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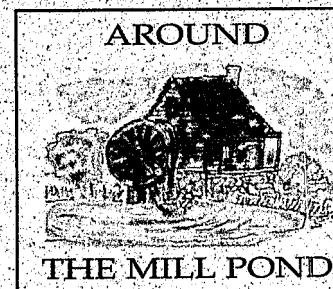

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**THE MILL POND****Library's a cool hang out**

Library personnel had to bundle up to go to work recently.

Several of the five roof-top furnaces decided to take a vacation and were not working most of the week leading up to Christmas. They were finally fixed Dec. 28.

Library patrons were mostly understanding, but staff braved chilly working conditions because parts of the library were without heat. The holiday made it more difficult to get someone to repair the problems.

However, at least the furnace malfunction explains why it was so cold at the Independence Township Board meeting Dec. 22. Several people wondered why it was colder than normal in the meeting room.

On the mend

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary reported at the Dec. 21 Independence Township Board meeting that Trustee Dan Travis is recovering and hoping to rejoin the board at meetings in January. Travis has been sick for weeks and is slowly recuperating. In a note to McCrary, he said his mind is ready to go, but his body is still recovering.

Unusual request

A man walked into the Clarkston Eccentric office Wednesday wondering if we had a screwdriver. Normally, we don't get such requests. It turned out he wanted to change license plates from his old car to his new. We had a screwdriver, and he was on his way.



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New playscape planned for park



■ Volunteers are needed to help build a playscape for Sashabaw Plains Park. The Independence Township Board of Trustees recently approved spending grant money to buy the materials.

BY SALLY SLAUGHTER
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Like to hear the sound of children playing? Then keep the last weekend in April open, because Independence Township is looking for approximately 75 volunteers to build a playscape at Sashabaw Plains Park.

"We've identified improving

Sashabaw Plains for about three years," said Ann Conklin, township Director of Parks and Recreation. "There's really nothing there."

Two baseball fields are the extent of development at the park now. Officials still hope to put in an in-line skating rink someday. The park is on Maybee Road, east of Sashabaw.

A play structure would be a welcome addition, said Sandy Sacka, property

manager for the nearby Bridgewater Park Apartments. The 264-unit complex has two small playgrounds, she said.

"If there was one at the park, it would be an awesome thing. We have a lot of children here," she said.

The township board approved using Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for the structure at its Dec. 21 meeting. Conklin said she has been saving up the funds for about three years and realized that if they weren't allocated by year's end, some of the funds she had earmarked from earlier years would revert to the federal government.

The structure will cost \$40,000. Volunteers will build it over the weekend of April 29-30. The effort will be similar, but on a smaller scale, to what was done at Bay Court Park several years ago. The Bay Court Park play equipment is much larger and 1,300 volunteers worked to put it up.

Sashabaw Plains' playscape, however, will have its share of amusements to keep children running. They include:

- Five decks
- Six slides
- An overhead climber
- A 720-degree spiral slide

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Decades of beauty: Jean Banks of Independence Township has nurtured her Christmas cactus for 60 years.

Blooms galore

60-year-old Christmas cactus still flowering

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Maybe it's because Christmas is the season when families get together to share traditions that the cactus with the same name sometimes lives long enough to pass on from one generation to the next.

Jean Banks, 88, of Independence Township says all it takes to keep a cactus going are sun and water. Her simple secret seems to have worked because her fuchsia-flowered Christmas cactus is 60 years old.

"It was a gift from her sister-in-law.

"It was a little plant, and she said it wouldn't grow," Banks said.

Banks has a way with helping things grow and thrive. She shows with pride photos of her seven chil-

dren, 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

"That's the highlight of my life," she said of her grandchildren.

Banks grew up in Hillman, which is near Alpena. She earned a teaching degree in 1931 but never taught school. She married Ted Banks, who died in 1966. Before moving to Independence 60 years ago, Banks lived in Pontiac.

She and her husband originally had 20 acres but over the years, she sold off pieces.

"This was a field of corn before they built this (house)," she said.

The children were raised in the house next-door. She gave it and some land to one of her sons and the children built her the home she lives in now 26 years ago.

Banks admits she has always had a way with plants. She even grew Spanish peanuts once. They grow in the ground like potatoes, she said.

"It was fun planting peanuts," she said.

Although her health prevents her from doing much outdoor gardening anymore, Banks' home is filled with houseplants.

"I've always had plants all over. I water them and talk to them. I have good luck with plants," she said.

Of course the reigning queen of Banks' plants is the Christmas cactus. It sits in a huge pot on a table and its branches begin as thick trunks while its flat, green leaves trail to the floor. Banks said from the beginning of December through Christmas, it is

Please see CACTUS, A2



Vivid color: Banks' Christmas cactus filled with blooms during December.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Embracing his heritage: Dr. Sang Choi of Clarkston, who emigrated from South Korea in 1975, said Korean First Baptist Church offers him a cultural connection to his native land.

Korean Baptist Church helps immigrants adjust

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Like many immigrant groups, Korean Americans rely on their religion to ease the adjustment to American life and maintain ties to their native culture.

Clarkston general surgeon Dr. Sang Choi said he found a way to worship nearly 20 years ago that filled both his spiritual and cultural needs when he began attending Korean First Baptist Church.

Now, Choi's church is hoping to attract adults of Korean ancestry who were adopted as children by Americans

to offer them a chance to fill their cultural needs.

"We would welcome them," Choi said. Getting involved with the church community would be a way for them to learn more about their own heritage, he said.

Choi explained how Korean First Baptist Church, located in Rochester Hills, got its start.

"A small number of Korean Christians gathered together," Choi said.

Missionaries from the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations went to Korea much earlier than the Baptists, who only began converting

Please see KOREAN, A2

OBITUARIES

Harriett M. Tindall

Harriett M. Tindall of Davisburg died Dec. 28, 1999, at age 86.

Mrs. Tindall was a member of the Holly Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay, and grandson, John Chamberlain Tindall Jr.

* She is survived by three daughters, Betty Hoover, Eleanor (Ken) Grinstead and Carol (Gordon) Ostrom; three sons, Jay K. (Karen), David and John (Cheryl); brother, Donald (Lorna) Van Wagoner; and two sisters, Berneda Gould and Mary Ellen (Mort) Patton. In addition, she is survived by 16 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and seven great

great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Gary Marsh officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

Thomas J. Tedder

Thomas J. Tedder of Davisburg died Dec. 28, 1999, at age 54.

Mr. Tedder owned and operated Tedder Aviation in Waterford. He had retired from General Motors after 30 years of employment.

Mr. Tedder is survived by his wife, Pauline; three sons, Thomas (Stephanie), Michael (Stacy), both of Texas, and James (Amy) of Waterford; a daughter, Stephany (Paul

Zabel) of Colorado; four grandchildren; two sisters, Eleanor Tedder of Pontiac and Joan (Bob) Martinson of Georgia; mother-in-law, Mary (the late George) Pratt of Davisburg; several nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Weaser.

Mr. Tedder was preceded in death by a brother, William.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31 at Community Presbyterian Church, Waterford, with Pastor Thomas Hartley officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan for research of pulmonary fibrosis.

Easter Oliver

Easter Oliver, 91, of Clarkston died Dec. 29, 1999.

Mrs. Oliver was a life-long member of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by two daughters, Doris E. (Miguel) Tirado of Florida and Karen S. Oliver of Clarkston; grandchildren Miguel Tirado IV, Judy Tirado, Tracey Milliot and Ronald J. Oliver; great-grandchildren Ashley and Christian; and a brother, Claude (Helen) Smith of Waterford. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Jean Oliver.

A funeral service was held Dec. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Crittenton Hospital hosts drive for blood

of the hospital.

The entire process of donating blood is expected to take about one hour. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call Crittenton Hospital's Public Relations department at (248) 652-5100, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crittenton Hospital is located at 1101 W. University Drive in Rochester.

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people about 100 years ago, he said. As a result, at least in 1980 when the area church was founded, the Baptist denomination was not dominant in Korea. It makes sense that there are few Korean Baptist churches in the metro Detroit area. Choi said the next closest congregation is in Flint.

Korean First Baptist began with about 20 members in Southfield. The group used Tabernacle Baptist's facilities. Choi said he is grateful to Tabernacle because as First Baptist grew, it allowed them to move from a classroom to their chapel.

Eventually First Baptist bought a small building in Franklin. It moved into its current home in 1990.

Choi said religion comes first, but the cultural ties within the church are important. Children are taught Korean at the church.

"We feel more comfortable," he said with people of the same ethnic background.

First Baptist is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Choi called it a "fundamen-

tal Bible-believing" church. He added that in 1980 when the congregation started, it was even more rare to find a Korean Baptist Church.

He met Rev. Daniel Kim through a friend on a trip to Detroit to secure a visa for his wife, Soon Ah Choi. Rev. Kim, who is now the pastor at the church, was in seminary at the time, but he introduced Choi to the church.

"He said, 'Why don't you come over?'" Choi said.

Choi, 48, came to America in 1975 and has practiced medicine in Clarkston since 1982. He and his wife and two children, Jay, 20, and Hannah, 7, are all involved in church activities.

Since the services are in Korean, Choi acts as a translator when people who don't understand Korean attend. He said anyone — Korean or not — is welcome at the church. There are some multi-ethnic couples who are members. The congregation itself has about 130 regular attending adult members and about 40 children.

Cactus from page A1

filled with blossoms.

The Yule tide blooming gives the cactus its name. It has an earlier-blooming cousin that comes in more colors that's called the Thanksgiving cactus, said Linda Pescor, a master gardener with Bordine Nursery.

Christmas cacti likely come from South America, she said, although the exact place of origin is not known.

Pescor said the plants are hardy.

"We have had other ones that we've termed heirloom plants come in to be repotted," she said.

It isn't unusual for the plants to be handed down from one generation to the next. One time a customer came in who said his cactus was 100 years old and had belonged to his grandmother, Pescor said.

Banks said she makes sure her cactus gets water, but not too much. It also gets rotated for proper sun exposure. When it was more portable — about 30 years ago — she would put it on the covered porch outside during the summer. One year, a robin built a nest right in the center of the plant.

Over the years many people have taken cuttings from the Christmas cactus so the plant will continue to give joy to people for generations to come just as Banks' children and grandchildren give her joy.

Playscape

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- A slanted climbing wall
- Three deck climbers
- Three vertical climbers
- Three play panels with scenes such as a fire station that allow children to use their imaginations

While the specific equipment has been chosen, Conklin said the funding has to be approved by the CDBG program. Swings will be purchased separately, Conklin said, and installed with the rest of the equipment. They were not part of the playscape package.

"You'd be surprised how many places don't have swings anymore because of the liability," Conklin said.

She said she had informal meetings with residents living near the park. She used that input, which included comments from a couple of youngsters, to decide which structure would work best. A few people have already expressed interest in helping build the structure, she said, but more intense planning meetings will take place later.

"Not only does (using community volunteers) save money, but it gets people involved," Conklin said.

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January gem red garnet is durable and inexpensive

THE JEWELRY LADY



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

THE BEAUTY OF JANUARY'S GEM

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

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

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

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

COLORS GALORE

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

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

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

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

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

DIAMONDS IN THE NEWS

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

Scientists are speculating about the gem's origins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIAMONDS FOR COMPUTERS

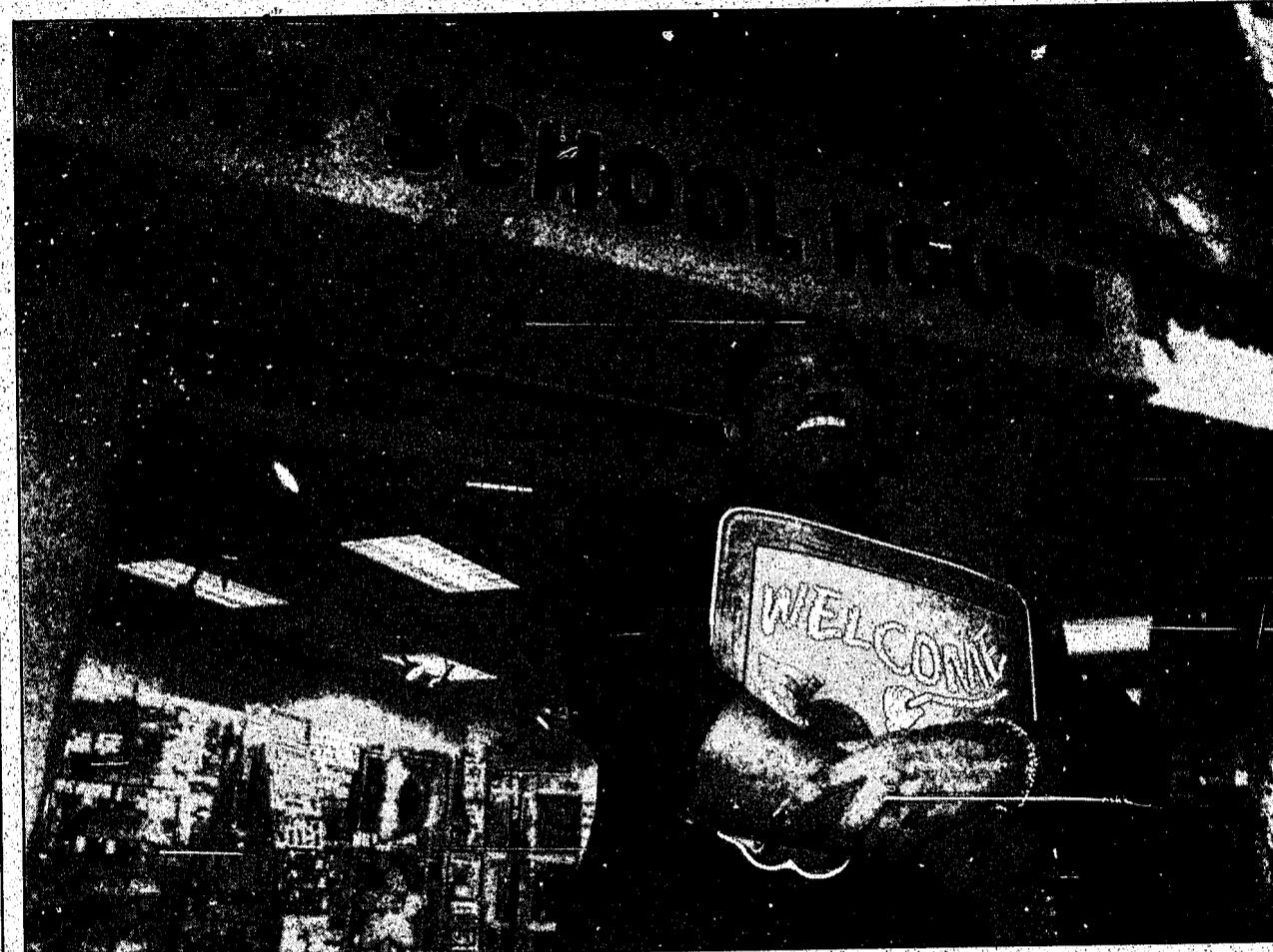
In addition to trying to create diamonds suitable for the jewelry industry, synthetic diamond manufacturers have been trying to get into the computer-chip business in hopes of replacing the silicon-based chip.

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

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

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Getting that competitive edge



Parents flock to teacher stores to help their children grow academically

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to Wilder, about half of their current



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

are an excellent resource for parents, said Noble.

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

At The Teacher's Store, 16911 Middlebelt Road in Livonia,

an increasing number of products are being purchased by parents, said store manager Sue Thompson.

The Teacher's

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

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

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

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

Since teacher stores carry age-appropriate materials and don't sell entertainment items that are masked as educational tools, they

are a valuable resource for parents, said Noble.

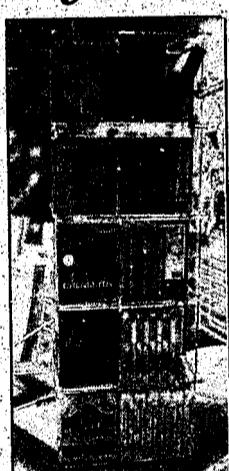
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STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY
Higher learning: Parents, not just teachers, have been heading out to education resource stores like The School House in Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills. The store opened in late October and sells flash cards,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



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

Local education resource stores

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

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

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

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KID'S MILLENNIUM ACTIVITY

Art Van Furniture stores offer children special activity sheets about the year 2000 through Jan. 31, Kids Castle and Guest Service Center areas.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

BRIDAL TRUNK SHOW

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

SLEEPING BEAUTY PERFORMANCE

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

TRISH McEVoy EVENT

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy,

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

PINK PANTHER AT BORDERS

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

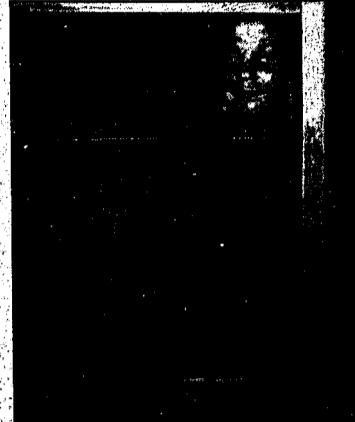
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JILL SANDER TRUNK SHOW

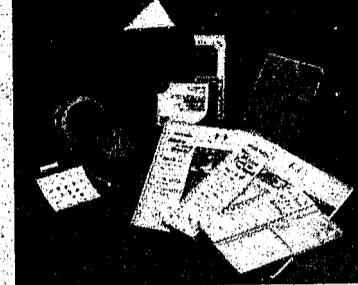
View clothing designer Jill Sander's Spring 2000 Collection for women at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture, third floor.

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



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



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



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



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

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2855 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

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

- Millennium cameras can be bought at Meijer stores.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

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

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

- We need another 1943 Fordson High School yearbook.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

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

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

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

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

- A carousel slide projector for Margaret.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A salad dressing called He-Man.

- Roquefort cheese for Lee.

- Knott's raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing.

- A video tape of the play "Tru," starring Robert Morse, for Suzy.

- A store where a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old (size

5/6) can be purchased for Thelma.

- The original edition (not gift edition) of the book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone for Jean.

- Space Shoes 2000 for use on a trampoline (formerly available through the Sears Wish Book) for Carol.

- An antique, full-size, brass, rain lamp from the 1960s and 1970s (includes a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.

- A store that sells "High Karate" cologne for men for Jerry.

- A jam-like barbecue sauce made from beef by Bovril for Nora.

- A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

- A store that sells Benson's fruit cakes for Brenda.

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

- The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

- Counterpoint petite pants for Lillian.

- Buster Brown cotton anklets without elastic for Eleanor.

- Boxer shorts in a beige tone for Stein of Southfield.

- Alberto Rossi lipstick for Georgia.

- A copy of the book "Mr. Kruegger's Christmas" for a reader named Mr. Kruegger.

- Hostess chocolate-chip Leopard Twinkies for Greg.

- Banana wine or a recipe for it for Lana.

- Hamtramck memorabilia for the Hamtramck Historical Commission.

- A Hummel figurine of a boy holding a bottle of red wine.

- House plant food in pellet form.

- A store where a square, Formica table-top can be purchased.

- A store where All-Clad kitchen pans are sold at discounted prices.

- A store where high-quality tweezers are sold.

- A restaurant-supply store in Oakland County or southeast Michigan that is open to the public.

- A store where high-quality, ground espresso from Italy is sold.

- A store or business that repairs old Macintosh Apple notebook computers.

- A store that carries Hobo black leather wallets.

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- The cookbook "The Uncommon Gourmet."

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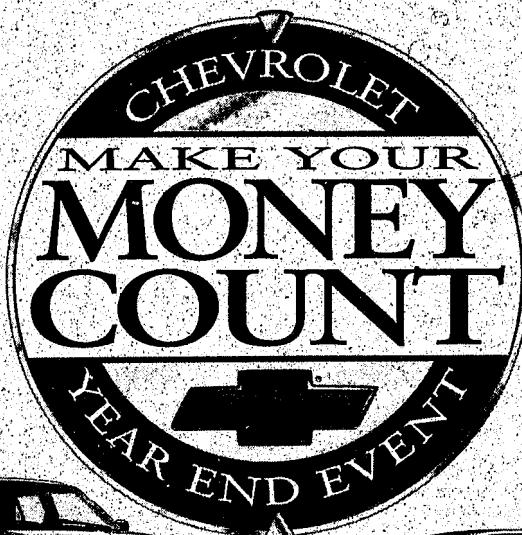
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FOCUS ON WINE



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Wine predictions for a new decade

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

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

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

Stateside

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

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

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

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

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

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Wine Picks

- We've been critical of thin, under-edged merlots, but here are some that measure up in taste. A recent tasting put them in order of complexity, which also happens to be price: 1996 Beringer Bancroft Merlot \$7; 1997 Shafer Merlot, Napa Valley \$35; 1997 Chateau St. Jean Merlot \$22; 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Merlot, Sonoma County \$20; and 1998 Robert Mondavi Coastal Merlot \$22.50.
- Everybody loves chardonnay. These are delicious: 1998 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay Reserve \$32; 1997 Morgan Reserve Chardonnay \$28; 1998 Mirassou Chardonnay \$24; and 1998 Geyser Peak Chardonnay, Russian River Valley \$16.
- Change-of-pace whites: 1998 St. Supery Meritage White \$20; 1998 Zaca Mesa Roussanne \$16; and 1998 Preston Marsanne \$13.
- Change-of-pace reds: 1996 Vin du Mistral Syrah \$30; 1997 Clos du Bois Shiraz \$16; 1997 Geyser Peak Shiraz \$16; 1997 Perrin Reserve \$11; and 1998 Delas Freres Cotes du Ventoux \$7.50.

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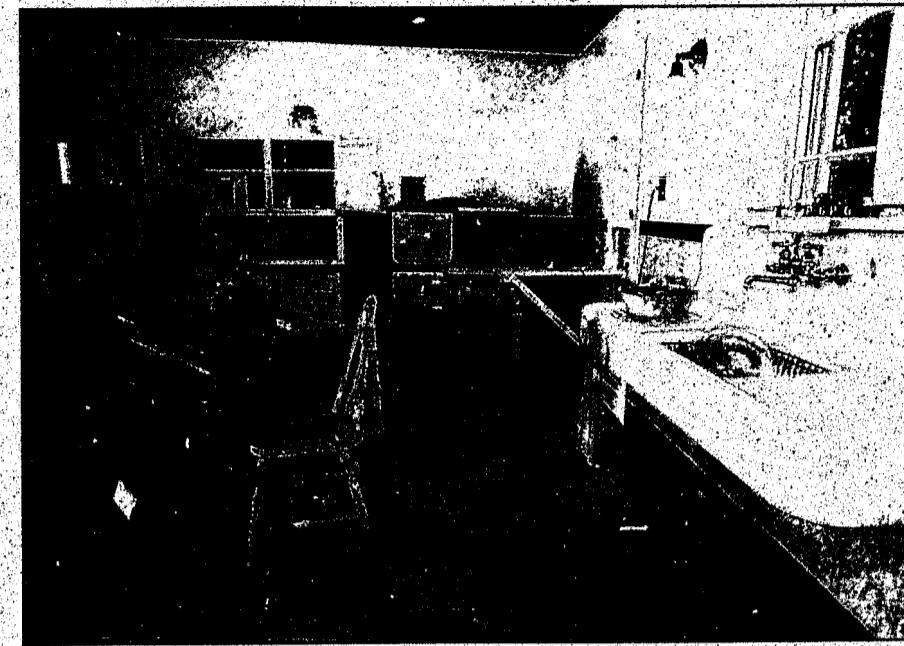
What to watch for in Taste next week:

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



Electricity

POWERS UP KITCHEN DESIGN

STORY BY KEELY WYGONIK • STAFF WRITER

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

Design evolution

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

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

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

Pointing to the 1930s display,

Donna Braden, interim director of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TRADITIONS

Crown your Twelfth Night celebration with King Cake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See recipe inside.



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

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fine dishes.

Brohl agrees there are more small appliances in today's kitchens. "We get requests for mixer cabinets (to hold KitchenAid mixers)," said Brohl. Trash compactors and wine coolers are other popular items.

People want bigger refrigerators, and sometimes two dishwashers. Some refrigerators, such as Sub-Zero, have pullout drawers and a storage area for 46 to 147 bottles of wine. Because cooking is often a shared family activity, more people are requesting double sinks or even two separate sinks in their kitchens.

DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath

In Birmingham, at DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath, John's son, who is also named John, has noticed a trend toward larger kitchens for the past 15 years.

DeGiulio is a name synonymous with excellence in kitchen design in metro Detroit, and they had a hand in preserving a piece of kitchen history at Henry Ford Museum.

"We removed the sink from an old home in Dearborn that we were remodeling and donated it to the museum for their 1930s kitchen display," said DeGiulio of Birmingham. "We installed it.

"In those days, the help would stay in the kitchen, and the family ate in the dining room. Now,

people say 'my guests end up standing around in the kitchen.' The kitchen often opens into a great room. Some people want fireplaces in a sitting room near the kitchen, so everyone can be together."

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

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

There's a back to nature trend for cabinetry, countertops and flooring. Many people are choosing natural woods for cabinetry. DeGiulio of Birmingham said cherry, maple, and pine are in;

oak and hickory are out. Stone, including granite and limestone, is being used for counter tops and flooring. Some floors are even installed with heating units to keep them warm in the winter.

Appliances

Look for lots of changes in appliances in years to come. Some manufacturers are working on developing smart refrigerators that tell you when you run out of an item like milk.

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

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

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

The intelligent microwave was demonstrated at the 1999 International Housewares Show in Chicago. Cooks scan the bar-codes on packages, and the microwave oven automatically adjusts its settings and cooking times to prepare your food.

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

There's no word when this microwave will go into produc-

tion, or how much it will cost, but you can find out more about it by visiting Samsung online at www.sosimple.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Global perspectives

Chilean wines have not seen the continued meteoric rise they had in the mid-1990s. Consumers learned: some were flat out poor. It scared people away. Producers, such as Vina Undur-

Consumer demand for a wider choice of wines has spawned such e-commerce as WineShopper.com.

raga, with a long-history in the Maipo Valley have sustained excellence through new vineyard investments and upgraded technology. They will regain popularity in early 2000s. Undurraga's 100 percent varietal wines are priced between \$7-\$11.

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

Legislation

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

Our crystal ball is not clear enough to see whether a consumer group in Michigan will be this gutsy. You could, at least, start by writing our governor and state legislators and expressing your dismay at legis-

lation prohibiting direct shipping of wine.

Wine e-commerce

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

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Versatile pesto is an easy and delicious sauce

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

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

Traditional pesto is made by hand with a mortar and pestle. In fact, the name of the sauce comes from the word for "pestle." In today's modern kitchens, however, use of a food processor can significantly streamline the process.

The simplicity of the basic pesto recipe allows us to experiment with various ingredient substitutions that can achieve

SPINACH PESTO WITH CHICKEN AND PASTA

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

Combine spinach, basil, broth, cheese, oil and garlic in

food processor or blender container. Process until mixture is finely chopped. Divide spinach pesto in half; set aside.

Cook fettuccine or linguini as package directs; drain.

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

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

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

terrific flavor without a lot of fat. Start with the olive oil, which can be replaced with pureed vegetables, such as roasted red peppers. Puree the peppers with basil, garlic and about one-third the amount of Parmesan cheese found in a traditional recipe. You'll have a thick, intensely flavored pesto sauce that can be served on penne pasta mixed with diced, cooked eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes. Aside from being easy and delicious, this is an easy way to incorporate more

vegetables into your diet, as recommended by the American Institute for Cancer Research for lower cancer risk and better overall health.

Another oil-free pesto recipe substitutes chicken broth for the olive oil. Puree garlic, walnuts and Parmesan cheese in a food processor. Add basil, salt, black pepper, sugar and balsamic vinegar. Puree again and, with the machine running, add chicken broth and puree to make a thick, smooth paste.



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Quick dish: Spinach pesto with chicken and pasta goes together in a hurry making it a perfect dish for busy cooks.

a baked potato with pesto, add it to hot cooked rice, or use it to sauce a sun-dried tomato pizza.

Other uses for pesto include grilled tomato halves, spread with pesto, dotted with goat cheese and broiled until hot. Top

etable soup.

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

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

See related story on Taste front.

FATHER DOMINIC GARRAMONE'S KING CAKE

Dough:

1/2 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon shortening
zest and juice of one medium orange
1 egg
2 1/2 cups white flour, divided
1 package rapid rise yeast
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cardamom
11 milk chocolate nuggets with almonds, unwrapped coin or trinket, wrapped in parchment paper

Topping:

Butter
Granulated sugar
12 candied cherries or gumdrops

In a medium saucepan, warm sour cream, shortening, orange zest and orange juice until shortening melts. Remove from heat

and cool to 120°F to 130°F.

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

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

Lightly grease a 9-inch ring mold. Divide the dough into 12 pieces. Flatten each piece into a

circle about three inches across. Set one piece of dough aside. Place a chocolate nugget in the center of a piece of dough and wrap the dough around it by pulling up the sides and pinching the top to form a teardrop shape. This forms the crown. Repeat with the remaining 10 pieces of dough.

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

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

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

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

attach them.

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

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

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Questions, observations about 2000

Clear the cobwebs. It's back to working a full, five-day week. Right now, Monday-Friday looks like a month of Sundays. Somehow, all the spiked eggnog and holiday lethargy hasn't dimmed the spotlight on some of the most pressing issues facing the local arts community.

Here are some things worth contemplating:

■ How long after going to the casinos has become passé will public discussion turn toward the importance of "developing culture" (i.e. an expanded theater district, museums, cultural understanding programs)?

■ Now that the region's cultural institutions have empirical evidence that metro Detroiters travel throughout the seven-county area to attend an event or exhibition, when will the proponents of the cultural art tax restart their campaign?

(The data comes from a report by ArtsMarket, coordinated by ArtServe Michigan.)

■ Talk about transforming a building along Woodward — a few blocks from the Detroit Institute of Arts — into a contemporary arts museum has definitely picked up momentum.

Even insiders at the DIA are optimistic.

■ For years, people talked about the local dance scene and invariably noted the lack of a legitimate "scene." Well, metro Detroit surely isn't New York, but there are plenty of opportunities to watch first-class dancers.

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Locally, there's the Detroit Dance Collective of Farmington and Eisenhower Dance Ensemble of Rochester among others who are keeping the dancing spirit alive.

■ Double pleasure for readers of Frank McCourt. The movie from his best-selling novel is expected in theaters in the next week. And McCourt will appear at the Music Hall in mid March.

■ By late spring, the Detroit Artists' Market will have a new home along Woodward Avenue, a few blocks from the Wayne State campus.

■ A few years after a major expansion and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center has been transformed into a community meeting place for professional and amateur artists.

How many other art centers in the country offer as many classes, exhibits and lectures? The grassroots revival in the arts can be seen first hand at the BBAC.

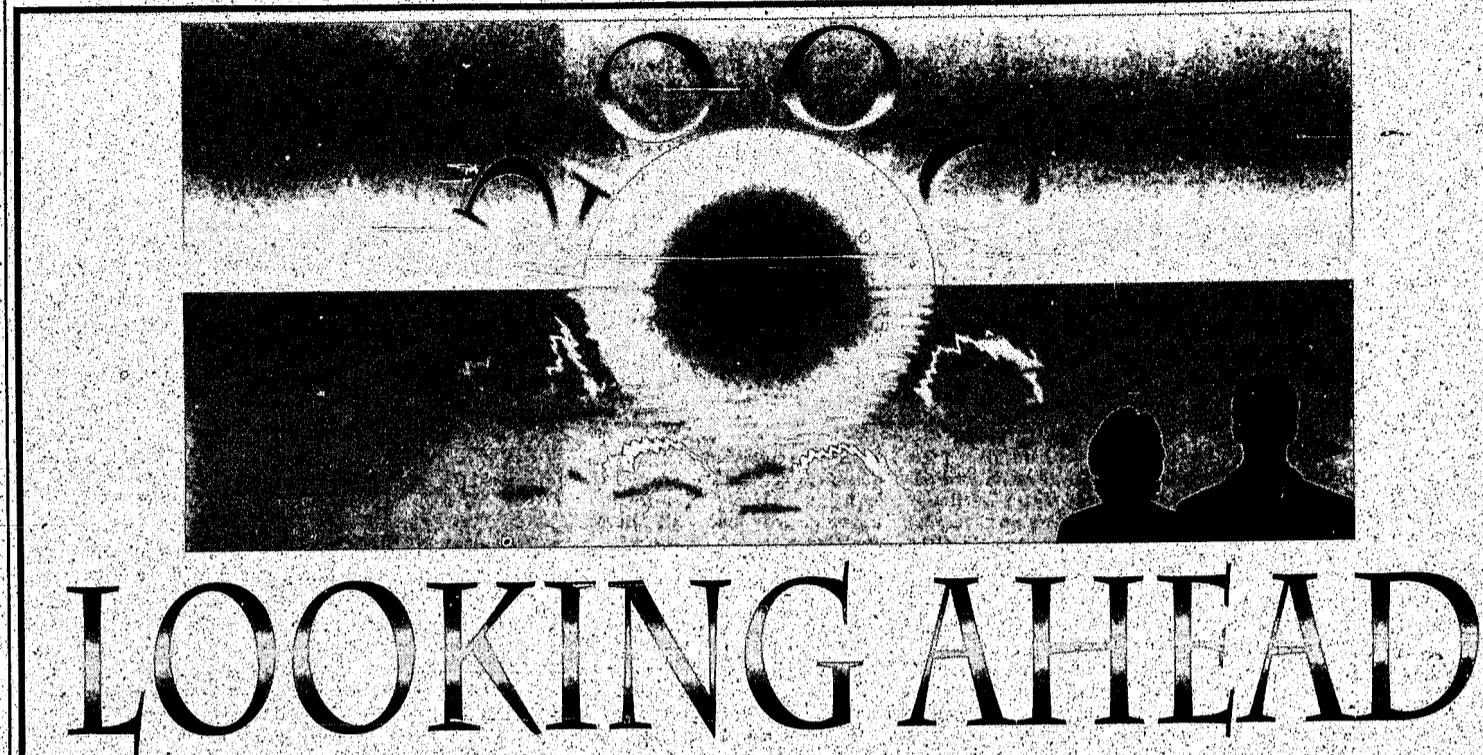
■ Of course, inch by inch, there isn't a more active art center than Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

Perhaps it's time for corporate angels and the cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills to realize that Paint Creek needs more room than a two-story clapboard house.

■ WTVS-56's "Backstage Pass" will feature winners of ArtServe Michigan's 1999 Governors' Awards for Arts & Culture. Winners include Nora Chapa Mendoza of West Bloomfield.

Broadcast times: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2; 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6; and midnight Friday, Jan. 7.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Arts community inspired by new year

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITERS

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

— Kenneth C. Fischer, president
University Musical Society

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

— Barbara VanDusen, board member
Detroit Symphony Orchestra

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

— Eugene Hammonds, president
Canton Project Arts

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

— Robert Bennett, president
Livonia Symphony Orchestra

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

— Sergio DeGiusti,
Redford artist

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

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

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

— Don Seenen, president
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Partnership for the Arts

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

— Betsy Calhoun, assistant director
Plymouth Community Arts Council

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

— Steve Belcher, board member
Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford

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

— Dawn Greene, artistic director
Plymouth Canton Ballet Company

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

— Janet Torno, executive director
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

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

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

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

— Talbot Spence, director
Cranbrook Institute of Science

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

— Evelyn Orbach, artistic director
Jewish Ensemble Theatre

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

— Mike Vigilant, marketing director
Musick Hall Center for the Performing Arts

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

— Elizabeth Stone, director/owner
Elizabeth Stone Gallery

CONTEMPORARY ART

Will controversy follow Bourgeau's new exhibit?

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

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

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

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

will also be shown.

While the work is well-executed and thoughtful, it hardly reflects the material in Bourgeau's controver-

sial exhibit at the DIA, which included a jar of urine, a can of feces, a doll named Jesus wearing a condom and a Brazilian nut under magnifying glass that bore the title of the "n" word."

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

Agree or disagree. Doesn't matter to Bourgeau. He'd be content just to talk about it.

A biting satirist

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

For those who want to see Bourgeau's more provocative side, there'll be plenty to ponder in "A

Please see **CONTROVERSY**, B5

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

TRAVEL

BY SYLVIA ABBATE
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

Four diamonds

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

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

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

For the beginner, a ski instructor is always available at the starting line. Even if you don't take instruction, there are so



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

to lift you off the ground and give you a few tips.

Trailside

Aside from a sampling of pork roast, beef, shrimp and venison chili, our favorite stop is at Trout Lake. We catch our own fish and the chefs sauté it over a wood fire. At this stop there is also piping hot minestrone soup, along with your choice of beverage.

As veterans of the Gourmet Glide we go light on our plates at

with (you guessed it) dinner at the lodge.

Visitor Information

For more information on Garland Resort and special winter activities, contact Garland Resort HCR-1 Box 364 M, Lewiston, MI. 49756 or call 1-877-4 GARLAND. Also, visit their web site at garlandusa.com.

■ Gourmet Glide, Jan. 8, 15,

16, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 13, 19, 26;

March 4, 11.

Beautiful setting:
A moonlit night provides the perfect setting for enjoying an evening at Garland Resort.

the final stop. Instead we prefer a cup of hot chocolate, coffee, a glass of beer or wine to reminisce about our eventful day. As the evening sun sets behind the glistening snow and blue skies, we fulfill another tradition at Garland.

■ Prime Glide (All Saturdays except above dates).

■ Evening Glide, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25.

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



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

Controversy from page B4.

Anything but indifference

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

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

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

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

his work is indifference.

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

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

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

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

"If anything is art, then art can be anything," he said.

But is there meaningful art?

It all depends.

And that is as unsettling as any of Bourgeau's provocative work.

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

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

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

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

You know you're in for some fun by looking at some of the sub-titles of the 600-plus entries:

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

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

■ Most Pervasive Fungus.

■ Coolest Canadian Crossover.

■ Best Place to Tell Your Child to go Fly a Kite.

■ Most Intense Fore-Play (about golf).

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

Among the "bests" with a local angle: coolest sledding: The Fridge, a toboggan run at Waterford Oaks County Park; the most viewed film venue: Star Southfield Entertainment Center; most popular traffic tie-up: Woodward Dream Cruise; choicest place to shop for cars: Troy motor Mall, Troy.

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

Most technically difficult mountain bike trail: Highland Recreation Area in Oakland County; best urban canoeing: Greater Indoors in Birmingham; toniest mall: Somerset Collection, Troy; top-rated restaurant: The Lark in West Bloomfield.

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

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

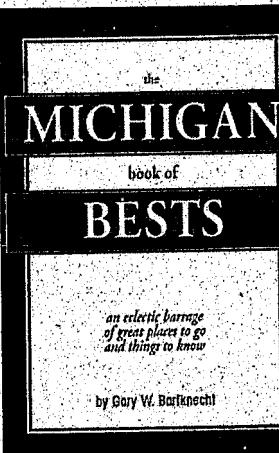
Show Charity Preview, Detroit. Barknecht's book doesn't tackle anything very serious such as "best hospital" but does offer the crème de la crème of such things as biggest hot rod show, best waterfalls, oldest soft drink, highest man-made ski jump and more.

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

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

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

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



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CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

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HABATAT GALLERIES

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

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Mixed media of Norma McQueen through Jan. 28. Opens Monday, Jan. 3 - Watercolor portraiture of Toni Stevens through Jan. 31. Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby, Schoolcraft College student artwork through Jan. 31. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

JEAN PAUL SLUSHER GALLERY

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

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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

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The lustres of Paul Katrich. 404 East 4th Street, Royal Oak. (248)

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Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

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

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

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An old city ... with a new York!

*Mike York puts Waterford back on
the National Hockey League map*

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There must be something in the water along the far western edge of Waterford Township.

That same kind of something that runs through the faucets in small Canadian prairie towns, quenching a child's thirst for becoming a player in the National Hockey League.

Towns like Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Oxbow and Scarborough. Even the metropolitan cities like Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto have proven to have an abundant supply of the secret additive that nourishes a professional hockey player's dreams.

And now, it seems, Waterford has it as well.

In 1983, a young, boyish-faced American rookie named Pat LaFontaine stepped onto the NHL ice for the first time as a member of the New York Islanders and spent the next 15 years putting American hockey, and along with it, Waterford, on the map.

A surprise? To some at the time.

The beginning of a trend? Not really.

It was viewed simply as an oddity back then. A freakish occurrence.

The rare occasion that an American-born player somehow slipped into Canada's game through the back door.

LaFontaine was a novelty in the league early-on ... the one kid from Waterford, a town as American as it gets, who made it to the NHL.

That is, until now.

Creating tradition

While LaFontaine was breaking into the NHL that season, another young hockey player, 5-year-old Mike York, was skating on the smooth ice surface at Lakeland Arena near the intersection of M-59.



Big dreams: Even at three-years-old the future pro had that goal-scorer's smile.

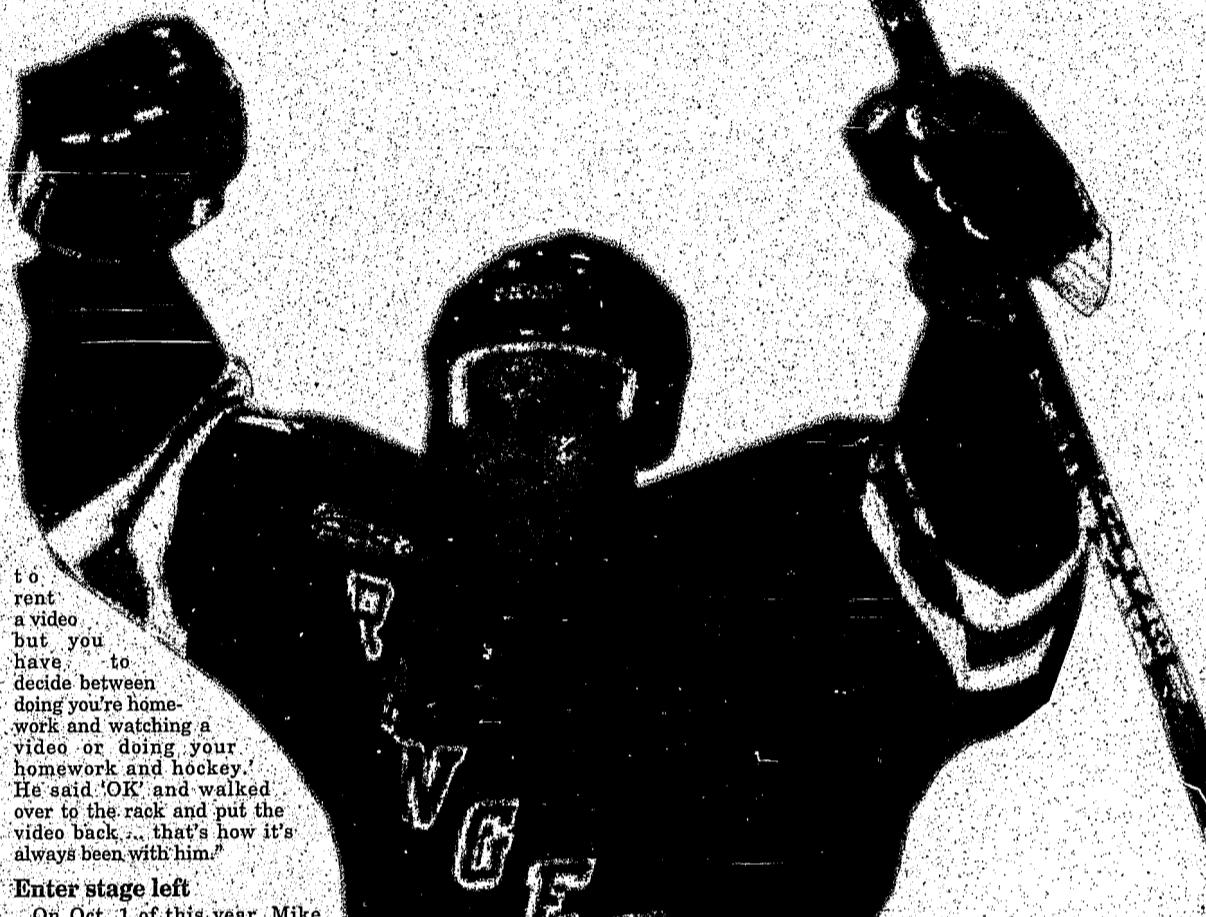
and Williams Lake Road, stick-handling a puck around the rink and scoring imaginary overtime goals as any 5-year-old would do.

He may not have known it then but, he too, had plans to put Waterford on the international hockey map.

"He's known since he was a little kid that he wanted to be a hockey player," Mike's mother, Dee said recently. "He's always picked hockey over everything else."

"I remember, one time, when he was an eighth-grader at St. Stephen (Lutheran School in Waterford) we stopped at the video store where his sister worked. He said he wanted to rent a video and kept asking me about it."

"I told him, 'That's fine if you want



to rent a video but you have to decide between doing your homework and hockey."

He said, "OK" and walked over to the rack and put the video back ... that's how it's always been with him."

Enter stage left

On Oct. 1 of this year, Mike played in his first game in the National Hockey League, a 1-1 tie against Edmonton.

The next night, he scored his first career NHL goal ... the only one his team would get that night.

And so it began for the 21-year-old this season. The uphill battle of making history.

His ten goals are a league best among rookies this year. He's tied with linemate Adam Graves for the team lead in the same category and tied for fourth on the team in points.

He has two more goals than multi-million dollar free agent center Theoren Fleury (also a linemate) and three more than Petr Nedved (also a multi-million dollar free agent).

Not bad company to be keeping with only three months of NHL experience.

Of course, this isn't really anything new for Mike, nor those who know him off the ice.

"He was always a real nice kid to be around while he was here and it's been pretty exciting to see him make it to the National Hockey League," said Scott Guenther, a former biology and phys. ed. teacher at Lutheran High School Northwest in Rochester. "He was always a good student and I have some real fond memories of him in floor hockey in PE class."



Please see YORK, C2

* Through 12/21



Fans from afar: Waterford's Bob and Dee York rarely miss tuning in at home for a New York Rangers game now that their son, Mike, plays for the team.

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"In fact, I just got his address from his parents and wrote him a letter for the holidays and I mentioned in there how I used to be able to push him around in floor hockey. Of course, he could probably push me around now."

But, as his former mentor knows all too well, he wouldn't do it even if he could.

"He has a real quiet demeanor and he'd never talk about how good he was in hockey," added Guenther. "He'd come back from a weekend tournament and he might tell you that they won, but you wouldn't find out that he scored 10 goals and was named the tournament MVP until one of his friends said something."

"A lot of the kids in school didn't know about his success, either. They knew that he was a hockey player but only three or four of his close friends knew how good he really was. He was never the type to brag about his stats or try to impress you with that kind of stuff."

The teacher himself didn't even know about Mike's true talent until witnessing it himself.

During his junior year in high school, Mike lived in suburban Toronto and played junior hockey for the Thornhill Islanders.

"We made 53 trips to Toronto that season," said Dee, of her son's first year away from home.

One of those trips included several of Mike's friends from Northwest, as well as Guenther.

"Not until I saw him play at that level did I understand how good he was and start thinking that he could make it to the NHL," Guenther recalled about the trip. "He was playing against kids that were another year or two older than he was and Mike was easily the quickest player on the ice."

"And it wasn't easy for him, either. They called him 'The Yank' when he first got there because he was the only American on the team but they sure got to like him after he led the team in scoring after a few weeks. That's when I realized that if he could step into that environment and be successful, he could play anywhere."

The Kid ... by default

Now came another challenge



Good company: Mike York (center) keeps an eye on teammate Theoren Fleury (14) as the duo try to get around Chicago's Josef Marha.

for the young rising star. Do it a year earlier.

Because the educational system in Canada is different from that of the United States, Mike earned more high school credits during that junior year in Toronto than his classmates back home. Enough, in fact, to allow him to graduate from high school a year early.

The recruiting scramble began and, before he knew it, he was a Spartan-to-be at Michigan State University the following fall.

"When he was a freshman, he was only 17-years-old so he didn't have the strength that a lot of

the other players had coming in," said Spartans' hockey coach Ron Mason. "I put him on the right wing on a line with Anson Carter (now with the Boston Bruins)

and he did real well that season. Then, I moved him to center the next year and he led us for the next three seasons."

Mike led the Spartans in assists his first season as an under-age freshman and led the team in both goals and assists the following three years.

He is the only MSU player to

lead the team in assists for four seasons and the first in 20 years to lead the team in scoring three times.

His list of awards goes on and on: Three-time MSU Outstanding Offensive Player Award; numerous CCHA Player of the Week Awards; CCHA Rookie of the Year; two-time Hobey Baker Award finalist.

When he moved home from Michigan State this past spring, he brought with him a box full of plaques and trophies that not even his parents knew he had won during his collegiate career.

"That's the kind of player he is," said his father, Bob York, laughing. "Here he comes with this big box of plaques and awards but it's always the team first with him."

"He had awards tucked away in the back of his locker at school that we never even knew he got," added his mother. "He just doesn't talk about how he did. It's always how the team did. The individual awards don't mean as much to him as the team's accomplishments."

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Outdoor Calendar

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SEASON/DATES**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 beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

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) 350-8484 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 captains, virtual fishing, trout ponds, seminars, casting demonstrations and more. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 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.

POTLUCK HIKE

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 today, 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 Lippert 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.

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 (skeet & 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 Greenshield 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.

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Shade-tree mechanics suffering in computer age

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many collectors choose late model cars that were built before technological gadgets became commonplace.

Sometimes, they just have to get creative under the hood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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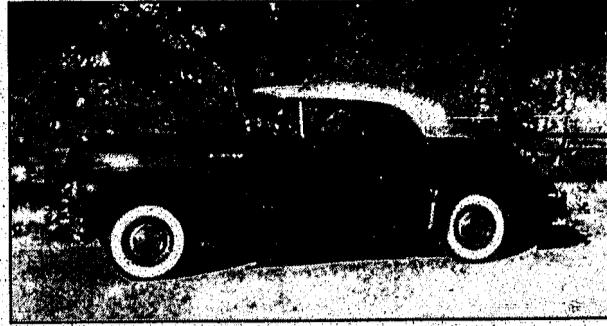
The 1948 Chevy was a handsome car. It wasn't low slung and modern like the first post-war Studebakers, or streamlined like the contemporary Packard, but it certainly was handsome. This car was the last chapter in the history of a model line that started in mid-1941.

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

produced 28,443 units.

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

This particular Drive Report car is owned by Gerry Peter of Fairfield, California. Gerry found his '48 Fleetmaster convertible in Redwood City, CA. He bought it in pieces, from the widow of the fellow that started the restoration years before. After sorting out the boxes of unlabeled parts, Gerry was able to find the missing bits and



start restoration. Every part was stripped, cleaned or sandblasted, and either plated, painted or replaced with brand new pieces. The car was then reassembled, using all new rubber and hardware. The rebuilt running gear was installed into a newly painted metallic maroon body. The interior features red

leather seats while the power top is covered in tan. Options include the vacuum shift, a spotlight, and a rare set of factory 15" wheels painted body color and correctly detailed with beige striping.

The Classic Drive

This is not my first time

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

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

compact. Quite an illusion.

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

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

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Jobless rate remains low

Michigan's seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate was unchanged from October's 3.7 percent jobless rate, Dr. Barbara Bolin, director of the Michigan Department of Career Development, announced. The November employment and civilian labor force estimates hit record highs of 4,926,000, an increase of 20,000, and 5,118,000, an increase of 22,000, respectively.

"The unchanged jobless rate, and the record high employment and labor force estimates, underscore the ongoing strength and stability of Michigan's labor market situation," Dr. Bolin said. "November's unemployment rate also was the seventh consecutive monthly rate in 1999 under 4.0 percent."

Although unemployment increased slightly (by 2,000) in November to a total 192,000, joblessness remained under 200,000 for the seventh consecutive month. The 20,000 advance in employment over the month was the second largest increase recorded in 1999. From November 1998 to November 1999, employment in Michigan has increased by 59,000, or 1.2 percent,

■ Job gains were concentrated in services (+7,000) and construction (+3,000). Most service sector job gains were registered in business services.

slightly less than the labor force growth of 61,000, or 1.2 percent.

With the November U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, Michigan's unemployment rate has remained below the national rate for the 53rd consecutive month. Michigan's November 1999 jobless rate was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the November 1998 rate. The November 1999 rate also matched the average Michigan jobless rate for all of 1999 (3.7 percent through November).

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs increased by

■ November job reductions were registered in manufacturing (-4,000), which declined for the fourth consecutive month.

8,000 in November to total 4,579,000. Job gains were concentrated in services (+7,000) and construction (+3,000). Most service sector job gains were registered in business services. Construction employment rebounded after three months of decline or low growth, and mild weather resulted in an extended construction season. Construction employment posted an increase of 6,000, or 3.0 percent, from November 1998 to November 1999.

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Since November 1998, Michigan payroll jobs have increased by 35,000, or 0.8 percent. Employment in services has increased by 26,000 since November 1998, and has accounted for approximately 75 percent of all payroll job growth.

In November, seasonally adjusted hours and average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing decreased. Both hours worked and earnings were above year-ago levels.

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Rutkowski and I were sitting around complaining about our jobs last week.

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■ Then we concede that we've really made some sound decisions along the way, that we are pretty darn good at what we do, and that this is a fine business after all.

Rutkowski sips his coffee, goes back into his office and closes the door.

Whenever people discuss such notions as success, mediocrity or failure, they naturally focus on cause and effect. They examine those decisions along the way that seem to link a person's current predicament

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with a past that was either better or worse. What kind of decisions do successful people make? In what context do they make their choices? Why do they do what they do?

First, they decide who they are. We frequently get letters from readers in mid-career who happily say that they haven't yet decided what they want to do when they grow up.

This always strikes me as more pathetic than cute. People who haven't become firm in their values and goals are at the mercy of others. The winners I'm familiar with can articulate rather clearly what they know, what they don't know, what they value, what they abhor, what they enjoy, what they dislike and where they are going. They didn't arrive at this point because they are luckier than the rest of us. Most of them tried, failed, agonized, evaluated and made themselves decide.

Most have recognized the potentially catastrophic influence of losers and

have decided to keep them out of their lives. If some losers are already entrenched, they will dramatically restrict their power. Sound harsh? Top performers in business and parents in the most successful families seem to always have their antennae up, ready to shut down or shut out anyone who could seriously damage the well being of the enterprise. No quarter. Empathy ends when someone is packing poison.

Winners decide - carefully - to make commitments. It could be a commitment to an idea (such as marriage which is often mistaken only as a commitment to another person), a set of principles, a self-concept or even a clearly stated career goal.

It means biting your tongue when your spouse does something irritating.

It means not quitting the first time you get passed over for a promotion. It means becoming good at one thing before going on to the next novelty.

It means staying in school when you don't like it.

They have decided to use them wisely and prudently. Most of us have squandered some time and lots of money.

Most of us regret it. The successful people I know are extremely conscious of the finite number of hours in a day and remember what it took to earn what they now have.

They aren't misers, but guardians of the future for their companies and families.

And what if they fail? Well, they simply won't because they will not let failure stand. Some people exhibit a remarkable ability to live with disappointment and the hand that life dealt them. Successful people don't have this ability. They are painfully aware when they are not where they should be. They are deeply bothered when they get off track. They will always decide to do something about it. They will man the controls.

It occurs to me that there are very few unimportant decisions. Skipping one class makes it easier to skip two. Why not blow off the whole year and get back to college later?

Resigning a good job in a fit of indignation impacts marketability. Should I go out with friends or with my kid to the parent-teacher conference? Explore career alternatives or just complain? Play Nintendo or read a book? All choices set precedents, make ripples and have long term consequences.

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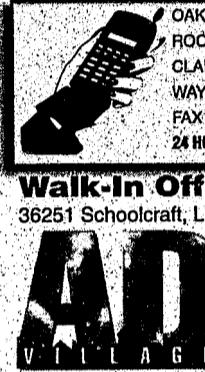
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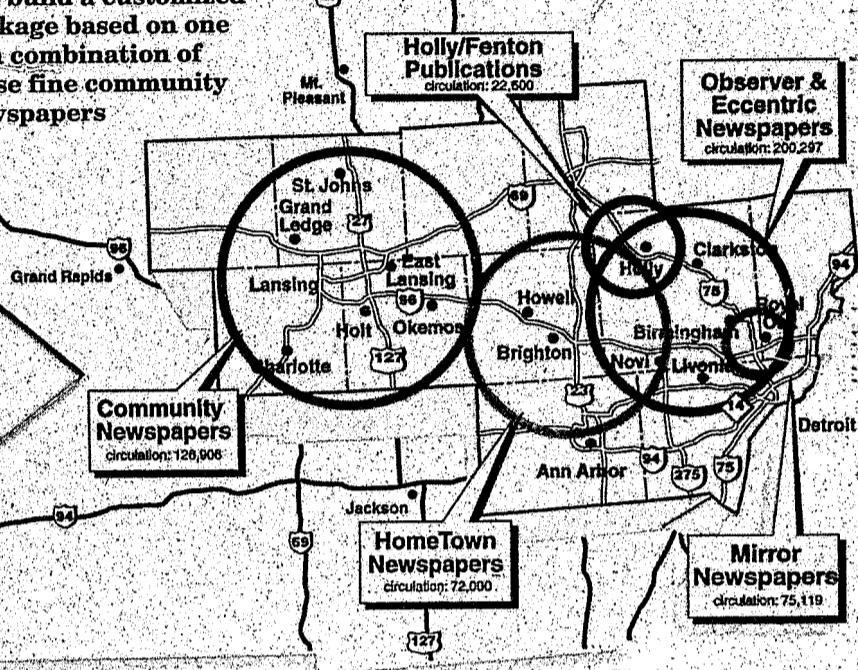
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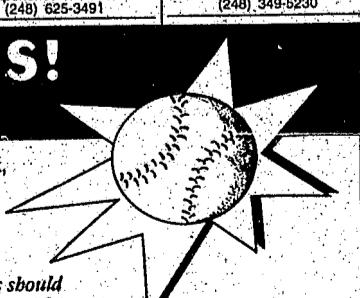
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Toilet repairs left him flushed

HOUSE DETECTIVE



BARRY STONE

Dear Barry,

Before buying my house, I hired a home inspector but was unable to attend the inspection. The report I received described water stains on the floor near the toilet and recommended installing a new "doughnut."

When I asked the clerk at the local hardware store for a doughnut to fix my toilet, he looked at me as if I were some kind of nut myself. I expected him to direct me to the bakery down the street. Perhaps I didn't understand the inspection report. Is there such a thing as a doughnut, as it relates to toilet hardware?

Darrell B.

Dear Darrell,

It sounds as though you should call your home inspector for an oral review of the report. Additionally, it would be advisable to delegate toilet repairs to a licensed plumber, rather than seeking hardware supplies on your own.

A doughnut, in the context of plumbing hardware, is not something to be enjoyed with a cup of coffee. Rather, it is a ring of bee's wax, approximately 5 inches in diameter, used to seal the base of a toilet to the sewer pipe fitting at the floor. This essential plumbing component prevents leakage at the base of the toilet bowl. Although formally referred to as a wax ring seal, it is a doughnut in the general lexicon of construction jargon.

The darkened vinyl around your toilet is evidence of moisture below the surface. Replacing the seal will prevent further darkening, but the original color of the vinyl cannot be restored.

If your home is built on a concrete slab, moisture damage to the floor is likely to be cosmetic only.

Tradesmen build despite the snow

Residential builders don't hibernate during winter. They don't join the birds down South for a short-term hiatus, either.

Most builders here keep plugging away on the job, albeit a little slower when snow swirls, the temperature drops and the wind bellows.

"We build all year round," said Adriano Paciocco, CEO of Multi Building in Plymouth. "The only thing we can't do in winter construction is outside final grading and flat (outside) concrete."

And asphalt, too, he added.

"It keeps all our guys busy," said Pierre Nona, vice president of Triangle Development in Southfield. "We don't lay anyone off. It lets us catch up on inventory. Can you imagine how it would be in spring if we didn't?"

"It costs us a little more ... heating costs, straw costs, shoveling costs," Nona said of winter construction.

However, basements can still be dug, footings installed, as long as the frost line doesn't penetrate too deeply. Concrete basements can be poured then protected with straw and heaters once the shell has been completed. And shingles can be nailed to roofs with care when thermometer readings tumble well below freezing.

But all of that assumes that weather - and road conditions - allow contractors and subcontractors to first, reach a job site and, once there, to get around.

Building in winter isn't like building in summer.

"There will be a lot of off days out there," Nona said. "Carpenters won't work if it's too damn cold. And safety's always important. If it gets too icy, we won't allow it."

A lot of folks in general - and prospective buyers in particular - assume that residential buyers take winter off, Paciocco said. "They just associate construction with warm weather. We explain there's no difference, nothing's wrong structurally, quality-wise."

More preparation time is needed and the work goes a little slower in winter, but it goes.



FILE PHOTO
Still working: What do residential builders do in winter? Why construct houses, of course.

"The masonry people may get on the job site at 7 or 8 in the morning when it's still dark and 18-20 degrees," Paciocco said. "They'll start a fire to warm up mortar, warm up sand."

"As the morning progresses, the temperature generally rises. When it gets to the upper 20s, as long as there's no significant wind chill, they can lay brick. Sometimes, they don't get started until noon and will work for four hours," Paciocco said.

"Framers (carpenters) have no real temperature gauge they work off of," he said. "Even in the low 20s, they'll continue to work as long as there's no significant wind chill or high winds."

High winds will thwart shingling more than moderate cold, Paciocco added.

Heating ducts, electrical, plumbing and insulation usually go in after the frame is enclosed and the shingles are up. Portable heating sources may be used during those installation points in winter and while underground plumbing is placed in the basement.

Drywalling and other finishing work doesn't begin until the furnace is installed, turned on and the house thoroughly warmed.

There's no reason to doubt the durability of winter construction, Nona added. "We give the same warranties, the same quality."

Larry Cohen, a West Bloomfield builder, said he finds winter framing "more trouble free" than framing in warmer months because the cold and low humidity suck moisture from the lumber.

Because many people want to relocate during the summer school recess and because a new home generally takes six to nine months to complete, winter may be just the time to get started, Nona said.

Cohen, who said he gets the chance to observe residential construction during his travels around the country, tips his cap to contractors and subcontractors here.

"I give the construction trades - carpenters, brick masons, roofers - credit. They're a hardy lot, those who live and work in Michigan. They're some of the best."

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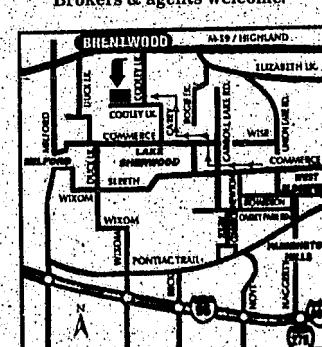
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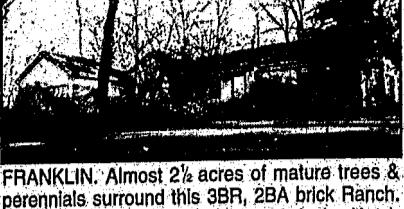
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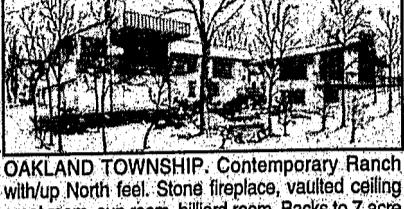
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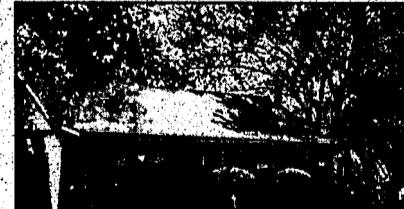
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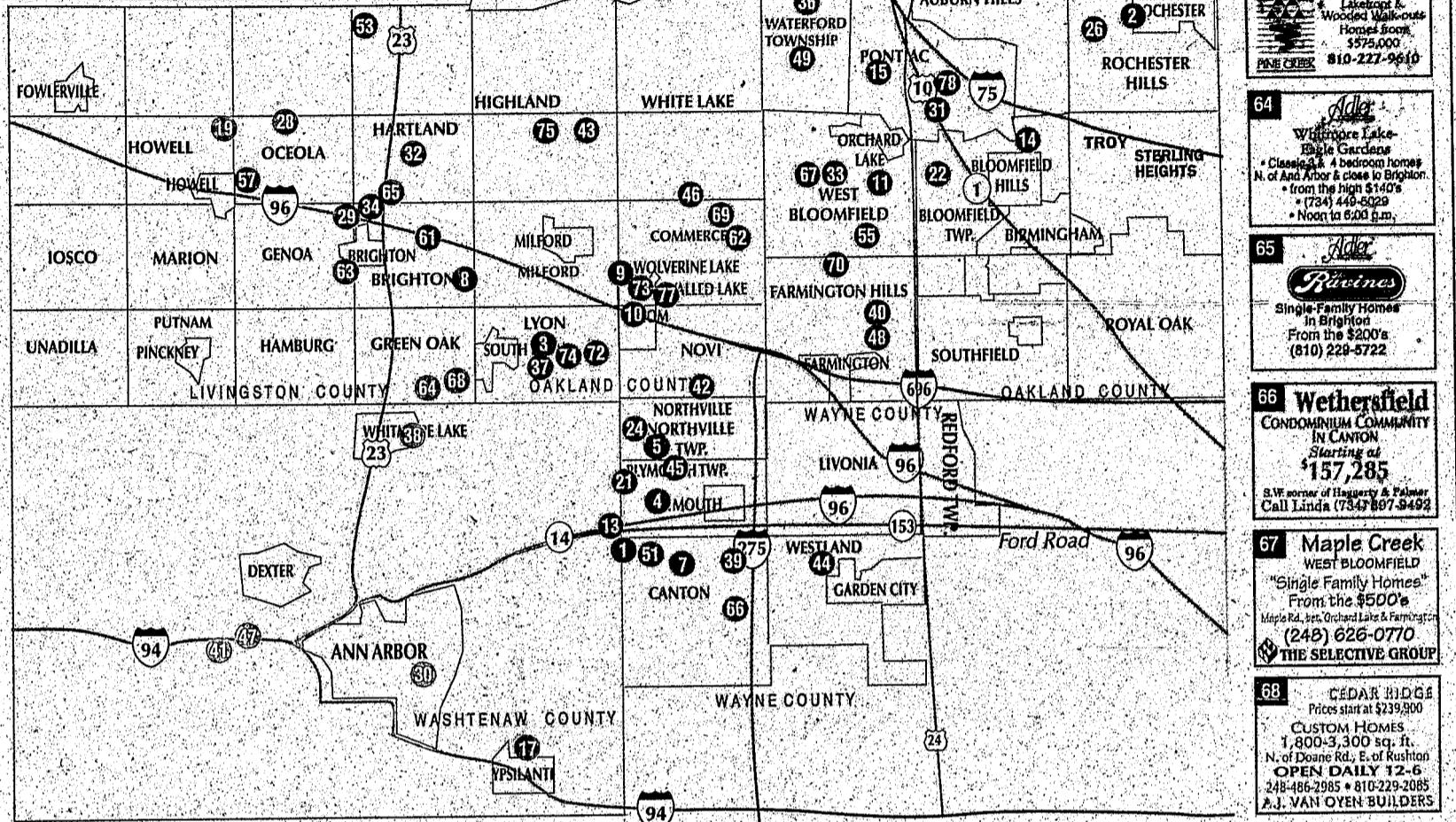


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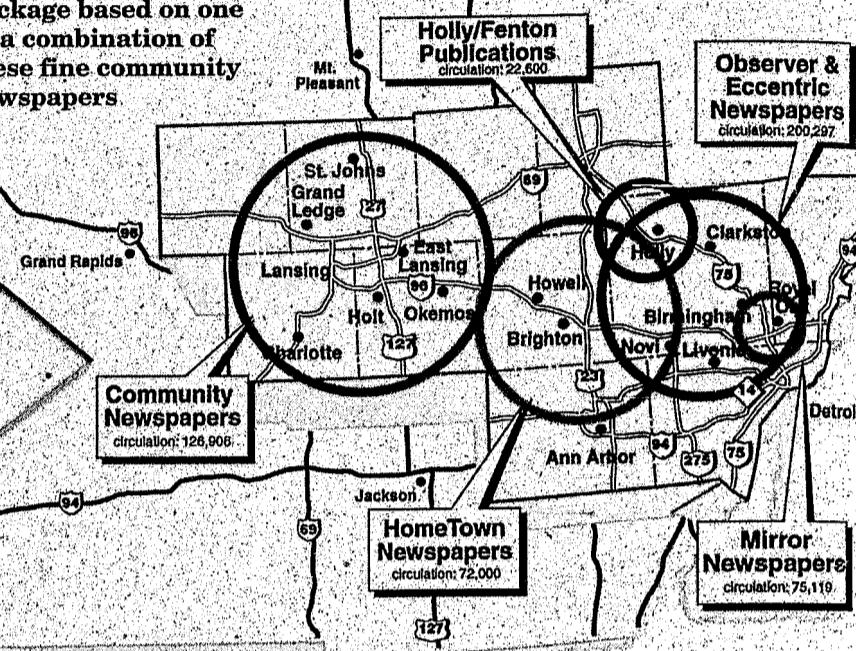


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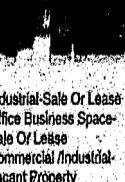
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322...Holly
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327...New Hudson
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329...Novi
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Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, outgoing, fun-loving SWF, 35, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking romantic, monogamous secure SWM, 35+, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. Must have sense of humor. **T1242**

FUN ANYONE?
DWPW, 25, NS, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWF, 25-32, for dating, fun whatever else. Seeking a man, who has sense of humor. **T1213**

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, travel, cooking, movies, biking, hiking, seeking company. **T1189**

SLIM, WITTY REDHEAD
Fetching SWCF, 30-35, 100lbs, athletic, honest, friendly, good proportionate, with intelligence, humor. **T1051**

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Attractive SWF, 35, 5'8", thin/brown/blue, seeks a man, with sense of humor, for being outdoors, swimming, reading, gardening, concerts, music, plays, festivals. Seeking attractive, tall, intelligent SWM, 35+, for a long-term relationship. **T1168**

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL PERSON
SWF, 36, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6", who's tired of the bar scene, looks for special committed relationship. **T1167**

BRUNETTE BROWN-EYED
Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 35, who loves to laugh. Seeking chivalrous, spontaneous, committed/honest, humorous SWM, 35+, for similar interests. **T1204**

TAKE THE RISK
DWPW, 29, 5'3", HW proportionate, medical professional, mother of 2, seeks motivated SWDWM, 35+, for friendship, first possible LTR. **T1211**

ONE GOOD MAN
Sbf, 5'1", 145lbs, seeks financially secure, active SM, 31-40, anyone, for dating. **T1132**

NEVVLY SINGLE
DWPW, 31, brown-blond/blue, enjoys working out, dancing, seeking a man, who has much more. Seeking SWDM, 35-40, for compatible relationship. **T1200**

LIMITED TIME OFFER!
Act now! Venetian, physically fit, tan, blonde/blue, enjoys exercising, outdoors, travel, hiking, gardening, and learning, new things. Seeking very attractive, articulate, intelligent man, who is interested in him. **T1152**

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...I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, ultra pretty, 5'5", 145lbs, brown/blue, tall, poor, for friendship and possibly more. **Oakland County. T1557**

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SEARCH OF YOUR LIFE
DWPW, 30, 5'4", brown-blond/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. **T1209**

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Endearing, beautiful SBCPF, 55+, 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking a man, who is very interesting, NS, HW proportionate, for friendship. **T1229**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive,端點, friendly, honest, 5'7", 145lbs, 40-50, blonde/blue, enjoys an easy, long walk, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship. **T1222**

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Smart, sexy, attractive SWPF, 45, petite, dark/blond, seeks attractive, fun-loving, SWM, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR. **T1213**

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE FUN
Very attractive lady seeks companionhip of physically fit, attractive, 5'6", 145lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys being by the water, boating, golf, snow all traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate SWM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. **T1063**

EXCELLENT SKIER!
Cute, outgoing, fun DWPW, 39, 5'7", NS, slim, brunetted/brown, avid snow/water skier enjoys horses, dogs, cats, fun. **T1189**

WARM & FRIENDLY
SWF, over 40, 5'11", slim, blonde, 145lbs, brown/blue, honest, obese; high morals, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. **T1153**

TAKE A CHANCE

Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining, travel, cooking. Seeking a man, who enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking romantic, monogamous secure SWM, 35+, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. **T1242**

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Sincere, easygoing, friendly, financially secure SWF, 42, 5'5", 155lbs, blonde/hazel eyes, all music. Seeking tall, athletic SWM, 35-44, 5'11", NS, friends first, possible LTR. **T1189**

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BLUE-EYED BROWNSKIN

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 35, who loves to laugh. Seeking chivalrous, spontaneous, committed/honest, humorous SWM, 35+, for similar interests. **T1207**

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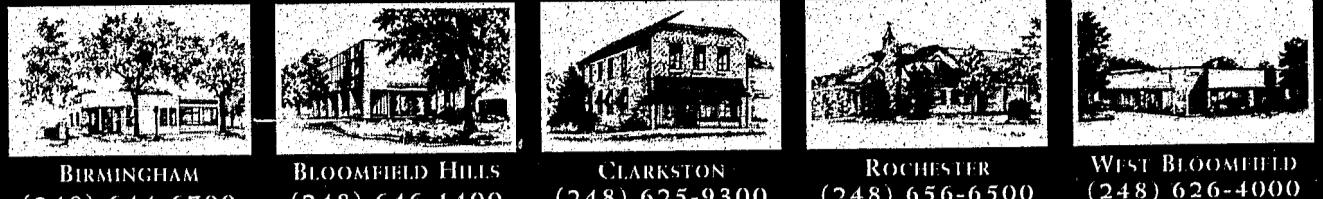
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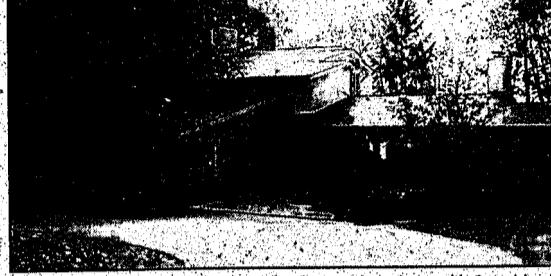


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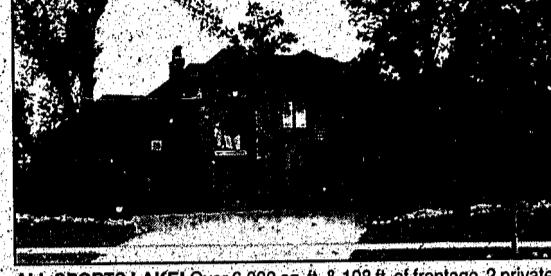
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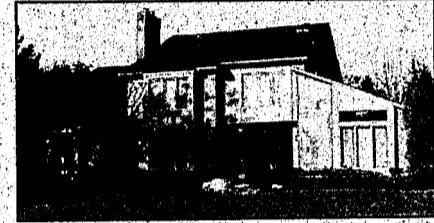
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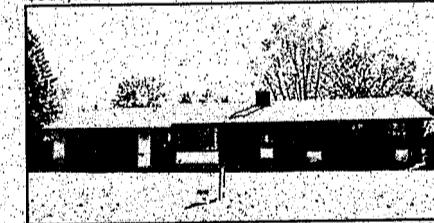
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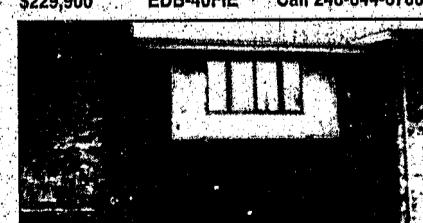
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