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On the way: This is what the new Mayflower development on Main Street is projected to look like. The long-standing Mayflower Hotel was sold and demolished this year to make room for this project.

2000: HIGH HOPES, HIGH TECH

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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With the millennium nearly here, local leaders are considering what will happen in the next 10-20 years.

In some cases, you might see some big changes.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Ken Walcott believes school districts will need to make dramatic changes to compete and survive in the near future.

"We need to come up with a different kind of school year," said Walcott. "The summer recess is too long. It's difficult to come to a screeching halt in June and then gear up again in August, which always takes a few weeks for review in most classes."

Walcott thinks the district should stop building so many

schools, and instead use the current buildings more efficiently.

Walcott predicts technology will play an important part in future learning.

"Technology will allow high school students to have a flexible schedule and learn differently," he said. "Who says students will need to go to school every day - though school will continue to be a social center for kids."

Plymouth City Manager David Rich believes there will be continued emphasis on the redevelopment of downtown and under-utilized industrial properties, as well as Old Village and the infrastructure.

The city's future may also

include using more technology to provide services for city residents.

"We're going to continue to look at ways to use technology to provide better contact and access to the public to make dealing with the government easier," said Rich.

Rich predicts youth issues will continue to be important topics in the future.

And when it comes to finances, it could become higher taxes or fewer city services because of Proposal A from the past.

"The city will fight to continue the same level of services with reduced dollars with the help of better technology, better ways of doing things, or joint community efforts," he said. "However, if the state continues to pass

unfunded mandates, the job won't be easy to continue at present levels."

Plymouth Township will face some of the same types of issues.

"We're rapidly approaching full growth, which will come in about 10 years," said Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy. "Hopefully we'll continue our industrial-research development, which helps in keeping our residential tax rate as low as possible."

High on McCarthy's list is development of recreational infrastructure in the township.

"Government should acquire the land for the soccer, baseball or whatever kinds of fields we need. It's the expensive part that private groups can't do," she said. "But, I don't think you'll see us getting into providing programming. There are enough groups out there to do that."

'We're rapidly approaching full growth, which will come in about 10 years.'

Kathleen Keen McCarthy
- Township supervisor

MILLENNIUM PRIORITIES



'The infrastructure, to make sure our kids are safe.'

- Heather Tetlow



'We need to have good leadership.'

- Arline Robinson



'Fighting crime, drugs and keeping families together.'

- Rob Carlson



'Less littering and less crime.'

- Alie Bates



'Keeping education a top priority to keep our community strong.'

- Karen Huddas

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1999: A LOOK BACK AT PLYMOUTH'S TOP STORIES

Schools: Fifth graders head to Space Camp

Fifth graders from 14 elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district joined students from Van Buren and Taylor schools in a trip to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

The trip was made possible by a donation from an anonymous benefactor.

The kids were accompanied by chaperones and one reporter, and spent six days learning all aspects of space and flight before returning home.

"This is an awesome opportunity," Brad Dietz said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TONY BRUSCATO

Spaced out: Fifth graders from 14 different elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district got to go to Space Camp.

City: 5 new faces elected in commission shake-up

For years, the Plymouth City Commission was the scene of some pretty rough political activity, and in 1999 the voters finally said, "Enough is enough."

When the smoke cleared, five new faces adorned the commission, including a new mayor. Among the victims: mayor John Vos, who had already been campaigning to be the mayor before he was even re-elected, and Joe Koch, the sitting mayor.

In their places were Sean FitzGerald, Michelle Potter, Bill Graham (back for another stint as a commissioner), Dave Byers (who unseated Vos), and Dan Dwyer.



New kid on the block: Michelle Potter was one of five new faces to hit the Plymouth City Commission in one of the largest shakeups in recent memory.

Township: Killing of woman still unsolved

An 84-year-old Plymouth Township woman's body is found in an alley in Detroit, and her car is found in a church parking lot in March, and the murder is still unsolved.

Helen Klocek was last seen leaving Three Brothers restaurant, one of her favorite haunts. Her body was found near Joy and Telegraph some 10 hours later.

The family is still looking for answers. Anyone with information can call Detroit Police Homicide.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSBMAN

Blazing: Firefighters battle a fire at Glassline Inc., in one of the top stories of 1999.

School board boosts pay for substitutes to \$75 per day

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In order to compete with area school districts for substitute teachers, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has increased the daily rate of pay to attract subs to the district.

"It's tough to get subs, and it will continue to be tough to get subs," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent of employee relations and personnel. "We need to be competitive with the salaries of other districts."

The per-day substitute fee of \$66 in Plymouth-Canton was slated to increase to \$70 per day beginning with the second semester. However, because of higher rates in neighboring school districts, the school board voted to increase the daily pay to \$75.

Goldman said the additional \$5 per day is expected to cost

the district \$30,000 for the second semester.

"Substitute teachers look at a lot of factors when it comes to which district to sub in, including expected vacancies, how close the district is to their home, and, of course, the money," he said.

At \$66 per day, Plymouth-Canton was higher than only two of the 15 districts school officials surveyed. Wayne-Westland pays \$65 and Northville pays \$60-\$75.

On the other end of the spectrum, Bloomfield Hills, Walled Lake and Ypsilanti pay \$80 a day.

Goldman would like to attract subs to the district who may someday become full-time teachers, especially considering Plymouth-Canton will be hiring 80-100 teachers next school year because of buyouts and enrollment growth.

"This will be the highest

number of teachers we've hired in any single year since the late 1960s or early '70s when Plymouth-Canton was growing," said Goldman. "The substitute teacher pool is getting smaller, and the demand is up because there's a big group of teachers who are retiring. We have to replace them. Plus, we are a growing school district once again."

Goldman says the aggressive recruitment of substitute teachers will begin with a Feb. 9 job fair at Plymouth Salem High School.

"We'll be holding the job fair, and we'll be visiting area colleges looking for applicants at all levels and disciplines," said Goldman. "In this tight market, not only do the teachers have to sell themselves to us, but we need to sell ourselves to them. We're going to take an aggressive approach to recruitment this year."



Planning: These are the students putting together the new "Coming Home Dance" at the high school complex. Back row, from left: Matt Salah, Brendan Kownacki, Tina Stoilkovic, Shirley Hu, Julie Patterson, David Luick, Leeha Chmieleski, Jeremy Bloch, Kathy McKeon. Second row, from left: Nicolle Kownacki, Jessica Sandoval, Ashley Corney, Preeti Bagri, Sana Khan, Victoria Williams, Katy Prew, Anna Carr. Front row, from left: Sameer Dohadwala, Megan Bohr, March Bradley, Danielle Smith, Carol Liu, Kristen Thomas, Shirley Ma, Rusha Patel, Mary Mei.

Students plan new dance event

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Students at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools are hoping to start a new tradition this winter — the "Coming Home Dance."

The dance, which is comparable to the fall homecoming dance, is a way of getting students together during the winter, which has no major dance at the high school complex.

"I went to a leadership conference last year and saw how other schools did well with a mid-winter dance," said Matt Salah, Salem senior council president. "It was successful in Northville, and I hope it will be here, too."

Salah said the first Coming Home Dance will tie in with the rivalry of a big basketball game. Plymouth Salem plays Plymouth Canton on Friday, Jan. 7, with the dance at 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8.

"We want to get students enthused about winter sports, so we'll have spirit week when we get back to school (Jan. 3)," said Salah. "The dance will be like the fall homecoming. Students like to get dressed up, go out to dinner with friends and see who's wearing what. It's also nice for parents, who like to take pictures."

Tickets for The Coming Home Dance are \$5, and can be purchased during all lunches at Canton and Salem high schools beginning Monday, Jan. 3, and continuing throughout the week. Half the cost of every ticket will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

A raffle ticket will be given to each student who buys a dance ticket. Prizes include Old Navy and Max & Erma's gift certificates, AMC movie passes, a 13-inch television and a CD player.

This year's chairwomen are Megan Bohr and Danielle Smith.

Police have hit-and-run suspect

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A Plymouth woman has admitted to police she was the driver in a hit-and-run accident which has left a 33-year-old man hospitalized and fighting for his life.

Plymouth police Lt. Wayne Carroll said the woman admitted Wednesday she was the driver of a car which hit a bicyclist about 7 p.m. Dec. 23 on southbound Haggerty between Plymouth Road and Hines Drive.

The victim, Garrett Murray, 33, remains on life support in the intensive care unit at University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor.

Police say Murray was riding his bicycle to a family member's home in Westland where he hoped to celebrate Christmas.

Carroll said the woman had her windshield repaired at Henderson Glass in Canton the day after the accident. After a notice about the accident was sent by police to area windshield repair shops, the Henderson Glass employee on Monday reported the repair to Plymouth police.

The woman reportedly denied being involved in the accident but then admitted to Carroll and Plymouth Township Sgt. Robert Antal she was the driver involved.

Carroll said charges against the woman are pending.



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Watches reported stolen

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Two Lakepointe subdivision residents in Plymouth Township reported break-ins within two days of each other, police said.

A Crestwood resident told police that he found items valued at more than \$7,000 stolen when he returned home about 8:45 p.m. Dec. 29 after being away since 6:30 p.m. Dec. 26.

Among the items reported stolen were: a \$5,000 Rolex watch, a \$550 Seiko watch, a \$250 Citizens watch, a \$125 Regency watch, a \$650 gold chain, a \$400 gold bracelet, and money.

The resident said the rear entry garage door glass was broken.

POLICE BEAT

In a home invasion on Crabtree reported Dec. 30, property valued at more than \$1,600 was reported stolen along with \$10,000 in uncashed checks, police said.

The homeowner said that when he returned home just after midnight Dec. 30 after an absence of about five hours he found cabinet and closet doors open, according to a police report.

Construction site heist
A construction worker flagged down a road patrol officer about 11 a.m. Dec. 27 to report a larceny from a construction site on Currin Court in Plymouth Township.

He reported property valued at \$7,543 stolen from the residential construction site sometime between Dec. 24-27, according to a police report.

The items were taken from the tool bins, police said. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Breaking and entering
Property valued at \$2,915 was stolen from a General Drive business following a break-in about 8 p.m. Dec. 26, police said. The building is under renovation.

An employee discovered the south door to the warehouse unlocked, a report said. Someone had cut a screen.

Lawn jobs
Two people were arrested Dec. 24 in the area of Crabtree and Thornridge for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and alcohol, police said.

A resident followed the car that he said had been doing "lawn jobs and turfing" in the area and called police on his cell phone. The driver admitted to destroying lawns in the subdivision.

Found wallet
A Good Samaritan found a wallet on Ann Arbor Road near Sheldon Road Dec. 18 and turned it into police. The wallet was returned to the owner minus the two small baggies of marijuana that were inside, according to a police report.

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Discarded pets get a 2nd chance here

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Last year, 29,504 animals were euthanized by the Michigan Humane Society and officials are calling for more people to sterilize their pets and turn in stray cats and dogs, who if left to roam, would continue to breed.

"Think about what the problem would be throughout the country," said Nancy Gunnigle, Michigan Humane Society community relations manager. "We're talking about millions of animals. If someone sees a stray cat on the street, it should be brought to a shelter so it can't breed and multiply. You might think it's cruel to pick up a stray dog, but it might be returned to its owner or prevented from dying from a series of diseases."

Sterilization also prevents some reproductive cancers and helps calm behavioral problems.

If you're a sucker for cute puppy dog eyes or the allure of cats, visit the Michigan Humane Society in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. Last week, Richard and Peggy Morawa of Westland adopted a 3-month-old domestic cat they named Yanni, after the musician. And now they can't imagine life without him.

"He's kind of just moved right in," Richard Morawa said. "It's at home and it was already litter box trained. It's taken over."

Morawa said he recommends

the Michigan Humane Society. "They treat you real well there," he added.

The cost to adopt a dog is \$95. Puppies, 4 months and younger, and toy breeds are \$120. Kittens are \$80 and cats are \$60. The fee includes sterilization, physical evaluation; age-appropriate vaccinations; a fecal exam; initial worming; nail trimming and a 10-day health guarantee against infectious diseases.

Be a volunteer

If you're not in the market for another pet, but you love to be around animals, you might consider the 30-some volunteer positions that range from public speaking, to greeting visitors and cleaning cages and walking dogs.

One of the most important volunteer jobs is foster care where the person takes the animal home temporarily before it is put up for adoption. Sometimes, the animal needs to learn socialization skills or is recovering from a short-term illness.

"There's a volunteer job for everyone," Gunnigle said.

Alice Humphries of Dearborn volunteers a minimum of 20 hours a week. When she had to limit her visits because of family commitments, Humphries said: "I dearly missed it."

"I love animals," said Humphries, who has been volunteering with the Humane Society since 1992.

She goes to the Westland shelter every morning to help clean the cages and other various jobs. She also provides foster care for the animals.

"I have a dog here now that was burnt by battery acid," she said. "I know a lot of people who say: 'How do you get rid of them?' When you know this animal is going to a good home it's worth it."

"I always have pictures and telephone numbers where I can reach them," said Humphries, who said she retired from Ford Motor Co. to spend more time at the Humane Society.

"A lot of people who come in there and look and they don't see what they want; I take their names and numbers and if something comes in I'll call them. A lot of times that works."

The Humane Society isn't only for cats and dogs. They also take in rabbits and sometimes unusual pets like lizards, snakes, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, parrots, cockateels, iguanas and an occasional exotic cat, like a cougar.

Many animals

Last year, the Michigan Humane Society took in 49,965 animals and of that number 10,395 were adopted. About 2,000 animals that went to the Humane Society were returned to their owners.

"That gives you an idea of the severity of the pet overpopula-



Needs a friend: Dozer, an orange, 5-year-old domestic shorthair cat, waits to be adopted at the Michigan Humane Society.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

tion problem," Gunnigle said.

Forty to 50 percent of the animals that come to the Humane Society are strays and the remainder are surrendered by their owners for a number of reasons, most commonly because they're moving to a no-pet living arrangement, allergies, time limitations or the pets just aren't wanted anymore.

"These are all things that people should think about before they get an animal," Gunnigle said. "If they're going to adopt a cat, they should make sure they don't have cat allergies."

The Michigan Humane Society is private and nonprofit. It doesn't receive any federal or state funds and runs on the money garnered from adoption fees, donations and fund-raisers.

The Humane Society's philosophy is simple: "To provide the highest quality of service and

compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, to measurably reduce companion animal over population and to take a leadership role in promoting humane values for the benefit of all animals."

"We rely on the generosity of people to keep our programs running," Gunnigle said.

The Michigan Humane Society also offers educational videos about training your pet, as well as training classes and services provided by a behaviorist consultant who meets with owners. The intent is to help people keep their pets. Call (248) 650-1059 for more information about these services.

"People often don't take the time to train their pets in the first place," Gunnigle added. "When you adopt an animal, research what kind of care is needed."

Strays are kept four to seven days before they're tested for health and temperament problems to determine if they're adoptable.

"If there's enough cages in the kennel, they're put up for adoption, but if the cages are full that dog or another dog has to be put down - unless there is a foster home that will take it in," Gunnigle said, adding the animals remain up for adoption as long as space allows.

Euthanasia involves two injections: one puts the animal to sleep and the second provides an overdose of anesthesia.

"It's not painful to the animal, but it's always sad," she said. "If someone turns in a dog and says, 'I don't want it anymore,' we hold onto it for a day in case the owner calls back and changes their mind."

Saved:
Theresa Mullett, of Livonia, carries around her new buddy Duchess after adopting her from the Michigan Humane Society in Westland.



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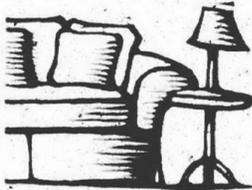
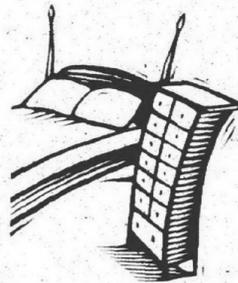
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Here's looking at you, 1999

The last year has been a busy one everywhere, and it was no different in Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

There were fires, both real and political. We got a new school superintendent, but lost a board member. Voters spoke loudly about change on the city commission, putting five new faces in power.

And there was the national championship for the PCEP Marching Band.

Here's a look at the year just passed:

JANUARY

■ The Plymouth City Commission hires David Rich as its new city manager. Rich had been the city manager in Grand Ledge. He replaces former manager Steve Walters.

■ The Plymouth City Commission, plagued by political infighting and backbiting, comes up with a Code of Conduct to try to end the bickering.

FEBRUARY

■ Plymouth Township Police Department employee Ann DeGhetto won a contest through Best Buy to appear as an extra on the television show, "Ally McBeal." She was flown to California and visited the Los Angeles set in mid-January.

■ Frank Yaquinto, owner of Pajano's Casual Dining and Cocktails in Dearborn, wants to open a similar restaurant on Main Street across from Kellogg Park.

MARCH

■ With a water and sewer fund \$900,000 in debt, the city commission approved a 42 percent hike in water rates.

■ It was a move that could have been seen as a "glass is half full" scenario, because the commission had been considering an 86 percent increase.

■ "Our goal was to take away the hard hit on residents," city manager Dave Rich said. "We can spread the cost out and make it easier for those who have fixed incomes."

■ Ninety-six fifth-graders from Ishister Elementary School take off for U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., accompanied by chaperones and one reporter.

■ The students spent six days learning all aspects of space and flight before returning home.

■ "This is an awesome opportunity," Brad Dietz said.

■ Plymouth Schools Superintendent Chuck Little resigns to take a position at Indiana University. He'd been in the Plymouth-Canton district for five years.

APRIL

■ Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announces she has filed a motion in U.S. District Court to support the city in its battle with CSX over train delays.

■ CSX had filed a lawsuit claiming federal regulations govern how long intersections can be tied up, while the city says CSX should be following state guidelines.

■ Granholm agrees with the city.

■ "The Michigan... statute is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of citizens," she said. "CSX tells the courts they should be allowed to tie up intersections for as long as they need to. I don't buy that for one second."

■ The massacre in Littleton, Colo., hits close to home for local young people and their families, with students at PCEP concerned about such a tragedy happening at their schools.

■ "You know, it could happen anywhere, but I'm trying not to think about it," said Ian Bugle, 17. "It's a scary thing... it only takes one person. But we can't let this get to us."

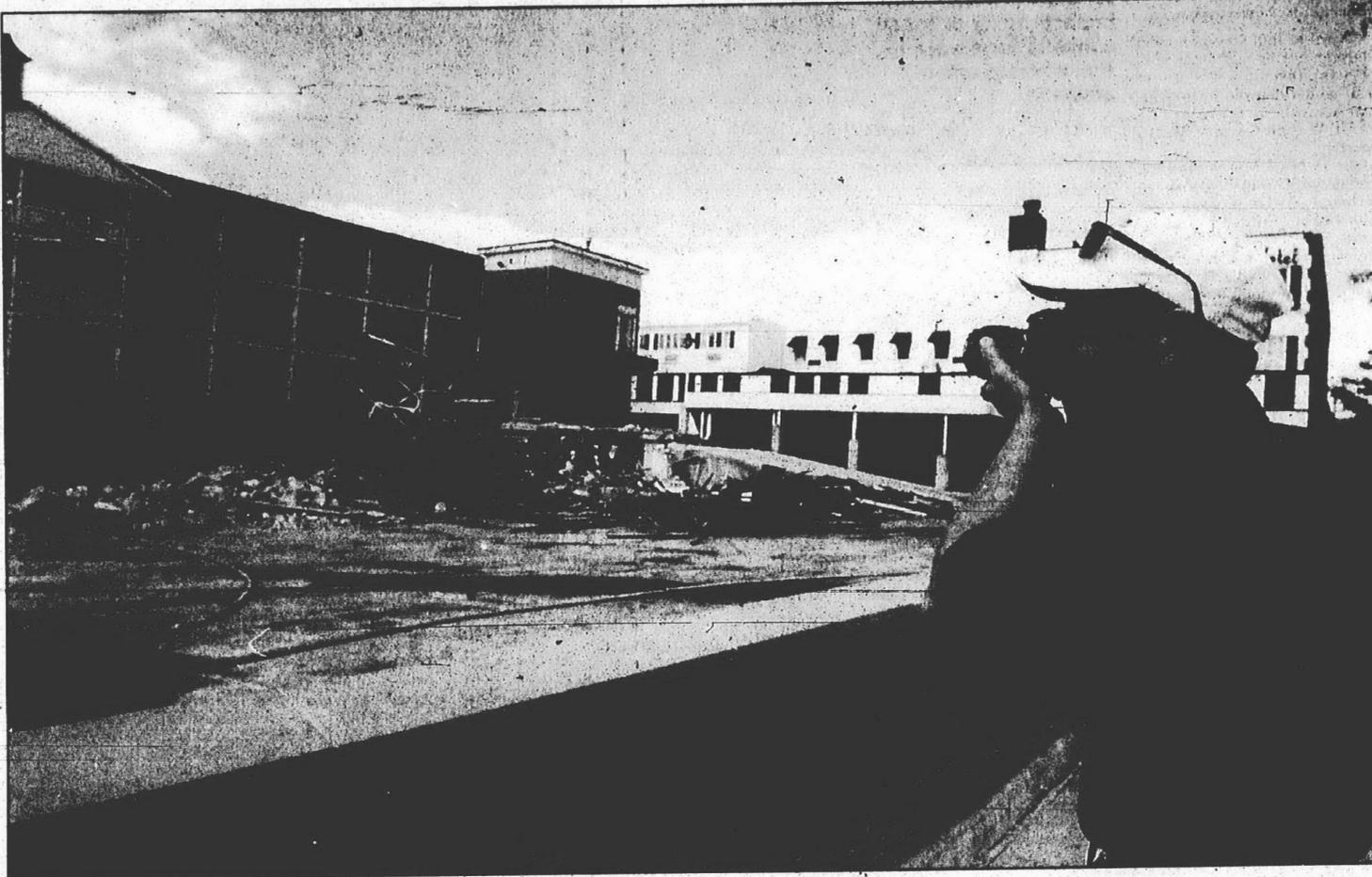
MAY

■ Don Dismuke resigns as mayor of the City of Plymouth, and hands in his resignation from the commission, as well. Dismuke, a CPA, is leaving to take a position for his company, Ernst and Young, in Paris.

■ Commissioner Joe Koch, who had been mayor pro-tem, takes over as mayor.

■ City and township officials disagree on how the cost of a railroad underpass at the Sheldon Road CSX crossing should be divided.

■ Township supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy says her board is leaning toward a 50-50 split.



Down for the count: The downtown scene changed dramatically in September when the venerable Mayflower Hotel was razed.

"Informally, my board is telling me that a 50-50 split is appropriate because the road is half in one community and half in the other," McCarthy says.

■ City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury calls that unfair.

■ "For us as a community to say that 9,522 people who live in the city... have the same responsibility as the 25,850 who live in the township... that's not fair."

JUNE

■ Plymouth-Canton school trustees approve spending \$2 million on new buses to bolster an aging fleet that often breaks down on the road. The buses will be paid for out of the \$79.8 million high school bond issue approved by voters in March 1997.

■ The Plymouth Township man who went on a shooting rampage at the Southfield Civic Center used a gun purchased with a permit issued by Plymouth Township police just a week earlier.

■ Thomas Brooks bought a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun at Target in Royal Oak, then used it to allegedly kill his former psychiatrist, Dr. Reuven Bar-Levav. It was the second permit issued by Plymouth Township police to Brooks, who also got one for a handgun in October 1998.

JULY

■ The city commission and township board did something in 2-1/2 hours they couldn't do in 2-1/2 previous years: agree on something.

■ In a joint meeting, the governing bodies agreed to a 67-33 split of the funding for the Sheldon Road underpass; hire three new firefighters; and establish a joint police/fire dispatch to be housed in the township.

■ "This puts to rest a lot of issues that are of importance to the whole community, and that's important," township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said.

■ "What we've done is good for the community, and good for all of us in the long run," Mayor Joe Koch echoed.

AUGUST

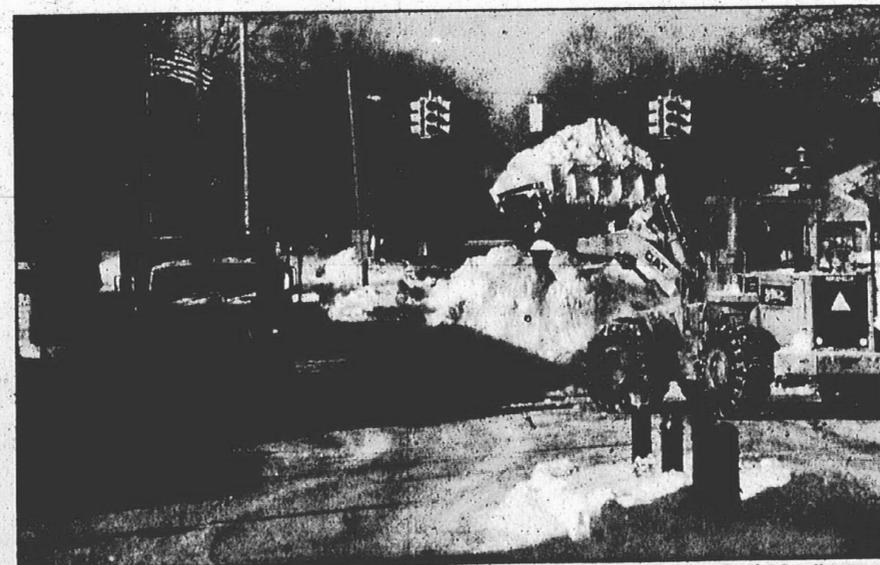
■ The Plymouth Planning Commission approves the \$7 million project that will replace the soon-to-be-demolished Mayflower Hotel with retail space and pricey condos.

■ Teenagers ticketed for allegedly obstructing a Penniman Street sidewalk get support from the community, particularly the woman police say they obstructed.

■ The school board settles on the west site, at Joy and Beck



Close, but no cigar: Plymouth Salem's boys soccer team reaches the state finals before bowing to Rochester Adams.



Say it isn't snow: Plymouth dug out from the worst snowstorm in years last January.



Summertime: Summer Powers dressed for Thanksgiving at Smith Elementary.

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Season's first snow fall brings delays, cancellations at Metro

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The airline industry promised to deliver better customer service after last Jan. 2's snowstorm, which delayed or stranded thousands of travelers at Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.

After Detroit Metro was hit Tuesday with 2.6 inches of snow, Northwest Airlines posted 59 cancellations and 200 to 300 delays.

News reports indicated passengers complained about lines at the ticket counters and the little information they had on how to get to their destinations. Many fliers didn't know about the airline's new customer service policy.

Jon Austin, Northwest spokesman, said there were delays Tuesday, but he thought the overall operations ran smoothly there. "The average delay was 21 minutes," Austin said. "The snow had a mild impact. Many of these cancellations were in the morning and in advance."

Lines at the ticket counters are not unusual at this time of year, Austin added.

Each of the airport's three parallel runways was closed for 55 minutes or less between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, said airport spokesman Mike Conway. Runways and alleyways were plowed one at a time when the snow started accumulating. The snow removal crews "did a great job," Conway said.

'The snow had a mild impact. Many of these cancellations were in the morning and in advance.'

*Jon Austin
Northwest spokesman*

"We kept the airfield open," Conway said.

The airport also staffed 19 customer service agents to assist travelers with directions to gate locations, rest rooms and restaurants, but they do not help with rescheduling, as that is the airlines' responsibility.

Austin said Northwest's Customer First policy is highlighted on its Website, www.nwa.com.

The policy says Northwest is responsible for a two- to four-hour delay or a canceled flight, or in instances of a four-hour delay beyond Northwest's control, Northwest will provide a Northwest Airlines Service Recovery Packet to customers at the departure gate. The packet is designed to assist travelers while arrangements are made for other flights.

It includes a phone card entitling the customer to a five-minute domestic phone call, a coupon offering a choice of Northwest WorldPerks miles, a meal in the airport or other amenities and a travel discount certificate.

When Northwest is responsible for canceling a flight and Northwest cannot fly a delayed customer on the same day they were scheduled for departure, Northwest will make every effort to provide hotel accommodations near the airport and a voucher for meals.

If delayed or canceled flights are due to circumstances beyond Northwest's control, such as severe weather, air traffic control decisions or natural disasters, Northwest will "make every effort" to offer discounted hotel accommodations for all customers, but the expense will remain the responsibility of the customer.

The policy was created after the January snowstorm snarled air traffic at Detroit Metro. According to a report released in June by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, neither Northwest Airlines nor Detroit Metro Airport violated federal aviation regulations in their handling of the snowstorm on Jan. 2 and 3, 1999. The storm stranded 22,000 airline passengers in planes on the tarmac for several hours.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, approximately 9,200 passengers were stranded on the tarmac, with 240 held for over nine hours, 320 for eight to nine hours and 160 for seven to eight hours. The following day, 12,889 passengers suffered similar delays.

Northwest lacked a snow emergency plan for Metro Airport, the report stated.

Madonna offers quality management

Madonna University in Livonia will offer the quality and operations management course Teaming this winter term from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 13 through April 27.

In this course, students will learn team methods and techniques and how to use them in solving problems, making pro-

cess improvements and preparing for presentations.

Total Quality: Building the Infrastructure will be offered 6-9 p.m., Thursdays, starting on Jan. 13 and concluding on April 27. This course is designed to introduce the student to the methods and processes for intro-

ducing total quality to an organization.

Students may earn 4.5 continuing education units for each course. The non-credit fee is \$300.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan. For information call (734) 432-5731.



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January gem red garnet is durable and inexpensive

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

Now that the Y2K hoopla has passed — are the lights still on? — it's time to concentrate on more important matters.

THE BEAUTY OF JANUARY'S GEM

I've always thought, for example, the gem garnet is underrated.

Besides, garnet is the birthstone of January, which renders the gem the ideal gift

for Capricorns and Aquarians and other individuals, including those married in January.

Technically speaking, however, garnet is the official gem of the second wedding anniversary.

Most of us think of garnets as the wine-red stones set in antique Victorian jewelry, and that is accurate. In fact, since garnet is a relatively durable gem, there is a substantial amount of Victorian garnet jewelry in good shape and being worn today.

COLORS GALORE

But did you know garnet is found naturally in every color except blue?

Tsavorite, a green garnet, for example, has grown in popularity recently. The gem can rival emeralds in color and, generally, is clearer.

Better yet, green garnets are less expensive than emeralds when comparing like-quality stones.

In ancient times, garnets were believed to promote sincerity, stop blood loss, and dissolve anger.

While there's been a resurgence in the belief that crystal stones have healing powers, modern men and women tend to consult shrinks and self-help books, rather than gemstones, to cure anger problems.

DIAMONDS IN THE NEWS

There's news about diamonds, as if the gem doesn't have enough allure and mystery.

Scientists are speculating about the gem's origins.

Conventional scientific theory says diamonds issue from the transformation of carbon beneath the earth's surface amid intense heat and pressure.

Recently, however, some scientists have proposed that diamonds are the result of a supernova explosion that occurred three-billion years ago. The theory also states the explosion scattered diamond debris throughout the cosmos.

And, according to one Gemological Institute of America researcher, that scenario is possible. Thus, it's conceivable the diamond on your finger has traveled through space before landing on earth and making its way to your jewelry box.

In another extraterrestrial twist, others scientists postulate there are millions of carats of diamonds on two planets, Neptune and Uranus.

The group of scientists came to that conclusion after simulating the atmosphere on these planets in a lab.

"They heated and compressed methane gas, which is found in abundance on these planets. As a result of their work, they concluded that a large layer of diamonds may exist near the core of both planets. In addition, both Jupiter and Saturn may also have diamond deposits in lesser quantities.

While it's extremely impractical to even think of retrieving these diamonds, if they exist as theorized, there's no harm in gazing at them the next time you look out at the night sky.

DIAMONDS FOR COMPUTERS

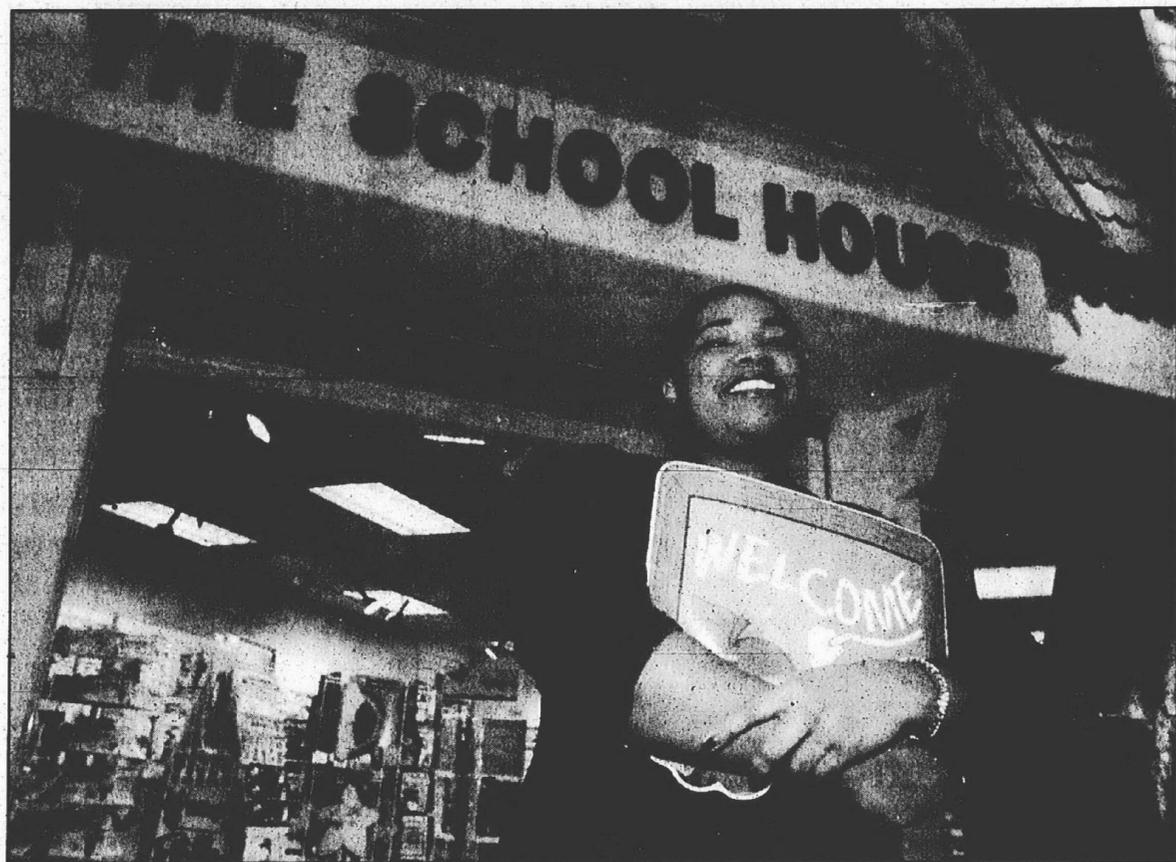
In addition to trying to create diamonds suitable for the jewelry industry, synthetic diamond manufacturers have been trying to get into the computer-chip business in hopes of replacing the silicon-based chip.

Synthetic diamonds are created in a lab and have the same characteristics as natural diamonds, so should not be confused with diamond substitutes or imitation diamonds.

In any case, the race to make diamonds computer-friendly is on!

Denise Rodgers is a free-lance writer and jewelry expert. Do you have questions or comments for The Jewelry Lady? She may be reached by fax, (248) 582-9223, e-mail, rodggers@mich.com, or letter, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009

Getting that competitive edge



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Higher learning: Parents, not just teachers, have been heading out to education resource stores like The School House in Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills. The store opened in late October and sells flash cards, puzzles, information charts and a variety of activities aimed at helping kids learn. Lori Wilder is a manager at the store, which is owned and operated by the Wilder family.

Parents flock to teacher stores to help their children grow academically

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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A new century has arrived, but for most students this month is like any January, the beginning of a new academic marking period.

And that's why area teacher stores, which have been serving more and more parents in recent years, will be busy in coming weeks.

"Typically, January is a slow month for a mall, but that's when we get busy," said Lori Wilder, a manager at The School House, an education resource store that opened in late-October at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills.

Teacher or education aid stores stock a variety of grade-appropriate materials designed to help children learn, including flash cards, information charts, workbooks, computer software, puzzles, puppets, blocks and other hands-on activities.

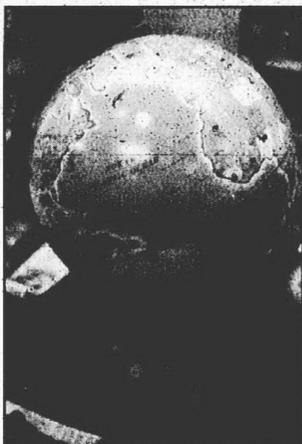
The School House carries home-schooling kits and informational books for parents, including guides to finding education tools on the Internet.

Owned and operated by the Wilder family, the store represents a growing demand by parents for educational aids; the Wilder's have run a similar store in Detroit since 1986.

Education resource retailers have long served teachers in need of supplemental materials for the classroom. Today, parents are flocking to the stores to help boost their children's academic progress.

"There's always been a strong desire for education materials, but, I guess, more lately," said Allan Wilder, co-owner of The School House. "Parents aren't just relying on the schools like they used to. Parents are doing more at home."

According to Wilder, about half of their current



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Talking globe: Learning geography is fun and easy with Geo Safari's battery-operated Talking Globe for children and adults, \$99.95 at The School House.

customers are parents who either home-school their children or are seeking to purchase educational materials to supplement school work.

The Learning Tree, an education resource store with locations across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, in the Summit Crossing Mall in Waterford and across from Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, also recently expanded. The company's new store, located in the Baldwin Commons Mall across from Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, opened last June.

Many parents want to give their children a competitive edge in the academic arena, said Shelly Noble, a teacher for the Avondale School District who was shopping for materials at The School House.

"Parents are anxious to help their children any way they can. They just see (educational resources) as an opportunity to help. They want their children to have an edge."

Since teacher stores carry age-appropriate materials and don't sell entertainment items that are masked as educational tools, they are an excellent resource for parents, said Noble.

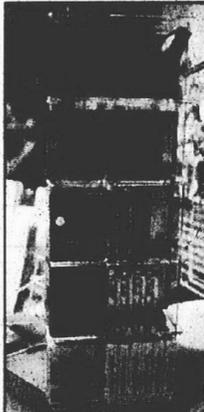
Teacher stores also are staffed by individuals who can provide parents with guidance in selecting materials, she added.

At The Teacher's Store, 16911 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, an increasing number of products are being purchased by parents, said store manager Sue Thompson. The Teacher's

Store, which has locations in Sterling Heights, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Illinois, formerly was open only to teachers. "Now, we have parents, we have home-schoolers, we have pre-school teachers and we even have students," said Thompson.

"It's a tough world out there. To get into universities, it's tough," said Thompson. "Parents decided they needed to help their children at home."

While many parents are seeking a competitive academic edge for their children, others simply want to see their children to grow intellectually, said Lori Wilder, adding, "With the deluge of video games, today, many parents simply want to pull their children away from that. If just for an hour."



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Just like cards: Knowledge cards for students in middle school are priced at \$9.95 at The School House.

Local education resource stores

The School House, Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills, (248) 375-9355

The Teacher's Store, Middlebelt Road in Livonia, (734) 525-0720

The Learning Tree with locations in Novi, Waterford and Auburn Hills, (810) 739-6198

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

KID'S MILLENNIUM ACTIVITY
Art Van Furniture stores offer children special activity sheets about the year 2000 through Jan. 31, Kids Castle and Guest Service Center areas.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

BRIDAL TRUNK SHOW
Alvin's Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birmingham, hosts a trunk show of Jim Hjelm's bride and bridesmaid dresses through Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-9

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

p.m. on Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Appointments are necessary. Call (248) 644-7200.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

SLEEPING BEAUTY PERFORMANCE
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts a production of Sleeping Beauty for children and families, 7 p.m., Food Court stage. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

TRISH MCEVOY EVENT
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy,

hosts a Trish McEvoy facial event with a company representative, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 614-3364.

PINK PANTHER AT BORDERS

Children can meet and have their picture taken with loved cartoon character Pink Panther at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills, 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0110.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

JILL SANDER TRUNK SHOW

View clothing designer Jill Sander's Spring 2000 Collection for women at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture, third floor.

à la carte

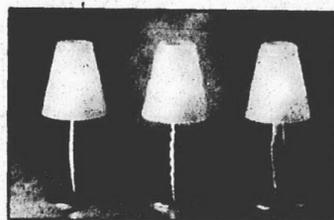
STUFF WE CRAVE



Men's luxe: Cashmere has been the fabric of the season, but there's no reason men shouldn't indulge, too. Claiborne's imported silk/cashmere mock-neck sweaters will suit any wardrobe, about \$69.50 at Hudson's.



Fresh start: Even the young can get organized for a new year with day planners, desk-top clocks, calculators and key chains, \$7.95-39.95 at the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Of bygone days: Silver candle lamps bring an old-fashioned warmth into the home on cold, windy days, under \$10 at Kmart.



Renewal: Nothing boosts an interior space quicker than a decorative tassel in a bright or unusual color. Ribbon tassel with gold-lacquered wood knob, about \$42 at Bellissima in downtown Rochester.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:

— A musical cake plate is available for purchase at the **Antique Town and Country Shop** (Booth #12) on Plymouth Road, west of Merriman.

— Millennium cameras can be bought at **Meijer stores**.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

— We're still looking for carpet tiles. Home Depot stores do not carry them.

— A Maybelline cosmetics representative called to say Maybelline cake mascara, as well as refills for eyebrow pencils, are no longer manufactured.

— We need another 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

— Refill sheets for a Keith Clark ring-binder, desk calendar (model # E45850) that rips from the top for Eileen, of Livonia.

— A calendar with mystery book covers for each month's art for Mary.

— Correctable, black, typewriter ribbon for an Olympia typewriter (model # 8MMX174M) for Anna, who lives in Garden City.

— An antique cookie press from the '50s or '60s that someone is willing to donate or sell for Sally.

— A carousel slide projector for Margaret.

— A 1982 Waterford "Partridge in a Pear Tree" ornament for Marsha.

— A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural areas for Tom.

— An original or restored RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn for Andy of Canton.

— The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.

— A store where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold for Jean.

— A set of Ben Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.

— A store or stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo pasta sauce are sold for Alice.

— A store where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available for Mary.

— A salad dressing called He-Man

- Roquefort cheese for Lee.
- Knott's raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing.
- A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.
- A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size 5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.
- The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.
- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through the Sears Wish Book) for Carol.
- An antique, full-size, brass, rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.
- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.
- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.
- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.
- A store that sells Benson's fruit cakes for Bronda.
- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.
- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.
- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.
- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.
- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.
- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.
- A copy of the book "Mr. Kruegger's Christmas" for a reader named Mr. Kruegger.

- Hostess chocolate-chip Leopard Twinkies for Greg.
- Banana wine or a recipe for it for Lana.
- Hamtramck memorabilia for the Hamtramck Historical Commission.
- A Hummel figurine of a boy holding a bottle of red wine.
- House plant food in pellet form.
- A store where a square, Formica table-top can be purchased.
- A store where All-Clad kitchen pans are sold at discount prices.
- A store where high-quality tweezers are sold.
- A restaurant-supply store in Oakland County or southeast Michigan that is open to the public.
- A store where high-quality, ground espresso from Italy is sold.
- A store or business that repairs old Macintosh Apple notebook computers.
- A store that carries Hobo black leather wallets.
- Antique, wooden printing blocks with designs that could be used for decorative purposes.
- The cookbook "The Uncommon Gourmet."

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NIGHT PAIN AND ITS CAUSES

To your night pain is a distraction, to your physician the same pain provides clues to its cause.

If you have pain in your leg and it comes at night, but doesn't bother you during the day, your doctor can surmise that the cause is not arthritis. The reason is that arthritis comes on with activity and is relieved by rest. Most individuals with arthritis of the hip, knee or ankle will tell you that as long as they don't move they feel passable.

Your doctor also can say with confidence that the night pain is not the result of poor circulation. Again, pain resulting from a poor blood supply diminishes at rest and increases with activity. The reason is that at rest your muscles need little blood flow, but walking and working demands are likely to tax a compromised vessel.

The usual cause of pain in your leg, occurring at night, is nerve damage. The common sites are the median nerve in the wrist in which compression results in carpal tunnel syndrome, and nerve impingement in the lower back bringing on sciatica.

Your description of the nature of the pain and where it radiates, helps the physician determine which nerve you have compressed, and where the problem has occurred.

Keep in mind that all pain is worse at night. During the day light and activity distract the mind, and pain competes for attention with numerous mental inputs. At night, this competition leaves and pain has no rivals.

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OBITUARIES

MARY ANN MANNING

Services for Mary Ann Manning, 72, of Canton were Dec. 23 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Rev. John Kenny officiating.

She was born Aug. 9, 1927, in Detroit. She died Dec. 20. She was a waitress.

Survivors include one daughter, Deborah A. (Dennis) Bjorge; one son, Curtis Knight; one sister; and two grandchildren.

MAGDALENE POWELL

Services for Magdalene Powell, 77, of Hendersonville, N.C. (formerly of Plymouth) were Dec. 30 in the Chapel of Hendersonville First Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Scoggins officiating. Burial was in WNC Veterans Cemetery, Black Mountain, N.C.

She was born in Buchanan, Tenn. She died Dec. 27 in Park Ridge Hospital. She was a prior resident of Detroit and Plymouth. She lived in Henderson County, N.C. since 1986. She was a member of Hendersonville First Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday School

class. She was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth for 28 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas Powell, in 1995. Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Faye Powell of Plymouth, Sandra Kay (Chip) Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., Gloria Powell of Charlottesville, N.C.; one brother, Henry Wright of Sterling Heights; seven grandchildren, Justin T. Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., Kyle J. Stewart of Charlottesville, Va., Christine C. Magas of Charlotte, N.C., Melissa J. Churchill of Columbia, S.C., Karen G. Churchill and Laura A. Churchill of Charlotte, N.C., and Shannon Stewart of Rapid City, S.D.; and one great granddaughter, Delaney Olsen of Bismark, N.D.

Memorials may be made to the Hendersonville First Baptist Church Building Fund, 312 Fifth Ave., West Hendersonville, NC, 28739.

Local arrangements were made by Shuler & Luck Funeral Home.

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roads, for the new Plymouth-Canton High School. The decision won't last long; it was later reversed.

SEPTEMBER

City Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury attacks candidate Sally Repeck for what he says are unpaid taxes for businesses in which she has an interest. Another commissioner calls it "politics as usual."

Shrewsbury later discovered — much to his chagrin — that he owed taxes from three different tax periods.

The Mayflower Hotel comes down as crowds gather to watch the demolition.

OCTOBER

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority decides to hire a parking enforcement officer to hand out fines to drivers who don't obey parking rules Monday through Saturday.

Penn Theatre owner Ron Cook says the approval of a liquor license is just the first step in a proposed \$20 million development project overlooking Kellogg Park.

The Plymouth-Canton School District orders two teachers to take down displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month, causing the teachers to file grievances.

NOVEMBER

By a 5-2 vote, the Plymouth Board of Education reverses itself and decides to put the new high school at the so-called "east" site. The council had earlier voted to put the new school on the west site, at Joy and Beck roads.

Trustee Mark Slavens voices the strongest opposition.

"We have a lot of voter trust loss," he said. "I'm afraid we may be adding to that tonight. I think representations were made to the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Gay? No way: In October the school district ordered two teachers to take down displays depicting Gay and Lesbian History Month.

voters that it would be at Beck and Joy.

David Byers upset longtime incumbent city commissioner John Vos in the Plymouth city election, leading a throng of five new faces onto the commission.

PCEP Marching Band wins its sixth state title at the Michigan Competing Bands Association State Championships.

Plymouth Salem's boys soccer team reaches the state finals before bowing to Rochester Adams.

A study conducted by Western Michigan University shows that PCEP students use

so-called gateway drugs like alcohol and marijuana at a considerably higher rate than the national average. On the good side, middle school users are dropping.

DECEMBER

Bob Scoggins, who spent 25 years on the Plymouth police department, the last 8-1/2 as chief, retires to pursue his first love, music. Scoggins will assume his musical identity, Bobby Crumpler, one of three members of the singing group, The Chapels.

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G. FISHER CONSTRUCTION/A.B.G. ASSOCIATES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 098 99 0023 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO RR, RESEARCH PARK. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.

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GOFF/JOHNSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 139 99 0005 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes Road and Michigan Avenue.

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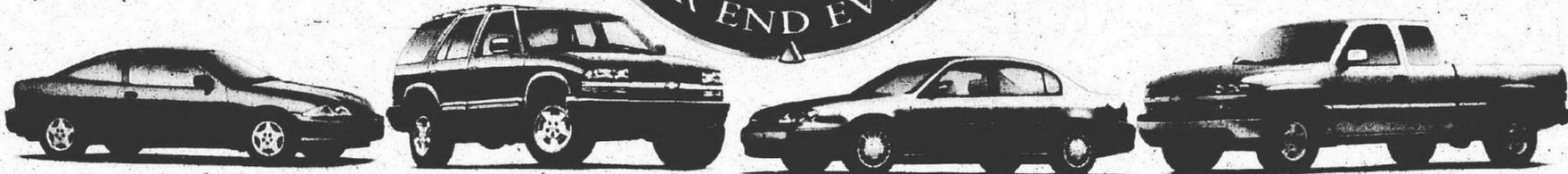
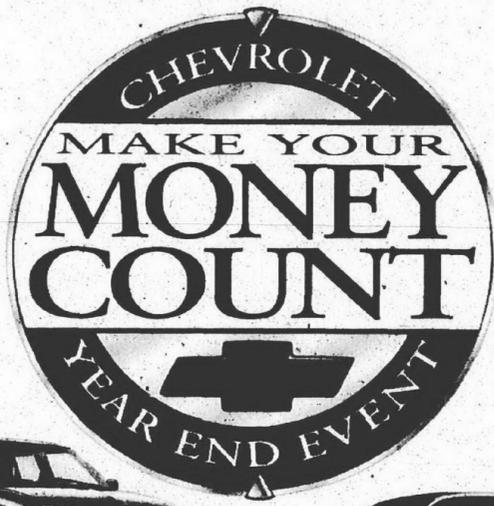
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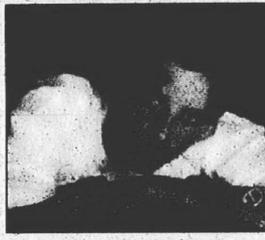
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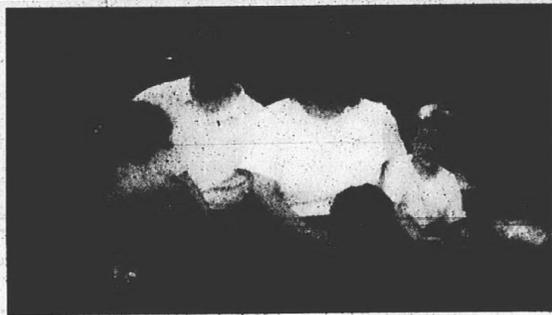
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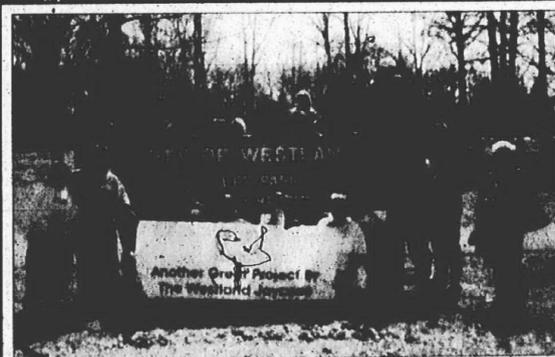
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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Wine predictions for a new decade

Dry Creek Vineyard in California's Sonoma County launched the first wine of the new millennium at precisely 12:01 a.m. EST Jan. 1, 2000.

Called Epoch Millennium Cuvée \$60, this 1997 vintage wine is a sophisticated, bold and complex blend of 90 percent cabernet sauvignon and 10 percent merlot.

Epoch means the beginning of a new and important period of history. Epoch, the wine, signals some savvy marketing that you'll be seeing throughout the next decade from producers worldwide, especially in some hip and edgy Bordeaux ads. Marketing efforts will be fueled by producer desires for greater market share, new interests in alternative varietals, and the proverbial supply and demand.

Stateside

Wine enthusiasts will continue to discover the new Gallo of Sonoma image. A flight of dynamite wines at great prices are among new releases. At \$12, we're impressed with 1998 Gallo of Sonoma Chardonnay, 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon, 1997 Merlot and 1997 Zinfandel. At \$16, Gallo of Sonoma Pinot Noir is hard to beat. Then, there's Gallo of Sonoma new single-vineyard designates 1996 Frei Ranch Vineyard Zinfandel, \$18 and 1996 Barelli Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, \$26.

When we judge these sensibly-priced wines, we wonder how so many California producers can continue to raise prices for, in some cases, wines that are not nearly as good. A few cult wines from California may continue to carry stratospheric prices, but that will not be the norm as California grape supplies increase.

As the decade proceeds, Gallo will add to its vineyard-designated bottlings, releasing wines from Elmo's Vineyard, Twin Valley Vineyard and Stony Point Vineyard. Watch for them.

Vineyard designation will become more commonplace. West coast producers gained a good handle on vineyard sites in the 1990s. Those with special characters will be singled out for notice. But many unworthies will be in the mix. Buyer beware.

Family wineries with well-priced bottlings such as Sonoma County's Benziger will also rise in popularity. A family touch in business is appealing. Family business owners work hard to beat the competition. The Benzigers have with offerings such as 1998 Fume Blanc \$12, 1998 Carneros Chardonnay \$15, 1997 Merlot \$16 and 1996 Zinfandel \$17, 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon \$17 and 1996 Syrah \$17, sourced from two Central Coast vineyards.

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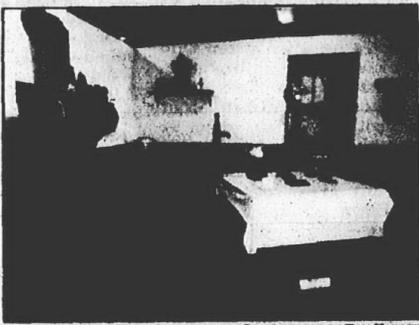
Wine Picks

- We've been critical of thin, under-fruit-ed merlots, but here are some that measure up in taste. A recent tasting put them in order of complexity, which also happens to be by price: 1996 Beringer Bancroft Merlot \$75; 1997 Shafer Merlot, Napa Valley \$35; 1997 Chateau St. Jean Merlot \$22; 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot, Sonoma County \$20; and 1998 Robert Mondavi Coastal Merlot \$12.50.
- Everybody loves chardonnay. These are delicious: 1996 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay Reserve \$32; 1997 Morgan Reserve Chardonnay \$28; 1998 Mirassou Chardonnay \$24; and 1998 Geyser Peak Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$16.
- Change-of-pace whites: 1998 St. Supery Meritage White \$20; 1998 Zaca Mesa Roussanne \$16; and 1998 Preston Marsanne \$13.
- Change-of-pace reds: 1996 Vin du Mistral Syrah \$30; 1997 Clos du Bois Shiraz \$16; 1997 Geyser Peak Shiraz \$18; 1997 Perrin Reserve \$11; and 1998 Delas Freres Cotes du Ventoux \$7.50.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Those were the days: (Above) This is a typical kitchen at the turn of the century. There's no electricity or running water. The floor and table are wooden, and the stove is fueled with coal. (At right) This kitchen, typical of ones in the 1930s, would have been considered modern in its time. There's running water, electricity, and a refrigerator, too. Both exhibits are at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.



Electricity

POWERS UP KITCHEN DESIGN

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

Electricity — is perhaps the most revolutionary thing to happen in kitchen design in the past 100 years. It powers our appliances and computers, and is one of the reasons cooks today want more counter space.

Still, the debate continues; which is better to cook with: gas or electric? It is far from resolved. Some people prefer electric stoves, others gas.

Cooking power debates have been going on since the beginning of the 19th century. At Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn you can see a stove from the 1920s that was run on coal and electricity.

Before electricity became commonplace in homes, some companies, such as Maytag, introduced gasoline-powered appliances. Maytag was the first company to offer a gasoline-powered washing machine. Called the Multi-Motor washer, the machine, introduced in 1915, was designed for homes located in areas where electricity was not yet available.

According to information found on the company's Web site, www.maytag.com, within six months of the introduction of the Multi-Motor washer, sales and production of washing machine products doubled, and the washing machine division of Maytag outperformed farm implement production for the first time.

Coal was the most popular kitchen stove fuel in the early 1900s, and for most people, indoor plumbing was a pipe dream. If you wanted water, you pumped it. Things started to change after

World War I. At Henry Ford Museum you can see how.

Design evolution

At Henry Ford Museum you can see early kitchen appliances and the evolution of kitchen design. There are two interesting kitchen displays — one of a kitchen from the late 1800s, and another from the 1930s.

There's a porcelain sink in the 1930s kitchen, but no cupboards above or below it, or counters. The kitchen table top is enamel, just like grandma used to have, and the cupboard is a separate unit — a piece of furniture — not something built into the kitchen.

"Convenience, orderliness, and hygiene" became concerns as the century progressed, and changed the way kitchens were designed.

Pointing to the 1930s display, Donna Braden, interim director of

the museum's Experience Design department, notes that the cupboard is raised up off the linoleum floor so that you can clean underneath it. The enamel table surface and linoleum floor are also easy to clean.

As the century progressed, kitchen appliances became more sophisticated. Ice boxes were traded for electrical refrigerators with thermostat controls.

When women wanted advice on what appliances to buy they often turned to *Good Housekeeping* magazine. The Good Housekeeping Institute was founded in 1900 to educate consumers and evaluate products. The Good Housekeeping Seal, which "promises replacement or refund if a product bearing the seal proves to be defective at any time within two years from the date it was first sold to a consumer," has been around since 1909.

John DeGiulio, owner of DeGiulio Industries in Dearborn, has seen a lot of changes in kitchen design over the past 30 years. His company manufactures and installs cabinets for kitchens, bathrooms and offices.

"Kitchens are larger," he said. "People are converting the kitchen into a cooking and eating area. They have more small appliances such as food processors and need more electrical outlets."

Kitchen cabinets, once a free standing piece of furniture, are built in with lots of accessories such as lazy Susans, and drawers with dividers for cutlery.

DeGiulio, and Bill Brohl, a kitchen and bath designer at Kitchen Suppliers Inc. in Canton, have both been receiving more requests for glass cabinet doors and shelves so people can show off their

Please see ELECTRICITY, B2

TRADITIONS

Crown your Twelfth Night celebration with King Cake

Serving King Cake on Jan. 6, the Twelfth Night Christmas, is an ancient and joyous tradition still celebrated throughout Europe and the U.S. to mark the end of the Christmas season.

Also known as the Feast of the Epiphany or the Feast of Kings, this celebration commemorates the visit of the Magi, or three kings. People the world over celebrate the Epiphany by exchanging gifts and feasting.

A beautifully decorated King Cake, made with rich, sweet yeast dough is a cherished part of this age-old tradition. A custom since the Middle Ages is to bake a bean or small trinket, typically a toy or coin, inside the King Cake. The person who finds the item in his or her portion is declared King or Queen of the Twelfth Night celebration.

A paper crown or small gift is often bestowed upon the honorary guest as he or she takes a place at the head of the table.

King Cake recipes and customs are as diverse as the cultures of the world. For example, the famously gaudy King Cake of the New Orleans Mardi Gras season is usually baked from a cinnamon- or citron flavored yeast, shaped in a ring and sprinkled with sugars in three symbolic colors — purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. A small plastic baby toy is hidden inside the cake.

The Rev. Dominic Garramone, a Benedictine monk, an accomplished bread baker, cook-book author, and host of the popular public TV series "Breaking Bread with Father Dominic," draws inspiration for his favorite King Cake recipe from Spain, where orange and spices are traditional ingredients.

The sweet surprise of eleven chocolate covered almonds, evenly distributed throughout the cake, is a delicious personal touch that is typical of this witty monk with a penchant for chocolate. Hidden inside the twelfth piece, a single coin or trinket is carefully wrapped in parchment paper. The lucky recipient of this piece is declared King or Queen of the day.

Another feature of the cake is a pull-apart "crown" form, which Garramone achieves by dividing the dough into twelve separate pieces. He recommends using a Jeli-O ring or mold to hold the pieces together as they rise to a golden brown in the oven. After baking, the cake is brushed with melted butter and sprinkled with sugar. Candied cherries or gumbdrop "jewels" are affixed to each point on the crown.

King Cake is traditionally served on Jan. 6 and enjoyed throughout the Epiphany season, which ends with Lent or Ash Wednesday. Variations of this treat are popular during Mardi Gras celebrations all over the world.

See recipe inside.



Sweet Jewel: Celebrate the Twelfth Night of Christmas on Thursday, Jan. 6, by serving King Cake.

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fine dishes. Brohl agrees there are more small appliances in today's kitchens. "We get requests for mixer cabinets (to hold KitchenAid mixers)," said Brohl. Trash compactors and wine coolers are other popular items. People want bigger refrigerators, and sometimes two dishwashers. Some refrigerators, such as Sub-Zero, have pullout drawers and a storage area for 46 to 147 bottles of wine. Because cooking is often a shared family activity, more people are requesting double sinks or even two separate sinks in their kitchens.

DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath

In Birmingham, at DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath, John's son, who is also named John, has noticed a trend toward larger kitchens for the past 15 years. DeGiulio is a name synonymous with excellence in kitchen design in metro Detroit, and they had a hand in preserving a piece of kitchen history at Henry Ford Museum. "We removed the sink from an old home in Dearborn that we were remodeling and donated it to the museum for their 1930s kitchen display," said DeGiulio

of Birmingham. "We installed it.

"In those days, the help would stay in the kitchen, and the family ate in the dining room. Now, people say 'my guests end up standing around in the kitchen.' The kitchen often opens into a great room. Some people want fireplaces in a sitting room near the kitchen, so everyone can be together."

Stoves are also getting larger. "Stoves with larger burners, usually gas with six or eight burners, grills, griddles and hoods with super exhaust fans are popular," said DeGiulio. "Everyone wants quiet appliances. They don't want to hear the dishwasher or refrigerator. There's a movement toward black and stainless steel appliances instead of white."

At KSI in Canton, bisque is an often requested color for appliances.

There's a back to nature trend for cabinetry, countertops and flooring. Many people are choosing natural woods for cabinetry. DeGiulio of Birmingham said cherry, maple, and pine are in, oak and hickory are out. Stone, including granite and limestone, is being used for counter tops and flooring. Some floors are even installed with heating units to keep them warm in the win-

ter.

Appliances

Look for lots of changes in appliances in years to come.

Some manufacturers are working on developing smart refrigerators that tell you when you run out of an item like milk.

You can visit the Gadget Guru online at www.gadgetguru.com to read about the latest innovations in kitchen appliances such as the FlashBake oven created by Wolf. It doesn't require pre-heating and "uses eight 1,000-watt halogen lamps controlled by a computer chip to cook food with the moisture, texture and quality you expect from a conventional oven in approximately half the time."

"Imagine what it would be like to pop a meal into the microwave and simply press start — without telling the microwave what it is or how long it should cook?"

According to information found on the Gadget Guru Web site, that dream could soon become a reality because of a joint project between Samsung Electronics and researchers at Cook College/Rutgers University.

The intelligent microwave was demonstrated at the 1999 International Housewares Show in Chicago. Cooks scan the bar-

codes on packages, and the microwave oven automatically adjusts its settings and cooking times to prepare your food.

The intelligent microwave can be hooked up to a computer to access the Internet and communicate with food manufacturers to locate cooking information for new food products.

There's no word when this microwave will go into production, or how much it will cost, but you can find out more about it by visiting Samsung online at www.sosimple.com

Warming ovens, an old-fashioned idea, are making a comeback. Dacor manufactures oven systems that include a microwave, convection oven, and warming oven that has space for four dinner plates.

Computers, built into countertops, are a new innovation that's catching on. To find out more about these "space saving solutions," visit www.novadesk.com online.

Kitchens have always been the center of the home, and this is still true today.

"It seems that more people are coming together in the kitchen today," said DeGiulio of Birmingham. Like his father says, "the kitchen really is the center of the home."

Wine from page B1

This latter wine introduces another new decade phenom. Syrah will grab the attention of merlot drinkers, especially as the glut of merlot grapes ushers in an era of under-fruited, thin merlots from new vines, planted everywhere in California. Lessons from the French — all grapes do not grow everywhere.

One asks, why has this happened with merlot? Popularity breeds greed.

Why won't this happen with syrah? Picky grape. It won't grow everywhere. It needs California's hotter climates such as Paso Robles.

Chilean wines have not seen the continued meteoric rise they had in the mid-1990s. Consumers learned; some were flat-out poor. It scared people away. Producers, such as Vina Undurraga, with a long-history in the Maipo Valley have sustained excellence through new vineyard investments and upgraded technology. They will regain popularity in early 2000s. Undurraga's 100 percent varietal wines are priced between \$7-\$11.

Australian wines will continue to make an impact. Lindemans, Penfolds and Rosemount are the hot brands. New Zealand's spunky whites such as 1999 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc \$11 will revive interest in white varietals.

Nineteen states (Michigan is one of them) forbid direct shipment of wines to consumers. Florida is one of seven where such shipment is a felony for both shipper and consumer. Recently, six Floridians filed a suit in federal court against the State of Florida claiming the state law violates the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution. We have the same belief.

Our crystal ball is not clear enough to see whether a consumer group in Michigan will be this gutsy. You could at least start by writing our governor and state legislators and expressing your dismay at legislation prohibiting direct shipping of wine.

Consumer demand for a wider choice of wines has spawned such e-commerce as WineShopper.com. Even though you live in a constrained state with archaic wine legislation, you will be able to shop and receive wines ordered through WineShopper.com.

But why a middleman? If laws were changed, you could phone your favorite winery directly. More on WineShopper.com's debut soon in our column.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864.

Healthy aspects of tea promoted in January, the 'Hot Tea' month

(PRNewswire) — Some fancy a smooth, relaxing, steaming cup of brewed tea, others a cold, refreshing glass of iced tea, but regardless of how it is served, tea is fast becoming the preferred beverage of many. Now, tea lovers can feel better

than ever about consuming their favorite drink.

Jeffrey Blumberg, PhD, FACN, chief of the Antioxidants Research Laboratory at Tufts University near Boston, has identified tea as one of the top healthy foods for the new year,

the new millennium and beyond, and people across the country are celebrating during National Hot Tea Month.

"This January is the perfect time to consider tea as part of a healthy diet. As a new year and new millennium begin, people

are making resolutions to eat and live healthier, and there's no better time to celebrate tea's healthy attributes than National Hot Tea Month," said Joe Simany, president of the Tea Council of the USA.

Scientists have found that tea contains antioxidants, substances that can reduce oxidative damage in the body, helping to maintain healthy cells and tissues. The latest epidemiological research suggests that drinking black tea may reduce the risk of

cardiovascular disease. Of particular interest are two studies that were published this year:

A recent study examined 340 men and women who had suffered heart attacks and found that those who drank a cup or more of black tea daily had a 44 percent reduction in heart attack risk compared to non-tea drinkers. The study was conducted by Dr. Howard Sesso et al. at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston and published

in the American Journal of Epidemiology in January.

In a study by Dutch researchers, participants who drank one to two cups of black tea daily had a 46 percent lower risk of severe aortic atherosclerosis, one factor contributing to cardiovascular disease.

Those who drank more than four cups of tea a day had a 69 percent lower risk. The study, published in October in the Archives of Internal Medicine,

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Bake a King Cake in honor of the Twelfth Night of Christmas

See related story on Taste front.

FATHER DOMINIC GARRAMONE'S KING CAKE

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| Dough: | 1/4 cup sugar |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 tablespoon shortening | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg |
| zest and juice of one medium orange | 1/4 teaspoon cardamom |
| 1 egg | 11 milk chocolate nuggets with almonds, unwrapped coin or trinket, wrapped in parchment paper |
| 2 1/2 cups white flour, divided | Topping: |
| 1 package rapid rise yeast | Butter |
| | Granulated sugar |
| | 12 candied cherries or gumdrops |

In a medium saucepan, warm sour cream, shortening, orange zest and orange juice until shortening melts. Remove from heat and cool to 120°F to 130°F.

In a medium size mixing bowl, sift together one cup of flour with remaining dry ingredients. Stir in sour cream mixture and beat thoroughly. Add egg to mixture. Stir in remaining 1 1/2 cups of flour until all the flour is incorporated.

Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead for three minutes. Cover the dough with a towel and allow it to rest for 10 minutes. This "nap" replaces the first rising.

Lightly grease a 9-inch ring mold. Divide the dough into 12 pieces. Flatten each piece into a circle about three inches across. Set one piece of dough aside. Place a chocolate nugget in the center of a piece of dough and wrap the dough around it by pulling up the sides and pinching the top to form a teardrop shape. This forms the crown. Repeat with the remaining 10 pieces of dough.

Wrap the coin or trinket in a small piece of parchment paper. Use the last piece of dough that has been set aside to cover the coin or trinket (in a pinch you can use an uncooked bean) in the same

manner as the chocolate nuggets.

Evenly space the pieces point-side up around the ring mold, cover with a towel, and allow to rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake in a preheated oven at 350°F for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan and transfer to a wire rack.

While the bread is still warm, brush all sides with butter and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Garnish points with candied cherries or gumdrops, using toothpicks or a small amount of frosting to

attach them.

Recipe compliments of the Rev. Dominic Garramone, Fleischmann's Yeast and Hodgson Mill Naturally White Flour.

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Discover the many delicious uses for pesto

Classic Italian pesto is an aromatic blend of basil, garlic, olive oil, pine nuts and Parmesan cheese. A deep green sauce, it requires no cooking and is one of the most versatile sauces in the kitchen. With a bit of creativity, you can take pesto beyond its basic ingredients to develop a lighter sauce that can be paired with a wide array of foods, including breads, vegetables, pizzas, meats, fish and, of course, pasta.

Pesto was invented in Genoa in the Liguria region along the Italian Riviera. It's believed to derive from pounded walnut sauces of the lands around the Black Sea where Genoa maintained trading outposts. Since pine nuts were more common than walnuts along the Mediterranean, the Ligurians used them, along with basil that grew on the hillsides and garlic that has always been prominent in the region's cooking.

Traditional pesto is made by hand with a mortar and pestle. In fact, the name of the sauce

comes from the word for "pestle." In today's modern kitchens, however, use of a food processor can significantly streamline the process.

Use pesto as a topping for grilled chicken breasts or fish, or spread it on bread in place of butter.

SPINACH PESTO WITH CHICKEN AND PASTA

- 2 cups packed fresh spinach, torn
- 1/2 cup packed fresh basil, torn
- 1/3 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 8 ounces uncooked fettuccine or linguini
- 4 small boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- Vegetable cooking spray

Combine spinach, basil, broth, cheese, oil and garlic in food processor or blender container. Process until mixture is finely chopped. Divide spinach pesto in half; set aside.

Cook fettuccine or linguini as package directs; drain.

Arrange chicken on broiler pan sprayed with vegetable cooking spray. Broil 10 minutes; turn chicken over. Spread chicken with half of pesto. Broil 10 to 15 minutes more or until chicken is no longer pink in center.

Toss pasta with remaining pesto in large bowl. Serve with chicken.

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Information and recipe provided by the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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examined the association of tea intake and the severity of aortic atherosclerosis in 3,454 subjects who were free of cardiovascular disease at the time of baseline.

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"It's no longer a matter of considering just the vitamin and mineral content of our diets. People now need to recognize

that foods and beverages can contribute important phytonutrients like the antioxidant flavonoids," said Blumberg. "Flavonoid-rich and virtually calorie-free, tea is an ideal choice for those looking for a delicious drink that fits perfectly into a healthy diet."

Other foods and food components on Blumberg's list include whole grains, brightly colored fruits and vegetables, soy products, omega-3 fatty acids found in fatty fish like salmon and tuna and red wine.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Learn more about art, music in the new year

Reading "Lust for Life," Irving Stone's biographical novel about Vincent van Gogh, reminded me of something I learned as a child. My father used to say, if he couldn't learn at least one new thing every day, he might as well stay in bed.

Van Gogh, in addition to sketching and painting the countryside and peasants in their homes, used to visit fellow artists and dealers in search of knowledge.

You can follow his example by signing up to take a class where you can pick the brains of those trained in the visual arts, music, dance and drama.

Directors of educational programming have scheduled a variety of subjects ranging from photography to swing dance and the Japanese-style of cartooning to appeal to just about everyone. The slower pace of living through Michigan winters allows us to spend some time acquiring new information and developing ourselves. Take advantage of it. Here's some of the highlights of classes to be held in the area:

Visual Arts Association of Livonia

Edee Joppich's popular "Creative Approach to Watercolor" kicks off VAAL's class offerings Monday, Jan. 17. Sure to be popular is a new workshop (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1) with Peter Gilleran. The Birmingham artist explores design elements and principles. A series of projects will help the artist formulate structure in creating painting, sculpture and advanced design format.

"We're trying to add more because our classes seem to be heavy on watercolor," said VAAL education director Sandra Weed. "Any artist needs to experiment with a new medium even if they go back to the old medium. It makes you think differently."

Weed, a Westland artist, shows students how to paint landscapes and florals in watercolor, oil and acrylic. If you crave an energetic learning experience, Weed's classes will inspire you.

"VAAL has added pastel, a design class with retired Wayne State University professor Peter Gilleran, painting portraits in oil with Lin Baum, and a perspective class with Jim Riopelle because you need to perfect your drawing even if you're a painter," said Weed who also teaches at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

For more information on VAAL classes, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

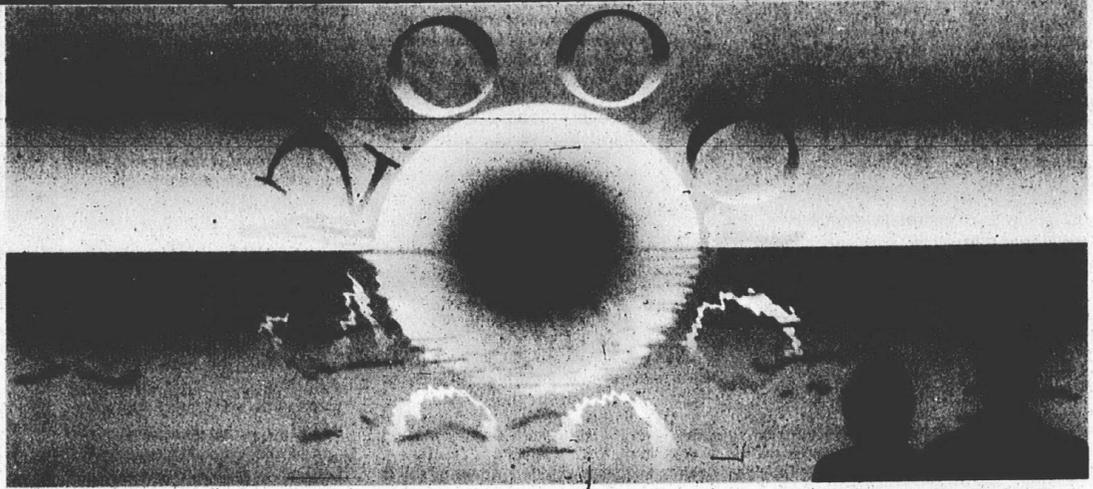
The arts council offers everything from batik to swing dance in classes beginning Jan. 24. Life drawing sessions (without an instructor) begin Jan. 21.

In addition to a drop-in studio which is an on-going drawing class with Pam Grossmann, the arts council has scheduled beginning ballet, tap and jazz for children, clay jewelry with Garden City potter Judy Buresh, and a workshop in photographic glamour techniques for adults and teens with Observer photographer Paul Hurschmann.

Hurschmann, who's free-lanced for the Associated Press and several newspapers, will cover different lighting techniques from available to strobe lights, and hot lights vs. strobe lights. The first session will involve shooting the photographs, the second a critique.

"Our swing class was so popular that Sharon Hoyer and Mark Garrett are returning," said Betsy Calhoun, arts council assistant director and coordinator of educational programming. "In 'Mimic the Masters' kids will learn about Matisse and do their own works. It's hands-on, a fun way of learning. We also have the Teen Drama Club in response to a request

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LOOKING AHEAD

Arts community inspired by new year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

"Over the last decade, we've learned how rich the community is in its diversity of culture. We hope to be able to have a role in exposing people in our community to the diversity and show just how rich the southeast Michigan region is. We've been in business for 120 years and it's a process of educating ourselves. We feel a special responsibility to bring the best of cultural expressions. We want to be deepening and expanding our celebration, presentation and education surrounding these."

- Kenneth C. Fischer, president
University Musical Society

"I wish to expand our audience so more people feel the same way as I do about music. It's for everybody. It enriches anyone's life. Education is part of it. We want to focus on education. If we can expose children to good music, it develops the brain, is good for self discipline. It can open doors."

- Barbara VanDusen, board member
Detroit Symphony Orchestra

"We're going to do six programs this year. Our goal is to try not to do too many things so whatever program we do make it a good one. We also want to continue the fine arts show."

- Eugene Hammonds, president
Canton Project Arts

"We hope to draw more attention to our orchestra, to showcase it so that we can expand our audience. We have a great orchestra and we want to get people involved."

- Robert Bennett, president
Livonia Symphony Orchestra

"I wish for more galleries for the next generation of artists. There's only a few non-profits left and many galleries have closed. I also wish that public art would be a little more insightful than it's been."

- Sergio DeGiusti
Redford artist

"I'm hoping for a successful season with new music director, Nan Washburn, and to increase

attendance at subscription concerts." The Plymouth Symphony also hopes to complete our Endowment 2000 to raise \$250,000 in three years. We have \$50,000 to go. We'd also like to increase our fund-raising 10 percent. As far as Partnership for the Arts, we hope over the next couple of months to solidify our plans and over the next couple of years to build a performing arts center in Canton. By the end of February, we'll be in the final phase of the business plan for the performing arts center."

- Don Soenen, president
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and
Partnership for the Arts

"We want to increase recognition so that community-based organizations such as the arts council are locally supported. Our varied needs-driven programming is made possible through the dedicated patronage of our members and our wish for the new year is to expand their numbers."

- Betsy Calhoun, assistant director
Plymouth Community Arts Council

"The Theatre Guild resolution is to rebuild our membership, reduce our debt, but mostly to renew our community ties."

- Steve Belcher, board member
Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford

"We're looking forward to setting more of a season of performances and the building of the Canton performing arts center. Having that would be a nice way to set a schedule ahead of time."

- Dawn Greene, artistic director
Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

"I hope that people will allow themselves time to be creative and do something that is artistically stimulating. And, of course, we hope that the cultural millage will be (placed on the ballot and) adopted."

- Janet Torno, executive director,
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

"To find a new site that will enable Paint Creek to become a community cultural center and a destination point for visitors to Rochester."

- Ann Blatte, executive director,
Paint Creek Center for the Arts

"To expand the institute's effectiveness by partnering with schools and cultural institutions to explore ways to provide quality science programs. My other resolution is to continue to pursue the ever-elusive balance between work and family."

- Talbot Spence, director,
Cranbrook Institute of Science

"I'd like to see more people realize that there is more professional theater in this area than they realize. And, I'd like to keep more theater artists here so the community grows indigenously."

- Evelyn Orbach, artistic director,
Jewish Ensemble Theatre

"To get one step closer for theater and dance to become standing-room only events."

- Mike Vigilant, marketing director,
Music Hall-Center for the Performing Arts

"It is my sincere hope that humanity continues to discover the magic of fine art because like true dreams and true love, it is ageless."

- Elizabeth Stone, director/owner,
Elizabeth Stone Gallery

BOOKS

'Art in Detroit Public Places' uncovers Motown's treasures

BY GREG KOWALSKI
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Detroit is known for autos, not art, which is why so little is said about so much.

Tucked around the metro Detroit area are large and small examples of public art. Some are squirreled away in corner party or the lobbies of buildings. Others are at major crossroads. And many, probably most, are ignored or forgotten.

Dennis Alan Nawrocki puts a spectrum of works on a pedestal in his revised edition of "Art in Detroit Public Places."

First published in 1980 and now updated, Nawrocki has produced what is essentially a flip guide to the major examples of public art in the metro area.

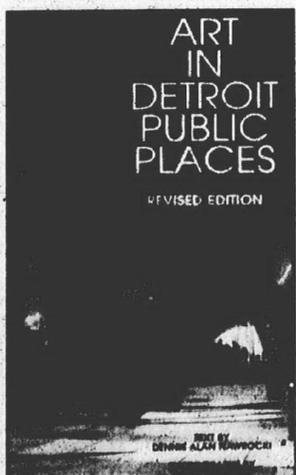
Illustrated with photos by David Clements, "Art in Detroit Public Places" focuses on five geographic areas: downtown Detroit, Belle Isle and the east area, the Cultural Center, the west and south area and the north and northwest area.

Here are prominent pieces such as Isamu Noguchi's Horace E. Dodge and Son Memorial Fountain in Hart Plaza and Marshall Fredericks' "Spirit of Detroit" at the City-County Building, which is certainly Detroit's signature sculpture.

But the real interest here is in the small gems like the General Alexander Macomb statue at Washing-

ton Boulevard and Michigan Avenue, Ivy Sky Rutzky's extraordinarily subtle ground-level piece entitled "Glacial" on the campus of Macomb County

Statement:
The cover of "Art in Detroit Public Places" features "Young Lady and Her Suite," a commissioned work by legendary sculptor Alexander Calder.



Community College and Michael Hall's work "Covington," which looks like a collapsed wooden fence alongside Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

There are black and white photos of each of the 130 or so works and just enough background copy to make the reading easy and breezy but worthwhile.

The text is straightforward, giving the who, what, where, when and why of most pieces and occasionally the how. On the last point, Nawrocki gives some welcome insight into how some difficult pieces succeed.

David Rubello's "Color Cubes," a large mural on the side of the Julian C. Madison Building on Washington Boulevard, works, Nawrocki notes, because the interlocking cubes of color seem to shift and flip "alternatively appearing solid and transparent, two-dimensional and three-dimensional and receding and pushing forward."

Such color commentary isn't necessary for the copy of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" at the Detroit Institute of Arts. But John Chamberlain's "Deliquescence," which looks like the twisted leftovers of a major auto crash parked at the Patrick V. McNamara Building on Michigan Avenue, calls for the explanation provided by Nawrocki.

There's just enough here to make this a great book to grab on a Sunday and head out for an afternoon of treasure hunting.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

SINGERS WANTED

Rehearsals for the 14th season of the Plymouth Oratorio Society begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

The selected works to be performed are "Te Deum" by A. Bruckner, "Magnificat" by J. Rutter and "Coronation Anthems No. 1 and 4" by G. F. Handel. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsal. No auditions are required.

For more information, call (734) 455-8353.

Rehearsals for the Plymouth Community Chorus begin Tuesday, Jan. 11. Open auditions for new members take place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, between Warren and Joy roads, Canton.

Auditions will be held 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, and Feb. 1 by appointment at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. Tenors and basses are especially needed but there are some openings for sopranos and altos.

For an appointment or additional information, call (734) 455-4080.

ARTISTS WANTED

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is now accepting applications for its 41st art fair to take place

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SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians, Detroit's oldest music club (also known as the Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), is looking for students for its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college, ages 16-22).

Prizes for First (\$1,500), Second (\$1,000) and Third (\$500) will be

awarded. Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. Students must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

PARTNERS IN HISTORY

The Plymouth Historical Museum and Schoolcraft College students have partnered together to edit and publish Civil War materials from the Museum's Archives collections. Students from the college's computer graphics technology Quark Xpress class, taught by Plymouth resident Margaret Fitzgerald, use real projects to teach technical graphic design concepts.

The Museum Archives hold a variety of information related to Plymouth in the Civil War. The students, compiling museum resources, created booklets about

two local men who were part of the 24th Michigan Regiment—Lucius Shattuck and Emil Mettetal.

The booklets will be used for museum research, school classes and will also be available in the Museum Gift Shop in spring of 2000.

This is the second partnership for the museum and Schoolcraft students. In 1998, when the museum acquired the Abraham Lincoln Collection, the computer graphics class designed the fundraiser brochure used for the projects.

Students participating in the Civil War project were Sherryl Bailey, Debra Liddy, Jeanne Thomas, Erin Bawulski, Judy Berinski, Sandra Liano, Adam Missing, David Morgan, Yueqi Zhang, James Aquiler, and Jason May. Dan LeBlond, president of the Plymouth Historical Museum, worked with Fitzgerald

and the students as a resource person and technical advisor on the project.

BENEFIT THEATER PERFORMANCE

The Farmington Players are holding a performance of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

Tickets are \$50 and include a theme dinner after the show. For tickets, call the box office at (248) 553-2955.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen was founded 70 years ago during the Depression and the play is set at that time. The Kitchen serves chronically poor people who lack support to overcome their problems, and people who have the skills and support to survive but periodically need help due to an unexpected crisis.

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from former members of Whistle Stop Players, our theater group for young children.

Learn more about van Gogh, French Impressionism, and black American artists during the Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Docents from the Detroit Institute of Arts will present the lectures. The cost is \$3. For information about Plymouth Community Arts Council classes, call (734) 416-4278.

Schoolcraft College

Redford artist John Murphy teaches advanced and raku ceramics as part of Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services. The program, offering more than 400 courses, begins Jan. 8. In addition to Murphy's classes, portrait painting and drawing (Lin Baum), colored

pencil (Sherry Eid), watercolor (Weed), photography, "Let's Go to the Opera," and the basics of quilting are among the offerings. Schoolcraft College's Instrumental Jazz Ensemble, Community Choir and Wind Ensemble are all looking for musicians to join their ranks.

For more information about Continuing Education Services, call (734) 462-4448.

D & M Studios

Owner Sharon Dillebeck is excited about the winter term at D & M Studios, 8691 Lilley at Joy roads, Canton. Art classes begin Jan. 3. Five week classes, including preschool and ceramics, begin the week of Jan. 10.

"We're offering adult classes in pastel and charcoal," said Dillebeck. "Ceramics for kids as young as age four is new. In

addition to that we have basic skills for five weeks which is brand new. We still have a terrific cartooning class—the Japanese style of cartooning on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They have binders and they're creating their own characters, writing stories from beginning to end. When they're done they'll have made their own comic books complete with heroes and villains."

To register or for more information, call D & M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

Village Music

In addition to offering classes in Kindermusik, hammer dulcimer, and private voice and piano, Village Music and owner Norma Atwood, in conjunction with the Plymouth Community Arts Council begin a second term for the recently-formed Rising Star Singers. The choral group of

children, ages 8-15, meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 4 at Village Music, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth.

For more information about any of the classes at Village Music, call (734) 354-9825.

If you have an interesting idea

for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oc.homecomm.net

Stay tuned...

Happy New Year N' Roses fans, from KNAC.com. The band that rose to stardom with "Welcome to the Jungle" in the late 1980s is making its way into the world of cyberspace. Guns N' Roses released a live version of "Coma," which initially appeared on "Use Your Illusion I," for computer-savvy fans.

It will be available for download through Windows Media Player—a sort of preview to the release of their live double CD "Live Era '87-'93" on Geffen Records. Check it out on www.knac.com today.

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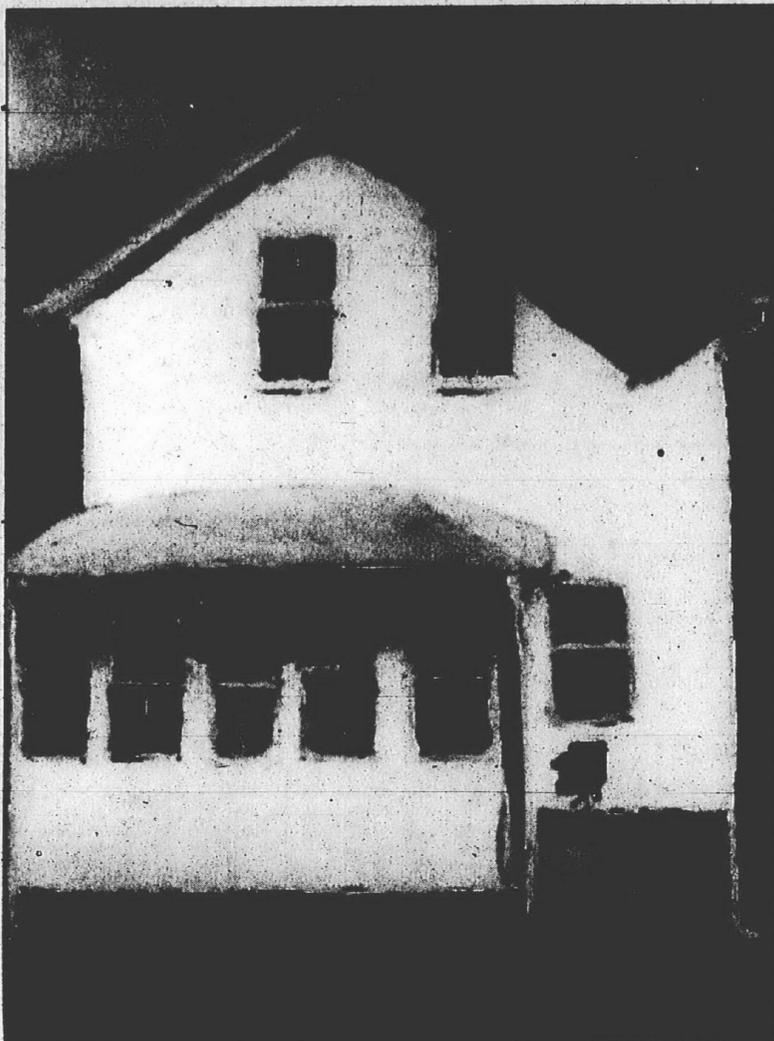
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CONCERTS

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Leslie Frederick performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 at Borders Books & Music, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-3980.

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SPIRIT ARISING

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LECTURES

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Adult Science Class entitled Making Silent Fossils Speak: An Introduction to Paleontology 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3210.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 26 - Robert Frank: The Americans. Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection. Through May 31 - "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection." Through Jan 2 - Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 - The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

TROY MUSEUM

Through March 30 - "Going West-Michigan Cavalry in Indian Wars." 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

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Through Jan. 29 - "From Papyrus to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-9377.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rant and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland. 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Candace Compton-Pappas and Stephen Coyle through Feb. 14. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Works by various artists through Jan. 29. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Mixed media of Norma McQueen through Jan. 28. Opens Monday, Jan. 3 - Watercolor portraiture of Toni Stevens through Jan. 31. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby. Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

JEAN PAUL SLUSSER GALLERY

Opens Thursday, Jan. 6 - Richard Mock: Mock of the Times through Jan. 28. University of Michigan School of Art & Design, 2000 Bonisteel Blvd., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0397.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Opens Monday, Jan. 3 - Images of Lost Spirituality with Southfield artist Charlene Jeter through Jan. 28. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

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JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY

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COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Graduate Works in Progress exhibition. 28 5400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through Jan. 9 - "364 Days" featuring Paul Snyder, James Stephens and Robert Berry. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4278.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 27 - The Mountain of the Lord: Scale Models of Jerusalem Temples. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

CPOP GALLERY

Through Jan. 14 - Glenn Barr: Underbelly. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through Feb. 4 - Misbehaving! Works from the studio of Sandy Skoglund. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

GALERIE BLU

Through Jan. 4 - Works by Lenore Gimpert. 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Jan. 8 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert and jewelry by Darcy Miro. 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Through Jan. 31 - Visions from the Lens of My Soul: The Photography of Equilla Slaughter. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through mid-Jan. - A group show of abstract art featuring Jasper Johns, Al Held, Richard Prince, Joan Mitchell, Stephen Ellis, Barbara Voss and William Wood. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Through Jan. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 9 - Collars and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Jan. 17 - Views and Visions, an exhibit of the Milford Village Fine Arts Association. 12 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Through Jan. 26 - "Spirit Earth," recent watercolors of Todd Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

PRINT GALLERY

Through Jan. 5 - Mona Lisa Mania. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SISSON ART GALLERY

Through Jan. 14 - Unconformity: Unexpected Layering. Henry Ford Community College. 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 845-6490.

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Through Jan. 15 - Carrie Seid: New Work. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

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Through Jan. 8 - Shirley Crane Gallier "Small Works" and

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Through Jan. 13 - The Plein Air Society Artists. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

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THEATER

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JET THEATRE

"Prisoner of Second Avenue," show dates Jan. 2, Jan. 5, Jan. 12, 16, Jan. 19-23, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Dangerous Obsession," opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 and continues to Sunday, Jan. 30, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (\$19-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7. (248) 377-3300.

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BOOKS

'Michigan Bests' full of fresh, fun tidbits about state

The Michigan Book of Bests, Friede Publications, \$13.95.

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Michigan writer Gary Barfknecht's latest effort, "Michigan Bests," is full of the same humor found in his "Michillaneous" books of several years ago.

You know you're in for some fun by looking at some of the sub-titles of the 500-plus entries:

■ Easiest Shoot Down a Chute (luge run in Muskegon).

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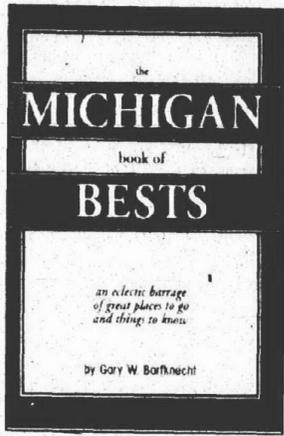
■ Coolest Canadian Crossover.

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You get the idea. The state's standouts are spotlighted in brief tidbits of information, many with pictures. Where necessary, Barfknecht supplies phone numbers and Web sites.

Among the "bests" with a local angle: coolest sledding: The Fridge, a toboggan park at Waterford Oaks County Park; the most viewed film venue: Star Southfield Entertainment Center;



most popular traffic tie-up: Woodward Dream Cruise; choicest place to shop for cars: Troy motor Mall, Troy; best place to buy lodgepole pine furniture: Greater Indoors in Birmingham; toniest mall: Somerset Collection, Troy; top-rated restaurant: The Lark in West Bloomfield.

Cushiest cat house (for pets): Backdoor Friends in Farmington Hills; greatest inside outdoor show: Novi Expo Center (sponsored by Michigan United Conservation Clubs).

Most technically difficult

mountain bike trail: Highland Recreation Area in Oakland County; best urban canoeing: Huron River, Milford to Lake Erie.

Most unique high school nicknames: among the top 15, Plymouth Rocks; finest frozen gallery: Plymouth Ice Show;

Biggest indoor boat: in Canton at the Yazaki corporate offices; best collection of BB guns: Plymouth (once home to Daisy Air Rifle); most charitable one-night affair: North American Auto Show Charity Preview, Detroit.

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CONTEMPORARY ART

Will controversy follow Bourgeois's new exhibit?

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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Don't accuse installation artist Jef Bourgeois of being predictable.

True to the calling of his particular view of contemporary art, Bourgeois practices his defiant brand of "leave them guessing" with a showman's sense of promotion.

For the last six weeks, there's been a lot of talk about Bourgeois's style of what is commonly referred to as "shock art."

In November, the Rochester resident's exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts closed shortly after it opened when museum director Graham Beal deemed the material inappropriate for museum audiences.

Was it a case of a curator being selective or an artist being censored? Popular opinion has sided with the DIA, but that hardly means the issue or Bourgeois, who is considering legal action against the museum, have gone away.

On Friday, Galerie Blu in downtown Pontiac will open an exhibit of Bourgeois's less-than-provocative black-and-white paintings with images that resemble forms created by famous artists such as Claus Oldenberg. Bourgeois's video, "A Day In The Life," about a man caught in the relentless routine of life, will also be shown.

While the work is well-executed and thoughtful, it hardly reflects the material in Bourgeois's controversial exhibit at the DIA, which included a jar of urine, a can of feces, a doll named Jesus wearing a condom and a Brazilian nut under a magnifying glass that bore the title of the "n word."

These days, Bourgeois admits, issues of aesthetics and technical mastery are irrelevant. The purpose of contemporary art, according to Bourgeois, is to simply get a response. In essence, he believes that when it comes to art, anything goes.

Agree or disagree, doesn't matter to Bourgeois. It'd be content just talk about it.

A biting satirist

Bourgeois has become something of an enigma, whereby his claim to fame has overshadowed his work. Most of his work, quite frankly, is filled with biting humor and satire often missing in the all-too-serious art world. Thankfully, he is not only earnest, but at times, capable at laughing at himself.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Defiant: Jef Bourgeois (left) and Galerie Blu owner David Popa stand in the doorway of the Museum of Contemporary Art, an artist's project that satirizes the museum world.

What: Recent works by Jef Bourgeois and Randall Veilleux. When: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, opening reception; exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 29. Where: Galerie Blu, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 454-7797

For those who want to see Bourgeois's more provocative side, there'll be plenty to ponder in "A Short History of Black People," which will be exhibited this Thursday at the Museum of Contemporary Art, a tiny eight-by-ten room located inside Galerie Blu.

The exhibit, noted Galerie Blu owner David Popa, had been scheduled all along to coincide with Bourgeois's show at the DIA. He conceded the timing couldn't be better.

"Right now, we have people's attention," he said. "It's important to carry through with the dialogue Jef started."

"The museum" is Bourgeois's work-in-progress, an attempt to poke fun at the stodgy museum world.

"The recent response is one thing, but the long-term influence is to push for a museum of contemporary art separate from the DIA," said Bourgeois.

"Popular culture has taken over. Museums are no longer a haven for culture," Contemporary artists have to have a context for their work.

Anything but indifference

In the wake of the controversy over the "Sensation" exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Bourgeois's claim of censorship by the DIA has awakened the local arts community and caused reverberations throughout the

American art world. Bourgeois claims to neither seek publicity, nor hide from it. He calls the media fascination with his provocative work a necessary part of what he refers to as the "dialogue" he's trying to create about contemporary art.

That all sounds like a refined explanation of Andy Warhol's famous 15-minutes-of-fame prediction. And ultimately, the dialogue created by Bourgeois is more like a walk through a hall of mirrors.

As an artist who has set out to exhibit work that reflects contemporary sensibilities, Bourgeois is more of a conduit for art world trends, than an originator. Ultimately, he's a provocateur and satirist who believes the absolute worse response to his work is indifference.

"Significant 'shock art' engages you. It forces you to deal with it," said Bourgeois. "Aesthetics is a superficial engagement."

Popa, whose gallery features work with a pop-art sensibility, is one of Bourgeois's biggest supporters. He along with several other gallery owners circulated a letter to the media in opposition to the DIA's closing of Bourgeois's exhibit.

"Jef is good at eliciting a response, negative or positive," said Popa. "He gets people impassioned about art."

For Bourgeois, the most significant piece of 20th century art is Marcel Duchamp's enamel urinal. What some saw as piece of enamel that belonged in a men's room, others saw as the ideal creation of form and function.

"If anything is art, then art can be anything," he said. "But is there meaningful art?"

And that is unsettling as any of Bourgeois's provocative work

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, United Artists, and others. Lists titles, times, and prices.

Garland Resort provides perfect winter weekend

BY SYLVIA ABBATE
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're going to stick around Michigan in the winter, why not get out and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful snow?

The "Gourmet Glide" at Garland Resort in Lewiston, Mich., includes more than 40 kilometers of wide, groomed ski trails. It's a perfect weekend getaway that combines exercise with great food.

My husband, Joe, and I, along with a group of friends, return to Garland each year. The Gourmet Glide is a non-competitive event where you're encouraged to ski at your own pace.

Our athletic ability ranges from the experienced to the not-so-experienced. Our friend, Jack Hanika, a former ski instructor, can zigzag his way around the trails like a gazelle. And I attempted the Gourmet Glide nine months pregnant, spending most of my day at the buffet table. And no one seemed to mind.

After a day on the trails, we appreciate the luxurious accommodations of a cozy log cabin or villa. Rooms include all the extras like a king-sized bed, marble bath Jacuzzi and a gas log fireplace.

Four diamonds

Garland Resort has been around since 1951. It is a four-season recreation retreat owned and operated by the Otto family. A recipient of the AAA "Four Diamond" award, the family's personal touch is found inside and out. After a day on the trails, we appreciate the luxurious accommodations of a cozy log cabin or villa. Rooms include all the extras like a king-sized bed, marble bath Jacuzzi and a gas log fireplace.

Outdoors the beauty contin-

ues. Owner Ron Otto said, "Quality commitment to the environment are family traditions and they will never be compromised." Aside from a glimpse of a deer, fox or wild turkey, Garland is one of the few places in Michigan where bald eagles reside.

The Gourmet Glide begins at 8:30 Saturday morning. Our group meets at the main lodge for a continental breakfast. For those who prefer to sleep in late, punctuality is not enforced. We've discovered a lack of fresh food along the five-mile glide is never a problem.

For the beginner, a ski instructor is always available at the starting line. Even if you don't take instruction, there are so many friendly people to meet along the way, they'll be happy to lift you off the ground and give you a few tips.

Trailside

Aside from a sampling of pork roast, beef, shrimp and venison chili, our favorite stop is at Trout



Winter feast: Cross-country skiers stop for something to eat during the Gourmet Glide at Garland resort.

Lake. We catch our own fish and the chefs sauté it over a wood fire. At this stop there is also piping hot minestrone soup, along with your choice of beverage.

As veterans of the Gourmet Glide we go light on our plates at the final stop. Instead we prefer a cup of hot chocolate, coffee, a glass of beer or wine to reminisce about our eventful day. As the evening sun sets behind the glis-

tening snow and blue skies, we fulfill another tradition at Garland.

Everyone climbs aboard for the horse drawn sleigh ride followed with (you guessed it) dinner at the lodge.

Visitor Information

For more information on Garland Resort and special winter activities, contact Garland Resort HCR-1 Box 364 M, Lewiston, MI, 49756 or call 1-877-4

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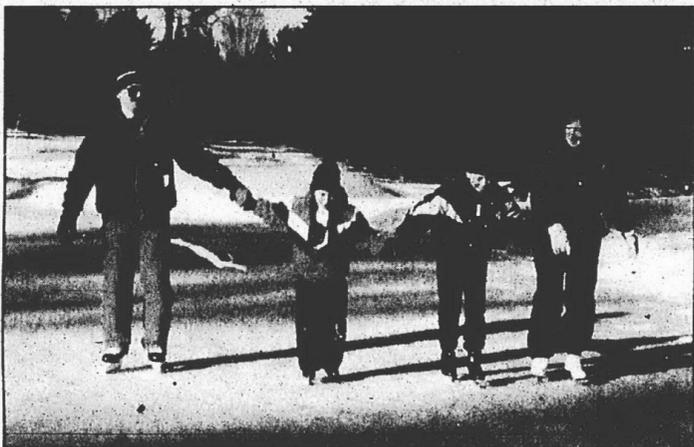
■ Gourmet Glide, Jan. 8, 15, 16, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 13, 19, 26, March 4, 11.

■ Prime Glide (All Saturdays except above dates).

■ Evening Glide, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25.

■ New this year... Family Glide, Jan. 16, Feb. 13.

Family events:
The Garland Glide includes some non-skiing activities like family skating.



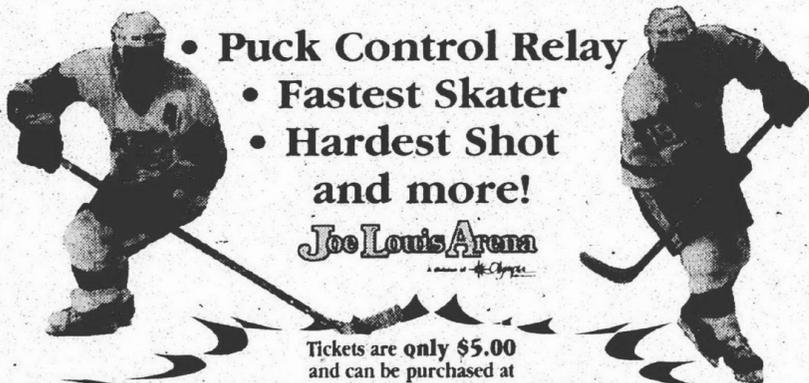
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Make a new friend by calling this DWCF mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad# 8191

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She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad# 6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION

This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN

Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWCF mom, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad# 7764

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FAITH & HOPE

An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY

She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56. Ad# 5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE

Catholic DWCF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad# 5642

JUST US

SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2814

CIRCLE THIS

Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS

Pretty DWCF mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

BORN-AGAIN

This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

VIVACIOUS

Active, energetic DWCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

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This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated, and Jewish, I am a DWCF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

IS IT EATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

LET'S CUDDLE

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A RARE FIND

Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

A RARE FIND

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

UP FOR IT ALL

Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keeping active, is seeking an easygoing, monogamous SWCM, 48-60. Ad# 3747



LISTEN TO ME

Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36. He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile. Ad# 8989

NEVER-MARRIED

SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad# 1777

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad# 4523

A REAL TRUE HEART

This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1514

HEAVEN SENT

Delightful, handsome Catholic DWCF dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad# 4324

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Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown hair and green eyes, who likes spending time with children, taekwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seeking a SCF, with similar interests. Ad# 2328

DESERVING

This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad# 3639

VERY LOVING

Laid-back WWBCF dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad# 7999

GIVE DAD A CALL

Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad# 2222

WORTH A TRY

Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad# 4500

AGED TO PERFECTION

Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad# 5454

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE

Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/WBCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad# 1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE

Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad# 6789

CELEBRATE LIFE

Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad# 1018

A GOOD MAN

Shy, nice-looking DWCF dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad# 6683

CONTACT ME

This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad# 4194

SHORT BUT SWEET

Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad# 9317

A PEACEFUL MAN

Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad# 4278

AN ANGEL

Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 6321

INTERESTED

Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad# 4374

JOYS OF LIFE

He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad# 1939

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME

Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad# 4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 1268

WALK DOWN THE AISLE

Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad# 1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND

Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWCM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad# 1445

GOD IS FIRST

Outgoing, honest DWCF dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9559

JUST YOU AND I

Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad# 2739

HAVE YOU SEEN...

My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2727

SEARCHING

Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad# 6900

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad# 6211

ONLY THE BEST

Educated WWWCM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad# 9876

IT'S FATE

Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

COMMON BOND

This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1580

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

HONESTY COUNTS

Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad# 4141

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

DOWN-TO-EARTH

He's a friendly Catholic DWCF dad of two, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and glasses, a smoker, who enjoys bowling, golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF, 35-47, for a special, one-on-one, romantic relationship. Ad# 6569

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DOWN-TO-EARTH! Simple, dry wit, college educated SWM 42. 6'3". 160lbs. enjoys nature, quiet evenings at home. Seeking secure SWF with similar interests. for LTR. #1234

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS! SWM 53. 6'3". in search of a woman, 30-50, who enjoys going to movies, kids in the park, holding hands. Kids ok. #1295

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ATTENTION LOVING! SM 40. 200 lbs. 5'11". brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, romantic. Seeking attractive, sexy blonde. Mature, warm, affectionate relationship. #1216

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hornets sting Madonna

Kalamazoo College jumped out to a 32-20 halftime lead Wednesday en route to a 68-63 women's basketball victory over host Madonna University.

Amanda Weishuhn led the victorious Hornets (7-6) with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Kelley Nyquist also scored 18, while Vanessa Larkin and Farmington Hills Mercy product Mary Jane Valade contributed 13 and 10, respectively.

The win put Kalamazoo into Thursday's championship final of the Madonna Hoops Classic against Indiana University-South Bend. The Titans defeated Walsh, 74-70, in the other game.

Kalamazoo, coached by Michelle Fortier, outrebounded Madonna, 48-37.

Kristi Fiorenzi (Canton) and Chris Dietrich each scored 20 points to lead Madonna (6-5).

Fiorenzi also grabbed 11 rebounds. The Lady Crusaders shot only 35 percent from the field (22 of 63) and 59 percent from the free throw line (16 of 27).

Kalamazoo was 24 of 55 from the field (43 percent) and 16 of 25 from the line (64 percent).

Because of early holiday deadline constraints, results of Thursday's championship game and consolation final will not appear until Thursday's Jan. 6 Observer editions.

Whalers defeat Otters

Three third-period goals lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the visiting Erie Otters in an Ontario Hockey League game Tuesday afternoon before 2,783 fans at Compuware Arena.

Andre Robichaud broke a 1-1 tie at 2:40 in the final period, and Tomas Kurka netted what proved to be the game winner on the power play at 8:56.

The Otters got within a goal when Erie's Shane Nash scored his second goal of the game at 15:13, but George Nistas made it a two-goal difference for the Whalers at 18:13.

Nash put Erie on the scoreboard less than two minutes into the game (1:55), and the Otters led until Justin Williams scored the first Plymouth goal on a power play at 9:37 in the second period.

Eric Gooldy assisted on all four Whaler goals. Damian Surma, Kurka, Stephen Morris and Nate Kiser also were credited with assists.

Goalkeeper Rob Zepp stopped 16 shots for Plymouth while Erie netminder Adam Munro made 24 saves.

Gooldy, Kurka and Robichaud were named the stars of the game.

Domino's Light Fest 5K

The second annual Domino's Festival of Lights 5-kilometer run will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

The Kid's K will be run at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Festival of Lights web site at www.AthleticVentures.com.

Madonna softball camp

Sessions are limited for the Madonna University softball fundamentals camp, which includes all phases of bunting, fielding, throwing, sliding, hitting and defense, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and 3:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

Sessions also will be from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Players will also face live pitching and hit off a pitching machine.

The cost is \$90 for four sessions. (Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.)

For more information, call MU women's softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Ten Star hoop camp

Applications are being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball camps for boys and girls (ages 7-19).

Nearby camp locations include Fort Wayne, Ind., Canton, Ohio and Georgetown, Ky.

For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Salem rallies for tourney title

Plymouth Salem needed a 22-11 fourth-quarter surge to hold off pesky Redford Thurston in Tuesday's finals of the Grosse Ile Holiday boys basketball tournament, 53-43.

Both teams are 2-3 on the season. Salem senior forward Ryan Nimmerguth led all scorers with 20 points, including six 3-pointers. Junior forward Nick Tochman added 11 points.

Cedric Mann and Matt Nowak scored 10 and nine, respectively, for Thurston.

The Eagles led 20-16 at halftime and 32-31 after three quarters.

"They were very scrappy, they pressed us the whole game," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

The Rocks held Thurston to a pair of three-pointers after the Eagles rang up 10 in Monday's 60-56 opening-round win over host Grosse Ile.

TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 71, CANTON 57: On Tuesday, host Traverse City Central (3-3) captured the consolation final against Plymouth Canton (1-4) by hitting 30 of 46 free throws, including 16 of 24 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Matt Stow led the victorious Trojans with 19 points. Evan Hammondtree added 11.

Senior guard Jim Reddy and senior forward Ken Nether each tallied 11 for Canton. Junior guard Nick Cabautan added 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Three of Canton's five starters got into foul trouble late in the first half as the Chiefs trailed 27-24.

"The game turned at that point and we never got back in the flow," said Canton coach Dan Young, whose team was 15 of 23 from the line. "Maybe we got a little fatigued or hit the wall."

Canton was coming off a 56-54 double-overtime loss the night before to Saginaw Arthur Hill.

"We played a great game against Arthur Hill," Young said. "We really competed, but we didn't get the victory and that took a lot out of us."

"But it was disappointing we didn't play well the second night."

Four Chiefs scored in double figures against Arthur Hill — Dan McLean, 17 points and 11 rebounds; Nether, 14 points and 12 rebounds; Mike Major, 12 points; and Jason Waidmann, 11 points and six rebounds.

KIMBALL 64, CLARENCEVILLE 27: 6-foot-9 junior forward Ryan Stehnett scored 17 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked three shots Wednesday as Royal Oak Kimball (4-2) won the consolation final against Livonia Clarenceville (1-4) at the Walled Lake Western Tournament.

Senior forwards Tim Hughes and Ryan Doyle contributed 16 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Knights.

Junior center Scott Wion had 10 for Clarenceville, which trailed 43-17 at the half.

On Tuesday, Clarenceville lost to host Western, 79-39, as Johnny Eagle paced the victorious Warriors with 16 points.

Brandon Routhier and Rob Pisha each contributed 12 for Western, which outscored Clarenceville 47-12 in the second half after leading by only five at intermission, 32-27.

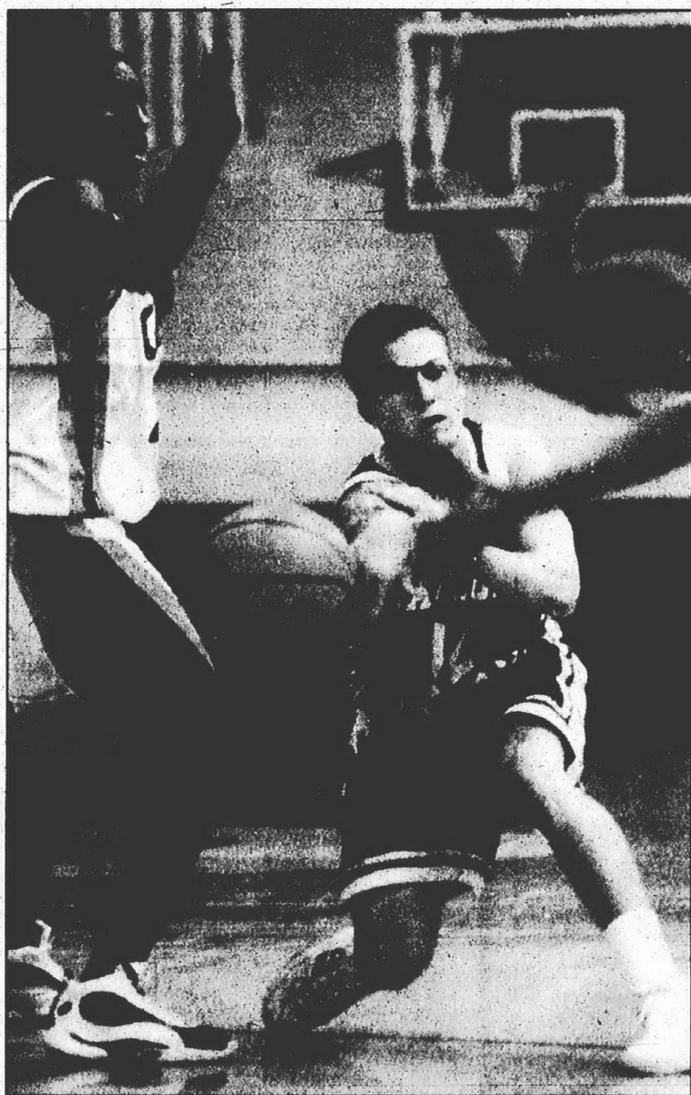
Wion tallied 15 points to lead Clarenceville, while Tim Shaw added 10. Rick Burack contributed eight.

In the championship final, Pinckney (4-2) handed Western its first loss of the season, 65-49.

LENAAWEE CHRISTIAN 73, PLY. CHRISTIAN 59: Trevor Faust, a senior forward, scored a game-high 25 points Tuesday as host Adrian Lenawee Christian (4-0) bested host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-2).

Senior forward Derric Isensee tallied 18 for the Eagles.

Catholic Central drops pair at U-D



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Entrapment: Catholic Central's Anthony Coratti (right) makes the pass before the Detroit City defender closes in on him.

Detroit City, Hamtramck top Shamrocks; Sparks returns

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Aside from Rob Sparks' return to the lineup, there was little for the Redford Catholic Central basketball team to be happy about in a 69-57 loss to Detroit City on Tuesday at U-D Jesuit.

Sparks, a senior guard and the Shamrocks' leading returning scorer, scored nine points off the bench in his first game since undergoing back surgery in the fall.

Junior guard Ryan Celeskey was the only CC player in double figures, making six three-point baskets and finishing with 23 points, but the Shamrocks had no answers for City's overall athleticism.

The game was the first of three in three days for the Shamrocks in the Motor City Roundball Classic, hosted by U-D for the second-straight year.

City made seven of its first nine shots and led 19-9 after one quarter, helped by a 14-3 run to erase a 6-5 deficit.

Five players had at least eight points for City, led by Neverson White and Darius Hollis with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Anthony Butler added 10 points. White and Hollis helped City enjoy a 26-15 rebounding edge.

City is 4-1 overall, its only loss coming by four points to Detroit Renaissance.

CC is 1-3 overall, including a 63-58 loss on Wednesday to Hamtramck.

CC scored seven of the first nine points in the second quarter but City ended the half on a 10-2 run for a 31-18 halftime lead.

Sparks entered the game in the second quarter and scored the Shamrocks' lone basket in City's run. He had two field goals in the third quarter and added a three-point basket in the fourth.

That he's playing at all is good news to Sparks, compared to the feeling he had at the time of the surgery.

"My doctor told me basketball was pretty much out," Sparks said.

With Sparks showing great improvement, however, January was the next target date. He didn't anticipate getting his doctor's permission to play in the Roundball Classic so it had to be his best Christmas present.

"My back felt fine but my muscles were still tight and it will take some time to get back in game shape," Sparks said. "My doctor said it's up to me, to push myself harder each day."

After playing a sloppy first half, the Shamrocks recovered in the third quarter when they outscored City, 22-11, to cut the deficit to 42-40.

CC forced 11 City turnovers in the third quarter, converting baskets on many. The Shamrocks also enjoyed a seven to four rebounding advantage and attempted 21 shots to City's seven in that quarter.

Seven different Shamrocks scored in the third quarter but they ran out of gas and City put the game away with a 13-3 run to start the fourth quarter.

"We started tentative and just played with more passion in the second half," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "We're young and face new experiences as the season goes on."

"City's a quick team and my first thought is if we play hard for 32 minutes things would open up for us. But we forced some shots and got lazy. It was an all-around weak effort from the get-go."

Coratti said Sparks will be key to how well the Shamrocks can do in the Catholic League Central Division.

"He didn't look too bad," Coratti said. "He looked good shooting the ball but his wind wasn't good."

Joining Sparks with nine points was junior guard Anthony Coratti, who had three triples.

Rod Hunt and Matt Loidas played inspired off the bench with seven and six points, respectively.

Mumford rallies by Wayne at Cobo

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Detroit Mumford played with a split personality, a-la Jekyll and Hyde.

The Mustangs used a 37-16 second half run to handcuff Wayne Memorial in the Detroit Public Schools' Superintendents' Tip-Off Classic Wednesday night at Cobo Arena, 59-42.

Mumford has now won three straight after losing its first two games of the season by a total of three points (to Redford and Mackenzie).

Meanwhile, Wayne dropped its second in a row to fall to 2-2.

Mumford trailed 26-22 at intermission, but turned up its defensive intensity in the second half.

The Mustangs began double-team-

ing Wayne's 5-10 senior floor general Shane Nowak.

"We thought he (Nowak) was the key because he's a veteran, gutsy player, a kid who has been playing for them three or four years," fifth-year Mumford coach Roosevelt Green said. "We wanted to get the ball out of his hands and make their younger players make the decisions."

Wayne, which committed only seven turnovers in the first half, coughed the ball up 15 times in the second half as Mumford converted several transition baskets.

"They (Mumford) were very, very aggressive and we wilted, it was very disappointing," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "It was obvious they picked up their tempo and they out-toughed us."

"And we didn't work the ball and do the things we were supposed to when they trapped us. When the point-guard gets double-team, the post player is supposed to flash to the middle, but it just didn't happen."

Wayne took only 15 shots from the floor in the second half, making seven.

Meanwhile, Mumford was 14 of 24 from the floor (58.3 percent).

Wayne's problems were not limited to breaking the press.

The Zebras had to contend with 6-foot-10 Mumford center Clarke Headen, an early signee with the University of Detroit Mercy.

Headen, although not a polished inside scorer, finished with 12 points, nine rebounds, six assists and four blocks.

"When Clarke concentrates, he's a good rebounder and shot blocker because he has great timing," Green said. "Offensively it's takes time. But he's a good passer inside the paint."

"He's really only played four years. He was pretty raw as a player when he came here, but it's exciting watching his development."

Guards Rodney Whalen and Rulon Harris each added 12 points for the Mustangs.

Senior Jermaine Garner paced Wayne with 11 points, while Nowak contributed eight.

Wayne went to the line just four times, making three. Meanwhile, Mumford was 13 of 18.

"They out-toughed us," Henry said. "They played the way I'd like to see our players play — with toughness."

WEEKEND

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Who will score 1st sanctioned 300?

Happy New year to all bowlers in Observerland.

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There will be something very special from the American Bowling Congress for the first bowler to roll a 300 game in the new millennium.

The rules are:
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•The Major 2000 bowling dates have just been released.

Here it is to clip out and save especially if you follow the PBA or PWBA pro tours events on television.

JANUARY

4-9: ABC Senior Masters by Sands Regency, Reno, Nev.

9: BPAA Tequila Rose National Mixed Doubles qualifying ends.

2-23: Brunswick/ABC world team Challenge qualifier, Seminole, Fla.

FEBRUARY

10-11: Special Olympics Unified Tournament, Albuquerque, N.M.

2-June 19: ABC Sandia Casino Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.

13-19: PBA National Championships, Toledo, Ohio.

19-20: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifiers, Indianapolis, Ind.

MARCH

11-July 7: WIBC Championship Tournament, Reno, Nev. (unless extended).

12-18: American Bowling Congress (ABC) Convention, Albuquerque, N.M.

13-17: Bowling Writers of America Convention, Albuquerque, N.M.

16: ABC Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Albuquerque, N.M.

17: ABC Delegates Meeting.

Albuquerque, N.M.

18-19: Intercollegiate Bowling Championships sectionals.

TBA: National Junior College Athletic Association Championships.

APRIL

9: Salute to Champions XI, St. Louis, Mo.

28-30: Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, Wichita, Kan.

TBA: USA Junior Olympic Bowling/Team USA at U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.

MAY

1: WIBC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Reno, Nev.

1-3: WIBC Annual Meeting, Reno, Nev.

6-7: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifier, Lansing.

7-11: PWBA Samis Town National Doubles, Las Vegas, Nev.

22-26: WIBC Queens, presented by the Reno Tri-properties, Reno, Nev.

24-26: WIBC Senior Queens, Reno, Nev.

27-28: ABC/WIBC Senior Championships, Reno, Nev.

JUNE

12-17: ABC, Masters, Albuquerque, N.M.

18-20: International Pro Shop and Instructors Association/USA Coaches Convention, Las Vegas, Nev.

21-22: BPAA Bowl Expo, Las Vegas, Nev.

TBA: FIQ American Zone Youth Championships, Cancun, Mexico.

JULY

8-15: Bowling U.S. Open pre-

sented by AMF, Phoenix, Ariz.

9-16: USA Junior Olympic Gold National Championships, Las Vegas, Nev.

15-16: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

19-23: YABA International workshop, Milwaukee, Wis.

26-30: Coca Cola Youth Bowling Championships, Las Vegas, Nev.

AUGUST

5-12: Tournament of the Americas, Miami, Fla.

10-12: BPAA International Family Tournament, Lewisville, Tex.

12-17: PWBA Hammer Players Championship, Rockford Ill.

TBA: FIQ world Youth Championships, Bogota, Colombia.

SEPTEMBER

TBA: PWBA Brunswick World Open.

OCTOBER

15-21: AMF World Cup, Lisbon, Portugal.

20-Nov. 21: Festival of Bowling, Reno, Nev.

NOVEMBER

4-11: PWBA Sam's Town Invitational, Las Vegas, Nev.

17-22: PBA Tournament of Champions, site to be announced.

DECEMBER

1-10: FIQ World Tenpin Team Cup, Carolina, P.R.

12-16: USA Bowling Championships, Reno, Nev.

Editor's note: Next bowling honor roll will appear in Thursday's Jan. 6 Observer sports editions.

Valuable info gathered in holiday bird count

This recent holiday season over 50,000 people participated in an official Christmas Bird Count.



TIM NOWICKI

Over 1,800 count areas in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America and the Pacific Islands were covered. This count period marks the 100th count year. Christmas Bird Counts started in 1900 when Frank Chapman

organized 27 friends in 25 locations to spend the day counting birds.

Over the years reams of data have been accumulated and entered into computers.

Thanks to internet technology, data from all the Christmas Bird Counts since 1900 are available at www.birdsource.org.

The first recorded Christmas Bird Count in the Detroit area was in 1902.

Dr. Alexander W. Blain, Jr. spent 3.5 hours counting birds in Waterford, Michigan.

During that time he identified 15 species and counted 101 individual birds.

Today more than 50 counts are conducted in Michigan.

Each count has a group of dedicated birders who spend eight hours in the field, sometimes more, if they search for owls before dawn, and cover an area 15 miles in diameter.

As many as 60-80 species can be identified in one day in the Detroit area and 24,000 or more individuals can be counted.

The Detroit Audubon Society's count is one of the longest standing in the area. It started back in 1945.

Through the years 128 different species of birds have been identified during the holiday

season.

Some populations have gone down, like the tree sparrow, while other bird species populations have gone up, like crows.

Collecting information on birds populations over a long period of time can give scientists a window on what is happening with bird populations.

Over the years populations of cardinals for the Detroit Audubon's count have ranged from as high as 496 birds seen on one count, to 82 seen on another.

This year, 284 cardinals were identified, about average, even though some people have com-

mented that the cardinal population is down this year.

It may be lower in some areas, but on a larger scale, the population seems to be about normal.

Surveys that cover a large area and are conducted in a similar manner year after year, provide a better picture of what bird populations are actually doing.

Not only is the Christmas Bird Count a day of collecting information, it has become a tradition to many of those who participate.

Friendship and camaraderie develops among those that brave subzero temperatures, high winds and stuck vehicles.

At the end of the day counters meet and share the good fortunes and mishaps of the day. Never before seen species are always a treat for the count, as well as high numbers of common species.

Birds can be seen in Michigan all year, providing joy to many in backyards and in the field.

Surveys, like the Christmas Bird Count, are ways to help us monitor bird populations so we can try and short-stop any catastrophes in the future.

Editor's note: Tim Nowicki's next column will appear in Thursday's Jan. 6 Observer.

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Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends, a support group for anyone hypersensitive to any chemical and/or environmental irritant such as smoke, fragrances, cleaning supplies, construction materials, etc. Informal monthly meetings are held at various locations in Southwest Michigan. The next meeting will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 at United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River in New Hudson. For information call (248) 349-4972.

Drug free ADD help

Brackney Chiropractic Health Center will present "A Drug Free Approach to ADD and Hyperactivity," at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Brackney Chiropractic Health Center (8512 Canton Center Road) in Canton. Learn more about drug free approaches to attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity in children and adults. Free consultation and exam will be available. Space is limited. Call (734) 455-4444.

Stroke prevention

The American Legion on Newburgh Road in Westland will host Life Line Screening's Stroke Prevention program Wednesday, Jan. 12. The state-of-the-art Ultrasound tests include a carotid artery scan, an abdominal aortic aneurysm scan and an ankle-brachial index test (to detect peripheral arterial disease). Anyone interested must register at least 24 hours in advance. Please call (800) 407-4557 to schedule an appointment. The tests are offered for \$35 each - which compare to between \$300-\$500 for similar diagnostic tests offered by hospitals, and imaging centers. The American Legion is located between Ann Arbor Road and Joy.

Trigeminal Neuralgia

The Trigeminal Neuralgia Support Group of metro Detroit will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at The Detroit Medical Center - Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (261 Mack Blvd. Detroit/Room 815). Support caregivers are always welcome to attend. Free, secured parking adjacent to RIM. Meeting dates include Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, etc. (No July meeting). For information call (313) 745-1203 or telephone the support group leader at (313) 891-6270.

OCD disorders talk

Dr. Joe Himle, from the Anxiety Disorders Clinic at the University of Michigan, will be speaking Jan. 19 to the Self-Help Group for Children with OCD and their families. The meeting is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Davis Counseling Center, 37923 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. There is no charge but space is limited. For information, registration, and directions call Greg Sheppard, (734) 525-7641.

Healthy partners

Healthy partners will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 at St. Mary Hospital (West Addition - Conference

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Breaking ground

St. Mary offers innovative prostate treatment

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Men diagnosed with localized prostate cancer have an advanced treatment option available to them in Livonia that the American Cancer Society endorsed as "a valid and efficient option for treating patients with clinically organ-confined prostate carcinoma."

St. Mary Hospital of Livonia is now designated a Brachytherapy Center of Excellence for the treatment of prostate cancer. Brachytherapy is a minimally invasive treatment for localized prostate cancer that involves the direct insertion of radioactive "seeds" into the prostate gland.

"Prostate brachytherapy, which is performed as an outpatient procedure, adds significantly to patient convenience and comfort coupled with low complication rates and favorable long-term outcome results," said John Harb, M.D., urologist.

St. Mary Hospital is the first Michigan hospital offering the brachytherapy technique known as "real-time" through ProSeed, Inc., a unit of C.R. Bard, Inc. The real-time technique incorporates equipment technology advances and radiation to more accurately place seeds while reducing the exposure of normal tissue located near or around the cancerous cells.

Urologists and radiation oncologists, who work side by side during this procedure at St. Mary Hospital, view radioactive seed implantation as a viable treatment for patients diagnosed with localized low to high Gleason Grade prostate cancer.

A Gleason score is the grading system used to designate the degree of the abnormality of the cells. The greater the degree of abnormality, the higher the score. The aggressiveness of the tumor is scored from 2 to 10.

While there are a variety of options available to treat prostate cancer — including radical prostatectomy (surgical removal of the prostate), cryosurgery (freezing), External

■ 'We are now one of the premier centers to offer real-time brachytherapy, a treatment that is becoming more common in the United States.'

John Harb

— Urologist, St. Mary Hospital

Beam Radiation, and hormonal therapy — 1998 brachytherapy results collected from a 10-year study by a team of physicians at the Pacific Northwest Cancer Foundation/Northwest Hospital in Seattle concluded "brachytherapy is an effective and valid treatment for patients with clinically organ-confined prostate carcinoma."

Observed 10-year follow-up results in the current study document better biochemical disease-free survival than several reported conventional external beam irradiation series, and appears comparable to disease free results from several surgical series.

Alternative treatment

Fred McWilliams, a 77-year-old retired General Motors employee, said he's known a lot of people who've had their prostate removed due to cancer but had never even heard of brachytherapy before his urologist, Dr. Harb, proposed the procedure.

"I'd never even read anything in the paper about it," said McWilliams from his South Lyon home.

McWilliams says he turned out to be an excellent candidate for the surgery because he had a "good doctor, good health and the kind of cancer"

whose recovery outcomes are most favorable with brachytherapy as a treatment.

According to ProSeed's founding physicians, the development and refinement of real-time ultrasound guided 3-D brachytherapy implantation greatly enhances the success of brachytherapy treatments.

The targeted delivery of the "seeds" minimizes the chance of affecting nearby normal tissue while delivering enough radiation to the prostate to destroy the cancerous cells.

"The dose of radiation is about double the modern methods and is done internally without effecting non-cancerous tissue in the surrounding area," said Omar Majid, M.D., Radiation Oncology department of St. Mary Hospital. "This allows us to maximize control."

McWilliams said he underwent a biopsy and ultrasound volume study before both Harb and his oncologist, Majid, determined he was a prime candidate. The surgery was scheduled on Dec. 9 at St. Mary Hospital.

"I wasn't concerned because Dr. Harb said he had performed the procedure on more than 200 persons. It sounded pretty safe and he said I had a 97 percent chance of success. I thought that was very good," said McWilliams who

added that he read a lot of material about brachytherapy before the actual procedure.

The South Lyon senior said his downtime with the procedure was almost minimal and only experienced some localized tenderness and discomfort approximately three days following the outpatient procedure.

"It wasn't anything significant and I was only told not to do any heavy lifting," said McWilliams.

He is expected to return to St. Mary Jan. 10 to meet with Majid and again Jan. 17th with Harb. His physician will continue to monitor his PSA levels to determine if the cancer is responding to the radioactive seeds.

There are two different kinds of radioactive material used in seed implantation. The isotopes Iodine-125 and Palladium-103 are used for different kinds of tumors according to Majid. Palladium-103 releases a higher dose of radiation during a short period of time is a faster acting seed in comparison to Iodine-125 that responds more favorably with low to medium Gleason grade tumors.

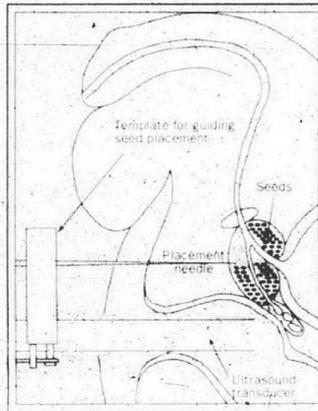
Often times doctors will use seeds in combination with hormone therapy and External Beam Radiation if the cancer is of a more aggressive nature.

As with any procedure relating to the prostate some side-effects could include temporary incontinence and impotence Harb said patients run a minimal risk.

"We are now one of the premier centers to offer real-time brachytherapy, a treatment that is becoming more common in the United States," said Harb. "The combined efforts and continuous cooperative participation between urologists and radiation oncologists are essential to the success of an implant program."

For more information visit The American Brachytherapy Society at www.brachytherapy.net or these other Web sites: www.indigomedical.com and www.proseedservice.com

— Source: Information regarding the ACS was documented in "Cancer" (Sept. 1998) a publication of the American Cancer Society.



— Source: "The ABC's of Prostate Cancer" (Joseph E. Oesterling, M.D. and Mark Movad, M.P.H.)

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail: kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

HSR expands

Healthcare Staffing Resources (HSR), a member services affiliate of the Michigan State Medical Society, is now providing temporary and permanent staffing services in Wayne and Oakland counties.

HSR provides a wide range of staffing needs including locum tenens, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medical assistants, receptionists, insurance billers, transcriptionists and managers.

"HSR is a wonderful new service available to physicians," said MSMS President Krishna K. Sawhney, M.D. "Well qualified individuals will be provided to meet the needs of requesting organizations."

Director appointed

Breast surgeon Jane Pettinga, M.D., has been named director of the Beaumont Comprehensive Breast Care Center. Pettinga replaces John A. Jagold, M.D., as center director. She has dedicated her practice of surgery to breast cancer since completing her surgical residency at Beaumont in 1983.

Pettinga was recently appointed the physician liaison from Beaumont to the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The commission

reviews each institution's cancer program for conformity to established standards, and encourages participating hospitals to equip and staff themselves so that they are able to provide their patients with the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Best in class

Mercy Health Plans' Care Choices HMO, of Farmington Hills was recently awarded "Best in Class" for Successful Plan/Provider Partnerships by the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC). The award was based on Care Choices' collaboration with providers in several process improvement initiatives in the areas of claims payment, disease management and care management.

New director

Barbara Meyer Lucas, M.D., has been promoted to corporate director, Quality and Performance Improvement, for Oakwood Healthcare System. Lucas has been a board-certified pediatrician with the Oakwood system since 1986, and most recently served as Director of Quality and Performance Improvement for the Ambulatory Services Division.

Lucas and her husband Joseph reside in Dearborn with their three children.

Volunteer efforts

Oakwood Healthcare System along with other key community representatives formed a strategic committee to redefine Oakwood's volunteer program. The strategic committee devoted countless hours to this effort, and the results of their plan were recently announced at a forum presented by Oakwood. As part of the strategic

process, a new mission was formed for Oakwood Volunteer Services. The mission is to provide the opportunity for individuals gifted with compassion, talent and dedication to serve the healthcare needs of others within a voluntary not-for-profit healthcare delivery system.

Appointed

Hershel Moss, M.D., Emergency Department Medical Director for PECERI The Provident Group at Oakwood Health System - Beyer Center, has been appointed Corporate Director for Quality Assurance governing Oakwood Emergency Departments at Annapolis in Wayne, Seaway Heritage and Beyer Centers.

New president

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens was recently installed as president of the American Academy on Maxillofacial Prosthetics in Philadelphia at the 47th Annual Meeting. Wiens will preside over the board of directors interim meeting in February and at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the International Congress of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in November.

Wiens is currently attending staff at Providence Hospital, and is a professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry.

Hygienist honored

The Michigan Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA) announced that the Oakland District Dental Hygiene



Wiens

Society named Katherine Evens, RDH, of Northville, Outstanding Dental Hygienist of the Year.

Criteria for this award include excellence in patient care, a significant contribution to their profession, service to the MDHA and their community and promotion of the profession of dental hygiene by serving as a mentor or role model.

Evens is currently working for Dr. Dennis Freeman of Livonia and Dr. Nancy Zellin of Novi.

Elected

Jeffrey Weingarten, M.D., has been voted president-elect of the Michigan Otolaryngological Society for the 2000 term. Weingarten, a six-year member of the society's executive board, is also medical director of the Voice and Communication Center at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He is also section chief of Otolaryngology at Providence.

Weingarten's medical practice for ear/nose/throat disorders has locations in Livonia, Novi, Southfield and Roseville.

New associate

Edwin C. Blumberg, D.O., was recently welcomed by A.J. Searchilli, D.O. and P.A. Parente, D.O., to the Farmington Medical Center, P.C., a holistic family practice.

Blumberg has practiced in the Farmington area for many years. He practices full family medicine and is especially skilled in geriatrics. He says holistic medicine is of special interest to him because he has seen its benefits for many people. The Farmington Medical Center is located at 30275 W. Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Ever wondered if your medications have the potential for dangerous drug interactions? Well, here's your chance to sit down with a pharmacist and discuss drug interactions and any other issues relating to your medications.

A pharmacist will be available in the Care Choices HMO booth at the Health, Fitness and Lifestyles Show, held Jan. 7, 8 and 9 at the Novi Expo Center.

Visitors to the Care Choices booth

can also have their children fingerprinted by the Novi Police Department and pick up some safety tips and free giveaways. For more information, call 248-489-6002.

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Reporter asks what's next for Y2K, civilization as we know and love



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Well, we made it. The lights are still on. The water is running. The phones still work. Civilization, as we know it, is still recognizable.

We have survived Y2K. At least, I think we have. Because as I write this it is still 1999 and I am hoping to get a late New Year's Eve flight home from Washington, D.C., where I have been covering the Y2K changeover for NBC television stations around the country. But from all indications, the \$600 billion repair job to get corporate and governmental computer systems to be able to accurately process a date in the year 2000, has held.

To be sure, there will be some surprises in the work week ahead as this or that goes wrong because some simple hardware or software function we thought was insignificant turned out to be something more.

The technological disaster predicted by so many, however, appears to be not much more than a few bumps in the information highway.

We're okay in Y2K. And so, as we relax in our warm homes on this first Sunday in the Year 2000, as we watch the college bowl games on TV and think about how crowded the health club will be tomorrow when we and everybody else starts to keep those New Year resolutions, let me share with you my predictions on where technology will take us in the months ahead.

E-COMMERCE SHAKEOUT COMING
Let's start with e-commerce and the Internet. Watch the TV commercials during the weekend football

games. How many advertisers have dot com in their name? Just about every one, right? Here's my first prediction: By the end of 2000, there won't be so many. I see a huge shakeout coming in many of these noisy Internet companies now hawking their Web sites.

The Internet will not support every business, every enterprise that thinks it will instantly prosper by putting a www in front of its name. Being a successful e-commerce venture is going to take a new kind of marketing expertise that is based on a new reality.

The balance of power has shifted. It is the buyers who now have the power. They now can easily comparison shop between thousands of online merchants who have what they want.

The retailers no longer have a captive audience of shoppers inside brick and mortar stores who are basically insulated from knowing what else is out there. Few e-commerce Web sites realize this. Yet.

INTERNET AS MASS MEDIA

The Internet is still evolving. We're not sure exactly where it's going. But we do know that it is becoming an increasingly important source of news and information. In Toronto, a local TV station has changed its newscast so it looks like an Internet Web site. The net is routinely now out-scoping newspapers, radio and television. Watch it become much more influential as a medium of its own.

DSL/CABLE MODEM ACCESS

By the end of the year, broadband will be poised to overtake the slow, cumbersome dialup Internet services most home users are still saddled with. Digital Subscriber Line technology will improve and more residential users will be located close enough to telephone substations to connect. As broadband becomes more accessible, competition will lower access charges.

THE CONNECTED CAR

General Motors now has a division called e-GM. They talk about "e-vehicles." Ford is doing the same thing. So is Visteon. Intel and Microsoft have invested millions in micro-processors and operating systems tailored specifically for the automobile. Over the next year, I predict that the next high tech status symbol will be having e-mail and Internet connectivity behind the wheel.

WIRELESS PHONES WILL RULE

The wireless phone revolution is in full motion. Though there are still some protocol issues the industry needs to straighten out, this year will see the end of cellular and the total domination of digital wireless phones. Many of us will soon use a wireless phone as our main phone. And they'll replace pagers, too, offering up e-mail retrieval and "Web clipings" of stock prices, sports scores and breaking news from the Internet. The technology is already in place. This will be the year it catches on.

HANDHELD COMPUTER WARS

The battle between Windows CE and the 3Com-Palm operating system for handheld computers and personal digital assistants will rage back and forth all year. Microsoft won't give up easily as it tries to rescue its moribund CE system with flashier and faster features. Palm will counter with more powerful applications written specifically for handhelds as it also releases its first color screen. Handspring, a new company started by the couple who invented 3Com's Palm, will sell lots of its new Visor handhelds, further bolstering Palm's marketshare because it uses the same operating system.

PC PRICES WILL HOLD STEADY

They can't get much lower. The so-called free PC trend will slow down as consumers balk at having to sign up for long-term Internet access contracts.

PC SPEEDS WILL SKYROCKET

By late summer, we'll see 1,000 Megabyte, or 1 Gigabyte, Pentium III processors from Intel. Advanced Micro Devices, Intel's chief rival, will still struggle to keep up, but will secure a loyal following of users who know when enough is enough and that most PC users don't need anything faster than 500 MHz.

IMACS AND IBOOKS WILL SELL FAST

Apple Computer will continue to turn around and make money because of the growing popularity of its innovative and gaudily-colored, delightfully uncomplicated machines.

MICROSOFT, AOL AND TECH STOCKS

Microsoft won't be broken up but will voluntarily spin-off some of its many operations. Its stock will split yet again before summer. AOL will hit 30 million subscribers. Prodigy, CompuServe and MSN will falter and barely hang on. Tech stocks will cool off dramatically.

VIRTUAL WORK

By the end of the year, ten percent of the workforce will do their jobs from virtual offices, at home or on the road, using the Internet, collaborative software and two-way video to do much of their work. Many more of us will spend a day or two a week working out of home offices.

Y2K promises to be as exciting as this year. But making it even better will be the fact that now that we've made it into 2000, we will be spared all the Y2K computer bug hysteria.

Happy New Year everyone.

Mike Wendland covers computers and technology for NBC Television stations across the country. He also hosts a weekend call-in radio show called "PC Talk" on WXYT, Talkradio 1270. He can be reached through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

meets Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100.

NEWBORN CLASS
Infant care classes, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," Jan. 6, from 7-9 p.m. Fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

AIDS COUNSELING
Premarital/AIDS marriage counseling, Jan. 8, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 655-8940.

ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

EATING DISORDER
A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call (734) 458-4330.

STRESSED FOR SUCCESS
Stressed for Success, a three-week program every Tuesday starting Jan. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, JAN. 5

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP call (734) 458-4330.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-4330.

FOCUS ON LIVING
Focus on Living (a cancer support group), Jan. 5, from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940.

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
Menopause support group,

MON, JAN. 10

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor-Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

GERONTOLOGY COURSES
Madonna University will offer two gerontology courses - "Introduction to Case Management Practice," will be held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 and will conclude Jan. 31. This course will examine a framework of case management practices. The non-credit fee is \$100. The workshop "Developing and Monitoring Care in Case Management Practice," will be held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Feb. 7 through Feb. 28 and again on Monday, March 13. This course will provide students with the ability to research, plan, pay for, monitor and evaluate services using a community-based care management model. The non-credit fee is \$100. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

SMOKING CESSATION
"Smoke Free Living," smoking cessation classes, Jan. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 655-8940.

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COMMITMENT
Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad# 1024

SEEKING A SOUL MATE
This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a pleasant relationship. Ad# 7775

FOCUS HERE
This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1706

HEART OF GOLD
Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad# 1237

FOR KEEPS
This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar interests. Ad# 4240

BIG-HEARTED
This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST
Make a new friend by calling this DWCM, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad# 8191

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad# 4444

FOCUS HERE
She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad# 6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWCM, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad# 7764

GOOD COMPANY
Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad# 9438

NEW HORIZONS
Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

FAITH & HOPE
An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56. Ad# 5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE
Catholic DWCF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad# 5642

JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2814

CIRCLE THIS
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWCM, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

BORN-AGAIN
This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

THE BEST-THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

END MY SEARCH
Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWCF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525

SIMPLY PUT
Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

IS IT FATE?
Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic DWCF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

A RARE FIND
Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

A RARE FIND
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

UP FOR IT ALL
Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keeping active, is seeking an easygoing, monogamous SWCM, 48-60. Ad# 3747



LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36. He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile. Ad# 8989

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad# 1777

WANT TO HEAR MORE?
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad# 4523

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 1514

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad# 4324

DYNAMITE CHARACTER
Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown hair and green eyes, who likes spending time with children, taekwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seeking a SCF, with similar interests. Ad# 2328

DESERVING
This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad# 3639

VERY LOVING
Laid-back WWBC dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad# 7999

GIVE DAD A CALL
Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad# 2222

WORTH A TRY
Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad# 4500

AGED TO PERFECTION
Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad# 5454

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/WBCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad# 1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad# 6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad# 1018

A GOOD MAN
Shy, nice-looking DWCM, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad# 6683

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad# 4194

SHORT BUT SWEET
Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad# 9317

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in her life. Ad# 4278

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walking, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad# 6321

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad# 4374

JOYS OF LIFE
He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad# 1939

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad# 4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 1260

WALK DOWN THE AISLE
Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF, who is athletically inclined. Ad# 1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND
Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWCM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad# 1445

GOD IS FIRST
Outgoing, honest DWCM, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9559

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad# 2739

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2727

SEARCHING
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad# 6900

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built, SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad# 6211

ONLY THE BEST
Educated WWCWM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad# 9876

IT'S FATE
Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad# 4251

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1580

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SWF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2942

HONESTY COUNTS
Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad# 4141

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 1534

DOWN-TO-EARTH
He's a friendly Catholic DWP dad of two, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and glasses, a smoker, who enjoys bowling, golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF, 35-47, for a special, one-on-one, romantic relationship. Ad# 6569

FAITH & DEVOTION
Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad# 1111

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Shade-tree mechanics suffering in computer age

By Ken Van Steenkiste
STAFF WRITER

As automakers add expensive technology to enhance the performance of new cars, do-it-yourselfers and hobbyist mechanics are getting squeezed out of the equation.

"It's virtually impossible for the average person to do trouble-shooting," said Ted Moraitis, Service Manager at Jack Cauley Chevrolet, 7020 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Moraitis explained that while service people are equipped with special equipment and computers costing thousands of dollars, the average person wouldn't even know how to operate that gear.

"Someone at home wouldn't have the tools to perform diagnostic work, and even if they did buy those tools, they have to be programmed and they would have to undergo hours of training just to learn how to operate them," he said.

Pressure to increase vehicle's fuel economy and performance have been the contributing factors to the rise of computer-controlled components, according to Moraitis.

"Car companies are under a lot of pressure from the EPA with increasing emissions regulations. That's been a real factor in all of this," Moraitis said.

Veterans of the automobile maintenance industry are very familiar with the frustration incomprehensible technology can generate for the driveway mechanic.

"I've seen people buying a lot of stuff they don't need because they don't have a \$6,000 laptop to perform a diagnostic test," said Dennis Razz, a certified mechanic and manager of Harthun Auto Parts, 20723 Evergreen Road.

Repair bills can skyrocket because of trial-and-error techniques that have taken the place of high tech computer components and performance tests.

Razz explained that many auto problems encountered today are due to faulty computer sensors, which cost upwards of \$100 each to replace.

"We see people all the time come in and buy the wrong thing, then they



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It's no game: Jim Cook, a service technician at Jack Cauley Chevrolet, reads the responses from a Tech 2, a hand-held computer that interfaces with the computers in the car to diagnose problems. The use of such computers puts engine repair out of the reach of your backyard garage mechanics.

come back a half an hour later and buy a different sensor. People end up buying a lot of stuff they don't need," Razz said.

But then there are those who tinker under the hood, not to save money or because they have to, but just because they enjoy it. What will become of the old-fashioned car enthusiast in the computer age?

"You can still modify or add to a car, you just have to know ahead of time what you intend to do and how you can do it. That's why a lot of people collect and modify older cars, because they were built simpler," said Berry Hensel, a Canton resident and president of a Detroit-area club for Camaro collectors.

Hensel, who designs powertrains for General Motors, has been working on cars for more than 20 years. He's seen a lot of designs come and go, and

knows that changing technology has forced car enthusiasts to change their techniques as well.

"If you've enjoyed tinkering all your life and you get a brand new car, you just can't anymore. Your basic tune up is pretty much gone for the shade-tree mechanic," Hensel said.

Many collectors choose late model cars that were built before technological gadgets became commonplace. Sometimes, they just have to get creative under the hood.

"I once had a 1983 Malibu that I was trying to change the spark plugs on. I eventually realized that I would have to take the right front wheel off to get up and under at the plugs, they were so tucked under there," Hensel said.

The good news is that cars actually require a lot less maintenance today than they did ten years ago because of



increasing precision in production techniques. Jobs like Hensel's spark plug replacement rarely even need to be done on modern automobiles.

"Most manufacturers have taken a lot of the basic maintenance out of the cars. Spark plug are good up to 100,000 miles, many cars don't need tune ups for that long, either," Moraitis said.

But when those maintenance-saving devices break-down, owners who aren't tech-savvy sometimes get highly irritated.

"How can I explain to someone who doesn't know what I'm talking about that their car is on a hoist because of a broken sensor. The only thing that matters to them is that they're sitting next to a tow truck driver," Moraitis explained.

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'48 Chevy Fleetmaster convertible was a handsome post-war car

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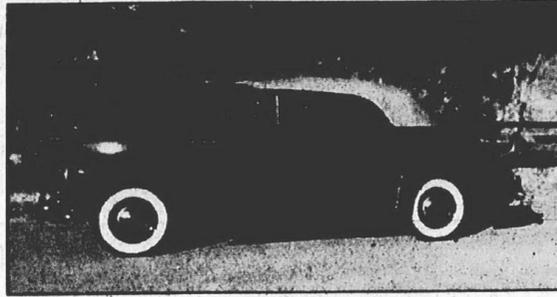
The 1948 Chevy was a handsome car. It wasn't low slung and modern like the first post-war Studebakers, or streamlined like the contemporary Packard, but it certainly was handsome. This car was the last chapter in the history of a model line that started in mid-1941.

By 1946 America needed new cars. The old ones were worn out and replacement parts were in short supply. Most of the American manufacturers just started cranking out facelifted '42 models. Chevy installed a wider, less fussy grille and started selling all they could build. The '47 Chevrolets sported an even wider, much more attractive grille and some cleaner, more up-to-date side trim. Sales were booming. Chevy set an all-time convertible sales record when it

produced 28,443 units.

But the Chevy started to look old by 1948. The '48 was the last and the best of its pre-war line. Chevrolet's venerable 216 cu.in. six had finally been updated with precision-type main bearings instead of the old rough fit and reamers, and a vacuum assist for the three speed column mounted shifter. In total, 776,000 Chevys were built that year before the lines were shut down to re-tool for the all-new 1949 models.

This particular Drive Reporter car is owned by Gerry Peter of Fairfield, California. Gerry found his '48 Fleetmaster convertible in Redwood City, CA. He bought it, in pieces, from the widow of the fellow that started the restoration years before. After sorting out the boxes of unlabeled parts, Gerry was able to find the missing bits and



start restoration. Every part was stripped, cleaned or sand-blasted, and either plated, painted or replaced with brand new pieces. The car was then re-assembled, using all new rubber and hardware. The rebuilt running gear was installed into a newly painted metallic maroon body. The interior features red

leather seats while the power top is covered in tan. Options include the vacuum shift, a spotlight, and a rare set of factory 15" wheels painted body color and correctly detailed with beige striping.

The Classic Drive

This is not my first time

around the block in a '48 Chevy. In 1965, I bought a nifty Fleetline Aerosedan (fastback) from the local butcher in Menlo Park, CA for \$75. Drove it to Woodside High - and to visit my girlfriend on weekends. She had moved over 35 miles away and in the Chevy, with its maximum safe cruising speed of 50 MPH, it felt like a hundred miles. I used the hand throttle as a primitive cruise control and watched the VW vans fly past. My '48 might have been slow but it never once let me down.

A '48 Chevrolet somehow appears larger than it really is. It's high, the doors are big and heavy, and all of the styling components are large. The hood is big and so are the fenders if you count the part that is attached to the door. Still, if you park one next to a Chevy from the mid-'50s, the '48 looks like a

compact. Quite an illusion.

This is one of those "arm-chair" cars that remind one of sitting in grandma's salon. I grabbed one that bigger-than-life, white steering wheel, tugged the shifter into neutral and pressed my toe down on the floor mounted starter pedal. The little stovetop hardly cranked, and ticked right over - just like my old fastback (damn, I wish I hadn't sold that car!). The fully instrumented dash sprung to life, the little needles jumping to their appropriate places.

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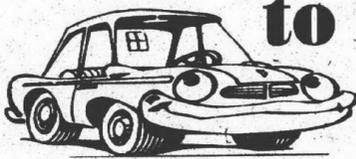
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