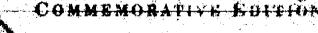


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CHALLENGE FOR THE MILLENNIUM

"Just to be a better mother and a better wife." – Terri Logan



"I don't have anything that's pressing on my agenda."

> – Jim Khollman



"I want to get my bills in order and make my time more function-





Look at that Gree Marter Wayne Westland schools superintendent, leads a July 1999 bus tour of school construction sees. States and the Summer Festival parade.

2000: HIGH HOPES, HIGH TECH

BY JULE BROWN STARY WRITTER beown necodum.net

estland Mayor Robert Thomas is optimistic when looking at the year 2000. Once computer problems, which he doesn't envision as major, are taken care of, there's more work to be done.

Thomas hopes a decision will be made in the first half of the year on a new recreation center - possibly move to and not move including two ice rinks - that would be paid from existing tax revenues.

"City Hall is included" in plans for a second facility, the mayor said. Determining how to finance a

new City Hall without a millage or tax increase tops the mayor's list. He also cited concentrating on the city's Web page again.

"We had a lot of work done on it development of some kind." before." It's been on the back burner with Y2K, but Thomas envisions

to download forms, apply for permits and even pay water bills.

Working with Westland Center upgrade." on marketing/expan-

sion efforts is also on Thomas' list for 2000. "I think there are going to be a lot of things happening."

He aims to make Westland a place to out of. The mayor cited the Downtown Development Authority, specifically the southwest corner of

Wayne-Ford the intersection, which city officials hope to develop.

"We're hoping we can do a major

Thomas also cited improved police-fire radios and central dis-

Westlanders eventually being able patch, which is being used with other communities. "The new radio system is going to be a tremendous

> The building of a fifth fire station in 2000 also tops the city list.

On the educational front, Wayne-Westland schools Superintendent Greg Baracy has goals for 2000 and beyond. 'Our primary focus is going to be on improving student achievement."

Relating to that is work with the Michi-

gan Legislature to achieve equitable funding "due to the post-Proposal A era," Baracy said.

The district will continue the bond project approved by yoters in 1998, leading to building improve- said.

ments "I'm looking forward to another very good year," said Baracy. He cited increased emphasis on business/industry partnerships in education, more community involvement with the educational process and more parental involvement in schools.

"I think we will begin to see a resurgence." Baracy said. "We welcome that." He also cited the technological revolution and its impact on how we teach and learn.

Lori Brist, Westland Chamber of Commerce executive director, also sees a bright future.

"I think things are only going to get better. The economy's good, people have jobs," she said.

The only drawback she hears is that business people have difficulty finding employees.

"I just hope that improves," Brist



- Jeannette Pawlowski



"Do what I'm doing already - my family is my biggest priority."

> - Donna Rasak



"Finish my classes (at U-M Dearborn)."

> - Chris Tatman

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1999: A LOOK BACK AT WESTLAND'S TOP STORIES

Incumbents dominate in election for city council

finners in the Nov. 2 Westland City Council election were Glenn Anderson, David Cox, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James. Only 14 percent of voters bothered to cast ballots; a mere 8 percent had voted in the September primary. Anderson, Cox and Griffin were incumbents. with Cox having served as an appointee prior-to his November election. James had been a member of the Westland Planning Commission. Longtime Councilwoman Justine Barns retired at the end of 1999, capping off a career that included service in the State House of Representatives.

Smiles: Incumbent Councilman Glenn Anderson was victorious in the Nov: 2 Westland City Council election. Anderson was the top vote-get-

Advocates favor a new **City Hall and rec center**

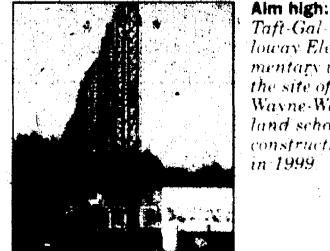
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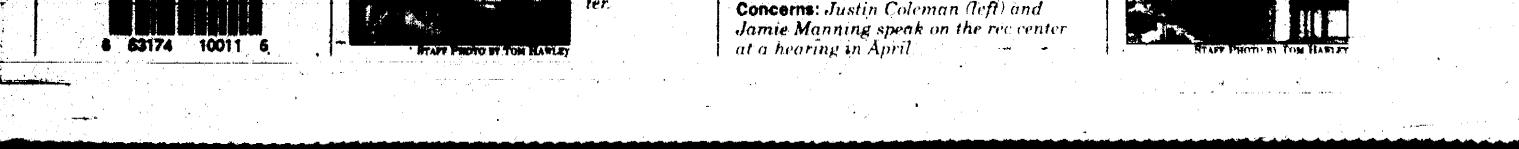
School construction has funds in Wayne-Westland

ayne-Westland school district students started classes Sept. I, noticing that many buildings had received major facelifts. Widespread renovations and expansions continue as officials implement a \$108.3 million, voterapproved bond plan. The race was on to get done, in time for school, but things went smoothly and few parents complained.

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Taft-Galloway Ele mentary was the site of Wayne-West land school construction in 1999





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Abbott service set for Tuesday

Services for Diane R. Abbott, 51, of Westland will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Burial will be at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the funeral home.

Ms. Abbott was born Jan. 12, 1947, and died Dec. 38 in Ann Arbor: She was director/owner of Abbott Cable of Westland.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Association, Westland Rotary, Westland Kiwanis, a director on the Westland mayor's staff and the U.S. Selective Service Board.

Survivors include daughters Susan (Sean) Grady and Sarah (Kyle Williams) Abbott; son Douglas (Cheryl) Abbott; mother Nina Maple; sisters Carol Love and Darlene McPhee; brother Neil Maple; and grandchildren Kaytlin Abbott, Connor Grady, Ian Grady and Dakota. She was preceded in death by father

i beriat will be at Michigan Momoriai Park, Flat Rock.

Archie Maple.

Memorials are suggested to the University of Michigan bone marrow research and lung research.

Bookmobile concept is gearing up

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

A library on wheels could be rolling along Westland streets in 2001.

One Y2K wish for city officials is to get a bookmobile built to deliver books and other library materials to city neighborhoods. "That's the hope," Library

Director Sandra Wilson said.

The bookmobile, projected to cost \$120,000 to \$150,000, will take a year to build, she said.

Wilson hopes to complete bid specifications early this year and seek bids.

The bookmobile will likely include at least three computers that neighborhood residents can use for quick research.

Wilson said the bookmobile will probably make stops at places like senior citizen centers and possibly day care centers.

Residents also could receive and return their library materials without going to and from the city library on Central City Parkway south of Warren.

Wilson has long touted a bookmobile as one of the best ways of making library services accessible to city residents, particularly those who lack transportation. The bookmobile would mark



On wheels: A bookmobile is a future possibility for the library.

one more way that the library is reaching out to residents. The library already has a home-delivery program for shut-in senior citizens.

In a new development, library board members attending a recent meeting saw preliminary plans for a garage that would be built to house the bookmobile. Library board members seemed more impressed with a 3,000-square-foot garage plan than with smaller proposals.

Board members said they want a garage that will not only house the bookmobile - but that will also give the library some

storage space.

"We need that storage space." board member Sharon Clark said.

The garage would be built on the library site. Library board members expect to receive a cost analysis for the garage as early as February.

Olympic medalist shares her story

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

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Sometimes, the dark horse wins the race. That was the message United States Olympic Gold Medal winner Sheila Taormina gave Longacre Elementary School parents during a recent presentation.

Taormina, 27, a resident of Livonia, talked about how she overcame adversity to reach the summit, something she accomplished during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. The diminutive athlete kept driving toward her goals, despite being told by some that she was too small (5-foot-3-inches) to become a world-class swimmer.

"She talked about perseverance, the ups and downs she faced," said Longacre Principal Bill Smith. "... The underdog can come out on top and she definitely was an underdog."

About 35 parents from the Farmington district school attended the program, Smith said.

"Every parent came up afterward and just raved about her,' Smith said.

Among those parents was

daughter Kelley and 7-year-old son Gregory attend Longacre.

"She was a very good speaker," Bussell said. "She really had the drive to do this (swim at the top level). But none of the swimming world (originally) thought she had that kind of potential."

Bussell said Taormina emphasized to parents to let their children pursue their own dreams and not push their own wants and expectations on them.

"The best thing I got out of it was she talked about how her parents had let her do what she wanted to do."

It helped take undue extra pressure off of the swimmer, during the 20 years it took to advance to her desired level.

Smith said Taormina began swimming at age 7 and was 27 when she won the Olympic gold. When she was part of the 800meter free-style relay team, she became the second oldest woman to reach that lofty plateau.

Goal-setting was another key element of Taormina's presentation.

"It's hard not to be personally motivated when you hear her, and sharpen up your own goals,' Smith said. "It invigorates you."



Gold-winning smiles: Longacre Elementary School student Kelley Bussell (right) experiences the thrill of victory by wearing swimmer Sheila Taormina's gold medal. Taormina, a Livonia resident, visited Longacre to talk to parents about how she set goals and overcame adversity to capture the gold for the U.S. in 1996.

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Rigney, 76, of Tennessee, former-

DOMS YOPEK RIGHEY

ly of Westland, were Dec. 23 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. J.C. Allen officiated.

Services for Doris Yopek

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Rigney was born April 22, 1923, and died Dec. 20 in Tennessee?

She is survived by husband John J. Yopek; daughters JoAnn (Walter) Carlton and Judith (John) Jenkins; sons Phillip (Merle) Yopek of South Lyon and Russell (Karen) Yopek; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Arrangements were by Uht **Funeral Home**.

RELPHINE R. WILLIAMS

Interment for Delphine R. Williams, 88, of Westland was private, with arrangements by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

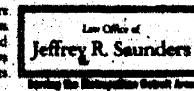
Mrs. Williams was born Nov. 22, 1911, in Laurium, Mich., and died Dec. 27. She was a homemaker.

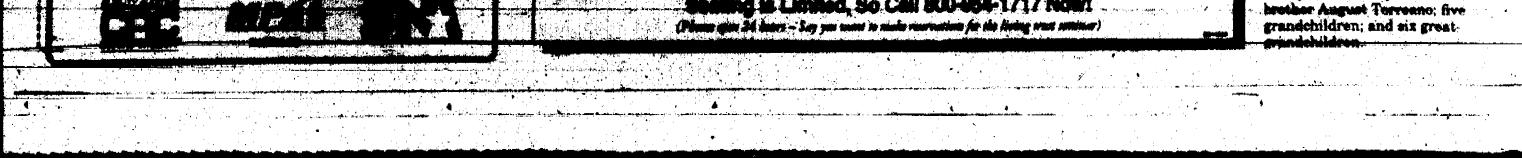
She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard G. Survivers include sons Nelson A. (Betty) Rose, Terry H. (Lena);

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Blood drive one for books at the library

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oe.homecomm.net

The American Red Cross collected 48 pints of blood Tuesday during a drive sponsored by the Westland public library.

"It's not quite what we hoped. but the Red Cross seemed pretty happy with it," said Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director. "I think the (snowy) weather may have slowed some people down."

Burchill had said organizers hoped to collect 60 to 90 pints, but even 48 pints can potentially help nearly 200 people.

"We wanted to do somethingfor the community," he said, "and we thought this would be a good thing. The Red Cross always needs blood around the holidays."

The Red Cross collected blood from, people who scheduled appointments and from others who learned about the drive when they walked in to the library Tuesday.

The library had timed the event to coincide with a holiday period when many people are off work, amid hopes of drawing donors who had free time.

For anyone who missed the blood drive but may want to become a future donor, here are some common questions and answers provided by the Red Cross:

■ Who is eligible to give blood? You must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. People who are older than 65 and in good health may usually donate with approval of the blood bank physician.

Is safe to give blood? It is not possible to contract HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by donating blood. Each needles used in the procedure is sterile and is disposed of after a single use.

📲 How often can a person donate blood?

People in good health who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate a unit of blood as often as every eight weeks. Some states may further limit the number and/or frequency of donations in a 12-month period.

Where can blood be donated?

There are many places. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches and other

A pinch: Blood donation is relatively painless. Blood can be given by people in

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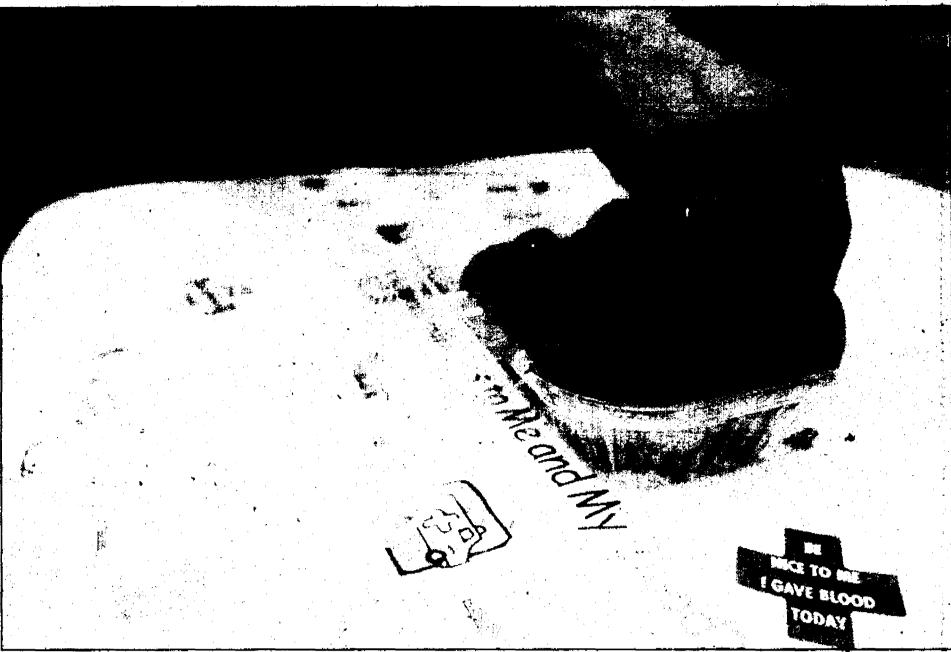
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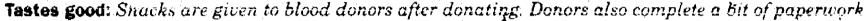
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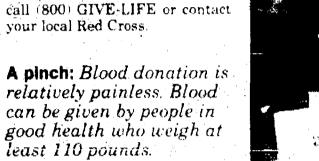
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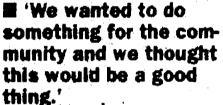


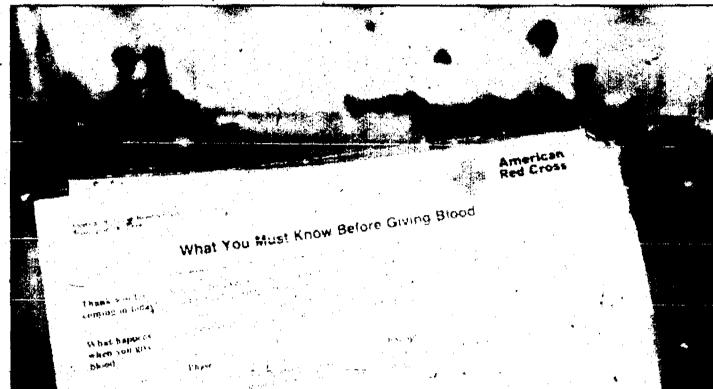
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Joe Burchill -library staffer





Turkish exchange student worries about loved ones

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Devastating earthquakes, terminal illnesses and deaths are difficult things for anyone to deal with. They're especially difficult when you're 18 - and the events are unfolding a half a world away.

On Aug. 17, a massive earthquake hit northwest Turkey, leaving 17,000 dead and thousands more homeless. This was just days before Melis Maiur would fly to the United States to become an exchange student with a Livonia host family.

"We felt the earthquake, but we didn't feel it so much las other people did)," Maiur said. The earthquake's epicenter was estimated to at Izmit, near-Turkey's northern coast.

"We couldn't get a phone call to her to find out if she was OK," because the phone lines were down, said Deanna Gaffney, her Livonia host mother. Maiur lived with Deanna and her husband, Ron. until this week, when she moved in with a Westland host family. She is a senior at Churchill High -School and is being sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. 🔩

Maiur will move in with a different host family in April, and stay until July.

The August earthquake was just the beginning of what would become a series of misfortunes for Maiur, her friends and family.

"I was so sad, and I couldn't talk about it," Maiur said of dealing with the earthquakes. "They're still having aftershocks - it's hard."

No one in Maiur's immediate family died in the earthquakes, but her two best friends' entire families perished as well as her father's best friend. Her father is an engineer and has been busy helping rebuild since the first quake.

"I still'sometimes want to be there," she said. "I want to be there so I can help out."

Maiur's homesick feelings were only compound-

ed when a second earthquake hit Turkey Nov. 12

"She had a very tough time with the second barthquake," host mother Deanna Gaffney said of the quake that left several hundred dead and nearly 2,400 injured.

Locally, media coverage of disasters such as the earthquakes has been poor, Maiur said. She relies upon Internet editions of Turkish newspapers to keep tabs on current events.

She uses e-mail to keep in touch with friends. one of whom was recently diagnosed with leukemia. She composes her messages to friends and family in Turkish. She began learning English in grade school.

Some exchange students fulfill lifelong dreams when they come to the United States. But Maiur wanted to go to Brazil or Japan.

But she said she's learned to like the United States. At Churchill: she has been active in drama. - with "Schoolhouse Rock" and "Dog's Breath" among her credits.

Another positive point about the U.S. she mentioned is the freatment of women.

"In this country (women size treated) better. "I think," Maiur said: "Because of religion, womenare on a lower level than men in Turkeys Here, it's totally different."

Maiur described herself as a nonpracticing Muslim. She said Mushim women are forbidden from engaging in official worship at mosques, though they are allowed to visit or pray in them. Turkey is predominately Muslim.

One of her biggest complaints about her Livonia experience is a lack of wheels. When she needs a lift for extracurricular activities such as dramaproductions, her host parents need to bend their . schedules or she needs to get a ride from someone.

"I don't like (that Livonia) doesn't have (public) transportation," Maiur said



Fil do it: Melis -Maiur, a foreign exchange student from Turkey. helps her host family shovel snow Maiur has been staving with the Gaffneys in Live nia until this week, when she moved in with a Westland family She is attending Churchill High

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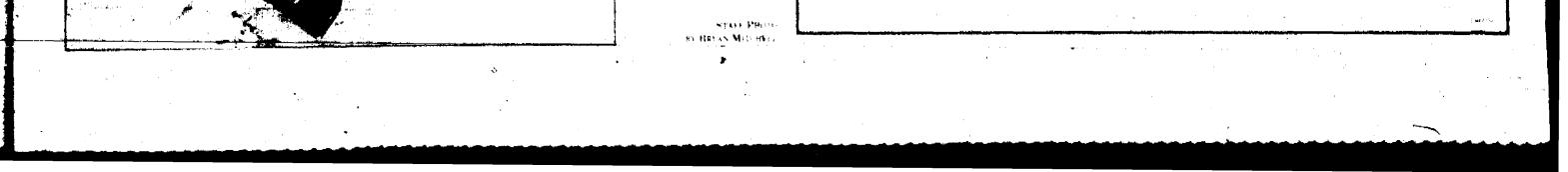
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1999: Year was one of both tragedy and triumph

Holliday Park: First in line for the waiting hist in mid-August were family membors of Monica Dubiel, including great-granddaughter Bailee Dubiel (sleeping) and granddaughter Tamiko Dubiel (seated in front). Second in line: Jo Zawaski, who lives at Holliday Park, in line for daughter Felicia Sicrzypek.



STAFF PROTO BY TON HAWLEY

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER dclem@oc.homecomm.net

review of 1999 finds Westland striving for a better image as it ends the 20th century.

Not just a city with a big mall, Westland has embarked on plans to improve recreation services, schools, public safety, the business climate and older neighborhoods.

The year also brought Westland's first Internet sex crimes, a neighborhood rat problem, a library nepotism controversy and low voter turnout for city council

areas but continuing to lag behind many districts. School officials vowed to improve results.

STAFT PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

What a year

Following are other 1999 highlights in Westland:

A huge snowstorm in January tested the city's snow-removal services, but Westland received mostly accolades for its response. Most complaints centered on county roads.

City workers for the first time ever got the day off to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The Kokenakes to office. city also sponsored a celebration Jan 18. Longtime vacant buildings began to lure new tenants as Best Buy moved into a former Handy Andy store, Joann etc occupied the long-vacant Phar Morsite, and Lowe's tore down the old Source Club to build a new store slated to open in June. A year of uncertainty surrounded the building of a possible fire station on the city's southeast side. Finally, the city learned in November that it will receive \$700,000 in federal money to build the station southeast of Annapolis and Irene. In the same south-end area, Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church continued a major revitalization effort by building new homes and renovating older ones. Nearby, a developer announced plans to build 143 homes north of Van Born Road.

refused to return materials and pay fines. The library' also became embroiled in its biggest controversy after library board President Jim Chuck's wife was hired in violation of a nepotism policy. Chuck resolved the issue by resigning.

used as a trash can on a second-floor balcony.

In June, Wayne-Westland school district voters re-elected board member Martha Pitsenbarger and her newcomer running mate, Lorne "Skip" Monit. They benefited from strong union support. Livonia district voters elected Kirsten Galka and returned Frank serving 13 to 20 years for a Jan. 14 killing; the other still awaits trial for a death that occurred late 1998.

the aftermath is Pat Doherty. The fire struck March 29. Fire officials said the blaze started in a plastic planter

Westland had its first Internet sex case in February when a 21-year-old man was charged with having sex with a 13-year-old girl after they met online. The case is pending. In early December, a 26-year-old man was ordered to stand trial amid accusations he raped a 14year-old boy he had contacted on the Internet.

The city's effort to spruce up the Ford and Wayne road commercial corridors saw minor improvements, such as a new Bray's restaurant. Owners tool the familiar donkey symbol from outside and tucked it indoors.



Salvage work: Dave Beecher (left) brings salvageable items out of his River Bend Apartment after a fire swept through the apartment building where he and then-fiancee Carolyn Doherty lived in March. Helping Beecher in

and school board elections

in the end, Mayor Robert Thomas still had his dream of making Westland "the place to be.

All year, city leaders wrestled with a proposal to build a multimillion-dollar recreation center using tax revenues. already in place. They also debated a proposal for a new City Hall to replace the current 35-year-old building.

In the end, neither plan touted by Thomas came before Westland City Council members for a vote, and there's ng hint of when a decision will be made.

Councilman Glenn Anderson had called for a Nov. 2 ballot proposal on the issue of new buildings, but City Attorney Angelo Plakas issued an opinion saying such an advisory question would be illegal.

Wayne-Westland school district students started classes Sept. 1 noticing that many buildings had received major facelifts. Widespread renovations and expansions continue as officials implement a \$108.3 million, voter-approved bond plan.

Wayne-Westland fared worse on student test scores, making gains in some

Westland's library drew record numbers of patrons and started asking police officers to go after people who Cox on council

Wayne-Westland school board member David Cox was tapped for a Westland City Council vacancy after former Councilman Charles Pickering stepped down April 30. Realtor Richard Eisiminger replaced Cox.

Cox became the most embattled city council candidate in the Nov. 2 election, defending himself against allegations he forged a school political committee's campaign statements in 1995. Cox apparently had his share of believers: He won the election along with top votegetter Glenn Anderson, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James. Only 14 percent of voters bothered to cast ballots; a mere 8 percent had voted in the September primary.

Some of Westland's most heinous crimes centered on helpless children. In separate incidents, two men were ordered early this year to stand trial for killing 2-year-old boys they were babysitting for their girlfriends. One man is

Hundreds of would-be residents lined up outside of Holliday Park Townhouses Cooperative in August when a waiting list was opened up for new applicants. They were lured by low costs of living and a pleasant neighborhood.

Water, please

Water became more expensive in Westland in 1999, with water-sewer rates increasing 27 cents to \$4.46 per 1,000 gållons.

Residents southeast of Merriman and Cherry Hill last summer demanded help from the city to fight a rat problem in their neighborhood. City officials called in experts to poison the rodents, and residents helped by tearing down old wooden structures that harbored the rats.

Lori Brist became the Westland Chamber of Commerce's new director, replacing Linda Shapona and announc-

Friends and neighbors; Alyssa Brummit (left) and Alyssa Genovese walk to their first day of the new school year Sept. 1 at Madison Elementary School. "We're going to have just an outstanding year," predicted Mary Goedert, Madison principal.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Victor: Mark Neal congratulates incumbent Martha Pitsenbarger on her victory in the June 14 Wayne-Westland school board election.

ing new programs to boost the city's business climate.

Amid concerns of possible violence, Westland 18th District Court implemented a new security system forcing all visitors to pass through a metal detector. The court also won city approval for a building expansion that is expected to start in early 2000.

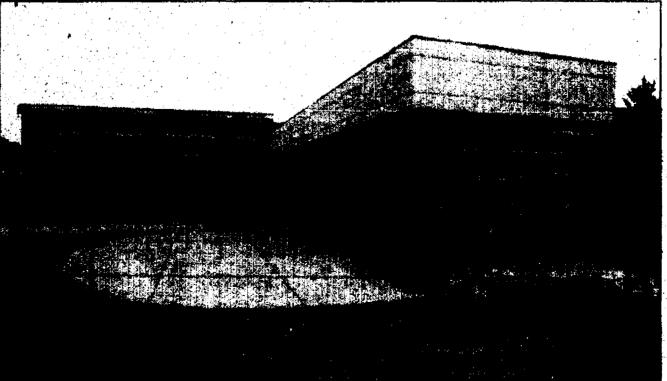
Parent Linda Long won a five-year battle for a traffic light at Carlson and Marquette, near busy John Glenn High School. She long considered the intersection too dangerous for students. The traffic light went up this fall:

Mayor Thomas startled many people by adding two new ice rinks to his proposed recreation center. Hockey and figure skating officials support two ice surfaces, either at a new rec center or the existing one-rink Westland Sports Arena. They say many children are now on a waiting list for ice programs.

🔳 Justine Barns, whose 35 years as a legislator took her from Westland to the state House and back, attended her last regular council meeting on Dec. 20. amid accolades from supporters.

Wayne-Westland teachers in December ratified a four-year contract extension keeping annual pay raises under 3 percent. Superintendent Greg Baracy hailed a pact that he said signals "labor peace for four years."





STAFF PROTO BY TOM HAWLEY New look. Walker Winter Elementary, a Wayne-Westland school on Michigan



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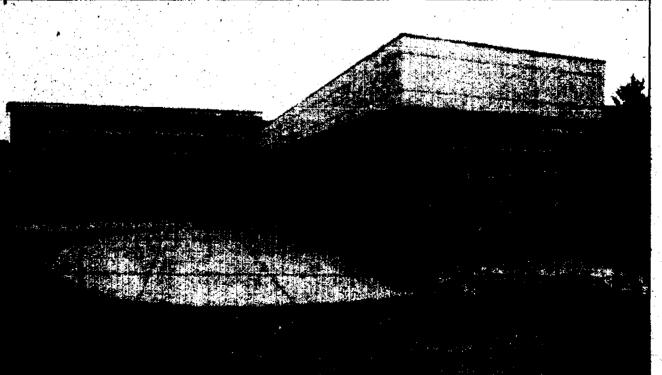
Sweet sorrow: Teri Davison cries during June graduation

from Wayne Memorial High

School



STAFT PROFO BY TOM MAWLET Clearing the way: Butch Patton of Westland Parks and Recreation clears snow with a snow blower early last nuary around Westland City Hall. Westland receive



Avenue in Canton, was among those undergoing renovation this past year. A new facade on the back of the school features colored columns and an awning mostly compliments on its snow removal efforts, with to shield students from the weather. complaints centering on county roads.

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

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER tabramczyk@oc.homecomm.net

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.

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> 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 moms and restaurants, but they do not help with fescheduling, 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 fourhour 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 fiveminute 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, 12,880 passengers suffered similar delays.

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



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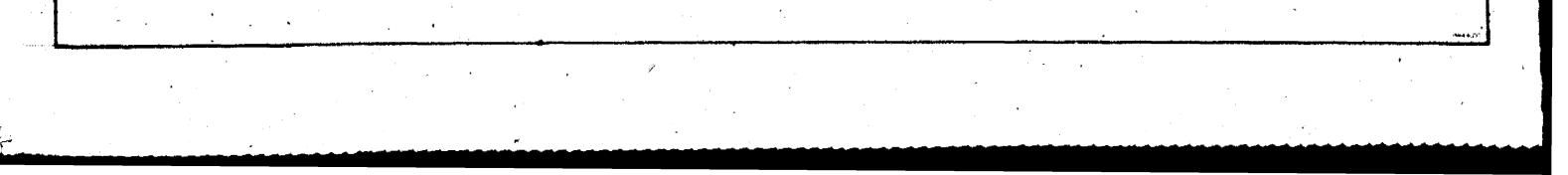
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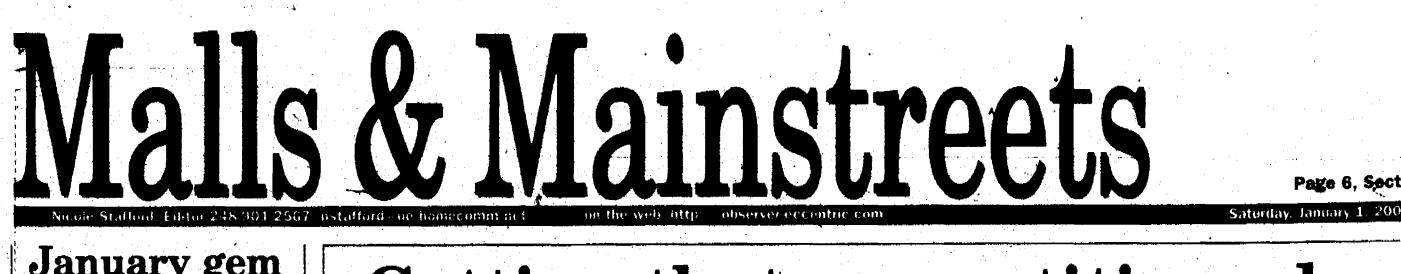
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January gem red garnet is durable and inexpensive



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

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

the birthstone of Jan-RODGERS uary, 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 resurger

Getting that competitive edge STAPY PHOTO BY Higher learning: Parents, not just teachers, have been heading out to education resource stores like The School



JERRY ZOLYNNY House in Meadowbrook Village Mall in-Rochester Hills. The store opened in late October and sells flash cards, puzztes, 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

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 iewelry 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 skv.

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 diamonda

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

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their children grow academically

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

nstafford@oe.homecomm.net 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 inlate October at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills.

Teacher or education aid stores stock a variety of gradeappropriate materials designed Talking globe: Learning to help children learn, includ- geography is fun and easy ing flash cards, information with Geo Safari's batterysoftware, 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

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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY charts, workbooks, computer operated Talking Globe for children and adults, \$99.95 at The School House.

> who can provide parents with guidance in selecting

materials, she added. Store, 16911 Mid-

Livonia, an increasing number of products are being purchased by parents, said

store manager Sue

The Teacher's

Thompson.

customers are parents who either - Store, which has locahome-school their children or are tions in Sterling seeking to purchase educational materials to supplement school 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 leducational resources) as an opportunity to, help. They want their children to have an edge."

Since teacher stores carry ageappropriate 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

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: "Parcents 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 Just like cards: children to grow intel- Knowledge cards lectually, said Lori for students in Wilder, adding, "With middle school are the deluge of video games, today, many parents simply want to pull their children away from that, if just for an hour."



STAFF PROTO BY JERRY ZOLYNERY 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) 644-1814. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday. SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

KIN'S MILLINGHIM ACTIVITY

Art Van Furniture stores offer children special activity sheets about the year 2060 through Jan. 31, Kids Castle and Guest Service Center areas.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

BRIDAL TRANK SHOW

Bride, 249 Pierce Street in downtown Birm



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

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

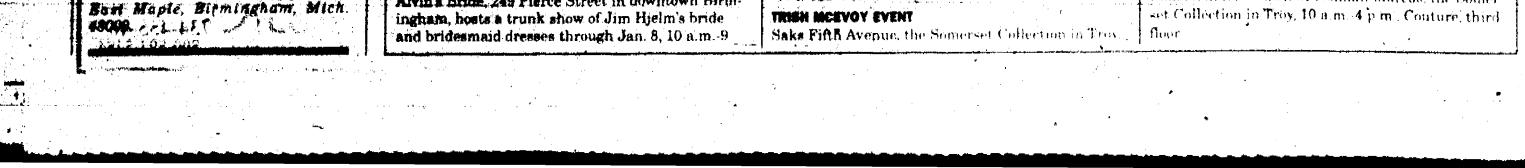
Children can meet and have their picture taken with loved cartoon character Pink Panther at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills, 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 737-0110.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

JILL SANDER TRUNK SHOW

View clothing designer Jill Sander's Spring 2000 Collection for women at Neiman Marcus, the Somer-

At The Teacher's diebelt Road in



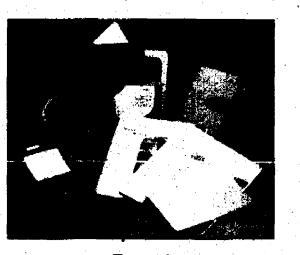
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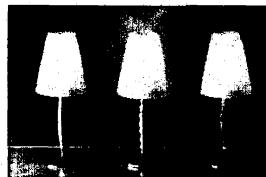
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Men's luxe:

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 anv 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.



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-

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

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This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate/merchamblise 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 anöther reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you But, please, be patient; we handle an overichelming 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.

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 avail-. able 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.
- store that sells Berson's fruit cakes for Brenda

- 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 discounted 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

- A Maybelline cosmetics representative called to say Maybelline cake maecara, 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 Marganet

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 Andv 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 Marv

A salad dressing called He-Man

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NIGHT PAIN AND ITS CAUSES

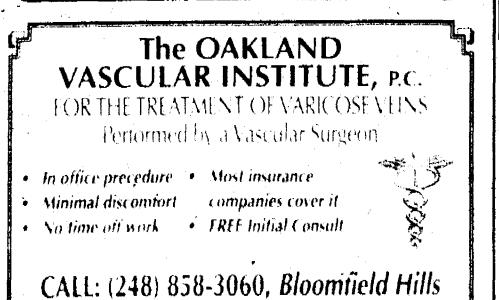
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If you have pain in your leg and its comes at hight, but doesn't bother you during the ity your doctor can surmise that the cause is rult arthmus. The reason is that arthritis comes on with activity and is relieved by rest. Most individuals with arthritis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

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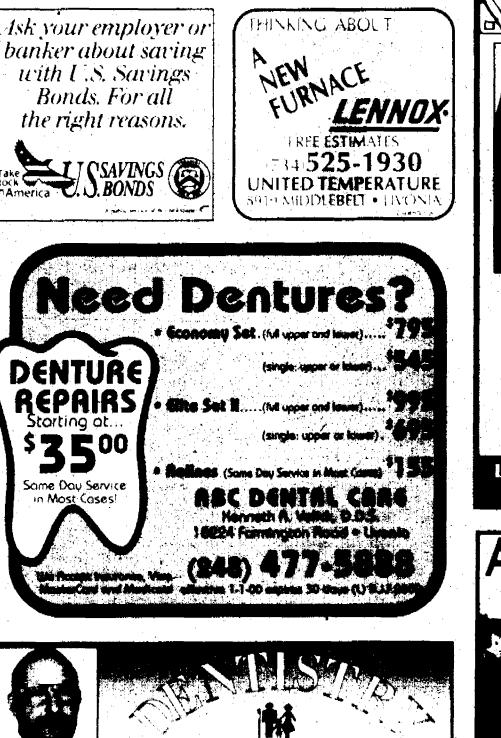
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- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy
- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.
- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleaner
- 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 alreader named Mr Kruegger.



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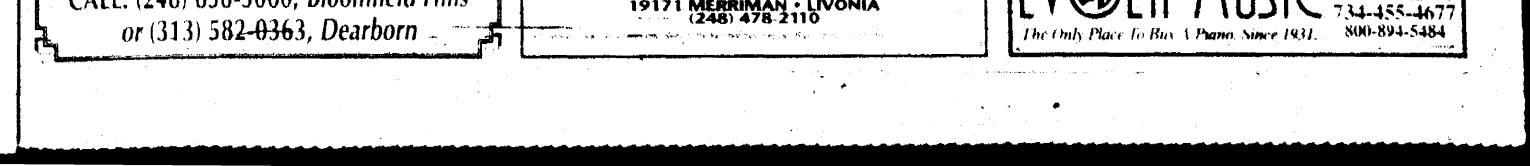
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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer HubSpauld@aol.com & Eccentric Newspapers print, Without charge, annouhcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ALL SAINTS Class of 1950 Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000. (248) 437-9735

BERKLEY

Class of 1950 Is looking for alumni. (248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Class of 1965 Aug. 12 at The Community House in Birmingham. (248) 433-2362 or by e-mail at JCRich47@aol.com

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN/

BROTHER RICE

Class of 1970 A reunion is planned for July 29. (248) 540-2917 or (248) 358-4490

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM Class of 1970

A reunion is planned for July 1. (510) 523-0906 or by e-mail at

BLOOMPHELD HELLS LANSER Class of 1979 March 4 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #2 or by email at reunionsmadeeasy @ameritech.net BRIGHTON Class of 1980 Aug. 26 at the Novi Hilton Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5 or by e-

mail at reunionsmadeeasy @ameritech. net CLARKSTON

Class of 1960 A reunion is tentatively planned for August. (248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dimiller@flash.net

CLINTONDALE Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for July

(810) 465-2388 CRESTWOOD

Class of 1970 Is planning a reunion. (313) 277-1316 or (248) 426-6888

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Class of 1950 A rounion is planned for June. (810) 773-4253, (248) 585-2083. or (810) 773-3286

DETROIT FINNEY Classes of 1970-72 A reunion is planned for April 1. (313) 837-5880

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after 6 p.m. DETROIT MACKENZIE

Class of 1949-51 July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. (734) 453-7561

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Class of 1960 A reunion is planned for Sept. 9. (313) 835-9642, (810) 773-3952, (248) 547-0664 or (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/ind

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A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR (734) 427-6047

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Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School,

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January-June classes of 1950-51

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Independent Carpet One garners business/service award

The Westland Downtown Development Authority has chosen its second monthly business/service award winner. The December recipient of this award is Independent Carpet One, located at 1400 N. Wayne Road in Westland. For 32 years. Francis Francavilla and family have owned and operated a full-service carbet store for the Westland area. "This award is a nice token of thanks.

We are known to have excellent customer service." said Francavilla. "This beyond the call of duty when it comes to is quite an honor."

The DDA is giving Independent Carpet One this award based on positive response from customers. The award will be presented 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. at the Economic Growth Center on Marquette.

"We felt many of the people and busi-

nesses in the area are going above and the community and their customers." said Steve Guile, executive director of the Westland DDA. "We created the award to show our appreciation."

In order to qualify for the business/service award, a business/service must first be located within the

of the following criteria: have outstanding renovations to the establishment: have exceptional customer service; have a record of outstanding contributions to the community and/or charity; and have recognition for professional achievement by the respective trade/professional association.

Businesses are nominated by the pub-Westland DDA. Next, it must meet one lic. Nominations can be made by calling

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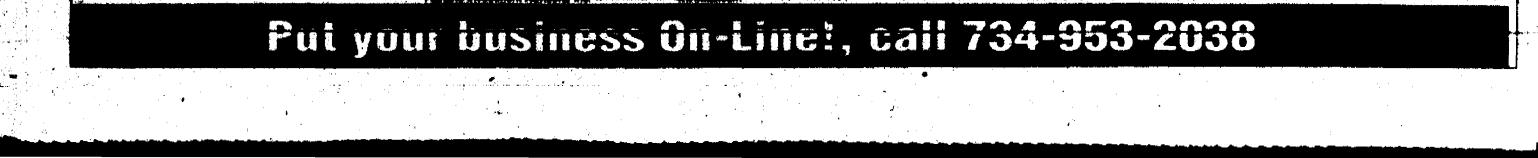
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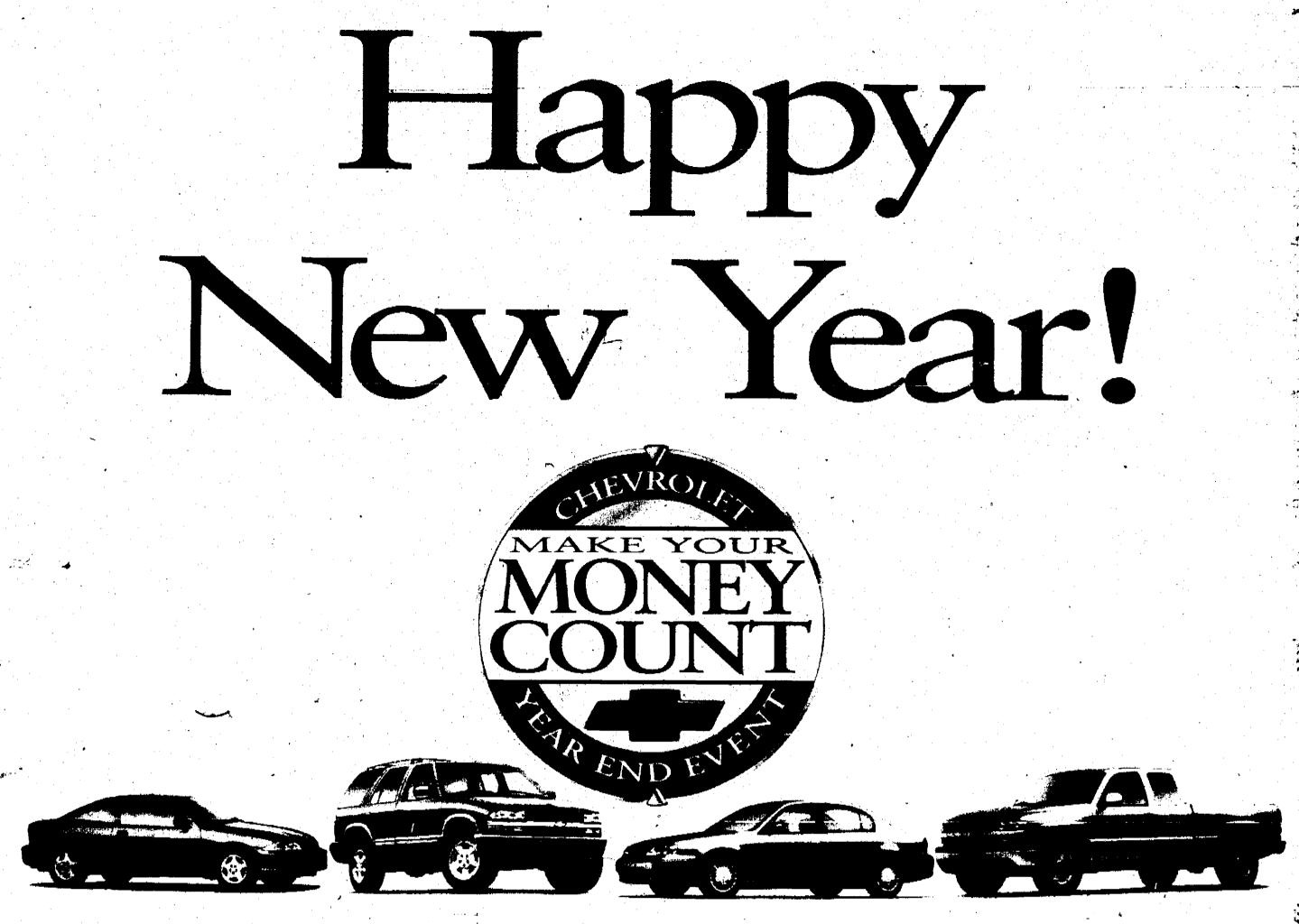
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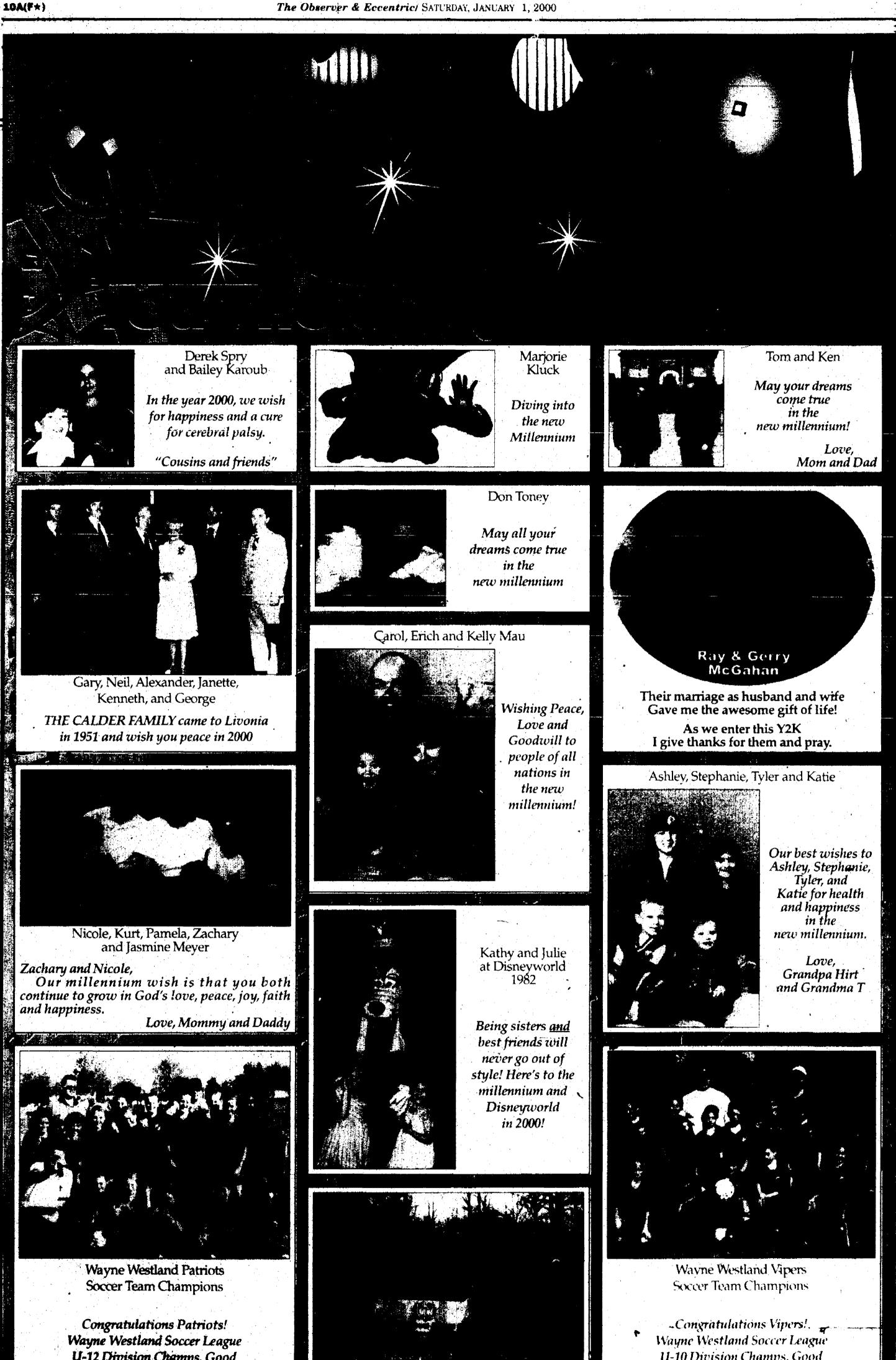
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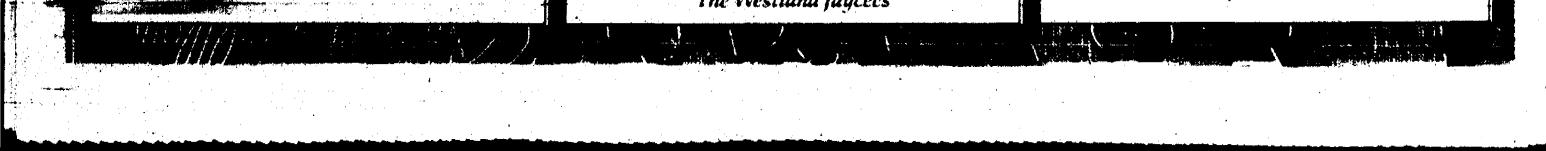


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Wine predictions for a new decade

ry 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 vinevard designates 1996 Frei Ranch Vineyard Zinfandel, \$18 and 1996 Barelli Creek Vineyard Cabernet



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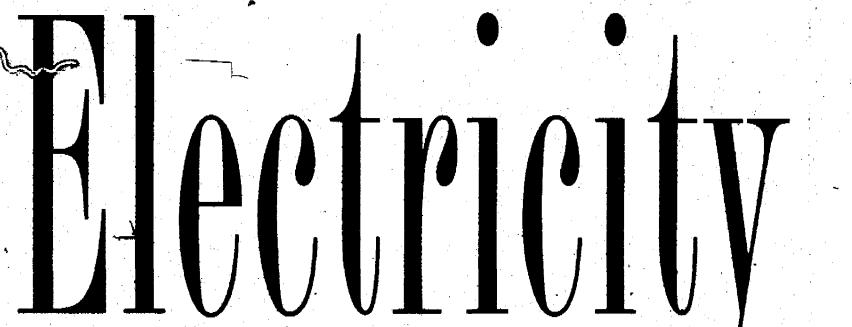
Those were the days; (Above) This is a typical kitchen at the turn of the century. There's no electricity or running water. The floor and table are wooden, and the stove is fueled with coal. (At right) This kitchen, typical of ones in the 1930s, would have been considered modern in its time. There's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



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Cooking power debates have been



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When we judge these sensiblypriced 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 appeal- ... ing. 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-fruited menota, 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 Mertot \$75: 1997 Shafer Merlot, Napa Valley \$35; 1997 Chateau St. Jean Merlot \$22; 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot, Sonome County \$20; and 1998 Robert Mondavi Coastal Merict \$12.50.
- III Everybody loves chardonnay. These are delicious: 1996 Ferrari-Carano Chardonney Reserve \$32; 1997 Morcan Reserve Chardonney \$28; 1998 Miraneou Cherdonney \$24; and 1998 **Geyeer Peek Chardonney, Russler** River Velley \$16.
- E Change-of-pace whites: 1998 St. Suppry Meritage White \$20, 1998 Zapa Mesa Roussanne \$18, and 1996 Preston Marsenne \$13.
- I Change-of-pace rade: 1995 Vin du Mistrut Synah \$30; 1997 Cros du Bois Shirat \$16; 1997 Geyser Peek Shiraz \$15: 1997 Permi Reserve \$11: and 1995 Delas Freres Cotes du Ventoux \$7,50.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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. 1. A.

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

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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 thermostat controls. 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.

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

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 Pointing to the 1930s display, 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.

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"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 Brill 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

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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 sea-80R.

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,

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.

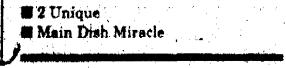
The sweet surprise of eleven chocolate covered almontis, evenly distributed throughout the cake, is a delicious personal touch that is, typical of this witty monk with a penchant for

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.

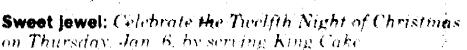
Another feature of the cake is a pull-apart "erown" form, which Garramone achieves by dividing the dough into twelve separate pieces He recommends using #Jell-O ring or mold to hold the pieces together as they rise to a golden crown in the oven. After baking, the cake is brushed with melted butter and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

King Cake is traditionally served on Jan. 6. and enjoyed throughout the Epiphany season





shaped in a ring and sprinkled with sugars in ∞ . which ends with Lent or Ash Wednesday, Vari three symbolic colors --- purple for justice, ations of this treat are popular during Mardigreen for faith, and gold for power. A small Gras celebrations all over the world. plastic baby toy is hidden inside the cake. See recipe inside.



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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 synonymots 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 winAppliances

ter.

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 preheating and "uses eight 1,000watt 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 barcodes 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."

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

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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.

E Nilletsen states (Michigan is one of them) forbid direct shipment of wines to consumers. Florida is one of seven where such shipmont 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 than ever about consuming their smooth, relaxing, steaming cup of brewed tea, others a cold, refreshing glass of iced tea, but FACN, chief of the Antioxidants regardless of how it is served, tes is fast becoming the preferred beverage of many.

favorite drink.

Jeffrey Blumberg, PhD, **Research Laboratory at Tufts** University near Boston, has identified tea as one of the top Now, tea lovers can feel better 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 Simrany, president of the Tea Council of the USA.

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

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

in the American Journal of Epidemiology in January.

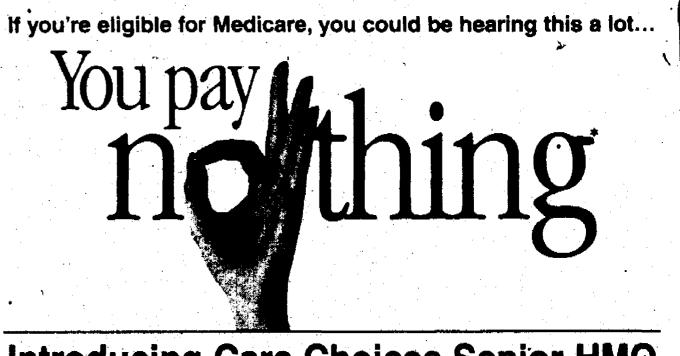
In a study by Dutch researchers, participants who drank one to two cups of black tea daily had a 46 percent lower risk of severe aortic atherosclerosis, one factor contributing to cardiovascular disease.

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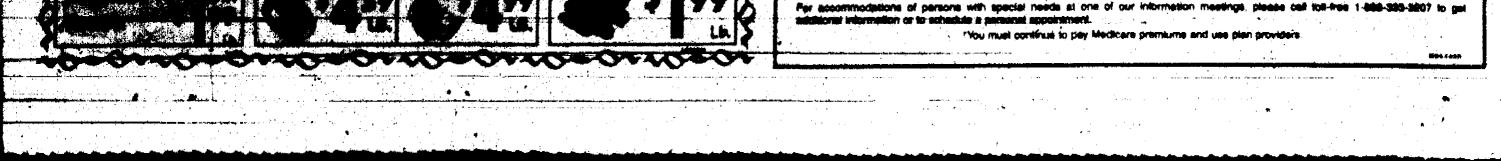
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Bake a King Cake in honor of the Twelfth Night of Christmas

See related story on Taste front.

FATHER DOMINIC GARRAMONE'S KING CAKE

- Dough:
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- . 1 tablespoon shortening
- zest and juice of one medium orangé
- 1 egg
- 21/2 cups white flour, divideđ
- 1 package rapidilise yeast

In a medium saucepan, warm sour cream, shortening, orange zest and orange juice until shortenin, 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

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 pointside 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.

Garramone's cookbook, "Baking Bread with Father Dominic," and a one-hour instructional video, *The Basics of Making Bread with Father Dominic," are available for \$19.95 each plus \$5.95 shipping charge. To order, call (800) 293-5949, or visit the Web site umu breaking bread.com

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 Genoain 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 Mediter-, ranean, the Ligurians used them, along with basil that grew on the hillsides and garlie that has dways been prominent in the region's cooking,

Traditional pesto is made by hand with a mortar and pestle. In face, the name of the sauce cheese, oil and carlic in food pro-

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

174 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon nutrieg

1/4 teaspoon cardamom

parchment paper-

Topping.

drops

Granulated sugar

Butter

11 milk chocolate nuggets

with almonds, unwrapped

coin or trinket, wrapped in

12 candied chemission gum-1, a

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.
- ntorn: 173 cup low-sodium chicker
- proth
- 1 4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon ofive of
- 2 gartie cloves.
- 8 ources proceived fettucine or anglee
- 4 shall boneless, skinless ichicken preast halves.
- vegetable cooking spray

Combine spinach, busil, broth:

cessor ör blender container. Process until mixture is finely chopped. Divide spinach pesto in half; set aside.

Cook fettucine 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 ininutes more or until chicken is

no longer pink in center.

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

Nutrition information: Each , of the four servings contains 402 calories and 11 grams of fat.

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

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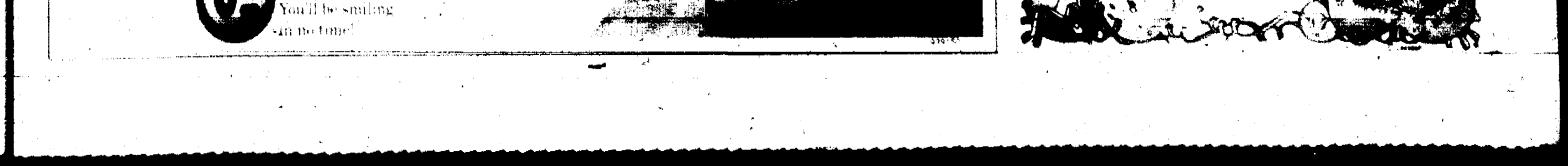
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Learn more about art, music in the new year

ereading "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 program-

ming 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 VAAUs 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 Saundra 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 expe--rience, 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.



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

As 2000 begins, it's time to set goals for the new year. Members of the arts community are hoping and dreaming that the new century brings a greater awareness and appreciation of all the arts. Music, painting, sculpture, dance and theater enrich our lives. Let's all resolve to support the arts this year.

"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."

Plymouth Community Arts Council

The arts council offers everything from batik to swing dance in classes beginning Jan. 24. Life drawing ses-sions (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 e critique.

"Our swing class was so popular hat Sharon Hoyer and Mark Garrett are returning, Said Betsy Calhoun, arts council assistant director and coordinator of educational programmine. "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

-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 we 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 needsdriven 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

- 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

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

BY GREG KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net

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 parks or the lobbies of buildings. Others are at major crossroads. And many, probably most, are ignored or forgotten.

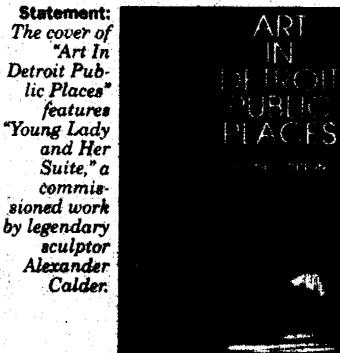
Dennis Alan Nawrocki puts a spectrum of works on a pedestal in his revised edition of "Art in Detroit" Public Places."

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.

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



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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.

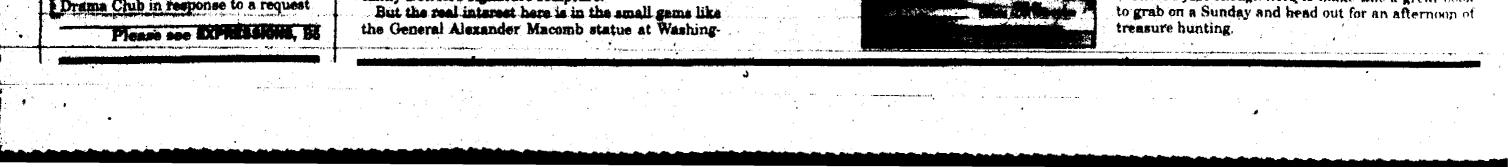
The text is straightforward, giving the who, what, where, when and why of most pieces and occasionally the how. On the last point, Nawrocki gives some welcome insight into how some difficult pieces succeed.

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, twodimensional 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 "Deliques cence," which looks like the twisted leftovers of a major auto crash parked at the Patrick V. McNamara Building on Michigan Avenue, calls for the explana tion provided by Nawrocki.

There's just enough here to make this a great book

The cover of Detroit Public Places" features "Young Lady and Her Suite," a commissioned work



Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livónia 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 per formed 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 plin. 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

Wednesday-Saturday, July 19-22.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 4. The fair accepts new artists in all media every year. It is expected to draw more than 500,000 visitors.

For an application, call (734) 994-5260, write the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, P.O. Box 1352. Ann Arbor, MI 48106, or download an application from the new web site at www.artfair.org

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Bohemians, Detroit's oldest music club (also known as the Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), is tooking 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 Balley, Debra Liddy, Jeane Thomas, Erin Bawulski, Judy Berlinski, Sandra Liano, Adam Missing, David Mor gan, Yueqi Zhang, James Auquier. and Jason May, Dan LeBtond, press dent of the Plymouth Historical Museumi, worked with Fitzgerald and the students as a resource per son and technical advisor on the project

BENEFIT THEATER PERFORMANCE

The Farmington Players are holding a performance of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" benefit Capachin 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 Kitchenserves 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.

Expressions from page B4

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 (Ein Baum), colored pencil (Sherry Eid), watercolor (Weed), photography, "Let's Goto 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 Dillenbeck 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 Dillenbeck "Ceramics for kids as young as age four is new. Inskills 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 plano' 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

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

For more information, Mour for a story, call arts reported any of the classes at Village Linda Ann Chomin at 734, 956 Music. call (734) 354-9825.

If you have an interesting idea

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Official rules posted at the Phymouth Ice Spectacular and Farmer Jack shores. Contest need: January 30, 2000

Stay tuned...

Happy New Year Guns 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.knad.com today.

From rockin' on the Internet to turning the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame blue - Bonnie Raitt will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on March 6, 2000 for her contribution to blues. She's known for hits like "Something to Talk About" and "I Can't Make You Love Me.

Also being inducted this year are like Eric Clapton. Earth Wind & Fire: Lovin' Spoonful. the Moonglows, James Taylor, Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday. There are five to seven artists inducted annually into the Hall of Fame. Musicians are eligible for consideration 25 years after the release of their first recording.

- STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA



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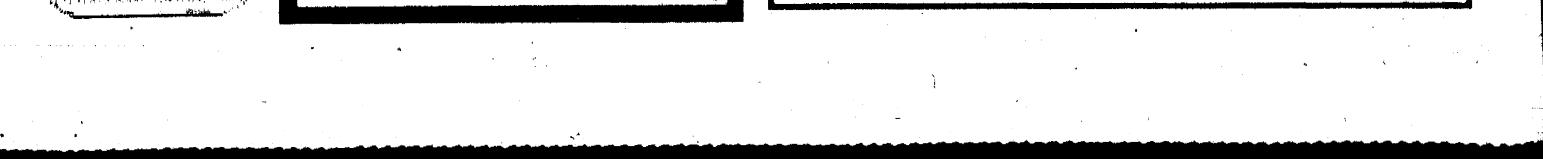
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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS BOHEMIANS MUSIC COMPETITION Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orches-

tral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship should winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students (between ages 16 and 22) throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Couf, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington-Hills, 48331 or email for further info to CoufLinks@aol.com.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

- Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park, Applications must be received by March 1: Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, -407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.
- CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, ballroom; stretch classes for ages 3 to adult. 5951 John R, Troy. (248) 828-4080.

GENERAL MOTORS EMPLOYEES CHORUS

Seeks new members for its spring season. Open to the public with no audition required. Rehearsals begin Monday, Jan. 3 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at Warren Woods Middle School, 12 Mile & Schoenherr. For further information call the GM hotline at (810) 447-2319.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC



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.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

CASS CAFE

- An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400. JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY The lustres of Paul Katrich, 404
- East 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248) 584-2223.
- 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.

Sandra Belcher ceremics, 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WOODS GALLERY

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

VOLUNTEERS ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB

Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, Mich., 48325-1651. (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training sessions at the DIA: 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-0247. FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with ... leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays, (248) 646-3347

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours. Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. The village, at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia, is open in October and December. (734) 477-7375.

LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seeks volunteers to work at the Vest Pocket Library located in the Civic Park Senior Center for a three-hour period once a week 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 476-0700

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. (248).349-0376 or http://www.mcbb.org.r

Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS

The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

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MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETI-TION

A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3, cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Rehearsais begin at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. (734) 455-8353.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMU-NITY CHOIR

Auditions for new members by appointment. Winter semester rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 11. This year's repertoire includes music by Bach, Mozart. Brahms and Rachmaninoff. For information call (248) 349-8175. To schedule an audition call Mark Perrine at (313) 937-0975. VIBUAL ART ABBOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in oil, watercolor, mixed amadia, portraits and figurative drawing at Jefferson Genter, 9501 Herry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

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ARTVENTURES

A hende an art activity studio which features multicultural projects from all over the world takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jenuery 2 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, Ann. Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

N AMBER ANT CENTER

Registration runs new through Jun, 10 for classes on abstract painting, portions proparation and beginning blacksmithing. 117 W. Limerty, Ann Arbor, (734)

Longing: "Close to Home," an exhibit of new paintings by Candace Compton-Pappas and Stephen Coyle on exhibit Jan.5-Feb. 13 at Creative Resource Gallery, 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, Call (248) 647-3688 for information.

CONCERTS

BORDERS CONCERT

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

BRUNCH WITH BACH

Piano soloist Anna Sorokhtei performs 11:30 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Kresge Court, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900. SPIRIT ARISING

A celebration of faith at the dawn of a new millennium takes place in downtown Birmingham, Jan. 7-9 featuring preacher Dr. Tony-Campolo and Christian recording artist Ken Medema. Times are 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 and Saturday, Jan. 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. Medema will offer a musical concert at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9. First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Brimingham. (248) 644-0550.

LECTURES CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCI-ENCE

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

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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: Masterplaces In: Etching from the Morgan Library. Through Jan 2 - paintings by Bob Thompson. Through Feb. 13 -The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the

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-

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION 5454. Opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 -

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

SYBARIS GALLERY

- Through Jan. 15 Carrie Seid: New Work, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388
- U OF M SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN Through Jan. 5 - Works by Vincent Castagnacci and Nicole DesChamps at the new UMSAD Gallery on Main Street, 306 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-2976.
- WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY Through Jan. 8 - Shirley Crane

THEATER

GEM THEATRE

- "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniets, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 plm. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 plm. Sundays, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$24,50-\$34,50. (313) 963-9800. JET THEATRE
- "Prisoner of Second Avenue." show dates Jan. 2, Jan. 5-9, 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 Bloemfield, \$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, (\$19.50-\$24 previews Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 5-7. (248) 377 3300.

DINNER THEATER BACI THEATRE

"Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$25 Thursdays and Sundays, and \$30 Fridays Saturdays), and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

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Runs 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 23. 30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit, (313) 535-8962.

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Jeck in the Beanstalk," through Sunday, Jan. 16, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville, \$7, (248) 349-8110

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Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren.

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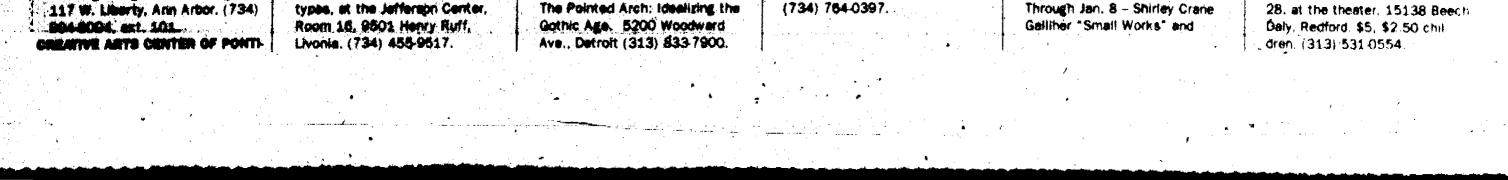
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'Michigan Bests' full of fresh, fun tidbits about state

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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:

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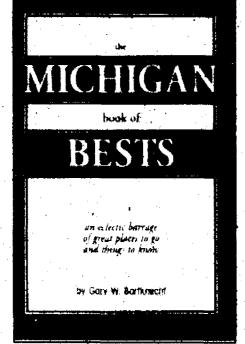
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You get the ideal. The state's standouts are spotlighted in brief tidbits of information. many with pictures. Where necessary, Barfknecht supplies phone numbers and Web sites.

Among the "bests" with a local angle: coolest sledding: The Fridge, a toboggan run 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, Ply mouth Rocks; finest frozen gailery: Plymouth Ice Show;

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

Barfknecht's book doesn't tackle anything very serious such as "best hospital" but does offer the créme de la créme of such things as biggest hot rod show, best waterfalls, oldest soft drink. highest man-made ski-jump-and more.

Buy the book and see what he's talking about.

No area or facet of the state is left out. The "Bests" book would make a nice stocking-stuffer for those who like their Michigantrivia and geography.

As the author notes, where else but Michigan can you travel between Hell and Paradise?

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CONTEMPORARY ART Will controversy follow Bourgeau's new exhibit?

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

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Don't accuse installation artist Jef Bourgeau of being predictable

True to the calling of his particular view of contemporary art. Bourgeau 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 Bourgeau'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 nuseum 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 of Bourgeau, who is considering legal action against the museum. have gone away.

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

While the work as well execut ed and thoughtful it hardly reflects the material and Bourgeau's controversial exhibit at the DIA, which included a jar of uring, a can of feces, a doll named Jesus wearing a condomand a Brazilian nut under a magnifying glass that hore the title of the "'n' word.".

These days, Bourgean admits, issues of aesthetics and technical mastery are irrelevant. The purpose of contemporary art, according to Bourgeau, is to simply geta response In essence he believes that when it comes to art, anything gene-

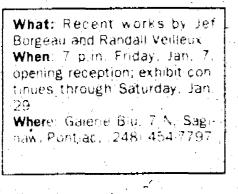
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For those who want to see Bourgeau's more provocative side, there'll be plenty to ponder in "A Short History of Black People," which will be exhibited this Thursday at the Museum of Contemporary Art, a tiny eight-byten room located inside Galerie Blu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

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

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

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

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

"Popular culture has taken aver Museums are no longer a haven for 'culture' Contempo many artists have to have a context for their work

Defiant: Jef Bourgeau (left), and Galerie Blu owner David Popa stand in the doorway of the Museum of Contemporary Art,

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

As an arrist who has set out to exhibit work that reflects contemporary sensibilities. Bourgeau is more of a conduit for art-world-trends, than an originator, Ultimately, he's a provocateur and saturat who believes The absolute worse response to hi-work is indifference.

"Significant Shock arthengages you it forces you to deal with it." said Bourgéau "Aesthétics is a superficial engagement 7

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

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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 getawaythat 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 notso-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.

Family events:

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II 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.

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Garland Resort has been around since 1951. It is a fourseason 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 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

Lake. We catch our own fish and

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Glide at Garland resort.

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

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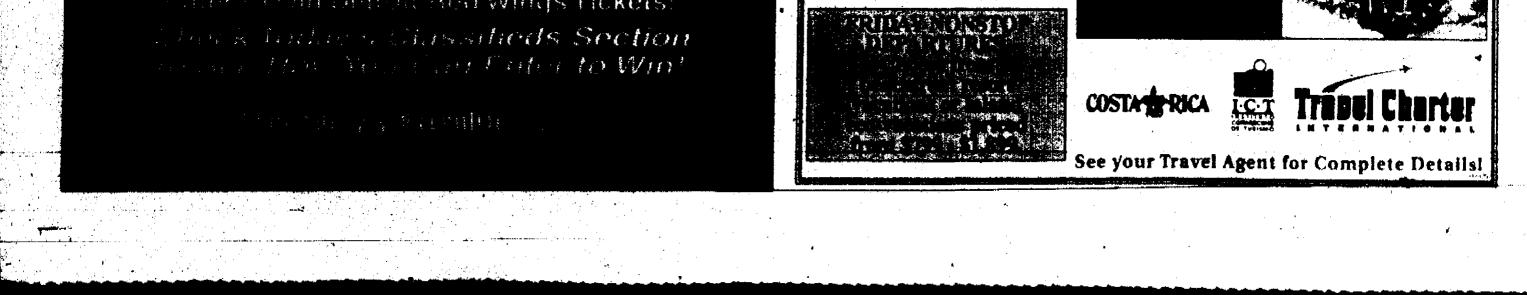
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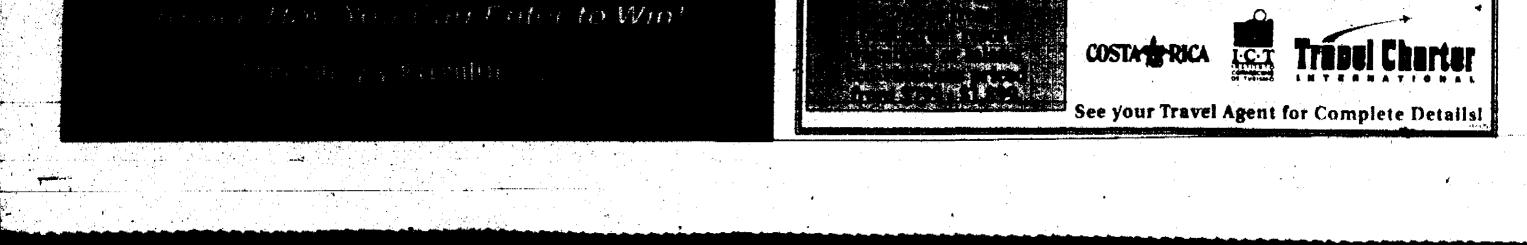
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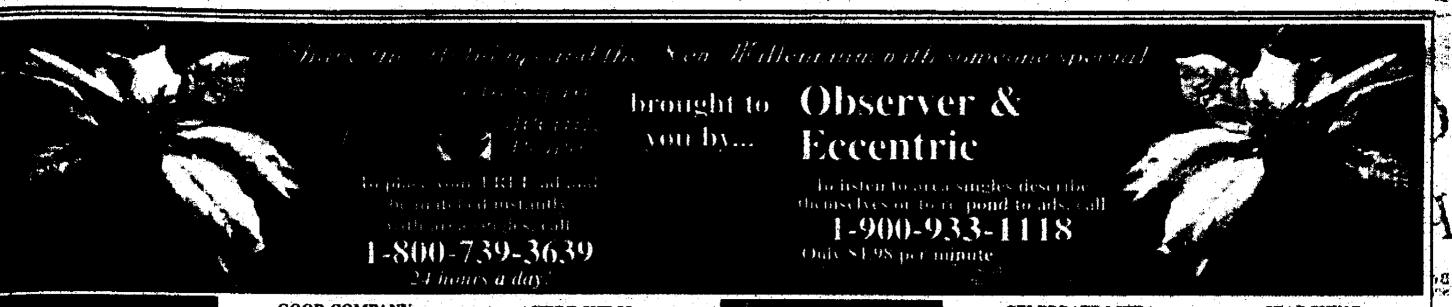








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IT'S FATE

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

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

STILL SEARCHING Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking

and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM. 60-69. who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

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 Tullest. 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 openminded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother. 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitmentminded SWCM, 25-48, who

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

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4" 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, nondrinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, familyoriented DWCM, under 54. enjoys swimmina, She movies, bowling, and reading. Ad#.4108

BORN-AGAIN

This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7" a blue-eved 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

personable Attractive. 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

Born-Again Outgoing, 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

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

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 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". 1181bs.. 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 DWF, 59, 5'2' 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic. SWM. 51-61. Italian 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 reddishbrown hair and green eyes. who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel. dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-ori-SWCM, 42-52ented Ad# 8317

UP FOR IT ALL

Friendly DWCF, 52, 5'10". with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports. rollerblading and just keep-

SWF, 30-40. Catholic height/weight proportionate. Ad# 4324

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

DESERVING

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

VERY LOVING

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

GIVE DAD A CALL

Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar Ad# 1515 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/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children, Ad#.1965

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Professional SWM, 40, 61 190lbs: with ing, the theater and going for seeking a SCF, 20-35, who

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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 nevermarried, 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, familyoriented, slender SWF, who athletically moluned. 1S

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

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

 JUST YOU AND L Athletic SWM, 40, 611° 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

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My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5111, 160lbs. brown who enjoys boating, working hair/eyes, who enjoys camp- out and the outdoors, is

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, as smoker, who enjoys bowling; golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF. 35-47, for a special, one-on-one, tomantic relationship. Ad# 6569

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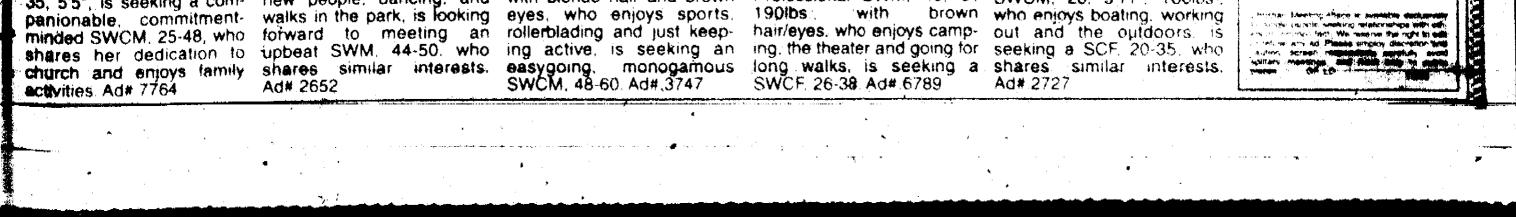
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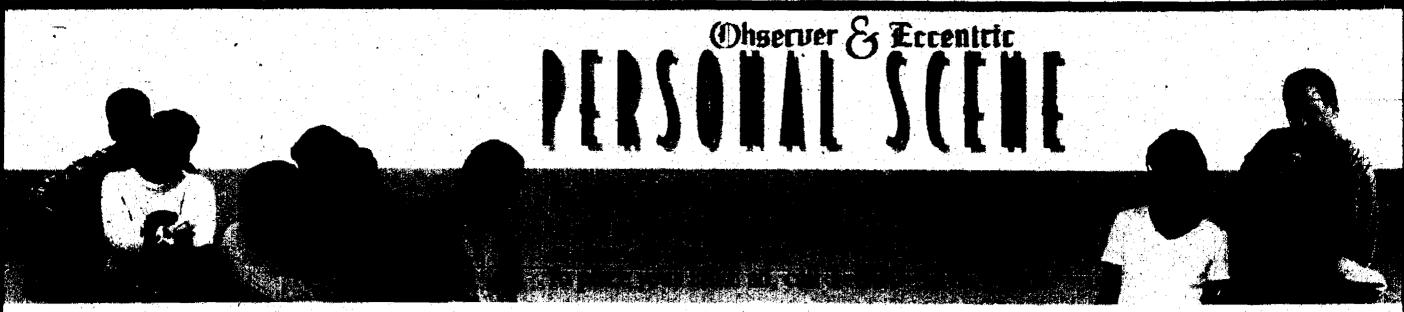
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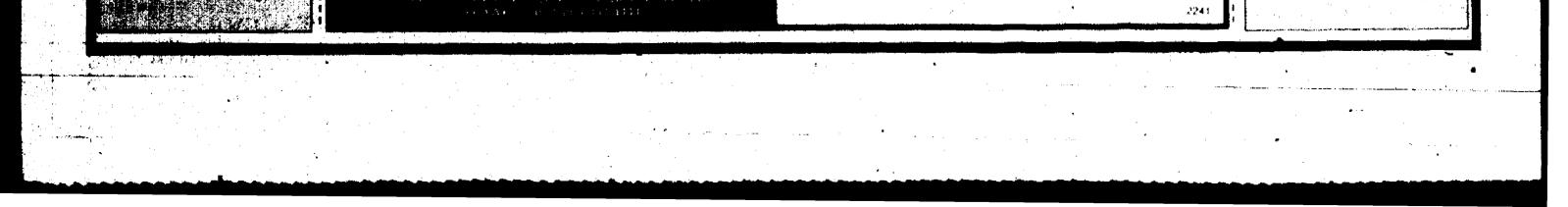
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Hornets sting Madonna

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

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.

Salem rallies for tourney title

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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'tailled 11 for Canton, Junior guard Nick Cabauatan 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 Hilf - Dan McLean, 17 points and 11 rebounds; Nether, 14 points and 12 rebounds; Mike Major, 12 points; and Jason Waldmann, 11 points and six rebounds.

-KIMBALL 64, CLARENCEVILLE 27: 6-foct-9 junior forward Ryan Stennett 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.

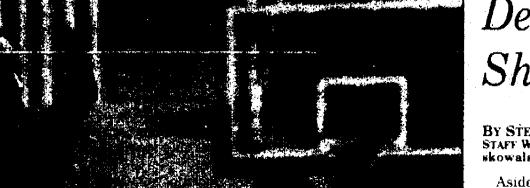
Brandon Routhier and Rob Pisha each contributed 12 for Western, which outscored Clarenceville 47-12 in the second half after leading by only five at intermission, 32.27.

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

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

+LENAWEE CHRISTIAN 73, PLY. CHRISTIAN 59: Trever 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 tailled 18 for the Eagles.

Catholic Central drops pair at U-D



Detroit City, Hamtramck top Shamrocks; Sparks returns

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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.

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

With Sparks showing great improve-Aside from Rob Sparks' return to the ment, however, January was the next target date. He didn't anticipate get ting 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

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.

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

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

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 Shainrocks' 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 hehad at the time of the surgery.

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 Loridas played inspired off the bench with seven and six points; respectively.

Mumford rallies by Wayne at Cobo

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER bemon foe homecomm.net

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

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 intermis-

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 balf, 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

"And we didn't work the ball and do the things we were supposed to when they trapped us. When the pointguard gets double-team, the post player is supposed to flash to the middle, but it just didn't happent^{ie}

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 pprcent).

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

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

Headen, olthough not a polished

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

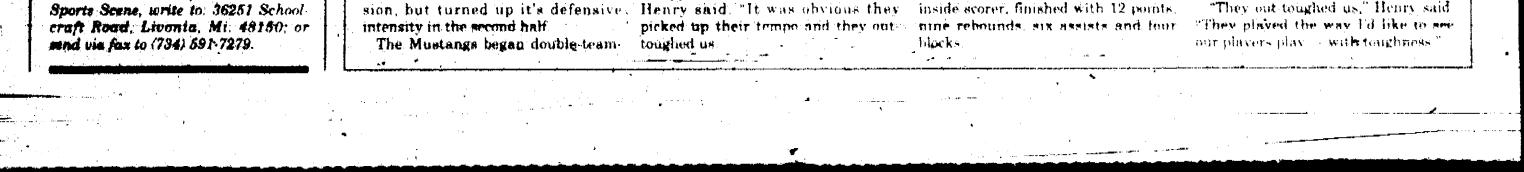
"He's really only played four years. He was pretty raw as a player when he came here, but it's exciting watching his development."

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

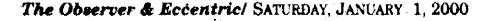
Senior Jermäße Garner paced Wayne with 11 points, while Nowak contributed eight

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

"They out toughed us," Henry said



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Who will score 1st sanctioned 300?

Happy New year to _ **_ 11** bowlers in Observerland. Ten Pin Alley is for you, all about you, your bowling friends local association.

7. Information to be faxed to **Bowling Headquarters (414)** 421-8560 or sent by email to Ksawic@bowlinginc.com, Attn. Karen Sawicki.

•The Major 2000 bowhing 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 Ameri-

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

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letic Association Championships. APRIL 9: Salute to Champions XI. St.

Louis Mo. 26-30: Intercollegiate Bowling

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

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- 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: Bowlingis 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 work shop, Milwaukee, Wis,

28-30: Coca Cola Youth Bowling Championships, Les Vegas, Nev. AUGUST

5-12: Tournament of the Americ as, Miami, Fla.

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

12-17: PWBA 'Hammer Players' Championship, Rockford III.

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 Champinships, Reno, Nev.

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

Valuable info gathered in holiday bird count

This recent holiday season ever 50,000 pecple participated in an official Christmas Bird Count. Over 1,800

count areas in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean. Central and South NOWICKI America and the Pacific Islands were covered. This count period marks the 100th count year.

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

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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

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

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 win-. dow 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

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 backvards 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.

vou. There will be something wery special from the American Bowling Congress for the first bowler to roll a 300 game in the new millenium. The rules are: 1. The game must be bowled in

an ABC sanctioned league or tournament, and must comply with all ABC rules and regulations pertaining to a 300 game.

2. The game may not begin earlier than 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000.

3. The game must be witnessed by at least three competitors not related to the contestant.

4. The exact time of the 12th strike must be recorded.

5. The winner will be recognized based on the time the game is completed within his/her time zone to allow all ABC members around the world an equal . opportunity to win.

6. All details of the perfect game must be verified by the

and neighbors and to keep you informed on happenings and events that may HARRISON be of interest to

Christmas Bird Counts started in 1900 when Frank Chapman

Count in the Detroit area Bird 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.

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

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.

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

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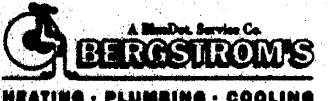
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Chemical sensitive

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 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 stateof-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). Anvone 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.

Breaking ground St. Mary offers innovative prostate treatment

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

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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.

We are now one of the premier centers to offer realtime 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 any. thing in the paper about it." s a i d McWilliams.

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 doneinternally without effecting noncancerous 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 Was surgery scheduled on Dec 9 at St. Mary Hospital. "I wasn't concerned because

that was very

zood." sind

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 times is a faster actings 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 imponence. Harb said patients run a minutal 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 unologists and radiation

oncologists are essential to the suc-

For more information visit The

American Brachytherapy Society at

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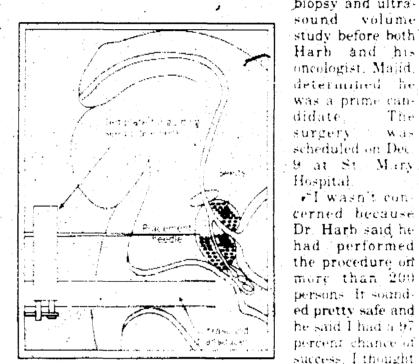
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Trigeminal Neuralgia

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 schedule 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) \$25-7641.

Healthy partners

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

We want your boalth news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numberous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newamakers (appaintments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newswarthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our servingape can call, write, faz or an

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tem 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 prostates, cryosurgery (freezing), External

from his South A Gleason score is the grading sys-Lyon home.

McWilliams aays he turned out to be an excellent candidate for the surgery because he had a "good doctor, "good health and the

kind of cancer"

--- Source, "The ABC's of Prostate Cancer " (Joseph E. Öcsterling, M.D. and Mark Moyad, 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. Ingold, 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 haison from Beaumont to the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The commission - ed by Oakwood. As part of the strategic

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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 Choic-

es 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 Chinces' 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, för Oakwood Healthcare System Lucas has been a board-certified pedia-Incian 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 Healtheare System along with other key community representatives formud a strategie committre to redefine Oakwood's volunteer program. The strategic committee. devoted condities hours to this effort and the results of their plan were recently announced at a forum present.

process, a new mission was formed for Oakwood Volunteer Services. The mission is to provide the opportunity forindividuals gifted with compassion, taient and dedication to serve the health care needs of others within a voluntary not-for-profit healthcare delivery system

Appointed

Hershel Moss. M. D., Emergency Department Medical Director for PEC/ERI The Provident Group at Oakwood Health System - Bever Center. has been appointed Corporate Director for Quality Assurance governing Oak word Emergency Departments at Annapolis in Wayne, Seaway Heritage and Beyer Centers

New president

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens was recently installed as president of the Anerry can Académy on Maxillofacial Prosthetics in Philadelphia at the 47th

Annual Meeting Wieps will preside over the board of directors interim neeting to February and at the annual meeting held in confunction, with, the International Cengress of Maxillafacial Prosthetics November

Wiens is correctly

attending staff at Prev dence He-pital and is a professor at the University of Detroit Morey School of Dentistry

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New associate

Edwin C. Blumberg D.C. was recently we comed by A.J. Scarchally, DO and PA Parente DO to the Earmington Médical Center, P.C., a holistic family practice

Blumberg has produced mathe Farme ington area for pany years. He prac tree-full family methods and is espea mille skillentare gereistreven ffer have fidiate methods is of special interest to hum become be bas seen its benefits terments people. The Farmington Modpease enterns focuted at 30275 Wo Thir teen Mile Road in Farmington Hills



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Society named Katherine Evens. RDH, of Northville, Outstanding Dertal 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 is a mentor or role.

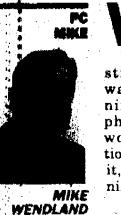
Evens is currently working for Dr. Dennis Freeman of Livenia and Dr. Nancy Zeiters of Nova

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The Observer & Eccentric/ SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000

Reporter asks what's next for Y2K, civilization as we know and love



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.

M made it.

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 crewded 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

ell, we 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 ecommerce 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-scooping 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 The so-called free PC trend will to connect. As broadband

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 email retrieval and "Web clippings" 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. slow down as consumers balk at 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 MH_Z

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 gaudilycolored, 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.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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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 threeweek program every Tuesday starting Jan: 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

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DIABETES SUPPORT

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7p.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.

meets Jan. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (734) 655-1100.

NEWBORN GLASS

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.

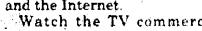
MON, JAN. 10 YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT

The Young Mother's Assistance, Program (Y-MAP) will host them 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 tharge. 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



Watch the TV commercials during the weekend football

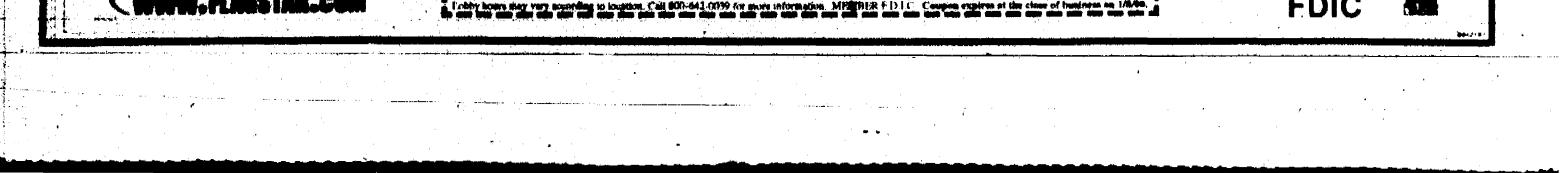
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having to sign up for long-term Internet access contracts.

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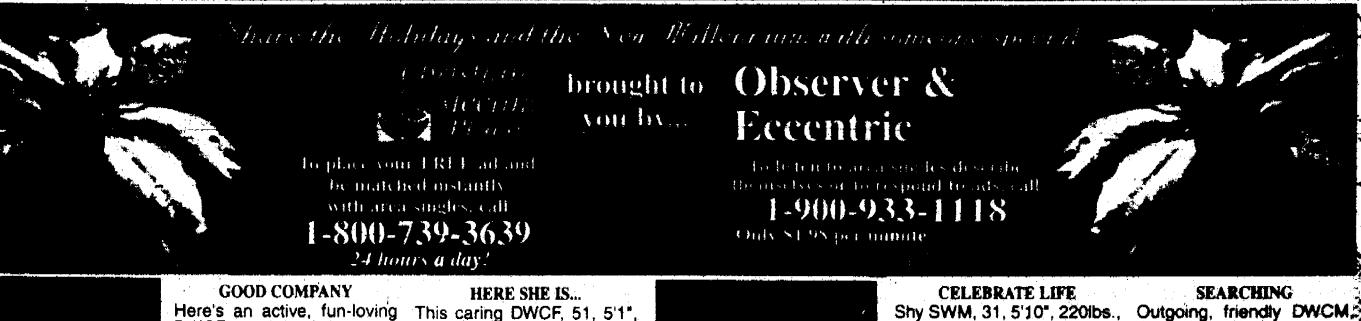
"Smoke Free Living," smoking cessation classes, Jan. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 655-8940.





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FOR FOREVER

This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#.4455

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

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 DWF, 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

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 eves. 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, sin-cere, 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

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, nondrinker, 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, Catholic SWF 30-40,

who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, familyoriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

A GOOD MAN

Shy, nice-looking DWC 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, know. Ad#.6211 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, hand- ship. Ad#.4251 some SBM, 28, 6^r, 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. baseball, music, movies and who shares similar interests. travel, is-seeking a similar for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED

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

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 relation-

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

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 DWC morn, 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 openminded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term

relationship. Ad#.2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother. 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-

minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to

CIRCLE THIS.

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

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, nondrinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, familyoriented 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

personable Attractive. 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

Outaoina. 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

SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kindhearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 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 SWME 36-47. Ad#.9455

LET'S CUDDLE Catholic DWF. 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 reddishbrown hair and green eyes who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel dancing and dining out. wants to meet a family-ori-SWCM 42-52 ented. Ad# 8317

UP FOR IT ALL Friendly DWCF. 52, 510" with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, rollerblading and just keep-

ing active, is seeking an

height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

DYNAMITE CHARACTER Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondishbrown hair and green eyes. who likes spending time with He's a friendly SWPM, 58. children, tae kwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seeking a SQF, with similar interests. Ad#.2328

DESERVING

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

VERY LOVING

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

GIVE DAD A CALL

Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5⁸", who enjoys cooking, sports and music. is hoping to spend time with a SWF: 35-42, with similar Ad#:1515 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/W/BCF, 18-55, with no. children, Ad#.1965

LEAVE & MESSAGE Professional SWM, 40, 61 190lbs . with long walks, is seeking a shares similar interests

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

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 nevermarried, 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: familyoriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined

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

GOD IS FIRST

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

JUST YOU AND L

Athletic SWM, 40, 611*. enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special goal-oriented. compassionate, siender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leadingto marriage. Ad#.2739

HAVE YOU SEEN... My best friend? This shy

SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs. brown who enjoys boating, working hair/eyes, who enjoys camp- out and the outdoors, is ind, the theater and going for seeking a SCF 20-35, who

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 mééting a compatible SWCF under 37, N/S Ad#.1111

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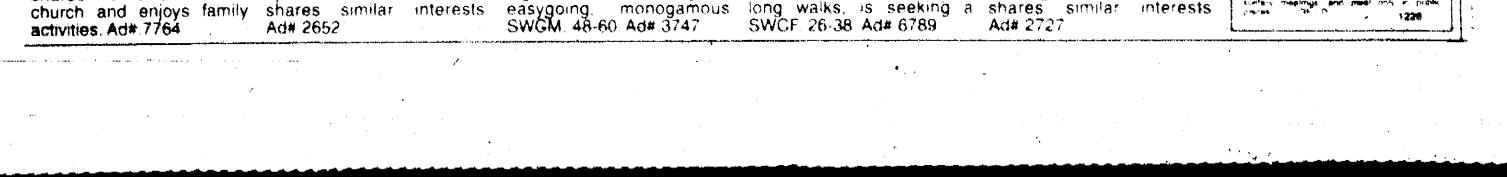
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Shade-tree mechanics suffering in computer age

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 certitied mechanic and manager of Harthun Auto Parts, 20723 Evergereen 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



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

knows that changing technology has forced car enthusiasts to change their techniques as well.

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"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.

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 arris tated.

"How can I explain to someone who doesn't know what I'm talkingsabout that their car is on a host because of n broken sensor. The only thing that

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upwards of \$100 each to replace. and buy the wrong thing, then they a lot of designs come and go, and than they did ten years ago because of

General Motors' has been working on-"We see people all the time come in cars for more than 20 years. He's seen require a lot less maintenance today

The good news is that cars actually

matters to them is that they're sitting next to a tow track driver." Morattis 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 postwar 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 manufactures 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 Report 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 sandblasted, and either plated, painted or replaced with brand new pieces. The car was then reassembled, using all new rubber and hardware. The rebuilt running gear was installed into a newly painted metallic marcon 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 Fark, 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.

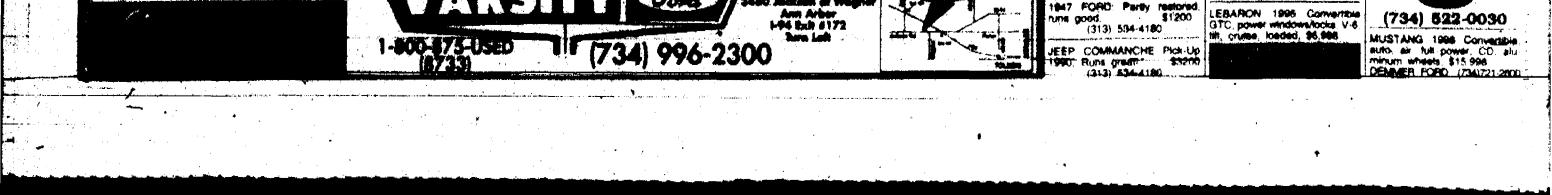
A '48 Chevrolet somehow appears larger than it really is. It's high, the doors are big and heavy, and all of the styling components are large. The hood is big and so are the fenders if you count the part that is attached to the door. Still, if you park one next to a Chevy from the mid-'50s, the '48 looks like a

compact. Quite an illusion.

This is one of those "armchair" cars that remind one of sitting in grandma's salon. I grabbed onto that bigger-thanlife, white steering wheel. tugged the shifter into neutral and pressed my toe down on the floor mounted starter pedal. The little stovebolt 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.

On the road, the car feels big and durable. Gerry's Fleetline sits high, rides soft and smooth and leans like a speedboat in the curves. You sit behind that really big wheel, shifting that easy but slow shifter while listening to the lethargic six moan through its low-end-torqueintensive power range.



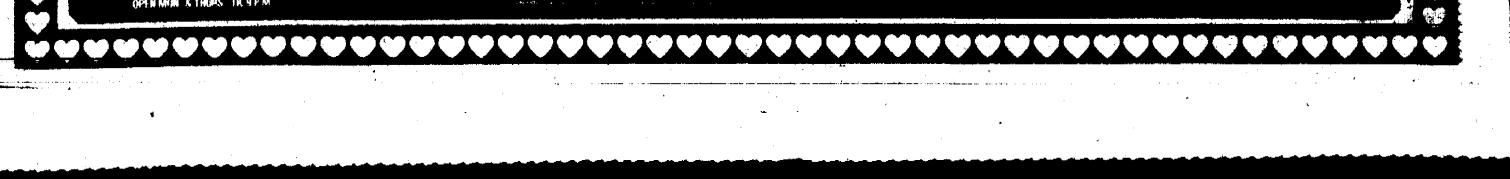


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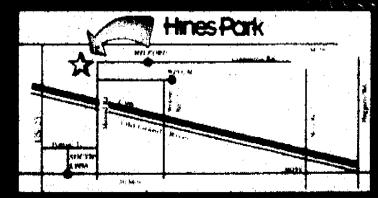
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