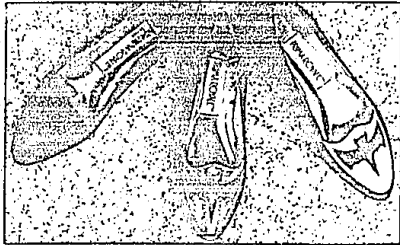


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Few alternatives for singles

Dear Barbara,

I read with interest your column on May 8 regarding "Needing a Man."

I work for the Detroit area office of the largest personal introduction service in the country. The feelings expressed by the single woman who wrote to you echo those of our members.

Our clients are people looking for a special relationship. They are ready to make a commitment, but only to the right person. They elude dates and arrangements for jobs or they don't believe in dating someone they work with. They don't feel comfortable meeting a stranger in a bar.

They are selective, therefore, they choose a service that stresses a personalized approach to finding compatible partners.

With both men and women devot-

ing a majority of their time to careers, there are fewer opportunities for singles to meet. A service offers both a way to save time and be selective, while putting you in touch with other singles who are looking for "someone special."

We welcome your calls for more information.

Catherine Haynes,
MatchMaker
International

Dear Ms. Haynes,

Your letter is timely. I receive a lot of correspondence from men and women who are having difficult finding partners. Your observations give them and other readers an opportunity to learn things that I do not have background to impart.

The lack of opportunity for singles to meet is heightened as soon as they leave school. School is a natural area

for boys and girls to find one another. However, the rising age at which men and women first marry and the divorce rate (which makes singles out of mature men and women) have conspired to create a vacuum which previously had been filled by high school and college.

I would appreciate further comments from our readers on dating services and how well they do or do not fill this void. Any comments on how well other groups, like Parents Without Partners, or social gathering places, like bars, help fill this emptiness also would be helpful.

I anticipate moderating a show on Bloomfield-Birmingham cable in the near future which will deal with these topics, and I anticipate that the research and preparation for that show, as well as the show itself, will provide much additional information.



Barbara Schiff

Keep your input coming.

Barbara

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, a trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Live music that bowls you over

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times. Some of them even slide down the lanes.

Not only does the Rock'n'Bowl bring new people to the sport, it provides a different twist to listening to live music. Bars are usually the only outlet to hear local bands. If you don't like to drink or dance, the atmosphere can be unappealing. The Garden Bowl is definitely an alternative.

"It's great," said Macca, who is keeping score between turns. "The music pumps you up."

The music has been provided some of Detroit's finer alternative bands like Static Alphabet, Inside Out, Dancing Smoothies and Strange Bedfellows. Most of those groups bring their own following.

"We didn't come here to bowl, but we know how to have a good time," said Joyce Wheat of Waterford, pointing to the stage.

Wheat, along with her friends Kelly Ramsey of Livonia and Mark Belner of Detroit, are all fans of J.D. Lamb, who is the performer on this Thursday night. "I don't even care about the pins when he's playing."

By the end of the night, the whole group was bowling. Even the singer took a turn at busting some pins.

"It's great because we got to bowl right when we walked in," said Lamb, who lives in Farmington. "I bowled a 99."



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Kim Gruely of Farmington, Chris Whiteford of Southfield and Darren Macca of Farmington Hills try to keep score at the Garden Bowl.

New game becomes popular

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"It's a way to take advantage of friends," said Dan Okrent, a former Farmington Observer reporter and one of the founding fathers of Rotisserie League Baseball. "You try to unload a player right after you hear a guy's broke his ankle and been put on the D.L. (disabled list)."

The game had its humble beginnings at a Manhattan bistro, named Le Rotisserie, when a bunch of writer-types gathered, including Waggoner and Okrent, and dreamt up the scheme.

The eatery is closed, but Rotisserie League Baseball is big business.

One of the most humorous is "Rotisserie League Baseball, 1989 Edition." A complete history of the league is presented along with some tips on strategy and a scouting analysis on players. The third edition has sold 90,000 copies so far, leaving its editors quite puzzled as well.

"We had not a clue," said Waggoner. "We thought we would play this game in suspended isolation because we didn't think anyone was as crazy as we were."

Kevin Allen, formerly of Westland, is the owner of three teams. His wife, Terri Sherman, is in one league with her husband. The Terri-yakis are 8-1 in the Fort Huron Fantasy Baseball League; the Allen Wrenches are a woeful 3-6.

"She wears the baseball pants in the family," said Allen, who is a sports writer with USA Today. "It's great for the marriage. It gives us something to talk about. I can't wait until I can get Erin (his 4-year-old daughter) involved."

Players themselves, have apparently caught the Rotisserie bug.

"Before a game, Dale Murphy (outfielder for the Atlanta Braves) approaches Steve Wolf (a writer for Sports Illustrated) and asks, 'How are doing?'" Waggoner said. "Steve thought he was talking about the Braves. Then Murphy said, 'I know I'm on your team. How we doing?'"

"Steve had to hem and haw because Murphy was in a slump, and because of it, his team wasn't doing so well."

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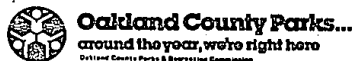
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