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Young fan: *Ethan Fox of Westland, 1, takes in the action at a recent Plymouth Whalers hockey game at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.*

Trial ordered in murder plot

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Court testimony and a tape-recorded conversation were enough to establish probable cause to bind a woman over for trial in a murder-for-hire case.

Sitting together inside a van parked outside the Farmington Big Boy on Wednesday, Jan. 26, Lisa McIntosh poured out her heart to someone she thought was a hit man, according to the testimony of a police undercover officer.

She described a situation where her safety and that of her two children was being threatened by her live-in boyfriend.

Then McIntosh allegedly forked over $348 in cash – in addition to a phone number, a photograph and the boyfriend's driver's license – to start the "wheels in motion" to have him murdered.

McIntosh, a Westland resident, was arrested shortly after making partial

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Local control issue sparks response

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Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, accusing state legislators of infringing on local decision-making, pledged Friday to work for a constitutional amendment that would protect home rule.

Thomas said he and his staff will actively collect petition signatures needed to place the issue on a statewide ballot in November.

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launched the petition drive, and Thomas is among a handful of mayors already endorsing the plan.

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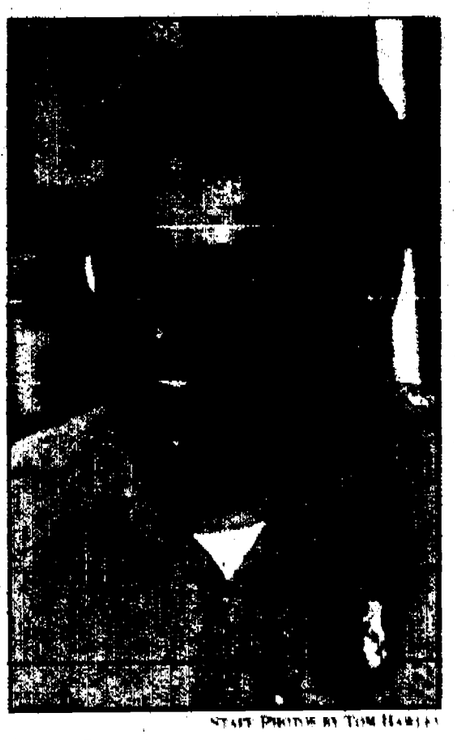

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Parole denied for murderer of teen Gregory Hill

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A man convicted of murdering a local teenager during a gas station robbery has lost a bid for parole.

Citing the lack of "reasonable assurance that prisoner will not become a menace to society or to the public safety," the Michigan Parole Board denied parole to Charles Roots, who is serving a 20-50 year sentence for killing Gregory Hill in 1980.

"They put him off for 24 months – that's the maximum," said Shirley Hill, who spoke against paroling her son's killer at a hearing in December.

This was the second time Hill, other family members and representatives from the Garden City Police Department have spoken against parole for Roots, incarcerated at the state prison in Marquette. Roots' parole request indicated he planned to live with his sister in Inkster, if released, and work in electrical construction for his brother-in-law.

"I was concerned this time (that Roots would be released). I was real optimistic the last time," said Hill, a Westland resident.

Along with describing the impact of Gregory Hill's death on his family and the community, Roots' history of being involved in five murders and his behavior in prison were also cited.

"I think it was a good approach. My impression is that the board was going to decide on what was in front of them," said Garden City Police Chief David Harvey. "If we hadn't brought up the other homicides, they wouldn't have considered it."

Among the reasons cited by the parole board in support of their decision was the nature of Roots' crime which resulted in loss of life, occurred during the commission of another felony and involved a weapon.

In Roots' criminal history, the board notes his potential for committing further assaultive crimes, established criminal behavior and use of weapons. Regarding his personal history, it was noted that Roots has a history of substance abuse "of long-standing duration" and an unstable employment history.

Gregory Hill had a part-time job at the Clark gas station on Cherry Hill and Middlebelt. A junior at Garden City High School, he was working alone the night of Nov. 12, 1980 when Roots and Larry Grinage robbed the gas station.

Both on probation at the time, Roots and Grinage later told police that they planned to leave no witnesses to avoid returning to prison. Although he cooperated with the robbers, Gregory Hill was shot in the head.

Roots and Grinage, then 28 and 24, respectively, were subsequently arrested by Inkster police as suspects in the murder-robbery of a 72-year old resident of that city.

Under a plea agreement, Roots pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and testified against Grinage, who was convicted of four counts of first-degree murder. All the murders were committed during robberies.

Roots was sentenced to 20 to 50 years in prison along with a two-year sentence for felony firearm that had to be served first. Sentenced prior to mandatory no-parole prison terms for first-degree murder convictions, Grinage will be up for parole for the first time this summer.

Hill submitted petitions with about 4,100 signatures opposing parole for Roots and plans to submit similar petitions regarding Grinage.

"We're not the only ones who care about this, it's the whole community," said Hill. "Usually, after this length of time, few people will remember. This shows the depth of the concern after this amount of time."

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Talking: *Defendant Lisa McIntosh confers with defense attorney Stephen Boak.*

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payment to a "hit man" at a meeting where she promised to get him the balance of about $650 the following day, testimony indicated. The "hit man" turned out to be an undercover detective for the Michigan State Police, who was made aware on Jan. 25 that McIntosh wanted to hire someone to kill her allegedly abusive boyfriend.

During a preliminary examination before 47th District Judge Frederick Harris on Friday, a tape-recorded conversation between a woman and the undercover officer was played. It revealed someone who had "thought about" putting out a contract on her boyfriend for a half-year to stop someone she said was destroying her life.

The tape was enough to establish probable cause, Harris ruled, in binding McIntosh over to Oakland County Circuit Court on a felony charge of conspiracy to commit murder. If convicted, McIntosh could face up to life in prison.

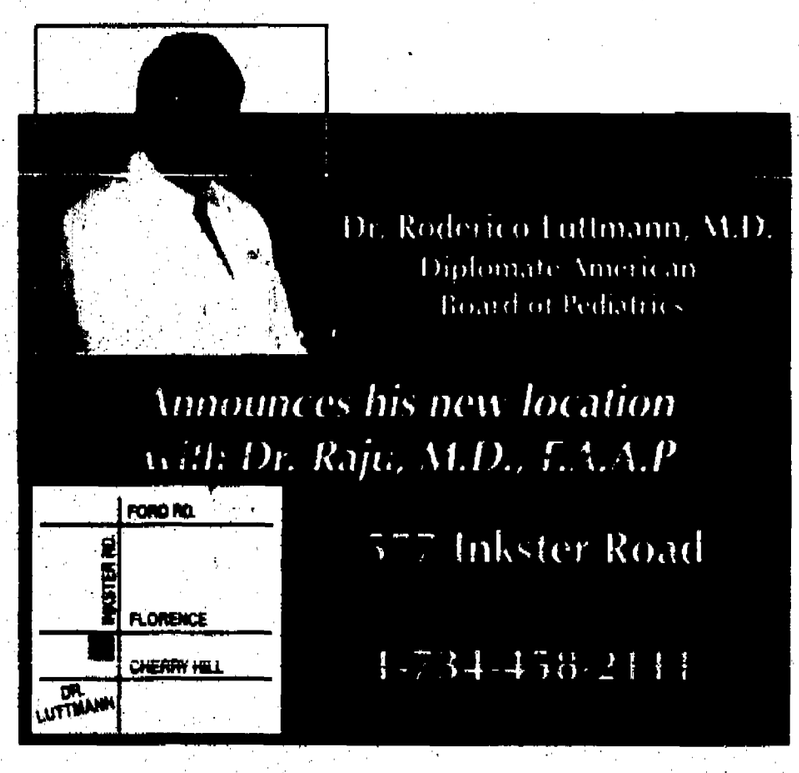
After defense attorney Stephen Boak cited McIntosh's lack of a previous criminal record, however, Harris reduced bond from the previously set $1 million. The defendant was released into the custody of her parents, with stipulations that she remain electronically tethered, remain under her parents' supervision and check in every day at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

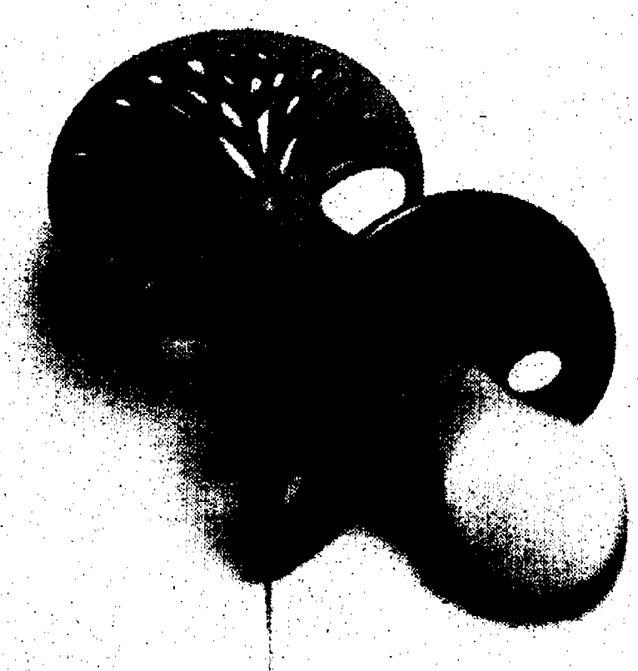
Any violation of those terms, Harris emphasized, would result in McIntosh being returned to Oakland County Jail on personal bond of $100,000. Arraignment in Circuit Court was not yet scheduled.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Greg Townsend said he was satisfied overall with the proceedings, although he added a "substantial cash bond" would have been preferable.

McIntosh allegedly told the "hit man" she wanted "Mike" to disappear in a way that the crime could not be traced back to her. She pointed out the intended victim's alleged record and that "he's a known drug dealer" with previous death threats made against him.

Making the 25-year-old boyfriend vanish would "make me a happy, very happy person," she said.





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Barson's puts service first – and blossoms

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The old-fashioned, independently owned greenhouses of yesteryear might have suffered a blow from the chain stores, but Joe Barson of Barson's Greenhouse reaches out to customers in a way that the big guys can't.

"People come to us for our services and knowledge," he said.

When garden shoppers visit the greenhouse on Merriman and Maplewood in Westland, they're likely going to meet Joe or his wife, Deb.

"When you walk into the place you're talking to the owner and not someone who is working for someone and who is concerned about a paycheck," Barson said. "Our paycheck is the repeat of customers who come back to us because we won't steer them wrong.

"We're a production greenhouse, starting them by seed and selling them – not like a chain store or a grocery store. We start them and finish them here."

And if Barson doesn't have the answers, he knows where to get them. He brings in botanists and other specialists during his seminars, ranging in interest from learning about bugs and diseases, growing trees and shrubs, and even an herb cooking class given by Amantea's Restaurant coming in March.

Evolving business

Seminars are among the changes that have happened since the first greenhouse opened for business at the same location more than half a century ago.

"Most people don't think about it, but there's a lot of history involved in the place," Barson said, adding that he's the third owner at the location that first opened as a greenhouse in 1941. Summerfield and Baker came before him.

This is Barson's 20th anniversary.

"There's a lot of towns who don't have small greenhouses at all," according to the 22-year Westland resident. "The average person doesn't understand I'm a unique business running a small greenhouse in the middle of the hustle and bustle of today's society."

As the recently appointed president of the Greater Garden City Chamber of Commerce, Barson knows all about business and the benefits from working together.

For the past few years, the chamber has pushed a Business Watch program, similar to the community Neighborhood Watch program, which is a cooperative effort between residents and police departments. The Business Watch chalked up a success when a couple of years ago there was a rapist on the loose.

"It was the Business Watch people who started pushing out his pictures around to all the businesses," Barson said. "We pooled our resources and he either left on his own or we drove the fellow out."

Some of the issues the chamber will tackle, Barson said, include teaching employees about check fraud, what cashiers should do when they're by themselves and someone suspicious enters the business and convincing employees they should always give up the money during robberies.

"We're trying to get more businesses together and make it safer for the community as a whole and the employees who work at the businesses," Barson said.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Green thumb: *Joe Barson in one of his greenhouses.*

A major issue

Attracting customers is another major issue.

While his business is in Westland, Barson Greenhouse is surrounded by Garden City and draws the bulk of its customers from both communities, as well as surrounding areas. People looking to build ponds, however, come to Barson Greenhouse from as far away as Toledo and Michigan's Thumb area.

"Ponds are big right now and we're big into ponding with custom made filtration units," said Barson, who sells fish and everything else that go into back and front yard water gardens.

The family owned greenhouse business is a year-long proposition. In fact, last week, Barson started accepting truckloads of plants that will be sold in spring. And he works anywhere between 12 and 18 months growing some perennials.

But learning how to make things grow wasn't Barson's first choice of careers. In fact, before he planted himself into the greenhouse business, he worked on a factory production line and attended college to become an electrical engineer. His latest education was studying agriculture at the now-defunct DuPage Horticulture School in Chicago.

"I thought it would be neat to buy a geranium for 50 cents and sell it for $1.50 and the reality is that you buy a geranium and it costs $1.51 and you sell it for $1.50," Barson said. "It's not a rich man's business, you've got to like the business.

"My kids will enjoy it," he said of his 19-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son. "I have a friend in Europe who said that he's fortunate enough to be born after his dad. The dad did all the work and the kids will enjoy the rewards."

Perfect business fit

The greenhouse business seems like a perfect fit for the city boy who grew up in Plymouth and Westland. Aside from being successful with dirt, seeds and bulbs, Barson also has to know about business and trends.

"What we're seeing right now, with today's society and the pace it's going, is that a lot of people don't want to wait for plants to grow – they want it this instant," Barson said. "So we're going into 12-inch baskets that you can water on Friday and take off and return on Sunday and hopefully it won't be dried out.

"The economy is good, so they're still looking for value, but price isn't an issue. I think our niche will be having the instant flower container – the trick is to get all plants together that are compatible so they require the same care."

And he even has to be somewhat of a sociologist. Barson surmised that older baby boomers usually want the smaller plants that take nurturing before they're mature and think of gardening as a hobby.

On the other hand, he added, "Generation Xers want to be out and gone with little fuss."

Cooper site gets marker

A new Cooper School historical marker will be officially dedicated this spring, although it already has been placed on the school site north of Ann Arbor Trail, east of Middlebelt.

A replacement marker incorporating the last nine years of Cooper's history was needed after the old school, built on a contaminated landfill, was closed in 1991, school historian Ruth Dale said.

Livonia school district officials moved students from the old site, on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail, to the former Whittier Junior High School.

The school that closed was the fourth Cooper School; Whittier is the fifth site, Dale said.

■ 'Support on the move came from the Cooper community, the Cooper staff and the Westland Historical Commission.'

Ruth Dale
—historian

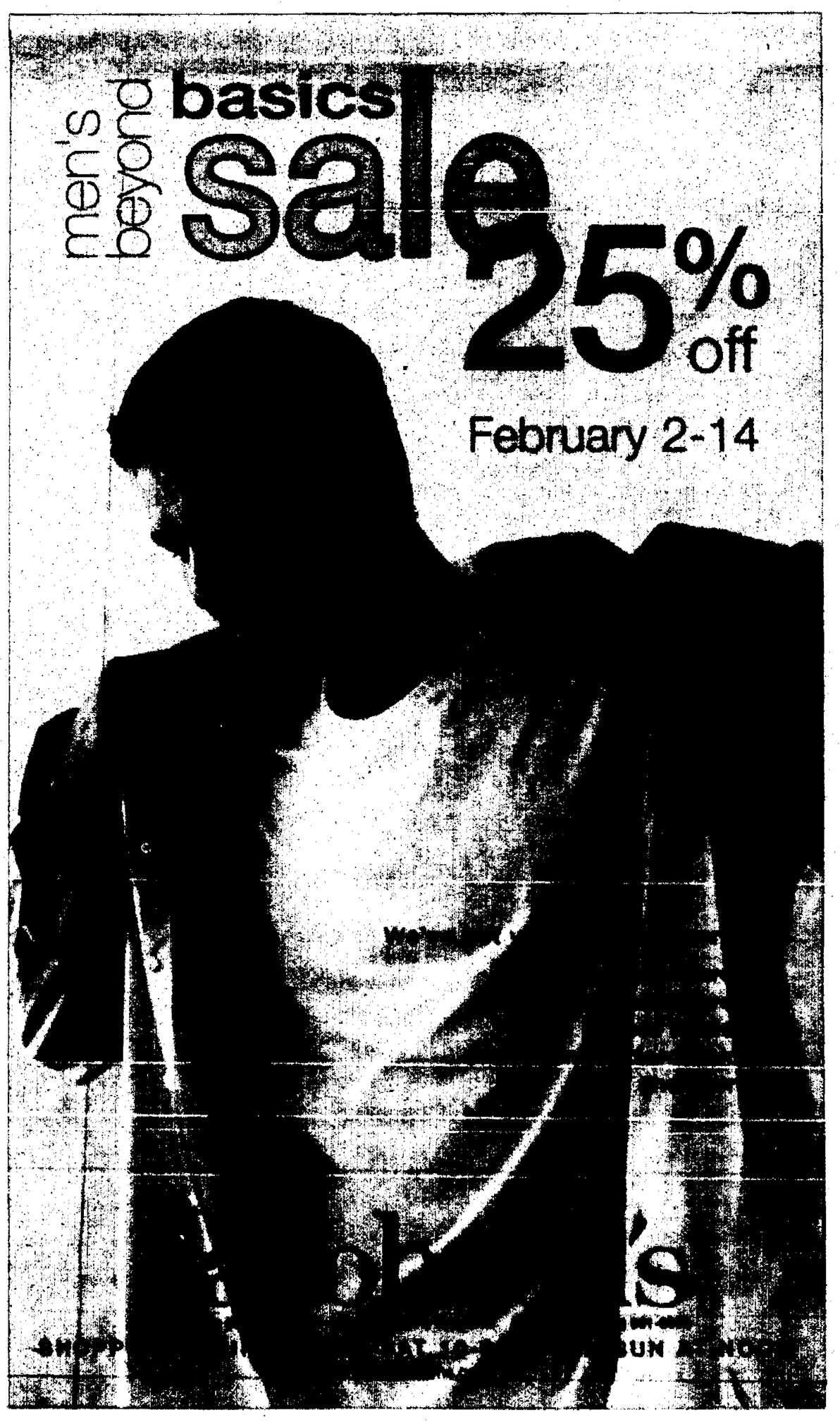
"The process of relocating the historical marker began two years ago," she said in a press release. "Support on the move came from the Cooper community, the Cooper staff and the Westland Historical Commission."

A request to move the marker was made to the Michigan Historical Commission, but local organizers were told that the marker text wasn't appropriate.

As Cooper historian, Dale documented the school's history since 1988 and submitted it to the state for approval for another marker.

The replacement marker was ordered last August and placed on the former Whittier site on Jan. 7.

Details of the dedication will be announced later.



Friends of Eloise organization explores rich history of locale

At one time, Eloise was a self-contained village in Nankin Township. Behind its gates lived thousands of Wayne County's mentally ill, tubercular and indigent residents. It was a humanitarian effort to serve those in need.

Most of its buildings have been demolished. While much is gone, Eloise still lives in the minds of those who lived or worked there. A group called the Friends of Eloise is now forming to preserve these memories for future generations.

If you want to help preserve the memory of Eloise, if you want to share your memories with the community, then consider joining the Friends of Eloise. What is a friend? Webster defines a friend as "one attached to another by esteem and affection; an intimate associate; a supporter." No special talents or skills are required, and support is needed.

The Friends of Eloise will work closely with Frank Rembisz, director of the Wayne County Office on Aging and the Eloise historian. Plans are under way to assist his efforts to maintain a museum, uncover the grave markers in the Eloise cemetery, compile documentation on the history of the complex, and more.

The Friends of Eloise will meet 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the Rowe House, 37025 Marquette, west of Wayne Road in Westland. Some daytime meetings are also planned. Daytime meetings will be held in the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan Avenue west of Middlebelt. Times and dates for daytime meetings will be announced.

For information, including additional directions, call Jo Johnson, chairwoman of the Westland Historical Commission, at (734) 522-3918. Anyone wishing more information on the Eloise museum should call Frank Rembisz, (734) 727-7373.

(This was written by Daryl Bailey of the Westland Historical Commission.)

Zero the Hero will visit school

Students and staff at Hamilton Elementary School in Westland are celebrating the first 100 days of school. Wednesday, Feb. 9, the entire school will observe a special day with a Zero the Hero assembly at 9:15 a.m.

Zero will reinforce the importance of numbers and math for kindergarten through third-grade students. At the end of the assembly, upper elementary students will parade across the stage with numbered signs to help the younger children learn how to count to 100.

■ All students who have perfect attendance for the first 100 days of school will also be honored.

Later in the day, the upper elementary children will participate in math problems while the younger students guess which jars are filled with 100 items.

All students who have perfect attendance for the first 100 days of school will also be honored.

"We have a math goal and we are doing everything we can to reinforce the number scheme," said Hamilton Principal Larry Wood.

B&M SMOKE SHOP
MARLBORO Cigarettes $26.99 Carton + Tax
VICEROY Cigarettes $22.99 Carton + Tax
KOOL Cigarettes $27.99 Carton + Tax
MILWAUKEE'S BEST $9.99 30 pack + Deposit

Rules apply to pet owners

Here are a few rules for animal ownership in Westland:

- Licenses are required for cats, dogs and ferrets and can be obtained from the city clerk's office or the Michigan Humane Society on Marquette.
- To get an annual license, you have to show your identification and prove that your pet has had a current rabies shot. (A license tag on a pet collar also increases your chances of getting back a lost pet.)
- A license costs $3 for a pet that's spayed or neutered and $5 for one that's not. Those costs go up $1 on March 1.
- Like dogs, cats are supposed to be kept on leashes – or confined within fences they can't escape – when outdoors.
- Pet owners have to pay a $3 pickup fee and a $14-per-day boarding fee for animals taken to the Michigan Humane Society.
- You can't have pigs, cows, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks or more than one rabbit unless you have more than a half-acre of land. Even then, there are rules for how close animals can be kept to adjacent properties.
- No poisonous reptiles are allowed.
- You can have a horse, but there's a long list of rules.
- You can't keep an animal that constantly cries, barks or makes other loud noises.
- Dogs that bite people are quarantined for 10 days. You can keep the pet on your premises if you have proof of a rabies shot; otherwise, it goes to the animal shelter.
- Any animal running loose can be impounded.
- Animal cruelty is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a $100 fine.
- Vicious or dangerous dogs such as pit bulls must be tattooed, registered and licensed with the city. Owners must notify animal control officers if these dogs get loose or attack someone.

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fight.

"We've had a few coyotes running around," Kautz said. "I tried to tranquilize one, but it jumped over a 6-foot fence and ran away."

Two wild pigs proved elusive as they roamed Westland, and the smaller of the two apparently wasn't as street smart as the larger one.

"We caught the smaller one, and then the bigger one just disappeared," Kautz said.

Animal control officers said some pet owners don't realize – or don't seem to care – that the city has an exotic animal ordinance prohibiting pets such as servals, long-legged wild cats.

"These cats can take down a deer," Frady said.

Frady, a Westland resident, and Kautz, a Wayne resident, take the animals they catch to the Michigan Humane Society branch on Marquette.

Some animals are returned to owners. Others find new homes, are returned to their natural environment or are euthanized.

Frady and Kautz are busier during the summer months when more wild animals are on the prowl, but they get their share of wintertime calls, too.

They recently became the first Westland animal control officers ever to receive certification from the state Department of Agriculture.

They've received 250 hours of special training on subjects ranging from cruelty investigations to self defense, traveling as far as the University of Missouri.

Sgt. Jeff Gillespie set up the ongoing training program after police officials began to place more emphasis on animal control efforts.

"These officers need to have a great deal of knowledge to do their jobs," Deputy Chief Hayes said.

Even though Frady and Kautz work with animals to earn a living, they still like to go home to their own pets.

Frady, who followed in his father's footsteps to become a Westland animal control officer, has a Great Dane, a Saint Bernard/rottweiler mix and a turtle.

Kautz has a Samoyed dog and a parrot.

OBITUARIES

MADELINE R. MILLER

Services for Madeline Miller, 83, of Westland were Feb. 5 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Baker.

Mrs. Miller, born May 16, 1916, died Feb. 1 in Westland. She was a clerk.

Surviving are her daughter, Diane (David) Cox of Garden City; stepson, Ron (Alice) Miller; stepdaughters, Kay (Ron) Leonard and Sue (Barry) Hiser; four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and 16 stepgreatgrandchildren.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by husbands, Reginald Marr and Herman Miller; son David Marr; brothers, Hugh Robinson, Warren (Whiley) Robinson and Donald Robinson; and sister, Lucille Gambel.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

ALFRED J. FARO

A funeral Mass for Alfred Faro, 83, of Westland was Feb. 5 in St. Gerald Catholic Church with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald McEnhill.

Mr. Faro, born Feb. 12, 1916, in Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 30 in Ann Arbor. He moved to Westland in 1999 from Lakeland, Fla., after retiring from the Chicago Fire and Police Force. He retired in 1973 after 26 years of service.

He was a member of Chicago Fraternal Order of Police and Chicago American Legion. Mr. Faro was a veteran, serving with the Navy during World War II 1943-46.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ruth; sons, Thomas (Carol) of Northville and John (Nancy) of Illinois; brother, Sam Faro of Illinois; sisters, Dorothy of Illinois and Carmella O'Toole of Illinois; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

EDWIN "RAY" SUITER

Services for Edwin "Ray" Suiter, 74, of Westland were Feb. 5 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Mr. Suiter died Feb. 1. He retired from Wilson Dairy after 30 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; son, Larry; daughter, Valerie (Jack) Ball; brothers, James and Francis; sisters, Annie, Nell, Sue, Lois and Glenda; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

HELENE M. WORSLEY

A funeral Mass for Helene Worsley, 78, of Westland was Feb. 4 in St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Mrs. Worsley died Feb. 1. She worked for Sanders for 48 years.

Surviving are her sons, Dennis (Judi), Donald (Tracy), and Lawrence; daughter, Suzette; siblings, Rolande, Cecile, Claire, Francois, Roger, Jerry, Yvette and Jan; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

DORIS M. FULTON

Services for Doris Fulton, 74, of Westland were Feb. 2 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Roswell Fulton.

Mrs. Fulton, born Jan. 19, 1926, in Detroit died Jan. 29 in Wayne. She was a homemaker. She moved to Florida in 1976 and returned to Westland in 1999.

Mrs. Fulton was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Plymouth Chapter 115, and while in Florida was a member of VFW 10097 Ft. Myers Beach, Cooties VFW Ft. Myers Beach, American Legion 275 Ft. Myers Beach and Veterans of America (AMVETS) of Ft. Myers.

She enjoyed crocheting, collecting animals for the Candlelight Kids of Ft. Myers and took toys to the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. She especially enjoyed family gatherings.

Surviving are her son, Arthur (Lynne) of Garden City; daughters, Jacqueline (Ernest) Beckman of Garden City and Donna (Richard) Pilarski of Presque Isle, Mich.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and friend, Ellsworth "Ells" Mason of Westland.

Mrs. Fulton was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, and son, David.

JAMES A. DOWDAL

Services for James Dowdal, 60, of Westland were Jan. 23 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Robert McDonald.

Mr. Dowdal, born Aug. 25, 1939, died Jan. 15 in Dearborn. He was self-employed.

Surviving are his sons, Larry (Wilma) Hahn, Ronnie Hahn, Tony Dowdal and Jimmy (Tiffany) Hahn; daughters, Kimberly Dowdal, Lori (Mark Bettiol) Dominick and Karen Campbell; father, James Dowdal; sisters, Mary McClure and Judith Dowdal; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Dowdal was preceded in death by his son, Randy Hahn, and mother, Grace.

Read Taste today

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2000
REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Fire Chief Hines, Parks & Recreation Director Whitson and Judge Richard Hammer.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, discussed senior assistance for neighbor regarding ordinance citations.

◆ **Item 01-00-011**

Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the regular council meeting from January 10, 2000. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

◆ **Item 01-00-012**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To re-appoint George Raymond and Gary Strehl to the Board of Canvassers for a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2003. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor with the approval of Council moved Items B-5 to the A-agenda and B-3 to the beginning of the B-agenda.

◆ **Item 01-00-013**

Moved by Gora, supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To concur in the appointment of Howard L. Phillippart, Jr. to serve as Magistrate for the 21st District Court as per the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE

WHEREAS, Howard L. Phillippart, Jr. has been appointed magistrate of the 21st District Court by the Judge of the 21st District Court, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a magistrate is in the best interest of the operation of the Court and service to the public,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of Howard L. Phillippart, Jr. as magistrate of the 21st District Court is approved.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Supplemental Appropriation.
2. Wade-Trim Projects.
   a. Engineers Report – John Hauk
   b. Community Center Feasibility Study
   c. Marquette Park Design Services
3. Fire Service Data Management Computer Software.
4. Michigan Humane Society Contract.
5. Resolution – 21st District Court.
6. Purchase of Administrative Cars.
7. Signatory Resolution.
8. Special Meeting.

◆ **Item 01-00-014**

Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the bid for Fire Service Data Management Computer Software to Fire Programs, in the amount of $4,749.75. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-015**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve Wade-Trim to provide the services for the Marquette Park Design Project, in the amount not to exceed $49,100.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-016**

Moved by Lynch, supported by Briscoe: *Council informed the public that the increase is for $15.95 not a $15.85 increase.* RESOLVED: To approve the contract with the Michigan Humane Society for the year 2000. There is a price increase of $15.95 per animal per day. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-017**

Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two (2) administrative cars from Huff Whalen Chevrolet (State Bid) in the amount of $14,660.91 each. AYES: Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. ABSENT: None. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 01-00-018**

Moved by Wiacek, supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the signatory resolution for the City of Garden City.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that Comerica, First Federal Savings, Merrill Lynch, Standard Federal, Bank One and Crestwood Credit Union are hereby designated depositories of the City of Garden City, and that funds deposited therein may be withdrawn upon checks or other instruments of the City of Garden City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said funds shall be signed by the Treasurer/City Clerk or Deputy Treasurer and countersigned by the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Clerk shall certify to said banks the names of present officers of the City and shall thereafter, as changes in the personnel of said offices are made, immediately certify to said banks a complete list of officers who are authorized to act in accordance with this resolution, which banks shall be fully protected in relying upon such certification and shall be indemnified for any claims, expenses or loss resulting from the honoring of the signature of any office so certified, or refusing to honor a signature not so certified, and that this resolution shall remain in force until written notice to the contrary shall have been received by said banks, and the receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by said banks prior thereto.

The following are the titles and names of the present Treasurer/City Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem authorized by the aforementioned resolution:

Mayor	Ronald D. Showalter
Mayor Pro-Tem	William Kaledas
Treasurer/City Clerk	Allyson M. Bettis
Deputy City Treasurer	Steven J. Smith

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

◆ **Item 01-00-019**

Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To hold a Special Workshop on January 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Maplewood Community Center, IMC Room for the annual audit presentation and review. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 01-00-020**

Moved by Wiacek, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the following resolution opposing House Bill 4804:

RESOLUTION
OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 4804

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City is a concerned community joined in an effort to improve local government through cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Telecommunications Act of 1995 requires all telecommunication companies to obtain permits before using public rights-of-way; gives municipalities 90 days to act on applications; indicates that applications can be granted or denied based upon considerations such as public health, safety and welfare; allows the assessment of fees not to exceed the fixed and variable costs for the right-of-way used by a provider, plus the cost of issuing the permit; and permits the requirement for bonds for restoration for the public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4804 would give Michigan municipalities only thirty (30) days to issue a permit; and such permits may only be conditioned on safety reasons, excluding health and welfare reasons; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4804 would limit the ability of municipalities to issue permits and assess related fees, and limit the use of a bond to restore the right-of-way after the provider removes its lines but not while they are in place; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4804 would require that all right-of-way disputes be mediated by one member of the Public Service Commission instead of the courts; and in the case of an emergency claimed by the provider, the Public Service Commission member would be required to issue an order in seven days without any hearing and without participation of the affected municipality; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4804 would appear to allow attorney fees, damages and other monetary awards against municipalities who violate the act; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4804 would effectively remove most municipal control of rights-of-way and substantially limit, if not overturn, the assessment of related fees, both of which would erode the ability of municipalities to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden City opposes HB 4804, which undermines local municipal control over rights of ways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor John Engler, CWW Area Legislators, Representatives Shulman, Middaugh, Senator Dunaskiss, PROTEC, MML, MTA, SEMCOG, and DCC.

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

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WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48336
SECTION 00010
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Package #8:

TMP Project #98027 - Madison Elementary School
TMP Project #98028 - Graham Elementary School
TMP Project #98029 - Patchin Elementary School

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until **1:30 P.M. local time on Tuesday, February 22, 2000,** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description
102 Asphalt Paving
103 Selective Demolition
108 General Trades
109 Roofing & Sheet Metal
114 Aluminum Windows, Glass & Glazing
115 Metal Studs/Drywall/E.I.F.S.
117 Acoustical Treatment
118 Carpet & Resilient Flooring
120 Painting/Staining/Caulking
125 Toilet Partitions
128 Plastic Laminate Casework
130 Window Treatment
140 Plumbing
142 HVAC
143 Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, ***McS/EV,*** 25950 West Five Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48239; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain a set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, ***McS/EV***, at (313) 535-6213. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248)353 2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, ***McS/EV***. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2000 @ 1:30 P.M. at the Wayne Westland Community School Board of Education Building.** All bidders are encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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Recall *from page A1*

many years, and I have only tried to do what I think is right," she said. "It's a slap in the face to me and my family, who have only tried to make Westland a better place to live.

"People forget all the positive things happening in this community," Scott said. "We need to step back and look at this issue without all of the emotion. This has been blown out of proportion ..."

Scott blamed the media, Anderson and LeBlanc and their supporters for fueling the controversy.

"We didn't close fire stations, lay off police and firemen. We chose not to reappoint one employee of which we can do by charter," Scott said.

Gibbons gave up her former union job protection when she took the city clerk's job in August of 1998, Scott said.

Some United Auto Workers members have criticized the council majority for ousting Gibbons.

"The former city clerk chose to waive all rights to go back into the union when she became city clerk," Scott said. "She became an at-will employee who had full knowledge of what she was doing and agreed."

Greenfield dismissed earlier statements in which Scott called it "sad" that Greenfield, a supposed friend, would try to orchestrate a recall.

"This is not about friendship," Greenfield said. "This is about what the council did to this lady who had 23 years (of city employment). They practically destroyed her life, and for what reason? They don't give us a reason. This is completely wrong."

5,000-plus signatures

Greenfield and other recall supporters will need to collect more than 5,000 signatures of registered Westland voters to get a special recall election – if county officials approve the proposed ballot language.

Recall supporters would have to collect all signatures within a 90-day period, but they would be given a 180-day window from the time the language is approved, according to the county elections office.

The recall language states that, "On Jan. 18, 2000, Sharon P. Scott voted to not reappoint the Westland city clerk. We want to remove Sharon P. Scott from the office of councilman of the city of Westland."

When asked if recall organizers will try to oust Griffin, Cox and James after six months, Greenfield replied, "Definitely."

Meanwhile, a prosecutor's office spokesman couldn't be reached for comment Friday on the status of a complaint filed against Griffin, Cox, Scott and James.

LeBlanc and Anderson filed the complaint accusing the council four of violating the Open Meetings Act by deciding Gibbons' firing prior to an official council meeting.

Scott said Friday that, "I'm elected to make decisions for 85,000 people and be fiscally responsible. I did not break the (city) charter or any other law."

Her colleagues also have denied any wrongdoing.

Business lauded

The Westland Dog Food Co. in Westland is the January recipient of the service award given by the Westland Downtown Development Authority.

The business is at 37687 Ford. For 32 years, Louis and Betty Fourment have owned and operated the full-service pet supply store in Westland. Westland Dog Food Co. specializes in health-guaranteed AKC breeds and their own brand of pet food.

"Our success over the years is directly associated with the growth Westland has experienced since we opened our doors in 1968," said vice president and manager Steve Fourment.

"We're honored that our customers recognize our efforts and expertise in our field of business," said Fourment of the award, given based on positive customer response.

"We felt many of the people and businesses in the area are going above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to community and their customers," said Steve Guile, DDA executive director. "We created the award to show our appreciation."

To win, a business must be located within the DDA. It must meet the following criteria: have outstanding renovations to the establishment; have exceptional customer service; have a record of outstanding contributions to the community and/or charity; and be recognized for professional achievement by the respective trade/professional association.

Businesses are nominated by the general public. Nominations can be made by calling the DDA office at (734) 641-6572, faxing (734) 641-8512, or e-mailing to westlanddda1@excite.com.

Response *from page A1*

Thomas accused state legislators of "continually" passing laws "taking away the rights of communities to make decisions for themselves."

The ballot question would ask voters to approve a change that would require a two-thirds vote of the legislature – rather than a simple majority – on any law that would override locally passed ordinances.

State legislators angered local officials last year by passing a law prohibiting residency requirements for municipal employment.

Westland didn't have a residency rule for employees – only for elected officials – but Thomas said the state has intruded in many areas.

"It seems like every year it gets worse and worse and worse," he said. "Eventually we won't need any cities anymore ... They (state legislators) will be making all the decisions for us."

Thomas vowed that his administration will try to get help from volunteers to get signatures supporting the ballot measure.

"We'll physically go out door to door and maybe set (the petitions) out somewhere," he said.

In Garden City, Councilman Michael Wiacek said anything that prevents infringement on local home rule has his support.

"I know the petition issue has been out there, and at this point I don't have enough information about it, but if the Michigan Municipal League is moving forward with this, I'm in favor of it," Wiacek said. "I'm definitely in favor of home rule."

The legislature angered local governments with the passage last year of the residency law and the debate on House Bill 4777, which addresses "the proliferation of overlapping, duplicative and conflicting ordinances and regulations enacted by local units of government that regulate or prohibit certain business activities regulated by the state or federal government."

The residency law prohibits a public employer from requiring by collective bargaining agreement or otherwise that a person live within a municipality's boundaries. However, residency can be required within 20 miles of those boundaries.

Wiacek represents Garden City on the Conference of Western Wayne. That organization has yet to take a formal position on the petition drive, but many of its members are aware of it, he said.

Among mayors taking a stand is Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, who has said he'll push for a ballot question protecting local control.

In order to get the amendment language on the ballot, the MML needs to gather 303,000 signatures by July 10. The number of signatures needed is based on votes cast for the Secretary of State in the last statewide election.

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this report.

Feb. 6th 02-007-00
Due to a printer's error in the automotive section of the **Wards Sunday circular** effective 2/6-2/12, the $20 instant discount on any set of 4 passenger tires does not apply to Michelin brand product. In addition the $25 Wards gift certificate rebate offer on any set of 4 Michelin X-One or Michelin LTX M/S. We apologize for any inconvenience that this advertising inaccuracy may cause

NOTICE

To All Concerned Citizens of The City of Westland

We are concerned about the questionable conduct of Westland City Council Members,

Trav Griffin, David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James.

If you feel the same way, please join us and demonstrate your displeasure in front of City Hall on

Monday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Help return democracy, and respect for the City Charter to the City of Westland!

Drinking *from page A1*

Sgt. Peter Brokas offered advice he hopes will help other teen drivers.

"My first advice is don't drink if you're underage, period," he said.

Other tips:

■ Teens should have an agreement with their parents that if they make a mistake and drink too much, they will be picked up so they won't drive.

■ Ask a sober friend to drive, although this option is risky.

"When you're drunk you're not in any condition to determine who's sober and who's not," Brokas said.

Brokas advised teens – and all drivers for that matter – to think about possible consequences before drinking and driving.

Otherwise, he said, "it's like getting pregnant and then asking what kind of precautions you could've taken, or committing an armed robbery and then asking what you should do to get out of jail."

The deaths of O'Donnell and Velasquez marked Westland's first traffic fatalities of 2000.

FREE "LIVING TRUST" SEMINAR

"What You Ought to Know About Living Trusts"

(What you don't know could cost your family thousands of dollars!)

If you own a home... or you have assets worth at least $100,000... you owe it to yourself--and your family--to get the facts on living trusts. If you think you're protected with a simple Will... think again. A Will *guarantees* that your estate will go through probate, which means that your family may not be able to take possession of your estate for many months, or even years!

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Municipal League starts petition drive on local control

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A power struggle has been brewing in Michigan over the past year pitting municipalities – city, township and village governments – against the state Legislature.

The latest volley was fired last week by the Michigan Municipal League when it announced its intention to run a statewide petition drive to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot this November. To put the question before voters, supporters will have to gather 303,000 signatures by July 10. Petitions were printed and put into circulation Thursday, Feb. 3.

If the proposal makes the ballot, voters would be asked to approve the change, requiring a two-thirds vote from the Legislature – rather than the simple majority required now – whenever it attempts to pass a law that "intervenes ... in the municipal concerns, property or government of a city, village, county, township or any municipal authority."

Municipal League Senior Legislative Associate Scott Schrager said the amendment would not change the power of the state government to oversee local governments, "it simply raises the bar" when the state attempts to override local decisions.

Its purpose is to stop the "issue-by-issue erosion of local control" that has been going on in the Legislature over the past year, supporters say.

State lawmakers and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, on the other hand, say the change would be "devastating."

"This amendment would turn the Constitution on its head, making the Legislature the servant of 1,859 local governments, rather than 9.3 million citizens," said Rep. Robert Gosselin (R-Troy).

■ 'Police and firefighters, who for 15 years called the Legislature to "let my people go" from municipal residency requirements, would have pharaoh's chariots stop them on the threshold of the promised land.'

State Rep. Robert Gosselin
R-Troy

The "Let Local Votes Count" initiative is a reaction to a number of issues involving local control that came up before the state Legislature over the past year.

Residency rules

One of the most volatile revolved around municipal residency requirements. And some believe the petition drive is a direct attempt to overturn the Legislature's decision to ban such requirements.

Some 90 Michigan communities had various forms of residency rules, requiring municipal employees to live in the towns where they worked. Detroit was the most notable, but Birmingham, Southfield, Hazel Park and Pontiac also had residency requirements.

In December, state lawmakers voted to outlaw such requirements, in effect allowing municipal employees to live wherever they choose. Many municipal officials, including Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer, felt that was an erosion of local control.

According to Schrager, the Municipal League's amendment does not apply to the residency issue, but it would have had it been in effect at the time. Requiring a two-thirds vote, or 74 votes in the House, the vote to override local residency rules would have fallen short by eight votes.

Legislative aide Jack McHugh argues the Municipal League's amendment would indeed overturn the Legislature on the residency issue.

"We are very suspicious of the date," he said. "The amendment would apply to bills enacted after March 1, 2000. The common definition of when a bill is enacted is its effective date. (The law overriding) residency is effective March 10."

"Police and firefighters, who for 15 years called the Legislature to 'let my people go' from municipal residency requirements, would have pharaoh's chariots stop them on the threshold of the promised land," Gosselin said.

"If the Michigan Municipal League is willing to sign in blood that it won't sue based on this amendment to overturn legislation on residency, then we'll stop saying it. Until then, pharaoh's chariots will roll," McHugh contended.

"That's just wrong," Schrager countered. He disagrees with McHugh's definition of when a bill is considered "enacted." He further argued that legal counsel has advised the Municipal League that the amendment would not block the residency legislation.

"I suppose this is indicative of the way the debate on this issue is going to go," Schrager said.

House Majority Floor Leader Rep. Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) said the petition drive is actually a partisan move, a backdoor way for Democrats to challenge decisions made by the Republican majority. Democratic leaders in the Legislature – Rep. Mike Hanley (D-Saginaw) and Sen. Virgil Smith (D-Detroit) – had vowed to put residency on the ballot during the debate last year.

HR 4777

Another issue in the Legislature involving local control last year was House Bill 4777. Sponsored by Gosselin and Raczkowski, the bill would have blocked municipalities from passing ordinances in 14 areas of law already addressed by state legislation. One of the key issues, again involving Detroit, was living wage ordinances. House Bill 4777 would have blocked municipalities from setting minimum wages higher than those set by state law.

Although the proposal was never voted on in the Legislature and remains in committee, it received substantial criticism from municipal officials.

"If you think 4777 was restrictive," Raczkowski said, "this amendment would be disastrous."

"We are not stopping the state from doing what it has the right to do now," Schrager argued, explaining the amendment would protect the home rule of municipalities. "It's just that if the state wanted to stop local governments from doing what they have the right to do, it would take a two-thirds vote to do it."

Raczkowski and Gosselin say the amendment will have a number of additional consequences. It would keep the Legislature from adjusting revenue sharing formulas, continuing to send money to older cities at the expense of faster growing suburban communities, Raczkowski argued.

It will make it much more difficult to update the state road funding formula, which is scheduled to be rewritten this year, Gosselin contended. It will put a huge obstacle in the state's way in its efforts to "rein in urban sprawl," Gosselin argued.

Any improvements to the state Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act would be made more difficult, they said. Legislative aide Rusty Merchant noted that with more government information being put in computers and distributed over the Internet, any changes to those laws needed to insure government openness would need a two-thirds vote.

Archer has already come out strongly in support of the amendment, but according to Schrager, many other mayors have signed on to support the petition drive as well, including the mayors of Southfield, Ferndale, Taylor, Troy, Ann Arbor, Howell, Brighton and Westland. The Michigan Association of Counties is supporting the amendment. The South Oakland Mayor's Association, Schrager said, is planning to announce its support in the coming week.

"Michigan could become a Bosnia of conflicting, overlapping and duplicative business regulations," Gosselin countered. "And there would be little the state could do to prevent it. Some view this as a return to tussling feudal city-states, and refer to its sponsor as the 'Michigan Medieval League.'"

Developer studies how to use county site

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A purchase agreement covering the last large parcel of land at the former Wayne County Child Development Center has been approved, but actual development of the property may be a while off.

Although the 11.15-acre Northville Township parcel was originally designated for senior housing by the county, "No definite usage for the parcel" has been decided, said a spokeswoman for the developer.

"We have a team of staff members working to come up with the best possible use," said Christina Julian, a spokeswoman for HQZ Acquisitions and The Silverman Cos. of Farmington Hills, both subsidiaries of Toll Bros. of Philadelphia, Pa.

"We are proud to have" the property, Julian added, "and excited to come up with something for the township and the county."

Maureen Osiecki, Northville Township planner, said any proposed development must be approved by the township planning commission.

Should the developer plan something other than senior housing, it will have to seek an amendment to the Planned Unit Development (PUD), which has guided the site's development since April 1997, when the county first began selling the original 880 acres.

The property is on Sheldon between Five and Six Mile roads.

While the purchase agreement between Wayne County's Economic Development Corp. and HQZ Acquisitions is for the minimum price set by the county – $1.2 million, or $108,000 per acre – the sale was approved by county commissioners Jan. 27 because it would end the search for a buyer and also put the property on the tax rolls.

The original purchaser, Waycor of Detroit, a minority firm, withdrew at the time of closing, saying it "could not make money off the deal," Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, told fellow board members.

The county then advertised the property and sent notices to 58 developers, McNamara said, getting only a proposal from Trillium Homes, which was rejected when Trillium said it planned to build condominiums.

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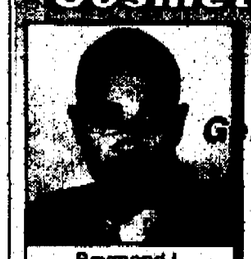
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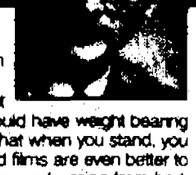
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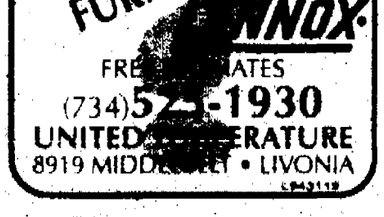
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

WSU signs Jarrett

Despite not having a head football coach, Wayne State University signed 21 student-athletes to letters-of-intent Wednesday including former All-Observer wide receiver David Jarrett, a 1997 Westland John Glenn graduate.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Jarrett played two seasons of basketball at Schoolcraft Community College. He was the Ocelots' sixth man on last year's state championship team.

At Glenn, Jarrett helped the Rockets to an 11-1 record and a berth in the 1996 state Class AA semifinals.

During his senior year, Jarrett caught 29 passes for 542 yards and five touchdowns. He also intercepted seven passes and returned one for a touchdown.

Jarrett was also runner-up in the long jump at the 1997 state Class A track meet.

WSU has not yet named a successor to Barry Fagan, who resigned after last year's winless season.

Saginaw Valley lands 3

Saginaw Valley State University signed three first-team All-Observer picks including Redford Catholic Central linebacker-running back John Kava (6-1, 225), RU linebacker-running back Mike Macek (6-0, 225) and CC defensive end Jeff Moore (6-5, 220).

Kava helped CC to a 30-game winning streak, including a 1998 state title and a 10-1 record and a state playoff berth in 1999. The Livonian rushed for 1,334 yards in 197 carries (6.6 average) in 10 games his senior year, while scoring 13 TDs. At linebacker he had 41 tackles and one sack.

Macek, a three-year starter, led RU to a 9-1 record and a 1998 playoff berth. Despite injuries his senior year, Macek gained 844 yards and scored six TDs. He owns most of RU's career offensive records with 4,622 total yards, including 3,146 rushing with 39 TDs.

Moore, meanwhile, was a stalwart on CC's defense, finishing with 48 1/2 tackles, 4 1/2 sacks and two fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown this season at CC won the Catholic League championship.

Madonna adds recruit

The Madonna University women's volleyball program added another recruit last week with the signing of 5-foot-10 right-side hitter Jennifer Frost, a transfer from Flint Mott Community Collge.

Forst earned All-NJCAA Region 12 honors last season for Mott.

That brings coach Jerry Abraham's recruiting class to four.

He has also signed 5-9 Amanda Suder (Plymouth Salem), 5-11 Kate LeBlanc (Livonia Stevenson) and 5-8 setter Natalie Sayre (Grand Rapids JC and Forest Hills Central High School).

St. Michael grid signup

Boys in grades 4-8 (in Sept. 2000) are invited to sign up for Livonia St. Michael football.

Registration will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at the school's cafeteria, located at 11441 Hubbard (at Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

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Youth baseball tryouts

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Stevenson ties WLAA leader, 2-2

Churchill 1 point away from title; Brawl mars end

PREP HOCKEY

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Livonia Churchill moved closer to clinching the first overall Western Lakes Activities Association hockey championship with a 2-2 tie against rival Livonia Stevenson in a battle marred by a post-game melee Friday night at Edgar Arena.

Churchill is now 13-6-2 overall and 13-1 in WLAA. The Chargers need one point against either Walled Lake Central (Feb. 11) or Farmington Unified (Feb. 16), both at Edgar, to win the Western Lakes outright.

Stevenson, 12-5-2 overall and 11-2-1 in the WLAA, stayed alived thanks to Bobby Zagata's redirected goal with 1:05 left.

Stevenson finishes its league schedule against Plymouth Salem (Feb. 16) and vs. Livonia Franklin (Feb. 18), both at Edgar.

But talk afterwards was not about the still pending WLAA race for first place. The focus shifted to an ugly donnybrook which erupted when the teams were going through the traditional handshake line.

After a series of punches were thrown by both sides, and sticks and gloves were retrieved, officials fingered Churchill goaltender Ryan McBroom for fighting and a game disqualification on the scoresheet. McBroom will sit out Churchill's next two games.

"I'm sure the players involved in the altercation will be held accountable by our administration," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "This is not how we want to represent our school. I'm sure there will be repercussions from this."

Referee Mike Blaies, a Churchill grad himself, said, "I haven't seen anything like that at the end of a game in my 14 years of officiating."

Blaies added: "And the thing is, that we were three-quarters through the handshake line. My linesman (Ken Landis) was standing right there. He said he saw a guy get sucker-punched. And from that point on everybody got into it."

It was a scoreless first period with only one penalty issued by Blaies' crew as Churchill outshot the Spartans, 13-4.

Stevenson goaltender Kevin Marlowe made a couple of key point-blank saves.

"We had trouble getting going because Churchill's forecheck was awesome," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "The were successful at dumping it in and trying to get face-offs.

"But Kevin (Marlowe) came up real big."

The score stayed that way until 4:42 remained in the second period when Sean Smith knocked the puck past Marlowe off a scramble in front of the net to make it 1-0.

Zagata then tied it with 12:40 to go in the third period when he jumped on a rebound from Mike Peraino, who took the initial shot. Defenseman Mark Nebus drew the assist.

But defenseman Nate Jakubowski drilled a high shot from the blueline with 8:50 to play on assists from Aaron Jakubowski and Jason Turri for a 2-1 Churchill advantage.

With just under two minutes to play following a Churchill timeout, Stevenson pulled its goaltender for the extra attacker.

The strategy paid off as Zagata batted a rebound out of mid-air to tie the game with 1:05 to play. David Bonello and Mark Blazok got credit for the assists.

With 11 seconds to go, Churchill's

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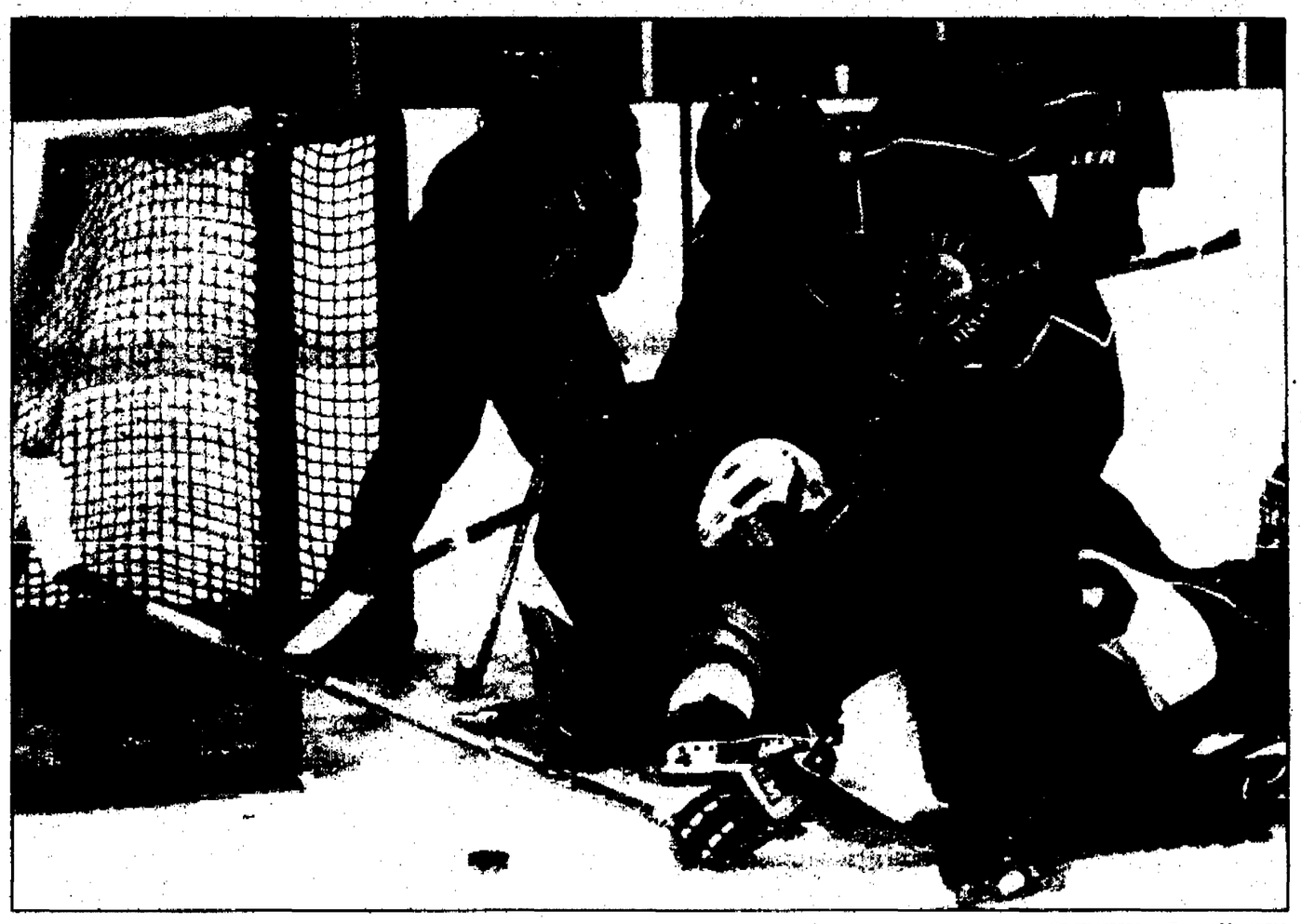

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Pileup: *Stevenson's Matt Calus (white jersey, bottom) keeps Churchill's Sean Smith (front) from scoring with teammate Adam Krug (No. 19) looking on.*

Canton tops Patriots

Staff Photo by Paul Hokenstad

Livonia Franklin forward Joe Ruggiero (left) [illegible] in shock against Plymouth Canton forward [illegible] Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association [illegible] had 18 points, but Franklin fell to the [illegible]. See roundup of area games on page B2.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Franklin impressive in Western Lakes win

15-2, 15-3 win vs. Spartans

Livonia Franklin was hitting all cylinders Wednesday, rolling to a 15-2, 15-3 girls volleyball win over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

"We anticipated and executed our plays with aggressiveness," said Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel, whose team is 29-4-1 overall and 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "Our preparation paid off.

"This week was difficult considering we were dealing with a former students' death. But we persevered through the tragedy.

"It helped that we had great support from our fans. I'm really proud of the girls."

Setter Lyndsay Sopko was 38 of 38 on sets with 20 assists She was also seven of seven serving with one ace.

Senior Tera Morrill was 18 of 19 attacking with 10 kills, along with five of five serving.

"Tera gave us excellent play and Lindsay played with great control and provided leadership," Diegel said.

Andrea Kmet, back from an ankle injur, added eight kills. She was 12 of 13 on attacks. Junior Kerstin Marshall was eight-of-eight on attacks with four kills.

"Kerstin spiked straight down and Andrea also had some powerful hits," Diegel said.

Rachel Bramlett was 10 of 10 serving with three aces. She was also four of four serve receiving. Alexis Bowman was 13 of 13 serving with two aces.

"Rachel gave us strong passing and defense, along with some excellent serves," Diegel said. "Alexis was very consistent and gave us some big hits when we needed them."

Kate LeBlanc had four kills for Stevenson (22-6-2, 4-2), while Carly Wadsworth added three. Setter Kelley Hutchins had eight assists.

"They got a run going with those banana serves and it really took the wind out of our sails," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

Westland John Glenn making strides

Behind Lacey Catarino's 10 kills, Westland John Glenn moved closer to the .500 mark Wednesday with a 15-3, 13-15, 15-11 WLAA win over host Plymouth Canton.

Noelle Swartz, a 5-foot-10 senior, added eight kills, four aces, two solo blocks and two block-assists for the Rockets, who improved to 10-11-4 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes.

Holly Deedler chipped in with seven kills, while setter Sarah Pack had 28 assist-to-kills.

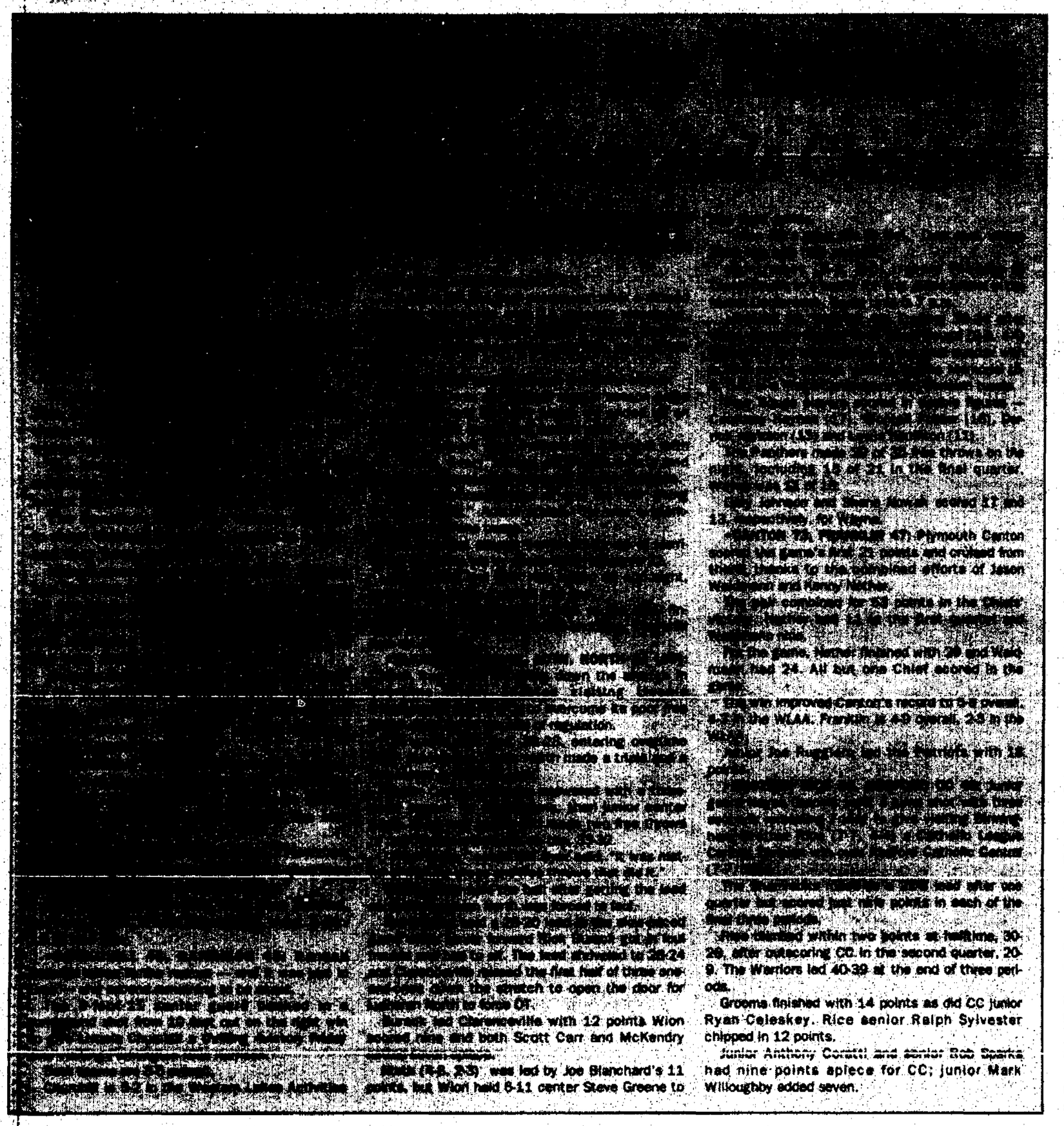
On Jan. 31, host Northville down Glenn in a WLAA match, 15-5, 15-8, despite 16 digs and two solo blocks from Swartz, along with 16 assists and 12 digs from Pack.

The Rockets reached the Romulus Invitational finals, the first tournament final in sixth-year coach Stacy Carey's career only to lose to Franklin in the championship, 4-15, 5-15.

Glenn had a total of 387 digs on the y.

To reach the final, Glenn defeated Canton (15-10, 12-15, 15-6), Jackson (17-15, 15-12), Melvindale (15-3, 15-8), Romulus (15-10, 15-11) and Taylor Kennedy (15-4, 15-5).

Swartz had an impressive day with 82 digs, 31 kills, 14 aces and 22 solo blocks. Pack contributed 103 assists, 18 aces and 24 kills, while Jamie McLeod had 63 digs.



Mitchell, Bigby sparkle, SC rolls to 11th straight

Lamar Bigby did the damage in the first half. Robert Brown and Reggie Kirkland did it in the second.

And Quentin Mitchell handled both halves.

The result was an 84-58 victory for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team over St. Clair CC Wednesday at SC. The win, the Ocelots' 11th in a row, pushed their record to 17-4 overall and 10-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. St. Clair CCC is 15-8 overall, 9-3 in the conference.

Bigby was red-hot in the opening half, pouring in 20 points — including five three-pointers. Mitchell added 13 points (with three triples), as the duo accounted for all but one SC basket in the half. Their effort led to a 38-30 Ocelot lead at the intermission.

The rest of the SC offense got their blows in in the second half, led by Brown, Kirkland — and Mitchell, who scored 12 more (with two more threes) to give him a game-high 25 points. The Ocelots pulled away from St. Clair, outscoring the Skippers 46-28 over the final 20 minutes.

Bigby finished with 22 points, Brown scored 11 (and grabbed 13 rebounds), and Kirkland had eight. Brian Williams had nine assists and just one turnover. SC totaled 12 threes in the game; St. Clair had six.

Only two St. Clair CCC players reached double-figures in scoring: Jeremy Denha, with 12, and Danny Fisher, with 11.

Madonna University loses pair

Two factors cost Madonna University a chance at victory Wednesday at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind.

The Crusaders didn't rebound well. Tri-State had a 38-26 advantage on the boards.

Secondly, you have to make your free throws. Madonna did — but shot only three of them, making two. The Thunder didn't shoot well at the line (48 percent), but they shot 27 of them, making 13.

So even though the Crusaders matched their opponents shooting accuracy from the field, it proved to be not enough in a 69-59 loss.

Lost in the Madonna loss was a superb performance by Mike Massey, who hit 11-of-17 shots from the field (6-of-9 on three-pointers) in scoring a game-high 28 points. He also had two steals.

However, no other Crusader reached double-figures in scoring. Chad Putnam (Redford Thurston) scored nine, and Dan Kurtinaitis and Jason Skoczylas added eight each. Skoczylas also had a team-best five rebounds and three assists.

Tri State got 21 points from both Chad LaCross and Jared Boll; LaCross also had 13 rebounds and two steals.

The Thunder led 30-26 at the half.

On Thursday, Madonna played a non-league game at Rochester College and lost, 92-85. The defeat dropped the Crusaders to 3-22 overall; Rochester is 8-15.

Pete Males, a Garden City and Schoolcraft College product, paced the Warriors with 27 points, 10 assists and three steals. He made four of Rochester's seven three-pointers.

Jamalka Butler added 19 points and 17 rebounds; Terry Patterson netted 19 points and 10 boards.

Madonna was led by Putnam with 24 points; he also had six rebounds and three assists. Aaron Cox netted 19 points and three steals, and Jordan Garrison had 11 points.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 69
NORTH FARMINGTON 12
Feb. 3 at Stevenson

103 pounds: Jason Fischer (LS) pinned Dan Canbasser, 3:22. **112:** Josh Gunterman (LS) won by major decision over Harry Leipsitz, 10-2; **119:** Graham Smith (NF) p. Brian Schmidt, 1:55; **125:** Ben White (LS) won by disqualification over Wokou Khanton; **130:** Sean O'Halloran (LS) p. Dan Perosh, 2:28; **135:** Griffin Schager (LS) won by void; **140:** Trevor Clarke (NF) p. Alex Pushman, 0:58; **145:** Chris Coopriider (LS) won by void; **152:** Mike Falzon (LS) won by technical fall over Brian Shapiro, 18-0; **160:** Imad Knarbush (LS) p. Greg Hartman, 1:38; **171:** John MacFarland (LS) p. Chris Duncan, 3:59; **189:** Eric Puninske (LS) won by void; **215:** Tim McCarthy (LS) won by void; **heavyweight:** Dan Hine (LS) won by void.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 13-4-1 overall, 5-0 WLAA Lakes Division (clinched title).

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 46
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 33
Feb. 3 at Churchill

103 pounds: Kyle Malow (LC) pinned Dan Drmikowski, 3:10; **112:** Craig Bujold (WLW) p. Gent Abdiaal, 5:18; **119:** A.J. Lee (WLW) decisioned Brian Clement, 16-3; **125:** Steve Lenhardt (LC) dec. A.J. Escobar, 7-6; **130:** Adam Lesner (WLW) p. Tom Traub, 3:15; **135:** Les Mergian (LC) p. Nick Jaskow, 3:50; **140:** Jacob Pattenaude (WLW) p. Ben Schepis, 2:19; **145:** Jeff Zilan (WLW) p. Steve Abar, 1:40; **152:** Mike Carter (LC) p. Pete Buscoglio, 4:27; **160:** Josh Baglay (WLW) won by void; **171:** Pat Clark (WLW) won by injury default over Brian Jones; **189:** Alex Murray (LC) p. Bob Thompson, 1:50; **215:** Tom VanDenbossche (LC) p. Neil Retherford, 3:33; **heavyweight:** Tony Henry (WLW) p. Joe Helmick, 0:15.

Churchill's dual meet record: overall, 5-6; Western Lakes Activities Association, 1-5.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 63
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 18
Feb. 3 at John Glenn

103 pounds: Mike Goethe (PS) pinned Nick Naber, 5:07; **112:** Chris Smith (WJG) decisioned Nick Momodis, 12-0; **119:** Ron Thompson (PS) p. Kenentse Mardisa, 1:14; **125:** Ron Ash (PS) p. Enrique Garcia, 4:00; **130:** Jeff Albrecht (WJG) dec. Lucas Stump, 6-3; **135:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Adam Wadde, 1:34; **140:** Steve [illegible] (PS) p. Joe Lieberman, [illegible]; **145:** Brad Gregory (WJG) p. Brian Shultz, 3:17; **152:** Chris Wolfgang (WJG) dec. Andrew Bennett, 6-3; **160:** Nick Wroblewski (WJG) dec. Craig Blair, 9-2; **171:** [illegible] (PS) p. Tom Schembri, [illegible]; **189:** Mike Pupeney (PS) won by void; **215:** Jack Jensen (PS) won by void; **275:** Ricardo Smith (PS) won by void.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 66
DETROIT HOLY REDEEMER 12
Feb. 3 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (C'ville) won by void; **112:** Dan Tondreau (C'ville) won by void; **119:** [illegible] (DHR) p. Jason Morin, 3:26; **125:** Nick [illegible] (C'ville) p. Joe Glorso, 2:23; **130:** Ernest Reddic (C'ville) p. Jesus M[illegible], 2:11; **135:** Namrood Al-Mooshi (C'ville) p. Tony DeGuzman, 1:20; **140:** double void; **145:** Ryan Bierschbach (C'ville) won by void; **152:** Jeff Potter (C'ville) p. Aaron Romer, 1:42; **160:** Ryan Smith (C'ville) p. [illegible] McCarthy, 2:23; **171:** Jose Aguiar (C'ville) p. Ryan Hyrty, 0:07; **189:** Steve Rotenheber (C'ville) won by void; **215:** Kalen McPherson (C'ville) won by void; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) won by void.

Clarenceville's overall dual meet record: 9-10.

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 43
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 27
Feb. 3 at Clarenceville

103 pounds: Nadar Al-Mooshi (C'ville) decisioned Matt Simonic, 10-7; **112:** Dan Tondreau (C'ville) p. Kaleb Woods, 1:09; **119:** Marc Yesh (DDC) p. Jason Morin, 2:43; **125:** Jason Gossiaux (DDC) p. Nick Elam, 5:25; **130:** Ernest Reddic (C'ville) p. Mario Perez, 1:09; **135:** Matt Yesh (DDC) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 5:14; **140:** Paul Guerresso (DDC) won by void; **145:** Vince Tylaki (DDC) p. Ryan Bierschbach, 2:52; **152:** Brad Denton (DDC) won by major dec. over Jeff Potter, 10-1; **160:** Bill Sovsinki (DDC) p. Ryan Smith, 2:41; **171:** Jose Aguiar (C'ville) p. Mike Mastorani, 3:08; **189:** Charlie Kelly (DDC) p. Steve Rotenheber, 5:29; **215:** Phil Morso (DDC) dec. Kalen McPherson, 14-11; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) p. Joe Harper, 2:42.

ROCHESTER ADAMS 40
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 34
Feb. 4 at Adams

103 pounds: Adam Stacey (CC) decisioned Luke Roeser, 14-6; **112:** Chris O'Hara (CC) pinned Tom Barkham, 4:54; **119:** Omar Youssef (RA) dec. Tim Mulroy, 20-10; **125:** Mike Chamberlain (RA) p. Ben Kreucher, 2:31; **130:** Mike Holtz (RA) p. Nate Rodriguez, 0:41; **135:** Jon Barkham (RA) dec. Chris Petersen, 4-0; **140:** Jay Abshire (CC) p. Craig Fraser, 1:27; **145:** Dave Desteiger (RA) dec. Mike Warner, 10-4; **152:** Nick Burton (RA) p. Chris Cracchiolo, 2:55; **160:** Drew Michelotti (RA) p. J.P. Foley, 3:27; **171:** Mitch Hancock (CC) p. Dave Boyd, 1:52; **189:** Ann Aragona (RA) p. Matt Markowicz, 3:49; **215:** Matt Williams (CC) p. Joel Miner, 0:50; **275:** Aaron Parr (CC) won by void.

REDFORD CC 48
ROSEVILLE 24
Feb. 4 at Adams

103: Adam Stacey (CC) won by void; **112:** Chris O'Hara (CC) p. Curt Kratt, 1:37; **119:** Sean Ireland (R) p. Tim Mulroy, 3:05; **125:** Victor Medvidik (R) technical fall over Ben Kreucher, 17-2; **130:** Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Craig Swessy, 0:55; **135:** Keith Victor (R) p. Chris Petersen, 3:02; **140:** Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Tommie Harris, 9-8; **145:** Mike Wernet (CC) p. Paul Simmons, 0:35; **152:** Casey McClelland (R) dec. Chris Cracchiolo, 13-2; **160:** Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Matt McCartney, 15-4; **171:** Darrell Braun (R) dec. J.P. Foley, 8-2; **189:** Matt Markowicz (CC) p. Steve Awwad, 1:50; **215:** Matt Williams (CC) p. Dave Collins, 1:05; **275:** Aaron Parr (CC) p. Lupe Alvarado, 0:14.

CC's dual-meet record: 11-7 overall.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 57
BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 9
Feb. 1 at Cranbrook

103 pounds: Nader Al-Mooshi (C'ville) won by void; **112:** Dan Tondreau (C'ville) won by void; **119:** Jason Morin (C'ville) pinned Jordan Horowitz, 0:37; **125:** Nick Elam (C'ville) won by void; **130:** Ernest Reddic (C'ville) p. Aaron Conner, 1:03; **135:** Max Weiner (BHC) p. Namrood Al-Mooshi, 5:14; **140:** double void; **145:** Tyler Chapman (BHC) dec. Ryan Bierschbach, 8-6; **152:** Jeff Potter (C'ville) dec. [illegible], 14-1; **160:** Ryan Smith (C'ville) p. Nattavut Napaporn, 0:52; **171:** Josh Aguiar (C'ville) won by void; **189:** Steve Rotenheber (C'ville) p. Matt Kaiser, 5:45; **215:** Kalen McPherson (C'ville) p. Nisavut Napaporn, 0:47; **heavyweight:** Josh Rose (C'ville) p. Eric Foster, 0:16.

Cville's Metro Conference record: 5-0.

Ladywood icers snap South's 3-year streak

Katie O'Dea saved the day with a pair of third-period goals as Livonia Ladywood handed host Grosse Pointe South its first girls hockey defeat in three years, 4-2, at City Center Ice Arena.

Ladywood is 12-2 on the season, while South is 10-1.

Machrina Fallon and Jana Beumel also scored goals for the victorious Blazers.

It was 1-1 after one period and 2-2 after two periods before O'Dea scored the game-winning and insurance goal.

•**FRANKLIN 11, LAPEER WEST 0:** In a makeup game Wednesday at Edgar Arena, Livonia Franklin (8-6-3 overall) rolled to the non-league win over the Panthers (7-8-1 overall) as freshman Adam Bierley had one goal and four assists.

Goaltender Rob Williams earned his second shutout of the season for the Patriots.

Other top offensive producers for the Patriots included: Josh Garbutt, one goal and three assists; Gordie Statham, hat trick; John Nichol, Ryan Tracy and Matt Wissell, one goal and one assist each; Corey Garbutt, Brandon McCullough and Adam Beaudoin, two assists; Paul Statham, one goal; Sam Dismuke, Chad VanHulle, Nick Tilt and Brad Cauchi, one assist.

•**STEVENSON 9, W.L. WESTERN 2:** Mark Nebus had a five-point night with a goal and four assists to lead Livonia Stevenson (12-5-1, 10-2-1) to the Western Lakes Activities Association hockey win Wednesday over Walled Lake Western (3-11-3, 3-6-1) at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson, which outshot the Warriors 38-15), also got offensive contributions from Mike Majkowski, two goals; Eric Mink and Booby Zagata, one goal and one assist apiece; Nick Harris and Matt Calus, two assists each; Alex Piotrowski, Josh Latzman and Dave Bonello, one goal each. Bryan Dery and Sal Perri also had assists.

Rivals tie *from page B1*

Ryan McDonnell was denied on a quick back-hander by Marlowe, who finished the night with 29 saves.

McBroom, meanwhile, turned away 17 of 19 shots.

"Stevenson was a very determined and desperate team in a do-or-die situation trying to stave off elimination," said Hatley, whose team won the first meeting back on Dec. 15 by a 3-1 count. "We knew they had this game circled on their calendar. From our point it was like a state tournament game.

"Now we have two games left and we need a tie in either of the last two games."

The Churchill coach was contrite and apoligetic about the post-game episode which stained an otherwise, hard-fought, well-played game.

"It's a shame that all will be remembered is that happened with the handshake," Hatley said. "I called timeout with 2 minutes left and I reminded our kids to be smart, take one for the team, but you can't retaliate

Harris said it was "the first time I've seen something like this in my 11 years."

"It was an unfortunate fiasco that had to take place," he said. "Stevenson is certainly embarrased. You have to learn to control your emotions. Hindsight is 20-20, but maybe we shouldn't have gone through the line.

"Jeff and I don't promote it (fighting). I have a lot of respect for the Churchill players and program. It was sad to see McBroom get disqualified."

As far as the league race, Harris was blunt about his team's chances of overhauling Churchill.

"The bottom line is that we can't catch them," the Stevenson coach said.

Hatley, meanwhile, may have summed the night up best: "As the old Toronto Maple Leafs announcer used to say: 'When you you lose, you say little. When you win, you say less. When you tie, you don't know what to say.'

"I'm at a loss for words."

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Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Lincoln Pk., 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8
Huron Valley at Zoe Christian, 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10
C'ville at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
DePorres at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Det. Urban at Borgess, 7 p.m.
HVL at Macomb. Christian, 7 p.m.
Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Agape at Salem Christian, 7 p.m.

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Stevenson at E. Kentwood, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
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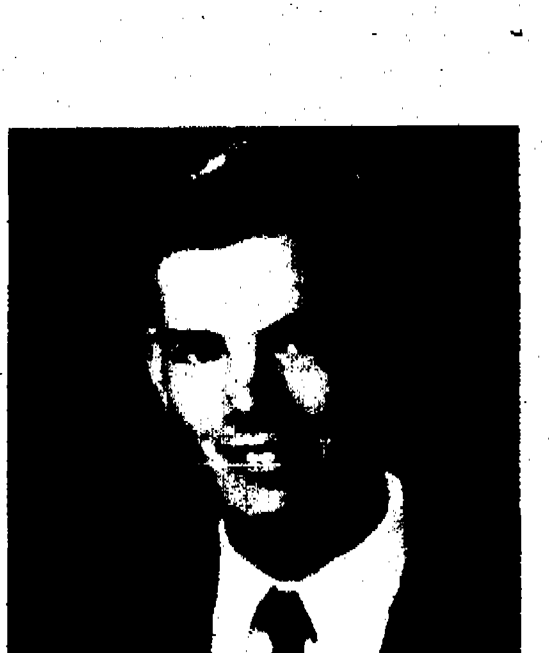

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REDFORD CC 127
ANN ARBOR HURON 59
Feb. 4 at A.A. Huron

200-yard medley relay: Redford CC (Brett Meconis, Brett LaFond, Bryant Steele, Ed Lesnau), 1:42.47; **200 freestyle:** Nick Markou (CC), 1:53.99; **50 freestyle:** Lesnau (CC), 22.51 (state cut); **100 butterfly:** Meconis (CC), 55.26; **100 freestyle:** Lesnau (CC), 49.76; **200 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Andrew Carlin, Mike Gries, Mike Kruszewski, LaFond), 1:36.80; **100 backstroke:** Kevin Ryan (CC), 1:00.59; **100 breaststroke:** LaFond (CC), 1:05.99; **400 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Lesnau, Meconis, Steele, Markou), 3:26.15.

CC's dual meet record: 6-0 overall.

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[illegible] remaining, Tri-State's [illegible] down the lane and put [illegible] running leaner that fell, giving [illegible] a one-point advantage.

[illegible] Madonna's leading scorer, a [illegible] senior guard, was fouled [illegible] and she escalated a collar-[illegible] situation to the level of suffocation by missing the first of her three free throws.

"I told her after the game she had to [illegible]" [illegible]

[illegible] who harbored no doubts about Dietrich was her coach, Marylou Jansen. "A lot of players would hate being in a pressure situation like that," she said. "Not Chris. She loves it."

Dietrich finished with 28 points, including four three-pointers. Michelle Miela scored 30 with four assists and three steals, and Lori Enfield had 12 points and five rebounds.

Crystal Hardesty's 23 points topped Tri-State. Marcer added 13.

There's no doubting the importance of Dietrich's game-winning free throws. But she laid the groundwork for the second-half drama in the first half, keeping the Crusaders in the game by scoring 14 of her team's 30 points. No one else had more than five at that point.

Indeed, for more than 15 minutes of the opening half, it was shaping up like a blowout. Tri-State scored the game's first eight points and, even with Dietrich's [illegible] triples, the Crusaders could not [illegible] the gap.

They'd pull as close as a basket, only to fall back again. With 4:27 to go before the intermission, a Marcer three-pointer gave Tri-State a 30-22 lead.

But in that final 4:27, Madonna outscored Tri-State 8-3.

"We try to break up the game in [illegible]-minute segments," said Jansen. "We lost the first 10 minutes, but won the next two (segments)."

It was apparent the Crusaders entered the second half with renewed determination.

Although Miela had played well in the opening half (five points on 2-of-4 floor shooting, three assists, three steals), she was a whole lot better in the second.

She made 6-of-7 floor shots, including 2-of-3 triple tries, to score 15 second-half points. Enfield got 10 of her 12 points in the second half.

"A game like this a month ago we would have lost, both mentally and physically," said Jansen. "This time we hung in there. I'm so proud of them."

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BOWLING AND RECREATION

Don't ruin everyone's fun

TEN PIN ALLEY

AL HARRISON

Do we bowlers ever get angry when we get a bad break?

You can bet most of us do.

Some of us learn that a seemingly perfect pocket hit does not necessarily produce a strike. We also learn that as good bowlers we can expect to make every spare — well, we don't always.

We see our fellow bowlers kick the ball returns out of anger or frustration. Others may slam their fist down on the top of the scoring console, and still others will beat up on the furnishings.

The proprietors and managers are getting quite concerned about this. In particular, striking the scoring console is a nasty thing to do to such a delicate and expensive piece of equipment.

The bowling centers spent big bucks for the bowlers to have a nice, pleasant atmosphere to enjoy the game more, with the added convenience of the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

How would these thoughtless bowlers like it if someone came into their home and beat up on their nice TV set or stereo?

Next time you see anyone showing this type of behavior, say something to them or call it to the manager's attention.

We have come a long way since the old days of ticky-tacky, smoke-filled bowling alleys to the nicely-appointed, family-type facilities of today.

Let's do our best to help keep it this way.

•A special note of thanks to all of those wonderful people who donated some great door prizes the fifth annual Annual Senior/Youth Challenge held Saturday at Mayflower Lanes.

The event was a huge success and the donors included: Ansara's Red Robin Restaurants, Family Video, Boston Market, Bread Basket Deli, Taylor Lanes, Amico's Pizza, Leons Restaurant, Laffrey's Steak House, Ray's Pro shop, Mancino's Pizza, Outback Steak House, Olive Garden, Mitch Housey's, Entertainment Books 2000, Sports Leader, Value Video Plus, Murphy's Restaurant, Chi Chiis, DiLaura Brothers Bowling Supply, Ebonite International, Rocky's of Northville, Poly Pro Car Care, Mesquite Junction, Sandy's by the Beech, Redford Inn, Davidis Rite Line Pro Shop and Arby's.

Other donors included Steak-n-Shake, Kelly Koin, Rent-A-Flick Video, G'est Omeletes, Bowlers Aid Pro Shop, Master Products, Pro Am Bowling & Trophy, Strike Force Pro Shop, Z&Z Pro Shop, Metro Diner, Murray's Auto & Home, Tim Horton's, The Home Depot, Jiffy Pennzoil Lubes, Redford Jewelry, Township Hardware and Truan's Candies.

•The door prizes enhanced the entire event and most of the participants came away with something very special, thanks to the generosity of our local shops, restaurants and suppliers.

Bowlers and readers can show their appreciation by patronizing them.

The final scores are not ready yet as of this writing, look for the results in next Sunday's edition (Feb. 13).

Good snowfall for snow catchers

NATURE NOTES

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I was on the trail with a group not long ago when a light snow was falling. It seemed a perfect time to use the snow catchers.

A snow catcher is a black piece of felt with an inexpensive magnifying lens attached on a piece of yarn. Conditions were indeed perfect and so were the snow crystals.

Unlike many snowfalls when the individual crystals attach and cluster with other crystals on their way down, these crystals were separate individuals.

They were not big, but we could see all the details of their structure when they landed. With the aid of the magnifying lens we identified dendrites and needles.

Fortunately, the temperature was cold enough that they did not melt when they landed on the felt. This gave us enough time to admire the delicate patterns created when microscopic water molecules bond together and form the traditional six-sided snowflake.

The needles formed three-dimensional star shaped forms that were much smaller than the dendrites.

Plate-like dendrites were only an eighth of an inch in diameter, but under magnification I could see the branching pattern that formed each of the six rays emanating from the center.

Large fluffy clusters that fall are hundred of these tiny crystals jumbled together. It's very difficult to see one individual crystal from this group. That is why this morning was so special, each flake was independent from others.

Looking at each one of these delicate, intricate works of art made it hard to believe that each one started to form around a minute particle of dust, smoke, pollen, bacteria, fungi, salt, or anything else floating in the upper atmosphere.

Water molecules began to attach to the airborne particle in a structured arrangement that allows the 120-degree angle of a water molecule to attach to others and form a six sided snowflake.

So remember, when children eat snow they are essentially eating dirt and water.

Some crystals may be more columnar in shape, while many combine structures of two basic crystals. Round beads of water falling in cold temperatures are called rime. It is formed when snow crystals falling are pushed upward into the clouds and melt, or bang into other crystals loosing their traditional shape.

A single crystal may be vaulted up and down in a cloud several times before it finally falls to the ground.

In southeastern Michigan the average snowfall between 1940 and 1969 was between 30-40 inches. The snowiest place in Michigan is Delaware in the Upper Peninsula, they average 241.5 inches per winter.

During the winter of 1978-79 they recorded 391.9 inches of snow — over 32.5 feet. Baldwin recorded 33.5 inches of snow fall in one day.

It's hard to believe that those tiny crystals I needed a magnifying lens to see could accumulate into several feet of snow.

How many crystals would have to be formed to accumulate to such a depth? WOW!

Next time it starts to snow, take a magnifier outside and see if you can enjoy some superb snowflakes.

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

SHOWS

DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is $7.75 for adults; $3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

SPRING BOATING EXPO

The eighth Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

ARCHERY

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information call (313) 825-2110.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

WILD GAME DINNER

The Fourth Annual Sportsperson Wild Game Dinner will be 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Taylor Moose Lodge located at 9981 South Telegraph Road in Taylor. Local sportsmen and women will enjoy a wild-game dinner of turtle soup, rabbit, venison, beaver, buffalo, elk, kangaroo and many more surprises. There will be information available on camping and fishing resorts, charter fishing, hunting, food lots and current baiting information. There is a photo contest for your special hunting or fishing photo. Proceeds go to support Michigan hunting and fishing projects, youth programs and disabled outdoor projects. Tickets are $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Tickets are available by calling Alan Thompson at (248) 851-1266 or Steve Malinak at (313) 277-8291.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek 1-800-477-7756, Indian Springs 1-800-477-3192, Kensington 1-800-477-3178, Hudson Mills 1-800-477-3193.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Good Neighbors: Kathy Risch, 245; Pauline Polk, 504; Joanne Sturgis, 190.

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Earl Jones, 259-256-243/758; Dick Barina, 237-254/672; Dick Thompson, 268/651; Bob Pershing, 276/704; Tom Sanford, 257/640; Howard Davis, 234-277-276/737.

Friday Seniors: Alvin Thompson, 258/720; Ray Olson, 266/718; Jack Dahlstrom, 268/702; Ted Mack, 247/678; Tony Wolak, 247/664.

Monday Seniors: Walt Arsenault, 235-244-247/726; Hank Tyl, 246/701; Paul Temple, 257/694; Duane Kuras, 246/685; Gary Nagle, 248/681.

Merri Bowl Lanes (Livonia)

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Lisa Sallade, 231/562; Kim Eller, 226-203/592; Peggy Coruana, 203/510; Diana Krupinski, 202; Jade Smith, 201/517; Beth Carpenter, 202/537.

Sundowners: Chris Campbell, 211-255/643; Denise Stancato, 221/616; Nancy Schweim, 214/504; Gerry Gainet, 233/534; Deb Van Camp, 223/522.

K of C: Ken Nikkila, 289/721; Rob Makowiec, 709; Dick Hayden, 707; Tom Koebel, 701; John White, 696; Bill Reynolds, 698; Rick DeLuca, 696; Frank Hoffman, 28/682; Rich Madsen, 278.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior House: Brad Strange, 300; Mark Payne, 298/707; Darin Kolb, 279/762; Jeff Roche, 279; Dave Norwick, 267/727.

Thursday Night Men: Matt Larowe, 299.

Midnighters: Rio Della Mora, 239; Jim Ryan, 237; Evans Brown, 237; Mike Zielinski, 226; Cullen Cacicedo, 217; Tony Smith, 227.

Saturday Youth: Devlyn Kalinowski, 241; Jon White, 236; Nathan Cummings, 217.

Monday Seniors: Jon Jarman, 222; Norma Gandolfi, 243; Phil Insalco, 211; Bud Edington, 200.

Lyndon Meadows: Linda Macinkowicz, 214/514.

Ford Parts: Paul McMurry, [illegible]; Brennan Moss, 689; Jason [illegible], 671; Ken Jacobs, 728; Steve Creamer, 685.

Jacks & Jills: [illegible] 655.

Men's Trio: [illegible]; Chris Johnson, 674; Kevin [illegible]; Mark Howes, 258/758; Mark Payne, 677.

Early Birds: Anita Sipos, 224/[illegible]; Janet Chunn, 552; Debbie Ellsworth, 526; June DuPuis, 201; Gerry Brady, 518.

Guys & Dolls: Kris Barbour, 233; Gene Berger, 218 (135 avg.); Ed Zdanowski, 264; [illegible] Nadolny, 216.

Local 182 Retirees: Frank Bertan, [illegible].

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

Thursday Junior House: Mark Brown, 296/798; Nick Smith, 277/666; Steve Bowsher, 289/[illegible]; [illegible]

St. Aidan's Men: [illegible] 659; Ryan Jackson, [illegible]; Mike Kowalski, 226-215-226/669; [illegible] 234-244/657; Chris Skaggs, 258/651.

Tuesday Seniors: Tony [illegible]; Tony Rye, 233-226-201/660; [illegible] 215-201/601; Bob Charbonneau, 224/[illegible]; 206/642; Joe Newton, 216-211/621; Andy Wright, 213/598.

Friday Seniors: [illegible]; Harry Bah, 246-201/[illegible]; Tony Rye, 225; Joe Newton, 213/585.

FoMoCo Thursday Night: [illegible]; Mike Cousineau, 267/[illegible]; Greg George, 266/684; Steve Becker, [illegible]; Mike Mazzie, 265.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior Men's Invitational: [illegible]

Wonderland Classic: [illegible]; Garrett Nagle, [illegible]; Matt Agius, 718.

Motor City Men's (Early): Art Mak, 299; Gary Blanchard, 255; Ken Steltenkamp, [illegible].

Fathers & Sons: [illegible]; Ron West, 241/684; [illegible]

Saturday Nite Live: Greg Rose, [illegible]; Randy Fowler, 267.

NoNames: [illegible]

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

St. Colettes Men's: [illegible]

Plaza Men: [illegible]; Ron Dewaese, [illegible]; Steve W[illegible], 269; Dick King, [illegible]; Ron [illegible], 262/671.

Sheldon Road Men: [illegible]; Mike [illegible], 266-228/[illegible].

Powertrain Men: Pete Holman, 239-245-226/713.

Waterford Men: [illegible]

Westland Bowl

Monday Morning Men: [illegible]; Bob Roscoe, 243/671; Mike Seymour, 218/[illegible]; Pat Stowe, [illegible]/634; Joe Kubatch, [illegible]/634.

Sunday Sleepers: [illegible]

Thursday Nite Mixed: [illegible]

NASCAR Trio: [illegible]

Westland Champs: [illegible]

Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: [illegible]

279/686; Mike Gehrke, 270/663; Albert Smith, 258/595; Ed Grimm, 256/666; Dave Lelo, 249/653.

Tuesday Men's Invitational: Kevin Hogue, 298; Bob Dimitri, 268/697; Leonard Gorecki, 258; Tracy Dunn, 253, 686; Ray Barcky, 251/711.

Coca Cola Majors: Tom Wissling, 259/707; Jesse Trudell, 248/691; Jason McMillin, 246/609; Bradley Suchan, 240/587; [illegible], 181.

Coca Cola Juniors: Ryan Warner, 248/692; Darrell Olds, 236/647; Jason Olds, 227/537; Aaron Manning, 202/524; Stacy Voitkofsky, 190.

Coca Cola Preps: Brian Manning, 159; Adam Whalen, 144; Eddie Dombra, 125; Nicole Diehl, 121; Chelse Dowd, 109; Nicole Diehl, 123.

Tuesday Youth Doubles: Joshua Hall, 205/547; Sara Walter, 209; Jonathan Turnbull, 134.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

G&G Auto: Judy Gentilia, 234/607; Ann Niedermeyer, 205/556; Sue Ivancic, 207; Toni Smith, 206/567; Kay Bunting, 203.

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)

Sunday Funnies: Steve Buckhart, 300.

Wednesday Merchants: Bob Burnie (181 average), 277/734 (191 pins over average).

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Dave Clark, 254-240/686; Ron Latimer, 222-268/680; Larry Curtis, 236-221/671; Scott Day, 223-243/667; Allen Joslin, 249/659.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Friday Funsters: Gene Wietecha, 235/638; Dorothy Peters, 180; Joe Cabrera, 204; Fred Bernhardt, 176-181/516.

Monday Canton Seniors: John Kozieski, 205/528; Vi Tilley, 181; Bill Vongtahn, 188; Sandy Ostenberg, 190/509; Pete Camilleri, 214.

Youth Leagues (Saturday 11 a.m. Majors): Cory Caincross, 224/616; Drew Barth, 206/565; Tony Horton, 245/590; Matt McCaffrey, 216/565.

(11 a.m. Juniors): Kyle Byrmeister, 202; Bryan Bennett, 180; Matthew Reid, 179; Rick Bernard, 165; Katie Bobola, 153.

(11 a.m. Preps): Matt Lutz, 196; Charlie McCallister, 144.

(11 a.m. Bantams): Patrick Stephenson, [illegible].

(9 a.m. Majors): Pat Brown, 268/728; Brian Stock, 222/621; Ken Bazman, 213/572; Jon Robison, 225/525.

(9 a.m. Juniors): Chris Jones, 200.

Friday(Majors): Todd Schemanske, 275/734; Leo Walsh, 245/650; Brian Peczynski, 250/679; Brent Moore, 233/548; Steve Reitzel, 273/616.

(Juniors): Justin Bookowski, 225/555; Brad Pirrenita, 212/595; Eric Pawlus, [illegible]; [illegible], 185; Ron Richmond, 151.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Prince of Peace: Helen Thomas, 217; [illegible] McCue, 205.

University Men's: Neil Beckman, 299; Terry Fischer, 267/715.

Country Keglers: Gerald Heath, 237/647; [illegible], 235/653; Dean Johnson, 234/629; Bob Shimko, 233/619; Gary [illegible], 232.

Monday Night Men: Julius Maiselis, 259/731; Art Renier, 258.

Ever-7: Mike Reiter, 258; Tony Elias, 256/651; Greg Cooper, 255; Jim Ranszewski, 254; [illegible], 246; Walt Malkowski, 244/695.

Tuesday Trio: Jeff Mendoza, 265/[illegible]; Joe [illegible], 256/711.

Sunday Goodtimers: Howard Davidow, 243; Mike D'Angelo, 216/597; Mike Kovacs, 236-244/[illegible]; [illegible], 206/592; Stuart [illegible].

Greenfield Mixed: Debra VanMeter, 242/[illegible]; Chris Brugman, 280/675; Ryan Wilson, 244/690; Paula Wilson, 224/540; Mark [illegible], 266.

Metro Highway: Chris Kasprzycki, 258/686; [illegible], 245/619; Jim Reed, 231; Marty [illegible], 237/624; T.D. Brown, [illegible].

Spares & Strikes: [illegible] Kaminski, [illegible]; Sally Zdravkovski, 211.

C L Ladies Semi-classic: Phyl [illegible]; Maggie Felthaus, 222.

Saturday Odd Couples: Steve Karakulas, [illegible]; Kathy Kiester, 236/632.

Temple Israel: [illegible] Rubin, 234; R. Klein, 233/659.

Monday Midnight Men: Joe Gapps, [illegible]; [illegible], 256/607.

Wednesday Knights: Frank Zagata, 264; Ed Browning, 253.

Leon Lake: Scott Tutas, 250/665; B[illegible] Mason, 264; Steve Amnisch, 675.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Mary Karczewski, 218/523; Sue Kin, 216/607.

Sports Club: Ryan Shoma, 237; Sam Yono, 234/595; Steve Hayon, 600.

Farmington Schools: Howard Hardy, 255/734; Alex Talwar, 193; Jake VanMeter, 252/643; Boris Milman, 216.

Country High School: Mike Thomas, 244; Ron West, 228/671; Mike Lee, 677; Amanda [illegible], 184; [illegible] Long, 178.

Country Juniors: Ryan Meyers, 202; Jordan [illegible], 189/511; Christina Mouwad, 196/[illegible]; Kevin Ruston, 161.

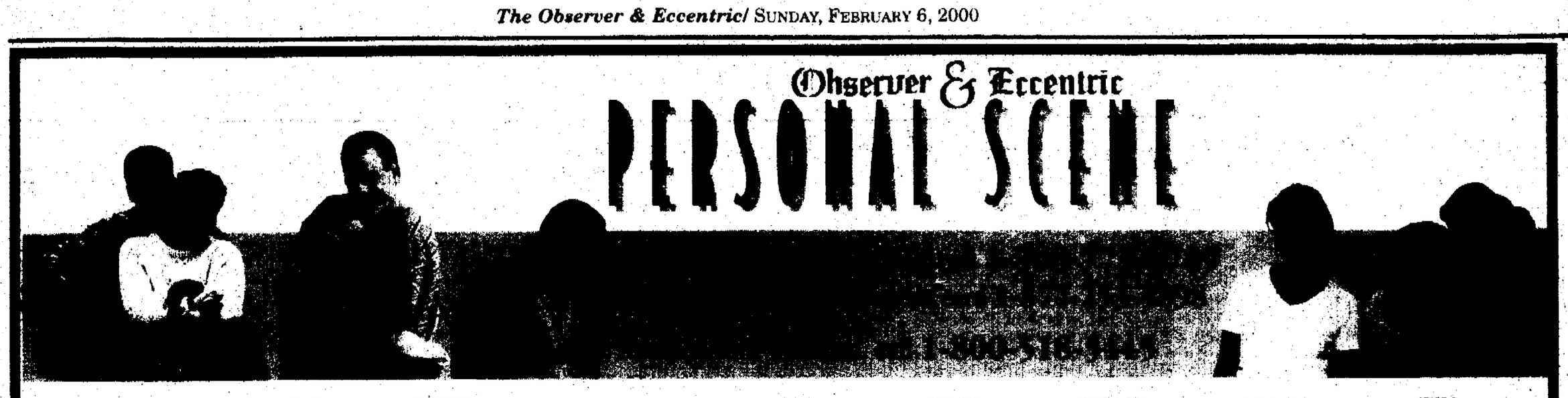
Novi Bowl

West Side Lutheran: Kevin Chambers, 268/695; Lonn Lewis, 257/664; Stu Levy, 662; Phil Lewis, 647; Lyle Cook, 634.

Cherry Hill Lanes

Suburban Proprietors Travel (Men): Joe Wachner, 266/[illegible]; Ron Lorka, 245/655; [illegible], 235/673; Bob Chuba, [illegible]; Jack Gignant, 233/612.

(Ladies): [illegible] McMorrie, 223; Pat Russell, [illegible]; Stacy Beardsley, 213; Pat Gary, [illegible].



THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling concerts, movies, dining, boating Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR ☎1504

LOST ON THE RIVER
Widowed, beefy, cute, dynamic, eclectic, focused, normal, impulsive SWPF, ageless but experienced, seeks passionate, honest SM who loves life, listening, laughing, learning, and playing for fun, fireworks, and joy ☎1866

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports Seeking SM for companionship, possible LTR ☎1487

SEEKS OLDER GENTLEMAN
SWF, 31, 5'7", blonde/blue, intelligent, humorous, enjoys reading, poetry, black and white films, antiques, computers Seeking SWM, 40-50, 6'+, clean-cut, humorous, gentleman ☎1449

FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating fun whatever else may happen Must have sense of humor ☎6123

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks "horseman" SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR Kids ok ☎1421

INTELLIGENT & EASYGOING
Sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 35, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/D similar interests, for LTR/marriage No games, please ☎6245

HELLO MY MAN
Attractive, affectionate, full-figured SBF, 32, serious-minded, employed, independent, down-to-earth, sense of humor Seeking serious, positive, monogamous SBM for LTR ☎1444

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MAN
SF, 33, 5'1", 116lbs, brown/brown, likes romantic movies, cuddling, friends, summer fun Seeking SWPM who knows how to treat a lady, who likes going out and staying in, for possible LTR ☎1455

MISUSED AND ABUSED
Full-figured, health-conscious SWF, 37, loves comedy, reading, long walks, animals Seeking loving, honest, communicative SWM, to help mend this broken heart ☎1406

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship ☎6304

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, dining in/out Seeking someone, 25-35, similar interests for possible LTR ☎1037

TAKE THE RISK
DWF, 29, 5'3", H/W proportionate, medical professional, mother of 2, seeks motivated S/DWPM, N/S, for fun, friendship, possible LTR ☎1211

ACT NOW
Attractive SWF, 5'6", blonde/blue enjoys laughter, sharing, dancing Seeking secure, outgoing SWM, 39-50, with a warm smile and a big heart, who is commitment-minded ☎1390

GOD, YOU HANDLE IT
Spunky, sensitive, attractive senior widow, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks a humorous, active SWM, 62+, N/D, N/Drugs ☎1518

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel enjoys all music Seeking a tall, athletic S/DWM, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR ☎1189

ANIMAL/HOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump, bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fix H/W proportionate not necessary ☎1083

PLAYING YOUR SONG
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR ☎1363

NEWLY SINGLE
DWF, 38, 5', brownish-blonde/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more Seeking S/DWM, 35-45, for companionship ☎1296

LIMITED TIME OFFER!
Act now! Versatile, physically fit, degreed SF, 49, 5'6", 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, enjoys exertising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning new things Seeking very attractive, articulate, educated physical fit man, 45-52, 5'10"+ ☎1278

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports Seeking open communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first ☎1222

1 LIFE TO LIVE
Hard-working, fun-loving SWPF, 23, 5'6", blonde/green, mom of 1, enjoys quiet romantic dinners, long walks, movies, living life Seeking caring, understanding SM, to share this life with ☎1361

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, ladylike, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation and laughter with me. ☎6061

GROWN-UP BAD BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun ☎1339

SENSITIVE & TOUGH
SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", green eyes, from Kentucky, financially secure, slim, imaginative, sweet disposition, educated, enjoys cooking, seeks "best friend" for conversation, fun, friendship, maybe more ☎5602

LET'S MAKE MUSIC
SWPF, young 49, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, N/S, enjoys singing, music, plays, movies, outdoors Seeking a S/DWM, for sharing similar interests and ourselves ☎1298

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Smart, sexy, attractive SWPF, 45, petite, dark/hazel, seeks attractive, fun-loving, adventurous, single SWPM, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR ☎6153

R U HONESTLY HANDSOME?
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, enjoys canoeing, fishing, Harleys, camping, comedy clubs and more Seeking truly handsome, fit, respectable male who enjoys romance, snuggling, deep conversations, with ability to express emotions ☎5755

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling Seeking honest, loyal, SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage ☎5780

LOOKING FOR A NEW BEGINNING
Widowed WF, very young 51, 5'1", medium build, ready to start life over again, enjoys walks, bike rides, friends Seeking SWM, 47-57, with positive outlook and good sense of humor ☎1440

SEXY 30-SOMETHING
Recently divorced BF, no kids, seeks gentleman who knows how treat a lady Race, age open Be my first date ☎1442

LOVES ADVENTURE
Attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", loves walking, biking, shows, theater, dining, dancing Seeking SWM, 46-56, similar interests Sterling Heights ☎1441

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR ☎5597

SPONTANEOUS, SENSUOUS...
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and, fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, H/W proportionate, professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. ☎1176

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic, white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensuous, attractive SBPF, 37, slightly overweight, enjoys fine dining, theaters, concerts, sports, gourmet cooking Seeking attractive, sincere man Race unimportant ☎1429

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, good-humored, very affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 48, likes simple things in life Seeking DW gentleman, 46-60, for friendship and fun times ☎1446

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight Seeking similar LTR to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust ☎1213

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, pretty, passionate, fun-loving, sincere DWF, mid-40s, seeks attractive, smart, honest SWM, 38+, N/S, for a lifetime romance that never ends ☎1392

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SACF, 43, 5'5", enjoys simple and fine things in life Seeking honest, open-minded SA/WPCM, 43-50, financially/emotionally secure, with good morals ☎1388

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75 Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3738

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics for dating, possible LTR ☎1332

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 49, 5'3", enjoys movies, long walks, casinos Seeking fun-loving, honest, caring SM, 35-60, with similar interest, for possible LTR ☎1323

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR ☎4997

CREATIVE DISTINCTIVE
Creative, distinctive, industrious, ambitious, confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, Reiki, dancing, art, motorcycles Seeking S/DM ☎6059

IN SEARCH OF
Petite SWF, 23, brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with Must be willing to make time for relationship ☎1283

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive, intelligent, free-spirited professional, getting disillusioned with finding a man to admire and desire, who's honest, fit, spontaneous with a sense of humor I enjoy laughter, travel, and conversation Zest for life required. ☎1374

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companion, 45+, of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions ☎1257

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR ☎1205

THIS IS WHERE LOVE IS
Appreciative, caring, open SWPF, 46, 5'6", 110lbs, auburn/blue, enjoys nature walks, animals, swimming, boating, learning to sail Seeking honest, trustworthy SWPM, N/S, for LTR ☎1237

FUN-LOVING
SF, 5'2", brown/brown, enjoys travel, movies, music, dancing Seeking bright, charming, attractive, fun SM, 18-30, for friendship ☎1523

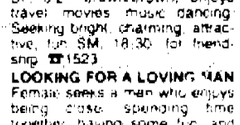
LOOKING FOR A LOVING MAN
Female seeks a man who enjoys being close, spending time together, having some fun, and wants a relationship ☎1471

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate, for friendship, Southfield area ☎1262

MAKE ME BREATHE HARD!
Hard-working, fair-playing female enjoys indoor activities except cards, outdoor activities except golf Seeking active college graduate, N/S, ☎1473

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive, DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more ☎1476

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Smart, sensual, attractive SBPF, 37, slight overweight, enjoys fishing, dining, theater, concerts, sports, and gourmet cooking Seeking attractive, sincere SPM Race unimportant ☎1448



THE RIVER OF LIFE
SWM, 5'8", 190lbs, brown/blue, father of one, likes dining, romantic evenings, walks, dancing, seeks SWF, 25-36, with similar interests, for a possible LTR ☎1502

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 33, 5'11", 195lbs, carpenter, enjoys sports, outdoors, camping, seeking outgoing SWF, 25-40, who is fun to be with ☎1522

EDUCATED ATHLETE
SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, red/blue, N/S, athletic build, likes golfing, skiing, tennis, biking, movies, dining Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6"+, H/W proportionate, N/S, to share my common interests for mutual enjoyment of each other's company ☎1869

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining Seeking SF, 30-48, to share interests, for possible LTR ☎1496

FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING
Employed DWM, 5'8", 160lbs, brown/blue, honest, affectionate, caring, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes fishing, swimming, camping, beach, walks Seeking SF with similar interests, for new beginnings, possible LTR ☎1514

STILL SEARCHING
SWM, 44, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, never been married, no dependents, likes traveling, plays, concerts, walks, movies, candlelight dinners, cooking Seeking SF with similar interests, for friendship first ☎1665

ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more Race/age unimportant. All calls answered ☎5454

DON'T BE LONELY!
Handsome, attentive SWM, 40s, seeks affectionate, responsive SWF who's been home alone too long and needs to be loved and sweet-talked by an appreciative gentleman. ☎1520

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mobiling, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, cooking, dining out Honest easy going, nice guy...seeks friendship leading to LTR ☎1474

COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage DWM, 35, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests Children ok ☎1325

VERY GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing, employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive, outgoing SWF, 22-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports. ☎5377

FIRST TIME EVER, REDFORD
Attractive, hard-working, honest, kind-hearted, affectionate SWM, 37, 6'1", 160lbs, thinner brown/blue, smoker, social drinker, home owner, no dependents, enjoys camping, fishing Seeking SWF, 25-35, H/W proportionate, Kids ok, No games. ☎1424

BLACK LEATHER
SWM, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys motorcycles, movies, bonfires, and the lake Seeking slim SWF, 25-35, for committed LTR ☎1425

A REAL MAN
DBM, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

SEEKING FRIEND
DWM, 55, 5'10", slim, athletic, nice-looking, open to share your life Seeking pretty, interesting SWF, H/W proportionate, for LTR ☎1391

TOP GUN
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests ☎1299

HERE'S THE BEEF!
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor Seeking friendly SF for companionship Age-area open ☎4018

YOOPER-MAN, HE'S BACK
DWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, hard-working, up north kind of character, fun-loving, smart, honest, sincere, seeks that special woman, 35-50, to spend those special moments with Western suburbs only please ☎1086

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker who likes camping, fishing, swimming is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR ☎5844

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors and weekend getaways, for LTR ☎1082

MR. WONDERFUL
Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands Kids ok ☎1295

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas and of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports ☎3351

GOT MY ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble free, N/S, nice guy who's down to earth? I'm 50s, 5'10", 155lbs, with firm build Favorite things: music, exercise, and having fun ☎1475

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, nice DWM, 55, 5'9", N/S, social drinker in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship. Kids ok. LTR ☎1...

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage minded lady, 50+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Gentlemen who are pleased with life, for gentleman, 5'9", 5'1... ☎1470

HELLO LADIES
Attractive, yet humorous active, outdoors DWM, 40s, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys boating, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, to 48, N/S, smallish/fit build, for possible relationship. ☎1519

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, gutsy SWM, 48, with a variety of interests, likes to be romantic, and active. Seeking attractive, petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. ☎1...

DO WE
...meet on the Internet? Are we the only ones interested in each other? SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, enjoys charming SWF with similar personality for a possible friendship ☎1467

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Handsome, fun, caring, romantic SWM, 40s, seeks WM/AF, 25-45, who enjoys seeing the beach, lakes and motorcycles, for the right person. Outdoor activities, dancing, and dining ☎1414

CITY TO RANCH
SWPDM, young 50s, 5'8", 180lbs, enjoys movies, concerts, quiet nights, romantic candlelight dinners, slim, petite, WF, 45-55, who likes dress or jeans, ... ☎1...

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Sensitive, private, humorous, Black male SBM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies, Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, to 48, N/S, smallish/fit build, for possible relationship. ☎1...

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, WM, 5'9", 160lbs, auburn/hazel, N/D, N/S, likes movies, meeting new people, spending time with friends, seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1...

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks WM/AF, 25-45, who enjoys seeing the beach, lakes and motorcycles, for the right person. Outdoor activities, dancing, and dining ☎1414

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 5'10", 200lbs, big brown hair, brown eyes, hard working, loving, caring and romantic Seeking attractive, sexy female, 30-45, who likes romance, affection, and ... ☎1444

REAL GENTLEMAN
SWM, 6', ... seeks ... who likes ... ☎1...

AGGRESSIVE OLDER WOMAN...
wanted! Handsome, shy SWM, 43, would enjoy meeting an aggressive older lady for dating, friendship, and more. ☎1423

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

WAITING ON A FRIEND...
to be my days and nights SWPM seeks active in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship Must be honest, warm hearted and love children. Novi area ☎1420

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok ☎1393

RECIPE OF LOVE
DWM, 5'11", 190lbs, built, solid, proper man, loves cooking, traveling, exercising, movies, shopping Seeking fit SWF, mid 50s, who takes care of herself, to cook my recipes of love for ☎1405

NICE-LOOKING GOOD GUY
Easygoing, honest, loving, affectionate, financially secure SWM, 6'1", 220lbs, enjoys the outdoors, sports, golf, fine dining, the sun, and travel Seeking a very attractive, slim, honest SWF, size 6-12, under 5'6", for possible LTR ☎1374

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 50, 5'8", 150lbs, college graduate, full of grown kids, enjoys swimming, movies, reading, living life Seeking honest, caring, petite SWF, for friendship/LTR ☎1376

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Good looking DWM, 44, 6'2", laid back, down to earth, gentleman, with country values S/DF, 30-50, who enjoys the simple pleasures of ... friendship, a ... man, and a ... ☎1390

HOT COMMODITY
...personable, sophisticated, fun, ... fanatic, SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, dazzles Seeking down to earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR ☎1366

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 52, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage ☎1050

SMART & SEXY
...honest, easygoing, fun loving DWPM, 45, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, likes rebuilding houses, cars and motorcycles, camping, swimming, and the beach Seeking ... for friendship, ... ☎1...

HO HO HO MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young WF, 35 ... younger, 5'3", 110lbs, hard ... petite, slim, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker Seeking ... lady, 30-45 ☎1142

MY CHRISTMAS WISH
Successful, businessman, N/S, ... seeks attractive, educated Seeking nice, sweet woman, 35-45, N/S, with H/W proportionate to ... Should be financially ... confident ☎1091

WESTLAND AREA
...man, SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, ... eyes, N/S, ... seeks attractive WF, under 45 ☎5357

DOWN-TO-EARTH
...attractive, college-educated, DWM, 42, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys nature walks, dining out, movies, theater quiet evenings at home Seeking secure SWF with similar interests, for loving LTR ☎1...

BYPASSING THIS AD?
Black again! Mellow fellow with SWM, 55, with broad interests, loves a challenge Seeking someone to ... with delightful ... ☎1...

GQ TYPE
...attractive, romantic, ... professional, financially secure, Harvard graduate, fit, ... Seeking very sophisticated, attractive, secure, WWPF, 30-50, for adventurous ... Swimming to the soulmate ☎...

GIVE DAD A CALL
...SWM, 41, 5'7", ... homeowner, ... Seeking ... ☎1...

HUGS & KISSES ALWAYS
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies and quality times together Seeking a petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant ☎4988

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", brown/blue, no dependents Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication and more ☎5607

NICE GUY
SM, 29, no kids, enjoys outdoors, the beach, having fun, summer activities, barbecuing, laying by the pool Seeking a S/DF, for friendship, first and possible LTR ☎1527

GOOD LISTENER
Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship ☎1681

HARD-WORKING
Honest SWM, 41, brown/green, seeks secure, friendly, active SWF for friendship possibly leading to LTR Kids ok ☎1528

ATTENTION GIVER
SWM, 50s, 6', 180lbs, giving, affectionate, kind, will put a smile and glow on your face No preferences just warm and cuddly Any calls welcome ☎1525

SOFT AND INTERESTING
Senior DWM, 5'7", medium build, secure, N/S, warm, kind, trustworthy, romantic, caring, and more Music, concerts, sports, fine dining, outdoors, family activities and travel Seeking a compatible lady, 45-65, for long term relationship ☎1526

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN
True-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike seeks SWF for nice dinners, romance and long walks ☎1524

GOOD CATCH
DWPM, young 51, 5'8", 175lbs, physically fit, good looking, seeks attractive, WF, physically and emotionally fit, likes gardening, good conversation, travel, quite evenings, some sports, family is important ☎1521

RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG
SM, 34, 5'6", no dependents, software engineer, seeks family-oriented SF with no children, for friendship, possible LTR ☎1478

WATERFORD AREA
Attractive SWM, 62, 5'7", N/S, retired, enjoys travel, dining, movies, gardening, nature, quiet evenings with good conversation Seeking SWF, over 58, no dependents, secure, similar interests for LTR ☎1472

SINGLE AND LOOKING
Financially stable, kind, sincere, silly, romantic, affectionate SBM enjoys cuddling, romantic movies, music, dancing, bowling Seeking compatible SF, with similar interests, for monogamous LTR ☎1479

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
SM, 60, seeks non-jealous, non-possessive, non-religious SF, for mutual, great expectations of love, romance, fun, and more ☎1466

CARING & SENSITIVE
DWM, 43, 5'10", 185lbs., N/S, who loves skiing, golf, travel, long walks, working out, and romantic dinners Looking for fit, attractive, young lady, 35-43, N/S ☎1428

MOVIE BUFF
I'm looking for someone to enjoy after work dinners and peaceful evenings together. Let's share life's experiences and learn from each other ☎1365

Seniors

CHECK ME OUT
SWM, 64, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks friendly, retired lady, 60-67, who enjoys RV travel, fishing, movies, outdoors, dining, light drinking, smoking ok, financially-emotionally secure for a monogamous relationship ☎1439

LOOKING FOR COMPANION
Attractive, blonde, retired WF, seeks well-mannered WM, 60+, who enjoys travel, movies, dining, for friendship, good times N/S preferred ☎5450

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ALL DRESSED UP?
No where to go? I enjoy casinos, comedy clubs, champagne, limos, etc. Handsome successful SWM, 45, who can sing and dance, seeks stylish, friendly lady to join the fun ☎1519

FRIEND-LOVER/ WIFE + 1 WOMAN
DWM, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, friend of "Bill W." considered handsome, seeks open minded, slim, attractive woman, 21-35, for LTR leading to marriage ☎1427

SECRET AGENT
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, and martial arts Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for possible relationship ☎1264

BE MY CHRISTMAS GIFT
Loving, caring, honest, sincere SACM, 28, 5'7", 170lbs, brown/blue, seeks open-minded caring SF who loves kids/pets for loving LTR ☎1353

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest SWM, 38, 5'8", 165lbs, likes sports, dining, going out, having fun Seeking female, 23-42, who's pretty petite and likes to be adored ☎1063

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun Pocahontas, please call back ☎1066

TRUE ROMANCE
Employed SWM, 28, brown/brown, college student, enjoys cuddling, amusement parks, cider mills, vacations, music Seeking SF, 22-31, for friendship, first, possibly more ☎6309

LATIN FEVER
SWM, 35, 6'2", brown/blue, loves live music, traveling, sports movies Seeking attractive Latin, Cuban/Puerto Rican SF for LTR ☎1348

BELLEVILLE AREA
Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR Kids ok. ☎1175

MILD TO WILD
Totally honest and eclectic SWM, 34, 6'3", 230lbs, N/S, private pilot, part-time musician, diverse musical tastes, outrageous sense of humor, enjoys the outdoors, boating, camping Seeking interested and interesting SWF ☎1387

FIT & FUN✓
Attractive male, 37, 5'9", 160lbs, blond/hazel, business-owner, likes sports, working out, skiing, reading, cooking, movies Seeking fit, attractive mature female who likes having fun ☎1335

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR ☎5970

CALLING FOREIGN NATIONS
Attractive SWM, early 30s, 6'2", dark/blue, who enjoys concerts, sports, movies Seeking attractive, foreign female for relationship ☎1349

PAST YOUR PRIME?
You'll do just fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 46, tired of prima donnas, seeks sultry, sociable, sincere SWF, age open ☎1389

LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE
SWM, 5'10", husky build, blue/brown/green, will give daughter(s) values, communication, looks, music, laughing Seeking plus-sized or full-figured woman, articulate, expressive, sensitive, passionate, caring ☎1120

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR ☎1463

WANTED, VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 6'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, loves animals, children, outdoors Seeking petite WWF ☎5879

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6'2", 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to consume us warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR Redford ☎5696

HOMEOWNER
Adventurous, honest, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, cooking, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR ☎1364

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker who likes camping, fishing, swimming is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR ☎5844

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors and weekend getaways, for LTR ☎1082

MR. WONDERFUL
Easygoing SWM, 44, seeks a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands Kids ok ☎1295

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas and of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports ☎3351

GOT MY ACT TOGETHER
Are you looking for an attractive, trouble free, N/S, nice guy who's down to earth? I'm 50s, 5'10", 155lbs, with firm build. Favorite things: music, exercise, and having fun ☎1475

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, nice DWM, 55, 5'9", N/S, social drinker in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship. Kids ok. LTR ☎1...

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage minded lady, 50+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Gentlemen who are pleased with life, for gentleman, 5'9", 5'1... ☎1470

HELLO LADIES
Attractive, yet humorous active, outdoors DWM, 40s, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys boating, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, to 48, N/S, smallish/fit build, for possible relationship. ☎1519

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, gutsy SWM, 48, with a variety of interests, likes to be romantic, and active. Seeking attractive, petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. ☎1...

DO WE
...meet on the Internet? Are we the only ones interested in each other? SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, enjoys charming SWF with similar personality for a possible friendship ☎1467

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Handsome, fun, caring, romantic SWM, 40s, seeks WM/AF, 25-45, who enjoys seeing the beach, lakes and motorcycles, for the right person. Outdoor activities, dancing, and dining ☎1414

CITY TO RANCH
SWPDM, young 50s, 5'8", 180lbs, enjoys movies, concerts, quiet nights, romantic candlelight dinners, slim, petite, WF, 45-55, who likes dress or jeans, ... ☎1...

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Sensitive, private, humorous, Black male SBM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, to 48, N/S, smallish/fit build, for possible relationship. ☎1...

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, WM, 5'9", 160lbs, auburn/hazel, N/D, N/S, likes movies, meeting new people, spending time with friends, seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1...

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks WM/AF, 25-45, who enjoys seeing the beach, lakes and motorcycles, for the right person. Outdoor activities, dancing, and dining ☎1414

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 5'10", 200lbs, big brown hair, brown eyes, hard working, loving, caring and romantic Seeking attractive, sexy female, 30-45, who likes romance, affection, and ... ☎1444

REAL GENTLEMAN
SWM, 6', ... seeks ... who likes ... ☎1...

AGGRESSIVE OLDER WOMAN...
wanted! Handsome, shy SWM, 43, would enjoy meeting an aggressive older lady for dating, friendship, and more. ☎1423

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎6155

WAITING ON A FRIEND...
to be my days and nights SWPM seeks active in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship Must be honest, warm hearted and love children. Novi area ☎1420

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok ☎1393

RECIPE OF LOVE
DWM, 5'11", 190lbs, built, solid, proper man, loves cooking, traveling, exercising, movies, shopping Seeking fit SWF, mid 50s, who tak

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Love inspires salesman to sing for others

During Valentine's Day weekend Jim Paravantes will be singing songs of love at Andiamo Italia West and thinking about his wife of 31 years.

Marilyn Paravantes is the reason Jim's been singing at the Bloomfield Hills restaurant since April. Four years ago, she bought her husband a karaoke machine so he could practice songs by the Gershwins and Porter in the privacy of their Canton home.

While Paravantes isn't ready to quit his day job as a salesman for a software company to croon ballads and swing tunes – he definitely has stars in his eyes. The 49-year-old singer is secretly hoping to make the big time with a CD to be recorded this spring on Trident Records. It will feature standards from the 30's and 40's as well as original music by Arnold Olenich of Massachusetts.

It Had to Be You

"It's just great to be able to do this," said Paravantes. "All the songs are basically about love and continue to be popular. People listen to them the same as back then. My wife enjoys coming up to the restaurant. Most of the songs I sing, I think of her."

Jim Paravantes

WHO: Jim Paravantes & Company present a "Frank Sinatra Tribute."

WHEN: 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, through February.

WHERE: Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 865-9300 for information.

Don't let Paravantes' "it's all been a lot of fun" attitude fool you. He's had to practice constantly over the last four years to land the weekend gig where he's accompanied by bass player Ron Anderson, drummer Tim Mycek and pianist Wayne White.

Jeffrey Allen's book and CD, the "Secrets of Singing," taught Paravantes the vocal exercises necessary to improve his singing skills but he had to do all the work. That included taking lessons with Allen after Paravantes corresponded with him over the Internet.

"My three grown daughters think it's really cool," said Paravantes. "My wife isn't as impressed because she knows what it took to do it."

It was while Paravantes was in LA on business for the Canton computer company that he had his first singing break. Paravantes' job calls for frequent travel so during the long nights he would visit the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Burbank for entertainment. One evening, pianist Joanna Ezrin asked if anyone wanted to come up and sing a song. Paravantes couldn't resist the call of the bright lights.

"People seemed to like it and it became an addiction," said Paravantes. "It's a lot of fun for me and I do it as much as I can so it fits in with my life."

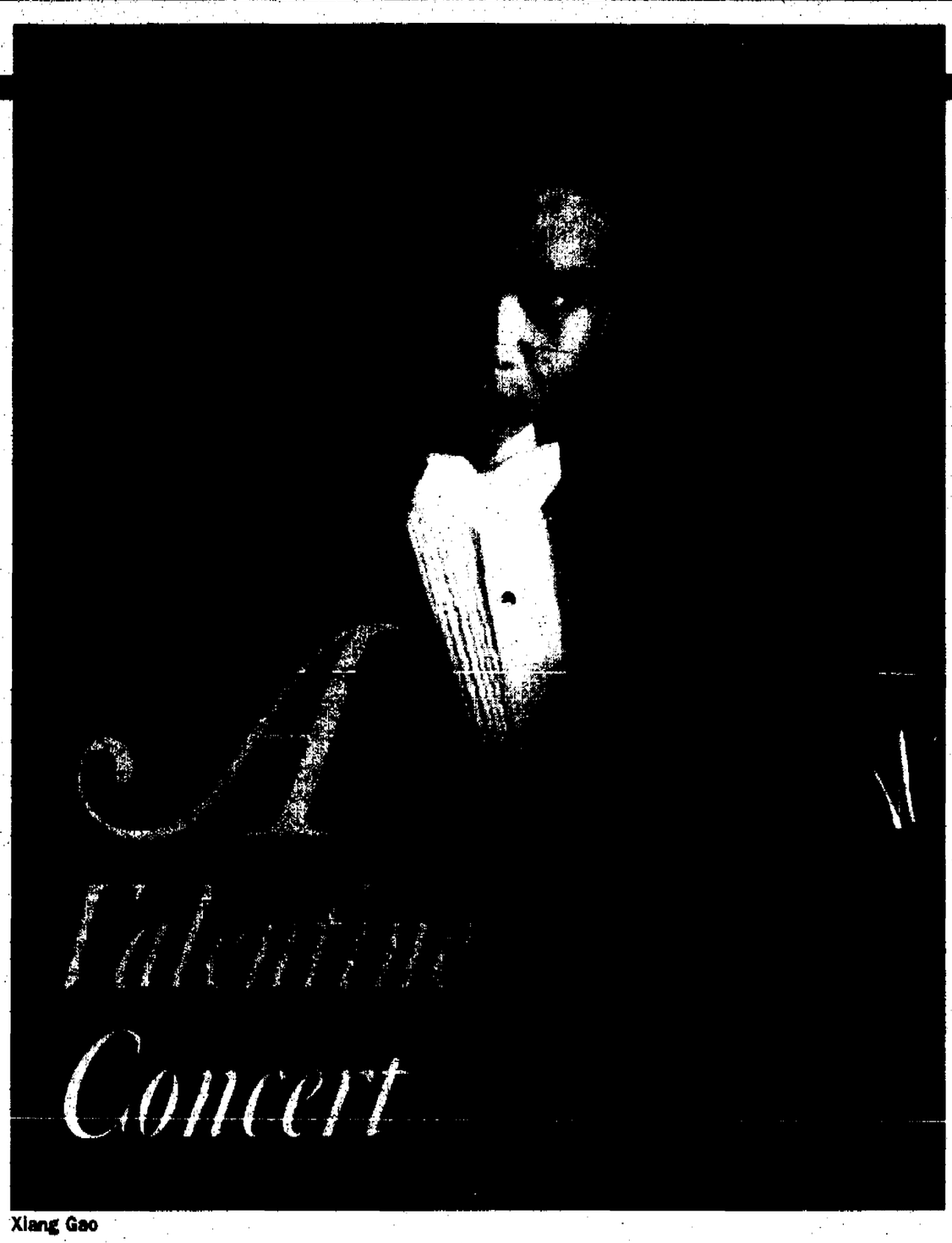
Like many kids, Paravantes was forced to take piano lessons. The experience colored how he felt about performing music for many years. It wasn't that Paravantes didn't love music. He originally planned to become a disc jockey after studying broadcasting at Lee Allen's school.

He worked briefly for WPON in Pontiac on the board before deciding to enroll in computer programming courses at Schoolcraft College and Macomb Community College. The computer studies led to his job in software sales. It's all relevant to his singing today.

"The sales is getting up in front of people," said Paravantes. "It's an evolutionary process. You learn each time you do it."

Paravantes admits the first few times he sang at Andiamo Italia West were unnerving.

"It was scary," said Paravantes. My wife and many of my friends were there for support. It's gratifying to get up and do it but it's also stressful. The tragedy of performance is that you depend on people's response to continue."



Xiang Gao

Musicians ready to serenade audiences

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Romance is in the air as Valentine's Day approaches, and the Farmington Community Band and Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra are getting ready to serenade audiences.

Farmington Community Band

"Here's that Rainy Day" has a great trombone part and Dave Londal is looking forward to playing it Friday, Feb. 11 at the Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the Farmington Community Band.

"It's a highlight of the year," said Londal. "It's challenging to play for three hours, but enjoyable. There's 12 or 15 new pieces in our folders, and we're throwing in a few polkas too. People really enjoy the polkas, and that's kind of fun too."

"Volare," and the "Anniversary Waltz" may be old to you, but they're new tunes for Londal and the Farmington Community Jazz Band, the 20-piece group, made up of Farmington Community Band members that will be playing music for dancing.

The evening at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing until midnight to the Big Band sounds of the Farmington Community Jazz Band. They'll be playing music from the 1940s to the 1990s, said Fern Barber who founded the band with her husband Paul in 1966, and plays first clarinet.

The jazz band has been rehearsing for three weeks to get ready for the dance.

"It's an opportunity to keep playing," said Londal of Farmington Hills. An accountant, Londal played trombone in high school and college, and has been a member of the band for the past 23 years. "I enjoy doing it, it's relaxing and forces me to play at least once a week."

The band rehearses on Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Farmington High School. Visit the Web site www.fcbmusic.org or call (248) 489-3412 for more information about joining the group.

Redford Symphony

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will take audiences on a musical tour of Austria, Hungary, and Romania at a concert on Sunday, Feb. 13 that includes a Valentine's Day Sing Along.

The choral and instrumental ensembles from the Redford Union Music Department will be joining the orchestra for this special concert at Hilbert Junior High. Doors open 2 p.m. and the concert begins at 3 p.m.

Assistant conductor Robert Zimmerman will lead the orchestra.

■ **Valentine Dinner Dance** — sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. Tickets $40 per person, reservations a must, call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

■ **Family Concert** — presented by the Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Hilbert Junior High School, 26440 Puritan (east of Inkster Road, between Five and Six Mile roads). No charge.

Livonia Symphony puts heart into their romantic program

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Musical chairs: *(Above) Conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk lays down his baton to play violin with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.(Center photo) Carl Karoub of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.*

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The Livonia Symphony Orchestra is getting in the mood for Valentine's Day by presenting a chamber concert in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Concerts are usually held in the 900-seat auditorium at Churchill High School. The more intimate setting will allow the audience to savor every note of the romantic program. Along with music by Borodine and Haydn, the ensemble, which is composed of 14 orchestra members, will perform Tchaikovsky's "Theme from Romeo and Juliet" and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera."

"I like sometimes to have a smaller audience to play from heart to heart," said symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk

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"A Valentine Concert"

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents a chamber program of music ranging from classical to Broadway.
When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13
Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road
Tickets: $10; call (734) 464-2741 or (248) 645-6666

EXHIBIT

Polish history shapes sculptor's work

WHAT: Marian Oczarski exhibits his stainless steel sculptures.

WHEN: Through Wednesday, March 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; until 9 p.m. Wednesday; until noon, Thursday-Friday.

WHERE: Joanne Winkleman Heice Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

Related event:

■ "Modern Polish Art and Culture," a lecture by St. Mary's College President Theddeus Radzilowski 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the arts center.

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Marian Owczarski left Poland many years ago but the country's culture and history live on through his sculpture.

Owczarski was only 7 when he witnessed the devastation that resulted from Hitler's bombs. When World War II ended, he was the only surviving member of his family. Owczarski worked his way through schools in Szczecin, Siedlce and the Academy of Art in Lodz before completing graduate studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Afterward, he and other artists and craftsmen took part in a nationwide restoration effort.

Before leaving Poland in 1971 to teach art at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Owczarski helped restore seven churches. Today, he is artist-in-residence, and director of the Galeria at St. Mary's.

Owczarski's hard line and rough finishes accentuate the character of Polish heroes throughout the last six centuries. His stainless steel portraits of men and women such as Marie Curie and Zbigniew Brezinski along with figurative works continue on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through Wednesday, March 1. The exhibit is part of the arts council's Cultural Diversity Series which is celebrating Polish culture with displays of amber jewelry, crystal, costumes, and contemporary art.

"I try to bring faces and

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Polish pride: *Marian Owczarski displays his sculptures of historical Polish figures Pope John Paul II (left) and Tadeusz Kosciuszko, a hero of the American Revolution.*

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who is exchanging his baton for a violin for this concert. "It's like playing music at home for friends."

Schesiuk's daughter, pianist Anna Sorokhtei, and her trio will play the first movement of a Rhapsody by Charles Loeffler. Joni Day and Nenad Djordjevic join Sorokhtei on oboe and viola.

"Charles Loeffler was a French composer," said Schesiuk. "He grew up in Ukraine. He liked to use poetry in his music. Poetry is closer to real language. It's more abstract."

Carl Karoub helped Schesiuk plan the program which includes Mozart's "Divertimento for Six Winds." Ever since Karoub began playing French horn in 1944 and through 15 years as a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, he's loved compositions written in the 18th century. Karoub also arranges music. The audience will hear his handiwork on Webber's "All I Ask of You."

"We wanted to do chamber music from past and present – little nuggets for Valentine's Day," said Karoub. "Some of it pre-dates the idea of public concerts when it was played for nobility. The Divertimento shows how winds were played in the 18th century before valves were invented. It's like the bugle which has no valves. You play with that same idea."

■ 'To me, the violin is the closest instrument to human voice. That's why it's so beloved. It has a singing-voice quality.'

Xiang Gao
Violinist

Emerging talent

Livonia Symphony concertmaster Xiang Gao shares his love of violin when he solos on the instrument in Bach's "Siciliano." Gao started studying violin at age eight with his parents who were then members of the Beijing Symphony. Tan, his father, and Zhiling, his mother, now perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and will join Gao on stage for the concert.

Gao came to the U.S. with his parents after winning the China National Violin Competition in 1991. Tan and Zhiling recognized Gao's talents early. By age 11, he was attending the China Central Conservatory of Music, a school similar to Interlochen Arts Academy. Gao went on to win the prestigious Aspen Music Festival Competition at age 22 in 1995.

"To me, violin is the closest instrument to human voice," said Gao. "That's why it's so beloved. It has a singing-voice quality. And it's incredibly difficult to play. Many pieces were written for violin instead of voice because we don't have to breath and can play endless lines."

In demand as a soloist, Gao will perform 20 concerts this season. In August, he was a soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under conductor Neeme Jarvi at the Interlochen Arts Festival. He'll perform again with Jarvi at the David Oistrahk Music Festival in Estonia in July.

Gao released his first solo CD, "Kind of Colorful," on Prestant Records last spring. It features a violin piano sonata and virtuoso pieces with pianists Howard Watkins and Martin Katz.

For more information about Xiang Gao visit his Web site at www.arioso.com/xgao

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images to public," said Owczarski. "For me the abstract work is very easy. Portraits are more difficult. I'm looking for expression in my art to communicate."

From sketch pad to anvil

Owczarski began working with stainless steel in Poland in 1957 as a student at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Although he's worked with a variety of materials throughout his career, Owczarski "concluded that steel was the most logical medium for the age since its industrialized uses were meant, at the very least to make life easier, if not better."

"Stainless steel sculpture is harder to make and demands a temperature five times higher to melt than iron but later is permanent," said Owczarski, whose work can be found in the permanent collections of Cranbrook Educational Community (Copernicus) and the University of Michigan-Dearborn (Marie Curie). "You don't have to worry about rust but it is difficult to work with. Stainless steel is twisting then crystallizing and sometimes I come back later to find an expression has changed."

Modern Polish art

Thaddeus Radzilowski, a historian and president of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, sees beyond the unusual medium of stainless steel into the heart of Owczarski's sculpture. Radzilowski will speak about Owczarski's work, and the relationship between modern Polish culture and history during a lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"Marian's medium is distinctive but represents the kinds of themes that marks modern Polish art and literature," said Radzilowski. "The abstract nudes and crucifix are tortured figures protesting wars. Marian uses the jagged edges and hard line to protest against war.

"As a result of the Polish uprising in 1944, Hitler retaliated and ordered the city to be destroyed. Marian brings with him that terrible tragic sense."

In addition to his sculpture, Owczarski is exhibiting examples of modern Polish art such as posters and etchings. Radzilowski will talk about the role Poland's history played in shaping these works.

"In 1795, Poland had been the central country in Europe for 500 years," said Radzilowski. "A series of tragic, romantic uprisings resulted in the best young people ending up on the gallows or in Siberia. Polish artists went to study in St. Petersburg and Paris and returned with these ideas. The 20th century popularized Polish posters, developed before World War II. The poster is one of the distinctive marks of the 20th century, a protest against the drabness of life under communism."

In his lecture, Radzilowski will also touch upon the "Art Deco – Poland" exhibit continuing through March 5 at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago. Many of the works were showcased in the 1939 World's Fair in New York. They never returned to Poland because of Hitler's invasion.

"Polish artists looked consciously to the west for models," said Radzilowski, "not so much as students but part of that."

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet artist Michael Ragins at an opening reception 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 in the Exhibit Gallery at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road at Levan, Livonia. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Ragins exhibits his sculptures and paintings through Friday, March 10. Ragins received his bachelor of fine arts degree in sculpture and painting from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, and a certificate for K-12 art education and social science from Marygrove College. For more information, call (734) 432-5710.

CONCERT'S PROFITS 'GO TO THE DOGS'

Westland flutist Natasha Harhold; Donna Kallie, a Madonna University music professor; Benjamin Hayes (French horn), and Evola Music teachers Cathy Feldman (flute) and her father, Irving will perform a concert to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia.

Tickets are $5 adults, $3 students. For more information, call (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhounddog@earthlink.net.

TLC Greyhound Adoption is a nonprofit organization that secures homes for greyhounds after their racing days are over. A greyhound's 12- to 14-year life span makes them an ideal pet. Those interested in adopting can contact Harhold at (734) 765-2248 or visit the Web site at www.access-one.com/greyhoun/index.htm for more information and to complete an on-line application.

OUT OF AFRICA

The quilt show, "Piecing Memories," continues through Friday, March 3 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.

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Come listen and learn how the experts weave together the delicate patterns 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Admission is $3 adults, $1 children.

PUPPET SHOW

The Heiken Puppets present Father Millennium's Zero Show Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 12-13 on the stage in the food court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia.

Curtain times are noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

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ANTIQUE SHOW

DEARBORN HISTORIC GUILD
Antique Show & Sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, University of Michigan-Dearborn Fieldhouse, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. $5. (313) 565-3000.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich., 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

ART IN THE PARK
Common Ground Sanctuary is accepting artist applications for the 26th annual Art in the Park art fair. Applications must be postmarked by March 6, and the application fee is $20. Artists can call Common Ground Sanctuary at (248) 456-8158, ext. 203 for an application. The fair is Sept. 23-24 in Shain Park.

BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION
Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are $500-$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or email CoufLinks@aol.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its 24th annual Juried Art Festival — Art in the Village Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Deadline for entry is Friday, Feb. 11. For an application, call Livonia Community Resources department at (734) 466-2540.

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is $25. Booth space is $325 if accepted. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

CRAFTERS WANTED
Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the spring craft show held on Saturday, March 11. 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. For an application, call (734) 523-0022.

JACKSON CHORALE
Auditions for alto singers on Monday evenings at Rochester High School, 180 S. Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 651-3085.

LIBERTY FEST 2000
Call for artists for the 9th annual fine art and fine craft show on June 24 and 25 in Canton Township. Application deadline is April 15. (734) 453-3710.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen, Southfield.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for new members by appointment. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Rachmaninoff. Dali (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

DRAWING & PAINTING
Classes taught by Karen Halpern — watercolor painting through March 22; drawing, Mondays through March 20; oil and acrylic through March 24. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 4640 Walnut Lake, West Bloomfield. (248) 738-2500.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

GLASSBLOWING
Touch of Light instructor John Fitzpatrick taking applications for 8 week class starting in early February at 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly. 32832 Merritt Dr., Westland. (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages. 774 N. Sheldon. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-12:30, every third Friday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Presents "Parade of American Music" at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
Joshua Bell, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills. (248) 737-9980.

FOLK VESPERS
The Bluegrass band Lonesome & Blue performs at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

FOUR FRESHMEN
In conjunction with the Rochester Symphony perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, 495 East Scripps, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERTS AT THE CENTRE
Benny Cruz Y La Beuna Vida performs Latin music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
A concert in celebration of Black History Month at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. (248) 557-2085.

THE ST. CLAIR TRIO
St. Regis Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills presents The St. Clair Trio, featuring Geoffrey Applegate, Marcy Chanteaux and Pauline Martin, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. The church is located on Lincoln Rand Lahser roads, halfway between Maple and 14 Mile. Visit the website at www.paulinemartin.com for ticket information.

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An informal gathering for young professionals, 21 and up, who are interested in working with Young Variety — a group of professionals within Variety — The Children's Charity. 5-8 p.m. with an afterglow on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward, next door to the Majestic Theater, Detroit. For more information call Kelli at (248) 334-0835, ext. 2055.

VALENTINE'S DINNER
Meadow Brook Hall presents a romantic dinner, reception and tour at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The event is $65 per person. Reservations required at (248) 370-3140.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Songs and puppets with Rita Kirsch. For ages birth to 4 years with a parent. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

KINDERMUSIK
Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to children age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

WRITING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
Harvey Ovshinsky, award-winning screenwriter, will conduct day-long creative writing workshops from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 for grades 6-8. Workshops take place at the Community House in Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Opens Friday, Feb. 11 — Inside the BBAC: an exhibition of works showcasing student art through Feb. 25. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Feb. 5 — Paintings by Elizabeth Murray through April 8. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11. 555 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-9039.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Opens Tuesday, Feb. 8 — First anniversary exhibition of small works, through April 1. Reception 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 5. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. GALLERY
Through Feb. 18 — Anne Fracassa, Gordon Price, Shelly Richmond and Mark Schwing at 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Feb. 14 — Diversity: Focus on India. U of M-Dearborn campus, Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER GALLERY
Through Feb. 19 — "Collective Memories," work of artists Linda Soberman and Jennifer Martin. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

ART CENTER
Through Feb. 10 — An electronic exhibition of works by Robert Martin. 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens. (810) 469-8666.

ART IN THE CORRIDOR
Evanthia Samra exhibits at the Farmington Hills and Farmington City Halls located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile roads. (248) 473-9570.

CARIBBEAN COLORS
Through Feb. 12 — "Hawaiian Dreams," a watercolor exhibit by Julie Marionette Wistinghausen, at 2966 Biddle Ave., Suite 101, Wyandotte.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 285400 [illegible] Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Feb. 14 — Candace Compton Pappas and Stephen Coyle. Through Feb. 5 — Visions of Peace and Evolution in the New Millennium. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — Minotaurs & Models: Important Intaglio Prints from Pablo Picasso's La Suite Vollard. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-[illegible]

FORD GALLERY
Through Feb. 25 — Tritoe Women Consider the Body. Eastern Michigan University Art Department, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.

JEFFREY DAY GALLERY
The [illegible] of Paul Katz [illegible] E. 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223.

GALERIE BLU
Through Feb. 26 — Exhibit of [illegible] 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-[illegible]

KREFT CENTER GALLERY
Through Feb. 27 — Rashid Johnson: Seeing in the Dark. Concordia College, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-7591.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — Fine Art. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday 12-5., 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Feb. 26 — Rich Katuzin pen and ink prints and Arthur Parquette's mixed media at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490; In the Livonia City Hall Lobby through Feb. 29 — Quilts by Susan McClenaghan of Livonia. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
"Personal Favorites: Fine Prints From The Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes" at Oakland University, 307 Wilson Hall, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through Feb. 26 — A New Breed of Art: Liz & Val. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Feb. 28 — "In Focus," a photography exhibit. 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

OM CAFE
Through March 5 — Paintings by Lisa Goedert. 23136 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 548-1941.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 19 — "Views from the Landscape." 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Feb. 26 — "Yixing 2K," featuring more than 70 pieces of Chinese Yixing Teaware. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through March 1 — Poland: A celebration of art and culture. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

POSA GALLERY
Through Feb. 29 — James Hudspeth's Paleolithic style art is featured. POSA Gallery is located at Summit Place Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

REVOLUTION
Through March 11 — Jon McCafferty, recent paintings and Bill Jones/Ben Neill, lights, sound installation. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through March 11 — New paintings by William Nichols and Ricardo Mazal. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

SISSON ART GALLERY
Through March 3 — "Februarius" features works of local African American artists. 8101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-9600.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Feb. 29 — A display of handmade quilts from the First African American Quilters Guild. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 25 — [illegible] watercolor paintings of Diana [illegible]. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SPLASH GALLERY
[illegible] by Detroit area artist [illegible] 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6825.

THE GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Through Feb. 23 — "Dreams, Reflection & Space," painting and sculpture by Rick Vian and John Piet. 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

THE MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Feb. 19 — Nancy [illegible] Memorial Exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — A variety show featuring some of the gallery's most popular artists. (248) 332-5257.

WATERFORD STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
Through Feb. 22 — An exhibit of student art with the art display at 2100 Pontiac Lake, Waterford. (248) 673-[illegible]

LITERARY

CRANBROOK WRITER'S GUILD
Author Leonard Charla discusses "Copyright for Writers and Artists" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 844-8111.

Leonard Charla: Speaker

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Poetry reading by the New Writing Movement of Michael Palmer, Will Alexander and Clayton Eshleman. 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth. (313) 267-5310.

MUSEUMS

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"Clear Story: The Stained Glass Art of Mr. Samuel Hodge." 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through March 26 — Joseph Grigely: Publications and Publication Projects, 1994-1999. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (800) GO-CRANBrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
"Take My Picture, Please," a Festival of Cultural Snapshots. Adult Science Class "Fossils of Prehistoric Michigan" is 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28. A "Hoot Out" for children and adults is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. The Sunday Brunch Lecture Series is "Descendants of an African Tradition: Examining Ethnographic Relationships Between Yoruba and African American Art Production" at 11 a.m. Feb. 13. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3224.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Feb. 13 — [illegible] Garcia Nord: Rube [illegible] of [illegible] Mexican [illegible]. Through Feb. 13 — "The [illegible] Architecture [illegible]." Through March 26 — Robert Frank: The Americans. Through May 31 — "Glass, Glass, Glass From the DIA's Collection." 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 2 — "Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes." 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 — "Going West: Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

THEATER

GEM THEATER
Escanaba in da Moonlight, a comedy by Jeff Daniels through March 26. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24 to $34.50. (313) 963-9800.

MT. ZION THEATER COMPANY
"The Celestial Hers and other One Act Plays," 8 p.m. Feb. 11-12 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Rd., Waterford. (248) 673-5430.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Oliver!" 1:30 p.m. Feb. [illegible] 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for children under 12. Proceeds go to SandCastles grief support programs for children, teens and families throughout southeast Michigan. (313) 864-6881.

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE
"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. $25 Thursdays and Sundays, and $30 Fridays, Saturdays. "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668. (248) [illegible]

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Splurge on a romantic bauble

THE JEWELRY LADY

DENISE RODGERS

There was a time when a box of chocolates or maybe a dozen long-stemmed roses more than sufficed on Valentine's Day.

Today, these gifts, although sweet and romantic, are very predictable.

Times have changed. The stock market is flying high with the sweet smell of "dot com" futures, and consumers are feeling heady with success.

And with a seemingly unending good economy in charge, I think Valentine's Day has become a much more interesting tradition.

In fact, jewelers across the country have been reporting increased Valentine's Day sales every year for a while now.

No longer are men opting for gifts priced $200 or less; they're making major purchases for their loved ones, say the jewelers.

At this rate, Valentine's Day could rival Mother's Day as the second best jewelry-buying holiday after Christmas.

Does this news leave you stunned and worried about what's appropriate to give on Valentine's Day?

Well, no need to panic. Diamond supplier DeBeers has been working overtime to create a list of gifts for a variety of pocketbooks and preferences. It includes their three-diamond anniversary ring with a center stone that is said to be at least a half carat in size. Hey, why not? Go for it!

However, such a set-up isn't just material; the ring's three stones symbolize the past, present and future of marriage.

But don't confuse this ring with DeBeers' diamond anniversary band, which is a thin wedding band set with diamonds either all the way around or halfway across the top.

When the anniversary band was first introduced, it was recommended for the 10th wedding anniversary. However, DeBeers has gotten wise to the fact that there are all sorts of reasons and times to buy diamonds and abandoned official milestones for the ring. So, put the anniversary band on your Valentine's Day list, too?

Then again, if it were up to DeBeers, every woman on the planet would be wearing an engagement ring of a carat or more, along with the anniversary band, on the left hand. Plus a three-diamond anniversary ring on the right hand.

But don't forget about DeBeers' 25th anniversary pendant with five bezel-set diamonds (It's almost worth the wait!). Then add a pair of diamond-stud earrings, a basic necessity, and DeBeers version of an ideal woman really starts to make perfect sense.

Get going

Valentine's Day is only a week away. So, if you have yet to run out and buy your special someone a bauble or two, get moving.

But, remember, you don't have to buy diamonds. There's no doubt they'll be appreciated, but they're not mandatory or, for that matter, expected by most sweethearts.

Heart-shaped pendants and lockets are a classic on Valentine's Day. And, a locket with your tiny heart-shaped picture inside shows a lot of forethought.

Because Valentine's Day happens in February, another choice you'll find in abundance in your jeweler's showcase or on your jeweler's web site is the month's birthstone, amethyst.

A beautiful violet-colored stone, amethysts are still one of the best buys around, especially when they're plentiful.

Even if she doesn't have a February birthday, amethyst jewelry is gift most women will wear time and again.

But, if you think enough is enough and prefer to resort to flowers or chocolate, keep in mind flowers fade and chocolate, well, we all know where chocolate goes.

Just keep in mind jewelry can be cheaper than a health club membership — and a whole lot more fun!

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodgers@mich.com, fax, (248) 582-9223, or mail, c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009.

My Funny Valentine

LOVE, SURE, BUT WHY SO SERIOUS?

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All the usual goodies – heart-shaped pendant necklaces, red boxes of delicious chocolates, gold-dipped roses and dinners-for-two – are available for giving this Valentine's Day.

But at least a few retailers are offering playful knick-knacks that poke fun at our obsession with love that may even help those of us who are flying solo on Valentine's Day.

"They're like love tranquilizers," said area comic Karen Bell-Brege, of Northville. "A stress reliever for the addiction of love.

And, like with anything else in life, humor usually works wonders, said Bell-Brege, one of the founders of Totally Unrehearsed Theatre which performs at Mark Ridley's Comedy Caste in Royal Oak.

"When people get into relationships, they take it so seriously," she said. "But, if we take things too seriously, we get in knots and it just doesn't work."

So, products like "Jilted Lots-Of-Love" body lotion, $9.95 at Aetheria in Ferndale, and Starbucks "Who Will My Lover Be?" game are a good thing, said Bell-Brege.

For a friend whose single or not having luck finding love, a fun gift like might lighten the mood on Valentine's Day. "For that moment they can laugh and say it's okay. Don't you think that when you lighten up that's when the good stuff happens."

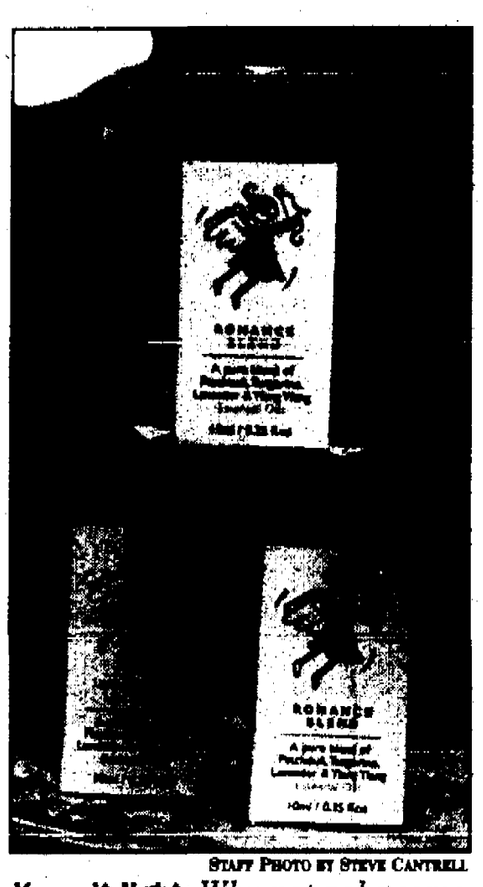
Birmingham marital and family therapist Bunny Miller-Shaw couldn't agree more.

"The more sense of humor, the more of life you enjoy, the more attractive you are to other people," said Miller-Shaw.

Although Miller-Shaw doesn't think we, as a society, are any more obsessed with love than we used to be, she does believe people are having more trouble finding partners.

"And it's not a matter of whether you choose to be down and sad, it's a matter of saying 'I'm going to reach a goal,' which isn't easy. Meeting the right partner in life takes a lot of energy," she said.

"We do make more out of all our holidays today, too, and there's a lot of hype on the part of industry, so having fun, being able to have a little tongue-and-cheek humor keeps it light – the pain and work of finding someone."



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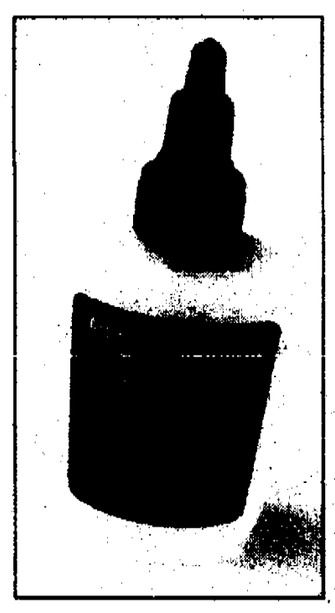
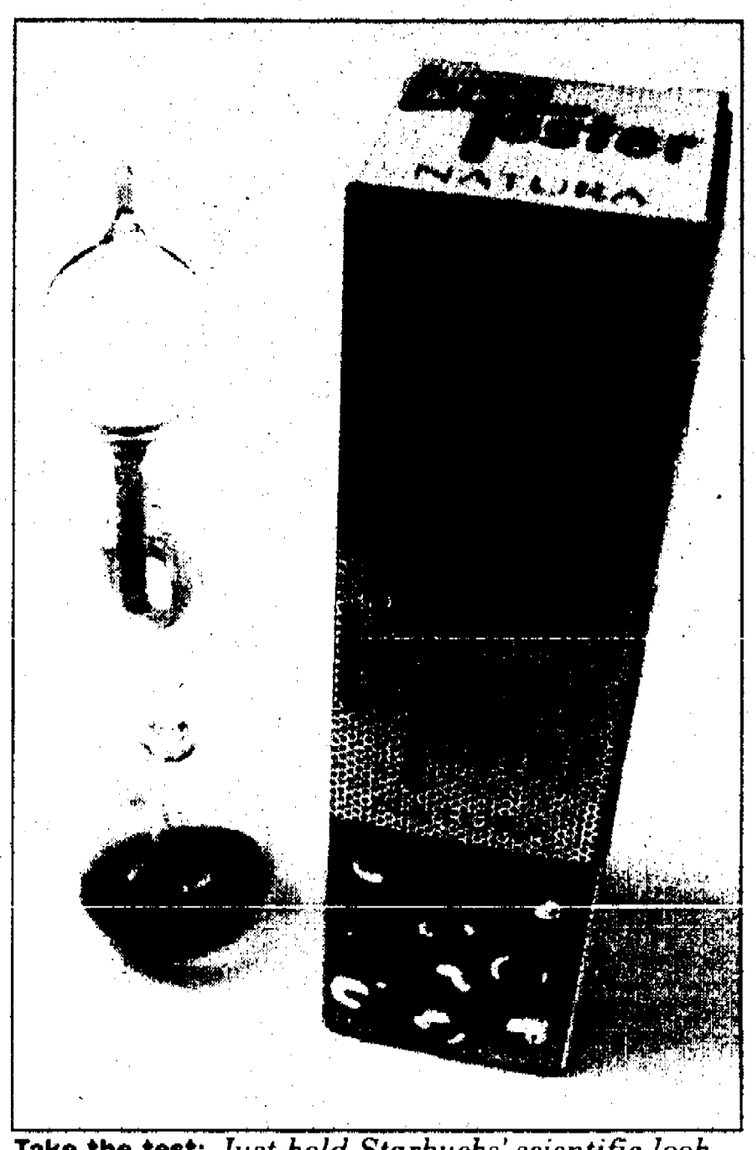
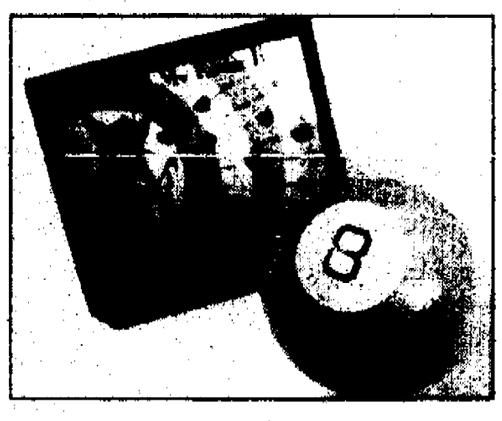
Keep it light: *Why not poke some fun at love and romance with Blooms Romance Blend essential oils, $16.50 at the Union General Sweetshop and Cafe in Clarkston.*



Down and blue: *Lift the spirits of a friend whose down in the dumps over love. A bottle of "Jilted Lots-of-Luck" body lotion, $9.95 at Aetheria in Ferndale, will do the trick.*



Take the test: *Just hold Starbucks' scientific-looking glass "Love Tester" and you'll get a reading of your love potency, available at Starbucks cafes.*



Fun and games: *Ask the pink "8 Date Ball" all your important questions or play the "Who Will My Lover Be?" game. Both are available at Starbucks*

Changes in store

Hudson's moves, expands men's and home sections

Hudson's is making a big move.

The retailer is relocating and opening an expanded Men's and Home store at Lakeside mall in Sterling Heights, greatly increasing the store's presence there.

The expanded store, to be located in the site that was formerly occupied by Crowley's, will open at 10 a.m. Feb. 8.

The store will feature more space and an increased selection of Hudson's men's clothing, not to mention furnishings, fragrances, shoes, textiles and other home merchandise.

Hudson's total operation space at Lakeside mall will increase from 206,000 to 321,000 square feet and company officials view the expansion as a commitment to the local community.

The current Hudson's Lakeside Men's and Home store will be moved on Sunday, a process that will entail about 900 Hudson's employees transporting approximately 280,000 pieces of merchandise from one location to another in just seven hours.

"This one-day move will be an amazing team effort by the entire company," said Hudson's Lakeside store manager Lorrie Tanton. "We are recruiting team members from all of Hudson's stores in throughout Michigan, our distribution center and our headquarters office to assist with the move ..."

Hudson's plans to remodel its existing store at Lakeside throughout the year. That process will bring improved women's and children's departments, as well as changes in the store's cosmetics and shoe departments and beauty salon.

The new Men's and Home store will be closed on Monday.

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

HISO & MALLE TRUNK SHOW
Ros & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Hiso & Malle's spring jackets, vests, skirts, pants and accessories through Feb. 12. For details, call (248) 855-8877.

DANA BUCHMAN FOR SPRING
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Dana Buchman Spring focus day with in-store designer representatives, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor and Special Sizes, third floor. For additional information, call (248) 614-8240.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

VALENTINE JEWELRY SHOW
Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a special showing of jewelry by David Yurman. In celebration of Valentine's Day, Yurman will donate 5 percent of Feb. 11 sales from his Designer Jewelry Collection to the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute. Show runs through Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-8300.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

BORDER'S CHARITY BENEFIT
Make a purchase at any Borders Books & Music store in Michigan through Feb. 13 and 15 percent of your purchase goes to the Michigan Women's Foundation to benefit young girls. Mention the organization when making your purchase. For more information, call (734) 542-3946.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PRETZEL ROLLING CONTEST
Auntie Anne's pretzel shop, Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills, holds a pretzel rolling contest for kids. Participants will receive prizes and favors, 4:30-6:15 p.m. For more information, call the mall at (248) 454-5010.

FAMILY VALENTINE'S EVENT
Families can come together at Livonia Mall's "Rockin' Family Valentine's" event, featuring the nostalgic sounds of Benny & the Jets, family and child photo portraits, arts projects for kids, prizes and other activities, 4-8 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

PUPPET SHOW
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents Father Millennium's Zero Show, produced by the Heiken Puppets, through Feb. 13, food court. Shows start at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

DINOSAUR SHOW
Livonia Mall, at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Mystery of the Lost Dinosaur" for children and their families, throughout the mall. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

KAREN NEWMAN APPEARANCE
Local talent and celebrity Karen Newman visits Hudson's Lakeside location in Sterling Heights to sign autographs and talk with shoppers, 2:30 p.m., Men's Department.

WARM AND FUZZY STORIES
Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, hosts a special story-telling session for kids, age 4 through 8, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0004.

DOLL FASHION SHOW
The "We Love Barbie" doll fashion show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road in Plymouth. The show features vintage, collectible and custom-designed Barbies and accessories, 11 p.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for kids age 4 through 12. For information call, (734) 455-2110.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. ***But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.***

WHAT WE FOUND:

– **Benson fruitcake** can be purchased through **Benson Inc.**, 134 Elder Street, Bogart, GA. 30622.

– The **telephone number for the Brownstone Studio catalog** is (800) 221-2468.

– **Beanbag filler** is sold at **Meijer** stores and **Hancock Fabric** stores and through the **J.C. Penney catalog**.

Miss Elaine sleepwear can be purchased at **Hudson's** stores.

– **Clip-on lights for a piano** can be found at **Meijer** stores for $5.99 or at **Nor-West Electronics** on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

– **D&D Video Transfer Service**, 37108 Six Mile Road in Livonia and the **Transfer Zone** in Oak Park, (248) 548-7580, **transfers 8-millimeter film to video tape**.

– A **Gerrard turntable needle** can be purchased at **Almas Hi-fi Stereo** locations on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, Michigan Avenue in Dearborn and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

– **AHAVA hand cream** can be purchased at the following stores: **Nordstrom** and **Saks Fifth Avenue**, both at the Somerset Collection in Troy; **Levin's Beauty Supply** on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield; **Parisian** at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and all **Lord & Taylor** stores.

– The **song "Violets in the Snow"** is available at **Fuchs Gustave Company** store on Stephenson Highway in Madison Heights, (248) 589-0200, and at **St. Christopher Church** on Warren and Southfield roads in Detroit (contact the choir director).

– **The Sock Shop** on Fourteen Mile and Middlebelt roads sells **all-cotton tights**

– **Ault Mobil** on Plymouth & Merriman roads is a **full-service gas station** for the reader seeking one in that area.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

– We found the following items: a carousel-slide projector, numerous Santa Bears and a 1999 State of Michigan glass bulb ornament.

– The Beauty Boutique catalog has a new toll-free number, (800) 497-7463.

– Used Christmas cards can be taken to the Bryant Center in Livonia.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– **Someone who does in-home pedicures** (for a disabled person who lives in Northville).

– **A Livonia-are school or craft shop where needlepoint classes are given.**

– An **organization where tabs from soda pop cans are accepted**,

– **A store or stores where Sander's candy can be purchased**.

– An **Aug. 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine** for Bill, a Clarkston resident.

– **A pattern or instructions for making a skeleton out of plastic milk cartons** for Sandy of Westland.

– **A manual for a Thomas organ** (#Jester 132) for Diane, who lives in Livonia.

– **A store where Jessica Roberts clothing for women can be purchased** for Lee of Lake Orion.

– **Mixing bowls and accessories for a Kitchen Aid mixer** (#3B) for Marie, an Ann Arbor resident.

– **A store that sells Coty L'Amont perfume** for Norman, who lives in Livonia.

– **A store that sells baby bibs that can be embroidered** for Pat of Troy

– **A store that sells Allercreme hypo-allergenic face make-up** for Mary, a resident of Redford.

– **A store that sells Revlon Aquamarine body lotion** for M.J. of Plymouth.

– **Hudson's Day Two (Doves) "12 Days of Christmas" holiday ornament** for Dave of Lake Orion.

– **A store that sells Revlon Fabu Nail Professional Protective Hardener** for Kathy of Redford.

– **An address for the Homemaker's Guild of America** through which pots and pans from the 60s can be purchased for Jeanette.

– **A store or stores where batteries for a Kodak Camcorder (#KV100) and a two-slice, fully-automatic toaster by Sunbeam or Toastmaster Powermatic can be bought** for Fred.

– **A store or stores where quality baby scissors and a coupon organizer can be bought** for Robin of Commerce.

– **Three Milton Bradley "Cross-UP" Poker games sold in the 60s** for Ruth.

– **A January, 1944 Fordson High School yearbook** for Luke.

– **Detroit Red Wing memorabilia and a ring binder for large posters** for Lora.

– The **book "Indigo" by Beverly Jenkins** for Michelle.

– **A 1986 Santa Bear cookie jar** for Michael, who lives in Canton.

– **A video tape of the Harlem Globetrotters with MeadowLark Lemon and other old players** for Frank, a Birmingham resident.

– **A store that sells Royal's black-walnut ice cream** for Joanne of Independence Township.

– **A store where Lagerfeld's "Photo" can be purchased** for Frank, who lives in Southfield.

– **A 1952 Detroit Central High School yearbook** for Margery of West Bloomfield.

– **A shop that will repair the voice box of a "Bozo, the Clown" doll** made in the 70s for Barbara.

– **A store where Fundamental clothes can be purchased** for Irene.

– Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Winter battles: *Fight winter's drying effect on your skin with Dermalogica's intensive moisture products, about $38-50. They're lightweight, extremely effective and recommended by many dermatologists. When your skin needs extra an moisture boost, add Dermalogica's Multivitamin Power Concentrate capsules, $46.75, all at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.*

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Kick It: *Kick the winter blues with Walter Steiger's, over-the-knee, stretch boots in gray flannel or black Lycra spandex from Italy, $535 at Saks Fifth Avenue.*

A bear heart: *What could be better than box of chocolate, $9 and a cuddly teddy bear, $13, for Valentine's Day, both at Jacobson's.*

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
248-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily.
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
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STUART LITTLE (PG)
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GIRL INTERRUPTED (R)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:25, 4:00,7:40

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3449
Bargain Matinees Daily.
All Shows until 6 pm.
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
9:00 pm

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph
248-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
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THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
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Continuous Shows Daily
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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Quo Vadis
Warren & Wayne Rds.
313-425-7700
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Showcase Westland 1-8
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One blk S. of Warren Rd.
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All Shows Until 6 pm
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Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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TOY STORY 2 (G)
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32289 John R. Road
248-585-2070
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No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

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THE GREEN MILE (R)
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TOY STORY 2 (G)
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Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
248-853-2260
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
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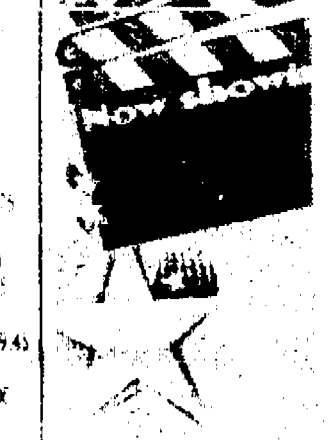

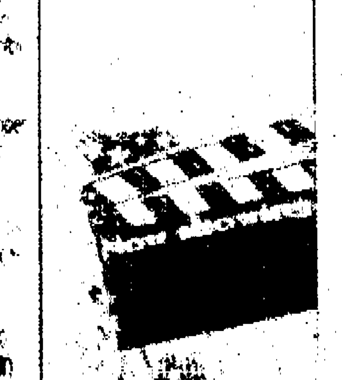

Weekend getaway

Visit the state many presidents have called home – Ohio

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Alice, a life-size mechanical allosaurus, greeted us. She opened her wide jaws ever-so-slowly and growled. Not to worry. She was just saying "hello."

We were indoors at The McKinley Museum and National Memorial in Canton, Ohio about a three hour drive from Detroit. If you're looking for an excuse to celebrate President's Day (Monday, Feb. 21), or need a reason to plan a weekend jaunt, consider this tribute which is dedicated to the 25th president of the United States.

"The McKinley has something for the entire family," said Jan Kotilla, public relations manager. "Everybody will be entertained. We have a planetarium, hands-on exhibits and a historic town. We're a presidential site and a national memorial."

Alice is only one of the treasures you'll encounter as you peruse the complex. Be sure to check out the Paleo Indian hut, the working beehive (can you find the queen?), the Ecology Island, a Foucault Pendulum (proof that the Earth rotates) and an H-O gauge model-train display.

MARY QUINLEY

Monumental: *The McKinley National Memorial in Canton, Ohio, is dedicated to William McKinley, the 25th president of the United States.*

Wander into the McKinley Room. Here you'll discover the world's largest collection of William McKinley memorabilia.

Listen! Two mannequins, representing the president and his wife, Ida, are engaged in a conversation. They're discussing the topics of the day - Spanish rule in Cuba and the deep sadness they feel at the loss of their young daughter, Katie.

Before departing, meander along to the museum's Industrial Hall. Find the Hoover Vacuum exhibit. Then (this is super silly) take turns weighing yourselves with the suction of the vacuum.

When everyone has stopped giggling, step outdoors to explore the impressive memorial.

A pink granite monument, adorned with thick bronze doors, stands in the midst of a lush park with bike paths and picnic areas – something to remember if you're thinking about visiting in the spring or summer.

If you don't mind steps (there are 108), slowly climb up to the monument entrance.

Inside, a double sarcophagus holds the remains of the assassinated president and his wife. In the back wall of the rotunda, the couple's two young daughters are entombed.

Look high above the sarcophagus to the red, white, and blue dome. Forty-five painted stars represent the states of the union when the monument was built in the early 1900s.

■ Wander into the McKinley Room. Here you'll discover the world's largest collection of William McKinley memorabilia.

As your self-guided tour of the memorial ends, you can leave the building from the rear – it's easier on the legs and is handicapped accessible.

For information on the McKinley Museum and National Memorial, call (330) 455-7043, or visit their Web site: www.mckinleymuseum.org.

While you're visiting Canton, Ohio that is, you can visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the Canton Classic Car Museum, and the Cultural Center for the Arts.

If you're planning a visit in the spring or summer and enjoy golfing, Stark County holds the distinction of not only being the home of McKinley, but also "Ohio's Golf Capital."

For travel information, contact the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 229 Wells Avenue Northwest, Canton, Ohio 44703-2642, or call (800) 533-4302 or online at www.visitcantonohio.com.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and the author of "52 Ohio Weekends," (Country Roads Press).

Special Events

Feb. 16 – Wildwood Metro Park, Toledo; personal recollections of President Abraham Lincoln as told by Dr. Richard S. Young.

Feb. 20 – Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont; "Rutherford B. Hayes & George Crook: A Friendship Forged in War," a free lecture by Civil War author Peter E. Cozzens.

Feb. 21 – President's Day.

- Akron Zoo, Akron; Presidents Day program focusing on the bald eagle and wildlife native to the U.S.
- James A. Garfield Historic Site, Mentor; "Who Wants To Be A President?" "Abraham Lincoln" will be the host of this program based on the television game show.
- William Howard Taft Birthplace, Cincinnati; free guided tours.

Daily – The U.S. Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton; four presidential aircraft on display.

For information on all presidential events, call (800) BUCKEYE, or visit the Web site: www.ohiotourism.com.

Presidential homesites and monuments

More presidents were born or raised in Ohio than in any other state. Here's a brief look at the Buckeye State's presidential homesites and monuments. Some offer tours and others host special events.

Call the site before making plans to visit.

- The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, (800) 998-PRES or (419) 332-2081, features a stately 33-room mansion, a museum, library and a wooded estate.
- The only memorial to the nation's 27th president is in the Mount Auburn section of Cincinnati. Call the William Howard Taft National Historic Site at (513) 684-3262.
- Ulysses S. Grant's Birthplace, (513) 553-4911, can be found near the banks of the Ohio River in the town of Point Pleasant. The three-room, frame cottage is open to the public.
- The Warren G. Harding Presidential Home and Memorial, (740) 387-9630, is located in Marion. President Harding conducted his famous "front porch" campaign at this residence.

  The Harding Memorial, the largest presidential monument outside Washington, D.C., is a short drive south of the Harding Home.
- View the final resting place of President William Henry Harrison in North Bend at the Harrison Tomb State Memorial, (800) 311-5353. North Bend, located in the southwest corner of the state, was the residence of both the nation's ninth president, William Henry Harrison, and, his grandson, Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president.
- Check out the one-room schoolhouse in Georgetown where Ulysses S. Grant attended classes. Call the Grant Schoolhouse at (937) 378-4119 to arrange a visit.
- A major restoration was just completed at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor. Reporters nicknamed this home "Lawnfield" because they camped out during the presidential campaign on the Garfield's front lawn. For information, call (440) 255-8722.
- The final resting place of President Garfield may be viewed at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland. Call the Greater Cleveland Convention & Visitors Bureau, (800) 321-1004.

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We are looking for stories and pictures about people who love to travel.

Have you been to any faraway places?

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If so, tell us about it by contacting assistant managing editor/Observer features Keely Wygonik by phone at (734) 953-2105; by fax at (734) 591-7279; by e-mail at kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

We're looking forward to sharing your stories and photographs with readers.

If you're a local travel agent we'd also like to hear from you about destinations our readers might want to consider.

Is it too early to begin making plans for summer vacation? When should you start looking for a cottage to rent? We're looking forward to hearing from you.

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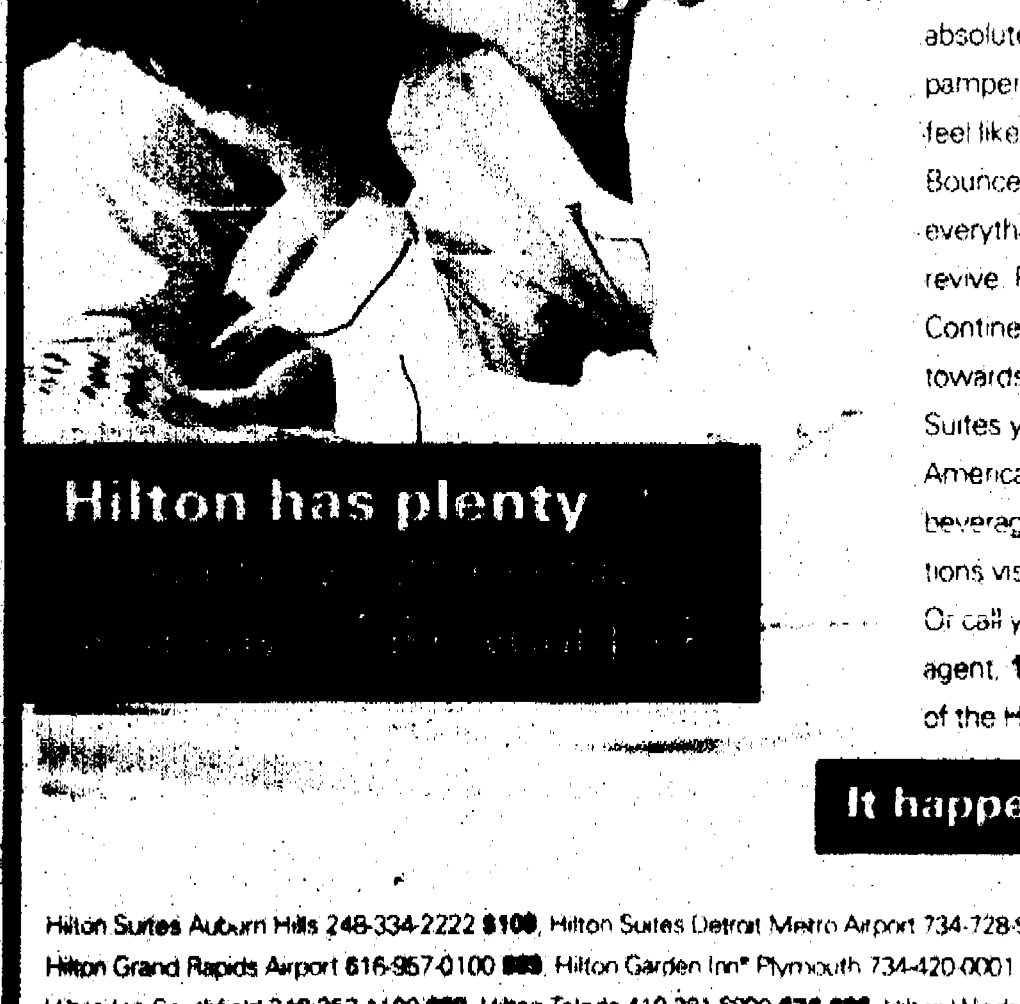

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Make Your Destination: Cranbrook and Cranbrook Institute of Science for February Fun!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

AFRICA!
This temporary display showcases a portion of the museum's African collection, including objects used for daily activities as well as those intended for special occasions. *Through March 5.*

SUNDAY BRUNCH AND SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES
Descendants of an African Tradition: Examining Ethnographic Relationships Between Yoruba and African-American Art Production
Sunday, February 13
Guest Speaker: Jon O. Lockard, Adjunct Lecturer, The University of Michigan Center for Afro-American and African Studies. Lockard introduces the basic principles of Yoruba art, a product of the dominant West African culture and its relationship to contemporary African-American art. 11am brunch, noon lecture. For ticket prices and registration call *248 645.3210.*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WEEK
Monday, February 14-Friday, February 18, 11am-4pm
Hands-on activities and take home projects based on the work of African-American scientists of the past and present. For elementary age students; free with museum admission.

GOSPEL CONCERT
Saturday, February 19, 6-8pm
The Institute and the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Museum present *A Gospel Showcase: History and Music.* Tickets are $10 per person and include museum admission and strolling light supper. Reservations required; call *248 645.3210.*

OTHER EXHIBITS & EVENTS:
New long-term exhibits: *Every Rock Has a Story, The Motion Gallery, Reading Objects* and *Life Lab*
New traveling exhibit: *Take My Picture Please: A Festival of Cultural Snapshots*

PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS
Young Stargazers Sky Journey
Planet Alignment 2000!
Laser Swing

SPECIAL PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS
February 14-18

STARRY NIGHTS
The Institute and Observatory remain open until 10pm with Planetarium programs, Reflections Cafe and more!

FOSSILS OF PREHISTORIC MICHIGAN
Adult Science Class
February 14, 21 & 28

HOOT OUT
Friday, February 11, 7-9pm

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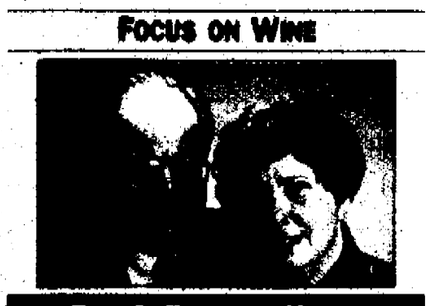
FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Meritage wines offer heritage of Bordeaux

Meritage wines are a U.S. expression of wines blended in the Bordeaux tradition. Meritage is not a French word. Pronounce it as a rhyme with heritage.

After decades of perfecting the art of producing 100 percent varietal wines, U.S. winemakers are focusing on a time-honored tradition of blending grape varieties, particularly the classic Bordeaux grapes. The name Meritage was chosen because it combined the words merit and heritage.

Some wineries belong to a "Meritage" organization and only they have the right to use the Meritage trademark on their label. To do so, the wine must meet the following criteria:

- It must be made entirely from a blend of the traditional Bordeaux grape varietals.
- Principal red varietals include: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot and malbec.
- White varietals include: sauvignon blanc, semillon and muscadelle.
- It must be the winery's best wine of its type. Exceptions are wines labeled estate bottled or vineyard designated.
- It must be produced and bottled by a winery in the U. S. from grapes that carry a U. S. appellation of origin.
- Each Meritage wine must be limited in production to no more than 25,000 cases from each vintage by a single winery.
- A winery must pay an annual licensing fee to use the name Meritage for its wine.

The Meritage moniker has caught on. More wineries are producing either a White Meritage, Red Meritage or both. Many restaurants have listed Meritage wines separately on the wine list and progressive wine shops have shelving dedicated to Meritage wines.

Meritage red varietals

- Cabernet sauvignon is deep-colored and tannic. Tannin acts as a natural preservative and gives the wine longevity. The grape has a natural affinity with oak adding flavor through barrel aging. Cabernet sauvignon contributes aromas of blackberries, blackcurrants, cassis, violets and cedar. Any vanilla characters come from aging in French oak.
- Merlot excels in fruitiness and lower tannin levels. It is the prime blending grape in the Medoc region of Bordeaux.

Please see WINE, D2

Wine Picks

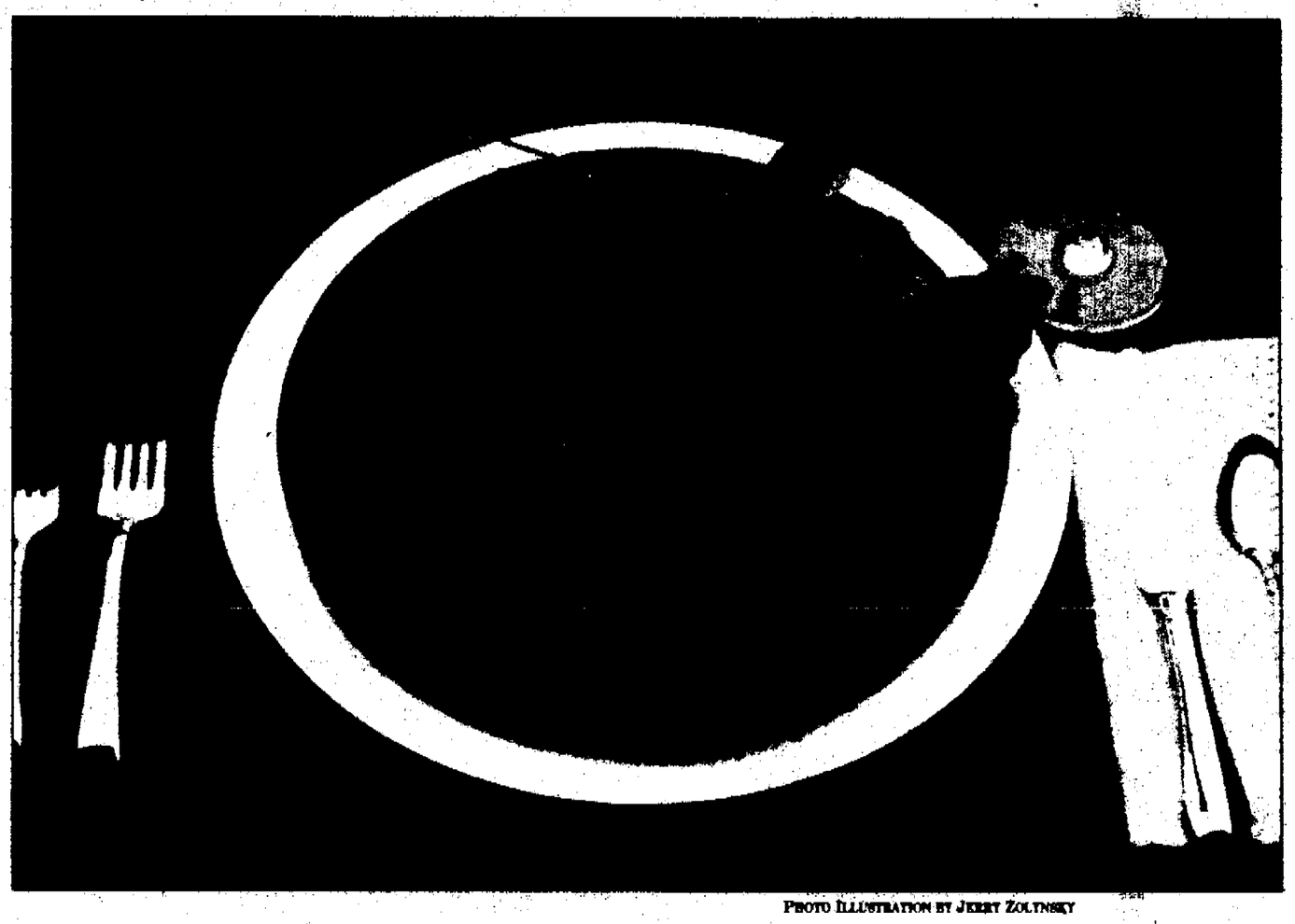
- **Pick of the pack:** 1997 Clos du Bois Flintwood Chardonnay, $22.
- **Mellow reds:** 1997 St. Francis Merlot, $22; 1998 Ca' del Solo Barbera, $15; and 1998 Ca' del Solo Sangiovese, $12.
- **Good deals:** Beringer Wine Estates recently sold its value-priced brand Napa Ridge to Bronco Wine Company. If you've liked Napa Ridge wines that we've recommended numerous times, stock up. The vineyard sources from which these wines were made were not part of the sale. Only the label and stock were. Wine is made in the vineyard so there are no guarantees on future quality once current stock runs out.
- **Italian classics from Michele Chiarlo:** 1997 Barbera d'Asti, $13; 1996 Barilot (nebbiolo/barbera blend), $37; 1998 Countec, $82 (nebbiolo, barbera, cabernet sauvignon blend); and 1998 Barbaresco Asili, $50.
- **Steals:** 1998 Owen's Estate Cabernet/Shiraz, $12; 1998 Tessera Chardonnay, $10; and 1998 Domaine des Bisquieurs Syrah $10.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Snacks
- Main Dish Miracle

Valentine's Day is an occasion that calls for special meals for spouses, lovers or that special someone. When chefs put together a "dinner from the heart," they like to prepare rack of lamb, lobster or stone crabs to impress loved ones.



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Wow your mate with Love

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Absolutely! Some foods are aphrodisiacs. Greg Goodman, chef/proprietor of Café Bon Homme in Plymouth, cites caviar and champagne, stone crabs, truffles and chocolate.

Chef/proprietor Rocky Rachwitz of Rocky's in Northville and Brighton adds oysters. Chef de Cuisine Lula Kalaj of Livonia's Fonte d'Amore, translated from Italian as "fountain of love," suggests artichokes and asparagus.

Indefatigable Maitre d' Mickey Bakst of Tribute in Farmington Hills specifies his caviar aphrodisiac as "Beluga, double zero with perfect, mouth-popping eggs." He shares the belief about oysters and stone crabs, then tacks on foie gras, passion fruit and garlic!

Dinner from the heart

But what if these restaurant pros were to make THE dinner from the heart to WOW their special someone?

Rachwitz would prepare rack of lamb with wild mushroom risotto and a fresh asparagus bundle. Kalaj would serve lobster and a simple risotto cooked with sautéed onions in a simmering chicken stock. Her plate garnish would also be asparagus.

Stone crabs with a Dijon mustard sauce beat out foie gras for Bakst. Most unique is Goodman's suggestion of game consommé with diced vegetables baked in a serving-size terrine with puff pastry topping. To duplicate this, you're going to have to start making the consommé several days in advance.

Stone crabs

Both stone crabs and oysters are in season.

If you prefer stone crabs to oysters, ask the seafood merchant to crack stone crabs for you. You can easily make a Dijon mustard dipping sauce by mixing a couple of tablespoons of mustard with sour cream and half-and-half, then season with salt and pepper to taste. If you aren't skilled at shucking oysters, get this done by the merchant also.

Canned foie gras is available in upscale gourmet food markets if you want to substitute it as an hors d'oeuvre in the WOW menu. Serve thin slices of foie gras with toast points.

Please see LOVE, D2

Valentine's Day Menu

HORS D'OEUVRE
Oysters on the Half Shell with Mignonette
Champagne Charles Heidsieck Mis en Cave 1996 Brut Reserve

FIRST COURSE
Avocado, Red Grapefruit and Curly Endive Salad

PRINCIPAL PLATE
Rack of lamb
Wild Mushroom Risotto
Steamed Asparagus Bundles
1995 Beringer Napa Valley Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

SWEET ENDING
Chocolate Pots de Creme
Espresso Coffee
Ramos-Pinto Quinta da Urriza Porto

Gift of life prompts 'Spice of Life Cookbook'

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Jeffrey Leeds didn't write a cookbook with Valentine's Day and the hearts of lovers in mind.

Instead, the 55-year-old writer thought about his own heart and others who need one.

With a heart from an anonymous donor beating inside him that saved his life, he developed a deep appreciation for that gift, the donor of the heart and the surgeons at the University of California, Los Angeles who operated on him in 1993.

"I wanted to give something back somehow," said Leeds. "I told myself that if a donor was willing to help me continue a productive life, I'd help others by encouraging them to eat properly prepared meals."

So Leeds collected recipes from grandmothers, family cookbooks and his own repertoire at his home in Sherman Oaks, Calif. to create "The Spice of Life Cookbook," published by Momentum Books of Troy.

A portion of proceeds will go to the UCLA transplant unit for research, Leeds said.

About 20 years ago Leeds worked in advertising and public relations, then he fell into what he describes as a mid-life crisis and developed high blood pressure. He said he had "three or four" heart attacks, the first severely damaging his heart. Doctors performed bypass surgery which helped him, but over the next few years, he developed congestive heart failure and was told he needed a transplant.

"I knew I had to change my ways," Leeds said.

Good-bye, cheeseburgers. Hello, chicken. Lots of it, too.

Leeds' cookbook contains over 100 recipes with dishes below 500 calories, that contain less than 200 milligrams of cholesterol and sodium, and less than 30 percent of calories from fat.

Leeds "was always" around food – snack bars in college, restaurants while in advertising. But he also enjoyed collecting cookbooks over the years. He started pulling recipes from old publications, from family cookbooks and grandmothers.

He used chicken exclusively throughout the cookbook because it is his personal preference. "There is more chicken in the world than there are people," Leeds said.

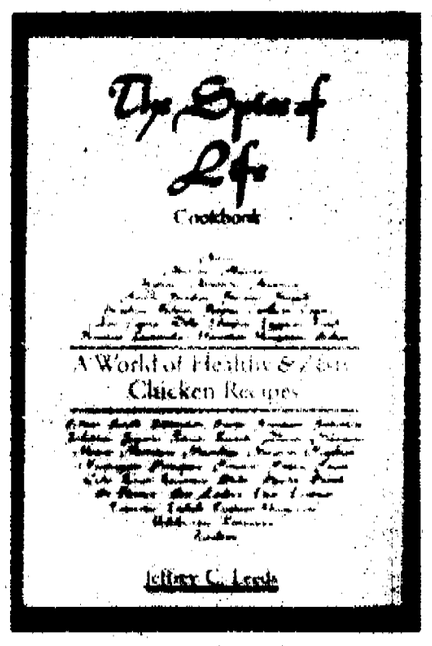
His book even has a Valentine's Day recipe, a chicken dish with rose petals, "perfect with candlelight," Leeds writes. Mud Chicken, which features lots of garlic on chicken breasts, Cuban Chicken and Brazilian Chicken are among Leeds' favorites.

Leeds believes cooks don't have to give up good taste when preparing healthier foods. "You have olive oil and a mixture of other ingredients, so you aren't cheating yourself," Leeds said. He also features butter in his recipes, but a minimal amount.

"Healthy eating doesn't have to be as serious as a heart attack," Leeds said. "It can be fun."

"The Spice of Life Cookbook" ($19.95, paperback, 172 pages) is available in bookstores or by calling the publisher, Momentum Books in Troy at (800) 758-1870.

Six recipes inside.



International flavors: *The Spice of Life Cookbook by Jeffrey Leeds features more than 100 recipes, each containing less than 500 calories and less than 30 percent of calories from fat.*

Spice of Life recipes bring flare

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from "The Spice of Life Cookbook," by Jeffrey Leeds, published by Momentum Books in Troy.

ROSE PETAL

1 pound, chicken breasts, boneless, skinless
Petals from 2 roses, crushed just enough to release aroma and natural oils
1/2 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 ounce almonds, slivered
1 tablespoon honey

Sauté breasts in half the butter on medium heat until golden, 4-5 minutes each side. Set aside. Sauté garlic in remaining butter 1 minute. Add almonds and cook 2 more minutes. Remove from heat.

Gently stir in rose petals and honey. Spoon sauce over chicken and "serve with a kiss."

Serves 2.

Nutritional information: Calories, 239; chol., 73.5 mg.; and sod., 75.9 mg.

BRAZILIAN CHICKEN

8 (6 ounce) chicken breasts, boned and skinned
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
2 cloves of garlic, minced
Zested rinds of 1 orange and 1 lemon
1 sprig of rosemary

Mix ingredients, add chicken and marinate overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bake one hour or until tender.

Serve with couscous and fresh vegetables.

Nutritional information: Calories, 231; chol., 68 mg.; and sodium, 166 mg.

Low-fat cooking: Halibut with braised vegetables

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halibut With Braised Vegetables has only about 2 grams of fat per serving, but the fine flavor of the fish, garnished with juicy vegetables, makes this a rich and satisfying dish.

The recipe is from "Betty Crocker's Healthy and Hearty Cooking" (Macmillan, $24.95), which features about 400 recipes, from appetizers to desserts, to help feed the family with a smart eye on nutrition as well as good taste.

A cook's note with this recipe points out that for food safety reasons, the editors recommend cooking fish to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F.

HALIBUT WITH BRAISED VEGETABLES

2 cups finely chopped onions (about 2 large)
1/2 cup tomato juice
1/2 cup apple juice
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 cup chopped red or green bell pepper (about 1 medium)
1 cup cooked fresh, frozen (thawed) or canned (drained) whole kernel corn (about 2 medium ears)
1/2 cup sliced green onions (about 5 medium)
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Nonstick cooking spray
1 1/2 pounds halibut or other lean fish fillets, cut into 6 serving pieces

Heat onions, tomato juice, apple juice and garlic to boiling in 2-quart saucepan; reduce heat to medium. Cook uncovered about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid has evaporated.

Stir in remaining ingredients except fish. Cook uncovered 6 to 8 minutes or until corn is tender. Cover and remove from heat.

Set oven control to broil. Spray broiler pan rack with nonstick cooking spray. Place fish on rack in broiler pan. Broil with tops about 4 inches from heat about 10 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork. Serve with vegetables.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 175 cal., 2 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 60 mg chol., 290 mg sodium, 16 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 23 g pro.

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Love *from page D1*

If you prefer meatless, omit the rack of lamb as a principal plate and scale up the proportions to make more wild mushroom risotto. Change the beef broth to chicken or vegetable broth.

All recipes, except the dessert, serve two but can easily be scaled up in multiples of two in case a group of guys would like the culinary challenge for their sweethearts. Or vice versa, ladies.

Setting the mood

■ A romantic dinner is not only about special dishes. Ambiance adds a lot. Twelve-inch tapers cast a spell. Put them in the freezer for a few hours and they won't drip.

A romantic dinner is not only about special dishes. Ambiance adds a lot. Twelve-inch tapers cast a spell. Put them in the freezer for a few hours before lighting and they won't drip.

Valentine's Day calls for red roses and romantic music. Have your favorite CD at the ready.

For champagne, use flute-shaped glasses. The Charles Heidsieck Mis en Cave 1996 Champagne selection costs $45. We recommend it because it verifies the date of disgorgement on the back of the necker. With champagne, fresh is best. Chill it for several hours in the refrigerator.

A mixture of half water, half ice in a champagne bucket will keep the bubbly stuff at the right temperature tableside.

Thin-lipped over-sized quality glassware will make the ultra-rich Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon $75-taste even better. Ramos-Pinto Porto Quinta da Urtiga $17 is a vintage character, single vineyard Port that makes an amazingly perfect pairing with chocolate.

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Wine *from page D1*

■ Cabernet franc produces very aromatic wines with raspberry and violet scents. As a blending wine, it has much the same flavor and structure as cabernet sauvignon, but without the high tannin profile.

■ Petit verdot produces wine similar to the color and flavor of syrah. It adds fragrance interest and spicy, peppery flavors.

■ Malbec is rich in color and tannins. It has similar flavors to merlot, but is softer than cabernet sauvignon and carries the flavors of blueberries.

We put some Bordeaux-varietal blends to a blind test with 15 knowledgeable consumers. They rated wines on a 10-point scale. Not all wines came from wineries in the Meritage group, but all were blends of allowed Bordeaux varietals. Some were French ringers. Here's the shakeout rating from 1-12:

■ 1996 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages, Sonoma County $35
■ 1994 Ferrari-Carano Trésor Reserve Sonoma County $65
■ 1992 Joseph Phelps Insignia, Napa Valley $75
■ 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford $26
■ 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Epoch, Dry Creek Valley, $60
■ 1997 Pine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District, $50
■ 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County $20
■ 1996 Bernardus Winery Marinus, Carmel Valley $40
■ 1996 Clos du Bois Marlstone Alexander Valley $30
■ 1988 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District $40
■ 1995 Chateau Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac $70
■ 1995 Chateau Lafon-Rochet, Saint-Estephe $35

What does this tell you? (1) The 1988 Shafer got an unfair shake amid so many younger wines, (2) our tasters preferred California-style fruit to that of Bordeaux, (3) the most expensive wine is not always the best, and (4) the Wine Spectator deservedly gave our Number 1 wine first place in its best 100 also.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864.

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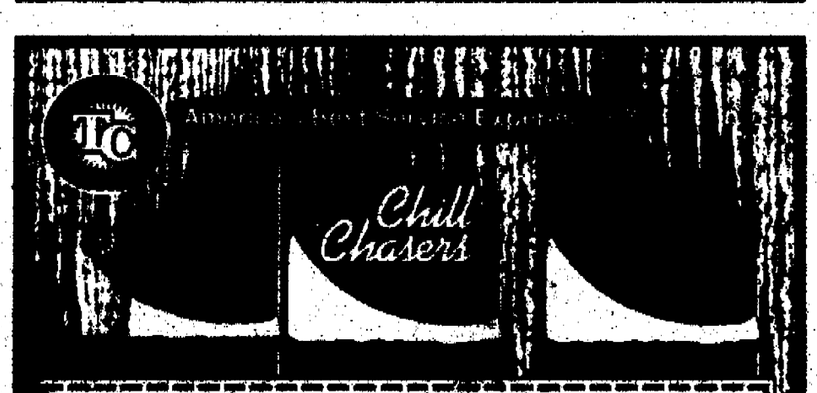

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These foods of love are heart-warming dishes

Here are some recipes you can prepare for your special someone. *See story Taste front.*

Oysters with Mignonette

12 fresh Blue Point (or other) oysters, shucked
2 shallots, minced fine
1 tablespoon champagne or dry white wine
3/4 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon fresh cilantro, minced
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
Dash of Tabasco
Lemon wedges

In a small glass bowl, combine shallots, wine, lemon juice, cilantro, pepper and Tabasco. Place shucked oysters on a bed of crushed ice. Top each with 1/2 teaspoon of mignonette. Serve garnished with slender lemon wedges.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Heald.

Avocado, Grapefruit and Curly Endive Salad

2 small heads curly endive
1 small shallot, minced
1 teaspoon champagne or dry white wine
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon orange juice
salt to taste
1 red grapefruit, peeled and white pith removed
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/8 teaspoon minced lemon zest
1/8 teaspoon chopped orange zest
1 ripe avocado, halved, skin left on

Use only the endive hearts. Wash endive and spin dry. In a small bowl, combine shallot with wine, lemon juice, orange juice and salt to taste. Section grapefruit by slicing along membranes. Whisk olive oil into shallot mixture. Add lemon and orange zests.

Slice avocado lengthwise. Scoop out slices with a large spoon or avocado knife.

Toss endive with grapefruit in a large bowl, with two-thirds of the dressing and arrange on 2 individual dishes. Place avocado slices alongside; season with salt and drizzle with remaining dressing. Serves 2.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Heald.

Rack of Lamb with Sage Crust

1 whole rack of lamb (weight about 3/4 to 1 pound)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon canola oil
1 cup fresh (soft) bread crumbs
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped fresh sage leaves
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Aged balsamic vinegar to taste

Preheat oven to 475° F. Season rack liberally with salt and pepper. Place a large heavy skillet over high heat. When very hot, add canola oil and sear the rack all over until it is very brown, about 2 minutes per side.

Transfer to a roasting pan fitted with a wire rack, laying it rounded side up. Cover with foil and set aside.

Place remaining ingredients, except for the balsamic vinegar, in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper and process until it forms a paste.

Press the paste onto the rounded side of the racks. Roast until desired doneness, about 15 minutes for rare. Allow to rest for 5 minutes, covered, before carving. Serve drizzled with balsamic vinegar. Serves 2.

Recipe adapted by Eleanor Heald from Molly O'Neill, The New York Times.

Wild Mushroom Risotto

This microwave preparation takes some of the tedium out of making a creamy risotto. During the multiple on high microwave cooking periods, you can prepare and sauté the mushrooms.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
1 tablespoon olive oil
4 tablespoons minced onion
1/2 cup Arborio rice
1 1/2 cups beef broth
4 tablespoons minced Italian flat-leaf parsley
1/4 pound fresh wild mushrooms (shiitake, oyster, porcini and/or chanterelles)
1 garlic clove, minced
2 tablespoons Asiago cheese, grated
Salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Place 1 tablespoon butter and the oil in a glass baking dish. Cook in a microwave on high for 1 minute. Add minced onion, stir and cook for 2 minutes. Add rice, stir and cook for 4 minutes. Add broth, stir and cook for 9 minutes. Stir well and cook for 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, clean mushrooms with brush and cut into 1/4 inch slices. In a small skillet, sauté mushrooms in the remaining 1 tablespoon butter over high heat for 2 minutes. Lower heat to medium, add garlic and sauté briefly, until garlic just begins to color. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Add sautéed mushrooms and parsley to rice; stir well and cook for 9 more minutes. Stir in grated cheese and serve with a grind of pepper.

Note: Contrary to popular belief, risotto can be made ahead. Use the microwave method until the last nine-minute cooking after addition of mushrooms and parsley to rice. Pour nearly-cooked rice into a medium sauté pan. Set aside. Add sautéed mushrooms, parsley and more broth if needed.

Over medium heat, complete cooking on the stove top until rice is fully cooked and creamy. It will now take less than nine minutes.

Recipe adapted by Eleanor Heald from one created by Simi Winery Executive Chef Mary Evely.

Pots de Crème

6 ounces chocolate chips
2 tablespoons sugar
Dash of salt
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 egg
3/4 cup milk, heated to boiling, but not boiled
Confectioners sugar or whipped cream for decoration (optional)

Put chocolate chips in a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Process until well crumbled. Add remaining ingredients to processor bowl and blend well. Pour equally among 4 small ramekins.

Chill for 2 hours before serving. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar or use a dollop of whipped cream for added interest (optional). Serves 4.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Heald.

COOKING CLASS CALENDER

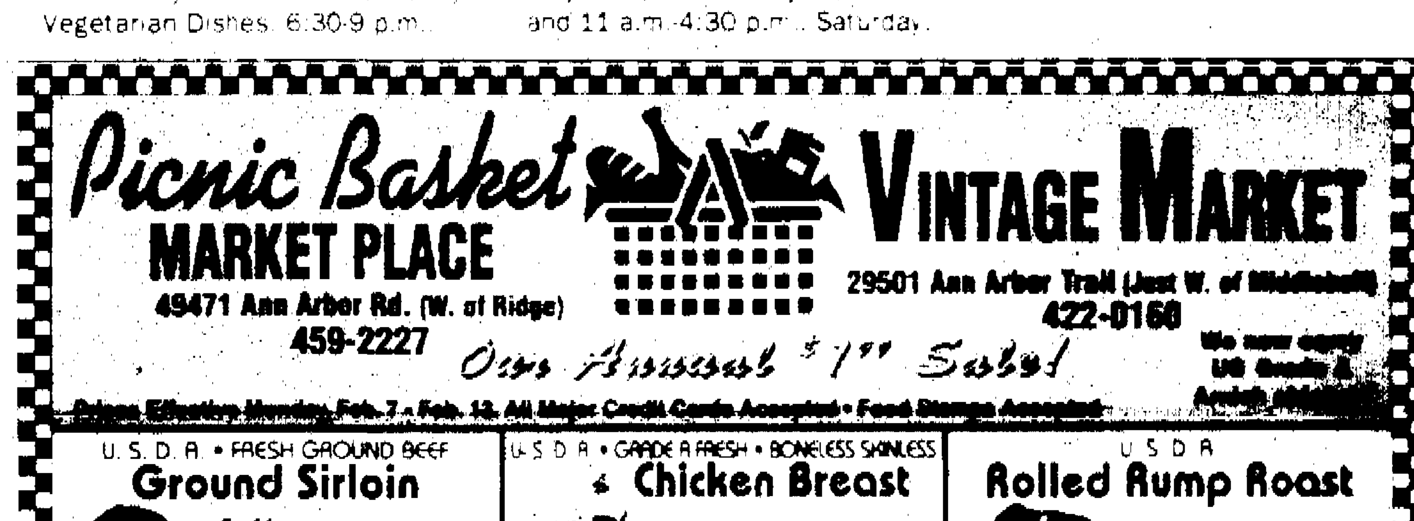
Send items for consideration in Cooking Class Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

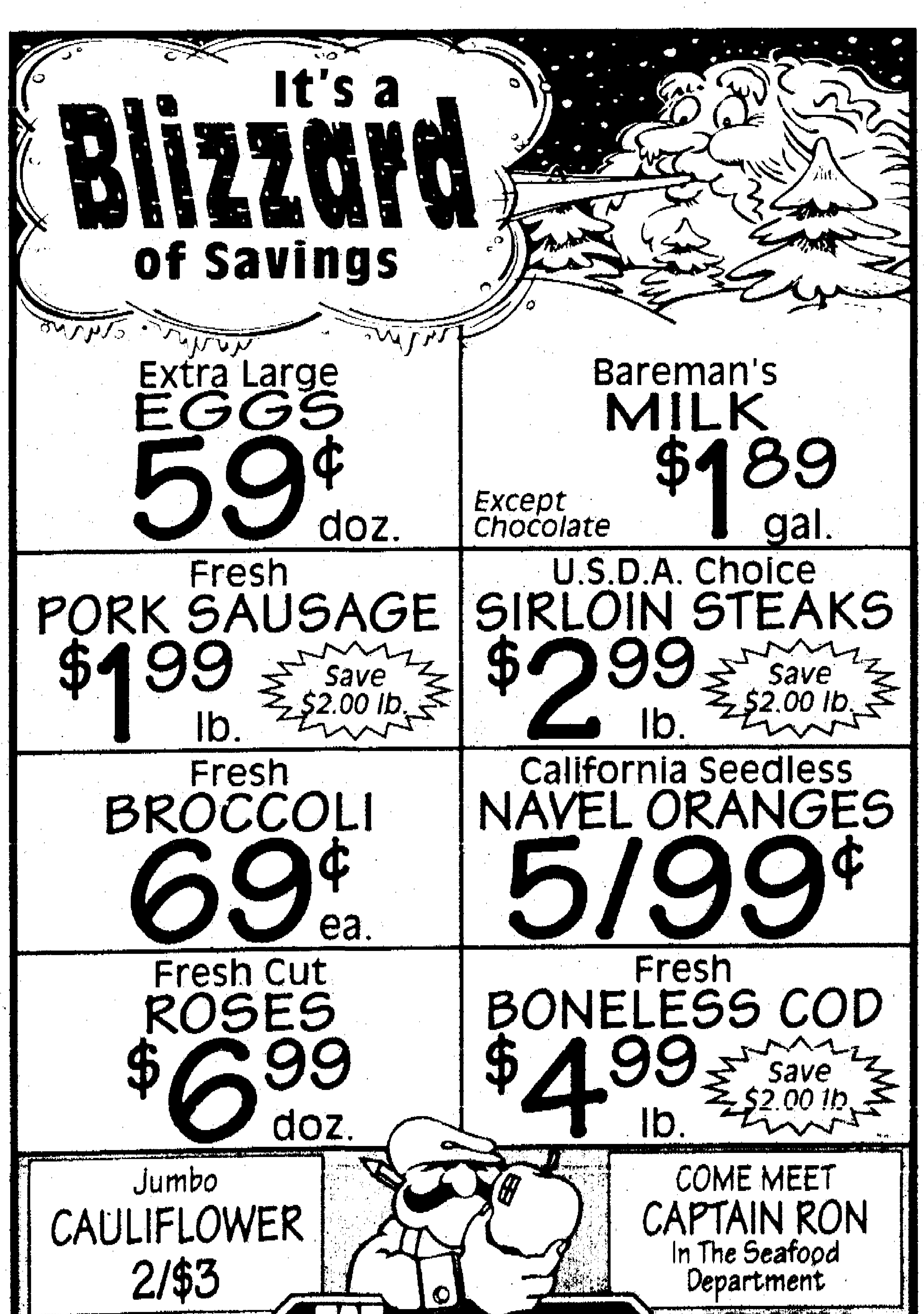
■ **Kitchen Glamor** features Signature Recipes of Michigan Five Star Chefs at Kitchen Glamor, Orchard Mall, northeast corner of Maple and Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield.
One day sessions in February include Chef Marcus Haight of The Lark Restaurant in West Bloomfield, noon Sunday, Feb. 6; and Chef Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill of Milford, 12:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 20.
Haight will prepare artichoke soup with Nantucket bay scallops; red snapper baked in parchment paper with tomatoes, peppers, onions and garden herbs and raspberry mousse napoleon. Polcyn will demonstrate the preparation of Maryland crab cakes on roasted red pepper and crispy potatoes, citrus marinated salmon with confit of oranges and pea jus, pan roasted breast of squab with foie gras, Swiss chard and oven dried figs and Indian pudding with butterscotch sauce.
Kitchen Glamor also conducts sessions with cooking instructors at the Novi and Redford stores. This week, instructor Michelle Miller-Fuller, offers a spicy collection with flavors south of the border, including spicy black bean chili soup, creamy chicken chili, sweet and spicy peach salsa and a creamy avocado salsa. Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Novi store in the Novi Town Center (southeast of the Novi Road exit at I-96) and Wednesday, Feb. 9 at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call 1-800-641-1252 for information.

Continuing Education Classes
■ **Schoolcraft College:** European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14 and 21; Thai Cuisine at Home, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 13 and 20; Also, Pasta Cookery, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 16 and 23, Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; Outdoor Grilling and Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Monday, April 17 and 24; and Buffet and Hors D'oeuvres — Hands On!, 5:30-9:30 p.m., April 20 and 21.
For information about Schoolcraft's courses, call 462-4448.

■ **Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center:** Not Just Your Ordinary Soups, 6:30 - 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, More Hearty Vegetarian Dishes, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 17 and 24, and March 2; Fabulous Fiber Ideas, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19;
Also, Mardi Gras, 6:30-9:30 p.m., March 7; Sausage Making, 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, March 15, 22 and 29; High Tea the British Way, 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 10, and 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15; New Orleans Brunch, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Friday, April 14, and Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., May 20.

For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit HFCC at www.hfcc.net.





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Health & Fitness

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Top honor

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has been selected for a second time as one of the top-performing hospitals in the United States in the seventh annual study conducted by HCIA and the Health Network. The Top 100 Hospitals - Benchmarks for Success - 1999 is based on a model used to measure performance among general care and teaching hospitals. St. Joe's was selected for this honor from approximately 3,000 hospitals in the United States.

Inaugural meeting

The National Federation for the Blind of Michigan, Western Wayne County Chapter will be holding their inaugural meeting at 1 p.m. Feb. 12. The meeting will be held at Leon's Restaurant near the northeast corner of Michigan and Telegraph roads. Food can be purchased off the menu at 12:30 p.m. Call Fred Oliver (734) 421-7273 for information.

Prostate screen

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Prostate Cancer Screening Day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5 in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion (14555 Levan Road). The prostate screening is free and provides a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level and educational material. Preregistration is requested by calling (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Breastfeeding help

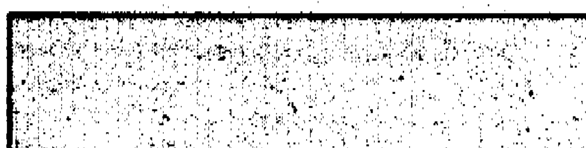
La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 10th. Please call for location and or additional information. Theresa (734) 261-6814, Vicki (313) 937-3011, or Michele (734) 591-7071.

Dedication

The newly named dining room at Heartland Health Care - University will be dedicated at a ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance will be Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and Heartland Administrator Roslind Ferrone. The event will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. The A-wing dining room is located at Heartland Health Care - University, 28550 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Chronic conditions

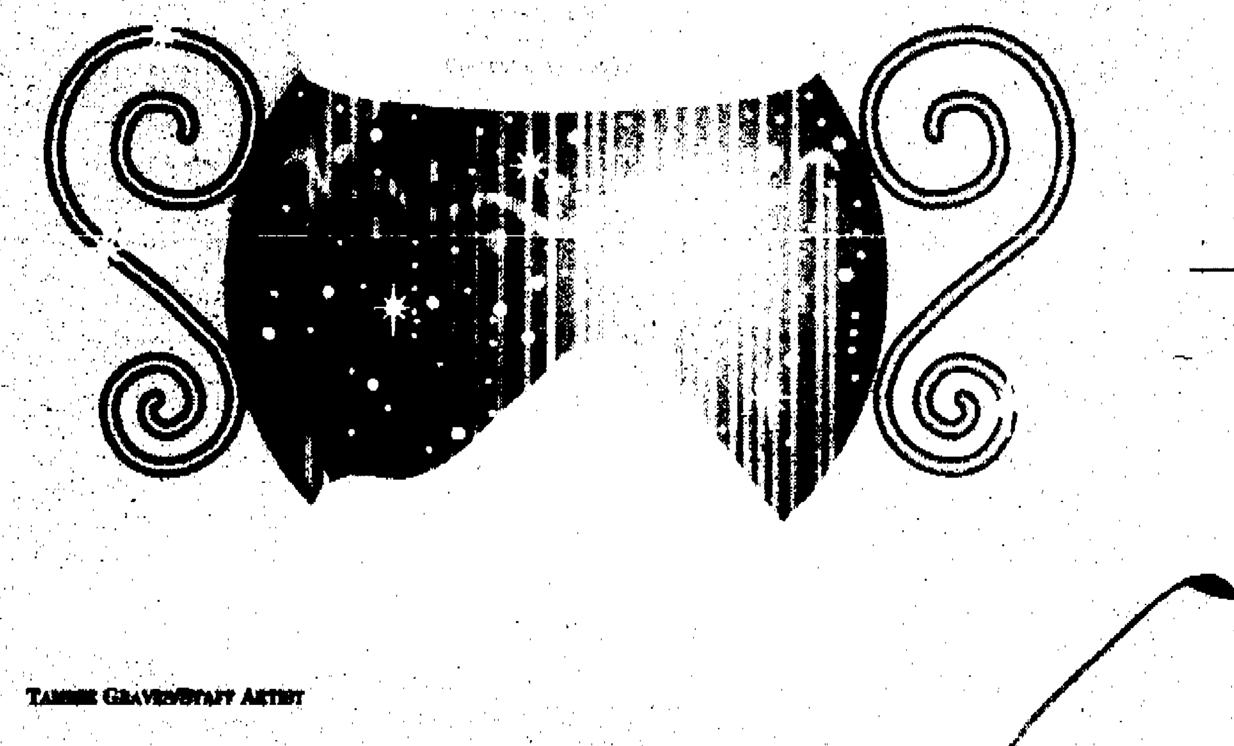
Sign up for a six-week program that puts you back in control of your chronic condition and in improving your healthy outlook on life. The next session of Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane in conference room 4. Subsequent dates are Feb. 18 and 25; March 3, 10 and 17. The center is located at 19401 Hubbard Drive at Evergreen in Dearborn. The series is free. Call (313) 664-8473.



Sugar and its many aliases.

STORY BY RENEE SKOGLUND

Sugar high



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Sugar bowls are filled to the brim

"Sugar in the morning, sugar in the evening, sugar at suppertime. Be my little sugar and love me all the time."

Today, that popular McGuire Sisters song from the 1950s could serve as a national anthem for sugar-happy Americans. "We simply consume too much sugar – about 20 teaspoons a day or enough to bake about 100 banana cream pies a year," says Kathy Goldberg, a registered dietitian with the University of Michigan Health System.

The USDA recommends limiting your added sugars – from packaged foods and the sugar bowl – to 10 percent of your daily calories. That's 10 teaspoons for a 2,000-calorie diet. Don't worry about the *natural* sugars from fruit and milk.

Excess sugar can lead to problems more serious than tooth decay, such as [illegible], diabetes, hyperlipidemia (blood fat), malnutrition and arthritis ([illegible] is hard on the joints). [illegible]

"The body will gobble it up and store it in a quick amount of time. You'll have lots of energy then no [illegible]," says Gail Cox, a registered [illegible]

The Center for Science in the Public [illegible]

"Sugar consumption has been going through the roof. It has increased by 28 percent since 1983, fueling soaring obesity rates and other health problems. It's vital that the FDA require labels that would enable consumers to monitor, and reduce, their sugar intake," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

If your sugar bowl hasn't been shaken up yet, consider these facts:

- The average American consumes at least 64 pounds of sugar per year, and the average teenage boy at least 109 pounds.
- The typical American gets 16 percent of his or her calories from added sugars; children 6-11 get 18 percent, and teenagers 12-19 20 percent.
- Calorie-dense foods, which are typically high in sugar and/or fat, contribute to obesity. Between 1976-80 and 1988-94, overweight rates in teenage boys rose from 5 to 12 percent; in teenage girls, the rate rose from 7 to 11 percent, and in adults, it rose from 25 to 35 percent.
- The USDA projects that if consumption trends continue, added-sugar intake will increase almost 20 percent between 1996 and 2005.
- In 1996, 32 percent of Michigan's adults were obese, compared to 29.3 percent of American adults.

"Too much sugar tends to crowd out other nutritious food from our diet, such as whole grains and vegetables and low-fat dairy foods," says Goldberg. "A particular concern is that children have small stomachs. Having too many of their calories from sugar crowds out other nutritious foods from their diet. When they're filling up on sugar, that's excess calories that can lead to obesity."

Stop the pop

The worst offender is soda pop, says Cox. "It's liquid sugar. The saddest thing is it's so pervasive in the schools. And no one even says anything about it. What will this do to their bones?"

CSPI research shows Americans drink twice as much soda pop as milk. People who drink soft drinks instead of milk or other dairy products likely will have lower calcium intakes, which can lead to fragile bones and osteoporosis. Girls build 92 percent of their bone mass by age 18, and playing calcium "catch up" later on is impossible.

Drinking soda pop often starts soon after infancy. According to 1994-96 research data from the CSPI, one-fifth of toddlers – children 1 or 2 years of age – consume an average of seven ounces, almost one cup, of soda pop a day. Boys between the ages of 12 and 19 consume at least two 12-ounce sodas, or 9 percent of their caloric intake. Girls consume slightly less, or 8 percent of their caloric intake.

Although tooth decay rates have declined in recent decades, refined sugar is still a threat to tooth enamel. Soft drinks promote decay because they bathe the teeth of regular consumers for long periods of time during the day.

Juices are fine, but keep in mind that fruit "drinks," "beverages," "ades," and "cocktails" are essentially non-carbonated soda pop. Sunny Delight, Fruitopia, and other brands contain only 5-10 percent juice.

Good sugar

All sugars are not bad. Dairy foods are very high in sugar called lactose, and fruits are very high in a sugar called fructose. Those sugars occur naturally along with the fiber, vitamins and minerals our bodies need. These nutrients fortify our bodies against heart disease, osteoporosis, stroke and some cancers.

"I don't think it's really about stopping eating chocolate," says Cox about controlling sugar intake. "It's balancing, putting it in perspective and looking at the diet as a whole." In making a choice between an apple or a piece of chocolate, the question becomes, "how are you guiding yourself nutritionally?"

If Cox had to indict one type of sugar, it would be refined sugar since it contains no nutrients. At least honey has some trace levels of nutrients. And honey-eaters most likely are more conscientious about their lifestyles, she says.

"If someone cares enough about their weight to eat honey, they probably eat their vegetables and exercise."

Limit your sugar intake by avoiding sticky, sweet foods, limiting soft drinks, reading labels and using more spices – cinnamon, vanilla, spearmint and anise – that provide a sweet taste without the sugar. Also, look for breakfast cereals that have no more than 8 grams of sugar per serving.

However, don't give up that occasional piece of chocolate. "Life without sugar would be horrible," says Cox.

Sugar shock!

Consider the sugar content of the following popular foods:

Snickers, bar (2.1 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 68%

TastyKake Honey Bun (3 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 60%

Lowfat fruit-flavored yogurt (8 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 70%

Entenmann's Chocolate Fudge Cake (3 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 85%

Burger King Cini-minis w/icing (4.7 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 95%

Pepsi (12 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 103%

Hostess Lemon Fruit Pie (4 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 115%

McDonald's Vanilla Shake (20 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 120%

Cinnabon (7 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 123

Sunkist Orange Soda (12 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 130%

McDonald's McFlurry w/ Butterfingers (10 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 138%

Strawberry Passion Awareness Fruitopia (20 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 178%

Dairy Queen Mr. Misty Slush (32 oz.)
USDA daily value percent: 280%

REDUCE INJURY THIS WINTER SEASON

When snow, ice and frigid weather blast into town, watch out, says the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). Winter recreational activities and chores can pose problems for the outdoor enthusiast whose body is not in condition.

Winter sports like skating, skiing, and sledding can cause painful muscle strains or tears if you're not in shape. Even shoveling snow the wrong way, clambering awkwardly over snow banks, slipping on sidewalks and wearing the wrong kinds of clothing can all pose the potential for strains and sprains.

Simply walking outside in the freezing weather without layers of warm clothing can intensify older joint problems and cause a great deal of pain. As muscles and blood vessels contract to conserve the body's heat, the blood supply to extremities is reduced. This lowers the functional capacity of many muscles, particularly among the physically unfit. If we know what areas of our bodies are most vulnerable, we can condition ourselves in the off-season to avoid injury and costly health care bills.

"First, make sure to get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast. Then, to help condition your body, do some at-home stretching exercises. Focus on lower back muscles, hamstrings and calf muscles," says Dr. Carl Heigl, president of ACA's Council on Sports Injuries and Physical Fitness. "To reduce injury, run down a mental check list to assess your mental awareness, equipment condition and your physical fitness level. Next, take off the chill that settles in on the way to your rink, pond or hilltop, and warm up just before you start a sport to get the blood flowing and to increase your heart rate."

The ACA and its Council on Sports Injuries and Physical Fitness suggest the following tips to help you fight back the winter weather:

Skiing — do 10 to 15 squats. Stand with your legs a shoulders' width apart, knees aligned over your feet. Slowly lower your buttocks as you bend your knees over your feet. Stand up straight again.

Skating -- do several lunges. Take a moderately advanced step with one foot. Let your back knee come down to the floor while keeping your shoulders in position over your hips. Repeat the process with your other foot.

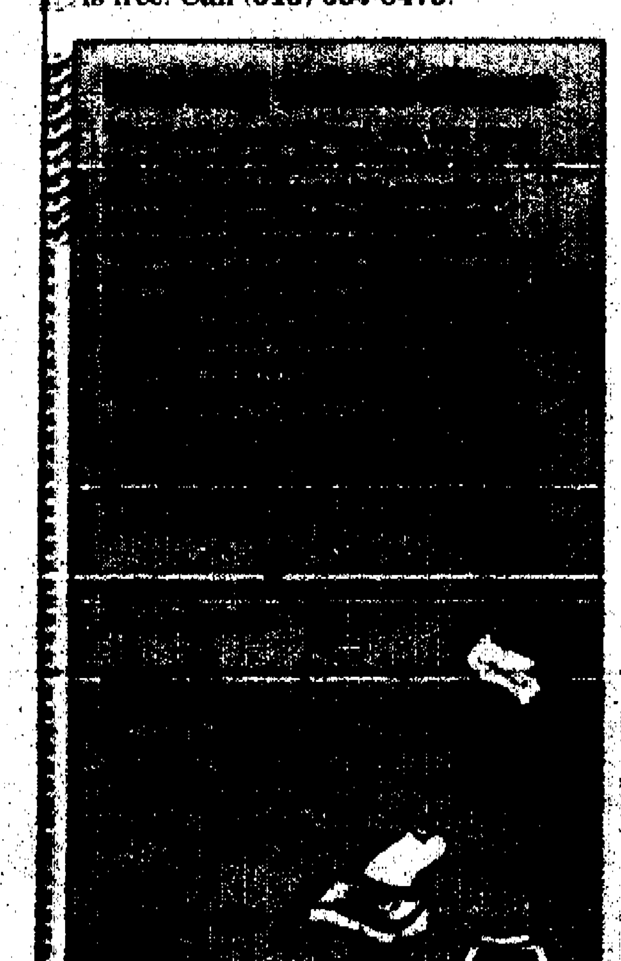
Sledding/tobogganing -- do knee-to-chest stretches to fight compression injuries caused by repetitive bouncing over the snow. Either sitting or lying on your back, pull your knees to your chest and hold for up to 30 seconds.

Don't forget cool-down stretching for all of these sports.

Shoveling snow can also wreak havoc on the musculoskeletal system. The ACA suggests the following tips for exercise of the snow shoveling variety.

- If you must shovel snow, be careful. Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work and layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.
- Shoveling can strain "de-conditioned" muscles between your shoulders, in your upper back, lower back, buttocks and legs. So, do some warm-up stretching before you grab that shovel.
- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued body asks for injury. Stop if you feel chest pain, or get really tired or have shortness of breath. You may need immediate professional help.

If you do not know a doctor of chiropractic in your area, call the ACA at 800-986-4636, or check out the ACA's web site at www.amerchiro.org



News on the net excites journalists, refuels job interest

PC MIKE

MIKE WENDLAND

Last weekend in St. Petersburg, Fla., nearly two dozen of the nation's leading reporters gathered to discuss the future of investigative reporting. We half-jokingly called it an "online news summit."

While there was a lot of spirited debate and discussion, everyone agreed on one thing: The Internet is the best thing to happen to journalism in a very long time. Maybe since the printing press.

Really.

I don't want to use this column to bore you with inside information and gossip from journalists but I do want to let you in on the group's conclusions in a general way because they bear directly on what consumers will soon be seeing online.

Most of the reporters, ranging in age from late twenty-somethings to those in their mid-fifties, have never been more excited about their jobs. And while most were clearly pessimistic about the current state of journalism at traditional newspapers and broadcast stations (for pretty much the same reasons the public is fed up with the media today), they all believed that the Internet is leading to better and more in-depth, relevant reporting.

Those in attendance came, on their own, from newspapers like the New York Times, journalism organizations like Investigative Reporters and editors and media conglomerates like Knight Ridder. There were reporters from online publications like Salon (www.salon.com), WebMD (www.webmd.com) and the police and crime reporting website APBNews.com (www.apbnews.com).

The gathering was hosted by the Poynter Institute, a prestigious journalism school that has been described as a think tank for news professionals. I serve as a fellow at Poynter and spend a week or two every month there teaching online news, investigative reporting and writing.

At the weekend gathering, we worked on position papers about the business, ethics, content and technology issues and challenges surrounding online journalism. Those will be presented and discussed at journalism conventions and gatherings around the country in the months ahead.

I tell you all this because I am more convinced than ever after attending the Florida meeting that the Internet will soon become the most influential of the mass media.

Because it is interactive, you will soon be able to regularly and instantly access statistics and data bases directly related to your city, your neighborhood. News-on-demand links will let you dig into original reporting as deeply as you want, instead of being frustrated by one-minute-10-second television reports and space-limited newspaper accounts.

And all this content will be fresh and updated hourly, or sooner.

Change in venue

Within a decade, most of the journalists at last weekend's meeting believe, the main effort of newspapers and broadcast stations will be focused on the Net.

"What we essentially produce isn't a physical thing," said one of the reporters. "What we produce is information. And now, the Internet is the most efficient means of delivering that information."

Said another journalist who left a traditional reporting job to work at a Web startup. "I'm proud of what I do again. I really can tell all the different sides, offer all the different perspectives and voices on an issue with the Internet. This is what the public has been clamoring for ... quality, in-depth, balanced news ... and we can now do that online."

What do you think? How much do you currently use the Internet for news? What frustrates you about the Net? About traditional newspapers and broadcast stations? What do you like about old and new media? I'd really like to know. E-mail me at mike@pcmike.com and I'll share your comments with my journalistic colleagues ,and, if I hear from enough of you, in this column.

Meanwhile, here are some other things you need to know about:

Windows 2000 not for most home users

There's so much hype about Windows 2000 (set for official release later this month but already on some store shelves) that I thought I'd better warn home PC users that this product is not for most consumers. It's aimed at those business or power users who are running Windows NT. For the home user with Windows 98, upgrading to 2000 is very tricky and can result in all sorts of conflicts and compatibility problems with software and peripherals.

Ford and UAW will set PC trend

Have you seen the story about Ford Motor Co. and the UAW reaching an agreement under which each of the automaker's 350,000 workers will get an Internet-connected computer at home? Mark my words, this will spread to the other auto companies and then numerous other corporations around the nation. Ford has the Internet figured out. It's a great way to build community among those you most need community from ... your own work force. Congrats to Ford Chairman William Ford Jr., Chief Executive Officer Jac Nasser and United Auto Workers union President Stephen Yokich. Great idea!

"Souping up your PC" seminar next week

If you want to learn how to get the most out of your computer, then be sure to join me and a panel of tech experts next Saturday Feb. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the MSU Management Center, just off I-75 at Square Lake Road at Crooks in Troy. We'll also talk about how to maintain the entire system, how to network different computers together, how to get maximum speed out of your Internet connection and how to solve the most common PC problems.

The seminar is free, but you must reserve a spot in advance by calling the PC Mike/WXYT 24-hour seminar hotline at (248) 455-7343.

Super Bowl ads

Everyone is still talking about the TV ads in the Super Bowl. Did you see the EDS cat roundup? The Christopher Reeve walking ad? There's a site called AdCritic (www.adcritic.com) that not only reviews the ads but critiques them and lets you see them on your computer screen. All ads, all the time. Movie trailers, too. There's also an archive of old ads.

Until next week, "73" everybody.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observerland area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Business Calendar.

WED, FEB. 9

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The regular meeting of Business Network International Laurel Park Chapter will be held form 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The Metro Livonia Chapter will meet at the same time at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32801 Lyndon, Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

FRI, FEB. 11

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The regular meeting of Business Network International Livonia Chapter will be held form 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark in Livonia. For information call BNI (810) 323-3800.

MON, FEB. 14

CANTON BPW

The Canton Business & Professional Women is part of a national organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace to achieve goals through advocacy, education and information. Locally we meet the second Monday of every month at the Roman Forum on Ford Road in Canton. Our business meeting is from 5:30-6:10 p.m., speaker/dinner from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Call Clarice Killian at (734) 981-2572 for information. The guest speaker is Vicki Bonner, career technician at Plymouth-Salem High School, who will discuss mentoring and career shadowing of today's high school students.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

BUSINESS IN CHINA

Oakland University's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), will present, "Opening Doors in the 21st Century, Creating Business Opportunities in China after WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. The Detroit Regional Chamber, Pontiac Export Assistance Center - U.S. Department of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Leonard Woodcock Legacy are co-sponsors of the event. The workshop is an introductory course for individuals and organizations that are interested in developing or expanding markets in China. Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D., and Ledong Li will share their expertise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Cost is $295 and includes a Chinese luncheon and handout material. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5, 2000; enrollment is limited. Contact the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar. Fax registration with VISA or MasterCard payment is accepted at (248) 370-3137.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

***Items for Medical Datebook** are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.*

ONGOING

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AA & ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meeting meets Wednesday and Sunday from 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance (5254 Inkster Road) at Garden City. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. "Alanon meeting" Sunday ONLY.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Marquette House, a residential assisted living facility in Westland, will hold blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday in conjunction with Visiting Nurse Association. Screenings are open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon at the Marquette House, 36000 Campus Drive (across from John Glenn High School). Call (734) 326-6537 for information

MON, FEB. 7

THYROID SUPPORT

The Southeastern Michigan Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Kaplan, endocrinologist will begin speaking at 7 p.m. All meetings are at the Plymouth Library. Call Tracy Green for a reservation (734) 453-7945 or e-mail at mitsg@mediaone.net

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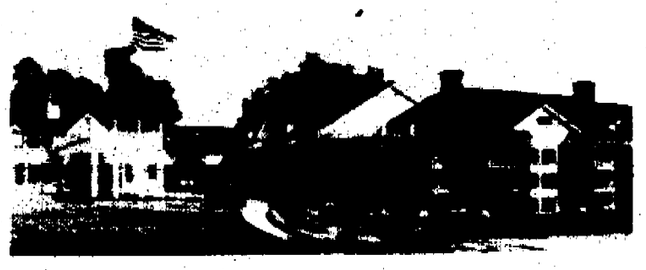

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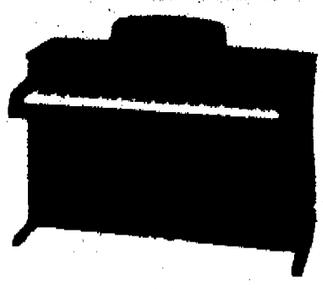

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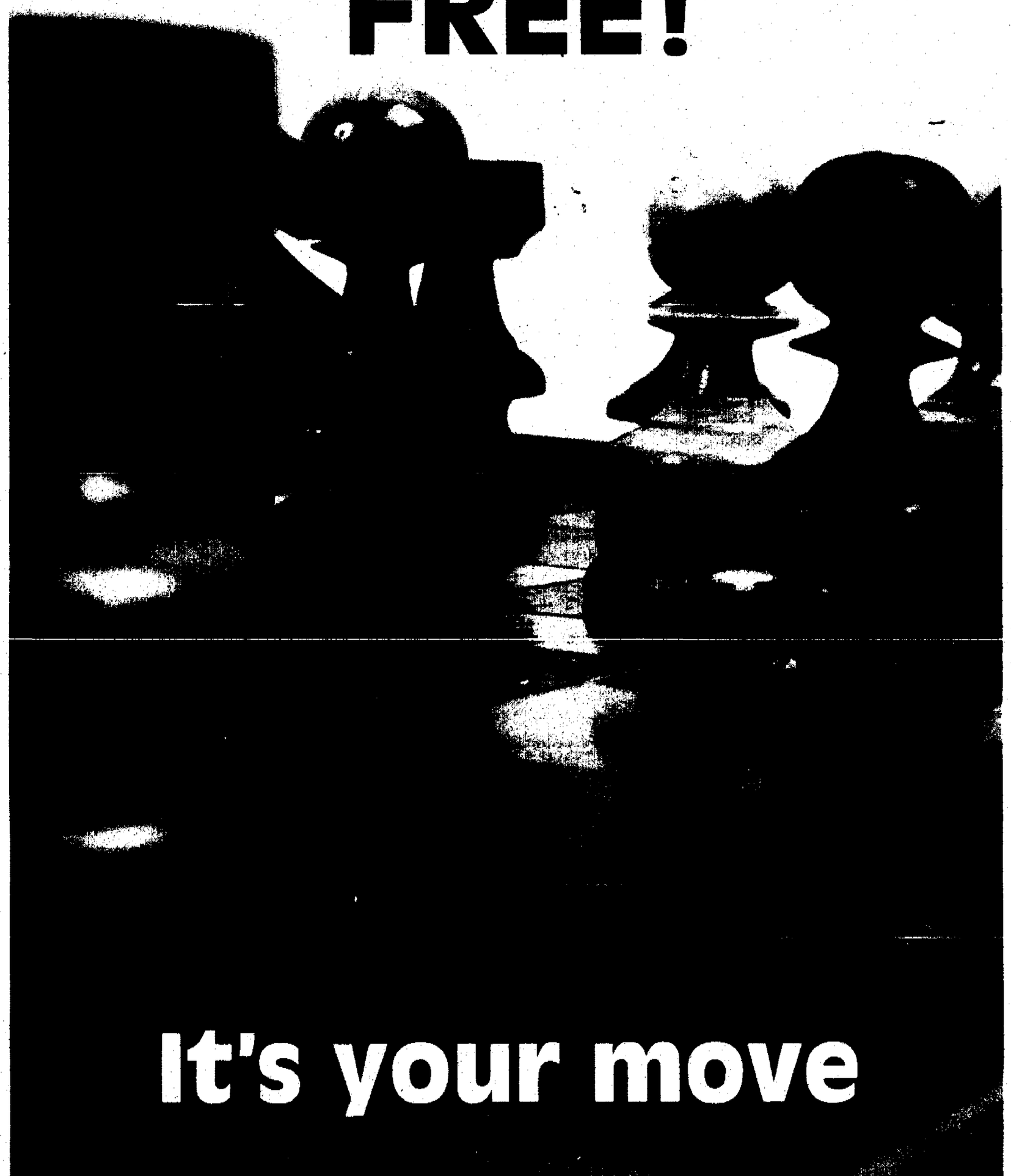

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