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After-school program expands



Wayne-Westland students and educators alike are excited about an after-school program for middle school students. The cities of Westland and Wayne also are helping with the program, aimed at providing students with a safe, drug-free environment.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An after-school program at Wayne-Westland's four middle schools is being expanded from recreational activities to include computer tutoring,

and students who stay late are now being offered a bus ride home.

The supervised program, boosted by an \$82,000 state grant, is aimed at providing students with a safe, drug-free environment where they can min-

gle with friends and learn at the same time.

"It's fun," Sharon Harrison, a 12-year-old Adams Middle School seventh-grader, said. "We get to make arts and crafts and play basketball."

Classmate Tim Lamoreaux, 13, summed up in two words his reason for staying after school: "It's cool."

A smaller version of the program, until now mostly recreational, started last semester in the middle schools, with help from the cities of Westland and Wayne.

Leaders of both cities recently

joined school officials at Adams for a press conference unveiling the expanded program being offered at Adams, Franklin, Marshall and Stevenson middle schools.

"We feel that this program will enrich the lives of many of our middle school students," said Terry Wood, the school district's information services coordinator.

Even as officials hailed the program, some 70 Adams students enjoyed themselves a short distance down

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Sweethearts enjoy Valentine dance



Traditional event: Fathers, mothers, sons and daughters joined together Wednesday and Thursday to enjoy square dancing during the Westland recreation department's 15th annual dance program. Among the couples getting a free photo taken on a decorated throne are Marlene Ciuffoletti and son, Michael, 6.



Families fill center's gym for holiday dance party

Some 200 parents and children enjoyed a special Valentine dance last week.

It was the Westland Parks and Recreation Department's 15th annual holiday dance for mothers and sons and dads and daughters.

They filled the Bailey Recreation Center gym and square danced to the calls of Mike

Brennan of the Merry Mizers.

They snatched up the refreshments and had free Polaroid photos taken on a decorated throne.

Some families were dressed up while others were in their wear-out outfits.

To keep the gym from overflowing as it had in several years, recreation department staffers decided to split the event over

two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, instead of having it only on one evening.

Don Dumouchelle, who accompanied his daughter, Jennifer, 9, to the Wednesday night dance, said that although his family moved from Westland to Canton Township last summer, he still comes back for the dance. It was his sixth daddy-daughter dance.

Student ordered to stand trial in drug sale

A 17-year-old John Glenn High School student has been ordered to stand trial on a charge of selling marijuana to three other students in the school cafeteria.

Jeremiah Emery was bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he voluntarily waived a preliminary hearing Thursday in Westland 19th District Court.

His decision to waive the hearing averted any testimony that would have been heard Thursday morning.

Emery and three other male students, all 16, were suspended indefinitely following a Jan. 31 drug transaction that Westland police said occurred during lunchtime at the high school on Marquette.

The three juveniles have been cited for misdemeanor possession charges, and their cases will be handled in juvenile court.

Because of his age, however, Emery will be treated as an adult in Wayne County Circuit Court.

He has been charged with delivery of marijuana and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. He

could face a maximum sentence of four years in prison if convicted.

Emery was released on a \$10,000 personal bond.

John Glenn principal Neil Thomas and youth officer Marti Molitor intervened in the drug transaction, then notified Westland police, who arrested the students.

Senior of the month

Maria Garcia has been named the Westland Senior Resources Department's senior of the month. Mrs. Garcia, born in Mexico, nearly 87 years ago, has lived in Westland for 26 years and has been a member of the department's Friendship Center for 14 years.

She is chairwoman of the cancer Helping Hands group, which meets at the center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Garcia and her husband have been in the group for nearly 20 years. The group started with four volunteers and has grown to its current size of 21.

The senior of the month has been a member of the Red Cross and several organizations of St. Theodore Church. She also volunteers to mend clothes at the Walter Reuther Hospital.

PLACES & FACES

Army on the move

The Army has a new recruiting office on Ford, just west of Central City Parkway, in the Kroger Supermarket center, and is planning a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. next Saturday.

Hockey action

The Westland Hockey Association will sponsor two major events Saturday, Feb. 17. One will be a game pitting the Detroit Red Wings Alumni

against the association's coaches at 4 p.m. in the Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter. Admission is \$5 with tickets available at the door.

The group will then hold its annual dinner-dance at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayne Ford Civic League hall. Tickets include dinner, dancing and open bar. For tickets, call Sue Hofelich, 622-3031, or Vonda Widmer, 596-7498.

Top employee

Mary Beth Van Ochten has been named the Westland Convalescent Center's employee of the month. A center staffer for six years, Van Ochten was raised in Livonia and later graduated from Schoolcraft College with a licensed practical nursing degree.

Circuit City site plan is approved

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Circuit City, a major consumer electronics company, is moving closer to building a store in Westland.

In a split vote, the Westland City Council has approved a revised site plan for the business, though some members remain concerned about market saturation because Circuit City is being built near Best Buy and Fretter.

The store is being built near the northeast corner of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, close to the new Red Robin restaurant.

The latest change calls for a 43,600-square-foot Circuit City store that will be accompanied by 20,000 square feet of retail space for lease.

The new plan scales back earlier plans for Circuit City, alone, to occupy 59,200 square feet of space.

Company representative John Fredrickson assured council members last Monday that they shouldn't be worried about the company's plans to reduce its store by about 15,600 square feet.

"This is not indicating any gen-

eral weakness in Circuit City," he said.

The revised plan stems from a decision by company executives to entirely scrap plans to build "mega-stores" in its chain, Fredrickson said.

In a 4-3 council vote, the revised site plan narrowly won approval. Council members Glenn Anderson, Justine Barnes, Charles Pickering and Sandra Cleirelli supported the proposal, overriding opposition votes from Charles "Trav" Griffin, Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Scott.

The Circuit City project has

had a somewhat rocky start in Westland. The site plan has undergone several revisions, and council members originally blocked plans until developers promised to modify the store's design to include an all-brick exterior.

Scott and LeBlanc said last week that they remain concerned that Circuit City will saturate the area with consumer electronics businesses.

Griffin said he preferred the earlier Circuit City plan. He said he is concerned about the new plan to lease 20,000 square feet of space.

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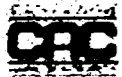
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BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A shooting in a residential neighborhood has resulted in prison sentences for two Westland teenagers.

Michael Maggio and Ronny Willis are serving prison terms after pleading guilty to charges stemming from a confrontation last June on Nancy Street, southwest of Cherry Hill and Wayne Road.

The dispute, which police said involved the flashing of gang signs, ended with Brian Suder, 17, sustaining a bullet wound on a finger after several rounds were fired from a .25-caliber automatic pistol.

Willis was accused of handing the gun to Maggio, who fired it.

Maggio was recently sentenced by Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Robert Ziolkowski to three to 15 years in prison, after pleading

guilty to attempted murder and felony firearms charges, a court clerk said.

Willis, who originally faced the same charges, was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, the clerk said.

The confrontation began when Suder and a friend were riding in a car on Christine, south of Bayview. They passed by Maggio and Willis, and "gang signs were flashed," Westland police Sgt. Scott Fetner said at the time.

The dispute continued as Suder and his friend turned onto Nancy and eventually got out of their car.

The confrontation escalated, police said, when Willis pulled a .25-caliber automatic pistol and handed it to Maggio, who was accused of firing several rounds.

Suder was injured on the pinky finger of his left hand.

Maggio and Willis were arrested

ed a short time later when police found them hiding by a tree in a residential neighborhood.

Quick action curbs center fire damage

A Friday morning fire at the William Ford Vocational-Technical Center could have been worse if two chefs and the principal hadn't acted quickly to extinguish it, a Westland fire official said.

The fire started shortly before 11 a.m. in a clothes dryer, located in a small room in the culinary arts area, Westland Fire Department battalion chief Larry Futrell said.

Chefs Kristin Jablonski, 28, and Ramon Herrera, 30, used a fire extinguisher to combat the flames, and then principal Bill Richardson, 54, brought in another extinguisher to further fight the fire, Futrell said.

An electrical plug also was pulled, he said.

Firefighters then arrived on the

scene, finished bringing the situation under control and then removed the dryer from the building, he said.

The fire sent smoke through the building, and vocational-technical classes were canceled for the rest of the day.

Smoke damages could have been much worse if the chefs and Richardson hadn't acted quickly, Futrell said.

The fire could have been caused by a build-up of lint or by a build-up of oils on clothing in the culinary arts department, he said.

Some students scheduled for classes stayed at their homes, schools, John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. Some also had the option of going home.

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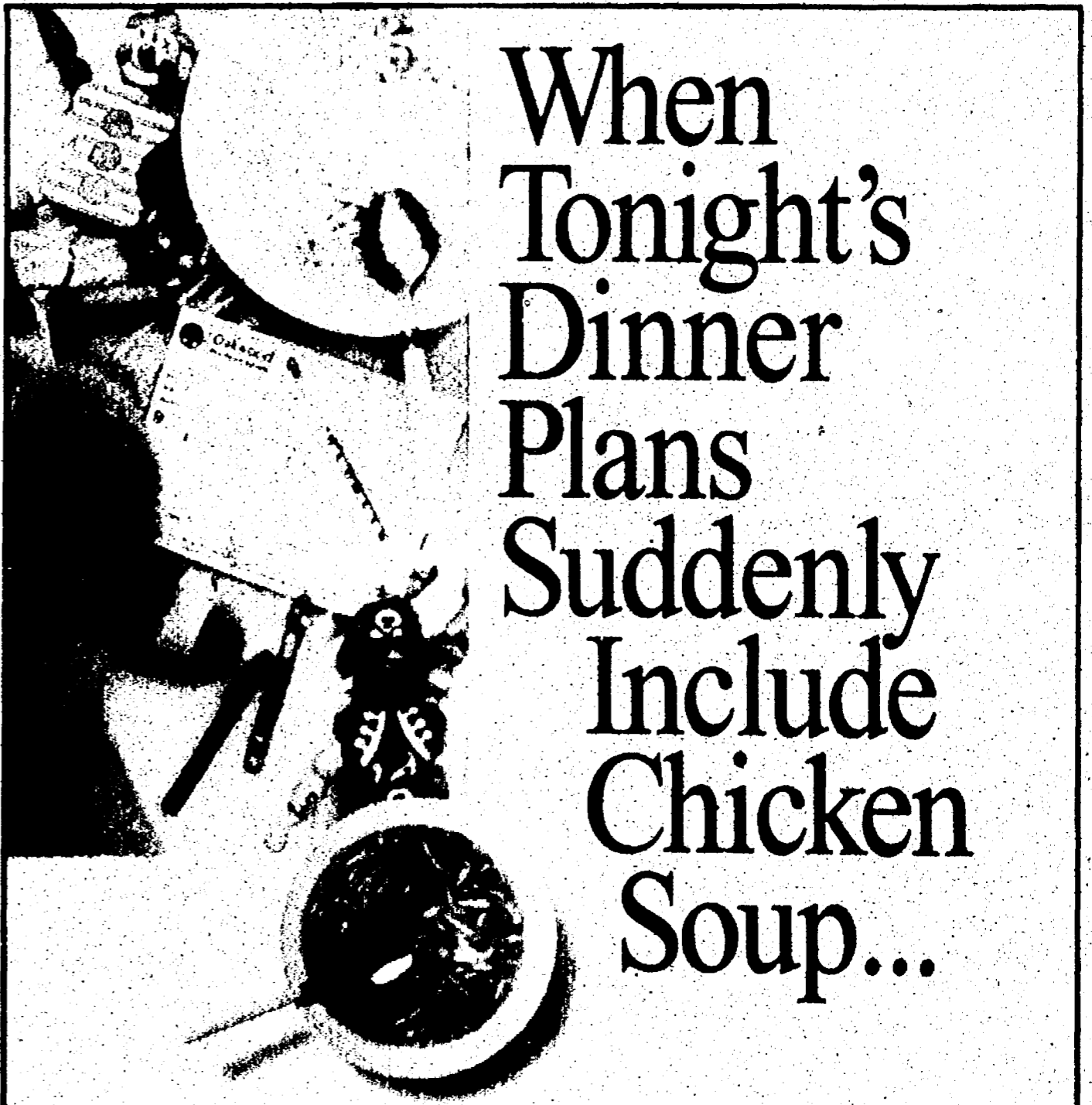


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the hallway, playing basketball, checkers and chess and working on arts and crafts projects.

"If they weren't here doing this, they might be out spray-painting a Leonardo da Vinci on a wall somewhere," Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said.

Lynn Mallinoff, drug-free schools coordinator, secured the \$82,000 grant for the program. By March 1, the middle schools expect to be offering after-school computer tutoring that will be done by teachers.

University of Michigan students will be visiting the schools to help the middle school pupils with computer skills. At least two new computers will be placed in each middle school to accommodate the program, Mallinoff said.

The recreational component of the program has been super-

vised by parks and recreation employees provided by Westland and Wayne.

Franklin Middle School principal Darlene Scott said she envisions activities such as a drama club and a health/nutrition program being added.

Adams principal Celestine Sanders noted that many parents are still at work when classes are dismissed in the afternoon, and she said the after-school activities provide a safe, productive way for children to pass time.

Mallinoff said the addition of after-school transportation has boosted the program, allowing students who live farther from school to participate.

Some schools offer the program two afternoons a week; others provide after-school activities as many as four days a week.

The hours vary from school to school.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Duane Moore commended Westland and Wayne city officials for their "leadership" in helping to start the program last semester.

Now, everyone involved appears excited about the program's growth, including the students.

"I like to come here to play basketball," Jermaine Garner, a 14-year-old Adams eighth-grader, said.

It's that kind of enthusiasm that school officials hope will steer students toward positive experiences, rather than potentially destructive behavior.

Said Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield: "It's a great day for a new program in the Wayne-Westland area."

Dribbling the ball: Roderick Burge, eighth grade, brings the ball up the court in an after-school basketball game at Adams Middle School.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Chess anyone?: Eighth-grader Brandon Davis, seated at center, plays sixth-grader Brandon Roderick in a game of chess during an after-school program at Adams Middle School. Watching are eighth-grader Jerrymee Thompson, left, and LaToya Holt, seventh-grader.

Suspect in arson-murder threatens family in court

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

The most startling words in the arson murder case that took the lives of two Farmington Hills women were not spoken during Wednesday's preliminary exam.

After 47th District Court Judge Marla Parker adjourned the court room, murder defendant Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce turned in the direction of the mother and brother of his former girlfriend and said, "you're next!"

A Westland man, George Davis, 23, is one of the two co-defendants.

Cayce, 23, of Farmington Hills, and Davis, 23, had been scheduled to have their preliminary exam on charges that they murdered Lois Helen Bovair, 62, and her daughter Melissa Ann, 21, by knocking them unconscious with carbon monoxide and then burning their Kendallwood house in the early morning hours of Dec. 19.

Attorney Lyle Harris, standing in for Cayce's attorney Gregory Wilkins, requested a forensic exam to determine if his client was competent to stand trial.

"Mr. Wilkins has had trouble communicating with Mr. Cayce," Harris said. "I don't think he (Cayce) is fully aware of the seriousness of the case."

Cayce and Davis will remain in the Oakland County Jail without bond. Cayce's forensic exam in the rape/abduction case was ordered Jan. 26 by Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols, who is hearing that case. Nichols has scheduled a competency hearing in that case for March 29.

Both men face mandatory life sentences if convicted of the murders.

Judge Parker said that since Cayce was already being examined to determine his competency in another case — on charges that he abducted, raped and threatened to kill his former girlfriend — a delay of both men's exams would be best.

"For the convenience of the witnesses, so that we don't have to have two separate preliminary exams, we'll adjourn until March 1, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.," she said.

But Davis' attorney, Jose Fanego, said the delay served as a punishment for his client who would have to "languish" in the Oakland County Jail without bond.

"We're ready to proceed today," Fanego said.

The attorney said his client should be eligible for a reasonable bond based upon having no criminal record and, being presumed innocent, his incarceration would deprive him of his freedom and a better opportunity

to prepare his defense.

Outside the court, Fanego tried to distance his client from Cayce.

"He (Davis) was dumbfounded by this horrible event," he said, adding that Davis had supplied police with details about Cayce and was being punished for his cooperation.

Joan Nolan also wanted to distance herself and her family from Cayce, who is accused of raping, abducting and threatening her daughter Dec. 28.

"I heard it clearly," she said of Cayce's threat against her and her son.

At the request of Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Madzia, Judge Parker banned any contact between the defendants and any of the murder victims' family or witnesses.

"I don't know that he (Cayce) has contacted anyone since Jan. 12 (the preliminary exam on rape and abduction charges)," Madzia said. "But he did try to contact witnesses after his (Dec. 29) arraignment on the CSC and abduction."

Sandy Bovair and her brother, Joe, who lost their mother and sister in the fire, said they were grateful for all the support of family, friends and the community.

"I'm disgusted," Sandy Bovair said of the crimes. "We're trying to heal. That can't happen until this is over."

Shooting incident results in prison term for Westland teen

A Westland teen who fired three shots at a man driving away from a dispute has been sentenced to prison for 2 1/2 to 10 years.

Samuel Perez, originally charged with attempted murder for a June 20 incident at a Westland convenience store, was recently sentenced after pleading guilty to a lesser offense.

Perez chose to plead guilty in Detroit Recorder's Court to assault with intent to do great bodily harm and a felony

firearms charge. He could have faced life in prison if he had been tried and convicted as originally charged.

Perez was sentenced Jan. 31 by Judge Kim Worthy.

He was charged in a June 20 dispute that occurred while an 18-year-old victim was using a public telephone outside of the 7-Eleven at 160 S. Venoy, south of Cherry Hill. Westland police Sgt. Scott Felner has said.

A dispute between the 18-

year-old and a group of youths, described as gang members, escalated when one of the supposed gang members went to a nearby apartment complex and returned with more youths.

The victim, not involved in a gang, was fleeing the scene in his Chevy pickup when Perez opened fire with what police described as a .32-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

Three rounds were fired; one hit the truck, Felner said.

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Livonia schools eye tax hike to fix up Bentley Center

By MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

In a recent voter survey, Livonia Public Schools tested the waters on a tax increase to fix up the district's Bentley Center, a former high school converted into a community education facility.

The survey of 384 voters in the district, which serves the northern section of Westland, showed that 64 percent would support a one-year, 1.5 mill tax hike.

A recent engineering study estimated it will cost \$4 million to do needed repairs and renovations at the community education center on Five Mile and Hubbard, said Jay Young, director of the department of community services.

The one-year tax would raise the \$4 million necessary to update the former high school, he said.

The future of Bentley Center, and how to pay the \$900,000-a-year bill to keep it running, has long been a concern for the district. Because the center serves people of all ages, administrators had hoped the city might step in and offer some financial help. So far, no help has surfaced.

"The board has made it a priority to maintain the building and keep it open," Young said. "Thousands of people use that

building in a given year, from pre-school day care to senior citizens and every age in between."

Decisions on what to do with Bentley — repair it or close it — are especially critical in light of the massive cuts in adult education proposed last week by Gov. Engler for the 1996-97 school aid bill.

Center programs generate \$172,500 a year, therefore, the district subsidizes the center to the tune of \$700,000 a year, Young said.

The district is currently studying the uses for Bentley Center, as well as 11 other closed school buildings and eight district-owned parcels of vacant land.

Other buildings under study are buildings located in Westland — Cooper, Ford, Lowell and Perinville — as well as Bryant, Clay, Dickinson, Jackson, Jefferson, Rosedale School, and Wilson.

Vacant land under study is at Bryant, Buchanan, Grant, Washington, Dickinson, Wilson, Ford and Frost.

The survey taken in November by Menominee-based consultant Kathy Feaster asked these questions about Bentley Center:

If a 1.5 mill tax increase to repair the building was on the ballot, would you vote for it or

against it? The question estimated the tax would cost the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 about \$75 a year.

Six out of 10 voters — 64 percent — questioned said "yes."

Voters who answered with a definite "yes" or "no" were then asked: Do you think you might change your mind between now and the election?

Forty-six percent of the "yes" voters said they would not change their minds. Thirteen percent of the "no" voters said they would not change their minds.

Voters then were asked: Would you favor or oppose the closing of Bentley Center and moving the programs to other buildings?

Forty-five percent of the voters said they opposed closing Bentley.

As administrators and the school board put together the 1996-1997 school budget, survey results will be just one of many considerations used in making a decision on Bentley, Young said.

"They wanted one more source of input and the survey provides that," Young said. "It's one more piece to the final decision that will be made. There seems to be general support for maintaining the building, not closing it. But the final decision will be made by the board as it goes through this year's budget process."

"A millage election could wind up on the list of things the board is willing to consider."

Meet the government



Students pose questions: Westland Mayor Robert Thomas and his directors recently visited John Glenn High School to give students a better understanding of how local government works.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

Woman upset by bus incident

By DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne woman is upset that her kindergarten granddaughter got on the wrong school bus at a Westland elementary school and then got off at the wrong stop on a bone-chilling winter afternoon.

Rosemary Miller said she believes that more attention should

be paid to young children to ensure that they get home safely.

"We're talking about a 5-year-old," she said, referring to granddaughter Destiny, a Patchin Elementary School student.

The girl was missing about an hour Feb. 1 before it was learned that she rode the wrong bus to Hunters West, a high-rise apartment building about a mile from her Crown Street home, Miller said.

The incident marked the second time in two weeks that Destiny got off of a Wayne-Westland bus at the wrong stop, she said.

"I think parents should be aware of this situation," Miller said.

Destiny is supposed to ride bus No. 59, but she somehow ended up on bus No. 79 on Feb. 1.

Miller and her son Chris, Destiny's father, went to school district offices on Marquette to discuss the problem with administrators. Both sides accused the other of being confrontational.

Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business, said school officials and bus drivers immediately began trying to locate Destiny once they learned she didn't get off of a bus at her regular stop.

"No one likes to lose children," Brand said.

Someone at Hunters West notified the school district that Destiny had ended up at the apartment complex, and relatives picked her up.

Brand defended bus drivers and said they try to do the best of their abilities to ensure students' safety.

Brand said students are shown to their buses after school, but that Destiny apparently wandered away while waiting in line to board.

On the bus that Destiny boarded, kindergartners usually are seated in the front section, but Brand said the girl managed to board with other students and was separated from kindergartners.

Bus drivers wouldn't necessarily notice if a student boarded the wrong bus, Brand said.

Drivers are responsible for some 60 students, she said, and they spend a limited amount of time with them.

Moreover, some students ride the bus only occasionally and are picked up on other days by relatives, Brand said.

"We have a lot of kids that don't ride every day," she said, and bus drivers wouldn't necessarily recognize that a student had gotten on the wrong bus.

At the beginning of the school year, students are given tags to match them with the appropriate buses, Brand said. But that practice isn't continued year-round.

Miller said she was told that her granddaughter's experience was an isolated situation. However, Miller said she has heard of other students who also rode the wrong bus.

Miller said school officials haven't adequately addressed her concerns, and she said the district should consider measures to ensure students' safety.

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Locals wary of county tax proposal

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A proposed ordinance requiring local municipalities to notify the county in a timely manner of plans to capture tax money, raised some concerns at the Conference of Western Wayne meeting Friday.

Under the proposed ordinance, communities must declare intent to establish a local development finance authority, or a downtown development authority, giving the county time to stop the capture of the county's part of the tax money for the project.

At the monthly meeting of western Wayne mayors and supervisors, Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard told CWW members about the ordinance, which has had first reading before the commission and is expected to have its second reading on Thursday.

Redford Township Supervisor James Kelly asked why the county decided to do this. "Is it going to have the ability to kill a project?" he said.

"It's only the county money. We can't veto any other dollars," Beard said, adding that the county didn't make the rule, the state Legislature did. The county is only setting up an ordinance requiring that the information be submitted to the county in a timely manner, Beard said.

The notice must inform the county commission of the date by which it must act by resolution, and the specific name and address of the clerk of the local governing body with which the county commission must file the resolution. The resolution would exempt the capture of county ad valorem property taxes.

Before the meeting, Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, Dearborn Heights, said she is all for communities being able to capture money for downtown development authorities.

"The problem is that the county hasn't been getting notices from communities. 'If this is trying to get us in line — that's fine,' she said.

"No way am I going to interfere with communities as they move to recapture money," she said.

The county has lost millions and millions of dollars over the years because of communities capturing county tax money, Beard said.

She praised the current proposal by Westland to establish a DDA. Westland has done an excellent job of analyzing the project and there will be considerable return on the money, she said.

"These are the kinds of things that help us to make a decision," she said. "Obviously we want to go along with our local communities," she said.

"I can appreciate that the county wants that kind of information," CWW Chairman Thomas Yack, Canton Township supervisor said. But the county didn't provide any cost analyses in relation to the Willow Run Tradeport proposal, he said. Maybe the county should be the model, he said.

"I couldn't agree with you more," Beard said.

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Group seeks pen pals for soldiers

A group called Patriotic Pen Pals has formed to encourage correspondence from people in Michigan with the soldiers in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

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The deadline is March 1. Mail entries to the Irish-American Unity Foundation Scholarship Fund, c/o Dr. Kay McGowan, 22241 Miami, Grosse Ile, Mich. 48138. For more information, call (313) 676-6618.

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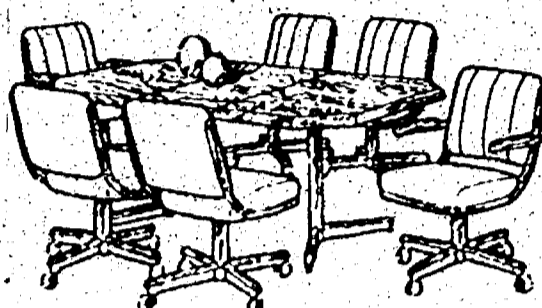
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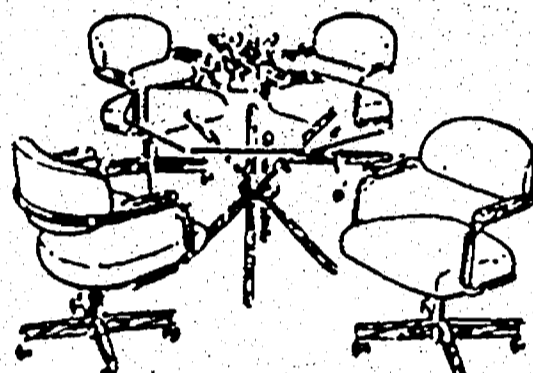


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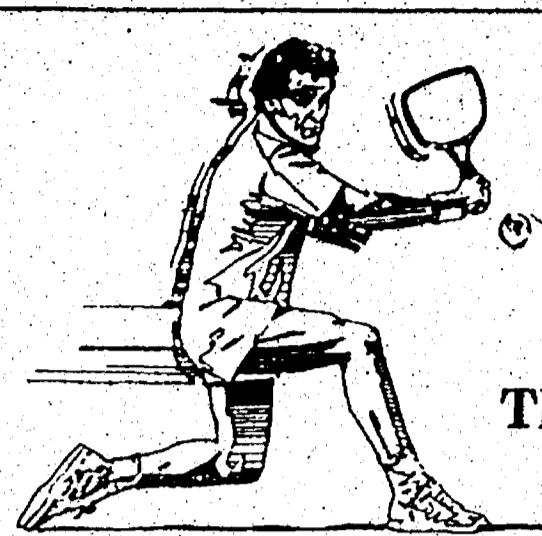
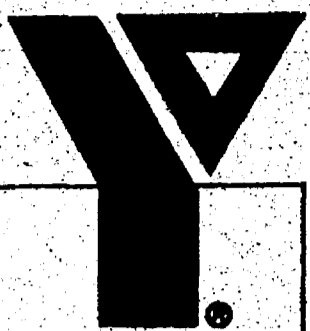
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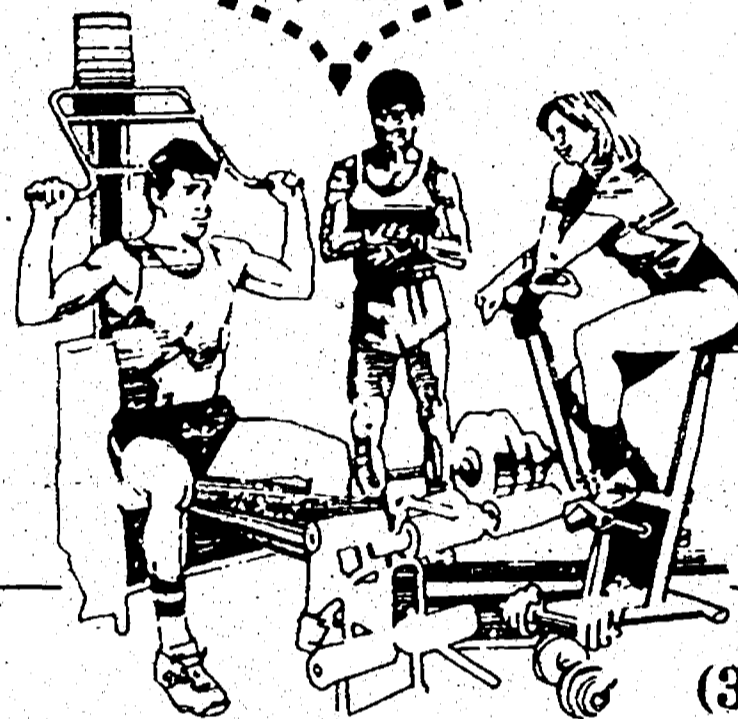
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Of course the setting for this feast must be conducive to romance, so polish the silver and press your vintage linens. This is the time to set the table in your Depression-era amethyst glass and cut-crystal rose bowls. Or, if your old chipped china is no longer fit for the dinner table, consider some of the newest dinnerware collections, introduced at Hudson's recent bridal show and registry fair.



Mary Dearing, divisional merchandise manager for Hudson's tabletop department, says that blue and white is probably "the most enduring" of dinnerware color combinations and it's the hottest combo for '96. Also, look for earthenware pottery particularly Denby's Harlequin and Spice patterns; Dansk's fluted and petal-shaped Mismatch stoneware in blue, green or ivory (in stores in March); and Wedgewood's new Home Collection, featuring a white-on-white sunflower pattern.

Have it your way

Mix and match is another new tabletop concept, whereby designers offer dinnerware in coordinating colorways and patterns that you and I can purchase by the piece and create our own unique place settings. Villeroy and Boch's Switch collection is an example.

For our aforementioned romantic Valentine's dinner, I culled through the collections and came up with these suggestions:

What could be more beautiful than Ralph Lauren's rose-hewn Daphne bone china? Edged in gold, it recalls antique dinnerware and is perfect for formal occasions, yet charming for a brunch or afternoon tea.

Drape the table in Waterford's new heirloom-quality linens. The Lismore tablecloth features exquisite detail and workmanship, and Hudson's is the first to carry the line. Waterford also introduces the Millennium Collection of special edition champagne flutes, perfect for your Valentine's toasts and complementary to Tiffany's extraordinarily simple Hampton crystal stemware. Also from Tiffany, from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Collection, you might choose Chrysanthemum sterling silver flatware and Scroll candlesticks. And the piece de resistance, the centerpiece, is a gorgeous crystal bowl filled with Jungle Roses from Neiman Marcus. The grapefruit-sized blooms, grown in the South American rain forests, are spectacular in fragrance and beauty. Adored by the likes of Hillary Clinton, Elizabeth Taylor and Helen Gurley Brown, eco-friendly Jungle Roses are available for overnight delivery in shades of Pink Panther and Red Butler. Call Neiman Epicure at (810) 643-3300 Ext. 2380 today to surprise your sweetheart.



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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- From Zee Zee Gabor to Mary Lou next door, fashion retailer Michael Getzoff enjoys dressing special ladies.
- A look at Isaac Mizrahi's unique clothing show at Saks.
- Retail Details briefs you on the latest marketplace news.

Retailers cash in on love

■ Everywhere you shop these days, it's hearts and flowers. More candy is now sold for Valentine's Day than Mother's Day.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

If you're not paying attention, Valentine's Day can sneak up on you, leaving you without arrows for cupid's bowstrings.

Your neighborhood mall or Main Street retailer wants to make sure you're well armed for the big day Feb. 14 with cards, flowers, chocolates and lingerie... and it wouldn't hurt to include gifts for friends, children, teachers and even pets!

"Who needs Cupid when you've got Frederick's of Hollywood?" asked Rebecca Sharp, manager of the store at Lakeside in Sterling Heights.

Pam Rucker, spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation in Washington D.C., said Valentine's Day has become a promotional hook for many different retailers and "they've become much more savvy in their pres-



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Afternoon delight: A different kind of cheesecake was served at the Cook's Garden in downtown Birmingham Wednesday afternoon, to the surprise of diners David Grant (center) and Gary Busch. Models presented romantic gifts from Harp's Lingerie on S. Woodward in Birmingham.

entation of the holiday. They've taken every opportunity to get the consumer excited with cleverly packaged merchandise and unique twists on tried-and-true gifts."

This was the case at the Cook's Garden restaurant in Birmingham

last week when the Harp's Lingerie shop down the street was invited to showcase its merchandise for a Valentine's promotion that also featured the restaurant's Candlelight Dinner for Two package. Most of the lunch crowd seemed

surprised to see models in bathrobes, peignoirs, and negligees strolling between the tables. But as one secretary on her lunch break noted, "Maybe I better buy something special for Valentine's Day, I've been wearing long underwear to bed all winter."



Loving thoughts: This year Hallmark offers two new selections of Valentine cards including a line based on the book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" and another selection designed for dogs and cats to give their owners.

'90s Valentines speak out on relationships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Hallmark, those producers of Valentine's Day greetings since 1915, report that more than 925 million valentines will be exchanged on Wednesday.

And Hallmark can thank the Romans for the flurry of mid-February card sales, for without their pagan celebration of Lupercalia upon which Valentine's Day is loosely based, there would be no winter celebration of Love.

Did you know the Feb. 14 holiday has little or nothing to do with the Roman priest Valentine, martyred in 279 A.D. for performing weddings against a direct order from Claudius II? It seems Claudius wanted his men off fighting wars and not at home with wives and lovers.

Instead, many historians believe the roots of Valentine's Day sprung from the Roman Lupercalia, a fertility festival honoring the two mythical wolf pups Remus and Romulus. In fact, Pope Gelasius set aside Feb. 14 in 469 A.D. with the hope of supplanting the Lupercalia with a Christian theme.

Valentine's greetings as we know them date from 1760. These were entirely hand made until commercial cards came on the scene around 1800. The first valentines were aimed strictly at lovers, while today's cards reflect contemporary life situations. Hallmark has more than 1,600 designs and messages in print to include everyone from family members to special friends and co-workers.

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Retailers can submit news of upcoming events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send facts to: Malls & Mainstreets, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax to: (810) 644-1314.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

SWEET TREATS
Jacobson's Store for the Home hosts two day sweet sampling through Feb. 13 noon to 3 p.m. featuring heart shaped confections and strawberries dipped in Morley's chocolate. Walets/Woodward, Downtown Birmingham. (810) 644-6900.

ICE FESTIVAL
Olde World Canterbury Village hosts collection of illuminated ice carvings on display in the village through Feb. 18 until 7:30 p.m. nightly and 9 p.m. on weekends. On Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. WXYZ's Don Shane tapes "Dare Don" segment Reception that evening at King's Court Castle Restaurant 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. On Feb. 17-18 ice carving competition features professionals, amateurs and students. Contest sanctioned by National Ice Carving Association. Canterbury Village, Joslyn, Lake Orion. (810) 391-9882.

BEAR CONTEST
Send your favorite baby snapshots (infants to 4 year olds) by Feb. 20 to the mall for a chance to win \$100 first prize in "Smile, Baby Smile" snapshot contest. Studio photos unqualified. Send to: Bill Check's, C/O Livonia Mall Merchants Association, 29514 Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1166.

ESSAY CONTEST
To celebrate Black History Month in February, Hudson's hosts its annual student essay contest. "What Black History Month Means To Me." Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 17. Details on applications available in the Children's Department. Winners and runners up in three age categories receive \$100 gift certificates. All stores. (810) 443-8000.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

BRIDAL SEWING
Haberman's Fabrics hosts fashion show of custom creation 7 p.m. Inspirations from local designers and dressmakers. Door prizes. Reservations required for complimentary program. 117 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (810) 541-0010.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

CAFE CONCERT
Complimentary treats and drawings, plus Renaissance Love Songs by Jim Perkins and Owein Phyllis. 7-9 p.m. Border's Books and Music Cafe. 30995 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110.

VOCALS VISIT
Vocals perform 8 and 7:30 p.m. on stage near Crowley's. Complimentary gifts for women attending. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1166.

WALKERS MEET
9:15 a.m. lower level auditorium. Tony Thomas from Blue Cross/Blue Shield discusses "Trouble free travel." Mall opens to walkers daily at 7 a.m. near Olga's Kitchen Entrance. Walking program ends at 10 a.m. Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

SPORTS COLLECTIBLES
Cards, coins and collectibles through Feb. 18. Register mall hours. Former Tiger's starting pitcher Paul Foytack heads all star autograph sale, (\$2 each autograph) to raise money for a local child who recently lost a leg in an accident, through show hours. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Middlebelt, Livonia. (313) 622-4100.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

INFORMAL MODELING
Casual clothing from Rear Ends modeled noon to 2 p.m. at Stage & Co. restaurant. Boardwalk, Orchard Lake's, Maple, West Bloomfield. (810) 855-6622.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

INFORMAL MODELING
Fashions from Northern Reflections and Talbots presented during lunch, noon to 2 p.m. at D. Dennis's and Alie's American Grille. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (313) 462-1100.

FORMAL WEAR SHOW
See special occasion dresses for spring and summer events by Chris Kole through Feb. 17 at Roz & Sherm, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bloomfield Plaza, Maple/Telegraph. (810) 855-8877.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

KIDS PROGRAM
"See and Do Zoo Review." Noon. Center Court. Interactive puppet show. Afterward, kids visit a craft table to color their own zoo puzzle. Tel: Twelve, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

BLUES HISTORY
Hudson's Book Department presents WDEI's Robert Jones speaking about the history of blues music from its roots in West Africa. 3:55 p.m. He'll perform on his guitar and blues harp. Northland Center, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. (810) 443-8000.

STORY TELLING
Hudson's presents story telling and diverse music performed on instruments from around the world. 3:45 p.m. Children's Department. Repeated Feb. 25 at Northland store. Fairlane Town Center, Southfield/Michigan Dearborn. (313) 439-7800.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features the latest news briefs from mall and Main Street shopping centers. Mail submissions to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or fax them to: (810) 644-1314.

■ CORRECTIONS
 Oops! In last week's Malls & Mainstreets, we ran a photo of the new Carnival Cuts family hair salon, forgetting to mention Carnival Cuts is located at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Check it out on the shopping center's upper level near Sear's. For more details call the salon at (810) 380-3030.

■ WAL-MART ON THE WAY
 Michigan's 38th Wal-Mart

store is under construction in Auburn Hills, set to open in the "spring of 1998," on Opdyke and 1-76, across the street from the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Wal-Mart will also feature a McDonald's and a Tire & Lube Express for shopper convenience. The 149,000-square-foot store will house 36 general merchandise departments, including apparel, accessories, jewelry, a lawn and garden center, a health and beauty department, electronics, and a pharmacy. Wal-Mart will employ about 200 area residents as department managers, receiving clerks, cashiers and sales associates.

David Glass, CEO and president of the Arkansas-based discount chain said the first Wal-

Mart opened in 1982. There are currently 2,230 stores in the U.S.

■ NORTHLAND EVENTS
 Saturday evenings from 7-8 p.m. are for families at Northland Center in Southfield. In honor of Black History Month, the Museum of African-American History displays a "Gallery of African-American Greats" next to Hudson's from noon to 5 p.m. daily; on Feb. 19, the Voices of Tomorrow perform gospel songs; on Feb. 24 Rev. Mark Holloway and the Love Chorale performs.

■ 7-ELEVEN BENEFIT
 7-Eleven and the Children's Relief Fund launched a February-long campaign to provide assistance to orphans living in Eastern Europe. All 99 stores in the metro area have canisters at the check-out counter to collect spare change for the children. The Fund plans to use the money raised to buy incubators, thermometers, bed linens and disinfectants for orphanage clinics, plus antibiotics and baby formula. For more information contact The Gaspare Cucinella Memorial Children's Fund based in Wyandotte at (313) 281-2273.

■ LOVING IDEAS
 In the best seller, "1001 Ways To Be Romantic," (Casablanca Press) author Gregory Godek has these suggestions for the romantically-impaired: write "I Love You" in soap on the bathroom mirror; buy a lottery ticket; give it to your partner with this note attached: "I hit the jackpot when I found you!"; give a teddy bear with a diamond pendant around the neck; plan a second honeymoon with the help of a travel agent; leave a love message or romantic song on your sweetheart's voice mail or answering machine; place a romantic card with some chocolate kisses in his/

her briefcase or backpack; hire a babysitter to take the kids out to a movie.

And from the folks at Neutrogena: invest in some scented candles, a romantic CD, and Neutrogena's sesame body oil for a relaxing evening of massage and music. A bubble bath beforehand warms the muscles, a spokeswoman insisted.

■ VALENTINE GIFTS
 Darakjian Jewelers on Northwestern Hwy. in Southfield has ruby jewelry especially for Valentine's Day, plus a "Stay Out Of The Doghouse," sale set for Feb. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. Last minute shoppers will be served champagne while a sales person helps them select a gift priced from \$10 to \$90,000, according to Armen Darakjian.

Sweet Dreams pastry chefs Sam and Michael Daher remind shoppers that they have a collection of specialty cakes and cookies for the lovers' holiday, as well as a selection of chocolate truffles from Joseph Schmidt available at their new shop in the Bloomfield Plaza, Maple and Telegraph. For more details call (810) 737-8900.

At Annette's Boutique, Rochester Road south of Wattles in Troy, you can play cupid with glitter globes \$10, guardian angel pens \$5, and over-sized angel nightshirts, \$17.

Hudson's suggests shoppers check out their new candy and champagne collections, heart-shaped crystal containers, printed holiday ties and boxer shorts, and for the kids, Mickey & Co. Love Letters Activity Set.

Nelman Marcus offers red leather photo albums with raised hearts \$150, Nicole Miller silk boxer's \$55, and a red pleated chiffon chemise from Valentino \$118.

Fairlane Pow-Wow



Scout benefit: The North American Indian Association of Detroit let several scouts join their center court dance to earn badges. The Fairlane Town Center has opened its doors to 20 charities for the next 20 Saturdays to host community events. This one, Jan. 20, was a sell-out.

Valentine from page 10A

"Hallmark has found that relationships today are complicated so our designs must address the changing nature of relationships," said spokeswoman Rashena Lindsay, based at the company's Kansas City headquarters. "Our new card line 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus' was inspired by John Gray's book of the same name. It is for men and women in committed relationships."

Based on the best selling guide for improving communication and expressing what you want in a relationship, these cards shoot straight to the point. At Kaycee Hallmark Shoppe in West Bloomfield a quick read revealed this front: "True intimacy is more than passionate nights." Inside, the message tells how true intimacy develops through understanding.

Before leaving Kaycee's, sneak a peak at their special section for teachers. Hallmark points out that teachers receive the majority of valentines. One of the cutest items is a clipboard reading "Teachers plant the seeds of learning."

Most card stores carry a selection of gift items to go with your message. Now in Hallmark's line of 160 Valentine's Day gift products is "Sweet Valentine Barbie." Dressed in pink satin, the \$45 doll was inspired by antique valentines in Hallmark's archives. Before Valentine Barbie even hit the shelves, The Giving Tree in Tel-Twelve Mall in

Southfield was inundated with requests.

"Customers are either collectors or buying them for their grandchildren. We had 14 people on a waiting list before Valentine Barbie even arrived," said Leah Metzberg.

Shoppers are also crazy about Hallmark's new Wild Tiger priced at \$9.95. The plush white and gray striped cub has a red bow with heart attached to the neck, and a tag reading "Wild About You."

"People just love these. One grandmother came in and bought 10 for her grandchildren," Metzberg said.

Stuffed animals are popular Valentine gifts at Jeanne's Hallmark in Farmington Hills, too. Although sales assistant Joanne Fournier is not sure why a green frog dressed in a red cape is catching people's fancy, she says purchasing trends reveal a lot about us.

Judging by the increasing numbers of elaborate large front cards, Hallmark's marketing department noticed this phenomenon as well.

"Men come in on the last day and buy the big, frilly expensive cards because there's nothing else left," said Fournier. "They also buy a lot of our candy."

Pop-out valentines popular in the 1920s, today feature whimsical illustrations of everything from Disney characters to a Valentine's Day pooch with a great big smooch. At In The Cards at

Laurel Park Place in Livonia manager Ann Casey recommends these to parents along with puzzles, scrap books and journals.

"These are fun for kids," said Casey, who is giving her husband chocolate covered Oreos for Valentine's Day along with two cards — one sentimental, the other whimsical.

"Surprisingly for adults, we're selling a lot of collectibles like Mary Engelbreit, and Winnie-the-Pooh frames and snow globes. And people really seem to like Gayle's Chocolates out of Royal Oak."

A bevy of big white bears with red roses between their paws (\$4.95) greet visitors to the 1/4-OFF Card Shop across from

Westland Shopping Center. At Chris's Hallmark in Canton, fun items like boxer shorts and nightshirts inject humor into the day.

For last minute shoppers who remember Valentine's Day while driving home from work on the 14th, most supermarkets, and drug stores offer a variety of greetings and tokens of love. At Rite-Aid on Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, there is so much Valentine merchandise, stock is literally falling off the shelves.

Inexpensive stuffed dogs and cats with red sun glasses and pillows read "Doggone it, I love you," and "My Purr-fect Valentine." Little ways to say you care.

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Suburban commissioners offer new plan to fund youth services

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A proposed ordinance spelling out a formula for allocating tax money for youth services is expected to come before the Wayne County Board of Commissioners this week.

It was introduced by seven suburban commissioners, including local commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township; Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights; and Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland. It was sent to the Committee of the Whole and is expected to come up Wednesday. If it moves out of committee it could come before the commission during its regular meeting Thursday.

The proposal sets up a formula for allocating the one-tenth millage funding approved by voters in 1988 for youth programs. The money is to be used for programs aimed at reducing youth crime. The money, \$1 million annually, would be divided equally between the city of Detroit and the suburbs. The cities of Highland Park and Hamtramck would be included in the city of Detroit allocation. The suburban money would be split on a per capita basis be-

tween the Downriver Community Conference, the Conference of Western Wayne and the Conference of Eastern Wayne.

Currently, there is no formula in place to allocate the money, said McCotter, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The suburban communities aren't getting a share of the money, he said. "We think this is the best compromise way to do it," he said.

Plawecki, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia, said she was disappointed the proposal didn't have enough votes for approval at the Feb. 1 meeting and was sent to committee. "I think this is the best thing for Wayne County," she said.

It isn't a suburbs vs. Detroit issue, but a way to guarantee that programs have funding, she said. Some programs have to seek money from the county each year, she said. This way at least it's written and people know it's coming, she said.

Beard, who also represents Garden City, said she supports the proposal because of the many needs in the out-county area.

She cited gang problems in most of the suburban communi-

ties as a need to be addressed, including getting money to programs such as DARE. As for taking money from Detroit programs, she said, "Detroit needs it badly, and we need it badly as well."

Some money has been allocated in out-Wayne County each year, but no real system has been put in place. "It's been catch as catch can," she said.

"I think it makes sense to do it on a more structured basis," she said.

Patterson said that while the proposal is still in flux, the suburban commissioners are trying to distribute the money according to a formula. But it has turned into an issue pitting all of the suburban commissioners against the Detroit commissioners.

Detroit commissioners are taking the position that the money should be allocated based on population, he said.

Currently, about 97 percent of the money is spent in Detroit and about 3 percent in the suburbs, Patterson said.

With eight suburban commissioners and seven Detroit commissioners, for the measure to fail, it would be a question of who breaks rank, he said.

Job fair slated at Burton Manor

Graduating seniors can meet one-on-one with prospective employers at the 17th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 29, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Some 100 employers are expected to attend the fair, co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the engineering society, is a

supporting sponsor for the job fair.

The fair offers an opportunity for students to meet with employers looking to fill entry-level positions. Graduates also can practice their interviewing skills and obtain information about employment opportunities.

To register for the fair in advance, students can send a resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Placement Services, 1001 Faculty Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202-3622. Fair brochures are available at their college or university placement office or by writing to Michigan Collegiate Job Fair.

Advance registration must be received by Friday, March 22. On-site registration is \$20. Free parking is available.

Further information is available by calling Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-3390, Ken Meyer of EMU at (313) 487-0400, or by contacting local university or college placement offices.

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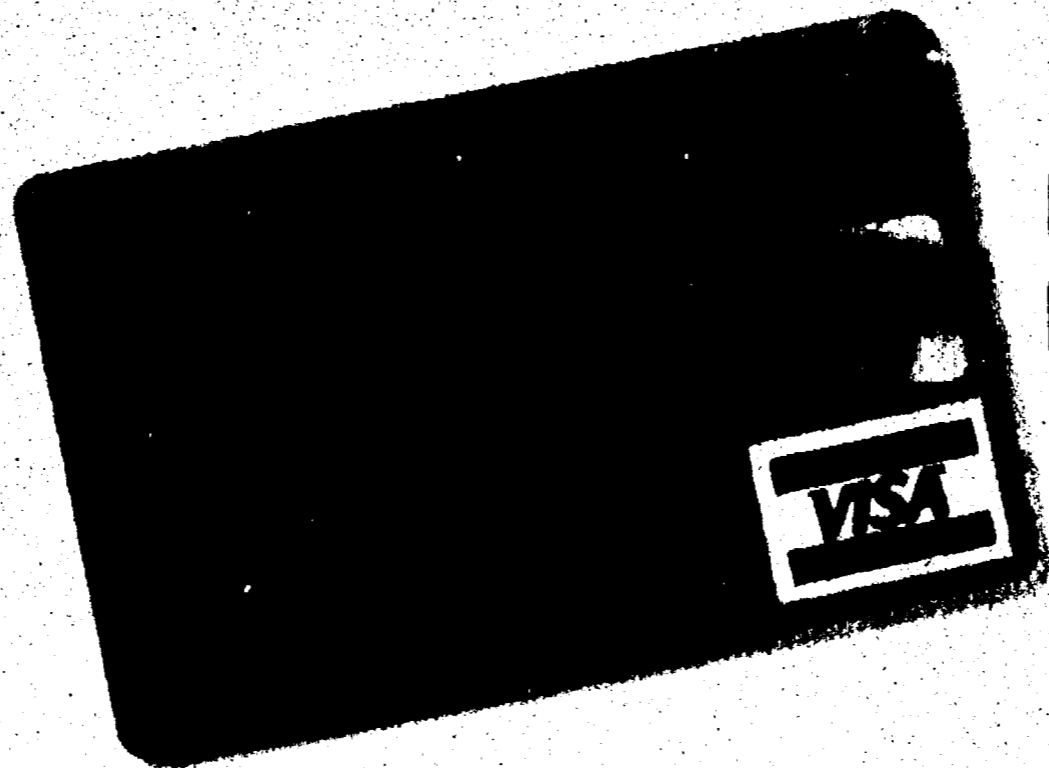
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CHEF LARRY JANES

Food has a way of saying 'you're special'

You might think I'm a few slices short of a loaf, but I really do enjoy this time of year. The holidays rekindle family traditions. Valentine's Day sparks my taste for more romantic culinary interludes. Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are also reasons to celebrate.

I seek out reasons to cook, to create, to satiate and to nurture. And if being an optimist is only half enough, I also pride myself in being a hopeless romantic. I send flowers, cry at the movies, perform crazy random acts of kindness, and am head over heels in love.

Comforting recipes

I saw "The Bridges of Madison County" twice, and believe it or not, actually got excited when the "Recipes of Madison County" by Jane Hemminger & Courtney Work, (copyright 1995, Oxmoor House Publishers, \$14.95) crossed my desk. If you didn't see the movie, which stars Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep, I couldn't imagine a better Valentine's Day rental.

In a nutshell, she offers. He accepts. And from that moment on, the lives of an Iowa housewife and an adventurous photographer are passionately intertwined.

Lovers of romance and food will really enjoy this book because it was written after the movie, which portrays the strong role food plays in strengthening the bonds of intimacy in all relationships. The simple offering of food nurtures romance.

In "The Bridges of Madison County," food plays a key role between Francesca and Robert. She takes a dinner invitation on the Roseman Bridge for Robert. Green peppers stuffed with wild rice - a perfect choice for this meal; subtly they symbolize a contrast between the heaviness of Francesca's everyday life and the freshness of her encounter with Robert. The simplicity of Francesca's stuffed peppers, a jelly jar of flowers, and blues on the radio set just the right mood for this steamy evening.

Food is also a physical expression of caring and compassion.

Food has a special way of saying "you're special." That unexpected pot of chicken soup from a friend feeds the soul as much as it nourishes the body. Remember folks, it could all start, as it did in the movie "over a simple glass of iced tea."

The recipes in the book are easy, comforting, Midwestern food at its laid back best. Unlike true love, there's nothing complicated in the book.

Classic love

Nurturers of classic love will appreciate "At Home With the French Classics" by Richard Grausman (copyright 1988, Workman Publishers, \$14.95). It's a compilation of the great French recipes that have been updated and simplified for the contemporary American kitchen.

Chef Grausman goes into great detail about the heritage of classic French cuisine. His suggestions for Veal Orloff require a steady hand over the Kenmore range, but it's well worth the effort. Whether he's discussing the benefits of a classic Bouillabaisse or harkening the need for proper cookie molds for making impeccable Madeleines, lovers of candlelight, soft music, low wattage light bulbs, red roses and the desire to cook to reduce will appreciate this book.

Having once been hailed as the father of cajun cuisine, Paul Prudhomme has once again floated to the top of the pot with his new tome "Fiery Foods That I Love" (copyright, 1995, William Morrow Publishers, \$25). This book contains fiery additions to basic recipes. In his usually unusual food pairings, Prudhomme stirs a paste of ground pecans and coffee into a plain sauteed chicken for a daring new taste. After trying the recipe and paging through the book, I could only help but wonder where these chefs come up with their ideas?

As with all the recipes in his book, the base for each is a seasoning mix, blend or paste that requires the use of a well stocked herb and spice pantry.

In retrospect, my momma would look at one of his recipes and wonder for sure if it would kick up her ulcer. If you are fan of Tagamet, make sure to have plenty on hand. Ah, but if it's the spark that begins the eye of romance, why not?

See Larry Janes' family tested recipes inside. Chef Larry is a free lance writer for The Observer & Eclectic Newspapers. To leave a voice mail message for him dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week

- Little things you can do to cut fat.
- New beverage splashes for your glass.

CHINESE NEW YEAR - THE YEAR OF THE RAT

TRADITION SERVES UP OPTIMISM

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK

Say "rat," and most of us shriek! Rat has a negative connotation as in "you dirty rat," or "I smell a rat." So why are some people looking forward to celebrating the Year of the Rat, which begins Chinese New Year on Feb. 16?

"The rat is ambitious, honest, sincere, generous, and in self-control," said Linda Parker, owner of the Hunan Palace restaurant in Farmington Hills, which is celebrating Chinese New Year on Feb. 18.

If your birthday is in 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984 or 1996, you were born in the Year of the Rat.

According to the Chinese calendar, determined by a lunisolar calendar, this year is 4688.

Each year is named for one of the 12 animals beginning with the rat and progressing through to the ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, fowl, dog and pig. This cycle of

years is frequently used for astrological purposes, much the same way the 12 signs of the zodiac are used in the west to describe personality traits and tell fortunes.

"He's the leader of the 12 animals in the Chinese Zodiac. People born in the Year of the Rat are smart, and very friendly," added Shen Yu, manager of New Peking Chinese Restaurant in Garden City, which is celebrating new year Feb. 19-22.

In China a whole month is set aside to celebrate the passing of the old year, and to welcome the new. Outdoor parades with ceremonial dragons and fireworks mark the occasion observed some time between mid-January and mid-February. Families feast, and relatives travel for miles to be with one another.

"Chinese New Year is like Christmas - the family gets together," said Paul Leung, owner of Oceania Inn in Rochester Hills, which is celebrating Chinese New Year Feb. 15-18 and 22-24. "The older generation gives red pocket money to the younger generation as a sign of good luck. Also, the Chinese do a good job of cleaning the house to welcome the new year."

Celebrations in U.S. cities with large Chinese populations such as San Francisco and New York, are generally limited to one day.

Local restaurateurs are planning special menus, and will offer entertainment to mark the occasion. No Chinese New Year celebration would be complete without the Lion Dance to scare away evil spirits from the old year, and welcome the new year.

Parker and Chef Jack Dai said they considered characteristics of the animal linked to the coming year, and then determined the special dishes that they would prepare. For example, Peking Duck, which requires two days advance notice, symbolizes ambition. The menu also includes sesame beef, Chinese style shrimp and colorful desserts.

On the menu at New Peking is a gold fried dumpling, that looks



New year treats: Baking and pastries are a part of Chinese culinary tradition, and new year's revelry. Many of these treats are cut into a round shape like a wheel to symbolize wholeness and continuity.

like a gold nugget, "so everyone who eats it will become rich," said Yu.

"The Year of the Rat is also seen as a year of opportunity, and also a good time to launch new ventures and make new investments. It's the year of optimism," said Marshall Chin, one of the managing partners of Mon Jin Lau in Troy, which will celebrate new year on Feb. 18.

"For our Chinese New Year celebration we focus on what we do well, and our menu is based on popular items and specialties," he said. The menu includes Macadamia Nut Crusted Salmon with lemon grass sauce, Asian vegetables and Thai rice noodles. Entertainment includes Lion Dance, magicians, fortune tellers, and music.

Oceania Inn's menu offers a Dim Sum Platter, Tender of Steak marinated in Black Pepper Sauce, and stir-fried chunks of chicken breast with a mixture of Chinese vegetables and mushrooms in oyster sauce.

Parker, Shu and Leung told me Chinese New Year menus

often include a whole fish with the head and tail on. The head symbolizes a good beginning, and the tail a good ending. In Chinese, fish means enough - that you always have plenty of what you need - money, food, and good health. Noodles symbolize long life.

"A lot of the time we have oysters," said Leung, "so you will be prosperous in your business."

Baking and pastries are also a part of Chinese culinary traditions. Cookies are cut into a round shape like a wheel to symbolize wholeness and continuity.

For a Chinese New Year party at home, cooks at the Crisco Kitchens suggest decorating your table with bamboo mats, inexpensive paper parasols, and brilliant red and gold napkins. Rice bowls can hold a variety of condiments, and colorful chopsticks and stands will add to the atmosphere. A Chinese restaurant can supply a bountiful main course, leaving time for baking cookies full of Oriental flavor.

See recipes inside.

HEALTHY APPETITE

Respect your diabetic sweetie's diet

BY PRICILLY EVERTS
PHOTO BY WALTER

My friend called me the other day to say her 20-year-old son has diabetes. She asked me to talk to him and "tell him what to do." Well, the only thing I could tell her was to learn everything she could about diabetes. I couldn't give him a "cookbook" lesson in diabetes without knowing much more about his lifestyle. After all, diabetes is a complicated disease that has no known cause or cure. In diabetes, the body does not make enough of the hormone insulin. The job of insulin is to get sugars (from the foods we eat) out of the blood stream and into the muscle and brain tissues. If left untreated, a person will die. If treatment is "half-hearted" - that is, a person only sometimes controls their blood sugar - then serious illness can result from

diabetes complications including kidney failure, blindness, heart attack and circulation problems - sometimes requiring amputation. This is serious and scary stuff! The best option: control your diabetes!

If you have a loved one who is diabetic, you don't necessarily have to forgo something sweet on Valentine's Day. However, respecting and accommodating your sweetie's diet requirements is a far greater gift than any box of chocolates.

New studies indicate that diabetics who check their blood sugar throughout the day have a greater understanding of what foods have the strongest effect on their blood sugar levels. The good news is that some people have found that their bodies can tolerate an occasional sweet treat with little or no effect. Still, it is imperative that dia-

betics stick to a diet that has been formulated for their particular needs.

The meals we eat everyday contain a mixture of protein, carbohydrate and fat-containing foods. We use protein foods to build and repair our body, we use carbohydrate foods for energy for our muscles and brain, and we use fat foods to cushion our internal organs and absorb fat-soluble vitamins. Of course, this is just a small part of what protein, carbohydrate and fat do; there is much more to it.

Digestion, breaking down food for our body to use, is a complex process that starts when we put food into our mouth. Our body responds and sends out digestive enzymes and hormones. As the food moves into our stomach and intestines, these enzymes and

See DIABETIC, inside

TIPS FOR CONTROLLING DIABETES (good for the whole family)

- Fast food is ok if you make good choices. A "junior" hamburger or roast beef sandwich, along with a side salad and milk makes a good meal. Or try corn on the cob, baked beans or a dinner roll instead of french fries, or soups or coleslaw.
- Read food labels. "Diabetic" doesn't mean "diabetic." Be careful of added sugars - they come in many forms including sucrose, fructose, dextrose, maltose, lactose, corn syrup and honey.
- Low calorie sweeteners let you enjoy the sweet taste of sugar without the extra calories or effect on your blood sugar. However, foods with low calorie sweeteners are not necessarily calorie-free. For example, diet soda has no calories, but sugar-free hot cocoa does.
- Get a fruit or bread serving before exercising. But speak with your doctor if you are involved in serious sports training and how to balance your meals for your activity.
- Try to avoid fried foods. If you eat out something fried, then count in an extra dose of four fat servings for every fried item you eat.
- When eating in the home of friends, tell them you have diabetes and have to eat sensibly. This will save the embarrassment of your host trying you to eat "just one piece of chocolate cake."
- If you are traveling by air or train, ask in advance for special meals.
- If you must drink alcohol, do so only in moderation with your doctor's approval. Never drink on an empty stomach and avoid sweet wines, liqueurs or mixes that contain sugar.

Romantic dishes sure to please

See Chef Larry Janes' Taste Buds column on front.

WILD RICE STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

1/2 cup chopped green onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
1 1/2 cups beef broth
1/4 cup brown and wild rice blend
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/4 cup finely diced carrots
1 (1 1/2 ounce can) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 cup fresh sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup chopped zucchini
2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
2 large green peppers, stem ends sliced off and seeded
2 tablespoons tomato juice
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Saute onion and garlic in butter or margarine in a large saucepan until tender. Add broth, rice, celery and carrot. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes or until rice is almost done. Remove from heat; stir in tomatoes, mushrooms, zucchini, parsley, basil and thyme. Place peppers in a saucepan. Cover with water. Bring to a boil; cook 3 minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain and stuff with rice mixture. Place peppers in a greased casserole and spoon any extra rice around pepper. Cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees F. Baste with tomato juice after 15 minutes. When almost done, remove foil and top with Parmesan cheese. Serves 2.

From: "The Recipes of Madison County," by Jane Hemminger & Courtney Work, (copyright 1995, Oxblood House Publishers, \$14.95).

MEDALLIONS DE VEAU ORLOFF

(Veal Medallions Only)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil or butter

8 medallions of veal (1 to 1 1/4 inches thick)
Pinch of salt and fresh ground pepper
1 cup finely chopped mushrooms
1 cup Sauce Mornay (recipe follows)
about 1/2 cup milk
1 ounce grated Swiss cheese
2 cups white rice, cooked

Preheat oven to 475 degrees F. Coat a large skillet with the oil or butter and saute the medallions over medium high heat until done, about 4 minutes. Cover the pan after turning the medallions. Season with salt and pepper. Divide the mushrooms into 8 portions. Place the veal on an oven-proof serving platter and spread each medallion with mushrooms.

Heat the Mornay sauce and thin with 2 tablespoons of milk. Spoon an even coating of sauce over each medallion. Thin any remaining sauce with remainder of milk until it is the consistency of cream and bring it to a boil. Coat each medallion with a second coating of sauce. Sprinkle a little cheese over the top of each medallion and place in the upper third of an oven until the sauce bubbles and the cheese is golden, about 10 minutes. Serve surrounded by cooked rice. Serves 8.

MORNAV SAUCE

2 1/2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
Dash salt and pepper
Pinch nutmeg
2 ounces Swiss cheese, grated

In a medium saucepan, heat the butter over medium heat. Add the flour and cook, stirring frequently until the roux is a pale yellow and frothy, about 30-45 seconds. Add the milk and stir well with a whisk until the sauce thickens and comes to a boil, about 2-3 minutes (this is a classic Bechamel sauce).

Reduce the heat and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Whisk vigorously for 10 seconds and stir in cheese. Sauce will thicken to the consistency of heavy cream. Makes about 2 cups.

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COFFEE-NUT CHICKEN

Seasoning mix:
2 tablespoons lightly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons ground chile peppers
2 teaspoons ground dried ancho chile peppers
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
Coffee-nut puree:
1/2 cup pumpkin seeds, toasted
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
2 tablespoons poppy seeds, toasted
2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted
1 cup chicken stock
2 tablespoons lightly packed brown sugar

3 tablespoons instant coffee
Remainder of recipe ingredients:

1 (3-4 pound) chicken, cut up
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup chopped onions
2 1/2 cups chicken stock

Combine the seasoning mixes in a small bowl. Set aside. Process the toasted seeds and pecans with the stock in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add the brown sugar and instant coffee. Process for 1 minute. Set aside.

Sprinkle the chicken with 2 tablespoons of the seasoning mix and rub it in well. Heat the oil in a heavy 6-quart pot over high heat for 4 minutes. Brown the seasoned chicken in batches, large pieces first, skin side down for 2-3 minutes on each side. Remove chicken and set aside.

Add the onions and 1 tablespoon of the seasoning mix to the pot. Cook for 5 minutes. Stir in 1 cup of stock and scrape the bottom of the pot to loosen the brown bits. Stir in the coffee-nut puree, the remaining seasoning mix and the remaining stock. Bring to a boil, then return chicken to the pot. Reduce heat to low and simmer chicken until tender, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat and serve. Serves 4.

From: "Fiery Food That I Love," by Chef Paul Prudhomme

Diabetic from Front

hormones do their thing — they break down the food into tiny particles including amino acids from protein foods, glucose from carbohydrate foods and fatty acids from fat foods.

Once in the blood stream, these particles are carried gloriously to all parts of our body. If you have a cut on your foot, the amino acids in the blood go there to help heal your skin. If you are ready to exercise the glucose particles are there for your muscles to use. If your body has all it needs, the fatty acids are there to be stored away, ready to be mobilized when you need the energy.

People with diabetes can break down and use protein and fats, but they do not have the insulin needed to use carbohydrates (glucose). So without the insulin the glucose doesn't get "picked-up" out of the blood to go to the brain and muscles. It just stays in the blood and increases with every meal. The muscles and brain never get to use the glucose. That is why people with uncontrolled diabetes walk around feeling tired and listless even though their blood is pumped full of the glucose their body needs.

The truth is, having blood full of sugar is not healthy. Sugar-coated cereals may be fine for some, but sugar-coated blood is not good for anyone.

Controlling blood sugar is simple and important.

■ Go to see your doctor. Get on the right medication and stay on it. Diabetes is chronic — it has no cure. You can't stop taking your medicine if you "feel better."

■ Go to see a registered dietitian. Call your local hospital and make an appointment with a dietitian. You can learn what to eat, when to eat, and get valuable information on how to control your blood sugar.

■ Get some exercise. No excuse, get off the couch and have some fun. Move your body.

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Sweet treats safe for diabetics

See related story on Taste front. Recipes provided by Peggy Everts, registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services.

STRAWBERRY BANANA PARFAIT

1/2 cup crushed chocolate graham crackers
1 (4 servings size) package — instant sugar-free banana

cream pudding/ple filling
2 cups two percent milk
2 cup sliced strawberries
4 whole strawberries for garnish

Prepare pudding mix according to package directions using milk. Layer pudding, strawberry slices and crushed chocolate graham crackers in four parfait or dessert glasses. Chill until serving time. To serve, garnish with whole strawberries. Serves 4.

Nutrition per serving: 94.39 calories, 0.05 g protein, 1.36 g fat, 27.08 mg sodium, 18.29 g carbohydrates. Percent of calories from fat 12.97.

PEACHY VALENTINE CRISP

2 (16 ounce) cans sliced peaches in natural juice, drained
2 tablespoons dried cherries
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
32 chocolate Teddy Graham snacks (1/2 cup)
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons margarine, melted
Vanilla frozen yogurt, optional

Combine peaches, dried cherries, and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine chocolate Teddy Grahams, nutmeg, remaining cinnamon and margarine, tossing until well coated. Spoon over peaches. Bake 10 minutes more or until heated through. Serve warm, topped with frozen yogurt if desired. Serves 6.

■ For a change, pears, raisins and Honey Teddy Grahams can be substituted for the peaches, dried cherries and chocolate Teddy Grahams.

Nutrition per serving: calories 94.39, 0.05 g protein, 1.36 g fat, sodium 27.08 mg sodium, 18.29 g carbohydrates, 12.97 percent calories from fat. Pear Valentine Crisp: 93.67 calories, 0.13 g protein, 1.36 g fat, 27.78 mg sodium, 7.37 g carbohydrates, 13.07 percent calories from fat. Exchanges: 1/2 starch (bread), 1 fruit, 1/2 fat.

Nutrition hot line

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There is nothing more delicious than a romantic evening for two, especially when festivities include sharing a tantalizing, easy-to-prepare Valentine's Day dinner. This Feb. 14, kick off a night of romantic celebration against a backdrop of candlelight and intimate music with a delectable meal full of love and unforgettable flavor.

Begin with Pasta with Herbed Vegetable Walnut Sauce, an irresistible entree of bow tie pasta, gently tossed with a delicate butter and herbed vegetable walnut sauce. This dish is a wonderful combination of texture and taste. The creamy sauce, subtly infused with fresh dill and basil, is a perfect match for the crunch of toasted walnuts and sauteed red peppers and zucchini.

And, this pasta's ideal mate? A loaf of crusty French bread paired with a quickly-prepared, yet subtly sophisticated, roasted garlic butter.

PASTA WITH HERBED VEGETABLE WALNUT SAUCE
3 tablespoons walnuts, finely chopped

- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil (or 3/4 teaspoon dried)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh dill (or 3/4 teaspoon dried)
- 6 ounces (about 3 cups dry) bow tie pasta
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 medium zucchini, trimmed, cut lengthwise in half, cut into 1/4-inch slices (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 1 medium red pepper, cut into strips
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add walnuts; cook until lightly toasted, stirring constantly, about 3 minutes. Remove from skillet. Combine walnuts and herbs; set aside. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, heat butter in the

same skillet over medium heat until melted. Add zucchini and red pepper. Cook and stir about 2 minutes or until vegetables are almost tender. Add cream; cook 30 seconds. Stir in Parmesan and half of the walnut mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add pasta to skillet and toss gently to coat. Sprinkle with remaining walnut mixture and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings (about 5 cups).

ROASTED GARLIC BUTTER

- 1 medium head garlic
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
- Freshly ground pepper
- Crusty French bread

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Trim off about 1/8-inch from top of garlic head to slightly expose cloves. Place on a piece of aluminum foil. Drizzle with melted butter and wrap with foil. Place in oven and roast until garlic is very tender (about 35-40 minutes). Let cool in foil for 10 minutes. Squeeze garlic from cloves

into bowl; mash with fork. Add softened butter and season with pepper. Serve with bread. Makes 1/4 cup. Can be made ahead.

Roasted garlic is available in jars at most supermarkets. Substitute 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons for freshly roasted garlic if desired. Leftover butter can be covered and stored in refrigerator for up to one week.

Recipe from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

Here are some hints designed to tie your Valentine's Day evening together:

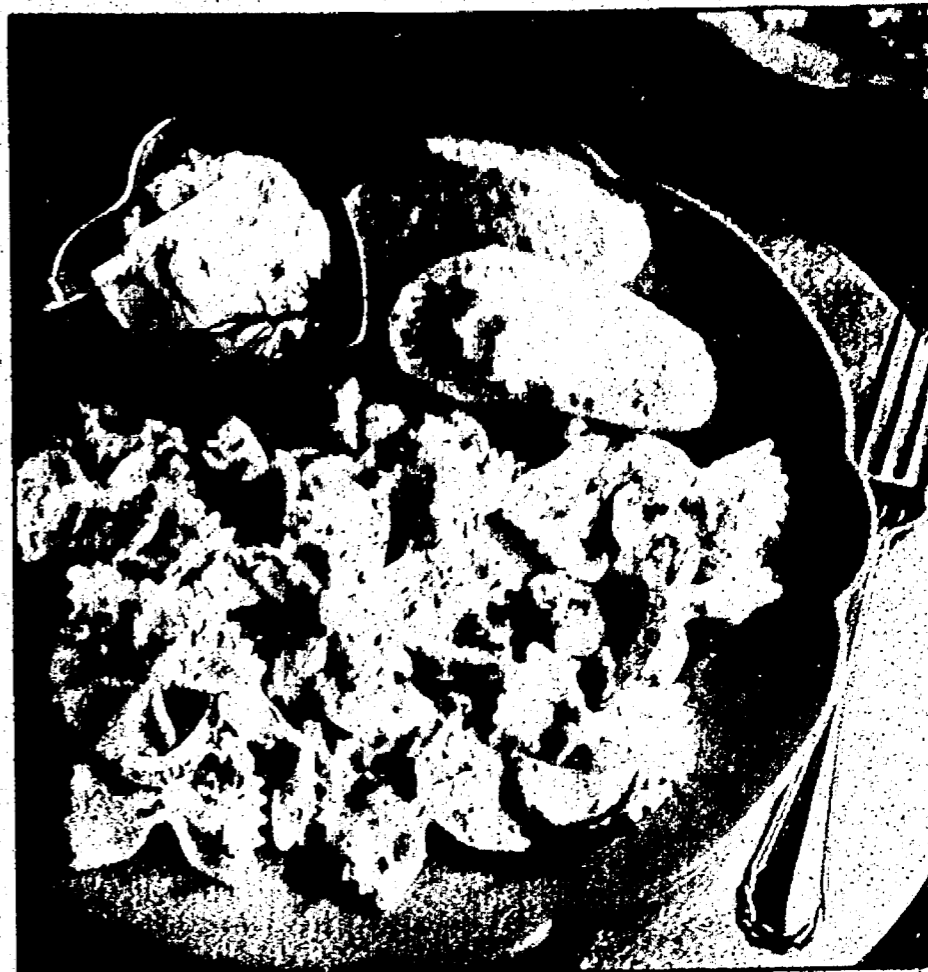
Greet your Valentine with a heart-shaped menu, outlining the special treats to be enjoyed that evening.

Hide a flower or a Valentine's Day card under his/her napkin.

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Greet the new year with delicious Chinese pastries

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NEW YEAR'S MOON CAKES

- Crust:**
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 Crisco Stick or 1/2 cup all-vegetable shortening
 5 tablespoons cold water
- Filling:**
 1/2 cup chopped dates
 1/2 cup orange marmalade
 1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
 1/4 cup sweetened flaked coconut
 1/4 cup coarsely chopped raisins
- Glaze:**
 1 egg lightly beaten
 1 tablespoon milk

For crust, combine flour and salt in medium bowl. Cut in shortening using pastry blender (or two knives) until all flour is blended in to form pea-sized chunks. Sprinkle with water, one tablespoon at a time. Toss lightly with fork until dough forms a ball. Press between hands to form two 5 to 6-inch "pancakes." Flour "pancake" lightly on both sides. Roll between sheets of waxed

paper (or plastic wrap) on dampened countertop to form 10-inch circle. Peel off top sheet of waxed paper. Repeat with second "pancake." Cut crusta with floured round 4-inch cutter. Reroll scraps and cut with cutter.

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Place cooling rack on countertop for cooling pastries.

For filling, combine dates, marmalade, walnuts, coconut and raisins in medium bowl. Stir well.

Place 2 tablespoons of filling in the center of each disk. Gather up edges of dough to enclose filling. Pinch edges to seal. Form sealed pastry into a ball. Place pastry balls 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet with seams side down. Or press balls seam side down into muffin tins. Flatten ball slightly with palm of hand to form flat top. Combine egg and milk. Brush tops and sides of pastry with glaze.

Bake one baking sheet or muffin tin at a time at 375 degrees F. for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Do not overbake. Cool 1 minutes on baking sheet. Remove pastries to cooling rack with spatula. Cool completely before serving. Makes 12 pastries.

FRIED SESAME PASTRIES

- 2/4 Crisco Sticks or 2/4 cups all-vegetable shortening, divided
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 2 eggs
 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup sesame seeds

Combine 1/4 cup shortening and sugar in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, syrup and lemon peel. Beat until well blended and fluffy.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until well blended.

Scrape dough out of bowl onto lightly floured counter. Knead 10 times. Form dough into thin roll 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Cut roll into 24 pieces. Roll pieces into balls.

Place sesame seeds on sheet of wax paper or plastic wrap. Roll balls in sesame seeds.

Heat remaining 2 cups shortening to 350 degrees F in large saucepan. Place layers of paper toweling on countertop to drain balls.

Add 8 balls to hot shortening. Fry for 2 to 3 minutes, or until pastries have puffed and turned brown. Remove pastries with slotted spoon. Drain on paper toweling. Repeat with remaining pastries. Cool 5 minutes on paper toweling. Serve warm. Makes 2 dozen pastries.

ALMOND COOKIES

- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
 1 Crisco Stick or 1 cup all-vegetable shortening
 3 eggs
 1/4 cup light corn syrup
 2 teaspoons almond extract
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 3 cups all-purpose flour (plus 4 tablespoons divided)
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup slivered almonds

Combine sugar and shortening in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Add 2 of the eggs, syrup, almond extract and vanilla. Beat until well blended and fluffy.

Combine 3 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture at low speed. Mix until well blended. Divide dough into 4 quarters.

Wrap each quarter of dough with plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.

Spread 1 tablespoon of flour on large sheet of waxed paper. Place one quarter of dough on floured paper. Flatten slightly with bands. Turn dough over and cover with another large sheet of waxed paper. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Remove top sheet of waxed paper. Cut out with floured 3-inch round cutter. Transfer to ungreased baking sheet with large pancake turner. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Roll out remaining dough.

Beat remaining egg. Brush on top of cookies with pastry brush. Top each cookie with a slivered almond. Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees F for 5 to 7 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely. Makes about 3 to 4 dozen cookies.

WALNUT COOKIES

- 1 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
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- 1/4 cup Butter Flavor Crisco all-vegetable shortening
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
 1 teaspoon walnut extract
 1 egg
 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 36 walnut halves

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Place sheets of foil on countertop for cooling cookies.

Combine brown sugar, shortening, milk, vanilla and walnut extract in large bowl. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well blended. Beat egg into creamed mixture.

Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Mix into creamed mixture just until blended.

Drop by rounded measuring tablespoonsful of dough 3 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Press 1 walnut half into center of each cookie.

Bake one baking sheet at a time at 375 degrees F for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies, or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Do not overbake. Cool 2 minutes on baking sheet. Remove cookies to foil to cool completely. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Menu features festive Oriental dishes

AP — On Feb. 19, celebrate Chinese New Year with a menu that includes Oriental pork pot stickers, Szechuan cucumbers and peanut sauced noodles. Round out the meal with red-glazed pork chops, sliced orange and red onion salad and warmed flour tortillas.

Choose Chinese beer or plum wine as the beverage; Serve almond cookies, fortune cookies and hot tea for dessert.

ORIENTAL PORK POT STICKERS

- 1 cup finely chopped cooked pork tenderloin
 1/2 cup finely chopped bok choy or cabbage
 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 1 tablespoon dry sherry
 1 teaspoon cooking oil
 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
 About 36 won ton wrappers
 6 tablespoons cooking oil
 1 cup water
 Chinese mustard
 Soy sauce

In a mixing bowl combine pork, bok choy, celery and green onion; mix well.

Combine soy sauce, sherry and the 1 teaspoon cooking oil; stir in

cornstarch until dissolved. Pour soy mixture over pork mixture; toss to coat. Cover and chill 30 minutes.

Cut won ton wrappers into 4-inch circles with a cookie cutter. (Keep won ton wrappers covered with a dry cloth when not working with wrappers.) Spoon about 2 teaspoons filling in center of one round. Bring up sides and seal edges with water. Transfer to a baking sheet and cover with a dry cloth. Repeat with remaining rounds and filling.

In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Carefully place half the pot stickers in skillet. Do not let sides of pot stickers touch. Cook over medium heat for 1 minute or until bottoms are browned. Carefully add 1/4 cup of the water to skillet. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Uncover and cook 3 to 5 minutes or until water evaporates. Add more oil, if necessary. Cook, uncovered, 1 minute. Transfer pot stickers to baking sheet. Place in a 250-degree F oven to keep warm. Repeat procedure with remaining pot stickers, oil and water. Serve with Chinese mustard and soy sauce. Makes 36 pot stickers; serves 6 to 8.

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RED-GLAZED PORK CHOPS

- 3 tablespoons hoisin sauce
 4 teaspoons brown sugar
 4 teaspoons minced green onion
 1 1/4 teaspoons lemon juice
 1 1/4 teaspoons soy sauce
 6 boneless pork loin chops, cut 1-inch thick

Combine hoisin sauce, brown sugar, green onion, lemon juice and soy sauce. Place pork chops in dish or plastic bag; add marinade, turning to coat.

Cover dish or tie bag securely and marinate in refrigerator, 1 to 2 hours. Remove chops from marinade; reserve. Place chops on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 5 inches to 6 inches from the heat. Broil 12 to 15 minutes, turning once. Brush with remaining marinade during broiling, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

■ Peanut-Sauced Noodles: Cook 1/2 pound vermicelli or spaghetti; drain and toss with purchased Thai peanut sauce and chopped fresh cilantro. Serve immediately.

■ Szechuan Cucumbers: Peel, seed and thinly slice 2 large cucumbers; toss in serving bowl with 1/2 cup rice vinegar, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, 1 teaspoon salt and 2 teaspoons sesame oil. Cover and let rest at room temperature for up to 4 hours. Drain cucumbers and garnish with chopped fresh cilantro before serving.

■ Bliced Orange and Red Onion Salad: Peel and slice 4 medium navel oranges and 1 medium red onion. Toss oranges and onion together in shallow serving bowl and dress with a light vinaigrette.

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Prince of a guy 'Mr. Wrong'



Comedy: Happily single Martha Alston (Ellen DeGeneres) is a thirty-something TV talkshow talent coordinator starting to feel social and family pressures to find a man. Her intended Whitman Crawford (Bill Pullman) is not exactly the prince she imagined.

Martha Alston (Ellen DeGeneres) is a thirty-something talent coordinator for a local TV talk show who is suddenly feeling societal and family pressures to find herself a prince of a guy, settle down, and raise a brood of Charmings in "Mr. Wrong" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

However, Martha is resigned to staying happily single. She believes that when the time is right, she and the man of her dreams will serendipitously find each other.

Then along comes Whitman Crawford (Bill Pullman). He's ruggedly handsome, drives a luxury sports car, lives in an impressive home, appears cultured, sensitive and passionate. He sweeps Martha off her feet in a heartbeat. Before long however, Martha realizes she's dating a guy who's as right on the outside as he is wrong on the inside. And the ratings on their romance quickly plummet.

What Martha gets in the package deal is Whitman's fiendishly jealous ex-girlfriend Inga (Joan Cusack); his possessive mother (Joan Plowright); and Whitman, who becomes increasingly obsessed with his new-found love — all of which transforms Martha's life into a quirky comedy of romantic insanity.

Calamity prevails as Martha realizes that all too often, dream dates become nightmares, and fairy tales aren't always what they're cracked up to be.

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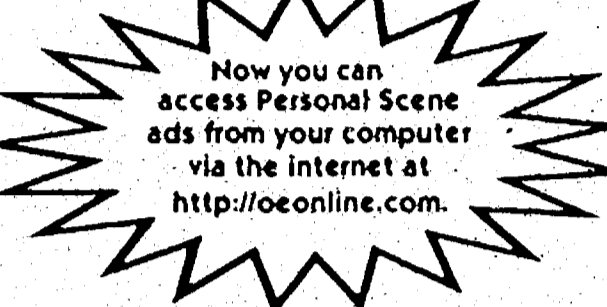
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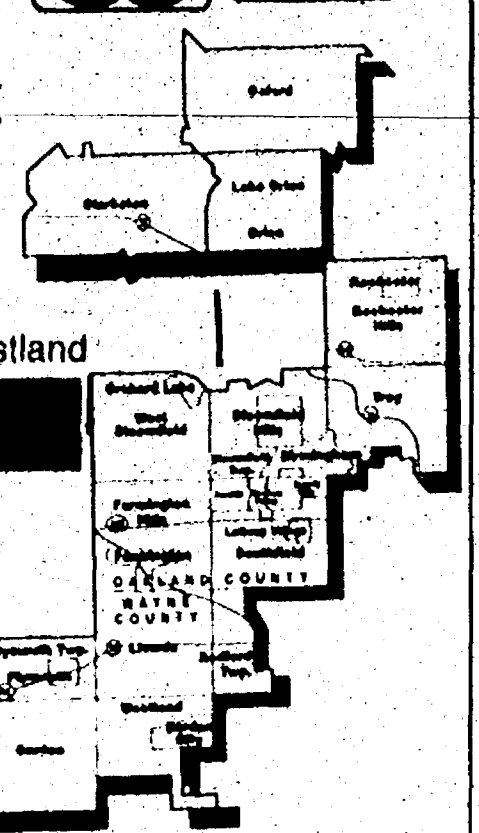
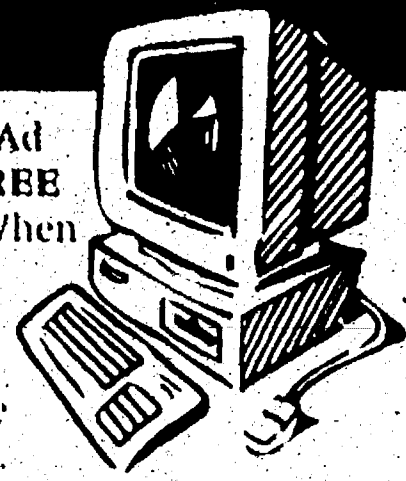
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CREATIVE COOKING WITHOUT MEAT
Seminar 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 presented by Nattie Weaver, certified cooking school instructor, Ellen Higgins, registered clinical dietitian, and Dr. Arthur Weaver, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Road (north of Five Mile Road), Plymouth. Cost \$15 single, \$25 couple. Dinner served 5 p.m. Participants will receive a vegetarian cookbook, nutrition, meal planning and recipe handouts. (313) 420-3131 or (313) 531-2179

TRI-COUNTY CELIAC SPRUCE SUPPORT Group
Meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield. For persons diagnosed with Celiac Sprue and Dermatitis Herpetiformis, their families, spouses and friends. Meetings include information on gluten-free foods, label reading, recipe sharing, taste testing. (810) 477-5953 or (313) 274-9232

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KITCHEN BLAZOR
Variety of cooking demonstrations and classes offered this winter including Homemade pasta 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 (West Bloomfield). Call for brochure, information. Linda Drysdale shares Flavors From the French Corner, 1 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 (Novi); Wednesday, Feb. 14 (Redford); Thursday, Feb. 15 (West Bloomfield); and Friday, Feb. 16 (Rochester). There is a \$3 fee. (313) 537-1300

UNIQUE RESTAURANT CORP.
Corporate chef Jim Barnett will instruct students in three classes on the New American Cuisine. Series begins at

6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Fee: \$150. Reservations required. (810) 305-7330.

College offerings

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Quick and easy meals, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 (\$70). (313) 462-4448

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Panoramic Eggs, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 21, cost \$33; Growing and using culinary herbs, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 21, cost \$33; Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6390 or (810) 845-9865

COOKING SEMINAR (HFCO)
Chef Series for the Home Cook, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays to March 2, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Cost \$60 per session, \$240 per series. Recipes and techniques demonstrate how to spend a day preparing the basis for many meals for the week. Lunch and din-

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Offered by Metro Detroit Chapter Irish American Cultural Institute, Saturday, March 2, Ballroom of Botford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington. This year's theme is Irish Country House Breakfast and Pub Grub. Donation is \$15, a buffet lunch and book of Irish recipes included. (810) 540-6687

Chocolate cake low in fat not flavor

AP — On Valentine's Day, have your cake and eat it, too, with the following recipe for old-fashioned chocolate cake with chocolate frosting. There's almost no fat in this cake, thanks to Barry Bluestein and Kevin Morrissey, authors of "The 99 percent Fat-Free Book of Appetizers and Desserts" (Doubleday, \$27.50).

The authors have replaced the usual butter with buttermilk and applesauce and the typical melted chocolate with cocoa powder. The light, crumbly texture comes from beating in each egg white individually.

OLD-FASHIONED CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE FROSTING

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened Dutch-processed cocoa powder, plus 1 teaspoon for dusting

1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup natural unsweetened applesauce
3 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 cup sugar
3 large egg whites, at room temperature
1 cup buttermilk
Light vegetable oil cooking spray
1 recipe Chocolate Frosting (recipe below)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift the flour, 1/2 cup of the cocoa powder, baking soda and salt together into a medium-sized bowl. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the applesauce and the corn syrup. Beat with an electric mixer set at medium speed until blended. While continuing to beat, gradually add the

sugar. While beating at high speed, add the egg whites, one at a time. Continue to beat until the mixture is light and frothy.

Reduce the speed to medium and beat in half of the flour mixture, then 1/2 cup of the buttermilk, until incorporated. Beat in the rest of the flour, then the remaining 1/2 cup buttermilk. With a rubber spatula, scrape down the sides of the bowl.

Spray two 8-inch round, nonstick cake pans lightly with the vegetable oil spray and spread the oil evenly. Dust each with 1/4 teaspoon of the remaining cocoa powder. Divide the batter between the cake pans. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center of each cake comes out clean.

Transfer the pans to a wire rack and cool for 15 minutes, then remove the cakes from the pans to cool completely. When the cakes have cooled, frost with the chocolate

frosting. Let sit for one hour before serving. Makes 12 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving, including frosting: 230.2 cal., 0.88 g fat.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING

1 tablespoon light corn syrup
3 tablespoons unsweetened Dutch-processed cocoa powder
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1/4 cup boiling water

Combine the corn syrup, cocoa powder, confectioners' sugar and 1 tablespoon of the boiling water in a bowl. Using an electric mixer set at low speed, beat in the rest of the boiling water, a tablespoon at a time, until the mixture is fluffy and glossy. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

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Hyundai Elantra puts on a fresh face

By Anne Fracassa
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TUCSON, Ariz. — The natives say the sun shines 363 days a year here. There isn't a cloud in the sky, either.

This is the perfect place to introduce a new car. It's like a fresh beginning. Even Doug Mazza, chief operating officer for Hyundai, thinks so.

"This new Elantra is as far a step away from the previous model as we can get," said Mazza. "This is another huge step from where Hyundai has been. We're evolving in a way that's healthy to our dealer body and healthy to our customers."

This from a company that attracted buyers a few years ago by offering a three-year, no-cost maintenance program on its cars. This from a company that heard its name a thousand times over because Rodney King drove one. This from a company that enjoyed record sales of its vehicles in 1995.

This from a company that's introduced an all-new from-the-ground-up 1996 Elantra — a compact car that will compete with 22 entries in a class that represents 20 percent of the industry sales.



ROAD TEST
By
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They'll sell a ton of 'em, too, with a base price just over \$10,000. The top-of-the-line, fully loaded Elantra costs \$14,000. Even with the new retrofit, the cost is nearly the same as the model it replaces.

It's got all new sheet metal, all new chassis, a 2-inch longer wheelbase, a 1-inch longer track, a smoother-shifting transmission and more interior hip, shoulder and head room.

The new engine is actually the best part of the car. Designed and developed completely by the South Korean auto maker, this 4-cylinder dual overhead cam "Beta" 1.8-liter

engine provides 130 horses — that's more horsepower than the Cavalier, Civic, Escort and Corolla. The redesign shaved 58 pounds off the engine's weight and provided a 7-percent improvement in fuel efficiency — 24 mpg in the city, 32 on the highway with the manual transmission model.

The engine is very quiet and performs well on city streets and on the highway. During this 600-mile test in southern Arizona, the entire line of Elantras never complained on long inclines and steep hillside roads on the way to Wyatt Earp's hometown of Tombstone. There's a lot of response from the Elantra when you want it, and it reaches cruising speeds quickly.

The body structure is more rigid and the 100-pound reduction in overall body weight of the Elantra makes it much more nimble than its predecessor. And that's saying a lot because the last Elantra was a terrific car.

Speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering provides handling that's usually found on much more expensive sports cars. It holds the road well and has a smaller turning radius for those tight spots.

Better handling is also provided through a new advanced 4-wheel independent suspension that was designed specifically for a smooth, comfortable ride over a wide variety of road surfaces and to accommodate a wide range of driving styles.

There are three Elantras to choose from — the base, GLS and wagon. Yep, I said wagon. It's the first time Hyundai is offering a wagon and this thing is a work of art.

The Elantra wagon is a smartly styled family car that's a serious departure from a traditional wagon. It's actually pretty. And because Hyundai is shooting to sell more than half of its Elantras to women, making it look so good was a good call.

As a driver, you'll never know you're in a wagon because the Elantra wagon's performance and handling are as responsive as the sedan's. Just because it's a wagon doesn't mean you'll suffer sluggish performance or get a clunky feeling when driving it.

The wagon provides overall interior volume of nearly 127 cubic feet — much more than the competition. The rear seat is a double-folding

60/40 split that provides a totally flat loading surface when down.

There's also been a significant reduction in what the industry calls NVH — noise, vibration and harshness. Hyundai engineers incorporated extra insulation in the instrument panel, hood and floor areas to kill the sound. The A-, B- and C-pillars are filled with foam to reduce wind noise as well.

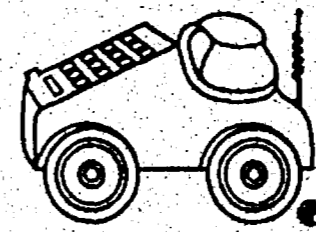
Overall styling of the Elantra emphasizes clean lines, body-colored bumpers and a he-man-looking air dam. It commands the road with authority.

The bottom line: The Elantra sedan and wagon are really good choices for a family looking for the versatility of each and want smart styling as well. Look for some good things coming from this auto maker in the future.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti News Features.

1996 Hyundai Elantra
Vehicle class: Compact sedan and wagon.

Engine: 1.8-liter 4-cylinder.
Mileage: 22 city / 32 highway.
Where built: Seoul, Korea.
Price: Around \$11,000.



Toyota Exports Cars Back to Homeland

(NAPS)—America is sending thousands of cars to Japan. Toyota is exporting the Avalon, that company's new American-built flagship sedan. It expected to ship more than 20,000 of these cars to Japan, Canada, Taiwan, the Middle East and other world markets during 1995 alone.

The Avalon is made exclusively at Toyota Motor Manufacturing (TMM), U.S.A., in Georgetown, Kentucky. TMM is also the exclusive manufacturer of Camry wagons and coupes, which have been exported to Japan since November 1993.

"Toyota's increased local production, along with a major investment in U.S. research and development, and other operations, will further boost our U.S. exports," said Yale Gieszi, executive vice president of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. "In 1996, Toyota's exports of U.S.-built vehicles will climb nearly 70 percent to 80,000 units."

About 20,000 of those exported units are right-hand-drive Toyota Cavaliers, built by General Motors in Ohio for sale by Toyota dealers in Japan. In addition to vehicles, Toyota also exports to Japan TMM-manufactured four-cylinder engines, crankshafts and connecting rods as well as catalytic converters and coated catalytic substrates.

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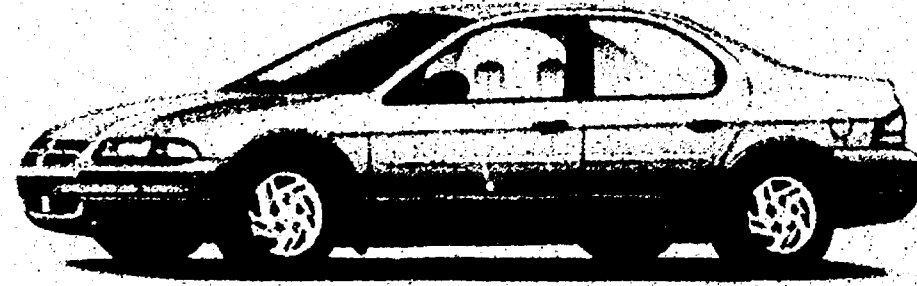
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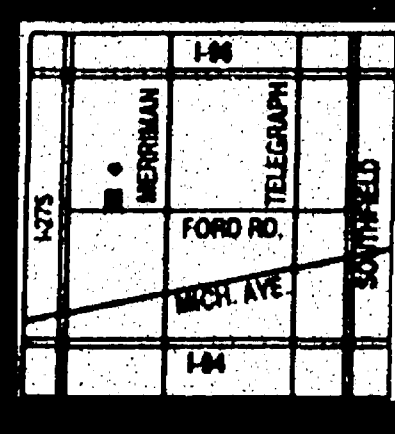
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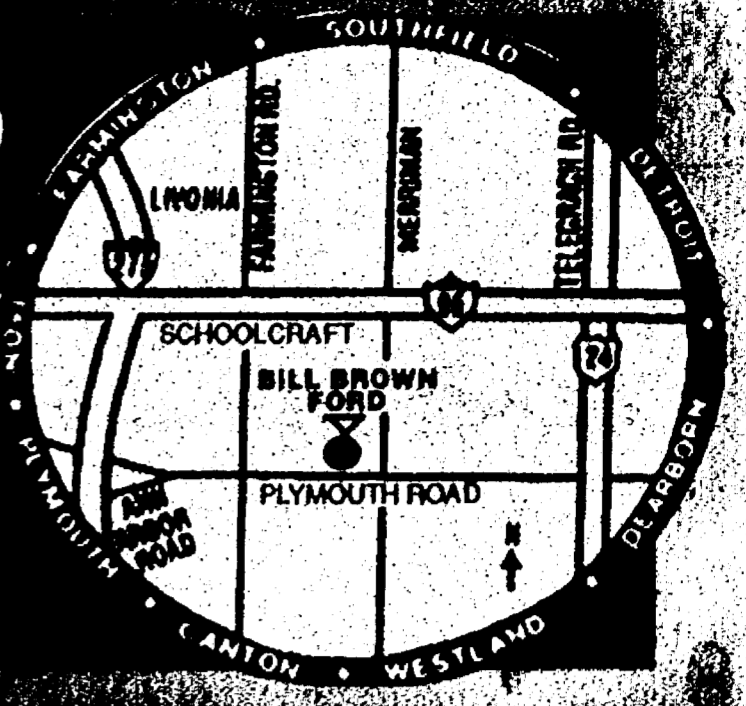
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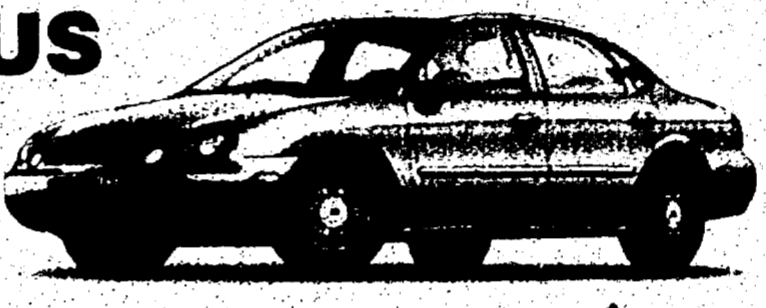
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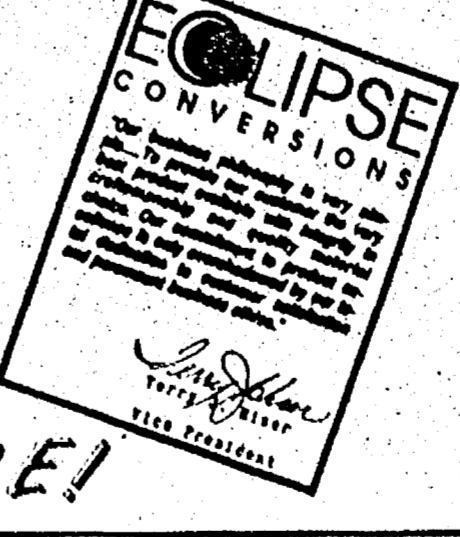
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*Lease payment based on 18 months closed end lease. 18,000 mile limitation w/14 per mile excess miles. Lessee has option to purchase at price determined at lease inception. Security deposit of \$1000. First month's payment, plus taxes, title and registration fee and \$2100 additional down. To get total payment, multiply payment by 18. MSRP is \$44,800. **Lease payment based on 24 months closed end lease. 24,000 mile limitation w/14 per mile excess miles. Lessee has option to purchase at price determined at lease inception. Security deposit of \$475. First month's payment, plus taxes, title and registration fee and \$2100 additional down. To get total payment, multiply payment by 24. MSRP \$41,000.