CHICKEN SOUP

1 CHICKEN ABOUT 3 1/2 POUNDS 2 CLOVES OF GARLIC 1 LARGE BROWN ONION 2 LARGE CARROTS 1 CELERY STALK BOUQUET GARNIE CONSISTING OF 4 THYME SPRIGS, ONE BAY LEAF, 10 PARSLEY STEMS TIED TOGETHER WITH COTTON STRING 1/2 POUND OF EGG NOODLES FRESH ITALIAN PARSLEY AND CHIVES

PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 450°

DRY CHICKEN WITH PAPER TOWELS. SALT AND PEPPER INSIDE AND OUT. PEEL THE GARLIC CLOVES AND STICK INSIDE THE CAVITY.

HEAT A CAST IRON PAN FOR 5 MINUTES ON HIGH HEAT. ADD A SPLASH OF GRAPESEED OIL.

PLACE CHICKEN IN THE PAN AND BROWN THE BOTTOM FOR 5 MINUTES. PUT IN THE OVEN. ROAST FOR ONE HOUR.

PEEL AND DICE ONION, CARROTS AND CELERY.

MELT 3 TBSPS OF BUTTER IN A DUTCH OVEN. PUT IN THE VEGETABLES, COVER AND SWEAT FOR 8 MINUTES, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY WITH A WOODEN SPOON.

NESTLE THE BOUQUET GARNIE AMONG THE VEGETABLES AND PLACE THE CHICKEN ON TOP. COVER WITH WATER BY 2 INCHES.

BRING TO A SIMMER AND COOK PARTIALLY COVERED FOR 20 MINUTES. REMOVE FROM THE HEAT AND ALLOW TO COOL. DISCARD BOUQUET GARNIE. PLACE THE CHICKEN ON A PLATE AND REMOVE ALL THE MEAT. RETURN MEAT TO THE POT. SALT TO TASTE.

BRING A POT OF SALTED WATER TO A BOIL AND COOK THE NOODLES TILL THEY ARE A BIT UNDERDONE. ABOUT 8 MINUTES. DRAIN IN A COLANDER.

HEAT THE CHICKEN SOUP. ADD THE NOODLES. COOK FOR A MINUTE OR SO, UNTIL THEY ARE AL DENTE.

ADD CHOPPED PARSLEY AND CHIVES.

SERVES 4-6