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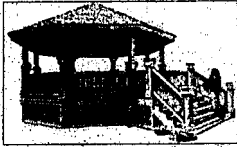
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## VINTAGE



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The year 2000 is only two days away, and Americans are feeling optimistic, perhaps, but also wary. Things are changing rapidly, and we're along for the ride, like it or not. Are these feelings new for Americans? Not at all. One hundred years ago, things were very much the same. As Jan. 1, 1900, dawned, President William McKinley prepared to greet well-wishers at the White House. It was an election year so McKinley shook 2,600 hands in about three hours that day. His aides, however, were worried. The threat of terrorism was everywhere. Anarchists had already killed Empress Elizabeth of Austria, and the heads of both France and Spain. They were threatening to kill all Western leaders.

As today, the economy was good. Northerners with money headed South, enjoying freedom of travel unknown only a few years before. The railroads shortened the cross-country trip from six months to six days (an even larger leap than from six days to six hours today).

Technology, though, also created worry, then as now. Our technology today seems light years ahead of what it was 100 years ago, but the ground work for every invention today was laid right around 1900. Electric currents, telephones, automobiles and indoor plumbing all got their start at the turn of the last century. It was wonderful, yet as today, the new reliance on inventions that most Americans did not understand was a little frightening.

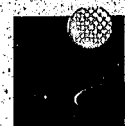
One hundred years later, Americans have the same feelings, cares and concerns as they did at the turn of the last century. Though the turning of the millennium adds to our emotions this Jan. 1, some things still remain just the same.

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, a member of the board of directors of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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## Experts: Municipal golf courses can work



■ A national golf consultant and spokesman for two municipally owned golf courses in Oakland County say owning a golf course can be a successful venture for local units of government — if they take some precautions.

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Taking on a golf course is something a municipal government should do with caution, but it is a venture that can work out well for those involved.

"I think I can say with a certain degree of confidence that the majority of them (municipally-owned courses)

are operating and operating successfully," said Angelo Palermo, a municipal golf consultant for the National Golf Foundation.

The Florida-based foundation keeps statistics on golf and serves as a resource in many areas for public and private course operators throughout the country. Palermo said he has been in the golf business many years, including operating a municipal course.

Independence Township officials and the community are mulling the merits of a proposal by developer Joe Locricchio that would include the township eventually gaining ownership of Clarkston Creek Golf Course. Locricchio's proposal includes buying a piece of township property as well as property owned by an individual resident. He proposes putting townhomes on part of the golf course and moving two holes to the current driving range. A restaurant and retail and office space would go in along Sashabaw Road. The township would be able to buy the golf course, and Locricchio plans to bring in a professional course operator to manage it.

Revenue generated from the course would go back to the township, which would use it to pay off the loan for the course. Locricchio is proposing a 15-year deal, after which the township would own the course outright. He also has promised improvements to the course located off Maybee and Sashabaw roads.

Palermo said before anything else is done, the township needs to commission an independent feasibility study for the golf course. Locricchio had one done, but Palermo said an outside firm needs to give its impression.

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Family portrait: The family of George Washington King of Independence Township sits for a picture in the last half of the 19th century. In back are son Spenser King, wife and husband Anna Blair King and William Henry King and son John Mosses King. In front are George's wife Henrietta Stout King, daughter Maud Alice King and George Washington King.

## Turn of the century

### Writings tell of life here in late 1800s

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Turn on the radio on the drive to work and every 10 minutes there's a weather report.

Open up the diary of George Washington King, who lived in Clarkston in the late 1800s, and find out that it was windy or warm or that it had snowed overnight. Some things never change.

Clarkston has made the transition from frontier

town to suburban bedroom community in its 167 years. Although the population of Clarkston and Independence Township combined has mushroomed from 1,919 in 1900 to approximately 29,000 today, a number of historic buildings link the city to the past even as residents approach a new millennium.

As people welcomed the 20th century, Main Street looked somewhat as it does now. Many of the structures are the same or similar; only their functions have changed. One downtown building held dances

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Susie DePoorter



Helen Stewart

## Clarkston-area seniors recall simpler times

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER  
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The approaching new year is a time to think about the future and remember the past. That's especially true this year with the change in calendar numbers from 1999 to 2000.

For two seniors in their 90s, memories of the early part of the 20th century were engulfing them in feelings of love and warmth as they recalled their youth.

Susie DePoorter and Helen Stewart, both 92 years young, live in Independence Township and frequent the township's senior center almost daily.

Asked to recall what their lives were like in the early part of the 1900s, they shared a lot of chuckles as they returned in their minds to their childhoods.

DePoorter, her parents and 11 brothers and sisters lived in Duluth, Minn. Stewart grew

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Greg Davis

'You can tell appliances to have breakfast ready at 7 a.m., and they will.'



Sidney Tippet

'Schools will have better technology and be safer, better places to learn.'



Kalli Kurtz

'We'll walk on walls to get to the ceiling and we'll do all our walking on the ceiling.'

## Kids speculate about life in next 100 years

With all the talk by adults about the year 2000 and the years following it, the Clarkston Eccentric thought it would be interesting to see what Clarkston-area youths have to say.

Five questions were asked individually to students at Clarkston High School, Clarkston Middle School and Andersonville Elementary School.

The students who responded are senior Sidney Tippet, junior Katrina Gomez; senior Becky Friesen, Greg Davis, grade six; Evan Schneider, grade eight; Megan Kleinedler, grade eight; Kalli Kurtz, grade two, Alex Popp, grade three; and Jordan Bellant, grade four.

To read their thought-provoking answers, turn to Page A4.



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## Working mother of twins finds return to college rewarding

BY PAUL R. PACE  
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Mary Robertoy of Waterford is like a lot of mothers in the township.

Busy. She works full-time, raises two kids and even volunteers at her church and her children's school. But amid all that work, she makes sure she devotes time to boost her knowledge.

Class by class, semester by semester, she is nearing completion of her associate's degree through Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford.

The 34-year-old said she's living proof that learning should be considered a life-long experience — not something that ends after high school or college graduation.

Though she only has time to take about one or two classes each semester, she's been determined since 1995 to get her degree and plans to transfer her credits towards a bachelor's degree at a university. She expects to earn her liberal arts degree in 2000.

She was invited recently by her history teacher to speak before the OCC Board of Trustees about how the college has made a difference in her life and how it has inspired her to examine her surroundings in a whole new way.

The energetic mother of 8-year-old twins, Susan and Steve, said people shouldn't think they are too old for college or that there isn't anything left to learn.

Robertoy admits, though, she didn't always maintain this mindset.

After graduating from Shrine High School in Royal Oak in 1983, she took a few semesters at OCC. But like many young students, she said didn't take her primary classes seriously enough.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA  
Mary Robertoy

"I was like a lot of kids I see today," she said. "I didn't realize the importance of it. I want to shake (some of my younger classmates) because they're making the same mistakes I did."

After dropping out to focus on working full-time as a legal secretary and raising her children along with her husband Michael, she said she returned to OCC by accident.

She wanted to encourage a friend to get a degree at the college to improve her work situation.

"They offer so many different degrees I told her," she said.

To inspire the friend, Robertoy said she would sign up for a class as well.

Well the friend never went, but Robertoy did in 1995.

"I took business law and I got an A," she said. "I took the next class and I got another A. I was like, 'Wow,' I was pretty good at this."

The good grades and the inspiration from her teachers and professors motivated her to continue.

"I like the small classes and the open-door policy the teachers have," she said of attending OCC. "The teachers are glad to see you. They support you. If you're having problems, they will

help. And it's close to home."

Professor Dennis Fiems, who teaches World Civilization courses at OCC, said Robertoy is an ideal student, and a role model for the college's student body, which is 70 percent female.

"I can't think of anyone who is a better example of a student we want to produce in this community or this country," he said of why he nominated Robertoy to speak before the OCC trustees recently.

Robertoy is a legal secretary for attorney Stephen K. Valentine and Associates in West Bloomfield.

She said she loves her job because of the people she works with but does not plan to pursue law.

Instead, the volunteer, who helps second-graders with their reading in Waterford's Riverside Elementary School's Help Us Grow Successfully program, thinks she would like to teach.

She also teaches fifth-graders catechism at her church, St. Perpetua in Waterford.

Because of the joy she finds in helping youngsters, she said she believes teaching would be the ideal field for her.

Robertoy acknowledged that her parents and her husband help allow her time to pursue her education.

But still, how does she handle all the work and activities?

"I like what I do," she explained. "When you like what you do, you don't seem that busy."

"I think everyone should go to college even if it's one class," she said. She pointed out she never felt smart in high school, but returning to college later in life helped prove she knew more than she thought.

"If I could tell people anything it's don't stop learning."

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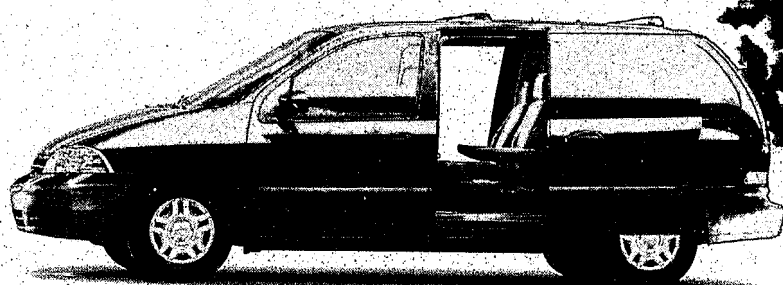
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# Attorney: Protect your estate against probate changes

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This spring a new probate code will go into effect in Michigan that could change the way estates are distributed.

Independence Township attorney David McCleary said the most obvious change is that unless people specify otherwise, the state becomes an heir to their estate. This is possible because of some terminology changes.

Many wills are set up so that children are named but grandchildren are not. They are simply listed as "to my heirs" because often wills and trusts are set up long before grandchildren come onto the scene.

"I don't know who my grandchildren are so I'll just say my heir," McCleary said.

With the new code, if a person does not get more specific, those grandchildren could end up splitting their inheritance with the state.

The Legislature adopted the Estate and Protected Individuals Code, which is modeled after the Uniform Probate Code used in many states.

"What happens is a bunch of scholars get together and say, 'What do we think will work to make some uniformity among the states?'" McCleary said.

The new system replaces the 20-year-old Revised Probate Code on April 1.

McCleary said he didn't get a solid answer about why the new code has the state defined as an heir.

Other considerations people need to know about include representation. Now people can say they want their

children to share equally in their estate and then have that filter down to their grandchildren in a specific way.

For example, if a person has three children and two die before their parent, the living child would get one-third of the estate. If the other two children have their own children, money could be dispersed the following way: If one of the children had one child and the other had three children, each family would split their one-third of the grandparent's estate. That means the only child would get one-third while the family with three children would each get one-sixth.

Under the new law, unless otherwise specified, each of the four grandchildren would get an equal share of the estate.

"The code says we don't agree with it, and we're changing everyone's plans," McCleary said.

Another area of concern is the anti-lapse clause, he said. Currently if a child dies right after a parent, the inheritance chain is not broken. The new code requires that a child survive a parent by 120 days.

McCleary, who grew up in Waterford, but lives in Holly Township most recently worked as general counsel for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs in Lansing. He re-entered the estate planning practice when he opened his Clarkston-area practice in July.

He said people should review their estate plans with a professional before April 1 because there are many technical changes that could affect them.

"I'm very concerned that the state has moved itself up," he said, to becoming



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

**Professional advice:** Attorney David McCleary of Independence Township is advising people to have their wills checked so their estates remain protected under the new probate code.

an heir.

He added that 75 percent of people don't have an estate plan that they have put in place. However, if someone dies

without a will or trust of their own, the state has mechanisms in place to distribute assets. Controlling who gets assets after a person's death is a big

motivation for getting something down on paper well ahead of time, he said.

## POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

### Michigan State Police

#### Vehicle rollover

On the morning of Dec. 26, three 18-year-old men were involved in a roll-over accident that closed I-75 in Independence Township for an hour and sent two of the men to the hospital. According to Michigan State

Trooper Bob Tomassi of the Groveland Post, one of the men suffered from driver fatigue and fell asleep while en route to the Eastpointe, Warren area from Mount Pleasant. One of the passengers is a student at Central Michigan University. The car went off the roadway, was overcorrected, then swerved across three southbound lanes of the freeway and hit a tree, which struck the front passenger door of the 1994 Chevrolet Lumina. Both passengers were trapped inside the vehicle for about 45 minutes until the Jaws of Life were used to get to them. The

driver and two passengers were taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. The front-seat passenger from Eastpointe had a broken leg and a lung injury. He wasn't wearing a seat belt. The back-seat passenger from Warren and the driver from Eastpointe were checked for injuries. All have been released from the hospital, according to Tomassi. He said the men were fortunate traffic was light the day after Christmas or the accident would have been even more serious. The accident remains under investigation.

### Independence Police

#### Assault

On Dec. 26, a 17-year-old Davisburg man filed a report that a 32-year-old Davisburg man assaulted him through his car window and broke the driver's side window in the melee. The incident occurred, according to the police report, when the younger man cut off the other driver while driving north on Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road. When the vehicles stopped at a traffic light, the older man got out of his car and approached the car of the 17-

year-old. The younger man said the other driver put his fist through his partially open window and punched him in the face. The driver's window shattered. The second man told police, according to the report, that he only reached into the vehicle to get the keys so they could file a police report together. Police are still investigating the incident.

#### Stolen motorcycles

On Dec. 25, someone removed two dirt bikes valued at \$4,100 from a pole barn in the 7500 block of Clement Road.

### Springfield Township

#### Malicious destruction of property

On Dec. 23, someone smashed the driver's side window of a 1997 Chevrolet parked in the 17000 block of Coventry.

### Clarkston Police

No reports available.

### Independence Fire

#### Fire calls

No reports available.

# Law enforcement career a family tradition for sergeant

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The Quisenberry name is a familiar one in the Clarkston area and Oakland County.

County residents know Thomas Quisenberry, Oakland County Undersheriff. People in Southfield know brother Ted Quisenberry, the deputy police chief for the city of Southfield. Then there's brother Joe Quisenberry, the lieutenant in charge of the detective bureau for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Clarkston's claim to the name is with Kenneth Quisenberry, the fourth of the five brothers who grew up first in Clarkston, then in Brandon Township.

Kenneth, a sergeant with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, recently returned to serve another stint with the Independence Township substation.

He's no stranger to this particular substation. He started out in Independence as a deputy on the midnight shift many years ago. After stints elsewhere, he returned once more to the substation, only to leave again to work elsewhere.

Now, after 22 years with the sheriff's department, he's been reassigned to the station as a command sergeant.

"I'm the first-line supervisor for all deputies and detectives assigned to Independence Township substation," he said.

And he's glad to be back. "Independence is a wonderful community," he said. "I've been involved in it my entire life."

He's ready to "hit the ground," he said, and learn the new subdivisions that have cropped up since he was last assigned to the Independence substation.

He remembers what the community was like when there was no other word to describe it other than rural.

His parents, Tom and Maryann Quisenberry, had 24 quarter horses on 200 acres



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

along M-15, where the Deer Hill subdivision is now.

"That was a wonderful way to grow up," he said. "We could ride horses for days on open land. There was nothing north of I-75."

Another fond memory is when the late Rudy Schwarze, founder of Rudy's market, would deliver the family's groceries for his mother to their house.

The Quisenberrys moved to Brandon Township when Kenneth started the seventh grade. Before that, he went to Bailey Lake Elementary School.

"My father was the police chief in Brandon Township," he said. "It was natural for my brothers and me to go into police work. We had a daily dose of police contact," he said.

His youngest brother, Jason,

works in the financial world, he said, in New York City. His sister Kathleen is a teacher and lives in Monroe.

It's too early to tell whether Quisenberry's children will follow in their father's footsteps. His children are Sean, 14, and Shannon, 13.

Quisenberry recently broadened his definition of public service. He's a new member of the Brandon School Board.

He's not the only one whose glad to be returned to the Independence substation.

"We're real happy to see him," Lt. Dale LaBair said. "Ken brings a lot of experience and investigative skills to the township."

And besides that, "he's well-liked," LaBair added.

**Return trip:**  
Sergeant Kenneth Quisenberry is back on duty at the Independence Township substation for the third time.

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# Kids predict many changes for life in the next century

Following are the answers to five questions asked to students at Clarkston High School, Clarkston Middle School and Andersonville Elementary School about life in the next century.

The students quoted are senior Sidney Tippett, junior Katrina Gomez, senior Becky Friesen, Greg Davis, grade six; Evan Schneider, grade eight; Megan Kleindler, grade eight; Kalli Kurtz, grade two, Alex Popp, grade three; and Jordan Bellant, grade four.

**What do you think will happen, if anything, with Y2K?**

**Sidney:** I think everything will be OK.

**Katrina:** I don't think anything will happen because people are preparing for it.

**Becky:** We might be down for a couple of days.

**Greg:** I think things will be fine, that nothing will go wrong.

**Evan:** I don't really think that much will happen. Computers have changed; they are safe.

**Megan:** I don't think anything big will happen. There won't be any natural disasters. Maybe some weird people will make something happen.

**Kalli:** I don't think anything will happen because people are fixing the wires in the computers.

**Alex:** I don't think anything will happen because the United States is the most ready country for Y2K.

**Jordan:** I think the electricity might go out for a few days, but that's about it.



Jordan Bellant

**What do you think school will be like for your children?**

**Sidney:** Schools will have better technology and will be safer, better places to learn.

**Katrina:** I think there will be a lot more advanced technology; that video-tapes will be able to do most of the teaching.



Alex Popp

**Becky:** Schools will be less conforming, more efficient

and much better.

**Greg:** Schools will have bigger buildings, more advanced technology. We'll have computer teachers. Teachers won't have to come to school.

**Evan:** Almost everything will be run by computers.

**Megan:** Schools will be completely different — more computers and more high technology.

**Kalli:** I think teachers will give students homework every day.

**Alex:** We'll have chalk boards that float. Things will be more high tech.



Kalli Kurtz

**either kitchens, cars or houses in general be like 50 years from now?**



Megan Kleindler

coffee—at least, I hope.

**Katrina:** Cars will be a lot smaller — more technological with computer navigators. They won't be made out of metal — maybe plastic.

**Becky:** Houses will last a lot longer.

**Greg:** People won't have to do as much work in kitchens. They will operate on time things. You can tell appliances to have breakfast ready at 7 a.m., and they will.

**Evan:** In 50 years, cars will be run by computers. There will be sensors in tires. Police will have

**Jordan:** Kids will ride bikes to school. Everything will be run by computers. Teachers won't have to do that much.

**What will**

**Sidney:** Kitchens will have more automatic things. We'll be able to tell the coffee pot when to start brewing



Greg Davis

with cool accessories you can use. They will be totally different.



Evan Schneider

Houses will be more high-tech and like garages will have sensors and will open by themselves when the car approaches.

**What things do you think we won't use anymore 50 years from now?**

**Sidney:** Telephones in general. I think things will be voice-activated.

**Katrina:** No answer.

**Becky:** Cassette tapes, VCRs.

**Greg:** We won't have regular lawn mowers any more.

**Evan:** We won't use keys as

ways to stop engines in cars so there won't be any more car chases.

**Megan:** Houses will be steel-metal things.

**Kalli:** My kitchen will be painted blue and I'll have a stove that cooks by itself.

**Alex:** Cars will fly and hover.

**Jordan:** Houses will be more high-tech and like garages will have sensors and will open by themselves when the car approaches.



Sidney Tippett

any more. We'll walk on walls to get to the ceiling and we'll do all our walking on the ceiling.

**Alex:** We'll replace gas stoves with electric stoves that are even more high-tech than they are now.

**Jordan:** Microwaves will become mini-stoves and washing machines and dryers will be combined into one machine.

**Do you think sometime in your lifetime people will live on the moon or on other planets?**

**Sidney:** Not in my lifetime. I think more extensive research will be done, but no one will live there during this time.

**Katrina:** Unless the environments of planets change, I don't think this will be possible.

**Becky:** We might try landing a small colony on a planet or a moon.

**Greg:** It's possible we might live on the moon.

**NASA has**

already started tests for that; they've found water there. I'm not sure if we'll be on Mars.

**Evan:** I don't think so. Mars is too frozen and too cold. Maybe we'll try building anything on the moon.

**Megan:** I think people will live in Mars. They've really progressed in the last 10 years.

**Kalli:** I think we'll live on Jupiter, not Mars, because Jupiter is my favorite planet.

**Alex:** I think there are living creatures on other planets. We'll live on the moon or Mars if we can get enough oxygen.

**Jordan:** Maybe they'll try living on a planet or the moon for a week with oxygen tanks, but I think that's all.



Becky Friesen

up in Lima, Ohio, with her parents and brother.

**"I'm a Lima, Ohio, babe,"**

Stewart said.

DePoorter and Stewart enjoyed doing the same things when they were young as children do today. They both liked school and liked listening to music—except their music was played on Victrolas. Stewart had a big doll she liked to play with. Their houses were lit by gas lights since electricity wasn't in use yet. They both liked to roller skate and play jacks.

One realizes they're talking about a different era when something is said about the bathroom facilities at their houses.

There weren't any.

As they watched the snow falling outside the Independence Township senior center, DePoorter said, "I didn't like it when we had to go to the outhouse in weather like this."

"My mother would let me use the slop jar (inside)," said Stewart.

They remember how cold their sleeping quarters were. The upstairs wasn't heated.

DePoorter recalled how all her siblings would get dressed around the stove on the main floor, where it was warm.

Saturdays meant the once-a-week bath, a clean change of underwear and polishing shoes for church. Underwear wasn't made from soft cotton, but mostly from recycled potato sacks.

Transportation meant walking somewhere or roller skating.

"I remember how boys would wear the bottom of one shoe out as they peddled their scooters," DePoorter said. "They didn't buy scooters, either. They made them out of extra parts."

That's how they got radios, too. Both ladies said their brothers made their radios.

"We couldn't figure out where the voices came from," Stewart recalled.

"We had nice memories all the time," DePoorter said. "There weren't baby-sitters back then. We went everywhere my mother went. We had to stand around her chair and be quiet when we went places with her. She was always telling us you learn more by listening than by talking."

DePoorter remembers churning milk from her family cow into butter. She also remembers the two delicious buttermilk doughnuts and tall glass of milk available at her uncle's saloon for 5 cents.

Stewart, who considered herself a tomboy, said she wore her hair in braids around her ears.

"We called them cootie garages," she said. She didn't go to a store for clothes. A seamstress made their clothing.

DePoorter still has family around her. Her son, Edward, lives in Clarkston. Her other son, Marcel, lives in California. She also has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Both DePoorter and Stewart say they'll probably be sleeping at midnight on New Year's Eve. They are looking forward to starting another year.

And as long as their good health continues, they'll continue to spend almost every day of the week at the senior center.

"For the food and the company," quipped Stewart.

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# Dog's no dud

## Bomb-sniffing Rocko joins Oakland K-9 corps

BY PAT MURPHY  
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Compared to her previous jobs with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Sherry Locher's new assignment is almost a snap.

You might say she's having a blast — except for the poor choice of words.

Locher is the handler for Rocko, Oakland's first ever bomb sniffing dog. And a blast is what the dog and Locher are trained to avoid.

Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard decided to add a bomb dog to the county's K-9 corp earlier this year after the shootings at Columbine High School sparked a host of false alarms at local schools.

Oakland had already reinstituted the K-9 corps with four dogs and handlers for tracking people or drugs. But after a rash of bomb threats (29 from April until the last day of school in June), the sheriff decided to add a dog trained exclusively to detect explosives... and react in a passive manner.

"I guess it's a sign of the times," said Sgt. John S. Skalski, chief trainer at the Oakland Police Academy at the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College. "But there's a big call for dogs that can quickly

**'The dog and handler must work very closely together, so they have to understand each other.'**

*Sgt. John S. Skalski,  
chief trainer, Oakland  
Police Academy*

scan a building or an area."

Sheriff Robert J. Pickell of Genesee County, one of the first departments to have a bomb dog, said he realized their potential after seeing one sniff out a pistol that had been buried in a field. "If I hadn't seen it, I never would have believed it was possible," he said.

Skalski said a dog's sense of smell is believed to be 40 to 60 times more sensitive than a human's. "They can do some unbelievable things," he said.

### Dog-handler bonding

Last week Locher and Rocko underwent the first of five weeks of training — time Skalski said was devoted largely to bonding and agility. "The dog and handler must work very closely together," he said. "So they have to understand each other."

Locher joined the sheriff's department as a civilian clerical employee shortly after graduat-

ing from Waterford Mott High School in 1986. After a stint as a corrections (jail) officer, Locher became the first woman drill instructor at the sheriff's newly opened boot camp — subsequently named after the late John F. Nichols.

Being the lone female DI at the very macho Camp Nichols was an experience, Locher acknowledged. But the biggest challenge was psychological, she said. "Helping trainees realize they are worth more than they thought they were."

After boot camp, Locher was assigned to road patrol — a nuts and bolts assignment for most deputies. "That's an experience," she said, one easily as dangerous as anything she's likely to encounter with the bomb dog.

Rocko and other bomb dogs are trained to detect 16 basic scents present in most explosives, said Locher. "When he does detect one of those scents, the dog sits immediately," she said, and I call the bomb squad."

Locher is no stranger to animals. She and her husband Don, a 1979 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School, own another German shepherd on their 10-acre home in White Lake Township. They also have three children, Brock, 12, Paige, 7, and Pierce, 3.

Locher sometimes refers to her husband as "the civilian," in deference to his being a tool and die maker. "He's very supportive of my career," she said, "but we avoid talking shop."



**Bonding:** Rocko, Oakland's first ever bomb-sniffing dog is 'deputized' by Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard (above). Rocko will live at the home of his handler, Deputy Sherry Locher, so they can be on call 24 hours a day.



**One of the family:** Rocko will live at the home of his handler, Deputy Sherry Locher (above) in White Lake Township, so they can be on call 24 hours a day.

## New K-9 is well-known in Oakland

Rocko, the county's first bomb-sniffing dog, is really ROCKO (Responsible Oakland County K-9 Officer).

And the 21-month-old German shepherd was a celebrity months before he came to Oakland County to undergo training as the fifth member of the sheriff's K-9 unit.

Earlier this year Sheriff Michael Bouchard invited elementary school students to come up with a fitting name. ROCKO was the suggestion of Christina Goodwillie, a fifth grader at Frank E. Bartlett Elementary school in South Lyon.

The name was one of 2,000 suggested by the students.

The cost of adding a bomb dog to the K-9 corps was underwritten by Pet Supplies Plus and Milk-bone who contributed \$5,000 to purchase the European trained ROCKO and the Oakland County Intermediate School District that kicked in \$21,000 to purchase and refit the patrol car used to transport ROCKO and his handler, deputy Sherry Locher of White Lake Township.



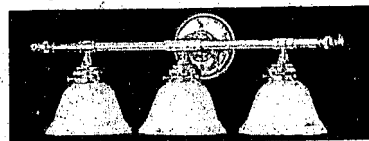
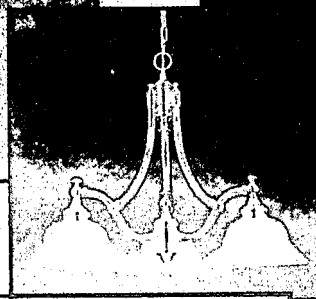
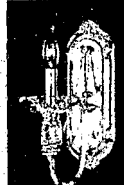
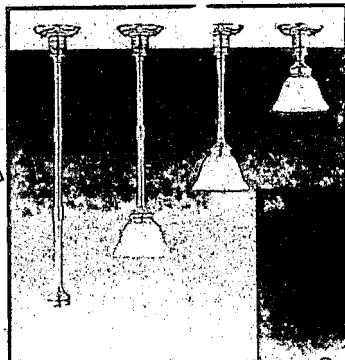
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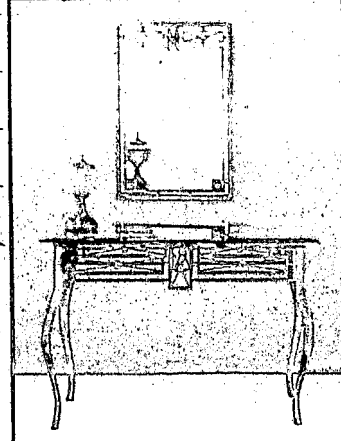
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# Independence delays decision on golf course

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Discussion of what Independence Township should do about a proposal to acquire Clarkston Creek Golf Course continued Dec. 21, culminating with a suggestion by Clerk Joan McCrary that the matter be put to a vote of the people.

McCrary said perhaps a referendum would settle the issue.

"I think the people need to tell us, should we purchase this 135 acres," McCrary said.

She said since the trustees can't seem to decide whether to go forward with negotiations, then maybe the people should speak.

Other board members, however, didn't think a vote was a practical solution.

Trustee Larry Rosso said

they have all the information they need to decide whether they want to enter negotiations. Making those decisions is the reason people elected them, he said.

McCrary added that she has some reservations about the project.

"The developer is using the township's borrowing power instead of his own for financing \$3 million," she said.

She wondered if other projects like a new township hall or improvements to Bay Court Park would have to be put off if the township decided to pursue the golf course.

Developer and township resident Joe Locricchio has a proposal that would include housing, office space, retail and a restaurant. The township would sell him a piece of property on Sashabaw Road and

would in turn buy the course for approximately \$3 million from him over time. He would hire a professional firm to manage the course and the revenues would go to the township. Independence could then use those profits to pay back its loan.

Locricchio also hopes to buy a parcel from a local resident to round out his property needs.

Discussion of the entire project was stalled at a Dec. 7 meeting because some trustees didn't feel comfortable with the possibility that the plan, even in concept, might be approved.

Trustee Neil Wallace wanted more information including current appraisals for all the properties involved and more specifics on how the course would be financed. He also thought an independent study of the golf course was in order.

Trustee Jeff McGee thought

better discussion could take place in closed session. Anything in open session could be heard by the developer and compromise the township's negotiating position.

The disagreement was so intense Dec. 7 that the board failed even to approve an agenda and the meeting was adjourned.

At the Dec. 21 meeting, however, Supervisor Dale Stuart took comments from trustees and the audience before the board went into closed session to talk about the issue. Under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, public bodies may meet in closed session to discuss a property purchase up until the time an option on the property has been obtained.

During public comment, resident Mark Wayne said he would like to move his Troy

company with 60 employees to Independence.

"I think a project like this is exactly what we need," he said.

Springfield Township resident Tom St. Dennis, who is involved with the Michigan Builders Land Use Committee, said the developer won't wait around forever.

"I think the most important thing to do is give these people a signal to go forward," he said.

But John Nicholson of Independence said he doesn't think the township should borrow money to finance a project that would compete with private enterprise. He thinks if people were to vote on it, it would be defeated.

No decision about going forward in concept was made after the Dec. 22 closed session.

## AGENDA

Independence Township  
Board of Trustees  
Jan. 4, 2000  
7:30 p.m.  
Township Library

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
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Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Approval of Agenda  
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Approval of Purchase Orders  
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### Unfinished Business

1. Norlight Telecommunications Right-of-Way Permit Application  
2. Second Reading and Adoption — 1999 National Electrical Code

### New Business

1. Request to Hire Park Laborer  
Closed Session — Property Purchase

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the board members may add or delete an agenda item.

## NOTABLES

Robbie Clark, a student at Clarkston Middle School, took first place in the 12-13 age division of the annual Pontiac-Waterford Elks No. 810 "Hoop Shoot" Dec. 4 at Mason Middle School, Waterford Township.

Robbie, who made 21 of 24 baskets, will go on to compete in a district contest Jan. 8 in Royal Oak.

Robbie, a repeat winner, placed fifth in national competition last year at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

## Golf course from page A1

Many factors go into the financial viability of a golf course including banquet facilities, the fees charged and the amount of competition. Palermo said there is much competition in Oakland County.

"The golf course has to be competitive in conditions and fee wise," he said.

He added that losing the driving range deletes a large revenue source. Another tip, Palermo said, is that professional management is critical. Some places do manage courses on their own.

"Some do well because they hire professionals. Others don't do that, and they get them-

selves into trouble," he said.

Several Oakland County communities have municipally-owned golf courses, including Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

Farmington Hills bought vacant land and had a course built in the late 1970s, course superintendent Jim Hardy said. He said golf is as hot as ever.

"In fact, we're embarking on a big expansion," he said.

The city has purchased 120 acres next to San Marino Golf Course. It will be a separate course and will include upscale housing. Hardy said San Marino is a revenue source for the city. He says the key compo-

nents are providing good service, an interesting course and competitive rates.

Rochester Hills director of parks and forestry Mike Hartner said having a municipally-owned course run by a private enterprise is a way to provide the community a service without being a drain on the general fund. Rochester Hills' Pine Trace Golf Course was built in the mid-1980s. The property is owned by the city and leased to a private management company. The lease is for 35 years, after which the city is to own the course.

Hartner said allowing an outside person to run the course is

necessary because parks personnel normally don't have the expertise needed to run a successful course. The city course is well-used, he said. But he said Independence should expect several months of talking to work out legal details if it decides to pursue Locricchio's offer.

Palermo said that since Clarkston Creek opened in 1968, it likely needs some work. Locricchio has noted that improvements are needed and would be part of the package.

Palermo said while getting a golf course for roughly \$4 million is a pretty good deal, the township needs to be careful.

Palermo said he has seen developers go back on their promises or fail to maintain the course. If that happens, people will go elsewhere to golf.

Locricchio, a township resident, has said that he plans to make as much as \$1 million in improvements to the course and that he will hire a professional golf course management company to manage it. He added that he is building homes on the course and that if the course isn't in top shape, it would only hurt his development.

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## 'Truth in taxing' bill awaits Engler's OK, requires detailed ballot specifics for voters

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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State lawmakers want local governments to make full disclosure of tax increases and bond issues put before voters.

House Bill 4177, sponsored by Rep. Robert Gosselin (R-Troy), has won the approval of both the House and Senate — by 107-0 and 36-0 votes respectively — and now awaits the governor's signature.

Specifics of tax proposals are often left out of the language, according to legislative analysts. Local officials, for instance, often do not include in the ballot language the tax rate they are seeking when they ask for voter approval of bond issues on the grounds that fluctuations in the community's state equalized valuation can cause the tax rate to fluctuate, too. As a general obligation bond issue, municipalities are required to set whatever rate is needed to meet the payments on the bond.

HB 4177 requires that an estimated tax rate be included for bond issues, but states that the general obligation bonds will not be affected if the tax rate is calculated in error.

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### Property tax specifics

Specifically, the bill requires that municipalities seeking property tax increases include:

- The rate to be authorized.
- Estimated revenue from the increase in the first year.
- Duration of the tax increase in years.
- A statement of purpose for the tax increase.
- A clear statement as to whether the proposal is a renewal or new tax.

### For bond issues

When municipalities ask for approval for bond issues, they'll have to include:

- The amount to be borrowed.
- The number of years for which the bonds could be outstanding.
- The purpose of the bond issue.
- An estimated tax rate needed to cover the cost of repayment.

In the case of revenue bonds, the legislation requires municipalities to state the specific source from which those revenues will be derived.

## College adds time to register

Oakland Community College has added a half day of registration for new and returning students wishing to enroll for the Winter semester. In addition to previously published telephone and walk-in registration hours, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 5-6 (9 a.m.-8 p.m.) and Friday, Jan. 7 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), registration has been extended to Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 10.

Prospective students may apply, see an academic advisor to work out their class schedules, and enroll during the final registration period. There is no

charge to apply to OCC, but payment for classes is due the same day that the student enrolls.

Michigan residents who are 60 years of age or before the first day of classes are eligible for a 20 percent tuition discount on OCC credit classes. Applicants must complete and file a Senior Citizens Tuition Discount Verification Form with proof of birth date at the campus of their choice prior to registering. The discount does not apply to registration or other course fees.

Registration for the winter semester takes place at the following sites:

- Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, (248) 840-6572;
- Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 360-3069;
- Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 471-7628;
- Royal Oak/Southfield Campus, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 544-5574.

Oakland Community College will be closed through Monday, Jan. 3.

## Women's issues on agenda for OCC

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents a group for women from cultures around the world beginning on Thursday, Jan. 20.

The International Women's Discussion Group is open to the public and meets for 12 sessions in the campus' J Building, Room 308, from noon to 1 p.m. A one-time \$5 donation is requested.

Women from different cultural backgrounds will discuss the roles for women manifested in diverse societies, and the issues shared. Nancy Nicholson and Arlene J. Frank will facilitate.

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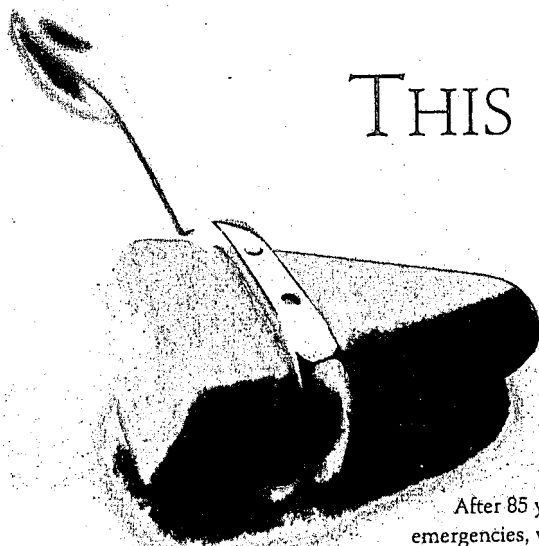
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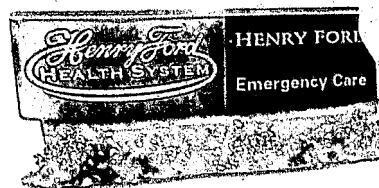
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and the town even had a band. According to the book "Heritage," published in 1989 by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, pictures show a bustling town with horses and wagons parked along Washington and Main streets instead of Fords and Chryslers.

Nicholas Smith Drugs & Groceries occupied the northeast corner of Washington and Main streets around 1890. In a corner of the store was a barber shop, where men gathered. Upstairs was the Masonic Hall.

Another familiar site is the Maccabee Temple, which, according to "Heritage," was built in 1900 under the guidance of the Clarkston Business Asso-

ciation. Although real estate offices, banks, restaurants and retail establishments now dominate the downtown, simpler needs were seen to 100 years ago.

A photo in "Heritage" shows a shoe store and a meat market. Other businesses included the mill, a tinsmith shop, Running's Pool Hall and a dental office. Dr. Sutherland was a doctor in town, and his home retains his name as apartments on Main Street near Waldon today.

Grocery stores, a furniture store and barber shops were all in the mix of stores in the early part of the century. Post office workers delivered mail with horses and wagons. Frank Wal-

**Elizabeth Ronk, who recently passed away at age 95, remembered as a little girl going to the mill behind what is now Rudy's Market. While the meal was being ground, they would visit with friends.**

ter started out peddling goods from a wagon. The wagon delivery service was still popular, according to "Heritage," even after Walter set up a store in town.

In a book of remembrances called "The Way We Remember It," Ada Scrace recalls attending parties and talks on the second floor of the Maccabee building. Scrace was born in 1891. Interviewed in 1975, Scrace remem-

bers Frank Walter delivering groceries to her childhood home and staying for dinner. Evidently he had quite an appetite. She said Saturdays were busy with shopping and socializing. Grange meetings were held frequently.

Elizabeth Ronk, who recently passed away at age 95, also was interviewed in 1982. She is a niece of Ada Scrace and remembers her (Ronk's) father, John Hammond, selling grain, pota-

toes and corn. Proceeds from the sales were their cash on hand. The dairy products from their cows, as well as eggs, were traded for the other items they needed at the local stores.

Ronk remembered as a little girl going to the mill behind what is now Rudy's Market. While the meal was being ground, they would visit with friends.

George Washington King's personal diaries were recently given to the Clarkston Community Historical Society. He also was a correspondent to The Pontiac Gazette. Outlying areas like Clarkston, Orion, Oxford and Waterford had small columns each week. The Clarkston Chronicles told about who was sick and who was visiting whom for how long.

One installment in 1890 said, "Mr. Vliet is very dangerously sick and only careful nursing will save him."

King told about local happenings. These happenings included people clamoring for a sidewalk near the post office and businesses and schools closing because a local person was involved in a lawsuit in Oxford and everyone wanted to attend the proceedings.

Other events included a series of lectures at the Methodist Episcopal Church, now home to Clarkston Mayor Sharon Catallo. The Young People's Debating Society also was active.

King describes a large community party for July 4. There were music, games and races. Competitions included walking the grease pole, the 100-yard race, the potato race, a boys' race and a men's race. A dance in the evening "lasted until dawn."

Staying up that late seems to

have been unusual. King himself was married and had five children. He lived from 1835-1892. He was a postmaster in Clarkston. He taught school in the winter, farmed in the summer and was on the school board for many years.

He wrote for the Gazette for more than 25 years. One report told about a drunk and helpless man who was seen on the street. Interestingly, the man had been a candidate on the Prohibition ticket in a recent election. Another report tells about an "incorrigible" youth of 15 years who was taken in by a local family only to try and steal their horse. He was caught.

King's personal diary was not nearly as detailed. Many entries simply say "at school" or "worked at cutting wood." It talks about how many bushels of apples he had or that he went fishing or had a picnic. He told how he helped some neighbors or killed a hog that day. There is hardly a mention of his family. He does talk about the weather, where he goes to visit, his daily work and his business transactions.

The Pontiac Gazette carried his death notice. He died on April 15, 1892, after a short bout with pneumonia.

"On Saturday the sad announcement reached us of his demise, causing us to feel in his going, the Gazette had lost one of its ablest and most faithful correspondents and in social fellowship, a tried and true friend. During all his years of relation with Gazette as correspondent, his gleanings were always pure and a full and complete report of local affairs along all the lines of life," it said.

## OBITUARY

### DOROTHY B. CROUCH

Dorothy Crouch of Lapeer, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 24, 1999, at age 76.

Mrs. Crouch is survived by her husband, Louis; sons, Ronald Young (Betty Clifford) of Waterford, Jeffery (Renee) Crouch of Lapeer, Gordon (Cindy) Crouch of Lapeer, and daughter, Denise (Paul) Malik of Rochester Hills. Also surviving are 12 grandchild-

ren; a sister, Hazel (Clint) Curtis; and a brother, Frank Garrow, all of Oregon.

Mrs. Crouch was a member of St. Rita's Catholic Church in Holly.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Karen Geno officiating. Memorials may be made for Masses at St. Rita's Catholic Church.

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Her ways follow a natural rhythm, giving us a degree of predictability as the calendar pages flip week after week until 2001 signals another rotation of the Earth. Hang on. Here we go again. Let's hope for a good ride.

**January:** Winter stalks the land. Frosty breath on morning chores. Fingers numb at metal gates. Purple finch and black-capped chickadees enliven feeders. Red-tailed hawks watch salt trucks grind down I-75. Fresh, cold air refreshes and stings.

**February:** Coyotes wander and expand their range. Red fox mate. Nights are warmed in country homes by wood stoves. Slush on city streets. Great horned owls nest.

**March:** Spring teases. Great blue herons fly home. Spring peepers emerge from a long, long nap. Red-wing blackbirds cling to cattail stalks. Maple sap flows; oh so sweet.

**April:** Skunk cabbage pushes through muddy frost. Bluebirds warble. Tree swallows return. Wood frogs quack. Night air tastes of spring. And the rains come.

**May:** Painted turtles rotate with the sun on floating logs. Osprey hunt fish. Trillium splash color in woodlands. Fat garter snakes slither. Frog music fills the air.

**June:** Dragonflies skim ponds. Skunks and raccoons dig up sod. Fox pups explore the topside world. Robins tug of war with worms. Oakland County is green.

**July:** Thunderheads loom. Tornado sirens scream. Hail bounces on tin roofs. Wildflower meadows beckon butterflies. Raccoon pups raid barbecues.

**August:** Corn grows tall. Black-eyed Susan's hold their own. Rattlesnakes coil in secluded wetlands. Milkweed beckons monarchs. Cicadas and katydids make music.

**September:** Red maples hint of autumn. Acorns swell. Canada goose flocks graze. Walnuts ripen. Leopard frogs move

through wet meadows. Muskrat are restless.

**October:** Pumpkins fatten. Ruffed grouse move into thickets. Salamanders wiggle under logs for a winter nap. Leaves crackle under foot. A snowflake or two falls.

**November:** Witch hazel blooms in woodlands. Mullein stalks stand bare. Goldfinch tear at seed heads. Deer are restless. Woodchucks burrow down. Crickets fall silent.

**December:** Owls hoot. Woolly bear caterpillars in hibernation. Juncos visit feeders. Nuthatches twirl down tree trunks. Trees stand bare and proud. Where has daylight gone?

And another season winds down, a new one begins. Robert Frost wrote, "The last lone aster is gone. The flowers of the witch hazel wither; The heart is still aching to seek, But the feet question, Whither? Ah, when to the heart of man, was it less than a reason, To go with the drift of things, To yield with a grace to reason, And bow and accept the end, Of a love or a season."

Wishing you good seasons, good explorations of nature's way, good health and a good New Year.

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# Beaumont unit studying options for rheumatoid arthritis patients

A new option for treating rheumatoid arthritis is being investigated at William Beaumont Hospital's Preventive and Nutritional Medicine Clinic in Birmingham to see if it causes fewer stomach problems. People interested in enrolling in this research study can call toll-free at 1-877-20-STUDY.

There currently is no known cure for RA. Treatment includes drug therapy to alleviate symptoms. RA is treated with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, most commonly known as aspirin or ibuprofen. These drugs, when taken frequently and in large doses, may cause extensive complications, often with no noticeable symptoms.

The study drug being investigated at Beaumont is to determine whether it will cause fewer complications while treating pain associated with RA.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a life-altering disease characterized by chronic inflammation of the joints and surrounding tissue, which affects more than two million Americans.

Long-term use of pain medications to treat RA may cause stomach and digestive tract problems, sometimes becoming so severe as to require surgery.

When a person with RA experiences a flare (when tissue becomes inflamed), knuckles swell to twice their normal size and the pain can be excruciating, affecting normal daily activities such as buttoning a shirt, grocery shopping and walking the

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This medical research study lasts approximately 16 weeks, and people who enroll will receive either a placebo or the study drug, which is approved for other conditions. To find out more about this medical research study taking place at Beaumont, or to get a list of other sites participating in this research study across the United States, the toll-free hotline is 1-877-20-STUDY. Or, visit the study website at [www.rastudy.com](http://www.rastudy.com). This study is being sponsored by Merck & Co.

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## Y2K

### Preparation is wise; panic isn't

**W**ith our dependence on computers, it's difficult to imagine that nothing will go wrong when the century number changes from 99 to 00. (Some of the computers that use just two digits to specify the year will choke on the two digits 00.)

The question is how much is going to go wrong and how serious the problems will be. Major problems are unlikely in profit-making businesses for just that reason: They are profit-making businesses.

If a profit-making business is forced out of operation, the head of the computer department is going to be in trouble with the CEO. And every computer department head knows this.

People who supervise the computer departments of not-for-profit and non-profit organizations do not face pressures to keep the profits flowing. But the head of every computer department we have spoken with — non-profit organizations as well as profit-making companies — has assured us their computer systems will be able to handle the date change.

In less-developed countries, governments and businesses have a lot less to spend so the Year 2000 computer glitch might be rough on them. And their problems will spill over into our lives. But the extent of that spill-over is anyone's guess — and a lot of people are guessing.

The vast majority of informed prognosticators are predicting nothing worse than what we survived this past January. They advise setting aside food, water, clothing and other essentials. This is always a good idea. For years the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has urged its members to set aside a year's worth of food. Man-made disasters such as unemployment or a transportation strike would make such preparations meaningful and wise.

Some people have espoused buying ammunition and military ready-to-eat packages and heading for the hills. Well, if you want to, you are free to take a rural vacation.

That is not a viable option for most people. Too much of our lives is tied up in driving to work every day, living in a suburban home, attending a local school and church and depending on local medical, police and fire services. However, even though we depend on a fire department if our home catches fire, we should still have an extinguisher at home.

People can set aside those things they will use anyway. Cans of corned beef hash and soup can be recycled back into your everyday life if little happens the first week or two in January. Likewise, if you store some clean bottled water, you'll be ready to deal with a broken water main or some other mundane problem.

If you've live in Michigan long, you've sat in a darkened basement and listened to a battery-operated radio during tornado season. So extra batteries will be used up anyway.

Keeping your gasoline tank full in the winter is only sensible. And if you don't need the gasoline to keep your car running to provide emergency transportation or heat, you'll use that gasoline driving to work or to the store.

For people who have a connection to the Internet, there are lots of Web sites out there that will happily give you all the information you want — and more. A few will assure you that the world is about to end or an economic crash is just around the corner.

Perhaps they are right, but setting aside some peanut butter and battery-operated lanterns worked well during the snows of January 1999. They probably will do the same for the problems of January 2000.

## Let's ring in the new year safely

**A**n estimated 1.6 million Michiganians — 17 percent of state residents — have travel plans for the holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey. The number represents an increase over last year, when 1.4 million state residents made holiday travel plans.

Whether your travel plans have you staying close to home or hitting the road for a distant destination, traffic safety is essential. Campaigns to increase awareness of drunken driving dangers have gotten the word out to many.

Choosing a designated driver is essential "so that they can bring in the new millennium," said Jenny Lozano, administrator for a Detroit-area Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter.

MADD will again offer Project LifeRide with cab rides for revelers who are unfit to drive. The toll-free number is (877) Y2K-MADD or (877) 925-6233.

This is the 16th year for Project LifeRide, being done regionally by Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Such efforts seem to be helping. Lozano noted there have been no alcohol-related New Year's traffic deaths since 1994 in the tri-county area.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, eight people died in Michigan in eight fatal traffic crashes. None of the crashes was alcohol-related, and restraints weren't used by two of the victims who had belts available, according to AAA Michigan.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes statewide. At least two of those crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints weren't used by four of the victims who had belts available.

The 1999-2000 New Year holiday period (78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

AAA Michigan and The Eccentric remind motorists that, as of Oct. 1, 1999, they face tough new drunken driving laws. Drivers convicted of drunken driving now face severe consequences, including loss of vehicle.

AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of non-alcoholic drink recipes, visit News & Info at [www.aaamich.com](http://www.aaamich.com)). The Eccentric, and other concerned parties, second that.

Lozano said MADD also has plenty of information on alcohol-free drinks. She encourages hosts to be responsible, by serving nonalcoholic drinks and high protein/carbohydrate foods, such as meat and cheese.

Salty snacks should be limited, as they encourage drinking. Hosts should be prepared to put guests up for the night if necessary, Lozano said.

Having a few unexpected house guests is a small price to pay compared to a life being lost. Let's ring in the New Year safely and joyfully, refraining from drinking and driving.

The lovable drunk may be a comedy staple from years gone by, but there's nothing lovable about a traffic death.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### QUESTION:

What problems, if any, do you expect from Y2K?



"I think the computers are going to crash."

William Black  
Springfield Township



"I think not much of anything is going to change. I think it's all going to stay the same."

Cheryl Cronk  
Springfield Township



"I really don't think Y2K will be a major thing. (I expect) no more problems than normal."

Bill Vratnina  
Independence Township



"Other people will cause the problems. I think the computer situation is all right."

Lara Dryden  
Independence Township

This question was asked in front of the Clarkston Post Office.

## LETTERS

### Independence prepared to help if Y2K problems arise

**Y**our Independence Township government has done everything we believe to be prudent to be ready for the turn of the century. We do not expect anything to go amiss over which we have any control.

For your protection and for your comfort, we will have a staff of township employees on duty from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 to 1 a.m. Jan. 1. These employees will be checking all township systems to make sure they successfully make the turn of the clock. They will also be available to answer questions and help if you run into trouble. They will have telephone numbers for the utilities, police and emergency assistance. If necessary, we have arranged for emergency housing.

For any life-threatening emergency, call 911 as you normally would.

To speak directly to the fire department regarding an emergency, call 625-3311.

For all other calls, dial 625-5111.

Your calls will be answered. If you are just curious about world, state or county events, please wait and call on Monday, Jan. 3. Please do not make any nonessential telephone calls at or around 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 and for at least an hour thereafter.

We are going to be here for you monitoring world, state and county events.

We are prepared to deal with any emergency that might occur. If an emergency does occur, and your electricity is working, monitor your TV and radio. In the case of a local emergency, we will override your TV transmission with a message.

We've worried about all of these things so that you don't have to.

Have a great holiday! Enjoy your families!

Dale Stuart

Independence Township Supervisor

### United Way tops \$6 million, thanks to many contributors

**D**uring this season of thanks, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who lives and works in the Clarkston area. Your generosity toward the United Way campaign has been extraordinary. Even though our 1999 fund drive isn't over, we have reason to celebrate. From campaign returns to date, we expect to exceed the \$6 million mark for the first time in our 50-year history.

The money will be used to address the most critical issues in our community: Success by Six, Destination Graduation, Supporting Seniors, Family Strides, Emergency Needs and Nonprofit Solutions. The volunteers who serve on United Way's leadership councils make sure your contribution is well-spent. Every funded program undergoes tough

scrutiny and rigorous review. Fund-raising and administration costs are kept to a minimum by using volunteers.

Our special thanks to the employees of General Motors and to the members of UAW for taking us over the top this year. We also salute the students and staff of Clarkston School District and the employees of Independence Township, Century 21 Hallmark West, Integrated Health Systems, ME CAD and Machine Engineering, Saturn North and Town and Country Dodge. There are many more companies and organizations to thank and many individuals who deserve our deepest gratitude.

The spirit of the season is certainly alive in this community.

Jeff Love  
President, Baker College  
1999 Campaign Chairman

### Thanks for helping make Greens Market a success

**O**n behalf of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club I would like to thank the people of Clarkston and the surrounding areas for the enthusiastic support they gave our recent Green's Market held at the Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston. Because of your interest we will have no trouble continuing our community beautification projects, scholarships at Clarkston High School as well as environmental programs mostly at the elementary school level and providing hundreds of books to the Independence Township Library.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that in November we presented Civic Improvement Awards to two area businesses for making their own patch of land more beautiful. One was presented to Rudy's Quality Market — Christopher Thomas and Robert Eshaki and another to Michigan Equipment Rental & Sales Inc. — Gary Skibowski. Mr. Skibowski gave all the credit to coworker Paul Schramm, and as we left his parting comment was "Wait until next year!" If given the chance, please compliment these people for their efforts.

Kay Robertson  
Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## If grownups would try listening to kids' music, they might like it

The music changes for every generation in lyrics and soul. My grandparents didn't understand, my parents don't understand, and I probably won't understand 10 years from now. Music changes with every generation; why can't parents accept that? People tend to get stuck in their era of music and don't like to listen to the new types.

My grandparent's generation used to and still does listen to Frank Sinatra, big band and swing music. My dad and my uncle both "have music in their blood." My uncle, Greg Green, was a deejay for 14 years on stations WLLZ, WKJ and WQTE. My dad, Conrad Green, has been playing guitar for about 25 years. My dad grew up listening to the Beatles, Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones. My Uncle Greg grew up listening to Bruce Springsteen, Pink Floyd and the Who.

My generation is in the rap/R&B era. Some of the popular rap artists lately have been Kid Rock, Tupac, BIG, Lauryn Hill, Puff Daddy and Eminem. Then you have the boy bands — the groups that all the girls swoon over, such as N'SYNC, Backstreet Boys, 98 degrees and Five. The female artists have started to come back strong with Brandy, Britney Spears, Mandy Moore, Jessica Simpson and Christina Aguilera.

Not all parents dislike rap. Greg Green said, "My problem with the rap is the lyrics, the lyrical content. It's the negativity, profanity and violence that some, not all, rap has. There is some rap that I enjoy."

Tara Chastain, a Clarkston High School junior, said, "I like some rap, but the rap that is all about sex I can't stand. I listen to the beat, and not really the words, but if the words are that bad, I switch the station."

My mom was the easy one to change generations of music. Every time my sister and I are in the car, we turn on the radio. We put it to our favorite stations — 93.1, 105.9 and 97.9. We hear the Britney Spears, the Kid Rock and the Backstreet Boys. My mom likes that music and now she has those stations programmed in her car.

My dad, on the other hand, is much more stuck in the '70s. He has his Led Zeppelin on, his rock and roll. Whenever I'm up in my room, and he hears Jay-Z or any rap on, he automatically comes in and turns it off. "That's going to give me a headache; you don't need to listen to that anyway" is usually the excuse.

All types of music give a message. If we are really listening, we pick up on it. Today some parents think that rap gives a negative message. In some cases it does talk about killing, drugs, sex and violence. A lot of the rap today has profanity and doesn't seem very nice to a parent. They don't know entirely about rap,



JAIME GREEN

though. What about Will Smith? On his CD he has a song entitled "Just the Two of Us." It's about him and his son, and last time I checked, Will Smith is under the rap section. If parents, grandparents and adults listened to all kinds of rap, then they might form a different opinion of it.

Not all parents dislike the music their children listen to. In my opinion they don't like it because it isn't what they are accustomed to. I mean, if you listen to Sinatra or Celine Dion everyday, and all of a sudden someone in your house starts playing Juvenile, then it's a noticeable difference. I asked my uncle why he thought parents couldn't seem to adjust to the new music groups. Green replied, "I think the reasons that the older generations can't enjoy the younger generation's music is because they aren't proven. I don't see N'sync, the Backstreet Boys or 98 degrees being here 20 years from now. My prime example is New Kids on the Block. I don't think that the Backstreet Boys will be remembered in 20 years. The music of my generations has proven the test of time. The popular groups now will make their millions off the girls going gaga off of them and then they'll be over with. The bands that we grew up with are still putting out products, and I don't see the Backstreet Boys being there or putting out any products in 15 or 20 years."

I listen to all types of music; I listen to rap, R&B, rock, oldies and soul. I think everyone should try all genres of music. It might expand our horizons. It might also help us to see our children in a new light and see what they are all about. Next time you hear a song on the radio that isn't what you quite call music, listen to it; there may be more to it than meets the ear.

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## Y2K lesson: Technocrats need to go to 'manual override' now



MIKE MALOTT

So, have we learned any lessons from this Y2K thing?

"What's this guy talking about?" some readers will surely say. "Civilization is on the verge of collapse, the universe may wink out of existence, and he's talking about learning lessons from it. Get it straight, fella, there will be no one left to learn any lessons."

Well, I'm not usually much of a prognosticator, but I am willing to make this prediction about the coming New Year — the world will not end. Civilization will not come to a standstill. The Earth will not stop spinning in its orbit. Come Jan. 3, 2000, the vast majority of us will return to the same old boring jobs and the same old boring lives and carry on much as we have before . . . as much as we may dislike that idea.

So perhaps we can learn something. Maybe the lesson is this: if a mere computer glitch can cause such an uproar, then as a society we are letting our technologists lead us down the wrong path.

Larry Yost, CEO and chairman of Meritor Automotive, alluded to this when he spoke to the Detroit Economic Club recently. Rather than being the big disaster Y2K has generally been predicted to be, Yost said Meritor had carried away many lessons from its Y2K preparedness efforts — like how to keep the business running should the computers fail.

Gene Roddenbury understood this way back in the 1960s when he penned the Star Trek television series. Did he ever let an episode go by without having Captain James T. Kirk utter the phrase, "Go to manual override."

Yet in real life, our society has allowed technocrats over the past 30 years to install vast amounts of computer equipment and computer controlled equipment without anticipating what would happen if they fail. I can't find a single "manual override" button on any electronically controlled appliance that I own.

Perhaps the worst example comes from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which services most of southeastern Michigan. Folks there say they're ready, but just in case customers should store enough water — 1 gallon per person per day, plus an extra bathtub full — for a three-day outage.

Considering that water delivery systems

date back to the Roman aqueducts, there is no excuse for this. How did we allow the engineers in just the last few decades to make that system so dependent on computers that they can't guarantee delivery of water, with 100 percent certainty, at 12:02 a.m. Jan. 1.

Michigan government is in a similar position. The state has had to spend \$55.6 million to make sure its computers all run correctly and that, for example, all the prisoners in Michigan correctional facilities won't be released at the stroke of midnight. How ridiculous is that? Who would design a prison so reliant on electronic controls that it might free murderers and endanger guards should the computer hiccup?

They all do, you know. Soon or later, every computer has a problem. If we are going to live in a technological age, we are going to have to learn that the first rule of technology is, "it breaks down." Eventually, all equipment malfunctions. If we have no backup plan when it does, we're in trouble.

Yet our entire nation got caught off guard. Ameritech, Edison and Consumers Power — every utility — has had to conduct Y2K preparedness programs. So have our governments and most businesses.

A senate legislative analysis estimated that nationally we have spent \$1 trillion to address this one little computer glitch. We should have never allowed all this equipment to be installed in the first place without one of those "manual override" buttons on each and every device.

But no, we have not learned the lesson. Even today a debate rages before the Federal Aviation Administration about proposals to require computerized crash prevention systems in airliners. Such systems could eliminate the most frequent cause of crashes, pilot error, by overruling them when they make a dangerous mistake.

Pilots want a manual override, just in case in an emergency they absolutely need to make a maneuver the computer concludes is too risky. And technocrats are reluctant to give it to them.

It makes me wonder how a species as slow on the uptake as ours ever invented computers in the first place.

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**NORTH OF M-59****BALDWIN ROAD**

From: I-75 to Maybee

Community: Orion Township

**Details:** Orion Township is restoring the road after installing water and sewer lines. Construction crews will flag traffic through, and lane closures are possible. Completion date unknown.

**BROWN ROAD**

From: Joslyn to Baldwin Road

Community: Orion Township and Auburn Hills

**Details:** Gravel road closed for paving. Detour is Baldwin, Lake Angelus and Joslyn roads. Completion by June 2000.

From: Joslyn to Giddings

Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Township

**Details:** As part of the reconstruction of the Brown/Joslyn intersection, Brown Road is closed between Joslyn and Giddings so that the new approach to the intersection can be constructed. Detour is Harmon and Giddings roads. Completion date is June 2000.

**NORTH HOLLY ROAD**

From: Grange Hall Road to north of Lahring Road

Community: Holly Township

**Details:** Road being reconstructed. North Holly Road south of Lahring Road is closed until mid-January for culvert replacement. The road will then be re-

**Road widening, resurfacing and replacement is in progress throughout Oakland County, and until the projects are completed, motorists may want to bypass the following locations:**

opened for the winter, but will close again in the spring for the completion of the project. Detour is Grange Hall Road, Dixie Highway and Belford Road. Completion date is the middle of January.

**JOSLYN ROAD**

From: At Brown Road

Community: Auburn Hills and Orion Township

**Details:** In conjunction with the paving of Brown Road, the Joslyn/Brown intersection is being reconstructed and reconfigured. Throughout construction, one lane of Joslyn will be open in either direction, though Brown will be closed in both directions. Expect delays in the area. Completion date is June 2000.

**MOST PRIMARY ROADS**

Community: Gröveland Township

**Details:** Consumer's Energy is installing gas lines throughout the township. Locations could change daily. Lanes may be closed or reduced to one-way traffic. This will be ongoing for several months.

**WILLIAMS LAKE ROAD**

Community: Waterford Township

**Details:** RCOC is reconstructing this intersection, expect delays. Completion by mid-December.

**SOUTH OF M-59****BIG BEAVER**

From: At Rochester Road

Community: Troy

**Details:** The City of Troy is widening Rochester Road in this area. The work will effect the Big Beaver/Rochester intersection. Expect delays. Completion date unknown.

**MARTINDALE ROAD**

From: South of 11 Mile Road

Community: South Lyon/Lyon Township

**Details:** A developer is paving this section of road. The road is closed to through traffic. Completion date unknown.

**MILFORD ROAD**

From: Davisburg to the railroad tracks north of Rose Center Road

Community: Rose Twp.

**Details:** This section of road is closed for resurfacing. The detour route during the closure is M-59, Hickory Ridge and Fenton Road. Completion date is mid-December.

**ORCHARD LAKE ROAD**

From: At Northwestern Highway

Community: West Bloomfield Township

**Details:** A developer is adding a northbound left-turn lane to provide access to a new shopping center. Completion date unknown.

**WOODWARD**

From: At 14 Mile Road

Community: Royal Oak and Birmingham

**Details:** Storm water drains are being replaced along Woodward near 14 Mile Road. Work could cause delays on 14 Mile (east and west of Woodward) and on Woodward. Completion date unknown.

## What if traffic signals go dark?

If, at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, some of the fears about the Year 2000 computer bug, or "Y2K" come true, and the electrical power goes out in Oakland County, it will likely shut down some or all of the nearly 1,200 traffic signals maintained by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

While RCOC believes the likelihood of this happening is not great, it offers the following guidelines for responding to "black" traffic signals:

"RCOC has gone to great lengths to ensure that we are prepared for Y2K," explained RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair, "and we believe that Detroit Edison has done the same. So, while we don't anticipate a power outage, it would be irresponsible not to prepare for such a possibility."

Bair added that drivers should pay particular attention to whether signals are operating or blacked out immediately after midnight on Dec. 31.

If there are power outages, Bair said, RCOC will power traffic signals at approximately 20 key intersections with gas-powered generators, which will be installed as soon as possible after the power goes out. All other "black" signalized intersec-

tions will function as four-way stops.

"Drivers should treat intersections with 'black' traffic signals as four-way stops on Jan. 1, just as they should any other time," Bair said. "That means drivers should stop at the intersections and yield right of way to vehicles that arrived at the intersection before they did."

"When your turn comes, double check to make sure no one else is coming through the intersection and proceed slowly and cautiously so that other drivers have a chance to see that you are going," Bair stated.

It is RCOC's goal to post temporary stop signs at many of the major intersections where a generator is not placed, but it may take some time to install the signs.

Police officers and local municipal employees are also expected to be on hand at as many busy intersections as possible to help ensure traffic flows smoothly in the event of power outages.

Additionally, Bair noted RCOC employees will be on the job on New Year's Eve and the following days to place and monitor the generators and temporary stop signs or respond to any other road-related problems that may occur.

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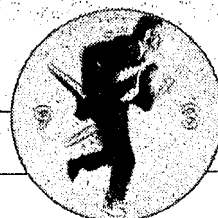
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CAROLYN WALKER

## Maybe the next generation can stop the violence

**R**ecently, while caught up in the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping at a local mall, I happened to experience one of those short moments in time that are absolutely fraught with meaning.

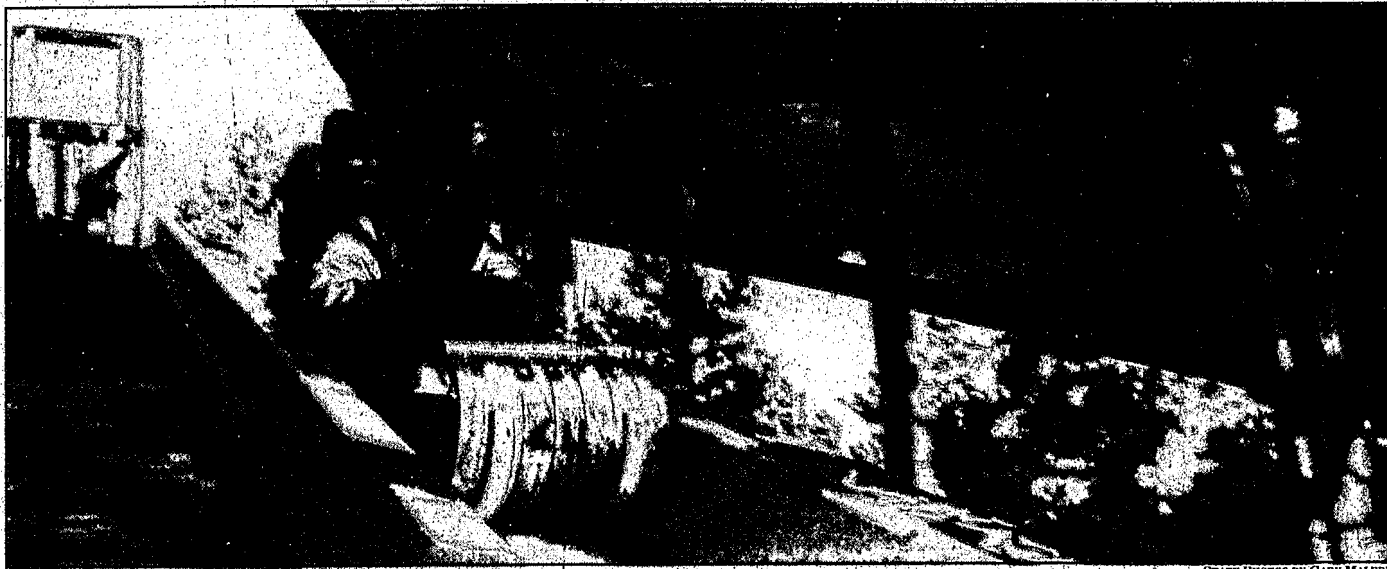
As it happened, several dozen people — including me — were walking along an aisle near where a maintenance man was preparing to do some sort of repair. Everyone was lost in thought, concentrating on the task at hand.

Unexpectedly, the maintenance man dropped a wide, flat board, which hit the floor with a resounding "Bang!" and forced scurries and subsequent frantic screams from the anxious crowd. A woman in front of me then proceeded to, as they say, "blaspheme" profusely and loudly.

To me it seemed quite obvious from the crowd's response — and especially from the woman's — that for one moment, before reality could sink in, people thought a gun had been fired.

The truth is, the crowd's reaction was probably justified. Sadly, we all know that the free expression of rage in our society, and indeed the firing of guns in public, has become too com-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY GARY MALERBA

**Riding The Fridge:** (Left to right) Lindsey Witt, 16; Laulen Witt, 14, both of Clarkston; and Brent James, 18, of Ohio begin their descent down The Fridge, Michigan's first refrigerated toboggan run, at Waterford Oaks County Park.



**Making the climb:** (Left to right) Laulen Witt, Brent James and Lindsey Witt climb to the top of the 55-foot Fridge.

## The Fridge

Toboggan run offers winter fun

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

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The smiles on the faces of riders showed the fun at The Fridge at Waterford Oaks County Park overshadowed the frigid temperatures Monday.

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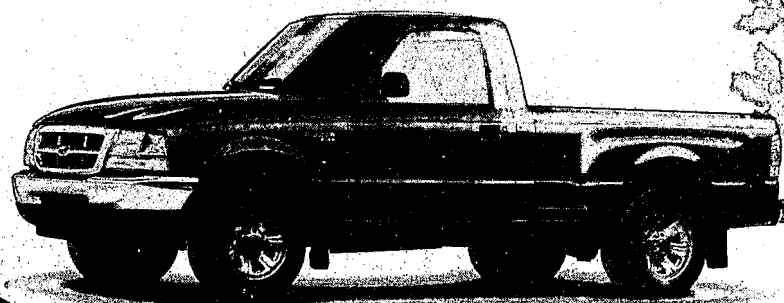
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# Despite Y2K, Jan. 1 may turn out to be an ordinary day

All the Christmas shopping is done, each present has been given. The big fat turkey was devoured. And the calories forgiven. The Christmas cards have been read and the carols have been sung. Now you're ready to put away the stockings, which were hung. The tree will be taken down and the ornaments packed away. The plastic mistletoe and holly will be saved for another day. The last Christmas of the millennium is just a memory today. As our thoughts turn to serious stuff — Y2K. No more dreams of Santa's reindeer flying through the night. Now it's time for worries of bank accounts, computers and the lights. The news reports are warning us not to pick up the phone.

Don't go to the gas pumps or ATMs. Just leave them alone. Don't panic at midnight and assume all has gone wrong. Just get a good night's sleep and make it rather long. If Murphy's law is healthy into the big new year. The more you fret and worry the worse you'll be for fear. If everything goes smoothly after the clock strikes 12:01, it would probably be the first day since God created the sun. Things often go wrong all by themselves on any Saturday. Don't be surprised if Murphy strikes once more on New Year's Day. It has been said for many years and may again prove itself. That the greatest thing we have to fear



ROCHELLE SMITH

is simply fear itself. A gallon of bottled water, a few non-perishable foods. Enough cash to last a long weekend and a week's worth of nourishing canned goods. That's all you need to be happy on this rare January 1st. But, of course, don't blame me if I'm

wrong and your frozen pipes all burst.

If your phones are not working, and your e-mail has disappeared. If your blow dryer has no power and you can't bear to look in the mirror.

Just remember the words of wisdom that children of the Cold War were read.

If you're outside when the bomb is dropped jump in a ditch and cover your head. The same advice is given here. It will do you just as much good. So go find a nice big ditch, and wait for the "all clear" word.

If Y2K explodes at midnight That bug's going to have a big itch. To cause some serious damage, But not much will change in a ditch.

If those words of wisdom don't suit you

And you're far too classy for ditches Just gather your family around you. They are your most valuable riches. Remember the experts' advice. Whatever you do, don't panic. Anything that does go wrong Will be fixed by the proper mechanic. Just wait it out in the comfort of home With a few board games and a candle. We might be surprised how well we do

With what God gives us to handle. So say a little prayer tomorrow Before you count down the New Year. Because only the Almighty Mechanic above

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## CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing an event. Type or print event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, Attn: Marsha Wengrow, 7073 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48346, or fax to (248) 625-5712. E-mail to mwengrow@oe.homecomm.net. The deadline is noon Friday for the following Thursday.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 9

#### INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY DEDICATION CEREMONY

3 p.m., Independence Elementary, 6850 Hubbard Rd., Clarkston. Clarkston's newest school will celebrate its official dedication ceremony. Narration of an historical slide presentation will be provided, the new school song will be sung by the fifth grade class. Tours and refreshments will be available.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 13

#### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

7 p.m., Clarkston High School, large-group-instruction room. Clarkston High School will host an information session on college financial aid for parents of seniors who will be attending college the fall of 2000. The program will focus on filling out the financial aid form (FAFSA) and financial aid programs. The speaker for the meeting will be

Cliff Levitt from the Baker College's Financial Aid Office. For further information please call: 623-4040.

### EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY MORNING

#### MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS)

9:30 a.m. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. For further information contact Nancy Schutt (248) 922-9460.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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### 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

**PEDS PLUS IBD SUPPORT GROUP**  
7-9 p.m., Beaumont Royal Oak Administration Building. This group is sponsored by Crohns

and Colitis Foundation of America and Michigan Chapter will begin meeting Jan. 5. All pediatric patients to college age plus siblings and parents are welcome. For more information call (248) 625-8621 or 737-0900.

### 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

#### NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Independence Township Library, Clarkston. There will be no December meeting. For information, call Carol 625-5275 or MLDA 1-888-784-LYME.

#### NORTH OAKLAND CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m.-1 p.m., North Oakland Co-op Preschool, 5300 Maybee Road. Bring your children to see the school and meet the teacher. Spaces available for the fall in 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool classes. For information call Ellen at (248) 623-6250.

### EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

#### WEUNITE (WISDOM OF ELDERS, ENERGY OF YOUTH...CONNECTING GENERATIONS)

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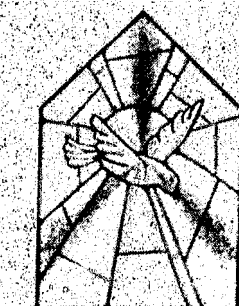
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## Walker from page B1

mon place. Enough so that people are, apparently, on edge.

How ironic it seems to me, now, that I should have been a part of that experience during the same week that I was interviewing children about their expectations for the future.

While asking various Waterford-area students, ages 6-18, what they think life will be like for their children in the next millennium, I was struck by many of their astute and sensitive observations.

The same charming children who expect to fly in their cars and to someday eat powdered food, hope that there will be bullet-proof homes and vehicles and, of course, an end to war.

Imagine wishing in the heart of Oakland County — as compared to the strife-ridden countries in other parts of the world — that our environments should be made bullet-proof!

I have lived my entire life in

Oakland County and if someone had come to me when I was in grade school and asked me what I envisioned for my and my children's future, I would have expected flying cars too, or maybe a trip to Mars, but thoughts of extensive crime and rage or mayhem would have been the last things on my mind.

When did we lose our innocence? And how? And why did we allow it to depart with such ease?

How disarming it was last week to look into the beautiful face of Hannah Bordinat, 11, and hear her say: "I think houses are going to be more safe. Bullet-proof. And cars will have bullet-proof windows."

Or to hear 12-year-old Diana Freile respond, "I think that soon people are going to realize ... to help each other."

Sad as it makes me to think that our children are living their lives in fear, it gladdens my

heart to know that they recognize the need for change, even at their tender ages.

Perhaps they and their peers will be able to bring to our society the tenuous elements of tolerance, peace and safety that so often eluded their parents' and grandparents' generations. Perhaps the children will find the motivation to be strong, stand united and take action where those who came before them fell into laxity and complacency.

While they are dreaming of and envisioning their futures, we, their parents and grandparents, must surely hope so. And then we must try and try again.

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## Fridge from page B1

A group of young Novi residents had already been down the refrigerated toboggan run in Waterford Township at least six times.

Sara Dzwonkowski said despite the low temperatures, The Fridge is a blast.

"It's fun to go that fast when you can't go to Cedar Point," she said of the ride.

Joe Harris said the 1,000-foot ride is like a roller coaster "but in the cold."

Kym Honoway, Denny Hundack and Grace Dzwonkowski agreed the ride was worth going down several times in one day.

But Sara noted if you ride up in front of the toboggans, the wind against your face is biting.

"You can't feel your nose, but it's totally worth it," she said.

The only thing they would change?

A lift for the toboggans, they agreed.

Currently, riders must haul the park-provided toboggans up two flights of stairs to zoom down the run's tower.

The Fridge, Michigan's first refrigerated toboggan run, offers riders a 55-foot drop. Speeds reach up to 30 mph and each run can accommodate up to four riders on a toboggan. It is open through early March and it's for riders at least 30 inches tall.

Troy residents Maurice and Mary Bell were enjoying some chips in the heated Lookout Lodge along the course of the run.

They said it was their first time coming to The Fridge.

"It's pretty nice," Maurice said. "It's kind of like a ski hill. It's pretty fast."

Their children, Tiffany, 8, and Justin, 4, were also enjoying the day at the park.

Tiffany said she liked the ride because it was fast.

If you're thinking of checking out The Fridge, located off Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road, park officials said riders should wear gloves or mittens and older outerwear is recommended.

Admission is \$8 for non-county residents or \$6 for Oakland County residents and \$4 for children 30 to 43 inches tall. A \$2 single ticket ride is available.

The Fridge will be open noon-9:30 p.m. New Year's Eve and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. New Year's Day. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. for Jan. 2. After this week, regular hours will resume: 4-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays and noon-6 p.m. Sundays.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



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### SATURDAY



See Dennis Miller's own brand of comedy live 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$42.50-\$50, call (248) 645-6666.

### SUNDAY



Legendary jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 7 p.m. at Orchestra Hall for a Millennium Jazz Celebration. Tickets \$15 to \$60, call (313) 576-5111.

### HOT TICKET



**Hot Ticket Item:** "Fantasia 2000," the first full-length IMAX feature film, opens Saturday, Jan. 1 at the IMAX Theatre at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, and continues through April 30. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens and children. Discount for members. For more information call (800) 747-IMAX (4629) or (313) 271-1570. To purchase tickets, call (313) 982-6001.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Generation X:** Teen rooms of the 1980s, such as the one pictured here at Henry Ford Museum, were showcases for how personal the technology had become in this era. From clock radios, boom boxes and hair dryers to telephones, TVs and video games, teenagers had many of their own electronic devices that used to be "family-owned." Below, the first American teenagers came of age after World War II. Thanks to the jukebox, rock 'n' roll music, and driving the family automobile, these young people had a freedom and identity that those who came before them never enjoyed. At "Your Place in Time" 20th Century America you'll see this Elvis Presley poster and other teenage memorabilia.

## Find Your Place in Time

AT HENRY FORD MUSEUM

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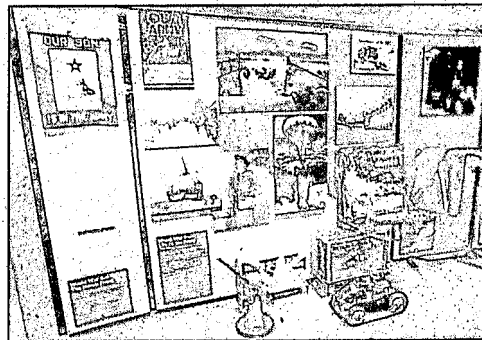
As the new year dawns, just think, some day, some time in the future, someone, maybe a reporter, will ask you, "Where were you on Jan. 1, 2000, and what were you doing? How has your world changed since then?"

Take a minute and think about all the changes you've witnessed in

your lifetime. If your memory needs a little nudge, you can "Find Your Place in Time: 20th Century America," at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

The new exhibit traces the history of everyday technology and how it influenced Americans during the 20th century. No matter how old you are, you'll see something that will jog your memory and take you back in time.

**War years:** Showcases beneath a time line to help you find "Your Place in Time," are filled with an interesting collection of artifacts including these items from World War II.



"It's such a personal topic with people — how they came of age with technology," said Gretchen Walter, exhibit project manager, and a Generation X-er."

Five generations are highlighted — the Progressives 1900-1930; The War and Silent Generation, 1930s-1950s; Baby Boomers, 1960s-1970s; Generation X, 1970s-1980s, and today's youngsters 1990s and beyond. A time line traces significant events that occurred every year since 1900. Underneath the time line are display cases with artifacts from the time.

The exhibit is interactive. There are things to see and hear. You can even see yourself on video.

Sitting on a floral couch in a living room where visitors can hear a radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds," I talked with Walter and other historians about the exhibit.

"It's a retrospective of your generation," said Donna Braden, interim director of the museum's Experience Design department. "What influ-

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### "Your Place in Time: 20th Century America"

**WHERE:** Henry Ford Museum on Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn just west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Ave.

**OPEN:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Admission:** Included with museum admission \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and over, \$7.50 for kids ages 5-12, children under 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620.

### Exhibit highlights

- **1900-1930 — The Progressives**  
Nickelodeon, so named because of its nickel admission fee. Sit and watch a show.  
Listen to music on a Victrola.
- **1930-1950 — The War and Silent Generations**  
Hear the Mercury Theater's broadcast of "War of the Worlds" led by Orson Welles, originally broadcast on Oct. 30, 1938.
- **1960-1970 — The Baby Boomers**  
Visit Mrs. Sherman's third grade class room where they're practicing "duck and cover," an exercise students practiced in anticipation of the atomic bomb being dropped while at school.  
Watch three different eras of TV — 1950s, 1960s, 1970s.
- **1980-1990 — Generation X**  
Visit a teen room from the 1980s.  
Watch excerpts of education TV programs, see yourself in a music video.
- **The future**  
Add to the exhibit by contributing your own "technology memories" and make predictions on the future by taking a simple survey on the exhibit's Web site, [www.hfmg.org](http://www.hfmg.org). Nine years in the making, "Fantasia 2000" marks the return of director James Algar's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

## MOVIES

### 'Back to the Future': a look at futuristic films

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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As the New Year beckons, the time is ripe for reflecting on the past and speculating about the future.

With Y2K hype at its height, and related concerns ranging from computer glitches to mass chaos being expressed, movie-goers may turn to their favorite escape for some anxiety relief this time of year. When it's time to return the holiday classics to the local video store, grab a few sci-fi flicks to ease the mind.

Robert Eberwein, professor of film studies at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, said that "film scholars and critics have observed that the disaster films of this decade (such as "Titanic," "Deep Impact" and "Armageddon") reflect deep-seated concerns,

angst, uncertainties, dis-ease about the coming millennium.

"That is, the films give viewers a way of working through anxiety about one thing (the next century, a new age) by watching something that has nothing to do directly with the next century."

For Stephanie Flit, manager of Hollywood Video in Troy, it's simply the season of movie rentals. She too has noticed a few futuristic films are flying off the shelves. "The Matrix" is the real hot sci-fi movie that's out now," she said. "Star Wars" has died down."

She said "The Matrix" is popular because of all of the computerized special effects, but it's definitely not a "family film." As of Wednesday, Dec. 22, "The Matrix" was sold out at her store. Other films with a futuristic bent include "Wild Wild West," which has a plot akin to "Back to the Future," and

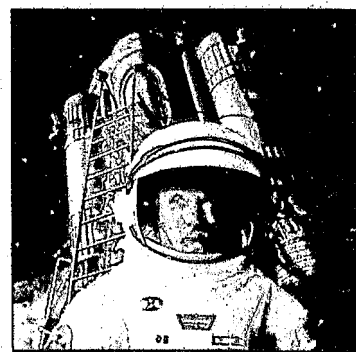
"The Thirteenth Floor," a popular horror flick released this year.

As for the impact of futuristic films on those who watch them, Flit said "it's all a matter of opinion." Futuristic films complement this holiday season, offering visionaries a peek into the coming millennium — as imagined by the creative minds of today's filmmakers. So grab a cup of good cheer, invite a few friends over and try out a few of rentals with futuristic or science fiction themes as 2000 approaches.

### Before 1970

- **"Metropolis" (1926)**  
Running time: 120 minutes  
Fritz Lang directed this classic silent film which fantasizes a futuristic city and its mechanized society. An upper

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DEAN WILLIAMS

**For the kids:** Disney's "Rocket Man," which stars Harland Williams, may be a good choice in movie rentals this millennium.

# Time

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enced you when you were growing up."

The exhibit encourages interaction between families. There are places to sit and share stories.

"We know people come to the museum in groups and reflect on what's important in their lives," said Walter.

"This exhibit talks about things that people are familiar with," said Braden. "It's a memory trigger that pulls people in," added Judith

Endelman, director of historical resources and chief curator at Henry Ford Museum.

In developing the exhibit, Walter and her team held focus groups with people to learn the impact of technology on the people who lived it. Artifacts for the exhibit were found in attics and basements, on the Internet at the Ebay site, garage sales and antique shows.

One thing they couldn't find was a birth control dispenser from the

1960s. But they did find a can of Tab, and lots of other things that you'll remember from your childhood no matter how old you are.

While conducting interviews, the historians met people who remember seeing their first car, going to silent movies, and listening to music on a Victrola.

"Before the 'War of the Worlds,' some people believed everything they heard on the radio was true," said Braden. "How dare they lie to

us," was the reaction of a lot of people. It was a powerful memory.

Those who lived through the War Generation, enjoyed aspects of the struggle. Times were tough, but it was better back then. "Everyone wanted to be agreeable," said Braden.

During interviews with Generation Xers, the historians learned that those born between the 1980s and 1990s weren't all slackers, or cynical, but happy to be part of a

generation that's historically valid and unique.

"I can pick out the 1980s look, and I couldn't before," said Endelman, a baby boomer.

Your journey begins in a Movie Picture Theater, the Nickelodeon, where you can see an early silent movie and hear how the audience reacts to it.

There's a fair amount of music in the exhibit. You can listen to an AM transistor radio, an 8-track

player and hi-fi stereo.

"Although the millennium acknowledges the completion of 1,000 years of civilization, we have chosen to focus on the last 100 years and the technological innovations that touched our daily lives," said Endelman.

"Most of these things do not show up in museums," said Braden, commenting on the collection of items in the exhibit. "But people are collecting these things."

# Films

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class young man joins oppressed workers in a revolt. Film majors should love this one.

■ "1984" (1956) Running time: 91 minutes  
Donald Pleasance stars in this

adaptation of George Orwell's novel which shows two lovers rebelling against "Big Brother." In 1984, Michael Radford directed a re-make of the futuristic story.

1970s

■ "A Clockwork Orange" (1971) Running time: 137 minutes-Rated R

Stanley Kubrick delves into the not-so-distant ultraviolent future in this film which fea-

tures Alex and his drooges on a murderous rampage, until Alex is plunged into intensive treatment meant to change his devilish ways. This film was edited down from an 'X' rating, but retains its bite even by today's standards. Good with a glass of milk.

■ "Alien" (1979) Running time: 117 minutes-Rated R

Sigourney Weaver stars in this first of a series of films which considers what would happen if a spacecraft unknowingly carried an uninvited, dangerous alien being. A good way to shiver in the new year.

■ "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977) Running time: 132 minutes-Rated PG

Steven Spielberg's UFO classic had the world wondering what if "We are not alone" when this film was released. Starring Richard Dreyfus, "Close Encounters" brings viewers on a voyage of first contact. Watch it with friends.

■ "Star Wars" (1977) Running time: 121 minutes-Rated-PG

Before audiences knew about "The Phantom Menace," they saw Luke Skywalker become a Jedi and battle ultimate evil — Darth Vader. Star Wars and its sequels "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" were recently enhanced and digitally re-mastered in honor of the first film's 20th anniversary. May the Force be with you in the new millennium!

■ "2001: A Space Odyssey" Running time: 139 minutes-Rated G

Stanley Kubrick takes viewers on a journey of interplanetary space. Is this what you imagined next year would be like?

1980s

■ "Back to the Future" (1985) Running time: 116 minutes-Rated PG

Robert Zemeckis directed this fit-for-the-whole family story about a boy who travels back in time from 1985 to 1955, and must re-unite his parents to ensure he will still exist when he goes back to the future. Michael J. Fox stars in this, the first of a trilogy exploring the past and its influence on the future. A good one to see with Mom and Dad.

■ "2010: The Year We Make Contact" (1984) Running time: 127 minutes-Rated PG

Roy Scheider stars in this sci-fi feature which shows Earth on the brink of destruction, set just a decade away.

1990s

■ "The Fifth Element" (1997) Running time: 126 minutes-Rated PG-13

When a cab driver (Bruce Willis) finds himself stuck with an unlikely fare (Milla Jovovich), he gets caught in a plan to save the world. Set in the 23rd century, he has only the help of this perfect being. This is eye candy galore to ring in the New Year.

■ "Independence Day" (1996) Running time: 145 minutes-PG-13

When an alien attack invades Earth on Independence Day 1996, the world fights the ultimate war — against global annihilation. Will Smith fights the mother ship in this action-intensive flick.

■ "Lost in Space" Running time: 130 minutes-Rated PG-13

Falling in line with that popular trend of making movies based on classic TV shows, "Lost in Space" re-introduces us to The

Robinson's as they venture into space on a mission to find an inhabitable place which will ease the burden on overpopulated Earth. Gary Oldman stars as a saboteur in this action flick, set in 2058.

■ "RocketMan" (1997) Running time: 94 minutes-Rated-PG

Leave it to Disney to create a family film about the first manned-space mission to Mars. The Red Planet appears to have life, as one bumbling astronaut discovers. Kids might snatch this one off the shelves.

■ "Men in Black" (1997) Running time: 98 minutes-Rated PG-13

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are Men in Black, fighting all things alien that roam the earth. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld, the film questions the possibility of alien life co-existing with humans — who are totally unaware. This one is fun for the kids.

■ "12 Monkeys" (1995) Running time: 130 minutes-Rated R

Terry Gilliam directed this head-spinning futuristic film which sends a prisoner back in time to the 1990s to find the cause of a plague that devastated the population of Earth. Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt star in the film, which is set in the near-future. This is one to talk about long into New Year's Day.

For a comprehensive guide to film, grab a copy of the No. 1 Bestseller "Leonard Maltin's 2000 Movie and Video Guide" at your local book seller. It contains more than 20,000 alphabetical entries, with Motion Picture Association of America's ratings and descriptions. The book, published by Signet, sells for \$7.99.



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## DINING

# Harmonie Park stars as top dining destination

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

Urban redeveloper and designer Dave Schervish of Schervish Vogel Consulting Architects in Birmingham was considered crazy when, in the mid-1990s, he revived Detroit's Harmonie Park. Today, he's crazy like a fox.

Currently Schervish is busy in his own neighborhood planning and designing the Birmingham civic improvement area around Shain Park. But he keeps a watchful eye to the south as owner of Harmonie Pointe Grille, managed by his restaurant neighbor Nick Apone, owner of Intermezzo, just two doors away.

Together, these two eateries are thriving on Detroit's renaissance with the Detroit Opera House and theater district right in their backyard.

## Intermezzo

Intermezzo is plucky and posh, where you'll feel at ease in everything from formal wear to jeans. Its kind of eatery one finds in Manhattan's Soho or Chicago's warehouse district.

Native Detroiters and Intermezzo's Chef de Cuisine Rickey Hussey is a Johnson & Wales culinary school grad who has a fondness for Italian.

"I like garlic," he said. The tradition of garlic and olive oil is special in a dish like Pasta DiChiera, created for Michigan Opera Theater general director David DiChiera.

But Hussey's personal favorite, with extra capers is Scaloppine Piccata, veal scallops sauteed with capers, tomatoes and artichokes in a white wine cream sauce.

A great executive chef inspects every plate coming out of the kitchen.

At Intermezzo, that's none other than Culinary Institute of America grad, Certified Executive Chef and proprietor Nick Apone, who, while watching what's served is greeting Intermezzo's diners. They've recently

## Intermezzo & Harmonie Pointe Grille

**Where:** Intermezzo, 1435 Randolph, Detroit (313) 961-0707. Harmonie Pointe Grille, 1407 Randolph, Detroit (313) 222-2858.

**Open:** For lunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and dinner 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; until 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 3-7 p.m. Sunday during opera season.

**Menu:** Intermezzo specializes in Italian-American dishes with a variety of pastas, seafood, veal and steaks. Harmonie Pointe offers groovy stacked sandwiches at lunch and bistro-style seafoods and steaks at dinner.

**Cost:** Intermezzo dinner entrees \$14-25.

Harmonie Pointe dinner entrees \$6-22. At lunch both locations serve portions 2/3 the size and price. Check the specials board for daily \$4 sandwich deal at Harmonie Pointe.

**Reservations:** Recommended.

**Credit cards:** All majors.

**Details:** Full-service bar. Valet parking. Shuttle service to theaters, opera house, arena and casinos. Entertainment Friday and Saturday.

## Intermezzo uncorked

Beverage director Rodman Faulkner highly recommends the following food and wine matches:

- Pesce Bianco and 1997 Trefethen Chardonnay
- Osso Buco and 1993 Acinum Amarone
- Costolette di Agnello alla Scottadito and 1995 Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

## Harmonie Pointe uncorked

General manager, and wine steward Robert Bassett gets food and wine serious with these pairings:

- Grilled tuna with house tapenade and 1998 Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand
- French Cut Lamb Chops and 1997 Martin Ray Saratoga Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon
- Certified Black Angus Porterhouse and 1997 Canoe Ridge Merlot, Washington state

included ABC-TV's Barbara Walters of 20/20 fame and opera sensation Andrea Bocelli.

## Harmonie Pointe Grille

Opting for a more casual menu? It's two doors away at Harmonie Pointe Grille. There, general manager and wine steward Robert Bassett runs the club atmosphere two-level eatery — dining room and bar on the main level and wine bar, seating 35 to 40, on the lower.

Harmonie Pointe's Chef de Cuisine Steve Swasey worked his way up in the world of restaurant kitchens, starting as a meat cutter at age 16, then honing his skills at such spots as Grosse Ile Golf and Country

Club. Watch him work with his staff at Harmonie Pointe Grille's exhibition kitchen.

If you like mile-high stacked sandwiches, that's the lunch specialty.

Number one, most popular is the Grilled Vegetable, a Provencale-style vegetarian sandwich stacked with marinated grilled eggplant, zucchini, portabella mushrooms, tomato, red onion and roasted red peppers. It's capped by house tapenade, boursin cheese and fresh basil. A steal at \$5.50, it can be shared.

At dinner, Fred Flintstone-size steaks are certified Black Angus beef.

The 22-ounce porterhouse is



At your service: Proprietor and Executive Chef Nick Apone and Chef de Cuisine Rickey Hussey offer Italian-American inspired dishes at Intermezzo.

grilled and served with house-made veal demi-glace. Also recommended are the French-cut Lamb Chops. Order the four chops seasoned with rosemary Port wine cherry sauce, accompanied by a wine Bassett will gladly recommend.

He honed his wine skills early on at the now-closed London Chop House under Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon, currently wine director for Unique Restaurant Corporation restaurants. Bassett also worked for URC as manager at Morels.

If you've not discovered dining at the revived Harmonie Park, put a destination outing on your calendar. You won't be disappointed.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food and wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



Tools: Chef de Cuisine Steve Swasey and General Manager/Wine Director Robert Bassett show the tools of their trade at Harmonie Pointe Grille.

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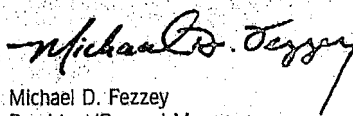
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So, as we forge ahead into the year 2000 with friends and family, all of us at AM 760 WJR wish you a prosperous and safe new year.

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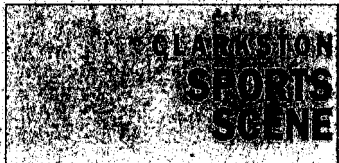
  
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Deadline for publication is 11:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## Ten Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-19 in each state.

Players are selected by invitation only. Several current and former NBA and Division I college players have played in this top-notch camp, so call (704) 372-8610 immediately for further information about this exciting opportunity.

## Post-Season Teams

The Eccentric Sports Department will publish copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams for each of the fall prep sports when space is available.

Athletic Directors and coaches may fax copies to (248) 693-9716 or mail to: Daniel Stickrad, Eccentric Sports Department, 790 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48362.

## Athletes for work event needed

Central Parking/National Garages at the Pontiac Silverdome is searching for groups of student-athletes, coaches and parents to work in the parking division as cashiers or parking lot attendants for upcoming events at the Silverdome, including Lions games, concerts, truck polls, etc.

All workers must be at least 16 years of age, and can work in groups of 5-50 people. Groups can combine their hours and can raise money for their respective athletic department, booster club, or individual scholastic program.

Many schools from around the Detroit Metropolitan area have been involved in this program for many years, and positions are limited. Holiday pay-rates will also go into affect as their are events scheduled for both Christmas Day, Mon. 27, and New Years Eve.

Please call Shawn Rhodes or Sharon Little (248) 338-9690 for further details.

## Christmas Hockey Clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools, based in Farmington Hills, will conduct its popular four-day Christmas clinics for ages 6-14 during the Christmas break beginning Dec. 27, at six different locations throughout the Detroit area. Cost for the clinics are \$130.00 an individual. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

For further information, please call (248) 478-1600.

## Tennis mixers slated

Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club is hosting a Saturday night tennis mixer for \$16 a night. The tennis nights will be Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12 and March 11. You can also buy four nights for \$59 or a six-night package for \$87. For information call Marilyn at (248) 879-1673 or Al at (248) 646-4277.

## Goldman cage league

The Kenpy Goldman Basketball League is one of the many sports and recreation activities offered by the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

The instructional league is open to kids in kindergarten through sixth grade and teaches them how to work.

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# Lake Orion swimming making waves

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When Paul Fairman started Lake Orion's boys swimming & diving program last year, he figured it would take at least five or six years before the Dragons would start competing among the state's elite programs. And even though Lake Orion is still far from reaching that level, Fairman feels his team is right on target.

"We're light years better right now than we were last year," said Fairman, who coached four seasons at nearby Troy before heading north to Lake Orion. "We've come a long ways from where we were at this time last year, but we still have a long way to go."

Last winter, the Dragons finished with a 2-8 overall record, but were 0-5 in the Oakland Activities Association Division II, which featured champion Rochester, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Berkley, Troy Athens and Royal Oak Unified. And that the season-ending OAA Division II league meet, the Dragons received its final taste of baptism under fire of the season as they brought up the rear.

Still, Fairman was far from discouraged with his 15-member team, which has grown to 24 members this year.

"I didn't expect us to do much in the league," said Fairman. "All of those teams are established programs that score at the county every year and have some decent swimmers. We didn't even have anyone come close to scoring at the county. But at the league meet, I think we scored over 100 points, which was very encouraging."

"The strange thing is that if we were in (the OAA) Division III last year, we might have won it, or at least been right up there. We weren't that bad of a first-year program," he continued. "But when you compare us to other teams around county, like (Birmingham) Brother Rice, or all of those schools in the OAA Division I, or in our division, we have a long way to go."

With only minimal expectations again this year, the Dragons could slowly emerge from the cellar as they develop. And those chances, according to the Fairman, will rely on six key returnees and one transfer.

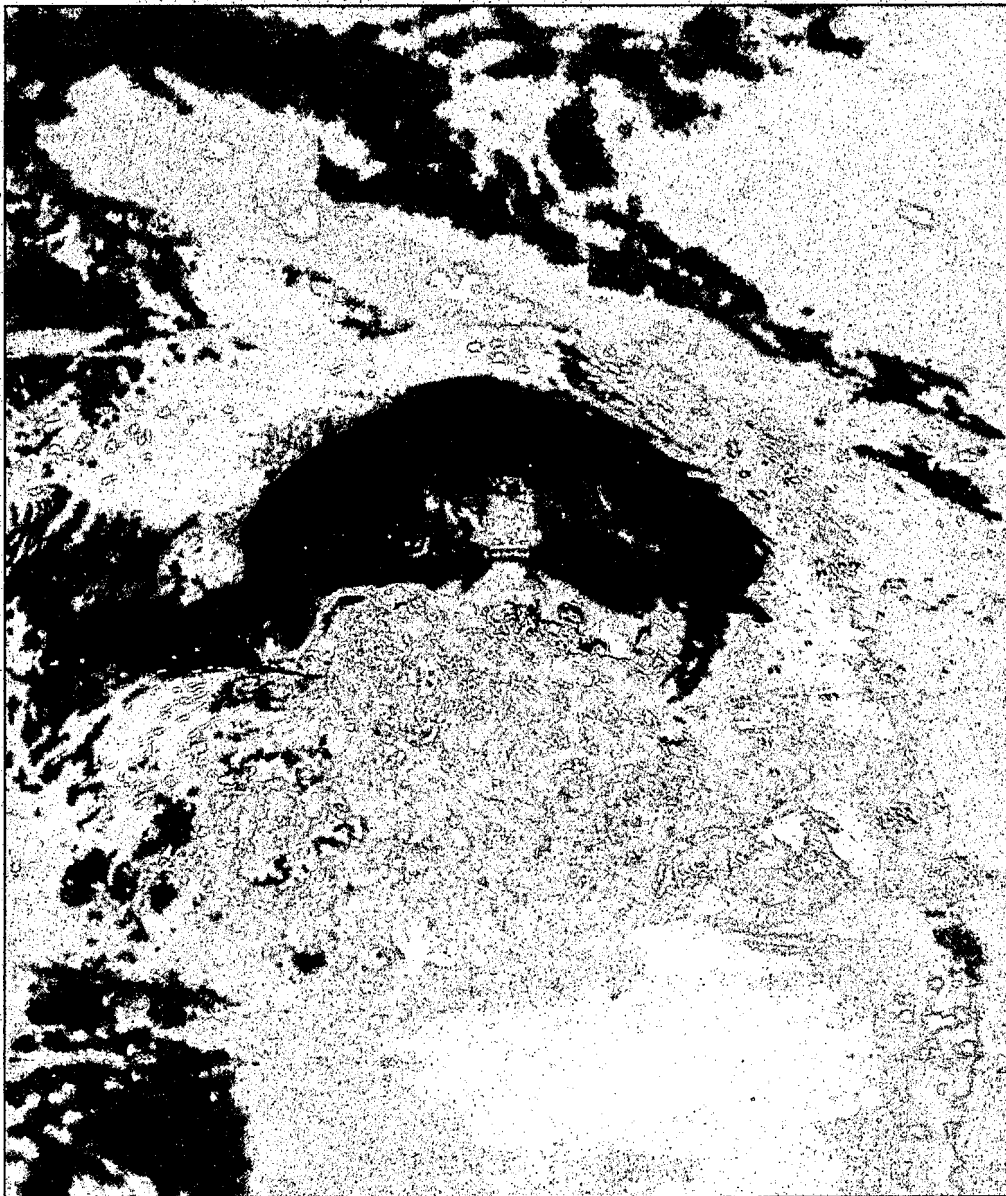
"We have about seven guys that should be the core of this team, at least for right now," predicted Fairman. "We may have some others kind of creep up — that's what we're hoping. Maybe a freshman or two might catch on and be a surprise. But right now, our core should be the same group of guys."

The group Fairman is referring to are junior Brain Zale (freestyles, 200 IM), sophomore Brandt Malone (100, 200, 500 freestyle), junior Brian Miricle (breaststroke), junior Alex Galvin (backstroke, 200 IM), who is currently sidelined with an injury, junior Greg Boyle (backstroke, freestyles), junior Ryan Wells (freestyles), a transfer from Troy, and versatile junior Eric Vanfossen, who may swim a number of different events during the course of the season.

The above-mentioned seven will also rotate amongst the Dragons' varsity relay contingents. "We'll count on those guys a lot," said Fairman. "They are most experienced swimmers. They will all swim in our relays."

One main concern this season is the one-meter diving event, where Lake Orion graduated its top two performers from last season.

"We've got some younger kids trying it out," said Fairman, whose squad dropped its dual meet opener two weeks ago to Romeo, one of Macomb County's top two teams, by roughly 40



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points. "But that's one place where we may show are youth in."

Regardless of the Dragons' many shortcomings, which are common of a program still in its infant stages, Fairman is very optimistic about the season and beyond.

"We hope to maybe win a couple more meets this season and perhaps have someone score at the county meet," Fairman wished. "We're doing really well right now as a team. I can't complain."

"And the future looks good," he continued. "We have some kids in the middle school in there swimming from time to time; they're showing some interest. And I think if some of these guys can realize that you need to train all year long, just like in any other sport, than they will really start to see the results. It's just going to take some time."



**Splash, Splash:**  
Above, Lake Orion's Brian Miricle surfaces during a recent meet. At left, a teammate emerges after a dive.

# Indiana counts on Beverly Hills' Mack

BY JOHN K. SCHRODER  
SPECIAL WRITER

For the second year in a row, Ryan Mack had the opportunity to look up into the stands and find his mom and dad after his team had won an NCAA Division I college soccer national championship.

The 5-foot-7 sophomore Beverly Hills native and Birmingham Seaholm graduate, celebrated with his teammates after Indiana blanked Santa Clara, 1-0, to earn the 1999 Men's College Cup on a cloudy Dec. 12 afternoon at Ericsson Stadium before 15,439 fans in Charlotte, N.C.

With back-to-back titles, Indiana (21-3) has now captured five national championships, with other titles coming in 1982, 1983 and 1988. It was the 13th Final Four appearance for Indiana under coach Jerry Yeagley — the Hoosiers' only coach since the program reached varsity status back in 1973.

Mack had one shot in the championship match, where teammate Yuri Lavrinenko scored the only goal at 29:50 of the first half assisted by Aleksey Korol. Lavrinenko also scored the winner in last year's 3-1 championship win over Stanford. But Mack was still a big part in the Hoosiers' success each of the past two seasons.

"I've been dead trying to recover from Friday," said Mack, referring to the semifinal match that went to four sudden-death overtime periods where he played every minute. "I don't think I've ever run that much in my life. I just kept pushing through the whole game."

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**Ryan Mack**  
—Indiana University soccer team member

Thirty-eight hours earlier Mack capped Indiana's 3-2 win over UCLA by scoring the winning goal from 18 yards out at the top of penalty box after 141:24 minutes of end-to-end action. Freshman Pat Noonan passed the ball from the left side of the box, where Mack quickly fired a left-foot blast inside the post past UCLA's diving goalkeeper, Nick Rimando.

The teams were 8:36 minutes away from settling the match with penalty kicks.

"I had a couple of good shots," said Mack, alluding to his near game-winner in the final minute of the third overtime where Rimando's dive snared the shot. "I shot more today than I've

shot in any game all season. I figured I was bound to get one. I just kept hitting 'em and hoping that one would go in and one finally did."

Mack, playing as an attacking midfielder, finished the semifinal game with six of Indiana's 18 shots.

Mack setup the game's first goal at 54:23 when he delivered a cross to Noonan inside the box where Noonan trapped the serve and then drilled a shot into the net. Indiana led 2-0 with 15 minutes left in regulation before the Bruins rallied to send the game into the longest semifinal match in NCAA

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# Clarkston's DeGain picks Hoosiers

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During his wrestling career at Clarkston, there's not much that Pat DeGain hasn't accomplished. That's why Indiana University wrestling coach Dwayne Goldman had the Clarkston senior standout DeGain high on his wish list.

Well, DeGain, gave the Hoosiers coach quite a Christmas gift earlier this month when he signed a binding national letter-of-intent to wrestle at Indiana next school year.

"It was a perfect fit for me," said DeGain, who was also being courted

by Michigan, Central Michigan and Marquette among others. "I'm really looking forward to it."

DeGain was 12-6 as a freshman, but the 215-pounder hasn't lost a prep match against a Michigan opponent since. In 1998, DeGain's sophomore season, he was a perfect 41-0 on the mats en route to an individual state championship, and followed that up in his junior year with a 35-0 record and another state title.

This season, DeGain is off to another fine start at 12-0, including winning the prestigious Oakland County 215-pound title — his third straight — less than two weeks ago.

DeGain is scheduled to compete this

Thursday at the Goodrich Invitational — one the state's toughest early-season invitationals — and he's glad to have the recruiting process out of the way as he competes in his final prep season.

"Indiana had the best overall offer," said DeGain, who anticipates being red-shirted next year at IU. "I loved the campus down there and the coach is really nice. It's a great fit for me. Indiana has the best options for me when you look at everything."

"But I'm glad to have that all out of the way."

DeGain, who will be on a full athletic scholarship at IU, is planning on entering the pre-law program.

# Birmingham's Lodish proves to be area's best of the '90s



MARTY BUDNER

What a delightful decade it's been for Eccentric-area athletes as many gained national prominence and exposure.

Chris Webber, for instance, after a stellar career at Birmingham-Detroit Country Day, is now a bonafide NBA star. Rochester Adams graduate Amy Frazier is making a decent living as a professional tennis player. Birmingham Brother Rice graduate B.J. Armstrong is back where he started in the NBA —

as a guard with the Chicago Bulls.

Alexi Lalas, Shane Battier, Scott Kowalkowski, Kate Sobrero, Patricia White, Suzy Green, Katie Shannon, Michael Russell, Ryan Mack, Pete Mitchell, David Bowens, DiAllo Johnson, Lisa Brown-Miller and Steve Morrison are all familiar names from the sports pages of The Eccentric the past 10 years.

But, in my mind, it's Mike Lodish who stands head and shoulders above the rest as the Athlete of the Decade.

Lodish's career stats are astonishing: 10 years as a professional football player; six Super Bowls; two World Championship rings; one NFL record.

The Birmingham resident and Birmingham Brother Rice graduate was drafted by the National Football League's Buffalo Bills in the spring of 1990. He played five years in Buffalo and was signed by the Denver Broncos as

an unrestricted free agent in 1995.

Playing primarily a reserve defensive tackle for those two teams over that time, Lodish has

□ 'I'm proud to say I'm representing the state of Michigan, Brother Rice and UCLA as a record holder in the NFL.'

Mike Lodish

—Denver Broncos defensive tackle

stood out not only for his accomplishments, but also for his exemplary career vision.

Lodish is one who never let an ego get in the way of a dream situation.

You never heard him complain about playing time. You never heard about any wayward conduct. You never heard about him insulting teammates.

He knows his role and he's comfortable with it. While money certainly is the underlying reason for his professional well-being, he's never abandoned

his desire to compete. He's as driven as they come.

Lodish is a mainstay in the NFL because he loves the game. It's as simple as that. He's worked extremely hard to maintain an existence in the NFL — even if it's in an unheralded role.

"I've approached my career in a way that a lot of athletes approach their careers. Everyone

wants to play and start," said Lodish during a break in practice sessions earlier this week as the Broncos prepared for a game with his hometown Detroit Lions.

"I got my chance to start at one time, and that was very fulfilling. But things change. Unless you're a great player, you're not going to start. I wanted to make my name as a starter, but being a back-up is certainly honorable as well.

"In this game it's necessary to have starters and back-ups," he said. "I think it's good to have a goal to want to be a starter, but at the same time, there's nothing like playing in the NFL. Sure there's a lot of money, but there's still a lot of pride in working as a back-up."

Lodish's positive approach has carried him a long way.

He was in four Super Bowls in his first four NFL seasons with the Bills. Denver decided to

employ him and that resulted in two more Super Bowl appearances.

The six Super Bowl appearances are an NFL record. No other player in the NFL has played in more Super Bowls than Lodish.

And we're talking the likes of Joe Montana, Bob Lilly, Jerry Rice and Terry Bradshaw — among the best ever to play the NFL game.

His professional persistence paid off in the most recent Super

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MIKE LODISH

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together as a team, have fun, make new friends and learn the basic basketball skills. The league meets twice a week, on Wednesdays for instruction and on Sundays for league play.

Classes are currently being held at both JCC locations, the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building in West Bloomfield and the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building in Oak Park. The league is open to children ages three and over.

Older children can enroll in the in-line hockey league, basketball class, rollerblading, gymnastics, floor hockey, Junior Girls Sports Club, tennis, soccer and girls basketball programs.

Prices have been discounted and registration is still open.

For information, call the JCC Sports and Recreation Department at the Kahn Building (661-7683) or the JPM Building (967-4030).

### Camps

The American Basketball Camp, designed for boys and girls in grades 2-8, is scheduled for Dec. 27-29 at West Maple Elementary School.

The camp will run from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, with a focus on dribbling, passing and shooting fundamentals, team defense and other essential basketball skills.

The fee is \$78. All campers will receive a T-shirt, water bottle and prizes. Kids may also bring their own lunch or purchase a pizza lunch for \$4 per day payable to the camp director.

American Basketball Camp is presented by Birmingham Community Education and GVP Sports Network under the direction of Greg Porter. Porter, who has directed hundreds of sports camps, currently coaches seventh and eighth grade basketball at Derby Middle School.

For registration information call (248) 203-3800 or visit the Internet at [www.bhamced.org](http://www.bhamced.org).

■ Total Baseball in Wixom is offering a holiday baseball/softball camp 8 a.m. to noon, Mon-

day, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 27-29 for players ages 7-17.

Cost of the camp is \$120 per person. Early registrants qualify for extra hitting time Dec. 27-28 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

There will be one college or high school coach per 12 campers. The artificial turf field will be available for drills and instruction. Topics to be covered include hitting, pitching, throwing, fielding and base running.

The Total Baseball at Total Soccer facility is at 30990 South Wixom Road. For more information call (248) 668-0166.

### MHSAA grid replays

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has announced a football finals replay schedule on FOX Sports Net. The eight state championship games were held Nov. 26-17 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Following is the replay schedule: Division 5: Birmingham-Detroit Country Day vs. Muskegon Orchard View, noon, Jan. 2; Division 3: Grand Rapids Creston vs. Farmington Hills Harrison, 2:30 p.m., Jan. 2.

### Roll in the Dome

The Pontiac Silverdome again is a happening place for in-line skaters.

From now through April of next year, in-line skaters will be allowed to skate around the Silverdome's main walkway. There are 112 sessions of skating available over the next five months.

Skaters are asked to enter at the West Gate Skating on the Third Level. The fees are as follows: \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with ID; \$5 for seniors 55-over; \$5 for Pontiac residents; and \$4 youths 12-under. Skate rental is available with pads for \$5. Safety gear rental is \$2.50.

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**Knowing his place:** Even though most of his professional football career has been spent as an NFL back-up, Mike Lodish (97) has appeared in a record six Super Bowls.

Bowls when Lodish finally earned NFL championship rings after four losing attempts with the Buffalo Bills.

"Persistence. That's a good word," said Lodish. "I think you have to know where you stand

with your job. As long as you're comfortable with that, then the upside is that it's not so bad if you're not a starter.

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**Marty Budner**  
—Eccentric sports department

record holder in the NFL," he said.

**A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE:**

A number of high school teams and players excelled this past decade.

It seemed as if a season didn't go by without Country Day winning some type of state championship. The Bloomfield Hills Andover boys swimming & diving teams continued its title-winning efforts through the early part of the decade.

Team-wise, Walled Lake Western's football program was formidable from the beginning of the decade to the end. The Birmingham Marian girls basketball team won every district title this decade and was a perennial state title contender. The Rochester Adams boys and girls golf teams, the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook hockey team and the Birmingham Seaholm girls swimming & diving teams all made their marks this decade.

Individually, athletes like Shane Battier (Country Day), Kim Benedict (Rochester Adams), Del de Windt (Cranbrook), Jim Essian (Troy), Jermaine Gonzales (St. Mary's), Mike Chappell (Lathrup) and Asa Sherwood (Seaholm), among many, many others, led their respective teams to glory.

Please turn to page C3 for many more names and lists.

**A DECADE OF RETIREMENTS:**

Running the risk of leaving out some important names, I would like to recognize some high-profile prep administrators who retired this past decade. They would include athletic directors Bill Rankin, Dick Rosenthal, Dick Ulrich, Art Carinci, Chuck Nurek and Norm Quinn. I couldn't even venture to list all the coaches who have helped us out at The Eccentric over the past 10 years and who are now retired.

**A DECADE OF TRAGEDIES:**

On a sad note, it was a tragic decade in many ways involving area athletes. I can't help but remember area athletes and coaches who lost their lives way too soon. I'd like to mention their names to honor their memories. Marian's Courtney Johns was a passenger on TWA Flight 800 that crashed off the New York coastline. Longtime Lahser girls basketball coach and road running addict John Hansen was killed in an accident on his property up north. Andover hockey coach John Farrell lost his life in a plane accident in Michigan. Rochester tennis player Casey 'K.C.' Collins lost her battle with cancer. Three Lahser junior varsity basketball players — Christopher Castleberry, Pedrum Ghoreishi and Michael Powell — lost their lives in an auto accident on Woodward.

**Mack** from page C1

It's amazing to win two national championships in my first two years.

**Ryan Mack**

—Indiana University soccer team member

history.

Santa Clara (16-4-3) also needed four overtimes in its semifinal match to eliminate Connecticut, 2-1, in 138:50 minutes. Six of Santa Clara's last eight games went into overtime and the Broncos eliminated Stanford, last year's runner-up, and Duke, the unbeaten top-ranked team entering the tournament. Three of Indiana's six tournament games needed extra time to determine a winner.

The one goal and one assist that Mack scored in the Final Four earned him a spot on the All-Tournament team and bumped his season totals to five goals and nine assists. Like last year, Mack started every game to run his streak to 49 games since

leaving Seaholm in 1998.

Other highlights from Mack's second season included a team-high three assists in one game against Brown and eight shots in a game against Evansville. He finished second on the team with 50 shots as the Hoosiers wrapped up another 5-0 Big Ten season and a victory over Penn State in the conference tournament.

But Mack admits that it's all a blur compared to winning back-to-back championships.

"It's amazing to win two national championships in my first two years," Mack said in the nearly empty 73,000-seat stadium after the celebrations subsided on the field. "I want something bigger and better next, but this is big enough for now."



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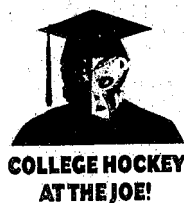
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## Outdoor Calendar

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: **Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.**)

## SEASON/DATES

## BASS

Bass season closes Dec. 31.

## DEER

The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on private

and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season runs through Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula.

## GROUSE

A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

## RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

## SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

## CLASSES/CLINICS

## FLY TYING

Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

## ROD BUILDING

Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the

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## FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

## MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be

held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 850-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

## SHOWS

## SILVERDOME BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING

The 17th annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. The show features over 300 boats from more than 75 manufacturers; fishing tackle, fishing trips, charter cap-

tains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 9-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission is \$7 adult, \$3 for children ages 6-14 and children under five will be admitted free.

## DETROIT BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW

The 42nd annual Detroit Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 12-20 at Cobo Center. The show features the 2000 premiere showing of new model boats, motors, trailers, accessories and more. Some 1,000 boats will be available for viewing including fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, cruisers, inflatables, personal watercrafts, canoes and kayaks.

## SPORTFISHING EXPO

The 12th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo is set for Thursday through Sunday, March 2-5, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An all-star lineup of seminar speakers is already scheduled. The show also features exhibitors, merchandise booths, casting and fishing activities and more. Show hours are 4-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 2-3; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$7.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

## SPRING BOATING EXPO

The 8th Annual Spring Boating Expo is scheduled for March 16-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show features some 200 exhibitors with new boats and watercrafts, motors, trailers, docks, accessories and more.

## ARCHERY

## LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

## JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## ACTIVITIES

## INDIAN SPRINGS HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 4.5-mile hike at Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26. Call (248) 280-4975 for directions and additional information.

## POTLUCK HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and ring in the new year for a potluck lunch followed by a hike at the Brighton Recreation Area during this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Jan. 1. Call (517) 552-9121 for directions and additional information.

## CLUBS

## CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

## METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

## MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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## FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

## FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

## HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

## BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

## SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

## FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

### BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greensfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

### PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

### ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun-shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

## METROPARKS

### METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

### 1999 PERMITS

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### WINTER WALK

Start off the century on the right foot (or left) during this 1 1/2-hour walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at Kensington.

### NEW YEARS BIRD COUNT

Dress warmly, bring binocular and spend the morning helping to census Kensington's bird population during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Kensington.

## SHIVER SLIVER MOON WALK

Learn about wildlife activity during this 1 1/2-hour hike, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Stony Creek.

## STARS 'N' STORIES

Families, scouts and home-schoolers will learn about planets and the phases of the moon and make a star-studded t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Indian Springs.

## ANIMAL TRACK T-SHIRTS

Bring a white t-shirt and track it up with animal tracks during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Kensington.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

### PERMITS

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### SUNDAY SNOWSHOES

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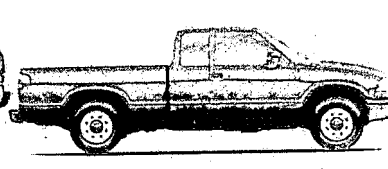
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A pivotal management position with plenty of opportunities for advancement. We are a rapidly growing national company. A hands-on position requiring excellent communication skills and direct customer contact. College degree preferred & previous management experience a plus. Forward resume or apply in person to: Cintas-HR Service Training Center, 2244 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48208. Fax 313-899-9440. We are an EEO employer.

#### SHIPPING/RECEIVING

Northwest suburban distributor seeks a full-time shipping clerk. Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM Monday - Friday. Accuracy, neatness and dependability a must. Good working conditions and benefits. Send resume to Shipping/Receiving, P.O. Box 486, Farmington, MI 48332. We promote a drug-free environment. Substance abuse testing is part of the pre-employment process. EOE.

#### STOCKBROKER

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER. Has opening for Financial Advisor. Training in equity, fixed income, sales & communication skills required. For Southeast Michigan Fax or Mail Resume to: (734) 432-7575, 17420 Laurel Park Drive N, Livonia, Michigan 48152. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Installers. Great money. Be your own boss. Year-round work. Make/midnight-weight product. Call Mr. Stanley (248) 446-9334.

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#### Start the new Millennium with a great career.

We are a multi-billion dollar company in search of a career minded, goal oriented Maintenance Technician. WE OFFER: Great Pay (Annual Bonuses), Excellent Benefits (Medical, Dental, Optical), Stock Purchase Program, 401K, Paid Vacation, Sick Days, Personal Days, Paid Holidays. YOU MUST HAVE: 1 Yr. Experience in Maintenance, Knowledge of HVAC, Carpentry and Electrical. APPLY-IN PERSON AT: Country Ridge Apartments, Haggerty Road Between 13 Mile & 14 Mile or Fax Resume to: (248)661-1812 EOE.

#### TRAINING FACILITATOR

Immediate full-time administrative opening available in Royal Oak area. Candidates must be customer focused, dependable, detailed and have intermediate level computer skills. Competitive pay and benefits available. Fax resume to: 248-258-6961 or mail to: 21 E. Long Lake, Ste. 217, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

#### \$9.00/HR. WAREHOUSE POSITIONS

Regular Full-time, Days, Afternoons & Night Shift. Due to the continued growth and new sales volume, we are in need of dedicated employees to assist with the Company's goals and objectives. Requires physical work and ability to lift up to 50 lbs. on a continuous basis. Fork lift experience a plus. 10% Pay Increase within the first year of full time regular employment. All Overtime (up to sixteen hours per day) is mandatory. Rate Aid offers a very competitive benefits package, including medical/dental/life insurance, stock options, 401(k), paid vacations, employee discounts, tuition reimbursement, paid holidays, and the opportunity for growth and advancement. Please Apply in Person, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am to 5pm, at Rite Aid Distribution, 5400 Perry Drive, Waterford Corner of Williams Lake Road & Dixie Highway. Follow the signs to the employment office.

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### 502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

#### BILLING/COLLECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Dynamic construction and distribution company located in Wixom is looking for self-starting mature individual with experience in computerized accounting, construction/progress, billing experience a plus. Full benefit and great working environment. Send resume to: Personnel Dept., PO Box 930161, Wixom, MI 48393.

#### BIRMINGHAM REAL ESTATE CO.

Clerical Assistant. Requires typing, computer and phone skills. Paid vacations/benefits \$11.00/hr. Fax or Email Dennis J. Wolf Fax: (248) 644-2227 Email: djkwolf@aol.com.

#### BOOKKEEPER

Full-time. Experience necessary. KASHAT ACCOUNTING (248) 352-5520.

#### CLERICAL

Experience a plus for leasing firm. Royal Oak. Send or fax resume: 4031 Crooks Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 (248)549-3510.

#### CONSTRUCTION OFFICE COORDINATOR

Fast paced team environment requires computer skills, Windows, MS Word and Excel, customer service, phone skills, ability to juggle multiple projects and people. College degree not required. Salary \$22,000 plus benefits and bonuses. Fax resume to: 734-495-1658.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Southfield office for healthcare provider is seeking Customer Service Representative. Qualified candidates will have experience in insurance billing and fantastic customer service skills. We offer full benefit packages, competitive salary, and growth opportunities. Come join our team! Interested candidates complete application at or send resume to: Wright & Filippie, 2845 Crooks Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Attn: Kathi Lentz.

#### DATE ENTRY

Must type 35 wpm and have clear phone voice. Some bound cases required. 248-262-6842.

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### 502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

#### FULL TIME Accounts Payable

person needed for busy West Bloomfield Builder. Computer experience helpful but not necessary! Please mail or fax your resumes to: 7322 Village Square Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 or Fax (248) 788-2710.

#### General Office

Varied responsibilities include phones, word processing, inputting orders, spreadsheets, light accounting, etc. Should have Microsoft and Excel knowledge. Requires minimum 5 yrs experience. Nice Lathrup Village office. Fringes include 401(k) plan. Reply to: Fax #2367 Observer & Eccentric News 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

#### GENERAL OFFICE

West side import dealer is accepting applications for clerical support. Duties include answering phones, data entry & filing. Accounting experience helpful but not necessary. Ideal candidates must be dependable and well organized. Apply in person at: Plymouth Mitsubishi, 200 W. Ann Arbor Rd., ask for Linda Yates. Or fax your resume to: 248-643-9261, Attn: Nancy.

#### LEGAL SECRETARY

Birmingham PI Law firm. Great working environment, free parking, excellent benefits. WP 5.1, salary commensurate with experience. Send your resume in confidence to: 248-646-4162.

#### LEGAL SECRETARY - reduced hours/days. Experience required. Square Lake Road & Telegraph. (248) 335-5220

#### Newton Furniture

In-Bloomfield Hills requires an individual with excellent telephone & customer service skills. Responsibilities include constant contact with our customers & suppliers, order entry tracking, and daily cash balancing. Full time position available. Contact: Ann Gabler at 248-333-3505 or fax your resume to 248-333-3509.

#### OFFICE ASSISTANT, full time, excellent opportunity for advancement with Novi Engineering firm, full benefits. Send resume to: Seiber, Keast & Associates, 40399 Grand River, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48375

#### OFFICE MANAGER

Plymouth Mitsubishi has an immediate opening for an Office Manager. Candidate must have previous dealership experience with knowledge in all areas of the office. Benefits include paid vacation, paid holidays, medical, dental and 401(k) with company match. All applications will be kept in strict confidence. Fax resume to 248-643-9261 Attention: Nancy.

#### OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!

Personable part-time receptionist needed for fast-paced real estate office. Evenings and weekends. Responsibilities include answering multi-line phone system, setting appointments, filing, various other office duties. Please call Gary at (734)453-0012.

#### PAYROLL POSITION

Part-time. Experience helpful. Call McDonald Ford 248-349-1400, Ext. 250.

#### PERSONNEL SUPPORT SPECIALIST

This position will maintain resume database, search job internet sites and perform general office administration. Seeking a self-motivated person to join headquarters in new Nov office building. Will train!

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#### RECEPTIONIST - Administrative Assistant, Troy sub contracting firm.

Call Carl - 248-689-9300

#### SURGICAL ASSISTANT

Southfield area for orthopedic office. Full-time with benefits. Call Pat at (248) 559-6190.

### 502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

#### RECEPTIONIST - Immediate opening for entry level receptionist position in fast-paced office. Candidates must enjoy working with the public, be organized, detail oriented and have general computer skills. Full-time position, Mon. thru Fri. and every other weekend. Fax resume to: 734-455-1159 or send resume to: Box 2285 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

RECEPTIONIST - looking for a friendly, organized person for our fast paced front office, must be capable of handling multiple tasks, have some experience answering a 5 line phone system & have general computer skills. Fax resume to JoAnn 248-644-6145

#### RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

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#### SECRETARY/COORDINATOR

Sharp individual, independent, self-starter to schedule cases for home care agency in Romeo. Mature with strong persuasion skills, computer literate, interact with employees/clients. Excellent pay, future. (810) 229-0300 FAMILY HOME CARE

#### SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Property Management firm has immediate opening for a part time experienced secretary/receptionist. Monday-Friday 12-5pm. Successful applicant must possess excellent phone etiquette, computer literacy and a strong sense of responsibility. For immediate consideration, please call: Certified Realty, Inc. at (248) 471-7100 or mail your resume to: 23900 Orchard Lake Rd., #200 Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

#### SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

HIGH volume real estate office in Farmington Hills seeks part time person to share evening & weekend shifts. Must have professional appearance, good attitude & excellent phone skills. M-T. \$8.00 hr. to start. Apply for Jean or Allison - 248-473-6200 REMAX Great Lakes, Inc.

#### SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR/CASHIER

Experience helpful. Full-time. Call McDonald Ford 248-349-1400, Ext. 250

### 504 Help Wanted-Dental

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Responsible individual with dental experience. Excellent benefits. Mon. thru Fri. Contact Sharon (313) 381-3825

#### Dental Assistants - Hygienists

Receptionists being recruited for various Wayne & Oakland county offices. Performance Pay \$10-566-7687

#### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Energetic, reliable Dental Assistant wanted for patient oriented Warren dental office. Great benefits and working conditions for a team player. Call today (810) 751-2900

#### DENTAL HYGIENIST - part time position available

at a completely renovated Dearborn Hgts office. Excellent pay & working conditions. Call 313-277-0050 ask for Barbara



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**NETWORK SALES COORDINATOR**  
The Eccentric Newspapers is seeking an energetic, detail-oriented sales coordinator to work part-time in our Birmingham office. Excellent customer service skills required due to daily contact with numerous departments, sales staff & major account customers. Responsibilities include preparing presentations and monthly reports, scheduling ads, keyboarding, and answering phones. Two years prior work experience preferred. Excellent benefit package available. Please submit resumes via email to [mary@oconline.com](mailto:mary@oconline.com) or fax to (734) 953-2057 or mail to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150. Resume must include job code NSC.

### 524 Help Wanted Domestic

**NANNIES NEEDED** - Full time, Part time, or Live-in. Great pay & benefits. (248) 832-1865. Males, Nannies & More

**HELP WANTED**  
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### 538 Childcare Needed

**BABYSITTER NEEDED** for 2 girls starting Jan. in my Rochester home. 2-3 afternoons/week. Transportation, non-smoker, references. (248) 370-0073

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630...Cards Of Thanks  
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638...Tickets  
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642...Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss  
644...Insurance  
646...Gingo  
648...Wedding Chapel

### 538 Childcare Needed

**FULL TIME** loving nanny to care for my 4 yr & 1.5 yr old boys in W. Bloomfield home. References. (248) 788-2314

**LOVING CARE** needed for our 2 yr. old son in our West Bloomfield home. Non-Fri. Nanny. Call: (248) 360-6665

**NANNY EXPERIENCED** to care for 4 & 6 yr. old in Troy. Non-smoker. Excellent references & driving record required. After 7pm. (248) 880-8669

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to work in the studios, appear on my talk show in March of 2000 & be presented to record major companies. Bio, demo & picture (req'd). Serious only need apply. Call & ask for Mary. (248) 761-8541

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Troy MI-RSVP by 1-4 to (888) 248-0543

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Nana & Pop

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**A LITTLE GIRL'S WISH**  
Is for a sister/brother. Can you make her wish come true? Complete our loving family! Couple wish to adopt Caucasian newborn/infant.  
1-800-484-8138, ext. 5166

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**BROKEN-HEARTED LOST**  
White dog w/ tan. Like Eddie on Fraser. Auburn Hills 248-580-0580

**FOUND DOG** 12-17, in-town Rochester, shepherd mix, brown leather collar, no tags. Friendly. (248) 652-4216

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723...Business & Office Equipment  
726...Office Supplies  
728...Cameras & Supplies

730...Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment  
732...Computers  
734...Electronics/Audio/Video  
736...Video Games/Tapes, Movies  
738...Farm Equipment  
740...Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants  
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**SEANIE BABIES**  
LIBERTY...rare/misplaced teddy, accepting bids @ \$300+. Other bears available. 734-354-4282

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**COAT LEATHER** - Beautiful full length black with fur collar, size L. Like new. Was \$2000 take \$1000/best. (240) 644-4394

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**716 Household Goods**

**Baby Crib/day bed**, Bellini, like new/under drawer, includes mattress \$400. (248) 851-4426

**4 BAR stools**, black/seals with gray trim. Large foyer framed mirror with attached glass shelf. (248) 932-5733

**BEAUTIFUL BED** - Brand new name-brand Queen Mattress set in plastic, retail \$599, sell \$199. 734-421-4310

**BRAND NEW queen pillow top mattress set**, still in plastic, with warranty. Cost \$800, Sell \$285. Delivery. (248) 691-4468

**CHINA Hutch**: Solid oak, beautifully refinished, hand carved doors. \$600. 248-546-8055

**Generator** - Honda EM3500X, excellent condition, \$1000. Sofa Sleeper & Loveseat, Broyhill, \$500. Oak end, sofa, coffee tables, \$300. 248-625-1954

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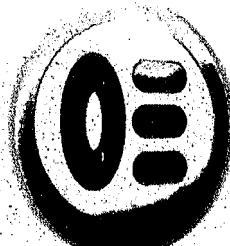
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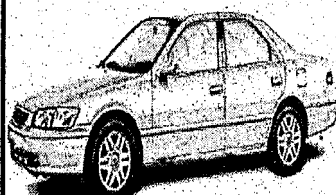


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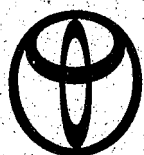
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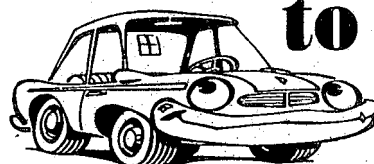
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## Be too wise to worry about Y2K



JOE GAGNON

It all begins with the companies producing products during the '80s and '90s who aren't smart enough to think about the years ahead.

They install computer chips and programmers into equipment

that they don't realize must be tuned into four simple numbers: 2000.

Give me a break, folks. Can they really be that stupid? These are people who put spaceships on planets and satellites in space, they've made the world as modern as can be, and yet you want me to think they couldn't see past their noses.

I don't think so, because my personal opinion is that they planned it all this way. Look around you and see all the work that has been going on getting things ready for the year 2000. Billions of dollars have been spent by the very people who bought the product. The very people who are upgrading the product are the people who sold the product. It all goes around in one big circle and I think the whole thing is a big fraud.

What has it done in our world of consumer affairs?

My wife is storing plastic jugs of water in the garage and I ask her what she's doing. She tells me the water is to flush the toilets on New Year's Day. I politely inform her that if the water is off, the sewer plants in this country won't be working and we will build an outhouse in the back yard. A new building boom develops across the country overnight.

I ask her if she is going to the bank to withdraw cash and she replies, "About \$2,000 worth." Wow - the banks could make millions just by charging withdrawal fees.

I say, "What about food, honey? What are we going to eat?" "Check the freezer," she replies. It is stuffed to the top and inside the freezer section of the refrigerator she has removed the ice cubes in the bin and filled it with freeze-dried fruits.

According to Evelyn Stern from Call for Action, the crooks are out there ripping off consumers who are frightened about midnight Dec. 31.

There are more new scams popping up every day even to the point of some

people melting their gold rings and bracelets in case the country bank runs out of money. Remember that the word fear leaves the door open for some unsuspecting consumer to be taken advantage of.

The end result of what I feel will happen on New Year's Day will fill newspaper front pages with absolutely nothing. Somewhere in the back pages, some columnist will propose moving April Fool's Day to Jan. 1.

You may be asking what the Appliance Doctor is doing to prepare for the millennium. Nothing, plain old nothing. I'll deal with it as it happens.

If the water is shut off, I'll melt some snow. If the heat is off, I'll throw furniture into the fireplace and sleep with my coat on. If there is no gas at the pump, I'll walk and I will do what I have to do to survive. I will get closer to my neighbors by offering to help them with their needs.

I refuse to worry about what hasn't even happened yet. I won't spend money, time and effort to prepare and fall into the trap that has been set for me.

Just like a beautiful red fox - they design a nice fox jacket, open a big store, hire the trappers and make a trap, and all of it works in creating money and revenue along the way. The last thing they have to do is catch the fox.

I would like to wish every one of you a very Happy New Year. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

## at home calendar

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Guests may attend. The program will be a floral design workshop by Debbie Morrow.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Scott Bates will speak on the topic, "Waterfalls and Water Movement in the Landscape." Guest fee \$3. For information, call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004.





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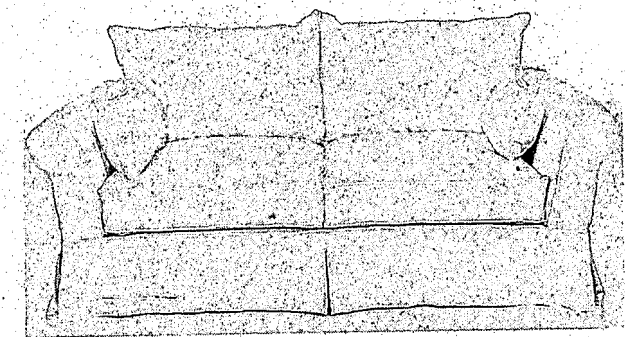


### Fare play

**(Big) Apple source:** Many eyes will be on Times Square this weekend for the New Year's Eve countdown. More New York fun can be found in items at

The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Give your spirits a lift with these pieces inspired by New York taxis. This terrific, roomy tote, \$15, is taxicab yellow and black with a city slicker, patent leather shine. It's perfect for carrying poetry journals, a cell phone, Sinatra CDs or even lunch. Also available are these authentic looking, die-cut replica cabs, \$6.95, with pull wind action and doors that really open; and this ceramic yellow bank, \$6, a perfect place to save your pennies for a trip. Other New York objects

featured at the gallery are 10-inch high Statue of Liberty replicas in colors including purple, green, copper and silver, \$18; and works by Brooklyn-born painter Ken Keeley, \$30 (posters) and \$950 (original serigraphs). Call (248) 356-5454.



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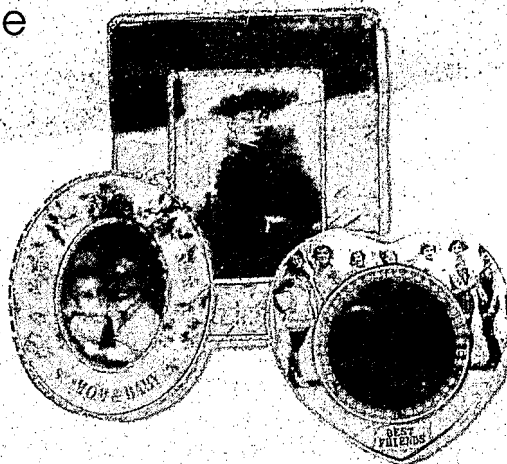
**New line:** Quatrine Washable Furniture, which has a store in Birmingham, has launched a new, moderately priced furniture line called "basic." The high-end retailer, known for European style, oversized, slipcovered pieces that are 100 percent machine washable, has streamlined its standard line with subtle constructive differences. Furnishings in Quatrine's basic and standard lines are the same size and appear virtually identical; the differences are in the frame and spring system. Seven-foot sofas are \$1,642 to \$3,500 in the standard line, and \$1,100 to \$2,900 in the basic line. Call (248) 644-4705.

### Fashionable frames

#### Get the picture:

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sources as postcards, letters and photos, seals them with hand-set liquid crystal and often overlays them with Austrian crystals, glass pearls and brass findings. The frames, set in 14-karat gold antique plate over pewter casings, come in rectangles, ovals and hearts to fit photos from 2 inches round to 3-1/2 by 5 inches rectangle. Costs are \$60 to \$250. Local stores that carry Maximal Art are Ribbons and Magnolias in Birmingham, Janet Varner in Rochester, Ilona & Gallery and Platinum Treats in West Bloomfield, Elle in Dearborn and Imajica in Pleasant Ridge.



### Soup's on

#### Look with ladle:

Complement your table with a ceramic soup tureen and ladle from the Tracy Porter Collection, available from Jacobson's. The Sage Tea tureen is handpainted with a grape and leaf motif in eggplant and muted greens. The look is complete with a colorwash of purple and yellow. Cost for the set is \$55.

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# Short cuts add up to long savings



DIANA KOENIG

**Q:** I work outside the home and still have home responsibilities. I am going crazy trying to get everything done. I don't have time for a new system. Can you give some survival tips?

**A:** Many women face this same problem: We either need more time or less to do.

Even though we enjoy modern conveniences, such as microwaves, dishwashers and computers, we have also taken on additional responsibilities and activities that women didn't deal with a generation ago. We constantly have to juggle the priorities of a wife, mother, housekeeper and career woman.

I have compiled a list of shortcuts that can add up to significant time savings each day.

## Home organization shortcuts

- Keep extra trash liner bags in the bottom of your trash can. When you take the trash out you won't have to

spend time going to another location to get the replacement bag.

- After you wash bed and towel linens, save folding time by taking the articles directly from the dryer to the beds and towel racks.

- On rainy and snowy days, put throw rugs in front of the door to catch mud and puddles. It is easier and less expensive to wash rugs than professionally clean carpets.

- Post often-used phone numbers on a sheet of paper next to the phone so you will save time looking up the number.

- Invest in a hand vacuum for small cleanups so you don't have to pull out your big vacuum cleaner for every little mess.

- Put an old sheet or tablecloth under the table when you have a child's birthday party. You can shake it when the youngsters finish eating and you won't have to worry about food crumbs being tracked onto your carpet areas.

- Separate silverware by putting "like" pieces together as you load the dishwasher. You can unload the dishwasher quickly without spending time sorting.

- Clean your refrigerator when it is partially empty, like the day before you do large grocery shopping.

- Save time and money on carpet cleaning by removing your shoes or scrubbing the soles before entering your home.

- Serve dinner buffet style on evenings you need to leave for a meeting. You can serve prepared food directly from the pot instead of soiling additional serving dishes. If you are in a big hurry, consider eating on paper plates.

- Minimize the amount of decor in your home so you won't have to spend a lot of time dusting.

- Some items like floral arrangements and items with small, intricate pieces take time to dust. Carry these items outside and blow off the dust. It works.

- Give yourself a jump start by getting up 10 minutes early each day. It will be the most productive 10 minutes of your day because it will be extra time you weren't counting on.

- Schedule yourself to be the first appointment so you won't have to wait for people in front of you. This will especially save you time if you are having portraits taken.

- Put a basket or container on the staircase. Fill it with items that you need to take to another location. You can buy baskets that are specifically made to sit on a staircase.

- Cook twice as much food for dinner once a week and freeze half so you will have a quick meal for the future.

- Do some of your shopping through mail orders, but make sure you use a reputable company. I order cards, ribbon and wrapping paper through the mail.

- Write people's addresses in your address book in pencil instead of ink. You won't have to spend time and money on a new address book because you can simply erase the address when someone moves.

- Keep a pad and pencil in several locations in your house so you can jot down things you need to do or buy as you think of them.

- Always carry reading materials or crafts in your purse so that you can make the best use of your time while in carpool lines or waiting rooms.

- Don't overcrowd your closets with clothes. Keep off-season clothes in another location. This makes finding clothes or hanging clean clothes much easier.

- If you are short on time but have a whole house to clean, it is faster to perform one task housewide (such as vacuuming) rather than performing all tasks in each room.

- Fold clothes immediately after the dryer stops so you won't have to spend additional time ironing.

- Use a partitioned laundry basket or separate containers to divide laundry as it is put in the laundry room. You can quickly put a load of clothes in without separating by colors.

- Clean out your medicine cabinet frequently, discarding expired items and things you never use. Finding things will go a lot faster after you have eliminated these items.

- Lay your mulch thick in your gardens so you won't have to weed as often.

- Keep a comfortable chair in your bedroom. If you don't sit on the bedspread, you will seldom need to wash it.

- When you put sheets on your bed, make sure the sheet folds over the top of the blanket. You won't have to wash the blanket as often if it isn't touching you.

- Keep all "like" items together. For example, put the stapler in the same location as the staples.

- Put items where you will use them the most. You may want to store light bulbs in more than one location in your house.

- Use a long-handled duster to reach high places so you won't have to carry a chair around to do your dusting. I have several different handle sizes.

- When possible, plan two parties in your home on the same weekend. You won't have to spend two weekends shopping, cleaning up and pulling out your good dishes.

- Clean the light fixture when you replace a burned bulb.

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■ The Hardy Plant Society will present a class, "Make Your Own Suet Feeder," 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Bowers School Farm, on Square Lake Road between Adams and Squirrel roads. Registration fee \$5. The class is limited to 25. Children can attend with an adult. One feeder per registration. To

sign up, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation at (248) 433-0885 and ask to register for class number 2079. For information, call Jim at (248) 879-3272.

■ Classes in the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education include "Millennium Birds," Sunday, Jan. 2. Call (734) 998-7061.



inviting ideas

# Share year-end fun with children



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

"Not everyone is celebrating the millennium with a big blast out on the town.

Some of you may have been so consumed with the hubbub of the season - out-of-town guests, last-minute gifts to buy and wrap,

addressing the last batch of Christmas cards, preparing your favorite holiday cookies, or experiencing a bad case of the flu - that you haven't even thought of what to do to usher in 2000.

With just a few days left, there is still time to get it together and do something special - especially with the youngsters!

Gear your activities to your children's interests and abilities. Keep the fun age-level appropriate.

■ **Pizza Pizzazz** - Serve pasta as an antree, then celebrate the New Year with Pizza Cake.

Make the base a huge cookie or a thin layer of the cake of your choice, setting or baking it on an actual pizza pan. Cover the top with red frosting (sauce) and shredded white chocolate or coconut (cheese), then top with pepperoni caramels (individual caramels kneaded with a bit of red food coloring, made into balls and rolled out to look like actual pieces of pepperoni).

Serve the cake in a real pizza box and cut slices with a pizza cutter.

■ **Beach Blanket Party** - Don't let our cold weather discourage you. Cover the floor area with some beach blankets (beach towels or your favorite quilt), watch some old Gidget movies and serve a pail of sand cake.

Using a brand-new 8- or 9-inch cup capacity plastic sand pail, add some slices of an 8- or 9-inch baked cake into the bottom of the pail, layer with your favorite stuff - applesauce, whipped cream or pudding, continue to layer with cake in between. Top with some crushed cookies (to look like sand) and serve with a new plastic shovely.

■ **Gotta Clue?** - Get the old family favorite Clue game out and then have or make a Clue Cake, a big question mark cake to accompany an evening of playing the game. Have all the participants dress like the characters in the game, and include them in the making of the cake. Decorate with gummy feet and have a path to the big question of "Who one it?"

■ **Table Top Cooking** - Celebrate the new year with some table top eating. Have individual burners with cans of gas (available at the Asian stores and Kitchen Glamor shops). Cook your favorite skillet meal or add a "cooking

stone" (available at many Asian markets) to the top and grill thin slices of meat or poultry. Listen to your favorite music or watch a video while relaxing.

■ **Time Capsule It** - Cut some PVC plastic to the size of your choice. Paint the outside of your tube in millennial jargon or futuristic pictures, using enamel paint, and fill with those things you'd like to see someone dig up in a hundred years. Cap off the ends with pre-made end caps and bury together in the cool night breeze.

■ **Toast in the new year** with some sparkling cider - Buy some or make your own with a siphon bottle and pour into lovely plastic champagne flutes (available at any party store; check at Amazing Savings on Orchard Lake Road or Greenfield for some good buys on paper and plastic ware - call first to see if they have any flutes still in stock).

Have the youngsters decorate the outside of the champagne flutes with special metallic markers or paints. Glue gun some streamers or metallic shapes (make sure there is parental supervision when using a glue gun.) on the outside, making the decorating every bit as festive as the night.

■ **Board Game It** - Choose your favorite board games and have a marathon into the new year of playing a series of games (or one really long one).

Keep a good supply of snack foods on hand. Have decorated bowls filled with potato chips, cheese-flavored popcorn, caramel corn, cut fruit, small pastries, and an array of appetizers or easy finger foods available.

You can even have the children decorate the table with a big sheet of butcher paper. Keep the decorations coordinated with the games you've chosen.

■ **Toast the new year** with toast - Serve a platter of cute shaped sandwiches. Make some toast out of your favorite bread (homemade or store-bought), cut with cookie cutters (regular size or mini), then sandwich with your favorite fillings: jam, jellies, flavored cream cheese, marmalade, curds, peanut butter or rich chocolate filling.

■ **Snack Central** - Have the youngsters join in the making of all the fun snacks for the evening - colorful popcorn balls, candy, snack mix (cereal and pretzel combinations) - then get the VCR geared and ready to go with your favorite movies. Throw in some old and new ones for a great smattering of the last decade or two.

Serve your movie snacks in cute decorated paper bags, another great project for the children. Do make sure the materials they are using are non-toxic if they are coming in contact with any edibles.

■ **[P] Party with the Grown-ups** - Get in your favorite flannel jammies and line

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the den or living room with blankets and sleeping bags. Have a big overnight together in one room with the children. Set your clocks ahead if your little ones are really young and let them think they are really staying up to the new year!

Decorate the room with clocks or have the children make clocks out of poster board and markers. Get some butterfly closures and make the hands of the clocks really movable. Serve cookies and milk before the clock strikes 12, but make sure the cookies are decorated to look like timepieces!

■ **Favorite Stories from the Past** - Share an evening of reading aloud or re-enacting your favorite play. Make sure to have makeshift costumes available and plenty of suitable treats to accompany your stories.

■ **The Mad Hatter** - Make your evening theme around party hats and noise makers. Give the youngsters lots of paper, metallic string, markers, paints, or other suitable options for making their party hats.

Serve cakes and cookies that look like hats and noisemakers. Decorate some sugar cones with icing and bits of candy (they look like clown hats). Make noisemakers out of a piece of licorice (red Twizzlers or fruit-flavored licorice twists for the stem or pipe) and use a 4- to 6-inch "Fruit by the Foot" (fruit roll-up type treat) as the rolled noisemaker portion.

*Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.*

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# Designers foretell functional, healthy environment

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
Special Writer

Gone are the days when rooms were just for looking and so pristine that you were afraid to sit on the furniture. The new century harkens practicality focusing on ecologically sound and healthy environments.

"I see (decorating) as becoming very, very user friendly in that you use every room in your house," said Shirley Maddalena, owner of Maddalena Designs in Birmingham.

"It can look elegant, futuristic and sophisticated, yet entirely usable," she said. "A room doesn't need to look prohibitive. I see things becoming very simplistic, elegant, very Zen in its nature with simple and clean lines and an environment that the senses enjoy and are not distracted by."

Birmingham decorator Sara Scott Cullen also sees a return to simplicity.

"I think the madness has to end," Cullen said. "We don't have to have cars bigger than houses; garages that are bigger than airport hangars and sofas that could be cars if we put tires on. We have master bathrooms that could take care of families of 12. The bathtubs could be used in Chinese bathing houses."

It's time for people to focus on their families, she said, adding that each person in the household has special interests and needs that should be incorporated in the design.

For instance, one of Cullen's clients has a 14-year-old daughter who loves black and white cows. Cullen found creative ways to incorporate the bovines into the girl's room, using streets in downtown Birmingham for their names.

"The real elegance is not in how the house is furnished, but how you live in the house and treat the people who are living there," Cullen said. "There's something about the scales of houses that are saying we want to get away from the husbands and children and the au pair."

The sign of a successful decorating job, she said, is from the warmth generated by family mementos and photos.

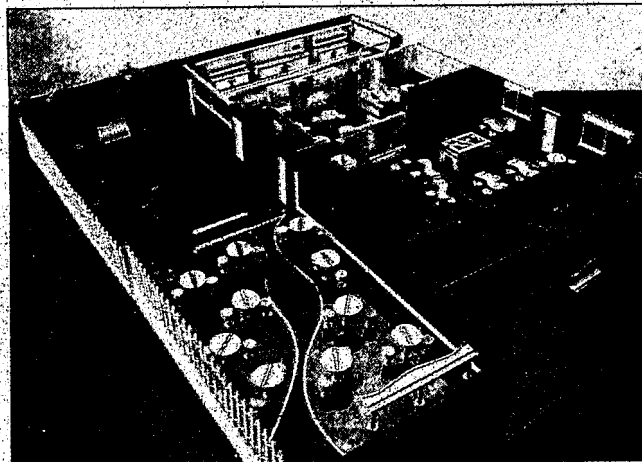
"I really like to see affordable, reasonable well-structured furniture that doesn't cost a lot of money, like a \$5,000 sofa that is so expensive that no one can sit on it," Cullen said.

## Functional

Decor will coincide with a new emphasis on healthier and simpler lifestyles with easy-to-care-for fabrics.

"Let's make your life better by making sure the things you own are functional," Cullen said. "We need to realize that we need a place for homework and a place for the family to be together."

Cullen tells new customers that she's interviewing them while they're interviewing her.



**Future sights:** Center for Creative Studies interior design graduates created these looks for futuristic sites. The above design, for a tavern, is by Sunjoon Park of Bloomfield Hills. The design at right, for an office building, is by Sancha Flynn of Ferndale.

"The relationship has to work," Cullen said. "They have to trust me and I have to trust them. And they have to let go. As a designer I think of myself as an artist."

And every artist needs paint.

While colors are dictated by the homeowners' individual tastes, the trend is toward subtle hues.

"The colors are performing a background service," Maddalena said. "More and more clients are intensely interested in art and they're looking for us to provide a background for it. Natural colors are intensely coming into play, like golden shades and subtle greens. These colors that are evolving will be in for quite some time."

Durability is another important factor when buying furniture and floor coverings.

In the past, clients wanted living rooms with white carpeting that wasn't durable and furniture fabrics that were beautiful, but easily damaged, Maddalena said. Today, white floor coverings can still be elegant, but they're stain-resistant and aren't delicate.

Windows treated with ultraviolet protection also do a wonderful job protecting fabrics from the sun's heat and damaging rays.

## Healthy

The ozone layer and is a major concern at Barbara Marini, chairman at the Center for Creative Studies.

She predicts that stronger dedication to Options like water filtration make it into other products.

"I definitely think that we are addressing, for example, carpet programs make it into other products."

Most of Maddalena's clients are concerned with specific moods with specific colors.

"The two main design should look at are the colors and the textures."

"How comfortable do you place to perch? Is the just for the man in the suit?"



## Technology

And more so than ever, computers date the plethora of technology for work and leisure.

Since people are more focused on computers, rooms are designed to accommodate computers in kitchens.

"Smart homes are becoming a reality, referring to technology that allows lighting, adjust their thermostat, remote control.

Marini said that she believes about products today than ever before.

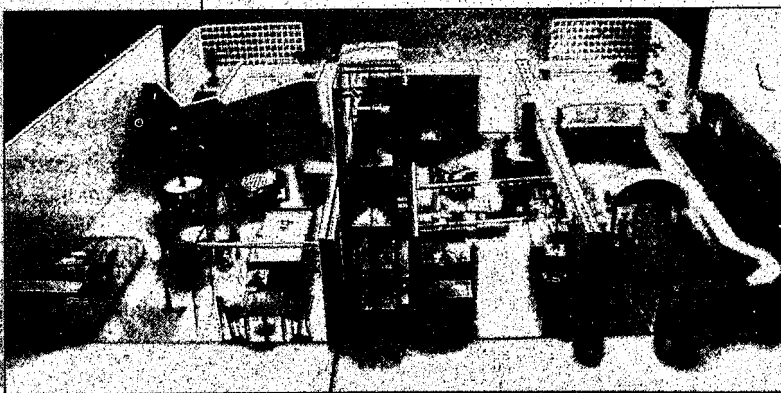
"They're demanding more from us," she said. "In commercial design, expectations in terms of quality are higher."

"We see a lot of crossover between carpeting and wall covering for our homes."

"And with the Internet research. It makes the design process have to be more knowledgeable."

## On the cover:

Interior design of Birmingham Hills, an industrial design graduate of the Center for Creative Studies, created the design for a futuristic tavern.







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and maintaining a clean environment among a lot of people, according to woman of the interior design department Creative Studies.

home decorating will include a to health and the environment: ters and efficient furnaces that keep air clean are commonplace.

there are environmental concerns as consumers," Marini said. "For rams, like DuPont, recycle carpet and oducts to keep it from going to land-

's clients also ask her to create special lighting in each room.

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**Room for remodeling:** Elizabeth Moylan and Leo Landis (above) inside the Joe and Lorraine living room exhibit at Henry Ford Museum. The exhibit illustrates how home furnishings changed in the 1950s. This well-worn, comfy chair (top right) is an example of what you'd find in homes from 1885 to 1905. Staff photos by Tom Hawley.

## Furnishings reflect changes in lifestyle and society

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Traditional vs. modern - it's an age-old issue that has been debated by families since the turn of the century.

Let's jump in our time capsule and go back to 1953. Lorraine and Joe are in the middle of remodeling. Their living room is a mess. Fabric swatches and paint samples are scattered about the floor.

In the corner is an old couch Lorraine inherited from her mother-in-law when she and Joe got married. It's big, dark maroon and overstuffed. Everything about the room - the wallpaper, carpeting and moldings - is dark.

"Let's get rid of that ugly floral carpet," Lorraine says. "And all these other hand-me-downs."

She has her eye on a sleek new couch that costs only \$124.75 and a matching chair for \$94.50.

You can visit Joe and Lorraine's house at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn and peek into their living room window to see their new couch and compare it to the old one.

Lorraine's new modern couch reflects her optimistic, forward-looking approach to life.

She's ready to get rid of the old

couch, typical of ones you'd find in homes in the 1920s and 1930s - overstuffed, bulky and hard to move with wooden trim, yet cozy, warm and spiritually connected to the past.

As furniture joined the growing list of mass-produced goods, it became "good looking, functional and affordable," said Nancy Villa Bryk, a curator at the museum who grew up in Beverly Hills. "People were able to buy more furniture, and change it more often."

The sleek, modern furniture designs of Herman Miller and other designers were lighter and easier to move and keep clean.

"In the 1950s the house lightens up," Bryk said. "There are more windows in homes. People wanted to bring the natural light indoors. They painted wooden moldings white."

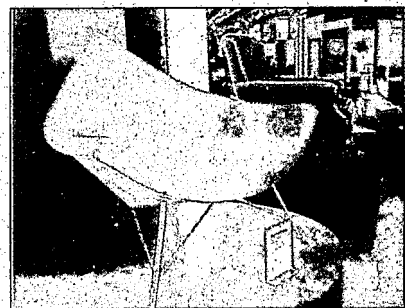
"Modern furniture says we're new modern, up-to-date people. It looks to an unencumbered future," she said, explaining how furniture is often a reflection of the people who buy it.

"We don't like to admit it, but our furnishings say a lot about us."

"Now it's so variable. You can do what you want, unlike 150 years ago when you had to have certain things in your parlor or sitting room. People care a whole lot less than they used to about what other people think."



HENRY FORD MUSEUM GREENFIELD VILLAGE



**Classic designs:** The Marshmallow Love Seat, 1956-65, and Coconut Chair, 1956-77, are examples of modern furniture. These throw pillows (below) are going to the attic along with some of Joe and Lorraine's other hand-me-downs.



# Talk about events of 20th century



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Perhaps your family will be on an exciting vacation, at home waiting for the ball drop in Times Square, or visiting with family and friends on New Year's Eve.

One thing is for certain: At the stroke of midnight, you will all experience the dawn of a new millennium and the onset of the 21st century. How will your family recognize this history in the making? One way is to talk about the events that have shaped the century and your lives.

It's difficult to fathom what your ancestors living 1,000 years ago thought the world would be like in today's day and age.

Imagine what your predecessors envisioned 100 years ago at the turn of the century. The Model T was a dream. Television was nonexistent. Computers weren't even a figment of a child's imagination. The icons that began to

shape his daily life are now household words you take for granted.

Visions of the year 2000 may have resembled chapters in a science fiction novel.

"There have been so many momentous events in this century - and so much change at speeds that people who lived in earlier centuries would have thought impossible..." said Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster, authors of "The Century for Young People." "In the 20th century, however, we faced radical changes over and over again - with scientific theory, medical advances, the personal computer, air travel, nearly instantaneous communication, and, of course, the ability to destroy the entire world."

The following points recall some of the major events that shaped life in the United States over the past 100 years. See how much you can recall from your history books. You may want to make a date with your children to visit your local library to find out more about points not listed here or those you wish to research in more detail.

The 20th century at a glance:

■ Electricity, first a luxury, became a modern convenience.

■ The Wright brothers' airplane took flight in 1904.

■ The Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific, became a reality.

■ World War I changed the world forever.

■ In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote.

■ The automobile, the silent movies and airline transportation became part of everyday life.

■ Families listened to the broken static of the first public radio transmissions in the early 1920s.

■ When the stock market crashed in October 1929, millions of people lost their life savings. The economy collapsed and the Great Depression began.

■ The 1940s marked the birth of the computer age.

■ The Japanese bombed the American naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941. America would enter World War II - what some coined the most terrible period of modern times.

■ The baby boom era began.

■ In 1947, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier and changed the face of professional baseball. By 1948, President Truman integrated the Armed Services.

■ The United States entered the Korean War in 1950 in support of South Korea.

■ The 1950s marked the dawning of McDonald's and Holiday Inns, American Bandstand shaped the future of popular teen culture. Rock and roll music was a mainstay.

■ On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Ala., and refused to give up her seat to a white man. Her arrest marked the onset of the civil rights movement.

■ John Fitzgerald Kennedy became the 35th president of the United States

on Nov. 8, 1960. In his inauguration speech, he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963.

■ Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his contributions to the passing of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

■ On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon.

■ As a result of the Watergate scandal, Richard Nixon became the first president to resign from office on Aug. 8, 1974.

■ On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger, carrying the first private citizen into space, exploded in midair, killing all its passengers.

■ The Cold War came to an end and the Berlin wall came down in 1989.

■ The 1991 Desert Storm invasion drove Iraq from Kuwait.

■ By 1995, the Internet became a dominant force of cyberspace.

To help your family learn more about the history of the 20th century, try exploring the following books:

"The Century for Young People" by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster (Random House Inc., New York, 1999).

"Children's History of the 20th Century" (DK Publishing).

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## at home calendar

■ Master gardener volunteer training classes are scheduled on the County Campus in Waterford 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 4 through April 4; and 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6 through April 6. For an information packet and application, give your mailing address to the Michigan State University Extension office by phone, (248) 858-0887; fax, (248) 858-0900; writing 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac 48341; or e-mail, [oakland@msue.msu.edu](mailto:oakland@msue.msu.edu)

■ Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland

University in Rochester will reopen Monday, Jan. 3. Tour hours are 1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Tours for groups of 20 or more may be set for other times. Advance reservations are required only for group tours. Admission is \$8 adult, \$6 for ages 62 and over, \$4 for ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and under. Group admission is \$6 adult and \$4 children. Call (248) 370-3140. Meadow Brook Hall is a 110-room mansion built by the widow of auto pioneer John Dodge.

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# Fascinating books warm up winter



MARTY FIGLEY

You might enjoy reading and studying the following books during these cold winter months.

"A Clearing in the Distance," Witold Rybczynski (\$28, Scribner), is a very detailed account of the career of Frederick

Law Olmsted and America in the 19th century.

Olmsted's interests were very diversified. For instance, as a journalist he wrote a trilogy about the South and the slave situation (he was opposed to slavery), explored parts of Texas and reported his experiences and became manager of a large gold mine. He was also general secretary to the U.S. Sanitary Commission during the Civil War.

Consequently, with such varied interests, Olmsted was in his 30s before he seemed to settle down and devote the rest of his life to landscape architecture.

He designed Central Park in New York and was involved with it for many years. Some of the many landscapes and urban designs across the country credited to him and his various partners are Niagara Falls, the Biltmore Estate and our own Belle Isle. His visionary ideas have stood the test of time as he designed for the future, not the present.

A remarkable account of a remarkable man.

Two more practical books from the series "The Gardener's Guide to Growing" (\$29.95 each, Timber Press) are devoted to a specific genus.

"Asters," Paul Picton, shares the history and cultivation of this most popular plant, a mainstay in the fall garden. The descriptions and photos show the large selection available.

Picton's advice is from his personal experience. For instance, the best way to obtain new plants is "by the careful selection of single shoots from the stolons during later winter," and continues with exact directions.

"Salvias," John Sutton, shows how these plants can be used in the garden whether they are annuals, perennials or shrubs (think garden sage) grown in containers or in the ground.

Salvias have been grown for centuries and were often used as medicinals. An identifiable representation of *S. fruticosa* (Greek sage) is depicted on a fresco in Crete, dated at about 1400 B.C.

"This book features the 90 species and their cultivars that I consider to be the most garden-worthy in Britain," Sutton writes, so we'll have to judge which are best for our climate.

## A president's gardens and a landscape architect are among the subjects featured in these interesting books.

In "Washington's Gardens at Mount Vernon: Landscape of the Inner Man," Mac Griswold (\$40, Houghton Mifflin), we find that Washington was a sensitive and gracious man who kept meticulous records of his garden activities.

Griswold has delved into the archives and has written an insightful account of this hands-on gardener. We meet him as landowner, farmer, gardener and landscape designer who was aware of the contribution he had made to this country. Washington continued to improve his home and land for 45 years.

A gardening book, yes, it is also a historical account of his and Martha's personal lives. Mount Vernon is now being restored to its former glory and Roger Foley has made the gardens and buildings come alive with excellent photographs.

"The Plantfinder's Guide to Cacti and Other Succulents," Keith Grantham and Paul Klaassen (\$34.95, Timber Press), is just the book for those who love unusual plants that are easy to grow.

The authors have had years of experience and share historical facts as well as the correct way to grow the many kinds successfully.

Soil mixes, light, temperature, water, food, all are discussed so the layman can fully understand. This amazing group of plants has many diverse forms and wonderful flowers that can be seen in the color plates. Information about places to see and buy cacti and succulents, national societies, specialist groups and more is included.

If you're looking for a cookbook with very organized instructions, check out "American Favorites: All-American Cooking for a New Generation," Betty Rosbottom (\$18, Houghton Mifflin).

Time required for a recipe from start to finish and actual preparation time, whether it freezes well, and the best season to make it are welcome additions.

Happy New Year to you all!

Marty Eigley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Marty Figley

Good seat: A rocking chair is a nice place to enjoy a good gardening book.

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# Send in the clouds for exciting shots



MONTE NAGLER

One subject that has always excited me that I've written about in the past is clouds. We've all found ourselves staring at a dramatic cloud pattern oblivious of our surroundings.

Clouds come in a variety of shapes, textures and colors. They can be huge and billowy or soft and wispy. They can be bold and dramatic and even frightening at times. Capturing them on film is exciting and will definitely enhance your photographs.

How to better photograph clouds? First, learn to really "see" them. Look for shapes and patterns as constantly changing cloud formations float across the sky. See how clouds can become a colorful palette at an approaching sunset. Notice how a receding black storm cloud becomes a sensational backdrop for foreground objects being lit by the rays of an emerging sun.

**Capturing clouds on film is exciting and will definitely enhance your photographs.**

Enjoy foggy and misty days as I do. Some of the very best mood-filled pictures are shot in this type of weather.

Once you "see" the clouds, how do you enhance your photographs of them? Begin with a good sense of composition by using a low horizon line to accentuate the clouds and give your shot a feeling of spaciousness.

When shooting white, puffy clouds against a blue sky with color film, use a polarizer filter. Position yourself at a 45-degree angle to the sun and rotate your polarizer until you see maximum blue. The result will be an impact-filled photograph showing the white clouds contrasted against a rich, deep blue sky.

At sunrise and sunset add spice to your cloud pictures by using colored filters such as orange or red. The results (use slide film) will be truly dramatic.



**Eye on the sky:** It's the unusual and dramatic cloud patterns that give impact and strength to this Monte Nagler photograph. With the help of a red filter, it was taken near Los Olivos, Calif.

Black and white film "sees" white clouds and blue sky as nearly identical tones and the clouds may become lost in the finished print.

But filters in the yellow, orange and red values will achieve cloud/sky separation for you. A yellow filter will give you normal cloud/sky separation. Orange produces more. And a red filter renders a blue sky almost black, producing very striking results.

Clouds taken from the air have a character all their own as they appear like a bed of fluffy cotton. Just set your camera at a fast shutter speed to eliminate the airplane's vibration and the shot is yours.

Do you get turned on by sunbeams bursting through a pattern of dramatic clouds? Underexpose slightly and you'll capture them on film.

Here's another idea. Make a montage of slides of clouds with other images for an unusual look. Clouds superimposed over trees, a lighthouse or flying birds will result in vivid, striking photographs.

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## at home calendar

■ The Children and Family Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, has something for the whole family. Offerings include workshops for ages 6-12 on Scout badges related to plants and ecology; the workshops are scheduled every month, January to May (Scout leaders should call for available dates). Call (734) 998-7061.

■ The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Inc. will present basic arborist training workshops 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 13 and 27 and Feb.

10, at the Michigan State University Union Building in East Lansing. The workshops are for anyone who will be taking the International Society of Arboriculture certification test in March or anyone who needs a general review. Cost, which includes lunch and handouts, is \$40 per person until one week prior to each session, or \$45 at the door. To register, contact the MFPA office at (517) 482-5530, ashby.ann@acd.net or <http://forestry.msu.edu/mfpa/index.htm>. The ISA certification study guide is for sale at \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members.

# Adopt-a-pet

**Jezabell:** Jezabell is a 10-month-old spaniel/shepherd mix who was found running scared on the I-96 service drive a few weeks ago. She had nowhere to go, so we are trying to find her a permanent home. She is black, tan and cream and medium-sized. Jezabell is quite active and friendly and will "sit" for a treat every time - at least if it is a good treat! She would like to attend obedience training with you, so she can be the best dog she can be. Jezabell loves people, but would be best in a home with children age 10 and over, since she likes to play a bit rough. Won't you please consider sharing your home with this bright, sweet dog? Jezabell (No. WS33192) and other pets are at the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter, 37255 Marquette. Call (734) 721-7300.



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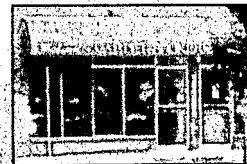
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