

Homeless find a sanctuary, parishioners find themselves

By Donna Walker
Staff Writer

When Katie Domzalski was a young mother, she had a terrifying, recurring dream.

"There was a nuclear explosion while my husband was at work, and our home was destroyed, so I had to try to survive on the streets with my children," said Domzalski, 53, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Of course, nuclear war didn't break out, and she and her husband are still living in the roomy, center-entrance Colonial where they raised their four children.

However, one day two years ago, while working as a volunteer at Nativity Church in Detroit, Domzalski met her nightmare, and it's been haunting her ever since.

Nativity was hosting a shelter for the homeless, "and when I saw some of the homeless women there, I realized that what was my worst fear was their reality. Living day to day on the streets while trying to take care of their children," Domzalski said.

Nativity was taking part in the Interfaith Hospitality Ministry, a rotating shelter program

for the homeless that was founded three years ago by Cass Community United Methodist Church in Detroit and the Detroit-Wayne County Union of the Homeless.

The program is a safety net for the homeless who cannot get into permanent-site shelters due to overcrowding. Homeless people are told they can stay in the program for a maximum of two weeks, but if they need to stay a little longer, they usually can, as long as they can prove that they are making an effort to find a house and a job, said the Rev. Ed Rowe, pastor of Cass Com-

munity United Methodist Church.

The more Domzalski thought about it, the more she thought the program was something her own church, St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park, could do.

Last spring, she approached St. Clare's parish council with the idea of joining the Interfaith Hospitality Ministry on a trial basis. The result: St. Clare hosted an Interfaith Hospitality Ministry shelter March 10-17, becoming one of 30 churches to participate in the program this year, Rowe said.

St. Clare took in 60 guests each night, and by the end of the week, had fed, clothed and sheltered some of Detroit's homeless men, women and children, said Anne Berschback, who co-chaired St. Clare's shelter committee with Domzalski.

"The response from our parish and the community has been overwhelming," Berschback said. "We must have over 200 volunteers working on this."

Volunteer drivers from St. Clare picked up the first 60 guests from the Cass Community Church Drop-In Center in Detroit about 5:30 p.m. Sunday,

March 10. The guests were transported to St. Clare, where dinner was waiting.

After dinner, the guests helped clean up and then relaxed. Some played basketball and volleyball in St. Clare's gym. Others played pool or watched television in the basement, or found a quiet spot to read or think. Showers and snacks were available, and at night, the guests slept on mats provided by the Drop-In Center. The men slept in the commun-

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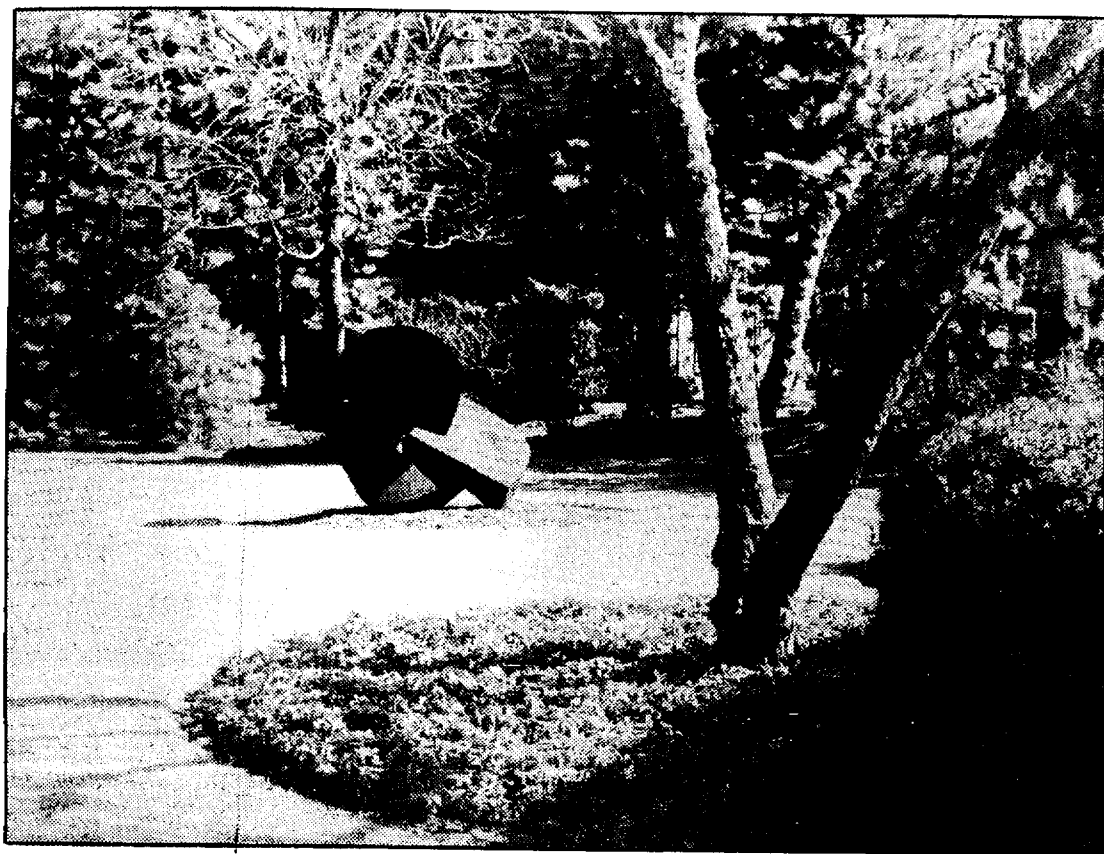
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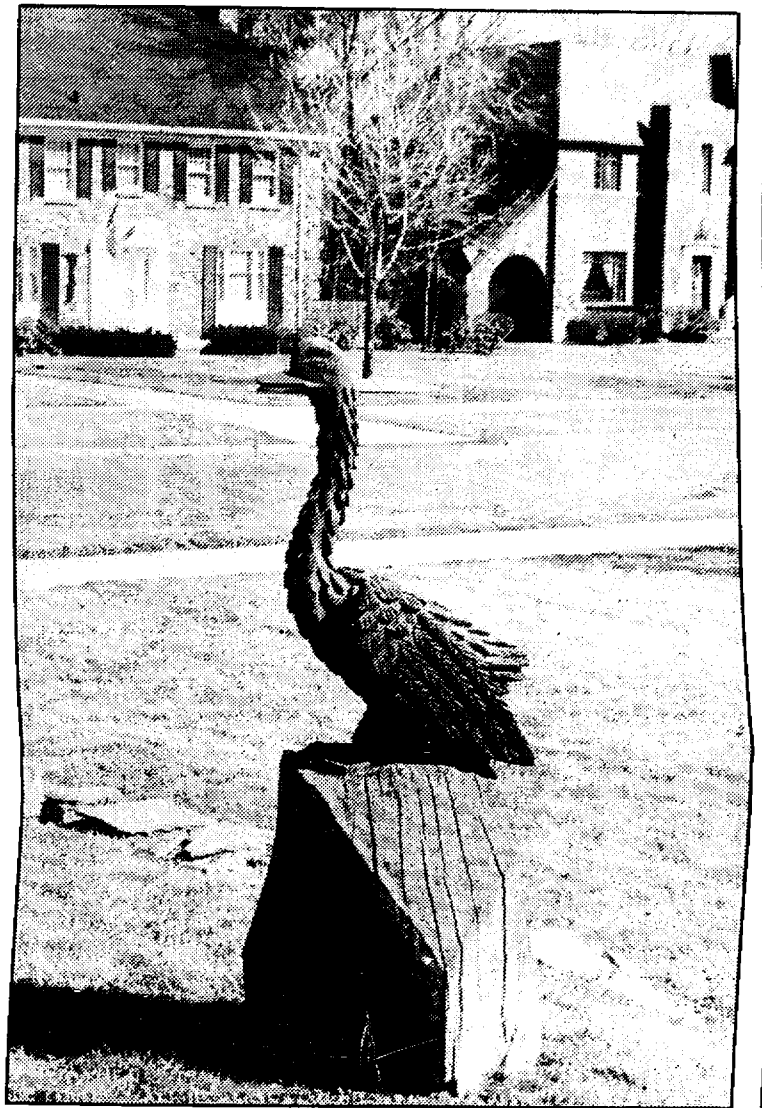


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Outdoor art

No pink plastic flamingos or store-bought statuary for these folks, no sir. These residents express their individuality through one-of-a-kind lawn art. The Pointes abound with such displays. More are on page 1C.

Above, a sheet metal abstract enhances the natural setting of a side yard in the 500 block of Rivard in the Farms. The goose, at the right, formerly a tree, watches over the neighborhood in the 900 block of Grand Marais in the Park.



Investors seek \$200,000 to buy historic Cadieux Farmhouse

By Donna Walker
Staff Writer

A local resident is trying to form a group of investors to buy the historic Cadieux Farmhouse in Grosse Pointe, but the Grosse Pointe Historical Society fears the house may be torn down before such a group is assembled.

Elaine Hartmann of Grosse Pointe Farms is trying to form a limited partnership of investors to buy the farmhouse. So far, four investors have committed a total of \$50,000 to the project, "but we probably have to raise \$150,000 more," Hartmann said.

Located on Jefferson at Notre

Dame, the Cadieux Farmhouse (named for former owner Isidore Cadieux) was built in the 1830s. It is one of the last remaining examples of the French farmhouses that dotted the Grosse Pointes in the 19th century, according to William Johnstone, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

"We'd like to buy a little time and get your support, and we'd certainly like you to hesitate if there's any request or anything along the lines of demolition (of the Cadieux house)," Johnstone told the Grosse Pointe City Council Monday night. "We

have to preserve these old houses, and you're our last line of defense."

Johnstone said he thought it was necessary to speak to the council because "spring is coming, and things get more active in the spring, especially in the construction industry."

However, local builder Christopher Blake felt that Johnstone jumped the gun unjustly. Blake is president of The Blake Co., which owns the house.

He said Johnstone's remarks to the council puzzled him, because Blake has not asked the council for permission to tear

down the house, nor does he plan to anytime in the future.

"I've told the historical society all along that I have no intention of tearing the house down, and that I indeed would not even request a permit to tear it down without discussing it again with the council," Blake said. "So I have no intention of tearing the house down before I come back and talk to you people and let you know what my reasons are and why I'm doing it. My hope is that won't have to happen."

The Blake Co. bought the house from Peter Kauffman last summer. Originally, Blake

wanted to add onto the farmhouse and make two connected condominiums out of it.

In January 1990, the city council narrowly approved Kauffman's and Blake's request to rezone the property from single-family residential to two-family. However, residents in the area objected to a multi-family development in their neighborhood and filed a lawsuit challenging the city's rezoning vote.

Last May, the residents, their attorney and Blake reached an agreement: After purchasing the

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Pointer of Interest

Helen Adams

By Ronald J. Bernas
Staff Writer

Just try to catch Helen Adams without a smile on her face. It would be as hard as finding a day the 82-year-old Woods resi-

dent didn't have something happening.

This is a woman who doesn't believe she's done anything interesting, but who looks back and says, "I've had a wonderful life."

A stranger, to her, is a friend she hasn't met yet and a person once met is a friend forever.

"I don't have a Ph.D.," she says, "Or an M... whatever those letters are - I'm just a regular person who enjoys life."

To help her enjoy life she had a husband of 50 years, four children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Recent cataract surgery has forced her to put many of her activities on hold, but as soon as she's fully recovered she plans on going full-steam ahead.

Full-steam ahead means playing in or directing three bands - the Standard Five, Banjos East and the Banjo Belles - which perform at functions all over the area. Because she books the gigs

By Ronald J. Bernas
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Ever since August, when America began preparations for war against Saddam Hussein to free Kuwait, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jessica Daher has been fighting her own war on the home front.

As head of the Detroit office of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, she has been helping local Arabs deal with unprovoked attacks, death threats, harassment and misunderstanding as fellow Americans vented their frustrations over the Gulf crisis on their Arab neighbors.

She says calls to the office regarding harassment surged after Hussein invaded Kuwait, then surged again when the war started.

During the occupation and ensuing war, Daher and other members of her organization

were seen on ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, and on Japanese television, and were quoted in English, Danish and Spanish newspapers, discussing the feelings of the Arabs, and especially the feelings of the Chaldean community - Christian Iraqis - who have been devastated by the war.

But with the war seemingly over, a new interest in the Middle East has arisen and Daher views the conflict as a big step on the road to better understanding of the Arab people.

March 18-27 has been named Michigan Arab Culture Week and Daher says that although the celebration is traditionally the third week in March, this year it comes at a particularly good time.

"With the heightened awareness of issues in the Middle East, I think people are more willing to listen to our message,"

Daher said. "But it's tragic that it took a war to get people interested."

She says there is a lot of ignorance about who Arabs are and what they believe. "Not all Arabs are Muslims and not all Muslims are Arabs," she said. "We were fighting Arabs over there, but we were also allied with Arabs. People need to know that."

Arab Culture Week events scheduled for the remainder of this week are:

- Contributions of Islam - A discussion of Islam by Drs. Elizabeth Higashi and John Walbridge at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, 464-0211.

- Expressions - An exhibition of work by Arab-American artists at ACCESS, in Dearborn from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 22, 842-7010.
- Michigan Educator Work-

shop: Arab Culture and the Humanities - A workshop for teachers at ACCESS from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 842-7010.

- A Day to Visit Arab Churches - Sacred Heart Chaldean Church, 310 W. 7 Mile Road in Detroit; Mother of God Church, 25585 Berg Road in Southfield; St. George's Orthodox Church, 2760 E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit, 874-2959; St. Maron's Cathedral, 1146 Kercheval in Detroit, 823-0962; St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman in Livonia, 422-0010; and St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 3212 West 12 Mile Road in Berkley, 545-9451. All will open their doors for others to participate in their services.
- Two Egyptian films - "Dreams of Hind and Camilla"

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Helen Adams

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Reunion: 'Yes, honey, I know who you are'

By Donna Walker
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After 46 years, Mary Adams of Detroit finally found her roots on March 7 with the help of a Michigan Bell operator.

Adams, a member of Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church in Grosse Pointe Park, was separated from her biological family and placed in foster care at the age of 2. Her foster mother, Florence Kretzchnmar of Detroit, adopted her three years later.

"She was a pioneer in a way, because she wasn't married at the time. She was one of the first women in the United States to adopt a child as a single parent," Adams said.

Adams attended Grosse Pointe Presbyterian's kindergarten and Finney Elementary School in Detroit. When she was 8, Kretzchnmar told Adams she was adopted and gave her a dossier from the Children's Aide Society in Detroit, which said she was born to Floyd and Rosella Groh on Dec. 12, 1943 in Wyandotte General Hospital. It also said that she had three older siblings, Bill, Phyllis and Roseanne, and a younger brother, Floyd.

"It was shocking to me. I don't really remember how I took it back then, but I knew I had other family," Adams said.

With Kretzchnmar's help, Adams began searching for her biological family when she was 16. She called every Groh in the phone book in the downriver area and Detroit.

"Since I was born in Wyandotte General, I assumed that my relatives would be living in the downriver area," Adams said, "but no one knew who I was. I just kept hitting one brick wall after another."

She gave up the search when she was 19, mainly because she didn't want to damage the relationship she had with her adoptive mother.

"Even though she supported me in my search, I felt guilty and I just couldn't do it any longer," Adams said. "I didn't want to hurt the mother-daughter friendship we had developed over the years. So I gave up the search and went ahead and lived my life."

After graduating with honors from Southeastern High School in 1962, Adams went to work for Kretzchnmar's publishing company, Information Coordinators in Detroit. Now defunct, the company published labor and music indexes.

Adams said she worked in every level of the company, from research to data entry.

She married, was divorced and raised two children, Haverly Anne, 26, and Brandon Ferris, 22, in Detroit. She also continued to go to Grosse Pointe Park Presbyterian Church.

In 1985, Kretzchnmar suffered a heart attack and stroke, and Adams moved in with her.

Last summer, doctors diagnosed Kretzchnmar as having Alzheimer's Disease.

"She stopped knowing me and her surroundings," Adams said. "She has times when she'll recognize me, but most of the time she's in her own little world, and she's happy there. So I thought if I found my family now, that relationship that I have with her would still be protected. Nothing would happen to that relationship, because it's basically locked up, and no one can touch it."

Adams said she started calling Grohs in the downriver area again, but to no avail.

"Then on Feb. 19, I was in a car accident, and it was only the grace of God that kept me from going through the windshield," Adams said. "I knew then that it was a sign that I would find my family now." She re-read her dossier and realized that she had

not followed up on the part that said her father was from Newberry, Mich.

Adams called information for the 616 area code and asked for the telephone numbers of all the Grohs in the Newberry area.

"I told her I was looking for my family, and that I needed her help," Adams said.

The operator gave her four phone numbers, and the first one Adams called belonged to her cousin's daughter, Kathy.

However, neither Kathy nor Adams knew that at the time. Kathy told Adams to call an-

other number. The number belonged to Adam's aunt, Alice Groh, the widow of her father's brother, Virgil.

"She said, 'yes honey, I know who you are. We've been searching for you for 40 some years,'" Adams said. "I was crying and she was crying, and my legs started shaking so hard I had to sit down."

Alice Groh put Adams in touch with her brothers and sisters, who had all found their way back to the family years ago.

Adams found that her father was in the Army when the family was torn apart. For some reason, her mother didn't get the allotment checks her father sent home, and had to get a job as a taxi driver to support her family. A social worker then took the children away from Rosella Groh, saying she was an unfit mother because she wasn't home with her children.

The three older children were put in foster care and found their way back to the family when they were teenagers.

Floyd, the youngest, was adopted by the Anderson family when he was 6 months old. When he was 25, he obtained a court order allowing him to look at his adoption records, and located his relatives the same way Mary did, by calling Grohs in the phone book. The family had a reunion in Muskegon in 1977. Everyone was there except Adams.

A newspaper at the time quoted her sister, Roseanne, as saying, "Someday she'll (Mary) open not Pandora's box, but Mary's box, and when she does, she'll find us . . . (then we'll have) another reunion. Our family likes 'em."

On Friday, March 8, Mary was reunited with her brother,

Bill, 54, of Muskegon; sister, Phyllis Wakefield, 52, of Whitecloud, and their biological mother.

After speaking to her that morning, they decided to drive down and meet her. They called the WXYZ-TV affiliate up north, and a camera crew filmed their tearful reunion for the 11 o'clock news on Channel 7.

Adams cherishes her videotape of the broadcast and longs to meet her other relatives. She wishes she could have met her father, who died a few years ago.

However, she said she is not bitter over the time she missed

with her family.

"I had a good childhood, and I never felt that I wasn't loved. There is a right time for everything, and I guess God didn't think it was a good idea for me to meet my family until now. I'm sure that has something to do with my adopted mother. He knows how I feel about her and our relationship," Adams said.

"She was there when I needed her. I don't know what would have become of me if it wasn't for Florence Kretzchnmar, and for the rest of her life, I will devote my life to making sure she is comfortable and happy."




Photos by Donna Walker

"She is my mother, and I will always call her mom," Mary Adams, left, said about her adopted mother. Florence Kretzchnmar, right.



Mary Adams loves watching the videotape of her reunion with her biological mother, sister and brother.



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Homeless

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ity room in the basement, while the women and children slept in the music room down the hall.

In the morning, the guests were given breakfast and a bag lunch to take with them. About 7 a.m., volunteer drivers took them back to the Drop-In Center. Then the guests were on their own. Some went to jobs or classes. Others went looking for housing and work, or talked to counselors at the Drop-In Center.

At 4:30 p.m., everyone who still needed shelter for the night met back at the Drop-In Center, and St. Clare volunteers came back to pick them up about 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Donna Walker

Reggie Armstrong is one of Interfaith's success stories. Once homeless, he is now employed by the organization, helping and serving as a model for others who are down on their luck.

The cycle continued through Sunday morning.

St. Clare parishioners made dinner for the guests each night; local restaurants, including Blue Pointe, Patrick Jay's, Irish Coffee and the Hodell Bakery, provided breakfast; and the St. Clare Youth Group made bag lunches for the guests. Christ Church Episcopal, St. Paul's Church and F.O.C.U.S. also made meals.

St. Clare school children collected personal items, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash and candies, and gave them to each guest in a welcome box. The children also made welcome banners that were used to decorate the church's activities building. Girl Scouts made centerpieces and place mats.

On Tuesday night, St. Clare held a birthday party for all of its guests, complete with ice cream and cake and presents (knitted hats).

"We thought it would be something nice to do," Domzalski said, "because we figured that some of them probably never had a birthday party. What was really nice was that it actually was one little girl's birthday. It was her third birthday, so we made her a crown and everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to her."

She also got a children's book and a toy purse with a beaded necklace inside, Domzalski said.

"It's amazing the response and kindness we get from the

churches, and especially the people here at St. Clare," said Reggie Armstrong, 30, of Detroit. "They treat you like an individual, like someone cares."

Armstrong is director of security for the Interfaith Hospitality Ministry. He spends the night at the church shelters, making sure the homeless guests follow the rules and dispensing advice when asked.

"He runs a really tight ship," Domzalski said. "He's probably the most respected person in this place. Everyone seems to like him — both the volunteers and the guests."

Armstrong said he's good at his job because he knows what it's like to be homeless.

Born in West Virginia, Armstrong has lived in Texas and Ohio. He said he attended the University of West Virginia, where he studied industrial safety and played on the football team.

"My dream was to be a professional football player," he said.

In 1983, he was picked to try out for the New York Giants. But his big break quickly turned into heartbreak. He injured his left knee during try-outs, and had to quit playing football altogether, he said.

Afterward, he quit college and worked at odd jobs to support his family. He has two sons, ages 7 and 5, who live in Columbus, Ohio, with their mother.

In 1988, Armstrong said, he was laid off from his job as a forklift operator at a warehouse in Columbus, Ohio. His relationship with his girlfriend crumbled at the same time and he moved to Detroit to look for work.

He stayed with friends for a while, but his welcome wore out before he could find a job.

"I heard about the Drop-In Center, so I went there," Armstrong said.

He stayed there for three weeks, then left to manage an apartment building in Detroit.

Two months later, he was back at the Drop-In Center — not as a client, but as a volunteer. He has been helping out there ever since, and was recently put on the payroll, said Wyvette Lineberger, director of the Drop-In Center.

"I would say that he is one of our success stories," Lineberger said. "He works full-time hours at part-time wages. Unfortunately, that is all we can afford to pay him right now."

When Armstrong isn't working at the shelter, he's fixing up

his apartment building, which he still manages.

"People wind up here (in the rotating shelter program) for all kinds of reasons," Armstrong said. "Maybe they were laid off or fired and couldn't pay the rent one month, or maybe there was some kind of abuse in the home and they fled to get away from that, or maybe they had some kind of dispute with their landlord, where the landlord refused to make necessary repairs. But they all have one thing in common. They're all in some kind of trouble, and this is like a safe haven for them. A temporary safe haven."

Some of the guests who were at St. Clare's shelter on Wednesday, March 13, included Andre Davis, Sandra and Jesse Young, Julia Patterson and her 12 children, and Margaret (not her real name) who was there with her 2-year-old daughter.

Davis, 31, said he wound up at the shelter after his divorce left him financially destroyed.

His goal, he said, is to become a nurse. He said he attended Indiana University at Bloomington and Wayne County Community College, where he was a pre-med student majoring in chemistry, and that he became a certified nursing assistant in November. However, his education is on the back burner now, while he tries to find a place to live and a job.

"I was working as a nurses' assistant, but I had to give that up when I entered the shelter. I had to be on call, and I couldn't give them a number where I'd



A special birthday party was held for all the children in the homeless program because volunteers thought some of the children probably never had a birthday party before. It turned out to be Shaquanda Patterson's third birthday.

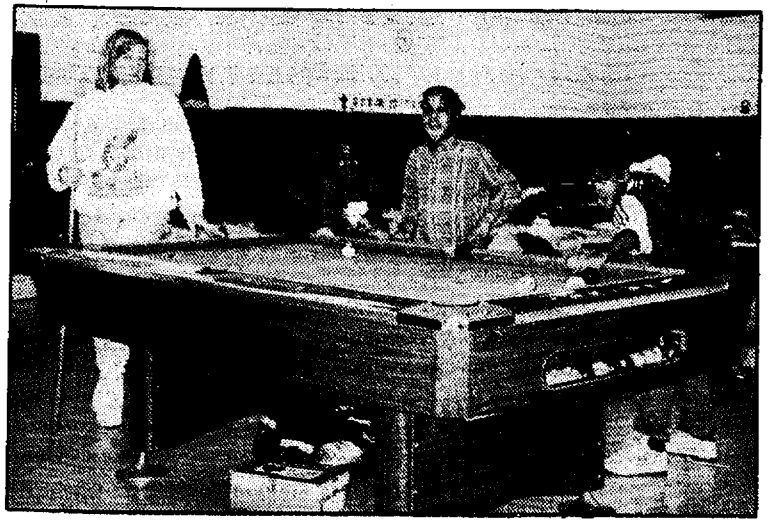


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Kelly Graul, left, of St. Clare School shoots pool with Jowana Tamieka and DeMorris Patterson in the school's community room while, behind the pool table, mats are set up for the homeless to sleep on.



Photo by Donna Walker

Many volunteers made St. Clare of Montefalco's shelter possible. A few are, from left, Pat Wylie of Grosse Pointe Farms, Carol Munerantz of Detroit, Tom Stieber of Grosse Pointe, Mary Wolking, Anne Berschback and Katie Domzalski all of Grosse Pointe Park, the Rev. Fred Taggart, pastor at St. Clare, and Tom Ricard and Paul Manion, both of Grosse Pointe Park.

be, since the shelter goes around to different churches," said Davis.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would be homeless. I thought the term 'homeless person' meant an individual who was age 50 on up, who had just given up on life. When I came to the Cass Corridor, I didn't realize I'd see so many young men, age 20 on up, and young women, age 18 on up, and young families with children who were homeless and crying for help."

Margaret, 41, said she and her daughter had been homeless for eight days. A graduate of Wayne State University and a licensed practical nurse, Margaret was working at an adult foster care facility in Detroit and living in a bedroom off her office.

She said the owner of the facility also owned a house that she promised to rent to her. Margaret gave her a security deposit and first month's rent, but the woman rented the house to someone else. Margaret quit her job and is staying at the shelter while she fights to get her money back and finds another place to stay.

Julia Patterson, 33, and her 12 children had also been in the shelter program for about a week. She said that the house in which they were living had terrible plumbing and electrical problems.

"Someone called protective services on me, and told me I should go to a shelter until the landlord could fix everything that needed fixing," Patterson said.

She said she hoped to be back home by Monday or Tuesday.

Sandra and Jesse Young had been homeless since Dec. 28. Sandra said that her father-in-law had a stroke last year, and that they gave up their house to live with him.

"But he can be cantankerous, and I just couldn't live with him anymore," Sandra said.

She said her husband used to work for Chrysler, but hurt his back while lifting an axle housing one day and hasn't been able to work since.

They survive on her husband's

disability checks, and for the past two years, Sandra has been studying to become a medical technician at National Technical Institute in Detroit, she said.

"I love school. It's all I've got," Sandra said. "The environment there is so different. I go there earlier than I'm supposed to and work on the computer, because I just love being there."

Last Sunday, before leaving, the homeless guests and St. Clare volunteers joined in saying

the Irish Blessing.

"The last line is, 'And until we meet again, may God keep you in the hollow of his hand,'" Domzalski said. "That was really sad, because by that time, we had become a family, and we didn't want to let them go, because we knew we'd probably never see them again."

"But what's exciting is what everyone at church has been saying. They're not saying, 'if we do this again next year,' but 'when we do this again next year.'"



Photo by Donna Walker

Julia Patterson has been homeless for about a week. Social Services told her to take her 12 children out of their unsafe home while the landlord repaired the terrible plumbing and unsafe electrical wiring. A volunteer from the parish, left, helps Patterson get Cornelius, Michael, Shaquanda, Noah and Tamiaka ready for bed. Patterson hopes to be back in her home soon.

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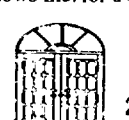
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Marguerite Wade Willis

Services were Tuesday, March 19, at the McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills for Marguerite Wade Willis, formerly of Grosse Pointe, who died March 16, 1991. She was 91 years old.

Born in Calumet, Mich., Mrs. Willis was a schoolteacher and a businesswoman. She attended Eastern Michigan Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University, and received her teaching degree from Wayne State University.

She was a former member of the Detroit Yacht Club, the Wayne State University Alumni Association and was a supporter of PATNA Jesuit Mission. She was also a member of the Audubon Society, a dog lover and an avid card player.

Mrs. Willis is survived by a daughter, Joanne Willis McManus, and three grandchildren.

Greta Cassman

Services were March 13 at the Chas Verheyden funeral home for Greta (Lundgeren) Cassman of Grosse Pointe Park. Mrs. Cassman died March 11, 1991. She was 82.

Born in Sweden, Mrs. Cassman was a court secretary.

She is survived by a friend, Luella Westerlund. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl.

Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Harriet H. Gallette

A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 19, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Evanston, Ill., for Harriet H. (Haf) Gallette, formerly of Grosse Pointe. She was 77 when she died on March 16, 1991.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Gallette also lived in Culver, Ind.

Mrs. Gallette is survived by two sons, Richard E., and Peter J. III, a daughter, Arlene K. and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter J. Gallette II.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston, IL, 60203.

Arrangements were by the Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home in Wilmette, Ill.

Crete Woodard Thompson

A memorial service for Crete Woodard Thompson will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Mrs. Thompson, 67, died of cancer March 15, 1991.



Crete Thompson

Mrs. Thompson was born April 4, 1923 in Cambridge, Mass. Married to Minert N. Thompson in 1943, she graduated from Bates College in 1945. A 29-year resident of Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park, she was also a life-long summer resident of Pleasant Pond, Caratunk, Maine.

She was a 35-year member of the League of Women Voters. In the Grosse Pointe league, she held several offices and chaired numerous study committees. She was a volunteer receptionist and member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and a member of the Tuesday Musicales. Until

recently, she was a tutor for Macomb Community College's literacy project and has worked for Harvard University, Kelly Services and as an English instructor at a local business school.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband, a son, Dr. Jeffrey N. Thompson, a daughter, Karen Jeffrey, three grandchildren, her father, Donald K. Woodard, and a brother D. Kenneth Woodard. She was predeceased by a son, Minert N. Thompson, III.

The family will receive visitors today at the Wilhelm Funeral Home, E. Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park, from 5 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice or the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Cloyne 'Doc' Haselby

Services for Cloyne "Doc" Haselby, of Harrison Township, will be held at the Kaul Funeral Home in Clinton Township. He died March 17, 1991 at the age of 88.

Mr. Haselby owned several service stations in Grosse Pointe.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, sons Joseph W. and Ray C., nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother, Herd.

Arrangements were by the Kaul Funeral Home.

John F. (Jack) Beyer

Services were March 15 at the Eppens-VanDeweghe Funeral Home Inc. for former Grosse Pointe Park resident John F. (Jack) Beyer who died March 11, 1991. He was 88.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Beyer was the owner of J.F. Beyer Coal Co.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club; the founder and past president of the Detroit-Northeast Kiwanis Club; past lieutenant governor for the Detroit District of Kiwanis International; a member of the Acacia Lodge, F&AM; a member of the Detroit Commandry No. 1 of the Knights Templars and was also a Shriner.

Mr. Beyer is survived by his sons Robert and John F. Beyer Jr., seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Beatrice.

Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Zion United Methodist Church, 17500 Chandler Park Dr., Detroit, 48224.

Jean Ruwart

Services were held March 17 at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home for Jean Ruwart, who died March 15, 1991. The Grosse Pointe Woods resident was 62.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Ruwart was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ruwart is survived by her husband, William W., sons Bill and Michael, daughters Mary, Martie, Teresa and Karen, and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Eileen Hilda McAuley

Services for Eileen Hilda (Bostock) McAuley of Grosse Pointe Park were March 12 at the Chas Verheyden funeral home in Grosse Pointe Park. Mrs. McAuley died March 8, 1991. She was 77.

She was born in Detroit and worked for 30 years as an office manager at the E.P. Brady Co.

Known for her love of animals, Mrs. McAuley would nurse stray animals back to health and find them homes. She was a member of the Michigan Humane Society.

She is survived by a stepdaughter, Muriel McAuley, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three nephews and a sister-in-law, Barbara Bostock. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold F., a stepdaughter, Charlotte June Schroll, and a brother, Arthur Bostock.

Cremation took place and her ashes were interred at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

Ross Eric White

Services were March 18 at the Eppens-Van Deweghe Funeral Home for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ross Eric White. Mr. White was 70 when he died March 14, 1991.

Mr. White was born in Huntington, W. Va. and was a retired bus driver for SEMTA. He was a member of American Legion Post 261 and Elks Lodge 34. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was wounded in action during World War II.

Mr. White is survived by his wife, Mary Alice, daughters Gayle Henking, Linda Kellog, Pamela Cormar-Castelli and Patricia Kohlrust, seven grandchildren and two brothers.

Interment was in the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

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Pointes agree to lead way on recycling

If all goes as planned, the five Pointes and Harper Woods will have curbside recycling programs in place by July 1. As the Pointes join other communities in Michigan and elsewhere in offering a recycling program, they will be providing an additional service to meet the needs of their citizens and to help protect an endangered environment.

In effect, the Pointes are setting up their own programs in advance of the Wayne County requirement that some kind of recycling be put into effect by local communities by September 1992 unless they have their own incineration plants.

Even though the Pointes are part of the Grosse Pointe-Clinton Township Incinerator Authority, they would be bound by the Wayne County requirement that by Jan. 1, 1994, local communities must eliminate 25 percent of their waste stream by recycling and 15 percent by composting.

With their own participation in the local incineration authority and their new recycling plans, the Pointes now appear to be fairly well prepared for the expansion of the attack on waste required by state law and county requirements.

The Woods has had a recycling program in effect since last summer but the other four Pointes and Harper Woods plan on a joint collection project although the Shores program is not yet ready to go.

Whether the costs will be added to the water bills, as in the City, tacked onto the property tax bills, or financed in some other way, the program apparently will cost Pointe residents between \$2 and \$2.50 a month. Methods of charging residents are still being examined in several Pointes while in the Shores the cost per household apparently will be slightly higher because of the smaller number of households involved.

While the program will be voluntary and non-participants will not be penalized, all

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days in the Pointes.

In several of the Pointes, council discussions have included complaints from residents about costs of the program. The complaints usually arise from the mistaken belief that the firms handling the recycling collections stand to make huge profits from their programs.

The answer is that the revenue derived from the current sales of recyclables does not meet the costs of labor, equipment, transportation and other expenses involved in making the collections. Hence, citizens served have to pick up part of the cost.

However, there may be an offsetting reduction in costs to the Pointe communities because a smaller amount of their refuse will go to the incinerator with the introduction of recycling and expansion of composting. The environmental program tackles the overall waste problem with incineration as well as recycling and composting in order to reduce the use of landfills.

Even so, it appears that the recycling costs will be money well spent. The payments will finance not only a needed service that helps protect the environment but one that also meets state and county requirements. And by getting the service started before the deadlines, the Pointes do have better opportunities to set up programs to meet their own special needs.

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Engler honeymoon nears end

Even those who are critical of Gov. John Engler's early actions in office probably are willing to give him a few more months of a personal and political honeymoon.

Yet the controversies over his sharp downsizing of some segments of Michigan government do raise a question as to whether he has broad support for all of the extreme cutbacks he is proposing.

In winning the 1990 election, Engler may have benefited from the old saw that candidates don't necessarily win elections, other candidates lose them. If you accept that premise, then Jim Blanchard lost the governorship because people felt he had failed and that it was time for a change.

Yet was the Michigan populace ready for the kind of changes Engler now is proposing?

If Michigan wasn't ready, it can't be because the citizenry wasn't warned. He did tell us he planned to cut spending and downsize government, although he was short on specifics like those he cited in his recent budget proposals.

He also took issue with some of Blanchard's spending habits and costly projects, many of which he discussed during the 1990 campaign. And he also had promised to reduce the number of state employees.

But we don't recall he cited in the campaign any plans for detailed cuts in welfare payments, General Assistance and the state's special package of aid for Detroit's cultural institutions such as the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Nor, in fact, did he call for closing several state mental hospitals and prisons and ending the state licensing of day-care centers, a proposal that later was rescinded.

So perhaps it was not surprising that there was some beefing about the governor's economies as well as some support for them in a balanced Sunday Detroit Free Press story that rounded up opinions from almost 100 Michigan citizens.

The writer, Chris Christoff, Free Press Lansing Bureau chief, cited both supporters and critics, avoiding any judgement, but on Monday the paper's editorial page took the governor to the woodshed on several counts.

It charged him with proposing excessive programs of privatization, such as "eliminating the state as even the mental care provider of last resort," for plans to privatize several state parks, and, in general, for recommending that the state "abandon large chunks of what it has committed to provide to the community."

It no doubt is too early to conclude that the governor's economies are in trouble although there is strong likelihood he'll be forced to compromise on some major cutbacks if the Democratic House stands firm.

We think that might be a good solution for programs that benefit the poor and needy but whatever happens, the political honeymoon obviously is nearing an end for Gov. Engler.

He's learning that it's one thing to win an election and quite another to run the state after having achieved victory.



Letters

SEV's the culprit

To the Editor:
As a city of Grosse Pointe property owner appealing your assessment, you should first of all understand the concept of SEV (State Equalized Valuation).

State equalization is a process set up by Michigan law to try to assure uniform and equitable assessment practices in each of the counties in the state and in each of the various cities and townships within each county. In Michigan, there are more than 1,700 autonomous assessing districts, and since each district assesses its property independently, some mechanism for equalizing assessments is necessary.

Without such a mechanism, some property owners would not be paying a fair and proportionate share of their property taxes. For example, where a school district includes several assessment districts (as is true in the Grosse Pointes) property owners in one assessment district could be paying a disproportionate share of the school tax unless assessments are uniform throughout the school district.

To achieve this uniformity, every year the state equalization department and each county equalization depart-

ment works out a factor (1.150, 1.500 or whatever) for each of the more than 1,700 assessing districts (the City of Grosse Pointe's factor for 1991 is 1.113), and each assessing district is obliged by state law to apply that factor to assessed valuation, whether it wants to or not.

In short, as a City of Grosse Pointe property owner, you should understand that it's the state equalized valuation process that's causing your property assessment to increase 11.3 percent this year, not the City of Grosse Pointe or its assessor.

Charles Delbridge,
Member
Board of Tax Appeals
City of Grosse Pointe

Wonderful

To the Editor:
Congratulations, Grosse Pointe North, on a wonderful production of "42nd Street." Everyone in the cast performed magnificently and the exuberance of the cast could be felt across the footlights by a very enthusiastic audience. Gael Barr, Ben Walker and the entire cast should feel extremely proud of a job well done.

A special word of praise should also go to the people behind the scenes. One of these groups was the band, which deserves a great deal

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of praise. They were great and gave the production a very professional sound. How fortunate for the students at Grosse Pointe North to have talented people like Ralph Miller and Bob Foster to work with them. They are real assets.

Once again, congratulations to all who were a part of this marvelous production. It was a wonderful evening and we will be awaiting your next show.

M. Suddick
Grosse Pointe

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Mideast peace still elusive

Peace in the Persian Gulf is wonderful — until the problems of the postwar world intrude.

Like the Western victory in the Cold War and the defeat of communism in Eastern Europe, U.S. euphoria prompted by the allied victory over Saddam Hussein of Iraq is being quickly dissipated, this time by the harsh realities of the Middle East.

The chief stumbling block to any permanent peace is, as it has been for decades, the intransigence of both the Arabs and the state of Israel over ways to satisfy their competing claims to the lands of old Palestine.

Secretary of State James Baker's mission to the Mideast seemed to founder on the old issue. The Palestinians reiterated their claims to lands Israel has occupied. Israel turned a deaf ear to compromise possibilities. The talks continue in various places but the deadlock remains.

Most Arabs still want an international conference although President Mubarek of Egypt opposes it for now. The Israelis also oppose such a conference at least until the Arabs end their 43-year state of war with the Jewish state. The United States also has been reluctant to agree to the conference idea.

Actually, the allies have ended Iraq's military threat to its neighbors but that doesn't end the area's security problems. Yet there is some encouragement in the

proposed melding of Egyptian and Syrian units into the nucleus of a permanent regional force backed by a token U.S. contingent.

Another new problem is the rising pressure from the Arab masses, aroused by Saddam Hussein's rhetoric, for a larger share in the benefits from the oil-rich sheikdoms and for more self-rule. Even the Egyptians and the Syrians, Iraq's foes, have joined in the agitation for an improved economic lot.

Closer control of the Mideast arms trade also is a postwar problem. That includes more effective ways to resist the introduction of any more nuclear arms in the area. Some Arab nations apparently feel that if they can't afford to keep up with Western arms technology, the possession of the bomb might give them an equalizer.

Yet in some respects the Persian Gulf war simply hardened old animosities. For example, the Palestinians' support for Iraq has increasingly polarized the Arab and Jewish communities in Israel and the occupied territories, the Christian Science Monitor points out. That has reduced the prospects for political compromise and the influence of moderates.

Ah, yes, the lovely prospects of peace unfortunately rely heavily on the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict that so long has permeated the Middle East.

Modern meals

Last Saturday, at the crack of noon, my children awakened, puzzled. The spicy aroma of pumpkin, cloves and cinnamon had reached the second floor.

"Is Grandma here?" they asked. "Who's cooking?"

I exaggerate. But my children know that their mother considers cooking a survival skill, not a pleasurable pastime.

Mothers of the '90s are surviving more easily than ever before.

Back in the '50s, those who peered into the future predicted that the tedium of shopping for food, preparing it, cooking it, eating it and cleaning up afterward would be as outdated in the '90s as butter churns and wringer-washers were in their decade.

Instead, they forecast, we'd pop meal pills — a big yellow pill for breakfast; two green capsules for lunch; three blue tablets for dinner.

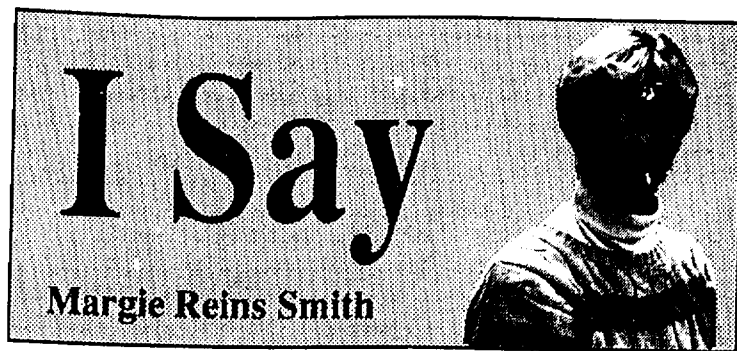
They were wrong, of course. Food — in the form of meals — is still a big deal. Unfortunately.

They're easier to prepare, though. Not as easy to make as, say, *reservations*, but relatively stress-free.

Mom used to get up earlier than everybody else to bake biscuits, fry bacon and eggs in a heavy cast iron skillet, squeeze juice out of real oranges and brew a pot of industrial-strength coffee that kept eyelids peeled back, unblinking, for several hours.

She also baked pies filled with actual apples that she had personally picked out, peeled, cored, cut up and sprinkled with cupsful of sugar and cinnamon. She rolled out piecrust made of real flour with a rolling pin and crimped the edges in a design that was a certified family secret. She showed me how to do it, but I forgot, due to lack of practice.

She roasted big red beefy chunks of animal bodies that only she could identify. She shelled peas, snapped beans, scraped carrots, shucked corn,



I Say

Margie Reins Smith

peeled and mashed potatoes and mixed them with butter and whole milk and salt and pepper and sour cream. She doused these with a creamy, lump-free gravy, which was cooked in some secret manner I've never mastered.

If any of this delicious stuff was left over at the end of a meal, she saved it and mixed it together at the end of the week and simmered it all day on a back burner and served it again.

Mom was a saint. Today's food is different. It isn't supposed to stick to your ribs anymore.

Most of today's selections are

designed to look like, taste like, feel like and smell like the foods of yesteryear. But they're new, streamlined and improved. They're good for you.

Today's food is also fast and easy to prepare.

Aha. This gets my attention. For breakfast, I may choose to stir up and drink a concoction called Instant Breakfast. Or, I can poach a couple of low cholesterol eggs or scramble two egg substitutes in a non-stick pan that's been sprayed with no-cal oil. I may sprinkle them with fake bacon bits and a salt substitute.

I can also toast some bread that has only half as many calories as old-time bread. It's chock-full of twice as many good-for-you things, though: bran, whole grains, vitamins and minerals. I can spread this with pre-softened, low-cal margarine instead of butter and a sugarless fruit concoction that looks like jam.

I can wash this all down with a glass of reconstituted synthetic orange drink and naturally decaffeinated coffee flavored with non-dairy cream and sugar substitute.

Today I can buy boneless chicken parts, seedless grapes, salt-free potato chips, low-fat cheese, sugar-free pop, alcohol-free beer, and calorie-free fruit drinks.

I can choose rolls that have been boosted with vitamins, carbonated water that's imported from Canada or France, orange juice fortified with calcium, milk that's fortified with vitamin C and D, salt that's iodized, pain-relievers that are aspirin-free, dehydrated potatoes, hot dogs made from chicken or turkey, gravy in a jar and just about

anything else in a lite, natural, packed-in-its-own-juice, whole-grain, sodium-free, fortified, enriched or decaffeinated version.

I can even purchase tuna that's been captured without traumatizing other animals.

I can prepare this stuff by mixing it with water or nuking it in the microwave or plopping a sealed pouch of it in boiling water or mixing it up and dumping it in a crockpot or an electric wok or an electric frying pan or peeling back the foil and baking it in a regular oven that can be programmed to turn itself on, then off, in time for dinner.

Today I can order out, pick up, drive through, carry out, heat-and-serve, open and eat or re-serve easier than ever before.

I can order dinner, pay for it, pick it up, eat it and dispose of the biodegradable dishes on which it's delivered in less time than it used to take me to wash my hands for dinner.

That's why I have to buy pumpkin pie potpourri and simmer in a saucepan so my house smells like somebody is actually cooking something.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Margie Reins Smith

The right thing to win

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Julia Winter** won the \$10,000 grand prize in the Quaker Oats "It's The Right Thing To Do" recipe contest.

Her winning recipe, *Gingerbread Scones with Lemon Breakfast Cream*, is a basic scone recipe revised to make it healthier.

Winter replaced the cream, whole eggs and butter with skim milk, egg whites and a smaller amount of margarine, and she substituted whole grain oats for some of the flour.

She is a high school math and science teacher who enters recipe contests as a hobby.

"My chemistry background came in handy when I needed to adjust the leavening in the scones to make them rise properly," she said. Recipes in the contest were judged on the basis of taste, significance of changes, ease of preparation, appearance and creativity.

Great skate

Tom Kavanagh of Grosse Pointe Woods was one of 800 Metro Detroiters who skated with their favorite Detroit Red

Wings players and other local celebrities during "Skate with the Stars III" at Joe Louis Arena on Feb. 28.

The annual fundraiser benefits Little Caesars Pizza's "Let's Grow Up Smart" anti-substance abuse education program. This year's event raised more than \$30,000, which will be used to produce an educational coloring book and brochures for teens and parents.

That's a lotta lottery money

According to Michigan's Bureau of State Lottery, fiscal year

1989-90 marked the highest contribution to K-12 public education in the Michigan lottery's 18-year history.

Nearly \$490 million in lottery revenues was transferred to the state's School Aid Fund — a new record.

Since the lottery's debut, Michigan players have won more than \$5 billion in prizes. In fiscal year 1990, a record \$588 million was paid out in prizes.

The first weekly green ticket has evolved into a variety of different games, more than 80 of them instant ticket scratch-off games.



Auto teetotaler has urge to get loaded

Farewell, good and faithful friend.

Surely my car merits such a sincere goodbye. Her little four-cylinder heart has carried me 118,274 miles with only the most minor of temper tantrums — and she's not done yet.



Nancy Parmenter

Oh my, no. But it is time to start looking.

Sid, the friendly car salesman, assures me cheerfully that, although she could keep going forever, she's much more likely to quit completely halfway between here and Timbuktu. Yes, indeed. That Sid.

So I'm looking, at small cars and medium-sized cars, at gray cars and red cars (with my unusual list of options, I'm really going to have to be flexible on color, Sid says, gazing doubtfully at my short lineup of desires, with good mileage at the top).

But the worm of covetousness has entered my heart, for I have an opportunity to buy — at a good price — a car that is loaded. That's Loaded — at a Deal.

Loaded. I've never had a loaded car. Comfort grouping. One of those little gadgets that lets you unlock your car as you approach. Open the trunk without getting out. (Of course, if I actually want to get something out of the trunk... well, you get my drift.)

Air conditioning. I haven't had air conditioning since 1973, when the compressor blew up graveside at a funeral.

Now, I've always made a virtue of my small cars. High mileage and the Clean Air Act have rated higher than comfort. And I guess we all know that auto air conditioning is a major contributor to the loss of ozone in the upper atmosphere.

It's going to be a mortal struggle. Y'all better hope I go for Loaded, so you don't have to hear any more about my environmental superiority.

Speaking of the environment, the magazine *In Context* (reprinted in the Utne Reader) lists four tough things you can do to save the planet. This is for people who have graduated from the wimpy list of easy things to do.

In *Context* wants us to practice zero population growth, stop buying into the materialist pitches of Madison Avenue, personally help the needy (I told you this was a tough list), and care for the land (stop all that spraying for elm beetles and gypsy moths, Grosse Pointe).

The only one of those toughies

that anyone is actually likely to practice is the anti-greed one. Materialism is Out now (everyone is saying so), and anti-materialism will be ever so easy to practice now that we've all bought our goodies.

But speaking of zero population growth, a couple of weeks ago I received a mailing from a group called Negative Population Growth. Whoa! These people are promoting the idea that world population can actually be reduced to about half its current size and maintained at that level. They also say it *must* happen, or our congestion will suffocate the Earth.

Hey, aren't you glad you aren't the person in charge of achieving those goals? You think Ted Kennedy is having a tough time getting anywhere with his universal health care idea.

The truth is, those folks are probably right. If we can't control our population at the birth end, nature will control it at the death end. But it's something Americans don't concern themselves with very much, because most of the dying will happen far, far away and impersonally.

Here are a couple of new factoids to ruin your day. (My source is a desk calendar published by Workman.)

You know all that nice treated wood that your deck is built of (shoot, it made this deck boom

possible) and the attractive wood ties that border the garden? Well, the pentachlorophenol, the creosote, the arsenic are all toxic and are leaching into your backyard soil this very minute.

And, on the indoor front, your air freshener is also releasing pollutants: naphthalene, creosol, phenol, ethanol. And others, unmentioned.

To balance the bad news, here is something genuinely heartening. From the same desk calendar:

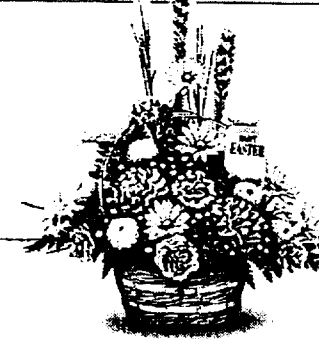
"In the wake of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union has taken the courageous step of urging that no new federal tracts be opened to exploration or drilling for oil. Though this stand could have adverse economic consequences for its 40,000 U.S. members, the union believes the risk of environmental damage is too great. It particularly opposes new development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

An action like this serves as a reminder that not everybody is greedy. Often enough to keep my faith in humanity intact, people do rise to the occasion and do the right thing.

And, by the way, did you know that the Interior Department estimates that the Arctic Refuge contains only a two-month supply of oil at our present rate of consumption?

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Fed up with high taxes

To the Editor:

By now everyone has received their tax bills which have increased property taxes in the Farms by an automatic 9 percent across the board hike.

A couple of observations must be made. First, while all taxpayers in the Pointes are getting pretty fed up with, come hell or high water, annual 9-12 percent tax jumps, those of us foolish enough to build a new home here are getting it right in the neck with impunity.

Since my new home was first assessed in March 1987, my assessment and taxes have jumped 44 percent in four assessment periods. Since the tax assessor in the Farms assessed me at exactly the building contract purchase price of my home, my reward for increasing the valuable housing stock in this community was to get levied to the dead last penny of the premium value of what it takes to build a new home. Overlook that homes built in the 1920s and the 1930s or later lag far behind their real current values. The new home owner in the Grosse Pointes must be aware that he or she will pay a very high tax premium indeed to live here. Beware, beware!

Secondly, all taxpayers here have a right to expect their city officials to do something about offering some resistance to the Wayne County officials who single out the Grosse Pointes for 9 percent increases when those increases, in absolute dollars, are huge and intolerable.

Under the circumstances, it is my view that each outraged taxpayer should write to his or her applicable city officials and demand better representation in the annual tax dance with Wayne County. The taxation situation endangers our community in two serious respects.

New home owners are given a strong disincentive to build costly new homes here since the local tax officials simply use the high cost of building as the starting point for years of huge increases.

Secondly, the Grosse Pointes are getting a deserved reputation for extreme taxation which chills young, upwardly mobile families in their salad days from locating here.

Write your city representatives, ladies and gentlemen, or be prepared to regret it later.

John P. Jacobs
Grosse Pointe Farms
Student responds

To the Editor:

After reading the article by Nancy Parmenter titled "Ideal is still far out of reach, students find" in the Opinions section of the March 7 edition, I was outraged.

I am currently a student at University Liggett High School and a member of its student council. As a member of that organization, I felt it imperative to convey my feelings.

First, however, I would like to express that through sports and school, I have come into contact and formulated friendships with many of my African-American classmates. Furthermore, I do agree with them on several of their grievances.

I have no wish to argue for or against the actual contents of that article. That is not why I wrote this letter. My purpose was to communicate my opinion about the manner in which that article was written.

After reading Nancy Parmenter's writing, I indulged my curiosity and sought out the circumstances and the facts of the situation for myself. I found that Ms. Parmenter had visited the school in order to construct a story about a group of students wishing to form an African-American club.

Once she had arrived at the school, the focus of the story changed. However, even though she had changed the focus of the article to a more serious and important tone, Ms. Parmenter did not change her approach.

To begin with she only interviewed three students. While three students may have been enough to formulate an opinion about a group of students creating an African-American organization, the number is disgracefully low to formulate an opinion about race relations at a high school.

Also having spoken with two out of the three people who were interviewed, I found that the opinion that Ms. Parmenter conveyed was based primarily on the emotions and feelings of just one of those interviewed.

How could Ms. Parmenter feel that she had adequately represented the whole or even a majority of African-American students by interviewing just three? More importantly, she did not interview the administration, any of the faculty, or any white students.

I understand that Ms. Parmenter was writing an opinion, and as such she had the right to write down that opinion.

However, I feel that her opinion is invalid. An opinion does not have to address each side of an argument, but to reach that opinion one must study or at least look at both sides.

Ms. Parmenter did not. She did not proceed in a manner to assemble an objective opinion as most educated people of the world do. She did write an opinion, a biased opinion of a topic that is very dangerous and explosive.

I see this article as a near-perfect example of irresponsible journalism. Please, we must move into the future carefully, and as part of the media, it is your responsibility to inform the people with factual and objective writing.

Even an opinions columnist should have the conscience and intelligence to examine both sides of an issue, especially one that is so extremely important.

David Niccolini
ULS Student Council
Representative

Form 1040

To the Editor:

Most Americans will face the familiar IRS Form 1040 in the next few weeks. But most people probably do not realize that one of the major protections of our political system against undue influence is embedded in the 1040.

This is the opportunity for taxpayers to check off whether they want \$1 of their federal taxes to be set aside for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, which provides public funding to presidential candidates who agree to abide by legal spending limits and to comply with legal disclosure requirements.

The legislation enacting this reform was put into place during the Watergate era. As the memory of that scandal fades, people have forgotten the purpose of the check-off. As a result, the amount of dollars going to the fund has declined and may not be sufficient for the 1992 presidential election unless Americans act now.

The purpose of using federal dollars to fund presidential campaigns is to reduce candidates' dependence on special interests and to place candidates on a more equal financial footing in the campaign.

There is no cleaner money in federal campaigns than the funds from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. This is not special interest money — it is, pure and simple, \$1 from individual taxpayers paid into a U.S. Treasury fund and disbursed to qualifying candidates. Furthermore, the \$1 checked off (\$2 for joint returns) does not increase the

taxes an individual owes.

Why not check "yes" on your 1040 and help put citizens back in the presidential campaigns?

League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

Special ed

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe PAC for Special Education requests that you publish this letter, which was delivered to Mr. Edward Shine, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

Dear Mr. Shine,

As the representative body of special ed parents in the Grosse Pointe schools, the PAC would like to share with you our appreciation and enthusiasm for the fine job being done by Dr. Suz-

anne Klein in her first year as our director of special education.

Her organized approach and quick grasp of problems and possible solutions have already resulted in progress being made toward solving problems which have existed in special ed for years. And her willingness to be a participant as well as a director has opened opportunities for parent involvement and contribution which have never existed before.


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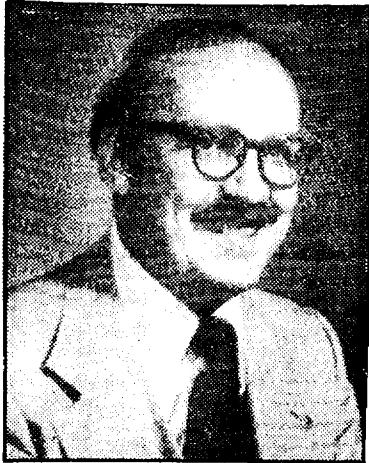
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New group offers free tax help to Desert Storm families

By Ronald J. Bernas
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe City resident Dave Mitchell was up at 4:30 in the morning a few weeks ago watching coalition forces move into Kuwait and he wanted to do something to help the effort.



Dave Mitchell

At 46, he was too old to enlist, so he thought perhaps he could do something on the home front. But what could a self-employed man with an MBA in finance do?

He formed the Michigan Tax Accountants Group (MTAG), an organization designed to help file the taxes of families affected by Operation Desert Storm.

"Our No. 1 objective is to make sure the families of Desert Storm get the assistance they need," Mitchell said. "They get an automatic extension, but if they're due a refund, they'd want to get it back as soon as possible."

Mitchell made a plea over the radio for volunteers who would be interested in helping him out and so far 12 people — including CPAs, lawyers and accountants — have offered their services free of charge.

Jewelry taken while resident watches TV

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman's home in the 2100 block of Stanhope was entered and jewelry was taken while she watched television in the basement March 10.

The woman went to the basement at 7:25 p.m. At 11:25 p.m., her husband discovered empty jewelry boxes lying on the floor in a bedroom and a dresser drawer missing.

Police investigated and found the dresser drawer in the back yard, along with several empty jewelry boxes and pieces of costume jewelry lying on the ground.

The thief is believed to have entered the house through an unlocked doorwall.



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"Right now we're caught between the Desert Storm and the tax storm," he said. "People are going to be needing help with some very complex returns."

For example, one reservist was making \$80,000 a year before he was called to active duty. His income dropped to \$10,000 a year. The rules and formulas governing cases like that are difficult to understand, Mitchell said, and someone who is not well versed in such matters may end up paying too much in taxes.

Mitchell said the group is working closely with the IRS and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to supplement and complement their work. If MTAG is not able to help, they will make referrals.

Mitchell doesn't plan on disbanding the group after the tax storm is over. He has filed to get his organization a non-profit status and hopes there is enough interest in the group to expand it state-wide.

"I see it as an ongoing organization to help accountants across the state share ideas, discuss software packages and help each other out," he said.

He also expects the organization to continue aiding veterans with filing their income tax in future years.

For more information on the Michigan Tax Accountants Group or to offer assistance, call Mitchell at 463-1060.

Letters

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ing with a death in the family, including denial, anger, self-blame and grief, before finally reaching acceptance. Some of us pass through this rather quickly; some more slowly. And some parents, when confronted with their child's declining I.Q., go through the whole process every three years. It is a roller-coaster which you almost have to experience to fully understand.

A director of special education must deal with parents in all of these stages of intense emotions, and Dr. Klein has done this very well.

She has projected an attitude of sincere caring and concern. She has not reacted to angry parents with anger, but has listened to them courteously and with respect. She has not offered excuses or treated parent requests as unreasonable.

Instead, Dr. Klein has made genuine attempts at finding suitable options when something is not working for a particular child. And she has been straightforward and honest in her responses to parent concerns.

All parents fear loss of control over what happens to their children. Yet this is very much the experience of a special ed parent. Our children are handicapped by circumstances beyond our

control. If they are in a categorical classroom, they are bussed to a school not of our choosing. They are limited in this community by few appropriate vocational opportunities, recreational activities and social or enrichment opportunities.

In essence, because our children are denied a normal childhood, we are denied a normal adulthood. This feeling of helplessness contributes greatly to the anger and frustration often evidenced by special ed parents. Dr. Klein has helped to defuse this frustration by giving parents the opportunity to help.

Volunteer parents have acted as job coaches so that students are able to be successful in vocational experiences. The Kids on the Block, many of whose puppeteers are special ed moms, have brought the message of social acceptance of people with differences to most of the elementary schools, and several non-school groups.

Plans are currently under way to develop a community-wide Special Olympics program, staffed as much as possible by volunteers. We are furiously collecting Kroger receipts in order to earn a computer for one of the special ed rooms.

In all of these projects, Dr. Klein has been supportive and helpful. She has suggested ways in which we might pursue our goals, set up meetings with people who

can help us, and even attended those meetings in order to make things go more smoothly.

And perhaps most importantly, Dr. Klein has let parents into the strategic planning process for special ed programs in Grosse Pointe. By soliciting parent input, meeting with a representative group of parents and incorporating their concerns in her planning process for next year, Dr. Klein has given us what should have been ours all along — a voice in the education of our children.

We are encouraged and excited about some of the things which have been accomplished this year, and the promise of more and better to come. None of us

wants our children to grow up to be useless, dependent members of society. We believe that they have abilities and contributions to make, and we are happy to have a director of special education who shares that belief.

It is our hope that the board of education will take note of these projects and support Special Ed programs with adequate funding, as an investment in the future of all students, including those who will bear the burden of paying for the care of our children if they are not adequately prepared today.

Elizabeth Priebe,
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City of Grosse Pointe Woods Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 1, 1991, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon after as may be heard, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of selecting community development projects to be submitted to the Wayne County Block Grant Program for inclusion in the City's 1991 application for Community Development Block Grant funds. By resolution, the City Council agreed to participate in such program and invites its citizens who are private individuals or who represent neighborhood groups or private non-profit corporations to submit ideas and comments for the 1991 application.

Projects submitted to the Council for their consideration are as follows:

1991 BUDGET PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
\$27500	Services for Older Citizens
36950	Facade Zone Improvements
8000	Pointe Area Assisted Transportation
8050	Administration
\$80500	Total Allocation

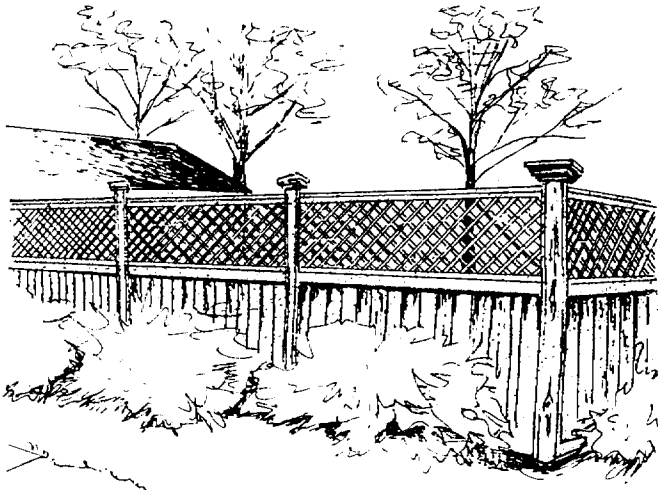
Should the City's grant application be approved, funds for the projects will be available in August 1991.

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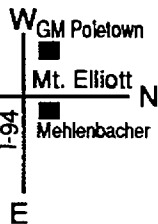
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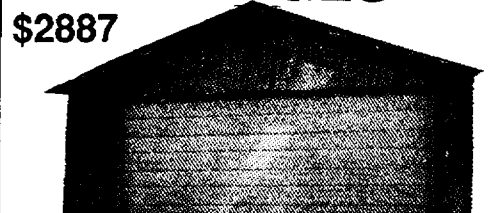
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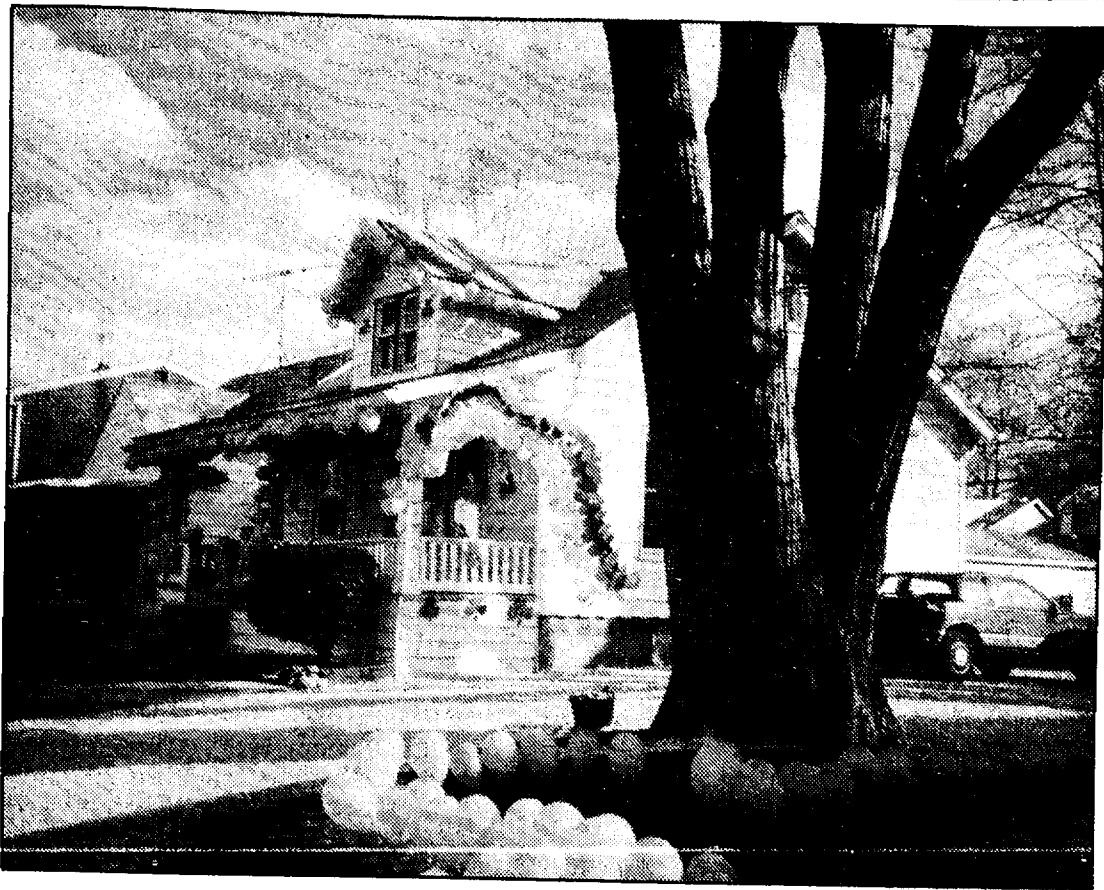
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Wearing of the green

This house, on the 2000 block of Roslyn in Grosse Pointe Woods, was well-dressed for St. Patrick's Day last year with a multitude of green balloons and a rainbow that had a pot of gold at the end. The design in the foreground was a shamrock. Patricia and Earl Vernier and their six children decorated their house again this year, as they have for the previous two years. Instead of the shamrock, Mrs. Vernier, an Irishwoman, said they would create a replica of the Irish flag with green, white and orange balloons.

Hams plan swap meet

The South Eastern Michigan Amateur Radio Association, SEMARA, will hold its 33rd annual Hamfest and Swap 'n Shop on Sunday, March 24, at Grosse Pointe North High School from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will include an extensive radio, computer and electronics flea market with more than 150 vendors' tables offering new and used equipment and supplies, as well as demonstrations of the latest in electronic communications.

About 1,000 people are expected. Three free forums will cover various aspects of ham radio operation, including "Packet radio" and ARRL forum.

Federal license examinations will be administered by advance reservation to 294-1567.

Food and refreshments will be served and valuable door prizes and major cash prizes will be distributed throughout the day.

SEMARA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of amateur radio, including emergency preparedness to assist in major disasters. Membership includes 178 licensed operators, primarily from the Pointes, Harper Woods, northeast Detroit and southern Macomb County. The group meets monthly at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The public is invited to attend. Admission/prize tickets are \$4.



Cookie sellers

The Girl Scout cookie sale is coming to an end on March 24. Troops will be selling the seven varieties in local Kroger and Farmer Jack stores through Sunday. Cookies are \$2.50 a package this year with the increase being used to build an equestrian center for the girls. If you would like to buy cookies and have not been contacted, call 886-0634 and arrangements will be made. Above, from the left, Holly Brys, Bridgitte Wiringer and Kasi Earl from Troop 984 at Ferry School, prepare for the sale.



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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms** Michigan
BOARD OF REVIEW
Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 1991 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1991
from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1991
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

at the City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

The estimated residential multiplier is 1.00 for 1991. The estimated commercial multiplier is 1.00 for 1991. All those deeming themselves aggrieved by said assessments may then be heard.

John M. Lamerato
City Controller

G.P.N.: 02/28/91, 03/07/91, 03/14/91 & 03/21/91
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City of **Grosse Pointe Park** Michigan
Wayne County
NOTICE OF REVIEW OF 1991 ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN WILL BE IN SESSION AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 15115 EAST JEFFERSON AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE 1991 ASSESSMENT ROLL.

MARCH 19, 21 & 26, 1991

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MARCH 21 SESSION WHICH WILL BE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. AND FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

ALL PERSONS CONSIDERING THEMSELVES AGGRIEVED BY THEIR ASSESSMENT MAY PRESENT THEIR COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW AT THESE SESSIONS.

HEARINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AT 822-5020.

BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
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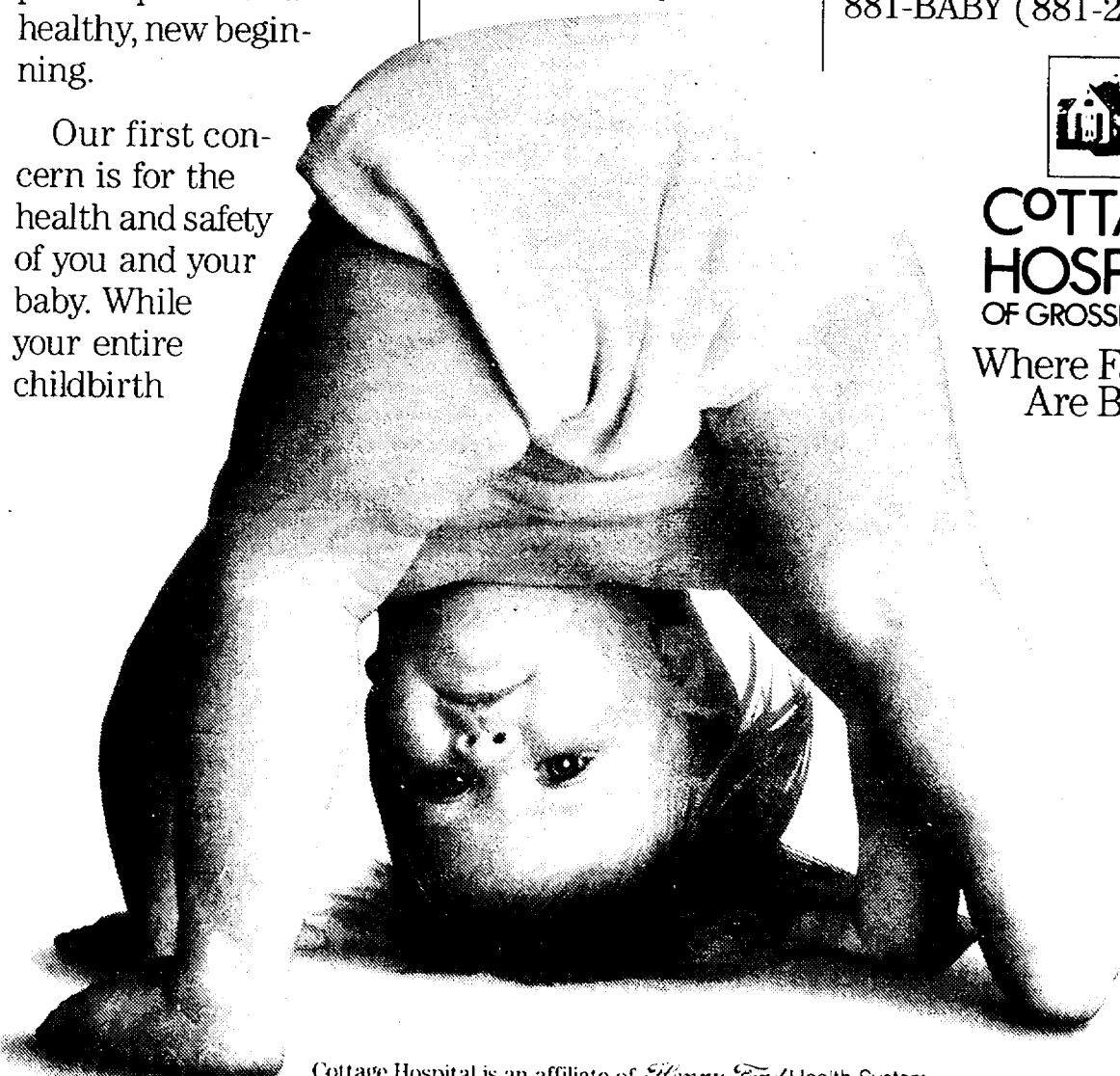
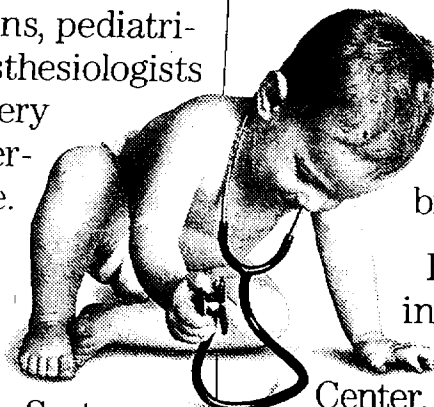
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Reed to retire

Russell Reed, band and orchestra director at Grosse Pointe South High School from 1965-79, will retire in April after 34 years of music education in Michigan.

Currently a professor at Eastern Michigan University in the Department of Music and conductor of the E.M.U. Symphony Orchestra, Reed will be honored with two events.

On Friday, June 21, a golf outing will be held at the Huron Golf Club, beginning at noon. A banquet in the ballroom of McKenny Union will begin at 8 p.m. the same day.

For information and reservation, call Max Plank at 487-1430.

Dog training classes to begin

The St. Clair Shores recreation department will begin dog training classes Wednesday, March 27, at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens, I-94 and 9 Mile.

Classes are eight weeks long, one hour a week, for \$50. Pre-registration is preferred, but you may register the day of the class. The classes are for beginners and intermediate. Beginners obedience is for any breed of dog that is at least 4 months old and has parvo and distemper shots. If the dog is over 6 months of age proof of rabie vaccination will be required. The two beginner classes will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Intermediate advance obedience will be at 8:30 p.m. This is for dogs that have had at least eight weeks beginners training. The conformation show handling class is for AKC purebred dogs. They must be at least eight weeks or older. This class will cover what is required of dog and handler at a dog show. This class will be held at 5:45 p.m. only. Walk-ins cost \$6 per night or \$50 for eight weeks of classes.

For more information, call the recreation department at 445-5380 or 725-6120.

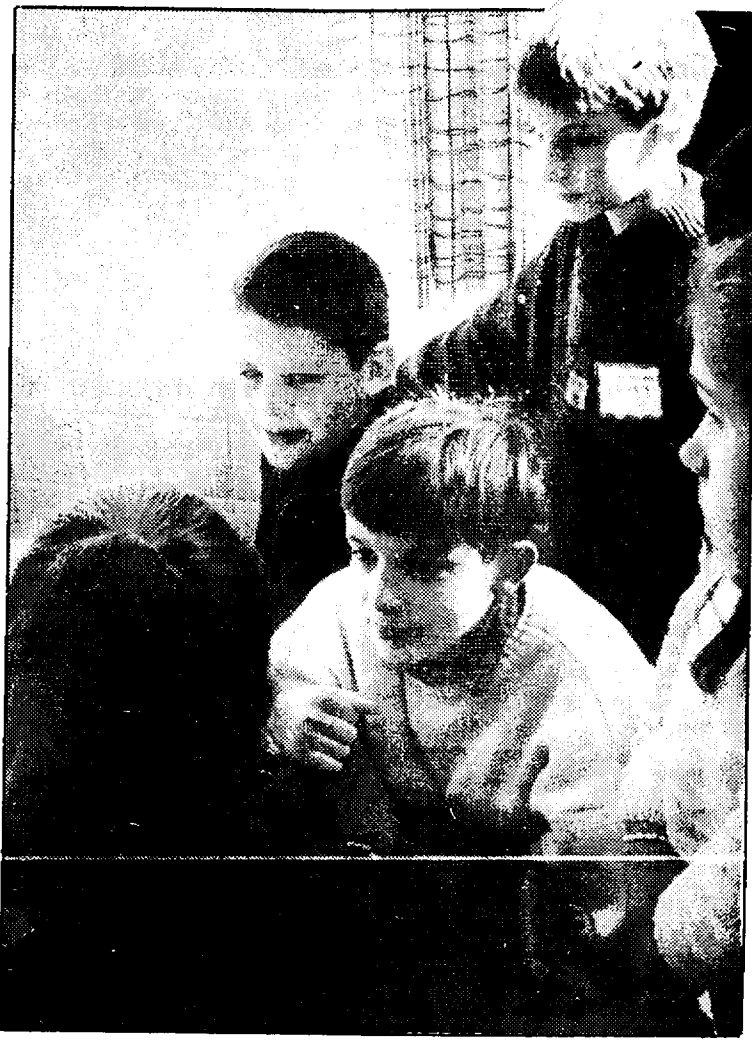
Parlez vous?

Students from Pierce Middle School tried their best to make the fifth graders visiting from France as part of the French Back-to-Back program feel at home. They made crepes and tried talking to them. But the American students' French was about as sketchy as the French students' English.

Common ground? Famed lip-synchers Milli Vanilli, bubblegum singers The New Kids on the Block, and, of course, the problems of little brothers and sisters.

At right, three French students, top to bottom, Guillaume Cauchoix, Emmanuel Dupouy and Yannick Dumoutier, all from Ville d'Avray, France, try to decipher a question from an American student. The American students are preparing for a five-day trip to Quebec in May.

Photo by Ronald J. Bernas



Nursery enrollment open

Assumption Nursery School, which offers morning and afternoon early childhood programs including toddler (12 months), transition, preschool, young fives, kindergarten and year-round child care, is now taking registrations for fall 1991.

The curriculum focuses on each child's socio-emotional, cognitive and psychomotor development. A full size gym, spacious grounds with an enclosed nature-center courtyard, and Big Toys playground equipment provide ample room for play.

Unique enrichment classes are also offered: Cooking, Creative Dance, Kalo for Kids exercise, and Computers.

In addition to morning devel-

opmental sessions (8:30-11:30 a.m.), afternoon classes (12:30-3:30 p.m.) are also available for the 3 and 4 year olds. A "Young Fives" program is designed for children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 1991, but need an additional growth year before entering kindergarten. The class is held three to five afternoons a week from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Established in 1977 and one of the largest state licensed child care centers in the area, the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center is located at 22150 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. Full-day child care is also available from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 772-4477.

Classes postponed

Due to a mailing delay, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has postponed several classes in its March-April schedule. If you are interested in a class or event and it is past the starting date, call 881-7511 to find out if it has been postponed.

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The Board of Education of The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for Bleachers Replacements at South High School.

Bids will be due Monday, April 8, 1991 and will be received at the Office of the Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan until 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Board of Education Meeting, at Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, on April 8, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AT SOUTH HIGH, 11 GROSSE POINTE BLVD., THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1991 AT 10:00 A.M. EST BEGINNING IN THE RECEIVING ROOM AND PROCEEDING TO OUTSIDE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained at the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting.

For further information contact Larry Yankauskas, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds at 343-2070.

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Sporty Buick sedan almost too good-looking

A couple of weeks ago I ordered a yellow rayon dress from a catalog. It was probably a silly thing to do but that can't be helped. I'm addicted to catalog shopping. I feel a pang of remorse when I see a UPS truck heading to someone else's house and not to mine. Anyway, I had noticed the cheerful summer-weight dress in earlier issues of the catalog — the ones that started coming just before the Christmas decorations were put away. The seed of desire was planted.

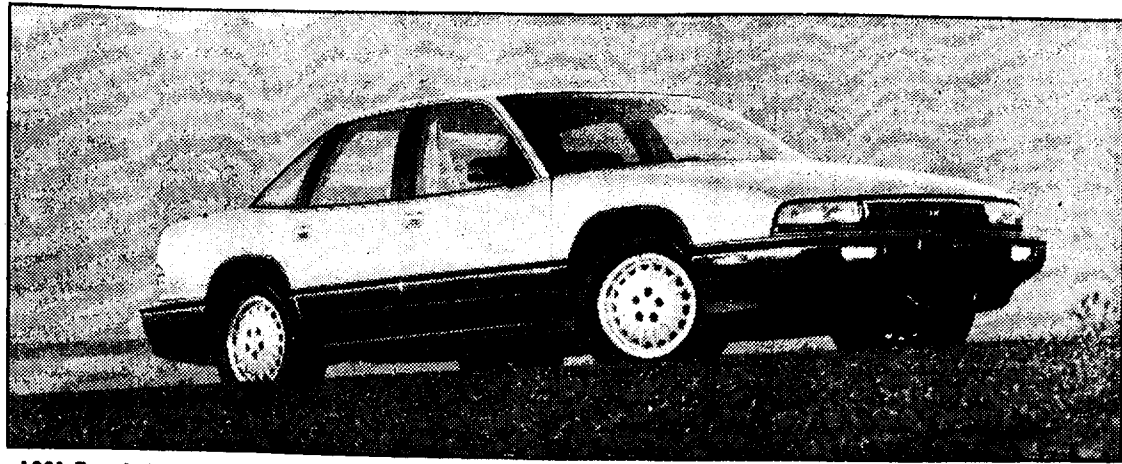
It was not unlike the seed of desire to drive the new four-door Buick Regal that took hold last summer when it was introduced. I had thought from the get-go that the new sedan version of the intermediate was good-looking in a sporty, almost naughty way.

The dress hasn't arrived yet, but I picked up a Regal Grand Sport sedan last week, and began to give it closer inspection. It was replacing a 1991 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight that, with all its abilities and luxuries, was taking on a personality of a favorite aunt who might spoil you with excesses but also rapidly nags you to death.

The Olds, which fellow columnist Dick Wright loved, had the most annoying habit of gulping rather than savoring its gasoline. Wright dismissed that observation without much thought. "Gas is cheap," he said, idly playing with the in-dash computer.

When the green digital fuel gauge was down to three vertical bars, it began to nag, bonging and flashing the cryptic messages, "low fuel," and "low fuel range." Bong, bong, bong. Despite the row of buttons which give the illusion that you are in control of the on-board computer, it would not tell you how many more miles you had left in the tank, a piece of intelligence it cheerfully gave you when the tank was full and you didn't much care.

The first thing that happened



1991 Buick Regal Gran Sport sedan

with the shiny black Regal was sticker shock. The keys to the press car were accompanied by a copy of its window sticker: \$20,953. Standard vehicle price, it said, was \$16,735. The prestige SE Gran Sport option package was responsible for an additional \$3,000; vinyl/leather seats, a graphic equalizer radio option and remote keyless entry key fob added another \$725.

The base Regal sedan is powered by GM's 3.1-liter engine. The test car had the 3800 V-6 Buick is so proud of. And rightfully so. Automatic is the only transmission available with either engine. And it's a very smooth one. For a Gran Sport, it's quite civilized. The feel isn't as tight and sporty as one might expect from a touring suspension; there's not a lot of feedback from the road.

The EPA numbers for the 3800 Gran Sport are 19 mpg city and 28 mpg highway. The V-6 develops 170 horsepower.

For this kind of money, the buyer could rightfully expect a classier instrument panel. The Gran Sport features lots of plastic wood trim; vent louvers trimmed in silver paint; a kind of two-tiered panel that makes little sense. The speedometer is too small to see with ease. Beside it is a tachometer of equal size (a tachometer on a car with

automatic transmission?) that could be very misleading. It's more prominent than the speedometer. Try explaining to a Grosse Pointe Park police officer that you thought you were going 20 on Charlevoix when you actually were doing 40 mph, and it was the tach that read 2000.

The fuel gauge is so far right it's in the center of the panel. Less important gauges are closer at hand.

Here's some good news. The instrument panel lights up when the driver's door is opened, making all gauges visible on the darkest of nights (regrettably, the ignition slot is not included). An odd twist to that very sensible feature is that it's easy to drive off without turning on the headlights, since they are what ordinarily activate the panel lights.

Prior to the Oldsmobile and Buick, we had been immersed in Chevrolets. First the Caprice wagon. Then the award-winning Caprice LTZ sedan, then a Corsica and finally a Cavalier VL.

The Cav continues to be a winner for Chevrolet dealers. The VL model is an entry-level or base model and we give it thumbs up. Affordable, comfortable, practical — sounds like a pair of good walking shoes, doesn't it? But this is a car you can live with. The 2.2-liter engine with automatic is not going to help you blow anyone's doors

off, but the Value Leader will get where you need to go and get 25 mpg city and 33 mpg highway.

Chevy "freshened" the Cavalier exterior for 1991. Coming out of a fancy office building complex in Troy, it was hard to find the Cav among the more expensive models parked there. With its black lower-rear-quarter panel trim, it looked like a more expensive VW Jetta. The red is not entry-level red. It's bright and intense.

The gray interior looked like it could never be destroyed by time, wear, kids, pets or excessive spills. No need to spill, though. There's a pull-out cup holder on the instrument panel. It looks like an afterthought — it probably is — but who cares, it works. Nice new interior-door panels with integrated handles are part of an all-new interior, Chevy says. The test car started life as a four-door sedan priced at \$8,270. A rear-window defogger and automatic transmission added over \$600 and a preferred equipment group with special radio, remote mirrors and tinted glass added another \$500, bringing the total to \$9,580. A trunk light was a nice surprise in a base-level car. Front seat belts now come out of the door.

Convertible fans will be happy to know that the Cavalier RS is now available with a soft top.

Autos



By Jenny King

Chevy's plans for a Beretta convertible in the 1990 model year never got off the ground, and the division had to go to market without a compact convertible last year. Dealers still had the Camaro, Corvette and Metro for

lovers of open-air driving. The Cavalier will be a welcome addition to the lineup.

I'm going home to see if my yellow dress has arrived yet. It might look rather nice in the black Regal sedan.

Cars, critters don't mix

As wildlife begin searching for mates and nesting areas, motorists and homeowners will find it difficult to avoid disturbing these creatures. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) says there are several ways to help keep these new families safe and happy.

"Spring is the time when wild animals look for somewhere to raise their babies," says Guy Hodge, HSUS director of data and information services. "These creatures do not understand that your chimney or attic is not a good place to make a nest."

Hodge also says that motorists should be especially cautious to avoid hitting animals crossing the road.

One million animals a day are killed by motorists who are unprepared for animal crossings. Most of these animals are juveniles who have not learned about the dangers of busy roads. Hodge says defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting a crossing animal.

"It's easier to teach motorists new habits than to teach ani-

mals to avoid the road," he says. Hodge offers motorists these defensive driving tips:

- Clean off headlights and windshields. Use high beams to increase visibility and enhance your reaction time.

- Stay awake and alert.
- Pay close attention to the right side of the road. Animals that cross from this side are closer to the car and require a faster response. If possible, stay in the left lane to further increase your reaction time.

- Become familiar with areas where wildlife is abundant. Pay attention to crossing signs, and be cautious on roads lined with dense vegetation.

Hodge says if you hit an animal, it's important to treat the situation like any other accident. Pull over to the side of the road with your car behind the animal to act as a buffer. Turn on your flashers, muzzle the animal, and move it cautiously by sliding blanket or newspaper underneath it and gently carrying it to safety. Call your local veterinarian or animal control officer for assistance.

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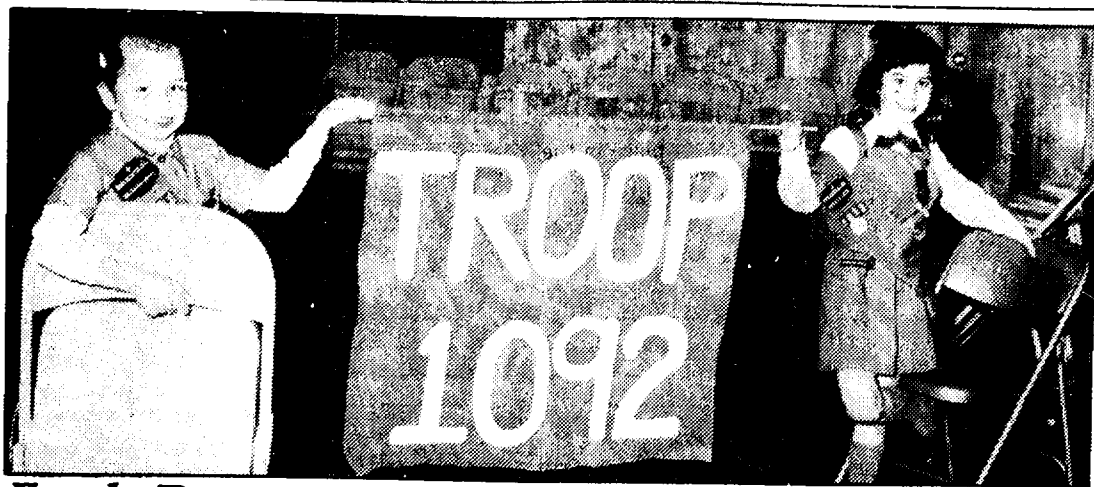
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Fresh Brownies

Photo by Ken George

Brownies from Kerby Elementary School held their investiture and rededication ceremony recently in honor of Brownie Thinking Day. Brownie Troops 1092, 462 and 325 welcomed new members. Brownies from the three troops who received their pins include Elizabeth Chavey, Hillary Cunningham, Connie George, Melissa Laetham, Emily MacEachern, Brooke Ternes and Nana Massie. New members are Elizabeth Barrett, Erin Burke, Sarah Danaher, Lindsey Dobson, Leah France, Courtney Johnson, Jordan Mitchelson, April Shafer, Allison Smith and Kathryn Smith. Above, Connie George and Brooke Ternes prepare for the event.



Quizbowl

Grosse Pointe South High School's quizbowl team won first place at the eighth annual Ludi Detroitenses sponsored by the Detroit Classical Association on Saturday, Feb. 2. South outscored six other Detroit and suburban teams, coming in first in the final round. The members are, from left, Matthew Ludlow, Patrick Niven, Darcy Niven and Erin Niven.

Hosting a foreign exchange student can be rewarding

Are you considering the possibility of hosting a foreign exchange student during the next school year?

Hosting a foreign exchange student can be a rewarding experience, said Bonnie Levitan, foreign exchange student liaison at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"The foreign student exchange program is a marvelous way to bring global awareness and cultural understanding to everyone involved," she said.

"Opportunities exist for parents to host students. Generally these students are outstanding young adults who make valuable contributions to the host families, the school and the community at large," she added.

Levitan said that in the last few years she has noticed an increase in the number of agencies attempting to place students with Grosse Pointe families.

"I can personally recommend American Field Service (A.F.S.), Youth for Understanding (Y.F.U.) and Rotary International from my past experiences with these groups."

Levitan recommends that the following questions should be answered before accepting a foreign exchange student:

- Does the agency have written approval from the school on the individual student under consideration? That should be done first.
- Does the agency have a local representative in the metro Detroit area.
- Where is the next level of authority within the agency above the local representative?
- Where is the home office located?
- Does the agency have guidelines that would determine whether or not a student's behavior would merit being sent home and who makes that decision?

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• Does the agency offer any extra services such as counseling and where is the counseling conducted?

• Will the local representative contact the student and host family on a regular basis or will they rely on the host family to initiate contact?

• What is expected of the host family in terms of financial obligations, transportation and are there any specific guidelines that

all students must follow?

Be aware that the home placements are strictly the responsibility of the agency. Should any problems arise with the home placement situation, the responsibility for a solution lies with the agency.

If the students or host family have any concerns regarding home placement problems, they must work out the problems with the agency.

The agency should provide written evidence that every foreign student has health and acci-

dent insurance, and health and immunization records must be provided to the school before registration.

The school should be able to answer any specific questions regarding school requirements and Grosse Pointe South provides a foreign exchange liaison to work with the students and answer any concerns and questions of the host family that fall under the jurisdiction of the school.

For more information, call Levitan at 343-2167

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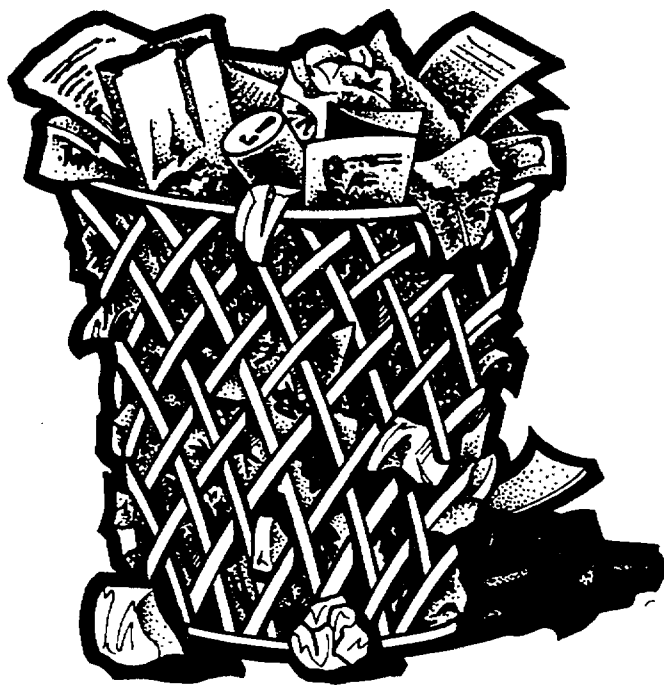
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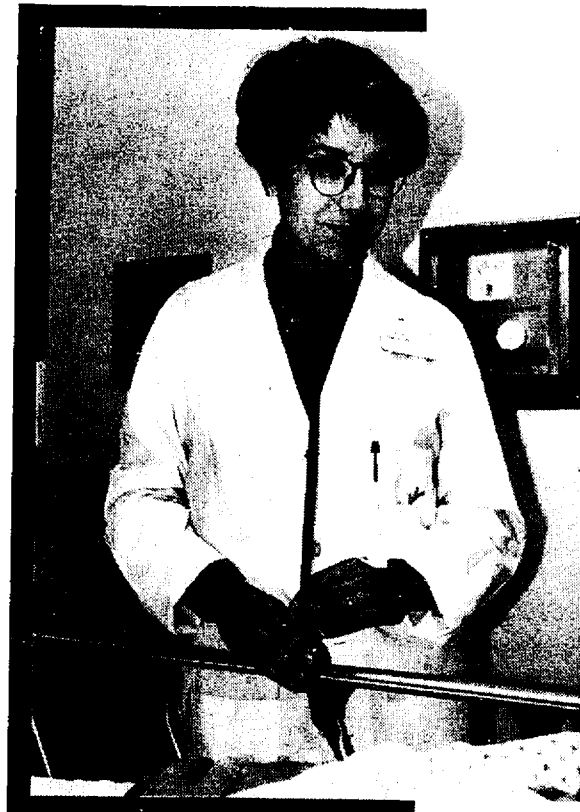
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Student Spotlight

Carolyn Baiocchi

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 wood-working project, a book review.

The world used to be sophisticated,
Now it's out of order.

The world used to have sun,
Now it seems like it's dark.

The world used to have hope,
Now there is a little hope left.



Carolyn Baiocchi

The following poems were written during the height of the Gulf war, and even though the war is over, they express the students' thoughts and fears. Carolyn Baiocchi, 10, is a student at Ferry Elementary School. She is the daughter of Bill and Kristin Baiocchi of Grosse Pointe Woods. Laura Kramer is an eighth-grader at Star of the Sea. Her parents are Gerry and Joe Kramer of Grosse Pointe Woods.

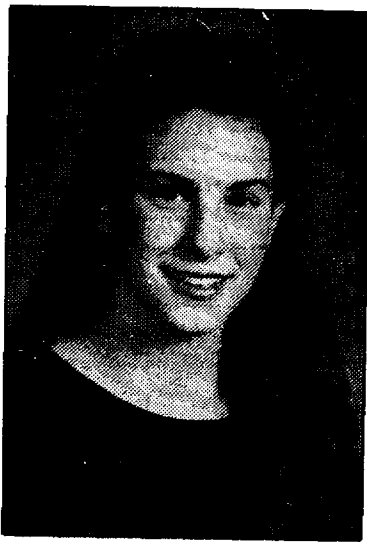
War

The world used to be a wonderful place,
Now it's a war zone.

The world used to have peace,
Now it's a war zone.

The world used to be together,
Now it's apart.

Laura Kramer



Laura Kramer

Why war?

It's cold outside
America's in fear
As we think about soldiers
Dressed in army gear.

We pray to God this day
For He will show us the right way.
We pray for families of soldiers
at home
We must let them know they're
not alone.

So quickly the hours are going
by
It's some innocent soldier who
just might die.
Tell us, Lord, what can we do
While we sit and pray to you.

Why does this happen?
Why do people have to go?
We ask, we ask, but we'll never
know.
People are praying for peace
everywhere
What we have to do is let the
soldiers know we care.

Young men are scared if there is
a draft
Just think, maybe in a year, this
will be far in our past.
Help us, Lord, for we do not
know
What will happen in the days to
go.

Saddam Hussein is a madman
While George Bush is doing all
he can.
Help us, Lord, to realize
That Iraq is not on our side
Yet they will fight against each
other
And some may kill one another.



Banner idea

Jim Cooper, principal at Poupard Elementary School, stands in front of a new school banner with Charlie Campanelli and student council president Robyn Packer. The banner was designed and made by All Pointe Signs. During January, the students were asked to make suggestions for the dragon's name. Students voted for their favorite name and Campanelli's name Steamer was the winner.

Student-musicians win honors

On March 23, more than 8,000 band and orchestra students from Michigan High Schools will perform in the Michigan High School Band and Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival at various places throughout the state.

Grosse Pointe South students participating are Tom Coyle, Lisa Ritter, Cymbrie Trepczynski, Jill Esler, Kelly Groman, Kristin Miquel, Sarah Foley, Lindsay Hart, Joyce Stuckey, Pam Atkinson, Ben Temkow and Aileen Topacio.

Grosse Pointe North students participating are Charles Smith, Hope Fenton, Paul Kuszynski and Nicole Kim.

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North student wins art award

Glen Wiczorek, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, won honorable mention in the 1990 Michigan Wildlife Art Awards Contest. Wiczorek was one of 33 winners selected from more than 100 students representing 34 countries.

In addition to his award, Wiczorek's artwork was displayed at the Cranbrook Institute of Science last summer and is currently part of an exhibit that is touring the state for the year. All winners were honored at an awards ceremony and reception at Cranbrook

this past summer. After graduation, Wiczorek will attend the University of Michigan School of Engineering.



Wiczorek



North Quiz Bowl champs

The Grosse Pointe North Academic Quiz Bowl team finished in first place in the MAC League White Division.

The first place finish qualifies them for the McDonald's State Championship High School Quiz Bowl Tournament to be held May 3-4 at the St. Clair County College in Port Huron.

Captain of the North squad is senior Frank Fontana. Other senior members are Mike Zolik, Liz Bakunovich, Julie Irwin and Jim Murray. Bob Edwards and Steve Fontana are the junior members while Bryan McCormack represents the class of 1994.

Star students are winners

Three students from Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods have been named local winners in the 22nd annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Julia Wit took first place, Amanda Defever took second

and Laura Kramer placed third. All three received certificates.

Wit's essay now goes on to state level competition. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in May, will receive plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds.

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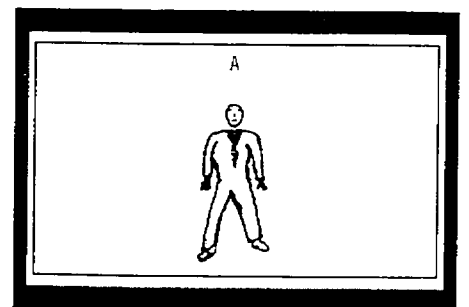
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Sarah Lenard

Lenard is 'Fair Lady'

Sarah Lenard of Grosse Pointe Park will play Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," DeLaSalle's production which will be performed today through Saturday, March 21, 22 and 23 at Warren Woods Middle School.

A Pointe Singer at Grosse Pointe South High School, Lenard lives in the Park. Director of the production is Merrie Gay Ayrault, also of the Park.



Vocalists

The Choral Music Department of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools will present its annual Choirs-in-Review Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Performing Arts Center. The choral review will feature the school's choirs performing madrigals and selections from "42nd Street." The South Pointe Singers will perform "Salute to the Armed Services." Admission is free and the public is invited.

St. Lad's plans 10th

St. Ladislaus High School of Hamtramck class of 1981 is planning its 10-year reunion. For more information, call Linda Kudla at 365-8729 or Pam Borowski Osborne at 371-4725.



Jazz Concert

The Jazz Forum Spring '91 concert series continues Wednesday, March 27, with a tribute to the late Sarah Vaughn by vocalist Naïma Shamborguer and her Sextet featuring Louis Smith, above. The concert will be held at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church at 8 p.m. Tickets and information for this and future events can be obtained by writing the forum, Box 350, 18530 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236, or by calling 961-1714. Tickets can also be purchased at Village Records and Tapes, 17116 Kercheval in the Village in Grosse Pointe.



The hunt

All Farms children from 2 to 12 are invited to attend the annual Grosse Pointe Farms Easter Egg Hunt, which will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23. Children should arrive by 9:45 a.m. and the event will be held rain, snow or shine. Make sure each child is dressed accordingly and has a bag or basket to hold the goodies they find. This is the fourth year the event is being held. For more information, call 343-2405.

Above, an unidentified girl sits on the Easter Bunny's lap at last year's event.

Community band to present concert

The Grosse Pointe Community Band will present a free concert on Wednesday, March 27, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The program will consist of music by Mozart, Leroy Anderson, Verdi, John Williams, George M. Cohan and Fillmore. The concert ends the winter term of the Grosse Pointe Community Band, which is sponsored by the Department of Community Education.

Musicians interested in joining the band, which resumes again on June 11, may call Community Education at 343-2178 or

director Ralph Miller at 343-2240.

Celebrate peace

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will host a Peace Party in its ballroom Sunday, March 24, from noon to 2 p.m. The event is open to the community free of charge.

The pre-homecoming celebration represents a community show of support in honor of Grosse Pointe troops and their families. Above all, it is an open-house party celebrating the end of the war.

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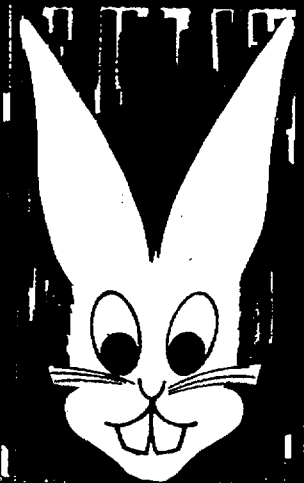
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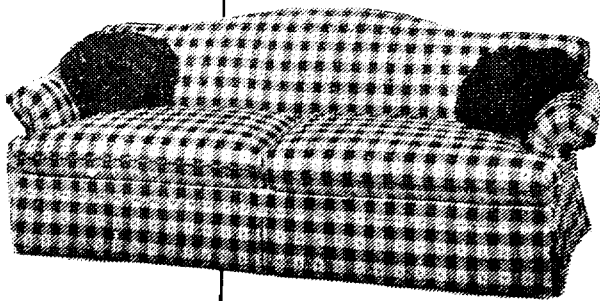
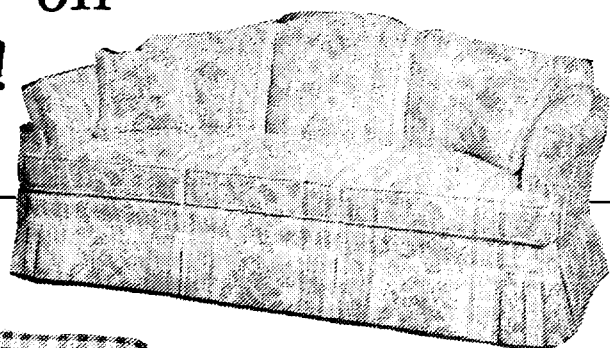
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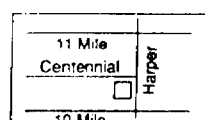
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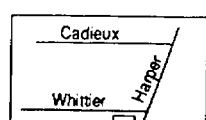


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Man charged in 2 Farms burglaries

By Donna Walker
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Detroit man was arraigned in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court last week on charges of breaking and entering a Farms home on March 7.

A plea of not guilty was entered on Christopher John Nault's behalf, and he is being held in the Wayne County Jail, awaiting his preliminary examination.

Farms police found Nault hiding under a bed in a home on Moross, wearing, among other things, green gloves, a mask made out of a black and green scarf, and red and white Fila gym shoes. Farms Detective Michael McCarthy said Nault was holding a makeshift spear — a black metal tube with a 6-inch knife taped to the end of it.

The owner of the home told police that he was awakened by a noise and went to investigate. As soon as he opened his bedroom door, he smelled cigarette smoke, so he went back inside and called police.

When the officers arrived, they found that several panes of glass from an outside door and a screen from an inside door had been removed and placed against the house.

Inside the house, near the door, they found a dark blue nylon duffle bag that contained two screwdrivers and a bath towel.

Several doors and drawers were ajar in the house, and a cigarette butt was found in the upstairs bathroom. A few moments later, police found Nault hiding in an upstairs bedroom.

They took Nault back to the police station, where he admitted another robbery in the Farms. He told police he stole a VCR, a camcorder, a wallet, credit cards, a suitcase, a battery pack and a 35 millimeter camera from his father's home in Grosse Pointe

Farms on March 3, according to McCarthy.

At his March 8 appearance before Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora, Nault was also arraigned on a count of entering without breaking in connection with the March 3 robbery.

Breaking and entering an occupied dwelling is a 15-year felony and entering without breaking an occupied dwelling is a five-year felony, McCarthy said.

Suspects charged in NBD, Hardee's holdups

By Donna Walker
Staff Writer

Two men suspected of armed robbery in the Farms were arraigned in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court on March 13.

Bryan Joseph Ross, 20, of Detroit, was accused of robbing a woman at gunpoint at an automatic teller machine at the NBD bank on Mack at Moross at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 21.

Curtis Whitfield, 18, of Detroit, was accused of threatening employees at the Hardee's Res-

taurant at 18800 Mack with an automatic weapon during a robbery there about 11 p.m. Jan. 8. Ross and Whitfield each pleaded innocent to charges of armed robbery, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and using a firearm during the commission of a felony, which carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence.

Ross is being held in Wayne County Jail on \$100,000 bond, and Whitfield is being held there on \$150,000 bond, said Farms

Detective Michael McCarthy.

Their preliminary examinations will be held March 21 in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court.

McCarthy said other communities, including Harper Woods and Detroit, helped in locating these suspects.

Police are still searching for a second man who was involved in the robbery of the woman at the ATM machine, and two other suspects who participated in the robbery at Hardee's.

Get rebate on some tax in Canada

There's good economic news for the wallets of Michigians visiting Canada.

The 7 percent goods and service tax (GST) charged in Canada since Jan. 1 is rebatable on some items to non-residents of that country, AAA Travel Agency reports.

Americans and other non-residents of Canada can receive full rebates on hotel accommodations and most consumer goods purchased in the 10 provinces and two territories of Canada.

The tax is not rebated for meals and entertainment attractions in Canada, according to Revenue Canada officials.

Here's how the rebate works. An American buys \$2,000 worth of goods in Canada. At the border crossing, the tourist may stop at the Duty Free Shop on the Canadian side and complete a rebate form. The \$140 GST that was paid is immediately refunded in Canadian dollars.

If the rebate is more than \$500, it will be refunded by mail to the purchaser's home.

There are four border crossings with Duty Free Shops linking Michigan and Ontario — two in Windsor and one each in Sarnia and Sault Ste. Marie.

A person crossing the border from Canada by private boat or ferry at an entry point where there is no Duty Free Shop should obtain a rebate form from customs and mail it to Revenue Canada for a refund.

Those crossing between Canada and the United States should also be aware that tightened security prevails at the border since the Persian Gulf war.

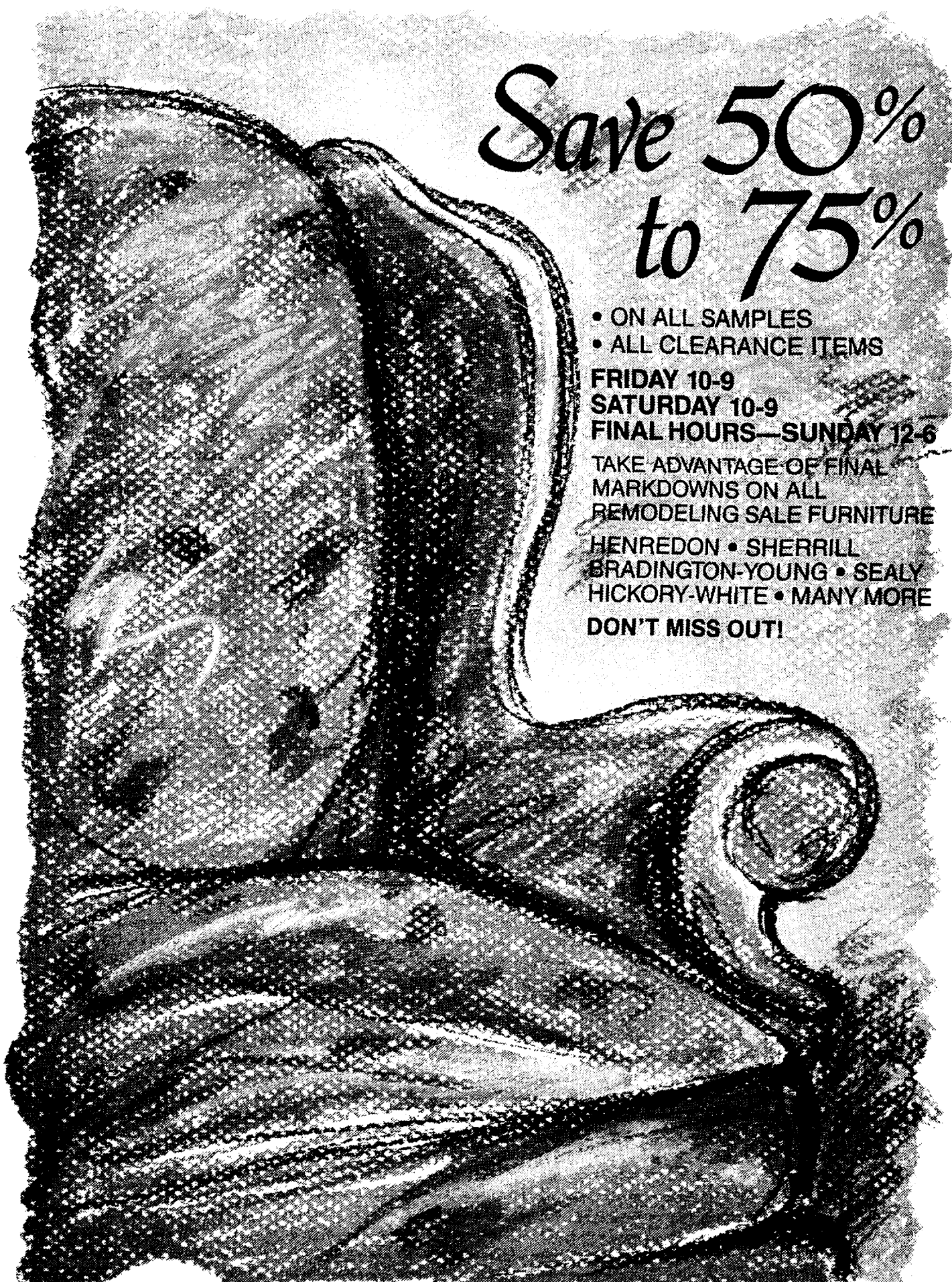
Customs officials are enforcing the requirement that those traveling between countries show either picture identification and a birth certificate, voter's registration card or passport to customs officials. Without I.D., travelers could experience significant delays at the border. AAA Travel Agency suggests that regular visitors to Canada obtain a passport for convenience. Customers can get a passport photo for \$10 at any AAA Travel Agency office.

87th plans reunion

The 87th Infantry Division of World War I and World War II and its Combat Support Units — 549AAA, 735th tank battalion, 607th tank battalion, 602nd tank destroyer and the 610th tank destroyer, will hold its 42nd annual reunion in Oklahoma City Sept. 25-29 at the Airport Hilton Inn West.

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How to find community services for seniors

Community services for older adults resemble a tangled web. Trying to work one's way through the web sometimes may require the professional expertise and guidance of a counselor or social worker.

Nonetheless, several factors will make a difference as to the ease with which appropriate services are located. First, does the person who is going to use the service, or the caregiver of this person, know what they want? The process of finding the service is speeded up if the decision has already been made.

What Mary wants illustrates this: She has heart circulatory difficulties and her doctor has recommended that she start a low impact exercise program. Mary resides in Grosse Pointe so she would like to attend a program near her home.

She knows about enrolling for adult education exercise classes offered at Barnes School on Morningside Drive, but she wants to explore other sources. A member of her church goes to Calvary Senior Center at Gateshead and Mack from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Exercises are taught by certified instructors. Ann decides to

try it since it seems to suit her needs best and there is no charge.

All is not lost if you don't know where to start. Many times those seeking service give up because they don't know where to begin.

John was lucky because he had read a good article in the AARP Bulletin (American Association of Retired Persons) about information and referral services (agencies guiding the person to appropriate services). John needed help getting to and from his doctor's office near Ten Mile and Kelly.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is an information and referral center near his home, so he called and discovered that SOC provides several sources of help, including an assisted van service. John uses a walker, so he asked to be assisted as he walked from his house to the van.

Ed also used an information and referral source. He provides home care for his wife, who has Alzheimer's disease. He must leave to attend his brother's funeral. His niece is going to stay nights at the home to care for

her aunt but has a full-time job during the day. Therefore, Ed will need help during the weekdays when he is gone.

His niece suggested he call the Tip Service of the Detroit Public Library. Several in-home service agencies were listed which furnish aid/homemaker help. Ed called each one and bought the service he thought best for him.

Sometimes a good source appears because one service leads to another until the person gets the one preferred.

Anna is a Grosse Pointe resident who is homebound. Her life has always revolved around books and the public library. Initially, her son residing in Ann Arbor used to bring her books every month. Later Anna learned through the Grosse Pointe News that librarian Helen Leonard of the Grosse Pointe Public Library provides personal in-home delivery of books tailored to the needs and interests of the homebound resident. Anna still gets as many as seven books a week, which Leonard brings from the library.

Not uncommonly, the person seeking the service does not

know what to do nor what is needed.

Evelyn lives with and cares for her homebound mother who resides in Grosse Pointe. She has a full-time job, so it is important that she provide for her mother while she is working. She was uncertain what to do about the problem, but after meeting with the nurse on duty at SOC, she arranged to receive meals on wheels and installed a help line so her mother can call for assistance in an emergency.

Unless a shortcut is available, the best place to begin when trying to obtain a community service is an information and referral source. It may take patience. The suggested agencies may not be quite what you want, so ask each agency you call if they know of another source that could come closer to meeting your needs. If possible, describe to the agency what you are looking for. Find out what geographical area the agency serves and how much their service costs, or is it free? Ask what other requirements the agency has for obtaining its services.

The following information and referral sources will help you to

start looking at no cost for your inquiry: Services for Older Citizens (SOC), Ferry School, 748 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods 882-9600; Tel-Help (United Community Services) 226-9888; Tip (Detroit Public Library) 833-4000; Catholic Social Services 881-6645.

Marlys Dee Craig is a certified gerontologist with a doctorate in educational gerontology from Wayne State University.

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Senior men to learn about weather

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The speaker will be Chuck Gaidica, Channel 4 weather man. His subject will be "A look at Television Weather and Forecasting."

Presenter will be member John Wayne.

The state capital tour is April 16. Reservations are being taken by Ken Chapin. Only one bus will be going, so make your reservations early.

Speakers to discuss respite care coalitions at conference

"Building a Coalition for an Intergenerational Respite Care Program" is the subject of a Breakfast Roundtable which three professionals from local organizations will discuss at the Michigan Governor's Conference on Aging, Dearborn Hyatt Regency, 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 27.

Peggy Brey, director of Aging Services at Bon Secours Hospital; Marilyn Goldstein, job placement coordinator for the Grosse Pointe Public School System; and Ann Kraemer, executive director, Services for Older Citizens, will relate how their combined efforts resulted in a service program that provides training and employment to high school students. The students act as companions to frail elderly people in their homes as a means of offering temporary relief for the primary care giver.

Coalition building began in

1987, when the Grosse Pointe Public School System contacted Services for Older Citizens (SOC), regarding requests which they could not honor for high school students to provide home care services for older adults.

From that contact, SOC's Li-

fespan Program evolved in order to meet the needs of givers of care to receive respite from their demanding duties and for the receivers of care to enjoy the companionship of a young student for a short time.

During their four hours a

week as companions, high school students understand and deal with the problems of aging and chronic illnesses for themselves and for living in a society with an aging population.

Family life teachers and counselors in both the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods high schools recruit the students. SOC trains, places and employs the students who serve as respite companions. Bon Secours Hospital's Aging Services, joining the coalition in 1990, sponsors six of the eight monthly training sessions for the student companions. Communication skills, creative problem solving and common disabilities of older people are some of the topics presented by health care professionals.

A United Way Venture Grant funded the program the first year, and a grant from the Skillman Foundation funded the second and third years.



Local speakers at the conference will be, from left, Marilyn Goldstein, job placement coordinator, Grosse Pointe Public Schools; Ann Kraemer, executive director, Services for Older Citizens; and Peggy Brey, director of Aging Services, Bon Secours Hospital.



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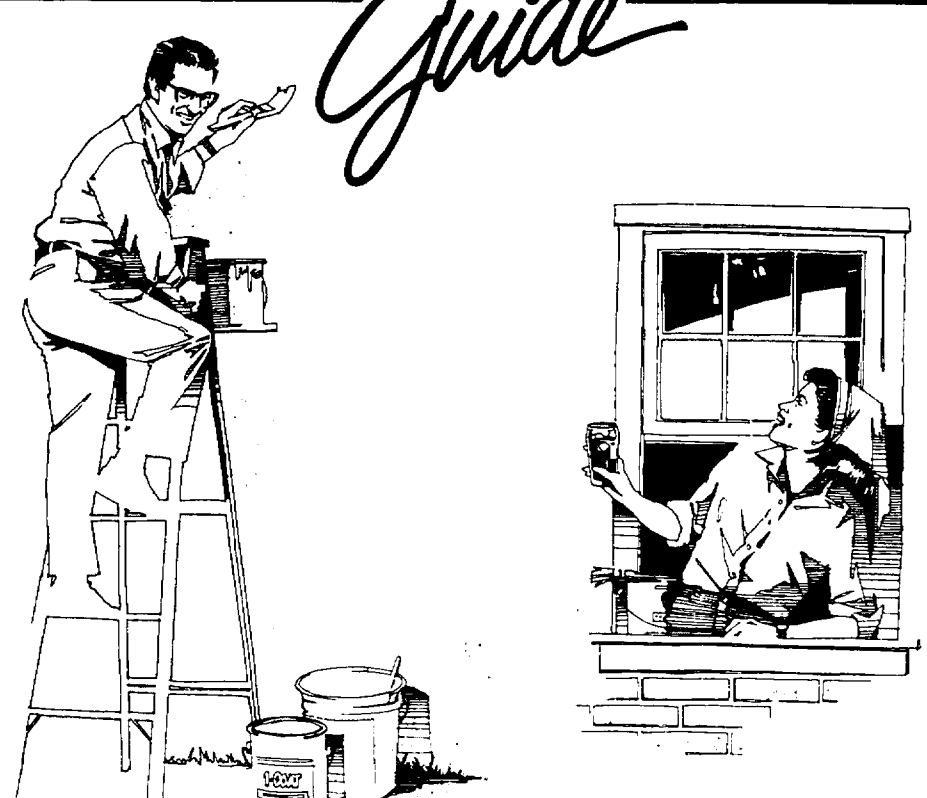
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or the three bands, she has been justified "The Happy Booker." "Just be sure to (spell) it right, or I'm sunk," she says.

Born in the mining town of Frostberg, Md., in 1909, Adams and her family moved to the east side of Detroit when the mines petered out.

An excellent student, Adams was on the debate team and several athletic teams at Eastern High School and was looking forward to continuing her education when in 1925 she was run over by a novice driver, mangling her leg.

The doctors were prepared to amputate, but one physician held his ground and saved her leg. It took two months of hospitalization before she was able to walk again. But to her dismay she was never able to finish high school because the stairs were too much for her newly healed leg to handle.

"But one good thing came out of it," she said. "I met my husband, Clarence."

Clarence had come regularly to visit her in the hospital and on June 27, 1928, they were married.

But good luck seems to follow Adams during times of tragedy. A second example was in the spring of 1939 when the coal-fired water heater exploded, blowing the iron door up through the basement steps and barely missing her as she washed dishes in the kitchen. It threw her 2-year-old daughter from her chair and knocked her husband down in the other room, as well as shattering the windows of nearly every house in her block.

She's still amazed that no one was seriously injured.

Adams and her husband, a Realtor and appraiser, had a son and three daughters.

"I'm a firm believer that you give birth to a child, but you never own them," she said. "We always let them go their own way. But we have always been very close."

She was the founding den mother of St. Matthew Cub Scout Pack -148, established at the urging of son and his friends. Although she hasn't been active in the pack since her son left it and she moved on to the Campfire Girls with her daughters, she was honored at the pack's recent 50th anniversary banquet.

She got involved because one statement inspired her: "If you haven't the time to help youngsters find the right way in life, someone with more time will help them find the wrong way."

She led the scouts in collecting recyclables during World War II. Recently, three of Adams' great-grandsons joined a Cub Scout pack. Adams feels she had a little to do with starting a tradition that is still intact four generations later.

Always artistic, Adams has taken classes in painting since she was a young mother, lugging her daughter on a bus and two streetcars to the class. Then she branched out into other art forms. To look around Adams' house is to see the various stages of her artistic development.

There's the mosaic tables she designed and built with help from her husband. And there's the cut-glass and glob-glass tchotchkes around the house. The basement is her "gallery" with as many paintings stacked in the corner as there are hanging on the walls. The gallery has been extended and now includes work of her great-grandchildren. Her husband made the frames

and she re-finished and filled them.

"I go through eras," she said. "First I'd do the mosaic, then I'd



Helen Adams, center, was recently honored as the founding mother of Cub Scout Pack -148. She is flanked by the first two members of the pack, son Richard on the left and Jack Bielman on the right.

go into cut glass art, then I moved to this glob-glass. My husband and I were a perfect match. I got the ideas and he did the work."

As she got older, she moved

away from art and into music. It had been a love of hers since childhood when her violinist father taught her about music. Before the accident which ended her high school years, she had formed a band with "a girl who played a squeaky violin, and a girl who played an awful horn and I was on the piano." The band entertained students during lunchtime at school.

Missing the thrill of performing, she joined an all-woman accordion band in 1973. At 65, Adams was the youngest member of the group, known as The Go-Go Grannies. She left a few years later and formed the Musical Artists, a band which played old-time favorites.

"Oh, it was awful at first, but as we practiced, we got better," she said.

The band enlarged its repertoire and became the Standard Five, a swing band that plays at most area events, including Eastland Mall's senior dances.

In the 70's she played banjo with Banjos East. She not only plucked the banjo but also played piano and became the director of the group. Then she created the Banjo Belles and things got hectic.

"There were times when I was playing an event with one band and I'd have to run across the street to play with the other," she said.

But despite the fact that she was always able to do what she wanted, there was something gnawing away at her.

"Every time one of my children would graduate from high school, I thought, 'I should do that,'" she said. And at the age of 64 she earned her GED.

At a party her family threw for her — where they named Adams valedictorian and asked her to prepare a speech — she said, "Most valedictorians give a farewell address, but I am not about to give a farewell address because at my age it sounds so

final and there is so much I still want to do.


"I was a 45-year drop-out, but I never stopped learning," she said. "I replaced the Three R's with the Three L's — life-long learning."

Currently she is studying angels: "Angels have always fascinated me. We always hear about bodies without minds — we probably know people like that — but the concept of minds without bodies..."

And through it all she keeps that smile on her face. And she shares it with everyone. She dispenses hugs, spreading the good cheer she feels all the time.

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Trade ya! Barter is back as an alternative to cash

By **Rosa Palazzolo**
Special Writer

With the economy still shaky, many businesses are looking for ways other than cash to do business. The old and sometimes overlooked method of barter is making a comeback.

"This (trading) is a way of helping businesses succeed," said Michael Mercier, president of the Metro Trading Association.

"Since the vast majority of businesses fail in the first 10 years, barter is a way of expanding their profit margin without los-

ing much of anything."

The Metro Trading Association (MTA) began in 1978 as the brainchild of Mercier, who was working as a fundraiser and in public relations for Bon Secours Hospital.

Mercier read about barter in a stockbroker periodical, and formed MTA, one of the first trading associations east of the Mississippi and now one of the largest in the Midwest. It has 8,000 card members and 2,300 businesses. The types of firms range from retailers to construc-

tion companies, distributors to manufacturers.

"I loved it. The day I read about it and started to get into it, I thought this is a genius idea," he said. "I wondered why businesses hadn't done this forever."

MTA serves as a clearinghouse between members. Two participating businesses can trade completely unrelated goods or services and the association keeps track of the transactions. It also helps members find any goods or services they need, even if it means going out and recruiting new members who have the desired good or service.

With the wide range of businesses involved in MTA it is easy to see why people have called what Mercier does, matchmaking, bringing two seemingly unrelated businesses together for barter.

"Trade allows the dry cleaner to barter with the jeweler," said John Linder, marketing manager at MTA. "Normally, the jeweler and dry cleaner would

never come in contact with each other. So trading brings them in new customers as well."

"It's a really nice way to get new business," said Tom Schoenith, who owns the Roostertail. "It's a great way of networking."

"Since we are a catering business, it's a little different from a restaurant. We get major corporations in to entertain their clients and do bigger types of trade. We're doing a wedding in May on trade dollars."

Schoenith said he uses his trade card for flowers, limousines and mirrors for clients.

The way MTA works is similar to the way a VISA or Mastercard transaction works. Each member receives a card, similar to a charge card, and a receipt imprinter like those used by VISA or Mastercard. A card holder may, for example, go to Tom's Oyster Bar, an MTA member, and use his card to pay for a \$50 dinner. Tom's gets 50 trade credits which may be used to trade in \$50 worth of services or goods with any MTA business. Just like other major credit cards, MTA provides its members with stickers to put on a door or window advertising that they take the MTA card.

"Our prime focus is to bring customers new business. If we fail we give our member back his money," said Mercier.

Mercier speaks of barter like an enthusiastic youngster speaks of a new toy. He is a strong believer in the entrepreneur. Without the entrepreneur "this country would not go forward with much gusto," he says.

This belief was instilled in Mercier at an early age. He started his own business, a landscape company, at the age of 16. He graduated from St. Paul High School in 1963. He has worked as a stockbroker, then for Bon Secours and finally he founded MTA. His belief in the entrepreneur is coupled with a strong belief in cooperation among businesses.

"Businesses can help each-



Photo by Rosa Palazzolo

Michael Mercier is president of the Metro Trading Association. Other succeed by networking. Good things come from cooperation as well as competition," said Mercier. "They can help each other succeed by awakening their sleeping assets through trade."

These sleeping assets, as defined by Mercier, can be excess plant capacity, or an empty table, excess inventory, or tools on the shelf, or even excess bread dough at a restaurant. These are the types of things businesses trade through MTA. Instead of looking at them as liabilities, a business can look at them as assets, said Mercier.

"We are a user-friendly association," Mercier said. "Only 20 percent of what we do is trade. The other 80 percent consists of investing in the companies that belong to the association."

MTA invests in a company in many different ways. It operates as a trade broker, locating a specific good or service for a mem-

ber company. MTA provides a free directory to members two to three times a year and sends a newsletter which has new members listed. It has a 24 hour service line for members as well as a direct mail service.

The most important factor to MTA, though, is the marketing factor. In fact, it supplies members with a separate statement that defines to the penny how much business MTA has brought them.

"This is something that advertising agencies can only speculate upon. MTA knows to the penny how much business we bring our clients," Mercier said.

"We are a microcosm of the business community as a whole," said Linder. "Just like the business community we have those that want to violate the rules and not come through on their part of a trade. We give a person one warning. If they need two warnings they are out."

Business Notes

The Women's Advertising Club of Detroit will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Detroit Club, 712 Cass Ave. The program will be on niche publishing presented by Mary Kramer, associate publisher/editor of Crain's Detroit Business. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Gina Bartoszewicz at 331-4300 by noon March 22. A wine and cocktail reception with Kramer begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program at 7:30 p.m.

Grosse Pointe resident Douglas R. Wright and partner Gary T. Pozolo have formed **Pozolo & Wright, Certified Public Accountants.**



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at Deloitte & Touche. The new company is located in Sterling Heights. The telephone number is 264-4636 or 398-6078.



Pozolo

Award-winning photographers Phil and Jackie Spangle will conduct a series of seminars on wedding photography, covering all phases and techniques, at their studio at 21024 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, beginning April 1. Call 343-9169 for information.

The March 25 meeting of The Detroit Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute, which will be at the Detroit Athletic Club, will feature a presentation on FASB 96 Accounting for Income Taxes, given by two partners at Arthur Anderson in the Detroit office at 5 p.m. The second segment will begin at 6:45 with dinner, followed by a presentation by Verne Istock, vice chairman of NBD Bancorp and its principal subsidiary NBD Bank N.A. whose speech is titled "Banking Industry in Turmoil."

Fashion seminar

Insights into proper and stylish attire for the woman professional will be presented during a seminar on Wednesday, March 27, sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The Professional Women in Construction Council of BASM will host "Spring Fling... Dress For Success." The program and show, presented by Pat Sands & Associates, will help women coordinate their wardrobes from the office to evening occasions. The program will include examination of fashion questions and problems.

The seminar will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile Road (at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road) in Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$10. For registration information, call 737-4477.

Business People

By Ronald J. Bernas

The December issue of Popular Science presented its third annual "Best of What's New" awards. The magazine annually selects the top 100 products of the year. In 1990 the magazine selected the Chevrolet Caprice Classic and the Ford Explorer as the best within their categories. Grosse Pointe Farms resident Keith D. Cunningham, Detroit manager, and Grosse Pointe City resident Dan McCosh, Detroit editor, recently presented the local awards.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Rudi Nicholas, broker, owner and president of ReMax Consultants, Inc. of New Baltimore, was recently named the No. 1 Realtor by ReMax in 1990 for the four counties of the Detroit area. His sales volume for 1990 was \$7.5 million.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Stephen J. Kirk, AIA, CVS, was elected vice president by the board of directors at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc. Kirk is director of facility economics for the company. He joined SH&G in 1977, spending nine years as a project/program manager with the company's value management division in Washington before moving to SH&G's Detroit headquarters in 1987 to direct the facility econom-



Kirk

ics group. Additionally, Theodore W. Sutherland, AIA, also of Grosse Pointe Park was named to senior vice president and a member of the board of directors of the corporation. Sutherland is director of SH&G's health facilities division. With the company since 1971, he has planned and designed more than 30 major health facilities nationwide for private, university and military clients, including hospitals, cancer centers, outpatient centers and medical research facilities.



Sutherland

Christina A. Pattyn has joined Pangborn Design, Ltd. as marketing associate. In her new position, Pattyn's responsibilities will include research, new business development, client relations and promotional projects as well as assisting with all external communications activities. A 1990 graduate of the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in marketing management, she has worked as a student on a part-time basis for Pangborn Design, Ltd. since 1987.



Pattyn

Carla Butterly, GRI, was 1990's top producer at R.G. Edgar & Associates. Butterly, a resident of Grosse Pointe, has been a Realtor with the company since 1975. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors as well as the Michigan Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors, the Macomb Association of Realtors and the Michigan Multi-List.



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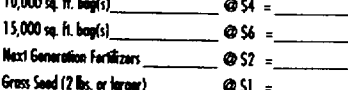
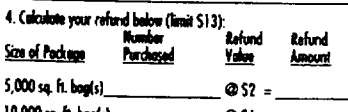
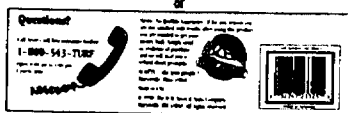
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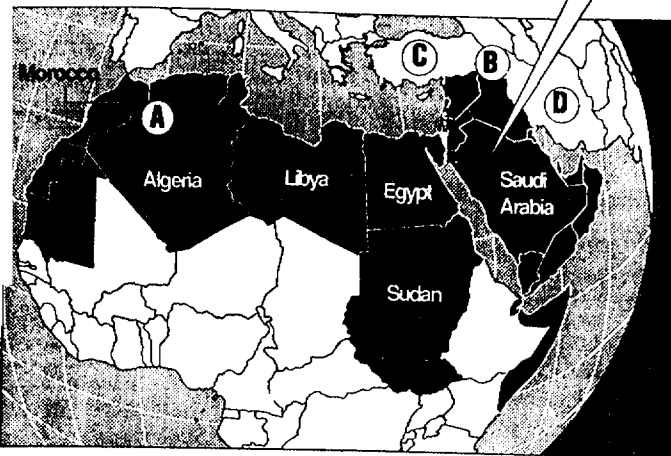
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Arabian: Refers to the boot-shaped Arabian Peninsula (Arabia), which includes Saudi Arabia and five other nations.



These people are not Arabs

(A) Berbers: Ethnic group widespread in Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco. Berber language has mixed with Arabic there.

(B) Kurds: Ethnic group in Turkey, Iran and Iraq has no national homeland. Kurds speak Kurdish (related to Iranian).

(C) Turks: The people of Turkey are mostly Moslem, but they speak Turkish, a language very different from Arabic.

(D) Persians (Iranians): Ancient Persian empire is now called Iran. Its people mostly speak Farsi, a language written in Arabic script but different from Arabic.

Western names for the region

The British Empire used these two terms:

Near East: The Levant (Syria, Lebanon, Palestine), Egypt, Arabia, Mesopotamia (now Iraq)

Far East: Everything east of India

Middle East: Now the preferred term for what used to be called the Near East



SOURCE: "Times Atlas of World History," Encyclopedia Britannica

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As a public service, and to spark parental interest in education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals will have more than 75 school principals answering calls from parents, children, teachers and anyone else in the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska and Canada.

The hotline principals and about 6,000 of their colleagues will be in Anaheim, Calif., for the group's annual convention.

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property, Blake would divide the lot in two, renovate the Cadieux Farmhouse and build a second single-family home on the property.

However, last October, during a pre-renovation inspection, workers found that the Cadieux Farmhouse was infested with carpenter ants.

Frequent chemical applications by an exterminator could control the ant problem, but Blake said it would make the cost of his investment exceed the price he could get for the house on the market.

Also, the chemicals that would be used would leave a residue throughout the house that would not be aesthetically pleasing to potential buyers, he said.

Construction on the second house should be completed in about 45 days, Blake said. However, he hasn't done anything to the Cadieux house since finding the ants, except to board it up.

"I have a debt on that (the Cadieux) house, which I'm paying interest on, and I intend to continue doing that until I can

find someone who will renovate it," Blake said. "But if it gets to the point where the cost is too high, at that point I'll have to come to you and discuss alternatives. But I have no intention of tearing that down in the near future."

Blake said that he has talked to six potential buyers in the last six months, but that he hasn't been able to work out a purchase agreement with any of them.

Hartmann said, "We want to restore the house and sell it to a private interest. The investors probably won't see a large return on their investment, but they'll at least get their money back."

The project is important to her, she said, because "it's part

of our Grosse Pointe heritage, our history, and it's only one of two houses left on Jefferson that were there originally... it's deplorable that it could ever be torn down."

She said she is looking for more investors from the community to help save the house. Anyone who is interested in the project can call her at 882-2128.

Grosse Pointe Mayor Lorenzo D. Browning thanked everyone for expressing their concerns, and said that the council will keep them in mind in the future.

"But there really isn't anything before us at this time that we need to vote on," Browning said.

"I also think that Chris Blake is a man of his word."

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods
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Arab-Americans

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and "The Puppeteer," will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church at 17150 Maumee in Grosse Pointe City, 881-0420.

A slide presentation "Babylon" will be presented by Dr. Elsie Peck, curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, at Southfield Manor, 25626 Telegraph Road in Southfield, 352-9020.

Celebration of the Spirit — An evening of poetry, music and art featuring internationally acclaimed poet Samuel Hazo will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in the Lecture Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Admission is \$15.

All events but the last are free and open to the public.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee was formed nationally about 10 years ago in response to the Abscam scandal in which the American government used a fictitious Arab sheik to set up senators.

"People in the Arab American community were outraged that the federal government chose this stereotype to present to the public," she said.

Daher, who is of Syrian descent and had been active in several Arab issues, was asked to open the Detroit office in 1981. Detroit has the largest concentration of Arabs outside the Middle East.

"Anti-Arab feelings have been around for a while and will be around for a while," she said.

Photo workshops

Joseph P. Messina will conduct a series of photo workshops from April 6 through June 22. This is the 20th year his classes are being sponsored by the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

Everyone is welcome to attend the free slide presentation, orientation and registration on Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. in room 111A.

Classes are geared to people who know how to use 35mm equipment. Students meet on Saturdays and shoot for two hours. Classes start with a short lecture by Messina before proceeding to a variety of locations.

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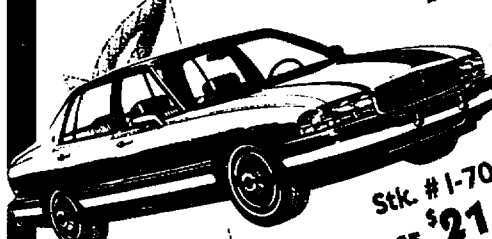
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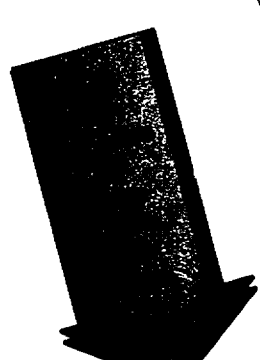
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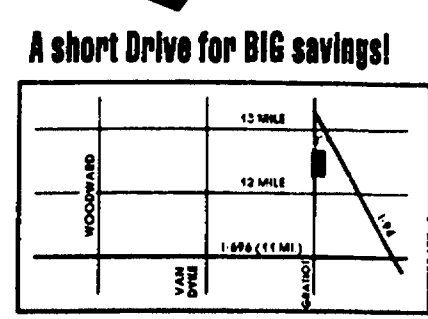
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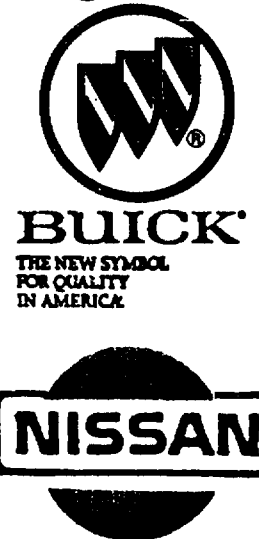


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Fathers for Equal Rights: *Group fights for equality in child custody disputes*



By Margie Reins Smith
Feature Editor

Advice to divorced non-custodial fathers who think the court system is discriminating against them: "If your gut tells you it's wrong, it probably is."

This from attorney Kay Schwarzborg.

Fathers for Equal Rights is a group of fathers who want to maintain contact with their children, but can't, said Alan Lebow, president of the Michigan non-profit organization.

"We are an anti-sexist organization," he added.

Fathers for Equal Rights objects to a judicial system which automatically assumes the mother is the better parent.

"No father should be denied custody or visitation rights with

his child simply because he is male," Lebow said.

He blamed many of the inequities of divorce and child custody arrangements on the prevailing attitudes of society.

"The blame rests on the sexism of our culture — the judicial system; the media; the medical profession," he said.

"No fairness will exist until the women's movement begins to listen to the problems of men in this culture. We're human, like everybody else. We have feelings. We have hurts. We've been taught not to express these.

"And we hurt when we're separated from our children."

Schwarzborg is an attorney who has assisted Fathers for Equal Rights for the last 10 years. She said the group helps men who are suffering from sex discrimination.

"I became concerned early on about fathers," she said, "because they had little access after divorce and few ways to get into the court system.

"But these issues are not just for fathers, they're for non-custodial parents. Fathers are most often discriminated against."

Carole Chiamp is a Detroit attorney who said that 75 percent of her cases are divorces. She represents women about 60 percent of the time; men, 40 percent.

"There is an element of truth to this," Chiamp said. "Even when things are equal, judges often favor women in custody cases.

"Fathers for Equal Rights may have raised the consciousness of many lawyers and judges. As younger, less sexist judges are coming on board, things are changing.

"Sexist judges in any form

should not be acceptable.

"My theory is that these biases are disappearing. Many of the older, white male judges who still think we have the Ronald Reagan family and that only mothers can nurture small children, are being replaced by younger judges."

Chiamp pointed out, however, that in the divorce process, 95 percent of the bias is against women, not men.

Custody is one of the few areas where women are not discriminated against.

"Once the woman gets the children," Chiamp said, "she is likely to get inadequate support for these children."

Helen Bennett is a Southfield-based psychiatric social worker in private practice. She said she covers all bases in the mental health arena involving the divorcing family system. She does individual, couple and family therapy; mediation; education; and she answers the crisis phone for Fathers for Equal Rights.

"The judicial system involved in divorces is biased against males," she said. "This includes protective services, social services, the Friend of the Court, psychodiagnostic evaluations, referees and judges."

Bennett estimated that in the state of Michigan, in cases involving custody disputes, mothers win 90 percent of the time if the fathers have inadequate attorneys. Mothers win 75 percent of the time if the fathers have so-so attorneys. And mothers win 50 percent of the time if the fathers have excellent attorneys.

"Mothers don't need good attorneys, because of the bias. The system works for them," she said.

"Mothers need more support

for issues involving money, however."

Chiamp cited a recent study by a task force on gender bias by the Michigan Supreme Court. A substantial amount of testimony was gathered from fathers concerning the presumption by the court system that mothers are inherently more nurturing. One frustrated father described the court's perception of his role: "I'm not a father. I'm a wallet. I'm a bank account."

The task force also gathered testimony from mothers who claimed unfair treatment in custody cases.

During its two-year examination of Michigan courts, the study found that more than one-third of Michiganians believed the court system discriminated against individuals on the basis of gender, race or ethnic origin. The study also found that these perceptions were based on reality.

"Even when things are equal, the courts often favor women in custody cases," Chiamp said.

"The Detroit metropolitan area is very sophisticated as far as divorce laws," Schwarzborg said. "There's more good people concerned about divorce in this state than anywhere else."

She said a great deal of progress has been made in the last 15 years. Courts are now more willing to listen to fathers.

"Fathers for Equal Rights is not promoting the rights of men over women, but is concerned about what is best for children," Lebow said.

"Research has shown that the most harmful thing for a child after divorce is to have no contact with one parent. And that's usually the male parent."

Schwarzborg pointed out that

today's society allows women to decide when a man is a parent.

"Women have excluded men from any rights in reproduction," she said.

"Nowhere in the reproductive sphere do men have equality, except in the right to pay," Lebow said. "The idea that women are for equality is nonsense. Abortion, divorce, surrogate parenting — you'll find men have no rights. None.

"In the case of abortion, the woman gets to make the decision, even if she's married. If she's not married, she can decide to have the baby and he has to pay."

Fathers for Equal Rights meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. An average Thursday attracts between 40 and 100 members. Lebow said the total membership is several hundred men and women. The group includes some second wives, grandmothers and non-custodial mothers.

"Meetings are educational and informative," he said. "We have a speaker — a judge or an attorney or a psychologist. When we first started in March 1979, we got between 200 and 250 people to monthly meetings."

Lebow pointed out that membership fluctuates. When a member has solved his problem, he goes on his way.

The group assists non-custodial parents by providing support and by recommending ways to obtain legal, medical and psychological assistance in cases of child custody.

For more information about Fathers for Equal Rights, call 354-3080.

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'Uncommon Friends' is theme for Fair Lane benefit on April 6

The third annual black-tie dinner dance, a benefit for continuing restoration of the Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

This year's theme is "Uncommon Friends." Proceeds from the benefit will be dedicated to restoring areas of the 75-year-old National Historic Landmark which reflect the influence of Henry Ford's unique friends: Thomas Edison, John Burroughs and George Washington Carver.

Construction of the Fair Lane estate was completed in 1915. It was the home of auto pioneer Henry Ford I and his wife, Clara, for more than 30 years. The estate includes a mansion, powerhouse, bath house, miniature farmhouse and 72 acres of gardens and grounds. It's owned and operated by the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is located on the Dearborn campus.

Honorary co-chairmen of the benefit are Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ford II of Grosse Pointe. Event co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Anton F. Eisel of Birmingham and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schubot of Franklin.

Grosse Pointers on the honorary committee include Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Alandt, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buhl Ford III, Mr. and Mrs. Benson Ford Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schoenith.

The evening will begin with a pre-dinner reception at 7 p.m. Patron tickets are \$200 a person and guest tickets are \$150 a person. For information about the fundraiser, call 593-5590.

NARSAD benefit: The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) will hold a raffle for the second year in a row to support research into schizophrenia, bipolar disease and major depression.

Nearly a dozen prizes have been donated, including two handmade collectible dolls made

Barat Human Services gains accreditation

Barat Human Services has become one of 575 agencies in the United States and Canada to receive accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children.

Accreditation, which is for a four-year period, attests that an agency has met a set of nationally established requirements which help ensure quality service. The procedure involves a detailed examination of the agency's operation, which includes a self study by the agency and a visit by a council team of reviewers.

Barat Human Services, founded in 1925, is a social service agency providing intervention and treatment for young women, families and children caught in the destructive cycle of child neglect, abuse and delinquency. Through programs at Barat House and Family Center, Barat Human Services works to strengthen families and provide new opportunities for individuals to grow and develop.

"Accreditation provides assurance that the agency is performing services which the community needs, that it's conducting its operations effectively and managing its funds wisely," said David Shover, council executive director. Barat Human Services is located at 5250 John R, Detroit.

For more information, contact Nancy Ballantyne at 833-1525.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Eastside

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Eastside, a support group for families with a mentally ill member, will hold an educational meeting on Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., at Henry Ford Nursing Center, 19840 Harper, in Harper Woods.

Renee Bostick of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service will discuss the services and "The Art of Advocacy."

Relatives and friends of the mentally ill are invited to attend. For information, call 884-7005 or 839-9826.



Carolyn Fitzpatrick-Cassin of Grosse Pointe Park, right, is shown with First Lady Barbara Bush at a recent meeting with Bush in Washington, D.C. Fitzpatrick-Cassin is president and CEO of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

by Grosse Pointer Carol Scripps, a dozen bottles of Russian champagne, and some romantic weekends and nights at local hotels, including the Dearborn Inn, the Pontchartrain, the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, the Holiday Inn in Kalamazoo, and the Radisson in Lansing.

To buy a ticket, call Scripps at 881-5429. Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5.

Toy auction: The Detroit Children's Museum, 67 Kirby, in Detroit is the third oldest children's museum in the world. It was established in 1917. It's an educational unit of the Detroit Public Schools.

The Great Doll and Toy Auction is the principal fundraising event of the Children's Museum Friends. It's a silent and live auction with bids ranging from \$50 to more than \$3,000. Last year more than \$16,000 was raised at the auction.

Items include some 75 unusual dolls, toys, trains, dollhouses, teddy bears and exciting things to do.

The auction will be on Thursday, April 18, at the Roostertail, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$60 a person and include dinner and entertainment as well as opportunities to bid on toys.

Dayna Eubanks of WJBK-TV will be mistress of ceremonies and Joe Walker of DuMouchelle Galleries will be the auctioneer.

The Friends are looking for artists and collectors who are willing to contribute some treasures — antique dolls, unique or classic children's toys, dollhouses, teddy bears and artwork about children.

Some Grosse Pointers who are involved in the event are Teresa Davidson and Charlene Blondy. For information about how to donate an item or how to purchase tickets, call 494-1223.

Tea with First Lady:

Carolyn Fitzpatrick-Cassin of Grosse Pointe Park, president and CEO of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, had tea recently with Barbara Bush of Washington, D.C. (Yes, the Barbara Bush.)

Fitzpatrick-Cassin and other hospice leaders from throughout the country discussed hospice services with Bush and other congressional leaders.

Theatrical fashions:

The Historic Memorials Society will present a fashion show, "Broadway to Runway," on Friday, March 22, at 11:30 a.m. at the Detroit Golf Club. The featured fashions will be costumes from the Hilberry Theatre.

Tickets are \$25 a person. Call 557-7450 for information.

Grosse Pointers involved in the organization are Mrs. Carl Dalligan, Mrs. Heywood J. Knighton, Mrs. Elaine Ross Irvin, Mrs. John Dodds and Marion L. Hopson.

Bow Wow pow wow:

The Michigan Humane Society will hold its 1991 Bow Wow Champagne Brunch on Sunday, April 7, from noon to 3:30 p.m., at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

The brunch is a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, which provides charitable veterinary care, rescue, cruelty investigation and shelter for more than 50,000 animals in Michigan.

Tickets range from \$100 to \$500 a person, and include a champagne reception, a strolling buffet and entertainment.

For tickets or information, call 852-7420.

Spring dance:

A "Swing into Spring" benefit for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra will be held on Friday, April 5, at Blossom Heath, 24800 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores.

The evening of entertainment and dancing is planned by the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's Women's Association under the chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Garavaglia.

Featured will be Mel Stander and his "Gentlemen of Swing."

Cocktails begin at 7 p.m.; dinner at 8 p.m. Cost is \$45 a person. For reservations, call 881-4655 or 886-5160.

Bowling for charity:

The Gamma Theta chapter of Delta Sigma Pi is sponsoring its annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser Saturday, March 30, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Lanes, 21620 Gratiot, East Detroit. Donations will be taken from March 18-28 and may be mailed to Wayne State University, Delta Sigma Pi, Attention: Derek S. Zachariah, School of Business Administration, 226 Prentiss, Detroit, MI, 48202.

A portion of the proceeds will be given to one of three charities: The Judson center, which provides care for sexually and physically abused children; HAVEN, which provides services for victims of rape and domestic violence; and the Myasthenia Gravis Association, which supports research for people with that neuromuscular disease.

Delta Sigma Pi is a non-profit professional business fraternity located on the Wayne State University campus. The Gamma Theta chapter has been active for many years promoting professionalism and scholarship in the study of business at the university level. Active in community service events and fundraisers, Delta Sigma Pi is supported by the WSU business school administration and by the Detroit Area Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

— Margie Reins Smith



Cynthia and Edsel Ford II of Grosse Pointe are shown in the formal dining room of the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane. They will serve as honorary co-chairs at a fundraiser for the estate on Saturday, April 6.

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Pointer named national board chairman of FOCUS youth group

John R. Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms was recently named chairman of the national



John R. Nicholson

board of the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools (FOCUS).

Nicholson is a native of Grosse Pointe and a member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

FOCUS is an interdenominational Christian youth outreach program which encourages secondary school students in the pursuit of their faith in Christ. The organization was founded 28 years ago at the national level and came to the Pointes in 1984.

"I became interested in FOCUS primarily because of the multitude of pressures our youth are experiencing which threaten their growth, sometimes their health and often their spiritual well-being," Nicholson said. "While parents cannot shelter their children from such pressures, we can offer programs, fellowship and experiences which will assist them in the development of their Christian values."

"God does shelter us in times of peril, in times of disappointment, in broken relationships, in illness and when we hurt. The story of FOCUS is a story of children exploring purpose, questioning values and learning about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful story. It is a story of promise and of hope for our youth, for all of us."

The local sponsoring committee consists of more than two dozen sets of parents representing several denominations - Episcopal, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Baptist.

"The committee's role is to provide support and oversight to our regional directors Bryce and Melissa Gray and to provide credibility to parents investigating whether or not their children should be involved," Nicholson said. "Our desire is to offer students a non-threatening environment to discuss and learn values

based on the historic Christian message."

When FOCUS was introduced to Grosse Pointe, it offered a program the Rev. George Andrews of University Liggett School called "Christian Fellowship." Since then, the program has evolved into a community-wide endeavor.

The Grosse Pointe FOCUS program has a wide range of activities involving both middle and upper school students. Friday morning fellowship meets from 7 to 8 a.m., before school, at 1012 Three Mile Road.

According to Bryce Gray: "Fridays are designed to be an entry-level experience for those who are nominally interested in their faith to be exposed to a loving community, to have fun, and to observe peers who are pursuing a relationship with Christ. We choose topics that everyone will feel familiar with and have opin-

ions about so they can partake in the discussions and come away with something practical."

Eleven upperclassmen serve as discussion group leaders. Topics range from stress, anger and forgiveness, to reasons to believe, benefits of a personal relationship with God, and conflict and war. All are welcome.

Sunday night fellowship offers an opportunity for those who are seeking to follow Christ in a more meaningful way. Students sing songs, pray and discuss in-depth passages from the Bible that relate to their lives. Themes have centered on pursuing a personal relationship with Christ, pursuing godliness, controlling our tongues, and a recent series on relationships. Currently 25-30 students attend weekly. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 929 Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

During the week, boys and

girls meet in separate smaller groups for a time of more personal sharing and accountability for struggles in their lives. Girls meet for brunch on Saturday mornings; boys meet on Tuesday nights.

Several times a year, national camps are offered which bring together other FOCUS groups from around the country. Princeton Weekend is the second weekend in November; Winter House Party ski trips take place during the Christmas holiday; and a Poconos ski weekend is held in northeastern Pennsylvania in January.

The Middle School program includes 50-60 students and offers monthly Saturday night gatherings filled with games, relays, a band and another dozen high school leaders who serve as

See FOCUS, page 5B

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



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EASTER SUNDAY
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9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service

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EASTER SUNDAY
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"Cat," a watercolor with Chinese white over pencil on buff laid paper by artist Gwen John is part of the "Portraits and Prospects" exhibit of British and Irish art at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Ford House presents British, Irish art work

"Portraits and Prospects," an exhibition of British and Irish watercolors and drawings from the Ulster Museum in Belfast, Ireland, opened recently at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activities Center and continues through Sunday, May 12.

Exhibition tours, afternoon tea, lectures and an evening of traditional Irish music will be featured during the two-month event.

A selection of 84 British and Irish watercolors and drawings of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries provides an intimate and natural view of people and their environments. Included in the exhibition are such noted artists as William Turner, George Petrie, John Henry Fuseli, Jack Butler Yeats, Andrew Nicholl and John Piper.

"We are extremely pleased to make this wonderful exhibit available to the public," said Paul D. Alandt, president of Ford House. "The paintings and drawings of this special exhibit serve as an outstanding complement to the fine arts collections of Edsel and Eleanor Ford."

The exhibition was organized by the Ulster Museum in Belfast, The British Council and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES). Martyn Anglesea, keeper of the

department of drawings, Ulster Museum, and Donald R. McClellan, SITES project director, selected the works.

Admission to the exhibition is \$2 per person, or \$1 per person when combined with the house tour. The exhibition will be open to the public Wednesday through Sunday—from noon to 5 p.m. Group tours (minimum of 10 people) are available any time by advance reservation.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Ford House activities center opened in March 1990 to accommodate exhibitions, concerts, recitals and orientations prior to Ford House tours. The facility is also available to non-profit organizations for meetings, luncheons and dinners.

The Tea Room in the activities center is open for light lunch Wednesday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and is available to those who come to tour the House, walk the grounds or view the exhibition. Reservations are required for groups of six or more.

For further information about group tours and special programs associated with the "Portraits and Prospects" exhibition, call (313) 884-4222.

DSO report: Spanish pianist makes Beethoven sing

By Alex Sucek
Special Writer

Last weekend's concert series by the DSO was well worthy of the four performances that were given. Two visiting artists combined forces to create memorable music. One was the familiar young guest conductor Hugh Wolff. The other was the incomparable woman pianist from Spain, Alicia De Larrocha.

Almost as though to honor the impending concerto performance by De Larrocha, the program opened with a rousing performance of Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man. It was a stirring reminder of America's late nonagenarian composer. Less than five minutes in duration, it is a fine example of great brass music and it was outstandingly performed by the brass choir of the DSO.

It was all the more exciting as a sample of what Grosse Pointe has in store when this same brass choir appears at the opening concert of the Grosse Pointe Summer Festival at the War Memorial on July 8.

With an air of gracious self assurance that almost said, "Thank you for the fanfare, gentlemen," De Larrocha then strode to the piano. Her selection was to be Beethoven's 3rd piano concerto in C minor.

Wolff is a precise conductor who pays close attention to the

accurate articulation of a score. This is perhaps at the expense of expressive freedom but is desirable in the accompaniment of a soloist like De Larrocha.

Her delicate and sensitive style disguises the reserves of drama and power that she is able to bring into play when needed. And this combination is a winner in a work like Beethoven's third piano concerto. Marking the composer's break from the traditions of Mozart and Hayden, to express his own style, it alternates between the more fragile classicism that preceded him to his own strong personal identity.

De Larrocha brought a lyricism to a Beethoven who can become bombastic in the hands of a less controlled pianist. Particularly in the second movement, she demonstrated exquisite phrasing, extracting every ounce of eloquence from the slow passages without once exceeding the boundaries of good taste.

Meanwhile, Wolff's leadership of the orchestra was in perfect accord. He responded to the solo parts where the orchestra echoes the piano's themes in perfectly matching mood. Their remarkable collaboration was beautifully demonstrated in the slow movement where the piano played accompaniment to a duet of bassoon and flute.

With Copland's third sym-

phony to complete the concert, the program seemed to come full circle. It is a populist work, notwithstanding its patrician form, and considering its potential appeal, it is performed all too seldom.

It opens in an introspective mood that is found often in Copland's music. Wolff managed to enhance this well in his management of the orchestra.

There is a respite from this mood with the second movement which moves with vigor and calls on all the major forces of the orchestra in turn — from brass to woodwinds to tympany and piano. There were occasional rough spots which might be attributed to inadequate rehearsal on one hand, or inadequate control by the conductor on the other. They were insignificant, however, compared to the overall sweep and impact of the performance. And they were forgotten as the performance moved to the final movement.

For this concluding segment, Copland adapted and expanded his Fanfare for the Common Man which he had written earlier. But here he introduces the theme with flutes and clarinets before giving it to the brass and tympani. Then again he presents a quiet version on bassoons. Wolff's attention to the score served particularly well to effect the contrasts and changes in

treatment called for. It was an arresting and satisfying performance of a great American symphonic work.

This week's program, also under the baton of Hugh Wolff, features violinist Gil Shaham performing the Wieniawski violin Concerto.

For tickets and information, call 833-3700.

Bonus offered for renewing season subscription

As a special incentive to present subscribers to renew early, those who do before April 26 will have the opportunity to purchase an advance issue of the DSO's first recording with Neeme Jarvi. (The Gaelic Symphony by Amy Beach, and the First Symphony and Overture to School for Scandal by Barber.) A limited edition of 250 CDs, numbered and personally autographed by the Maestro, top the list.

Symphony features guitarist

Classical guitarist David Burgess, who was selected by Andres Segovia as the first recipient of the prestigious Segovia Fellowship, will perform with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. in Parcels Auditorium on Mack Avenue at Vernier Road.

Regarded as one of the country's finest young guitarists, Burgess has won top honors in many international competitions including the Ponce International Competition in Mexico City, the Guitar '81 Competition in Toronto and the 31st International Competition in Munich. He has performed solo recitals throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Spain and Italy

Burgess began studying guitar at the Instituto de Arle Guitaristico in Mexico City with the eminent Argentine guitarist, Manuel Lopez Ramos. He later earned a diploma of merito at the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy. After being awarded the Segovia Fellowship in 1984, he periodically received instruction from Segovia until the maestro's death in 1987.

Maestro Felix Resnick will conduct the orchestra in "Musique Exotique" featuring composers from Vivaldi and Rodrigo to Rimsky-Korsakov and Leigh.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office on the day of the concert. Prices are \$10, \$8 for seniors and \$4 for students.

LCE offers piano music

Following the success of its first two festivals, the Lyric Chamber Ensemble will present its Third Annual Piano Festival on Sunday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

The first concert offers a light program of orchestral transcriptions and original pieces for four pianos which span a variety of periods and offer something for

every listener's taste. The repertoire for this program was taken from a collection of four-piano transcriptions located by the LCE in the archives of the Lincoln Center Library in New York.

Tickets for the March 24 Piano Festival Concert are \$20, \$15, \$12, and \$8. Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups. For tickets and information call 357-1111 anytime.

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David Burgess, world-renowned young guitarist, brings great excitement and anticipation as we welcome his appearance with our Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra. Of his many superlative honors the most prominent of all occurred in New York City in 1984 when the great Andres Segovia awarded him the Andres Segovia Fellowship in honor of Segovia's 90th birthday. This magnificent honor also afforded Mr. Burgess the opportunity for study with Segovia until his death in 1987. Other important honors accorded Mr. Burgess include many international competitions in Mexico, Canada, Germany, Spain and Italy.

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Travel Trends



By Phyllis Hollenbeck

Party with Wolfgang

This year there is something very special happening in Austria. The birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is gearing up to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his death. Long considered the world capital of life's finer things — music, art, scenic beauty, and good living — the entire country will be celebrating this anniversary with concerts, festivals, exhibitions and operas.

In Vienna there will be a Mozart Festival as part of the Vienna International Festival between May 10 and June 8. Open-air screenings will be made of films about Mozart or filmed Mozart operas. "The Best Mozart Movies" will run July 1 to Aug. 31. A series of Mozart's piano concertos, string quartets and other events will be held between July 27 and Sept. 27 during the "Summer of Music in Vienna."

Mozart grew up in the city of Salzburg. He produced some of his greatest music there. This lovely city will celebrate with an Easter Festival featuring concerts by visiting orchestras, including the Berlin Philharmonic. "Mozart and His Oeuvre" is a state exhibition that will be held in Salzburg from May through November, and the "Salzburg Festival" will run from July 26 through the end of August.

The celebration lasts almost all year long. Many American tour operators have planned their 1991 Austrian itineraries around these programs. For those who have always wanted to visit Austria, their trip would be made even more special by all of the unique events planned this year.

Austrian Airlines is the country's national carrier and is very involved in the promotion of this year's events, offering special tour programs highlighting Mozart in a four-day package called "In the Footsteps of Amadeus" and a three-day "Mozart's Vienna" package. The airline also will provide opera tickets and tickets to other Mozart events for passengers traveling on Austrian Air.

Many other European tour operators have also designed programs around these special events. The best way to get a good idea of the various offerings is to check with your travel agent. One of the things that you will have to be aware of is the possibility that some planned departures may be canceled if there are not enough passengers booked. Obviously, a lot will depend on the situation in the Middle East.

On a recent Public Broadcasting Corp. interview with one of the Austrian officials planning the celebration, there was much discussion on the effect the Middle East crisis may play on all the plans that have been years in the making. First and foremost, they intend to go ahead with the plans. He said, however, they have been experiencing some cancellations for the early part of the year. He also said that just as soon as the tickets for a certain performance are released, they are picked up by someone from Austria, Hungary and other nations.

Music lovers can certainly justify spending their entire holiday in Austria this year. However, if you do not choose to plan your trip solely for the purpose of celebrating Mozart's 200th, consider a city package of three or four days combined with a visit to your favorite European capital or perhaps a spa visit. For additional information on the activities and experiences available while visiting Austria, call the National Tourist Board at (212) 944-6880.

Locally, de Bary Travel, Inc. in Grosse Pointe offers a special package to Austria. Call 881-3747.

Russian comedy 'The Suicide' at the Hilberry Theatre

The satirical farce, "The Suicide," written by Russian playwright Nikolai Erdman, opens at the Hilberry Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 23, following a preview Friday, March 22. It will run in repertory through May 11.

Written in 1928, "The Suicide" views the political and economic confusion in post-revolutionary Russia through the eyes of a "little man," the unemployed and discontented Semyon Semyonovich Podsekalmnikov, who threatens to commit suicide. Once word of his plan is out, Semyon is besieged by a horde of individuals — an intellectual, a butcher, a Marxist, a priest, and a fading femme fatale — who want him to die for their purposes.

Not surprisingly, because of its political implications, "The Suicide" was banned in the Soviet Union before glasnost. It has been produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company of London, The Goodman Theatre in Chicago, the Arizona Theatre Company, Yale Repertory Theatre and the Shaw Festival, and will now make its Detroit debut at the Hilberry.

The production is directed by Anthony Schmitt, associate director of theater at Wayne State University. The cast, which includes the entire Hilberry acting company, is headed by Alan Harvey, a second-year company member from New York, as Semyon.

Tami Evans plays Semyon's spirited wife, Maria Lukianovna,

and Nancy Lipschultz is Sarafima Ilinichna, Semyon's acerbic mother-in-law. Scenic design for the Hilberry production is by Jennifer Anderson, with costume design by Mary Beth Robinson, and lighting design by James T. Allen. Tickets may be purchased at the Hilberry Theatre, Cass and Hancock, or reserved with VISA or MasterCard by calling the box office at (313) 577-2972.

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Easter travelers are off

Unsettled conditions in the Persian Gulf and a shaky economy haven't slowed Easter air travelers much — millions of Americans are still booking trips to sunny beaches and golf courses, AAA Travel Agency reports.

While the volume of international service has decreased around 60 percent since Jan. 16 when the Gulf war began, airline officials expect heavy domestic travel during the holiday period, especially to Florida, Arizona, California and the Caribbean.

The busiest travel days will be March 27 and 28 and April 1 and 2. Easter Sunday is March 31.

"A full-range of discount fares is still available," said Diane Willard, AAA Travel Agency vice-president. "But passengers who don't book early are likely to miss out on specials.

"Most advance purchase discount fares require only a seven day advance purchase, but are limited in number. It's a wise idea to buy holiday tickets several months in advance to get the best prices and choice of travel dates."

Willard said that Easter airline travelers will find that tight security in U.S. airports will remain in effect for an indefinite period.

"Airport security is the highest it has ever been in the history of commercial aviation," she noted.

'Fire' at the War Memorial

Visit Ontario's London Grand Theatre to see "Fire" on Saturday, May 4, from 9:15 a.m. to 7 p.m. under the auspices of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. This award-winning musical is loosely based on the life of Jerry Lee Lewis and explores the unique relationship between Pentecostal Christianity and the early stars of rock 'n' roll. "Fire" sizzles with the fervor of fundamentalist religion and the powerful soul of rock 'n' roll.

Eleventh Dream Day plays

Atlantic Records recording artist Eleventh Dream Day, heralded as America's next great rock 'n' roll band, makes its Detroit debut at the Majestic Theatre Sunday, March 24.

A Chicago-based quartet, Eleventh Dream Day has developed a straightforward, guitar-branishing style of solid upbeat rock, powerful vocals, and songs of revelation. Their first Atlantic release, 1989's "Beet," was selected as one of the year's ten best recordings by The New York Times and reached the No.

DFT presents 'My 20th Century'

For one weekend only, March 22-24, the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) series of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present the exclusive engagement of "My 20th Century," the award-winning new comic fantasy from Hungary.

Recipient of the Cannes Film Festival's coveted Best First Feature prize, "My 20th Century" has been compared to E.L. Doctorow's "Ragtime." It tells the tale of a pair of sisters born at the turn of the century who grow up to follow very different and highly unpredictable paths in life.

"My 20th Century" will be

No war-related terrorist incidents have been reported at U.S. airports, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Amtrak reports bookings were 34 percent higher in February than during the same period last year, in large part because passengers booked ahead for this year's earlier Easter period. The rail carrier recommends that passengers make reservations for the holiday immediately to guarantee a seat.

Greyhound reports holiday bus travel will be consistent with last year, but does not reserve seats.

Based on TripTik and routing requests by AAA Michigan members between November and January, auto travel increased 3 percent over last year and should remain at this increased level through the Easter period. The majority of TripTik requests are for Florida, the Carolinas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Michigan motorists will find a gallon of regular self-serve unleaded averaging about \$1.026 in the Detroit area and \$1.084 out-state.

The official 54-hour Easter holiday period runs from 6 p.m. March 29 to midnight March 31. Motorists are encouraged to avoid alcohol and buckle up. Last year, seven motorists died on Michigan highways during the holiday weekend. All the fatalities were alcohol-related and only one of the victims was wearing a safety belt.



Shirley MacLaine

Actress, singer, dancer and best-selling author Shirley MacLaine brings her one-woman revue to the Fox Theatre March 21-24. MacLaine has been singing and dancing to rave reviews since she was a child, has six Oscar nominations and one statuette. Tickets for all individual performances in the AT&T Variety Series are on sale now at the Fox Theatre, Joe Louis and Cobo Arena box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets, including Hudsons and Harmony House. Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$37.50. For more information, call 587-6000.

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Final thoughts

March Madness, the time of year when fanatics follow their favorite teams through the state playoffs, is over, but let's not forget some of the funny and intense times.

- My first belly full of laughter came when South was warming up for a game against Southeastern in the district volleyball tournament.

While South began its synchronized beat of two claps and a stomp on the floor, the Lady Jungaleers were preparing their chant.

As the South crowd joined its team in the beat and began filling the gym with cheers and shouts of "LET'S GO SOUTH," the Jungaleers waited patiently for their turn. Suddenly, a yelp of "RELAX" came from the huddle. Seems to me most teams yell something a little more inspiring.

- Before the regional championship volleyball game against Detroit Central, South coach Cindy Sharpe couldn't be found. Her team was looking for her, but they didn't check outside. Sharpe, trying to remain calm, had stepped out for a quick smoke.

- The University Liggett School hockey team was locked in a close 2-1 game with Jackson Lumen Christi, which it eventually won, but the line of the month goes to Al VanDeweghe.

Stefan Teige was whistled for a tripping call and as the ref escorted him to the penalty box, VanDeweghe, whose son Andy led ULS with 29 goals and 30 assists for the season, yelled, "Hey, ref, you called a penalty and now that kid won't win the Lady Byng Trophy."

- Notre Dame High School, where North and South played in district basketball, is a tough place to get into. Every time I go there, it seems my press pass isn't good enough. I have to show a driver's license to one lady, who then tells me the state tournament doesn't allow passes. Then, she directs me to a man who is taking tickets inside the doors, and he scrutinizes my pass, too. Then, he tells me no passes are allowed. Then I tell him I'll pay the three bucks if he can give me a receipt, but he has no receipts so he tells me to go ahead.

Oh, thank you very much.

- During the South-Trenton hockey game at Yack Arena, an official skated to the scorer's box and spoke loudly through the little hole in the glass. He was handing out a penalty, but what the official scorer didn't know was that the referee's gum would come flying out onto the table.

"Want some gum?" asked the ref.

- The most flamboyant and showy coach in the playoffs had to be North volleyball coach Leslie Harwood. During the match with Regina, Harwood was jumping, throwing her arms up, being animated in trying to show her girls the proper technique, and she even jumped from her chair a couple of times. You've got to like her enthusiasm and agility, particularly because she's pregnant.

- It must be a coincidence. North basketball player David Vier seems to save his best for the district playoffs. In a loss to Southeastern, he hit a desperation three-point basket to close the first half.

Last season, he ended Grosse Pointe South's year when he canned a 45-foot shot at the final buzzer.

When you got it, you got it.

Hockey, basketball roundup

North, South, ULS content with finish

By Rob Fulton
Sports Editor

For North, South and University Liggett School basketball and hockey teams, the season didn't last long enough.

ULS' hockey team advanced to its third straight regional championship game, and the South hockey team used a 6-4 win over North to get to the semifinals of the regionals before losing to eventual state champ Trenton.

The Norsemen hockey team struggled all season long, finishing last in the Michigan Metro East, but had some encouraging things happen along the way.

South's basketball team, after finishing second in its first year in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, got knocked out in the first round of the district tournament by Notre Dame, while the North hoopers lost to Southeastern in the district semifinals.

The Knights of ULS made school history by winning their first ever Class C district basketball game, but lost in the semifinals.

The following is a roundup of the hoop and hockey seasons at North, South and ULS.

South

Basketball

With only one full-time starter back in the lineup for the 1990-91 campaign, the start of the Blue Devils' season was not expected to be as successful as it was.

South began the season with wins over Bishop Gallagher and Highland Park before losing at

Port Huron Northern, but then rattled off two straight wins before the Christmas break.

It was the third time in as many seasons South had beaten Highland Park. And, on Dec. 18 at home, South upended a previously unbeaten Chippewa Valley team, which had been averaging more than 90 points per game.

"Considering we weren't sure where we'd be at the start of the year, I think we did very well," said coach George Petrouleas. "Frankly, I was very concerned about how we were going to win games and was also concerned about how quickly our younger kids could mature."

Fortunately, they aged quickly.

"We got some fast maturity from the kids and that went together with great senior leadership," said Petrouleas, whose team eventually finished 14-7. "We came out of the gates quickly and surprised some people. I wouldn't say we snuck up on some teams, but we played a lot of teams tougher than they expected."

With a 4-1 record, South entered its first full season in the Macomb Area Conference White Division on Jan. 8 against Anchor Bay. South beat the Tars and three days later beat Fraser to go to 2-0 in the league.

In previous years, the North-South game was a non-league affair but this season it counted toward the league standings. Going into the North-South game Jan. 15, South faced a Norsemen team that had lost three straight and four of its

first seven games.

But throw away the records, as South suffered its first league loss and fell into second place behind Roseville, the eventual league champs.

South then bounced back to win at Romeo, setting up a showdown with league-leading Roseville on the road.

With a win, South would have moved into a first-place tie, but the final two minutes of the game belonged to Roseville. South held a nine-point lead with just under two minutes to play, but ended up losing, 68-66, in overtime.

"Nobody in the league got close to beating Roseville except us," Petrouleas said. "We were disappointed that we gave them a game that we should have won, but the kids didn't let it get them down."

And that's one attribute Petrouleas enjoyed in this year's team.

"This was a very mature and fun group," he said. "The kids had a great work ethic and were extremely committed and that's why we were as successful as we were. The kids should be proud of what they did even though they didn't win a league title or a state tournament game."

Roseville finished unbeaten (14-0) in the league and South was second at 9-5.

After the Roseville loss, South won three straight games to go to 10-3 overall and 5-2 in the league, but then fell Feb. 5 at Anchor Bay. The Devils split the next four games, including their second loss to North Feb. 12.

In that stretch, however,

Leins received the Coaches Award, while Paul Geist won the Sportsmanship Award and Mike Armstrong was voted the team's Most Improved Player. Blair Hess, who led South with eight rebounds a game, was named to the All-League team with Gramling, Armstrong and junior Mike McLaughlin each averaged 10 points per game.

South then finished the regular season with two losses in four games, before playing Notre Dame in the first round of the district playoffs. South lost, 60-46.

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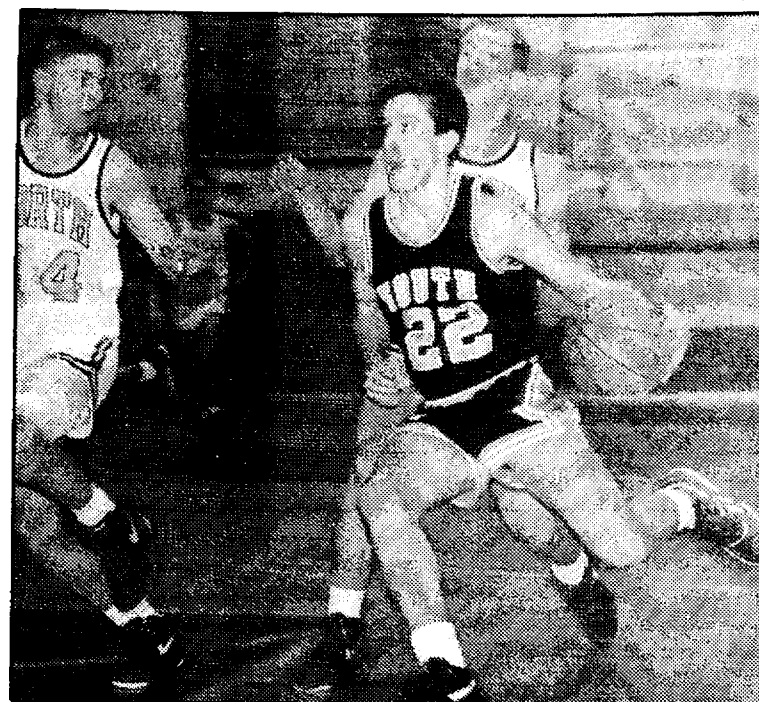


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South's Mike McLaughlin and his South teammates tried to elude North's Mike Haskell (right) and Jason Rio, but couldn't; North beat South twice.

South's championship run ends in Kalamazoo

By Rob Fulton
Sports Editor

Cindy Sharpe's worst fears came true last weekend when her South volleyball team competed in the Class A quarterfinal volleyball tournament at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo.

Sharpe feared her team would be nervous and inconsistent if it paid too much attention to the hype of being one of eight teams left in the tournament.

And Livonia Churchill, a seasoned and powerful team that lost only once during the season, wasn't nervous and used South as a stepping stone to the state championship.

Churchill blasted South, 15-7, 15-6, March 15 and then won two matches March 16 to capture the Class A state title.

South, which won the Macomb Area Conference White Division (11-1) and never lost on its home floor this season, finished 35-5 — the most victories by any South volleyball team.

But it was the 33rd win that really made a statement.

That win came in the district

finals at Regina, when South beat the Saddlelites, 11-15, 15-9, 15-11. Sharpe feels her team's goals peaked with the Regina win, which pushed the Devils into the regional semifinals March 9.

"That win over Regina really made the season for us," said Sharpe, whose team was led by Angela Drake's five kills against Churchill. "The kids really put a lot of weight on that game, and after winning it, that was the ic-

ing on the cake. Anything after that was just gravy."

But Sharpe's team got hungrier as it edged to the regional championship March 9, where it eventually beat Detroit Central to capture the school's first ever regional title.

"Our district was certainly tougher than the regional, but the girls deserved to be district and regional champs because they are the best team," Sharpe said. "The kids really didn't have any ambition to win the state title because we didn't set that as a goal. We didn't set sights on that because we were very concerned with beating Regina."

And now that the Lady Devils know what it takes to get to the final eight tournament, they'll have different plans for 1992.

"The girls now know what it takes," said Sharpe. "You can bet we'll be making long-term plans next season. Believing we could win the state title wasn't in the realm of the kids' imagination. I'm proud of them because they did reach their No. 1 goal of beating Regina in the district tournament."

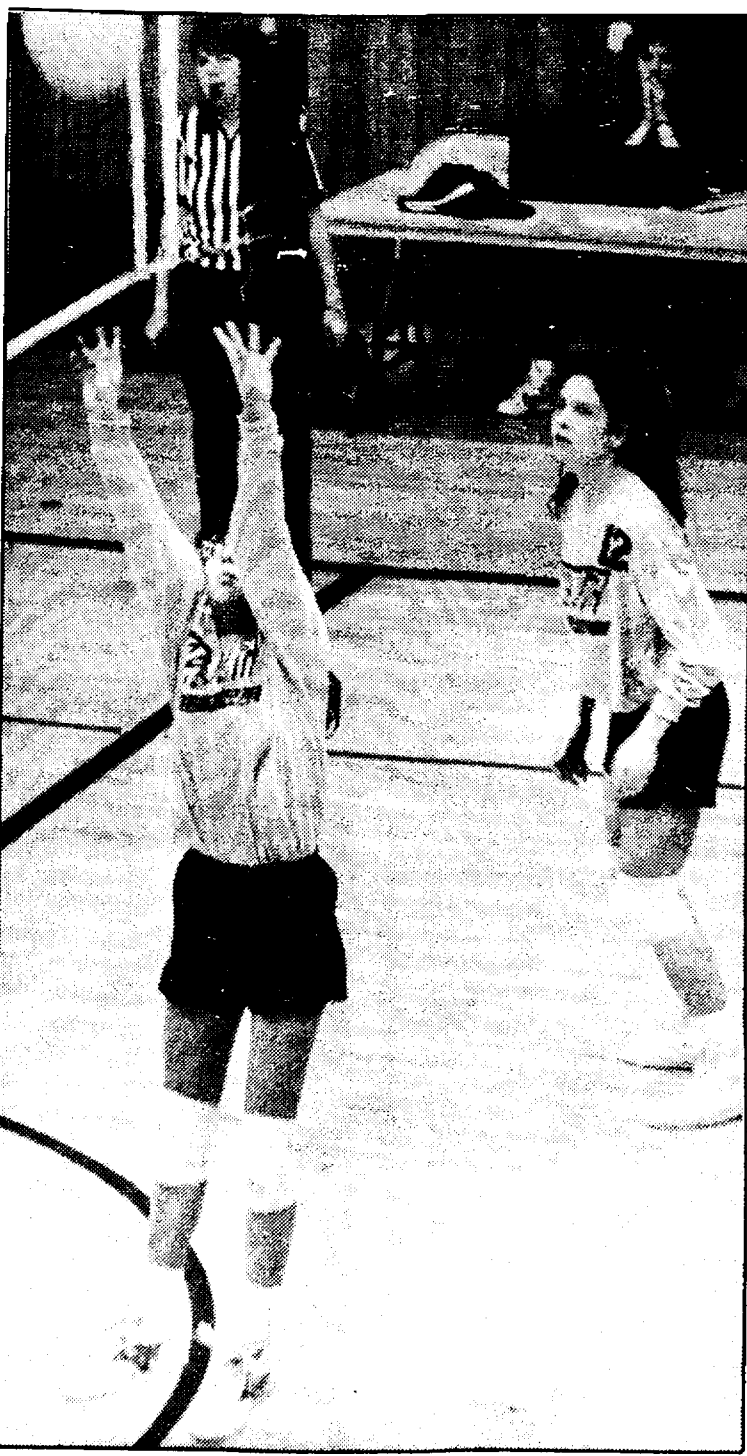


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Sue Faremouth sets for South while Liz Binder awaits the outcome.

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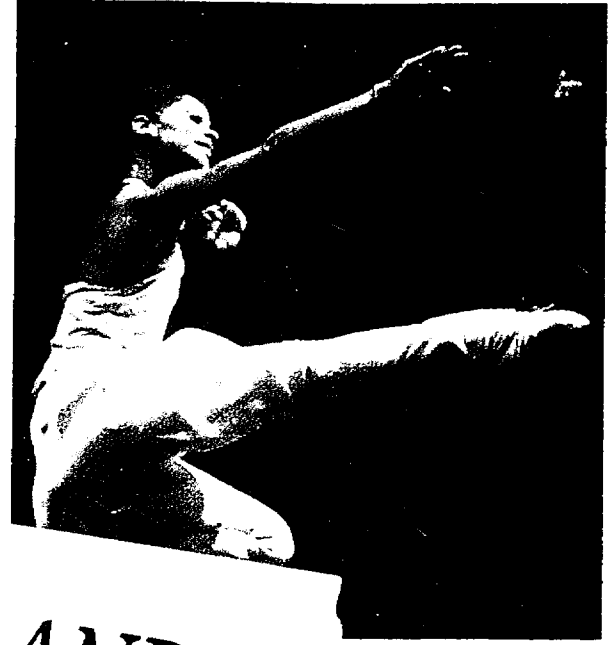
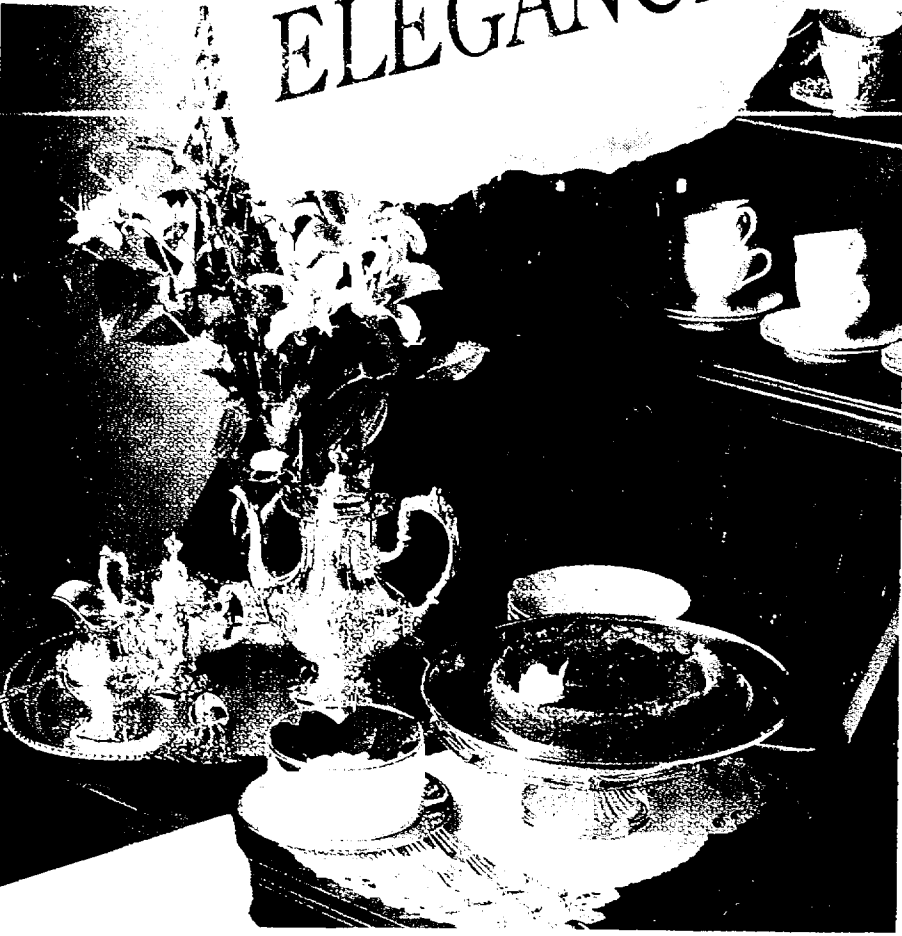
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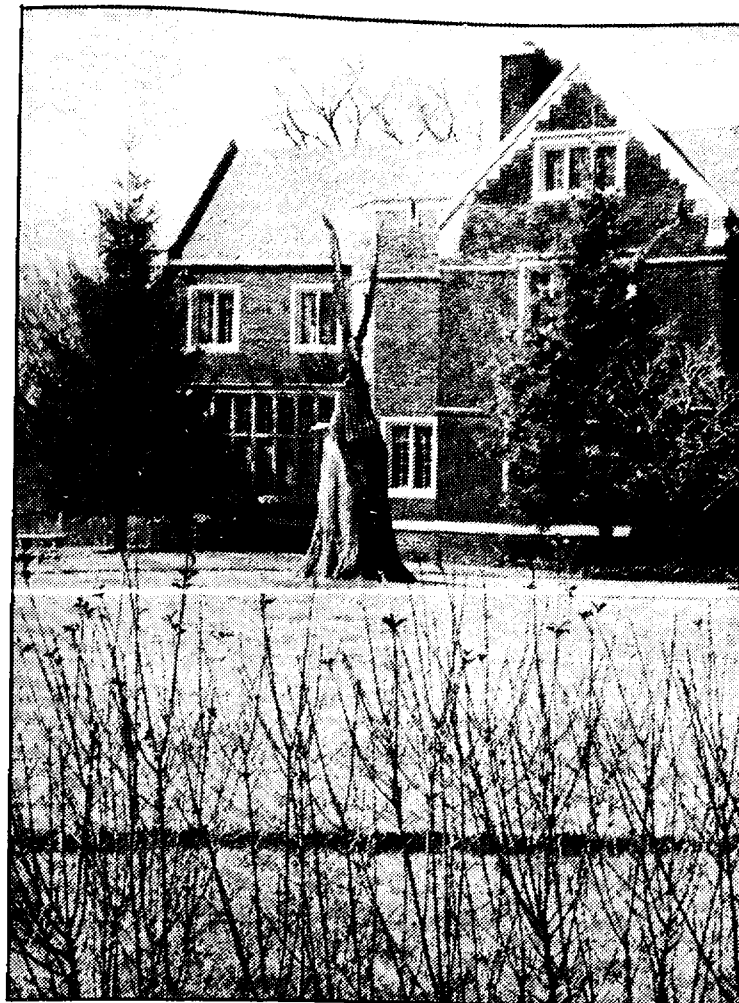
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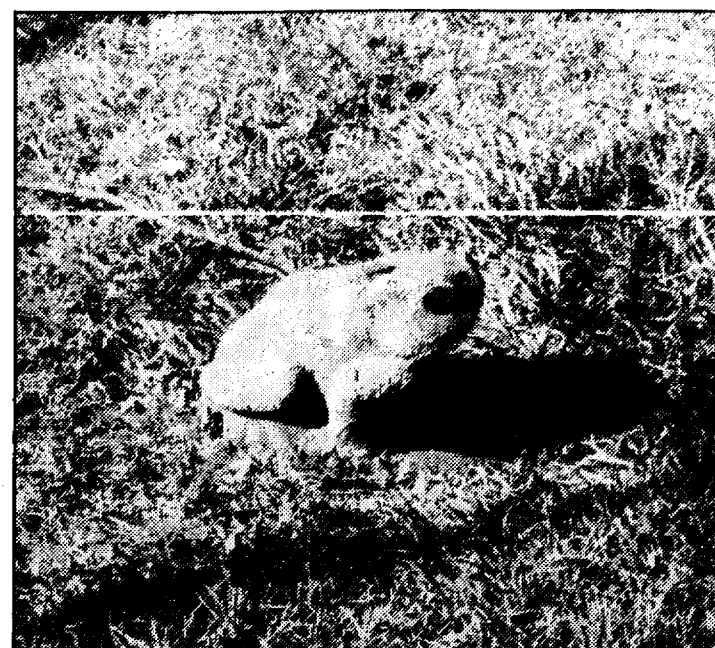
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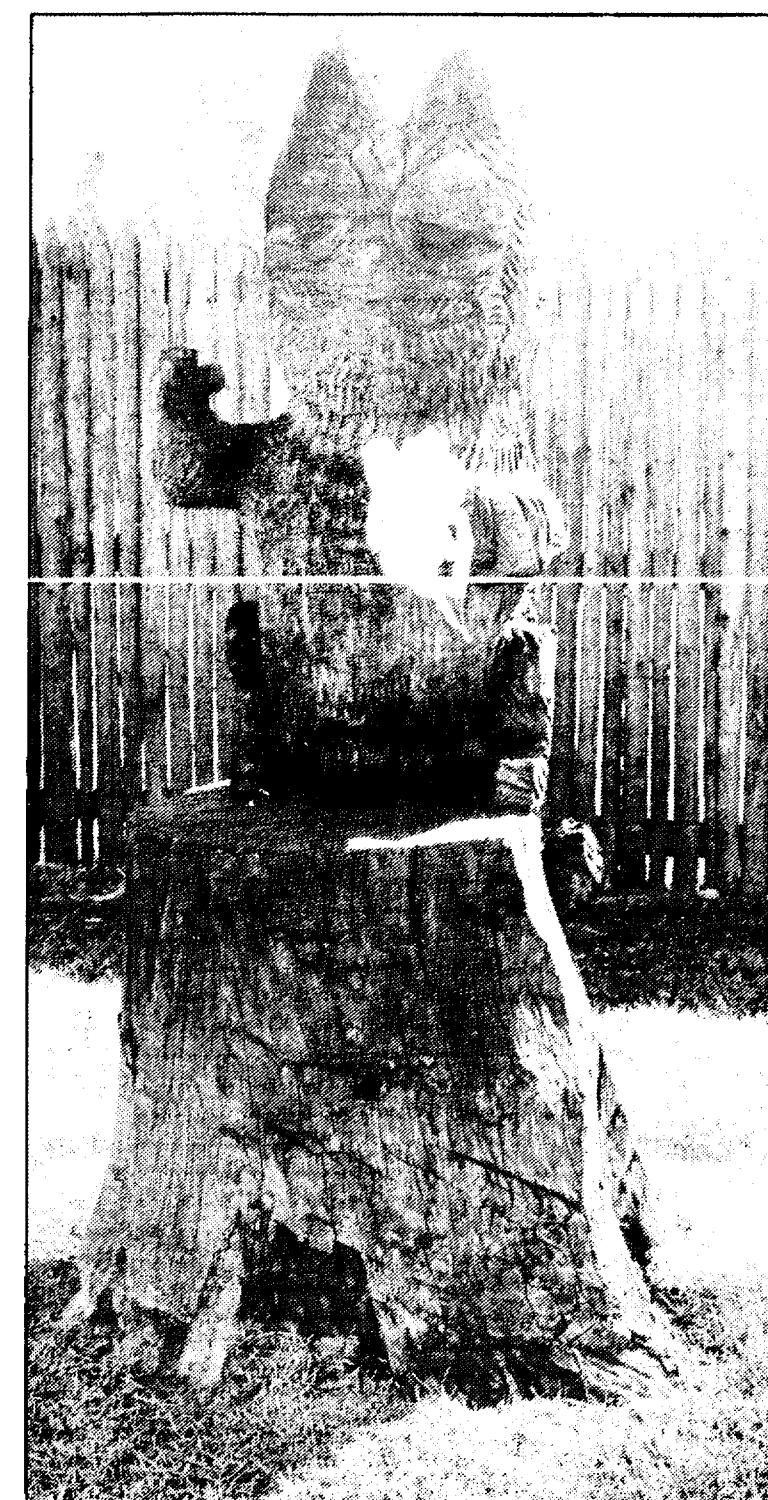
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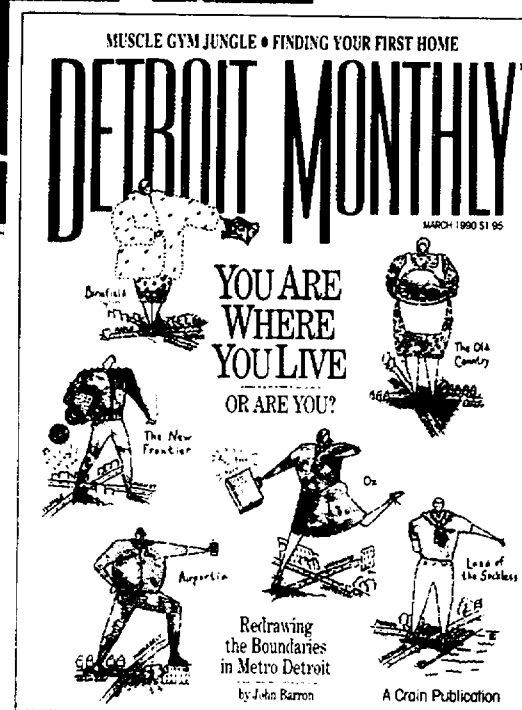
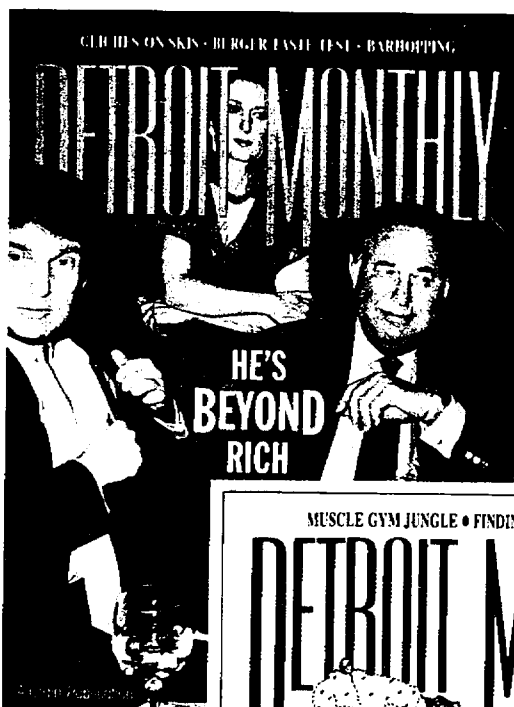
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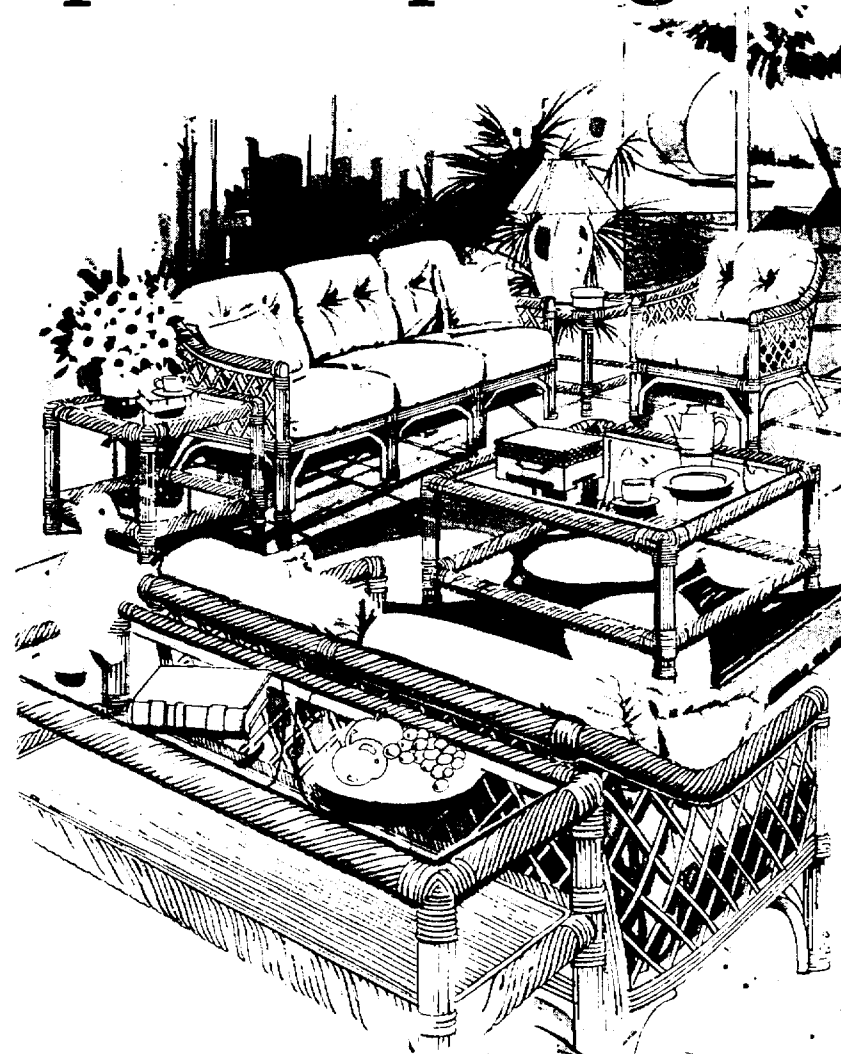
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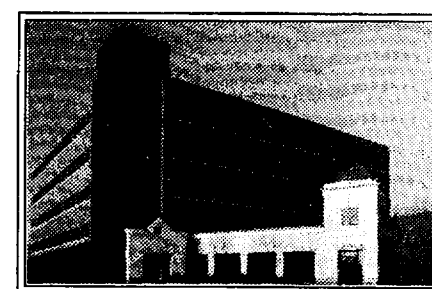
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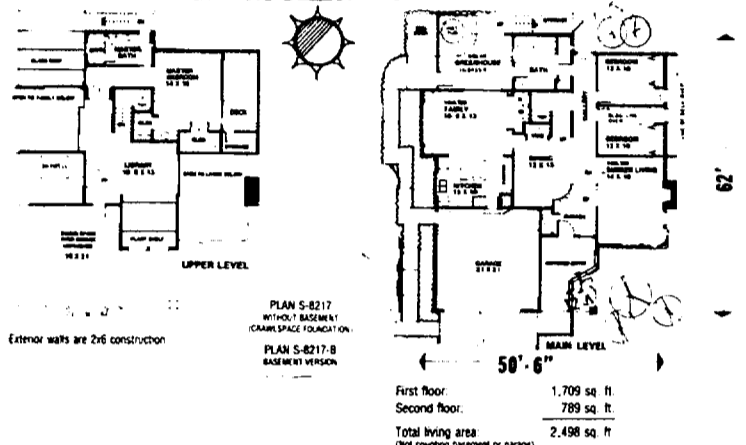
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Park's trees will soon bloom

Yellow flowers on the cornelian cherry tree, one of the earliest to bloom in the Midwest, will greet Patterson Park visitors early in April. A member of the dogwood family with buds similar to the dogwoods commonly seen in the Pointes, the tree's flowers are so profuse that the small trees seem to be covered by a yellow veil.

Blooming almost concurrently are the park's red maples, acer rubrum, which produce clusters of red flowers along their branches. Several varieties of amelan-chier, or serviceberry, will put on their floral display in late April through early May with the star and saucer magnolias. The ornamental crabs bloom about the same time.

The ornamental pears — aristo-crat, bradford and autumn blaze — will produce an abundance of flowers in early May.

Putting on their show in mid-May are the native dogwoods, followed by the winter king and crimson cloud hawthorns in late May. These will be followed by the Japanese tree lilac and the Washington hawthorn in mid-June, with the American linden flowering in late June and the

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The golden rain tree will bloom in mid-July, followed by the little leaf elm and the autumnal witchhazel in October.

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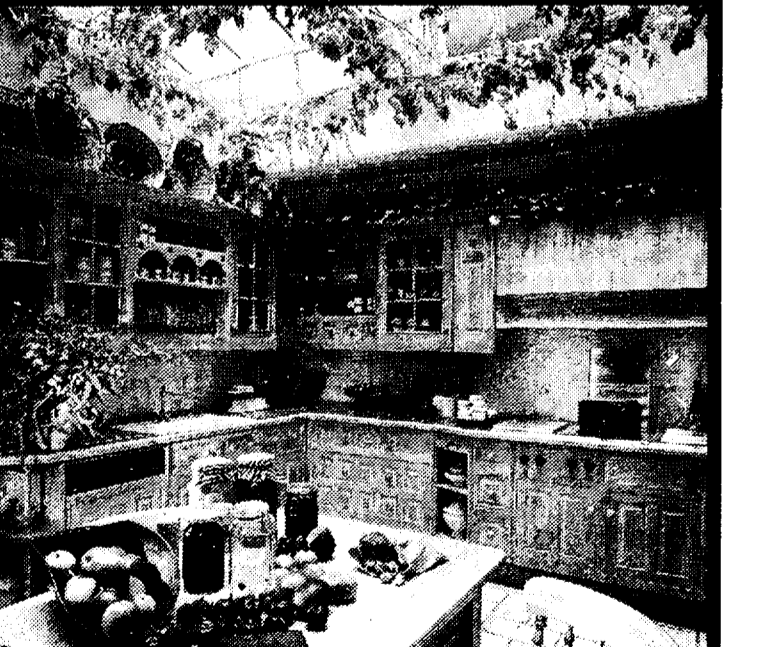
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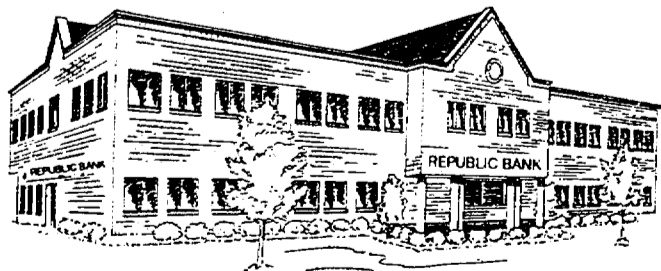
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You would need to purchase, or rent a screw gun to apply screws, and it takes some practice to use. Metal studs are better once you get used to them. However, if you are a homeowner who isn't going to make a career out of it, stick to wood.

When you hit the dry wall nails into the sheetrock countersink the nail head, (referred to as a dimple). Try not to break the paper. This will cause the wallboard compound to absorb into the board. Don't be too hard on yourself in the event there are a few tears, I still manage to break about every third one.

Q. Is shellac better than varnish for furniture finishes?

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New video stresses conservation

"Once, upon a long ago moment, we didn't think about what was going to happen to the natural landscape — it was just there. We thought it would be there for our great, great grandchildren. We know now that it will never be like it was."

With this as a theme, Michigan Nature Association member Dick Sleeman has put together a powerful conservation message for "In Our Trust," a 30-minute video about the Michigan Nature Association (MNA).

This, together with scenes from 18 hours of footage by Joseph Youngman of L'Anse, results in a superb wildlife video that is refreshing and inspirational. The project is narrated by Richard Dysart of "L.A. Law."

The program highlights the accomplishments of MNA's continuing work to save habitat for important plants and animals of Michigan. Certainly it is a success story about the non-profit group of citizen volunteers that has established 127 preserves in 47 areas includes 22 sanctuaries

in southwest Michigan near Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, and 25 totaling 1,100 acres in southwest Michigan within 65 miles of downtown Detroit. All properties are open to the public at no charge.

"The new MNA video will delight all those who share our kinship with nature," said Bertha Daubendiek, MNA executive director. "It allows you to explore one third of MNA's sanctuaries from the comfort of your home."

The outdoor adventure is more than a simple walk in the woods. "In Our Trust" is filled with images and sounds and also offers a wealth of natural history information about prairie grasses, MNA's 10 types of wetlands, trees, ferns, sand dunes and more.

See spring bursting with wildflowers in lower Michigan, tag along to photograph the spirited spruce through an untamed U.P. wetland wilderness. Thrill to the haunting call of the loon and spy on other fascinating birds and

wild creatures in their natural environments.

The climax to the program is a visit to MNA's most famous project — the Estivant Pines Natural Sanctuary in the Keweenaw Peninsula, enjoyed by thousands of hikers annually.

MNA's campaign to save the pines captured the attention of the state from 1988-90 and raised \$287,000 to add 177.5 acres of buffer land to the original 200-acre old growth, virgin white pine forest.

"The Michigan Nature Association is holding these wonders of the natural world in trust, for our children's children to inherit as their natural birthright," Daubendiek said.

For more information and a free field trip schedule, contact MNA at 324-2626. To order your copy of "In Our Trust," send a check for \$24.88 to Michigan Nature Association, Box 102V, Avoca, Mich. 48006. Profits will go to MNA's five-year major gifts drive to help MNA safeguard its sanctuary lands.

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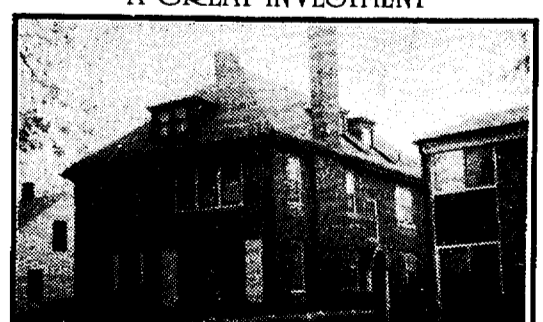
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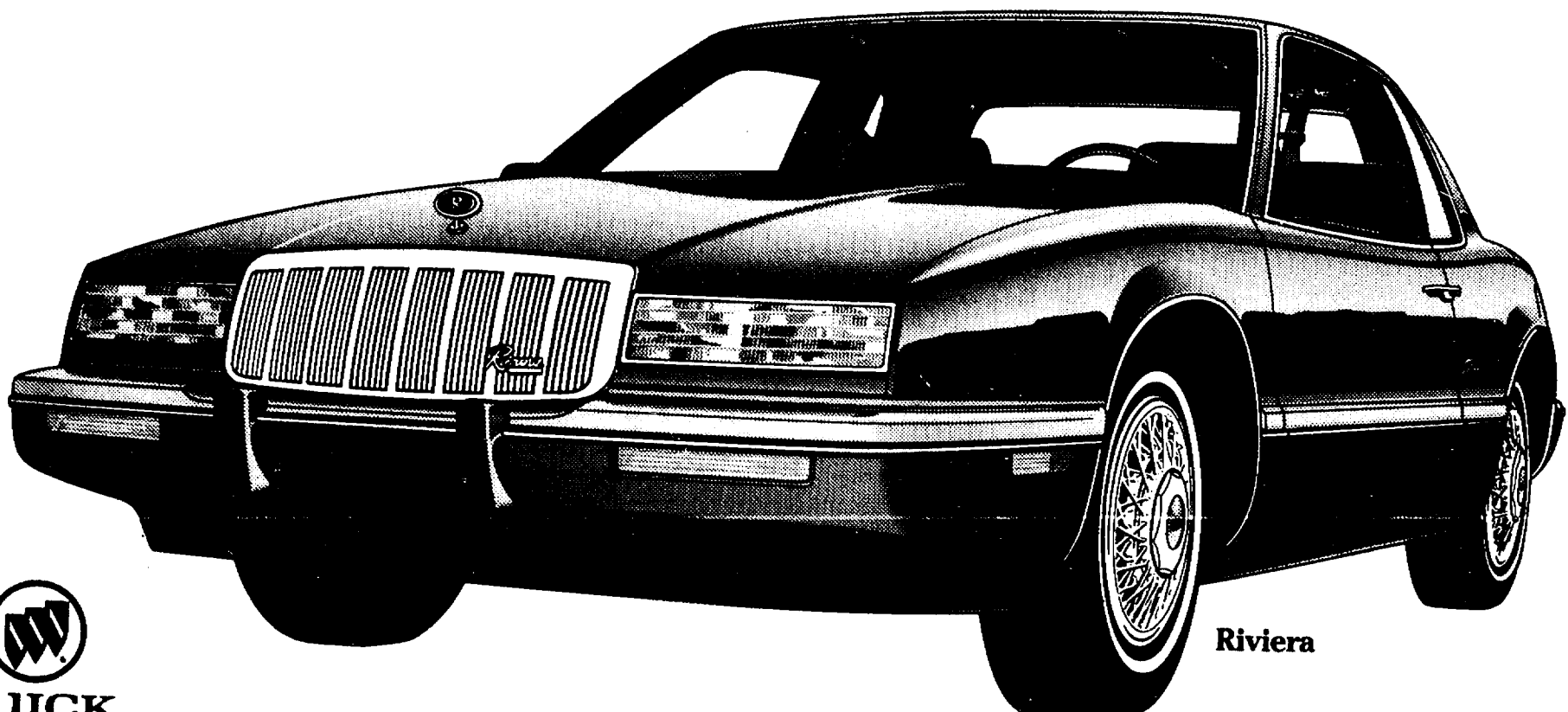
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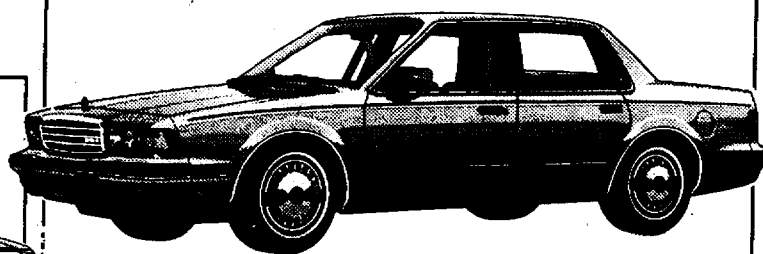


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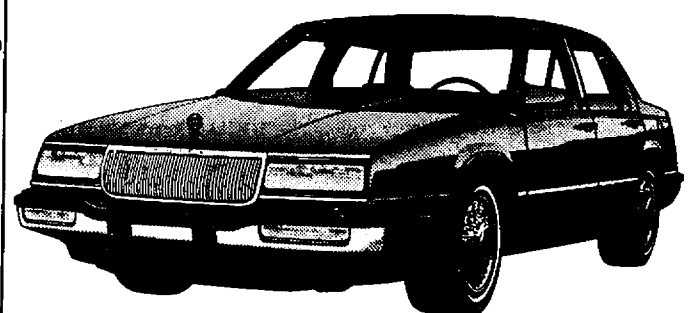


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