

Woods man recalls the great San Francisco earthquake, fire

By Peter A. Salinas
Staff Writer

It lasted only several minutes, but when the fire and smoke cleared several days later, some 500 people had died, 3,000 acres in the heart of San Francisco were leveled by fire and tens of thousands of people were left homeless.

Peter E. Biglin was eight years old on April 18, 1906, when the great earthquake leveled the California city. He was one of the

thousands whose family was left homeless after the fires that raged through the city after the quake leveled his home.

The 88-year-old Woods resident is retired now, but his memory of that day and the days which followed are vivid.

"I was in bed sleeping with my grandmother when it started," Biglin said. "It was early in the morning, 6 o'clock or so. We lived

not far from downtown in the Mission District on Van Ness Street."

Biglin's memory was jarred recently when his granddaughter was assigned a class project to give a report on earthquakes. She called her grandfather, and he jotted down what he remembered of the tragedy and sent it to her.

Biglin has been a Grosse Pointe Woods resident since 1941. He

and his wife Fernande were married in 1932, and have five children. He worked with the J.L. Hudson Co. in its contract division for 37 years.

Biglin said he was awakened when the house began to shake and move. A large picture hung from the ceiling swung perpendicular to the wall and then fell on the bed.

He remembers his grand-

mother hanging on to a large kerosene lamp to keep it from falling over and causing a fire. All the dishes in the butler pantry came tumbling down, and several large chimneys from nearby houses crashed in the back yard. Water pitchers and china had fallen and broken throughout the house.

Then, with the suddenness with which it started, it was over.

Biglin's house was on a hill that overlooked the heart of the city, and everyone gathered outside and watched as the fires started. "We could see the fires starting at the ferry buildings down at the bay," he said. "At that time no one had any idea that the fire would become so intense and burn up the whole city, but we could see the flames licking up

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North High ventilation bad

Repair attempt met by rash of headaches at school

By Nancy Parmenter
Staff Writer

Complaints about the ventilation system at North High School surfaced last week following a day when the system was shut down for repairs.

Teachers have been complaining about the school's ventilation for several years. Reports about bad air at Roseville's Brablec High School have increased concern, according to Doris Cook, president of the Grosse Pointe Education Association.

"They are genuinely frightened," Cook said. "They've reached a point of frustration where they think it will never improve."

An attempt by the district to repair the system last Wednesday brought matters to a head. Problems getting a spare part caused the system to be down longer than expected. A rash of headaches followed, but administrators are reluctant to tie the two events to-

gether.

"A front was moving through that day," said Superintendent John Whritner. "That could have been responsible for the headaches. Part of the problem is psychological — if you can't open a window to let in fresh air (you feel worse)."

No one argues that there are no problems. Some of the problems have already been addressed and administrators are now waiting for an environmental report from Clayton Environmental Co.

But Cook charges that the solutions are just "Band-aids." The real solution, teachers believe, would be to operate the ventilation system around the clock.

About five years ago, the district undertook an energy conservation program, according to David King, director of support services. Part of the program included reducing the number of hours of operation of the North ventilation system — resulting in savings of \$70,000 to \$100,000 annually.

King says the district didn't make the decision arbitrarily. Engineering firm DiClemente-Siegel oversaw the project and developed the operating specifications.

"We asked them point-blank if (reduced operation) is the problem, and they said 'no,'" King said.

Math teacher Jim Selmo says he has been "trying to rattle some cages" over the bad air.

"I'm making a lot of guesses," Selmo conceded, "but we're dependent upon that system. We can't open a window. . . . When everybody's experiencing (headaches)"
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Photo by Bert Emanuele

The day before

. . . April Fool's . . . Getting ready to brush the snow off her windshield — and an editorial comment — is Peggy Ann Brown of the Farms. Residents woke up Monday to a world of white again. This must be the last snow of the season. Second from last?

Teenaged party gets out of hand

Farms party ordinance could be tested for the first time

By Peter A. Salinas
Staff Writer

In what might turn out to be the first test case of a Farms ordinance holding parents responsible for parties given by their children in their absence, information regarding the ordinance violation has been turned over to the city's prosecuting attorney.

The party was held Friday, March 27, at a Carver Road residence. While on patrol, officers spotted large groups of youths walking down Carver and numerous cars, some parked illegally, in the vicinity of the home.

The officer called for back-up units and approached the house.

A 16-year-old, who later told police his parents were out of town on vacation, asked police for help in clearing partygoers from his home. He told police he had organized the party, but that things had "gotten out of hand."

When police entered the home, they found numerous beer cans and wine cooler bottles throughout the house. Police asked the party guests, most of whom they determined to be minors, to leave the residence.

The police report indicated that the house was in a general state of disarray and that youths were on every floor of the residence.

Police collected two large plastic garbage bags of beer cans and bottles and are holding them as evidence.

No complaint has yet been formally signed, but police turned all the paperwork over to city Prosecutor Matthew Rumora for consideration.

This could be the first test of the city's ordinance passed by the

council in November 1985 which regulates the use of alcoholic beverages and drugs at open house parties. The ordinance holds parents responsible for a party held without adult supervision if alcoholic beverages or drugs are found on any minor at the residence.

The penalty for the violation, which is a misdemeanor, is a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a jail term of 90 days.

There is no indication yet that the parents of the youth will be charged with this incident.

Farms Detective George Van Tiem said this is the first case he can recall since the ordinance was put into effect where the paperwork had been turned over to the prosecutor for his consideration.

Van Tiem noted that the parents of the youth could be held liable if a minor at the party had become intoxicated and injured himself, someone else or destroyed property.

Pointer of Interest

Leon Sehoyan

By Nancy Parmenter
Staff Writer

Ebullient, energetic, ideas spilling out one on top of the other, Leon Sehoyan prowls restlessly through a conversation, looking for a way out.

"I don't like to do this," he says. "This was yesterday. I don't like to bring up yesterday's memories."

Nevertheless, yesterday's memories tumble out. Cousteau . . . Hemingway . . . Wait a minute — is this a hairdresser we're talking to?

No ordinary hairdresser. Sehoyan is an ex-Marine. With his shaggy hair and trim build, he still looks like somebody a Hollywood director would kill to get for a tough-guy Charles Bronson or James Coburn role.

"I'm not pink and green," he says, "although I do have loafers on today."

A self-described "busybody," and "alley guy," Sehoyan came up the hard way, going to hairdresser school on the G.I. Bill after a stint in the South Pacific.



Leon Sehoyan

"I took care of my government and the government took care of me," he says.

Now he is hairdresser to some of the oldest families in Grosse Pointe.

But that doesn't explain these rugged, outdoors guys he has known. Hemingway never came to Grosse Pointe to get his hair done.

Never satisfied with doing only one thing at a time — and loving to be in on the cutting edge of something new — Sehoyan took up scuba diving in the early '50s when it was a brand new sport. A police diver for the Grosse Pointes for 20 years and a wreck diver for fun, many of Sehoyan's favorite memories revolve around the water.

"Alan!" he calls out to his middle son. "Where's that picture of me with Doc Greene and Ernest Hemingway?"

They dash into a storage room behind Sehoyan's tiny office and rummage energetically through stacks of memorabilia. They come up instead with an underwater photo of Sehoyan lassoing a sea turtle. He brings out the huge varnished shell to prove it.

"I've done all the diving in the Caribbean I want," he says now. "There's great diving right here. I could tell you a lot of locations — but I won't."

Learning that the reporter is from Armada, Sehoyan jumps on that with enthusiasm. "There's great diving out there, too!" he says, of an area that is at least 30 miles from any water. "I dived for a meteorite in a pond out there."

People don't realize how much fascinating underwater lore is at their fingertips in Lake St. Clair, Sehoyan says. The latest of his many creative ideas is to film the Grosse Pointe Farms water in take for broadcast on local cable

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Photo by Peter A. Salinas

Through the looking glass

The face on the other side of the portal in the dispatcher's window in Grosse Pointe Woods belongs to Katherine Jeffrey, who has been with the Department of Public Safety for 11 years. A story and more photos about the people on the front lines of our law enforcement agencies is on page 13A

The line forms here

Applications mount up for judgeship vacated in Park

There won't be a dearth of applicants for the temporary position of municipal court judge in Grosse Pointe Park. The chairman of the committee accepting applications says six people have applied so far. The deadline is April 10.

The position will be vacant July 1 when Judge Beverly Grobbel's resignation takes effect. The appointee will serve from July 1 to November when an election will be held.

The requirements are that an applicant be registered to vote in the Park and qualified to practice law in Michigan. Chairman James Robson, who is also a councilman, said of the six applications received to

date, five are Park residents and the sixth, a Pointe resident, said he might move to the Park if he is elected.

"I'm impressed," Robson said. "We have some quality people interested and so I'm encouraged that we will have a recommendation to make to the council at the last meeting in April or the first meeting in May."

Related to the issue is the matter of salary, one of the reasons Judge Grobbel resigned. The current salary is \$5,000 a year and it's likely that voters will have the opportunity in November to vote on an amendment to the charter that would raise the salary.

Libraries plan activities for National Library Week

"Take Time to Read" is the theme for National Library Week activities at the Grosse Pointe library and public schools, April 5 through 11.

Children coming into the Park, Woods or Central Library during the week will have an opportunity to fill out a Reader's Poll supplied by the American Library Association, giving their opinions on the best, worst, funniest, scariest books they ever read.

The survey forms will then become drawing tickets for the official National Library Week Take-Time-to-Read watches, donated to the library by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Each branch will have a winner; Central will have two. Forms may be filled out from April 5 through 11. Winners will be announced on April 13.

The Reader Poll forms will then be forwarded to ALA headquarters in Chicago to become part of a nationwide survey.

Festivities will accelerate as the Story-Doers, Pat Roan Judd and Marilyn O'Connor Miller, arrive with mime, music, improvisation and puppetry to enhance their enchanting performances of folk tales from Ireland and around the world.

Judd toured internationally with symphony orchestras, studied mime with Marcel Marceau, and storytelling with Gambel Rogers and Jackie Torrence. Miller performed on ABC's "Hot

Fudge," has a post-graduate degree in folklore from Wayne State, and studied puppetry with Lettie Connell Schubert.

Together they have taped a puppet series for ABC called "On the Grow," performed for Meadow Brook Festival's Children's Concert series, and with Victor Borge at Orchestra Hall. They also teach workshops in mime, storytelling and puppetry, and perform in schools as artists-in-residence.

The Story-Doers will perform tales from around the world at Woods Branch, Wednesday, April 8, at 4 p.m., and Irish tales at Central Library, Thursday, April 9, at 4 p.m.

They will visit the public schools during National Library Week and after. They will perform Irish tales at Maire School and ethnic tales at the remaining schools.

The public library will celebrate the last day of National Library Week with a special return engagement of Marjorie Brown and the Storytellers, at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Central Library.

They Storytellers, currently based in Manhattan, uses puppets, dance, mime and acting to present children with positive experience of literature and the performing arts. They have entertained at the Detroit Institute of Arts, New York Macy's, Club Med, F.A.O. Schwarz and schools



Story-Doers Pat Judd and Marilyn Miller act out an ethnic tale. They will appear at Grosse Pointe elementary schools throughout Library Week, April 5-11.

in Manhattan, Baltimore and throughout Michigan.

The library portion of the

programming for National Library Week was made possible by a grant from the Friends.

Host families sought for exchange students

Host families are being sought for high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Ecuador, Australia and Japan for the 1987-88 school year in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August 1987, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June 1988. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in

their home countries, have spending money and medical insurance.

Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes.

AISE is also seeking American high school students age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five-week summer host family stay throughout western Europe.

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Car chase through Woods ends in arrest of one subject

A 43-year-old man was arrested Thursday, March 26, after leading police and at least one private citizen on a lengthy chase through Grosse Pointe Woods.

The man was spotted by Harper Woods police driving recklessly on I-94 in a tan-colored van. He was closely followed by a man driving a black Bronco.

Woods police headed toward Mack near Lochmoor when a citizen with a cellular car phone called Woods police saying he

spotted the van driving recklessly northbound on Mack.

The Woods officer saw the van in the northbound Mack alley crossing Lochmoor. The van's front end lifted into the air when it hit the approach into the alley because of the van's speed, the officer reported.

The officer put on the patrol car's flashers and pursued the vehicle southbound on Mack to Hunt Club. The van then proceeded westbound on Hunt Club toward Jackson. The van was still

being pursued by the black Bronco.

The officer caught up with the vehicle at Oxford and Jackson, but the van did not stop and went through a stop sign on Helen and continued north.

The van was stopped a short time later, and the man was taken into custody.

He was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, reckless driving, having improper plates on the van and having no insurance.

A court date of May 6 has been scheduled in the case.

The officer's interview with the driver of the Bronco indicated the van's sole occupant was allegedly seen to have sideswiped a vehicle on I-94. He then chased the vehicle along with several others to Cadieux and Chandler Park Drive. The chase then went into Harper Woods and finally, the Woods.

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Local police chiefs discuss recent court ruling in seat belt case

By Peter A. Salinas
Staff Writer

Earlier this year a man was cleared of two counts of negligent homicide after his attorney successfully argued that although his client caused a car crash which killed two people, they would not have died had they been wearing seat belts.

Local public safety directors and police chiefs feel the Barry County circuit court judge's ruling in favor of the man will eventually be overturned, and note that they feel it is important that it should be.

The case involved Jeffrey Smith, 21, who state police said caused the head-on crash which killed Earl Hammer, 52, and William Dittman, 26, a passenger in Smith's car. State police said Smith was at fault in the accident.

Four people were in the two cars, and the only two survivors, Smith and Hammer's wife, Lois, were wearing seat belts.

In a Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning newsletter, the ruling was called a landmark decision, that "should serve as a warning to every person who chooses not to obey the state law."

An expert witness testified that had the passengers been wearing safety belts, they would have lived. University of Michigan anatomy professor Donald Huelke said that both victims would have survived because there was

space enough in the cabin which would have precluded fatal injury.

All the local officials noted the importance of wearing a seat belt, but said that the judge's decision in this case will not likely serve as a precedent in future cases — at least they hope so.

Woods Public Safety Director Jack Patterson said he feels that the safety belt law is good. He added that he has met Huelke and called him an expert who would be the best authority for determining whether those people would have lived.

Patterson said that while it is true that a contributing factor to the deaths may have been the fact that the victims weren't wearing belts, it shouldn't exclude the negligence of the person who allegedly caused the accident.

"I find it hard to believe that a guy could walk away from this in this case," Patterson said. "I don't feel that this case will necessarily be the final word on the subject."

Farms Police Chief Robert Ferber took his opinion one step further. He called the decision "ludicrous."

"I think the argument that they would have lived if they had been wearing their belts is a nonsense argument," Ferber said. "I hope it is appealed successfully."

He said if the case holds up, that kind of logic could be extended beyond the current interpretation.

"The argument could be extended to all kinds of if's," Ferber said. "If the guy had bought a Cadillac instead of a compact car, he would have lived. There are just too many ludicrous ramifications."

Shores Public Safety Director Dan Healy said he felt the decision flies in the face of American jurisprudence.

"I'm sure (the decision) will not become a standard for the state," Healy said. "What it comes down to is because of the minor negligence of one, the major criminal negligence of another goes unpunished."

Park Public Safety Director Richard Caretti said he expects the decision to be overturned.

"You can't excuse the behavior of the party involved in the accident," Caretti said. "It would be like someone who shoots a police officer and says the officer wouldn't have died if he had been wearing a bulletproof vest."

Patterson did note that everyone should be responsible for his own actions. He noted that if someone crosses a street against a red light and is struck by a car, the person who was driving may not be at fault.

State legislators have introduced legislation which would prohibit the uses of safety belt defense for persons charged with first- or second-degree murder, manslaughter or negligent homicide or assault to do great bodily harm.

Two of five Farms liquor licenses on hold

By Peter A. Salinas
Staff Writer

Only three of the five liquor licenses issued in Grosse Pointe Farms are currently active, and the way things look, it could stay that way for some time.

By law each municipality is allowed one liquor license for every 1,500 people, and in the Farms, that would allow seven licenses. Over the last 15 years, however, city officials have held a policy that five licenses is plenty for the two relatively small business districts in the city.

The latest liquor license to be put on temporary hold belongs to John McElroy. McElroy owned and operated Diamond Lil's at Kerby and Mack which was closed when the building was sold and torn down last year.

"I have no plans for the license and I will be placing it in escrow," McElroy said. "There isn't that much room in the city, and anything I do must be approved by the city."

For those who enjoyed the decor of Diamond Lil's, it can still be found. The Village Pub, formerly

Priem's, has opened in Detroit on Mack across from the City.

"They bought my furnishings," McElroy said. "It's kind of nice to go somewhere and see all the old stuff put to use. All the Grosse Pointers who used to come to my place are now going there. God bless 'em. It's a little bit of home."

The other license not in use belongs to a corporation named Standby No. 5. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) lists attorney Paul Marco of the Farms as the sole stockholder in that corporation.

According to the LCC, that liquor license was transferred from Bronze Door Inc. to Standby No. 5 in July 1986. The license was in escrow prior to the transfer and remains in escrow under owner-

ship by Standby. Marco was out of town, and could not be reached for comment at press time.

Currently the LCC has three Class C liquor license applications on file and one request for a tavern (beer and wine) license. The liquor license applicants include Basil Jatronson, Richard T. Miceli and Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association. The tavern license applicant is E and T Inc.

City Clerk Richard Solak said no one has contacted the city in months concerning a liquor license, and that the city's policy of maintaining only five licenses still holds.

The three active Farms licenses are Za Paul's, Cracker Jax and The Irish Coffee.

Park thefts

An AM/FM cassette player was taken from the dashboard of a 1982 Pontiac which was parked along Wayburn in the Park sometime overnight March 19-20.

A radio/cassette player was taken from a 1979 Camaro overnight from in front of a Pemberton Road residence March 24-25. A wallet and cash were also taken from the vehicle.

Three bicycles were reportedly stolen between March 24 and 26 from the shed of a Balfour Road residence in the Park.

Park officials said all three bikes had been locked together with a cable, but the cable was cut.



Photo by Bert Emanuele

A snow bunny?

The little fellow, perched atop an Easter egg tree at a Kerby Road home in the Farms, doesn't seem to mind the snow on his ears. Why should he? He's not real, and while he won't fool passers-by, the snow Monday fooled a number of residents who thought spring was finally here, after enjoying a week of warm temperatures and sunny skies. Oh, well.

Art institute invites visual artists

The Detroit Institute of Arts invites Michigan's visual artists to participate Friday, April 24, in a day-long initial meeting to launch the museum's Ongoing Michigan Artists Program (OMAP).

OMAP is a new forum for the work of state artists, who may submit proposals for five exhibitions in all media to be held annually in specific DIA gallery

space. Proposals will be reviewed and the program administered by six artists, elected by their peers for two-year terms, in conjunction with a member of the museum's Department of Twentieth Century Art.

There is no charge for registration or participation. To facilitate arrangements, however, artists are asked to indicate their interest by mail to the Department

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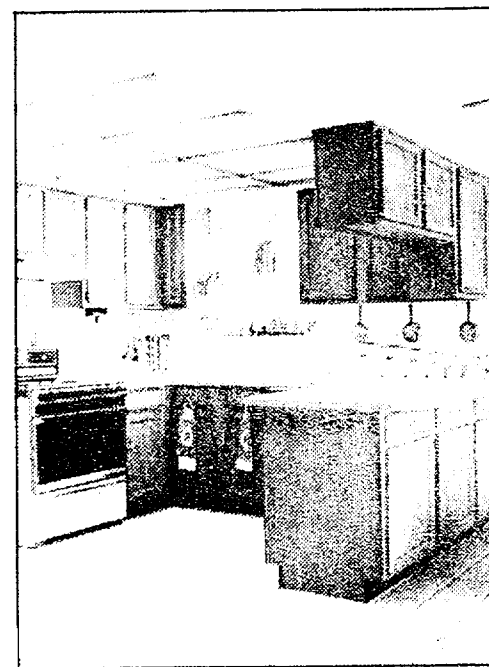
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Clarification

In last week's story on the youth assistance program, officials of Grosse Pointe Shores were quoted as saying they prefer to deal with youth problems at home, rather than send them to a community-wide program.

That's true, says Public Safety Director Daniel Healy, but it's also true that the Shores simply hasn't had any youth problems during the time the youth assistance program has been in effect. Healy says the village is not opposed to the youth program.

"If we have any that should be diverted to the youth program, we will," he said, "but we haven't had any. We haven't had any contact with juveniles at all."

Ventilation

From page 1A

aches), it seems too much to be coincidental. I think we've got a sick building."

Teachers believe 24-hour operation was mandated when the system was installed. Administrators dispute that.

Supervisor of maintenance Larry Yankauskas says he has studied the specifications and "there's nothing to substantiate whether it's a 24-hour system." Deputy Superintendent Joseph Spagnoli called the project architect to see if he remembered.

"He didn't design it or engineer it," Spagnoli said. "He was the architect in charge. Essentially, what he said is that the system

was designed so that it could be turned off at night. If it's permitted to run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, it would cost \$10,000 a month. There's no reason to spend that much money if you don't need to."

The district has gone back to the original designer of the system for a definitive answer, King said. But they will need to research the question. King says it is likely that the engineers intended the ventilation system to operate around the clock, simply because energy was cheap when the system was installed. But he says it is doubtful that 24-hour operation is a necessity.

Not only are there apparently no operations manuals someone can just look up the answers in, there is also no institutional memory. Somebody turned off the building humidifiers 10 years ago and it was just discovered this year.

"Nobody knows why the humidifiers were turned off," Whritner said. "There have been changes in personnel — people just operate the system as they find it."

There are separate problems in different parts of the building, Yankauskas says. The air was generally too dry while the humidifiers were off. The temperature fluctuates in some of the class-

rooms. The air circulates insufficiently. And the teachers say the system is too noisy.

Bad air?

One hundred two students came to the North High School clinic last Wednesday. Many complained of headaches or dizziness, which some have blamed on the school's ventilation system.

Clinic nurse Lorna Vroom keeps figures on the numbers of students needing aspirin or Tylenol and the number who stay in the clinic after receiving medication. Wednesday, 65 students asked for Tylenol, of whom 58 complained of headaches. An additional 37 either went home or stayed in the clinic, 25 of them also with headaches, Vroom said.

"I also saw quite a few teachers that day," she said. The clinic keeps a supply of special sinus medicine for teachers.

"We're trying to get a handle on it now to see if it's out of the ordinary," said David King, director of support services. "We don't think it's an emergency situation."

There have been complaints about the air-tight building since it was constructed 20 years ago. King's department started keeping detailed statistics about a month ago for comparison between South and North high schools.

Wednesday's problem may have been precipitated by repair work on the system which required that fans be turned off for part of the day. Some officials have suggested that the problem may be, in part, at least, psychological.

"What they were complaining about, we weren't even working on," said maintenance supervisor Larry Yankauskas. "I purposely didn't say anything, but as soon as they found out the fan was down, (people began to feel sick.)"

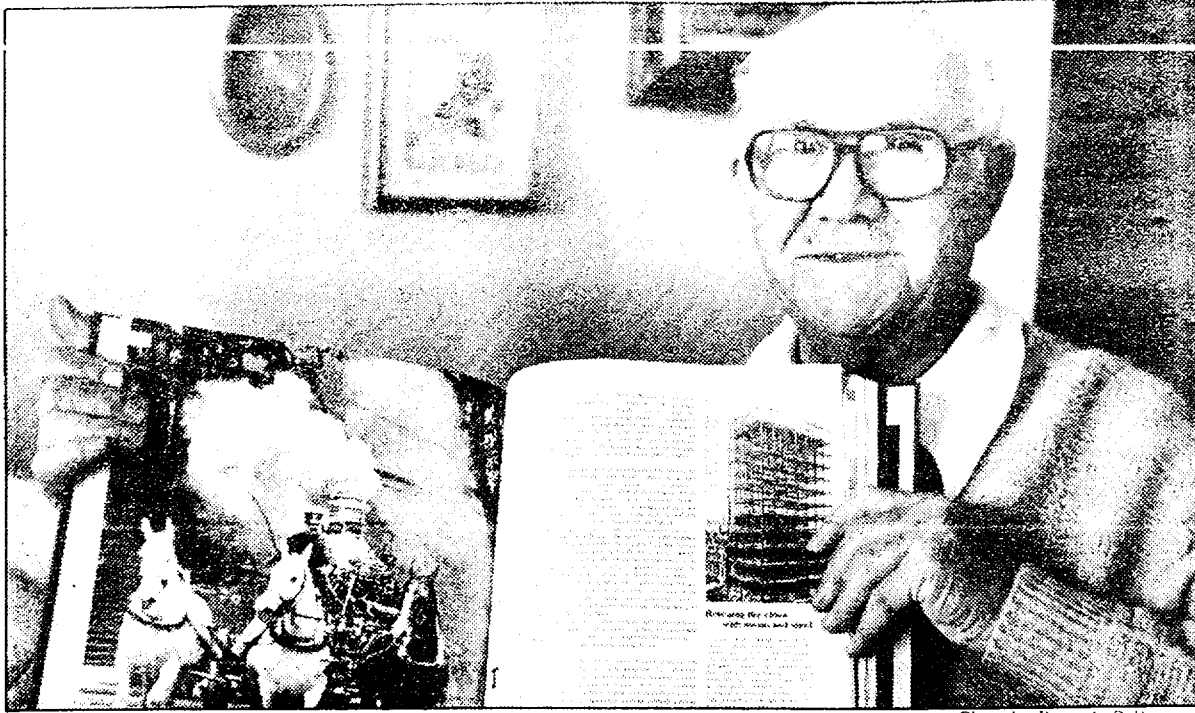
King said the district is waiting for a report from Clayton Environmental consultants. "We don't want to endanger anybody's health," he said.

"Some of them carry little Allen wrenches to turn off the fans with," Cook said. "The administrators get angry and say they're messing up the system. But they have to make their choices. What do you do when the kids can't hear you?" She said teachers typically turn off the fans while they are giving instructions, then turn them on again.

Some of the problems have already been solved. The humidifiers have been operating for two months. Last week's repairs increased the amount of exhaust so that air circulates faster. The Clayton Environmental report may suggest further remedies.

As part of the recent energy consultant's recommendations, the district hired a heating and ventilation expert for the full-time staff. "He's spending almost all his time over at North, looking at the individual classrooms," Whritner said. "Nobody's pushing it under the carpet. But it's hard to pin down."

Yankauskas says the work is "definitely not a Band-aid. It's steps that were recommended. It's not being dropped or totally ignored. If anything, we're standing on our heads. It's a question of how practical something is. What type of Utopia are we trying to provide here?"



Peter Biglin points to photo reminiscent of San Francisco fire truck in early 1900s.

Earthquake

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over the buildings down there.

One of the main reasons firefighters could not contain the blazes was that the water mains had been broken, and there was little water pressure.

As the hours wore on, Biglin said people from the heart of the city began walking by his house. His father walked down to the city to see what kind of damage there was, and if his home would be in any danger.

"I remember people carrying oddball stuff," he recalled. "Well, they were carrying bird cages, and things that wouldn't be any use to them. I think they were in shock."

His father returned and told the family they would have to gather what they could and head outside the city. The fire was spreading and from what he could see, there was going to be no way it could be stopped.

"When Dad was downtown, one of the buildings that was burning

was a store," Biglin said. "If the building was going to burn, they would let people go in and take what they could. The Army had been called out to prevent looters from taking over, but my father was able to get a blanket and fill it with canned goods."

When his father returned from the city, he was able to rent a horse and wagon, and took the family away from the house.

"I looked down Market Street and it was just like a furnace. It was a real mess."

The family drove the wagon to an old cemetery that was going to be converted to a park and set up a camp. Others had already made their way there and it was turning to a refugee center.

"Dad made a tent out of a large Brussels rug we had in the house," he said. "The day of the quake was bright and sunny, but the next day it rained like hell."

For the next two days, the family lived on the canned goods

his father had gotten.

"We ate a lot of pineapple. I still like canned pineapple today."

He said sisters from a nearby convent baked bread and large pots of beans and people lined up for some of the free food. Biglin's father was an electrician, and was able to land a job near Oakland.

About a week after the quake, the family took what little belongings they had left, and moved across the bay.

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Gen. John Piotrowski

NORAD chief to speak here

General John L. Piotrowski, commander in chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the U.S. Air Force Space Command, will address the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club Monday, April 6, at 12:15 p.m. at the War Memorial.

NORAD, a bi-national command with Canada, is charged with the aerospace defense of North America. Gen. Piotrowski also serves as the commander in chief of the Aerospace Defense Command, a U.S. specified command; and as commander of the U.S. Air Force Space Command. The three commands, which overlap in terms of their resources and operational responsibilities, have

a single headquarters in Colorado Springs.

NORAD provides surveillance and control of the airspace of Canada and the U.S.; provides appropriate response against air attack, and provides warning and assessment of aerospace attack. This warning and assessment mission includes air, missile and space.

The general was born in Detroit in 1934 and assumed the position of commander in chief in February.

The public is welcome to join Rotary members for lunch and to hear Piotrowski. The lunch is \$6.50 and tickets are available at the door.

17th Airborne seeks members

The 17th Airborne Division Association, composed of men who served as paratroopers and glidermen in the division during World War II, is conducting a membership drive to locate all former members, including Gold Star mothers and family members of those who were killed in action.

If you served with this division, contact Edward Siergie, secretary-treasurer, 62 Forty Acre Mountain Road, Danbury, Conn. 06811, for details of the Division Association as well as information about the 34th annual reunion which this year will be held at French Lick Springs, French Lick, Ind., Aug. 6-9.

Comfort for grieving parents

Parents who have suffered the death of a child are invited to attend a support group at St. John Hospital.

"First Sunday" is a parents' bereavement group headed by Father Lawrence DuCharme and Sister Beatrice Monforton. The sessions are free.

According to DuCharme, the type of grief a parent faces with the death of a child is the ultimate grief.

The group sessions in April will be held April 8 and 22 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Sister's Dining Room at the hospital, 22101 Moross. For more information, call 343-3695.



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Local government: Why get involved?

Recently, after a lengthy council meeting, I was approached by one of our residents who asked me what had made me choose to serve my community as a public official; or for that matter, why would anyone want to be a public official? Due to the late hour and because the meeting had not been an easy one, I remember my response being a vague one, and not very complete.

The question for some reason, stayed with me that night, and after some time I began to reflect on my own motives for having accepted an appointment to the Village Planning commission in 1954 and my subsequent tenure as village trustee and the current position of village president.

It is therefore with gratitude that I respond to the request made by the Grosse Pointe News to write this timely guest column, and it is my sincere belief that what I am about to outline are the sentiments of, hopefully, most municipal government leaders.

The resident's question came to mind again and raised questions of my own which I be-

Opinion

Editor's note: This is the last guest editorial in a series begun two weeks ago in which the mayors of the local communities were invited to write on any topic of their choosing by editorial writer Bill Elston.

gan to jot down on a sheet of paper. Why did I choose to serve my community? What had prompted me to accept that first appointment? It certainly wasn't for the pay (village trustees do not receive any kind of compensation); nor was it for the added time it would give me to spend with my family, for serving a community is very demanding on one's personal time. Why then, did I feel this need to "get involved?"

I remembered reading somewhere that members of an elected body should have a deep concern for their local government and, as an elected body, their top priority is to survey the needs of the community. These same officials should be able to react responsibly on behalf of the entire community under pressures and suggestions, and even mandates from internal and external sources. I

think that sometimes residents tend to forget that local elected bodies are made up of residents like themselves, and any decision made, affects them as well.

The leaders of a community are, indeed, charged with the job of surveying the needs of their community and to wisely discern what is in the best interest of all residents. Trustees who make up our council have come and gone, men and women, young and old; yet all have had one thing in common: A real sense of responsibility and concern for providing needed services to the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores, and a tremendous willingness to work together for the betterment of the community.

Village residents, their elected and appointed officials all have extremely high stan-

dards and expectations for this community and the people who run it. Just as the high standards of our village can only be maintained through the mutual cooperation, support and trust of the residents, so are the expectations and goals of the community reached through that same mutual cooperation, support and trust between the residents and the local government leaders.

The time which elapsed between the council meeting and my final evaluation of an answer had allowed me to reflect on the differing views of the residents heard by the Trustees that evening (which were all carefully considered), and after further considering the original question, I finally came up with my answer: CARING! Caring for one's community and for his fellow man.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend all Grosse Pointe residents who have given of their time to participate in their respective communities; whether it be in local government, the local school system, civic or charitable organizations. If you have not taken the opportunity to "care" for your fellow man, I strongly urge you to get involved; for the fulfillment you will find greatly outweighs the frustrations sometimes encountered.

Gerald C. Schroeder
President
Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

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Hitched to a falling star?

Evidence continues to mount that Michigan Republicans backing the Rev. Pat Robertson for the 1988 GOP presidential nomination have hitched themselves to a falling star.

A recent poll of 12 Southern states, taken by the Roper organization for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, showed that only 9 percent of the respondents who expect to vote Republican backed TV evangelist Robertson in an area of the country where it was thought he would run well.

In its report on the poll, the New York Times said that while being a born-again Christian is still a political plus in the South, Robertson's bid for the GOP nomination "is finding scant support even among those who like the idea of a born-again candidate."

Instead, Southern Republicans are following national trends by giving strong early support to Vice President George Bush, still the national GOP front-runner. In fact, more than half or 53 percent of the 1,952 of the poll respondents who said they probably would vote in a Republican primary in 1988 made Bush their first choice.

In contrast, Robertson's 9 percent support put him in fourth place, behind Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas with 17 percent and Rep. Jack Kemp of New York with 10 percent.

The poll was taken before the recent disclosures of the scandal in the television ministry which are hardly expected to aid Robertson's chances, especially since he helped launch Jim and Tammy Bakker's career by letting them host a puppet show on his TV program back in the 1960s. Robertson's first reaction to the scandal was to comment that he thought "the Lord is cleaning house a bit and I don't think that hurts any of us." But lately he has been playing down the scandal as not representative of the TV ministry.

Among Southern Democrats, the Roper poll also showed regional support for their national leader, former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, who won the backing of 35 percent of the 2,253 respondents who expect to vote in the Democratic primary. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was a surprising second with 21 percent, with Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia third with 11 percent, Sen. Dale Bumpers

of Arkansas, who since has withdrawn, fourth with 6 percent and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri trailing with 4 percent.

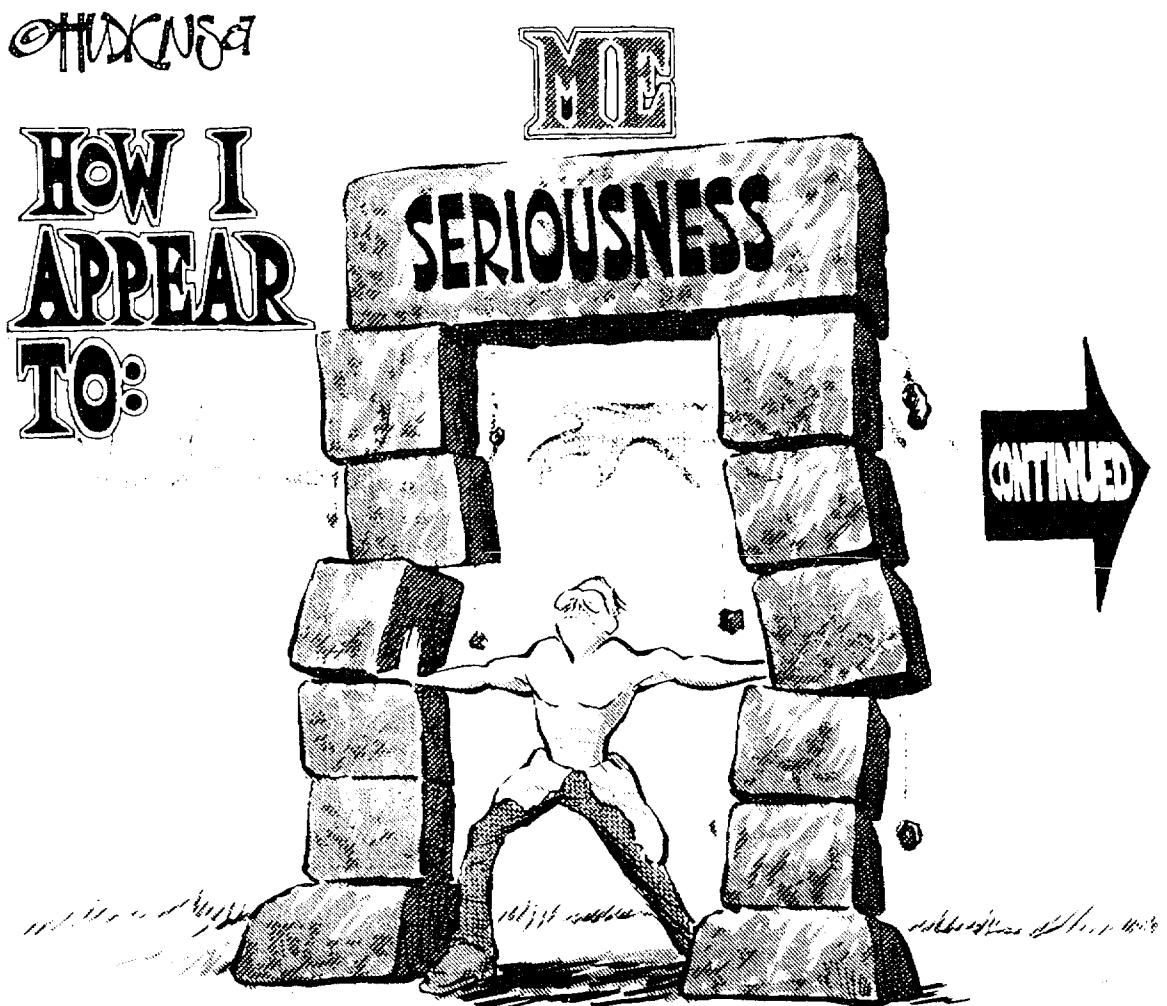
The poll was especially significant because it taken just about a year prior to the "super Tuesday" presidential primaries on March 8, 1988, when 12 Southern states will stage primaries or caucuses the same day. Strong backing for a single Democrat and a single Republican would give them powerful boosts toward their respective parties' nominations.

Admittedly, the poll was an early test of public opinion. In fact, it was so early it failed to enlist support for such candidates on the GOP side, as Alexander M. Haig Jr., Pierre S. du Pont IV, and Paul Laxalt, all of whom have announced or are considering the race and, in the Democratic field, Bruce Babbitt, Michael S. Dukakis, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Bill Clinton and Albert Gore Jr., who are either in or considering the race.

Nunn, who ran third on the Democratic poll, has removed himself for consideration for six months and has indicated it is unlikely he will enter the race. But he is under great Southern and Western pressure to run. As chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee and with a conservative voting record, the Georgia senator would become a strong contender if he did run.

Kevin Phillips, the political analyst and author, is one observer who believes Robertson's chances have been definitely hurt by the TV ministry scandal. He told the New York Times last Sunday that "the whole evangelical/fundamentalist movement has become a caricature," and that it has put Robertson on the defensive even though the connection was not necessarily fair.

The TV evangelist from Virginia still controls the Michigan Republican state central committee, has strong support in South Carolina and reportedly has grass-roots backing elsewhere in the Bible belt in both the South and the Midwest. But even so he is no more than an extremely long shot for the GOP nomination, a fact that justifies the conclusion he is a falling star for Republicans in Michigan and elsewhere who have hitched themselves to his candidacy.



Letters

Hockey game was one-sided

To the Editor:

After reading the March 19 article written by a disappointed North fan, I began to wonder if the individual who claimed himself as a North fan truly was. The implication that the Grosse Pointe North hockey team lost their dignity as well as the game is completely irrational. Granted, the latter part of the third period was controlled by frustration, but this is expected when the game was slanted by the referees.

For a state championship, flawless referees are expected; however, after the first period, this expectation was impossible to meet. The referees showed much favoritism to Alpena after watching that team's players slash, trip and cheat anyway possible, with no penalties given. On the other hand, the referees watched the Norsemen with an eagle eye every second, and called penalties at will. North fans (loyal North fans) gave up all respect for the referees when they disallowed a goal that was clearly over the goal line.

After watching a one-sided game for two full periods, the Norsemen skaters understandably began to show their frustration with the referees. I cannot understand

why someone would say that the Norsemen lost their dignity. For a team even to be part of the state playoffs is a great accomplishment. Moreover, qualifying for the championship game should make the Norsemen hockey team a very proud team.

Jason DeYonker
Grosse Pointe Woods

Super paper

To the Editor:

I was in Grosse Pointe for a nephew's wedding two weeks ago, and bought one of your papers. What a super paper!

I lived in Grosse Pointe Park for over 35 years and was a regular subscriber to the Grosse Pointe News, and thought it a great paper then, but it is now even greater. How lucky the Grosse Pointe residents are to be able to read such an outstanding paper.

Just wanted you to know that I was greatly impressed with your Grosse Pointe News.

Mary F. Burke
Grand Rapids

Set a curfew

To the Editor:

Too many kids are roaming the streets of Grosse Pointe. Some type of curfew should be enforced for kids under the age of 12.

There are several occasions that I can recall, where I have

seen young kids roaming around. A few weeks ago, I was coming home around midnight. There were six boys, who looked no older than 10 years old, gathered at the Chene Trombly Park. Don't their parents care? These kids could be harassed by teens, or even molested by adults.

If parents can't keep their children home at late hours, then Grosse Pointe police should enforce strict curfews.

Aimee Martin
Grosse Pointe Woods

More letters on 8A

For free enterprise

To the Editor:

Should an owner of a building be allowed to set up any form of business he pleases? Years ago, the city of Grosse Pointe Woods passed an ordinance which disallowed buildings which contained private practices on the street of Mack to become commercial businesses. This means that

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From the Capitol

Reasons for supporting state tax changes

By William R. Bryant Jr.
State Representative

This week I am seeking support for two tax packages; one on the income tax and one on business property tax.

On the question of reducing state revenue to match what that revenue would be without recent federal changes, the state Senate sent the House a bill to reduce the income tax rate from 4.6 percent to 4.4 percent. The Senate is also working on a bill to treat special problems relating to senior citizens and unemployed.

My proposal is to take this opportunity to do something we know we must do, and soon, and that is repeal the inheritance tax and put a Florida-type minimal estate tax in its place. Tax advisers are encouraging many well-off Michiganders to become Floridians just because of our inheritance tax.

I propose that we cut the income tax rate to 4.5 percent, adopt the Senate bill to treat the problems of seniors and unemployed, then also raise the personal exemption by \$100 and re-

peal the inheritance tax. The cost is the same as the Senate version.

In the area of business property tax, I have proposed that we exempt all new machinery and equipment from the personal property tax. At the same time, I propose we adopt a new statutory definition of personal property so assessors don't try to get around the exemption of new machinery and equipment, adopt the House bills on tax administration and prohibit any new tax rebates on industrial or commercial property.

There are many voices in our chorus

I have a passion for community journalism. I have been working on a talk I will be giving to a group of college students and I will tell them I enjoy dealing with all facets of a community — from council meetings to PTA meetings, births to deaths, police news to club news.

And the Grosse Pointe News is special. Most weekly newspapers are understaffed and the staff is underpaid. Not so here. That's a good feeling.

But the best feeling comes from the people who work here — people who are professionals in every sense. They bring a wealth of diverse experiences to the newsroom. Not everyone has a degree in journalism: We have a former French teacher and a person whose baccalaureate is in English. Our feature editor is a former Navy photographer and a published romance novelist. Our editorial writer knew a number of

presidents and even traveled to China with one. His credentials would take much more room than is available here. We have a photojournalist who was part of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize. And we have an editorial cartoonist, whose ilk is generally not seen in a weekly paper.

Add a half-dozen or so freelance writers who specialize in movie reviews or gardening or nutrition and there's an impressive lineup of talent behind each issue.

Because this is a community newspaper, it is journalism practiced at the most personal level. That means we all take our lumps at one time or another from unhappy readers. It comes with the territory and I understand that.

But lately I've been getting some feedback that leads me to believe there are some readers with a distorted view of what a newspaper should be. I'm talking specifically about the editorial cartoons that run on these pages. First of all and most important, the cartoons do not reflect the opinion of the management. If they do, it's incidental to the issue. That's not the purpose of an editorial cartoon.

I Say

Pat Paholsky



It's social commentary. Its purpose is to make people think, to hold some things up for ridicule or to solicit sympathy or some other emotion. Sometimes it's just entertaining. It's a means of communicating something pictorially in a printed medium.

A reader who doesn't like a certain cartoon might write in to complain, and by that action, has just become involved in something of concern to the community. And that participatory act, says our cartoonist, Arkie Hudkins, is what it's all about.

A good newspaper should give readers information which then enables them to make choices.

Sometimes we hope to make you angry, not with us but with something that's going on in the world, so that you become involved.

Involved citizens are better citizens: They effect changes, they set standards for a community, they are the architects of the future. The person who sits in front of the tube night after night and rails on about the ills of society contributes nothing but excess verbiage to an already noisy world.

Arkie, who has a degree in fine arts and does portraits on commission, has an unusual background. He was once the general

manager of a rabbit processing plant and he'll tell you more about rabbits than you want to know. When he moved to Washington, D.C., he began doing cartooning 75 percent of the time as opposed to 25 percent, he says. That's the place to see the underbelly of politics, Arkie said, and he has some stories about that period. Says he was right there in hog heaven, right there at the watering trough. The descriptive language is his.

His purpose, he believes, is to act as a sieve for all of the information he gets from everywhere. He reads three to four newspapers a day, receives about a dozen magazines every week at home and goes to the library every day to read more newspapers and periodicals. He takes the thoughts of the pharmacist on the corner, the librarian and the sales clerk at Jacobson's. All of these sources provide him with his ideas.

Then he'll sit down with a legal size pad and do two or three pages of sketches on one idea. That's to visualize a subject from different angles. If you ask him how long it takes to do a cartoon, he'll say

30 years. If an idea for a cartoon clicks instantly, he says it's been clicking for a long time.

The art of cartooning and caricature has a long and fascinating history and it began before man could write. Some of the most venerated paintings in the world have whimsical touches or make a political statement — little extra comments by the painter who wanted to have the last word. And did.

Considering the range of topics Arkie has tackled, one wonders if there is anything he considers sacred. Yes, he says, listing deformities, minority groups or "just plain making fun of someone less fortunate."

So now that I've said all that, I welcome your comments and complaints about the editorial cartoons that appear in this paper. He will probably gore someone's ox next week and if it's yours, it'll smart. If it's not, you'll laugh with the rest. All I ask is that you understand one thing — this is not a church bulletin. Nor is it a newsletter that promulgates a single viewpoint. The more views we can offer you, the better your banquet.

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The Op-Ed Page



OFFENDED READERS

OTHERS THOSE WHO KNOW AND LOVE ME



Yesterday's Headlines

Oct. 25, 1951 —

The New York Times reported that U.N. and Communist delegations resumed negotiations for a cease fire in the Korean War after a suspension of more than two months. Meanwhile enemy jets fought Allied planes in battles across North Korea that brought losses to both sides.

The people of Britain were go-

ing to the polls to decide between the Labor Party headed by Prime Minister Clement Atlee, and the Conservative Party, led by Winston Churchill. The British people had a clear-cut choice, either left or right, whether to give a third successive term to the Labor Party, which held power since the war, or to restore the fortunes of the Conservatives, who had been out of office since 1945.

The United Nations was con-

demned on its sixth anniversary by the Arab press because of the Palestinian and Suez disputes. Abercrombie and Fitch in New York was selling a Burberry Irish tweed overcoat for \$139. Long-stemmed roses were advertised for \$5 for 24 of the beauties and that included a vase.

A \$295 million radar system for warning of possible aerial attack against the United States was nearly completed, according to Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff.

In an air raid drill at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. buildings to test the civil defense organization, 15,000 employees of the buildings, which occupied two square blocks in New York, evacuated in 11 minutes.

Women were being urged to enlist in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. The goal was to recruit 72,000 women, 18 to 34, within six months, raising the total of 40,000 women in military service to 112,000.

Southern Episcopalians recommended that black ministerial students be admitted to its theological schools in Sewanee, Tenn. and Lexington, Ky. There was no spoken opposition to the resolution.

In Grosse Pointe, Henry Ford II gave the keynote speech in opening ceremonies of the United Foundation campaign at the high school.

The Farms council voted to hold a parade to show residents what their money was used for. Called "Your Equipment on Parade," the floats were city equipment.

An infant, just hours old, found on the steps of the Cudlip home

on Lakeshore was doing well at Cottage Hospital. Temporarily named Orville after Grosse Pointe Shores Police Chief Orville Inglesbe who was the first to respond to the call, the child was the first such abandoned baby in the community in anyone's memory.

St. Clare of Montefalco began a \$250,000 building fund campaign for a new church. The church was to be built in the form of a cross and the main floor was to hold 1,100, in addition to about 900 more seats in the gallery, choir and basement.

Somebody broke into a new home under construction on Sunningdale and stole \$30 worth of brass hinges — the headline referred to the perpetrator as a brass thief.

The chief air raid warden for the Grosse Pointes told residents that the Pointe Civil Defense Organization would function on the premise that Detroit would be bombed. A sound movie on survival after an atomic attack was shown at the meeting held at the Neighborhood Club.

Mrs. Earl H. Enan of Bishop Road reported that a carrot 12 inches long and eight inches in diameter was grown in her garden along with several tomatoes weighing over one pound each.

Construction on the Milk River bridge on Vernier was set to begin. The cost was \$52,000.

The Big Bear Market on Mack near St. Clair was advertising four bars of face soap for 29 cents, a slab of bacon for 39 cents a pound, coffee, one pound for 73 cents, and a half-gallon of dill pickles for 49 cents. A four-bedroom Colonial with a 35-foot game room, library and breakfast room in the Richard-St. Paul area was selling for \$37,500. Gray's

hope to be able to get it back to the family which it belongs.

Advertising representative Ben Guiffre found the decorative leather-bound album in the bushes in front of his home on the 900 block of Nottingham in Grosse Pointe Park on Friday, March 27.

The leather, which has weathered and warped, is engraved with ornate designs of scrolls, leaves and flowers. There are no names on the backs of any of the tintypes or photographs. The tintypes and the clothing in the family portraits lead us to believe the photos may go back to the late 1800s.

There are about two dozen tintypes and photos in the gilt-edged album. Several of the photos have the name of photographer John Forster & Son from Gratiot Avenue in Detroit on the flip side.

Anyone who can help us get the

album returned to its owner can call our newsroom at 882-0294.

Late Larrys, Lindas

Here it is the beginning of April, and some of us haven't seen the W-2 form in months.

Yes, it's tax time, and Gwen Samuel, owner of the Grosse Pointe Book Village, called to tell us that the U.S. Post Office Substation located at the rear of the bookstore, will be open until 9 p.m. April 15.

She referred to the procrastinators as "our late Larrys and Lindas."

... when that happens!

Don't you just hate it when that happens!

Last month was the dawning of a new era at the Grosse Pointe News. The newsroom staff was the first to go on line with the paper's new computers. There was some grumbling as the reporters fumbled to learn the various commands, and at least several occasions when they cursed all things electronic and user-friendly.

Anyway. Got a letter in the mail recently from a seminary over in Plymouth. Some computer sent it and it was very easy to tell why.

The address was correct, but the name was a little bit off. The letter was addressed to Grosse Pointe. The greeting read, "Dear Grosse."

Hope this terminal doesn't take offense and eat this story.

Choices

Nancy Solak
Freelance Writer/Editor

Book	Pieces of Eight By Sidney Harris
Actor	Bill Murray
Actress	Katherine Hepburn
Movie	On Golden Pond
Play	Children of a Lesser God
TV Show	Jeopardy!
Newscaster	Mort Crim
Magazine	Writer's Digest
Columnist	Tom Greenwood (Bring him back, Detroit News)
Newspaper	Detroit Free Press
Music	Beethoven's Sixth Symphony
Entertainer	Bill Cosby
Pet or Animal	Our cat, Oreo, and her son, Cookie
Sport	Aerobics
Athlete	Luis Aparicio
Pro Team	Chicago Bears
Most Admired Person	My husband Rich
Flower	Daffodil
Color	Fuchsia
Vacation Spot	Anywhere there's good hiking
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Favorite Drink	Classic Coke
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All about bikes

Richard Cub Scouts, Den 2, Pack 74 visited the Village Cyclery and Exercise Shop to learn bicycle safety, maintenance and how to choose a bike, as part of a requirement to earn a Wolf badge. With store manager Randy Cooney are, from left, Joshua Bosley, Jonathan Hudson, Eric Neveaux and Tim Kelly.

Gov. Williams to be speaker at history conference

Former Gov. G. Mennen Williams will be one of a long list of distinguished speakers taking part in the 29th annual Local History Conference: Michigan in Perspective at Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center April 9 through 11.

Williams will draw on more

than 40 years of public service as governor, Michigan Supreme Court justice, ambassador to the Philippines and Assistant Secretary of State for his Saturday luncheon speech.

Sidney Fine, Andrew Dickson White Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Michigan, will deliver the Michi-

gan Sesquicentennial Lecture at 4 p.m. Thursday. His topic will be "The Detroit Riot of 1967."

Jay Anderson, professor of history at Utah State University, will present the Henry D. Brown Memorial Lecture on "Into the Time Warp with History's Lunatic Fringe" following the Friday dinner.

Thursday afternoon's program on Michigan and the Law will feature U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn and WSU Law Professor Edward M. Wise. Attorney Otis M. Smith, a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice, will discuss his personal experiences as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II in his presentation at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Nola H. Tutag, associate professor of humanities at WSU, will speak on her forthcoming book "Discovering Stained Glass in Detroit" at the Friday luncheon.

Registration for the conference costs \$3 (students free). Further information is available from the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48203, 577-4024.

Hospital to offer course on caring for older adults

Bon Secours Hospital will offer "Commitment to Caring," a free, eight-session education and support group program for families that care for older adults in their homes.

"Commitment to Caring" provides information about nutrition, techniques for assisting movement, coping with incontinence, creating a safe physical environment, older adults' sleep patterns and other topics. The support group provides a forum where families can share ideas

and solve problems related to emotional, social, physical and financial concerns.

The class and support group will meet twice monthly on Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 14 through Aug. 27, in Bon Secours Hospital's private dining room. The course is limited to 25 participants.

For more information or to make a reservation, call the Bon Secours Hospital social work department, 343-1571, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Selling to the government workshop

The Wayne State University Small Business Development Center, in cooperation with the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, will present a series of workshops on "Selling to the Government."

The first workshop, "Let's Get Started Selling to the Federal and State Government Agencies," will be held Thursday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The next workshop, "So

You're Doing Business with the Government," will be on May 14, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The third workshop, "Addressing Special Needs," will be on June 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The workshops will be held at The Metropolitan Center for High Technology, 2727 Second Avenue. The fee is \$20 per workshop, or \$50 for all three.

For more information, call 577-4850.

Diabetes classes

The Patient and Community Education Center of St. John Hospital offers individualized diabetes classes.

An instructor/counselor works with each diabetic to find out how much he or she knows about diabetes and then tailors a program to meet his or her needs.

For more information, call 343-3870.

Letters

From page 7A

if ownership of an office building changes hands, then the new owner may not convert the former offices into a business that sells goods to the public.

Recently, a man purchased a building which previously contained offices and has had trouble locating renters. He has filed for an exemption or variance that will allow him to establish a commercial business. His request was heard before the city on Monday, March 23. The block association is pressuring the city's decision on the matter.

I do not think the city or the block association should have the right to decide which type of business will be in each building. They are interfering with our rights to free enterprise and discriminating against new developing businesses. This practice protects older, established businesses and doesn't allow competition. It's time the city modernizes and discontinues its regulation processes and allows free enterprise. The community will not suffer because of the addition of competition.

Mike Rancilio
Grosse Pointe Woods

Fence-hopper is angry

To the Editor:

It was a typical Monday afternoon and I was walking home from Grosse Pointe North High School. As I hopped the fence to get to my apartment, the apartments' groundskeeper stopped me and gave me a warning not to hop the fence again.

I was livid. My family and I pay money to live in our apartment, and yet they refuse to permit the tenants to use the fence.

Instead of being able to take the quicker route via the fence, four other students and I, who live in the apartments, must walk around the long way to get to school. There is a gate through the fence, but it is locked with a deadbolt lock.

The most feasible thing that the owners of the apartments could do is to either remove the lock completely, or issue keys to the lock for any tenant who requests them.

Name withheld by request
Grosse Pointe Woods

Cheap paving

To the Editor:

I'm very annoyed with the city for paving our street with the chip and seal process. There are a few basic reasons

why I'm annoyed at this.

One, the method was cheap and not done very well. Second of all, the rocks do not seal at the sides of the road. The rocks that are loose can be thrown by the tires and are usually on the sidewalks, driveways and on the lawns.

The chip and seal method can last only from three to five years. The more traditional blacktop method usually lasts longer. In the long run this city would be saving more money by using the blacktop method.

Ron Soldan
Grosse Pointe Woods

Plastic surgery talk

Albert K. Pierce, M.D., plastic surgeon, will offer an overview of plastic surgery, its history and potential, in a program at Cottage Hospital Wednesday, April 8, 8 to 9 p.m. in the lower level boardrooms.

He will discuss reconstruction, cosmetic and problem-solving plastic surgery. Time is allotted for questions from the audience.

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Head of Harper Hospital's drug unit says Pointes are typical

By Margie Reins Smith
Staff Writer

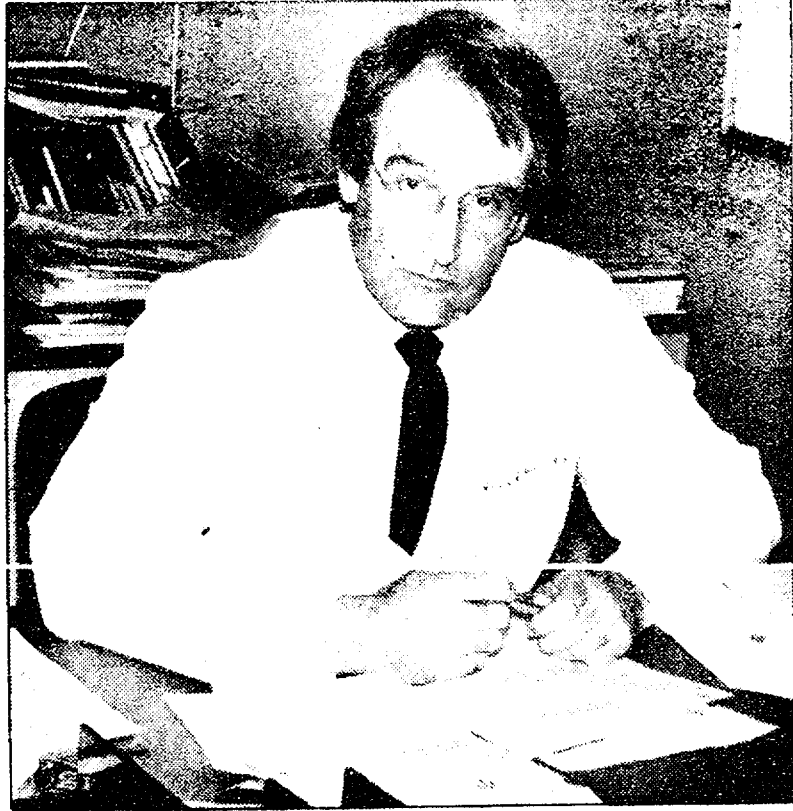
Robert G. Niven, M.D., director of the Chemical Dependency Treatment Center at Harper Hospital in Detroit, is a newcomer to Grosse Pointe. He's been working in the field of chemical dependency since 1971. He said that Grosse Pointe is probably a typical community — no different than the rest of the country — when it comes to alcohol and drug dependency problems.

"Sure there's drug use of all kinds, but I doubt if Grosse Pointe is any different than any other community of comparable educational and socio-economic status.

"I'll bet anybody who wants to bet that alcohol and tobacco are the most significant drugs used in Grosse Pointe."

Cocaine is getting a lot of medial attention now, he said. Cocaine use has increased over the last decade, but not in the last couple of years. "The media contributes to the belief that there is an epidemic of cocaine use," he said. "There isn't as much as you might think."

Niven said that tobacco and alcohol cause more deaths and dis-



Robert G. Niven, M.D.

Photo by Margie Reins Smith

ease in the nation than all the other drugs put together.

Niven said he is an ex-tobacco addict. He has quit, he said, because, "For me, it is a problem. I can't handle it in small doses." He does drink alcohol in moderation and said that alcohol is something he can "take or leave alone."

Chemical dependency is not a simple problem, he emphasized. It is not an acute one-time-treat-it-and-you're-cured illness. It is a chronic, ongoing recurring illness like diabetes, arthritis and hypertension. There is no short, quick cure. Nobody is immune. And it is not possible, presently, to predict those people who are apt to become abusers of drugs.

"But people do recover from these problems — and with great frequency," he said. More than 50 percent recover.

Orchestra Hall fact

In 1922 Orchestra Hall became historic in radio broadcast history. It was in that year that the first-ever live radio broadcast of a symphony orchestra in America originated from the great concert hall. Ossip Gabrilowitsch conducted and the series of broadcast concerts that evolved began a national trend in broadcast symphony concerts.

Niven said that people who come for treatment arrive under three sets of circumstances. The largest number of people come because someone is putting pressure on them — creditors, spouses, employers, judges, family members or friends. Coercion is important in many cases. "It is not true," he said, "that you can't help someone until he wants help. You CAN force someone to come for treatment."

A smaller number of people come for treatment because of some kind of crisis in their lives. Someone talks them into coming, he said.

A small number of people come for help because they personally recognize that their use of drugs or alcohol is getting out of hand.

Niven said that the program at Harper Hospital helps solve dependency problems in three stages. "We help with detoxification. This is usually accomplished within days or weeks.

"We get people with medical and psychiatric illnesses too. So we then prescribe appropriate treatment for these illnesses.

"Then, we begin to help people understand the process of recovery. This is the hardest to achieve. It's not a simple matter of educating people about how bad drugs are." He said many people mistakenly believe that they can drink or use drugs in moderation. Many of these people have value systems that makes them believe that alcohol or drugs are all right. They'll deny their need for treatment.

No personality or combination of personality traits can be spotted in advance as being a vulnerable to drug and alcohol abuse, he said. Although more than 500 studies have been done on this subject so far, nobody has found a test that will accurately predict the person who is apt to become dependent.

"I believe we will ultimately find a certain type of person who might abuse alcohol or other stimulant drugs," he said.

"Also — it's very important to note that no personality type is immune (to drug dependency.)"

Drug testing is a complicated issue. Niven said that any drug test depends on how good the lab is, and if controls and samples are handled properly. "If the lab is a high quality lab, if the right confirming tests are done, then technology is very good. Not 100 percent. But very good. Mistakes can be made, however."

For urine testing, he said there are two points to consider. "The notion that testing for drugs might deter someone from using drugs is an interesting, but unproven hypothesis. It probably does, but we don't know that for sure yet."

And secondly, "Lab tests only tell if a drug is in the body, and, in limited circumstances, when. Lab tests tell nothing about how a drug is affecting performance."

Niven said there are many things we can do to keep young-

sters away from dependency. "Tobacco use is falling — so we're doing something right there. But we're not doing enough."

"Education is important — even though it can be a downside for a segment of the population. Certain people enjoy taking risks, but they're a very distinct minority. We need more personalized education. We need to set up good role models for kids. We need to help people feel good about their lives without using drugs and to encourage people to look for non-pharmacological solutions to problems."

What should someone do if he

thinks he's headed toward dependency or if he's worried about someone who is becoming addicted to drugs or alcohol? "If you're worried, take some action," Niven said. "Don't sit on it. Talk to somebody about it. Don't keep it to yourself. Chances are good that a friend, a spouse, or someone else is worried too. See an expert."

Dr. Niven will speak at North High School Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Substance Abuse Community Council (SAC²). His topic is Cocaine: Reality and Myth.

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We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many professionals and patients for their genuine concern, support and offers of help during our crisis.

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Help!

There's a group of people at Grateful Home, the home for alcoholic women, who are stranded. Their 13-year-old station wagon finally quit.

Sara Snyder, the director and a Park resident, said she scraped up \$900 for a used car which is a necessity for the home. Besides the ordinary errands, the car is used to transport the women several times a week to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The used car, out the first time, broke down and it cost \$300 to repair the clutch. Now it will cost another \$600 to repair the engine and Snyder is in a quandary over whether to repair it or forget it.

Snyder, who was featured along with Grateful Home in a story in the Grosse Pointe News last year, needs help. Whatever you can do will be appreciated. The address is 335 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich. 48207 and the phone is 579-0417.

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Career, job fair scheduled at MCC

Macomb Community College and the Macomb Schools Job Referral Services will sponsor a Career Fair, Wednesday, April 8, to assist individuals in beginning or changing a career.

Participants can explore a variety of occupational areas and interview for a specific job all in one day, according to Chuck Dennis, director of the Job Placement Center. A record number of employers from southeastern Michigan will participate in the annual event for high school and college students, parents and the general

public at the college's South Campus in Warren.

Key personnel representing more than 80 employers in a host of career fields will be on hand to provide information on the latest trends in the job market, job market conditions, future employment opportunities and educational requirements for employment. More than 3,000 individuals are expected to attend and benefit from the information provided.

The day-long event is designed to assist individuals in the job

market better evaluate and obtain information about their particular interest. Representatives from business, accounting and finance, law enforcement, nursing and many other occupational fields will be on hand to answer questions and share materials.

The event will be held at the John Lewis Student Community Center (K Building) on South Campus from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at Twelve Mile Road and Hayes in Warren. For further information call 286-2209.

Students sought for summer science program

Applications are now being accepted for Lawrence Institute of Technology's 19th annual Summer Science Institute scheduled for June 22 through July 31.

The six-week program is open to current high school juniors who are interested in science, computer science, mathematics or engineering, have maintained at least a "B" average, and have received no grades lower than a "B" in math and science. Applicants should have completed one year of chemistry and geometry, and two years of algebra by the end of the 1986-87 academic year.

LIT's program is limited to 60 students who have demonstrated superior achievement and who have been recommended by their counselor or principal and science or math teacher.

Participants receive tuition-free instruction by full-time faculty members of LIT's School of Arts and Science in topics ranging from chemical kinetics to computer techniques on LIT's campus in Southfield. In addition to classroom instruction, participants will use the college's digital computer, and attend lectures by some of the nation's leading corporation executives, researchers, and engineers who are brought to LIT for special interaction.

The program is funded this year by LIT and General Motors Corporation, the Alex and Marie Manogian Foundation and the Skillman Foundation. The only cost to the student is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee. All materials will be furnished.

Applications must be post-marked by May 1. Admitted applicants will be notified by May 15 and must accept by May 27. For applications or further information, students should contact their high school mathematics or

science chairperson, guidance counselor, or Dean Zaven Margosian, School of Arts and Science, Lawrence Institute of Technology, 21000 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

Student Spotlight

Amy Austin

Each week in this column, we will focus on the work of a student. It can be a poem, a drawing, a short story, a picture of a scientific experiment or a woodworking project, a book review.

The following poem was written by 14-year-old Amy Austin, a student at Parcels Middle School. Amy is on the academic and citizenship honor rolls, plays the clarinet and is active in sports. She is the daughter of Barbara and Rowland Austin of the City.

Forget Me Not

Our new-found love was exciting and fun.
We shared ourselves, telling of all we'd done.
In your closeness, our lives were fused together
With a promise to remain together forever.
But I realized as we grew with time,



Amy Austin

That you could never be fully mine.
Our lives were too different in the past,
Our future together would never last.
Now I know we must lead our lives apart,
While keeping fond memories close to heart.
Please treasure our love with each passing day

It helped us grow in a special way.

Like the tiny flower that wilts and dies,

My fading love for you also cries, "Forget me not."

Remember me always with smiles and gladness

Regret not our meeting with tears and sadness.

For if you feel sad at times of recall,

I'd rather you remember me never at all.

But like the tiny flower that wilts and dies

My fading love for you also cries, "Forget me not."

This space is open to any student in the Grosse Pointe public or private school system from grades 1 through 12.

Send your entry along with a picture to Student Spotlight, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms 48236, or drop it off at the office. If you would like everything returned, enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

South attends state festival

South High School sent 16 events to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival March 28.

South students receiving "I" ratings were James Ward, trumpet; Pamela King and Deidre Calarco, clarinet; Erika Soby,

cello; Esther Cho and Amy Stephens, piano; Kimmerle Metz, flute; Rebecca Hunt, French horn; Courtney Champion, violin; and brass ensemble members Joel Walston, tuba; Alice Shumate, baritone; Rebecca Hunt, French horn; and James Ward and Michael Metz, trumpet.

South half-day

Grosse Pointe South High School will have an in-service half day for faculty and staff on Tuesday, April 7.

Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. so that the in-service program on teen depression and suicide can begin at 1 p.m.

Dr. Guy Doyal, a Grosse Pointe psychologist, will be the featured speaker. Also appearing on the program will be Lynn O'Connor, South social worker.



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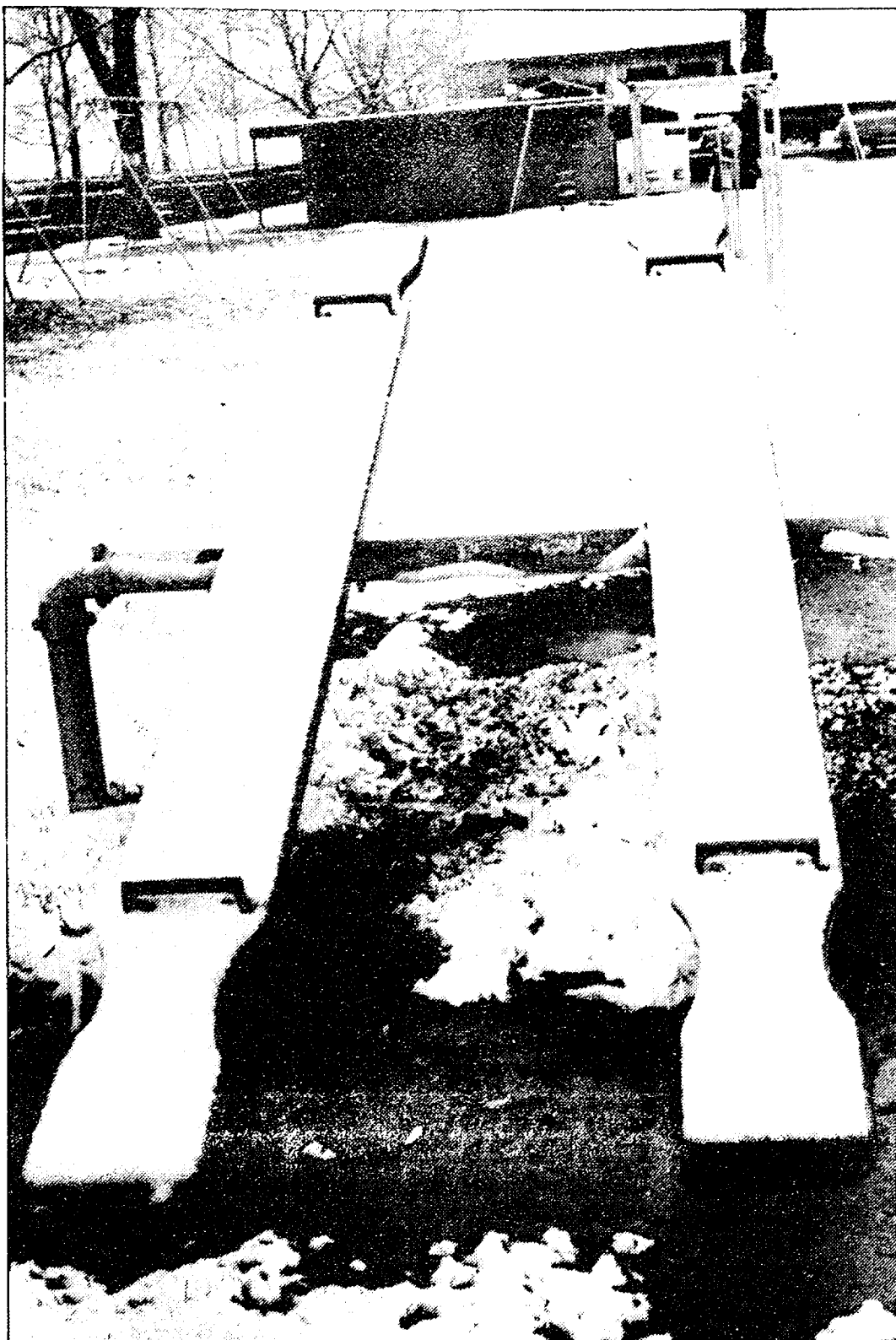
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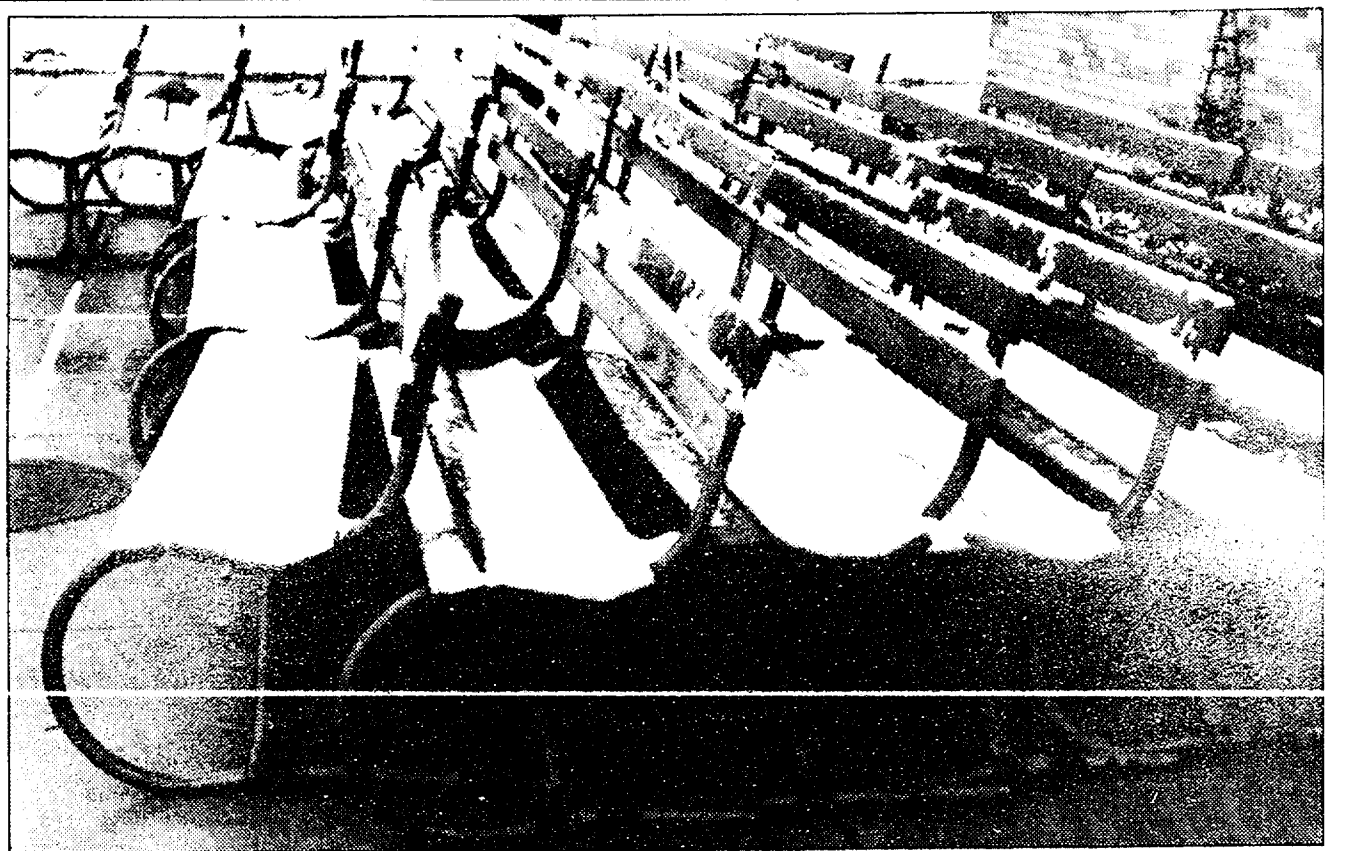
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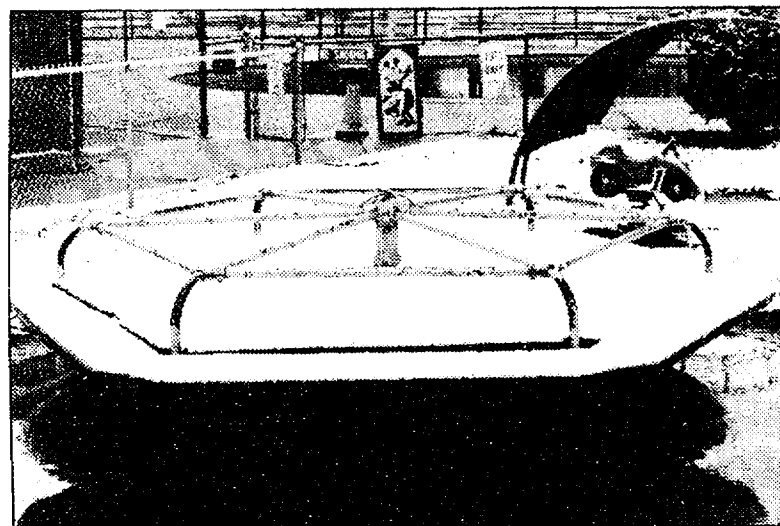
These teeter-totters at the Farms Pier form a bold geometric pattern.



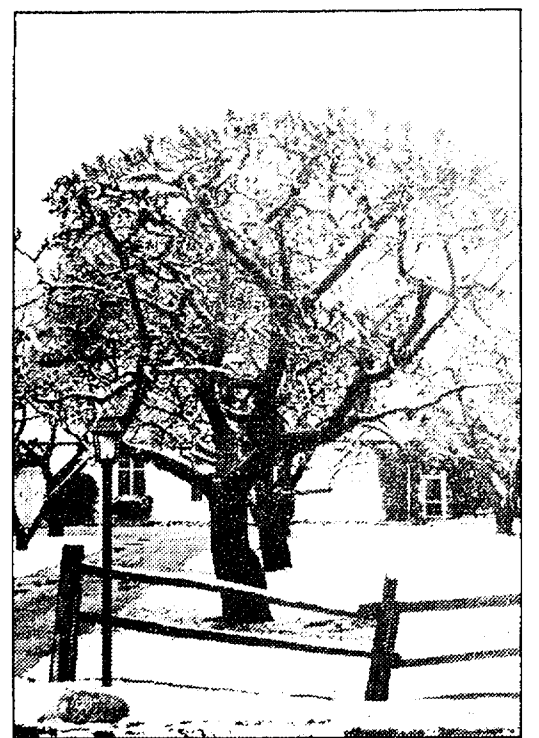
Park benches at the Farms Pier are lined up under a blanket of white.

Photos by
Bert Emanuele

What a difference a day can make. After a balmy weekend, Monday dawned with bitter temperatures and a blanket of cold, wet snow. But it's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and photographer Bert Emanuele found some beauty in the weather that disappointed most Grosse Pointers. We can only suggest that you save this page for late August when you may appreciate a glimpse of clean, fresh snow.



A merry-go-round at the Farms Pier gets a snow-white coat of paint.



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Dispatchers

On the front lines of public safety

By Peter A. Salinas
Staff Writer

It was shortly after 2 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. A house fire was raging in Harper Woods. Officers there were responding to the scene by letting the dispatcher know they were on the way. Upon arrival firefighters saw the fire had engulfed the interior, and requested a mutual aid response from Grosse Pointe Woods. The Woods dispatcher sent city fire equipment to the scene. Woods officers were responding to the scene, and were clearing their response with the dispatcher.

At the same time a construction worker had fallen from a scaffolding in the City. Since the City does not have an ambulance service of its own, the Park was contacted by radio for an ambulance run.

Radio traffic was heavy. The Harper Woods dispatcher needed to contact a city firefighter, and other radio traffic was on the air.

Immediately after fire and ambulance equipment had been dispatched, and officers had called into verify they would assist, radio traffic resumed with license plate queries, dog complaints and the other more common radio traffic.

That was it. Another five minute burst of emergency activity had just been successfully completed.

Those kinds of emergency situations may not occur every day — perhaps not even once a week, but when they do, it is the police and public safety dispatchers, who have to remain calm, prioritize various calls and complaints, monitor other radio traffic, and, at the same time, perhaps field questions from people who come to the department desk or answer the phone.

Duties among the dispatchers in the five Grosse Pointes vary from department to department. In the Farms the dispatchers are graduates of the police academy and, although they are not police officers, they are licensed to carry a gun. In the Shores, the full-time public safety clerks, part of a training program, are stu-

dents who are taking law enforcement training at Macomb Community College.

Kathleen "Katie" Kolakowski, 27, has been a Farms dispatcher for two years. She said she doesn't want to become a police officer, but since the department's policy required that she be a security officer as well as a dispatcher, she had to go through the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy.

"That was tough, very tough," Kolakowski said. "They didn't make an exception because we really weren't going to be officers. They treated us the same."

She said she likes her job because it is both interesting, challenging and, in many ways, rewarding.

"When that little old lady calls up and all she wants to do is spend five minutes on the phone," Kolakowski said, "she is so thrilled that you have solved her problem. Sometimes people will bring in homemade cookies or candy because you helped them out. That really feels good."

Farms Police Chief Robert Ferber said his department is the only one in the Pointes that has armed dispatchers.

"They do more than dispatch," he said. "They also handle inmates and are department security officers. They play a complete role in department security."

The Farms has four full-time dispatchers. Two are graduates of the academy trained for the position in the Farms, Kolakowski and Carol Checki, and two are retired Detroit police officers, James Kulman and James O'Neal.

Ferber said he implemented this particular program five years ago, and said it has been a success.

In most cases dispatchers are younger people who are looking for a career in law enforcement as a police officer. He said, because of that, most police agencies have a high turnover rate.

"We tried to reduce that turnover rate," Ferber said. "If you have a good dispatcher who becomes a police officer on

your force, that's great. But you still have to find and train another dispatcher."

In the Farms dispatchers earn about two-thirds of an officer's salary, but get the full benefit package the officers receive.

Kolakowski said she learns something new every day, and that is one of the reasons she likes her job.

"Today I learned how to use the animal trap," she said with a smile. "I don't know how often I will use it, but each day I learn something new."

Shelly Solak is a student at Macomb and has been a public safety clerk in the Shores for 15 months. She definitely wants to become a police or public safety officer.

"I like to see people get what's right for them," Solak said. "Too much Charley's Angels as a kid, I guess."

Shores Director of Public Safety Dan Healy said the public safety clerk program was implemented in 1982. It is designed as a training program, and the department has two public safety officers who went through the clerk program.

The Shores clerks earn about \$15,000 a year and receive the entire benefit package as the public safety officers. They are also entitled to overtime pay, vacation time and holidays off.

"We couldn't be happier with the program," Healy said.

"They bring a freshness to the department. They are in school and are learning the latest in police training and innovation," Healy added that the clerks are assigned permanent shifts, and that enables them to make school scheduling decisions on a firm basis.

Shores public safety officers Jackie Renard and David Younk both participated in the clerk program. Current dispatchers are Susan Welch, Daniel Pullen and Solak.

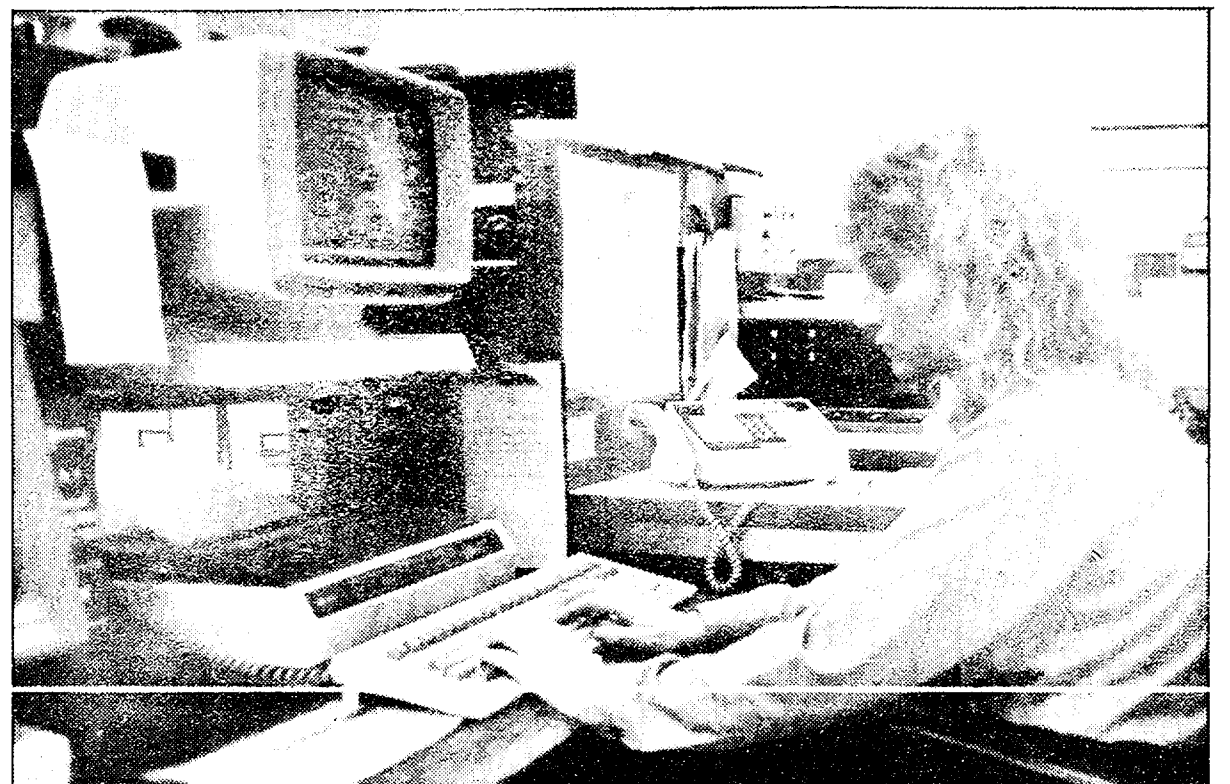
"We have a waiting list of people who want to get into the program," Healy said.

Solak said the most important task in being a dispatcher is learning how to get priorities straight. Being able to calm people down is also important.

"Sometimes people get bent out of shape over the little things," she said. "But you have to realize, that for that person that is the most important thing for them. You have to be able to screen calls."

Grosse Pointe Woods has one full-time and six part-time dispatchers. Their main area of responsibility is to handle all radio communications for both police and fire runs, answer the emergency phone lines, and help the public who come to the desk window. They also type reports for officers and are trained to conduct searches of female prisoners. All dispatchers in the Woods are female.

Woods Lt. Peter Thomas said that there is a great deal of turnover among the dispatchers, and many of them move on to become officers in



Surrounded by electronic equipment, the dispatcher has a multitude of duties to perform. This is Debbie Roach of the Park.



Shelly Solak, 21, a Shores public safety clerk, communicates with one of the officers.



Katherine Jeffrey, 33, said dispatching is becoming more of a profession all the time. Here she is entering information into the LEIN computer.



Keeping contact with a Farms patrol car is dispatcher Kathleen Kolakowski.

other departments. One former dispatcher is currently an officer with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Part-time dispatchers in most cases are less costly to the city because their hourly wage is lower and benefits are at a minimum.

Thomas said that while part-time employees are less expensive, there are many practical benefits which make the job appealing to applicants. He said some people are looking for part-time positions, but in many cases, part-time jobs pay only minimum wage and are rather mundane. A dispatcher has an interesting position, and the job earns significantly higher than minimum wage — more than \$7 per hour.

"We have found a great many qualified people to be our dispatchers," Thomas said. "It takes careful selection and close attention, but we have had good results."

The Woods one full-time dispatcher is Katherine "Kitty" Jeffrey who's been with the department since 1974. The part-time dispatchers are Bonnie Delor, Linda Russo, Elaine Andrianos, Sally VanRaemdonck, Patricia Whitecher and Sandra Diem.

Jeffrey said she started with the department as a parking enforcement officer.

"I applied for the dispatcher's job when one became open and I got it," she said. "It is a very interesting job. It can be high stress if you allow it to get to you. There are all kinds of situations — it can get to you." She said that during a time when several emergencies are occurring at once, you have to wait your turn to contact an officer.

"You just break in as soon as you can and keep your traffic short and to the point," she said. Jeffrey said it takes some experience to handle an emergency situation and experience is the best training a dispatcher can get.

"There is a degree of seasoning," said the 33-year-old Jeffrey. "We have a very important job. Everything we do here has an effect on the road."

She said that dispatchers have to get to know each officer and his or her personality.

"Sometimes an officer is easily excited, and you have to be able to calm him down. You have to know the city to give directions to an officer in pursuit of a fleeing vehicle. Sometimes an officer may be in foot pursuit of a suspect and he may become out of breath or because of his location the radio transmission may become garbled. You have to help control the chase, keep calm and do your best to help the officer."

Jeffrey said she believes that dispatching is becoming a profession. She said that there are so many duties performed by a dispatcher in a smaller department that their jobs have become highly specialized.

Those duties are many. For instance, in the Woods the dispatcher handles both police and fire radios, they answer the emergency phone lines, enter information on an in-house computer, and the law enforcement information network (LEIN) computer, take care of record keeping, enter every thing on to a police log and serve as a switchboard operator for all incoming calls to the de-

partment. Grosse Pointe City has three full-time dispatchers, and is the only one of the Pointes which uses a uniformed officer to work the dispatchers desk on a regular basis.

City Public Safety Director Bruce Kennedy said there is probably one shift a day filled in with an officer. He noted that it is usually during the day, in order to keep the uniformed officers on the road at night.

"We have had civilian dispatchers since we went public safety," Kennedy said.

He too finds that many of his dispatchers are interested in finding position as a police or public safety officer. Two former dispatchers, Paul Onderbeke and James Fox, are now officers with the City. Former dispatcher Rick Goode is now a police officer in the Farms.

"The dispatcher is crucial," Kennedy said. "They dispatch all emergency vehicles and are at the nerve center of the department." Dispatchers in the City earn about \$15,800 per year and get medical coverage and other benefits. Current city dispatchers are Shari Gardener, Brian Bilinski and Julie Sietz.

Gardner, 26, has been a dispatcher for the City for 11 months, and was a part-time dispatcher in the Woods for six years.

"The job is never boring and I'm working with a terrific bunch of guys," Gardner said. "You never know what to expect and you learn something new every day."

Gardner said she never wanted to be a police officer, and being a dispatcher is as close to that line of work as she wants to get.

She said when she is busy the day goes very fast, but when things are slow and there are only the mundane chores to contend with, the day can drag. She said the worst part of the job is the residents who call and are overly demanding or short tempered.

"Some days you have the patience of a saint and some days you have no patience whatsoever."

Park Lt. William Furtaw said the department is in the midst of a transition. One of its full-time dispatchers, Mary Rogalski, left the department last week, to become a police officer in Detroit.

Furtaw said that the department will likely replace that full-time slot with two part-time dispatchers, making the number of part-timers four and

leaving two full-time. Current dispatchers include senior dispatcher Danielle Davis, Debbie Roach, Rogalski, Dawn Roach and Bruce DeBouvier.

Davis, 25, of Detroit, has been with the city for more than two years.

"I like to help people get through an emergency," Davis said. "Sometimes in an emergency your heart gets beating a million times a minute. People don't realize what we have to do."

Debbie Roach, 24, of Detroit, is the other full-time Park dispatcher. She said she was interested in becoming a police officer, but since taking the job, has changed her major at Wayne State University from criminal justice to pre-law.

She said about six weeks ago there was an accident in which a 5-year-old was struck by a car. Being the only one in the office at the time made things difficult, since all five phone line buttons lit up at once.

Four of those callers were reporting the accident, the fifth was not. Roach said she had to dispatch an ambulance and a patrol car, wade through each call, monitor Detroit's police radio traffic and listen for another officer who was arriving at the scene of another accident.

"People don't realize how important our job is," Roach said. "Sometimes we are dealing with a situation like that, and someone calls to report a possum in their garage." She said she has to take a deep breath sometimes, and listen to the person with the possum with the same courtesy she would give anyone. That, at times, is extremely difficult, she conceded.

Both Roach and Solak complained about one aspect of their job that really gets to them.

"Sometimes when people call they call you 'little girl' and say they want to talk to someone in authority," Solak said. "I realize I am small and look young. People say they want to talk to some one older — a male officer."

"The one that really gets me is when they ask to speak with a man," Roach said.

"We're like family," Kolakowski said. "One day we can joke around and the next day you can hate (the officers), but you still love them. On this job you have to be like that. Each day you are handling life-and-death situations, and to get through those situations, you have to be able to rely on each other."

Pointer

From page 1A
television. The water intake?
"Sure — it would be fascinating," Sehoan exclaims. "There's a lot of fish. Piles of shells. Muskie bring shells there and crack them and eat them. They love it because of the circulating water."

Now that Sehoan doesn't spend his days doing hair — he has imported the best talent from New York and Europe to do that — the police diving doesn't interfere with his work. He keeps his gear in the trunk of his car and is on call like a volunteer fireman. In the past, he has been known to run out in the middle of a hairdo.

"I have something to offer," he says. Recalling the accident two years ago when a woman drowned after her car went out on the frozen lake in a fog, he said, "I almost killed myself trying to get her out. But for all the ones you can't save, once in a while you bring one out. It's worth it." Moving his shop to the Hill last year represented the culmination of a dream to Sehoan, but it also reminded him of all the things he thinks are wrong with the block.

"This strip ought to look like Rodeo Drive," he says disgustedly. "But the parking is atrocious and there aren't any restaurants. If the restaurants in this area were as good as the hairdressing salons, Grosse



Leon Sehoan and Leon's manager, Tina Armaly.

Photo by Nancy Parmenter

Pointe would be a happier place to live and play in."

The trouble with Grosse Pointe is that the people are too nice, he theorizes. "They should complain more. They shouldn't put up with potholes on Lakeshore and terri-

ble food in restaurants. And the emptiness on the Hill is appalling."

Sehoan plans to do something about that.

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hoan measured it.

"They'll have to bend a little," he says.

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When Sehoan isn't taking on giants or running a business or

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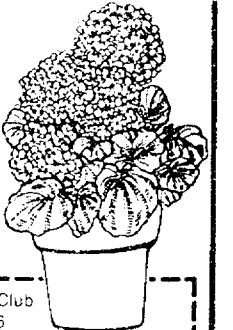
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Pamela J. Kondziolka
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Alimony, child support important tax issues to newly divorced

Recent studies show that approximately one million marriages a year end in divorce. According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, those two million individuals need specific tax advice.

If you were legally separated or divorced on or before Dec. 31, 1986, you and your spouse (or former spouse) cannot file a joint return. You will either have to file as a single or as a head of household.

The single individual status is available to those taxpayers who have no children or dependents. The head of household status is available to the spouse who is unmarried at year-end or separated for the last six months of the year. In addition, the same spouse must also have maintained a household that was the principal home for their child for more than half the year.

Other important tax issues after a divorce or separation include deductibility of alimony, professional fees and child support. Depending on the legal agreement between you and your former

spouse, some of these expenses and forms of income will be taxed while others will not.

The first tax issue to be addressed as a newly separated or divorced individual is alimony. Couples must determine who will pay taxes on the alimony settlement and who will take a deduction.

Alimony payments deductible by the paying spouse must be included in the income of the receiving spouse. In order to be classified as alimony, a payment to an ex-spouse must be:

- Paid in cash
- In accordance with a divorce decree
- Clearly designated as alimony rather than any other purpose

For payments of more than \$10,000, additional requirements must be met.

Once alimony arrangements have been made, it is important to stick to them. If, for example, an individual agrees to pay more money to his/her former spouse, this extra money cannot be taken as a deduction. Under the formal, written agreement, it is not considered alimony. If, however, an in-

dividual does agree to pay more money to his/her former spouse, together they can legally change their agreement and avoid any future tax problems. Just getting a divorce can be expensive. But certain professional fees incurred by separation or divorce proceedings are also tax-deductible.

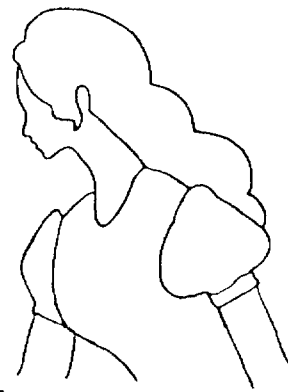
Neither spouse can take a deduction for fees paid for arranging or resisting a divorce. Only those fees

incurred as a result of arranging the details of the alimony payments and/or tax advice are deductible. Therefore, it is important you have the attorneys and other professionals for both sides list their fees in two categories —

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Prime Time for Senior Citizens

'Let the skies rain potatoes' — simply America's favorite vegetable

By Marian Trainor
Special Writer

Searching for roots has become somewhat of a national pastime.

But with the assiduous digging by historical excavators, no one has paid tribute to one of the most fundamental roots of our nation's history — the potato, a root that gave comfort and sustenance to our persistent forebears.

Common in origin, lacking the symmetry and color of more glamorous vegetables, and even defamed for its carbohydrate content, the potato's place in history is on a par with its storage accommodation, a dark corner in the basement or under the sink.

The potato is as perfect as any food can be: packed with nutrients, low in fats, generous in bulk, delicious in taste, versatile to prepare and easy to store.

The potato has been enjoyed throughout history by rich and poor alike. It can be eaten without upsetting the diet. The calorie content of a potato is not as great as that of an apple. It's a skinny 70 calories.

It is difficult to determine when the potato fell into disrepute. Just a generation ago, dinner time revolved around when the potatoes were "put on."

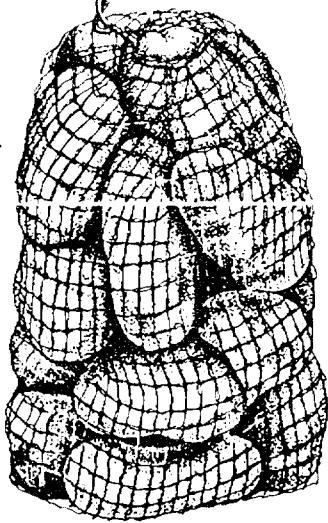
They were cooked in a style to complement the meat and were considered more an integral part of the meal than salad or another vegetable.

Commonly thought of as an Irish institution because of the dependency of the poor immigrants from Ireland, the potato is as American as baseball, hot

dogs and apple pie.

Its history dates back to 1621 when it was brought to Virginia by way of Bermuda.

The Irish potato got its name from the immigrants who brought it with them when they settled here. The potato had not



only been the backbone of their diet, they had become so economically dependent on it that when the crop failed in 1845, thousands starved to death or migrated to America.

The Irish were not the only people who had the potato to thank for their survival. The tubular beauty fed France's starving peasants during the Revolution, and those who lived through the Depression in America know how potatoes helped to fill empty stomachs.

It was so adaptable that even those who were dispossessed could toss a potato into a campfire to cook. The lovely steaming

white softness comforted both body and spirit and encouraged the homeless to keep going.

Even today the potato serves as a missionary among the deprived. It is still a mainstay among the Indians of Peru, where it is too cold to grow corn or wheat. There, potatoes are laid out in the mountain air to freeze and thaw. When this process is completed, old men, women and children trample on them to press out the juice. The result, called *chunot*, is carried in small wooden bags as staples for herdsmen.

In addition to being a food staple, the potato is an important contributor to this country's economic welfare. They are a major crop in every state.

The United States produces about 12 million tons annually. They rank with wheat and corn as the world's most important food crops.

Broken down into alcohol, potatoes can be used to run machines,

large and small. Gasohol, a mixture of gasoline and ethanol made from old or surplus potatoes, powers reactors and trucks on farms. It contributes ingredients essential for making things such as plastics, paper, cloth, glue and candies. It is the only vegetable that is traded like stocks or bonds of a corporation, on a financial exchange.

Although it will never replace its plainer relative, the sweet potato is a notch up socially in the lineage of the potato family. Served at family feasts, the sweet potato holds its own blended with butter, marshmallow and brown sugar.

Versatile in its comeliness, planted in a jar of water, the sweet potato can develop a pretty vine to grace the kitchen windowsill.

King Louis XVI was so taken by the flowers produced by the sweet potato vine, he wore them in his buttonhole. George Washington

Carver found 118 products that could be made from the sweet potato.

But however fine for festive occasions, the sweet potato will never replace the everyday goodness of the white potato.

From a plain beginning, the little brown spud can emerge as a beautiful addition to a satisfying dinner. Steam floating up from the crisp, freshly broken skin of a baked potato can set the mood for the relaxed enjoyment of good things to follow. Crinkly fried

with tender middles, scalloped in cream delicately seasoned with butter, or carefully blended with onions and pimentos and browned just right, potatoes can be the meal's piece de resistance.

With all this in mind, let us pay tribute to this small but important vegetable. Let us remember its goodness as food, its importance to our industry and contributions to our survival. Let us join with Falstaff in tribute as he cried in "Merry Wives": "Let the sky rain potatoes."

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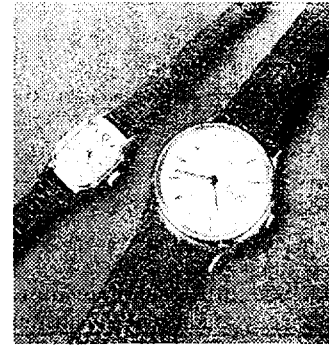
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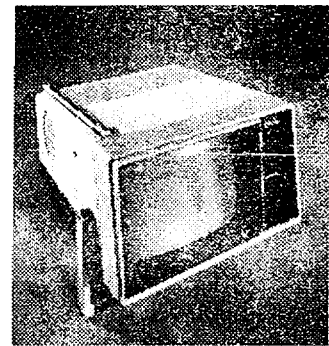
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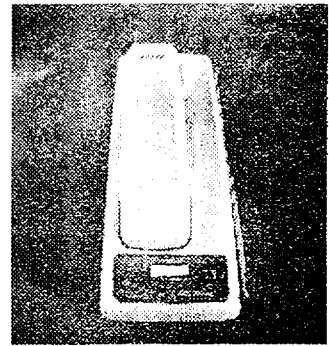
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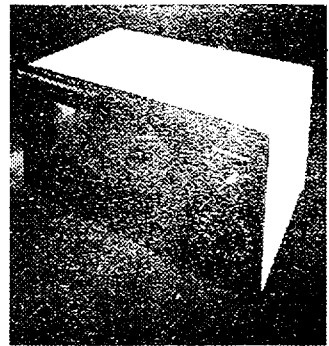
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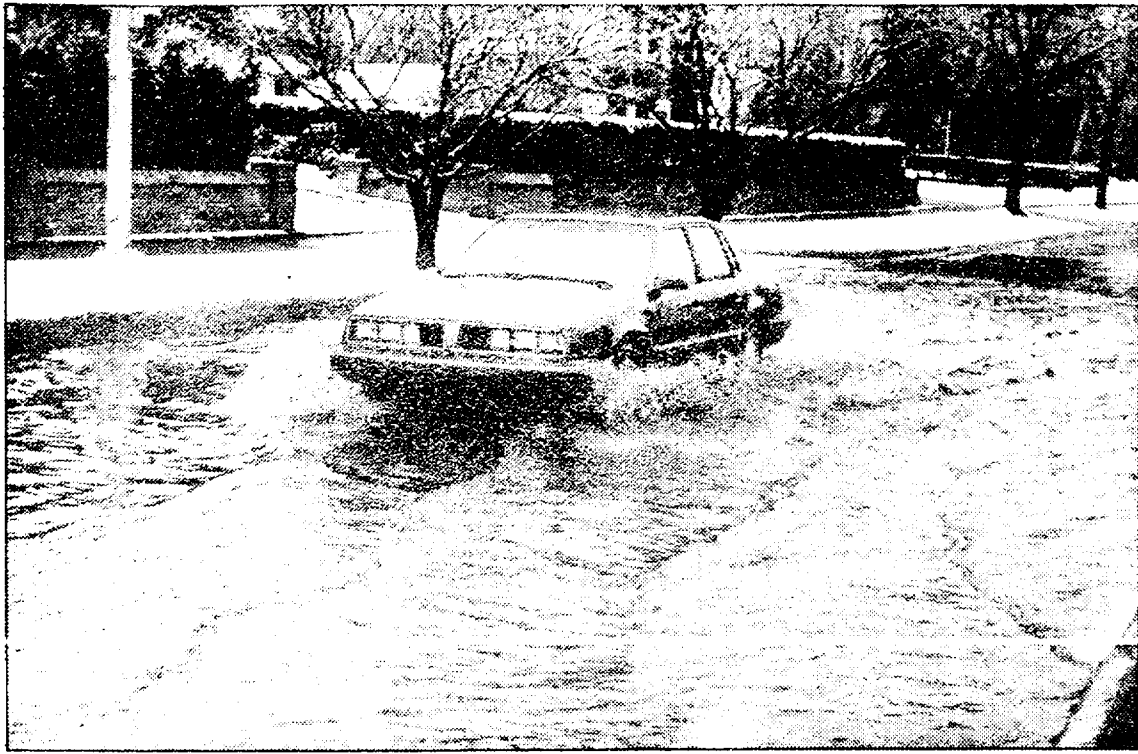


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What do you expect

... when a road is named Lakeshore? This was a familiar scene Monday near Moross when a storm that began in New Mexico dumped about three inches in the metropolitan area.

Resident released on bond in stabbing

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident waived preliminary examination and was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court March 25 in connection with a stabbing incident in the Woods March 14.

A \$1,000 10 percent bond was ordered continued on Kirk G. Bielski, who is charged with

felonious assault of Richard French of Rochester who was stabbed three times outside of an Edmondton Road residence.

Woods Municipal Judge Patricia Schneider ordered that Bielski have no contact with the complainant or witnesses in the case or he will forfeit his bond and be

given a higher bond, according to court officials.

Bielski and two others are alleged to have gotten into an argument with French. When a fight between Bielski and French ensued, Bielski is alleged to have stabbed French in the back.

Bielski's arraignment in circuit court is to be held April 16 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Program on aging offered

Social worker Lois Quig will lead a discussion on "Individual and Family Problems of Aging" Tuesday, April 7, 7 to 8 p.m. at Cottage Hospital. The program

will be held in the hospital's fourth floor conference room, 159 Kercheval.

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Man robbed

An 80-year-old Park man was thrown to the ground and robbed of \$38 at about 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, when two men grabbed him from behind at the rear of a Wayburn residence.

The suspects were both described as black males, in their late 20s or early 30s. One was about six foot, had a medium build and was wearing a red jacket.

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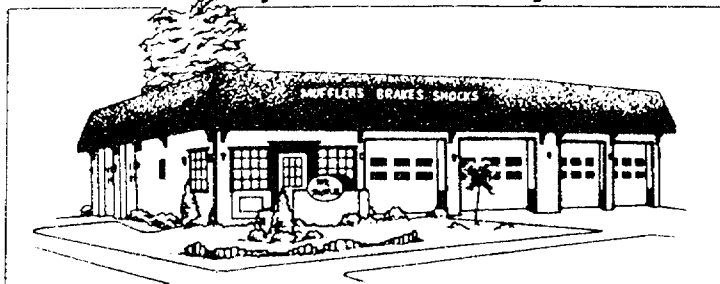
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Central American conflict discussed at local Lutheran church



By Margie Reins Smith
 Staff Writer

Daisy and Edgar, natives of El Salvador, traveled to five Detroit-area churches including St. James Lutheran Church in the Farms, Saturday, March 21, to tell their stories firsthand. Daisy and Edgar are refugees. Their last names will be omitted because, technically speaking, they are in the United States illegally. They are here trying to help their friends and family in El Salvador by telling the American people, first hand, what life is like there.

"We don't want any more Americans or Salvadorans to die," said Daisy. "Nor do we want another war like Vietnam."

Edgar described the current military government's persecution of his family — the killing of his sister and two of his mother's brothers — the threatening phone calls — the men who came to his house with machine guns.

Daisy told of human rights violations that she has witnessed — government seizure of lands — military maneuvers called "scorched earth" in which large groups of people are surrounded, bombed, their homes are burned,

their crops are destroyed and even nearby rivers are poisoned.

"The survivors of these maneuvers go to marginal zones in San Salvador," Daisy said. "Churches take in hundreds of refugees. Sometimes 150 people live in a small church room and the churches don't have enough food and clothing for everyone."

She said last October's earthquake made conditions even worse. U.S. government aid money sent to help the victims, she said, has not gone to the people who need it.

"The government didn't pass out the food, the clothing, or the medicine. Sometimes, they sold these things to the people. Sometimes they kept them for use by the military," she said.

In order for supplies to reach the proper people, Daisy said, aid must be channeled through churches. Military aid to El Salvador should be stopped, she said.

Tom Goddeeris, coordinator of Detroit's Central America Solidarity Committee said that American newspapers are only telling part of the story of Central America's problems. "Most people in the U.S. don't know about the

daily human rights violations in these countries, nor are they aware of how they can help alleviate the suffering of the victims," Goddeeris said.

CASC sponsored a caravan of 12 Salvadoran refugees in the Detroit area. The same 12 are traveling through 18 cities in five Midwestern states as part of the Second National Caravan of Salvadorans for Peace and Justice.

The local CASC group is dedicated to educating people about Central America and, according to Goddeeris, motivating Americans to do what they can to change U.S. policy toward Central America.

Daisy and Edgar spoke to a small group of Grosse Pointers in the basement of St. James Lutheran Church through a volunteer interpreter, Brad Burkhardtmeier, who works with Witness for Peace, a national organization that sponsors delegations to Central America. After describing human rights violations in El Salvador, they asked concerned U.S. citizens to write their congressmen supporting a national referendum to end the war in Central America.

Two refugees from El Salvador, Daisy, left, and Edgar, right, met with a group of Grosse Pointers at St. James Lutheran Church last week. With the help of an interpreter, Brad Burkhardtmeier, center, they told the audience how Americans can help the victims of human rights violations in their country.

Photo by Margie Reins Smith

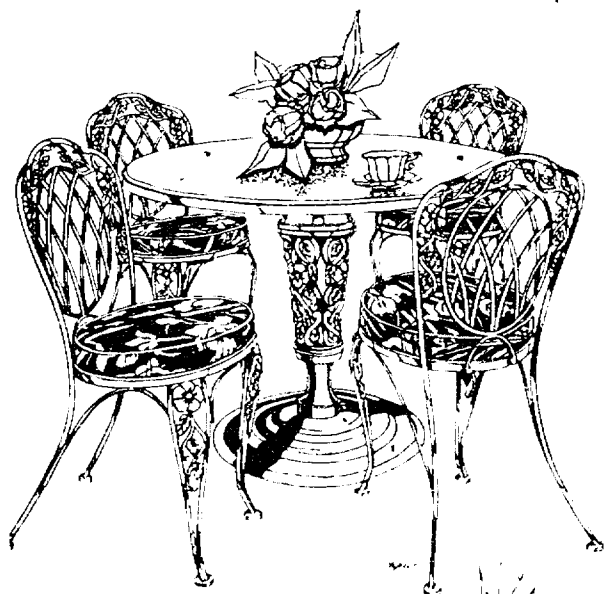
The Salvadoran refugees asked that pressure be placed on Congress to end all aid to the Contras, and to end all military and war-related economic assistance to the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala. In addition, they urged citizens to work for removal of all U.S. bases, troops and National Guardsmen from Honduras, to promote peaceful solutions to conflicts by supporting the Contadora process, to establish cooperative relations between the governments of the United States and Nicaragua, and to promote negotiations within El Salvador and Guatemala.

They also asked citizens to support the passage of the Moakley-DiConcini bill, which would grant temporary status to refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala, allowing them to stay in the U.S. until it is safe to return to their own countries.

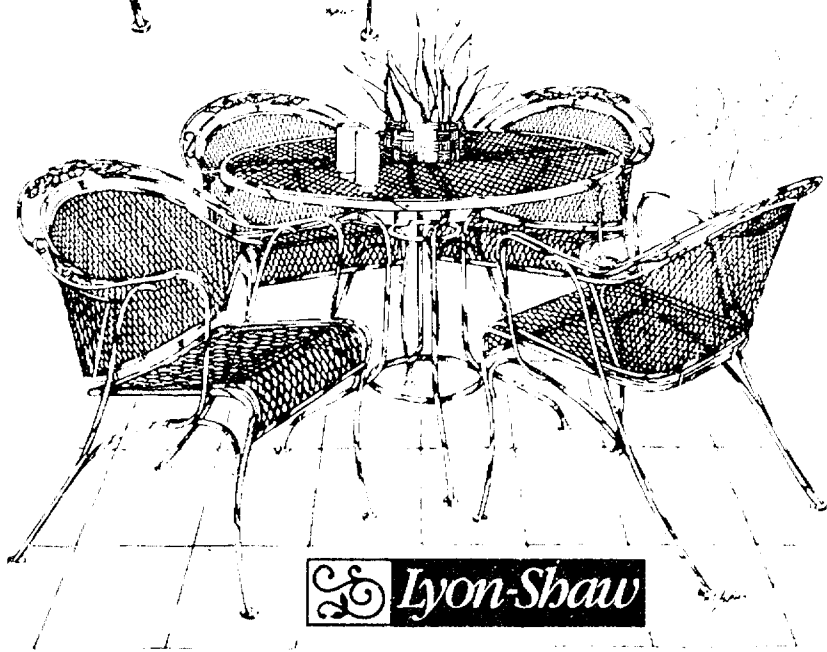
Daisy said that there are 600,000 displaced people in El Salvador because of the government's actions — and 200,000 more who have been displaced because of the earthquake. People want to return to their homes in the countryside, she said, but are routinely killed when they attempt to do so.

Goddeeris pointed out that most U.S. polls indicate that Americans oppose aid to the Contras, yet congress continues the policy. "We're asking for spiritual, moral, and economic aid for the victims of El Salvador's military policies," he said, and this is most effective when funneled through the church, not through the government.

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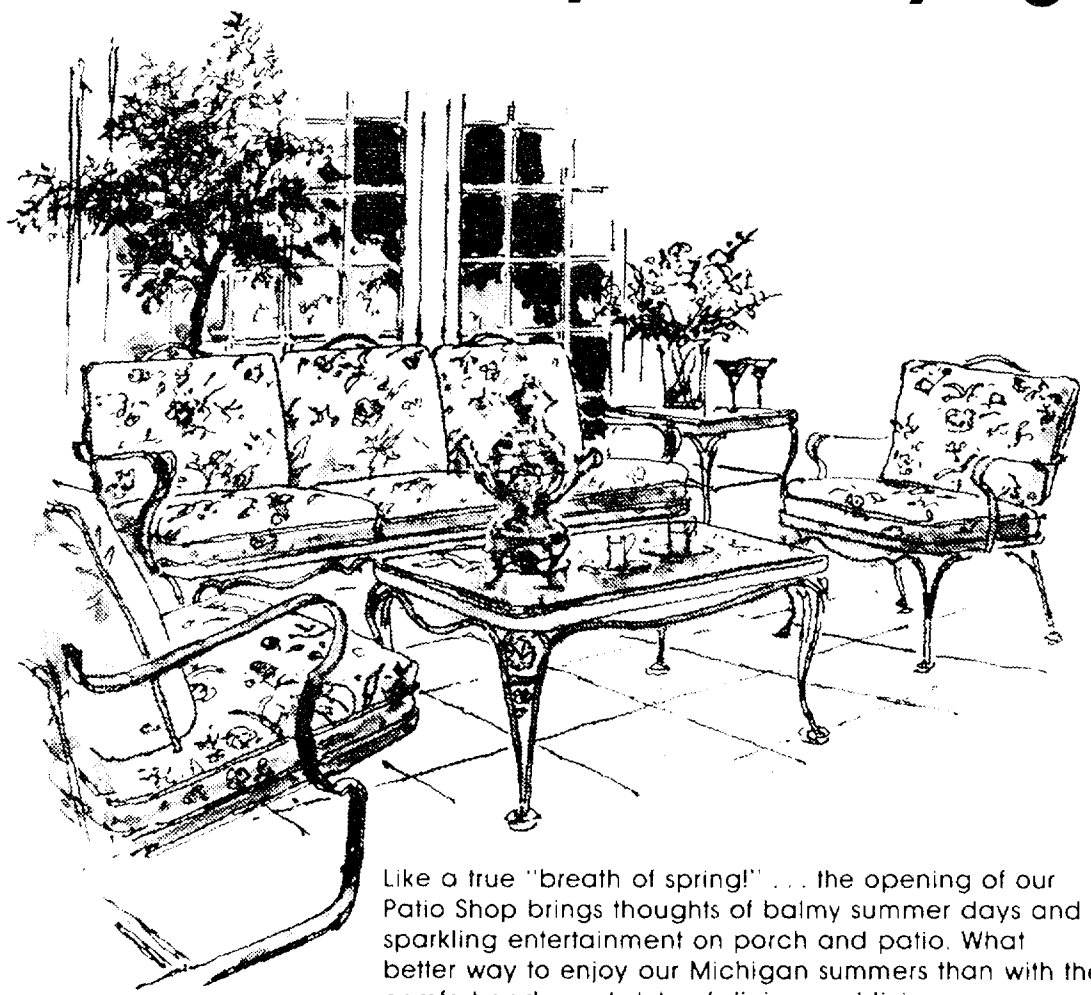
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Garden center events compete to lead us into spring

By Ellen Probert
Special Writer

Now that it is officially spring we can turn our attention to a lot of very nice events that are scheduled here and there to mark the season and lead us beautifully into summer.

Garden centers everywhere are marking the season with special happenings. The Grosse Pointe Garden Center is looking toward the planting of the beautiful Trial Gardens which are always such an attraction at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial throughout the summer and fall, and will host several garden events as the spring leads into summer.

The Detroit Garden Center will host a very special program on April 9 at the Whittier when Kimberly's will present a program on European Spring Floral Designs with demonstrations of arrangements using lavish spring flowers and beautiful containers. This promises to be a most rewarding and delightful occasion. For more information call the Detroit Garden Center or the Whittier.

In Cleveland (not too far away for a day-long expedition) the

Garden Center of Greater Cleveland plans a marvelous event together with the Cleveland Institute of Art called "Art and the Garden" which will be held at the Garden Center from April 10 to 26. It will be open to the public and there is no admission charge. Painting and sculpture by dozens of renowned artists, many from the faculty of the Cleveland Art Institute, will be displayed with appropriate floral arrangements and garden settings.

In Detroit the Founders' Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts with members of the museum's Volunteer Committee, Women's Committee, and Activities Committee, will sponsor a multifaceted celebration to be called "Art and Flowers: A Festival of Spring", to take place on April 29 and 30 and May 1 and 2.

Beautiful flower arrangements to complement 50 works of art will be created by outstanding representatives of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan and will be on view, and docent-guided tours will be given to relate information about the art and the floral interpretation of it. There will be special lectures and demonstrations, luncheons and

fashion shows; a gala preview cocktail buffet; music and raffles. The entrance lobby on Farnsworth will be especially decorated for the occasion by the Women's National Farm and Garden Association. Volunteers to help in many areas will be welcomed. Call 833-7969.

If you've visited any of the nature trails or state or county parks in the area just lately, maybe you've reverted to a childhood joy and chewed on newly green sassafras twigs, which somehow seem to really be the taste of spring.

Did you know that sassafras is a truly New World spice? It was the first product exported by the Pilgrims to Europe, and has long been popular in folklore and medicine as a spring tonic when made into a spicy herb tea.

Now is the time to trim out all dead or broken branches from your trees or shrubs, and if you didn't get all the leaves raked up last fall, now is the time for that, too. Fertilize perennials, shrubs and trees, and repot house plants to give them a good start for the active growing season ahead.

In the Flower Calendar of medieval Europe the flower for April is the daisy; the Chinese flower calendar lists cherry blossom and the flower calendar in Japan maintains that the flower for April is the wisteria. The only thing they all have in common is the thought that spring and flowers are synonymous.

In the Victorian language of flowers daisy means gentleness, purity and innocence; the wisteria symbolizes youth and poetry; and the cherry blossom sym-

bolizes education, wealth and prosperity. Something for everyone!

One wonders if there has ever been a census of garden clubs. There are many thousands of them all across the country, and many thousands more in other countries. Many of them are simply named for the town in which they have their being, such as "The Happyville Garden Club," or for some feature of the local terrain such as "The Sagebrush Garden Club." But many more go in for originality and more than a touch of humor. Some that come to mind are: The Ladybugs Garden Club; Nature's House-

keepers; The Down-to-Earth Garden Club; Petal and Twig; The Late-Bloomers of Allen Park; The Garden Club of the Desert; The Tussie-Mussies; The Green Thumb Garden Club; The Windowbox Garden Club; The Gardenettes; Grow and Show Garden Club; The Petal Pushers; The Flower Girls; The Little Garden Club and the Club of Little Gardens; and a children's Garden Club called "The Sprouts". And Grosse Pointe's own Garden Society and Trowell and Error Garden Clubs. All as refreshing as Gilbert and Sullivan's lighthearted song about "The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la...!"

The Gardener's Shed



Victorian garden party to be held on Lakeshore

Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffin will open their Lakeshore home and garden for the Detroit Historical Society's June 7 Victorian Garden Party, scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. that afternoon. Traditional "high tea" delicacies will be served and guests will be encouraged to wear accessories of the Victorian era, if not full regalia.

Music will be provided by the Detroit Light Guard Band, a faithful recreation of the band which performed in Detroit between 1855 and 1885. Original instruments are used and the

members wear the original uniforms of the 1880s.

Grosse Pointers involved in the planning are co-chairs Steven M. Horn, Mrs. David M. Bogle, James A. Bridenstine, Mrs. Hugh G. Harness, and Mrs. William F. Zoufal.

An honorary committee of distinguished members and friends is being organized for this second annual event which will provide funding for Detroit Historical Society and Detroit Historical Museum programs.

For further information please call 833-7937 during office hours Monday through Friday.

Hospice Foundation plans spring lunch, fashion show

New York designer fashions by Jacobson's of Birmingham will be featured in "Creations '87," a luncheon and fashion show to be held on Wednesday, April 29 at Southfield Manor, 25626 Telegraph, Southfield. Sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of Southeastern Michigan to benefit the Hospice, the festivities will begin with cocktails at 11 a.m., with luncheon at noon, followed by the show at 1:30 p.m. Donation is \$25 for general admission, and \$50 for patron tickets. The patron tickets include a patron tea to be held at the home of Valerie Straith on Wednesday, April 22.

Proceeds over expenses will help fund a new facility for the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, which is presently quartered at 22401 Foster Winter Drive, Southfield, on the second floor, and accommodates 28 beds. The goal is a separate building that will provide a suitable environment for a larger number of terminal patients to live out their lives in as normal a fashion as possible, both at the Hospice and at home with hospice care.

The Women's Committee was organized in 1986 for the purpose of raising monies for Hospice

through benefit events. First of these planned events was the Crystal Ball last November.

The Women's Committee president is Pat Barlow of Southfield.

Chairperson for the fashion show is Najala Lataif of Bloomfield Hills. Her co-chair is Millie Pastor, also Bloomfield Hills.

Assisting in arrangements and other tasks are Maggie Allessee, Rosette Ajluni, Barbara Tucker and Christine Strumbos, all of Birmingham; Stephanie Germack, Edie Longyear, both of Grosse Pointe, and Lucille Wertz and Cynthia Ford, both of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rosette Ajluni, Barbara Tucker, Stephanie Germack, Edie Longyear, Lucille Wertz, Lainie Pincus, Sydell Schubot and Norma Golden are serving in the capacity of an advisory committee.

Ticket information may be obtained by calling 851-1773 or 642-4611.



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Donation

The Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, at their last meeting presented a check of \$300 to the Keep Michigan Beautiful organization. Howard R. Poppen, treasurer, left, and Joseph L. Leonard, president, presented the check to Paul E. Machuga, second vice president, of KMB.

Society benefits abused children

Members of Christ Child Society of Detroit will model spring fashions from Talbot's at the Christ Child Society's April 8 Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show to benefit abused children. There will also be a silent auction, a raffle and a pantry for a 'something for everyone' event. Celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, Christ Child Society will have the luncheon at the Fairlane Club of Dearborn, 5000 Woodview Lane (off Hubbard). Tickets are \$25 per person and proceeds will be used to further the Society's work at Christ Child House, a haven for abused and neglected children.

Danette Magillan, of Birmingham, is general chairman of the event. Models include Bloomfield Hills residents Connie Landgraaf and Kathy Smith. Grosse Pointers Mary Agnes Engle and Cynthia Mack, and Beth Mergel from Royal Oak.

To be auctioned are a week's stay in a Siesta Key, Florida condo or the use of a home on California's northern coast; Waterford crystal and a case of

champagne.

Last year 300 people attended the popular event. Cocktails at 11 a.m. will launch the party. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. For ticket information call Colette Sirhal at 855-1664.

Flower arranging program offered

Kevin Kimberly's new flower arranging presentation "Euro-style and Spring Floral Designs," will be sponsored by the Detroit Garden Center, Wednesday, April 8 at 1 p.m. in the Whittier Towers Adams Room.

Using his training as an interior design graduate, Kimberly's arrangements bring together the best of nature in an artistic setting. Arrangements will be for sale after the show.

Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door, or call 259-6363 for reservations. Free parking is available in a TV monitored lot. The Whittier Towers is located at 415 Burns Drive off of E. Jefferson.

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Thomas-Heumann

Julie Lynn Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods married Kurt Derik Heumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Heumann of Ypsilanti, on Sept. 13, 1986, at Martha-Mary Chapel, Greenfield Village.

The Rev. Bruce Quatman of the First English Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony.

A reception followed at the Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village.

The bride wore a full length ivory satin gown with a sweetheart neckline and a chapel train. The bodice was made of appliqued lace and seed pearls which were applied by hand, by the bride's sister, Lisa. The gown was fashioned by the bride's mother. The bride's veil was a full length Juliet cap, fashioned by the bride's sister, Suzanne. Her bouquet was made up of pink sweetheart roses, stephanotis, and trailing ivy.

The matron of honor was Suzanne B. Williams of Harper Woods, sister of the bride. The maid of honor was Lisa L. Thomas, sister of the bride. The best man was Robert Sepanek, a friend of the groom, from Ypsilanti. Groomsman was Glen Thomas, of Port Orchard, Wash. Ushers were Ronald Webber of Ypsilanti and Kenneth Throne, of Santa Maria, Calif., friends of the groom.

The bride's mother wore a full length silver gray dress and carried a single silver-white rose with silver ribbon streamers.

The mother of the groom wore a full length pink dress and carried a single silver-white rose with silver ribbon streamers.

The soloist was Matthew Pozdol, baritone.

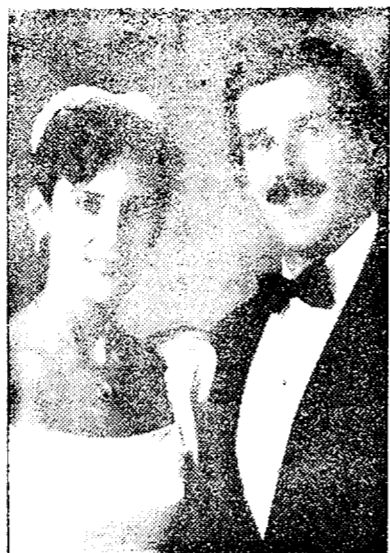
The newlyweds will travel in England and Scotland before returning to their home in Belleville, Mich.

The groom is employed by the U.S. government as a food service supervisor for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Milan, Mich.

The bride attended Bemershe College in England and



Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Heumann



Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Smith



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yascolt

graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications and film. She is employed as a freelance administrative assistant with Ford Motor Company.

O'Shee-Smith

Marianne Sheela O'Shee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Shee of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Cameron David Smith, son of Mrs. George R. Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms, were married on Sept. 13, 1986, at St. Aloysius Church in Detroit.

The Rev. William Costigan officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride wore a long-sleeved satin gown with pearl beading. She carried white roses and orchids with pink freesia, bachelor buttons and asparagus ferns.

The maid of honor was Julia Hookanson, friend of the bride, Durango, Colo. Bridesmaid was Laura Ann O'Shee, sister of the bride, Grosse Pointe Park. They wore royal blue satin dresses and carried dark blue iris bouquets with white roses. Flowergirls were Jessica Petzel, Wixom, and Tanya Witting, Grosse Pointe, both nieces of the bride. Their white satin dresses with royal blue sash were in the same style as the attendants'.

The best man was David Sorge, friend of the groom, Grosse Pointe Farms. Groomsman were James J. O'Shee, brother of the bride, and Charles Witting, brother-in-law of the bride, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown of raw silk with a sweetheart neckline and a veil with a lace and pearl cap. She carried a bouquet of white roses, gardenias, stephanotis and ivy with sprays of pearls.

The maid of honor was Christine Olmsted, friend of the bride, Grosse Pointe Shores. Bridesmaids were Martha Meyer, a cousin of the bride, Grosse

Pointe Park; and Jody Robb, friend of the bride, Troy. They wore floor-length gowns of pink satin and carried bouquets of purple iris and baby's breath.

The best man was James Lippie, friend of the groom, Midland, Mich. Groomsman were Robert Meyering, brother of the bride, Grosse Pointe Park; and Gregory Sears, friend of the groom, Midland. Ushers were Stephen Yascolt, brother of the groom; and Stephen Yascolt Jr., nephew of the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a royal blue and green silk dress and a corsage of white roses and pink freesia.

The mother of the groom wore pink satin and a similar corsage.

The couple honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise. They will reside in Grosse Pointe.

Meyering-Yascolt

Barbara Jean Meyering, daughter of Carl and Helen Meyering of Grosse Pointe, married Paul Joseph Yascolt, son of Irah Goodfellow Yascolt and the late Cecil Yascolt of Midland on Oct. 11, 1986, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. Anne Fuhrmeister officiated at the 7 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Golf Club.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown of raw silk with a sweetheart neckline and a veil with a lace and pearl cap. She carried a bouquet of white roses, gardenias, stephanotis and ivy with sprays of pearls.

The maid of honor was Christine Olmsted, friend of the bride, Grosse Pointe Shores. Bridesmaids were Martha Meyer, a cousin of the bride, Grosse

Managing your personal life and career

Can a woman really be successful in her personal life and her career? The Detroit Metropolitan Chapter of the Association for Women in Computing hosts Jane Buhl who will discuss the phenomenon of the 'Superwoman.' Buhl currently teaches

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The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at the Michigan Inn in Southfield. Please RSVP to AWC, 8900 East Jefferson, Box 1209, Detroit, Mich. 48214.

Design color class to tour design center

Interior designer, Nancy Laube offers hints to help you discover your personal design color in the series, Color Trends in Interior Design, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Road, Tuesday, April 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

discuss the latest fabrics, accessories and carpeting available for 1987. The second session will meet at the Michigan Design Center in Troy for a 1 1/2 hour tour on Tuesday, April 14 or 28.

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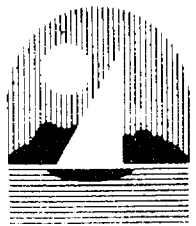
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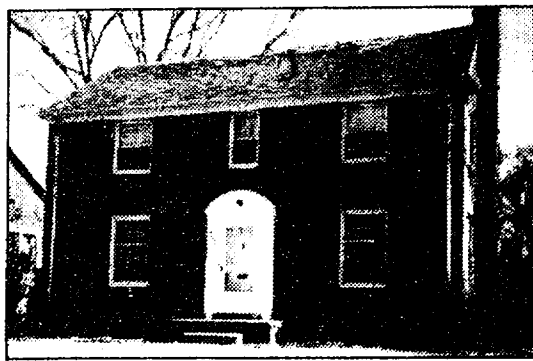
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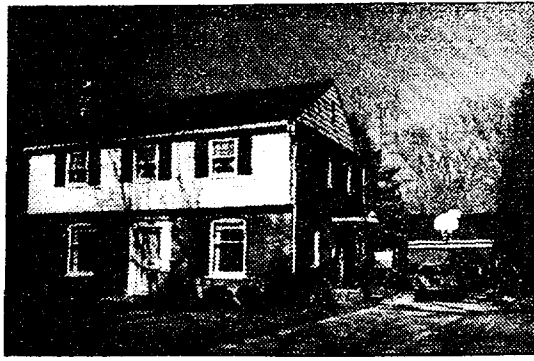
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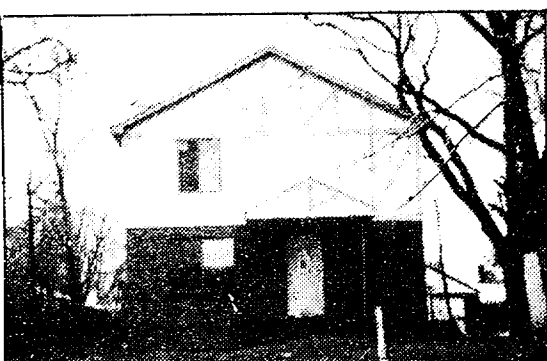
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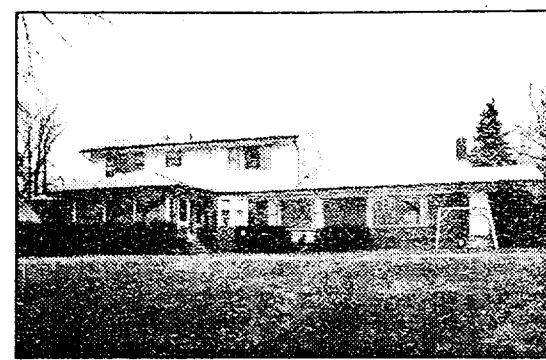
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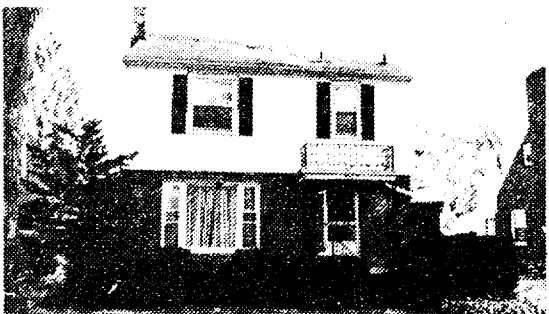
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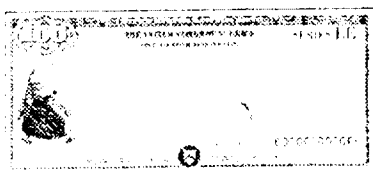
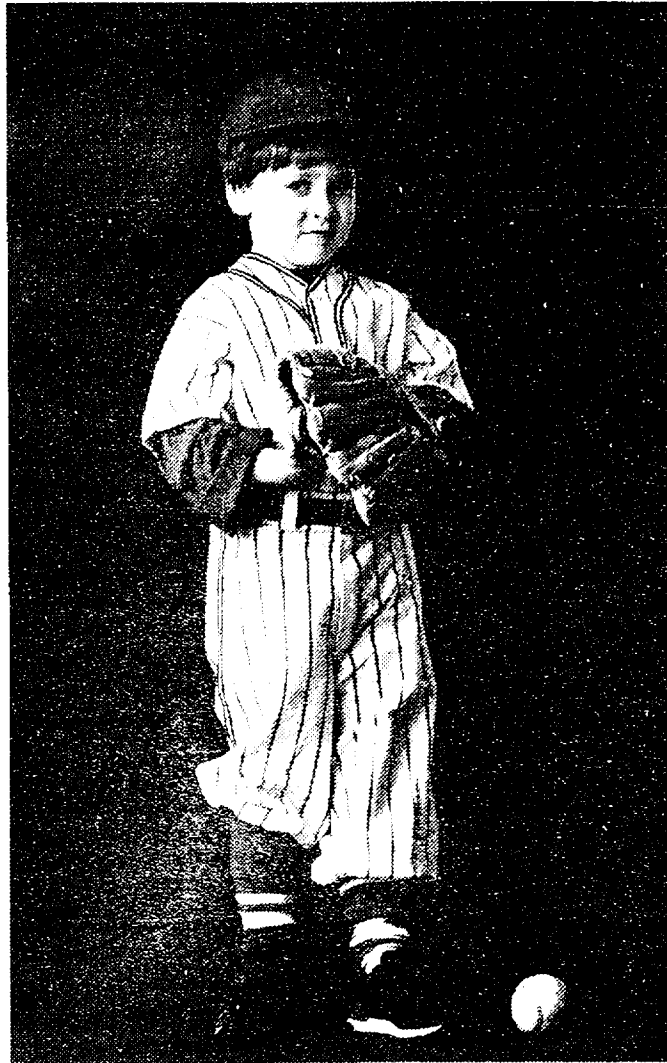
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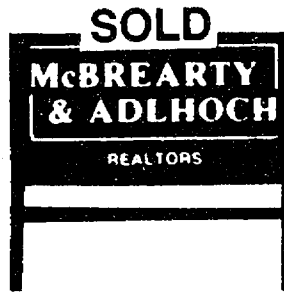
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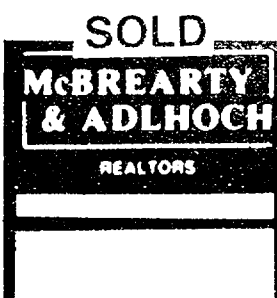
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The best baseball money can buy?

I read somewhere last week that Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens was adamant about sticking to his decision to sit out the 1987 baseball season if the Sox didn't renegotiate his contract. The article featured plenty of tough talk from Clemens, his agent and from the Red Sox and their management. Funny thing was, there wasn't a word in there from Boston fans. The folks who come out to watch Clemens and the Sox play. You know, the ones who fork over the 10 bucks or so to get into the ballpark? Nobody thought to ask those people what they thought.

I guess that shouldn't surprise me. I've been a baseball fan for roughly 20 of my 29 years and for about 15 of those years, baseball has become less and less a game for fans and more of a business. But that's old news. And really, it's something that most baseball fans are getting used to. They realize that it isn't a matter anymore of plunking down \$2 to get a bleacher seat, of cheering for your favorite team, of talking trades and batting averages. They know that it's gotten to a point where the big baseball news of the week is not whether a guy struck out at the plate, but whether his agent struck out at the new "Triple Crown": getting the player a megabucks contract, contract extension and guarantee.

I know I've gotten used to it, although I've paid the price. No longer do I wait with excitement for the first baseball game of the season. No longer do I make the pilgrimage down to Tiger Stadium 20 or 25 times per season to watch the locals play. Oh, I'll listen to a couple of games a week on the radio or catch one on TV on a lazy summer Sunday ... but that's about the extent of it for me.

But I guess I didn't really realize how commercial the game had gotten until I attended my first baseball card show last week. Don't get me wrong — it was a very nice show. It just wasn't what I expected. We got there early on Saturday, expecting a full house, lots of baseball fanatics and maybe even a couple of wide-eyed, baseball-capped kids who might make a cute photo. What we found were baseball businessmen, wheeling and dealing, selling cards to the highest bidder and always on the lookout for a deal.

We cruised around the show for a while, trying to figure out how the commercialism of selling cards and sports artifacts related to baseball. We even asked one of the dealers (I hate that term) why he got into it. We wondered what it was about baseball that inspired folks to collect cards and trinkets, then travel from state to state selling and buying.

He told us that baseball was the hook, the thing that grabbed them and got them started as kids. And that after years and years of trading and selling the cards with friends, they got interested in the shows and in finding even more and better cards to trade and sell. "You don't find that sort of urge in say, hockey or football," he told us.

No, I guess you don't. I guess I knew See O'CONNOR, page 2C



Photo by Peggy O'Connor

North coach — and former MHSBCA president — Frank Sumbera.

Progress marked North coach's tenure as MHSBCA president

By Peggy O'Connor
Sports Editor

Judging by his every-Friday attire of green and gold North sweater and green pants, North baseball coach Frank Sumbera is every inch the Norseman. For the past two years, however, North has had to share the veteran coach with the rest of the state while Sumbera served as president of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Association.

It has been a busy two years for Sumbera, who is also the varsity football coach and teaches a full schedule of Industrial Arts classes. Despite the added workload and the frustration inherent in running an organization the size of the 600-member MHSBCA, Sumbera says he wouldn't have missed the experience.

"The thing was, we had some really good people involved. You know that old saying about an organization being as good as the people who make it work ... well, I had some pretty good people working with me," Sumbera says.

Sumbera points with pride to a number of things the MHSBCA has accomplished recently, although he is quick to add that "in no way are these all my ideas. I guess the thing I was happiest about was getting the (high school) All-Star game played in Tiger Stadium. For us to get it there took a lot of work, let me tell you," Sumbera says, leaning back in his chair. "No other public school athletes in the state get a shot like that — playing in a place like Tiger Stadium. That's great for the kids, I think."

The Tiger Baseball Club has been "great" about responding to the MHSBCA's requests, Sumbera adds.

"We also pushed for the high school state championship games to be held at Tiger Stadium and it's at the point now where the Michigan High School Athletic Association says it's definitely interested in that prospect and has ordered a feasibility study ..."

Lest anyone read the words "feasibility study" and translate that into "never happen," understand what Sumbera has had to deal with for the past two seasons. "The problem is that major league baseball has these rules about not having anyone use their fields within a certain time before a major league game is to be played. Then you have to worry about the high school teams' schedules, etc., in terms of having the championships played. There's a lot that goes into it ... but at least we've gotten them to start with a feasibility study," Sumbera says.

That's progress. And progress seems to be what Sumbera make a habit of in his tenure as president of the association. Membership went from a few hundred to nearly 600 and the annual MHSBCA Coaches Clinic was transformed from a small town affair to a two-day event in a major hotel. "I feel that it's as good a clinic as any in the U.S. It's gotten to the point where we've gone from searching for a hotel to take us to having the hotels call us up and ask us to hold the clinic there," he says.

"Frank has done just an excellent job with the association. He really worked hard and brought about a lot of changes," says South coach Dan Griesbaum, who works on the MHSBCA's newsletter. One change that Sumbera didn't get to see come about was one that he's wanted for years. "I'd See PROGRESS, page 2C

Baseball previews

Coaches cast favorable glance at '87 season

By Peggy O'Connor
Sports Editor

South baseball coach Dan Griesbaum lost a pitching staff which combined for 19 of the Devils' 21 wins a season ago. And North coach Frank Sumbera will enter the 1987 baseball season without a pitching staff which notched 18 victories in 1986. But hope springs eternal — at least in the pre-season — and both Sumbera and Griesbaum are optimistic about their teams' chances.

South High

Blue Devils' coach Dan Griesbaum says he thinks his varsity nine will surprise some people this year. He thinks South might just show those folks — the ones who logically enough assume that South may find the going rough after losing 19 pitching victories and seven starters to graduation — something different.

"The way we're looking now, I don't think we'll be as weak as people think, considering our losses. We just have so many non-starters and we have no way of knowing how they'll react to a game situation until they're in it," Griesbaum says.

What might help South is the fact that most of the eight juniors and eight seniors who will line up for the Devils played summer baseball after the 1986 season. "They all started in summer baseball — against varsity and in some cases college freshman pitching — and were able to compile that varsity experience."

"So I think that if people think we're coming in with a bunch of inexperienced kids, they'll be surprised."

Senior shortstop Sean Bruce, who batted .338 and stole 22 bases enroute to finishing as an All-League and All-District selection in 1986, returns. The other returner is third baseman Doug Lucas, a junior who batted .304 and tieu for the team lead in RBI with 25. With only four strikeouts in 69 at-bats, Lucas proved to be a steady contributor at the plate. Dave Arnold, a part-time starter in '86, will return to his spot in the outfield.

The pitching staff will consist of Scott Tucker and John Joliet, who saw limited action last year, and the JV's top pitcher, Marc Wysocki (4-1). Lucas will pitch when he's not at third. Rounding out the infield positions are Marty Saad at second base, Tim Nugent at first and Mike Paul behind the plate.

Joining Arnold, who batted .333 and had a pair of homers in district competition, in the outfield will be Mark Carl, Matt Montagne, Adam Mocerri and Dan Cimini. Brian Jones will see some time in the infield and Rusty Knowles will also help out on the mound.

If I had to say what our major question mark is this year, I would say it would be the offense," Griesbaum says. "We have good speed — I think this is one of my fastest teams — but we lost what looked like a lot of power ... although it didn't turn out that way last year."

Port Huron Northern returns its top two pitchers and will be South's main competition for the Eastern Michigan League title, Griesbaum says. "And that's our main objective every year, to win the EML and to make the final four. I know a lot of people look at us and say we're a year away, but I don't see it. I've got to give a lot of credit to this junior class: I've had to keep six or seven of them on JV. I'll tell you, this is a good group and I think that if we get some game experience, you never know what we can accomplish."

South opens its season — weather permitting — this Saturday, April 4, at home against Bishop Gallagher.

North High

The Norsemen may have lost four starting pitchers, but they return 10 players who saw substantial action as starters for North when it won 21 games in 1986. Coach Sumbera's "big four" on the mound will be Rob Marshall, an All-State hockey player who missed most of last baseball season with an injury, Jack Williams and twin brothers Pat and Pete Kilcline. He also expects JV See BASEBALL, page 2C

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'Blind Date' is acceptable for TV fans

By Michael Chapp
Special Writer

"Blind Date" stars a bevy of television types, all of whom play characters essentially the same as those they portray on the small screen. Front and center is Bruce Willis, whose hip and wild reading of Walter Davis is almost identical to his witty and manic portrayal of "Moonlighting's" David Addison. The result, predictably enough, is a full-length feature film with little more than a television quality presentation.

But "Blind Date" does have its moments.

Take, for example, the scene in which Nadia Gates (Kim Basing-

er), Walter's blind date for an important business dinner, sprays champagne in the face of Walter's boss. Or the scene in which Na-

Film

dia's psychotic ex-boyfriend (John Larroquette) drives his car into the display window of a paint store. Or even the scene in which Walter sneaks around the home of a judge (William Daniels) who had earlier acquitted him of criminal charges.

Indeed, many such scenes work

quite well. The plot is wonderful — a terribly bad evening with a blind date is blown into hyperbolic proportions — and generally the performances are strong enough to carry even the weakest material without excessive discomfort.

There is, however, too much slapstick material for the film's own good. Director Blake Edwards has a penchant for adding absurdity to a picture whether it needs it or not. "Blind Date" does not, so sequences with people bopping around excitedly only bog down the movie in the long run.

Perhaps more importantly though, none of the actors in-

involved explores any new ground in the movie. Willis is a smooth-talking yuppie as he is in "Moonlighting." Larroquette is a despicable attorney just like in "Night Court." And Daniels is a pompous professional just like in "St. Elsewhere." Only Basinger is somewhat different than audiences have seen before. This time she's a shy, girl-next-door type who appears to be the perfect date. At least until she gets drunk.

The first hour of the picture documents the couple's date. It starts off simply enough — a walk through an art gallery, a romantic conversation while listening to soft guitar music, and a quiet dinner for two at a posh French restaurant. But once Nadia drinks — something Walter was warned not to let her do — all hell breaks loose. Before the evening is over, Walter loses his job, gets beat up, has his car broken into, gets drunk and winds up in jail. Needless to say, he does not want to see Nadia again.

The last half hour of the film follows the characters' lives on the days after the debacle. Nadia has agreed to marry her ex-boyfriend. And Walter, realizing that he actually loves Nadia, tries to stop the impending wedding.

"Blind Date" is acceptable entertainment, especially for those who enjoy the actors in their respective television shows. The simple fact though, is that it's much cheaper to stay home and watch said shows than it is to go to the movies.

And the level of humor and its presentation are about the same in both cases.



Walter Davis (Bruce Willis), an executive at a financial management firm, goes on a disastrous blind date with Nadia Gates (Kim Basinger).

'Evita' maintains its energy

By Marian Trainor
Special Writer

For the third time in five years, local theatergoers are treated to the award-winning smash musical "Evita." Although the production at the Birmingham Theater is a bit scaled down, it has lost none of its power and energy.

Performed on a stage that is almost barren, it is alive with the people of Argentina singing Evita's praises, group generals moving to center stage chanting in unison or a group of Argentina's upper class. With all of the performers, the larger, more expansive setting is not missed.

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Add to this the fact that "Evita" is not so much a visual presentation as it is an audio treat. Andrew Lloyd Weber's music blends one into another while the lyrics by Tim Rice convey the story.

There is pageantry in the story of Eva Peron, the poor Argentinian, who married dictator Juan Peron and became the most powerful woman in the country,

and indeed Latin America. There are banners, gatherings in the square and protest meetings.

Florence Lacey, who has played the part hundreds of times, is the much practiced Evita. The demands of her role are strenuous but her energy never lessens, nor does her sturdy, silver-tone soprano.

She is immensely capable of portraying the many lives of Eva Peron. She is sexy and sultry as the teenage Evita, flouncing her skirts as she dances across stage singing about "Wanting to Go To B.A. Big Apple Buenos Aires."

She is demure and wily when she sees Peron at a public gathering and plots to get close to him with her song, "I'd Be Surprisingly Good For You." She is humorous and gay as she says farewell to her line of lovers in "Goodnight and Thank You."

Like most musicals, 'Evita' has one signature song. In this, it is the hauntingly sad, "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina." It has the same lovely melancholy air as another Weber melody from "Cats," "Memory."

Most musicals also have one scene that stands out. "My Fair Lady" had its stunning day at the races; "Oklahoma", its surrey. In "Evita," it is the balcony scene with Evita like a radiant queen, lovely in white with her arms outstretched to her people.

John Leslie Wolfe as Peron is silent most of the time. He steps aside for his manipulative wife whom he idolizes. He does have an air of despotic well-being that he creates with secret little smiles and watchful eyes.

Honors go to Philip Hereandez as Che Guevara. As the narrator of the story, wearing a beard and classic revolutionary fatigues, he is in the midst of all the action, advising, protesting, agitating. He has a vigorous, well-rounded tenor voice and a charismatic personality.

"Evita" encompasses a lot of history. Staged by John H. Love III with choreography by Kenneth W. Umston, the history on stage is enlarged upon by archival photos and newsreel footage of the real Eva projected on a huge screen dominating the stage.

The play will run through April 12.

Spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troup 1407 will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 5, at St. Margaret's Church gym (13 Mile and Little Mack, St. Clair Shores) from 1 to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Children under 5 are free.



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John Leslie Wolfe and Florence Lacey are Juan and Eva Peron in "Evita," now playing at the Birmingham Theater.

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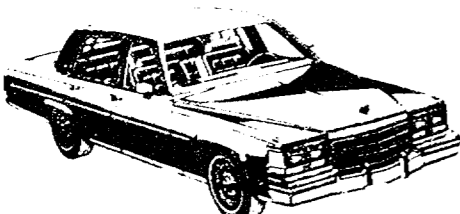
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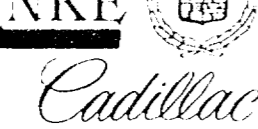
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