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1998: Her recovery

This has been a good news year for Melissa Garr, as she recovers from injuries sustained in a 1997 accident.



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If the tragic poolside accident that left Farmington teen Melissa Garr in a coma was the story of 1997, her recovery stands as the story of 1998.

Melissa, now 17, began the year in an Ann Arbor hospital, undergoing physical, speech and occupational therapy to continue her improvement from more than 10 weeks in a coma. In

February, she moved to an area rehabilitation center and also returned to Farmington High School as a part-time student.

And since then, her recovery has escalated to the point where she threw out the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers game, turned pages for her mom at a Farmington Community Chorus concert, attends FHS full-time and plans on graduating in June.

Quite amazingly - Melissa also is able to talk to her classmates about the ordeal. That's exactly what Melissa and close friend, Amanda Faughnan, did during a recent session of Student Managed Academic Resource Time, otherwise known as SMART.

"There's really no reason to be sad here,

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PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARRISSE

Classroom chat: After sharing her story, Melissa Garr (second from right) shares a light moment with best friend, Amanda Faughnan (second from left) and two other students.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

In for 1999: Bea Larsen of Livonia, an employee at Jacobson's, holds up The Next Millennium clock on display in the store's home decorating department at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. It retails for \$24.95.

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When the clock strikes midnight tonight, and the last year of the millennium begins, it will be time to give up baggy, wide-leg pants, turkey meat as a low-fat alternative, and dark clothing.

According to area retailers, femininity, millennial items, ostrich ment and yo-yos are must-haves for 1999.

"Yo-yos are huge. They just came back full force. The yo-yos have evolved. We have yo-yos in our store that range from \$4 to \$150. It's really gotten to be outrageous," said Marianne Trennepohl, owner of Kites and Other Fun Things in Plymouth.

"They do so much more. It's amazing what the kids can do. It's nuts. It's been a yo-yo Christmas," she added with a laugh.

Fun and traditional are the key words for 1999 whether it be with recreational items like yo-yos, with the home or with clothing.

"You look at the clothes and there's nothing uptight. It's very relaxed and the layers and textures all make it an interesting collage to wear and for the observers to look at," said Beverly Rice, senior vice president, fashion and merchandise strategy for Jacobson's.

The soft feminine look is something Rice saw at Valentino runway shows in Paris.

"We see the continuation of femininity and also the interplay of many textures working together, like linen and paisley, cotton knits and a lot of collages of fabrics that go together for a very interesting fabric mix," Rice explained. "It can be that in sportswear and day wear. It's true in evening wear as well."

White clothing, capri pants, peasant blouses and long-flowing skirts, she explained, are

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WEEKLY MARKET TRENDS FOR THE WEEK END, 12/31/98

TRENDS take a turn toward fun

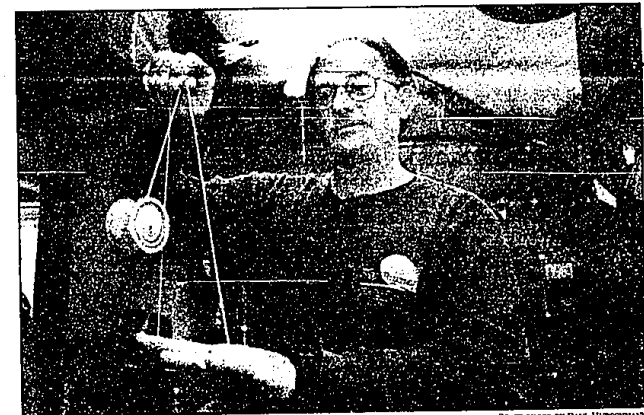
INS:

- Brocade, lace, embroidery
- White, aquamarine, turquoise
- Anti-aging products
- At-home aromatherapy
- Boleros
- Iridescent cotton
- Leaf motifs, butterflies, dragonflies
- Flats
- Capri pants, long bias skirts
- Peasant blouses
- Raw-edge seaming
- Ostrich ment

OUTS:

- Real and faux fur
- Gray
- Vitamin creams
- At-home spa retreats
- Halter tops
- Microfiber
- Animal print
- Stifattos
- Wide-leg pants
- Sweater sets
- Fishtail hemline
- Turkey ment

Sources: Jacobson's, English Gardens, Koger, Kites and Other Fun Things, Magic Bus.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Up and down trend: Marianne Trennepohl of Kites and Other Fun Things in Plymouth says yo-yos are one of those trends that goes in cycles and late this year the cycle began again. Above, her husband, John Trennepohl, demonstrates one of the yo-yos in their store.

City workers mourn loss of colleague

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Not too many people would reschedule vacations to get their jobs done. But veteran a city of Farmington employee Carol Murphy did.

"She was always more concerned about everybody else than herself," said her former boss, Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff. "And that was certainly a quality that everybody recognized in her."

The 60-year-old Murphy, who spent more than one-third of her life as a Farmington city staffer - since 1985 as executive secretary to the city manager - died Saturday, Dec. 26, following a battle with lung cancer.

Although the cancer forced Murphy to leave her job shortly after it was discovered in June, she continued wanting to help the city. Even while still undergoing treatment, Murphy worked on a part-time, call-in basis until early November, said Lauhoff, who had worked with her since 1993.

Until becoming ill, Murphy pushed everything else in her life to the back burner when it was time to prepare another council meeting agenda or budget document, Lauhoff said.

"She took great pride in making sure that everything that went out of this office went out perfectly," he said. "... She prepared every council agenda for that ... period (1985-1998). She'd make sure (to) make her vacations around, to make sure she was here and make sure things were done

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Haven reaches out with Farmington facility

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At 16, Carrie Milton was raped; and nine years later, she credits her emotional stability and happiness to the services she received through Haven, Oakland County's center for the treatment and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The agency recently opened it's newest facility in Farmington.

"Until you go through it you think you can handle it by yourself," said Milton, now 24. "Then I kind of fell to pieces. I was 16 years old and I was just a kid."

Haven provided Milton with a courtroom advocate who was present during the legal proceedings against her attacker. Beginning in August, 1999, shortly after the attack, through 1997, Milton also sought counseling through

Haven. Initially she saw a counselor three days weekly; then two days weekly and finally the meetings tapered off to every couple of months.

"The Haven basically brought me around to the point that I could recognize that what happened wasn't my fault, and that the responsibility lies with the perpetrator and not the victim," Milton said.

"I wouldn't be in the position where I am now," she added. "I'm a capable, functioning young woman. I support myself and I'm getting married. I don't think I would be as independent as I am. Haven has restored a lot of self-confidence and a lot of integrity."

The new Haven facility on Drake and Grand River replaces the recently closed branch in Novi.

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Owner rolls cigars, wine into one-stop shopping

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If Tom Petros can't leave his competitors in a cloud of swirling cigar smoke, he'll toast them with a glass of fine, imported wine.

At first, it was time to thank the community for enabling him to become quickly an established merchant in downtown Farmington.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, with a difficult quest for a state liquor license finally behind him, Petros cut the ribbon and officially opened his new, improved and

expanded business in the Downtown Farmington Center. Actually, it's two businesses side-by-side: the Cigar Emporium and the Wine Emporium.

Guests enjoyed alcohol-free champagne and miniature sandwiches, amid colorful balloons and streamers. Complimentary imported cigars also lit up the proceedings.

"I feel like I'm part of the city," said Petros, who invited about 100 Farmington civic leaders and merchants for the grand opening. "I love this city and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

On the grapevine: Tom Petros, owner of the Cigar & Wine Emporium in Farmington, talks with customer Laurie Butler about wine selections during the grand opening celebration.



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