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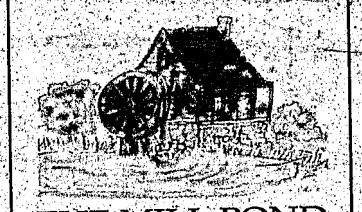

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Mail by any other name...

At a recent Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce board meeting, Fred Ritter got his methods of communications a little mixed up.

He told how he received a "fax by mail."

Was that through the post office or the phone company?

A new look

No need to take a double look if you see Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson. His long silver locks, once combed back, are gone. He got his head almost shaved this week. Wonder what will be the next step?

Cook's night off

Who's who in Clarkston?

Visit Little Caesar's Pizza on M-15 on a Friday night, and you'll find out.

A week ago Friday, Art Pappas, Clarkston's city manager, and Dave Wagner, chairman of Independence Township's Safety Path Committee, were among the many Clarkston-area residents standing in line at Little Caesar's Pizza waiting for their orders.

Apparently, it doesn't matter what hat you wear during the week — city official or resident — no one wants to cook after a long work week.

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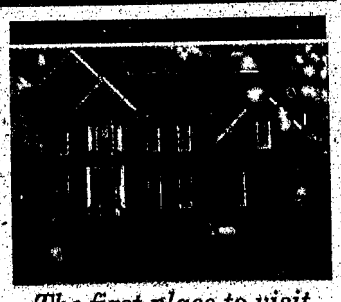

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Pine Knob naming rights for sale

■ Palace Sports & Entertainment plans to sell the naming rights to Pine Knob Music Theater. Local business people say it's sad to see a landmark name change, but don't anticipate long-lasting negative effects.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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By the end of the year, Pine Knob Music Theater will have a different name if everything goes as planned for owner Palace Sports & Entertainment.

The Auburn Hills-based company plans to sell the naming rights for Pine Knob. It hopes to put a deal together with a reputable company for $11 million over 10 years, said Dan Hauser, executive vice president for Palace Sports & Entertainment.

"As costs continue to escalate, we have to look for new sources of revenue," Hauser said.

The money also will be used to upgrade Pine Knob. Some ideas include expanding the pavilion. Currently Pine Knob has 7,500 pavilion seats and about 8,000 lawn seats, Hauser said.

Improving parking is another possibility, he said. Considering paving a single lot could cost $1 million, Hauser said finding additional revenue sources is important.

"There are so many things that could be done," he said.

Companies are already showing interest, Hauser said, and Palace Sports & Entertainment will be careful about whose name goes on the marquee. A tobacco company, for example, would be out of the question, he said.

That was one of the first worries for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Penny Shanks. She said a company with a negative connotation could badly impact the neighboring residential areas. However, she added that Pine Knob is a Chamber member and a respected businesses in community. She is confident they would be vigilant about what name is chosen.

She said she is a little sad to see the trend of corporations buying naming rights continue in Independence because Pine Knob is an identifying element for the community.

"You're slapping a corporate logo on the local community, and when you do

Please see PINE KNOB, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Accordion music for an appetizer: *Anthony Rossi entertains Bill and Barbara Lenhart of Dearborn as they look over the menu at Joe Bologna's Trattoria in Independence Township.*

Serenade at supper

Accordion player dishes up tunes at Italian eatery

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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The sounds are reminiscent of an old movie or a family gathering from years ago.

Customers at Joe Bologna's Trattoria in Independence Township can enjoy the accordion music of Anthony Rossi twice a week.

Rossi, 65, touts himself as "playing Italy's most beloved and beautiful Italian music and other world-famous melodies." He says he knows at least 20,000 songs but not all by memory, mind you.

"You read the English language; I read the language of angels," he said.

Of course he plays Italian tunes, but he also knows French, German, Irish, Spanish, Mexican and American music. At Joe Bologna's each Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 5 p.m., he will take requests from diners.

"I had a lady in here from Paris last night," he said. "She thought she could stump me with French music, but she couldn't."

Rossi, who lives in Sterling Heights, said he has a passion for music. His father was a professional musician, and he learned to play piano at age 5. When he was a young man, people danced to live and mostly instrumental music, he said.

As a teenager he started playing gigs like weddings and First Communion parties. The kinds of jobs he would get didn't always have the best pianos on hand so he would have to make due with an off-key, half-working instrument.

He said he would come home and complain that no one liked to play with him. He father encouraged him to try the accordion instead.

"I went out on my first job with the accordion and they said, 'Hey, we're going to play in tune,'" Rossi said.

Rossi continued to play in dance

Please see ACCORDION, A4

Teacher earns highest certificate

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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Linda Denstaedt treats her students as she treats herself.

A professed life-long learner, she promotes curiosity, confidence and a love of learning and of the English language through her work with children and other teachers in Clarkston Community Schools.

Denstaedt is director of writing for the district. If it sounds like a title for someone who sits behind a desk, that's an incorrect assumption.

The Independence Township resident teaches an advanced placement literature class in the mornings at Clarkston High School. She facilitates in the high school's Communications Arts Center. She also works with teachers and students at other schools in the district, demonstrating methods for teaching reading in classrooms and one-on-one with students.



STAFF PHOTO BY GAR MALERBA

Certified listener: *Instructor Linda Denstaedt, who recently earned the highest certification in her field, listens along with students Angela Haight (second from left), Ashley Hall and Tessa Hartley as third grader Mattan Alalouf reads a story he wrote.*

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Guv's plan wouldn't be windfall for Clarkston

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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While some in the Clarkston Community Schools district may have reacted joyously to news that the district will receive additional funds from the state, the promise won't net huge amounts for the school district.

Michigan Gov. John Engler, in his State of the State address the end of January, called for a minimum $6,500 foundation funding for all public schools.

This school year, the Clarkston school district is receiving $6,142 per

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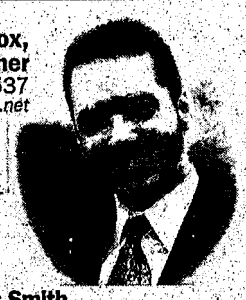

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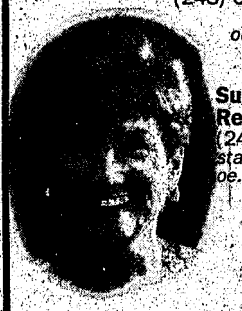

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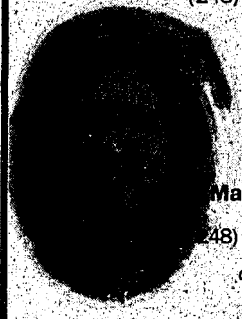

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that you lose the community identity," she said.

The change presents a marketing challenge, Shanks said, especially since the venue isn't changing. She said in the case of Tiger Stadium changing to Comerica Park, for example, it was a whole new building and easier to make the transition.

She also pointed out that Pine Knob officials will have to take care with the name because many of the performers who come to the outdoor theater have their own sponsors. It wouldn't look very good for an act sponsored by Coca-Cola to be coming to Pepsi Pine Knob Theater, she said.

The Pine Knob name didn't originate with the theater. It seems to have come from Pine Knob Road, which runs along one side of the entire Pine Knob complex, local businessman Fred Ritter said.

"It's too bad you can't keep things local," Ritter said. "I'm sure they're trying to maximize their dollars."

Many local businesses and even a church, Pine Knob Missionary Baptist Church, share their name with the theater.

Ray Ballard, owner of Pine Knob Pharmacy, said changing the name of the music theater won't hurt his business one bit.

■ 'No matter what they name it, people will still call it Pine Knob for a long time.'

Ray Ballard
owner of Pine Knob Pharmacy

"No matter what they name it, people will still call it Pine Knob for a long time," Ballard said.

Joe Locricchio was only a kid when his father, also named Joe Locricchio, bought the Pine Knob complex. Locricchio's dad built the amphitheater, which when it opened in 1972, was the largest outdoor amphitheater in the United States.

Locricchio, who has proposed a deal to Independence Township that would allow him to build a residential, retail and office complex near Clarkston Creek Golf Course while allowing the township to keep the golf course, said his father was a visionary.

"He had the vision and the idea that Clarkston was going to be a booming area," Locricchio said.

He said his father, who died in 1998, heard that the Nederlander Organization was looking for a venue back in the early 1970s. Pine Knob was built in about six months, Locricchio said. The first person to play there was Andy Williams. Last summer, 83 acts played there.

Locricchio's dad bought the entire Pine Knob complex in 1969, which included the ski resort, the mansion and what now is a golf course and residential area.

When Locricchio's dad filed for Chapter 11 protection, the courts refused his terms. Nederlanders ended up buying Pine Knob in 1984. Palace Sports & Entertainment bought Pine Knob Music Theater 10 years ago.

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OBITUARY

Myron U. Toombs

Myron U. "Mike" Toombs of Clarkston died Feb. 2, 2000, at age 80.

Mr. Toombs is survived by his wife, Marjorie. He is also survived by three sons, Jeffrey (Jill), David (Julie) and Kevin; and a daughter, Barbara (the late Clarence) Groner.

Mr. Toombs is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass was held Feb. 5 in St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

READER REFERENCE

Clarkston school events

Feb. 7: CMS PTA. CHS varsity volleyball, skiing.

Feb. 8: CE PTO; PK PTA; SP PTA Board. OTC Night of Discovery. CHS freshman boys, JV and varsity basketball; varsity boys swimming.

Feb. 9: BL PTA Board. PK and CE Ski Club. CHS varsity hockey, wrestling, ski team.

Feb. 10: NS Arts Informance, CHS ski team, volleyball, freshman basketball.

Feb. 11: CHS Snowcoming Weekend. CMS Student Dance. CHS JV and varsity basketball, wrestling, boys swimming.

Feb. 12: SMS Saturday School. CHS District Band Solo/Ensemble Festival. CHS Snowcoming Dance. CHS freshman volleyball tournament and varsity volleyball, CHS wrestling B team.

AE = Andersonville Elementary, BL = Bailey Lake Elementary, CE = Clarkston Elementary, CHS = Clarkston High School, CMS = Clarkston Middle School, IE = Independence Elementary, NS = North Sashabaw Elementary, OTC = Oakland Technical Center Northwest, PK = Pine Knob Elementary, SMS = Sashabaw Middle School, SP = Springfield Plains Elementary.

Clarkston Community Schools Elementary Lunch Menu

Feb. 7: Chicken fingers, hot dog on a bun, homemade roll, whipped potatoes, cinnamon applesauce.

Feb. 8: Beef steak sandwich, hot dog on a bun, tossed salad, raspberry sherbet.

Feb. 9: Chili and cheese fries, hot dog on a bun, oven fries, fresh fruit.

Feb. 10: Cheese-stuffed breadsticks, hot dog on a bun, carrot coins, diced pears.

Feb. 11: Nachos with meat and cheese, hot dog on a bun, veggie sticks with dip and fruit crisp.

Clarkston Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

Feb. 7: Pizza square, hamburger, tator tots, applesauce.

Feb. 8: Cheesy breadsticks, roast beef sandwich, seasoned fries, pears.

Feb. 9: Chicken patty, hot pockets, fiestada, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Feb. 10: Little Caesar's pizza, hot dog, carrot sticks, fruit crisp.

Feb. 11: Chicken nuggets, hot ham and cheese on a bagel, mashed potatoes, fruit cup.

Sashabaw Middle School Main Course Lunch Menu

Feb. 7: Little Caesar's pizza, ravioli with breadstick, hot ham and cheese on a bagel.

Feb. 8: Chicken fryz with roll, tuna on a bun, salami and cheese sandwich.

Feb. 9: Specialty pizza, chili and cheese fries, roast beef on a bun.

Feb. 10: Taco with churro, cheese stuffed breadsticks, turkey club.

Feb. 11: Pizza square, chicken patty on a bun, toasted cheese with tomato soup.

Independence Township Library

Feb. 8: Evening Book Discussion Group— "Dalva" by Jim Harrison at 7:30 p.m. Time to Save at 7 p.m., a money management class for teens.

Feb. 9: Story Time program on France at 10 a.m. Navigating the Worldwide Web — 3 p.m. class.

Feb. 12: Super Surprise Saturday program by Marcey Walsh at 11 a.m. Mystery dinner at 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are $20, available at the door.

Independence Township Recreation

Tickets are on sale now for the Marshmallow Drop that takes place at 11 a.m. April 15 in Clintonwood Park. Children 12 years old and younger may participate. Tickets are $4 per child for residents and $6 for non-residents.

A Holiday Extravaganza is planned for 10:30 a.m. until noon April 18. The party is for 2- to 5-year-olds and is a celebration of the season. Tickets are $4 for residents and $6 for non-residents.

Basketball/volleyball open gym is 8-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 7 at Clarkston Middle School. Participants must be 18 years old to participate. Fee is $2 for residents and $3 for non-residents.

Cupid's Aquatic Festival at the Clarkston High School pool will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 11. Cost is $3 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 9.

Start Smart Sports is a six-week program for 3- to 5-year-olds and their parents. It helps develop children's motor skills. Call 625-8223 for more information.

Sign up now until March 1 for soccer for boys and girls ages 4-14.

Independence Township Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday: Stuffed peppers
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Wednesday: Beef and biscuit
Thursday: Cheese manicotti with meat
Friday: Breaded pork chops

To reserve a meal, call Joan at 625-8231 by 10 a.m. on the day before the lunch you want.

Volunteer tax preparers will be available to assist with tax forms 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday. For an appointment and a list of what to bring, call the senior center at 625-8231.

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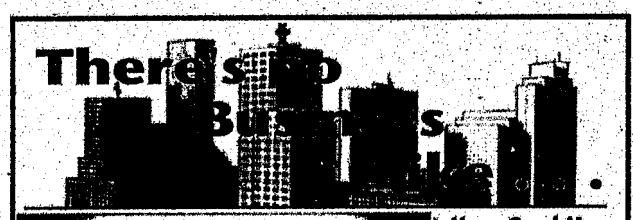
Family donates kiln, wheel

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts has a new kiln and potter's wheel through a donation from James Hudson Jr. of Clarkston.

Hudson's family has taken art classes at the Rochester-based center for several years.

The second kiln and new wheel will help students produce more works of art, a center spokeswoman said.

Information on classes is available by calling 651-4110 or by visiting the center's web site — www.pccart.org.



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Going for it: *Sharon Thomas, assistant music director at Clarkston United Methodist Church, has been taking summer courses at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., in hopes of becoming an opera singer.*

Dreaming of the opera

Church's music director hopes to hit high note

BY PAUL R. PACE
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Sharon Thomas of has been slipping away to the East Coast the past few summers, but she isn't vacationing in the Hamptons.

Rather, she is studying with voice trainers in hopes of performing in opera productions and oratorios.

The assistant music director at Clarkston United Methodist Church said she's been teaching voice and piano lessons for 20 years on and off.

But before she gets older, the 42-year-old Waterford resident said she wanted to do something special for herself, namely see how far she can make it in the field of opera.

She has been taking summer courses at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., for the past few years.

"Fortunately, I can take a leave of absence from the church and lessons to do this," she said.

"I've never given myself time to practice and work on my voice; as music director for different theaters, something always came up," she said.

"I'd love to do opera," said the lyric soprano.

She pointed out, however, that the field is more difficult to penetrate than ever. Much like popular music, it's not just the voice, but the appearance of a performer that is important nowadays, she said.

"That's the way opera is going; it's unfortunate," Thomas said. "You have to look the part."

She said she wants to pursue her dream so she can say she gave it her best shot.

"I am really going for oratorios and recitals," she said of future hopes in music performance.

As a young girl growing up in Lexington, Mich., she said she knew she was blessed with a good voice. She raced to the family radio on Saturday afternoons to hear the weekly opera broadcasts.

"I still watch them on PBS," she said.

She counts Sharon Sweet, Jesse Norman and Joan Sutherland as being among some of her favorite operatic performers.

She studied music in college and recently completed her bachelor's degree in music from Oakland University, where she said she was blessed with excellent music teachers.

She and her husband, Stephen, an editor at UPN Channel 50-WKDB, have lived in Waterford for 16 years.

Thomas said the best part of being a teacher is the one-on-one contact with her students.

"A lot of my students have nice voices," she said. "Part of it is encouraging them and building confidence in their singing. I really enjoy helping them succeed."

And Thomas pointed out, it is possible to make a living in the performing arts field.

"I like community theater and regional theater," she said, noting she has participated in plays and musicals produced by Pontiac Theater IV, the Avon Players and the Lakeland Players.

Thomas is also entertainment director of the annual Dickens Festival held in Holly and oversees the Festival Singers, who perform in the Dickens Festival and other events in the area.

"I train all the actors and characters," she said.

She said the Festival Singers is a fun group. The 17 members are made up of actors who sing acappela and have a talent for getting the audience involved in their productions.

Her time in Princeton is also fun because of the interesting people she gets to meet, she said.

"People come from all over the world, a lot from Europe," she said. "It's exciting.

"It seems goofy to leave your job to do this, but I feel honored and lucky to do it," the music teacher added.

"I'm going to find out if I have what it takes; I'd like to know," she said.

And when she is not busy training her voice, giving music lessons or coordinating events, she said she is a host on chatgames.com, a web site devoted to people who love to play trivia in real time over the Internet.

"I play host sometimes and write up questions and they get answered in real time," she said. "It's a lot of fun — I always liked playing Trivial Pursuit.

"Most of my games are about the arts and movies," she said. "They're my favorite topics."

David Nelson has known Thomas for 16 years and met her when he auditioned for a musical where Thomas was the director.

"She has a beautiful voice," he said.

Nelson and his wife now run Off Broadway Productions of Waterford, a company that sets up theatrical productions.

He said Nelson should pursue her goal of singing opera.

"She's a talent waiting to happen," he said.

New program shows teens how to invest, manage their money

There are times when parenting a teenager can feel like living in a money pit.

Lots of money gets poured into the place, but it continues to demand more.

A lecture 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at Independence Township Library can help young people in grades six-12 make the most of their money.

Denise Kochanski, a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, will present a program to help teenagers learn to manage and even invest their money. Included in the free program will be a handy information packet. She said she has done educational programs for parents and teenagers, and parents are welcome at this presentation.

She will go over the value of the dollar, how to save money and how to budget. She explains how the stock market works, too. The talk also will show teens the differences between instant gratification and delayed gratification.

"Parents like it because it gives them (kids) an introduction" to money management concepts, Kochanski said.

Young adult librarian Julie Meredith said the library has brought in speakers about paying for college, but a talk geared at money management in general is new.

"We're just giving it a shot to see what kind of response we get," she said.

She has a teen advisory board whose members said they thought the talk would be well-received. Teens should register ahead by calling 625-2212 so that Kochanski can bring enough information packets.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Independence Police

Larceny

On Feb. 1, someone entered a vehicle parked in the 5600 block of **Parview** and removed an AM/FM cassette radio, two flip phones, a radar detector, 50 tapes, sunglasses, ski boots and a pair of snow skis.

Malicious destruction of property

On Feb. 1, someone damaged a vehicle parked in the Clarkston Christian Association, 5529 **Sashabaw Road**. The person wrote derogatory words in lipstick and by scratching the paint of the car.

Springfield Township

No reports given.

Clarkston Police

No reports given.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 16 calls between Jan. 31 and Feb. 2. These included 10 medical calls, three personal-injury accident calls, and one call each for a vehicle fire, a complaint and a public service call.

Local park featured in calendar

Next month when buyers of brick pavers all over America flip their calendars, they will see the beauty of Independence Oaks County Park.

LaFarge Paver and Retaining Walls has put together a calendar showcasing some of its products. Among them are bricks used at the park's water meditation garden. The calendars go to all of LaFarge's contractors, dealers and people on its mailing list as well as to architects, said Scott Palmer, a sales representative with LaFarge.

Contractors or owners of projects submit photos to LaFarge to be judged by a committee that includes staff from LaFarge's Canadian and Wixom offices.

"How they (the bricks) are used, how they blend" are important factors, Palmer said.

He said the water garden is a good example.

"Like the picture shows, it is a tranquil place. It looks like it is in the middle of nowhere," he said.

The meditation garden has about 90 square feet of brick and some seating, said Joe Figa, chief of design and development for Oakland County Parks.

"We wanted an aesthetically pleasing place where people could relax and meditate," Figa said.

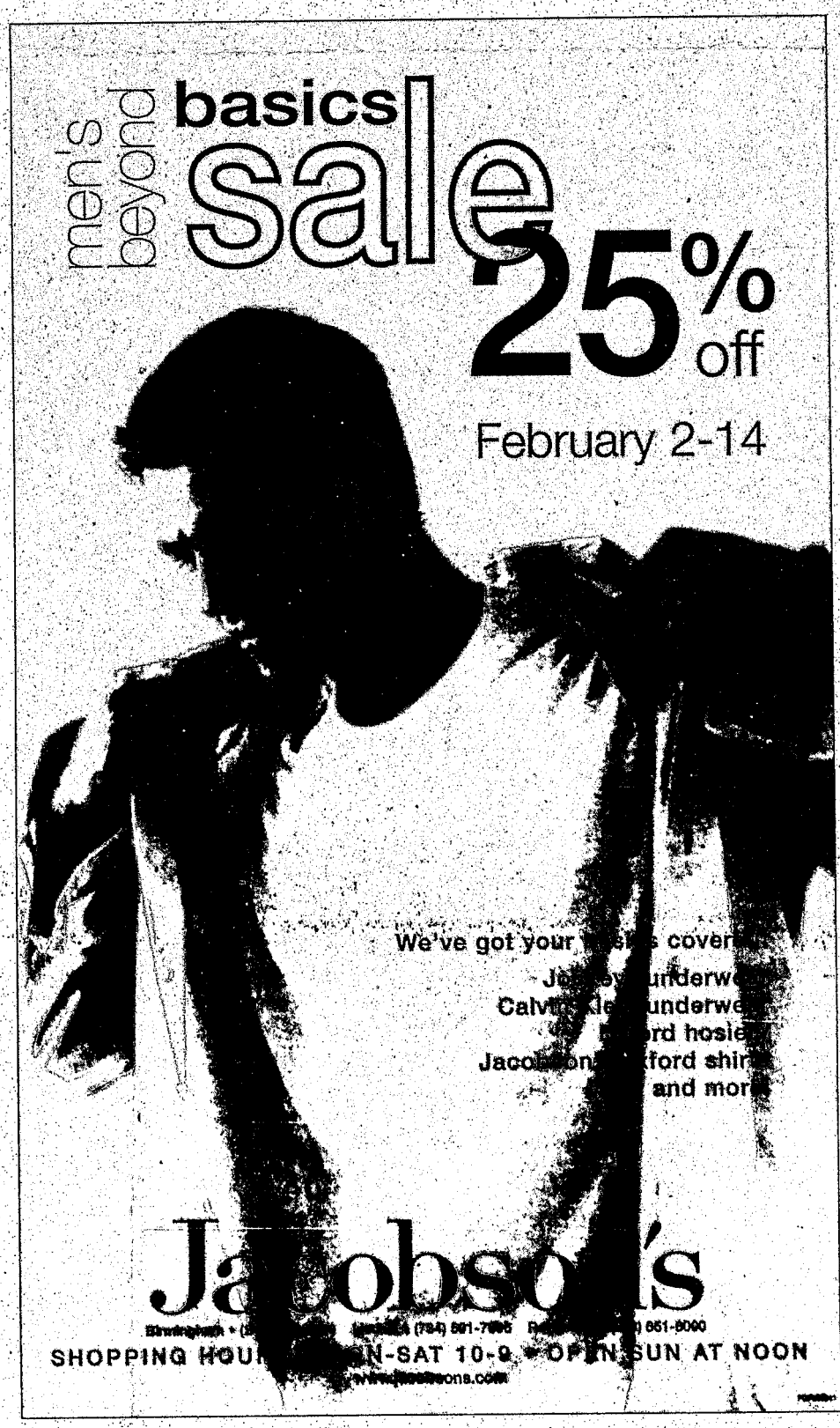


Pretty as a picture: *Brick work at Independence Oaks County Park is featured in a calendar.*

The project was started in 1998 and finished in May 1999. It is a memorial to Jimmy Klein from his relatives and is part of the larger Jean Rubach garden, which also is a memorial garden. Klein was Rubach's grandson. Rubach lived in southeast Michigan and enjoyed gardening.

Both areas are on the way from the parking lot of the park to the nature center, Figa said.

— By Sally Slaughter, staff writer





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Entertainment on the menu: *Clarkston businesswomen Jeanine Burrell, Susan Burns, Mary Kaverley and Pamela Hill are entertained by Anthony Rossi.*

Accordion *from page A1*

halls and on other jobs while he worked his regular job with Ford Motor Co. He retired in 1995 after 36 years with Ford.

He's been playing at Joe Bologna's off and on for about a year, but the work has been steady since the beginning of December.

"The patrons enjoyed me so much that I just kept on," he said.

He is thankful to the Bolognas, he said, for giving him a chance to play for the public.

"If it weren't for them, I'd be playing down in my basement," he said.

He's not sure where they first saw him. He said it could have been almost anywhere. Rossi has played with many people and about five years ago he and his Dad, who has since passed away, backed up the well-known Italian group The Gaylords.

Rossi said he loves playing for an audience. He said it's like the difference between batting practice and facing a pitcher "who could take your head off. It's a different mindset," he said.

Plan *from page A1*

student in foundation allowance from the state. Although the school district has about 7,200 students, the revenues it receives depends on the blended student count in February and September 1999.

Craig Kahler, director of business services for Clarkston Community Schools, knows the foundation allowance for next school year is $6,312, or an extra $170 per student.

If the minimum $6,500 proposed by Engler goes through the state legislation, that will mean a $188 increase per Clarkston pupil.

"But until that's in the legislation and until the governor signs it, it's not something I'm going to consider in my budget plan," Kahler explained. But, according to state Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), vice chair of the House Education Committee, the school district shouldn't count on receiving the money until it actually has it.

"There's a bit of a problem here," she said. "The governor has the money tied right now to lifting caps off charter schools."

Currently there is a cap as to how many charter schools there can be in Michigan. Engler recommended lifting that cap and has tied the foundation money into that issue.

"I don't agree with what he's suggested for the charter schools," Johnson said. "I personally believe we must raise the caps and assess that educational system, something we haven't done yet. Then we can determine if we should increase the caps or take them off."

She does agree with Engler's idea of giving all schools the same minimum amount of money.

"I believe in equal funding for all kids. We need to reduce the discrepancy between all schools. All kids deserve a good education, Johnson said.

Johnson added that she will fight hard to get that additional foundation allowance for public schools.

"Many of us (in the legislature) feel strongly that all school districts should get that extra money. Right now I'm optimistic about it. There is just this one little bump in the road."

She also doesn't think schools will get the extra funding until the issue goes before both the House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

"It doesn't mean that the House or Senate will follow the governor's recommendations about the caps," she said.

Anita Banach, Clarkston Community Schools public relations coordinator, said the school district won't see an actual increase in revenues to spend on instruction from the proposed foundation increase. The extra money, she explained, will help cover increased employee costs for retirement and social security.

Denstaedt *from page A1*

"I model for the teachers. They are my audience," she said.

And what a role model she is.

Denstaedt recently became the first Michigan teacher to earn the national board certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

This certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards enables her to teach in any school district in the country. It also labels her as one of the top teachers in this curriculum.

National board certification is a voluntary process and is achieved only through a rigorous performance-based assessment, according to the organization's press release. It documents a teacher's knowledge of his or her subject matter, provides evidence that the teacher knows how to teach his/her subject to students most effectively and demonstrates a teacher's ability to manage and measure student learning, whether in public or private schools.

The board offers certificates in 16 fields. Denstaedt decided to go after the one in her field after it was first introduced last year.

"I am a life-long learner," she said. "I pick one goal to achieve every year and when I saw the notice for this certification, I decided to make that my goal last school year.

"I was very naive about the work it would take to accomplish it," she added.

Denstaedt said she had just completed the textbook, "A Creative Writer's Craft," she wrote with co-teacher Claire Needham Layman and was looking for another project.

She figured it took her about 300 hours added to her full-time job to complete the required work for the certification.

That meant spending 6-10 a.m. Saturday and Sundays on the project from January to April. Then she began working eight hours a day on weekends and in order to meet her deadline, that expanded to 10-12 hours a day.

This is all in addition to the four required 90-minute tests she had to take in one day.

"In the first test, I was literally rewriting something mid-sentence when the computer clicked off," she recalled. "When they said 90 minutes, they meant exactly that."

She didn't learn until November that she passed the test, an achievement accomplished by only 48 percent of the teachers who try to earn the certification.

She joins ranks with less than 5,000 teachers across the United States who are board certified. Only 77 teachers have earned that title in Michigan.

"My family was very supportive during this time," she said. They ate a lot of carry-out meals and also served as a sounding board for books she had to read and movies she had to watch. Her family members are husband John and sons Geoff, a Clarkston High School senior, and Scott, a CHS sophomore.

A teacher in Clarkston since 1968, Denstaedt said she's had a "wonderful, enriching career.

"My students teach me over and over again how to be a better teacher and a better learner," she said.

She sees the most important goal of a teacher as teaching children to apply what they learn to their life; and to encourage them to create something for the pride of authorship, not because it's required by a teacher.

"It's a privilege to work with these students and teachers," she said.

Her goal for this school year? Learning more about oral language skills. In order to complete this goal, she's part of a discourse group at the University of Michigan.

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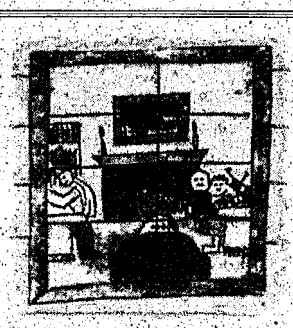

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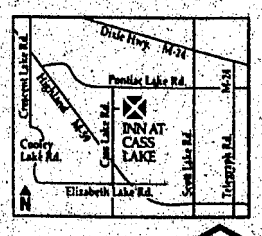

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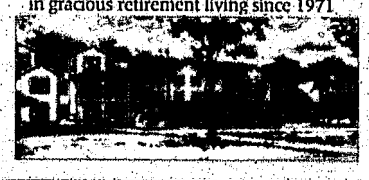

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Input sought on landfill plan

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
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It's not that often public officials flat-out ask their constituents what to do. But that's exactly what will happen Monday, Feb. 7.

On that night at 8 p.m., the Orion Township Board of Trustees will ask residents to answer one question: Should Waste Management be allowed to expand the Eagle Valley Landfill on Silver Bell Road as proposed? A lot is riding on the answer.

Because of a 1991 agreement signed by the township, Waste Management and Oakland County, the decision sits squarely on the shoulders of the township board. The county at present has no other plans for new landfill space after its current capacity runs out in about four years. If Eagle Valley and a nearby landfill in Auburn Hills fill up as expected around that time, the county will have to send all of its trash to out-of-county facilities.

So, with a proposal from Waste Management on the table, the board of trustees wants to know whether residents want negotiations to begin. After the hearing, they'll decide what to do next.

"We're not even doing any action Monday night," said township supervisor Colette Dywasuk. "The whole hearing is to see what people have to say about should we go forward or not . . . We want to wait until we see what the public has to say."

Waste Management's proposal calls for adding 71 acres of disposal area to the current 126-acre landfill on Silver Bell Road west of M-24. The expansion would extend the life of the landfill an estimated 23 years.

The proposal includes a promise to develop an end-use plan for soccer, softball fields, and nature paths, and a $2 million signing bonus for the township to use as it sees fit.

Waste Management has also made a commitment that it will not accept Canadian or out-of-state garbage, but, such a promise is not legally enforceable since interstate waste commerce is protected under a Supreme Court ruling.

Despite that, a bill is pending in the Michigan Senate's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee that would ban out-of-state and foreign trash in Michigan landfills. An aide to Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R., Lake Orion), vice chairman of the committee, said this week that the bill is still in committee awaiting consideration.

It was introduced by two Canton legislators who believe there is too much landfill space right now in Michigan.

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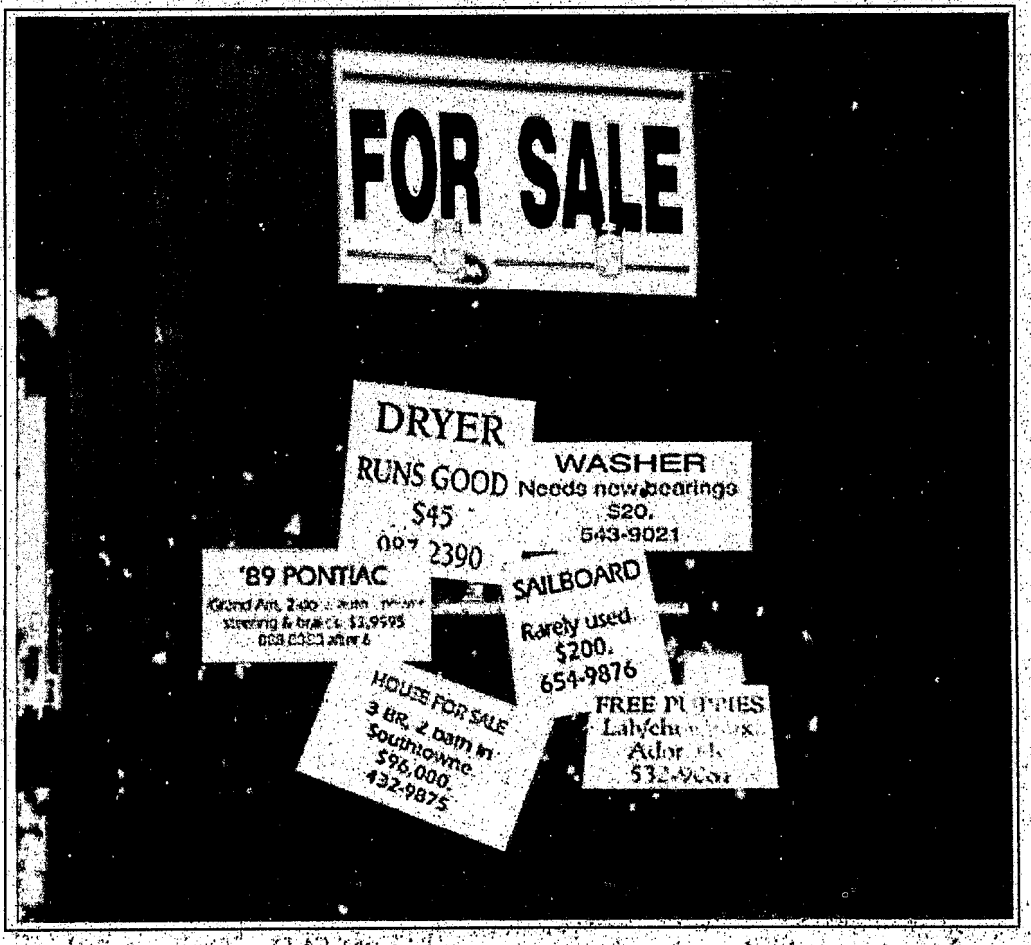

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Splurge on a romantic bauble

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

There was a time when a box of chocolates or maybe a dozen long-stemmed roses more than sufficed on Valentine's Day.

Today, these gifts, although sweet and romantic, are very predictable.

Times have changed. The stock market is flying high with the sweet smell of "dot com" futures, and consumers are feeling heady with success.

And with a seemingly unending good economy in charge, I think Valentine's Day has become a much more interesting tradition.

In fact, jewelers across the country have been reporting increased Valentine's Day sales every year for a while now.

No longer are men opting for gifts priced $200 or less; they're making major purchases for their loved ones, say the jewelers.

At this rate, Valentine's Day could rival Mother's Day as the second best jewelry-buying holiday after Christmas.

Does this news leave you stunned and worried about what's appropriate to give on Valentine's Day?

Well, no need to panic. Diamond supplier DeBeers has been working overtime to create a list of gifts for a variety of pocketbooks and preferences. It includes their three-diamond anniversary ring with a center stone that is said to be at least a half carat in size. Hey, why not? Go for it!

However, such a set-up isn't just material; the ring's three stones symbolize the past, present and future of marriage.

But don't confuse this ring with DeBeers' diamond anniversary band, which is a thin wedding band set with diamonds either all the way around or halfway across the top.

When the anniversary band was first introduced, it was recommended for the 10th wedding anniversary. However, DeBeers has gotten wise to the fact that there are all sorts of reasons and times to buy diamonds and abandoned official milestones for the ring. So, put the anniversary band on your Valentine's Day list, too?

Then again, if it were up to DeBeers, every woman on the planet would be wearing an engagement ring of a carat or more, along with the anniversary band, on the left hand. Plus a three-diamond anniversary ring on the right hand.

But don't forget about DeBeers' 25th anniversary pendant with five bezel-set diamonds (It's almost worth the wait!). Then add a pair of diamond-stud earrings, a basic necessity, and DeBeers version of an ideal woman really starts to make perfect sense.

Get going

Valentine's Day is only a week away. So, if you have yet to run out and buy your special someone a bauble or two, get moving.

But, remember, you don't have to buy diamonds. There's no doubt they'll be appreciated, but they're not mandatory or, for that matter, expected by most sweethearts.

Heart-shaped pendants and lockets are a classic on Valentine's Day. And, a locket with your tiny heart-shaped picture inside shows a lot of forethought.

Because Valentine's Day happens in February, another choice you'll find in abundance in your jeweler's showcase or on your jeweler's web site is the month's birthstone, amethyst.

A beautiful violet-colored stone, amethysts are still one of the best buys around, especially when they're plentiful.

Even if she doesn't have a February birthday, amethyst jewelry is gift most women will wear time and again.

But, if you think enough is enough and prefer to resort to flowers or chocolate, keep in mind flowers fade and chocolate, well, we all know where chocolate goes.

Just keep in mind jewelry can be cheaper than a health club membership — and a whole lot more fun!

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodgers@mich.com, fax, (248) 582-9223, or mail, c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009.

My Funny Valentine

LOVE, SURE, BUT WHY SO SERIOUS?

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All the usual goodies – heart-shaped pendant necklaces, red boxes of delicious chocolates, gold-dipped roses and dinners-for-two – are available for giving this Valentine's Day.

But at least a few retailers are offering playful knick-knacks that poke fun at our obsession with love that may even help those of us who are flying solo on Valentine's Day.

"They're like love tranquilizers," said area comic Karen Bell-Brege, of Northville. "A stress reliever for the addiction of love.

And, like with anything else in life, humor usually works wonders, said Bell-Brege, one of the founders of Totally Unrehearsed Theatre which performs at Mark Ridley's Comedy Caste in Royal Oak.

"When people get into relationships, they take it so seriously," she said. "But, if we take things too seriously, we get in knots and it just doesn't work."

So, products like "Jilted Lots-Of-Love" body lotion, $9.95 at Aetheria in Ferndale, and Starbucks "Who Will My Lover Be?" game are a good thing, said Bell-Brege.

For a friend whose single or not having luck finding love, a fun gift like might lighten the mood on Valentine's Day. "For that moment they can laugh and say it's okay. Don't you think that when you lighten up that's when the good stuff happens."

Birmingham marital and family therapist Bunny Miller-Shaw couldn't agree more.

"The more sense of humor, the more of life you enjoy, the more attractive you are to other people," said Miller-Shaw.

Although Miller-Shaw doesn't think we, as a society, are any more obsessed with love than we used to be, she does believe people are having more trouble finding partners.

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

"We do make more out of all our holidays today, too, and there's a lot of hype on the part of industry, so having fun, being able to have a little tongue-and-cheek humor keeps it light – the pain and work of finding someone."



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.*



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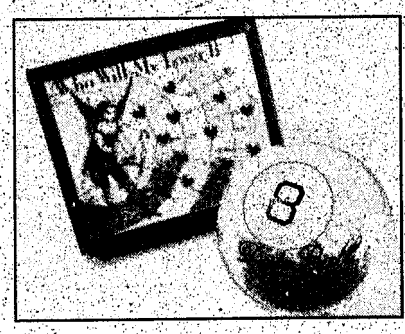

Fun and games: *Ask the pink "8 Date Ball" all your important questions or play the "Who Will My Lover Be?" game. Both are available at Starbucks*

Changes in store

Hudson's moves, expands men's and home sections

Hudson's is making a big move.

The retailer is relocating and opening an expanded Men's and Home store at Lakeside mall in Sterling Heights, greatly increasing the store's presence there.

The expanded store, to be located in the site that was formerly occupied by Crowley's, will open at 10 a.m. Feb. 8.

The store will feature more space and an increased selection of Hudson's men's clothing, not to mention furnishings, fragrances, shoes, textiles and other home merchandise.

Hudson's total operation space at Lakeside mall will increase from 206,000 to 321,000 square feet and company officials view the expansion as a commitment to the local community.

The current Hudson's Lakeside Men's and Home store will be moved on Sunday, a process that will entail about 900 Hudson's employees transporting approximately 280,000 pieces of merchandise from one location to another in just seven hours.

"This one-day move will be an amazing team effort by the entire company," said Hudson's Lakeside store manager Lorrie Tanton. "We are recruiting team members from all of Hudson's stores in throughout Michigan, our distribution center and our headquarters office to assist with the move ..."

Hudson's plans to remodel its existing store at Lakeside throughout the year. That process will bring improved women's and children's departments, as well as changes in the store's cosmetics and shoe departments and beauty salon.

The new Men's and Home store will be closed on Monday.

Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

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HINO & MALLE TRUNK SHOW
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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.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PRETZEL ROLLING CONTEST
Auntie Anne's pretzel shop, Great Lakes Crossing mall in Auburn Hills, holds a pretzel rolling contest for kids. Participants will receive prizes and favors, 4:30-6:15 p.m. For more information, call the mall at (248) 454-5010.

FAMILY VALENTINE'S EVENT
Families can come together at Livonia Mall's "Rockin' Family Valentine's" event, featuring the nostalgic sounds of Benny & the Jets, family and child photo portraits, arts projects for kids, prizes and other activities, 4-8 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

PUPPET SHOW
Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents Father Millennium's Zero Show, produced by the Heiken Puppets, through Feb. 13, food court. Shows start at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

DINOSAUR SHOW
Livonia Mall, at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, presents "Mystery of the Lost Dinosaur" for children and their families, throughout the mall. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

KAREN NEWMAN APPEARANCE
Local talent and celebrity Karen Newman visits Hudson's Lakeside location in Sterling Heights to sign autographs and talk with shoppers, 2:30 p.m., Men's Department.

WARM AND FUZZY STORIES
Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, hosts a special story-telling session for kids, age 4 through 8, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0004.

DOLL FASHION SHOW
The "We Love Barbie" doll fashion show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road in Plymouth. The show features vintage, collectible and custom-designed Barbies and accessories, 11 p.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for kids age 4 through 12. For information call, (734) 455-2110.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. ***But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.***

WHAT WE FOUND:

– **Benson fruitcake** can be purchased through **Benson Inc.**, 134 Elder Street, Bogart, GA. 30622.

– The **telephone number for the Brownstone Studio catalog** is (800) 221-2468.

– **Beanbag filler** is sold at **Meijer** stores and **Hancock Fabric** stores and through the **J.C. Penney catalog.**

– **Miss Elaine sleepwear** can be purchased at **Hudson's** stores.

– **Clip-on lights for a piano** can be found at **Meijer** stores for $5.99 or at **Nor-West Electronics** on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

– **D&D Video Transfer Service**, 37108 Six Mile Road in Livonia and the **Transfer Zone** in Oak Park, (248) 548-7580, **transfers 8-millimeter film to video tape.**

– A **Gerrard turntable needle** can be purchased at **Almas Hi-fi Stereo** locations on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, Michigan Avenue in Dearborn and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

– **AHAVA hand cream** can be purchased at the following stores: **Nordstrom** and **Saks Fifth Avenue**, both at the Somerset Collection in Troy; **Levin's Beauty Supply** on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield; **Parisian** at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, and all **Lord & Taylor** stores.

– The **song "Violets in the Snow"** is available at **Fuchs Gustave Company** store on Stephenson Highway in Madison Heights, (248) 589-0200, and at **St. Christopher Church** on Warren and Southfield roads in Detroit (contact the choir director).

– **The Sock Shop** on Fourteen Mile and Middlebelt roads sells **all-cotton tights**

– **Ault Mobil** on Plymouth & Merriman roads is a **full-service gas station** for the reader seeking one in that area.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

– We found the following items: a carousel-slide projector, numerous Santa Bears and a 1999 State of Michigan glass bulb ornament.

– The Beauty Boutique catalog has a new toll-free number, (800) 497-7463.

– Used Christmas cards can be taken to the Bryant Center in Livonia.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– **Someone who does in-home pedicures** (for a disabled person who lives in Northville).

– A **Livonia-are school or craft shop where needlepoint classes are given.**

– An **organization where tabs from soda pop cans are accepted.**

– A **store or stores where Sander's candy can be purchased.**

– An **Aug. 8, 1955 issue of Life magazine** for Bill, a Clarkston resident.

– A **pattern or instructions for making a skeleton out of plastic milk cartons** for Sandy of Westland.

– A **manual for a Thomas organ** (#Jester 132) for Diane, who lives in Livonia.

– A **store where Jessica Roberts clothing for women can be purchased** for Lee of Lake Orion.

– **Mixing bowls and accessories for a Kitchen Aid mixer** (#3B) for Marie, an Ann Arbor resident.

– A **store that sells Coty L'Amont perfume** for Norman, who lives in Livonia.

– A **store that sells baby bibs that can be embroidered** for Pat of Troy.

– A **store that sells Allercreme hypo-allergenic face make-up** for Mary, a resident of Redford.

– A **store that sells Revlon Aquamarine body lotion** for M.J. of Plymouth.

– **Hudson's Day Two (Doves) "12 Days of Christmas" holiday ornament** for Dave of Lake Orion.

– A **store that sells Revlon Fabu Nail Professional Protective Hardener** for Kathy of Redford.

– An **address for the Homemaker's Guild of America** through which pots and pans from the 60s can be purchased for Jeanette.

– A **store or stores where batteries for a Kodak Camcorder (#KV100) and a two-slice, fully-automatic toaster by Sunbeam or Toastmaster Powermatic can be bought** for Fred.

– A **store or stores where quality baby scissors and a coupon organizer can be bought** for Robin of Commerce.

– **Three Milton Bradley "Cross-UP" Poker games sold in the 60s** for Ruth.

– A **January, 1944 Fordson High School yearbook** for Luke.

– **Detroit Red Wing memorabilia and a ring binder for large posters** for Lora.

– The **book "Indigo" by Beverly Jenkins** for Michelle.

– A **1986 Santa Bear cookie jar** for Michael, who lives in Canton.

– A **video tape of the Harlem Globetrotters with MeadowLark Lemon and other old players** for Frank, a Birmingham resident.

– A **store that sells Royal's black-walnut ice cream** for Joanne of Independence Township.

– A **store where Lagerfeld's "Photo" can be purchased** for Frank, who lives in Southfield.

– A **1952 Detroit Central High School yearbook** for Margery of West Bloomfield.

– A **shop that will repair the voice box of a "Bozo, the Clown" doll** made in the 70s for Barbara.

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

– Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Winter battles: *Fight winter's drying effect on your skin with Dermalogica's intensive moisture products, about $38-50. They're lightweight, extremely effective and recommended by many dermatologists. When your skin needs extra an moisture boost, add Dermalogica's Multivitamin Power Concentrate capsules, $46.75, all at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi.*



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Kick it: *Kick the winter blues with Walter Steiger's, over-the-knee, stretch boots in gray flannel or black Lycra spandex from Italy, $535 at Saks Fifth Avenue.*

A bear heart: *What could be better than box of chocolate, $9 and a cuddly teddy bear, $13, for Valentine's Day, both at Jacobson's.*



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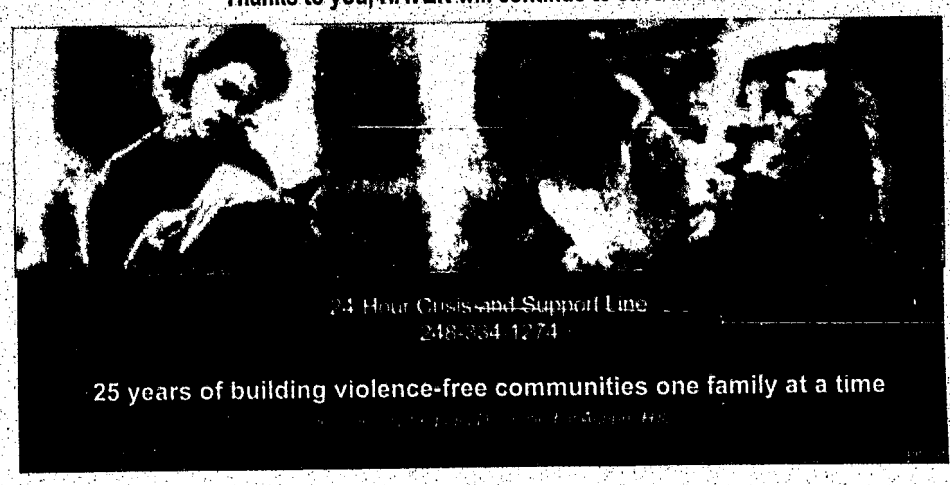
While the fire never stopped HAVEN from providing crisis support services, the generosity of the members of this community ensured that all our advocacy, counseling and education programs will not only continue, but will expand to help those in need.

Thanks to you, HAVEN will continue to save lives.



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OAKLAND BRIEFS

Oakland University's Honors College will host Life Seminars Winter 2000, a chance for the OU community and the public to hear presenters and discuss issues raised by the connections and tensions among Science, Religion and the "Theory" of Evolution. All events are held from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 112, Vandenberg Hall on the Rochester campus.

Upcoming Life Seminars include:

■ *"Is an Interface Between Science and Religion Possible?"* Presented by Prof. Richard Brooks, department of Philosophy on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

■ *"Consciousness, Knowing and Science According to Ken Wilber."* Presented by Prof. Meir Shillor, department of Mathematics & Statistics, on Wednesday, March 8.

■ *"Images of Life in Science, the Arts and the Humanities."* Presented by Prof. Marc Briod, School of Education on Wednesday, April 12.

PETS FOR YOUR PET

■ The Oakland County Animal Care Center will celebrate Valentine's Day in a special way again this year by finding loving homes for pets.

The Center, 1700 Brown Road, Auburn Hills, will be open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. More than 100 homeless dogs, cats and puppies will be available for adoption.

Make this Valentine's Day a day to remember for that certain someone you love with a gift that keeps on giving.

For further information call (248) 391-4100 or (248) 381-0278.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE DISCUSSED

■ Oakland Community College opens its winter/spring Distinguished Speaker Series Tuesday, Feb. 22, with a discussion on workplace violence. Speakers are Martin Stacey, head of worldwide security for the Ford Motor Co., and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Smith Theatre on OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27005 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, in Farmington Hills.

Upcoming speakers and dates for the series are:

■ State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), majority leader of the Michigan House of Representatives, who will speak at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

■ Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller, who will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

For additional information, call OCC Professor Harvey Bronstein at (248) 471-7744.

Attorney files for contested Oakland judicial seat

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The race to fill an expected vacant judgeship on the Oakland Circuit Court began in earnest last week when a Bloomfield Hills attorney registered his election committee with the Michigan Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

By taking that step, Michael Marsalese became the first to throw his hat into the ring as a possible successor to Judge David F. Breck, who under state law can not seek re-election after age 70.

Breck, however, is fighting forced retirement in federal court, and Thursday he said he hopes for a favorable ruling from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati before March 27, the deadline to file the necessary affidavits to get on the ballot.

"But that ruling may not come in time to help me," said the former Birmingham mayor who has been a circuit court judge for 18 years.

Oakland voters will elect six circuit judges this election cycle. But incumbents are expected to run in five of those races, and sitting judges quite often are unopposed for re-election. A judgeship without an incumbent, however, usually draws a crowd.

Judicial races are nonpartisan, but political parties usually play important behind-the-scene roles.

Marsalese, 42, is a 1981 graduate of Wayne State University and a 1984 graduate of John Marshall Law School in Chicago. He has practiced in Michigan for 15 years and has served on the Huntington Woods Planning Commission. He and wife Christine have two children and live in Huntington Woods.

"I believe my qualifications and experience handling a wide range of civil and criminal cases . . . will serve the judicial system and the people of Oakland County well," Marsalese said in a press release.

By registering his election committee, Marsalese can legally accept contributions to his campaign and expend money on behalf of his candidacy.

Like any non-incumbent, he is also required to circulate petitions and obtain between 4,000 and 8,000 valid voter signatures in order to get on the ballot.

Incumbent judges — like those expected to seek re-election in Oakland County — do not need to circulate petitions, according to Bradley S. Wittman of the state Bureau of Elections. Rather, they must file affidavits and file them with the bureau by March 27.

Non-incumbents — like Marsalese — must file at least one affidavit and gather signatures. Their filing deadline is May 2.



Michael Marsalese

Petition drive to pit local governments against legislature

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■ **CAPITOL COMMENTS**

A power struggle has been brewing in Michigan over the past year pitting on one side 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 intentions to run a statewide petition drive to place a Constitutional amendment on the ballot this November. To put the question on the ballot, supporters will have to gather 303,000 signatures by July 10. Petitions were printed and put into circulation Thursday, Feb. 3.

If it 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."

Raising the bar

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).

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.

One of the most volatile revolved around "municipal residency requirements." 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 locally so did Birmingham, Southfield, Hazel Park and Pontiac.

In December, state lawmakers outlawed such residency requirements, in effect allowing municipal employees to live wherever they desire. 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 (74 votes in the House) the vote to override local residency 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.

"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) – vowed to put residency on the ballot during the debate last year.

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. A key issue, 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.

'Disastrous'

"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 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.

Archer has already come out strongly in support of the amendment, but according to Schrager, many mayors have signed on to support the petition drive, 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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Valentine's Day recipes

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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, B2

Wine Picks

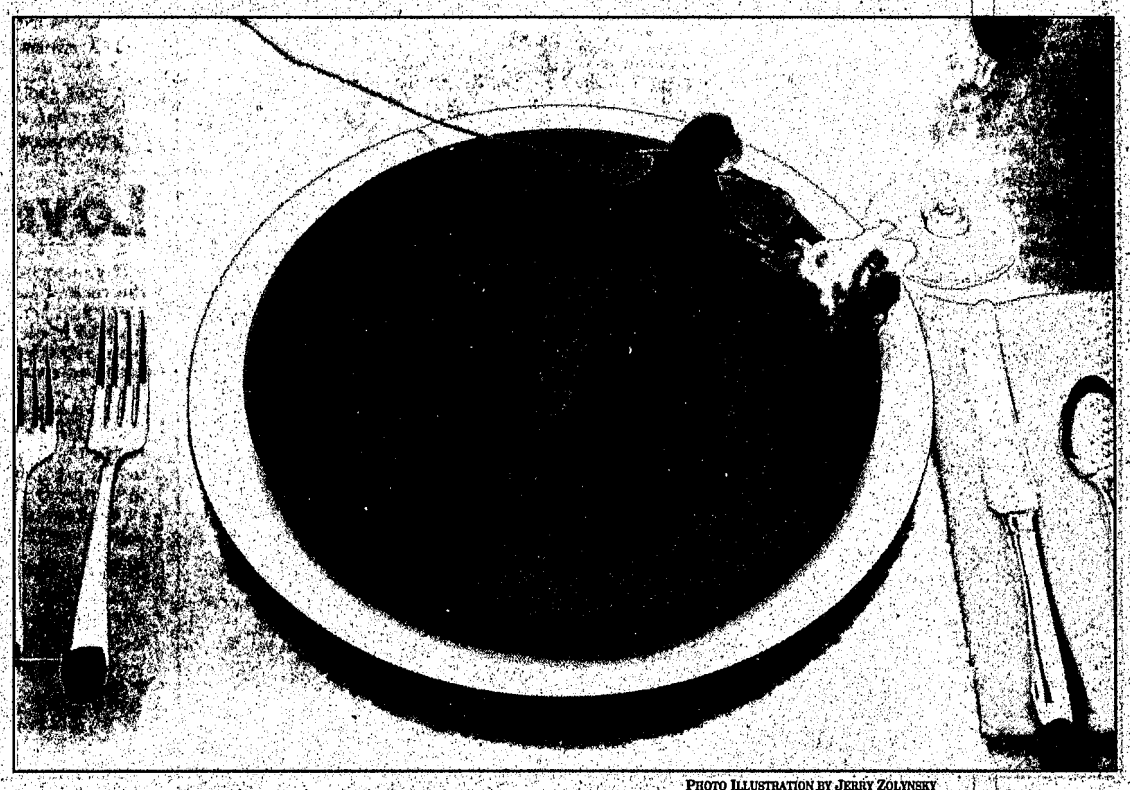
- **Pick of the pack:** 1997 Clos du Bois Flintwood Chardonnay, $22.
- **Mellow reds:** 1997 St. Francis Merlot, $22; 1998 Ca' del Solo Barbera, $15; and 1998 Ca' del Solo Sanglovese, $12.
- **Good deals:** Beringer Wine Estates recently sold its value-priced brand Napa Ridge to Bronco Wine Company. 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 Crème
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, B2

Gift of life prompts 'Spice of Life Cookbook'

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Jeffrey Leeds didn't write a cookbook with Valentine's Day and the hearts of lovers in mind.

Instead, the 55-year-old writer thought about his own heart and others who need one.

With a heart from an anonymous donor beating inside him that saved his life, he developed a deep appreciation for that gift, the donor of the heart and the surgeons at the University of California, Los Angeles who operated on him in 1993.

"I wanted to give something back somehow," said Leeds. "I told myself that if a donor was willing to help me continue a productive life, I'd help others by encouraging them to eat properly prepared meals."

So Leeds collected recipes from grandmothers, family cookbooks and his own repertoire at his home in Sherman Oaks, Calif. to create "The Spice of Life Cookbook," published by Momentum Books of Troy.

A portion of proceeds will go to the UCLA transplant unit for research, Leeds said.

About 20 years ago Leeds worked in advertising and public relations, then he fell into what he describes as a midlife 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.

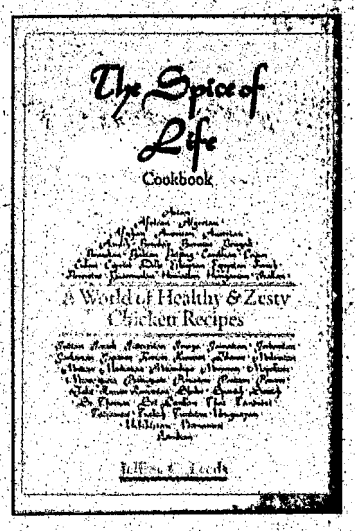
His book even has a Valentine's Day recipe, a chicken dish with rose petals, "perfect with candlelight," Leeds writes. Mud Chicken, which features lots of garlic on chicken breasts, Cuban Chicken and Brazilian Chicken are among Leeds' favorites.

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.*



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Cornish hens: *These hens make for an easy yet elegant meal with roasted ratatouille or roasted onion gravy.*

Cornish hens are an easy meal

The candles are lit, the champagne is chilling and the table is set.

The mood is definitely right for a romantic Valentine's Day dinner for two. You want to serve something worthy of the setting, yet you don't have much time to spend preparing both the meal — and yourself — for the "big night."

Cornish hens are an elegant and easy meal to prepare and serve. For Valentine's Day, or any time you want to present a classic, yet special dinner, especially for an intimate gathering of two, Perdue Farms has developed a few delicious dishes that will help fan the "flames of love."

As an update of the old saying goes, "the way to a man's — or a woman's — heart is through their stomachs." The following easy-to-prepare, foolproof recipes will ensure the path of romance is paved with tasty food. And, best of all, the cook can spend "quality time" with his or her special guest, as there's no lengthy preparation or cooking time required.

Cornish hen dishes should make Valentine's Day memorable. For other recipe ideas, visit Perdue's website at www.perdue.com.

CORNISH HENS WITH ROASTED RATATOUILLE

1 medium eggplant, chopped
1 medium zucchini, chopped
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes seasoned with green peppers and onions
1/2 cup olive oil vinaigrette
8 sprigs fresh oregano
1 twin pack Cornish hens

In a large bowl, place eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes. Pour vinaigrette over mixture and gently stir to coat; set aside.

Remove giblets from hens. Gently loosen skin of each Cornish hen and tuck sprigs of fresh oregano under skin.

Preheat oven to 350 ° F. Place hens in a roasting pan and tumble vegetables around the hens in the pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until a thermometer inserted in the breast reaches 170 ° F. Serves 2 to 4.

CORNISH HENS WITH ROASTED ONION GRAVY

1 twin pack Cornish hens
1 large sweet onion, chopped (about 3 cups)
4 bay leaves
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Italian herb seasoned chicken broth
2 jars (12 ounces) chicken gravy
Salt and ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350° F. Remove giblets from hens. Place hens in roasting pan. Spread onions around hens and top with bay leaves. Pour broth over onions. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, stirring onions occasionally, until a thermometer inserted in the breast reaches 170 ° F. Remove hens from pan; set aside and keep warm.

In medium saucepan, heat jarred gravy. Remove bay leaves from onions; discard. Stir onions and pan drippings into gravy; season to taste with salt and pepper. When heated through, serve with hens.

Serves 2 to 4.

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.

Love *from page B1*

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.

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.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Wine *from page B1*

■ 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.

Values enrich public schools



Lu Battaglieri
MEA president

Dona DeRossett could not teach her reading class at Goodrich Middle School in Genesee County without also teaching values.

"I value the children I teach far too much to give them knowledge without values," said DeRossett, a Michigan Education Association (MEA) member who has been teaching for 13 years. "Education is not only about what's on page 85 of the textbook. It's about using knowledge to make good choices and become responsible, caring, compassionate citizens."

Responsibility, respect, compassion and fairness are universal values that permeate the atmosphere at Goodrich. They anchor every class. They are built into every school event. They are discussed with parents. They are even displayed in an elaborate painting on the school parking lot.

There is no question that the 11- to 14-year-old students at Goodrich leave their public school with a solid character education.

"Character formation is a lifelong endeavor," DeRossett said. "I can tell you with certainty that these students are headed in the right direction."

Lifting the silence

Recent polls clearly show that the overwhelming majority of Americans want children to learn values in the public schools. That's good news to public school employees like DeRossett, who have always believed that core democratic values are as basic to the curriculum as reading, writing and arithmetic.

Controversy about whose values should be taught and the fine line between values and religion have too often kept public school employees from talking about the values they teach.

Not anymore.

Today, you can't miss values at work in Michigan's public schools. They are everywhere from mission statements to fight songs to the lessons used to prepare students for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) social studies test.

The home-school connection

Parents and peers still have the greatest influence on our youth. But today, public schools are working harder than ever to counter negative influences and enrich our children's lives.

If you don't think it is making a difference, talk to a teenager like Adrian Allen.

"I heard a lot about values at home when I was little," said Adrian, 14, a ninth-grader at Goodrich High School. "Then when I kept hearing it at school, it brought all those lessons from my parents back to me. It was a perfect connection."

Clearly, teaching values is one assignment we should all be doing together.

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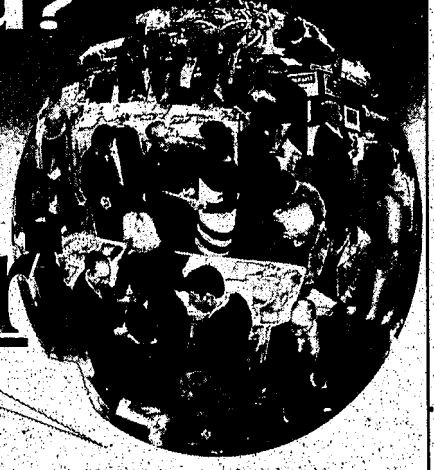

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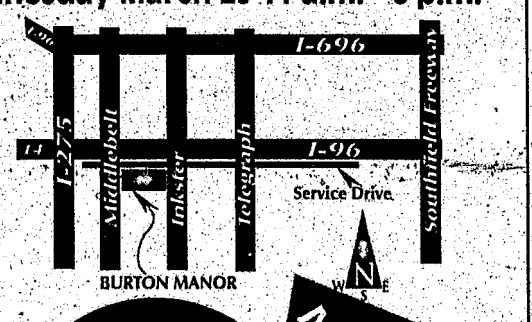

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These foods of love are heart-warming dishes

Here are some recipes you can prepare for your special someone. *See story Taste front.*

OYSTERS WITH MIGNONETTE

12 fresh Blue Point (or other) oysters, shucked
2 shallots, minced fine
1 tablespoon champagne or dry white wine
3/4 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon fresh cilantro, minced
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
Dash of Tabasco
Lemon wedges

In a small glass bowl, combine shallots, wine, lemon juice, cilantro, pepper and Tabasco. Place shucked oysters on a bed of crushed ice. Top each with 1/2 teaspoon of mignonette. Serve garnished with slender lemon wedges.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Heald.

AVOCADO, GRAPEFRUIT AND CURLY ENDIVE SALAD

2 small heads curly endive
1 small shallot, minced
1 teaspoon champagne or dry white wine
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon orange juice
salt to taste
1 red grapefruit, peeled and white pith removed
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/8 teaspoon minced lemon zest
1/8 teaspoon chopped orange zest
1 ripe avocado, halved, skin left on

Use only the endive hearts. Wash endive and spin dry. In a small bowl, combine shallot with wine, lemon juice, orange juice and salt to taste. Section grapefruit by slicing along membranes. Whisk olive oil into shallot mixture. Add lemon and orange zests.

Slice avocado lengthwise. Scoop out slices with a large spoon or avocado knife.

Toss endive with grapefruit in a large bowl, with two-thirds of the dressing and arrange on 2 individual dishes. Place avocado slices alongside; season with salt and drizzle with remaining dressing. Serves 2.

Recipe compliments of Eleanor Heald.

RACK OF LAMB WITH SAGE CRUST

1 whole rack of lamb (weight about 3/4 to 1 pound)
Kosher salt and freshly-ground black pepper
1 teaspoon canola oil
1 cup fresh (soft) bread crumbs
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly-grated Parmesan cheese
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped fresh sage leaves
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Aged balsamic vinegar to taste

Preheat oven to 475° F. Season rack liberally with salt and pepper. Place a large heavy skillet over high heat. When very hot, add canola oil and sear the rack all over until it is very brown, about 2 minutes per side.

Transfer to a roasting pan fitted with a wire rack, laying it rounded side up. Cover with foil and set aside.

Place remaining ingredients, except for the balsamic vinegar, in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper and process until it forms a paste.

Press the paste onto the rounded side of the racks. Roast until desired doneness, about 15 minutes for rare. Allow to rest for 5 minutes, covered, before carving. Serve drizzled with balsamic vinegar. Serves 2.

Recipe adapted by Eleanor Heald from Molly O'Neill, The New York Times.

WILD MUSHROOM RISOTTO

This microwave preparation takes some of the tedium out of making a creamy risotto. During the multiple on high microwave cooking periods, you can prepare and sauté the mushrooms.

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
1 tablespoon olive oil
4 tablespoons minced onion
1/2 cup Arborio rice
1 1/2 cups beef broth
4 tablespoons minced Italian flat-leaf parsley
1/4 pound fresh wild mushrooms (shiitake, oyster, porcini and/or chantereiles)
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 CALENDAR

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.

■ To celebrate National Nutrition Month, the Crittenton Weight Management Center is sponsoring cooking demonstrations. Randy Emert, chef at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, will conduct low-fat cooking demonstrations, scheduled for 7-9 p.m. March 2, 9 and 16 and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 7 and 14 at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road in Rochester. The fee is $13. Reservations are required and space is limited. Call (248) 652-5626 for information.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Promising local novelist looking for his own venue

By day, Philip Fracassi is vice president for broadcast programming with Hollywood-based House of Blues, one of the largest concert promoters in the country.

He talks the talk of the concert industry. Deals with the cyberspeak of promoting on the Internet.

And, of course, knows musical talent. "Performers at our venues include everyone from Eric Clapton to local bands."

House of Blues is in nearly every major U.S. city. Fracassi, who grew up in Southfield, is the youngest child of Southfield mayor Donald Fracassi. He graduated from Southfield Christian in 1989; and hopes that one day soon his other line of work brings him into every major city, too.

When Fracassi's 9-to-5 is done, he gets in his car, and drives 30 minutes to his home in Culver City. Think traffic in Motown is heavy? LaLa land's road hang ups can last for days.

With a push of a switch on his PC and whirling boot up, Fracassi is suddenly at his next gig as a promising novelist.

Worthy first effort

Last June, Fracassi's first novel, "The Egotist" was published by Equator Books. After submitting his work to more than 100 agents and publishing houses, Fracassi decided to publish the book himself.

"It took incredible discipline," he said. "The most brutal lesson is that the rough draft is the easiest part. Rewriting and getting feedback can be painful."

What: "The Egotist," a novel by Philip Fracassi
Available: Amazon.com, or by ordering a copy at any Borders or Barnes & Nobel. For information, contact equatorbooks.com, or (310) 277-3763

But he pushed ahead.

"What kept me going was that I had already spent a lot time on it, and I just wanted it to be finished."

The day he received copies of the book from the printer, another type of brutal work began – marketing and distributing the novel.

Self-publishing is a double-edged sword. Sure, you get published. But then, you have to do things that take you away from writing. Things like getting on the phone and promoting the book.

Yet Fracassi persists.

He not only demonstrates a lyrical style and evocative prose, he possesses that rare quality found in every successfully published writer – unrelenting desire.

On his way

"The Egotist" is a cynical, humorous and utterly serious book written in a memoir form. The protagonist, W. Buhner, is a frustrating megalomaniac who begins every thought with "I."

The world-according-to-me credo, according to Fracassi, is an ailment of the twentysomething generation. And Buhner serves as the asocial, self-absorbed archetype for the generation.

"Maybe it's because of technology, or maybe it's because there's a lot of 26-year-old CEOs out there," he said.

"There's a lot of pressure to succeed before you're 30. You're judged on what you have, and what you've achieved."

Everywhere, said Fracassi, there are obstacles to what he calls "true success," which isn't measured in material terms.

He's kept the rejection slips as a reminder of what he had to overcome to publish "The Egotist." And he's already writing his second novel.

If there isn't an interested agent or publishing house, he plans to publish that one himself, too.

Writing a first novel isn't so much a measure of talent as it is a demonstration of a promising author's commitment.

Philip Fracassi is on his way.

Book the tour.

VIEW FROM A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Paint Creek's exhibit offers traditional, challenging interpretations





Omnipresent: *The twin cooling reactors of Fermi II are a foreboding presence in Deborah Kingery's photography series, "Nuclear Landscape."*

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Most of the talk about the changing 21st-century landscape is a reference to the latest high-tech constructions in cyberspace.

Art that depicts the wonders of the natural world has largely been considered passé and less than compelling compared to the flash-imagery of video, and cerebral wanderings of abstractionism.

Today, art that merely duplicates external reality, for the most part, seems placidly irrelevant compared to shock art.

That popular opinion, however, hasn't dissuaded 12 local artists from creating drawings, paintings and fine-art photography inspired by nature's preserve, gritty urban backdrops and stark contrasts found in rural openness.

In a pleasantly diverse exhibit, "Views from the Landscape" at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester, offers a modest range of works that explores the fine line between traditional landscape painting and a more interpretive approach.

"This isn't simply about beautiful, picturesque landscapes," said John Cynar, curator of exhibits at Paint Creek. "The exhibit is more about how these artists view their environments."

The distinction between duplicating images of a natural landscape and delving beyond the material world to evoke something deeper is more than semantic gymnastics. It's another example of how Cynar is trying to stretch the types of shows at the art center.

Last November, Cynar curated "Body & Soul," an expansive exhibit that explored the many styles of local artists inspired by the human figure.

What: "Views from the Landscape," an exhibit of painting, photography and mixed-media
When: Through Feb. 19
Where: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester
Hours: 9:30 a.m.-5 Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 651-4110

Artists
Susan Cambell of Huntington Woods; John Ganis of Pleasant Ridge; Ann Hegarty of Detroit; Deborah Kingery of Birmingham; Stephen Magsig of Ferndale; Jim & Lucille Nawara of Beverly Hills; Tom & Shirley Parish of Lathrup Village; Nancy Patek of Grosse Pointe; Catherine Peet of Royal Oak; James Wrona of Brooklyn, NY.

Rich history of Detroit artists

Although "Views from the Landscape" is more serene (and fully clothed), it is a logical direction in Cynar's mission to recognize the work of regional artists.

"There's a rich history in Detroit of artists working with urban and industrial landscapes," he said. "This show is a broad definition of landscape."

"Views from the Landscape" includes oil paintings of shorelines, trickling brooks, fields of flowers and majestic mountain ranges. With a remarkable attention to detail and technical mastery, Jim Nawara's paintings and John Ganis' color photography evoke a sense of wonder about both their natural subjects and their own artistic ability.

Several edgier interpretations come closer to exploring Cynar's notion of "environment." Most notably, these include Nancy Patek's drawings of hulking factories set amid urban neighborhoods, Catherine Peet's allegorical mixed-media dreamscapes and Stephen Magsig's architectural paintings infused with the sense of isolation found in many of Edward Hopper's paintings.

Yet in many ways, Deborah Kingery's photography comes closest to exploring how the notion of landscape art can be inseparable from political realities.

In her series, "Nuclear Landscapes," Kingery subtly – and sometimes not-so subtly – contrasts the day-to-day life of residents of Berlin Township, who live in the shadows of the Fermi II nuclear facility.

In each photo, Kingery includes the twin cooling reactors as an ominous symbol of the potential for utter destruction.

Inspired by disaster

Twelve years ago, Birmingham's Kingery, shocked by the environmental devastation caused by the Chernobyl disaster, began documenting how residents of Berlin Township were becoming acclimated to Fermi II.

At one point, she traveled downriver every other week to document the subtle changes in the landscape. Her photojournalistic approach is intended to "put a face" on what has become an issue that has slipped from the front-pages.

"The series is a metaphor of co-existence with the nuclear industry," said Kingery, who uses infrared and high-grain film to achieve a stark ghostly quality.

Make no mistake. Kingery doesn't think that co-

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Former prodigy Bell dynamic, masterful

With a combination of youthful exuberance and astounding virtuosity, Joshua Bell's performances are typically described as revivals.

It's not unusual for audiences to be swept away by Bell's spell-binding dexterity, flawless intonation and purposeful phrasing.

At 31 and still boyish-looking, the former violin prodigy, who made his Carnegie Hall debut at age 14, will perform a program of sonatas by Copland, Ravel and Brahms at the newly opened Seligman Family Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day.

The concert on Wednesday is presented by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.



Dynamic: *Joshua Bell is among the most exciting classical music performers in the world.*

The Seligman Center, which opened last fall, offers world-class acoustics and 750 seats. The center could be potentially a venue for other international performers, who usually perform at Orchestra Hall and the Detroit Opera House.

Bell last performed in the area with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Bell's concert was called a "home run on the first pitch" by one local music critic.

Playing a 1732 Stradivarius, Bell evokes a sound with robust string tone that has been called nearly sleight-of-hand.

Along with his impressive technical ability, Bell's style has been called adventurous. One noted reviewer contends that Bell's playing "evokes a spiritual beauty of impeccable balance."

Bell's last recording in 1998, "Barber and Walton Violin Concertos," received a Grammy nomination.

What: Violinist Joshua Bell in concert
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Seligman Family Performing Arts Center on the Detroit Country Day School campus, 13 Mile at Lahser Road
Program: Sonata by Copland, Sonata No. 3 in D Minor by Brahms, Sonata by Ravel, and others.
Tickets: $18-$65/general; $15/students. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 737-9980

Along with the Copland, Ravel and Brahm's sonatas, Bell will announce additional works from the stage.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit's remaining concerts in 2000 include:

- Borromeo String Quartet – 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Seligman Center.
- Takacs Quartet – 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Seligman Center.
- Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio – 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Orchestra Hall.

EXHIBIT

Portraits reflect appreciation of African culture

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It seems appropriate that Franklin artist Bill Murcko is honoring Black History Month with an exhibit featuring the African tribe which helped him discover his talent.

Just three years ago, sitting on the dry Kenyan sand while sketching serene facial expressions of the playful Maasai tribe, Murcko, 48, experienced a metamorphosis.

Miles away from his affluent hometown, the Franklin Bank co-founder and advertising executive felt wonderfully comfortable separated from the luxuries of contemporary American life.

The Maasai tribe, it seemed, were a people frozen in time long before the invasion of technology and Murcko noticed their true contentment, respect for elders and a sense of happiness he never saw in the United States.

What: Bill Murcko's "Paintings and Drawings of the Maasai," a Kenyan portrait series, and Tyree Guyton's exhibit "Hot, Raw and Funky," a shoe-themed display.
When: Through Feb. 28.
Where: Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.
Why: Celebrating Black History Month.
Tickets: Call (313) 831-1250.

He spent his vacation drawing their faces, hoping their images would help refresh his feelings of tranquility once he resumed his hectic business schedule.

Instead of just refreshed, the Maasai sparked creativity within Murcko that ran so deep he is now a nationally recognized painter.

His stunning portraits of the Maasai will be featured through February in his first solo exhibit, "Murcko: Capturing the Magic of Maasai on Canvas," in honor of Black History Month, at the Scarab Club in Detroit.

Interesting contrasts

Murcko's show at the Scarab Club is partnered with Heidelberg Project artist Tyree Guyton whose shoe exhibit "Hot, Raw and Funky" makes for an interesting contrast.



Portraits: *This painting of a mother and son from the Maasai tribe of Kenya is an example of Bill Murcko's ability to paint skin tones and jewelry.*

"Our work is very different – mine from the suburbs and his from the inner city – a unique representation for Black History Month, I believe," Murcko said.

Murcko's exhibit is in the club's Lounge Gallery and Guyton's is in the Main Gallery.

"This show talks about the soles and the different shoes I wear," Guyton said. "The shoes come from my soul and my soul is on Heidelberg Street."

At the exhibit opening, Guyton was

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existence is a good idea. Her work is loaded with sarcasm and a wicked sense of humor.

In "Let's Sit Back, Relax and Look," for instance, the image of two metal rocking chairs in the foreground offer a Hallmark-type image of bliss. In the background, however, the billowing white smoke from the twin towers lurks as a reminder that things aren't what they seem to be.

Indeed, Kingery's body of work, which includes many other politically inspired series, can be summed up simply as "Not all is peaceful in paradise."

Raised in a politically active family, Kingery's art reflects the politics of organized labor, feminism and environmentalism.

"I tried to take heavy subjects and make them palatable," she said.

In a contemporary art world that has grown increasingly political, Kingery, 45, is finally finding her place.

Until recently, few galleries were interested in her work, she said. Paint Creek's Cynar, however, accepted her work "sight unseen." Perhaps the political tide is turning her way.

"What's changed is environmental awareness," said Kingery.

"Some stuff about the environment has been idealized. Many people realize that we shouldn't only appreciate the environment, but we have to be aware of what can harm it."



Point of view: *Deborah Kingery doesn't flinch from her environmentalist perspective.*

African *from page B4*

asked to autograph a Scarab Club beam. He is only one of three African-American artists to do so and his name is alongside such legends as Diego Riviera, Norman Rockwell and Marshall Fredericks.

As for Murcko, he hopes the show will boost his artistic career. Although a very successful banker and advertising executive, his soul comes alive when he paints.

"I had only begun to tinker with painting a few months before the trip with my daughter. I didn't have formal training," Murcko said.

"The Maasai people were so warm, so friendly, so interesting. Their vivid clothing, jewelry and striking features are what caused me to paint them. Now I paint for hours every night and it's all I want to do. And I still can't believe I'm paid for my work."

Within the first strokes of creating the Maasai tribe on canvas, Murcko surprised himself with his abilities. He gives credit to the tribe for changing his life for the better.

■ 'The Maasai people were so warm, so friendly, so interesting.'
Bill Murcko
—artist

"They are so incredible - they don't have the luxuries we have and they walk miles for water and yet they seem happier and have more fun than we do," Murcko said. "And, black or white, these portraits honor all of our heritage."

Murcko is represented by Moore's Gallery in Birmingham, an African gallery that features stunning Zimbabwe sculptures of stone and wood.

"(Owner) Dudley Moore gave me my break," Murcko said. "He took a chance on me and now we have a great friendship."

Most of Murcko's clients are African-American, he said.

"I've had some people view my work who couldn't believe that I painted them," he said.

"I've been seeing more affluent white people take an interest in the paintings of the Maasai collection. Art can bring us all closer and build bridges."

Although Murcko only has about three years experience as a painter, his strong skills have already allowed him to study with nationally recognized portrait painter John Howard Sanden in New York.

He plans his next series of portraits to be of Asian monks and following that a rather stark departure. Murcko's subjects will be Harley-Davidson owners.

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DSO CONCERTS
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Sandy Duncan, the popular star of television and the Broadway stage, will be featured at the annual celebrity luncheon of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the Detroit Athletic Club. For information and tickets call (313) 576-5111.

DIA DISPLAYS PHOTOS
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WHO'S WHO
Ian Grant, president of Southfield's Umoja Fine Arts, Inc., has been named to the millennium edition of "Who's Who."
An Michigan State University graduate who has worked in sales and marketing for a Fortune 500 company the past 15 years, has helped ensure the national distribution of such talented artists as Lazurus Bain, Michael Chukes, Joe Dobbins, David Haygood, Jr. and Ivan Stewart, Jr. Umoja Fine Arts Inc. is the largest publisher and distributor of African American art in the Midwest.

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LIVING HISTORY

"Michilimackinac: Crossroads of the Fur Trade" will be the key theme at the Kalamazoo Living History Show March 18-19 at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, in Kalamazoo. Crafts persons will demonstrate 18th and 19th century craft making. Browse hundreds of dealers for living history supplies and related items. The Living History shows were created by the Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loaders, Inc. Contact director Larry Coin (616) 327-4557 for details.

TORONTO WINTERFEST

Toronto winterfest's 20th anniversary is set for Feb. 11-13 and is held in two civic squares: Mel Lastman Square and Nathan Phillips Square; free program includes two world class skate events, make-and-take crafts, hay wagon rides, ice sculptures, free pancake breakfast and more for the family. Call the Toronto event hotline (416) 395-7350 for details; Web site is www.city.toronto.on.ca

SKI UPDATES

Most of Michigan's 42 downhill ski resorts and ski areas currently report open runs, with plenty of good skiing anticipated for January.

One-fourth of Michigan's downhill ski areas have beefed up their snowmaking systems for this season.

For the latest snow and travel conditions, call Travel Michigan's 24-hour conditions line at 888-78-GREAT (784-7328), updated twice daily by AAA Michigan, or visit the Travel Michigan Web site at www.michigan.org .

The following information was provided by AAA of Michigan.

IMPROVEMENTS EVERYWHERE

In the southern Lower Peninsula, Pine Knob (Clarkston) has enlarged its terrain park and has a longer re-contoured race hill. It also upgraded its lodge and cafeteria. Mount Holly (Holly) has re-contoured its race hill and upgraded its lodge and cafeteria. Mt. Brighton (Brighton), has a redesigned half-pipe that features shortened walls. Alpine Valley (Milford), has remodeled portions of its lodge. Cannonsburg (northeast of Grand Rapids), has increased grooming capability. Bittersweet (Otsego), has raised its ski peak to a 350 foot vertical drop, and sports a newly remodeled cafeteria.

In the Upper Peninsula, Big Powderhorn (Bessemer), has added a second terrain park; Norway Mountain (Vulcan), has added a triple chair lift and two new runs; Porcupine Mountain (Ontonagon) has remodeled the cafeteria; Ski Brule (Iron River) has remodeled the rental center and cafeteria; Indianhead Mountain Resort (Wakefield), has added ten acres of glade skiing, a half-pipe and three runs; Marquette Mountain (Marquette), has added a new on-hill- warming hut and expanded its terrain park; Blackjack (Bessemer), has added a new Pipe Dragon half-pipe groomer, doubled the length of its ski-through tunnel, expanded its terrain park, and created a new children's teaching area.

Paris sights breathtaking

BY JEAN WAID
SPECIAL WRITER



Paris backdrop: *Jean (left) and Roger Waid feel at home while vacationing in Paris.*

Our Paris plans began when my husband, Roger, discovered round-trip airfare for $250 per person on the Internet.

A friend spent three hours on the Internet, trying for a similar price without luck. These deals disappear quickly.

Roger located hotel accommodations the same way. We quickly contacted our three sons and one of them, Steve, 30, was able to get off work for the trip.

All direct flights sold out so our tickets cost $319 each, with a three-hour layover in Amsterdam. Lucky me won $240 on a slot machine at the Amsterdam airport casino.

It was a nine-hour trip, eight to the layover.

We purchased a plastic-coated map and guidebook and French-English dictionaries in preparation for the six-day trip. We checked guidebooks and Paris-related videos out of the library and located other useful information on the Internet.

Upon arrival the Friday after Thanksgiving, we took a shuttle and Regional Express Network to Metro Station Port-Royal. From there, we wheeled luggage a mile over rough cobblestone-like walks to the Port Royal Hotel.

The next day we realized we could have taken the REN to Metro Station Les Gobelins, which is across from our hotel!

The hotel was lovely with friendly personnel. Live white orchid plants adorned the lobby.

Steve stayed in a smaller room next door to ours.

Soundproofing evidently was not yet invented when our hotel was constructed. We received only one phone call — from Steve. He could have whispered from his room and we could have heard him!

Our hotel was reasonably priced, clean, pleasant and we felt welcomed, comfortable and secure.

We were located in the Latin Quarter. We soon became adept at transferring on the Metro, a public transportation system, and seemed to reach every stop quickly.

The Metro is quite an experience!

Twice when riding, an accordion player hopped on and began playing for tips. Once in a busy Metro connection condor, a five-piece energetic band began playing and singing Spanish music.

Saturday

Breakfast, consisting of French bread, butter, strawberry jam and marmalade, coffee or hot chocolate, was 17 francs (almost $3) a piece. Plants with tiny white or yellow blossoms were on each breakfast table.

If we were fluent in French, we might have watched TV in the breakfast room.

Plenty of tourist attractions were on our itinerary and we didn't have to worry about losing our room key. It is their custom to keep it when we are away.

Steve suggested we take a bus tour of Paris for $8, or 50 francs.

The two-hour, double-deck bus tour proved interesting and headphones were provided to describe major landmarks.

We purchased a five-day Metro pass and three-day museum pass. Allowed up to 70 museum visits, we had time for five, missing many "must see" stops.

The grass was still green in Amsterdam and Paris though wearing winter clothing was the best bet to ward off the chill.

Climbing the 387 steps at the Notre-Dame Cathedral on Ile de la Cite was a walk *up* memory lane for me and Roger, who did the same on a visit 15 years ago. The steps are steeper and narrower than we remembered and they seem to have added a few. The view is spectacular.

The interior is as beautiful as we remembered. The stained glass windows are magnificent. Many votive candles are lit and visitors can sit and pray. Ceiling paintings are incredible.

We walked along the Seine River, climbed up and down steep cement stairs, crossed bridges and watched large tour boats pass below.

Vendors have booths along the Seine and sell pictures, post cards and books. Other areas had street vendors selling art work, scarves with Paris imprinted all over them, miniature Eiffel towers in many sizes, roasted chestnuts, other nuts and tourist brochures.

Crepes are prepared at several out-door booths and the filling can be selected — ham and cheese, various chocolates, etc..

We walked at Tuileries gardens, La Place de La Concorde, and around the new entrance to the Louvre, designed by I M Pei and opened in 1989. It is a huge glass pyramid-shaped structure with triangular framing.

We walked along the famous Champs Elysees, a wide street known for it's exquisite shops. Trees were decorated for the holidays and millennium, an illuminated "2000" amidst the tree branches.

It was impressive to walk around the base of the Arc De Triomphe (I'etoile or star, because 12 streets branch out from it) and see the eternal flame, flowers and greens placed in memorials. We arrived at night and by the time we figured out how to get there underground, it had closed to tourists.

Our knees and feet were relieved.

Sunday

A friend advised us to visit Marche de Paces, a 3000 stall flea market.

One of us (no need to guess who) found the market fascinating. Name it: glass, jewelry, books, artwork, clothing, Oriental rugs and more.

The walks and booths were very crowded with shoppers. There were about a dozen items I could have purchased if I had enough hands.

An out-of-print Marc Chagall poster book cost $150 at home. I assumed I could purchase one here for a fraction of that amount but 900 francs looked expensive.

The Louvre museum of art, where the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo and Winged Victory are featured, was next. A planned six-hour tour turned into 3 1/2 hours as we found ourselves "museumed out."

We hopped on the Metro in search of a restaurant area we had seen earlier. A late dinner meant we needed a cab since the Metro route closed for the night.

Roger recalled reading in a guidebook that cabs are to be found at taxi stands. We noticed one down the block.

Two parties were ahead of us and many cabs with fares passed us. We wondered if we would make it back to the hotel that night.

Finally a cab stopped. A long ride became more complicated trying to explain our destination.

An $8 fare after midnight seemed very reasonable for the distance, the cold and the hour.

Monday

The Tour Eiffel Metro exit begins our day. Roger and Steve were eager to ascend a cable car to the elevator to the top.

I suggested they climb the stairs to the second level as some hardy souls were doing. I preferred to wait on a cold bench with the pigeons and vendors, and then one in the sun.

We dined on hamburgers and French fries at Fast Eiffel nearby, before taking a Seine boat tour.

We enjoyed the hour excursion and also viewed many areas that we had visited on foot the day before.

We caught a cab to Musee Picasso, though much of the trip came by foot after misreading a road sign and accidentally exiting too early.

Musee Picasso is in an interesting building erected in 1656.

Ceramics, sculptures, drawings and paintings were included at Musee Picasso next to worlds of art by several world famous artists.

Tuesday

This was our last day to visit Versailles, palace of Louis XIV, XV and XVI, and Marie Antoinette. Renting headphones proved an enlightening experience to hear of portraits, history, chandeliers, other furnishings and the hall of mirrors where the treaty of Versailles was signed, following World War I.

Vast, well-groomed gardens and a long pool were still impressive and require a great deal of upkeep.

We walked inside the famous Sorbonne School and the domed Pantheon. This was originally a church and is now a monument to France's most famous figures.

Funny seeing how close cars park to each other. There is a reason they are built with thick rubber bumpers.

We knew from previous European trips that accommodations would generally be on a smaller scale than we are used to in our country. The attraction for traveling abroad includes experiencing cultural differences, local customs and increasing our knowledge of history and arts.

Next trip, perhaps we can see Monet Gardens in season. Musee d'Orsay, Montmartre, Moulin Rouge, Ste. Chapelle, another flea market and L' Orangerie will head our "must see" list.

We heard a half-day trip to Cathedral at Chartres is also special. All agreed it was a great trip.

We learned so much, including if one eats enough French bread, one will learn to love it and miss it!

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BOOK REVIEW

Spiritual healing

Book reveals rabbi's insight on overcoming life challenges

"Practical Kabbalah"

By Rabbi Laibl Wolf, Three Rivers Press, 1999, $14



ESTHER LITTMANN

Why do some people continue to cherish life despite first-hand experience with terror, violence, and pain? How do they maintain their equilibrium and lead conventional, productive lives?

Questions like these have haunted Rabbi Laibl Wolf since childhood and taken him on a personal and professional quest that includes the study of law, psychology, and traditional Judaism.

Wolf now understands how his parents and in-laws (Holocaust survivors) could not only patch their broken lives together but also affirm the goodness of life with family, work, and faith.

The answer, maintains the author of "Practical Kabbalah," lies in the profound teachings of Jewish mysticism.

"Kabbalah," writes Wolf, the father of seven children and a resident of Australia, "is an ancient Jewish wisdom that explains the eternal laws of how spiritual energy moves through the Cosmos." Its message can be traced to pre-literate times but finds its fullest expression in the "Zohar" or "Book of Splendor," a repository of mystical writings compiled by Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in the second century, A.D.

Traditionally, Kabbalah attempted to find hidden and apocalyptic truths in the Bible through analyzing its text and deciphering the significance of individual Hebrew letters and their numerical value. Wolf downplays its more esoteric aspects, however, to demonstrate Kaballah's practical role in meeting the challenges of daily life. Its practice, he writes, can achieve for us the universal goals of love, fulfillment, inner peace, and confident expression.

In the first section of "Practical Kabbalah," the author explains the principles of kabbalistic thought. Our creation is not yet complete, writes Wolf, so "what we think, say, and do leaves a mark on the universe." In other words, we have the power to perfect our world if we learn how to cultivate the ten "Sefirot," the spiritual energies of Mind and Emotion that flow from the Cosmos into our hearts.

The second section describes the "Sefirot" in detail and provides meditation and visualization exercises to develop and maximize their power.

"Hessed," for example, is the emotion of giving and sharing. Since each of us is a microcosm of the whole, we contribute to the improvement of the world whenever we give of ourselves to another. Yet incessant giving can produce burnout. Thus, to balance our "Hessed" we must also practice "Gevurat," an attitude that focuses our energies and encourages self-restraint and containment.

Interestingly, modern science confirms much of what mysticism has always known. Our mind is divided into two experiences, teaches the Kaballah. One is "Chochma," the domain of inspiration and creativity. Today, it is acknowledged as the province of the right side of the brain.

The other is "Bina," which represents rational and analytic activities, associated in modern parlance with the brain's left hemisphere. To achieve our goals, we need to harness the "spark of Chochma" to the discipline of Bina.

■ '(Rabbi Laibl) Wolf now understands how his parents and in-laws (Holocaust survivors) could not only patch their broken lives together but also affirm the goodness of life with family, work and faith.

"Practical Kabbalah" builds a bridge between the teachings of ancient mysticism and those of modern psychology. But in its pursuit of relevance, the author never abandons Kabbalah's spiritual roots and dimensions. Written simply but without oversimplification, replete with aphorisms, charts, a glossary of terms, and numerous introspective exercises, Rabbi Laibl Wolf's text is, in his own words, a "spiritual adventure with a down-to-earth destination." This 226-page soft-cover book is an insightful and inspirational guide for those interested in Jewish mysticism or in a self-help book written within a religious framework.

Rabbi Wolf will be visiting metro Detroit bookstores on Monday, Feb. 14. He will sign his book at Borders on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham 4-5 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. He will also appear at The Community House in Birmingham for a lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $10 per person or $18 per couple.

Call (248) 423-4633 for information.

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SPEAKER AVAILABLE

Mary J. Stevens, autobiographer of "It's All in Your Head," a book relaying her experiences as an identical twin, nun, teacher, wife and mother, her health and recovery. To schedule speaking engagements or to purchase her book, email Stevens at stevmj@aol.com

LITERARY GROUPS

■ Xphiles Porum — Discussion Group for the X-Files 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

■ A book discussion group meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. On Feb. 23 the group will meet and discuss "Snow Falling on Cedars," by David Guterson.

KIDS STUFF

■ Join Miss Molly for stories, songs and wiggly activities 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center. The program is meant for preschoolers. Call (248) 347-0780 for information.

■ Kindermusik Story Times: Baby! Baby! at the Plymouth Coffee Bean - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2; 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Little Book Shoppe in Plymouth. Parents and their children are invited to experience the free interactive 20-30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement. Registration suggested, but not mandatory. Call (734) 455-5220 to register at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. (734) 454-0178 to register at Plymouth Coffee Bean, 1884 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

■ Southfield Public Library welcomes Johnathon Abbott of Abbott's Coinex, who will give an insider's view of the history of coin collecting, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16.

■ The Flint African American Quilters' Guild will display a selection of legacy-inspired quilting styles and patterns at the Southfield Public Library during February, Black History Month. The quilts can be viewed any time the library is open, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (248) 948-0470 or visit the website at www.sfldlib.org.

GREAT PRESIDENTS

Celebrate the life of Abraham Lincoln at the Northville Barnes & Noble bookstore. Dr. Martin Brosnan will give a presentation with slides that will focus on the Lincoln assassination. After the presentation, Lincoln artifacts from the Plymouth Historical Museum will be displayed. The event is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The store is located off Six Mile Road near Haggerty.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Commemorate African American History Month by attending a roundtable discussion at the Northville Barnes and Noble bookstore off Six Mile Road and Haggerty. Professor Richard Turner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn will lead several of his colleagues in a discussion focusing on new literature being produced about the history of African Americans. 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

VISITING AUTHORS

■ Jon Entine, author of "Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports and Why We're Afraid to Talk About It," 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, Borders Ann Arbor, 612 E. Liberty St., (734) 668-7652.

■ Rabbi M. Gordon, author of "Pray Ball! The Spiritual Insights of a Jewish Sports Fan," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, Borders Farmington Hills, 30995 Orchard Lake, (248) 737-0110.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

■ Copyright for writers and artists, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, Cranbrook Road at 14 Mile Road. Cranbrook Writers' Guild program features Leonard Charla, a local author and attorney. Admission $5. (248) 844-8111.

■ Hallmark is teaming up with best-selling author John Gray by offering a how-to guide on improving communication in relationships. The 128-page hardbound book, "Mars and Venus in Touch: Enhancing the Passion with Great Communication," was created for Hallmark by Gray, author of "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" fame. The book is available at participating Hallmark Gold Crown stores. Gray will be available to answer relationship questions during an hour-long Yahoo! chat 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

■ Art for A Cause Furniture Painting Demo — Local artists will teach painting techniques to bring out the artist in all of us 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Borders Books & Music, Dearborn between Southfield and Greenfield. (313) 271-4441.

■ Friday Night Music with the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan — 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Dearborn.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

■ Novel Tea: Books that Changed My Life — bring a copy of a book that touched your life with passages to share over tea and refreshments at Borders in Dearborn on Ford Road between Greenfield and Evergreen 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

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4:30, 8:00
STUART LITTLE (PG)
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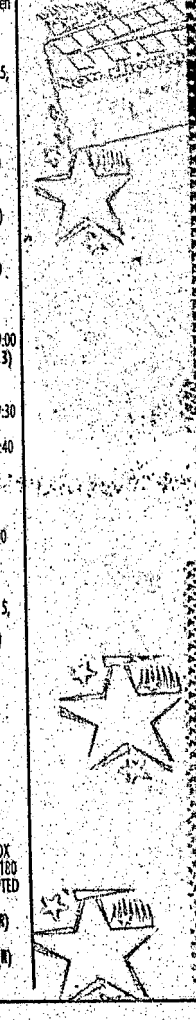

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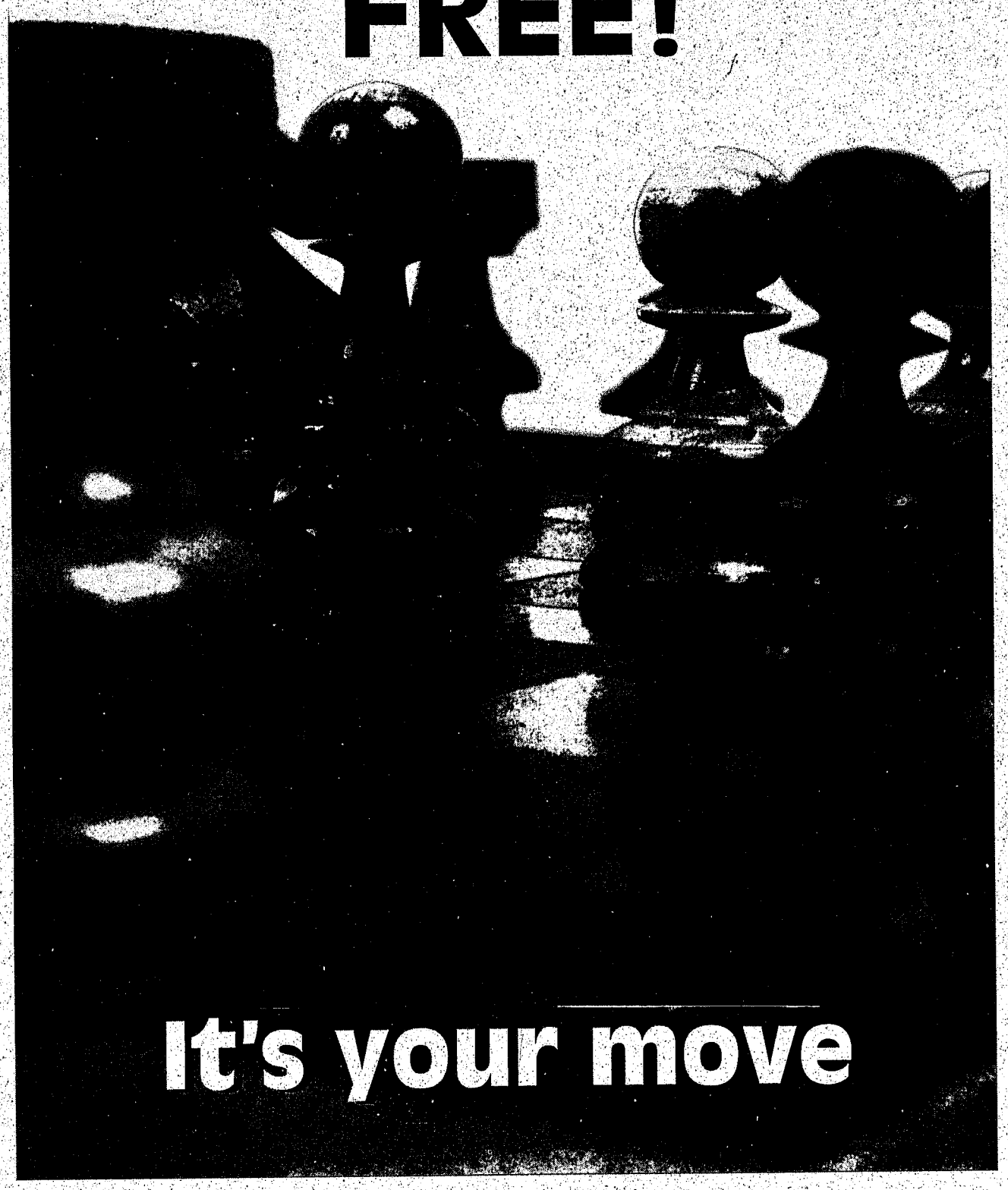

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Clarkston races into SEMSL finals



Clarkston's state-ranked boys and girls ski teams continued to shine on the slopes this week as they both finished second in their half of the Pine Knob Divisionals. The Wolves will compete Thursday in the SEMSL finals.

Wolves skiers blaze trail to finals

Girls squad easy winners — Boys finish 2nd in Divisionals

By Brad Monastiere
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Clarkston's boys and girls ski teams are used to dominating the rest of the Southeastern Michigan competition at most big meets, and Wednesday's Pine Knob Divisional offered more of the same.

The boys finished second overall to a powerful Rochester Adams team. The Wolves overcame personnel problems with its slalom skiers and still ended up with 72 points, 32 behind the first-place Highlanders. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day was third with 96, and Bloomfield Hills Lahser followed with 123.

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said he wasn't a bit surprised Adams took first in the meet.

"I have no problem losing to them. They did very well," he said. "They deserve to be where they are. They have a lot of depth and a lot of seniors, so I will be pretty happy when they all graduate," he added with a chuckle.

Clarkston freshman Brandon Rosengren, who has emerged in his first season as Clarkston's top skier, took fourth overall in the giant slalom with a time of 33.35 seconds. Chris Cumberland of Lahser was first with a time of 32.28.

"We lost some kids I thought we would have in those races, but I'm not sure it would have mattered," Rosengren said.

Clarkston finished eighth through 11th overall in the slalom, led by junior Matt Evans. The other placers for the Wolves were David Pierce, Erik Kennerson and Brent Schermerhorn.

In the GS, Evans took ninth overall, followed in order by Schermerhorn and Bobby Olson.

Despite the second-place team finish, Clarkston still qualified for next week's Southeastern Michigan Ski League Finals at Mt. Holly.

"We achieved our first goal, and that was to qualify for SEMSL's," Rosengren said. "We have a real good shot to move on from there, because the Pine Knob Division is one of the state's best."

The girls kept up their perfect season with an easy win at Divisionals. Clarkston was first with 41 points, well ahead of Adams, who had 79. Country Day was third with 79, and Lahser followed with 112.

The highlight of the meet for Clarkston was the performance of senior Kelli Morton, who has typically taken a backseat to teammates Nicole Villiere and Megan Whipp. But at the Divisionals, Morton stepped up with her best

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Fast to the finish: *Clarkston's Matt Evans glides down the slopes of Pine Knob Wednesday during a five-team tournament. The junior finished eighth in the Slalom, helping the Wolves finish second to Rochester Adams. Clarkston will compete Thursday in the SEMSL finals at Mt. Holly.*

Ferndale steals one for Clarkston in OT

Wolves outscored 11-4 in extra session; fall to 4th place

By Daniel Stickradt
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The last time Ferndale faced off with Clarkston, Wolves senior Ryan Marino lit up the scoreboard for 39 points. This time around, however, Ferndale made sure the 6-foot-2 sharpshooter wasn't that much of a factor.

Although Marino scored 17 points and was 5-for-11 from beyond the three-point arc, the Eagles had enough firepower to keep Clarkston in check as they pulled out an exciting 63-56 Oakland Activities Association Division I overtime triumph over the host Wolves.

Ferndale outscored Clarkston 11-4 in the overtime session, limiting Clarkston to 1-for-9 shooting in that span. Meanwhile, the Eagles converted 9-of-14 free-throws to pull away.

"This was a big win," said Ferndale veteran coach Don McNeal. "The OAA Division I is so tough and so competitive, that anytime you can go on the road and win a game, its big."

The Eagles (10-4, 6-2), which were in a four-way tie in the first place along with Clarkston, Pontiac Northern and Rochester Adams going in, used a 16-9 scoring edge in the third quarter to pull away, but Clarkston (9-5, 5-3) staged a late comeback to force overtime.

Using a stingy half-court trap defense, the Wolves forced Ferndale into seven fourth-quarter turnovers, including on the Eagles' first three fourth-period possessions. That helped spearhead a 13-0 run capped by senior forward Rocky Lund's three-pointer that eventually put Clarkston on top 49-48 with 4:05 left in regulation.

Ferndale went back ahead 50-49 on a putback from 6-3 senior forward Robert Woodlaw with 3:35, and took a 52-49 lead when senior guard Gerald Turner hit two free throws with 51.6 ticks left.

But Marino broke free and nailed a pro-range triple with 33 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

Marino did hit another triple in the extra period — Clarkston's only field goal in OT — but the Eagles took advantage of a flagrant Clarkston foul plus a technical, and kept Marino and the rest of the Wolves' perimeter shooters from striking distance down the stretch.

"The last time we played them, we didn't know he scored 39 points until we watched the tape, but they kept kicking the ball out to Marino and we let roam free," recalled McNeal. "But Robert Woodlaw wanted to guard him tonight. He didn't give him many open looks and most of his shots were contested. Keeping Marino down may have been a key to the game. Plus, we had a lot of guys knock down some key shots."

Clarkston coach Dan Fife credited his team's second-half comeback to the Wolves' ability to box out and rebound, and limit Ferndale to fewer second- and third-chance shots. But said his team got too caught up in the emotions of the game.

"We did a nice job coming back, especially with (Adam Schapman) out of the game," he said, noting his 6-5 senior center's ankle injury which kept in out for the final three quarters and overtime. "But we got caught up in all the emotions of the game and lost our composure.

"In overtime, we were out of sync and at this stage of the game, you can't be out of sync and expect to win a game like this. Sure, we had some guys step up, Bryan Endreszl and Andy North played well inside, and Rocky Lund gave us a lift, but we kind of fell apart at the end."

Clarkston led 18-15 after the first quarter and Ferndale used a 15-9 edge in the second to take a 30-27 lead at halftime, setting up a wild second half.

"It's anybody's race," added Fife, whose squad slipped into fourth place with the loss. "This shows you anyone can beat you on any given night in this league. We beat them down at their place."

Lund added 16 points for Clarkston, while North had nine points and nine rebounds, Endreszl contributed 10 boards and three blocks, junior guard Ryan Kaul scored six with six rebounds, eight assists and five steals, and 7-2 senior center Pete Ritzema

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Shorthanded Clarkston pinned down by Orion

Wolves' 43-33 loss to Dragons forges three-way tie for 2nd place

By Mike Scott
Special Writer

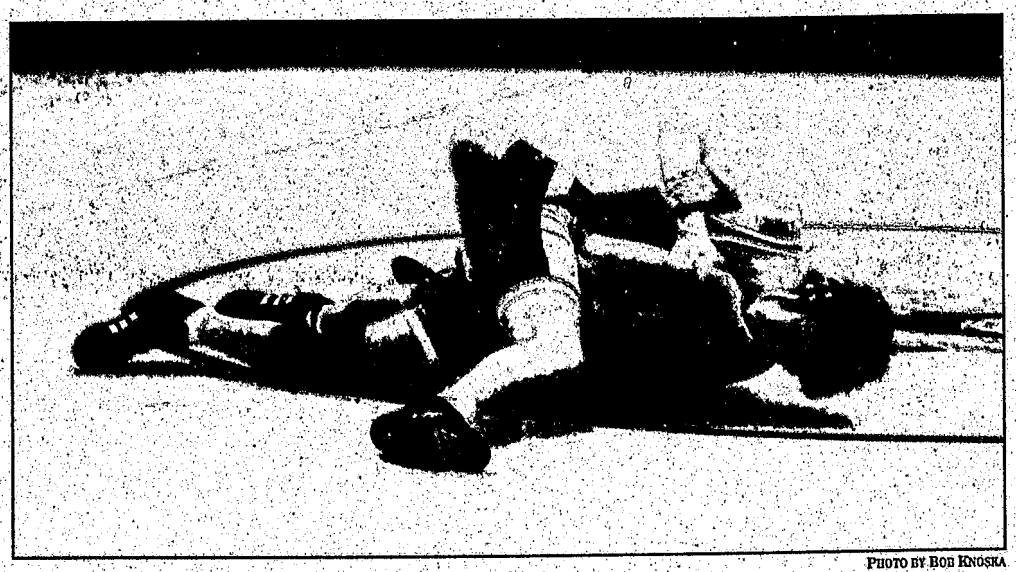
Lake Orion's mildly surprising upset of Clarkston in wrestling Thursday night made Troy's grapplers big fans of the Dragons program.

The Dragons defeated host Clarkston 43-33 in the final Oakland Activities Association Division I league dual match for both squads.

The Lake Orion victory virtually assured that first-place Troy, 5-0 in league duals, would win the OAA I league championships when all six squads meet next week for the league tournament, as Lake Orion, Clarkston and Rochester Adams all finished 3-2 in conference duals.

Lake Orion (11-13, 3-2) won its early matches and captured some key matches in the middle weight classes to build a lead Clarkston was unable to overcome. In fact, of all the matches, only two did not finish with the victor pinning his opponent.

The Wolves (10-6, 3-2) lost their first four matches before Dave Endreszl defeated Orion's Derek Russ 6-5 in a defensive struggle at 135 pounds. Clarkston's Brian Chism (140 pounds), Bret Gove (145) and Clint DeGain (152) then recorded consecutive pins as Clarkston pulled back even with Orion with six matches remaining.



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In action: *Lake Orion's Adam Kennard (green, top) has Clarkston's Billy Williams in his grasp during a 103-pound match Wednesday. Kennard pinned Williams in 3:02, helping the Dragons to a mild 43-33 upset over the Wolves.*

But the Dragons rebounded when Steve Walter — one of their most consistent wrestlers all year — pinned Clarkston's R.J. Booker in under a minute at the 160-pound weight class. The momentum carried over to the following two matches as Matt Champine (171) and Travis Simmons (189) pinned their opponents in tough, physical matches to clinch the victory for the Dragons.

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Pitch and Catch



Brad Monastiere

Out of losses emerge champions that have class

"Champions are sometimes losers who just will not quit." — former Pistons' GM Jack McClosky, June 18, 1990.

I was reminded of this quote several times last week, from a number of different places. I never quite understood this quote, but I think I've finally figured it out.

■ **True grit:** Never was I so impressed with a wrestler in a losing effort than I was with Oxford's **Jake Shagina** at Wednesday's meet against rival Lapeer West.

Shagina, who suffered a painful knee injury a week prior against Fenton, was named the starter for the Wildcats at 189. The match turned out to be a must-pin for Oxford, who trailed 36-18 before the match started. With three matches remaining, the Wildcats needed three pins in order to tie West. That put the pressure of the entire meet on Shagina's shoulders.

The box score will show that Shagina lost to West's Nick Sanchez 15-12. What the box score doesn't show is how Shagina was the runaway winner in heart, class and guts.

Like many of his teammates, Sanchez wrestled a vicious match, trying to twist and pound at Shagina's knee at every opportunity. A late takedown by Shagina gave him a 6-6 tie at the end of the first period. In the brief rest period, Shagina was heavily limping on his damaged leg, but gritted his teeth and wrestled even harder in the second period.

Inspired by boisterous teammates and his own drive inside, Shagina overcame dirty tactics (hand locking, knee twisting) to hold a 12-11 lead after two periods. Although Shagina had a hard time maneuvering Sanchez into pinning position, just him competing against one of the toughest wrestlers in the area spoke volumes.

The match was stopped for almost five minutes in the third period while the officials tried to sort out the correct score. Shagina could hardly put any weight on his leg, but pressed on, knowing how much his team needed him. In the end, the pain and the foe were just too much, as he lost the match.

Shagina's performance should be held as an example for everyone involved in athletics to follow. He endured pain, sacrificed, and gave it his all. Those qualities make him a champion.

■ Speaking of the Oxford-Lapeer West match, it was disturbing how ruthless the Panthers were in their style. Guys would give Oxford wrestlers subtle shoves after the buzzer, try to aggravate injuries and in some cases, lose their temper completely. On more than one occasion, the West coach had to yell at his guys to "settle down and just wrestle."

Lapeer West is ranked fourth in the state in Division II, and appears to have few weak links in its lineup. But there's a lot to be said for competing with class and respect. Those associated with the Oxford wrestling program can hold their heads high with pride. The same can't be said for everyone.

n **Hoop heroics:** On a team with Oakland County's biggest player (**Pete Ritzema**), purest 3-point shooter (**Ryan Marino**) and perhaps most improved post player (**Adam Schapman**), it's tough for a guy coming off the bench to get noticed. But that's exactly what Clarkston junior **Bryan Endreszl** did in Tuesday's Wolves win over Pontiac Northern.

Bryan has seen a lot of great Clarkston basketball in his life. Known by his family as "E-4," Bryan is the fourth of four Endreszl boys to compete athletically for the Wolves. Most played for **Kurt Richardson's** football program, and Bryan is in his first year on the varsity basketball team.

Last year, Bryan tore it up for the JV team, finishing the season averaging 25 points per game in his last half dozen contests, including 33 in the season finale against Troy. Bryan was

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Knapper's buzzer-beater lifts Springfield

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As a sophomore on a senior-laden team, Knoa Knapper has been waiting patiently for his moment to step into the forum and shine. That opportunity came on Friday evening.

Knapper, a 6-foot-4 center from Clarkston Springfield Christian who was recently promoted to the starting line-up when 6-2 senior center Adam Armstrong was lost for the season due to an injury, scored as the final buzzer sounded as the Eagles rallied for a thrilling 51-50 non-league win over visiting Davison Faith Baptist in a game that featured two of the top teams in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools.

After Faith 6-4 senior center Dan Schotten scored on a put-back with five seconds left for a 50-49 advantage, Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins called time-out to design a last-second play.

Knapper's number was called and he stepped up and delivered in the clutch, taking a feed from classmate Ben Munce and hitting a short-range jumper as time expired.

"What a finish," said Hopkins, whose squad lost to Faith 67-62 in mid-December on the road. "We designed a play for Knoa to get the ball in the post. We took it the length of the court and he put up the shot just in time."

Knapper, in his third game as a starter, stepped up with 6-2 senior forward Jon Vanaman, Springfield's leading scorer, having fouled out with 1:30 left to play.

"Jon had already fouled out, so we knew that Knoa would be our best bet because he was playing very well," said Hopkins. "He's done a good job regardless if he's coming off the bench or in the starting line-up. And I guess tonight was his night."

Knapper finished with 15 points, a season-high 17 rebounds, five steals and five blocked shots to lead the Eagles (12-3). Vanaman added 11 points with 14 rebounds and two blocks, and senior guard Greg Irish tossed in 10 points with six boards and five steals for Springfield.

Springfield led 18-6 after the first quarter, but Faith (8-7) responded with a 12-4 second-quarter surge to close the gap to 22-18 at the half.

In the second half, both teams took turns trading the lead, setting up Knapper's late heroics.

Schotten led Faith with a game-high 19 points. Junior guard Brad DeLange added 15 points, and senior guard Kevin Robinson scored nine for the Eagles.

FBAC PAIRINGS

Below are the 1999-2000 Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference post-season boys basketball and girls volleyball tournaments. Higher seeds will wear white uniforms on neutral sites. The post-season awards presentation will take place immediately following the championship boys basketball match.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 8
(Qualifier bracket)

Game 1 — Garden City United Christian at Clarkston Springfield Christian (TBA); **Game 2** — Rochester Hills Christian at Wixom Christian (TBA); **Game 3** — Oxford Christian at Troy Bethany Christian (TBA); **Game 4** — Sterling Heights Christian at Warren Antioch Baptist (TBA).

(Non-qualifier bracket)

Game 1 — Clinton Township Faith Christian at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (TBA); **Game 2** — Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist at Troy Bethany Christian Junior-Varsity (TBA).

Friday, Feb. 11
(Qualifier bracket, all games at Springfield Christian)

Game 5 — Bethany/Oxford loser vs. Sterling/Antioch loser (3:30 p.m.); **Game 6** — Bethany/Oxford winner vs. Sterling/Antioch winner (5 p.m.); **Game 7** — United Christian/Springfield Christian winner vs. Rochester Hills/Wixom winner (6:30 p.m.); **Game 8** — Springfield-United loser vs. Wixom/Rochester Hills loser (8 p.m.).

(Non-qualifier bracket)

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As a result, Clarkston coach Mike DeGain elected not to start his top wrestler, 215-pounder Pat DeGain. Clarkston's Chris Jaroneski and Aaron Karnes stepped in admirably and pinned their opponents in the final two weight classes, resulting in the final margin.

Lake Orion coach Doug Kline has been disappointed with the intensity his team has displayed at times this season, but was pleased with the Dragons' last two matches, which included a convincing OAA I win last week over Rochester.

"The key to this team is how they practice and I think our focus needs to be on," said Kline.

Clarkston has often fallen behind in meets this season because of its inexperience in the lighter weight classes, but Coach DeGain felt his team simply lost the swing matches that he expected would decide the outcome.

"We're gearing up for the OAA meet," he said. "That's what we need to focus on right now."

Other Lake Orion winners included Adam Kennard (103 pounds, pin); 112-pounder Jason Walter (pin in 18 seconds); 119-pounder Mike Quigley (pin) and Ricky Kallis; a 130-pounder by an 18-9 decision over Nate Parker.

Both teams will battle at the OAA I league meet at Clarkston next Friday beginning at 3:30 p.m., most likely for second place along with Adams.

Basketball *from page C2*

contributed three points with five rebounds and three blocks for the Wolves.

Woodlaw led a balanced Ferndale attack with 14 points, 11 rebounds and three steals. Junior guard Herb Galloway contributed 13 points, nine rebounds, five blocks, five assists and three steals, senior guard Gerald Turner and junior guard Delano McKinney both scored 10 with five boards apiece, and 6-8 junior center Leonard Harden had three points, nine rebounds and three blocks for the Eagles.

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performance.

"It just thrills me to see how well Kelli did," Rosengren said. "She has worked so hard and has done everything she needs to do to be successful."

Morton took second overall in the giant slalom with a time of 35.83, a half-second behind slalom and GS champ Allison Higgenbotham of Country Day.

Becky Schermerhorn and Whipp finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the GS, giving the Wolves three of the top five skiers in that event.

Whipp took third overall in the slalom (46.03), nearly three seconds behind Higgenbotham. Senior Katie Kennedy — the only girl to participate in the football team's annual Lift-A-Thon — was fifth with a time of 46.33.

The Wolves wrap up the dual meet schedule at 4 p.m. Monday by taking on arch-rival Lake Orion at Pine Knob.

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totally dominant all over the court, rebounding, shooting and playing team defense.

This season, Bryan found himself caught in a numbers game. The varsity team returned eight seniors from last year's team, making it tough for any underclassmen to crack the lineup. But Bryan kept working, through the games where he played five minutes or even less. His work paid off against the team's biggest rival.

Bryan gave the team an invaluable spark off the bench, energizing his team with rebounds and inside scoring. His 3-pointer in the final three minutes gave Clarkston the lead for good.

Games like the one Bryan played are what makes Clarkston basketball so special. I watched Bryan knowing he spent his Tuesday and Friday nights in elementary school watching the likes of **Jeremy Fife, Tim Wasilk** and **Brad Agar** made big plays against Pontiac Northern, Tuesday night, Bryan had one of those games an elementary student in attendance will remember, and try to duplicate several years from now.

May the tradition continue.

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Badger posts fourth shutout as Wolves put Mott on ice in 3-0 triumph

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A letdown wasn't unexpected from the Clarkston hockey team going into its game against Waterford Mott Wednesday.

After all, the Wolves were coming off an emotional 3-2 loss to top-ranked Redford Catholic Central. The Wolves were able to play well enough to knock off their league rivals from Waterford 3-0 in an Oakland Activities Association Division I matchup at Viking Arena in Hazel Park. With the win, Clarkston moves up to 15-4 overall and 8-2 in the league.

Against Mott, Clarkston was unable to get its high-powered offense on track, but used the solid goaltending of senior Steve Badger and good team defense to notch the victory.

"Badger played well for us," said Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier. "He's the main reason we are where we are."

Coming off a spectacular game against the Shamrocks, Badger kept everything in front of him and recorded his fourth shutout of the season.

He was supported by two goals from junior Jon Bemis and one by senior Jason Stoecker. The goals ended a brief dry spell for Bemis, one of the Wolves' snipers. Stoecker has been on a tear offensively, and drew praise from his coach for his hot play of late.

"Stoecker has been consistent for us, and he's scoring almost a goal a game for us lately," Krygier said. "It's good to have someone like him step up and take pressure off the top line."

Clarkston has also been bolstered the past two games by the addition of senior Andy Florke, who recently became eligible to play for the Wolves. Florke played at the Junior A level last year and gives Clarkston the added dimension of a power forward on the ice.

"Andy's a real strong forward with an excellent shot, and he brings the physical aspect of the game," said Krygier. "He needs to get acclimated with the other players, because he hasn't skated with us very much."

On Wednesday, the Wolves will travel to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for a game against one of the top programs in the state. Coached by Clarkston resident Andy Weidenbach, Cranbrook has won numerous state titles over the past 15 years and has never lost to the Wolves in their brief history.

"Cranbrook is doing pretty well in their league," said Krygier, a former "B" team coach for the Cranes. "They're going up to the Alpena Tournament this weekend, which is always a tough one."

The Clarkston-Cranbrook game will be a home game for the Wolves, even though it will be played at Cranbrook's arena. Faceoff is set for 6 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Below are the varsity sports schedules for high schools in the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. All times are subject to change, so please call the respective school before attending.

Sunday, Feb. 6
(No events scheduled)

Monday, Feb. 7
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING — Lake Orion vs. Clarkston at Pine Knob (4 p.m.).
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — West Bloomfield at Clarkston (6 p.m.).

Tuesday, Feb. 8
BOYS BASKETBALL — Clarkston Springfield Christian, Oxford Christian at FBAC Tourney (TBA); Lake Orion at Hazel Park (7:30 p.m.); Flint Carman-Ainsworth at Oxford (7:30 p.m.); Pontiac Central at Clarkston (7 p.m.); Lake Orion Shalom Baptist at Lapeer Cornerstone Christian Home Schoolers (7 p.m.).
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Oxford Christian at FBAC Tourney (at Warren Antioch Baptist, TBA); Lake Orion Shalom Baptist at Lapeer Cornerstone Christian Home Schoolers (7 p.m.).
BOYS SWIMMING — Clawson at Clarkston (6:30 p.m.); Lake Orion at Southfield-Lathrup (6:30 p.m.).

Wednesday, Feb. 9
WRESTLING — Oxford at Otisville-LakeVille (Mt. Morris) (5 p.m.); Clarkston at Redford Catholic Central (5 p.m.); Lake Orion at Birmingham Brother Rice (5:30 p.m.).
BOYS ICE HOCKEY — Clarkston at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (7 p.m.).
GIRLS GYMNASTICS — Clarkston-Waterford Unified at Birmingham Groves (7 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 10
BOYS VOLLEYBALL — Oxford, Fenton, Lapeer East at Lapeer West (Quad) (5 p.m.); Clarkston at Rochester (6:30 p.m.); Birmingham Groves at Lake Orion (6 p.m.).
BOYS/GIRLS SKIING — Clarkston, Lake Orion at SEMSL Championship (at Alpine Valley, 9 a.m.).
GIRLS GYMNASTICS — Royal Oak Dondero at Clarkston-Waterford Unified (7 p.m.).
BOYS SWIMMING — Clawson at Lake Orion (6:30 p.m.).

Friday, Feb. 11
BOYS BASKETBALL — Oxford Christian at FBAC Tourney (Springfield, TBA); Warren Baptist Christian vs. Lake Orion Shalom Baptist at Pontiac Howard O'Dell Center (6 p.m.); Royal Oak Kimball at Lake Orion (7p.m.); Lapeer West at Oxford; Clarkston at Rochester Adams (7:30 p.m.).
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Clarkston Springfield Christian, Oxford Christian at FBAC Tourney (Warren Antioch Baptist, TBA);
WRESTLING — Clarkston, Lake Orion at OAA Division I Championship (at Clarkston, 3:30 p.m.).

Saturday, Feb. 12
BOYS BASKETBALL — FBAC Finals at Clarkston Springfield Christian (TBA).
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — FBAC Finals at Clarkston Springfield Christian.
WRESTLING — FML League Meet at Holly (9 a.m.).
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER — Lake Orion at Chesaning Invitational (TBA).

PREP SCOREBOARD

BOYS SKIING

PINE KNOB QUINTET 1
(At Pine Knob on 2-2)
TEAM SCORES — 1. Lake Orion 26; 2. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 53; 3. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 105; 4. Rochester, 121; 5. Waterford Kettering, 184.
GIANT SLALOM — 1. Brian Popelier (Lake Orion) 32.83; 2. Chris McCloskey (Cranbrook) 33.71; 3. Craig Marchand (Lake Orion) 33.92; 4. Justin McKee (Lake Orion) 34.05; 5. Kyle Johnson (Cranbrook) 34.08.
SLALOM — 1. Ryan Thulin (Lake Orion) 45.99; 2. Craig Marchand (Lake Orion) 46.27; 3. Brian Popelier (Lake Orion) 46.31; 4. Chris McCloskey (Cranbrook) 47.18; 5. Kyle Johnson (Cranbrook) 47.24.
DUAL MEET RECORDS — 1. Lake Orion (71); 2. Cranbrook (5-3); 3. Andover (3-5); 4. Rochester (3-5); 5. Kettering (0-8).

PINE KNOB QUINTET 2
(At Pine Knob 2-2)
TEAM SCORES — Rochester Adams, 40; Clarkston, 72; Detroit Country Day, 96; Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 123; Waterford Mott, 139.
GIANT SLALOM — 1. Chris Cumberland (Lahser) 32.28; 2. Scott Bell (Adams) 32.79; 3. Sean Lowery (Country Day) 33.01; 4. Brandon Rosengren (Clarkston) 33.35; 5. Mike Goldman (Country Day) 33.63.
SLALOM — 1. Sean Lowery (Country Day) 39.95; 2. Scott Bell (Adams) 40.14; 3. Chris Cumberland (Lahser) 41.30; 4. Colin Land (Adams) 41.39; 5. Mike Rutkowski (Adams) 43.28.
DUAL MEET RECORDS — Adams (8-0); Clarkston (7-1); Country Day (5-3); Lahser (2-6); Mott (0-8).

GIRLS SKIING

PINE KNOB QUINTET 1
(2-2 At Pine Knob)
TEAM SCORES — Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 62; 2. Lake Orion, 79; 3. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 84; 4. Rochester, 112; 5. Waterford Kettering, 123.
GIANT SLALOM — 1. Jeni Runko (Kingswood) 34.20; 2. Sarah Brown (Lake Orion) 36.18; 3. Stephanie Etkin (Kingswood) 36.55; 4. Loren Nosan (Andover) 37.19; 5. Karie Shafer (Kingswood) 37.44.
SLALOM — 1. Jenny Runko (Kingswood) 49.15; 2. Loran Nosan (Andover) 52.95; 3. Stephanie Etkin (Kingswood) 55.48; 4. Tiffany McKee (Kingswood) 55.56; 5. Sarah Brown (Lake Orion) 55.63.
DUAL MEET RECORDS — 1. Kingswood (5-3); 2. Lake Orion (4-4); 3. Andover (3-5); 4. Rochester (2-6); 5. Kettering (0-8).

PINE KNOB QUINTET 2
(At Pine Knob 2-2)
TEAM SCORES — 1. Clarkston, 41; 2. Rochester Adams, 79; 3. Detroit Country Day, 79; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 112.
GIANT SLALOM — 1. Allison Higgenbotham (Country Day) 35.31; 2. Kelli Morton (Clarkston) 35.83; 3. Jessica Cumberland (Lahser) 36.23; 4. Becky Schermerhorn (Clarkston) 36.40; 5. Megan Whipp (Clarkston) 36.43.
SLALOM — 1. Allison Higgenbotham (Country Day) 43.73; 2. Alexis Frisch (Country Day) 45.53; 3. Megan Whipp (Clarkston) 46.03; 4. Jessica Cumberland (Lahser) 46.08; 5. Katie Kennedy (Clarkston) 46.33.
DUAL MEET RECORDS — Clarkston (8-0); Adams (7-1); Country Day (6-2); Lahser (5-3).

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Game 5 — Calvary-Faith winner vs. Faithway-Bethany J.V. winner at site to be determined (TBA); **Game 6** — Calvary-Faith loser vs. Faithway-Bethany J-V loser at site to be determined (TBA).

Saturday, Feb. 12
Game 9 — Finals at Springfield Christian (4:15 p.m.).

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 8
(Qualifiers Bracket)
Game 1 — Oxford Christian at Troy Bethany Christian (TBA); **Game 2** — Rochester Hills Christian at Warren Antioch Baptist (TBA); **Game 3** — Ypsilanti Faithway Baptist at Clarkston Springfield Christian (TBA); **Game 4** — Clinton Township Faith Christian at Wixom Christian (TBA).

(Non-Qualifiers Bracket)
Game 1 — Garden City United Christian at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (TBA).

Friday, Feb. 11
(Qualifiers Bracket, all games at Warren Antioch)
Game 5 — Springfield/Faithway loser vs. Faith/Wixom loser (4 p.m.); **Game 6** — Springfield/Faithway winner vs. Faith/Wixom winner (5 p.m.); **Game 7** — Bethany/Oxford winner vs. Rochester Hills/Antioch winner (6:30 p.m.); **Game 8** — Bethany/Oxford loser vs. Rochester Hills/Antioch loser (8 p.m.).

(Non-qualifier bracket)
Game 2 — Sterling Heights Christian vs. Calvary/United winner at site to be determined (TBA).

Saturday, Feb. 12
Game 9 — Finals at Springfield Christian (3 p.m.).

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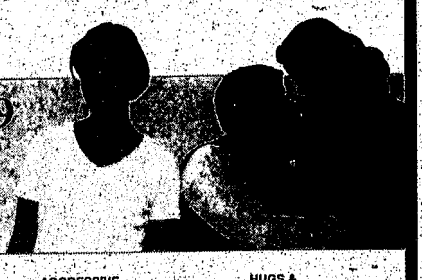

Women seeking Men

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, 38, 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, 48, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. ☎1383

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/blde, 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 WF, 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 CUTEY
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, childlike 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 SAM/PCM, 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, 5'+, 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, sunny/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 gentleman, 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, 5'6", 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, 5'2", 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

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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. ☎1483

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 ☎5698

HOMEOWNER
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

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, 55, 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. ☎1467

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...
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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. ☎1420

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

RECIPE OF LOVE
DHM, 5'11", 165lbs, 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 6 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

MY CHRISTMAS WISH
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 40. ☎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 living LTR. ☎1234

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Think again! Mellow fellow, witty SWM, 45, with broad interests, loves a challenge. Seeking special connection with delightful, expressive lady, age open. ☎1362

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Athletic, incurably romantic, fun (I am told), emotionally/financially secure Harvard grad, 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, 5'6", 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

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GOOD CATCH
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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

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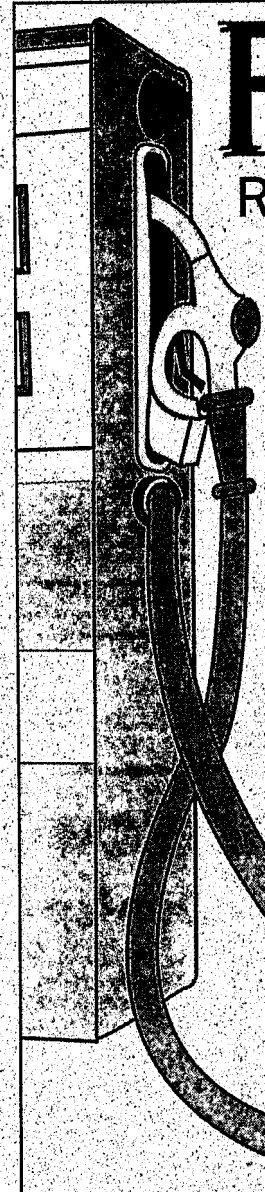

FILL'ER UP, UP, UP!

Rising gasoline prices reflect global economics

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

You might feel a little pinch in the wallet these days when pulling in to the gas station for a fill up, but experts are reminding commuters that prices have historically peaked much higher.

If you think prices hovering around $1.30 per gallon are bad, how would you feel about shelling out $1.60 or nearly $2? Well, drivers in Southeastern Michigan have paid that much — with prices adjusted for inflation — in the past century.

AAA of Michigan conducts a statewide survey of 300 gas stations to derive an average price. The company's statistics for January put the average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline at $1.32 (with the price rounded up to the nearest cent), according to spokesperson Jim Rink.

"It's pretty well documented that the present average is low" when compared to past prices, Rink said.

While $1.32 per gallon is a bargain compared to some of history's highest average prices, it's still 40 cents more than the average for this time last year, 40 cents!

"Last year people got a little spoiled by prices that were artificially low," Rink explained.

A combination of several global factors led to the dip in fuel prices, which many local residents fondly recall.

"Back about two years ago I remember it got way down, I saw prices at 89 cents at one point. Now it's just ridiculous," said Tony Kotwicki, a Holly resident who works for First United Methodist Church in Birmingham doing landscaping and maintenance.

Because of the nature of his job which requires hauling heavy equipment in his pick-up truck, Kotwicki said he regretfully can't car pool.

"Where I live, out a little further from the city, you see carpool areas full all the time, it's not unusual," he said.

Changing global economic situations have lead to the price increases, according to Michael Shanahan, who works for the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, D.C.

Two to three years ago "OPEC coun-

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STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

What a gas: *Tony Kotwicki, a Holly resident who works for First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, fills up his trucks tank after a long commute.*

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tries were producing more oil than there was a demand for, and this glut was exacerbated by the Asian economies, which were in the tank. In addition, the U.S. economy was clipping along at a great rate," Shanahan said.

OPEC, which stands for The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, is a consortium of nations which hold approximately 37 percent of the total world market share of oil production. The oil cartel has changed its strategy since 1998, when gas prices hit a nine-year low of about $1.06 per gallon in Michigan. The countries have banded together to constrict supply at the time that global economies have strengthened, increasing demand.

"Historically, OPEC has repeatedly failed at attempts to present a unified front and control supply. They would restrict supply a little, then as soon as prices went up one country would increase its production" in order to cash in on the increased demand, Shanahan explained.

But can U.S. drivers, so many of which are infatuated with fuel-thirsty sport-utility vehicles, look forward to any relief at the pump?

"There has been some indication that (OPEC) may decide to increase production by spring," Shanahan said.

Most predictions, however, hinge on "hints and nudges that don't necessarily mean anything," he noted.

At the very least, several OPEC-watching experts have predicted that the organization will at the very least not further constrict supply.

If that news doesn't brighten any road-weary sprits, then there's always this fact: things could be worse. For example, drivers in European countries pay an average of two to three times more per gallon than commuters domestically.

"European countries use fuel as a major source of tax revenue for their extensive social programs," Shanahan said.

New center cuts months off auto testing

DaimlerChrysler's new Powertrain Test Center enables engineers to simulate real-world driving conditions in the controlled environment of the laboratory, resulting in improved quality and faster development times for new powertrain products.

With the opening of the Powertrain Test Center, located in five building wings of DaimlerChrysler's Technology Center in Auburn Hills, engineers have been able to cut months off the development and testing process.

Now engineers calibrate and fine-tune powertrains, the drive systems consisting of an engine and transmission, much earlier and bring new vehicles to market sooner.

In addition, overall quality, reliability and customer satisfaction are improved.

The 250,000 square foot facility was constructed at a cost of $300 million, $24 million below budget. Resources in the new powertrain facility include:

- 15 specialty testing cells.
- 8 rear wheel drive powertrain development sites.
- 60 engine durability and reliability sites.
- 26 engine performance sites.
- 20 Front Wheel Drive powertrain development and durability sites.

Such proximity ensures that DaimlerChrysler continues to set industry standards in engineering vehicle development and testing.

The facility's test cells provide more wide-ranging and extreme environments and conditions than in the past, responding quickly and accurately to temperature and pressure changes. The cold and hot cells range from temperatures of -65 degrees to 240 degrees F. The engine altitude chamber allows engineers to recreate mountain driving tests by simulating altitude (13,100-foot capability), temperature, humidity and vehicle loads. The new facility offers some significant environmental benefits. First, the entire facility is isolated from the environment outside the lab. This ensures that no test water leaves the facility or flows into the city water system. Second, the Powertrain Test Facility will save the company $2 million in electricity each year; continuous testing at the facility generates 20 percent of the complex's electricity needs.

Also benefiting from this recent expansion are 15 universities across the United States. DaimlerChrysler donated the replaced, still-useful direct current dynamometers to them for use in their engineering programs.

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Wayne County workers net job-training grants



Hiring: *Valassis is using a job training grant to help improve its workforce. Taking a job test are front row RaeChell Foster and Leonardo Brito and back row, Carmen Saleh, left, and Millie Haney.*

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BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Valassis Communications of Livonia is one of eight Wayne County businesses that will benefit from more than $525,000 in state job-training grants, state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) recently announced.

The grants are funded by the state's Economic Development Job Training program and are part of a statewide initiative to help companies improve their workforce.

"It is essential to enhance the skills of our workforce in order to compete on a global level. The entire community benefits from these job-training grants," McCotter said.

The Economic Development Job Training program, which is administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, helps Michigan businesses stay competitive by creating new jobs or retaining existing jobs by improving the skills of the workforce. Collectively, the companies awarded the grants will hire more than 400 new employees.

Grants are awarded annually through an annual funding competition. No funds are awarded directly to businesses; rather, funds are provided to local community colleges, vocational-technical schools or other training providers. The Valassis grant will be administered by Jackson Community College.

Existing Michigan businesses and their workers receive the most bene-

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JOB ALERT: CENSUS TAKERS NEEDED

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Come this April, we all have to stand up and be counted for the historic 2000 Census, and the U.S. Census Bureau needs lots of temporary workers to do the counting.

"Oh, yes, we certainly do have a need for employees," said Raef Fakhoury, manager of the Dearborn office of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Dearborn office needs enumerators (census takers), clerks, crew leaders and field operation supervisors to cover census-taking in 23 cities, from Westland to Flat Rock and from Grosse Ile to River Rouge. Census-takers may work 20-40 hours and week, and employment may last eight to 10 weeks. Pay ranges from $10.50 to $16.75 an hour. Field workers will be paid 32.5 cents a mile.

Other than having good arch support, applicants must be 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and pass a 30-minute written test. Knowledge of Arabic and Spanish is a plus hiring factor.

Census takers will visit all households that have not sent back the U.S. Census Bureau questionnaire mailed out April 1. Prior to that they will be trained to read census forms and take information.

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Juggling many offers a rare, unlikely scenerio

JOB SEARCH



GEORGE HAYES

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D.G.

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It rarely works this way.

Most companies could not be described as "proactive" in their hiring efforts, particularly in a hot employment market like this one. Rather, they are in a state of pain because a key position is empty or occupied by an employee who is not getting desired results. Real world staffing is usually a Just-In-Time scramble, not a textbook program that tries to identify high-potential candidates for the long haul. Recruiters and HR professionals are

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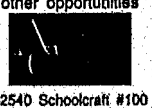

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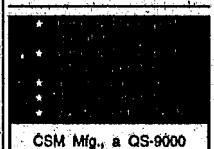

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fits from this program. However, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation also awards grants throughout the year to local education and training organizations for employers locating or expanding in Michigan.

Statewide, 146 grants were awarded $25,755,418 job-training grants, potentially benefiting 58,257 workers.

Shelly Dorais, national manager of training and recruiting for Valassis, said the company is in the process of hiring over 100 new employees for the following areas: Human resources, customer service, logistics, management information services, manufacturing, marketing and sales, purchasing, and clerical administration.

Valassis plans a three-fold use of their $150,000 grant: Provide the new employees with basic computer training, increase the skills of the management information systems staff, and work/group training to determine what manual processes can be done technically.

"At Valassis, training and developing our talented workforce has always been a high priority," said Dorais. "The job-training grant is great because it will allow us to enhance and expand our programs. As a longtime Livonia resident, we also believe the grants are a terrific investment in the future of our local business community."

Other companies receiving grants include: (If no award amount is shown, the company received a multiple employer grant and a specific amount cannot be determined)

- Alpha Steel Treating of Livonia, awarded $144,530.
- Creative Technology Service of Canton, awarded $217,465.
- Dura Automotive Systems, Inc. of Livonia.
- Ford Motor Co., Livonia Transmission Plant.
- SG Constructions Services of Northville has four employees.
- Shaw Electric Co. of Livonia has three employees.
- Shiloh Industries, Inc., of Canton, awarded $13,896.

"These grants, coupled with the $60 million already in place for the new Michigan Technical Education Centers, will be the cornerstones of Michigan's worker training program," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"Companies come to Michigan because of our strong workforce. The Economic Development Job Training program allows us to address the skill needs of a company with the trained workers to fill them."

Resumés for positions at Valassis Communications can be sent to: National Recruiting, 19975 Victor Parkway, Livonia, MI 48152

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in the bandage business.

Once an appropriate candidate has been screened and offered a position, companies are typically in a hurry to wrap things up. Naturally, they don't want to lose a good prospect to competitors or, in some cases, allow enough time for buyer's remorse to set in.

Candidates, on the other hand, have a natural interest in jockeying for as many offers as possible and deliberating at length before making a final decision.

These are opposing needs and both are reasonable.

Most organizations will give a candidate three or four days to mull things over before making a decision. Hiring authorities seem to feel this is plenty of time to cogitate, ask additional questions or even schedule another visit if necessary. If an applicant has already been through several interviews, they are probably right.

You can always ask for more time. Potential employers might not like it and even suspect that you are trying to finalize other offers. But there often isn't much they can do about it unless they are willing to start searching again. In this market, that could be tough. Of course, there is always the possibility that pressing your luck could cause a company to rescind an offer.

I have had a number of candidates tell me: "I'm not trying to put any pressure on you, but it looks like I'll be receiving an offer from another company very soon and I will need to give them an answer by next Tuesday. I am sincerely not playing any games with you, but I wanted to let you know." When it is put to me this way, I will make every effort to step on the gas. Many companies have flexible employment procedures and can react to urgent situations without seriously compromising the screening process.

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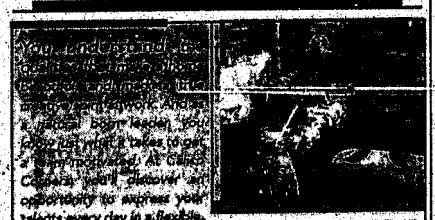

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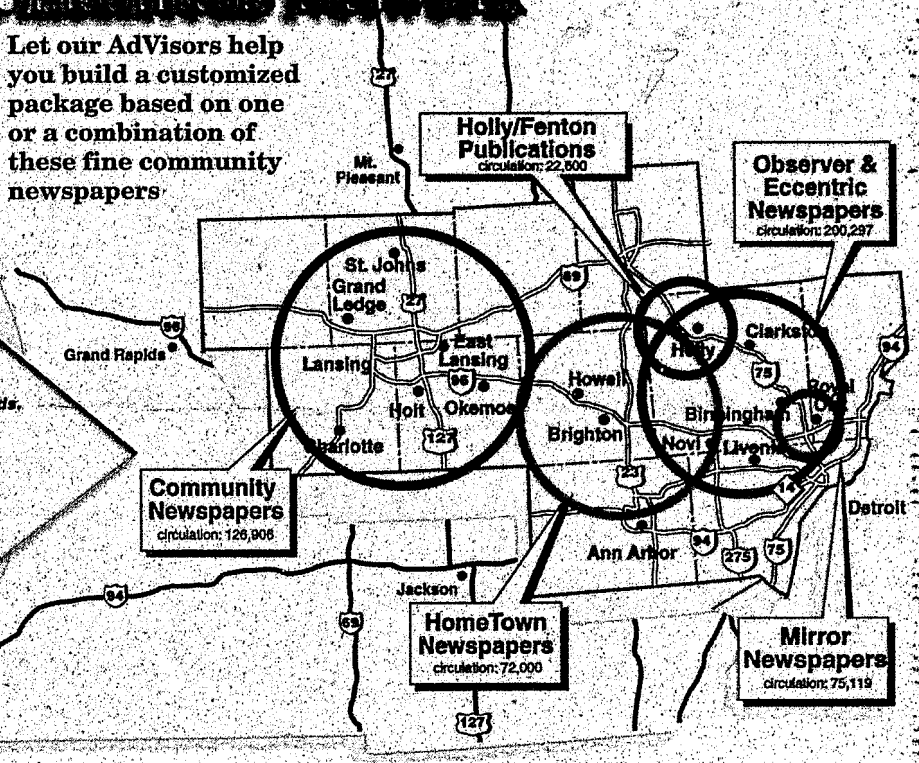

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HR Dept., 38345 W. Ten Mile, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Fax 248-476-1225

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Fax: (248)340-0689 EOE

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Entry Level Opportunities
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2-Yr Design Degree Required
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(734) 524-0928

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is seeking an Executive Director who can provide the leadership, motivation and managerial direction to continue its growth, influence and enthusiasm in an innovated and growing community. Demonstrated ability to positively influence and coordinate volunteer activities to the Chamber and to work effectively with business, governmental, civic and educational organizations to provide value to existing and potential members is required. Chamber experience a plus.
Must have a 4 year college degree or equivalent related experience, strong communications and marketing skills, be computer literate, and have a working understanding of accounting. Qualified applicants should submit their resume no later than March 6th, 2000 to:
Search Committee,
Canton Chamber of Commerce,
5820 Canton Center Rd.,
Ste. 110,
Canton, MI, 48187

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The Charter Township of Redford Police and Fire Civil Service Commission is accepting applications for the position of FIREFIGHTER for the purpose of establishing an eligibility list.

AMONG THE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter hours of college credit, be currently certified by the State of Michigan and a Firefighter Level II and successfully passed the Conference of Western Wayne Firefighter Testing Program. By the date of hire, applicants are required to be State of Michigan licensed paramedics.

APPLICANTS: Must be 18 years of age or older and meet the medical and physical fitness requirements of the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission.

ANNUALIZED SALARY: $35,545 to $47,394 after five years. Excellent benefits.

COPIES OF: College transcripts, Firefighter Level II Certification and current certificates of completion for both the written and physical agility tests from the Conference of Western Wayne Firefighter Testing Program must accompany the application. Applicants who fail to provide these documents when filing the application may be denied further consideration.

Completed applications only will be considered for the position. To obtain an application apply in person Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 PM or send a stamped (.55 ¢ postage) self-addressed envelope to:

REDFORD TOWNSHIP
PERSONNEL OFFICE
15145 BEECH DALY ROAD
REDFORD, MI 48239
(313) 387-2760

CLOSING DATE FOR FILING: FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2000

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FARMINGTON, MI 48336
FAX: (248) 478-8283

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GROUNDS SUPERVISOR
Apartment community is searching for a dependable, enthusiastic person to lead ground staff. Must be detail oriented, have knowledge of light maintenance & coordination projects. Excellent benefit package. Wage based on experience. Fax resume to (734) 455-1159) or send resume to:
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Livonia, MI 48150

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USA Jet Airlines, Inc.
Attention: Human Resources (GSS)
2064 D Street
Belleville, MI 48111
Fax 734-483-1363
E-mail:
pangott@activeaero.com

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RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES
It is the goal of the Associate Development Supervisor to help associates improve customer service and sales by coordinating & supporting implementation of a comprehensive product knowledge training program & its effectiveness for store associates. Assessing and identifying all operational, systems, culture, merchandising and loss prevention training needs in the store. And assisting store management in identifying staffing & performance requirements and overall recruiting needs as well as, partnering with store management to resolve human resource issues.
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8120 Goldie Street
P.O. Box 155
Walled Lake, MI 48390
or
jolli@PCIcoatings.com
or
Fax (248) 363-6017
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Human Resources
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Clawson Concrete Company
HR Dept./apoe200
27575 Wixom Rd.
Novi, MI 48374
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500 Help Wanted General

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PARTS AND TOOL CRIB ATTENDANT PART-TIME

Oakland Community College is currently seeking applications for the position of part-time Parts and Tool Crib Attendant at the Auburn Hills Campus.

Minimum Qualifications: High school graduation or equivalent. High School course work in automotive technology or six months full-time, paid, documented work experience in automotive or truck repair, or retail automotive parts. Experience, knowledge and skills include the ability to work as a team player in a multi-cultural diverse working environment. Experience with multi-cultural students and staff preferred. (more detailed information is available for this position onthe OCC web site at occ.cc.mi.us)

Applicants must complete an application form. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2000. Contact the OCC Job Hotline at (248) 540-1579 and refer to Position No. 99C60-30018.

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Novi-based automotive supplier is seeking an experienced Production Control/Materials Manager. We are a rapidly growing, fast-paced manufacturing company, serving the Big 3 and other tier suppliers.

Successful candidate must have 2-4 yrs. of managerial experience in the areas of production control, scheduling & materials management. Must be mature, professional and have very solid communication skills. Must also be detail oriented & very well organized. Solid MRP & QS-9000 knowledge & experience required. Bachelor's degree in related field also required. APICS certification a plus.

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Production Control Management Position
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The successful candidate must have strong communication and listening skills and experience working in a business environment. Strong analytical capabilities, commitment to task, flexibility and the ability to work well under pressure are required. Occasional travel (local) may be required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office tools. Marketing experience a plus, college degree preferred.

To apply, send resume and salary history to:

Walsh College, Personnel Office/TECH, P.O. Box 7006, Troy, MI 48007-7006 or email: rbenvenu@walshcollege.edu
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500 Help Wanted General

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Helm, Inc., a progressive, successful Distribution and Marketing support organization is seeking a Program Coordinator for a challenging work environment.

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We offer an excellent benefit package. Please send resume to:

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14310 Hamilton Ave.
Highland Park, MI 48203
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Retail

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SHIPPING/RECEIVING CLERK

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Detroit, MI 48209

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42050 Executive Drive
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To provide training and supervision of persons with disabilities in community work out of the Auburn Hills Branch. Must have experience working with persons with disabilities, reliable transportation & good driving record. Forward resume with salary requirements to: Personnel-AHSET, 1814 Pond Run, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.
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Send your resume to: Kawasaki Robotics (USA), Inc., Human Resources, 28059 Center Oaks Court, Wixom, MI 48393.
Fax: (248) 305-7618
E-mail: julie@kri-us.com
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- Ann Arbor (Washtenaw, E. of US-23)
- Waterford (M59 @ Crescent Lake Rd.)
- Novi (Ten Mile & Meadowbrook)
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- Detroit Northwest (Livernois, between 6 & 7 Mile)

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VP of Construction Operations

for 30 yr. old residential construction company building in multiple subdivisions. Candidate should have ten years experience, be self-motivated and direct all aspects of construction operations including bidding, negotiation, overseeing superintendents, cost control and quality control. Computer experience required. Excellent salary plus incentives, 401(k), health care and other benefits. Send resume with salary requirements:
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Call Mon. - Fri. 9 to 4pm 248-615-2566 for appointment or send letter of interest to:
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500 Help Wanted General

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SNYDER'S OF HANOVER, Inc. has immediate opening for an individual coordinating warehouse operations. Duties include ordering and scheduling product deliveries and inventory control. Must have valid driver's license.

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501 Computer/Info. Systems

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502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

ACCOUNTANT/ BOOKKEEPER

Requirements: Experienced accountant/bookkeeper capable of working in a fast paced environment needed for our company located in Bingham Farms. The candidate must have communication skills with the ability to work with others within the organization. Human Resource experience helpful. Cash management experience is a plus. This person reports directly to the owners. Salary and benefit package commensurate with experience. Send your resume in confidence to: RFC, Attn: Larry 30100 Telegraph Rd., Ste 170 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

CONTROLLER

Growing Farmington area manufacturer seeking an aggressive, enthusiastic individual who wants to be an integral part of a dynamic group of successful companies. Experience of 5/yrs, BA Accounting Degree required. Responsibilities will include:

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT/ BOOKKEEPER

Must have accounting background in construction field. Knowledge of Quick Books Pro & ability to complete multiple tasks. Please send resume & salary requirements to:
Kneisel Construction Co.
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Keego Harbor, MI. 48320

ACCOUNTING

Ceramic Tile Company in Farmington Hills has a full time open accounting position. Must have 2-3 years accounting experience. Payroll/Human Resource background helpful. Good PC and communication skills required. Benefits, profit sharing and 401K. Call: HR Manager 248-476-7850 x264 or fax resume: 248-476-4532

ACCOUNTING CLERK

2 positions available. Duties include: misc. accounting functions, posting customer payments, customer phone contact. Minimal computer experience. Some accounting experience desired, but not required. Resumes to: Box 414 23200 Haggerty Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335

502 Help Wanted Office Clerical

ACCOUNTING CLERK

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Nachi Robotic Systems
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Novi, MI. 48375

ACCOUNTING/SECRETARIAL

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ACCOUNTING STAFF.

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Attractive Salaries

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

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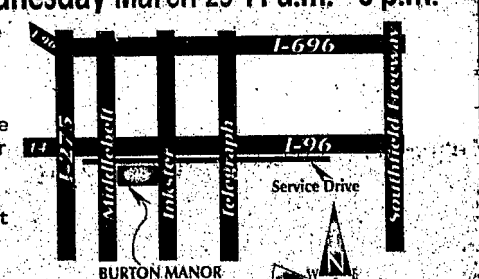

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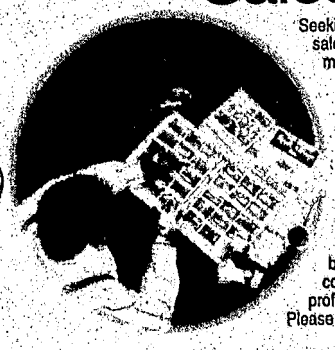
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What will construction look like?



RICHARD KOMER

Part 2 of 2

Kitchens continue to grow in importance. There are elaborate finishes, natural stone surfaces and moldings of every type. Larger, 42-inch cabinets for more storage space befit a larger eating space and a "hearth room" on the other side of a fire place.

With families, formal dining rooms are holding their own, with butler pantries added for serving. Empty nesters prefer a simpler dining area that is part of a great room.

Other growth areas include volume ceilings, expansive glass, storied foyers and second staircases implying servants' quarters. Media rooms are growing in popularity. Large TVs, sound equipment,computers and home offices are beginning to move from bedrooms, loft areas and basements into dedicated spaces.

Automation includes security, kitchen controls, lighting and heating, and office communications. If the lot is large enough, a three- or four-car garage will complement a finished walkout lower-level, game area and guest rooms.

Some things are smaller. The living room is shrinking to parlor size. Some house lots are contracting for ease of care. In exteriors, traditional stylings are in favor, with growth in natural materials like limestone at the high end accenting the masonry. Screened-in porches and sun rooms are more popular. Decks are showing strong and intricate patio stone walkways.

Young people are looking to settle in attached and detached condominiums with open interiors and reduced upkeep in urban and suburban centers near entertainment and shopping areas.

Richard Komer is president of Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Southfield, is a vice president of the Building Industry Association and was named 1998 Builder of the Year.

Tanglewood blends into golf course

The Selective Group goes into its third phase at Tanglewood, a golf-course development in Lyon Township, with five brand new plans and minor adjustments to two others that have proven popular with buyers.

Base prices start at $336,900 for a colonial of 2,700 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths and rise to $384,900 for a story-and-a-half of 3,150 square feet also with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

Thirty-nine houses will be built at Luxury Homes of Grenelefe, a platted subdivision off 10 Mile between Chubb and Currie roads.

The 27-hole golf course is the major draw to the Tanglewood community and Grenelefe, said Linda Desmond, sales counselor for Selective. Buyers there can get a discount on an annual golf membership.

The location, too, is popular.

"We're close enough in and far enough out so they get more for their dollar," Desmond said. "It has great highway access. You're within four miles of (I-)96. You're only five miles from Novi and shopping."

"Novi is on one side (east) with everything you could possibly want and a quaint downtown (South Lyon) on the other side that's fairly unique," said Heather Buchanan, sales director for Selective."

Several golf courses, Kensington Metro Park, Maybury State Park and Island State Recreation Area are within an easy drive.

Typically, folks who build at Grenelefe's price points have built new before. "We cover the full spectrum," Desmond said of prospective buyers.

"They're impressed with the setting obviously, the golf course and views of the golf course. As far as the floor plans, this one (model) people say they like that it's open and ... not too big so you're rambling around and not so small you have to get rid of everything," Desmond said.

"We do a wonderful job with closets," she added. "All of our plans have lots of storage space.

"They (visitors) are usually impressed with features that are standard," Desmond said.

Those include two-car garage, fireplace, first-floor laundry, basement, plus double oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen.



Concord model: *This popular story-and-a-half of 2,550 square feet, features a two-way fireplace downstairs, a jack-and-jill bathroom upstairs.*

A separate tub and shower in the master also are included at base price on all plans, as are a pedestal sink in the half bath, wood flooring in the foyer, hall, kitchen/ nook and half bath, and carpeting throughout.

Brick and wood siding are primary exterior materials.

The model, a story-and-a-half of 2,550 square feet, has been one of the most popular for Selective in Tanglewood, Desmond said.

A dining room and a study with cathedral ceiling are at either side of the two-story foyer. The master with pan ceiling also contains two separate vanities, a pair of walk-in closets and a compartmentalized commode.

A two-way fireplace separates the great room with volume ceiling from the kitchen/ nook/ hearth room.

Two bedrooms with a jack-and-jill bath are upstairs.

Improvements to the model for Grenelefe will include a bay window in the master, peninsula counter with breakfast bar in kitchen and a more-open ceiling in the great room.

Base price is $349,900. The model, as is with upgrades, runs $385,000.

Luxury Homes of Grenelefe is served by a water well and sewer system operated by the county. It's within the South Lyon school district boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

Three holes of the golf course run through Grenelefe. A few base lots are available, but most carry premiums ranging from $5,000 to $42,500. Walk-out sites are an extra $15,000, daylight lots $12,500.

The property tax rate is $27.95 per $1,000 of state taxable valuation, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a $350,000 house there would pay about $4,900 the first year.

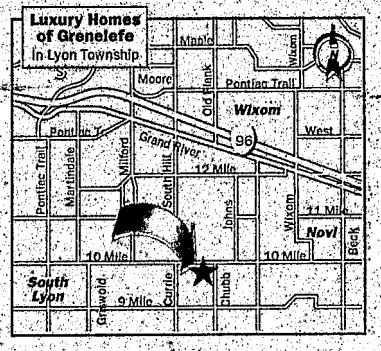
The annual association fee is projected at $75.

Vickie and Art Rodriguez are building a story-and-a-half, the Belmont model, for themselves and son, Dwayne.

"It has a lot of windows. I like the openness. It's very roomy," Vickie said. "Everything we've asked, they've done. I have nothing but good things to say. I can't wait to move in.

"We always liked that area," Vickie added. "We'd drive by look at the homes and think, 'Wouldn't it be great if we could live here?'"

Selective, which started building in Tanglewood in 1993, has constructed more than 150 house and condominiums there.



"It's turnkey pretty much at the end," said Kevin Buchholz, on-site building superintendent. "You shouldn't have to add anything except blinds and window treatments."

"We have a pre-construction meeting, pre-drywall orientation and a final orientation," Desmond said.

The sales office/model for Selective at Tanglewood, (248) 486-1900, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily.

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Enchanting small house presents look of old

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Designed as a vacation retreat, this small plan is also fully equipped for use as a full-time residence for one or two people. Its open floor plan results in a surprising sense of spaciousness for a home that measures in at just over 900 square feet.

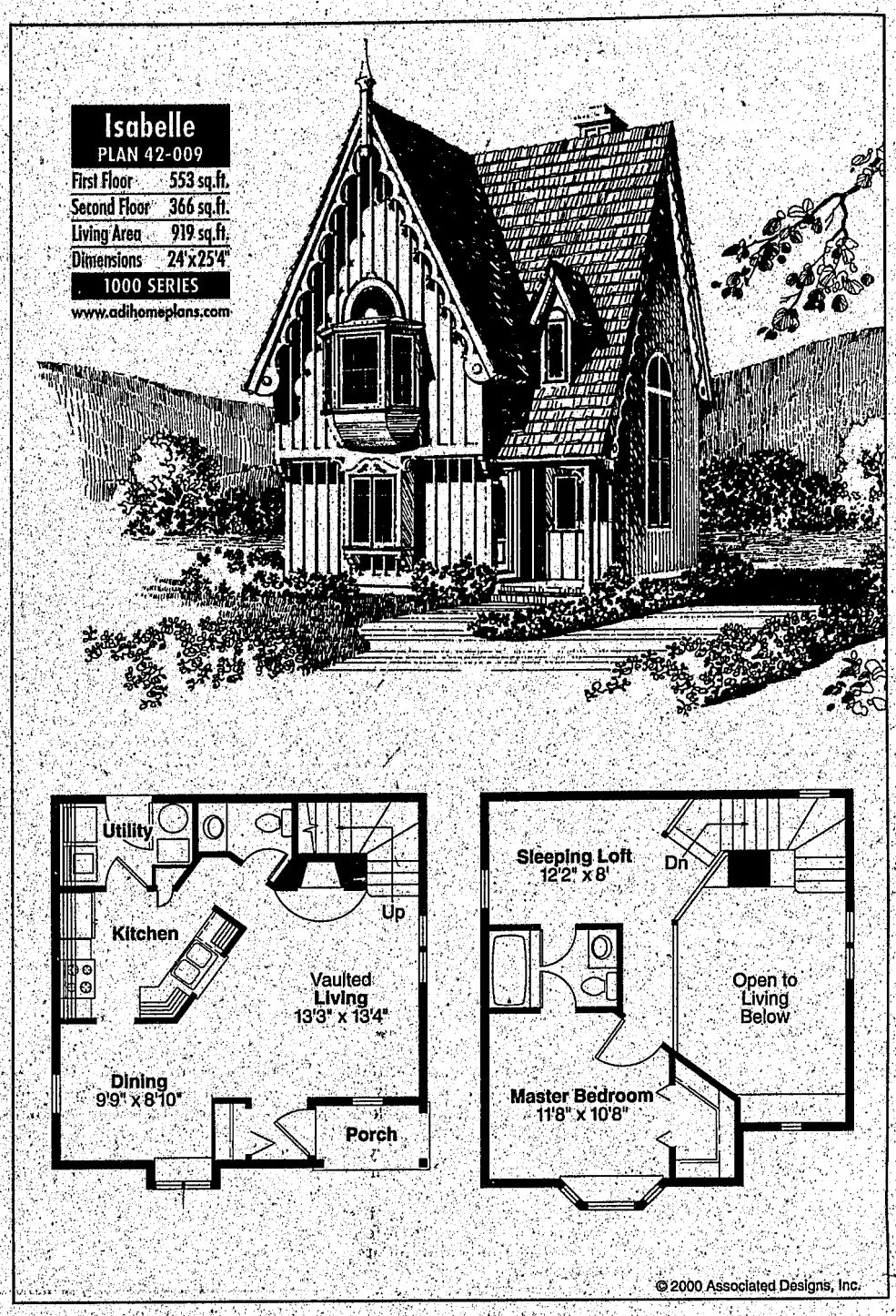
Entering, you step into a living room with a lofty two-story ceiling. A circular hearth spotlights the fireplace nestled into an alcove created by the stairway behind it.

Light washes in through three windows: a tall multi-paned window capped by a half-round, a set of panes in the door, and rectangle of diamond-shaped panes set in a tiny gable over the door. Plants will thrive on the high shelf directly below this window.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you face into the living room. Walls flanking the sink buffer kitchen sounds and keep the food clutter out of sight. A small powder room is nearby, next to a pass-through utility room with an exterior door.

Cozy window seats expand both the Isabelle's dining room and the upper level master bedroom. Other features in this fully enclosed bedroom include a walk-in closet and direct access to a full bathroom that can be entered from the sleeping loft as well.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send $20 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Isabelle 42-009 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring 300 home plans is available for $12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.



Different siding materials have advantages, drawbacks

BY POPULAR MECHANICS
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

When it comes to siding for new construction or an exterior face lift, you'll find quite an array of materials to choose from.

Each material has its own advantages and drawbacks.

Plastic siding is molded with color throughout its thickness. This means that scratches are not obvious, and this siding is dent-resistant.

Plastic sidings come in two types, vinyl and polypropylene.

Vinyl is the more widely used siding, and it can be smooth or textured to look like rough-sawn, wood-bevel siding.

Polypropylene is only available molded to resemble cedar shingles, brick or stone.

Plastic siding has a reputation for good durability and color retention, and the modern versions of it have only improved characteristics.

However, any plastic siding can buckle in hot weather if improperly installed.

Plywood siding is the least complicated siding to install. It comes in 4-by-8 feet, 4-by-9 feet and 4-by-10 feet sheets and in several grades.

The better grades have fewer patches, which replace knots, in the face veneer. The siding is grooved to look like vertically installed wood siding, and it is often used on houses with contemporary or modern architecture.

Plywood siding is applied vertically, and the horizontal seams where the panels meet are often covered with a piece of 1-by-4 wood trim.

A piece of aluminum flashing is bent to step behind the upper piece and over the lower piece where the panels meet. The panels can also be installed so the top piece overlaps the piece below it, in which case the flashing is omitted.

Plywood siding, and its trim, is most durable if you protect it with a heavy-bodied stain or a paint. To stay flat and remain attractive, plywood siding needs to be fastened in an orderly way using corrosion-resistant nails.

Wood siding is often the choice of traditionalists, and when properly cared for it is extremely durable.

There are several types of wood used to make siding – redwood, cedar, southern yellow pine and white pine. Wood siding has rich colors, textures and shadow lines. Cedar and redwood also have notable natural decay resistance.

These woods are available as horizontally applied bevel siding and in other patterns, such as with a cove shaped edge.

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Work together to decorate

(NAPSI)-Gender differences – coupled with a galaxy of style choices – can throw the home decorating planets out of orbit. Given polar viewpoints, can Venus and Mars find stylistic harmony under the same roof?

According to two design experts, it's not only possible, but easy if you know how.

Designers Meg and Steven Roberts, the married authors of A Home for All Seasons, say it's important to select furnishings for your home that reflect who you are as a couple and make you both feel at home.

"Your furniture is part of who you are – it makes your house your home," says Steven Roberts, co-president and chief marketing officer of The Echo Design Group, a New York City company that creates home furnishing designs.

"It's important that you both feel relaxed sitting on your sofa, comfortable eating at your kitchen table and happy entertaining family and friends in the living room," he said.

Men and women traditionally don't look for the same things in furniture.

"We find men seek comfort and function when it comes to furniture," says Steven. "Whereas, women make style a higher priority. Today, with such a variety of furniture available in all price ranges, couples can marry comfort, function and style in a home that suits them both."

Meg and Steven know firsthand the issues couples face when decorating their homes. In addition to their career experience, the two designers have been married to each other for 16 years.

"Our tastes and needs have changed over the years, and so has our furniture," says Steven. "We haven't always agreed on how to decorate our home, but we always find a way to work it out. There are solutions out there."

Meg agrees. "Furniture manufacturers are offering so many different styles and prices, you will find something that pleases you both. And, you'll be even more satisfied knowing your partner is happy, too."

The Roberts also offer advice for couples on deciding what furniture is right for them. "Above all," says Steven, "trust your own sense of style. If you like an item, buy it."

Finally, Meg and Steven stress that collaboration not only helps couples get the most from selecting and shopping for furniture, but also ensures they arrive at the best results.

According to Meg, "When you're both involved in choosing furniture that makes you happy, the result will be totally rewarding and satisfying."

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Sure it's brisk, snowy, but think of summer fun with swimming pool

BY POPULAR MECHANICS
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Here's something to seriously consider during the long, cold winter. Swimming pools.

If you're like most homeowners, you've given at least a passing thought to having your own backyard pool. They can be both fun and healthful, for all ages.

Even so, you've probably let the thought go by, put off by the images of extravagant expense and tricky, time-consuming maintenance. Still, many of us would consider installing a backyard pool if it could be made affordable and easy to maintain.

As it happens, both are possible, within obvious limits.

The first option is an in-ground pool, usually made of concrete and tiled at the water line. Given a choice, most would-be pool owners would rather have an in-ground pool. They appear – and are – more substantial, but they are also more expensive. A base price of about $20,000 is common for a medium-size pool. These prices sort of slam the door on many families.

At the opposite end of the spectrum are the small, above-ground models sold by discount stores. These shallow, steel-walled pools (usually round and measuring about 3-by-15 feet) can be purchased for less than $200. These are, at best, starter pools, meant mostly for splashing and wading.

The broad middle ground of the pool market is claimed by larger, more elaborate above-ground pools.

■ Because above-ground pools are considered portable, or at least removable, they do not usually raise property taxes. In contrast, an in-ground pool is considered a permanent capital improvement, and its contribution to the value of the property will be taxed accordingly.

While still viewed askance from some circles, these pools can offer the best of two worlds. They can be large enough to accommodate real swimming, while remaining quite affordable, especially when installed by the homeowner.

It is possible to buy an oval or rectangular steel-walled pool, in the 15-by-30-foot range, for about $2,000 – pump, ladder and filter included. If you'd rather have a professional do the installation, add $500 to $1,000 to the deal.

Most medium-size, above-ground pools center in the $1,200 to $2,500 range, though some pool packages, with installation and specialty equipment, can reach $8,000 to $14,000.

On the other hand, if a quality smaller pool will work for you, the material costs can dip as low as $600 to $800. Keep in mind, however, that the lower figures are for the pool and basic equipment costs.

City codes and insurance companies might well require fencing, and possibly some additional safety equipment. You may also wish to upgrade the water treatment system to one that requires less maintenance.

And because above-ground pools can appear a bit stark, many homeowners build decks around them, which naturally adds to the total cost.

In addition to modest initial costs, above-ground pools might offer some less obvious long-term savings. Because they are considered portable, or at least removable, they do not usually raise property taxes.

In contrast, an in-ground pool is considered a permanent capital improvement, and its contribution to the value of the property will be taxed accordingly.

Site limitations might also come to bear. Narrow side yards, mature landscaping, rocky soils and climates that leave the ground frozen for much of the year all favor above-ground pools.

Moreover, every pool can be dangerous, no matter how diligent you are. For that reason, it's a good idea to raise the liability limit on your homeowner's insurance. While the premium increase is usually modest, it is an increase.

And no matter which cleaning system you choose, you'll need to budget some money for upkeep. This should include the electricity needed to run the filtering-system pump 8 to 12 hours a day, plus chemical costs ranging between $20 and $50 per month.

So think about it this winter, then decide in spring.

Empty-nesters like blended rooms, cozy master retreats

(NAPSI)-The nation's flock of empty nesters is rising.

Households headed by couples without dependent children increased by a million in a one-year period, according to a recent update from American Demographics magazine.

Thanks to years of experience in feathering their nests, these mature home buyers know what they want when selecting a dwelling to replace the one where the family was raised.

For more than 65 percent of empty nesters, a strong interior layout with a blended kitchen/family room and a large master bedroom retreat is the plan of choice.

"Their nests may be emptying, but their lives are full," says Michael Short, design director for Sauder. "A blended kitchen/family room is ideal for relaxing with visiting children and grandchildren as well as for hosting the more active social life this entertaining group enjoys."

However, the multi-purpose room without walls offers challenges as well as rewards, Short notes. When activities are no longer physically defined or separated, more thought must be given to blending the decor into a challenging whole.

In the kitchen area, Short suggests relying on furniture as well as built-ins to create a comfortable room that accommodates entertaining in addition to food preparations.

Hutches, buffets, oversized farm tables and even upholstery give an inviting "live-in" look to this popular gathering spot.

The designer also suggests selecting complementary furnishings for both sections of the kitchen/family room combination.

Sauder's Millstone collection, for instance, offers kitchen storage and work pieces as well as an assortment of computer and entertainment furniture for the family room.

The collection's light maple finish and simple, straightforward styling help create a seamless, airy room devoid of too many distracting focal points.

Millstone's versatile kitchen island doubles as a mobile workstation and convenient party server.

Although empty nesters love keeping company with friends and family, they require privacy to soothe ruffled feathers.

Empty nesters may have waved good-bye to their children, but not to their jobs. As they reach peak earning years, Baby Boomers experience higher levels of stress than any other age group, according to Roper Starch Worldwide Inc.

This may account for the empty nester demand for a master bedroom retreat, a true getaway where tensions of the day can be set aside, in solitude.

When creating a relaxing bedroom retreat, Short suggests following these three decorating guidelines:

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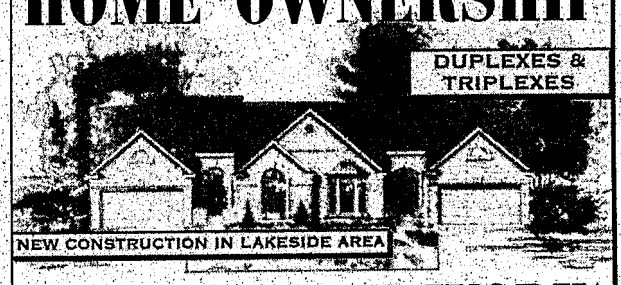

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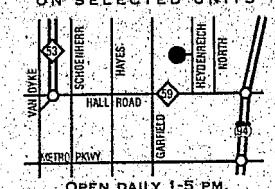

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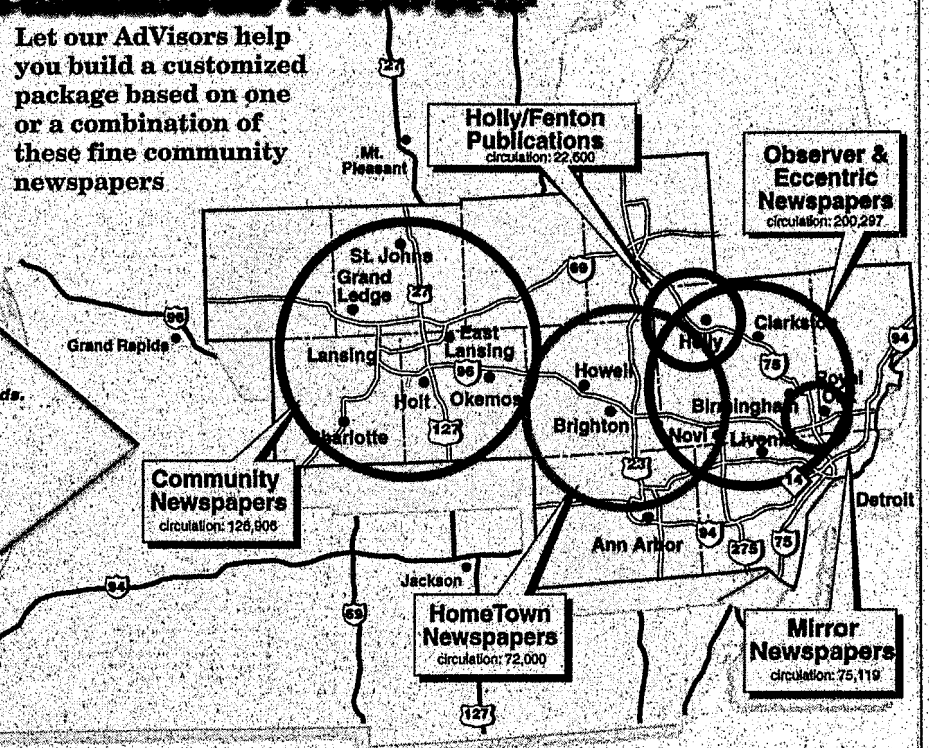

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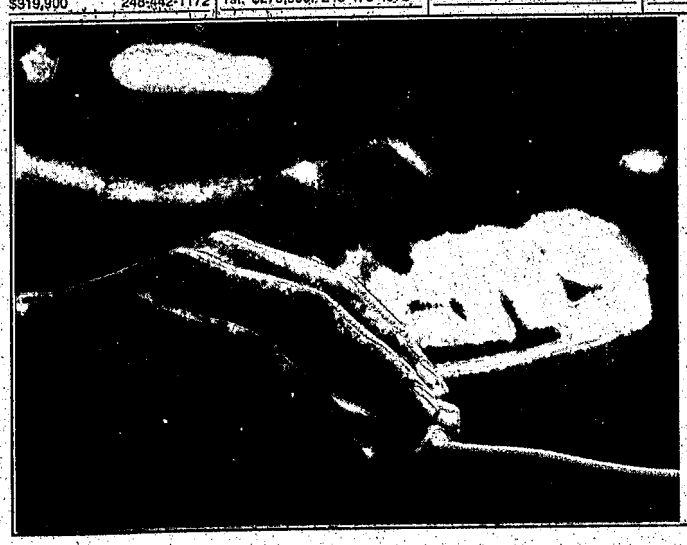

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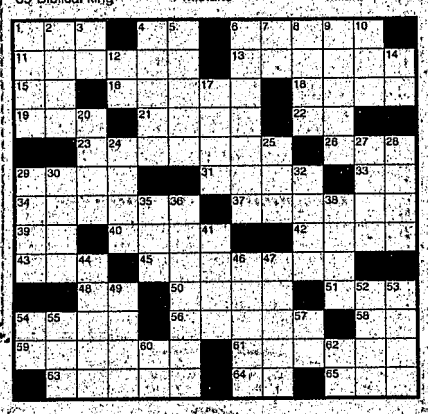

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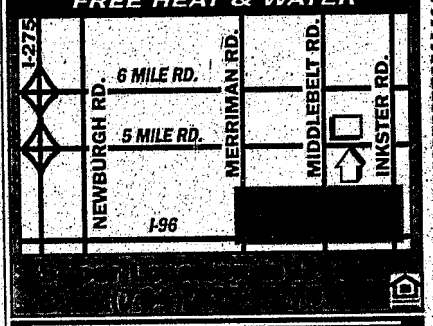

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This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1706

JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

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Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

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This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1361

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Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad#.8191

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad#.7764

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An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56. Ad#.5614

IS IT FATE?
This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.2345

CIRCLE THIS
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#.4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad#.4108

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This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#.5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad#.6684

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#.1103

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#.1665

DEDICATED
She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#.6561

SHARE MY FAITH
This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad#.7575

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested ! Ad#.9915

THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

LETS START ANEW
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a good Catholic, down-to-earth SWM, 51-61, Italian preferred. Ad#.1992

A TREASURE
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8317

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CONSIDER ME?
This shy and reserved SWCM, 29, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys computer, playing the guitar, animals and rollerblading, is searching for a SWCF, 23-35, who has similar interests. Ad#.1803

CALL ME SOON
This friendly DWCM, 52, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and bowling, would like to share companionship and good times with a SWF, who can appreciate a wonderful guy who knows how to treat a lady. Ad#. 8267

HERE HE IS
This outgoing SWCPM, 44, 5'8", with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, jogging, long walks and music. He's hoping to meet a fit, educated SWCF, 28-40, who's very compassionate. Ad#.5757

GOOD COMPANY
Honest, self-employed DWCM 52, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, movies, outdoor activities and attending church, is looking for an attractive SWCF, who wants to share friendship first. Ad#.8038

CIRCLE THIS AD
Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 35, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, under 35. Ad#.6683

DYNAMITE CHARACTER
Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown hair and green eyes, who likes spending time with children, tae kwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seeking a SCF, with similar interests. Ad#.2328

DESERVING
This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad#.3639

VERY LOVING
Laid-back WWCB dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad#.7999

GIVE DAD A CALL
Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad#.2222

GOD IS FIRST
Outgoing, honest DWC dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9559

WORTH A TRY
Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad#.4500

AGED TO PERFECTION
Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad#.5454

YOUR RESPONSE
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

SHORT BUT SWEET
Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad#.9317

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#.4278

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

JOYS OF LIFE
He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad#.1260

WALK DOWN THE AISLE
Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

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Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#.2739

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile, Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SEARCHING
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE?
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.1514

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS
Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#.5150

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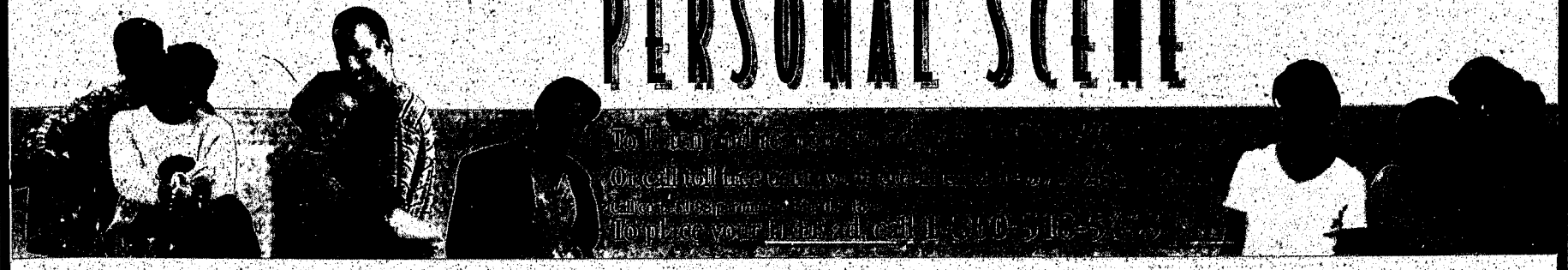

Women seeking Men

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. ☎8153

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 those 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. ☎1449

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, 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 SLIME
Pretty SWF, 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. ☎1449

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, 36-48, 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 easy-going, nice guy, seeks friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1474

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

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

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

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

A REAL MAN
DBM, 62, 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

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, 49, 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, 55, 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. ☎9383

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, 35, 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 of 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, 5'11", 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

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. ☎1384

AGGRESSIVE OLDER WOMAN...
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Fun-loving SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeking WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1581

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