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To keep in touch with our readers, the Canton Observer is forming a citizen advisory panel.

The panel will consist of eight-12 residents and others from the Canton community and will meet several times throughout the year with the editorial staff. Our meetings will focus on the content of the paper, what readers would like to see, what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong.

What kind of panelists are we looking for? Anyone with an interest in what goes on in their community and how it's reported in the media.

We hope to have the first meeting by the end of February and will meet quarterly after that.

To volunteer for our panel:

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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Meet the new boss: *A public reception for new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher is scheduled for 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Canton High School media center.*

FRIDAY

Dads and daughters: *Celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Canton Knights of Columbus ninth annual Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance, 7-9 p.m. at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley. Call (248) 344-1956.*

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Ex-school guard faces rape charge

A former Plymouth-Canton high school security guard has been charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct for a 1998 incident involving a then 15-year-old student. The district employee has been fired.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A former Plymouth-Canton high school security guard has been charged by police in the alleged rape of a 15-year-old Canton High School student.

Terry Lee Barnhart, 31 of Ypsilanti, was arraigned Thursday morning on a charge of third-degree criminal sexual conduct in 35th District Court. Barnhart's attorney, Dale Smith of Adrian, told Judge Ron Lowe his client would waive the reading of the charges and plead not guilty. Lowe then set a Feb. 14 preliminary exam date and ordered Barnhart held on $15,000 cash bond at the Wayne County jail.

The youth, now 17 and a senior, told police Barnhart had non-consensual sex with her on July 2, 1998.

The teen told police she was going to try to forget the incident, but decided to tell her mother and police when rumors started spreading around school and the high school liaison police officer began looking to question her.

Barnhart denies the charge.

"My client denies all allegations," is all Smith would say about the case.

According to the police report, a lot of the girls at the high school had a crush on Barnhart, and he talked to the 15-year-old student frequently during school hours.

The student and a friend went to Barnhart's home on Geddes Road in

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New job: *Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher discusses her first week and future plans during an interview with the Observer Thursday at the school board offices.*

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First bell: New school chief has a hectic opening week

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Kathleen Booher's first week on the job as Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent was somewhat of a rude awakening.

There was the death of basketball player Mark Bolger, the arrest of a high school security guard in a rape case, then the discipline of students for drinking during a trip to Chicago.

Morning water cooler talk around the administration building each day jokingly centered on whether Booher would continue to show up for work.

Booher just smiles and reiterates she's here to stay.

"I wouldn't say I'm shocked by anything, but I've certainly been busy my first week," said Booher. "There haven't been any challenges I didn't expect would come along sooner or later, because every school district has them. It's a large district, much like a small town, and many things go on in any given day.

"Happily, most of what goes on in the school district is good stuff ... kids having a good time at school, kids being safe at school, lots of good learning going on," she added.

Please see **BOOHER**, A4

Auto supplier moving to Canton

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton's industrial base will soon be expanding.

Spring Engineering is planning a mid-to-late-spring opening of its new township plant. Currently based in Livonia, the move will allow the automotive industry supplier to consolidate facilities.

"We wanted to build a plant large enough to combine both facilities," said Spring Engineering President Tim Tindall. "The used building market is very tight so we decided to do new construction."

Canton's proximity to highways and the car companies influenced the company's decision, he added.

"We wanted to stay in the area," Tindall said. "We looked throughout the area. There's no land left in Livonia. Canton had the appropriate amount of land for our needs."

Spring Engineering originated in northwest Detroit in the early 1950s. The business was started by Tindall's father and remains a family enterprise.

The firm moved to Livonia in 1979 and eventually opened two plants. Besides consolidation, Tindall said the new township facility will allow Spring to expand.

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Hunters losing last township territory

Hunting Season 2000

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Hunting enthusiasts will have to look elsewhere to practice their sport.

Many sections of the township from Canton Center Road west to Napier are in the process of being closed. According to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, it's a matter of putting residents first.

"It can potentially create safety issues," he said. "We do not want to have to react to a bad situation. We want to be proactive. We're doing this almost a year in advance of the hunting season."

Canton Trustees recently approved a motion to close 11 sections of the township. Hunting had previously been banned east of Canton Center.

Several steps will take place before changes go into effect.

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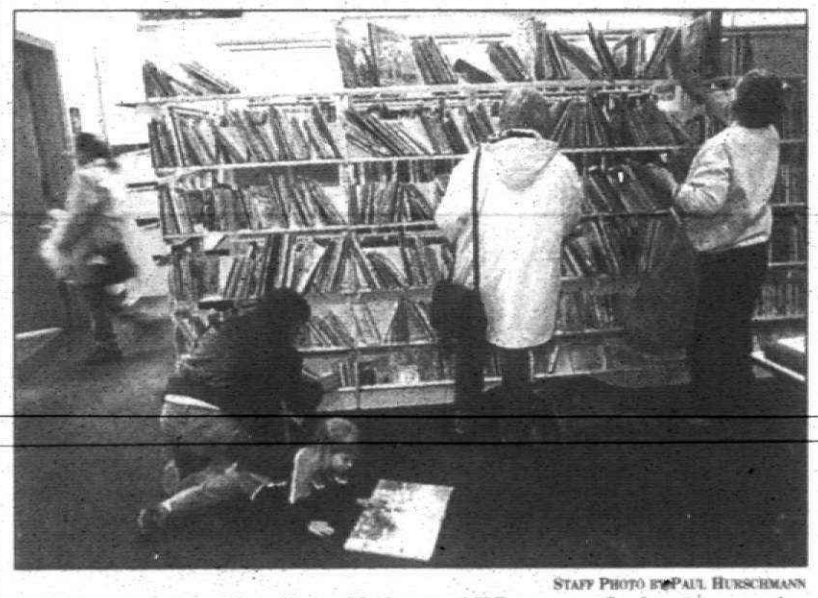
Bargain hunting at the library



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Used book sale: *Meaghan Haling of Whitmore Lake, 2½, reads a children's book on the floor while her mom, Katie (kneeling left), looks through the racks of books for sale during the annual Canton Township Library Book Sale. The sale continues through February during regular library hours.*

District hopes job fair will lure top-notch staff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Kristen Brannan was teaching in the Wayne-Westland school district last year when she began testing the waters for a new job.

Her present employer wanted to keep her, Pinckney schools offered her a job, as did Plymouth-Canton. An enviable position for a job applicant.

Brannan, like many teachers, substitutes and college graduates, are finding out they have more choices these days because the pool of available teachers to fill openings in metro Detroit is dwindling.

"I noticed there was more interest in me, and I think part of it was due to the fewer numbers of teachers looking," said Brannan.

Brannan, a 1992 Plymouth Salem grad, is now teaching first grade at Field Elementary in Canton, the school she once attended as a child.

"I was looking for a larger school district which would allow me to grow as a teacher," added Brannan, 26. "I think Plymouth-Canton will give me that professional development opportunity. And, I think people want to teach here because it's a great school system for children, and a good community in which to live."

Those are the kinds of attributes the district is pushing in its effort to beat other districts to the punch with a job fair scheduled for Feb. 9 at Plymouth Salem High School.

Plymouth-Canton is looking to hire 80-100 teachers next year as many educators are taking a buyout package. With area school districts fighting over the same pool of applicants, Plymouth-Canton has to find a way to stand out.

"We need to find the largest applicants for all levels and tell them why they should come here," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel. "We can't afford to wait and possibly lose teachers to other districts. Everybody is starting to feel the shortage."

Plymouth-Canton administrators will be posting jobs with local colleges and universities, putting information on the school's Web site, and handing out traditional printed flyers.

"It's a massive undertaking, but it's

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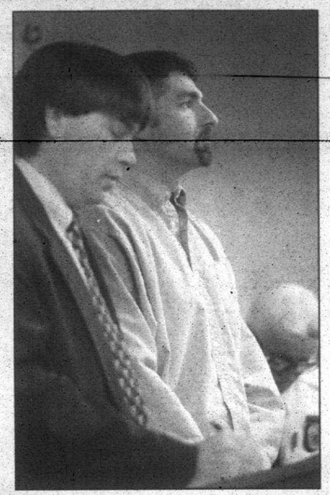

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Charged: *Former Plymouth-Canton Education Park security guard Terry Lee Barnhart, 31 of Ypsilanti (right), stands before Judge Ron Lowe in 35th District Court Thursday morning.*

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Canton nearly 25 times prior to the alleged incident. The girls became friends with Barnhart, who they say told them where it was safe to smoke at the high school and allowed them to leave the closed campus during lunch hour.

On those visits to Barnhart's home, the student reported to police that Barnhart had penetrated her with his finger on almost all occasions. She also stated that Barnhart "touched her ... and kissed her on every visit."

On the night of the alleged rape, the student told police she was laying on her stomach and Barnhart was giving her a back massage. Barnhart reportedly had sexual relations with the girl, despite her objections. According to the report, she stated, "No, Terry, we can't do this." She told police it was painful and that she cried.

The student and her friend said they continued going to Barnhart's home and would occasionally drink alcohol and smoke marijuana with him. The report indicates that sometimes the girls would visit Barnhart during late-hour shifts at the high school and smoke marijuana.

While the incident allegedly occurred in July 1998, the girl didn't report it until Jan. 10 of this year.

"She was afraid to come forward," said Detective Steve Miller of the Canton Police Department. "She decided to come forward when word got out around school and that police officers wanted to talk to her. She said she is willing to prosecute."

Authorities don't need the student's consent to press charges because the alleged sexual acts occurred while the girl was a minor. Miller said even if force wasn't used, police would pursue charges of having sex with an underage girl.

Miller said no other students appear to be involved at this time. If convicted, Barnhart could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison.

Canton police say Barnhart's criminal history dates back to 1994 with an assault and battery charge in Adrian. He also reportedly was on probation from a recent prowling incident in Northville.

Plymouth-Canton school officials say they became aware of the allegations on Jan. 10, conducted a thorough investigation and terminated Barnhart on Jan. 21. Barnhart was employed by the district for four years and school officials say they knew about his background.

"We knew about the 1994 misdemeanor," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher, who began her job only this week. "We discussed the issue with the employee and investigated it and learned it was a scuffle between two men. His record showed no previous convictions.

"I've already asked for a review of the hiring procedure," said Booher. "Anytime something like this happens we should look at our procedures and see if there's anything we can do to make sure this never happens again."

Auto supplier from page A1

"We plan to continue to grow," he added. "In the next two to four years I'm confident we'll be growing by 10 to 15 percent."

Spring Engineering is a Tier I and II supplier.

It works directly with Ford, GM, Delphi and other large automotive companies. Spring, which boasts sales of $11 to $12 million, also ships to Mexico and Europe.

"We primarily make stampings," said Tindall.

Stampings include clips and clamps for air induction systems. As its name implies, the firm makes a variety of springs. Small assemblies, such as latches, are also built.

Spring currently employees about 95 non-union workers. Tindall said pay varies depending on skill level, but his average employee makes about $13 an hour.

"We have profit-sharing, too," he said. "We really try to focus on our employees."

All workers will make the move to Canton.

Spring owns 11 acres directly south of Mettetal Airport on Lilley Road. The plant will occupy 7.5 acres and be approximately 75,000 square feet in size.

Spring will be near several residential developments, including apartment and condominium complexes. Tindall said the company's neighbors needn't worry, however.

"We're a very clean manufacturing facility," he said.

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The State Hunting Area Control Committee, which is comprised of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, State Police, Canton's supervisor and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, will hold a public hearing.

The committee will then make a recommendation to Canton's board. Changes are finally voted on by Trustees.

The township and DNR review open hunting areas within Canton each year, said Santomauro.

Residential development in Canton's western end forced the changes, he added. Santomauro believes the closure will affect very few hunters.

"I don't think it's a big issue," he said. "Most deer hunters aren't going to be deer hunting in Canton."

There has been no substantial hunting in the township for 10 to 15 years, Santomauro added.

The largest remaining open hunting area will be bounded by Cherry Hill Road in the south, Warren in north, Ridge in the east and Napier on the west. Don't expect it to last long, however.

Santomauro said all hunting in Canton will probably be eliminated within "10 years."

While most animal populations move away from development, others, such as raccoons and skunks, don't, he explained.

"As we build out," said Santomauro, "more of the wildlife population is starting to migrate back into (residential) areas," he said.

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–John Santomauro
Canton Public Safety Director

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Tax assistance class canceled

A Feb. 12 session designed to help income taxpayers hosted by U.S. Rep. Lyn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) and the IRS has been canceled, said a spokeswoman for Rivers.

The session, scheduled to take place in the Canton administration building, hasn't been rescheduled.

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Bradley takes volunteer reins

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High school students needing to perform community service for class credit or retirees looking for something to do might want to give Debby Bradley a call.

Bradley, a 19-year Canton resident, was named Canton's newest volunteer coordinator earlier this month. She is responsible for recruiting and placing volunteers for a variety of community events, such as the upcoming National Archery Tournament in July for which 200 volunteers are needed. She also serves as a liaison for Canton Project Arts, the organization that hosts an annual art exhibition in the Summit and other cultural activities.

"People call me, I see what special talents they have and I try and match them up with someone in need," Bradley said.

One woman, a native of India who speaks three different Indian languages, volunteered her services as an interpreter for the tournament, Bradley said.

The woman's interpretive services will come in handy.

"People come from all over the world for this thing," she said.

Before taking the reins as volunteer coordinator, Bradley most recently worked four years as Kid's Corner coordinator at the Summit. Before that, she taught at Plymouth Children's Nursery in Canton. She holds two teaching certificates from Hillsdale College. She lives with Ron, her husband of 25 years, and daughter, Mandy, a Plymouth Salem High School student. Her other children, Adam and Justin, both attend the University of Michigan.

Working with children and parents at the Summit and Plymouth Children's Nursery helped groom her for her volunteer coordinator job, she said.

"Actually, it really sharpened my people skills," Bradley said of the experience. "I really enjoyed helping people there so I really enjoy helping people here."

Paid volunteer coordinators are a rarity for municipalities, she said. Canton's volunteer coordinator position began as a part-time job in 1994. Bradley's annual salary is $27,300 and she reports to Mike Ager, resource development director.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Volunteer coordinator: *Debby Bradley says she likes to help people.*

Bradley is seeking volunteers for the following upcoming events:

■ Youth Variety series, a youth-oriented entertainment series with events on Feb. 26, March 18 and April 18.

■ Opera Encore!, a concert with favorite opera highlights Feb. 27 at the Summit on the Park.

■ National Archery Tournament, July 31 through Aug. 4 at Heritage Park.

Anyone interested in volunteering for these or other community events can call Bradley at (734) 397-6450.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club starts drive

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton is pleased to announce the kickoff of its annual Sweat Suit Drive.

This is the third year of the event, which supports First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The drive collects new sweat suits that are used by the staff of First Step. The staff responds to the needs of anyone who becomes a victim to domestic violence or sexual assault. They may be called to a hospital to assist a victim. If a criminal act is involved, the clothing may be confiscated for evidence and that individual may be discharged wearing only a hospital gown. The sweat suit provides the victim with some sense of dignity.

The club collects new sweat suits of all sizes and colors since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

The sweat suit drive will take place during the entire month of February and drop off boxes will be available at the following locations:

Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; Papa Romano's Pizza, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Dunkin' Donuts/Amoco, 39600 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Help-U-Sell Real Estate, 7242 N. Haggerty Road, Canton; U.S. Post Office, 860 Penniman, Plymouth; Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth; LaDe's Haircutting, 42013 Ford Road, Canton; Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton; Keller & Stein, Inc., 42158 Michigan Ave., Canton; Wordhouse Financial Legacy Planning, 42680 Ford Road, Canton; D & M Art Studios, 8691 Lilley, Canton.

■ The club collects new sweatsuits of all sizes and colors since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

Township woman found dead at Ford Road motel

A 40-year-old Canton woman was found dead in her Ford Road motel room Thursday afternoon, police reports said.

Canton Fire and Rescue as well as police officers responded to Motel 6 west of I-275 at 1:41 p.m. The woman was found dead lying in bed, reports said.

She was transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy. A final determination on cause of death will be made by the examiner, police said.

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"Foul play" doesn't appear to be involved in the woman's death, reports said.

Officer injured

A Canton Police officer suffered a sprained ankle Tuesday while assisting other officers.

They were attempting to take a 20-year-old Canton man into custody for mental commitment, reports said. The Trails Court resident refused to be handcuffed and was subsequently taken to the ground by officers.

The 20-year-old landed on the Canton cop's ankle, reports said. The officer went to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti for treatment.

Truck damaged

About $300 worth of damage was done to a 22-year-old Canton man's truck Tuesday, according to police.

He told officers he heard three sets of four gunshots at about 2:30 a.m. near his Claremont Street home. He looked outside and saw his driver's side window broken, reports said.

A neighbor's vehicle was also damaged, according to police. Damages weren't specified.

Assault

A 20-year-old Taylor man suffered two cuts to his forearm Tuesday after an altercation in Canton.

Reports said he got into an argument with a 51-year-old man. The older man had yelled at his wife, reports said. After a brief fight, the 20-year-old was cut.

Reports said the 51-year-old, who was identified by name but not residence, was taken into custody and charged with felonious assault.

The incident occurred in the 8000 block of Honey Tree.

Police say 18-year-old driver in fatal crash legally drunk

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A Westland teenager driving 91 mph on Cherry Hill Road was drunk when he lost control of the car and slammed into a tree, killing himself and a Canton Township passenger, police said.

Brian O'Donnell, an 18-year-old John Glenn High School student, had a blood alcohol level of .11 when he crashed a 1997 Ford Escort early Jan. 15 on Cherry Hill near Carlson, police Officer Jack McIntosh confirmed Thursday.

Michigan drivers are considered legally drunk at .10 or higher.

O'Donnell's blood alcohol level became known last week in an autopsy report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office.

The teen's urine showed an even higher alcohol level of .15, McIntosh said.

The one-car crash occurred at 3:07 a.m. Jan. 15 in front of Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, killing O'Donnell and 20-year-old backseat passenger Scott Velasquez of Canton.

In another development Wednesday, 20-year-old Timothy Edwin Twardokus of Canton became the last of three injured passengers to be released from hospitals. However, a University of Michigan Hospital spokeswoman indicated that Twardokus didn't go home.

"It does appear that he was taken to another place, possibly for rehabilitation," she said.

Twardokus had been placed on life support following the accident, and police have said he may never fully recover from closed-head injuries. The other two victims of the accident were released to their homes.

The double fatality shows the risk of driving drunk, particularly at high speeds, police said.

Police also found marijuana on O'Donnell, McIntosh said, but the autopsy didn't indicate whether he had marijuana in his system.

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.

■ Brian O'Donnell, a John Glenn High School student, had a blood alcohol level of .11 when he crashed a 1997 Ford Escort early Jan. 15 on Cherry Hill near Carlson.

CANTON CONNECTION

New firefighters

Nicholas Lombardi and William Wisler are the newest members of the Canton Fire Department. The new firefighter positions were added last month.

Lombardi, 22, comes to Canton from the Taylor Fire Department where he was an auxiliary firefighter. He has an associate's degree in Fire Science from Schoolcraft College.

Wisler, 25, joins Canton from the Romulus Fire Department. He also has an associate's degree in Fire Science from Schoolcraft.

Firefighter candidates must have certification from the State of Michigan Firefighters Training Council, current valid EMT certification from the state and they must successfully complete a written and physical agility test.

A golden opportunity

Canton's Old Country Buffet restaurant is saluting eternal love on Valentine's Day with a free meal and gift for couples married 50 years or longer.

The restaurant in the Harvard Square Shopping Center on Sheldon, north of Ford, will offer a free lunch or dinner on Feb. 14 to any couple that brings in a marriage certificate verifying their wedding date. Couples may also pose for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

For information, call the restaurant at (734) 207-8737.

Honesty appreciated

If all Canton residents were this honest, we might not have as much to write about.

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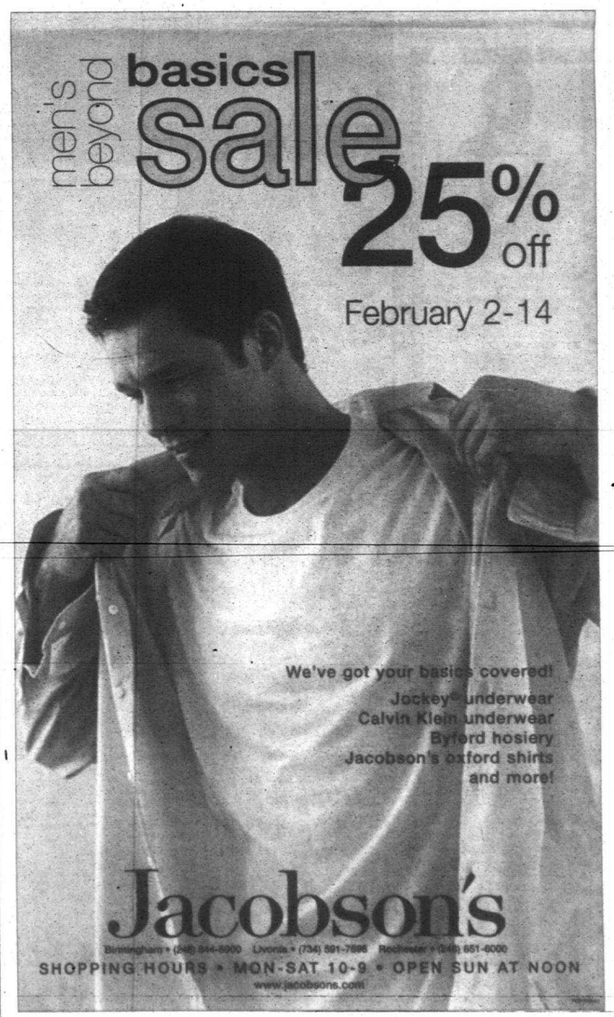

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Local EMU alums plan Feb. 12 event

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The largest concentration of Eastern Michigan University alumni lives in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

With that in mind, the year-old EMU Western Wayne County Alumni Chapter is holding a get-together Saturday, Feb. 12, to try to attract some of the 4,390 alumni who live in the area.

"We're not asking for contributions, but want to show those alumni who have been away some of the changes," said David Artley of Canton, who is also the current president of the national EMU alumni board. "It's a way of linking graduates with other graduates and with the university."

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–David Artley
president, EMU alumni board

The event begins with a 5:30 p.m. tour of the convocation center, a meeting with coaches and the EMU basketball game with Toledo.

The cost is $10. Reservations can be made by calling the EMU Alumni Relations Office at (734) 487-0250.

Job fair *from page A1*

something we need to do," Goldman said. "We're a great place to be and we have a wonderful community. That's the approach we're taking."

Plymouth-Canton's aggressiveness is gaining the attention of private schools, like Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, where Principal Ted Behn is well aware of the large number of openings in Plymouth-Canton.

"Our big push now is to raise teacher salaries," said Behn, noting his competition pays more. "The goal for the archdiocese is to pay our teachers about 70 percent of the public school salary. We're not quite there yet.

"However, our teachers have been very good about staying with us," he added. "Very few have left in the 14 years I've been here. I think we give them a reasonable salary and a nice atmosphere in which to teach."

■ The Plymouth-Canton job fair will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Plymouth Salem High School.

About five years ago, Plymouth-Canton held a job fair, expecting about 200 applicants to attend. They got about a thousand.

This time they're preparing for up to a thousand, and hoping for more.

The Plymouth-Canton job fair will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Plymouth Salem High School.

Booher *from page A1*

Before starting her new job this week, Booher spent several days talking with administration officials, learning about the district so she would be ready this week.

"Actually, this doesn't feel like my first week," she said. "It feels like we've been working together longer than that. It's a team I'm happy to become a part of."

Booher said a lot of her time this week has been spent listening instead of talking.

"This first week, as much as possible, I needed to do a lot of listening," she said. "There are a lot of issues and a lot of background I need to catch up on, such as learning about the various school construction projects and plans for the new high school.

"One of my goals the first week was to spend some time with each board member one-on-one to listen to their priorities and what they value about their role as a board member," said Booher. "That happened right on schedule."

Superintendent Kathleen Booher

Booher likes to spend time with children, which is evident by the toy box in her office filled with stuffed animals, crayons and coloring books for any youngsters who happen to find their way into her office.

However, Booher laments the fact that because she's starting her job with the school year more than half gone, and with several major issues already on her plate, she probably won't be in the buildings as much this spring as she will be next fall.

"My best days are when I'm in the buildings, and one of my favorite things is to hear children's voices," Booher said with a smile. "I certainly will be more visible in the buildings next school year. But I've contacted the principals to give me dates of key events they would like me at. I'll attend as many as I can."

Booher considers herself a team player and insists she'll be seeking contributions and ideas from all over the district.

"I'm decisive when I have to be, but when there's an opportunity to bring a team in to look at various angles I will do it," she said. "I firmly believe that a decision that's examined by several people is a better decision in the long run.

"I want people to feel a part of the process," added Booher. "The more people in the organization who own the decision, the more who will want it to be successful."

Computers from '97 bond finally on-line

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It's taken three years, but Plymouth-Canton schools have finally begun installing computers which were part of the March 1997 bond issue that also included a new elementary school and a third high school.

The $79.8 million bond issue was held up in the courts for just under two years in a lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, who challenged the accuracy of the voting machines. The school district eventually won as the case found itself before the Michigan Supreme Court.

While students have been deprived of new computers the past three years because of the court battle, the one advantage to the school district is that computer prices have dropped dramatically.

"The original technology part of the bond was about $9 million," said Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology systems for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "However, because computer prices have come down, the bids for the computers and infrastructure component prices will bring the total cost to more like $6 million."

In fact, Casteel said the district will be getting more equipment than originally planned because of the cheaper prices.

"We're looking at getting laptops for teachers to check out for themselves or special projects," Casteel said. "That's an added piece that wasn't in the bond. The bid process also resulted in us getting a three-year, on-site warranty, free training and free educational software."

The district will be outfitted with Compaq Celeron 500 computers, each with 64 megs of memory, 6.3 gigabyte hard drives, and 15-inch monitors.

As a result of the bond money, each elementary and middle school will be getting two desktop computers per classroom. That averages out to 52 for each K-6 building and 70 for the middle schools.

Casteel said that while the high schools will get an average of two computers per room, many of those computers will be grouped where they are needed most, based on curriculum.

Each elementary school will also get eight laptops, the middle schools 12 laptops each, and the high schools 24.

"One unit in each of the classrooms will plug into the current Dynacom System so students and teachers can do multi-media presentations through the televisions in each room," said Casteel.

Look for even greater high-tech capabilities when it comes to computers installed in the portable classrooms.

"We're looking at wireless communications for laptops and desktop units in the portables," said Casteel. "You can literally log on, check your e-mail and go onto the Internet and not be plugged into anything."

Rick Barbour, a second- and third-grade teacher at Bentley Elementary, has spent thousands of his own money on computer equipment for his classroom.

"I'm extremely happy to finally get a computer in my classroom, instead of having to wait to use one somewhere in the building," said Barbour.

"We'll be able to use it as a research tool, for e-mail, and develop Web sites," said Barbour. "And we can use it as a presentation tool for special lessons, incorporating sound, pictures and animation. It will be great for children to be part of the learning experience."

Casteel expects to have computers in all the elementary schools installed by the end of February. By the end of April the middle schools should be up and running with their new computers. The high schools will be the last, with completion set for next October.

Casteel said when all is completed, Plymouth-Canton will have computer technology second to none in the area.

"When we get the computers on board we'll be at an even keel with most districts," he said. "However, with the addition of the laptops we'll be better than most."

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OBITUARIES

RUBY P. ARTMAN

Services for Ruby P. Artman, 83, of Ohio were held Feb. 1 at Baumgardner Funeral Home with Rev. John Helgeson officiating. Burial was in Kinsman Cemetery.

She was born July 16, 1916, in Dorset, Ohio, and died Jan. 28 in Miller Memorial Health Care Center. She was a bookkeeper and teller for Mahoning National Bank, from which she retired. She was a 50-year member of the Kinsman Presbyterian Church and also a member of the Eastern Star in Kinsman. Her hobbies include sewing, cooking, and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milton H. Artman; one son, Kenneth Artman; one sister, Mary Paulson; and one brother, Clark Paulson. Survivors include her daughter, Ella Bastine of Canton; one sister, Cassie M. Halnes of Dorset, Ohio; and two granddaughters, Melissa M. Bastine of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Selena J. Bastine of Canton.

Memorials may be made to the Kinsman Presbyterian Church.

OSSIE W. HINOTE

Services for Ossie W. Hinote, 88, of Plymouth were held Feb. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Eva Hochgraf officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 23, 1912, in Bay Minette, Ala., and died Feb. 1 in Plymouth. He was the owner and operator of Ossie Welding in Plymouth for 30 years, retiring in 1975. He also worked for Kelsey-Hayes Wheel in Romulus and at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during the war.

Mr. Hinote rode the rails during the Depression. He came to the Plymouth community in 1943 from Detroit and was a resident of Barbau, Mich., from 1976 to 1998. He was a life member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, playing billiards and he loved to dress.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucette (Cote); one sister, Jane; and four brothers, John, Benjamin, Peter and James. Survivors include his three daughters, Judith Ann Hinote of Ann Arbor, Joyce Louise Hinote of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Carol Sue Hinote of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two sons, Ossie William (Carol) Hinote of Raleigh, N.C., and Charles Wilfred (Carol) Hinote of Plymouth; three sisters, Mary, Dutch and Estelle; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780.

ISABELLE M. MANDRY

Private services for Isabelle M. Mandry, 78, of Canton were held Feb. 5. Burial was in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

She was born April 27, 1921, in Pennsylvania and died Feb. 3 in St. Mary Hospital. She was a homemaker and a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roman Mandry. Survivors include her son, Ray (Kimberly); two sisters, Helen and Wanda; and two grandchildren.

KATHERINE ALICE (MAHER) O'FLYNN

Services for Katherine Alice (Maher) O'Flynn, 84, of Canton were held Feb. 5 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

She was born May 26, 1915, in Sacketts Harbor, N.Y., and died Feb. 1 in Livonia. She was a blueprint printer for Ford Motor Co. and a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Ethel Newman. Survivors include her two daughters, Alice K. (Norm) Tybor of Taylor and Patricia J. (Chuck) Andersen of Livonia; three sons, John A. Maher, Michael P. Maher and Martin T. (Cathie) Maher, all of Canton; one brother, Michael Newman of Farmington; three sisters, Margaret Beglinger of Pinckney, Patricia (David) Wilson of Livonia and Phyllis Wojewski of Ann Arbor; three stepdaughters, Rose Mary (Francis) Sutter of Ionia, Mich., Peg O.P. O'Flynn of St. Clair Shores and Dolores O'Flynn of Canton; one stepson, James (Diana) O'Flynn of Novi; 26 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or as Mass offerings.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

FARYLENE RENEE MURPHY

Private services were recently held for Farylene Renee Murphy, 56, of Kimberly, Ind. Burial was in Stockton Rural Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 14, 1943, in French Camp, Calif., and died Jan. 27 in Dearborn. She was an architectural drafter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Feryl and Ruth Holden. Survivors include two daughters, Roxanne (Michael) L. Howey of Canton and Rochelle (James) Leanne Hoak of Linden, Calif.; one son, Kevin Elton Rond of Kimberly, Ind.; two brothers, David and Denny; two sisters, Virginia and Beverly; one cousin, Don Doe; four grandsons, Chase Rond, Stephen, Brandon Howey and Jim; and one granddaughter, Ashley Hoak.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

IRENE E. OBRECHT

Services for Irene E. Obrecht, 105, of Plymouth were held Feb. 4 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas A. Belczak. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lansing.

She was born Jan. 26 in Norwalk, Ohio, and died Jan. 30 in Plymouth. She was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include her three sons, Kenneth (Veronika) Obrecht of Dallas, Texas, Richard E. Obrecht of Grand Ledge, Mich., and Thomas H. (Matti) Obrecht of Riverside, Calif.; one daughter, Jean E. Bushey of Canton; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-2254 or as Mass cards.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

NANCY JO URBANSKI

Services for Nancy Jo Urbanski, 57, of Canton were held Jan. 31 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born May 15, 1942, in Cass City, Mich., and died Jan. 23 in Mexico. She was a clerk/typist.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Urbanski of Canton; one daughter, Kathy Stone of Canton; two brothers, Jim (Corlea) Bauer of Colo., and Ronald (Julie) Bauer of Wis.; one stepdaughter, Kathleen (George) Demetriu; one stepson, Martin Urbanski of Hamtramck; three step-grandchildren; and two grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075-3680.

Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

Isbister teacher is Extra Miler

Sarah Smith, a first-grade teacher at Isbister Elementary School, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the Jan. 25 school board meeting.

Smith was recognized for her commitment to the staff and students of Isbister. School board members cited her warm and engaging personality and noted she greets all she encounters with concern, compassion and understanding.

Sarah Smith is also cited for the tremendous repertoire of tools, strategies and plans she uses to help children learn. Her self-direction and self-motivation is so strong that she inspires other to strive harder and seek excellence by her example, board members said.

"Sarah Smith is a master teacher," said Isbister parent Adrienne Davis. "She has honed and developed her skills in teaching children to a level that places her in a class all by herself. She brings such enthusiasm and zest to her classroom. It is as if she is learning everything herself and presenting in a manner that captures the very young.

"Smith has been instrumental in planning, raising money and installing equipment for the improvement of the playground at Isbister."

Principal Lee Harrison added, "Sarah is also a very active member of the District Social Studies Advisory Committee and chairs Isbister's NCA Social Studies Committee."

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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.'"

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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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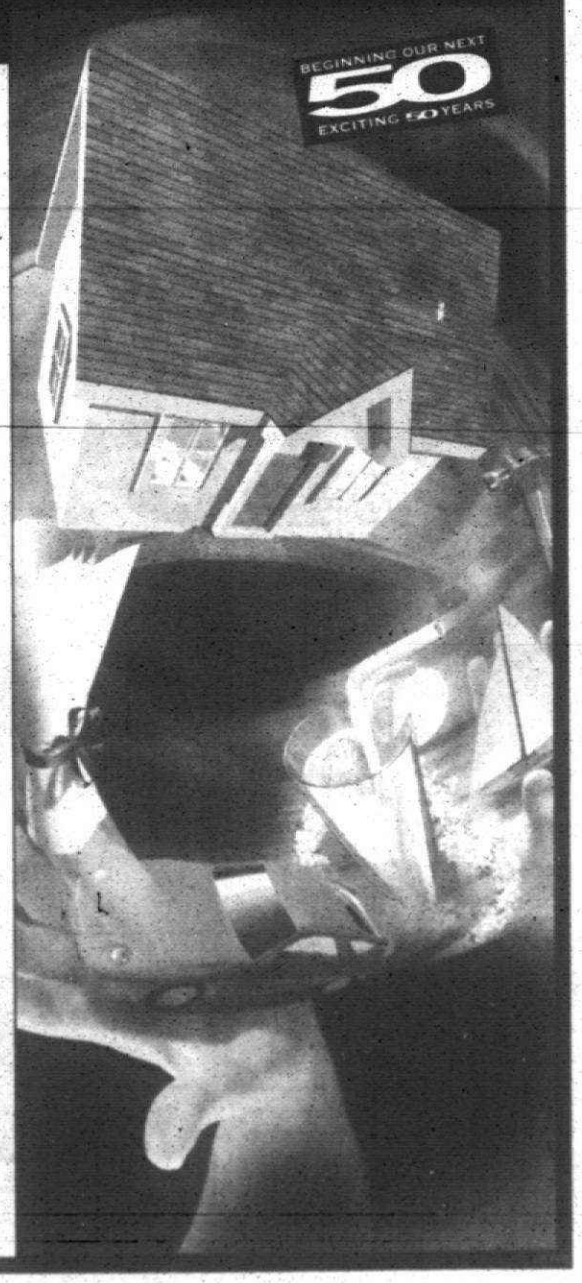

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Salem spikers win

Plymouth Salem ran its volleyball record to 22-6-1 and kept its Western Lakes Activities Association record perfect at 6-0 with a 15-12, 15-2 win over Walled Lake Western Wednesday at Western.

Amanda Suder paced the Rocks' effort with another strong all-around effort: six kills, four service aces and eight digs.

Jill Dombrowski added nine assists to kills, Kelly Jaskot had three kills and four digs, and Rolaine Llanes got six digs.

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson in a key WLAA Lakes Division match at 7 p.m. Monday.

Soccer registration

The Canton Soccer Club will have an open registration from 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Lower Level II of Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

The registration is open to kids from under-five to under-18 age divisions. Those new to the club must bring birth certificates. Cost is $45 for those in the under-five to under-8 divisions and $70 for all others, payable at time of registration.

For more information, call the Canton Soccer Club hotline at (734) 455-9946. Obtain a registration card on the club's website: www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

Booster club meeting

The Canton Football Boosters Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Room 165 at Plymouth Canton HS.

All parents of Canton football players, and parents of incoming freshmen who plan to play football, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Dan Murphy at (734) 416-8117.

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.

Frost 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).

Softball clinic

Madonna University women's softball will host a hitting clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the school's Activities Center.

Sessions including hitting from live pitching and a pitching machine. Players will work on bat speed, slap hitting and drag bunting, as well as utilizing tees, soft toss and whiffle ball.

The cost is $35 per session.

Checks should be made payable to: Madonna University Softall, attention Al White, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mi. 48150.

For more information, call (734) 432-5783.

Fast-pitch softball

For girls interested in playing fast-pitch softball in the Western Wayne County League this summer: Registration is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan.

The 14-game season begins June 1.

Girls 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under are welcome to register; tryouts will be this spring, when weather permits.

For further information, call Dave at (734) 737-9968.

Bulls need manager

The Michigan Bulls, a 15-16 year-old sandlot championship baseball team with a 46-9 record last year, needs at manager for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Barry Zeitlin at (810) 754-5785.

Canton can't quite catch Northville

It was an important meet for Plymouth Canton's swim team. The winner would probably end up on top of the WLAA's Western Division. Unfortunately for the Chiefs, Northville emerged with the victory.

It was fitting that a battle for top swim honors in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division should come down to the final race.

Northville leo host Plymouth Canton by two points going into the final 400-yard freestyle relay. The decisive race belonged to the Mustangs, with Scott Whitbeck, Kevin Stuart, John Moors and David Whitbeck outdueling Canton's foursome to win in 3:28.97.

With it went the dual-meet victory, by a 97-89 score. The Chiefs fall to 3-4 overall with the loss.

Canton started out strongly enough, winning the first four events of the meet. Aaron Reeder, Eddie Lindow, Yuhie Ono and Trey Gercak teammed for a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:48.06).

Matt Wisniewski then won the 200 freestyle (1:53.40), Brad Nilson took first in the 200 individual medley (2:05.00), and Reeder collected a victory in the 50 free (23.71).

But Northville won four of the next five events, with only Nilson's second individual first — in the 100 free (50.3) — breaking the Mustangs' run. Reeder got his second individual win in the 100 backstroke (57.69) to help set up the meet's dramatic conclusion.

The Chiefs are now idle until Saturday's MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Salem stays unbeaten

The final true hurdle between Plymouth Salem and an unbeaten WLAA dual-meet record was cleared Thursday when the Rocks wrecked North Farmington, 103-82 at Salem.

The Rocks' overall dual-meet record is 9-1.

Depth was again the difference for Salem, which won seven races but had just one double-winner in individual events.

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Do-anything

Fiorenzi does what it takes to win

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It was, as Kristi Fiorenzi described it, less than satisfactory.

"I was very disappointed with my performance," the former Plymouth Canton HS graduate said.

But she hardly looked it. In fact, she was grinning, ear to ear.

That tells the Fiorenzi story better than a stat sheet. Sure, she got into early foul trouble when her Madonna University basketball team hosted Tri-State University Wednesday. Instead of playing her usual 30 minutes, she was limited to less than 14.

And she didn't get a double-double, like she did four days earlier, collecting 10 points and 10 rebounds in Madonna's 62-47 win over Concordia. Not even close. Against Tri-State, Fiorenzi finished with just two points and three rebounds. She only took three shots.

Heck, the highest number on her stat line was fouls — four. It wasn't close to her season averages of 10.8 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

So why was she smiling? Because the team she plays for, the team she has sacrificed for, changing her game to help it succeed, had pulled one out *after* the buzzer, with Chris Dietrich making 2-of-3 free throws with no time on the clock to give Madonna a 68-67 victory.

So many others will get the accolades for Wednesday's win, and they will deserve it. But the contributions of Fiorenzi, a 5-foot-10 junior, throughout the season can't be overlooked.

"She's playing bigger," said Madonna coach Marylou Jensen. "She was supposed to play the three or four (small or power forward) spot, but she's had to play the four spot (power forward) all season."

That's due to the knee injury suffered by Kathy Panganis in the fourth game. Panganis, a 5-10 junior power forward, was leading Madonna in scoring at the time.

Her loss was followed by the loss of

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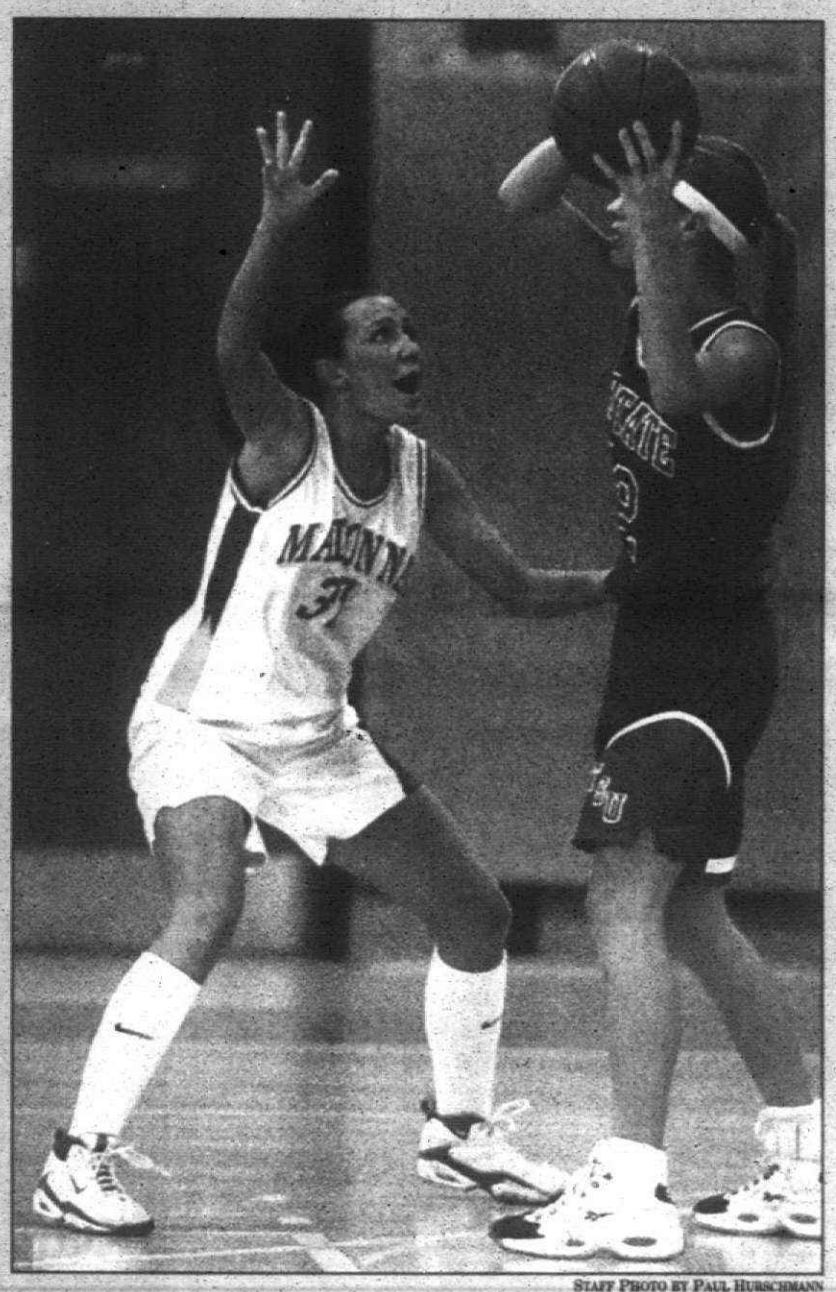

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All-around effort: *She's not the biggest of players, but this season Kristi Fiorenzi has played a big role for Madonna leading the Crusaders in rebounding and the second-highest scorer.*

COLLEGE HOOPS

Madonna silences Thunder

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Twice it worked. The third time definitely wasn't a charm.

Madonna University's Chris Dietrich made it dramatic, missing her first free throw before converting the next two with no time on the clock to lift the Lady Crusaders to a dramatic 68-67 women's basketball win over Tri-State University Wednesday at Madonna.

The victory boosted the Lady Crusaders' record to 10-11 overall, 4-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tri-State fell to 12-12 overall, 2-7 in the WHAC.

Through the final seven minutes, it was apparent this would be a last basket-type of game. Whoever scored last would win.

In the final 6:56, the gap separating the two was never more than a single basket. In the last 83 seconds, it was never more than a single point.

With 10 seconds remaining, Tri-State's Tricia Mercer drove down the lane and put up a short running leaner that fell, giving the Thunder a one-point advantage. Madonna inbounded the ball, crossed midcourt and called timeout with 7.7 seconds left to play.

Strategies for both teams were set. The Crusaders wanted either Dietrich or Michelle Miela to take the last shot. And why not? Between them, they had accounted for 41 points.

The Thunder knew this, of course. They realized Dietrich and Miela had made 16 of their 24 shots (66.7 percent), including 7-of-12 three-pointers.

But Tri-State had fouls to give before Madonna would shoot free throws. Which is what the Thun-

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Rocks shock Farmington; Chiefs roll

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BASKETBALL

It's been an emotionally-draining week for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. The death of teammate Mark Bolger Jan. 28 and his funeral Tuesday would be enough to knock out any team.

The Rocks didn't give in, however. Although they lost a tough game Wednesday at Farmington Harrison, 70-65, coach Bob Brodie wasn't dismayed.

"The effort was there, the determination was there, but the focus wasn't there," he said. "But the kids played awfully hard."

Other troubles had plagued Salem as well. During a Sunday practice, starting guard Nick Tochman tore a thumb cartilege; he's lost for the season.

During Wednesday's game at Harrison, starting guard Ryan Nimmerguth suffered a sprained ankle. When he can return is uncertain.

So the Rocks went into the lair of Farmington, which shared the lead in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Friday with two starters out and the memory of a lost comrade.

And they came home a winner, 52-40.

"The kids played with the same determination, but they were more focused," said Brodie. "They beat a great Farmington team. From the opening tip, they controlled the ball game, the controlled the tempo."

Salem improved to 4-3 in the WLAA, 7-6 overall. Farmington is 11-3 overall, 5-2 in the conference.

The first half was the difference. The Rocks outscored the Falcons 18-9 in the first period and led 27-15 at the half.

One major factor was turnovers. Against Harrison, Salem committed 22 of them; against Farmington, the Rocks had nine.

Ryan Cook led Salem with 16 points and six assists, Matt McCaffrey added 10 points and 15 rebounds — "He was a force on the glass," Brodie said of McCaffrey — and, notably, two players making their first-ever starts had big games: Ryan Haydon scored 10 points and Jeff Haar contributed seven points, seven rebounds and four assists. Andy Kocoloski chipped in with seven points and six assists.

Farmington had just one double-figure scorer: Matt Mikel with 14.

Against Harrison Wednesday, Salem trailed from the outset. The Hawks led 20-11 after one quarter and 37-29 at the half; through three quarters, Salem's deficit was 13 (51-38).

A fourth-quarter rally pulled the Rocks to within three with 30 seconds left, but sharp free throw shooting down the stretch by Nick Hall (4-for-4 at the line) and Matt Knox capped the win for Harrison.

Brian Nelson led the Hawks with 15 points; Nelson had 12 and Knox 10.

Cook's 21 points paced Salem. McCaffrey had 20 points and Haar netted 10.

Canton 73, Franklin 47: Plymouth Canton scored the game's first 21 points and cruised from there, thanks to the combined efforts of Jason Waidmann and Kenny Nether.

The pair combined for 53 points in the Chiefs' victory. Nether had 11 in the first quarter and Waidmann

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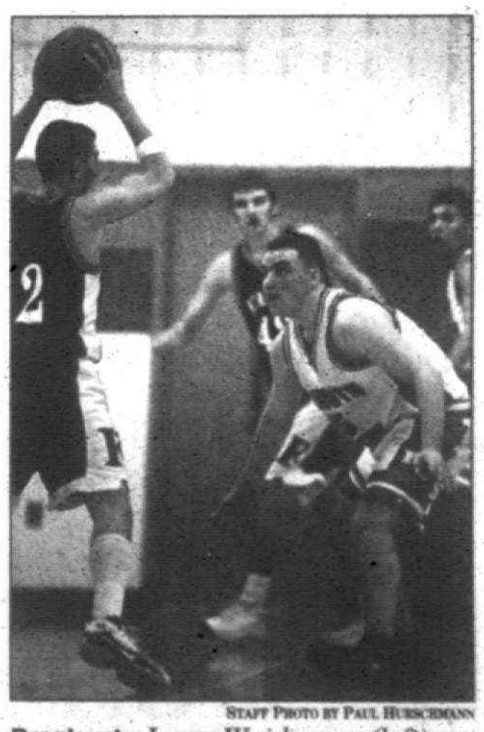

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Breakout: *Jason Waidmann (left) was a major force for Canton with 24 points in its win over Franklin.*

Canton blanks Harrison; Salem wins 2

WRESTLING

The final home meet for Plymouth Canton senior wrestler John Pocock was a memorable one, for sure.

And not just because Pocock, wrestling at 145 pounds, got his 95th career win by pinning Tom Angella in 1:27. More memorable was the final outcome: Canton 77, Farmington Harrison 0.

The dual-meet win improved the Chiefs' record to 15-4 overall, a team record for wins in a season. They are 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"Our goal was to wrestle intensely and bring in a spectacular win for John, and still show the other team respect in the way we shook their hands and encouraged them," said Canton coach John Demsick.

"In general, I though our guys handled themselves well in teh win. The only thing worse than being a poor loser is being a poor winner. I'm glad we didn't see that kind of stuff from either team."

Other winners on pins for the Chiefs were Doy Demsick at 119, in :19; Greg Musser at 130, in 1:56; Shahein Rajaee at 160, in 2:53; and Derek McWatt at 275, in :45.

Canton's other winners: Kevin Rodriguez, 11-9 at 125; Chris Hosey, 14-11 at 135; and Mike Siegrist, 22-5 at 140.

Kyle Pitt (103), Dustin Armor (112), Joe Faraoni (152), Derek Miller (171), Phil Rothwell (189) and Ozzie Wagner (215) all won on voids.

Canton's final regular-season dual meet is a WLAA crossover at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at a Lakes Division opponent to be determined.

Salem pounds Glenn

With three matches remaining, the Plymouth Salem-at-Westland John Glenn dual meet was somewhat close in number of wins per team. The Rocks had won six matches, the Rockets had five.

But the score didn't indicate that. Because all of Salem's win came by pins; four of five Glenn victories were by decisions.

Which meant Salem had a comfortable 35-18 lead by that point. Wins in the last three matches — all on voids — gave the Rocks a lopsided 53-18 triumph in this WLAA Lakes Division meet Thursday.

Pin winners for Salem were Mike Goethe in 5:07 over Nick Naber at 103 pounds; Ron Thompson in 1:13 over Kesentse Mandisa at 119; Rob Ash in 4:00 over Enrique Garoia at 125; Josh Henderson in 1:34 over Alan Waddell at 135; Steve Dendrinos in 1:08 over Joe Lieberman at 140; and Phil Portellos in 1:00 over Tonio Schembri at 171.

Mike Popeney (189), Zack Jensen (215) and Ricardo Smith (275) all won on voids for the Rocks.

On Friday, Salem concluded its dual meet regular season and wrapped up second place in the Lakes Division by defeating Walled Lake Central 41-33 at Central. The meet was a make-up of a meet cancelled Jan. 6.

Winners for Salem, which finished 5-1 in Lakes meets, were Goethe, who pinned Roy Setsuda in :36 at 103; Thompson, who pinned Aaron Lucere in :32 at 119; Ash, who pinned Andy Jensen in :41 at 125; Lucas Stump, who defeated Ryan Propiewski 6-1 at 130; Henderson, who pigned Ian Huff in 3:36 at 135; Andrew Bennett, who pinned Adam Brewer in 5:03 at 152; Portellos, who had a 19-2 technical fall over Joe Moreno at 171; and Jensen, who beat Greg Hartley 8-2 at 275.

Salem hosts the Western Division's second-place team in a WLAA crossover dual meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

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nine.

For the game, Nether finished with 29 and Waidmann had 24. All but one Chief scored in the game.

The win improved Canton's record to 5-8 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA. Franklin is 4-9 overall, 2-5 in the WLAA.

"We came out ready to play," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We got a lot of stuff off our defense and in transition.

"We scored in a lot of different ways."

Just as important were Canton's quarter point totals: 24, 15, 16, 19. No offensive letdowns.

"No, we didn't (have any)," said Young. "We didn't have any lapses on defense, either. We were consistent, and that's something we've been concentrating on."

Joe Ruggiero led the Patriots with 18 points.

Agape 47, West Highland 39: In a battle of unbeatens in the Metro Christian Conference, Canton Agape Christian emerged still in first place after posting a homecoming win over Milford West Highland Christian Friday in a game played at Wayne Memorial.

"There was a lot of defense and some poor shooting," was Agape coach Keith Anleitner's description of his team's performance. "We played well on defense, but on offense we were ice cold."

West Highland, which fell to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the MCC, led by five with 2:30 left in the game. That changed in the space of a few seconds, when Julian Wettlin scored a basket and was fouled; he hit the free throw to make it a two-point deficit.

Then a West Highland player was whistled for a technical foul; Paul Anleitner made both free throws, tying the game.

The Wolverines, 8-3 overall and 4-0 in the MCC, controlled from that point on. Wettlin led Agape with 20 points, including nine in the fourth quarter; Paul Anleitner had 15, scoring seven in the fourth. Each player also grabbed seven rebounds, and Wettlin had five steals.

Winston Harper topped West Highland with 16 points.

PCA 68, S'field Christian 55: A.J. Sherrill came through with the biggest game of his varsity career, pouring in 13 second-quarter points to allow Plymouth Christian Academy to avenge an earlier loss at Southfield Christian with a big win Friday at PCA.

PCA improved to 8-4 overall, 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Sherrill, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, finished with 23 points and seven assists. His second-quarter outburst led PCA to a 22-11 surge, offsetting a 12-7 first-quarter deficit.

Mike Huntsman added 15 points, Dave Carty scored 13 and grabbed six rebounds, and Derric Isensee had 11 points.

Eric Hall's 17 points topped Southfield Christian, which defeated PCA 63-56 Jan. 14 in Southfield. Matt Clements and Justin Mateer scored 11 apiece.

PCA never let up in the second half, outscoring their foes 39-32.

Final shot lifts Rice over CC

Junior guard Hayes Grooms sank a jump shot with three seconds remaining Friday to give visiting Birmingham Brother Rice a 50-48 win over Redford Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks rolled to a 21-8 lead after one quarter but scored just nine points in each of the final three periods.

Rice climbed within two points at halftime, 30-28, after outscoring CC in the second quarter, 20-9. The Warriors led 40-39 at the end of three periods.

"Rice made some adjustments and defended some of the things we did in transition and took control of the tempo of the game," CC assistant coach John Mulroy said.

"We're not as effective in a half-court, walk-it-up, run-a-thousand-screens kind of game, either offensively or defensively.

"They had 20 points in the second quarter, mainly because we got caught out of position and didn't transition well.

"We missed shots, which created long rebounds and allowed them to get out in transition."

In the final minute, Rice got a weak-side block and might have scored in transition, according to Mulroy, but took a timeout instead. The Warriors ran down the clock before Grooms took the last shot.

The Shamrocks tried the Valparaiso home run play, attempting a long-court pass for a final shot, Mulroy added.

Grooms finished with 14 points as did CC junior Ryan Celeskey. Rice senior Ralph Sylvester chipped in 12 points.

Junior Anthony Coratti and senior Rob Sparks had nine points apiece for CC; junior Mark Willoughby added seven.

Both teams are 7-7 overall. CC is 5-3 in the Catholic League Central Division, Rice 4-4.

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That was Ben Dzialo, who was first in both the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.30) and the 100 butterfly (56.89).

Other individual-event winners for the Rocks were Greg Kubitski in diving (162.05 points); Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:00.63); and Eric Lynn in the 100 backstroke (57.22).

Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Dan Jones and Dzialo combined for a first in the 200 free relay (1:33.53), and Johnson, Jones, Dzialo and Lynn teammed for a win in the 400 free relay (3:28.50).

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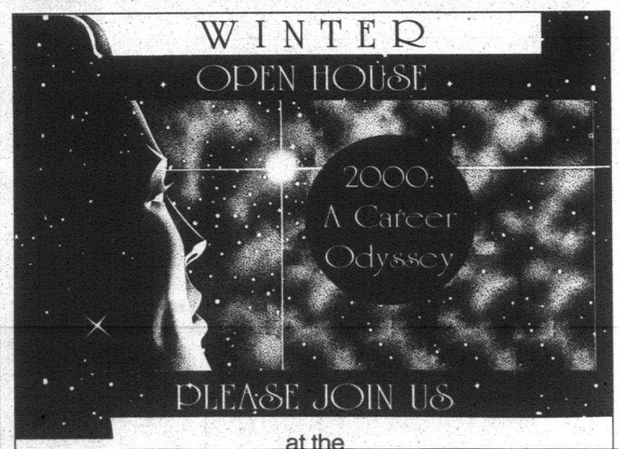

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der did. They fouled with 2.4 seconds to play; they fouled again with .7 seconds to go. Both came before the Crusaders could get off a shot.

There was no time now. Carissa Gizicki inbounded the ball to Dietrich, and she immediately launched a 40-foot buzzer-beater. And she was fouled — but this time while shooting, by Sarah Zimmerman.

Dietrich, Madonna's leading scorer, a sharp-shooting senior guard, escalated a collar-tightening situation to the level of suffocation by missing the first of her three free throws. She drilled the next two, however, giving Madonna the win.

"I told her after the game she had to make us nervous and miss that first one," said Madonna's Kristi Fiorenzi.

One person 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 23 points, including four three-pointers. Miela scored 20 with four assists and three steals, and Lori Enfield had 12 points and five rebounds.

Crystal Hardesty's 23 points topped Tri-State. Mercer added 13 and Chiara Chambers netted 12.

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 three triples, the Crusaders could not seem to close the gap.

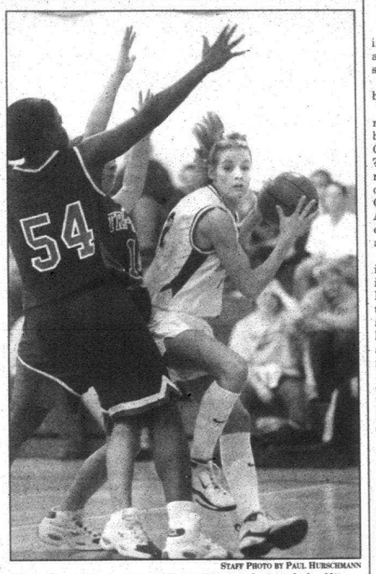
They'd pull as close as a basket, only to fall back again. With 4:27 to go before the intermission, a Mercer three-pointer gave Tri-State a 30-22 lead.

But in that final 4:27, Madonna outpointed Tri-State 8-2 with Dietrich scoring two baskets and assisting on another.

The Crusaders had absorbed a beating and were still standing. They were down only two points, despite being outrebounded 20-9 — including an 11-2 deficit on the offensive boards.

"We try to break up the game in five-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.



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Clutch performance: *Chris Dietrich (with ball) led Madonna with 23 points — including two free throws with no time on the clock for the win.*

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."

The Thunder didn't go quietly. A three-pointer by Dietrich had given Madonna its first lead, 35-34, with 18:39 left. A 13-0 run, with Miela scoring seven and Enfield four, had taken the Crusaders from five points down to eight points ahead, 54-46, with 8:06 left.

Tri-State replied immediately, however, with a 10-point run. With 4:24 to play, the Thunder led 56-54.

That just set the stage, however — and Dietrich ascended to the lead role.

Ocelots blast St. Clair

MEN'S HOOP

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 County 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.

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 CCC had six.

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

Madonna loses a pair

Two factors cost Madonna University a chance at victory Wednesday at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind.: rebounding (Tri-State had a 38-36 advantage) and free throws (2-of-3 for Madonna, 13-of-27 for Tri-State).

Which led to a 69-59 loss.

Lost in the Madonna loss was a superb performance by Mike Massey, who hit 6-of-9 three-pointers in scoring a game-high 28 points.

However, no other Crusader reached double-figures in scoring. Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) scored nine, and Dan Kurtinaitis and Jason Skoczylas added eight each.

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

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 graduate, paced the Warriors with 27 points, 10 assists and three steals.

Jamalka Butler added 19 points and 17 rebounds; Terry Patterson had 19 points and 10 boards; and Tim Webb totaled 15 points and nine assists.

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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centers Lori Enfield and Stephanie Uballe. That left the Lady Crusaders desperately short of strength around the basket.

It was not a role that suited Fiorenzi's thin stature. But the team needed help underneath. Fiorenzi accepted the challenge.

"She is so consistent," said Jensen. "She gives us great minutes, she gives us great leadership, and she gives us 100 percent all the time — just like at Canton."

The lessons learned early on a Bob Blohm-coached team are teamwork and defense. Personal numbers mean nothing if a team loses. Canton usually wins. That was something not lost on Fiorenzi.

Indeed, it's difficult to get her to talk about her own accomplishments. Examples follow:

- "Everyone had to step up and fill different roles (after the injuries). I think we're adjusting well."
- "We're trying to use our team speed (to offset our size disadvantage)."
- "It's something we've been emphasizing a lot — everyone has to step up."
- "When everyone does the job, we do well."
- And on team play: "We joke about that all the time. We say if Chris (Dietrich) scores 25, we'll lose. If we spread out the scoring and everyone contributes, we'll win."

Fiorenzi's numbers aren't particularly glamorous. Enfield has returned to help in the post area — she scored 12 against Tri-State — but Fiorenzi still must go inside and do the dirty work around the boards, often trying to post up against much bigger players.

"I was an inside-outside type of player," she said. "Now I'm just a post player."

The stat sheet may not indicate it, but Fiorenzi did have an impact against the Thunder. She played just 6:10 of the first half, and her absense was notable. Tri-State had a 20-9 edge in rebounding, including an incredible 11-2 advantage on the offensive boards.

Fiorenzi may have finished with just three rebounds, but she played a role. In her limited minutes in the second half, she helped keep the Thunder off the offensive boards; she grabbed two defensive rebounds and forced a turnover in one stretch that led to Crusader scores and a 54-46 lead, their largest of the game.

Perhaps that kind of team play is why undersized Madonna is within reach of a playoff berth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament.

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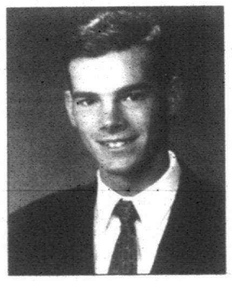

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 7
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Tuesday, Feb. 8
Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Harrison at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Willow Run at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Harper Wds., 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Borgess at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. D.H. Fairlane
at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Inkster at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
Brother Rice at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.
Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Agape at Saline Christian, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 7
Agape at Greater Life, 4:30 p.m.
C'ville at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Borgess at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
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 Saline Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Bedford Tournament, 8 a.m.
Catholic League Playoffs, TBA.
N.B. Huron Tournament, TBA.
USA Tournament, TBA.
Monroe-Jeff. Tourney, TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, Feb. 8
Ply. Whalers vs. Sarnia
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Ply. Whalers vs. Mississauga
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 13
Ply. Whalers vs. Erie Otters
at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Feb. 7
Farm. Unified at Wat. Kettering, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8
Ladywood vs. W. Bloomfield
at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. Northville
at Ply. Cultural Center, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Novi vs. Franklin,
Stevenson vs. Brother Rice
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Redford CC at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10
Ladywood at Liggett, 7 p.m.
Redford Unified vs. R.O. Unified
at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Churchill vs. W.L. Central
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton
at Ply. Cultural Center, 7 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. W. Bloomfield
at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30p.m.
Stevenson at E. Kentwood, TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Redford Unified vs. Dearborn
at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Salem vs. New Boston Huron
at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Canton vs. Grosse Ile
at Woodhaven Ice Box, 7:40 p.m.
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.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
North Farmington 1:42.22
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.47
Livonia Stevenson 1:42.52
Plymouth Salem 1:44.76
Plymouth Canton 1:48.06

200 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.40
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:53.54
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:54.30
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:55.28
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:55.44

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.17
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:05.00
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.43
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.51
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:10.33
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:10.72
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00

50 FREESTYLE
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.72
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.43
Dan Jones (Salem) 23.69
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 23.71
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 23.73
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 23.74

DIVING
Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00
Greg Braziunas (Redford CC) 260.80
Jeff Tallman (Wayne) 249.65
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 238.05
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 212.85
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25

100 BUTTERFLY
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.53
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 56.89
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 57.99
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.33
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 58.37
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.47

100 FREESTYLE
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 49.76
Brad Nilson (Canton) 50.03
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 50.39
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 51.42
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 51.47
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 51.82
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 51.93
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 52.30

500 FREESTYLE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.63
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:14.36
Danny Price (Farm. Unified) 5:14.84
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:16.18

200 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 1:33.18
Redford Catholic Central 1:33.63
North Farmington 1:34.34
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

100 BACKSTROKE
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 57.12
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 59.75
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 59.81
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45

100 BREASTSTROKE
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.69
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:05.73
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:07.64
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:08.27
Brandon Goad (Farm. Unified) 1:08.80

400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Plymouth Salem 3:25.02
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15
Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50
North Farmington 3:31.39
Farmington/Harrison 3:36.04

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BOWLING AND RECREATION

Don't ruin everyone's fun

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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 Chiís, DiLaura Brothers Bowling Supply, Ebonite International, Rocky's of Northville, Poly Pro Car Care, Mesquite Junction, Sandy's by the Beech, Redford Inn, Davidís 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.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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, 1-800-477-3191.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

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 Galinet, 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, 703; Brennan Moss, 689; Jason Lollar, 691; Ken Jacobs, 728; Steve Creamer, 685.

Jacks & Jills: Dan Vicko, 602; Art Maki, 655.

Men's Trio: Dennis Seeman, 289/685; Chris Johnson, 674; Kevin Muto, 267/727; Mark Howes, 258/758; Mark Payne, 677.

Early Birds: Anita Sipos, 224/522; Janet Chunn, 552; Debbie Ellsworth, 525; Julie DuPuis, 201; Gerry Brady, 518.

Guys & Dolls: Kris Barbour, 233; Lele Berger, 218 (135 avg); Ed Zdanowski, 204; Irvin Nadolny, 216.

Local 182 Retirees: Frank Bertani, 276.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

Thursday Junior House: Mark Brown, 296/798; Nick Smith, 277/688; Steve Bowsher, 289/748; Ron Blaszczyk, 258/718; Bob Gendjar, 279/656; Mike Priebe, 277/668.

St. Aidan's Men: Tony Kaluzny, 269-212/659; Ryan Jackson, 235; Mike Kowalski, 226-215-228/669; Rich Radak, 234-244/657; Chris Skaggs, 258/652.

Tuesday Seniors: Tony Golchuk, 236/586; Tony Rye, 233-226-201/660; Tony Wolak, 225-201/601; Bob Charbonneau, 224-212-206/642; Joe Newton, 216-212/622; Andy Wright, 213/590.

Friday Seniors: Joe Buhagiar, 300-205/675; Jerry Page, 225-229-222/674; Harry Buhl, 246-201/595; Tony Rye, 225; Joe Newton, 213/585.

FoMoCo Thursday Night: Chuck O'Rourke, 712; Mike Conatser, 267/700; Greg George, 266/684; Steve Bester, 678; Mike Malone, 265.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior Men's Invitational: Jarv Woehike (age 86), 258-259/750 (186 o/a).

Wonderland Classic: Jerry Lash, 262/753; Jim Burton, 278/731; Greg Bashara, 269/728; Garrett Nagle, 277/722; Pat Agius, 718.

Motor City Men's (Early): Art Maki, 299; Larry Blanchard, 255/696; Steve Rose, 277.

Fathers & Sons: (Fathers) Bob Magill, 259/685; Rob West, 241/684; (sons) Jeremy Brady, 235/672; John Franchi, 202-203/580.

Saturday Nite Live: Greg Klask, 278/720; Keith Rys, 259/691; Jim Hopkins, 280/684; Randy Payne, 267.

NoNames: Dave Petrusch, 254/690; Robbin Champlin, 256/682.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

St. Colettes Men's: Mike McKinley, 279; J. Sadler, 277.

Plaza Men: Bob Crespi, 277/707; Toni Nelson, 276/692; Ron Deweese, 276; Steve Wilson, 269; Dick King, 264/735; Rich Anderson, 260/671.

Sheldon Road Men: Jack Daniels, 247-255/700; Mike Lundy, 215-265-225/705.

Powertrain Men: Pete Herman, 239-246-228/713.

Waterford Men: C. Beri, 268-256/708.

Westland Bowl

Monday Morning Men: Randy Kline, 256/674; Bob Roulin, 243/615; Mike Seymour, 218/556; Pat Stover, 217/614; Joe Kovatch, 216/634.

Sunday Sleepers: John Hurley, Jr., 290/691; Bob Packard, 289/746; Ken Pinkston, 276/727; Joe Helm, 270/700; Ryan Wilson, 269/682.

Thursday Nite Mixed: Brian Bailey, 248/667; Ken Forbes, 246/674; Dan Harrison, 225/601; Keith Post, 224/630; Franklin Boner, 214/620.

NASCAR Trio: Douglas Elsey, 229/598; William Elsey, 223/600; Dan Doddie, 223/600; Ken Gray, 223/541; Ron Hicks, Jr., 210/543.

Westland Champs: Dee Plitt, 278/638; Mary Marvaso, 247/596; Kathy Baloh, 224/557; Cheryl Middleditch, 223/525; Angela McAllister, 222/571.

Monday 6:30 p.m. Men: Rancil Hughes, 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 Barck, 251/711.

Coca Cola Majors: Tom Wiedling, 259/707; Jesse Trudell, 248/591; Jason McMillin, 246/609; Bradley Suchan, 240/587; Melissa Jablonski, 191.

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

Coca Cola Preps: Brian Manning, 159; Adam Whalen, 144; Eddie Domka, 125; Nicole Diehl, 123; 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 Ivancik, 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 Kozleski, 205/528; Vi Tilley, 181; Bill Vonglahn, 188; Sandy Osterberg, 190/509; Pete Camilleri, 214.

Youth Leagues (Saturday 11 a.m. Majors): Cory Caincross, 224/616; Drew Barth, 208/565; Tony Horton, 245/590; Matt McCaffrey, 216/565.

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Women seeking Men

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. ☎1666

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, politics, 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", 118lbs, 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

ANIMALHOLIC
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 exercising, 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. ☎1381

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, sincere 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, 48-60, 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. ☎1074

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship 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 ski. 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

Men seeking Women

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. ☎1669

HONEST & SINCERE
Very active SWM, 45, 6', 200lbs, N/S, light drinker, two teenage children, likes movies, dining. Seeking SF, 36-46, to share interests, for possible LTR. ☎1496

FUN-LOVING, EASYGOING
Employed DWM, 5'6", 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 easygoing, 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. ☎1066

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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 settled, sociable, sincere SWF, age open. ☎1389

LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE
SM, 5'10", husky build, dark brown/green, with one daughter, values communication, loves 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, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house/ own business, loves animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5879

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

HOMEOWNER
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, 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. ☎5840

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. ☎3923

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

LOYAL & SINCERE
Tall, honest, financially secure, slim, loyal DWM, 56, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

HANDSOME SENIOR
Seeking slender, financially secure, marriage-minded lady, 50+, N/S, capable of a loving relationship. Confident you will be pleased with this tall gentleman, N/S, N/D, fun to be with. Rochester Hills. ☎1470

HELLO LADIES
Intellectual, yet humorous, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5519

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

DO WE...
meet and see if it's meant to be? Handsome, youthful SWM, 47, active, diverse interests, seeks charming SWF, with vivacious personality for a possible relationship. ☎1457

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 26, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home, for LTR. Hurry up and call. I'm waiting! ☎1469

CITY TO RANCH
SWPCM, young 50s, 6'3", 205lbs, eclectic interests, good morals, midwest ranch in my future, seeks slim, petite WPF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking a decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

LIKES DANCING
DWPM, 48, 6'1", 200lbs, N/S, seeks W/H/AF, 25-43, trim, who enjoys skiing, the beach, riding bikes and motorcycles, amusement parks, outdoor shows, romance, and working out. ☎1430

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, and romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

REAL GENTLEMAN
SWM, 42, excellent physical condition, self-employed, enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, carpentry, and loves children. Seeking affectionate, loving, honest woman, with similar interests and spontaneity. ☎1431

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 fill 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. ☎1429

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
DHM, 5'11", 185lbs, curly salt-n-pepper hair, loves cooking, traveling, exercising, movies, shopping. Seeking fit SHF, 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, 61, 5'11", 220lbs enjoys the outdoors, sports/golf, fine dining, theater, and travel. Seeking a very attractive, slim, honest SWF, size or under, for possible LTR. ☎1374

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎1376

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritual, down-to-earth gentleman with integrity seeks S/DF, 30-50, who enjoys the simple pleasures in life, for friendship first, then see what develops. ☎1030

HOT COMMODITY
Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1366

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, 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 a similar female for relationship. ☎1321

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 39, look younger, 5'3", 120lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45. ☎1142

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Successful businessman, N/S, N/D, short, well-educated. Seeking one sweet woman, 35-45, N/S, short, H/W proportionate, to call my own. Should be financially secure, confident. ☎1091

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 48. ☎5357

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Simple, dry-witted, 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. ☎1234

BYPASSING THIS AD?
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GQ TYPE
Athletic, incurably romantic, fun (I am told), emotionally/financially secure Harvard graduate, 6', eclectic interests. Seeking very sophisticated, attractive, secure SWPF, 28-36, for adventurous LTR. Searching for my soulmate. ☎1361

GIVE DAD A CALL
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies- everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎5873

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

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True-hearted SWM, 18, country boy, Garth Brooks look-alike, seeks SWF for nice dinners, romance, and long walks. ☎1524

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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. ☎1468

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, 65+, who enjoys travel, movies, dining, for friendship, good times. N/S preferred. ☎5450

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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

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.

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.

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."

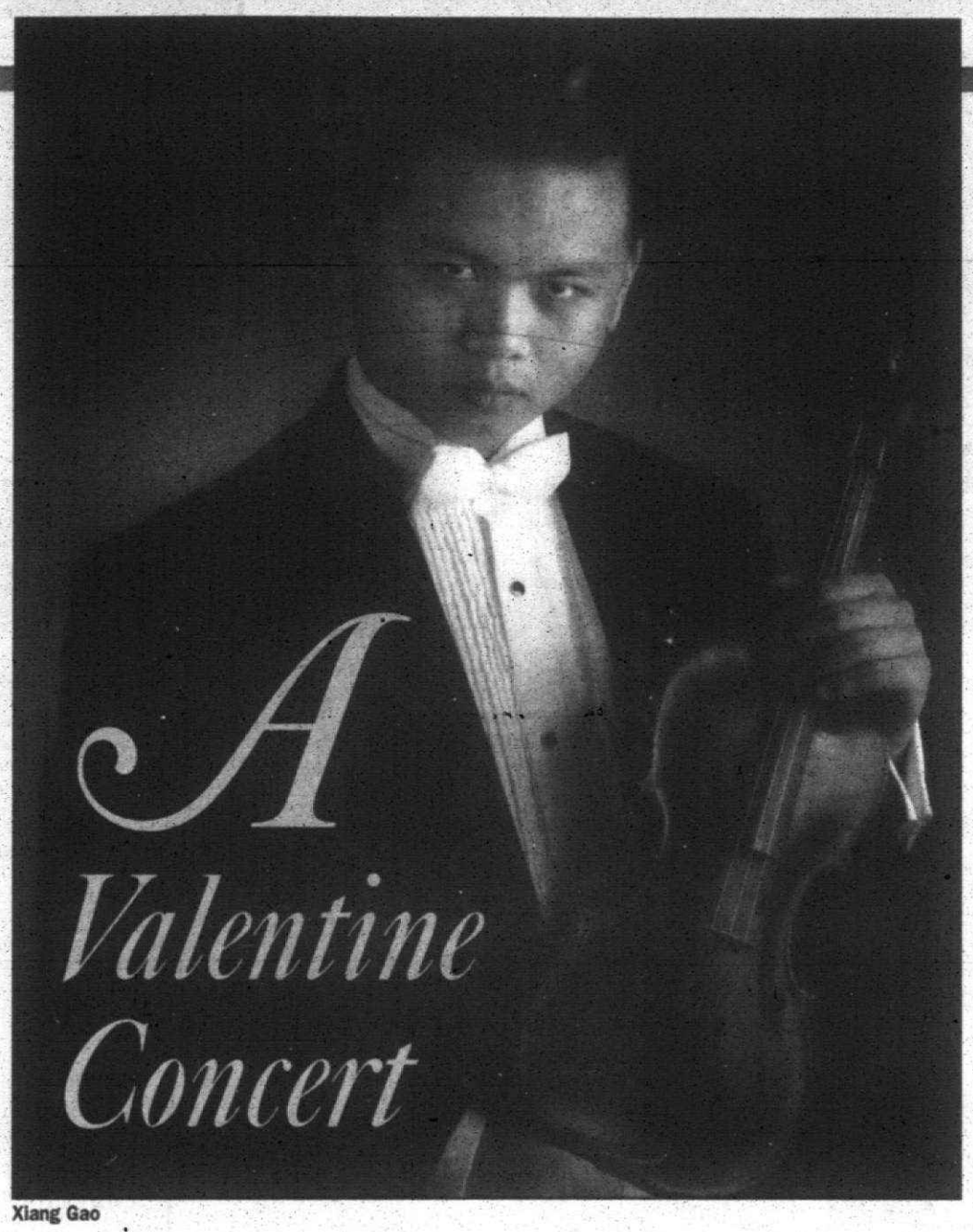
Like many kids, Paravantes was forced to take piano lessons. The experience colored how he felt about performing music for many years. It wasn't that Paravantes didn't love music. He originally planned to become a disc jockey after studying broadcasting at Lee Allen's school.

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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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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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.*

"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 Hulce 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 Thaddeus 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. Owcarzski 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 Art's 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.

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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."

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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.

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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.

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The cost for a Singing Valentine is $40. Call now to schedule the singers between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14. To make your reservation leave a message at (313) 438-2364. Be specific about the time (within a 4-hour window), location, directions, spelling and pronunciation. Also leave your name, phone number and when to contact you.

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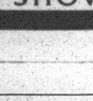

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Antique Show & Sale, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, University of Michigan-Dearborn Fieldhouse, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. $5. (313) 565-3000.

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 Coufinks@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.

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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, Lonia. (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.

Three's the charm

Performing: *The St. Clair Trio, featuring pianist Pauline Martin on her unique Imperial Grand, appears in concert on Sunday, Feb. 13, at St. Regis Church in Bloomfield Hills.*

EVENTS

ROCK -N- BOWL
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 Marlonette Wistinghausen, at 2966 Biddle Ave. Suite 101, Wyandotte.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 285400 Gullen 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) 433-3700.

FORD GALLERY
Through Feb. 25 — Three Women Consider the Body. Eastern Michigan University Art Department, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1268.
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The lustres of Paul Katrich. 404 E. 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223.

GALERIE BLU
Through Feb. 26 — Exhibit of Bielat, Valerie Parks and Robert Tucker. 7 N. Saginaw in Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

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. 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-9600.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Feb. 29 — A display of handmade quilts from the Flint African American Quilters' Guild. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 25 — The oil and watercolor paintings of Diana Gamerman. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SPLASH GALLERY
"Burst of Color" by Detroit area artist, Kipi. 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 Prophit Memorial Exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

UZELAC GALLERY
Through Feb. 26 — Variety show featuring some of the gallery's most popular artists. (248) 332-5257.

WATERFORD STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
Through Feb. 29 — An exhibit of student art will be on display at 2100 Pontiac Lake, Waterford. (248) 623-9389.

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 — Alejandro Garcia Nelo: Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican folk art. Through Feb. 13 — "The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age." 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 Watties, 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, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800.

MT. ZION THEATER COMPANY
"The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays" 8 p.m. Feb. 11-12 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Rd., Waterford. (248) 673-5432.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Oliver!" 1:30 p.m. Feb. 6, at 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Tickets are $25 for adults; $10 for children under 12. Proceeds go to SandCastles grief support programs for children, teens and families throughout southeast Michigan. (313) 874-6881.

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 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

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 knickknacks 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.

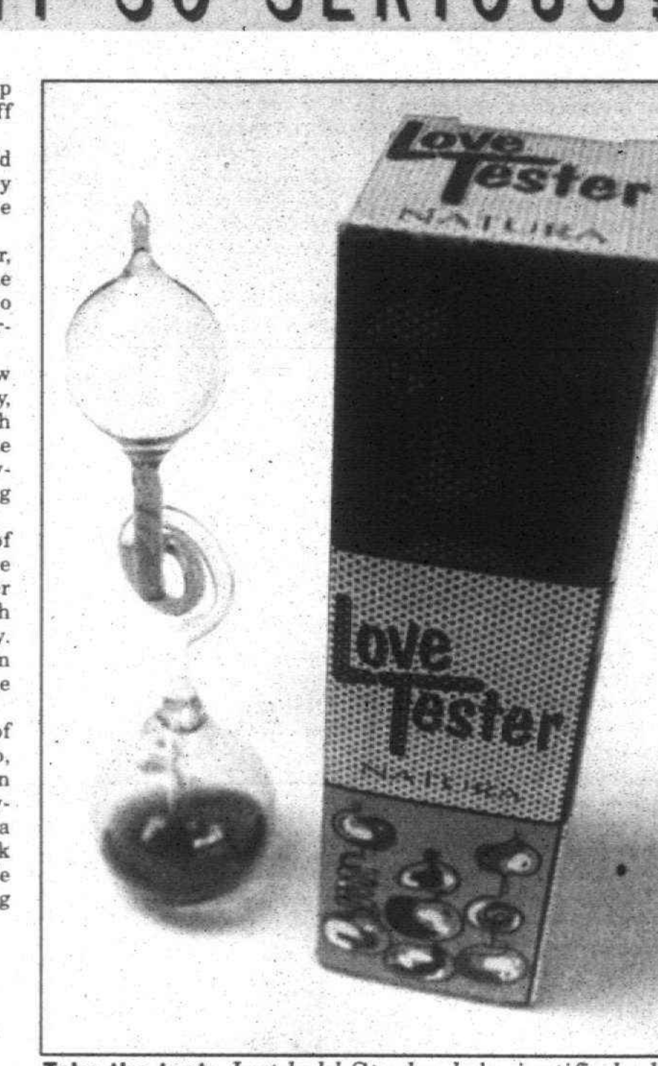
"And it's not a matter of whether you choose to be down, and sad, it's a matter of saying 'I'm going to reach a goal,' which isn't easy. Meeting the right partner in life takes a lot of energy," she said.

"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."

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

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.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

HINO & MALLE TRUNK SHOW

Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts a trunk show of Hino & 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) 614-3340.

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 4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor. For more information, call (248) 643-3300.

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.

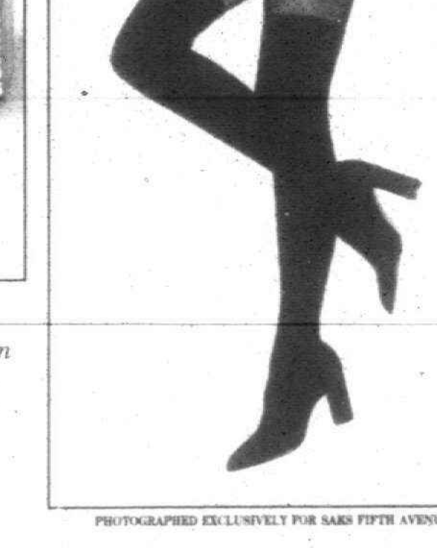
– **A store where Fundamental clothes can be purchased** for Irene.

– 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 Salòne 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
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP SCREAM 3 (R)
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CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
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ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
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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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ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
9:00 PM
STUART LITTLE (PG)
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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.
THRU THURSDAY
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THE HURRICANE (R)
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NEXT FRIDAY (R)
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THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily • All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
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THE GREEN MILE (R)
9:00 PM

Quo Vadis
Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily LATE SHOWS FRIDAY & SATURDAY
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Showcase Westland 1-8
6800 Wayne Rd.
One blk S. of Warren Rd.
313-729-1060
Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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GALAXY QUEST (PG)
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PLAY IT TO THE BONE (R)
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SUPERNOVA (PG13)
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GIRL INTERRUPTED (R)
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NEXT FRIDAY (R)
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MAGNOLIA (R)
1:25, 5:40, 9:35
SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (PG13)
3:25, 9:05
GALAXY QUEST (PG)
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THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY (R)
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THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (R)
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ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
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BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
2:10, 7:10 PM ONLY
STUART LITTLE (PG)
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ANNA AND THE KING (PG13)
4:40, 9:55 ONLY
THE GREEN MILE (R)
1:20, 5:10, 8:55
TOY STORY 2 (G)
12:25, 2:40, 4:50 ,7:05

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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

NP SCREAM 3 (R)
12:00, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:20, 4:10, 5:00,5:50,6:40,7:30, 8:20, 9:10, 10:00-NO VIP TICKETS
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STUART LITTLE (PG)
1:50, 4:00,6:10, 8:10
THE GREEN MILE (R)
8:40 pm only
TOY STORY 2 (G)
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:00

Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
248-853-2260
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
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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STUART LITTLE (PG)
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ANGELA'S ASHES (R)
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United Artists Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
248-988-0706
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

PLAY IT TO THE BONE (R) NV
SUN. 1:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:40; MON-THURS 4:15, 7:00
SUPERNOVA (PG13) NV
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BEING JOHN MALKOVICH (R)
SUN. 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; MON-THURS 4:30, 7:10
DEUCE BIGALOW (R) NV
SUN. 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; MON-THURS 2:45, 5:00, 7:30
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
SUN. 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; MON-THURS 3:10, 5:30, 7:45

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
248-349-4311
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
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TRAVEL

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.

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.

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.

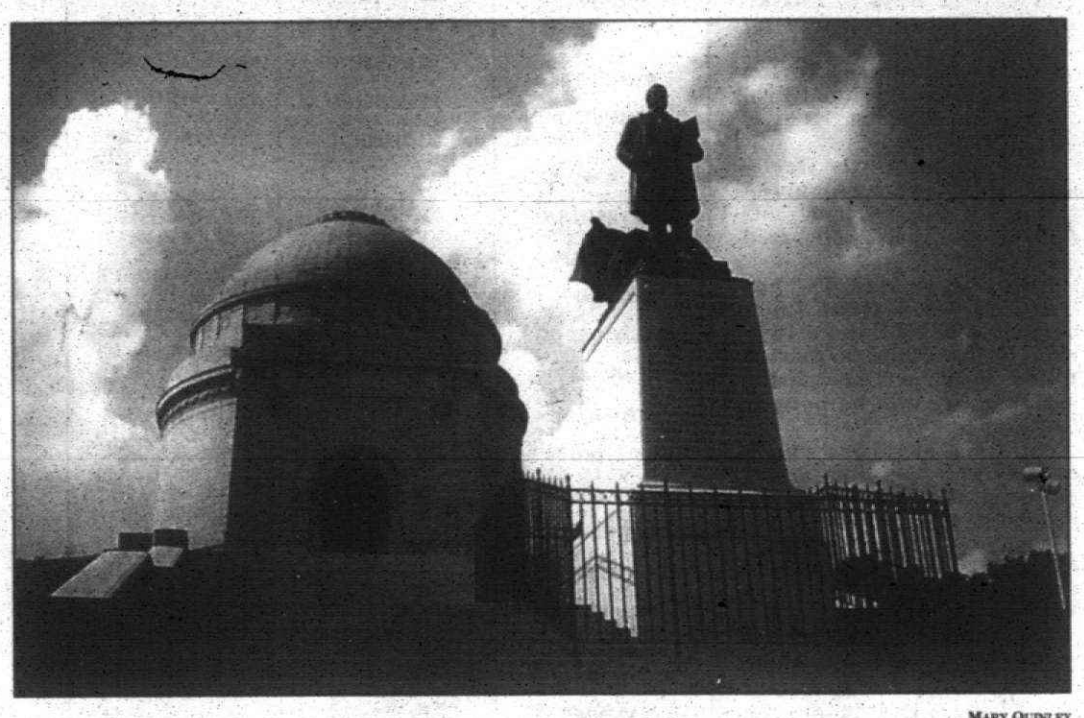
For information on the McKinley Museum and National Memorial, call (330) 455-7043, or visit their Web site: www.mckinleymuseum.org.

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).



MARY QUINLEY

Monumental: *The McKinley National Memorial in Canton, Ohio, is dedicated to William McKinley, the 25th president of the United States.*

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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-PRE$ 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?

Been to places a day's drive from southeastern Michigan?

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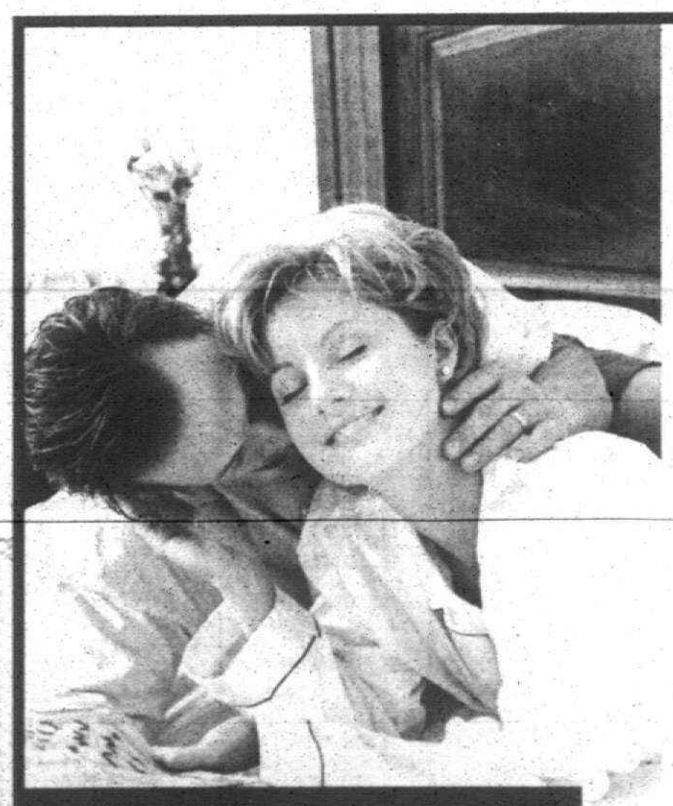
If so, tell us about it by contacting assistant managing editor/Observer features Keely Wygonik by phone at (734) 953-2105; by fax at (734) 591-7279; by e-mail at kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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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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*

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February 14, 21 & 28

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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

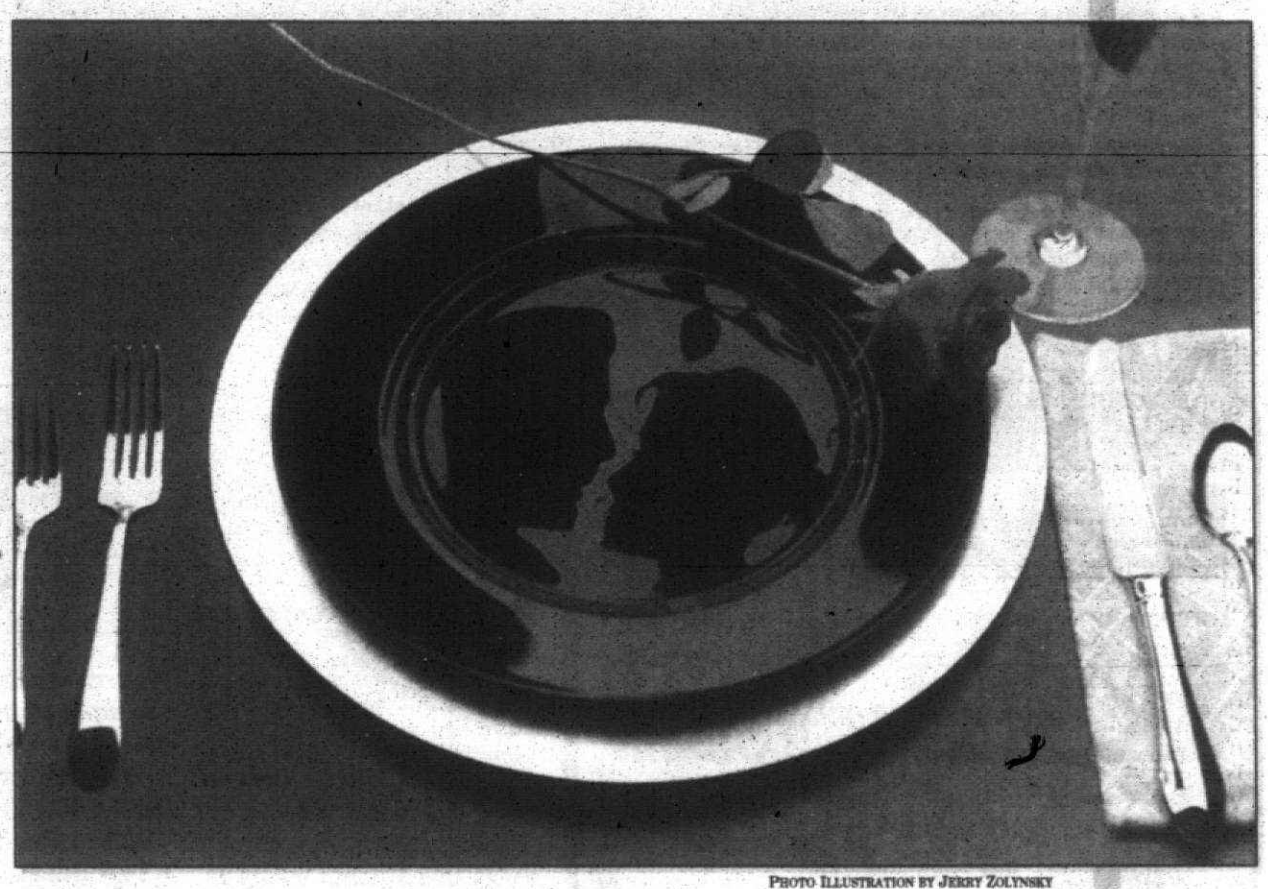
- **Pick of the pack:** 1997 Clos du Bois Flintwood Chardonnay, $22.
- **Mellow reds:** 1997 St. Francis Merlot, $22; 1998 Ca' del Solo Barbera, $15; and 1998 Ca' del Solo Sangiovese, $12.
- **Good deals:** Beringer Wine Estates recently sold its value-priced brand Napa Ridge to Bronco Wine Company. 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; 1996 Countacc, $62 (nebbiolo, barbera, cabernet sauvignon blend); and 1996 Barbaresco Asili, $80.
- **Steals:** 1998 Owen's Estate Cabernet/Shiraz, $12; 1998 Tessera Chardonnay, $10; and 1998 Domaine des Blaqueurs 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 Foods of Love

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 Urtiga Porto

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

Gift of life prompts 'Spice of Life Cookbook'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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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.

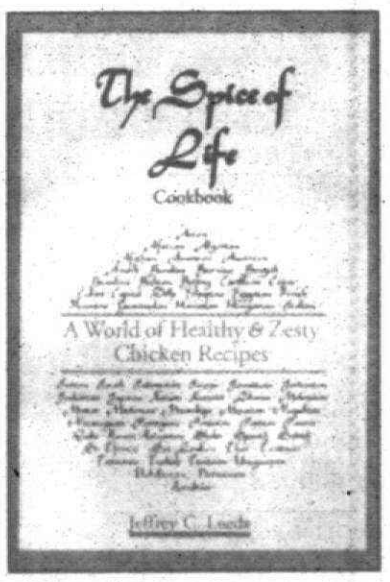
His book even has a Valentine's Day recipe, a chicken dish with rose petals, "perfect with candlelight," Leeds writes. Mud Chicken, which features lots of garlic on chicken breasts, Cuban Chicken and Brazilian Chicken are among Leeds' favorites.

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.

See 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 before lighting 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 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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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.

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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.

Making connections

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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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 obesity, diabetes, hyperlipidemia (blood fat), malnutrition and arthritis (obesity is hard on the joints). Sugar is also addictive because it provides instant gratification.

"The body will gobble it up and store it in a quick amount of time. You'll have lots of energy then no energy," says Gail Cox, a registered dietitian with Botsford Health Development Network.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a non-profit educational and advocacy group in Washington, D.C., petitioned the Food and Drug Administration last August to require that food labels declare how much sugar is added to soft drinks, ice cream and other foods. CSPI is asking the FDA to limit the daily value for added sugars to 10 teaspoons (40 grams).

"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: 58%

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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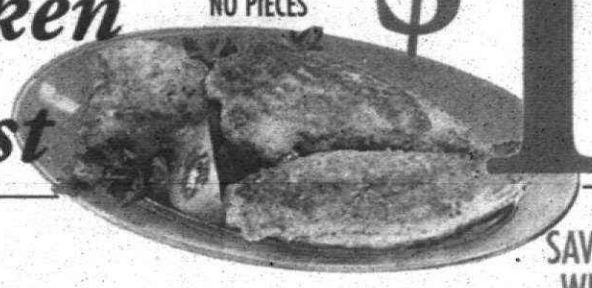

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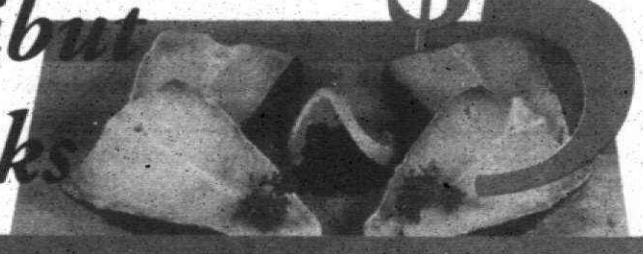

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