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My father always tells me I'm "one of the guys." Flattering, isn't it? My mother encourages me to be more feminine. As if wearing floral-patterned dresses would get me a date. No thank you; I'd rather be myself and enjoy my Saturday evenings with a paperback.

Some people might say that I'm in denial. Only a lonely, bitter and desperate girl would be spending her time writing a column about how ignorant Valentine's Day is.

Wrong again. I think Valentine's Day is great. Tell people you love them. Just make sure they're people you really love.

It disgusts me that people will convince themselves they're in love with someone so they can get a dozen roses and go to the Olive Garden for dinner.

Evaluate who it is you really love in this world. It's a strong word, and holds a lot more meaning than a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates.

And for those desperate souls who do not have a date for Valentine's, be patient.

I have found it's the only way to survive watching the cutesy little couples with their hearts and flowers. I know my knight in shining armor will someday appear in the form of a guitar-playing

skater-punk who writes poetry and sends his parents a Valentine's Day card every Feb. 14.

Until then, I will be content knowing that at least my parents think I'm the most beautiful little girl in the world. By Saturday, I will have my stuffed ape. And that's all the love I need.

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Talent Buyer William things are going fairly according to schedule. "So far, there are no bookings," he said.

And with bands booked for the festival, event organizers are in discussions about having open-mic and other Northgate venues.

"It would allow people to say they plan to attend Northgate," Bennett said.

T-shirt design arrangements, weather forecasts and parking represent some of the details organizers of the festival are trying to finalize.

But in a city such as Northgate, when Northgate comes playing its music this way, it can be a festival to be proud of.

Professor teaches student about

DETROIT (AP) — After a sudden death, his energy was unshaken, sociology professor Morrie Schwartz remained the end.

And his one-time student, Albin Kuhn, again was taking notes.

It was a Tuesday in 1979, Schwartz, at 79, was teaching at Brandeis University. Albin, at 37, was a claimed sports columnist for the Detroit Free Press, a frequent guest on radio and a keyboardist in a fit band of writers including King, Dave Barry and

Though close with Schwartz in the late 1970s, Schwartz had been out of touch for years.

"Since everyone was talking about him, he could be of great value," Kuhn wrote. "He could be a human textbook."

For 14 Tuesdays, Kuhn used his tape recorder and Schwartz's home. Schwartz's wisdom, some slips of paper.

Albin calls the video a "business-whipping session" by Schwartz's simple philosophy: Accept what you cannot change. If it is too late, accept it. Cherish family. Face death's just one thing.

With his advance for the book, Albin paid for the medical bills.

"The fact that Morrie widely read is testimony to something valuable, a Boston College professor. 'Morrie would have said something about this.'"

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