# **History**

## Let's take a look back at what the community was up to in '99

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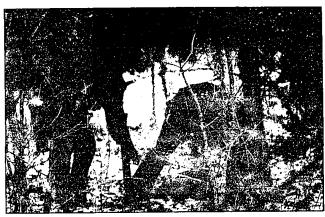
Now that 2000 has arrived, here's a final month-by-month review of good oi! No. 99 -1999, that is - which brought us the New Year and now has chugged off into history:

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January
As 1999 began, Farmington and Farmington Hills residents poined the rest of metro Detroit in digging out of the biggest snowstorm in 20 years.

The 14 inches curtoiled travel, gave Farmington Public Schools students an extra day of winter break, kept city, county and state snowplows busy clearing streets and parking lots and caused widespread roof damage from resulting ice dams. The snow kept falling into February. Farmington Public Safety Officer Jim Madigan responded to an emergency call and saved the life of a 28-day-old girl. Madigan saved Courtney Pagnicile, ofter performing mouth-to-mouth breathing on the baby.

Door-to-door salespeople sought customers for new natural-gas companies borne of statewide calify deregulation, while angry cable subscribers called for an end to the Time



Investigation: Hills police officers investigate the death of Julie Yasa from Paris, who was found dead in a field on Nine Mile. Yasa arrived in the United States after she developed a relationship with a Farmington Hills man over the Internet.

Warner monopoly.

Bates became the first to declare current mayor, Aldo Vagnozzi,
Hills Councilwoman Nancy as mayoral candidate while the and wife Lois celebrated 50

years of marriage.
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aucceeded Dan Hobbs in 1998, a three-year contract. Crowley's Department Store, the Hills' Kendallwood Shopping Center anchor for 30 years, began liquidation sales. Business and residential neighbors bemoaned losing it. The Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commercincorporated the nonprofit Farmington Founders Pestival Board to oversee administration of the midsummer gala. The board hired Watts-Up Inc. as organizer/promoter.

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The Farmington Observer won The Farmington Observer won two national first-place awards in the Suburban Newspupers of America 1998 Editorial Contest: Best Coverage of Aging Issues/Senior Citizen Lifestyles (Community Life Editor Mary Rodrique) and Best Coverage of Local School District Issues (reporter Tim Smith). In sports, the North Farming-

of 1999 in Sunday's Observer

ton Raiders boys basketball team defeated Farmington, 45-35, for a 10-1 record and a share of the Western Lakes



The Hills got unwanted international attention when a 28year-old French women with a
broken heart was found dead
March 3 in the woods near Nine
Mile Road. Hills police blamed
over-the-counter sleeping pills
and hypothermia for the death of
Julie Yasa, who they said had
left her Paris home after a sixmonth Internet romance with a
24-year-old Hills man, only to be
spurned by him after a night of
sex.

The following are police and fire reports made during the past teeck in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Loose dog/Warrant arrest In Farmington Hills:

Officers investigating the report of a loose dog in the 21000 block of Tulane on Dec. 30 learned two of the men involved had outstanding warrants from another jurisdiction. Each posted \$220 bond and were released at the scene. Larceny by Trick

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In Farmington Hills:
A cushier at an Amoco station
at Grandview and Halsted
reported a man in his mid-20s
tricked her out of \$15 on Dec. 30,
by saying hed given her a larger
bill for his purchases.
According to the clerk, the
mort poid for cigarettes and a
bottle of juice with a \$5 bill.
After she'd gotten him the juice
from a cooler behind the counter,
he insisted he gave her \$20 and
she had shorted him the change.
After a brief discussion, the clerk
gave the man another \$15, but
when she closed her register that
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The suspect is described as 6 feet tall, with green eyes, red hair drawn back in a pony tail

and a bushy goatec. He was wearing glasses. Assault and battery In Farmington Hills: A 12-year-old Farmington Hills boy told police he was knocked to the ground and beaten by two 17 year olds on Thursday evening while walking home with a friend. The older boys chased him after he responded to their harassment by telling them they were drunk or high and should leave him alone. Breaking and entering In Farmington Hills: Owners of a home in the 28000 block of Greenmeadow returned from a shopping trip late Thursday to discover their home had been invaded by thieves. Entry was gained by thrives. Entry was gained by the pring open agrage door window then entering the house through an unlocked door inside the garage. Jewelry, personal papers, severing the house write taken. Neighbors reported seeing a large, maroon vehicle pulling into the driveway while the owners were away. The couple had were still unpacking, so the extent of their losses wasn't immediately known. While the house was wired with an alarm

system, it hadn't been activated. Driving Under the Influence

In Farmington Hills:

A 38-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Dec. 30, after she was involved in a hit-and run-accident.

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Officers responding to the hit and run at 12 Mile and Middle-belt got an identification on the car and visited the driver's address. They saw the car parked in a common drive in front of the residence, partly blocking the through lane. A woman unloading supplies from the trunk appeared to have difficulty walking, they said.
Once she finished, abe drove her car 40 feet to a car port, where an officer stopped and arrested her, based on the result a of a preliminary breath test. Her car showed minor damage to the right front.
Cigarcttes sold to Minors In Farmington Hills:
Late Thurnday night, Hills Officer Warthman saw two teenage girls with cigarcttes. the easked where they had gotten the eigarcttes, the girls said a nearby gasoline station.

Another officer responded and spoke to the station clerk, who

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denied seling eigarettes and said the girls hadn't even been in the store. The girls later said the clerk had a reputation among high school atudents for not checking identification. He was ticketed for selling eigarettes to minors.

Kidnapping
In Farmington Hills:
On New Year's Eve morning, a 21-year-old Detroit woman told police she'd been kidnapped by her boyfriend and held against ther will, until he dropped her off in the area of Farmington Road and 1-696. The woman soid she had been taken in the area of Six Mile and Southfield Freeway in Detroit. The 42-year-old man took her first to his home, then

drove her around town, she said. When she asked him to let her go, he assaulted her, according to police reports. Road rage In Farmington Hills: A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for reck-less driving, after he admitted intentionally hitting a car that had cut in front of him near Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile on Dec. 31.

Orenare Lake Road and I Tame on Dec. 31. According to the report, the man was driving his 1998 Dodge pick-up truck north on Orchard Lake Road when a 1998 Cadillac driven by a 61-year-old West Bloomfield man merged into the center lane as the right lane ended. The Farmington Hills

driver began tailgating. When the Cadillac slowed and stopped south of 11 Mile, it was hit by a plow blade attached to the front

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New Year's Eve revelry

In Farmington Hills:

The first New Year's Eve party complaint came into the Hills:

Police Department at 44.5 p.m., from the 28000 block of Wintergreen. Officers responded to more than a dozen reports of shots fired, fireworks and loud music throughout the evening. At 5:11 am. Jan. 1, they stopped a drunk driver at M-5 and Farmington Road. The driver had a gun the said he was going to to celebrate the New Year 11-just never got around to it.

## House party drew police attention on New Year's Eve

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Bill Dwyer, the property owners weren't home. Only the 18-year-old host was ticketed for having an open house party and alcohol consumption by a minor.

"He is an adult host." Dwyer said. "Under our ordinance, that's 17 years or older."

Dwyer said the city's ordinance was passed in 1886, to prevent just this kind of event. Officers reported a very large amount of alcohol, including keg and numerous bottled and canned beverages were pressure the said of the last drop had been poured the last drop had been poured. mary surres plubredsco bomecomment

Although New Year's Eve was not the major disaster for which they'd prepared, Farmington Hills Police didn't have an entirely quiet evening.

The very first incident reported in 2000 involved an open house party in the 25000 block of Witherspoon. Officers arrived to find more than 60 vehicles parked in the street and along the driveway and scores of teenagers drinking in the garage and inside the house.

When all was said and done, about 200 teens left the house, in groups of 15 to ensure an orderly departure. Police also wanted to be sure no one would be driving under the influence.

According to Hills Police Chief

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Sixteen officers, four sergeants and a lieutenant responded to the New Year's Eve party. They were among the large complement of Hills staff on duty, just in case. Dwyer and his assistant chiefs were on duty, the afternoon shift stayed until 3 a.m. and the midnight shift came in at 9 p.m.

Even though nothing bad happened. Dwyer doesn't regret a single hour of extra coverage.

"It's something that had to be done," he said. "You have to be prepared."

Just how much a non-event was the Y2K New Year's Eve?

"It was probably quieter than most recent Friday nights," Dwyer said.

### Rabbi Wine to speak in 2000 series

The Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah will begin its three lecture series, Changes 2000, with Rabbi Sherwin Wine speaking on "The Twentieth Century, What Has It Meant To Jews?" The program is at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Hadassah House. lecture series, Changes 2000, with Rabbi Sherwin Wine speuking on 'The Twentieth Century, What Has It Meant To Jews?'
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The program is at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Hadassah House.
'Rabbi Wine is the leader of the Birmingham Temple, the first Humanistic synagogue in the country. He is the author of four

books and myriad articles. In 1976, Rabbi Wine founded the Center for New Thinking. He

Feb. 7 and Anneke Burke-Koois-pra, a Righteous Gentlle, speak-ing at 6:30 p.m. March 13.
All programs will be at the Sarah and Ralph Davidson Hadassah House, 5030 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Couvert is \$12 for one program or \$33 for the series.

For reservations and further information, please contact the Hadassah Office at (248) 683-5030.

