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Look at that! Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent, leads a July 1999 bus tour of school construction sites. Shown here at the school below, shown Westland Mayor Robert Thomas in the Summer Festival parade.

2000: HIGH HOPES, HIGH TECH

BY JULE BROWN
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Westland 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 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 before." It's been on the back burner with Y2K, but Thomas envisions

Westlanders eventually being able to download forms, apply for permits and even pay water bills.

Working with Westland Center on marketing/expansion 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 move to and not move out of. The mayor cited the Downtown Development Authority, specifically the southwest corner of the Wayne-Ford intersection, which city officials hope to develop.

"We're hoping we can do a major development of some kind." Thomas also cited improved police-fire radios and central dia-

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



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

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

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.

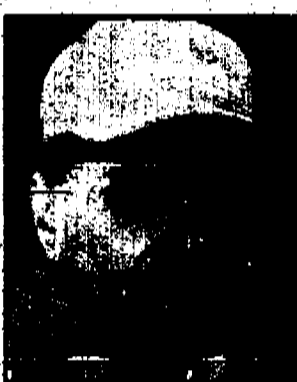
The only drawback she hears is that business people have difficulty finding employees.

"I just hope that improves," Brist said.

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 Kholman



"I want to get my bills in order and make my time more functional."
- Jeannette Pawlowski



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



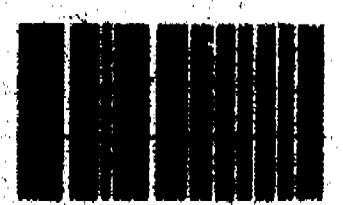
"Finish my classes (at U-M Dearborn)."
- Chris Tatman

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1999: A LOOK BACK AT WESTLAND'S TOP STORIES

Incumbents dominate in election for city council

Winners 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-getter.

Advocates favor a new City Hall and rec center

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 Mayor Robert Thomas came before Westland City Council members for a vote, and there's no hint of when a decision will be made. Thomas hopes for action in the first half of the year 2000. Advocates point to the deteriorating condition of the current City Hall and Bailey Recreation Center in urging construction of new facilities.



Concerns: Justin Coleman (left) and Jamie Manning speak on the rec center at a hearing in April.

School construction has funds in Wayne-Westland

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. The race was on to get done in time for school, but things went smoothly and few parents complained.

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Aim high: Taft-Gal-louay Elementary was the site of Wayne-Westland school construction in 1999.

Blood drive one for books at the library

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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 something for 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?

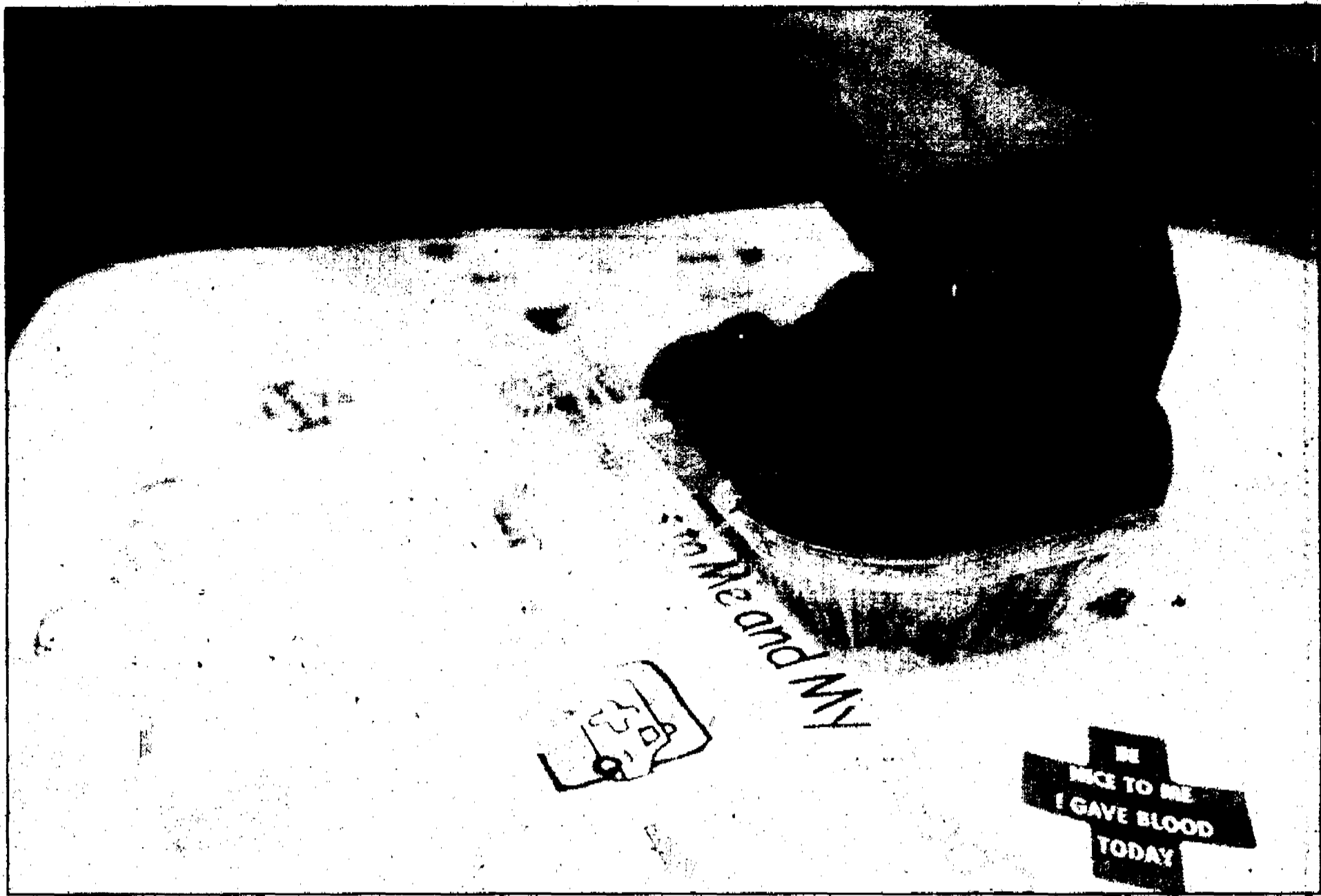
It is not possible to contract HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by donating blood. Each needle used in the procedure is sterile and is disposed of after a single use.

■ 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. Blood-mobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches and other



Tastes good: Snacks are given to blood donors after donating. Donors also complete a bit of paperwork

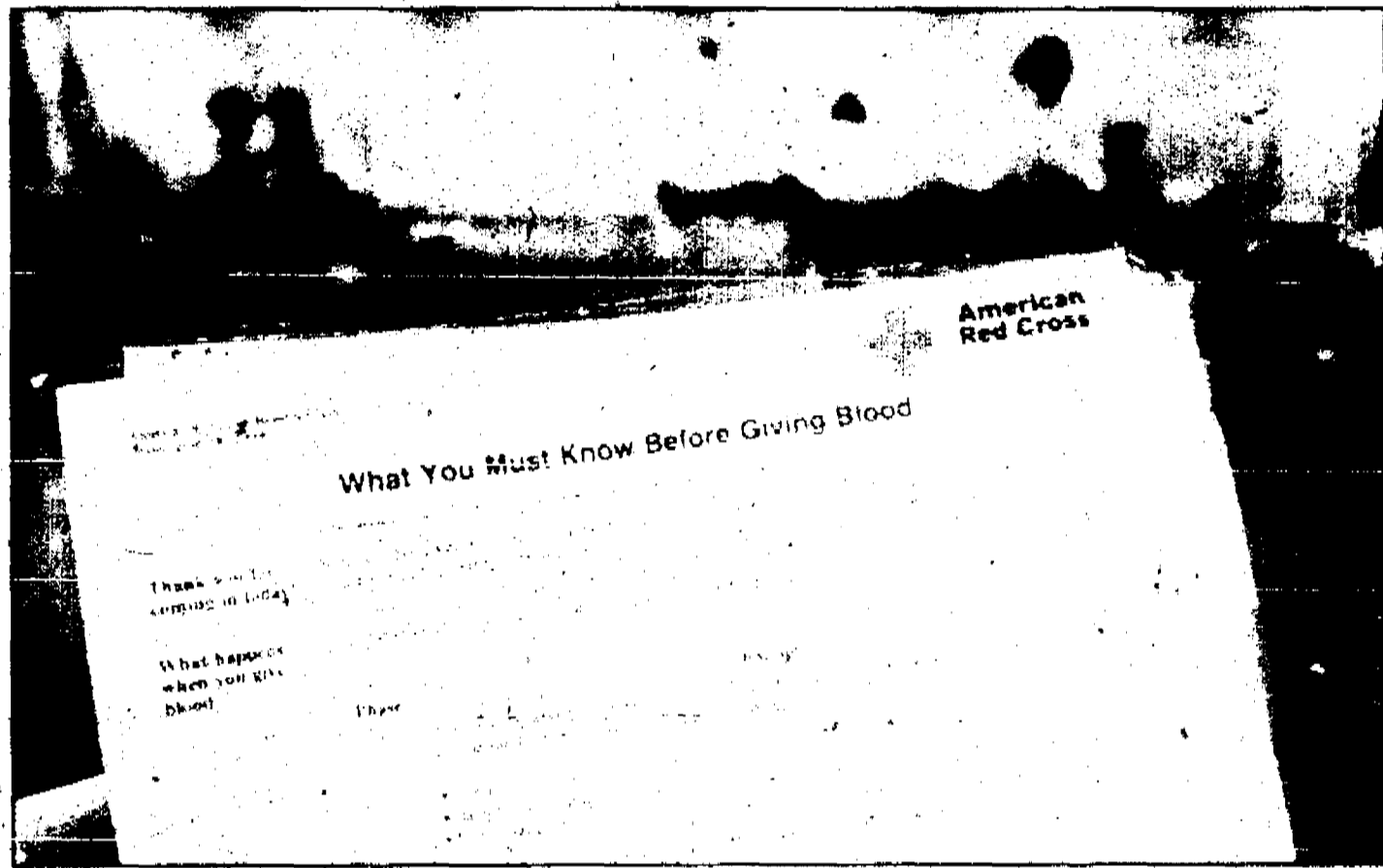
community organizations. People can go to community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at their workplaces.

To find out where to donate, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or contact your local Red Cross.

A pinch: Blood donation is relatively painless. Blood can be given by people in good health who weigh at least 110 pounds.

■ 'We wanted to do something for the community and we thought this would be a good thing.'

Joe Burchill
—library staffer



Turkish exchange student worries about loved ones

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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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 (as other people did)," Maiur said. The earthquake's epicenter was estimated to be 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 earthquake," 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 treatment of women.

"In this country, women are treated better. I think," Maiur said. "Because of religion, women are on a lower level than men in Turkey. Here, it's totally different."

Maiur described herself as a nonpracticing Muslim. She said Muslim 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 drama productions, her host parents need to bend their schedules or she needs to get a ride from someone else.

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

I'll do it: Melis Maiur, a foreign exchange student from Turkey, helps her host family shovel snow. Maiur has been staying with the Gaffneys in Livonia until this week, when she moved in with a Westland family. She is attending Churchill High.



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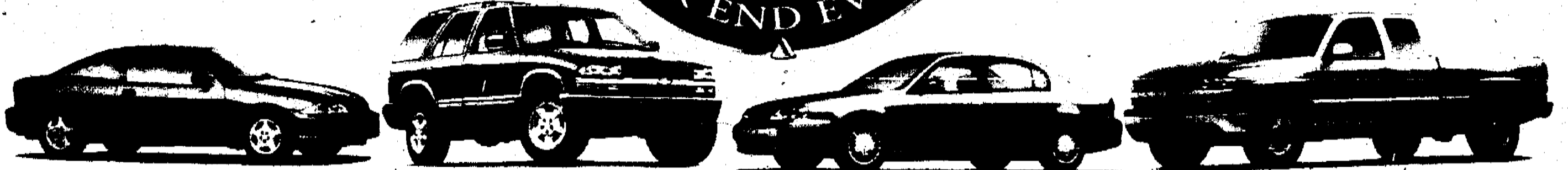
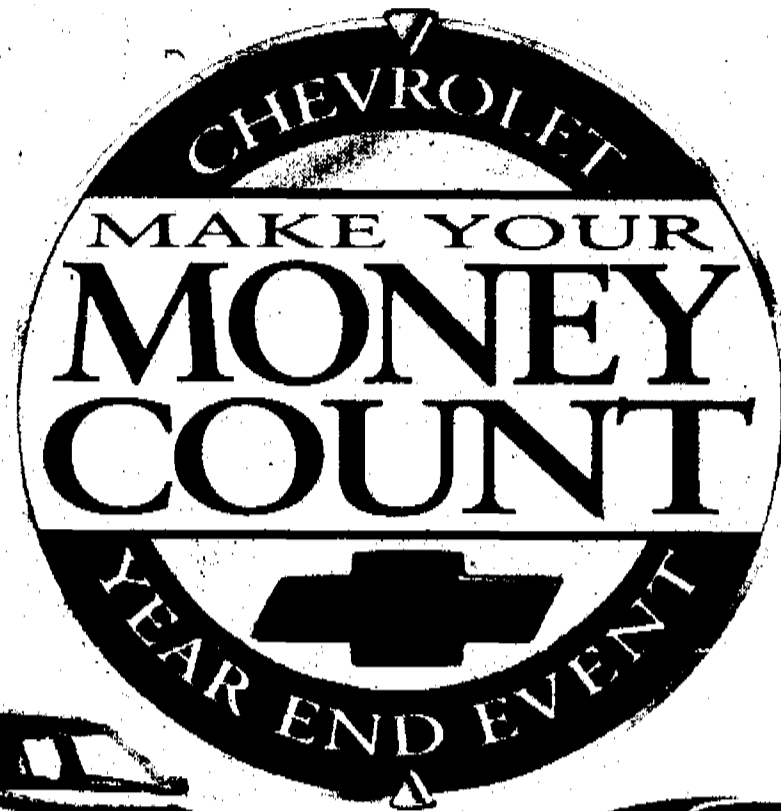
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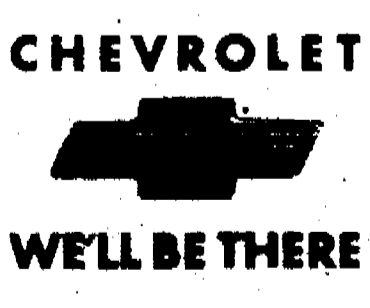
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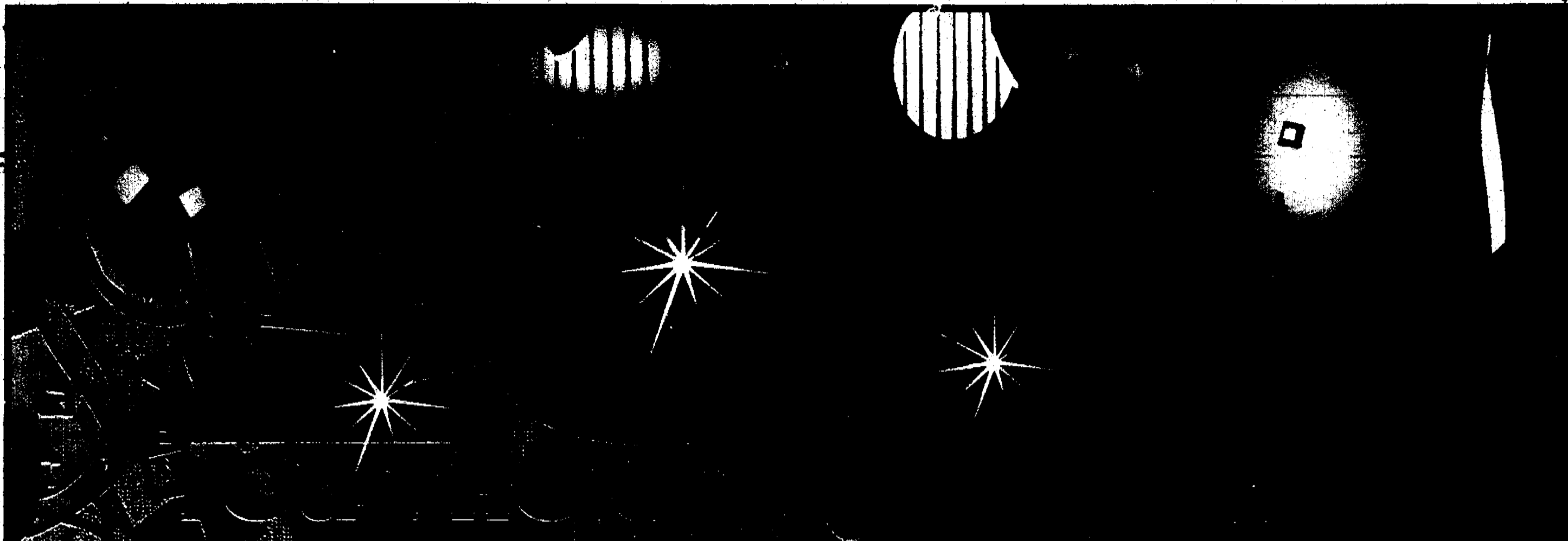
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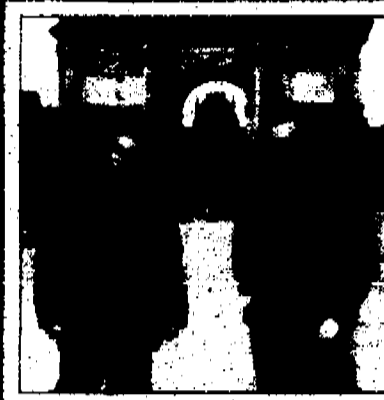
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Marjorie Kluck

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Tom and Ken

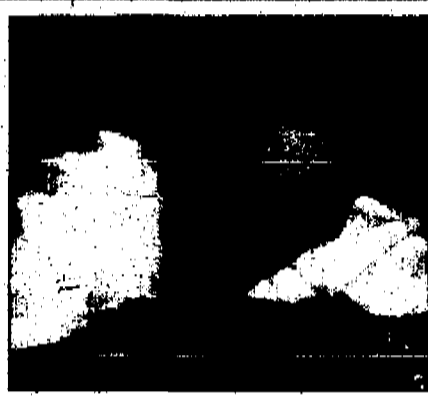
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Ashley, Stephanie, Tyler and Katie

Our best wishes to Ashley, Stephanie, Tyler, and Katie for health and happiness in the new millennium.

Love, Grandpa Hirt and Grandma T



Kathy and Julie at Disneyworld 1982

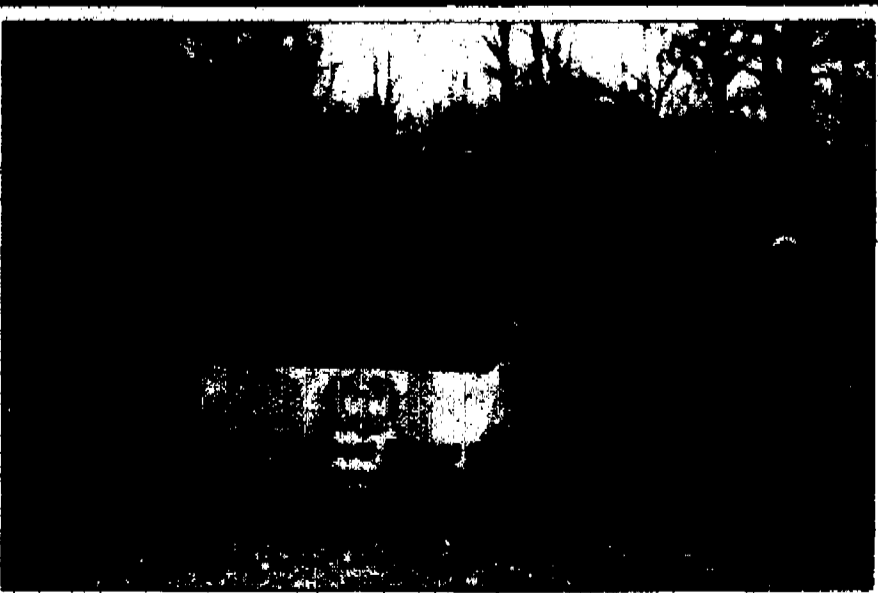
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FOCUS ON WINE



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Wine predictions for a new decade

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

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

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

Stateside

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

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

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

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

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

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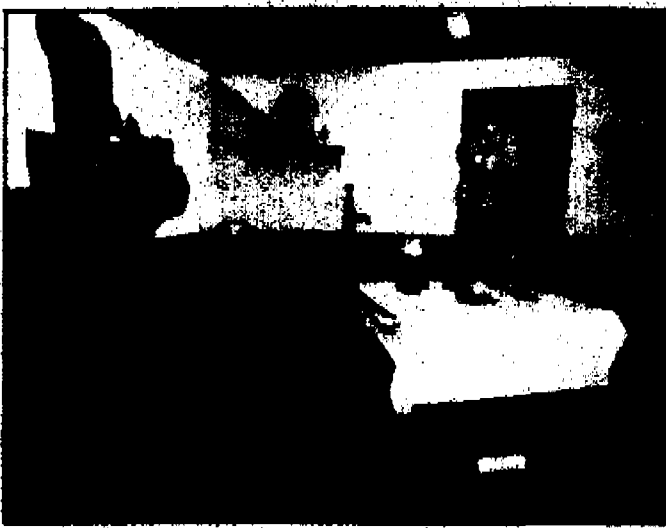
Wine Picks

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

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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



Electricity

POWERS UP KITCHEN DESIGN

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Design evolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Another feature of the cake is a pull-apart "crown" form, which Garramone achieves by dividing the dough into twelve separate pieces. He recommends using a 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 gumdrop "jewels" are affixed to each point on the crown.

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

See recipe inside.



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

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

DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath

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

of Birmingham. "We installed it. In those days, the help would stay in the kitchen, and the family ate in the dining room. Now, people say 'my guests end up standing around in the kitchen.' The kitchen often opens into a great room. Some people want fireplaces in a sitting room near the kitchen, so everyone can be together."
Stoves are also getting larger. "Stoves with larger burners, usually gas with six or eight burners, grills, griddles and hoods with super exhaust fans are popular," said DeGiulio. "Everyone wants quiet appliances. They don't want to hear the dishwasher or refrigerator. There's a movement toward black and stainless steel appliances instead of white."
At KSI in Canton, bisque is an often requested color for appliances.
There's a back to nature trend for cabinetry, countertops and flooring. Many people are choosing natural woods for cabinetry. DeGiulio of Birmingham said cherry, maple, and pine are in, oak and hickory are out. Stone, including granite and limestone, is being used for counter tops and flooring. Some floors are even installed with heating units to keep them warm in the win-

ter.
Appliances
Look for lots of changes in appliances in years to come.
Some manufacturers are working on developing smart refrigerators that tell you when you run out of an item like milk.
You can visit the Gadget Guru online at www.gadgetguru.com to read about the latest innovations in kitchen appliances such as the FlashBake oven created by Wolf. It doesn't require pre-heating and "uses eight 1,000-watt halogen lamps controlled by a computer chip to cook food with the moisture, texture and quality you expect from a conventional oven in approximately half the time."
"Imagine what it would be like to pop a meal into the microwave and simply press start — without telling the microwave what it is or how long it should cook?"
According to information found on the Gadget Guru Web site, that dream could soon become a reality because of a joint project between Samsung Electronics and researchers at Cook College/Rutgers University.
The intelligent microwave was demonstrated at the 1999 International Housewares Show in Chicago. Cooks scan the bar-

codes on packages, and the microwave oven automatically adjusts its settings and cooking times to prepare your food.
The intelligent microwave can be hooked up to a computer to access the Internet and communicate with food manufacturers to locate cooking information for new food products.
There's no word when this microwave will go into production, or how much it will cost, but you can find out more about it by visiting Samsung online at www.sosimple.com
Warming ovens, an old-fashioned idea, are making a comeback. Dacor manufactures oven systems that include a microwave, convection oven, and warming oven that has space for four dinner plates.
Computers, built into counter-tops, are a new innovation that's catching on. To find out more about these "space saving solutions," visit www.novadesk.com online.
Kitchens have always been the center of the home, and this is still true today.
"It seems that more people are coming together in the kitchen today," said DeGiulio of Birmingham. Like his father says, "the kitchen really is the center of the home."

Wine from page B1

This latter wine introduces another new decade phenom. Syrah will grab the attention of merlot drinkers, especially as the glut of merlot grapes ushers in an era of under-fruit, thin merlots from new vines, planted everywhere in California. Lessons from the French — all grapes do not grow everywhere.
One asks, why has this happened with merlot? Popularity breeds greed.
Why won't this happen with syrah? Picky grape. It won't grow everywhere. It needs California's hotter climates such as Paso Robles.
Chilean wines have not seen the continued meteoric rise they had in the mid-1990s. Consumers learned, some were flat out poor. It scared people away. Producers, such as Vina Undurraga, with a long-history in the Maipo Valley have sustained excellence through new vineyard investments and upgraded technology. They will regain popularity in early 2000s. Undurraga's 100 percent varietal wines are priced between \$7-\$11.
Australian wines will continue to make an impact. Lindemans, Penfolds and Rosemount are the hot brands. New Zealand's spunky whites such as 1999 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc \$11 will revive interest in white varietals.

Nielsen states (Michigan is one of them) forbid direct shipment of wines to consumers. Florida is one of seven where such shipment is a felony for both shipper and consumer. Recently, six Floridians filed a suit in federal court against the State of Florida claiming the state law violates the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution. We have the same belief.
Our crystal ball is not clear enough to see whether a consumer group in Michigan will be this gutsy. You could at least start by writing our governor and state legislators and expressing your dismay at legislation prohibiting direct shipping of wine.
Consumer demand for a wider choice of wines has spawned such e-commerce as WineShopper.com. Even though you live in a constrained state with archaic wine legislation, you will be able to shop and receive wines ordered through WineShopper.com.
But why a middleman? If laws were changed, you could phone your favorite winery directly. More on WineShopper.com's debut soon in our column.
Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864.

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

(PRNewswire) — Some fancy a smooth, relaxing, steaming cup of brewed tea, others a cold, refreshing glass of iced tea, but regardless of how it is served, tea is fast becoming the preferred beverage of many.
Now, tea lovers can feel better than ever about consuming their favorite drink.
Jeffrey Blumberg, PhD, FACN, chief of the Antioxidants Research Laboratory at Tufts University near Boston, has identified tea as one of the top healthy foods for the new year, the new millennium and beyond, and people across the country are celebrating during National Hot Tea Month.
"This January is the perfect time to consider tea as part of a healthy diet. As a new year and new millennium begin, people

are making resolutions to eat and live healthier, and there's no better time to celebrate tea's healthy attributes than National Hot Tea Month," said Joe Simran, president of the Tea Council of the USA.
Scientists have found that tea contains antioxidants, substances that can reduce oxidative damage in the body, helping to maintain healthy cells and tissues. The latest epidemiological research suggests that drinking black tea may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Of particular interest are two studies that were published this year:
A recent study examined 340 men and women who had suffered heart attacks and found that those who drank a cup or more of black tea daily had a 44 percent reduction in heart attack risk compared to non-tea drinkers. The study was conducted by Dr. Howard Sesso et al. at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston and published in the American Journal of Epidemiology in January.
In a study by Dutch researchers, participants who drank one to two cups of black tea daily had a 46 percent lower risk of severe aortic atherosclerosis, one factor contributing to cardiovascular disease.
Those who drank more than four cups of tea a day had a 69 percent lower risk. The study, published in October in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

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

See related story on Taste front.

FATHER DOMINIC GARRAMONE'S KING CAKE

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

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

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

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

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

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

manner as the chocolate nuggets.

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

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

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

attach them.

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

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

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

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

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

SPINACH PESTO WITH CHICKEN AND PASTA

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

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

Cook fettuccine or linguine as package directs; drain.

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

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

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

Earlier epidemiological and laboratory studies suggest a relationship between tea consumption and reduced risk of several types of cancer, including oral, digestive, lung and colorectal, and that tea has greater antioxidant power in vitro than many fruits and vegetables.

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

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

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

—provided by Tea Council of the USA

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Learn more about art, music in the new year

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

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

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

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

Visual Arts Association of Livonia

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

"We're trying to add more because our classes seem to be heavy on watercolor," said VAAL education director 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 experience, Weed's classes will inspire you.

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

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

Plymouth Community Arts Council

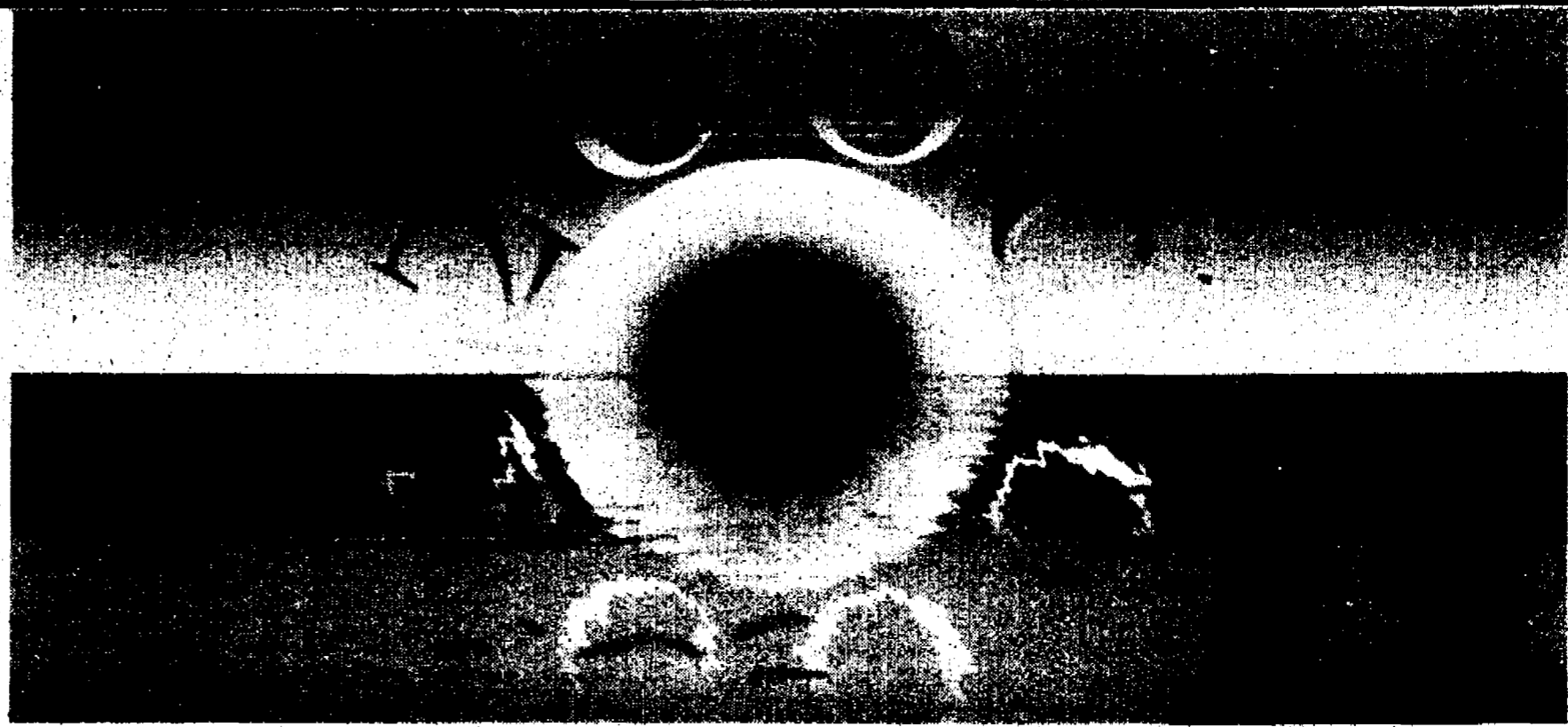
The arts council offers everything from batik to swing dance in classes beginning Jan. 24. Life drawing sessions (without an instructor) begin Jan. 21.

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

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

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

Arts community inspired by new year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

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

- Kenneth C. Fischer, president
University Musical Society

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

- Barbara VanDusen, board member
Detroit Symphony Orchestra

"We're going to do six programs this year. Our goal is to try not to do too many things so whatever program we do 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 Waashburn, and to increase

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.

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

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

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

- Betsy Calhoun, assistant director
Plymouth Community Arts Council

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

- Steve Belcher, board member
Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford

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

- Dawn Greene, artistic director
Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

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

- Janet Torno, executive director
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

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

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

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

- Talbot Spence, director
Cranbrook Institute of Science

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

- Evelyn Orbach, artistic director
Jewish Ensemble Theatre

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

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

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

- Elizabeth Stone, director/owner
Elizabeth Stone Gallery

BOOKS

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

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

Tucked around the metro Detroit area are large and small examples of public art. Some are squirreled away in corner 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.

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

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

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

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

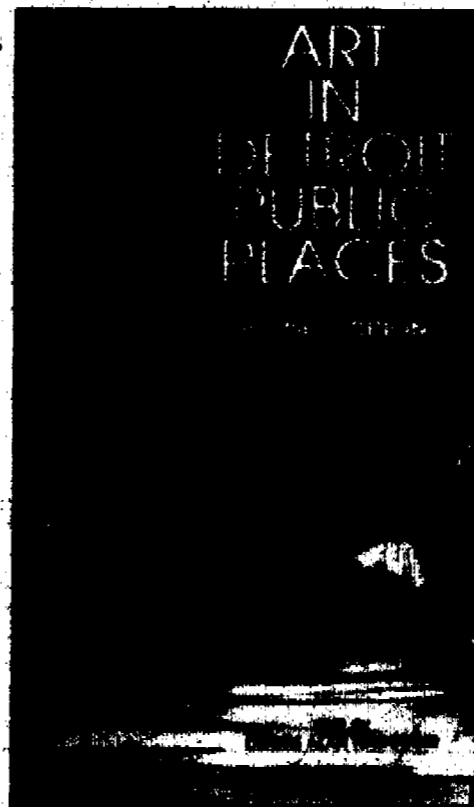
The text is straightforward, giving the who, what, where, when and why of most pieces and occasionally the how. On the last point, Nawrocki gives some welcome insight into how some difficult pieces succeed.

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

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

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

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



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

SINGERS WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTISTS WANTED

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

Wednesday-Saturday, July 19-22.

Applications must be post-marked 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 looking for students for its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college, ages 16-22).

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

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

PARTNERS IN HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

Students participating in the Civil War project were Sherry Bavey, Debra Luddy, Jeane Thomas, Erin Bawulski, Judy Berlinski, Sandra Liño, Adam Missing, David Morgan, Yueqi Zhang, James Auouer, and Jason May. Dan LeBlond, president of the Plymouth Historical Museum, worked with Fitzgerald

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

BENEFIT THEATER PERFORMANCE

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

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

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

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 & Lectures 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 (Lip Baum), colored

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

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

D & M Studios

Owner Sharon 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. In

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

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

Village Music

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

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

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

If you have an interesting idea

for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chuman at (734) 956-2145 or send e-mail to lchuman@seahome.com.net

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.knac.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

Advertisement for D & M Studios featuring 'Now Open!', 'The New Taste of Canton', 'Four Friends Bar/Grill', and a 'Grand Opening Special' of 10% off total bill.

Advertisement for Lawrence Technological University featuring 'Special Info Night Jan. 4!', 'Bachelor of Science in Information Technology', and contact information.

Advertisement for Dittich fur featuring 'It's Worth The Wait!', 'January Fur Clearance', and 'Save up to 50% & more on 3,000 Dittich Furs'.

Large advertisement for 'Plymouth Ice Spectacular' (Jan 12-17) and 'Fantasyland Light Show Competitions' (Jan 12-17), listing sponsors like Farmer Jack, Bud Light, Ford, and Lipton.

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

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

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

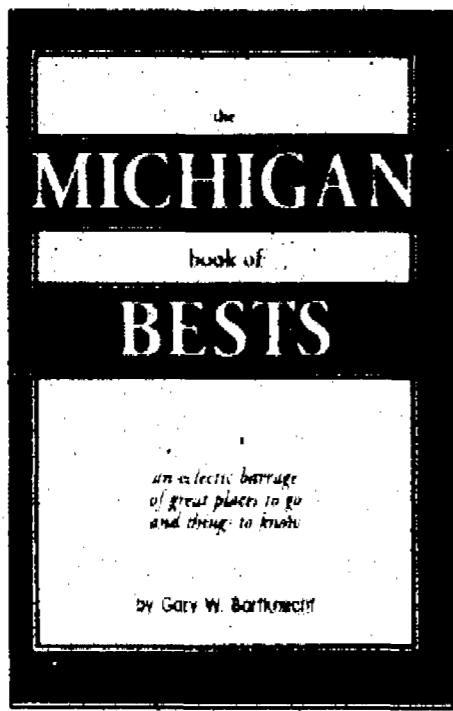
Michigan writer Gary Barfknecht's latest effort, "Michigan Bests," is full of the same humor found in his "Michillaneous" books of several years ago.

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

- Easiest Shoot Down a Chute (luge run in Muskegon).
- Most Intriguing Place to Walk Among the Dead (Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit).
- Most Pervasive Fungus.
- Coolest Canadian Crossover.
- Best Place to Tell Your Child to go Fly a Kite.
- Most Intense Fore-Play (about golf).

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

Among the "bests" with a local angle: coolest sledding; The Fridge, a toboggan 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, Plymou-Rocks; finest frozen gallery: Plymouth Ice Show.

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

Barfknecht's book doesn't tackle anything very serious such as "best hospital" but does offer the crème de la crème 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 Michigan trivia and geography.

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

Write Friede Publications, PO box 217, Davison, MI, 48423 for more information. Order by phone 800-824-4618.

CONTEMPORARY ART

Will controversy follow Bourgeois's new exhibit?

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

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

For the last six weeks, there's been a lot of talk about Bourgeois's style of what is commonly referred to as "shock art." In November, the Rochester resident's exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts closed shortly after it opened when museum director Graham Beal deemed the material inappropriate for museum audiences.

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

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

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

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

"Agree or disagree. Do not matter to Bourgeois. He is content just talk about it."

A biting satirist

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anything but indifference

In the wake of the controversy over the "shock art" exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Bourgeois's claim of non-ship by the DIA has awakened the local arts community and caused re-evaluations throughout the

American art world.

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

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

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

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

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

"Let us goad at eliciting a response, negative or positive," said Popa. "He gets people impassioned about art."

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

It's not always clear what can be anything, he said.

But is there something at all? It all depends.

And that is, as usual, the case with any of Bourgeois's provocative works.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Garland Resort provides perfect winter weekend

By SYLVIA ARRATE
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Four diamonds

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

Outdoors the beauty contin-

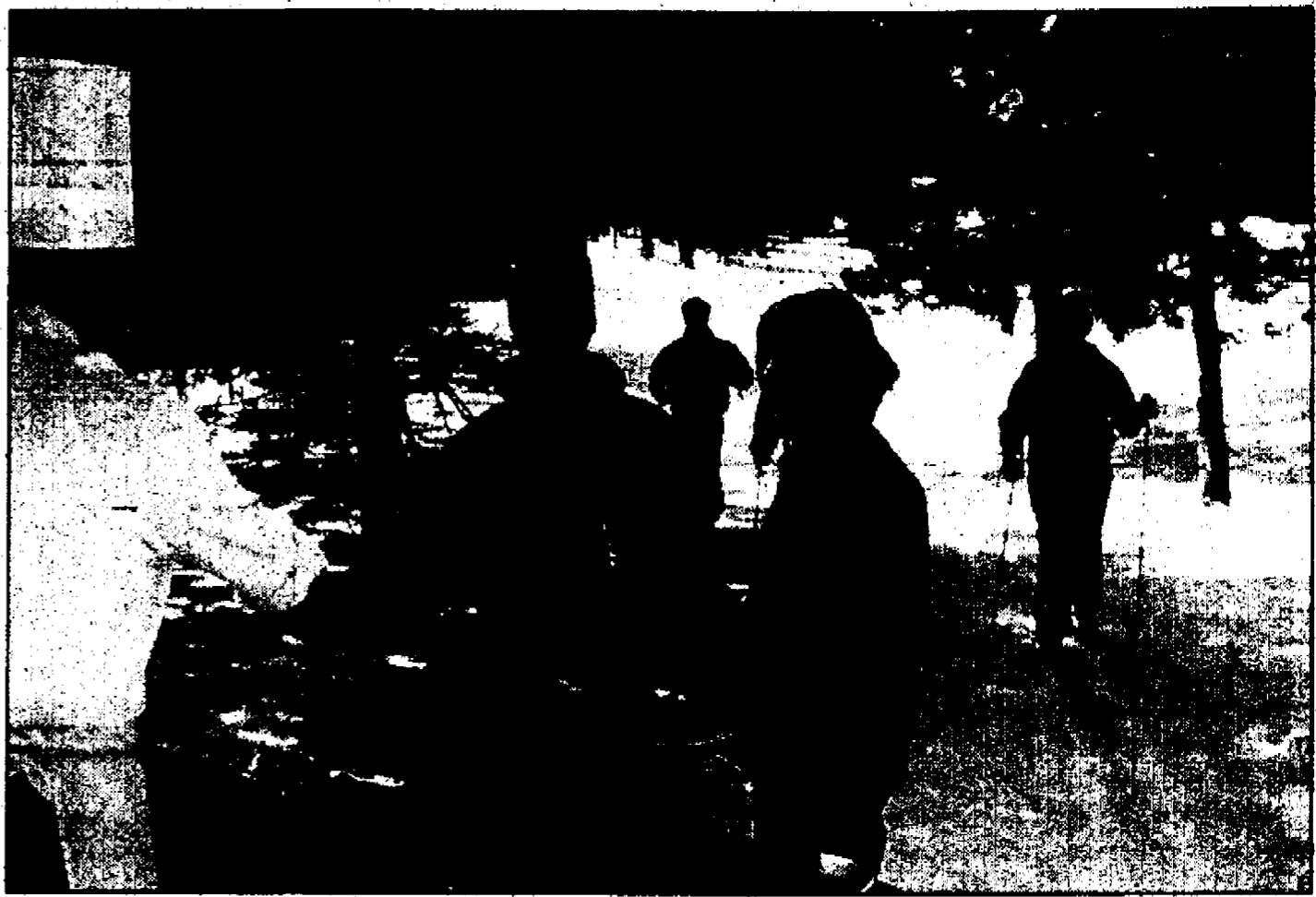
ues. Owner Ron Otto said, "Quality commitment to the environment are family traditions and they will never be compromised." Aside from a glimpse of a deer, fox or wild turkey, Garland is one of the few places in Michigan where bald eagles reside.

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

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

Trailside

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



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

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

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

tening snow and blue skies, we fulfill another tradition at Garland. Everyone climbs aboard for the horse drawn sleigh ride followed with (you guessed it) dinner at the lodge.

Visitor Information


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

GARLAND. Also, visit their web site at garlandusa.com.


- Gourmet Glide, Jan. 8, 15, 16, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 13, 19, 26, March 4, 11.
- Prime Glide (All Saturdays except above dates).
- Evening Glide, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25.
- New this year... Family Glide, Jan. 16, Feb. 13.

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






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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

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 fullest. Ad# 6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION

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

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN

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

GOOD COMPANY

Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad# 9438

NEW HORIZONS

Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies, and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

FAITH & HOPE

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

MEET YOU HALFWAY

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

REBUILDING HER LIFE

Catholic 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

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, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

BORN-AGAIN

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

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

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

TO THE POINT

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

VIVACIOUS

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

LOVES THE LORD

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

LIFE GOES ON

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

HERE SHE IS...

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

IS IT YOU?

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

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

HEAVEN SENT

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

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

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

THE BEST THERE IS

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

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a 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 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, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

A RARE FIND

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

A RARE FIND

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

UP FOR IT ALL

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

LISTEN TO ME

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

NEVER-MARRIED

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

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

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

A REAL TRUE HEART

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

HEAVEN SENT

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

DYNAMITE CHARACTER

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

DESERVING

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

VERY LOVING

Laid-back 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 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 A MESSAGE

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

CELEBRATE LIFE

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

A GOOD MAN

Shy, nice-looking 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, 30-45. Ad# 6683

CONTACT ME

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

SHORT BUT SWEET

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

A PEACEFUL MAN

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

AN ANGEL

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

INTERESTED

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

JOYS OF LIFE

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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

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

HAVE YOU SEEN...

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

SEARCHING

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

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

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

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LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

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

HONESTY COUNTS

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

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

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

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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

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hornets sting Madonna

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whalers defeat Otters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Domino's Light Fest 5K

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

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

Madonna softball camp

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

Sessions also will be from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Players will also face live pitching and hit off a pitching machine.

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

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

Ten Star hoop camp

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

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

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

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

Salem rallies for tourney title

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS BASKETBALL

Three of Cantori'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 58-54 double-overtime loss the night before to Saginaw Arthur Hill.

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

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

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

KIMBALL 64, CLARENCEVILLE 27: 6-foot-9 junior forward Ryan 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 Shaw added 10. Rick Buraak 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:

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

Senior forward Derric Isensee tallied 18 for the Eagles.

Catholic Central drops pair at U-D



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

Detroit City, Hamtramck top Shamrocks; Sparks returns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mumford rallies by Wayne at Cobo

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

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

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

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

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

The Mustangs began double-team-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

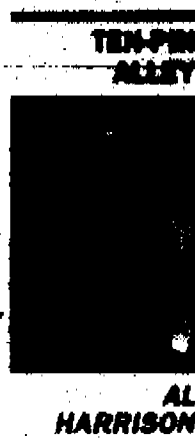
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Ten Pin Alley is for you, all about you, your bowling friends and neighbors and to keep you informed on happenings and events that may be of interest to you.

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

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 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 bowling dates have just been released. Here it is to clip out and save especially if you follow the PBA or PWBA pro tours events on television.

- JANUARY**
- 4-9: ABC Senior Masters by Sands Regency, Reno, Nev.
 - 9: BPAA Tequila Rose National Mixed Doubles qualifying ends.
 - 2-23: Brunswick/ABC world team Challenge qualifier, Seminole, Fla.
- FEBRUARY**
- 10-11: Special Olympics Unified Tournament, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 2-June 19: ABC Sandia Casino Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 13-19: PBA National Championships, Toledo, Ohio.
 - 19-20: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifiers, Indianapolis, Ind.
- MARCH**
- 11-July 7: WIBC Championship Tournament, Reno Nev. (unless extended).
 - 12-18: American Bowling Congress (ABC) Convention, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 13-17: Bowling Writers of America Convention, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 16: ABC Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 17: ABC Delegates Meeting,

- Albuquerque, N.M.
- 18-19: Intercollegiate Bowling Championships sectionals.
 - TBA: National Junior College Athletic Association Championships.
- APRIL**
- 9: Salute to Champions XI, St. Louis Mo.
 - 26-30: Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, Wichita, Kan.
 - TBA: USA Junior Olympic Bowling/Team USA at U.S. Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- MAY**
- 1: WIBC Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Reno, Nev.
 - 1-3: WIBC Annual Meeting, Reno, Nev.
 - 6-7: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifier, Lansing.
 - 7-11: PWBA Sam's Town National Doubles, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - 22-26: WIBC Queens presented by the Reno Tri-properties, Reno, Nev.
 - 24-26: WIBC Senior Queens, Reno, Nev.
 - 27-28: ABC/WIBC Senior Championships, Reno, Nev.
- JUNE**
- 12-17: ABC Masters, Albuquerque, N.M.
 - 18-20: International Pro Shop and Instructors Association/USA Coaches convention, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - 21-22: BPAA Bowl Expo, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - TBA: FIQ American Zone Youth Championships, Cancun, Mexico.
- JULY**
- 8-15: Bowling's U.S. Open pre-

- sented by AMF, Phoenix, Ariz.
 - 9-16: USA Junior Olympic Gold National Championships, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - 15-16: Brunswick/ABC World Team Challenge qualifier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 - 19-23: YABA International workshop, Milwaukee, Wis.
 - 26-30: Coca Cola Youth Bowling Championships, Las Vegas, Nev.
- AUGUST**
- 5-12: Tournament of the Americas, Miami, Fla.
 - 10-12: BPAA International Family Tournament, Lewisville, Tex.
 - 12-17: PWBA Hammer Players Championship, Rockford Ill.
 - TBA: FIQ world Youth Championships, Bogota, Colombia.
- SEPTEMBER**
- TBA: PWBA Brunswick World Open.
- OCTOBER**
- 15-21: AMF World Cup, Lisbon, Portugal.
 - 20-Nov. 21: Festival of Bowling, Reno, Nev.
- NOVEMBER**
- 4-11: PWBA Sam's Town Invitational, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - 17-22: PBA Tournament of Champions, site to be announced.
- DECEMBER**
- 1-10: FIQ World Tenpin Team Cup, Carolina, P.R.
 - 12-16: USA Bowling Championships, Reno, Nev.
- Editor's note: Next bowling honor roll will appear in Thursday's Jan. 6 Observer sports editions.*

Valuable info gathered in holiday bird count

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

Over 1,800 count areas in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America and the Pacific Islands were covered.

This count period marks the 100th count year.

Christmas Bird Counts started in 1900 when Frank Chapman

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today more than 50 counts are conducted in Michigan.

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

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

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

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

season.

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

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

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

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

mented that the cardinal population is down this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Drug free ADD help

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

Stroke prevention

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

Trigeminal Neuralgia

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

OCD disorders talk

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

Healthy partners

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

We want your health news

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

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Breaking ground

St. Mary offers innovative prostate treatment

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

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

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

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

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

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

While there are a variety of options available to treat prostate cancer - including radical prostatectomy (surgical removal of the prostate), cryosurgery (freezing), External

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John Harb

— Urologist, St. Mary Hospital

Beam Radiation, and hormonal therapy — 1998 brachytherapy results collected from a 10-year study by a team of physicians at the Pacific Northwest Cancer Foundation/Northwest Hospital in Seattle concluded "brachytherapy is an effective and valid treatment for patients with clinically organ-confined prostate carcinoma."

Observed 10-year follow-up results in the current study document better biochemical disease-free survival than several reported conventional external beam irradiation series, and appears comparable to disease free results from several surgical series.

Alternative treatment

Fred McWilliams, a 77-year-old retired General Motors employee, said he's known a lot of people who've had their prostate removed due to cancer but had never even heard of brachytherapy before his urologist, Dr. Harb, proposed the procedure.

"I'd never even read anything in the paper about it," said McWilliams from his South Lyon home.

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

whose recovery outcomes are most favorable with brachytherapy as a treatment.

According to ProSeed's founding physicians, the development and refinement of real-time ultrasound guided 3-D brachytherapy implantation greatly enhances the success of brachytherapy treatments.

The targeted delivery of the "seeds" minimizes the chance of affecting nearby normal tissue while delivering enough radiation to the prostate to destroy the cancerous cells.

"The dose of radiation is about double the modern methods and is done internally without effecting non-cancerous tissue in the surrounding area," said Omar Majid, M.D., Radiation Oncology department of St. Mary Hospital. "This allows us to maximize control."

McWilliams said he underwent a biopsy and ultrasound volume study before both Harb and his oncologist, Majid, determined he was a prime candidate. The surgery was scheduled on Dec. 9 at St. Mary Hospital.

"I wasn't concerned because Dr. Harb said he had performed the procedure on more than 200 persons. It sounded pretty safe and he said I had a 97 percent chance of success. I thought that was very good," said McWilliams who

added that he read a lot of material about brachytherapy before the actual procedure.

The South Lyon senior said his downtime with the procedure was almost minimal and only experienced some localized tenderness and discomfort approximately three days following the outpatient procedure.

"It wasn't anything significant and I was only told not to do any heavy lifting," said McWilliams.

He is expected to return to St. Mary Jan. 10 to meet with Majid and again Jan. 17th with Harb. His physician will continue to monitor his PSA levels to determine if the cancer is responding to the radioactive seeds.

There are two different kinds of radioactive material used in seed implantation. The isotopes Iodine-125 and Palladium-103 are used for different kinds of tumors according to Majid. Palladium-103 releases a higher dose of radiation during a short period of time - is a faster acting seed in comparison to Iodine-125 that responds more favorably with low to medium Gleason grade tumors.

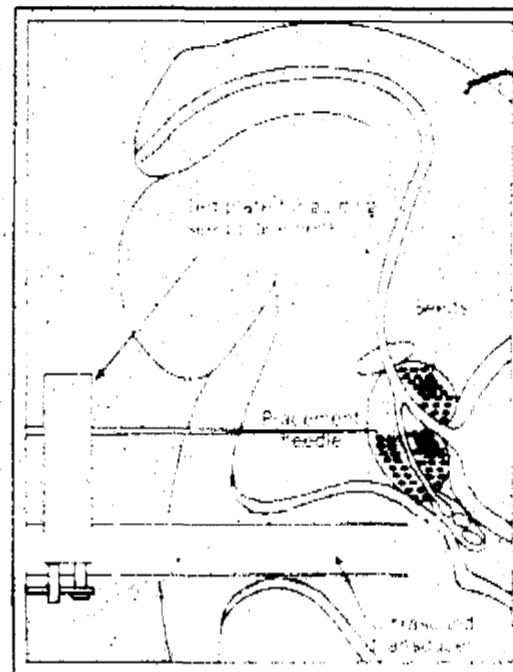
Often times doctors will use seeds in combination with hormone therapy and External Beam Radiation if the cancer is of a more aggressive nature.

As with any procedure relating to the prostate some side effects could include temporary incontinence and impotence. Harb said patients run a minimal risk.

"We are now one of the premier centers to offer real-time brachytherapy, a treatment that is becoming more common in the United States," said Harb. "The combined efforts and continuous cooperative participation between urologists and radiation oncologists are essential to the success of an implant program."

For more information visit The American Brachytherapy Society at www.brachytherapy.net or these other Web sites: www.indigomedical.com and www.proseedservice.com.

Source: Information regarding the ABC's is documented in "Cancer," Sept. 1998, a publication of the American Cancer Society.



— Source: "The ABC's of Prostate Cancer," Joseph E. Costantino, M.D. and Mark Movad, M.P.H.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Items for Health Newsmakers are welcome from all physicians, medical groups, hospitals and individuals active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Health Newsmakers, c/o The Observer News-papers, 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 liaison from Beaumont to the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The commission

reviews each institution's cancer program for conformity to established standards, and encourages participating hospitals to equip and staff themselves so that they are able to provide their patients with the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Best in class

Mercy Health Plans' Care Choices HMO of Farmington Hills was recently awarded "Best in Class" for Successful Plan/Provider Partnerships by the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAH). The award was based on Care Choices' collaboration with providers in several process-improvement initiatives in the areas of claims payment, disease management and care management.

New director

Barbara Meyer Lucas, M.D., has been promoted to corporate director, Quality and Performance Improvement, for Oakwood Healthcare System. Lucas has been a board-certified pediatrician with the Oakwood system since 1986, and most recently served as Director of Quality and Performance Improvement for the Ambulatory Services Division.

Lucas and her husband Joseph reside in Dearborn with their three children.

Volunteer efforts

Oakwood Healthcare System along with other key community representatives formed a strategic committee to redefine Oakwood's volunteer program. The strategic committee devoted countless hours to this effort and the results of their plan were recently announced at a forum presented by Oakwood. As part of the strategic

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

Appointed

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

New president

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens was recently installed as president of the American Academy on Maxillofacial Prosthetics in Philadelphia at the 47th Annual Meeting. Wiens will preside over the board of directors' interim meeting in February and at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the International Congress of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in November.

Wiens is currently attending staff at Providence Hospital and is a professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Hygienist honored

The Michigan Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA) announced that the Oakland District Dental Hygienist

Society named **Katherine Evens, RDH**, of Northville, Outstanding Dental Hygienist of the Year.

Criteria for this award include excellence in patient care, a significant contribution to their profession, service to the MDHA and their community and promotion of the profession of dental hygiene by serving as a mentor or role model.

Evens is currently working for Dr. Dennis Freeman of Livonia and Dr. Nancy Zelen of Novi.

Elected

Jeffrey Weingarten, M.D., has been voted president-elect of the Michigan Otolaryngological Society for the 2000 term. Weingarten, a six-year member of the society's executive board, is also medical director of the Voice and Communication Center at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He is also section chief of Otolaryngology at Providence.

Weingarten's medical practice for ear, nose, throat disorders has locations in Livonia, Novi, Southfield and Roseville.

New associate

Edwin C. Blumberg, D.O. was recently welcomed by A.J. Scarchilli, D.O. and P.A. Parente, D.O. to the Farmington Medical Center, P.C., a holistic family practice.

Blumberg has practiced in the Farmington area for many years. He practices full family medicine and is especially skilled in geriatrics. He says holistic medicine is of special interest to him because he has seen its benefits for many people. The Farmington Medical Center is located at 30275 W. Third, 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.



Wiens

HEALTH EXPO

Ever wondered if your medications have the potential for dangerous drug interactions? Well, here's your chance to sit down with a pharmacist and discuss drug interactions and any other issues relating to your medications.

A pharmacist will be available in the Care Choices HMO booth at the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show, held Jan. 7, 8 and 9 at the Novi Expo Center.

Visitors to the Care Choices booth

can also have their children fingerprinted by the Novi Police Department and pick up some safety tips and free giveaways. For more information, call (248) 489-6802.

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



MIKE WENDLAND

PC MIKE
Well, we made it.

The lights are still on. The water is running. The phones still work. Civilization, as we know it, is still recognizable.

We have survived Y2K.

At least, I think we have. Because as I write this it is still 1999 and I am hoping to get a late New Year's Eve flight home from Washington, D.C., where I have been covering the Y2K changeover for NBC television stations around the country.

But from all indications, the \$600 billion repair job to get corporate and governmental computer systems to be able to accurately process a date in the year 2000, has held.

To be sure, there will be some surprises in the work week ahead as this or that goes wrong because some simple hardware or software function we thought was insignificant turned out to be something more.

The technological disaster predicted by so many, however, appears to be not much more than a few bumps in the information highway.

We're okay in Y2K.

And so, as we relax in our warm homes on this first Sunday in the Year 2000, as we watch the college bowl games on TV and think about how crowded the health club will be tomorrow when we and everybody else starts to keep those New Year resolutions, let me share with you my predictions on where technology will take us in the months ahead.

E-COMMERCE SHAKEOUT COMING

Let's start with e-commerce and the Internet.

Watch the TV commercials during the weekend football

games. How many advertisers have dot com in their name? Just about every one, right? Here's my first prediction: By the end of 2000, there won't be so many. I see a huge shakeout coming in many of these noisy Internet companies now hawking their Web sites.

The Internet will not support every business, every enterprise that thinks it will instantly prosper by putting a www in front of its name. Being a successful e-commerce venture is going to take a new kind of marketing expertise that is based on a new reality.

The balance of power has shifted. It is the buyers who now have the power. They now can easily comparison shop between thousands of online merchants who have what they want.

The retailers no longer have a captive audience of shoppers inside brick and mortar stores who are basically insulated from knowing what else is out there. Few e-commerce Web sites realize this. Yet.

INTERNET AS MASS MEDIA

The Internet is still evolving. We're not sure exactly where it's going. But we do know that it is becoming an increasingly important source of news and information. In Toronto, a local TV station has changed its newscast so it looks like an Internet Web site. The net is routinely now out-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 to connect. As broadband becomes more accessible, competition will lower access charges.

THE CONNECTED CAR

General Motors now has a division called e-GM. They talk about "e-vehicles." Ford is doing the same thing. So is Visteon. Intel and Microsoft have invested millions in micro-processors and operating systems tailored specifically for the automobile. Over the next year, I predict that the next high tech status symbol will be having e-mail and Internet connectivity behind the wheel.

WIRELESS PHONES WILL RULE

The wireless phone revolution is in full motion. Though there are still some protocol issues the industry needs to straighten out, this year will see the end of cellular and the total domination of digital wireless phones. Many of us will soon use a wireless phone as our main phone. And they'll replace pagers, too, offering up e-mail retrieval and "Web clip-pings" of stock prices, sports scores and breaking news from the Internet. The technology is already in place. This will be the year it catches on.

HANDHELD COMPUTER WARS

The battle between Windows CE and the 3Com-Palm operating system for handheld computers and personal digital assistants will rage back and forth all year. Microsoft won't give up easily as it tries to rescue its moribund CE system with flashier and faster features. Palm will counter with more powerful applications written specifically for handhelds as it also releases its first color screen. Handspring, a new company started by the couple who invented 3Com's Palm, will sell lots of its new Visor handhelds, further bolstering Palm's marketshare because it uses the same operating system.

PC PRICES WILL HOLD STEADY

They can't get much lower. The so-called free PC trend will slow down as consumers balk at having to sign up for long-term Internet access contracts.

PC SPEEDS WILL SKYROCKET

By late summer, we'll see 1,000 Megabyte, or 1 Gigabyte, Pentium III processors from Intel. Advanced Micro Devices, Intel's chief rival, will still struggle to keep up, but will secure a loyal following of users who know when enough is enough and that most PC users don't need anything faster than 500 MHz.

IMACS AND IBOOKS WILL SELL FAST

Apple Computer will continue to turn around and make money because of the growing popularity of its innovative and gaudily-colored, delightfully uncomplicated machines.

MICROSOFT, AOL AND TECH STOCKS

Microsoft won't be broken up but will voluntarily spin-off some of its many operations. Its stock will split yet again before summer. AOL will hit 30 million subscribers. Prodigy, CompuServe and MSN will falter and barely hang on. Tech stocks will cool off dramatically.

VIRTUAL WORK

By the end of the year, ten percent of the workforce will do their jobs from virtual offices, at home or on the road, using the Internet, collaborative software and two-way video to do much of their work. Many more of us will spend a day or two a week working out of home offices.

Y2K promises to be as exciting as this year. But making it even better will be the fact that now that we've made it into 2000, we will be spared all the Y2K computer bug hysteria.

Happy New Year everyone.

Mike Wendland covers computers and technology for NBC Television stations across the country. He also hosts a weekend call-in radio show called "PC Talk" on WXYT, Talkradio 1270. He can be reached through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

NEWBORN CLASS
Infant care classes, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," Jan. 6, from 7-9 p.m. Fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

AIDS COUNSELING
Premarital/AIDS marriage counseling, Jan. 8, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 655-8940.

ONGOING

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
Adult Children of Alcoholics and dysfunctional families gather everyday for 12 step support group meetings in the metro area. To find a meeting near you call (248) 988-0873 or write: ACA, P.O. Box 401483, Redford, MI 48240-9489, for information.

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

EATING DISORDER
A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call (734) 458-4330.

STRESSED FOR SUCCESS
Stressed for Success, a three-week program every Tuesday starting Jan. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No fee. Call (734) 655-8940.

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DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP call (734) 458-4330.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-4330.

FOCUS ON LIVING
Focus on Living (a cancer support group, Jan. 5, from 7-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 655-8940

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
Menopause support group.

MON, JAN. 10

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

GERONTOLOGY COURSES
Madonna University will offer two gerontology courses - "Introduction to Case Management Practice," will be held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 and will conclude Jan. 31. This course will examine a framework of case management practices. The non-credit fee is \$100. The workshop "Developing and Monitoring Care in Case Management Practice," will be held on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. beginning Feb. 7 through Feb. 28 and again on Monday, March 13. This course will provide students with the ability to research, plan, pay for, monitor and evaluate services using a community-based care management model. The non-credit fee is \$100. Call (734) 432-5731 to register.

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

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Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad# 1024

SEEKING A SOUL MATE

This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a pleasant relationship. Ad# 7775

FOCUS HERE

This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1706

HEART OF GOLD

Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad# 1237

FOR KEEPS

This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar interests. Ad# 4240

BIG-HEARTED

This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1361

A SIMPLE REQUEST

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

STILL SEARCHING

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad# 4444

FOCUS HERE

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

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION

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

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN

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

GOOD COMPANY

Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time; her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad# 9438

NEW HORIZONS

Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

FAITH & HOPE

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

MEET YOU HALFWAY

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

REBUILDING HER LIFE

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

JUST US

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

CIRCLE THIS

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

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS

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

BORN-AGAIN

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

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

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

TO THE POINT

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

VIVACIOUS

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

LOVES THE LORD

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

LIFE GOES ON

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

HERE SHE IS...

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

IS IT YOU?

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

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWCF mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

HEAVEN SENT

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

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

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

THE BEST THERE IS

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

END MY SEARCH

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

SIMPLY PUT

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

IS IT FATE?

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

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWCF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

A RARE FIND

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

A RARE FIND

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

UP FOR IT ALL

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

LISTEN TO ME

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

NEVER-MARRIED

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

WANT TO HEAR MORE?

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

A REAL TRUE HEART

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

HEAVEN SENT

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

DYNAMITE CHARACTER

Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCFM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown 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 WWCFM dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad# 7999

GIVE DAD A CALL

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

WORTH A TRY

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

AGED TO PERFECTION

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

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE

Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWFPM, 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 A MESSAGE

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

CELEBRATE LIFE

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

A GOOD MAN

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

CONTACT ME

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

SHORT BUT SWEET

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

A PEACEFUL MAN

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

AN ANGEL

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

INTERESTED

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

JOYS OF LIFE

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

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME

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

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Never-married SWPF, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 1260

WALK DOWN THE AISLE

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

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND

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

GOD IS FIRST

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

SEARCHING

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

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

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

ONLY THE BEST

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

IT'S FATE

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

COMMON BOND

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

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT

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

HONESTY COUNTS

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

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

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

DOWN-TO-EARTH

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

FAITH & DEVOTION

Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF under 37, N/S. Ad# 1111

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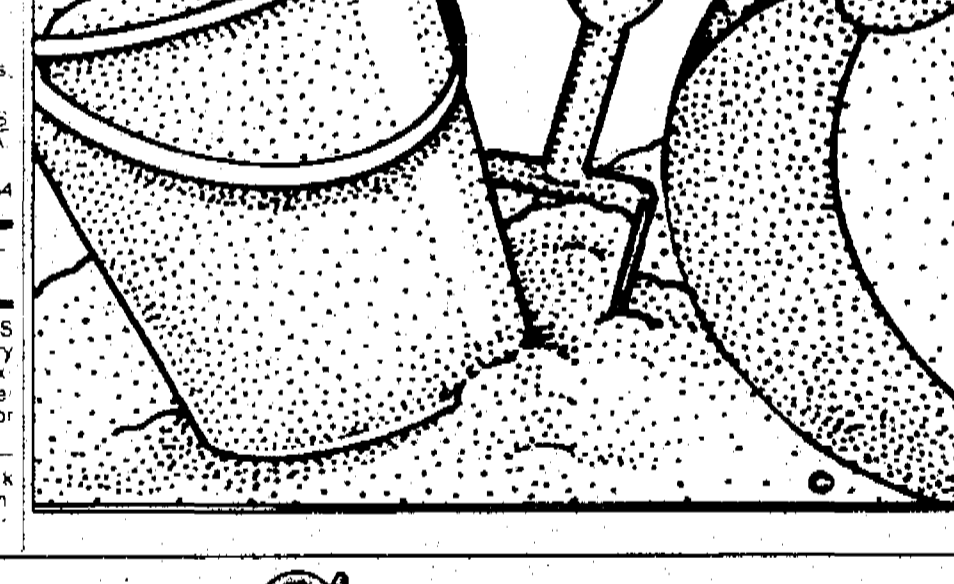
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Shade-tree mechanics suffering in computer age

BY KEN VAN-STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

As automakers add expensive technology to enhance the performance of new cars, do-it-yourselfers and hobbyist mechanics are getting squeezed out of the equation.

"It's virtually impossible for the average person to do trouble-shooting," said Ted Moraitis, Service Manager at Jack Cauley Chevrolet, 7020 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Moraitis explained that while service people are equipped with special equipment and computers costing thousands of dollars, the average person wouldn't even know how to operate that gear.

"Someone at home wouldn't have the tools to perform diagnostic work, and even if they did buy those tools, they have to be programmed and they would have to undergo hours of training just to learn how to operate them," he said.

Pressure to increase vehicle's fuel economy and performance have been the contributing factors to the rise of computer-controlled components, according to Moraitis.

"Car companies are under a lot of pressure from the EPA with increasing emissions regulations. That's been a real factor in all of this," Moraitis said.

Veterans of the automobile maintenance industry are very familiar with the frustration incomprehensible technology can generate for the driveway mechanic.

"I've seen people buying a lot of stuff they don't need because they don't have a \$6,000 laptop to perform a diagnostic test," said Dennis Razz, a certified mechanic and manager of Hartnuth Auto Parts, 20723 Evergreen Road.

Repair bills can skyrocket because of trial-and-error techniques that have taken the place of high tech computer components and performance tests.

Razz explained that many auto problems encountered today are due to faulty computer sensors, which cost upwards of \$100 each to replace.

"We see people all the time come in and buy the wrong thing, then they



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It's no game: Jim Cook, a service technician at Jack Cauley Chevrolet, reads the responses from a Tech 2, a hand-held computer that interfaces with the computers in the car to diagnose problems. The use of such computers puts engine repair out of the reach of your backyard garage mechanics.

come back a half an hour later and buy a different sensor. People end up buying a lot of stuff they don't need," Razz said.

But then there are those who tinker under the hood, not to save money or because they have to, but just because they enjoy it. What will become of the old-fashioned car enthusiast in the computer age?

"You can still modify or add to a car, you just have to know ahead of time what you intend to do and how you can do it. That's why a lot of people collect and modify older cars, because they were built simpler," said Berry Hensel, a Canton resident and president of a Detroit-area club for Camaro collectors.

Hensel, who designs powertrains for General Motors, has been working on cars for more than 20 years. He's seen a lot of designs come and go, and

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

"If you've enjoyed tinkering all your life and you get a brand new car, you just can't anymore. Your basic tune up is pretty much gone for the shade-tree mechanic," Hensel said.

Many collectors choose late model cars that were built before technological gadgets became commonplace. Sometimes, they just have to get creative under the hood.

"I once had a 1983 Malibu that I was trying to change the spark plugs on. I eventually realized that I would have to take the right front wheel off to get up and under at the plugs, they were so tucked under there," Hensel said.

The good news is that cars actually require a lot less maintenance today than they did ten years ago because of

increasing precision in production techniques. Jobs like Hensel's spark plug replacement rarely even need to be done on modern automobiles.

"Most manufacturers have taken a lot of the basic maintenance out of the cars. Spark plug are good up to 100,000 miles, many cars don't need tune ups for that long, either," Moraitis said.

But when those maintenance-saving devices break-down, owners who aren't tech-savvy sometimes get highly irritated.

"How can I explain to someone who doesn't know what I'm talking about that their car is in a bind because of a broken sensor. The only thing that matters to them is that they're sitting next to a tow truck driver," Moraitis explained.

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'48 Chevy Fleetmaster convertible was a handsome post-war car

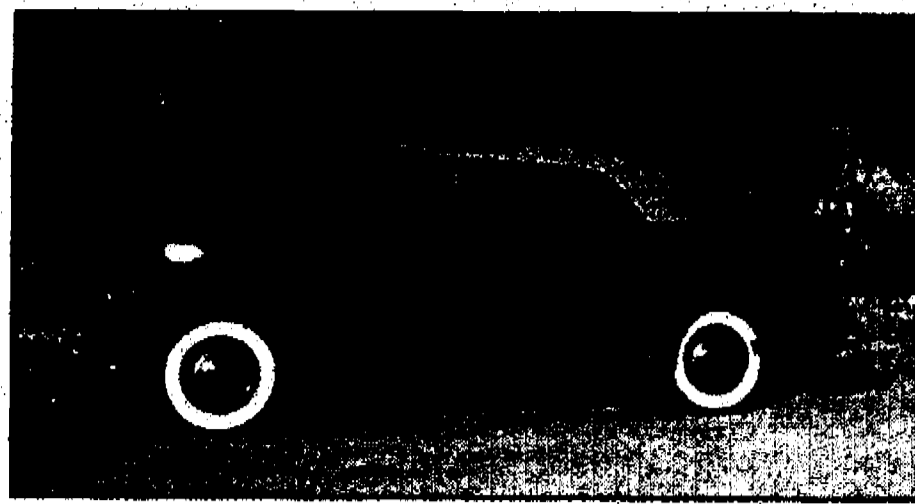
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The 1948 Chevy was a handsome car. It wasn't low slung and modern like the first post-war Studebakers, or streamlined like the contemporary Packard, but it certainly was handsome. This car was the last chapter in the history of a model line that started in mid-1941.

By 1946 America needed new cars. The old ones were worn out and replacement parts were in short supply. Most of the American manufacturers just started cranking out facelifted '42 models. Chevy installed a wider, less fussy grille and started selling all they could build. The '47 Chevrolets sported an even wider, much more attractive grille and some cleaner, more up-to-date side trim. Sales were booming. Chevy set an all-time convertible sales record when it

produced 28,443 units. But the Chevy started to look old by 1948. The '48 was the last and the best of its pre-war line. Chevrolet's venerable 216 cu.in. six had finally been updated with precision-type main bearings instead of the old rough fit and reamers, and a vacuum assist for the three speed column mounted shifter. In total, 776,000 Chevys were built that year before the lines were shut down to re-tool for the all-new 1949 models.

This particular Drive 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 re-assembled, using all new rubber and hardware. The rebuilt running gear was installed into a newly painted metallic maroon body. The interior features red leather seats while the power top is covered in tan. Options include the vacuum shift, a spotlight, and a rare set of factory 15" wheels painted body color and correctly detailed with beige striping.

The Classic Drive

This is not my first time

around the block in a '48 Chevy. In 1965, I bought a nifty Fleetline Aerosedan (fastback) from the local butcher in Menlo Park, CA for \$75. Drove it to Woodside High - and to visit my girlfriend on weekends. She had moved over 35 miles away and in the Chevy, with its maximum safe cruising speed of 50 MPH, it felt like a hundred miles. I used the hand throttle as a primitive cruise control and watched the VW vans fly past. My '48 might have been slow but it never once let me down.

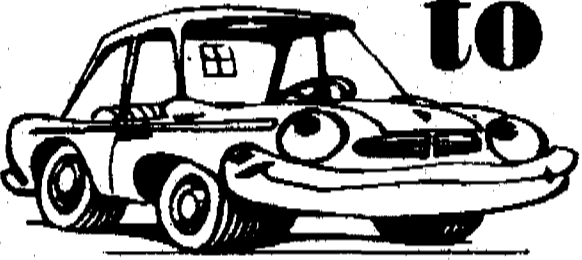
A '48 Chevrolet somehow appears larger than it really is. It's high, the doors are big and heavy, and all of the styling components are large. The hood is big and so are the fenders if you count the part that is attached to the door. Still, if you park one next to a Chevy from the mid-'50s, the '48 looks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

compact. Quite an illusion.

This is one of those "armchair" cars that remind one of sitting in grandma's salon. I grabbed onto that bigger-than-life, white steering wheel, tugged the shifter into neutral and pressed my toe down on the floor mounted starter pedal. The little stovetop hardly cranked, and ticked right over - just like my old fastback (damn, I wish I hadn't sold that car!). The fully instrumented dash sprung to life, the little needles jumping to their appropriate places.

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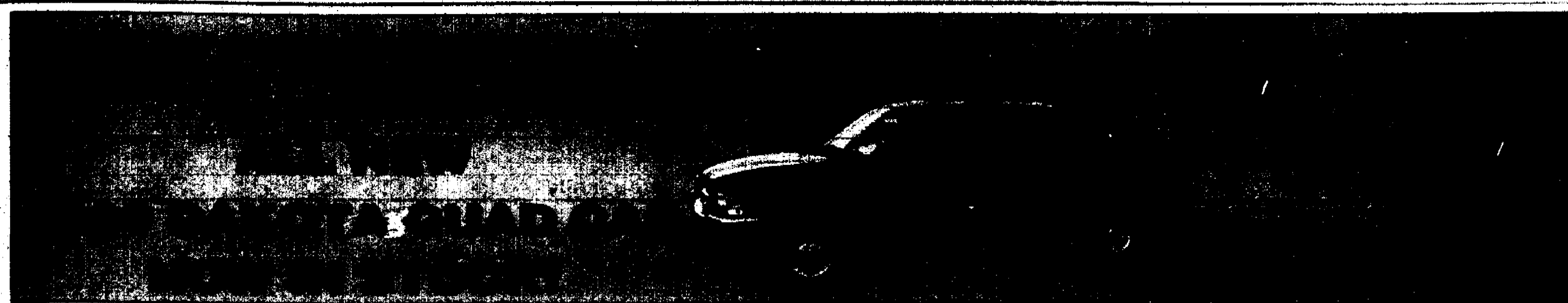
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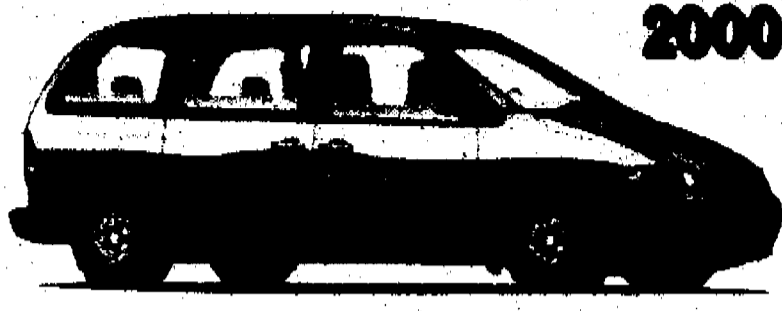
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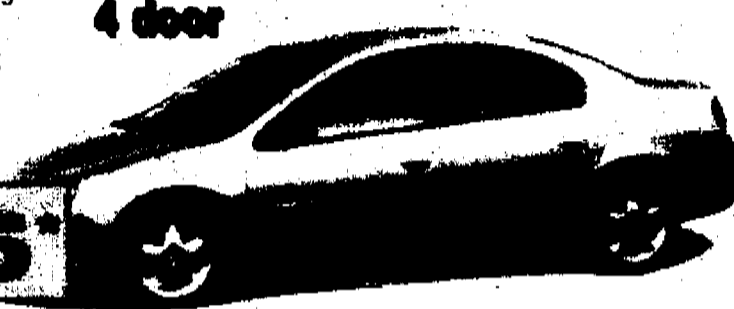
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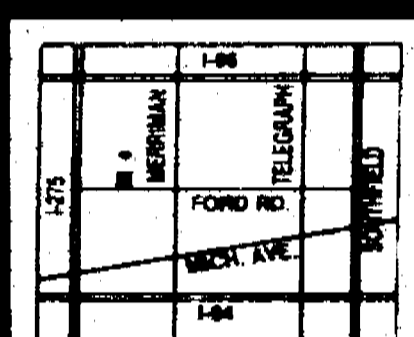


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