking to be scated, dincre can get in the mood. There's a table with three relies asmplings plus a basket of tortillar chips and sweet potato chips for dipping and nibbling. In all, 50 percent of menu items come with at least one of 24 different relies as this latest addition to the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s graw. Browsing the ambitious can be used to the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s graw of the work of the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s graw of the work of the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s graw of the Work of the Unique Restaurant Corp.'s graw of the Work of the Wo



Dishes to "Relish": Chef Robert Oliver and sous chef John Rees present (left to right) chocolate hazelnut torte, grilled tuna, grilled swordfish, and grilled New York strip steak.

- WHERE: 34555 West 12 Mile Road, (just east of Drake Road), Farmington Hills, (810) 489-8652
- HOUBS: Dinner served 5-11 p.m. Mondey-Thursday; 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Bar opens 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 49 p.m. Open for lunch beginning Monday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
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 MEMU: Specialties include a broad range of appotiture, salads and main courses, all with a unique, fresh relish. About 2/3 of poultry, fish own and allow are wood grilled. Mein courses are consistent of the course of th
- wino list and wines by the glass.

 MEATLESS OPTIONS: Exceptional attention to this preference from starters, vegetable-base vegetable soup through main our es including accompanying Basmati rice cooked in vegetable broth.
- broth.

 HIGHLIGHTS: Light, bright and modern Ron Res bistro-style design. Casual, cory, family atmosphere with tables and booths on three levels seating 190. Leyout allows several tables to be pulled together eccommodating large groups wishing to dine together. Everything comes off friendly with knowledgeable, well-trained weistadff.
- COST: Moderate with appetizers ranging \$3-7 and main courses \$6-10.
- RESERVATIONS: Essential on Friday & Saturday. · CREDIT CARDS: All majors accepted.

Eileen with their three young children. This is our third time

Cherry BBQ Glaze and Quinco Sambal.

Seated at a large booth and reliability the state of the st

"The kids menu is great and they love it," Mrs. Garfield

noted.
This is not surprising considering that Matt Prentice, proprietor, president and CEO of Unique Restaurant Corp., has four children. He commented that families must feel comfortable at all his restaurants which include Morels in Bingham Farms, America on Woodward in Royal Oak, Bruschetta Cafe in Troy's Oakland Mall, Not the Hotel Baronett Mardin in Troy's Grant Collection and Birms of the Hotel Baronett Mardin in Troy's Control of the Hotel Baronett Mardin in Troy in Troy of the Hotel Baronett Mardin in Troy of the Hotel Baronett Martin. "Matt Prentice is resourceful and the cancept of Relish is novel," Tom neted. Diano observed that the service was consistent, that she enjoyed the atmosphere and additionally "it's a good hang for the buck," she concluded.

"We belong to the Unique Restaurant Corp. Frequent Diner Program where every dollar counts as one point," Tom explained. "With 500 points we receive a free dining club card that gives us discounts at all the URC restaurants and that amounts to a two for one deal. You can't beat it."

Prentice recently hired well-known area Master Sommeller Madeloine Triffon as director of wine for the corporation. She was instrumental in constructing both the well-priesd, edectic selection of beers and wines. "In making choices for the list, I was very conscious of the wide range of flavors represented by the variety of relishes," she said. Our staff received extensive beverage and food training. They can be very helpful if asked for suggestions."

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Restaurants offer Halloween treats

BY RENER SECGLUND

Put on your scariest or funniest costume and got ready for some Halloween howling fun.

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Cirque du Surreal, Saturday,
Oct. 28, American Center Bullding, Southfold, 7:30-10 p.m. —

Tickets \$75 includes food and
wine tasting; desserts; open bar;
music; 10 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. —

tickets \$25 includes Coneys,
wine and home-brow beer tasting; dance music. Patron Tickets: \$160. Call (610) 559-1646.

Cowley's Old Village Inn *Coulcy's Old Village Inn Hallowen weekend events, Celtie Banquet 4-10 p.m. Sun-day, Oct. 29 with two traditional Irish bands — Modesty Forbids and White Star Rising, Hal-loween party with local blues band The Mudtones on Tursday, Oct. 31. 33338 Grand River, Farmington, Call (810) 474-5941 for information.

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**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 259 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Second annual Halloween Bash, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, hilarious entertainment, costume party, prizes, food, music, palm reader, Admission 55. Call for reservations, (810) 540-9900.

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*Matt Brady's Tavern (Holiday Inn.), 38123 W. 10 Mile Rood, Farmington Hills, (810) 478-7780, 7:30 p.m. to closing, Saturday, Oct. 28.

Selling \$1 ra\(\text{in}\) tickets to benefit \$t\$. Judo Children's Hospital. Drawing every hour, with winners spending 30 seconds in a money wind machine. Best costume contest. Door prizes, including trip for two to Florida, lots of gift certificates.

*Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road, Livonia, (810) 615-1330, 6 p.m. to closing, Saturday, Oct. 28. Best costume contest, broom-stick pool game, lots of tricks

•Mr. B's Farmington, 24555 Novi Road, Novi, (810) 349-7038, 9 p.m. to closing Saturday, Oct.

Contume party, cash prizes, scary food and drink specials. (Jell-O shots with gummy worms!), plus live band "2XL."

•Mr. B's Southfield, 19701 12 Mile Road, Southfield (810) 559-4400, 9 p.m. to closing, Friday, Oct. 27.

Coatume party, drink and food specials, Live music by Sal D. Angilo.

*Celtic New Year celebration

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at
the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave.,
Detroit. Irish music and more.
Admission \$5 at the door. Call
(313) 885-5618 for information.

For little goblins:

Genitti's Hole in the Wall, 108 E. Main Street, Northville (810) 349-0522, Saturday Oct. 28. "Haunted as Halloween," a

play. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with show beginning at 12:15 p.m., \$8.99 for kids, and \$10.99 for adults. Costume party and prizes.

Chili's Grill & Bar, 2090 Hag-gerty, Novi, (810) 344-9722, Tuesday, Oct. 31. Children 12 and under eat free

when accompanied by adult (one child per adult). Wear costumes.

• Tremors Nightelub, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, (next to the Holiday Inn) Livonia (313) 462-

Second annual Halloween party for children age 10 and younger 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Games and contests including apple bobbing, pumpkin painting, musical chairs, and dancing. No charge.



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