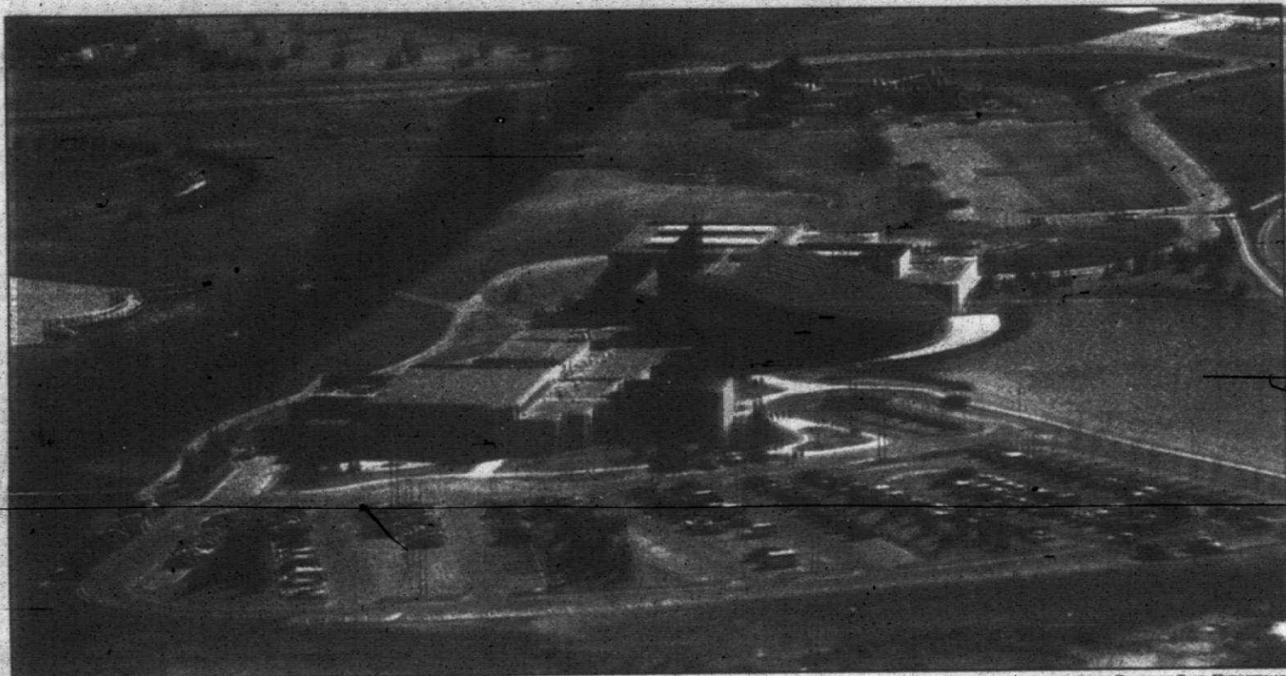


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Landmarks: An aerial view of Summit on the Park, looking eastward. A new ice arena and indoor soccer complex, along with a regional performing arts center, could join the community center as Canton landmarks in the new millennium.

CHALLENGE FOR THE MILLENNIUM



"The educational system. I think we've got to find a different way to fund it."

- Linda Bedard



"Growth in Canton. I think it's making traffic worse."

- Robin Kent



"I think the kids' safety and security. I see a lot of kids out in the streets after 11 p.m."

- Al Dayag



"A lot of buildings are going up. I think they should be planting more trees."

- Mary Minton



"We need more neighborhoods and to focus on the environment."

- Sarah Haske

2000: MORE GROWTH ON HORIZON

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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For Canton, the more things change over the next decade the more they'll stay the same.

According to officials, the township will become more ethnically diverse, technology will play an increased role in crime prevention and Michigan Avenue could become a second hub for business in the community.

But for all that change, officials say, Canton will remain largely the same as it is today. Population will continue to increase, roads will be clogged and subdivisions will be the dominant form of development.

"Roads are a problem," Supervisor Tom Yack said. "But I don't think we'll really have an understanding of how big a problem

until Beck Road and Morton Taylor are finished."

By this time next year, Beck will be paved from Ford Road south to Cherry Hill. The extension of Morton Taylor, from Warren Road to Ford, should also be complete.

Yack thinks the road work will help alleviate traffic problems, at least temporarily.

"Five years from now," he said, "the whole issue of roads will come back up."

The township's continued residential growth, of course, fuels the problem.

In 1990, 57,047 people called Canton home. The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments estimated the population at 74,674 in December - a jump of 30.8 percent.

Canton currently stands as the 16th most populous town in Michigan and fifth in Wayne County. By

2010, Yack thinks the township will trail only Detroit and Livonia.

Canton, he adds, is becoming increasingly a bedroom community.

The township is 77.26 percent residential, which represents a 5-percent increase from 1990. Commercial dropped to 4 percent in the same time frame and industrial held its own at 7.6 percent.

Yack thinks developments like Cherry Hill Village will set the tone for the metropolitan area.

"I think Cherry Hill will capture people's imagination not only in Canton," he said, "but nationally."

Business

Few dispute that Ford Road will continue to be Canton's economic Main Street.

Tim Ford, who has run the Modern Insurance Agency for 15 years, says businesses must be in close proximity to Ford to survive. While

he doesn't believe that will change much in the next few years, he thinks north-south roads like Haggerty, Lilley and Sheldon will become more important.

Ford sees such retail and commercial development as a positive asset.

"More and more residents are finding their service and retail needs are being served by local businesses," he commented. "They don't have to go to Plymouth or Westland any more."

Public Safety

The number one crime in Canton today is theft. Cars, homes and construction sites are frequent targets of break-ins and larcenies.

Without the addition of a major regional shopping mall or shift in community demographics, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro doesn't believe that trend will change.

1999: A LOOK BACK AT CANTON'S TOP STORIES

Snow go: January blizzard freezes Canton commuters

Controversy blew in New Year's weekend when a snow storm dumped more than a foot of snow on Canton and surrounding communities.

Slow response from Wayne County road crews left some major roads unplowed and just about impassable for 48 hours. "It's not acceptable that two days after the storm we see (the first) orange truck," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The storm shut local schools for two days and additional snow and ice build-up eventually led to the collapse of a portion of the roof at the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road.



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Shovel duty: Mary Ziobro digs out her father's car at the Holiday Estates mobile home park following the Jan. 2-3 snow storm. Dad Tony Topolsky looks on.

Schools: Fifth graders head to Space Camp

Fifth-graders from 14 elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district joined students from Van Buren and Taylor schools at Space Camps in Florida, Georgia and California.

The trips were made possible by a \$2.5 million donation from an anonymous benefactor.

The first group, from Isbister School, was accompanied by chaperones and Observer reporter Tony Bruscato. They spent six days learning all aspects of space and flight before returning home.

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



FILE PHOTO BY TONY BRUSCATO

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

Random shooting: Pair goes on Palmer Road spree

Two Canton men, Zachary Scott Woodby and Timothy Regan Boster, went on a random shooting spree with an AK-47 assault rifle June 25 as they walked up and down Palmer Road.

Canton resident Dawn Davis amazingly escaped serious injury when her car was struck by several rounds as she drove home from her job at a Domino's Pizza store in Wayne.

Several homes and a day care center were also hit in the 2:30 a.m. incident.

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Near miss: Dawn Davis of Canton shows some of the damage to her car after the random shooting spree.

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Deadline passes, officials ponder next WTUA move

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Monday's deadline for written assurance from Ypsilanti Township to the Western Township Utilities Authority that it will not pursue land use designation changes for a 34.5-acre parcel next month came and went without a response.

Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships asked the municipality, which is the key player in the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority, for a "show of good faith."

In return, WTUA was willing to pledge in writing that it would not pursue litigation which would force Ypsilanti Township to accept site plans for a wastewater treatment plant on the 34.5-acre parcel.

WTUA Operations Manager Tim Faas said township officials ignored the request, which was made via fax on Dec. 21 and followed up with a written note.

"It doesn't surprise me," said Faas. "In my opinion this is not a good indicator for future negotiations."

A special meeting of WTUA's board is planned for next week. Faas said the authority is rapidly running out of time for talk.

"A decision has to be made," he commented. "We need to com-

mit on a course of action."

WTUA currently sends about nine million gallons of waste water to Ypsilanti. Other flows go to Detroit.

YCUA's plant, located in Ypsilanti Township, has a current capacity of 29 million gallons per day. WTUA's flows are expected to rise well beyond that capacity within five years.

The local authority has been left with the options of helping Ypsilanti expand or build its own treatment facility.

In September, WTUA voted for the later at a cost of about \$130 million. But those plans were put on hold for a last-ditch negotiation effort with Ypsilanti.

"Talks have been on-going since then, but yielded few results."

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, WTUA has three options:

- Build its own plant. He said it would likely be the most expensive route.
- "It would be very time consuming," Yack adds, "because of the various lawsuits at every step" from Ypsilanti Township.
- Continue to negotiate with YCUA about expansion.

"Most people on WTUA's side, however, aren't sure if further talks would do any good. Faas noted that negotiations have

Orlo Maxfield, 80, was fixture at township's Mettetal Airport

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Canton's aviation community has lost a familiar face.

Orlo Maxfield, a fixture at Mettetal Airport for more than three decades, died Dec. 21 of natural causes. He was 80 years old.

The Northville resident flew for more than half a century. His love affair with aviation began as an 8-year-old listening to the exploits of Charles Lindbergh on radio. It remained with him to his final days when his son took him flying in his "Funk" propeller plane.

"We went on weekends or evenings, whenever the weather was good," said John Maxfield, a Daimeer-Chrysler pilot. "It was just for fun and recreation. Dad was always fascinated with aviation."

He was a charter member of Chapter 113 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, which is based at Mettetal. The group celebrates aviation through flying, building and other activities.

"Orlo will be sorely missed by our chapter members," said 113 President Al Bosonetto. "Our younger members thought of him as a father and older members as a friend."

Maxfield grew up in Detroit. Besides listening to news reports about Lindbergh, he took other interests in flying.

"His sister used to read stories to him about missionaries," his son said, "and how they used airplanes."

Maxfield enlisted and served in the United States Army Air



High flyer: Orlo Maxfield at the controls of his Funk propeller plane.

Force during World War II. He was stationed in Dayton, Ohio, as an airplane crew chief.

It was his job to maintain aircraft such as the B17 and B29 bombers. Prior to the war, Maxfield helped craft the Corsair fighter, which proved to be one of America's best.

After the war, he returned to his job as a Ford Motor Co. process engineer. Maxfield was responsible for turning designs into functional automobiles.

"He loved his work there," said John Maxfield. "It gave him great balance in his life."

He worked 52 years for the company and was a graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School.

Maxfield continued to pursue his aviation hobby throughout his life.

He bought the Funk in 1958 and spent years restoring and flying it. In 1995, Maxfield won the Reserve Grand Champion Classic award from the EAA for the plane.

His son said he never pushed

his love of flying on him.

"That wasn't his goal," said John Maxfield. "He just wanted to introduce me to it. In fact, he didn't want me to be a pilot. He wanted me to work at Ford."

Funeral services for Maxfield were held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Northville. Interment will take place in Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.

Survivors include wife Virginia of Northville; daughters Sheila Wade of Farmington Hills, Claudia Maxfield of Dearborn, Kate Cox of Streetsboro, Ohio, and Linda Brus of Clawson; sons Louis Maxfield of Young, Ariz., Ted Maxfield of Trenton and John Maxfield of Northville. He had three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113.



Dance committee: Those involved in putting together this year's The Coming Home Dance include: (back row) Matt Salah, Brendan Kownacki, Tina Stoilkovic, Shirley Hu, Julie Patterson, David Luick, Leha Chmielecki, Jeremy Bloch, Kathy McKeon; (second row) Nicole Kownacki, Jessica Sandoval, Ashley Corney, Preety Bagri, Sana Khan, Victoria Williams, Katy Prew, Anna Carr; (front row) Sameer Dohadwala, Megan Bohr, March Bradley, Danielle Smith, Carol Liu, Kristen Thomas, Shirley Ma, Rasha Patel, and Mary-Mei.

First 'Coming Home Dance' is Jan. 8 for Salem, Canton

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

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

"I went to a leadership conference last year and saw how other schools did well with a mid-winter dance," said Matt Salah, Salem senior council

president. "It was successful in Northville, and I hope it will be here, too."

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

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

CANTON CONNECTION

Chamber luncheon
Radio personality and motivational speaker Mark "Doc" Andrews will be the guest speaker Wednesday at the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The chamber will also install officers, new and returning board members for 2000 at the luncheon, scheduled for noon at the Summit Corridor Moving Systems and L.J. Griffin Funeral Home are the co-sponsors.

Andrews, of WOMC-FM, will speak on "An Inspirational Message for the New Year."

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 453-4040 by Monday.

DARE graduations
Bryan Finnerty, goalkeeper for the Detroit Rockets soccer team, will be the guest speaker at graduations for DARE classes from Walker-Winter, Eriksson and Gallimore schools this week at Summit on the Park.

The graduation ceremonies are set for 7 p.m. Tuesday (Walker-Winter), Wednesday (Eriksson) and Thursday (Gallimore).

Business briefs
Canton businesses and professionals have had notable accomplishments in recent weeks. They include:

- Dentist Jack Falvo, who recently completed post-graduate dental training at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.
- AT & T Wireless, which has opened its latest store at 43241 Ford Road, on the corner of Morton Taylor Road.
- United Home Health Services, which has achieved accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health-care Organizations.

Substitute teachers get raise

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

"It's tough to get subs, and it will continue to be tough to get subs," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent of employee relations and personnel.

"We need to be competitive with the salaries of other districts."

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

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

district \$30,000 for the second semester.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Plymouth Church of Christ sets January classes

The Plymouth Church of Christ will hold a series of classes on spiritual issues beginning this month.

"EXODUS from Strongholds" begins with a free orientation session 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 9301 Sheldon Road.

A second free orientation, for the church's "Weigh Down" program, is 7 p.m. Jan. 12. Call (734) 453-7630 for information.

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CLARIFICATION

A story in Thursday's Observer-Eccentric... had said the special meeting by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to vote on the contract for a new school superintendent will be held at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the E. J. McClelland Educational Center in Plymouth.

Newcomers meeting set

The Canton Newcomers will host Jazzercise instructor Fred Mintz for the group's first meeting of 2000.

Mintz will discuss exercise and nutrition with members and guests of the women's club 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford. Call (734) 451-5426 for information.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT W. FRANZ
Services for Robert W. Franz, 53, of Canton were Dec. 22 at Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Moore officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

He was born Aug. 20, 1946. He died Dec. 19 in Canton. He was a supervisor.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Bridgett.

Survivors include his wife, Jill; four daughters, Margaret (Dave) Lewis, Debbie Turner, Jessica, Melissa; one son, James; one sister, Louise Sundquist; one brother, Richard; and three granddaughters, Nataley Lewis, Nicolette Lewis, and Alexandra Lewis.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

RAYMOND TEASLEY
Services for Raymond Teasley, 89, of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Westland, were Dec. 23 at Vermulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Gilbert Lee Sanders officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery of Livonia.

Mr. Teasley was born Jan. 1, 1910, in Cobb County, Ky., and died Dec. 20 in Delray Beach, Fla.

Mr. Teasley was a machinist and a resident of the Detroit area for more than 60 years. He was married to the former Pauline Rogers for 67 years and belonged to the Livonia Baptist Church.

Mr. Teasley was preceded in death by his father, Norman I. Teasley; mother, Eva Teasley; and daughter, Eve Norina DeMand of Plymouth.

Mr. Teasley is survived by his wife Pauline of Delray Beach, Fla.; daughter C. Sue (Jerry) Medley; sister Ernestine Ladd of Princeton, Ky.; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Livonia Baptist Church building fund, 32540 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

DOROTHY E. SCHMITT
Services for Dorothy E. Schmitt, 88, of Plymouth were Dec. 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial of cremation remains was in Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery of Rockwood, Mich.

Mrs. Schmitt was born May 2, 1911, in Detroit and died Dec. 22 in Howell.

She was a homemaker who came to Plymouth in 1981. She crocheted using hair pin lace and donated her handwork to the Salvation Army. She played the piano. She played bingo at the Plymouth Elks Club, VFW hall and the Knights of Columbus hall.

Mrs. Schmitt is survived by two daughters, Mary Pionkowska of Howell, Margaret (Jerry) Van Berkel of Plymouth; two sons, Joseph (Darlene) Schmitt of Detroit, John (Sandra) Schmitt of Plymouth; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Salvation Army.

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

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

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

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Canton 1999: Changes big and small usher out the century

The last year of the millennium was a busy one in still-growing Canton Township. As Canton residents and businesses enter 2000 they will find development and education still topping the township agenda.

But there was plenty of other news in 1999. From weather - winter snow and summer wind wreaked havoc - to Space Camp, to new faces in familiar places, the Observer's pages were filled with triumph and tragedy.

Here's a look back at the people and events that brought the curtain down on 20th century Canton:

January
■ Backed by a state Supreme Court ruling, Plymouth-Canton school officials will sell bonds for construction of new elementary and high schools originally approved by voters in 1997. Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva says he will take his lawsuit against the election (in which more than 700 improper absentee votes couldn't be counted) to the federal courts. Vorva eventually dropped the suit.
■ The worst blizzard in years dumped more than a foot of snow on Canton during Jan. 2-3. Slow response from Wayne County road crews left Ford, Warren, Lilley, Sheldon and other major roads unplowed for 48 hours and closed Plymouth-Canton schools for two days.
■ It's not acceptable that two days after the storm we see (the first) orange trucks," says Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. Once tempers settled down, township and county officials scheduled a series of meetings to address the snow-clearing issue and come up with a better plan for future storms.
■ Weighted down by a heavy accumulation of ice and snow, a large section of the roof at the Golden Gate Shopping Center collapsed on Jan. 12. Insurance problems delayed repairs for months and a number of tenants - including Bob's of Canton supermarket - moved from the center at Joy and Lilley. Others like Canton Coney Island are expected to reopen soon.

February
■ A fire destroys eight apartments and leaves residents homeless at Canton Crossings. Resident Eric Johnson is distraught, but believed there are no injuries. "It's OK. It's only stuff (destroyed belongings). It can be replaced."
■ Plans are announced for a \$15 million expansion of Summit on the Park. Enlarged fitness area, renovated family locker room and more meeting facilities will be paid for with a combination of local money and a state grant.
■ The planned site for a two-sheet ice arena, indoor soccer fields and a golf dome is changed from Haggerty Road to the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue, which is now owned by the township.
■ Residents in Canton's Royal Pointe subdivision voice concerns about the construction of a charter school in their neighborhood. Backers of the school eventually withdraw their site plan when it becomes clear it won't win township approval.

March
■ Students from Isbister school are the first in the Plymouth-Canton district to visit Space Camp in Titusville, Fla. An anonymous donor will foot the bill for every fifth-grader in Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Taylor to go to Space Camp during 1999. "I think I've got a better appreciation of space," student Kim Olech of Canton said as she returned from the trip.
■ Chuck Little, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent, announces he will resign

in August to take a job at Indiana University. The district will eventually hire a search firm to begin the process of finding a replacement.
April
■ A 450,000-square-foot warehouse and light-manufacturing center on Michigan Avenue - the first of several mega-buildings planned by Ashley Capital - is ready for tenants.
■ Canton police say they inadvertently erased a disc containing recorded 911 calls, including one which was the subject of a complaint by local resident Kim Masdry. An internal investigation concludes the disc was erased by accident.
■ In a pre-emptive move, the Canton Township Board of Trustees OKs an ordinance intended to make it very difficult for adult bookstores or other sexually-oriented businesses to set up shop in the township.

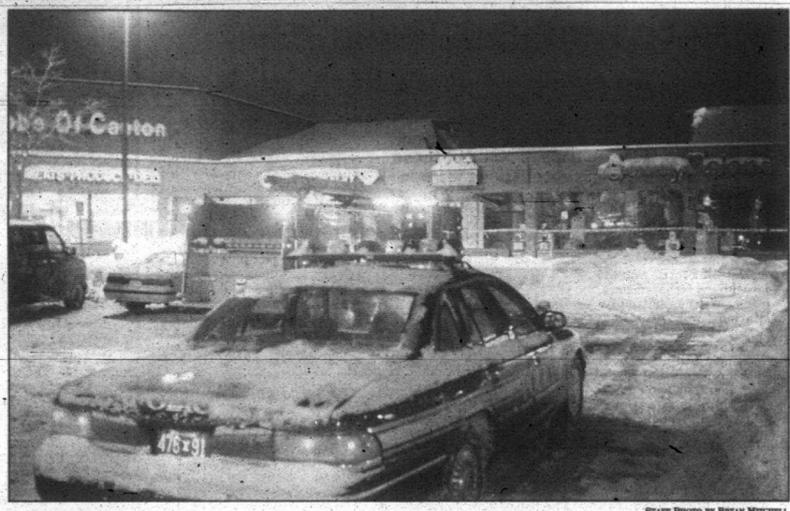
May
■ The Sheldon Road center that houses the Canton Community Foundation and several social service agencies could be razed for a new building on the same site. The Human Services Center was remodeled in 1997.
■ A ceremonial groundbreaking is held for the new 35th District Courthouse, although earlier work began in March. The courthouse to replace the one destroyed by a July 1997 fire is scheduled for completion in May 2000.
■ Canton officials meet with Biltmors Properties developers over three days in a design workshop for Cherry Hill Village - a new urban style development that will include 1,200 homes, retail shops and municipal buildings.

June
■ Canton Cinema will add two screens - for a total of eight - in a remodeling project. The theater was recently sold by General Cinema to the Grand Rapids-based Goodrich Quality Theaters.
■ Mark Slavens and Steve Guile win spots on the Plymouth-Canton school board, ousting incumbents Carrie Blamer and Mike Maloney. "The key was union support. I think there's a lot of dissatisfaction out there," Guile says.
■ A second Home Depot store is coming to Canton. The new store will anchor a 300,000-square-foot retail center on Michigan Avenue. The Ford Road Home Depot will remain open for business, company officials say.
■ A distraught Canton man holds police at bay for more than five hours inside a home in a new subdivision near Geddes and Beck. He eventually surrenders without incident.
■ Great weather and added attractions draw a record 60,000 for the annual fireworks display and thousands more to the four-day Liberty Fest.

July
■ Canton resident Dawn Davis miraculously escapes serious injury when her drive home is interrupted by a random shooting spree by two gun-toting men along Palmer Road. Zachary Scott Woody, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, both of Canton, face multiple charges for the incident in

September
■ A preliminary OK by Canton trustees to look at land for a new wastewater treatment plant draws sharp reaction from Plymouth Township officials. Before the year ends, all three Western Wayne Township Utilities Authority communities plan to break off from the Ypsilanti plant and build a new facility.
■ Canton teen Alisha Roberson, a passenger in a car on I-96, is killed when the driver loses control and the car drives up the embankment and crashes on Schoollcraft. Driver Sarah Cuppici faces charges in the accident, in which the driver and other occupants were allegedly sniffing an inhalant before the crash.
■ The creation of a Leisure Services Department highlights Canton's budget for fiscal 2000.

October
■ Convicted killer Charles Fisher is denied parole. Fisher, who was tried four times, is serving time in a Muskegon prison for second-degree murder in connection with the 1984 slaying of his wife, Maria Mercado Fisher, in their Canton Township home.
■ Two teachers say they will file grievances after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials forced the dismantling of a showcase at



Roof collapse: The heavy accumulation of ice and snow led to the partial collapse of the roof at the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Jan. 12. Some businesses eventually left the center and others are still waiting to reopen.



Gay display: A controversial showcase at West Middle School (left) and a bulletin board at Salem High School, both focusing on Gay History Month, were dismantled in October on orders of interim Superintendent Ken Walcott.

which they shot at cars, homes and other buildings with automatic weapons.
■ Ken Walcott, a retired superintendent from Mona Shores, Mich., begins his tenure as interim superintendent in Plymouth-Canton. "I don't plan on being a lame duck superintendent. I would like to do as much as I can in the coming six months to make Plymouth-Canton schools a better place," he says.
■ The Canton Township Board of Trustees earmarks \$27,000 for a second study of a proposed performing arts center in the community.
■ High winds during violent thunderstorms on July 23 bring down a 75-foot swing attached to a strip mall on Ford Road. There are no injuries.

August
■ Paul Myks, a Canton man piloting a Beech King Air 65A90 for a sky diving club out of Marine City Airport in Cottleville Township, Mich., is killed along with nine sky divers when the plane crashes on take-off.
■ A debate rages on the site for the planned third high school. Should it be built on Beck Road, apart from the current P-CEP campus, or should it be part of the campus? The school board approves the west (or off-campus) site in a 4-3 vote.
■ Plymouth Salem senior Rachael Maurer is killed when she loses control of her car on I-77 in West Virginia. Two passengers, one of them a Canton woman, were injured in the accident as Maurer and friends were returning from a summer vacation.

September
■ A preliminary OK by Canton trustees to look at land for a new wastewater treatment plant draws sharp reaction from Plymouth Township officials. Before the year ends, all three Western Wayne Township Utilities Authority communities plan to break off from the Ypsilanti plant and build a new facility.
■ Canton teen Alisha Roberson, a passenger in a car on I-96, is killed when the driver loses control and the car drives up the embankment and crashes on Schoollcraft. Driver Sarah Cuppici faces charges in the accident, in which the driver and other occupants were allegedly sniffing an inhalant before the crash.
■ The creation of a Leisure Services Department highlights Canton's budget for fiscal 2000.

October
■ Convicted killer Charles Fisher is denied parole. Fisher, who was tried four times, is serving time in a Muskegon prison for second-degree murder in connection with the 1984 slaying of his wife, Maria Mercado Fisher, in their Canton Township home.
■ Two teachers say they will file grievances after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials forced the dismantling of a showcase at West Middle School and a bulletin board at Salem High School that focused on Gay and Lesbian History Month.
■ The township's crime rate holds steady for 1998, although some categories of crime rose last year, according to figures compiled by Canton police.
■ The school district announces middle school boundary changes effective with the planned August 2000 opening of Discovery Middle School in Canton. School funding and other issues are discussed at the second Statewide Summit on Public Education hosted by the district, but the program creates controversy when one Republican legislator declines to appear and others contribute little to the discussion.
■ Six finalists are named in the search for a new Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent.

November
■ The Plymouth-Canton school board reverses its earlier decision and places the third high school at the east site as part of the P-CEP campus. "We have a lot of voter trust loss. I'm afraid we may be adding to that tonight," said Mark Slavens, one of two trustees who voted against the reversal.
■ A battle over high-speed, cable Internet access runs through Canton and other MediaOne communities as municipal boards approve a franchise transfer to AT&T, which has merged with MediaOne.

December
■ A fire destroys eight apartments and leaves residents homeless at Canton Crossings. Resident Eric Johnson is distraught, but believed there are no injuries. "It's OK. It's only stuff (destroyed belongings). It can be replaced."
■ Plans are announced for a \$15 million expansion of Summit on the Park. Enlarged fitness area, renovated family locker room and more meeting facilities will be paid for with a combination of local money and a state grant.
■ The planned site for a two-sheet ice arena, indoor soccer fields and a golf dome is changed from Haggerty Road to the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue, which is now owned by the township.
■ Residents in Canton's Royal Pointe subdivision voice concerns about the construction of a charter school in their neighborhood. Backers of the school eventually withdraw their site plan when it becomes clear it won't win township approval.

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

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

Jon Austin
Northwest spokesman

The airline industry promised to deliver better customer service after last Jan. 2's snowstorm, which delayed or stranded thousands of travelers at Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport.
After Detroit Metro was hit Tuesday with 2.6 inches of snow, Northwest Airlines posted 59 cancellations and 200 to 300 delays.
News reports indicated passengers complained about lines at the ticket counters and the little information they had on how to get to their destinations. Many fliers didn't know about the airline's new customer service policy.

Jon Austin, Northwest spokesman, said there were delays Tuesday, but he thought the overall operations ran smoothly there. "The average delay was 21 minutes," Austin said. "The snow had a mild impact. Many of these cancellations were in the morning and in advance."
Lines at the ticket counters are not unusual at this time of year, Austin added.
Each of the airport's three parallel runways was closed for 55 minutes or less between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, said airport spokesman Mike Conway. Runways and alleyways were plowed one at a time when the snow started accumulating. The snow removal crews "did a great job," Conway said.

"We kept the airfield open," Conway said.
The airport also staffed 19 customer service agents to assist travelers with directions to gate locations, rest rooms and restaurants, but they do not help with rescheduling, as that is the airline's responsibility.
Austin said Northwest's Customer First policy is highlighted on its Website, www.nwa.com.
The policy says Northwest is responsible for a two- to four-hour delay of a canceled flight, or in instances of a four-hour delay beyond Northwest's control, Northwest will provide a Northwest Airlines Service Recovery Packet to customers at the departure gate. The packet is designed to assist travelers while arrangements are made for other flights.
It includes a phone card entitling the customer to a five-minute domestic phone call, a coupon offering a choice of Northwest WorldPerks miles, a meal in the airport or other amenities and a travel discount certificate.

When Northwest is responsible for canceling a flight and Northwest cannot fly a delayed customer on the same day they were scheduled for departure, Northwest will make every effort to provide hotel accommodations near the airport and a voucher for meals.
If delayed or canceled flights are due to circumstances beyond Northwest's control, such as severe weather, air traffic control decisions or natural disasters, Northwest will "make every effort" to offer discounted hotel accommodations for all customers, but the expense will remain the responsibility of the customer.
The policy was created after the January snowstorm snarled air traffic at Detroit Metro. According to a report released in June by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, neither Northwest Airlines nor Detroit Metro Airport violated federal aviation regulations in their handling of the snowstorm on Jan. 2 and 3, 1999. The storm stranded 22,000 airline passengers in planes on the tarmac for several hours.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, approximately 9,200 passengers were stranded on the tarmac, with 240 held for over nine hours, 320 for eight to nine hours and 160 for seven to eight hours. The following day, 12,880 passengers suffered similar delays.
Northwest lacked a snow emergency plan for Metro Airport, the report stated.



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Total Quality: Building the Infrastructure will be offered 6-9 p.m., Thursdays, starting on Jan. 13 and concluding on April 27. This course is designed to introduce the student to the methods and processes for introducing total quality to an organization.
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Feline treasure: Veterinarian Judy Fleischaker shows off a 12-week-old kitten auctioned off by the Canton Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner-auction in March.

January gem red garnet is durable and inexpensive

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

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

THE BEAUTY OF JANUARY'S GEM
I've always thought, for example, the gem garnet is underrated.

Besides, garnet is the birthstone of January, which renders the gem the ideal gift for Capricorns and Aquarians and other individuals, including those married in January.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scientists are speculating about the gem's origins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

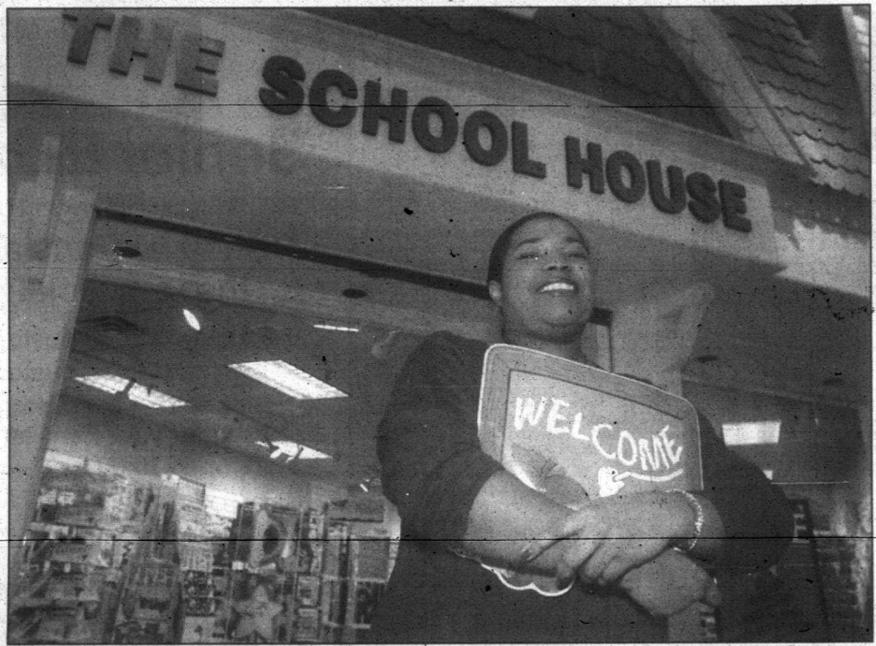
DIAMONDS FOR COMPUTERS
In addition to trying to create diamonds suitable for the jewelry industry, synthetic diamond manufacturers have been trying to get into the computer-chip business in hopes of replacing the silicon-based chip.

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

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

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Getting that competitive edge



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

Parents flock to teacher stores to help their children grow academically

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

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

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

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

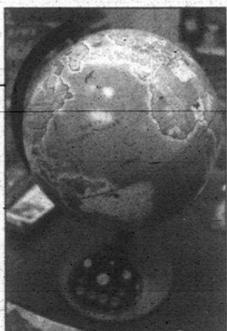
The School House carries home-schooling kits and informational books for parents, including guides to finding education tools on the Internet.

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

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

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

According to Wilder, about half of their current



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Teacher's

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

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

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



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

Local education resource stores

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

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

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

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

TRISH MCEVOY EVENT
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture, third floor.

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

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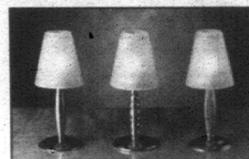
STUFF WE CRAVE



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



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



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



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

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

WHAT WE FOUND:
- A musical cake plate is available for purchase at the Antique Town and Country Shop (Booth #12) on Plymouth Road, west of Merriman.
- Millennium cameras can be bought at Meijer stores.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:
- We're still looking for carpet tiles. Home Depot stores do not carry them.
- A Maybelline cosmetics representative called to say Maybelline cake mascara, as well as refills for eyebrow pencils, are no longer manufactured.
- We need another 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
- Refill sheets for a Keith Clark ring-binder, desk calendar (model # E45850) that rips from the top for Eileen, of Livonia.
- A calendar with mystery book covers for each month's art for Mary.
- Correctable, black, typewriter ribbon for an Olympia typewriter (model # 8MMX174M) for Anna, who lives in Garden City.

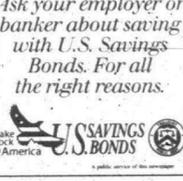
- An antique cookie press from the '50s or '60s that someone is willing to donate or sell for Sally.
- A carousel slide projector for Margaret.
- A 1982 Waterford "Partridge in a Pear Tree" ornament for Marsha.
- A mail box shaped like a tractor for rural areas for Tom.
- An original or restored RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn for Andy of Canton.
- The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.
- A store where small, round brushes used for cleaning electric razors are sold for Jean.
- A set of Ben Hogan golf club head covers (for woods) in black leather for Larry.
- A store or stores where Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo pasta sauce are sold for Alice.
- A store where cole slaw seasoning mix in a package is available for Mary.
- A salad dressing called He-Man

- Roquefort cheese for Lee.
- Knott's raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing
- A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.

- A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size 5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.
- The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.
- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through the Sears Wish Book) for Carol.
- An antique, full-size, brass, rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.
- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.
- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.

- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.
- A store that sells Benson's fruit cakes for Brenda.
- A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) and the lyrics and music for the song "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.
- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.
- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.
- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.
- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.
- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.
- A copy of the book "Mr. Kruegger's Christmas" for a reader named Mr. Kruegger.

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

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



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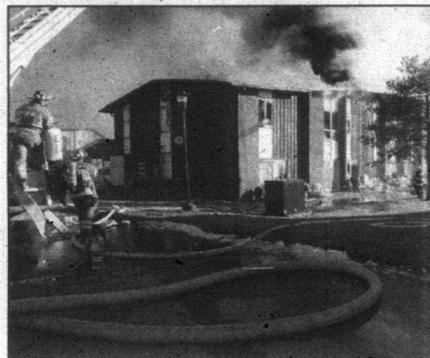
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Residents left homeless: A Jan. 29 fire gutted eight apartments at Canton Crossings. No injuries were reported from the blaze, the cause of which was ruled accidental.

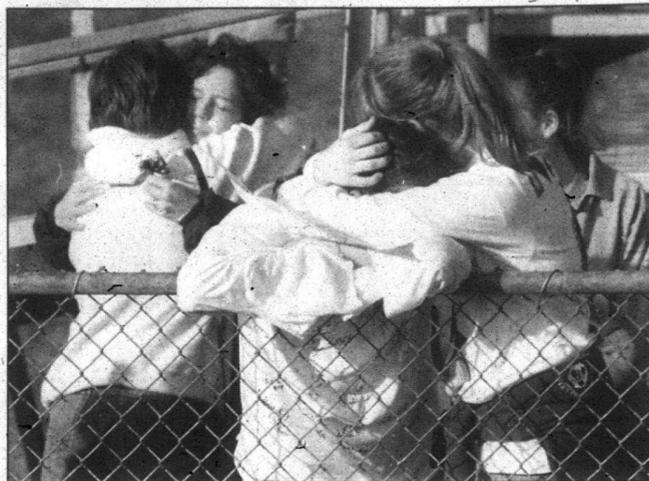
Three men are charged with the murder of Canton resident Gary Urban, who is gunned down during a robbery in the parking lot of the Dearborn Heights restaurant where he is a manager. "I am relieved that they (defendants) are off the streets so that nobody else's family has to suffer that kind of tragedy," says Linda Urban, the victim's widow.

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band wins a national title at the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis. It is the band's third national championship of the decade and first since 1991.

The Salem High School soccer team makes it all the way to the state championship game before losing 2-1 to Rochester Adams.

December
 Kathleen Booher, the Berkley Schools superintendent, is the top choice to lead Plymouth-Canton Community Schools into the new millennium. School officials offer a contract worth a reported \$125,000 annually and hope to have Booher on board by January. Meanwhile, longtime school board member Roland Thomas resigns his seat, citing personal reasons.

Robert Stewart Puttock III, 53, of Canton, is killed when the car he is driving is smashed into the back of a truck in the left-turn lane on Ford Road.



Tough loss: Fans console themselves after Plymouth Salem High School lost 2-1 to Troy Adams in the state championship game for boys soccer in November.

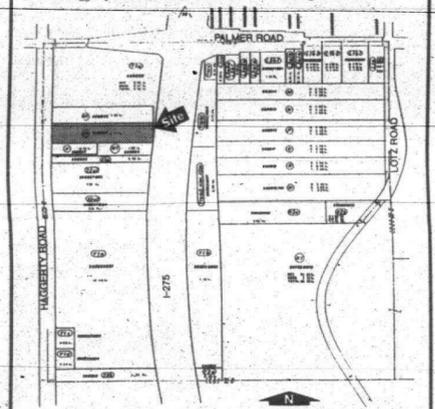
More than 300 people attend the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in front of Fire Station No. 1. Santa Claus makes his annual appearance and is mobbed by local kids - and a few adults, too.

Plans for the 3-year-old building are undecided, according to township officials. AutoNation closes its Ford Road store along with 23 used car dealerships nationwide.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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G. FISHER CONSTRUCTION/A.B.G. ASSOCIATES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 068 99 0023 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO RP, RESEARCH PARK. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue.



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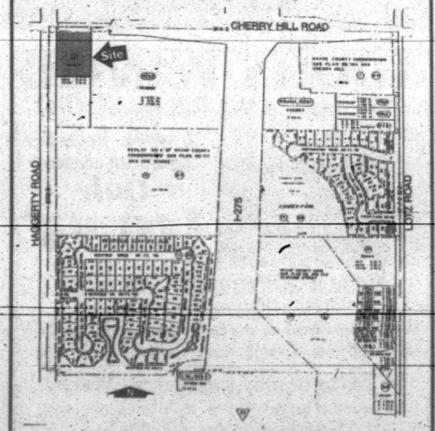
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TALLA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE THE NORTH 400 FEET OF PARCEL NO. 094 99 0007 000 FROM R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING. Property is located on the southeast corner of Haggerty and Cherry Hill Roads.



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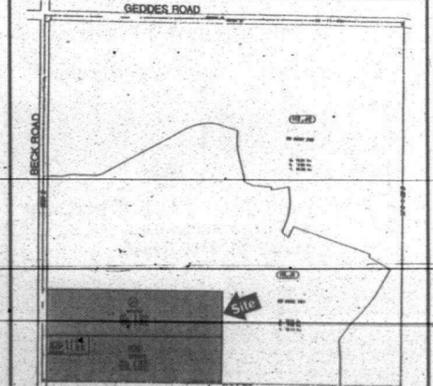
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GOFF/JOHNSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 130 99 0003 000, 130 99 0004 000, AND 130 99 0005 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Geddes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



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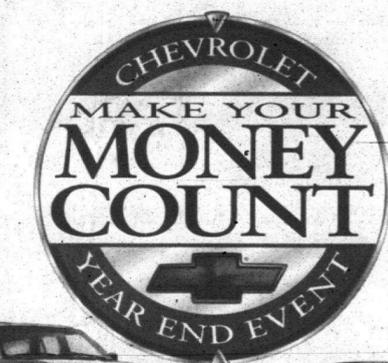
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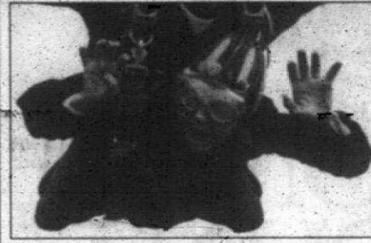
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Derek Spry
and Bailey Karoub

*In the year 2000, we wish
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Marjorie
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*Diving into
the new
Millennium*



Tom and Ken

*May your dreams
come true
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*Love,
Mom and Dad*



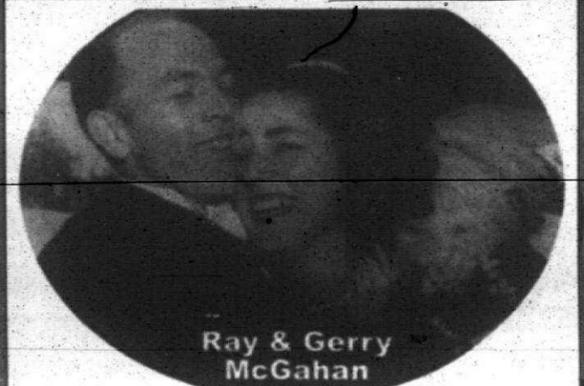
Gary, Neil, Alexander, Janette,
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*THE CALDER FAMILY came to Livonia
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*Their marriage as husband and wife
Gave me the awesome gift of life!*

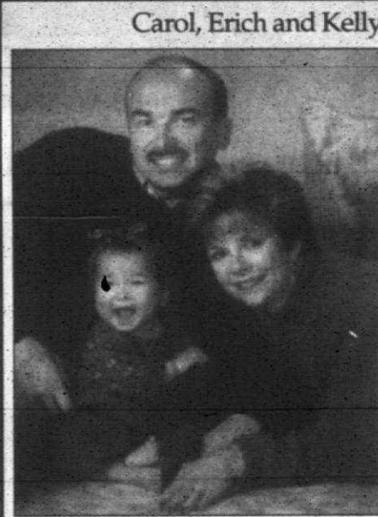
*As we enter this Y2K
I give thanks for them and pray.*



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and Jasmine Meyer

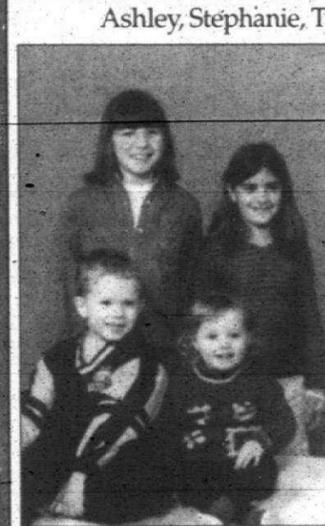
*Zachary and Nicole,
Our millennium wish is that you both
continue to grow in God's love, peace, joy, faith
and happiness.*

Love, Mommy and Daddy



Carol, Erich and Kelly Mau

*Wishing Peace,
Love and
Goodwill to
people of all
nations in
the new
millennium!*



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*Our best wishes to
Ashley, Stephanie,
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Kathy and Julie
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style! Here's to the
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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Wine predictions for a new decade

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

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

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

Stateside

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

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

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

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

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

Please see WINE, B2

Wine Picks

- We've been critical of thin, under-fruit-ed merlots, but here are some that measure up in taste. A recent tasting put them in order of complexity, which also happens to be by price: 1996 Beringer Bancroft Merlot \$75; 1997 Shafer Merlot, Napa Valley \$35; 1997 Chateau St. Jean Merlot \$22; 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot, Sonoma County \$20; and 1998 Robert Mondavi Coastal Merlot \$12.50.
- Everybody loves chardonnay. These are delicious: 1996 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay Reserve \$32; 1997 Morgan Reserve Chardonnay \$28; 1998 Mirassou Chardonnay \$24; and 1998 Geyser Peak Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$16.
- Change-of-pace whites: 1998 St. Supery Meritage White \$20; 1998 Zaca Mesa Roussanne \$16; and 1998 Preston Marsanne \$43.
- Change-of-pace reds: 1996 Vin du Mistral Syrah \$30; 1997 Clos du Bois Shiraz \$16; 1997 Geyser Peak Shiraz \$16; 1998 Perrin Reserve \$11; and 1998 Delas Freres Cotes du Ventoux \$7.50.

LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- 2 Unique
 - Main Dish Miracle



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

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



Electricity

POWERS UP KITCHEN DESIGN

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Design evolution

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see ELECTRICITY, B2

TRADITIONS

Crown your Twelfth Night celebration with King Cake

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

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

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

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

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

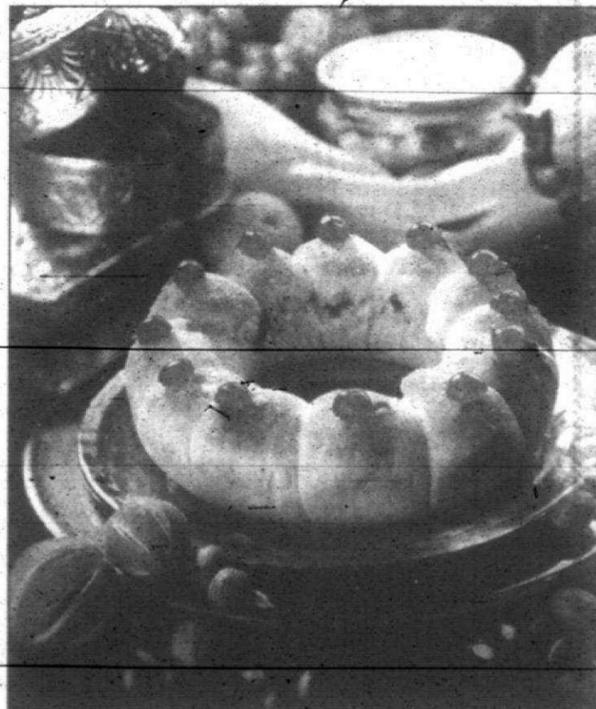
The Rev. Dominic Garramone, a Benedictine monk, an accomplished bread baker, cookbook author, and host of the popular public TV series "Breaking Bread with Father Dominic," draws inspiration for his favorite King Cake recipe from Spain, where orange and spices are traditional ingredients.

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.

Broil agrees there are more small appliances in today's kitchens. "We get requests for mixer cabinets, (to hold KitchenAid mixers)," said Broth. 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 are up streaming 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 winter.

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 preheating 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 time to prepare your food.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wine from page B1

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

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

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

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

Australian wines will continue to make an impact. Lindemans, Penfolds and Rosemount are the hot brands. New Zealand's spunky whites such as 1999 Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc '81 will revive interest in white varietals.

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

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

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

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

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

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 gumdrops

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPINACH PESTO WITH CHICKEN AND PASTA

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

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

Cook fettuccine or linguini as package directs; drain.

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

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

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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 Antioxidant 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 Simrany, 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.

The 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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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 Rippelle because you need to perfect your drawing even if you're a painter," said Weed who also teaches at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

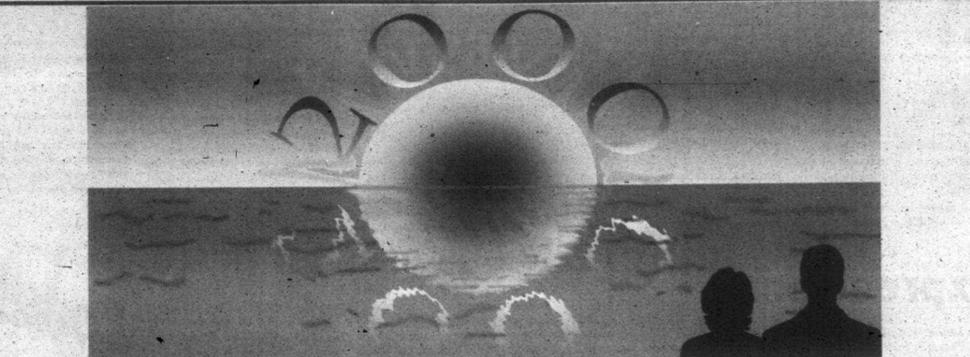
Tucked around the metro Detroit area are large and small examples of public art. Some are squirreled away in corner parks or the lobbies of buildings. Others are at major crossroads. And many, probably most, are ignored or forgotten.

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-



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

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

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

—Dawn Greene, artistic director
Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

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

—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 Blahut, 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 in the community gross 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

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

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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, 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 ComfLinks@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 Bailey, Debra Liddy, Jeane Thomas, Erin, Sawulski, Judy Berlinski, Sandra Liano, Adam Missing, David Morgan, Yueqi Zhang, James Auclair, and Jason May. Dan LeBiond, president of the Plymouth Historical Museum, worked with Fitzgerald

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

BENEFIT THEATER PERFORMANCE
The Farmington Players are holding a performance of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to benefit Capuchin Soup Kitchen 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

Tickets are \$50 and include a theme dinner after the show. For tickets, call the box office at (248) 563-2955.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D & M Studios
Owner Sharon 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 Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net.

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ART IN DETROIT PUBLIC PLACES

REVISED EDITION

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

By GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
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Detroit is known for autos, not art, which is why so little is said about such.

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-

Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine art or crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival in Rochester Municipal Park. Applications must be received by March 1. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Art & Apples Festival, PCCA, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, (248) 651-4110.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE
January registration for ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop, ballroom, stretch classes for ages 3 to adult. 5951 John R, Troy, (248) 828-0060.

GENERAL MOTORS EMPLOYEES CHORUS
Seeks new members for its spring season. Open to the public with no audition required. Rehearsals begin Monday, Jan. 3 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at Warren Woods Middle School, 12 Mile & Schoenherr. For further information call the GM hotline at (810) 447-2315.

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

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

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

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals begin at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, (734) 455-8553.

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

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in oil, watercolor, mixed media, portraits and figurative drawing at Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, (734) 455-9517.

CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Lilley Road.

NAVEL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly, 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland, (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-4278.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Registration runs now through Jan. 10 for classes on abstract painting, portfolio preparation and beginning blacksmithing. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 964-8004, ext. 101.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC



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

AC
Winter 2000 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music begin Jan. 15, 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills, (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Woodcarving classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-8699.

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

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

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

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

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

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American, Patter, Dave, 315 E. Warren, Detroit, (313) 494-5800.

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)
CASS CAFE
An exhibition of photography by Millard Berry, Ralph Rinaldi and Bill Waters. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

JEFFREY CLAY GALLERY
The lustres of Paul Katrich, 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak, (248) 584-2223.

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

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

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

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

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

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

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Grief: Different wants, Different Wishes, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 642-2700.

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

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

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Through mid-Jan. - A group show of abstract art featuring Jasper Johns, Al Held, Richard Prince, Joan Mitchell, Stephen Ellis, Barbara Voss and William Wood, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 443-3700.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, (248) 439-0376 or http://www.mctb.org.

GEM THEATRE
"Escanada by De Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through March 26, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$24.50-\$34.50, (313) 963-9000.

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BOOKS

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

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

By DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

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

You know you're in for some fun by looking at some of the sub-titles of the 500-plus entries: ■ Easiest Shut Down a Chute (luge run in Muskegon).

■ Most Intriguing Place to Walk Among the Dead (Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit).

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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: Greenleaf Interiors in Birmingham; smallest mall: Somerset Collection, Troy; top-rated restaurant: The Lark in West Bloomfield.

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

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

Most unique high school nicknames: among the top 15, Plymouth Rocks; finest frozen galaxy: Plymouth Ice Show; Biggest indoor boat: in Canton at the Yazaki corporate offices; best collection of BB guns:

TRAVEL

Garland Resort provides perfect winter weekend

BY SYLVIA ABBATE
SPECIAL WRITER

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

The "Gourmet Glide" at Garland Resort in Lewistown, 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.

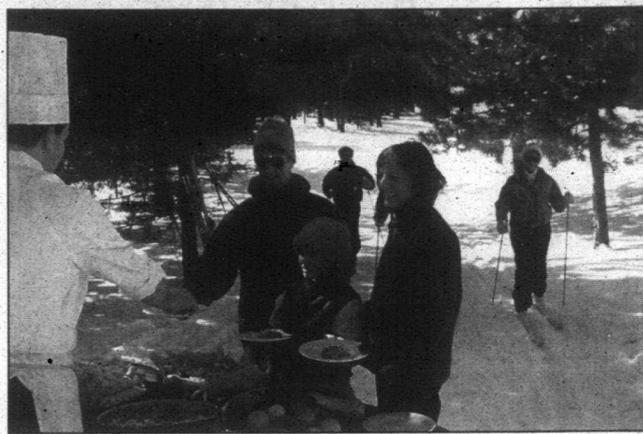
The Gourmet Glide begins at 8:30 Saturday morning. Our group meets at the main lodge for a continental breakfast. For those who prefer to sleep in late, punctuality is not enforced. We've discovered a lack of fresh food along the five-mile glide is never a problem.

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

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

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



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

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, Lewistown, MI 49756 or call 1-877-4GARLAND. 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.
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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

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

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

A SIMPLE REQUEST
Make a new friend by calling this DWCM 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
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GOOD COMPANY
Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad# 9438

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

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

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

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

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

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

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWCM 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 DWGF, 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 SBM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

LIVES 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 and walking in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic SWF, 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, 46-60. Ad# 3747

Males Seeking Females

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 SWD 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, taekwondo, 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 WWWW/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 DWCM 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 biking, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad# 4194

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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, 40, if you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad# 1445

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOWN-TO-EARTH
He's a friendly Catholic 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
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ONE GOOD MAN SBF, 55, 170lbs, seeks financially secure, active SM, 31-45, loving, caring, for serious LTR. No head games. #1132

NEWLY SINGLE DWPF, 38, 5', brown/blonde/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, music, movies, and much more. Seeking SW/MF, 35-45, for companionship. #1126

LET'S MAKE MUSIC SWPF, 49, 48, slim, works out, has children 50% of the time, enjoys singing, music, tennis, movies, outdoors. Seeking SW/M, for sharing similar interests and outdoors. #1128

LIMITED TIME OFFER! Act now! Versatile, physically fit, degree SWF, 49, 5'6", 130lbs, dark blonde/blue, enjoys hiking, gardening, and learning new things. Seeking very attractive, articulate, educated physical fit man, 49-52, 5'10", #1278

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY... so been told! Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, 25-year-old SWF seeks SM, tall, short, rich, poor, for friendship and LTR. #1109

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HAPPY IN WATERFORD DWP, 45, 5'3", blonde/green, N/S, NO, seeks SW/M, 35-50, N/S, with sense of humor, who enjoys outdoor activities, indoor activities, loves life, and is searching for LTR. #1145

ATT MENTALLY HEALTHY MAN Attractive, petite DWF, 54, seeks DWM, 45+, for friendship first. You're divorced, for someone who enjoys the arts, biking, dancing, and more. You're emotionally stable, can communicate well, honest. N/S. #1104

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EXCELLENT SKIER! Cuddly, outgoing, fun DWPF, 38, 5'7", N/S, slim, brunette/hazel, avid snow/water skier enjoys horse-riding, rollerblading, travel, golf, boating, more. No kids, but I love them. Seeking male, under 45, skiers. #1176

WARM & FRIENDLY SWF, over 40, 5'11", slim, blonde/blue, seeks SW/M, 62+, not obese, high morals, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. #1136

TAKE A CHANCE! Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman. #1161

CALL ME! Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'7", 155lbs, blonde/hazel enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic SW/M, 35-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. #1189

VIACIOUS, OUTGOING SWF, 39, 5'2", slim, attractive, outgoing, likes books, football, lower kids. Seeking LTR with SW/M, 32-41, who's attractive, active, fit and fun. #1126

SEAS BIG MACHINE OPERATOR If you are 32-43, and can handle those big loaders you can handle this blonde/blue, who knows how to push the right lever. Must be great with kids. #1129

NO MORE GAMES Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 44, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking a SWM, 30-45, #1257

ANIMALHOLIC Pretty, smart, pleasing plump, enjoys SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SW/M, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent fit, HW proportionate relationship. #1083

BLUE-EYED BLONDE Fun-loving DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy, size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. #1083

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician, seeks SW/M, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR. #1021, 9:02 PM don't leave number, call #1269

FOR MY SOULMATE Pretty, tall, passionate DWF, 49, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one special, emotionally/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. #1124

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, tennis, movies, outdoors. Seeking SW/M in the park, Seeking dating, possible LTR. #1109

THIS IS WHERE LOVE IS Appreciative, caring, open SWPF, 48, 5'7", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys nature walks, animals, swimming, boating, learning to sail. Seeking honest, trustworthy SW/M, 45-55, for LTR. #1231

THE EYES HAVE IT SWF, 40, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks single SW/M, handsome tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship and LTR. #1109

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START TOMORROW TODAY Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim WF, 50a, 5'6", blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals. Seeking available, understanding gentleman for relationship, or whatever shall be. #1502

MILLENNIUM IN PARIS? Pretty, slender, shapely, athletic, smart, sophisticated, secure sweet-heart, seeks best friend/lover in life, nice-guy, 55-65, good-looking, in shape, refined, cultured, romantic. Let's enjoy each other now and adventure. #1158

SEXY REDHEAD Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWM, 50-60, 6', N/S, social drinker, for LTR. #1487

CREATIVE DISTINCTIVE Creative, distinctive, industrious, ambitious confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, Raiki, dancing, art, motorcycles. Seeking SW/M, #1059

LOOKING FOR FUN Attractive, intelligent, free-spirited professional, getting disillusioned with finding a man to admire and desire, who's honest, fit, spontaneous, with sense of humor. I enjoy laughter, travel, conversation. #1074

LOOKING FOR FUN Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun. You need to be N/S, hopefully, not dependents. I'm a SWF, 47, 5'3", 140lbs, no dependents, life advs, who wears a sense, life's a journey. #1147

NOT PERFECT IN ROYAL OAK You don't need to be either, but you need to be N/S, hopefully, not dependents. I'm a SWF, 47, 5'3", 140lbs, no dependents, life advs, who wears a sense, life's a journey. #1147

BIG, BEAUTIFUL GAL SF, 37, autumn/green, likes movies, dining out, cuddling, long walks. Searching for sweet, loving, understanding WM, 35-45, employed, drug-free, fit, possible LTR. Westland area. #1116

PEOPLE PERSON DWP, 40, 5'7", 210lbs, medium build, autumn/brown, freckles, pretty smile, outgoing, enjoys traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SM, 40-52, for friendship first, possible committed relationship. #1116

STARTING OVER WITH YOU Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoor activities, boating, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. #1170

AFFECTIONATE AND CARING DWF, 48, vibrant, stylish, affectionate, unpretentious, looking for a successful man. #1108

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR SWF, 45, 5'8", a few extra pounds, smoker, social drinker, seeks, honest, romantic, sincere male, 47-55, with no small children, who enjoys dancing, quiet dinners, art shows, theater, one-on-one relationship. #1108

NATURAL & CHARMING DWP, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks, intelligent, white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. #1112

MAD ABOUT YOU Slender, physically fit, attractive SWF, 36, 6', likes sports. Seeks single SW/M, 35-50, with variety of interests, relationship must like animals. Kids ok. #1575

SINGLE SENIOR DWP, 67, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, fun, blondish-gray, N/S, N/D, almost retired, loves travel, fine dining, theater. Seeking intelligent SW/M, 60-65, N/S, with variety of interests, sense of humor, possible relationship. #1057

SPONTANEOUS SENSUOUS...romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional, wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S, HW proportionate, professional guy for good times and maybe more. #1031

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND DWP, 47, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, fun, long walks, movies. Seeking SWM, 47-52, with similar interests. #1129

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE DWP, 49, loves Lions football, Pistons games, Tiger baseball, long walks, Mystery Channel, American Movie Classics, rain-city novels, cooking a hot, delicious meal. Seeking male 40-59, to attend games with. #1029

ALMOST ANGEL Outgoing, friendly, widowed WF, youthful 54, 5'6", full-figured but losing weight, enjoys horses, walks, hiking, cooking, tall gentleman, 45-65, with similar interests, for LTR. #1049

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Full-figured SWF, 39, 5'8", brown hair, many interests: bowling, quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback, riding, swimming. Seeking SW/M with many different interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #1150

DO U EXIST? Attractive AF, 38, 5'7", down-to-earth and easygoing is looking for a kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, good ethics, for dating, possible LTR. #1132

HONEST & LOVING Sincere, trustworthy female, 34, 5'8", long brown hair, one daughter, likes comedy clubs, dancing, beaches. Seeking intelligent, attractive, upbeat, enthusiastic, honest, trusting male #1561

HOPELESS ROMANTIC Energetic, beautiful SWCF, 51', 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, HW proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. #1282

FROM NEW ENGLAND PhD scientist DWM, 50, 5'10", trim, enjoys cross country skiing, jogging, plays, bookstores, nature, Detroit, Film Theater, and hiking. Seeking intelligent, fit, happy woman, under 50, for relationship, romance. #1069

JUST BETWEEN US Meaningful emotional exchange is sought by sharp, personable SWM, 43, with an honest easygoing, understated lifestyle, looking for SWF for companionship. #1120

AN IMMEDIATE ATTRACTION... Can predict great satisfaction! Educated, fit, gracious SWM, 46, enjoys the arts, comedy, sociality. Who is attracted to an energized, romantic SWF, 35-51, #1126

AWESOME OUTDOOR LOVER Great looking, successful, motivated, family-oriented down-to-earth SM, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue, enjoys cabins, woods, lakes, gardens, country, motorcycle. Would appreciate a sweet, trim lady. #1567

BRUNETTE PREFERRED Attractive, honest, secure SW/MF, 36, 6'2", 190lbs, college-educated. Seeking attractive female, 28-38, HW proportionate, with a zany sense of humor, for walks, talks, movies, and more. #1505

BELLEVILLE AREA Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 34-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. #1175

SHY BUT KISSABLE? Sharp, thoughtful SWM, 44, can be very helpful, has varied interests, seeks feminine lady, 36-49, with a good attitude, to share in life's pleasures and adventures. #1100

WHAT IS LOVE? Successful, good-looking, sexy SM, 55, 200lb, brown/brown, athletic build, enjoys movies, dining out, and more. Seeking petite, attractive, intelligent, funny woman, 25-32, #1182

LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE SM, 51', husky build, dark brown/green with one daughter, values communication, loves music, laughing. Seeking plus-sized or full-figured woman, articulate, expressive, sensitive, passionate, caring. #1142

ABOUT NEW YEAR'S EVE Just in time to meet a handsome, humorous, handsome SWM, 45, to ring in the cheer and start a new year. Seeking attractive dear. #1281

LET'S BE FRIENDS Humorous, athletic, SWF, 41, 5'11", N/S, seeks SF for dancing, dining, movies, long conversations, possible LTR. #1119

FOR MY SOULMATE DW, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, clean-cut, smoker, seeks SF for dancing, dining, movies, long conversations, possible LTR. #1172

LONELY IN GARDEN CITY Friendly, caring, fun, local oriented SW/M, 62', 245lb, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. #1197

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SHE HAS TO BE OUT THERE I'm looking for a talented, one-mish woman, preferably widowed DWF, 38-54, I am newly divorced (one year), 6', 215lbs, early 50s, just average, ordinary guy. Let's try to make a connection! #4915

UNCLOUTY DAY The night is dark, deep silence reigns within, Amber thoughts turn to dust at dawn, they melt away like wispy clouds. Stop to love. Stop to live, chase the clouds away. #1144

RELATE-THEN IT'S A DATE Successful, spiritual, sensual, slim SWM, 47, enjoys art films, dancing, book stores, self-discipline, contemporary/classical music, spectator sports, warm gets-aways. Seeking marriage-minded SF, 30-43, #1323

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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 Cabautan added 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

•KIMBALL 64, CLARENCEVILLE 27: 6-foot-9 junior forward Ryan 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 Burack contributed eight.

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

•LENAWEE CHRISTIAN 73, PLY. CHRISTIAN 59:

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 Deric Isensee tallied 18 for the Eagles.

Catholic Central drops pair at U-D

Detroit City, Hamtramck top Shamrocks; Sparks returns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

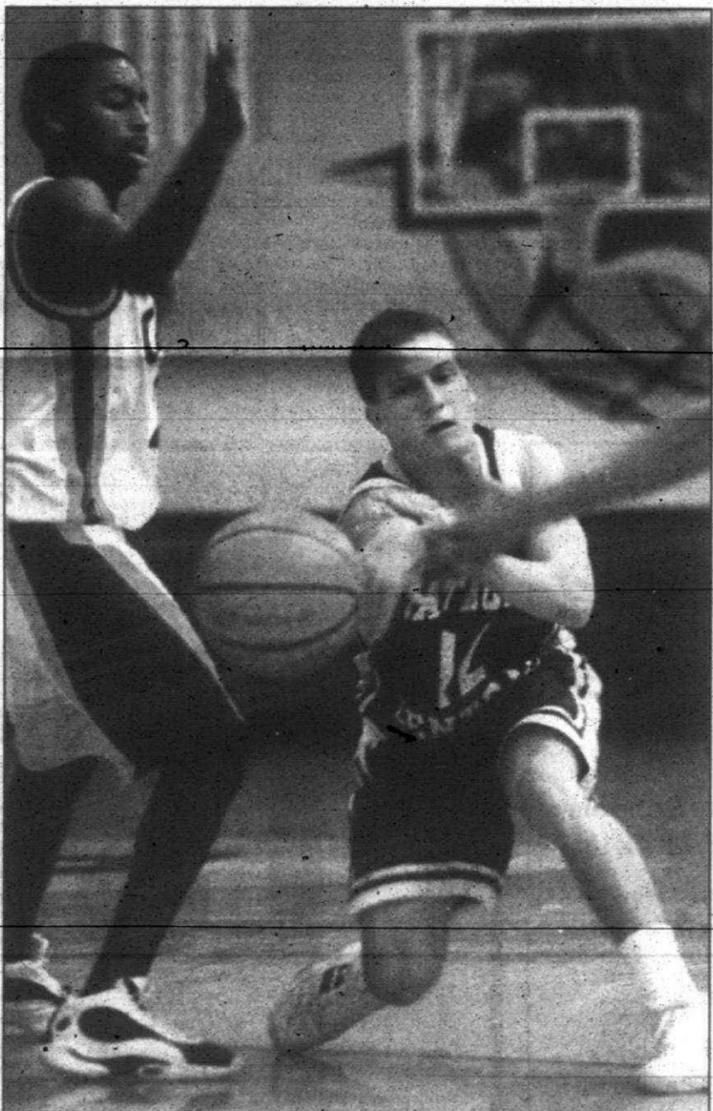
"City's a quick team and my first thought is if we play hard for 32 minutes things would open up for us. But we forced some shots and got lazy. It was an all-around weak effort from the get-go."

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

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

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

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



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

Mumford rallies by Wayne at Cobo

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

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

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

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

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

The Mustangs began double-team-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Who will score 1st sanctioned 300?

Happy New Year to all bowlers in the Observerland. 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.



AL HARRISON

There will be something very special from the American Bowling Congress for the first bowler to roll a 300 game in the new millennium. The rules are: 1. The game must be bowled in an ABC sanctioned league or tournament, and must comply with all ABC rules and regulations pertaining to a 300 game. 2. The game may not begin earlier than 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000. 3. The game must be witnessed by at least three competitors not related to the contestant. 4. The exact time of the 12th strike must be recorded. 5. The winner will be recognized based on the time the game is completed within his/her time zone to allow all ABC members around the world an equal opportunity to win. 6. All details of the perfect game must be verified by the

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Albuquerque, N.M. 18-19: Intercollegiate Bowling Championships sectionals. TBA: National Junior College Athletic Association Championships. APRIL 8: 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, Mich. 7-11: PWBA Sam's Town National Doubles, Las Vegas, Nev. 22-26: WIBC Queens presented by the Reno Tri-properties, Reno, Nev. 24-28: 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. 18-18: 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. 12-18: USA Bowling Championships, Reno, Nev. Editor's note: Next bowling honor roll will appear in Thursday's Jan. 6 Observer sports edition.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

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

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

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

Trigeminal Neuralgia The Trigeminal Neuralgia Support Group of metro Detroit will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at The Detroit Medical Center - Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (261 Mack Blvd., Detroit/Room 315). 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

Breaking ground

St. Mary offers innovative prostate treatment

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'We are now one of the premier centers to offer real-time brachytherapy, a treatment that is becoming more common in the United States.'

John Harb
— Urologist, St. Mary Hospital

Men diagnosed with localized prostate cancer have advanced treatment options 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 a 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

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 he 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 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.

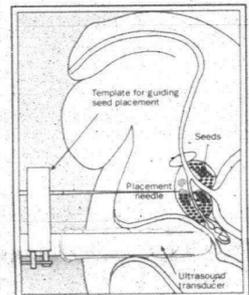
Often times doctors will use seeds in combination with hormone therapy and External Beam Radiation if the cancer is of a more aggressive nature.

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," 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.proseed.com

Source: Information regarding the ACS was documented in "Cancer" (Sept. 1998) a publication of the American Cancer Society.



— Source: "The ABC's of Prostate Cancer" (Joseph E. Oesterling, M.D. and Mark Moyad, M.P.H.)

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 anniversary of Christmas Bird Counts started in 1900 when Frank Chapman organized 27 friends in 25 locations to spend the day counting birds.

Over the years reams of data have been accumulated and entered into computers. Thanks to internet technology, data from all the Christmas Bird Counts since 1900 are available at www.birdsource.org.

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

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

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

Today more than 50 counts are conducted in Michigan. Each count has a group of dedicated birders who spend eight hours in the field, sometimes more, if they search for owls before dawn, and cover an area 35 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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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 (GDAHC). The award was based on Care Choices' collaboration with providers in several process improvement initiatives in the areas of claims payment, disease management and care management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hygienist honored The Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) announced that the Oakland District Dental Hygiene Society named Katherine Evens, RDH, of Northville, Outstanding Dental Hygienist of the Year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MIKE WENDLAND

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 chameleon 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 hawk- ing 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 compare shop between thousands of online merchants who have what they want.

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

INTERNET AS MASS MEDIA
The Internet is still evolving. We're not sure exactly where it's going. But we do know that it is becoming an increasingly important source of news and information. In Toronto, a local TV station has changed its newscast so it looks like an Internet Web site. The net is routinely now out-scoping newspapers, radio and television. Watch it become much more influential as a medium of its own.

DSL/CABLE MODEM ACCESS
By the end of the year, broadband will be poised to overtake the slow, cumbersome dialup Internet services most home users are still saddled with. Digital Subscriber Line technology will improve and more residential users will be located close enough to telephone substations to connect. As broadband becomes more accessible, competition will lower access charges.

THE CONNECTED CAR

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

WIRELESS PHONES WILL RULE
The wireless phone revolution is in full motion. Though there are still some protocol issues the industry needs to straighten out, this year will see the end of cellular and the total domination of digital wireless phones. Many of us will soon use a wireless phone as our main phone. And they'll replace pagers, too, offering e-mail retrieval and "Web clipping" 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.

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TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

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Make a new friend by calling this DWCM 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

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

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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

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

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UP FOR IT ALL

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CELEBRATE LIFE

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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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Shade-tree mechanics suffering in computer age



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.

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...

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..."

come back a half an hour later and buy a different sensor. People aren't 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...

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..."

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

BY RICK FEIBUSCH
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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 metal chassis. 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 Aerodream (fastback) from the local butcher in Menlo Park, CA for \$715. 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 sill. 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 me 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 had sold that car!). The fully instrumented dash sprung to life, the little needles jumping to their appropriate places.

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