# Merry Christmas

# Pointe municipalities' investments on conservative ground

Staff Writer

what happened in Orange County, Calif., need not be too concerned about a municipal financial disaster occurring

Conservative is the best word to describe municipal general fund investments in the five Grosse Pointes.

Earlier this month, rising interest rates, combined with Anyone who's worried about risky investment strategies, resulted in a \$2 billion loss in Orange County's investment

> "Basically, we have all of our investments in CDs (certificates of deposit), and a T-bill (Treasury bill) with the cable (sale) troller for Grosse Pointe Farms.

"No one in the metro area can do what Orange County did, with derivatives and leverag-

not lose any of the city's

money," said James Nash, con- collections amounts to \$2.5 mil-

"Our general fund investments are pretty conservative," said Dennis Foran, finance stocks, bonds and real estate. director for the City of Grosse However, these types of invest-"We have very conservative Pointe. "In Michigan, there is a government-pooled fund for investments. My goal is not to government-pooled fund for make money for the city. It's to municipalities and school systems which is regulated by the noney." state. We put about \$3.5 mil- Krajniak, Grosse Pointe Park
The Farms' portfolio from tax lion in one of these funds at city manager. "We first look at NBD and about \$4 million in Treasury bills.'

State law prohibits municipalities from investing in However, these types of investments are allowed for munici-

pal pension funds.
"We always strive for conservative investments," said Dale an investment which will protect the principal, and secondly,

we look at the rate of return." The Park keeps its money collected from property taxes in

CDs and T-bills. Taxes collected in the summer might go toward long-term investments, with winter and school taxes invested more for

the short term. "The village's investments

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# WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 23

The Men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, located at 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, senior pastor at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Call 313-882-5330 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve, the last day of shopping before the big event. Churches across Grosse Pointe will hold special Christmas services beginning today. The post of-fice on Mack will be open until noon.

Sunday, Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

Monday, Dec. 26

Many government offices, including the post office, will be closed. The Park City Council meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. has been cancelled due to the holiday.

The Grosse Pointe News will be open normal hours.

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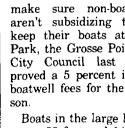
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# **WE'RE** CONCERNED **ABOUT** YESTERDAY'S

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will be up to \$25

and \$50 next summer.

In the small harbor, fee hikes



Teens were filled with the holiday spirit last week at the Christmas Youth Dance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Among the couples were Justin Bosley and Katy Lenz, left, and Justin Sigon and Libby Wagman.

# 2 Gravel killers draw life sentences

By Shirley A. McShane Staff Writer

cutor got his wish - the two tally wounded. men who admitted they killed

held in Wayne County Jail, are on those allegations. awaiting a hearing scheduled Following Roberson's decision for January in which they will to sentence Haynes and Miller trials.

Haynes and Miller's sentencing was delayed for several Haynes should be sentenced as years while the Wayne County adults. prosecutor appealed Roberson's both defendants as juveniles.

Haynes, Miller and four denied their appeal and other youths ambushed Gravel the appeals court order. on Feb. 8, 1990, as he was leaving the Bayview Yacht Club. ordered Roberson to sentence Using a gun provided by both men as adults.

Miller, Haynes fired several shots into Gravel's car after Almost five years after the Gravel ignored Haynes' orders fact, the Wayne County prose to stop the car. Gravel was fa-

Both defendants pleaded Grosse Pointe businessman guilty to first-degree murder in Benjamin Gravel in 1990 were 1990. They now say that they sentenced on Dec. 19 in Record- did so because their attorneys er's Court to life without pa- at the time allegedly promised them leniency. Their new attor-But Kermit Haynes, 21, and neys have filed motions to with-Cortez Miller, 20, both being draw their guilty pleas based

ask Recorder's Chief Judge Dal- as juveniles, the prosecutor apton Roberson to withdraw their pealed to the Michigan Court of guilty pleas and order new Appeals. In May 1993, the appeals court held that Roberson erred and that Miller and

Miller and Haynes then apdecision in 1991 to sentence pealed to the Michigan Suboth defendants as juveniles. denied their appeal and upheld

On Dec. 7, the supreme court

# Woods delays vote on 25 pct. hike in boat well fees

By Jim Stickford Staff Writer

After more than two hours of of the city administrator, the Council agreed Monday night well fees to give boat owners front Park.

The furor is over a controver- OWNETS. sial report by city administrator Peter Thomas and city comptroller Cliff Maison. The new equipment for the dock. many boat owners were not satreport stated that it costs the After all that, we came up with city about \$181,000 a year to a figure of about \$181,000. operate the city marina. The report went on to say that the Woods pays over \$80,000 a from boat owners.

mission asked us to determine that the marina's portion of the actual cost of running the that property tax is about 20 marina, a 'true accounting," percent. said Maison. "We determined the number of employee man voted to recommend a 25 perhours that they worked on ma-cent-boat-well fee increase after rina business.

penses associated with the ma- member Paul Mumma noted rina. These included the cost of that the choice given by the insurance for the wells, the cost administration was between 25 of providing electrical service and 50 percent. Mumma, a and the costs of purchasing boat owner, said that he and

'The city's recreation commission debate and against the advice asked us to determine the actual cost Grosse Pointe Woods City of running the marina, a "true to delay voting on raising boat accounting,"... (W)e came up with a well fees to give boat owners figure of about \$181,000.' The city maintaining a marina at Lake gets about \$129,000 in fees from boat Comptroller Cliff Maison Grosse Pointe Woods

Maison also said that the city gets about \$129,000 in fees year in property taxes to St. Clair Shores, the city where the "The city's recreation com- park is located. He estimates

The recreation commission receiving this information. The "We then determined the ex- vote was 4-2, and commission

isfied with the vague figures cited by Thomas in his report.

Mumma's concern was echoed by many attending Monday's meeting.

Thomas recommended that the council vote on boat fees Monday because he said delaying the matter would be unfair to those who were waiting for

"If the vote on fees is delayed until mid-January, we won't be able to send out the fees notices until February," said Thomas. "If that happens, we won't get all the replies until March. By then many on the waiting list will have already made arrangements with a private marina. Most people don't wait source that can be used by only arrangements for the summer."

in the Grosse Pointe News, so that boaters would have a chance to review costs.

Monday's meeting was that self like the the parking enterthey thought it was unfair that they were being singled out for special expenses. They noted a lot of money. That's why he that tennis players and swimmers aren't charged extra fees raise, instead of a 50 percent for using the city's pool or ten-

"Any resident can use a tennis court," said councilmember a 25 percent fee increase, William Wilson. "There's a five-year waiting list for an be the highest among Grosse empty well. That's a limited re- Pointe's municipal marinas.

until March or April to make a select few residents. Everyone

Despite Thomas' advice, the can use the pool. If they don't council voted to delay the vote it's their choice. Not everyone until the Jan. 16 council meet- can use the boat wells, and ing. Mayor Robert Novitke in- that's not the choice of those structed Thomas to publish a who want to but can't. So to breakdown of the cost analysis make all the taxpayers pay for something that can be only used by a few isn't fair."

Novitke said that he believes the marina shouldn't be a pure The sentiment of boaters at enterprise zone that pays for itprise zone, but on the other hand said a \$50,000 subsidy is said he supported a 25 percent raise as other councilmembers supported.

> Thomas said that even with Woods boat well fees would not

# John Diebel

# Home: G.P. Park

POINTER OF INTEREST

Age: 57

Family: Wife, Ann

Occupation: Retired PR executive Claim to fame: Wrote a

musical, "Emilie and Voltaire," which will be presented in two workshops sponsored by Grosse Pointe Theatre

Quote: "I took moderate liberties with the facts, but basically it's historically accurate."

# Farms boatwell fees go up for 1995 "We covered our costs last Between June 11 and Labor

By Chip Chapman Staff Writer

In order to cover its costs and make sure non-boat owners aren't subsidizing those who based on our analysis." keep their boats at the Pier Park, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council last week approved a 5 percent increase in boatwell fees for the 1995 sea-

Boats in the large harbor, between 28 feet and 34 feet long, will see increases between \$30

year," said Dick Huhn, director Day, boats can be launched or of parks and recreation, "and removed between 5 and 10 a.m. we should again this year, The old rule prohibited Sunday

Revenue raised from fees in 1995 is expected to increase to strict use of the boat hoist to \$156,945, up 5 percent from launching and removal of \$149,330 last year.

proved two change in the har- painting boats. bor regulations for 1995.

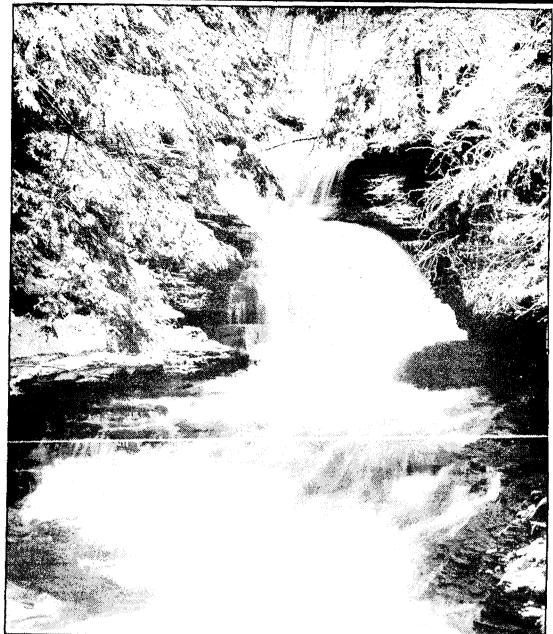
and holiday boat launchings. The second change will re-

boats. The hoist may not be In a vote, the council ap- used for repairing, washing or "It's too much of a safety

The first will allow boats to hazard," Huhn said. "We disbe launched or removed from cussed it with our insurance the harbor on Sundays and hol- carrier and they agreed. We idays between 5 and 10 a.m. haven't had any problems yet. between May 1 and June 10. This is a preventive measure.'

See story, page 4A John Diebel 

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The holidays offer the perfect time to head outdoors to capture dramatic winter scenes on film. This is Old Mill Falls near Ithaca, N.Y.

# Invest

From page 1A

are generally in commercial paper that has at least an A1 or A2 rating," said Rhonda Gaskill, finance officer for Grosse Pointe Shores. "These are interest-bearing notes from \$100,000 and up and can be invested in a company, generally from 30 to 90 days, depending on our cash flow.

"We usually get a better rate (of return) with commercial paper than we do with CDs.'

The Shores also has investments in the governmentfunded pool for municipalities and school systems.

"The village now has about \$1.6 million in commercial paper and about \$200,000 in the investment pool and our checking account," she said.
Gaskill added that Grosse

Pointe Township, which collects the taxes, has accounts that are separate from those of the village. The township's investments are in commercial paper. "All of our investments are

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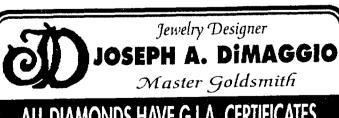
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# Holiday shots highlight the year

I like to write annually on probably the best time of the year for recording treasured family memories with your camera — the holidays.

Christmas and children go hand in hand, so let's begin with them. Remember to move in close to fill the frame and get down on their level. Concentrate on candids as the kids unwrap their presents from under the tree and begin to play with their new toys. Your photos will appear natural because in all the excitement, the children won't even know you're there.

But don't forget other family members. For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around informally rather than stiffly posed. Even try some candids as you did with the kids. Try including yourself in the picture by using the selftimer and placing the camera on a tripod or steady table.

As always, check your backgrounds for unwanted or distracting objects. And watch out for undesirable reflections from windows, mirrors or picture glass that may ruin a treasured shot. Most often, a slight adjustment in camera angle eliminates this problem.

Keep alert for other Christmas subjects that will add variety and interest to your holiday pictures. A colorfully filled stocking, a beautifully wrapped present, or a sparkling tree ornament will all reward you with a fine yuletide shot.

Take advantage of today's fast films. Using 1000 or 1600 speed films, try lighting some scenes only with candlelight. Your dinner table or a family member lit only by candles will produce that unforgettable romantic shot. An exposure of f-2 at 1/30 second is all that's needed.

Need a last-minute stocking stuffer? How about one of the Fuji or Kodak disposable pano-



# **Photography**

By Monte Nagler

rama cameras? They're inexpensive and produce surprisingly good results. A supply of film, a new camera bag, or a beautiful photo-filled 1995 calendar will please any photogra-

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# Woods man enjoyed brief 'skiing' experience during Battle of the Bulge

By Chip Chapman

Staff Writer
"I tried to get into the Air Corps, the Marines, I tried a number of services," said Beniamin Prescott, of Grosse Pointe Woods. "One found trouble with my eyesight, one found another physical problem. Then the Army said, 'You're warm, we'll take you.'

Prescott, a native of Penacook, N.H., came to Detroit in 1941 to work for the Packard Motor Car Co. He entered the service in November 1942.

Off to Camp Callan, Calif., Prescott went for anti-aircraft training and then in May 1943 to Officers Candidate School in Camp Davis, N.C.

He finished OCS that September and was assigned to an airborne unit in Camp Stewart,

"This was one of those units that was to fly in gliders on D-Day, behind the transport we would be in training for at shot it down. least 18 months. They said anyhave their wives come down to the Savannah (Ga.) area."

Prescott's wife-to-be, Doretta, a native Detroiter, came south and they married on Nov. 27, 1943, in the chapel on the base fensive. at Camp Stewart.

very thins walls.

"Pistol-packin' Mama' was the big tune at that time," Prescott said. "The people on the other side of the duplex worked in the shipyards in Savannah. They would come home late at night and on would come 'Pistol-packin' Mama.'

Within two weeks, Prescott's unit was deactivated.

glider," he said. "Truthfully, as I look back on it, I was lucky."

officer replacement pool with orders to report overseas. After a furlough back in New Hampshire, he reported to Fort Meade in Maryland for more training and then headed back north to Boston where he at Versailles. boarded the Britannic for Eng- "Our batta land in early 1944.

Prescott landed in Bristol and spent some time there awaiting further orders. From Bristol he went to Cardiff, Wales, to an officer replacement pool. There he received his final assignment.

"I was assigned to the 462nd AAA/AW (Anti-Aircraft Artillery/Automatic Weapons) Battalion in Swanage on June 1, just a few days before D-Day," he said. "When I joined this group, they had been preparing ing over a railroad bridge," he Prescott said. "Half-tracks and for the invasion. I didn't have a said. "All of a sudden lot of time to get to know the heard a 'zing.' Someone had guys that I would be going strung piano wire across the with."

cott's unit was told to report to of the Jeep, which snapped it. breakfast because they would We had gone over the bridge be moving out to Southampton

"It was still dark, but you Normandy," Prescott said. "Later that morning, some British soldiers confirmed the landing at Normandy."

Prescott's unit was in a stag-

the night of June 7 when orders were received to load

equipment onto a Liberty ship. They left for the Normandy coast on June 9.

"They couldn't make up their mind whether they wanted to unload us on Utah or Omaha beach," Prescott said. "We unloaded the 40 mm Bofors antiaircraft guns on these flattopped landing barges. One of the flat-tops got hung up on a truck that had sunk. We waited for a number of hours until high tide before getting ashore at Omaha Beach.

The unit went up a hill to a de-waterproofing area and then joined the 2nd Infantry Division on June 12 at Cerisy La-Foret, a wooded area nearby.

"Our mission was to provide anti-aircraft protection for the 2nd Infantry Division's artillery units," Prescott said. "The battalion's first engagement with a German ME109, on planes," he said. "They told us June 15, was successful. We

There was considerable tenone who was married should sion in those early days as the Germans were threatening to drive us back into the ocean.'

By July 25, the Allied divisions broke out of the beachhead and began the all-out of-

t Camp Stewart. "St. Lo was the first city They lived in a duplex with taken over," Prescott said. "From our position we could see the planes coming over from St. Lo.'

Prescott's unit was separated from the 2nd Infantry Division (which went to Brest) after encircling the Germans in the Falaise Gap. His unit then joined the 406th Field Artillery Group in early August.

There was heavy fighting as we moved toward Paris," Pres-"I never got into a glider or cott said. "A reconnaissance even had any training in a party from B Battery of the 462nd AAA/AW Battalion crossed the Seine River on Aug. Prescott was assigned to an 26 and was one of the first units to enter Paris.'

Prescott's unit was stationed around the bridges and railroad yards of the city, but the stay there was fairly uneventful. They set up outside the palace

"Our battalion was smart." Prescott said. "We kept our headquarters in Paris and our guns in Versailles. Paris was off limits to all troops except those headquartered there."

After three weeks in Versailles, Prescott's unit went to Verdun, which had come under the control of the 3rd Army under Gen. George Patton.

This was supposed to be a rest period for Prescott, but he had a close call.

bridge. The only thing that At 1 a.m. on June 6, Pres- saved us was a bar on the front just a short time before, and there was nothing across it.'

Not long after this incident, could hear the bombers return- Prescott said, Patton ordered ing from the beachheads at that the bars be removed from the front of Jeeps because "they didn't look right."

Prescott's unit left Verdun in early October and rejoined the 2nd Infantry Division in St.



Lt. Benjamin Prescott took part in the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.

"The Belgian people were not very receptive to the American troops," he said. "They told us the Germans would be back. We were prepared to dig in for the winter.'

On Dec. 10, the 106th Division, a rookie division fresh from the United States, relieved the 2nd Infantry. Prescott's unit moved north about 30 miles to Camp Elsenborn.

The Germans opened the Ardennes offensive on Dec. 16, cutting through St. Vith and the 106th Division. The 634th AAA Battalion, which relieved Prescott's unit, also suffered

heavy losses. I had to take the halftracks, some bazooka teams and join the infantry on the Bulge and help form the fallback lines," Prescott said. "The weather was cold and snowy at the time. Once we were in position on the upper flank of the Bulge, we never pulled back any further."

This was the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge.

"In our area, the north rim of the Bulge, cooks, clerks and mechanics all served as fighting men against the highly "My driver and I were driv- mechanized German army, bazooka teams from the 462nd were moved into a final defensive line behind the infantry. Many of us had close calls from artillery and mortar fire during this period."

> During this time, Prescott "liberated" a pair of skis, using them to get to and from his

gun sections. On one of these treks, he became a target for a

He missed and I got out of there in a hurry," Prescott said. "I didn't use the skis too much after that."

By Dec. 25, the fog had lifted, the sun broke through meant many toasts to Roosevand Allied aircraft were able to elt, Churchill and Stalin," Presmake their presence known.

"It was the beginning of the end of the Battle of the Bulge,' Prescott said.

ward the Rhine River.

"We ended up at Remagen," Prescott said. "We set our guns on the hill by the bridge there on March 9. Numerous German planes appeared in this area, but were destroyed by the antiaircraft artillery fire."

After the bridge was taken, a pontoon bridge was constructed just down the river. The 2nd Infantry crossed the pontoon bridge after the Remagen bridge finally collapsed.

'We crossed the pontoon on the first day of spring," Prescott said. "Once we crossed the Rhine, things moved pretty

The job now was to take Leipzig on April 19. Prescott's the gasoline depots to bring back fuel for tanks.

would lower them down to ground-level position."

Prescott's unit then took a position along the Mulde River.

'It looked like the 2nd Infantry would be the unit to link up with the Russians at the Elbe River, just 18 miles away,' Prescott said. "Headquarters limited the 2nd Infantry Division to patrols, where they remained in a defensive posi-

Prescott's unit stayed on occupation duty, picking up displaced citizens in Germany and taking them to camps set up by the Russians in Czechoslovakia and Austria.

"Meeting with the Russians cott said.

The 462nd went back to the United States, but Prescott, not having enough "points," stayed The next major push was to- in Europe. He left the service

as a lieutenant, returning to the United States in January 1946

The 462nd AAA/AW was responsible for shooting down nearly 100 enemy planes. The 462nd received a commendation from the 2nd Infantry Division for outstanding performance of duty in combat

Prescott returned to Detroit and his job at Packard. He also worked for the Timkin Axle Co. and the Chrysler Corp. before retiring in 1980.

This past summer, he returned to Normandy for the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

"I always felt fortunate to unit was ordered to go back to have been assigned to the 462nd," Prescott said. "They had extensive training in the "There was quite a battle States and England. The offi-around Leipzig," Prescott said. cers and men that I served "The Germans had a lot of 88s, with knew their equipment anti-aircraft guns, there. They well and used it to its capabili-

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# Miscellaneous expenses may add up to a deduction for taxpayers

Expenses associated with job hunting, attending certain educational programs, and preparing your tax return have one thing in common: In the eyes of the IRS, they fall under the category of miscellaneous expenses, which means that they have the potential to offer you a tax deduction.

The Michigan Association of CPAs (MACPA) explains that when you itemize deductions on your tax return, these miscellaneous expenses generally are deductible to the extent that they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). The only way to know if you qualify for the deduction is to tally your expenses for the year. It's wise to do that now. lowed for expenses associated That way, if you're close to the threshold, you can pay some upcoming miscellaneous ex after a lengthy absence.

penses before year-end and qualify for help from Uncle Sam.

Various expenses fall into the "miscellaneous expense" category. Here's a look at a few of them

Job-hunting expenses are considered deductible as long as you confine your search to finding a job in the same line of work. Qualified expenses include the cost of job counseling, resume preparation and 50 percent of business meals. In some instances, travel and lodging costs may also be deducted.

Job-hunting expenses are deductible regardless of whether you actually land a job. However, deductions are not alwith finding your first job or with re-entering the work force

ify for education expense deduc- cipient per year). tions, you must be employed trade or profession.

deduct reimbursed business ex-

Similar rules apply to educa. travel and transportation; 50 tion expenses. You may not de- percent of business meals and duct the cost of education that entertainment; automobile exprepares you for your first job penses (actual costs or 29 cents or for a position in a different per mile); and business gifts business or profession. To qual (subject to a limit of \$25 per re-

Other miscellaneous exand the training must either be penses include the cost of subrequired by your employer for scriptions to professional or you to retain your current posi- trade journals, union dues and tion, or maintain or improve dues to professional and certain the skills needed for your pre- civic organizations, such as the sent job. Education expenses Rotary or Kiwanis Club. You are not deductible if the courses may also deduct the cost of puryou take prepare you for a new chasing and cleaning work clothes and uniforms as long as the clothes are not suitable for As an employee, you may general wear away from work.

Investment management fees penses that, along with other and other investment-related eligible miscellaneous expenses, expenses are also deductible, exceed the 2 percent threshold. subject to the 2 percent floor. Qualified employee business Allowable deductions include expenses include: business custodial fees for your individ-

In estimating the damage to

your property, don't automati-

cally assume that you can de-

duct its replacement cost. For tax purposes, the amount of

your loss is the lesser of the dif-

ference between the fair mar-

ket value of the property imme-

diately before and after the

casualty, or the adjusted basis

of the property before the casu-

Here's an example. A fire in

your home destroyed computer

market value before the casu-

alty was only \$3,000. You are

therefore entitled to a deduc-

tion of \$3,000 less \$100, assum-

ing this amount exceeds 10 per-

the year in which the loss oc-

property damage in a federally

declared disaster area, you may obtain an immediate tax refund

by amending the previous

praisals should be carefully

Finally, MACPA points out

Generally, you must claim

cent of your AGI.

year's tax return

alty.

ual retirement account, the track your investment.

threshold, Uncle Sam will even help subsidize the cost of professional tax advice. You can deduct fees paid to CPAs you on the tax consequences of investment decisions or represent you in an IRS examina-

Miscellaneous expenses are rental expense of a safe deposit considered itemized deductions box used to hold securities and and, as such, are subject to cereven the cost of computer soft- tain limitations. All taxpayers ware or on-line services to with AGIs above \$11,800 (\$55,900 if married, filing sepa-Once you meet the 2 percent rately) must reduce itemized deductions by 3 percent of the amount by which your AGI exceeds this limit.

As you add up your miscellaand other professionals who neous expenses, be sure you prepare your tax return, advise have appropriate documentation. MACPA points out that in the event of a tax audit, you'll need evidence to back up your

# **Business People**

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bess Kypros was recently promoted to associate professor at Madonna University. Kypros chairs the school's family and consumer resources department and is director of the child development program.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Norma Eschenburg was recently honored by Speedy Printing headquarters for operating the highest grossing Speedy franchise in the month of September. Eschenburg owns two franchises in Detroit - one in the New Center area and one in downtown Detroit.



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dennis Loy, a former partner in the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, has opened a corporate, finance and business law practice in Eastpointe. Loy is a founding member and current president of the Canada-U.S. Business Associa-

City of Grosse Pointe resident Frances Twiddy was recently named to the board of governors of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards. The board is responsible for directing the policies and activities of the CFP, which establishes and enforces education, examination, experience and ethical requirements for certified finanacial planning licensees. Twiddy has an office in St.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dr. Francis Wilson and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dr. James Boutrous recently received promotions at St. John Hospital. Wilson was named senior vice president for medical affairs for the St. John Medical system. which has offices in Harrison Township, Madison Heights and East China Township. Boutrous was named senior vice president for medical affairs at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

City. of Grosse Pointe resident David Williams, president and CEO of The Budd Co., and a graduate of Michigan State University, was awarded MSU's Eli Broad College of Business 1994 Outstanding Alumni award. The award is presented annually to no more than three alumni of Broad College who excell in their field. Williams has been Budd's CEO since 1986, and earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Broad College in 1956. He earned his MBA from the school in 1966.

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The Michigan Association of and progressive deterioration. CPAs (MACPA) explains that you may qualify for an itemproperty was caused by a sudstorms, fires and even car accidents. For example, if during a storm a tree falls on your roof, the damage would be considered a deductible casualty loss because the event was sudden.

however, for damage that re- the loss as a casualty loss in sults from normal wear and tear or conditions that occur can be reasonably estimated. steadily over a period of time, such as rust or corrosion. So, for example, if your 20-year-old write off your entire loss. You been trimmed by \$100.

A. When you are notified

that your return has been se-

lected, you will be told what re-

fore the examination, it can be

completed with the least effort.

The IRS will explain any proposed changes to you or your

Most taxpayers agree to the

changes proposed by the exam-

authorized representative.

If you gather your records be-

bring to the interview?

cords you will need.

Catastrophes like floods, hur- roof started to leak on a typical must first reduce your loss by

The tax law also disallows separate casualty event. casualty losses for items such ized deduction on your tax re- as jewelry or money that you

Casualty losses are allowed in the event of bank failure. If your bank is insolvent or bankrupt and you lose money be-Deductions are not allowed, sured, you can choose to treat the year when the loss amount

Even if you qualify for a ca-

Q. What rights do I have if I

disagree on tax matters, the

IRS has an appeals system.

However, your reasons for the

disagreement must come

within the scope of the tax

You cannot appeal your case

based only on moral, religious,

political, constitutional or simi-

lar grounds. If you don't want

don't agree to the changes?

ricanes and tornadoes may do rainy day, the cost incurred to any reimbursement you receive repair or replace the roof would from your insurance company. your home. They can also not be considered a deductible The amount of any uninsured throw you into a financial tur- casualty loss because the dam- loss must then be reduced by moil. To help put victims of ca- age to the roof doesn't meet the \$100. If you're unfortunate tastrophes on the road to recov-suddenness requirement. The enough to be hit by more than Congress offers some damage in this case would be one flood or casualty loss durviewed as the result of gradual ing the year, keep in mind that the \$100 rule applies to each

You then can deduct only losses for the year that exceed turn if the damage to your simply misplace. Also, you can- 10 percent of your adjusted not claim a casualty loss for ingross income (AGI). For examequipment you had purchased den, unexpected or unusual vestment losses resulting from ple, suppose your roof and winevent, such as lightning, a drop in the value of securities dows are destroyed in a storm \$6,000 on the computer system and it costs you \$5,000 to re-six years ago. However, its fair place them. For tax purposes, you would first reduce the \$5,000 by \$100.

If your AGI is \$40,000, you cause your deposits weren't in- can then deduct only that portion of the loss exceeding 10 percent of your AGI, or \$4,000. In this case, you may deduct your loss on your tax return for \$900. The 10 percent rule applies to your total losses during curred. However, if you suffer sualty loss deduction, you can't the year, after each one has

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Linda Schneider, Secretary

Board of Education

# Tidy offices save time Racing to meet an important als or old magazines, you're not client, you search desperately alone.

iner, and examinations are to appeal your case within the

Q. What kind of records do I closed at this level.

for a file that was on top of ning late.

While this all-too-familiar scenario is aggravating, it also costs American businesses hun- help even die-hard pack rats dreds of millions of dollars each year in lost productivity.

Even in this age of computerization, about 95 percent of all at Quill Corp., the nation's leading supplier of mail order office products. In addition:

- 45 new sheets of paper are generated daily for each office worker.
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- (2,000,000,000,000) pieces of paper are generated yearly in American offices.

With all of this paper accumulating in offices, it's not surprising that surveys find executives spend up to six weeks each year searching for misfiled, misplaced or mislabeled paperwork.

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Recordkeeping constitutes over 90 percent of all office activity. Yet the majority of businesses do not have adequate filing on records management

If your desk is piled high with age-old files, outdated papers, obsolete reference materi-

But if there are so many files your desk just moments ago. in your office that just looking By the time you locate it inside at them makes you feel cona drawer, you're already run- fused, your productivity may be suffering. That's when it's time to begin organizing your files.

Here are five tips from the Quill office efficiency experts to clear away the clutter in their office:

- Dedicate a few minutes ization, about 95 percent of all each day to tackling one documents are still on paper, drawer, one pile or shelf at a according to the filing experts time so that the task isn't overwhelming.
  - Avoid the "it might come in handy someday" syndrome with this rule of thumb: If you haven't used it, worn it, read it or finished it in the last year, get rid of it.

 Sort everything into three distinct piles: "throw away," 'give away" and "put away.' Then act accordingly.

 Commit yourself to making a decision about what to do with each item now. If you absolutely can't decide, box the item away for six months and make your decision then.

• When stashing frequently used articles in the "put away" pile, make sure they are easy to find and put away. Otherwise, they may reappear on top of your desk.

After you've organized your office, reward yourself for your efforts by bringing in a new painting or plant to your office. Take a moment to enjoy your new surroundings.

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# News



# Thanks

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer John Albrecht accepts a \$500 donation on Dec. 9 from Robert Estabrook, right, on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 and the Grosse Pointe FOP Associates. The money will go toward the purchase of books and guest speaker fees for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program operated by the Woods police department.

# Mack store burglarized

A delivery man reported a break-in on Dec. 17 at a business in the 18000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The burglar apparently got in by breaking the glass on the front door. Stolen were the cash register drawer and several pieces of merchandise. Police are investigating.

# Woman flees abduction

Detroit police are investigating a Dec. 17 incident in which a 26-year-old Detroit woman claims a Fraser man in a white truck attempted to abduct her at Mack and East Warren.

Grosse Pointe Woods and Farms police officers became involved in the incident at 3:40 a.m. when a Woods officer saw the woman jump out of the pickup truck as it was passing a gas station at Mack and Mo-

The woman, who was screaming for help, ran to the police car and reported that the man in the truck was trying to abduct her. The Woods officer attempted to approach the truck but the man behind the wheel drove away at a high

rate of speed. A Farms officer, who was alerted by the Woods officer, pursued the truck driver, who eluded police on Moross for a short distance until Detroit police joined the chase and stopped the driver and placed him under arrest.

The woman told police she was waiting for a bus at Mack and East Warren when the Fraser man pulled his truck to the curb and asked her if she wanted a ride. The woman said she declined his offer and began walking away from the truck. She said the man began following her, grabbed her and dragged her into the truck.

She said she tried several times to get out of the moving truck and finally was able to do so at Mack and Moross.

# Handyman had sticky fingers

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman told police that a man she hired to do odd jobs around the house stole money, a car battery and several bottles of liquor from her house.

The Dec. 16 incident began when the handyman asked the woman for the keys to her car so he could use her car to jumpstart his, which had a dead bat-

The woman said she was in a hurry and handed him her key ring which included the keys to her house.

Later that evening, the woman's son discovered his Christmas money missing, along with a circular saw, liquor and the battery to the car the handyman allegedly used to jump start his car. Police are investi-

# Another Woods shop break-in

Intruders pried open the glass front doors of a shop in

# Park Foundation has some big plans for 1995

By Jim Stickford

Staff Writer With 1994 coming to a close, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation has begun planning its projects for 1995, which include a fountain and a new park

Foundation president Lou Perrone said the foundation recently sent out fundraising letters to Park residents for the 1995 projects.

"Our plans for the future aren't as expansive as they've been in the past," said Perrone. 'We'll be doing some landscaping as well as placing a fountain in front of city hall. We're also planning on putting a pe-

Park and are also looking at for 41 years, and the city hall ation unit for an outdoor ice like to update it a little.' rink at Patterson Park as well.'

These projects, said Perrone, are consistent with previous foundation efforts. The foundation built the boardwalk at Patterson Park, built the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park, and just last year installed lights along the first purchasing a refrigeration unit few blocks of the Jefferson Ave- for about \$30,000," Perrone nue median.

that part of Jefferson attractive would be open to residents in at night," Perrone said. "We the winter, and during the are willing to work together to want to do the same thing for summer it would be a reflect- get something done.

destrian walkway in Patterson city hall. I've lived in the Park ing pond. We need it because

The landscaping and the fountain should cost about \$45,000, said Perrone, and it won't take long to install. The foundation hopes to have the project completed by the end of next spring.

"The foundation is looking at said. "Normally, a new unit "Those lights really made costs over \$100,000. The rink

winter weather can be unprepurchasing an outdoor refriger- has remained the same. We'd dictable, freezing one day, sunny and warm the next.'

> The city council has yet to give final approval for all the work, but the foundation consulted closely with city officials on selection of the projects. He expects no problems in getting final approval. Perrone expects the foundation's fundraising efforts to pay for all the propos-

"The Park is a great community," said Perrone. "People

# Park plans on fixing up Patterson Park structure

By Jim Stickford

As part of a continuing effort to fix up Patterson Park, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved spending \$6,623 to

The City of Grosse Pointe

fire department assisted Park

firefighters in extinguishing

the blaze. Firefighters used a

fan to blow the smoke out of

We keep our park maintenance equipment there, things like lawnmowers and tractors,"

Farms fire chief Sam Candela said the rags soaked in the flammable liquids caused spontaneous combustion. The investigation revealed the fire spread quickly through the house - which was built in 1893 - because it was not constructed with fire stops.

Candela's report said the fire was "so intense that the 2-by-4 wall studs and sheathing were completely consumed. The fire followed a path to oxygen and entered an unducted cold air Krajniak said the city plans to return built into the ground-to-fix up the rest rooms at the roof stud columns that were not park. fire stopped at each floor.'

The family of five escaped the fire; the father and one son had to be treated for smoke in-

halation.

the windows haven't been replaced at all.

The city has spent a great deal of time and money over the past few years fixing the boardwalk and a playscape. buildings as a part of the park improvements.

D & G Windows came in with the lowest and winning bid - \$6,623. The next lowest bid was \$6,800 from Glass Block Sales.

In addition to replacing the storage building's windows,

purchase new windows for a said city manager Dale Krajn-rooms handicap-accessible," storage building in the park. "The building is old, and said Krajniak. "We also want to put in new stall partitions, new plumbing and a new roof. Our current roof is flat and we want to put in a slanted roof."

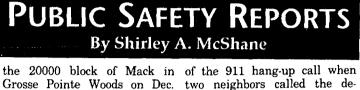
A slanted roof should prevent park up, said Krajniak. This moisture caused by melting includes the installation of a snow and rain from leaking into the inside of the rest Krajniak recommended that rooms, Krajniak said. Right city council replace the storage now the city's annuanl maintenance costs for the rest rooms are higher than they should be due to the leaking water. The city has to repaint the building yearly, and repair other water damage.

> Krajniak also wants to replace the rest rooms' cement block floor with ceramic tiles.

'It should be very nice once we're finished," said Krajniak. The council should be voting "We need to make the rest on bids in the next year."

fire department credit the family's safe escape to working smoke detectors in the house Candela and the rest of the and the children's knowledge of

what to do in a house fire, which they learned through the Grosse Pointe Fire Safety Program's smoke house.



12 and stole coins and cash partment to report the house from the cash register and damaged a television monitor on a surveillance camera. Police are investigating.

# Tree burns in Park home

A resident who lives in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe was awakened by a noise on Dec. 9 and when he investigated, found his artificial Christmas tree and window drapes had burst into flames.

The resident dialed 911 but had to leave the house when the smoke grew too thick.

A Grosse Pointe Park police dispatcher was attempting to contact the Romeowner because

the house and put out what remained of the tree. The house sustained heavy smoke dam-The cause of the fire is under

investigation.

Rags ignited Kerby blaze

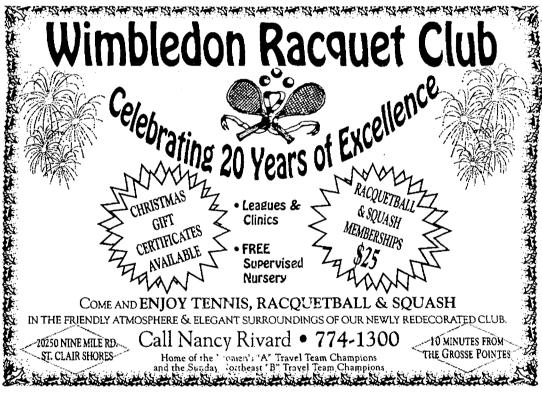
Paint and turpentine-soaked rags stored in a plastic bag in a basement closet were the cause of a Dec. 7 house-fire on Kerby



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# 15 years in the writing — it's curtain up

By Margie Reins Smith

Feature Editor John Diebel - playwright, musician, director, actor, musiproduction of one of the most popular musicals of the last decade, "Cats."

Andrew Lloyd Weber is not one of Diebel's favorites. He calls "My Fair Lady" and "Carousel" nearly perfect.

He wrote his own musical, "Emilie and Voltaire," based on the life of Voltaire.

Diebel was born in Indian Village. His parents moved to Grosse Pointe in 1942 when he was 5. He grew up with two brothers on Touraine in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from St. Paul School and U. of D. High School.

He earned a bachelor's defrom the University of Notre Dame; served two years in the University of Michigan.

Detroit Free Press.

an offer to work for The Detroit 1983," Diebel said. News," he said. "I took it. interesting stories. I inter the summer of 1993. viewed people like Archibald

Kennedy was assassinated."

to Blue Cross of Michigan. He Voltaire - ever so subtly. She eventually became manager of was a feminist for her time," the public relations department he said. at Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

career began with a part in a theater workshop taught by high school play. He joined Lehman Engel ("Chorus Line,

# **POINTER OF INTEREST**

cal director, stage manager, Grosse Pointe Theatre in 1963 "Little Shop of Horrors") in producer — fell asleep during a and has participated in nearly 1982 in New York City. Diebel ter's efforts: actor, director, vocal director, producer, musical director and stage manager. He has been the group's PR chairman, workshop chairman and member and president of the board of directors.

Now Diebel hopes he'll be the second theater member to write a play and have it produced by the Grosse Pointe Theatre. (The first member was the Grosse Pointe News' Ron Bernas, assistant editor/entertainment editor. Bernas is also editor of the Connection).

Diebel's musical, "Emilie and Voltaire," has been a work-ingree in business administration progress for about 15 years, he

"Harry Albertson, a col-Army, then earned a master's league I met at a theater workdegree in English from the shop in New York City, started working on a play, 'Emilie,' He became a reporter for the more than 15 years ago. He asked me to do the music. Un-"Within a few months, I got fortunately, Albertson died in

"I scrapped the project. In Worked at the city desk. But 1989, I took it up again; the Free Press job was more in worked on the book; threw out teresting because it was a a subplot; wrote some songs; smaller staff and I had more then put it away again until

Diebel said the basic idea of MacLeish and Mahalia Jack the musical is Albertson's. son. At The News I started out "But I put shape to it. Voltaire at the bottom of the totem pole. was the wit of the 18th cen-"My last day at the Free tury. Not only the wit, he was Press, incidentally, was the day a historian, a playwright, a philosopher. He lived for 15 years He moved from The News to with Emilie, who was married Touche-Ross & Co. and finally to another man. She changed

Diebel was one of 38 people Diebel's amateur theatrical to be accepted into a musical

and has participated in nearly 1982 in New York City. Diebel every aspect of the local thea- and his wife, Ann, moved to been around so long," Diebel other acting projects.

They moved back to Grosse

60 to 80 hours a week on 'Emtrend toward abuse excuses,' ily and Voltaire," Diebel said.

He described the work as

acters human. I took moderate shop Monday, Feb. 13. liberties with the facts, but bas-

giving birth to an illegitimate at (810) 773-3076. child. The child wasn't Voltaire's - or her husband's.

Grosse Pointe Theatre produc-Grosse Pointe Theatre productions as well as in regional at the N'Club theaters in the Detroit area and in New York.

His favorite acting roles are Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof," Sigmund Freud in "A Far Country" and Professor Van Helsing, Dracula's nemesis, in The Passion of Dracula."

He's proud of directing "Once Upon a Mattress" in 1984 for Grosse Pointe Theatre; and of his work as musical director of 'Guys and Dolls" in 1992.

"My greatest wish is that Sondheim had continued to write with other composers. 'My Fair Lady' and 'Carousel' are the closest to perfection that musicals can get," he said. I'm not one of Andrew Lloyd

Weber's fans. I haven't seen 'Miss Saigon' yet. I liked some of 'Les Miz.' But the only time I ever fell asleep in a theater was during 'Cats.'

"Emilie and Voltaire' has New York City, where he par- said. "I'd like to get it produced ticipated in the workshop and so I can move on to something else."

Something else may be a Pointe two years later. Diebel novel. "I have a file in my comworked as a freelancer until puter labeled simply 'The joining PR Associates, then the Novel.' I have some strong Taubman Co., where he was a opinions about society and how speechwriter. He retired in it has changed in the last 10 to 15 years. I don't want to be "Now, I'm probably working preachy; I'm interested in the

Act I of "Emilie and Volsimilar to "Amadeus" or "Can-taire" will be performed at de." Grosse Pointe Theatre's "It's a musical. Not a play monthly meeting Monday, Jan. with music. A musical," he 9, in the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Act II "I've tried to make the char-will be performed at a work-

The public is invited. The ically it's historically accurate. performance is free. For more Emilie died at age 42, after information, call Nancy Sortor

# Diebel has acted in dozens of Winter fun

There's fun things for young children to do inside once the weather turns cold. The Neighborhood Club offers group activities for youngsters ages 1 to 4.

In Play Group, 2- and 3-yearolds engage in play activities, songs and storytelling. Gretchen Madison and Ingrid Scott will instruct the group on Mondays, Jan. 9 through March 13, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost for the program is

Children will play fun games while developing their motor skills with gym activities and gymnastics equipment in Kiddie Gym. Ingrid Scott will lead this group of 3- and 4-year-olds on Wednesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The program will begin on Jan. 4 and conclude on March 8. Cost for Kiddie Gym is \$40.

Mom and tot can exercise together in the Mom & Tot Exercise Class. The class is designed to promote the development of children's motor skills with gym activities, exercise, and group games. This class meets on Thursdays, Jan. 5 through March 9, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This class is for toddlers ages one and two. Fee for the class is \$40.

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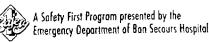
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# Scores, highlights from GPHA house leagues

Bruins 6, Team USA 3

Goals: Brad Lenard 3, Andy Kross 2, Nick Andrew (Bruins); A.J. Stani-

szewski 3 (Team USA). Assists: Tom MacEachern, Alex Alvarez, Andrew (Bruins); Peter McGrath

(Team USA)

Comments: The Bruins scored twice in the final minutes to break open a close game. Goalie Pete Howard, Mike Crowley, Mike Moy, Nick Frattini and Danny Rosso played well for the Bruins. Team USA received fine goaltending from Emele Williams and good all around efforts from Lyndsay Sheppard, Sean Daudlin, Jimmy Pranger

#### Team USA 5, Jayhawks 3

Goals: Hunter Huth 3, A.J. Staniszewski, Brian Cosio (Team USA): Peter Torrey 2, Rory Schroeder (Jayhawks).

Assists: Jimmy Pranger 2, Peter McGrath, Huth, Andrew Damaske, Steve Pokorski 2 (Team USA); Michael La Vosco 2 (Jayhawks).

Comments: Goalies Wayne Kelly of Team USA and Zach Zemenick of the Jayhawks each played well. Kyle Smith, Emele Williams, Curtis Rozelle and Huth turned in strong performances for Team USA.

#### Team USA 3, Raptors 1

Goals: A.J. Staniszewski, Jimmy Pranger, Peter McGrath (Team USA); Ben Osborn (Raptors).

Assists: Curtis Rozelle, Steve Pokorski 2, Lyndsay Sheppard (Team USA); Joey Cobb (Raptors).

Comments: Goalies Emele Williams of Team USA and Tony Alfonsi of the Raptors each stopped several breakaways. Andrew Damaske played strong defense for Team USA.

#### Team USA 9, Blue Max 3

Goals: Hunter Huth 4, A.J. Staniszewski 3, Steve Pokorski 2, Curtis Rozelle (Team USA), John Kuczera, Ricky Courson 2 (Blue Max).

Assists: Pokorski 3, Rozelle 3, Jimmy Pranger 2, Lyndsay Sheppard 2, Huth Andrew Damaske 2, Staniszewski (Team USA); Matt Houtekier 2 (Blue

Team USA 7, Sabres 1

Goals: Steve Pokorski 3, A.J. Stani-

The Grosse Pointe Vipers

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championship game of the 74-

Mike Maltese collected a goal

and an assist in the final game,

while Adam Cooper scored the

other goal. Chris Granger also

ment play with a 4-1 victory

over Wilmette, outshooting the

Illinois squad 23-6. Maltese had

two goals and Anthony Luckow

goal, while Granger had an as-

goal for all three of the Vipers'

Grosse Pointe opened tourna-

ban Chicago.

team tournament.

had an assist.

ger (Team USA); Jack Wood (Sabres). Assists: Hunter Huth 3, Pranger 3, Emele Williams 2, Andrew Damaske (Team USA).

Comments: Curtis Rozelle played a fine game in goal with strong support from teammates Wayne Kelly and Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin. Brandon Koch and Billy Wargo played well for the Sabres.

#### Blue Max 6, Vipers 4

Goals: Ricky Courson 4, Ricky Grow 2 (Blue Max); Mark Grignon, Paul Kossak 2, Scotty Granger (Vipers).

Assists: Joe Misuraca (Blue Max); Paul DiBattista, Jimmy Solomon 2, Kossak (Vipers).

Comments: The Blue Max came from behind for the victory. Matt Houtekier was the winning goalie.

#### Bruins 7, Sabres 3

Goals: Chase MacEachern 3, Brad Lenard 2, Peter Howard, Nick Andrew (Bruins); Billy Wargo 2, Pete Truba (Sabres)

Assist: Andrew (Bruins).

Comments: The Bruins jumped out to a 5.1 lead in the first period and held off a late Sabres' rally. Goalie Mike Moy, Andy Kross and Tom MacEachern played well for the Bruins. The Sabres got excellent goaltending from Jordan Zielke, while Scott Jarboe, Jack Day, Jack Wood and Bryan Ramberger also had good games.

#### Team USA 6, Vipers 1

Goals: Pete: McGrath 2, Jimmy Pranger 2, A.J. Staniszewski 2 (Team USA); Paul Kossak (Vipers).

Assist: Staniszewski (Team USA) Comments: The strong defensive play of Brian Cosio, Andrew Damaske and Lyndsay Sheppard helped Team USA goalie Wayne Kelly. Paul Dibattista and Mark Grignon played well for the

#### Sabres 5, Red Wings 4

Goals: Jack Day 4, Joseph Wiebelhaus (Sabres); Adam Abraham 3, Jeff Stephens (Red Wings).

Assists: Brekan Kohlitz, Miles Livermore, Scott Jarboe (Sabres); Matt Louisell (Red Wings).

Comments: Winning goalie Jordan Zielke got strong defensive support from Bryan Ramberger, Brandon Koch, Pete

Grosse Pointe came from a 2-

0 deficit to beat the Highland

Park Falcons 3-2. Maltese scored the winner with 3:53 left

in the third period, less than a

minute after Thoel tied the

game. Brian Gatliff also scored

for the Vipers. Granger and

The Vipers built a 5-1 lead

and held on for a 6-4 victory

over Downers Grove in the

semifinals. Maltese had three

goals, while Thoel, Luckow and

Blahut were the other Grosse

Pointe marksmen. Granger had

The Vipers also got strong

games from forwards Taylor

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Livingston. The Vipers trailed

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had a goal and an assist. Richie andro, Danny Lindeman, Bla-

sist. Tommy Hathaway was in league play with a 4-3 loss to

Thoel tallied the Vipers' other hut and J.T. Gage.

had strong play from Jack Wood, Billy Wargo, Livermore, Kohlitz and Drew Casazza. Sevi Jensen played well in goal for the Red Wings.

#### PEE WEE HOUSE

Whalers 3, Blades 1

Nick McGinnis (Blades). Assists: Tim Bledsoe, Matt Magreta (Whalers); Kurt Faber (Blades).

Comments: Jacob Bondy was outstanding in goal for the Whalers, while teammate Michael Paradise had a strong defensive game.

#### Vipers 5, Canucks 2

Goals: Joe Sullivan 3, Steve Preston, J.P. Champine (Vipers); Jonathon Berg 2 (Canucks).

Assists: David DeMeester, Sullivan, (Wolves); Legree (ULS). Champine, Calvin Ford (Vipers); Patrick Ryan 2, Gabe Raione (Canucks). Comments: Vipers' defenseman David DeMeester broke up several Canucks' rushes.

#### Vipers 1, Bruins 1

Goals: Jarrod Champine (Vipers); Myslinski, Campbell (Wolves). Alex Nikesch (Bruins).

Assists: Calvin Ford, J.P. Champine (Vipers), Bryan Sullivan, Jeremy Holifield (Bruins).

Comments: Vipers' goalie Daniel McElgunn made 31 saves in an out-standing performance. The Bruins' de-fense was led by Mike Kasiborski, Jacques Perrault and Peter Bandyk.

#### Bruins 4, Blades 3

Goals: Bryan Sullivan, Evan Thomas, Russell Linclau-Miller, Jacques Perrault (Bruins); Joe McGinnis 2, Tom Elias (Blades).

Assists: Linclan-Miller, Sullivan, Alex Nikesch, Danny Green (Bruins); Robert Hynds, Nick Orozco 2 (Blades).

Comments: Mike Kasiborski, Chip Baker, Peter Bandyk and J.T. Laga led the Bruins' defense. McGinnis' goal was the first of his career.

#### Bruins 5, ULS 3 Goals: Alex Nikesch, Evan Thomas

2, Mike Kasiborski, Russell Linclau-Miller (Bruins); Jay Minger 2, Bo Brink ipers second in Chicago

4-0 before scoring three times

in the third period. Maltese,

Berish and Granger tallied for the Vipers. Blahut had two as-

sists and Thoel picked up one.

Hathaway posted his fourth

shutout and Granger collected

a goal and two assists in the

Vipers' 5-0 victory over Allen

Park. Luckow, Thoel, Maltese

and Cooper also had goals,

while Gatliff had two assists

and Calandro, Cooper, Maltese,

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scoreless game with five sec-

ond-period goals on the way to

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assists, while Berish, Blahut,

Thoel, Cooper, Granger, Luc-

kow and Lindeman added one

a 7-1 victory over Southgate.

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# **GPHA** Roundup

Assists: Chip Baker 2, Peter Bandyk Goals: Brian Costello 3 (Whalers); 2, Bryan Sullivan, Nikesch, Ted Roumell, Kasiborski (Bruins); Brink, Minger, M. Gotfredson 2, Cammie Preston, Jillian Papa (ULS).

Comments: Goalies Trevor Broad of ULS and the Bruins' Jeremy Holifield each made several spectacular saves. Nikesch, Thomas and Sullivan led Bruins' offense, while Jacques Perrault and Kasiborski played solid defense.

#### Wolves 3, ULS 1

Goals: Ben Karle 2. P. Stevens Assists: Swanson, Stevens, Steve

Maxwell, Tavery (Wolves). Comments: Matt Lambrecht had a good game in goal for the Wolves

#### Wolves 5, Team 5 0

Goals: Steve Maxwell 2, Ben Karle, Assists: Myslinski 2. Lombardo, J. White (Wolves).

Comments: Matt Lambrecht was in goal for the shutout.

#### Vipers 4, Blades 3

Goals: J.P. Champine 2, Joe Sullivan, Mac Broderick (Vipers); Hynds 2, Faber (Blades). Assists: Sullivan 2 Calvin Ford.

Broderick (Vipers). Comments: The Vipers' defense, led by Jon Rappa, played well in front of goalie Dan McElgunn. Forward Matt Elias played well for the Blades.

#### Titans 4. Wolves 2

Goals: Al Guastello, David Smith 3 (Titans); Steve Maxwell, Ben Karle (Wolves).

Assists: Matt Jarboe 2 (Titans); Remy Fromm 2, Maxwell (Wolves). Comments: Smith got his fourth hat trick of the year and Steven Seyler had an outstanding game on defense for the

# Vipers 1, Bruins 1

Goals: J.P. Champine (Vipers); Alex Nikesch (Bruins).

Comments: Goalies Dan McElgunn of the Vipers and Jeremy Holifield of the Bruins each played strong games.

#### SQUIRT HOUSE

#### Blackhawks 5, Team Michigan 2

Goals: Bobby Colombo 3, Justin Brantley, Andrew Werthmann (Blackhawks), Kate Ball, Michelle Ricketts (Team Michigan).
Assists: Will Moran, Justin Rock,

Jimmy O'Neill, Werthmann, Brendan Wells Reid, Jordy Owen, Sam Ciaramiaro (Blackhawks); Meghann Schlaff 2, Ricketts, Ball (Team Michigan).

Comments: The Blackhawks broke

open a close game with two third-period goals. Jebby Boccaccio, Boomer Urisko and Phil Saffron led the Blackhawks finest defensive performance of the season. Team Michigan's potent offense was led by Ball, Suzanne McGoey and Phoebe Zimmerman, while Heather Doughty and Stacey Miotke provided a solid defensive effort.

#### Sharks 3, Bruins 2

Goals: Andrew Beer, Steve Zmyslowski (Sharks); Eric Sobezak, Chris Wygan (Bruins).

Assists: Alan Peck, David Beardsley (Sharks).

Comments: Zymslowski scored his first career goal. Colby Stamp was outstanding in goal for the Sharks. Goalie Robert Hamel was a standout for the

#### Blackhawks 4, Huskies 4

Goals: Bobby Colombo 2, Justin Brantley, Brendan Wells-Reid (Black-hawks), Stu Cooper, Jesse Schroeder, Andy Augustine, Jeff Wargo (Huskies).

Assists: Jordie Owen 2, Sam Ciaramitaro, Colombo, Wells-Reid (Blackhawks); Schroeder 2, Pat Schafer, Wargo, Cooper, Brad Lepczyk, Augus-

tine (Huskies). Comments: The Huskies scored two

shorthanded goals in the last 2:15 to tie the game. Joey Agacinski, Jimmy O' Neill and Andrew Werthmann turned in solid performances for the Blackhawks. The Huskies had strong defensive play from Tom Baxter and Brandon Baetens. The Blackhawks' Steve Stock and the Huskies' Ryan Mischnick were standouts in goal.

#### Penguins 3, Crush 2

Goals: Michael Mueller, Brian Donovan, Stefan Knost (Penguins); Ryan Haas, Ryan Lenahan (Crush).

Assists: Knost, Andy Carter, Jeff Bogen, Bret Faber (Penguins); Michael Bill, Lenahan, Joe Bogosian (Crush).

Comments: Bogen and Matt Lampkin turned in strong defensive games, while Faber and Mueller led the Penguins' offense. Robby McCurdy, Michael Mazzei and goalie Matt Blanke played well for the Crush.

#### **BANTAM HOUSE** Maple Leafs 4, Canadiens 1

Goals: Bill Gmeiner 2, Mike Trewyn, Pat Manion (Maple Leafs); Angelo Lapiana (Canadiens).

Comments: Maple Leafs' goalie C.J. Williamson made several fine saves and he received solid defensive support from Brian Breslin, Pat Ball, John Miller and Jeff Sheehan.

#### Maple Leafs 5, Birmingham 3 0

Goals: Bill Gmeiner 2, John Miller, Pat Manion, Mike Trewyn (Maple Leafs).

Comments: C.J. Williamson recorded the shutout with defensive help from Brian Breslin, Andrew Shipton, Pat Ball, Jeff Sheehan and Jeff Nutting.

#### Maple Leafs 9, Birmingham 2 4

Goals: Pat Manion 4, Matt Brewington, Bill Gmeiner, Brian Breslin, Mike Trewyn 2 (Maple Leafs). Comments: Manion also had three

assists, while Richard Eldridge, Ed Yager, Tom O'Rourke and Steve Palm also played well on offense for the Maple Leafs, who came from behind three

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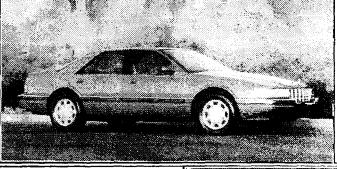
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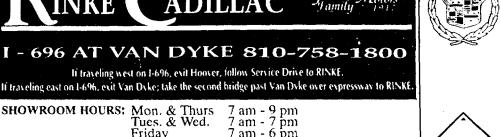
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# Knights are pleased with tourney effort

Sports Editor

University Liggett School's hockey team had a good feeling about itself after its annual tournament last weekend.

The Knights beat Portage turning away 38 shots. Northern 2-1 in the semifinals, then bowed to a strong Culver (Ind.) Academy squad 3-0 in the championship game.

"It was a moral victory for us," said Knights' coach John Fowler after the loss in the title game. "Those guys are good and we played well enough against them to keep it close. We left the ice feeling gratified and proud to play a good team that well.

Culver, which trounced Saginaw Nouvel 10-0 in its semifinal game, opened the scoring less than three minutes into the first period. Culver dominated the opening 15 minutes, outshooting ULS 14-4.

"They have a wonderful offensive pattern, but we adjusted to it during the course of the game," Fowler said.

The Knights had several excellent scoring chances in the second period but couldn't beat the Culver goalie. Then disaster struck. Culver scored twice in the final 2:42 of the period.

"We were really playing well. We were smelling a goal. We were gaining confidence every minute. Then some of the people on our lines stayed ou too long and we got off our shifts and bang, bang, they got two quick goals because of our disorganization and fatigue," Fowler said.

ULS righted its ship in the

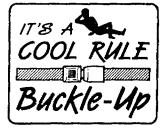
# Rockets push Drake for MAC award

Sophomore center Angela Drake was the University of Toledo's nominee for Mid-American Conference women's basketball Player of the Month for November.

The former Grosse Pointe South standout led the Rockets (11.8) and field-goal percentage (.571) through the first five

Drake ranked third in the MAC in scoring and rebounding and fourth in field-goal per- asm of the Blue Devils' coach. centage. She had recorded dou-ble figures in scoring and wrestled well," Carr said. "But rebounding in every game with as a staff we're not satisfied. highs of 24 points against Michigan State and 13 re the top 10 (at Macomb), but we bounds against the Spartans had a thrown headgear inciand Purdue.

Drew were each named to the sure to place at the meet, quit all-tournament team at the Purdue tournament.



third period, but was held scoreless despite firing nine shots at the Culver net.

Andy Arbanas played a strong game in goal for ULS,

John McNaughton scored both Knights' goals in the victory over Portage Northern, notching the winner with 10:28 left in the game.
But ULS wasn't home free.

The Knights had to kill off three straight penalties in the last five minutes and Arbanas had to stop a penalty shot.

"He made some really big saves," Fowler said. "On one he was on his back, but kicked up his leg and made the stop."

The Huskies took a 1-0 lead with 4:13 left in the first period but McNaughton tied the game on a power-play goal with 1:08 remaining in the period. Tom Delisle and Jim Bologna drew the assists.

ULS, which outshot Portage Northern 17-11 in the first period, was outshot 11-9 by the Huskies in the scoreless second period. Portage Northern, which beat Nouvel 4-3 in the consolation game, outshot the Knights 16-8 in the final period.

Delisle and Tom Waldron drew the assists on Mc-Naughton's game-winner.

McNaughton, Delisle and Arbanas were the Knights' representatives on the all-tournament team.

ULS' strong tournament showing came on the heels of a 10-0 loss to Notre Dame.

"I think we remembered how passively we played against Notre Dame," Fowler said. "We reacted to what they were doing, instead of initiating the action, like we did in the tournament.'

ULS is idle until it makes a trip to Culver for two games on the weekend of Jan. 6-7.



# Perfect season

The Neighborhood Club's grade two girls soccer league Turbos finished the fall season with an 8-0 record. The Turbos had six shutouts and outscored their opponents 31-4. Jordan McElroy was the leading scorer with 13 goals and Devon Crawford added nine. In the front row, from left, are Amy Barger, Sydney McIlroy, Jordan McIlroy and Julie West. In the second row, from left, are Christine Keersmaekers, Grace Butts, Mary Kelly Embree, Kathryn Stoehr and Natalie Relich. From left in the third row are Elizabeth Cramer, Devon Crawford, Ashley Rogers, Erica Coates, Caitlin Hulway and Katy Van De Putte. In the fourth row, from left, are junior assistant coaches Stephanie McIlroy, Julie Keersmaekers and Len Stoehr Jr. In back, from left, are coaches Len Stoehr Sr., Jan Keersmaekers, Mike McIlroy and Dave Embree. Not pictured is Annalise Freytag.

# Former Pointer first in his class

Former Grosse Pointer Peter Bolos, now a St. Clair Shores resident, took first place in the Over 80 category at the Detroit Free Press-Mazda International Marathon.

The 81-year-old Bolos was the oldest runner in the race and he crossed the finish line in 5 hours, 33 minutes, 28 sec-

A couple of weeks later Bolos ran in the Big Birch Run in Roseville, again taking first place in the Over 80 division. He was also the oldest runner in that event and posted a time of 1 hour, 31 seconds in the 10kilometer run.

Bolos hopes to compete in the 1995 Boston Marathon and is presently training for that

# Eighth-grader sets Turkey Trot mark

Andrew Georgandellis won the 22nd Pierce Middle School Thanksgiving Turkey Trot one mile run in the record time of five minutes, 41 seconds.

Georgandellis, an eighthgrader, broke the 17-year-old record held by Joe Benoit.

Jim Denner was second in 5:42.6 and Andrew's brother Paul was third. Paul Georgandellis is a sixth-grader at

Erin Smialek was first in the girls mile run (6:31) and Erin Diamantides was second.

# South

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good shot by Graffius and hard work by Ryan Allard and Justin Braun to get him the tage a few minutes later. puck," Bopp said. "That was a real big goal. It would have been easy to give up after those two quick goals by CC, but these kids didn't."

The perseverance paid off at the equalizer.

1:19 of the third period when Terry Brennan broke the 2-2 deadlock and Kimmel gave the Todd," Bopp said. "He made Blue Devils a two-goal advan- some big saves because CC had

gin to one with 55 seconds left, way he's playing this year and head against Cabrini. but South goalie Todd Dunlap, who played an excellent game, years. He's improving all the wouldn't let the Shamrocks get time."

have a lot of confidence in Nick Linn had one. Catholic Central cut the mar- There's no comparison in the received a severe gash on the the way he played the last two

"The coaches and the players while Brennan collected two.

South played the Catholic Central game without veteran lot of chances in close. defenseman Pat Brennan, who

"We have six solid defensemen and they're all going to Starrs had three assists, get playing time," Bopp said.

# South wrestlers do well

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

Larry Carr had few comin scoring (18.2), rebounding plaints about what his Grosse Pointe South wrestlers did on the mat last weekend at the Macomb County Invitational.

> But a couple of incidents off the mat tempered the enthusi-

dent that cost us points and Drake and teammate Dana one of our captains, who was the team last week.

"Now we just have to shift our focus to the league season and hope that some other people can step in and fill that hole.'

A pair of third-place finishes were South's top efforts in the 38-team Macomb Invitational.

Joe Dwaihy beat a Goodrich wrestler 4-3 in the consolation final and just missed advancing to the championship final.

"His only loss was to a Romeo kid who finished second,' Carr said. "Joe lost to him in the final 18 seconds.' Dwaihy has posted a 10-2 re-

cord in South's two tournaments this season. "We'd like to see him score a

few more points in his matches, but he's only a sophomore and he's getting better," Carr said. Senior Rob Sharrow finished

third at 172 pounds, pinning his consolation final opponent.

"Rob had one bad match or he'd have been in the finals," Carr said. "He just breezed through his other matches. He toughest weight classes. pounded the No. 5 seed and he stuck (pinned) the No. 3 seed."

Sophomore Zach Meyers finished fifth at 185 pounds and wrestled well. "He lost to a guy from Fitz-

gerald when he made a mistake with a hip move and he lost 4-3 to a Center Line kid in a real good match," Carr said. "In the other matches Zach controlled everybody. He's only about 172 pounds so he's giving up 10 to 20 pounds to everyone he wrestles.'

James Hill, who was eighth at 142 pounds, had the misfortune of competing in one of the

One of his losses was to a kid from Goodrich, who won a state championship last year," Carr said.

Carr was also encouraged by from placing," he said.

the performance of sophomores Brian Goldstein (106 pounds) and Al Missant (heavyweight).

"They both qualified for the second day and were one match

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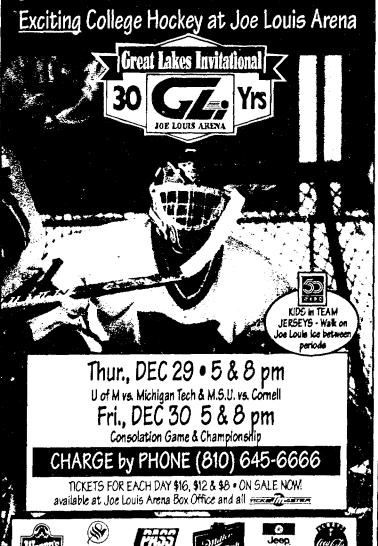
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# Cutting taxes seen boosting federal deficit

The pre-Christmas bidding war over federal tax cuts that has broken out in Washington between Republicans and Democrats could jeopardize the Clinton administration's attempt to continue trimming the federal deficit.

In Sunday talk shows, spokesmen for both parties insisted that they would pay for the proposed cuts by curtailing federal spending but none of them cited sufficient specific savings to meet that goal.

And on Monday, the president followed up his Thursday night TV speech explaining his proposed tax breaks by suggesting ways to shrink the government but only as a first step in financing his tax cut

However, Clinton and the Democrats are coming late to the bidding war on both tax cuts and trimming government services.

The new GOP majority in Congress has already been busy promoting government downsizing to finance federal tax cuts across the board that party leaders promised in their campaign document, "Contract with America.

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Among the critics of tax cuts that would boost deficits were two leaders of the national commission that just reported its inability to agree on any proposals to slow the growth of Social Security, Medicare or other government entitlement programs.

GOP Sen. John Danforth, commission vice-chairman and retiring Missouri senator, was bitter after the commission, unable to find any basis for agreement on its mission, had voted 24-6 to inform the president of its failure.

Danforth expressed deep disappointment because no one seemed to be concerned about the long-term economic effects of "tax-cut proposals now cropping up like mushrooms."

Similar disappointment was expressed by Sen. Bob Kerrey, Nebraska Democrat, who had persuaded Clinton to establish the commission and served as chairman.

"Tax cuts are inconsistent with the spirit of the commission's work," he said, 'especially if they make the long-term problem worse.'

And yet that is exactly what the bidding for position and votes on the tax-cut issue seems likely to do even as Washington prepares for the early January opening of the new GOP Congress.

A New York Times reporter, David E. Rosenbaum, said last week that Clinton had "reversed course" on his two-year insistence that "reducing the federal deficit was his highest calling."

In effect, Rosenbaum added, the president, by proposing "a variety of tax breaks designed mostly for their political appeal," is "positioning himself ideologically for his next two years in office and his race for re-election.'

Yet Clinton presumably proposed this strategy because the public has not bought the warnings about the effects of deficit financing. As Rosenbaum wrote, "the deficit is a corrosive force that must be brought under control to keep it from eating away at the country's economic roots.

Unfortunately, people sees little immediate personal effect of even the Clin-

ton administration's record of balancing the budget and assuring deficit reductions for three straight years, an accomplishment unmatched since President Coolidge's day.

So now Clinton now is proposing "a middle-class bill of rights" that provides many benefits, including more investment in education and training for the 21st century.

But, in fact, his proposals are seen as his responses to GOP plans for downsizing the federal government, reducing taxes and government regulation, and presumably helping families at all income

However, both sides have avoided discussing except in general terms the enormous cuts in federal spending and government services that would be necessary to balance the budget if taxes are cut substantially.

By about the year 2010, the escalating cost of entitlements will far exceed revenues, which is why the national commission had sought to halt further cost increases now.

In many respects, both parties now are engaged in the Reaganomics that George Bush appropriately termed "voodoo economics" when he was a candidate in Michigan's 1980 presidential primary.

Unfortunately, that policy apparently now seems to have been endorsed by both parties as the nation's future economic plan.

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# assiting the most Christmas arouses memories

or many of us, Christmas is a time of mixed emotions and memories combining recollections of past Christmasses with thoughts about next Sunday's event.

As we page through old address books seeking current addresses of relatives and old friends, we often come across names of those who have fallen along the way or whose paths have diverged from our own.

For oldsters, the missing form a growing army but, as Peggy Noonan, the former speech writer for Presidents Reagan and Bush, notes in her new book, "some relationships are easy" to main-

They are, she went on, "your friends, people who are in your life from a mix of history, accident and affection, who have no utility for you, nor you for them, except this: They hold your hand. And you theirs. And you meet and talk about the circle in the daily round."

In discussing this idea about friendship with another couple, Noonan reported that one of them commented that "we all go through life with a circus troupe walking behind us.

"You meet who you meet and, if you can, you become friends, and as the years pass you look back now and then and see Alice swallowing fire and Johnny juggling names that he drops. It's your troupe. And you gotta be good to your

As Noonan says, it is true that each of us joins the circus of life. Some participants in our own circus are still with us, but many have left life's battle, and many others are separated by distance or changes in occupation or interests.

In today's society, few of us stay in our early homes or even in our home cities for more than a few years. People often move about the country to face new opportunities or meet new challenges in business or other occupations.

In doing so, they acquire new friends, enjoy new experiences and thrill to new locales but they often pay a price.

They lose contact with family members and old friends; they no longer maintain their interest in public or even private affairs in their old locales; they rarely even see onetime colleagues.

Even as we sadly mark off the old addresses of the missing, we recall the pleasant occasions of the past and something else that is more important.

we remember our respect and affection for them. We owe them much, whether they contributed to our pleasure, happiness and well-being on special occasions or just offered us practical advice about life, living and family duties.

Each year, unfortunately, there are new names among those missing from - or an unanswered Christmas card.

# our own private circus, and we from theirs, as we often learn from an obituary

Casinos face new troubles

wo new problems popped up this week for the promoters of new casino gambling sites in Detroit and elsewhere in the state.

One came when The Detroit News unearthed a trail of liens left by Ted Gatzaros and James Papas, the men who have hoped to run a Greektown casino in the near future.

These are the same men who earlier in the year had been reported to be almost a half million dollars in arrears on their property taxes. The News now reports, however, that their tax accounts apparently were brought up to date in September, according to city and county records.

But now The News reports that suppliers have filed more than 20 lawsuits involving more than \$600,000 in disputed claims in circuit and district courts in

# Wayne and Macomb counties against the same men in the past four years.

The other possible new hurdle for all

state casinos was the announcement by state Sen. Doug Carl of Macomb Township that he would seek a constitutional amendment to ban casino gambling in Michigan.

Since an October public opinion poll showed a majority of voters opposed to any more casinos or casino-style gambling in Michigan cities, Carl's proposal appears to have strong public support.

And with reason. As Carl said, gambling damages "the integrity of the family structure in Michigan.'

Our view is that the new revelations about the Greektown promoters also have raised new questions about what their casino would do to other businesses.

# light' at South Let there be

n approving the installation of permanent lights at Grosse Pointe South High School's football field, the Grosse Pointe Farms council last week also imposed limitations on the lights and the athletic events they will illuminate.

The installation still runs counter to the wishes of many people living near the football field, but they did approve of limitations that meet some complaints.

They had objected to the noise, lights shining into their homes and the possibil-

ity of increased drinking at night games. In effect, they worried that the installation would endanger property values.

Those favoring the lights argued that night football was a family affair, would give high school students something to do on Friday nights, and would increase at-

Residents of the area might do well to monitor the 1995 games to assure crowd control - and make sure some of their other fears do not materialize.



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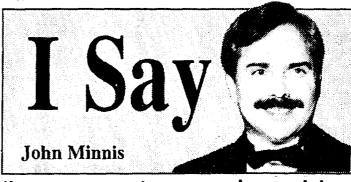
# Opportunity Denied

To the Editor:

The HI LITES Committee, with the assistance of the Farms council, denied the Futuring Committee the opportunity to achieve one of its prime missions.

Working with the school board, both Grosse Pointe boosters' clubs, the Neighborhood Club and other civic organizations in the various Grosse Pointes, it should have been given the opportunity to develop a central, multi-purpose athletic facility for the purpose of providing night football, soccer, baseball and maybe even lacrosse.

Such a program would have unified all residents of the Pointes in a highly worthwhile project that could benefit thousands of



# 'Ignoramus' turns the tables

Middle School teacher an "ignoramus" for spreading rumors of a car accident involving four cident. Grosse Pointe girls.

Well, the young teacher paid me a visit after the article appeared. Now I'm the ignoramus. The teacher, who shall remain unnamed, said he was merely trying to teach the students that their decisions, their choices of action, have conse-

Last week I called a Parcells quences, and he used the accident as an example of those consequences. He was also welland not checking out the facts informed on the facts of the ac-

As is the case with the rumors of the accident, the message I received and reported differed from what actually occurred. Shame on me for falling for it, and my apologies to the teacher, who seemed sincere in his efforts to face teen problems here in the Pointes, where he. too, was once a teen.

our youngsters from April through November, as opposed to 100 or so at the six events that will be allowed at South.

Raoul J. Palffy **Grosse Pointe Farms** Vote no

To the Editor:

The article in your Dec. 15 edition by Grosse Pointe school superintendant Edward Shine regarding the 1995 millage and the Grosse Pointe public library is incomprehensible. It is unintelligible.

How can we vote for the millage requested when we feel the school board is sabotaging the library by not turning over to it the \$308 per pupil revenue that was originally intended for the library? A total of \$2.4 million.

If, by law, the school board is not permitted to turn this money directly over to the library then, it should reduce the Feb. 7 millage request by one mill. Subsequently, the voters should be permitted to vote on funds to be used for the system's Strategic Plan for Technology.

At this point we intend to vote against the proposed millage. We hope your readers will join us.

Mr. and Mrs. John L.

City of Grosse Pointe

# Defense helps Knights triumph

By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor A solid defense can cure a myriad of shooting woes.

University Liggett School's basketball team is a perfect example of that. The Knights haven't shot well in most games this season, but they're 3-1 on the strength of their defensive

for the opener against Oakland and eight rebounds. Christian," said coach Chuck Wright, "but our defense has been solid except for the St. Clement game, which is our only loss. We can't expect to By Chuck Klonke win unless we play good de-

"We've allowed 50 points only once in four games. Defensive intensity is the key."

ULS posted non-league victories against South Lake and Wyandotte Mount Carmel last

over South Lake after three son," said coach George Petrouquarters, but scored 25 points leas. "We also have a good in the final period to win 59-45. teaching tape from the Chip-Rod Williams and Joe Grant pewa Valley game." each scored seven points in the fourth quarter.

turned them into baskets," excited in the fourth quarter.'

Grant finished with 14 liams had 13 points and six re-tion,"

# North

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free throws by the Tars' 6-foot-6 but Winsininski pulled the Norsemen into a tie on two free throws with 1:33 left and broke By Chuck Klonke the deadlock in the final sec-

The LCN game was similar as North held a double-figure lead, only to let it slip away in the second half.

"We have to bury teams when we have a chance," Stavale said. "We shouldn't put ourselves in such frantic situations at the end of games."

The Anchor Bay victory had a special significance for Stavale.

"That's the first time in three seasons that we've beaten a team with a winning record," he said. "Anchor Bay is a good tournament. basketball team and we had to play hard to beat them.'

Champine finished with 10 points and Ryan Rouls added eight for the Norsemen. Champine and Mike Aubrey each that for a few minutes and had three steals. Chris Copus collected four assists and Steve Zachary pulled down seven re-

Pegues had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Tars, who fell to 2-2.

sively against LCN with 15 comb Invitational bouts on points and the sophomore for- falls. He then posted a 6-4 deciward also had seven rebounds. sion over Port Huron's Jim Copus had nine points and five Smedley in the championship assists in a strong performance round. and Winsininski added eight points and six rebounds.

North opened the season with a 53-42 victory over East Detroit.

The Norsemen led 15-4 after the first quarter and held a 26-13 halftime lead.

assists and five steals, while Rouls collected 10 points.

"Ryan played a great game. He's like having a coach on the floor," Stavale said.

The Norsemen's second outing of the year was a 55-51 victory over Fraser.

North jumped out to a 16-4 lead early in the second quarter but the Ramblers got hot from three-point range and took a 33-26 halftime lead. Fraser hit four three-point goals and was fouled on another long-range attempt and made all three free throws. North tightened up on defense in the third quarter and held the Ramblers to only

three points. Rouls had 20 points, four steals and five assists. He also made six of eight free throws in the final quarter to help keep the Norsemen ahead. Champine added 15 points and four

steals. "We made 12 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter," Stavale said. "If you make your layups and free throws and take care of the basketball, you'll win most games."

bounds. Frank Tymrak colrebounds and four assists. Brad what disorganized," Cassin and Chris Corneau each said.

chipped in with eight points. Cassin sprained an ankle during practice after the South Lake game and missed ULS' 52-35 victory over Mount Carmel, but Calvin Martin and

lected eight points, five sive team, but they were some bounds. Wright

> but pulled away in the second Knights won't play again until half when the Comets scored they visit Bloomfield Hills Roeonly 14 points.

Grant had 11 points and 10 Brad Klein filled in well. Mar- of nine free-throw attempts. ship on the court," Wright said. "We haven't shot well except tin finished with seven points. Corneau overcame a slow start "I've been very pleased with to finish with 12 points and them."

"Mount Carmel is an aggres- Williams pulled down 10 re-

ULS opened the Metro Conference season against Ham-ULS led 24-21 at halftime, tramck last Tuesday. The per on Friday, Jan. 6.

"We have a lot of seniors and rebounds and missed only one they're showing good leader-

# Blue Devils divide two games

Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's basketball winning streak ended last Friday, but the Blue Devils still have plenty of positives to carry them through the Christmas break.

We have three victories that we can use as a good stepping The Knights led by six points stone for the rest of the sea-

An experienced Big Reds squad handed South its first de-"We got a few steals and feat of the season 66-31, but earlier in the week the Blue Wright said. "The kids just got Devils nipped a good Sterling Heights squad 43-42

"I can't be critical of our efpoints, nine rebounds, four fort in the Chippewa game, but steals and four assists. Wil- I can be critical of our execu-Petrouleas said. "That was the first game where our inexperience hurt us."

Shooting and rebounding were the two categories where Chippewa Valley had a decided

edge. The Big Reds outre- lar team to Chippewa, except bounded the Blue Devils by 16 for the experience factor," free-throw line where the Blue keeping them off the glass." Devils made only 30 percent of South led by six points at their shots, while Chippewa halftime, but the Stallions got made 70 percent.

difference," Petrouleas said.

A bright spot for South was 13 points.

and got four fouls on two game." others.

Ben Harwood had 11 rebounds for South.

The Sterling Heights game Devils, who got the winning five rebounds. basket on a putback by Jake Howlett with 16 seconds re-

"Sterling Heights was a simi-rival Grosse Pointe North.

and they outshot South 52 per-trouleas said. "We did the cent to 24 percent from the things we had to do, like beatfield. It was just as bad at the ing them in the transition and

a three-point basket in the final "Those areas of the game seconds of the third quarter to were probably a 20 to 30-point take a six-point lead into the final period.

"We did just the opposite of the play of Charlie Wascher, what we did against Chipwho came off the bench to score pewa," Petrouleas said. "We stayed patient on offense and "He was very effective in ran some good plays. On deside," Petrouleas said. "He fense we created some turnfouled out one of their players overs. It was a very positive

Howlett led South with 19 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Todd Drake scored 11 points and Wascher was more pleasant for the Blue finished with six points and

> South is idle until Friday, Jan. 6, when it visits crosstown



Cal's Pizza won its eighth championship in the Neighborhood Club men's volleyball Wednesday night league upper division. In the front row, from left, are Glenn Fuhs, Ken Hanselman and Wally Kiehler. In back, from left, are Dan Wright, Chris Hathorne and loe Wright.



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# Highlights

History repeated this year in game," said Cal's player-coach the Neighborhood Club men's Wally Kiehler. "Just as we volleyball Wednesday night were gaining momentum, we upper division as Cal's Pizza lost that game 11-9." won its eighth league champi-

Cal's beat Grosse Pointe Roofing in the first and third games of the best-of-three se-

"We were down by a fairly wide margin in the second know each other's strengths.

Kiehler attributed the team's success to its cohesiveness. With the exception of one new player this year, the squad has been together for more than 10 seasons and the team members

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# free throws by the Tars' 6-foot-6 sophomore center, Juan Pegues, but Winsininski pulled the Leinninger is first once again

Grosse Pointe North wrestling coach Art Roberts knew just how hard Chris Leinninger was working last summer.

....That's, why, Roberts, isn't, surprised at Leinninger's success so far this season

"He's more physically mature this year and he did it all with hard work," Roberts said after Leinninger won the 185pound weight class at the Macomb County Invitational. The North senior also took first a week ago in the Lutheran East

"All summer he lifted weights and ran six to eight miles a day. He'd come by my house for a water stop, we'd then he'd be on his way, so I knew how hard he was working. And with each tournament win he becomes more confi-

Leinninger, who won all his matches by pins at Lutheran Champine led the way offen- East, won his first four Ma-

"He was trying too hard to pin (Smedley)," Roberts said.

"Chris was hurt a lot last year, but he's in great shape this Roberts said. "But he's only a year. One of the other coaches said, 'He's a man out there.' "

North, which finished 10th in the 38-team field, had three Kevin Brandon took seventh at varsity win at 134.

Shefferly lost twice to a Notre Dame wrestler who handed him his only defeat at Lutheran East.

"I think Dan can beat him if he can just wrestle the way he wants to," Roberts said. "Twice he's been pinned with one second left in a period. Dan's pinned the other eight guys he's wrestled."

ors at North.

One of his victories was a 12-4 decision over Harper Woods' Tony June, who pinned Pollard

tournament at Lutheran East, but he wrestled fantastic this weekend," Roberts said. "He had eight matches in two days, so he has to be pretty sore."

Pollard's performance earned him Wrestler of the Week hon-

last weekend. "Bill didn't have a very good

Brandon's inexperience was

costly at the Macomb meet. "He had two matches where he wasn't right on mentally,' sophomore and he'll keep getting better."

Roberts was encouraged by the performance of two freshother medalists. Dan Shefferly men. Derek Phillips won three was fourth at 215 points, Bill matches at 106 pounds and matches at 106 pounds and Pollard was sixth at 126 and Eddie Wright posted his first



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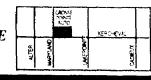
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# ULS honors fall athletes Thampine had 23 points, five at annual awards night

University Liggett School school's fall athletic awards night.

Following are the students honored as their team's most valuable and most improved

Girls varsity basketball: Eldra Walker, most improved.

able; Karah Knope, most improved. Varsity football: Matt Cor-

ney, most improved.

tine Szarek, most improved. JV field hockey: Ariadne

most valuable; Todd Kamin,

Harik, Sergei Lie and Eli Wulfmeier, most valuable; Jason Campbell, most improved.

Killen, most valuable; Kendall

Girls JV tennis: Alaina Powell, most valuable; Rachel

most improved. Several ULS athletes also earned third and fourth-year

They were Katherine Riddle, third year basketball; Grant, fourth-year basketball; Simpson, third-year field hockey; Corona, Don Wolford, David McCormick, Brian Legree, Mark Jones, Brandon Knope and Mark Best, third-year football; Scott Lanzon and Adamo, third-year soccer; Corneau and Varsity golf: Tom Delisle, Frank Tymrak, fourth-year soccer; Rachel Calderon and Dena Wright, third-year tennis; Deli-Boys varsity soccer: Chris sle, third-year golf; and Dean Adamo and Chris Corneau, Hartley and Steve Fitzgerald,

students who participated in fall sports were recognized for their achievements at the

players:

Juli Grant, most valuable; Girls junior varsity basket ball: Jasmine Beale, most valu-

ona, most valuable; Mike Rai-

Varsity field hockey: Becky Simpson, most valuable; Chris-

Lie, most valuable; Naeha Dixit, most improved.

most improved. most valuable; Steve Verb, fourth-year golf.

most improved.

JV boys soccer: Ralph Girls varsity tennis: Leah

Wrigley, most improved. Tansuche and Lucia Mazzola,

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# Sports

# Blue Devils bump last year's hockey champs

Sports Editor

Reputations don't scare Grosse Pointe South's hockey

The Blue Devils took on the 5.0 defending Class A and Class B-

"Those were two big wins for C-D state champions during the us," said South coach Bob span of a week and beat them Bopp. "They might not have all both, improving their record to the same players they did last

year, but they're both fine pro- lot of time to savor their 5-1 skates and is one of our fastest grams. It was a gamble to schedule them back-to-back like that but it paid off."

The Blue Devils don't have a

Redford Catholic Central. Fri- fense on the breakaway." day they play Trenton, which is always one of the contenders for a state championship.

"We've lost five in a row to them, but we're getting closer the way our team is playing now. We have a lot of young players, but the veterans on the team have been great. Even the seniors who aren't the captains are showing good leadership.

Senior Bill Starrs scored three goals to lead South past Cabrini, which won the B-C-D title last winter.

After a scoreless first period, the Monarchs jumped ahead 1-0 in the second period. Starrs tied the game with his first goal at 10:51 of the second period, then tallied a shorthanded goal with less than a minute remaining in the period.

Starrs took a pass from defenseman Josh Prues, who had three assists, and broke in alone on the Cabrini netmin-

"Starrs is very strong on his

victory over Allen Park Cabrini skaters," Bopp said. "That's and their 4-3 triumph against how he went around the de-

Geoff Kimmel increased South's lead to 3-1 at 6:01 of the third period and Starrs completed his hat trick 29 seconds later. Sophomore Jason all the time," Bopp said. "I like Donohue scored the Blue Devils' final goal.

John Graffius had two assists for South, while Donohue, Jamie Whitehead, Terry Brennan and Kimmel collected one

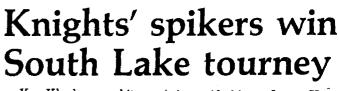
"Our top defensive pairing of Justin Braun and Prues controlled the game like I've never seen before," Bopp said. "They move the puck up the ice so

South took a 1-0 lead against Catholic Central on defenseman Bill Faber's goal at 4:07 of the first period, but the Shamrocks answered with a pair of power play goals late in the period to lead 2-1.

Graffius tied the game with a shorthanded goal at 9:47 of the second period.

"That was the result of a

See SOUTH, page 18A



about his first major tourna- and Kim Rendz and setter Juli ment as head coach of the Uni- Grant on the all-tournament versity Liggett School volley- team. Haggarty had eight ace ball team, but the concern serves in the finals, while wasn't necessary.

The Lady Knights, who beat South Lake in their non-league opener, posted an impressive victory in the 10-team South

Lake Invitational.
"That first tournament is always a big test for a new coach," Klenk said. "We've made a lot of changes in the way things had been done and sometimes that can be difficult with a veteran team like we have, but starting off like this should build confidence in what we're doing.'

ULS won all eight games in pool play, then met Avondale in the championship match and defeated the Yellow Jackets 16-14, 13-15, 15-7.

See NORTH, page 17A The Lady Knights placed nament on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Ken Klenk was a bit worried outside hitters Laura Haggarty Rendz had seven kills.

> In pool play, ULS beat Harper Woods 15-6, 15-8; downed Clintondale, 15-3, 15-5; defeated South Lake 15-10, 15-8; and topped Mount Clemens 15-7,

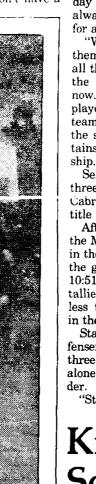
> "The girls were prepared mentally and physically," Klenk said. "It was a good tournament.

> The Lady Knights opened the season with a 15-7, 12-15, 15-1 victory over South Lake.

> Haggarty had seven ace serves and four kills, while Katharine Riddle did a fine defensive job in the back row.

> ULS is idle until it competes in the Warren Bethesda tour-

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## Blue Devils their first loss in four outings. Details on the during last week's Macomb Area Conference crossover game are on page 17A. Hard times are over for North

By Chuck Klonke

The hard times appear over basketball team, but coach Dave Stavale doesn't want the Norsemen to forget them.

It's a hot potato

Players from Chippewa Valley and Grosse Pointe

South don't want any part of the bouncing basketball

the locker room to remind them basket because he's so exploof things like the summer sive getting off the floor," Staleague at Western Michigan two years ago or the losses to being around the ball.' Lake Shore the last two sea-sons," Stavale said. "Those last week, but it didn't show in Anchor Bay game," Stavale days are behind us, but we don't want the kids to forget what they've gone through."

Last Friday's 45-43 overtime win against Anchor Bay was North's fourth victory in as many games this season.

A year ago the Norsemen didn't win their fourth game until February.

"We never stopped selling them on what we believed in, said Stavale, who's in his third season as head coach at North. "We never changed anything, even when we were having a hard time winning. You could see it turning around last sum-

"This is the year we have to start thinking about winning every game. I've been pleased with the effort and we're getting better all the time. There was nowhere to go but up after the last two seasons."

What makes the Norsemen's resurgence even more remarkable is that they're doing it without a healthy Dan Vormelker. Vormelker injured his knee during the football season and has to be used sparingly.

"That was a big blow for us, but Mike Aubrey and Mike Melhem have both stepped up and helped temper the loss of Vormelker, who was one of our best players at the end of last season," Stavale said.

Several players have made significant contributions to North's fast start, including Rich Winsininski, who got the winning basket in last week's victories against L'Anse Creuse North and Anchor Bay.

Winsininski took control of the game in the final minutes of regulation and overtime in the Anchor Bay game. He scored all six North points in overtime, including the winning basket on a putback of

Steve Champine's miss with his performance as he scored 18 said. two seconds left.

Winsininski also had two for Grosse Pointe North's boys steals in overtime and he scored the tying basket with 1:05 left in regulation.

"He's only about 5-11, but we We'll use the chalkboard in have to keep him around the vale said. "He has a knack for

points, had nine rebounds and three assists against Anchor cerns Stavale, it's the Norse-

He also scored the winning opponent. basket on an offensive rebound a couple of days earlier with five seconds remaining in Anchor Bay, but let the Tars North's 45-43 win over L'Anse Creuse North.

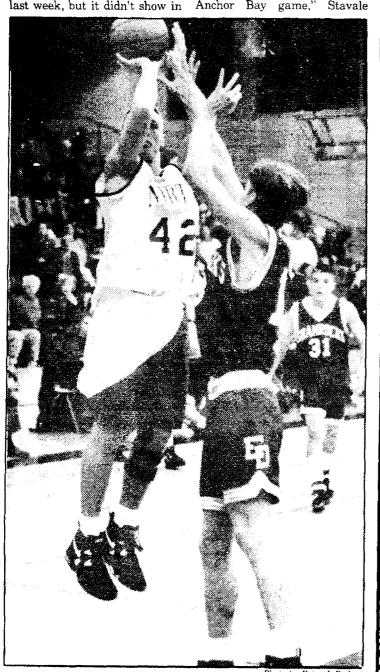
Richard cleaned it off the in overtime after four straight

game. Chippewa Valley won the game, handing the

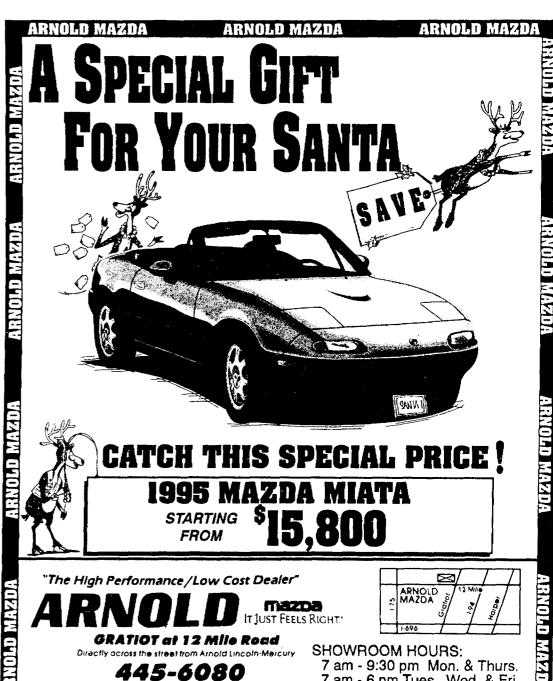
If there's one thing that conmen's inability to put away an

Photo by Rosh Sillars

North had an 11-point lead late in the first half against tie the game at 36, with about 2 1/2 minutes remaining in reg-"Champine took the shot and ulation. Anchor Bay led briefly



Grosse Pointe North's Dan Vormelker takes a shot over an East Detroit players during the Norsemen's opening game victory. North has opened the season with four straight victories.



# Do early birds get the worms?

By the time this paper hits the newsstands, I'll have about 48 hours to begin and complete my Christmas shopping.

Why start so late, you ask? Let me answer that question by posing another. Why begin so

All of the good stuff will be gone if you wait until the last minute. I've been told repeat-

"Good stuff" is a subjective term. And since I do not plan to buy heavily-advertised "action figures" or other intenselymarketed playthings youngsters whine about if they don't see them under the tree, there's asses (or huddled masses) at the strip mall.

If the "good stuff" is actually gone, it means there are fewer items I have to weed through.

If you wait to the last minute, people will know that you didn't put much thought into your gift, I have been warned.

No one ever said the gift-giving thought process couldn't commence before Dec. 22. I'm sure there are many November shoppers who snapped up the first thing they saw on the store shelf.

Many of those gifts didn't have much thought behind them, but darned if they ain't wrapped and under the tree by Thanksgiving.

(Putting up the Christmas tree before Thanksgiving is another story.)

Each year I figure to whom I need to give a gift, decide how much I want to spend, lace up the shoes and I am off.

There are a number of activities that are more enjoyable no need to join the muddled when done in groups. Christmas shopping is not one of them. Do it alone. You are



going to run into enough familiar faces that it won't feel like you are all by yourself.

Wear a disguise, if necessary, but at least try not to make eye contact or talk with anyone if you want to complete your shopping before midnight Mass.

When entering a store, act like you know what you are looking for, even if you don't.

Avoid any appearance of bewilderment or indecisiveness; a salesperson, especially one working on commission, will prey upon you like Liz Taylor

on a chicken bone. If apfor an item you know their store doesn't carry.

The combination of your feigned disappointment and the salesperson's feeling of inadequacy should give you the space you need to resume your

shopping.

If you must use plastic, then proached, ask the salesperson do so. At least your bill won't come until after the new year, unlike the case of November shoppers who charge their purchases. Their bill usually shows up in the mail just in time to ruin Christmas dinner.

the Christmas season.

You get the credit if your gift

is a hit and the salesperson

and, if possible, pay cash for

the gift. Credit card purchases

are time-consuming; you could

read the Bible, cover to cover,

by the time it takes the card's

approval to go through during

takes the blame if it's not.

find a gift.

Should you have the presents you have just bought gift-The best way to find a gift wrapped? Sure, if you have for that "hard-to-buy-for" per nothing better to do than wait son is to shop in a store where around in the store the rest of you know the salespeople. Bet- the day. Store gift-wrapping is ter still, shop in a store where another unnecessary, time-conthe salespeople know the per-suming practice. It can be done son for whom you are trying to at home (if it even needs to be

done at all).

By the time the the streets start emptying around 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, you should Upon finding an item you be winding up. If not, your options will be limited to 7-11 or feel will make the perfect gift, approach the checkout area Meijer Thrifty Acres.

A gift-getter can always tell that a present has been purchased at one of these stores. Cross Chia Pets and Clappers off your list. Even if you bought them well ahead of time, it will appear that you ran to the store on Christmas morning.

After Christmas Eve dinner, gather the items I have purchased during the past two days, wrap them in the funny papers and place them near the 'stockings hung with care."

Call it procrastination. Call it what you will. It's a routine I have followed for at least a dozen years.

Does the early bird get the worm? Maybe. But if anyone on my list has asked for worms, waiting until Dec. 24 to buy them ensures they will still be alive on Christmas morning.

# Grosse Pointe News

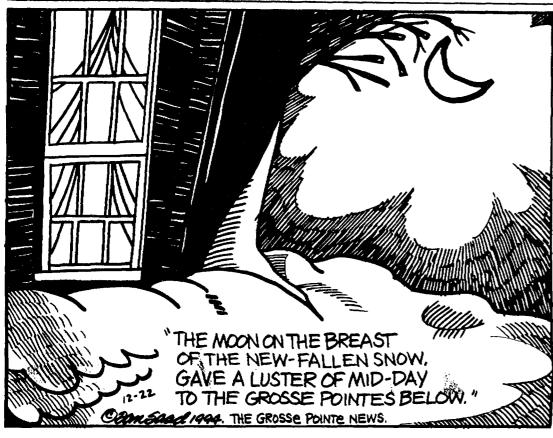
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# The Op-Ed Page





# Disconnect: All talk and no action

Everybody's talking about the massive disconnect in American society. Usually that refers to the bit where we want government services, but we don't want to pay for them.

But the disconnect can be a lot of other things. Not long ago, somebody studied attitudes about retirement. The researchers found that everybody wants to retire young, nobody expects Social Security to be of any help, everyone expects to be financially self-reliant, but nobody is saving any money.

There's a trend toward remaining a virgin until marriage - at the same time that illegitimate births skyrocket. Maybe there's room in America for two opposite trends at the same time.

A disconnect that achieved magazine-cover status was about fat. It's getting to be like the weather: Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything. In fact, the more we talk about fat grams, the more we eat and the fatter we get. I just read that the size of American bottoms is a joke worldwide.

One of my favorites is the supposed movement to the information highway. Some people are doing things with their computers that science fiction only dreamed of a short time ago. But the rest of us can't program our VCRs or stop our digital clocks from blinking after a power outage.

In a society that offers free education for all, half of us can't read - and demonstrated it when CBS changed channels. What a fuss over very little! Bob can't find the on-ramp to the infobahn, but he didn't have any trouble finding "60 Minutes" last week.

Then there's the universal American assumption that whatever it is, we know how to do it better than other benighted countries. We were going to show the communist countries how to become capitalist, and most of them have turned into banana republics, without bananas.



If we're so superior, how come that cable company in Southfield put CBS on channel 3, which is prone to interference? No wonder the manager wouldn't comment. (They fixed the mistake the next day.) Hey, I live in the boonies, but my cable company had enough sense to put 62 on 8.

Whoa, I misquoted the Newt Man last week. Thinking I was quoting him, I called myself a "hippie neo-McGovernite." The sentiment still stands, but the words should be "counterculture McGovern-nik." Whew, glad to get that straightened out. Sorry, Newt.

While we're on the subject, the Democrats should stop having a heart attack over Newtish Republican insensitivity and see if there aren't a few worthwhile nuggets in some of the conservative proposals. The those legs, er, limbs.

Republican concerns don't come out of thin air - and many liberals actually share those concerns.

Nobody is happy about the breakdown of the family. Nobody likes welfare dependency. Everybody should want to take action to shore up the kids who are the only hope of the future (Notice I said "should." I'm a bit leery of lip service on this subject from both sides.)

So instead of dumping on orphanages, let's talk about reasonable alternatives. For instance: A group home that offers support to teen mothers and their babies isn't such a bad idea. You can't expect young moms to just turn into Murphy Brown without some support and training. And day

Open minds toward discussion of hitherto taboo subjects shouldn't be limited to forlorn Democrats, however. Everyone acted like Aunt Tillie seeing a mouse when then-Surgeon Gen. Joycelyn Elders suggested that society discuss the possibility of legalizing drugs or explaining

masturbation. I like to think we're grownups here. Surely these ideas aren't so far out that they can't even be mentioned in polite society. If they are, then bring back the piano shawl to hide

# Info on renting car seats

Planning (OHSP) has just created and released the new Rental Programs booklet.

The booklet is organized by counties, and lets people know what hospitals or other organizations in the county will loan child car seats. The booklet type and how many of each car seat the organization has, as rent, and what the length of

rental is. If you are interested in rent- or killed in car crashes.

The Office of Highway Safety ing a child safety seat, this booklet is available statewide through the Michigan Sub-Michigan Child Car Seat stance Abuse and Traffic Safety Information Center. The information center has a variety of free materials available by calling 1-800-626-4636.

It is important to remember gives information about what that child safety seats help to prevent injuries and save lives. From 1982 through 1992 child well as how much they cost to safety seats helped to save 2,061 children under the age of 4 from being seriously injured

# Fancy that!

"You're late, and your dinner is cold. I suppose you were out with those fancy Grosse Pointe people

again. Thus began the very in (and, some say, only slightly fictionalized) murder mystery titled "Fancy Grosse

Ken Eatherly

Pointe People" by ex-Pointer J.D. Owens that quickly sold out at local

booksellers a few years ago. Now it looks like a sequel is in the works. Once a Detroit Times food critic and now a retired public relations executive living in Lakeland, Fla., J.D. based the first novel on an intimate and personal cross-section of the Pointe's old hard-drinking, high-living PR and advertising crowd.

It's been called "the kind of stuff you might hear when eavesdropping on the next table at Sparky's" and when FYI contacted the author this month as he sat at his typewriter batting flamingos away from his mai tai, he sounded

J.D. said the bug bit again after many friends and fans kept urging him to write more about the wild and wondrous club set that one used to be able to find everywhere around the Pointes except at their own homes.

and director of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, rumor has it that not all of J.D.'s former associates are totally pleased with the parallels he drew in the last book.

"I've been thinking of calling this one 'The Revenge of Fancy Grosse Pointe People," J.D. chortled. "I really learned a lot about publishing from my first book and this one ought to be a best seller."

next year's holiday gift list it the first year we moved in," early, he's shooting for the fall 1995 book-buying season.

# Penguin power

Forget flamingos: Friends of the Farms' Betty Lardner figured out a better way to celebrate her birthday last Friday with a lawn full of penguins.

"She likes to travel but she recently passed up a trip to Patagonia, so I decided to have Flamingos by the Yard put a couple of dozen plastic penguins in front of her house," says her friend Joe Kotewicz.

They also put up a sign that says "aged to perfection," says Joe. "She has a wonderful sense of humor but she'll probably kill me when she finds out who did it.'

So, which birthday is this for Betty?

That's a Patagonian state se-

## Tunnel of love

There may have been a time in The Park's past when if you made a funny move on Middlesex you could end up trying out a pair of concrete galoshes on the bottom of Lake St. Clair, but now you're more apt to be invited to a great block party.

Like the progressive dinner hosted a few weekends back by Linda Lawrence and Jonathan and Stephanie Ahlbrand, attended by some 70 neighbors on the tree-lined boulevard below Essex. And although the

tion included amusing anecdotes about many former Mafia folks who used to live on their street, the sparkling affair was mainly just good neighborly socializing.

'We invite everybody on all Since he was once an officer three blocks and it brings the neighbors really close together," says Linda. "We always get a wonderful turnout."

It all started about 15 years ago when Linda and Mrs. Duall Martin, now deceased, gave a party for a popular mailman who was retiring.

The pot luck event itself proved so popular that it became an annual holiday tradition, with different people opening their homes for either hors In case you want to start d'oeuvres or dessert. "We had said Kathy Hess.

"I even gave up bowling to-

night to come here," said Bob Bashara. He may have had some extra incentive: A birthday party for him was organized around the dessert table at Linda's house.

Some hosts are repeaters, like Ned and Joann Chalat, who have already volunteered for next year. For them it will also be a Hanukkah party.

No Middlesex get-together would be complete without a story of the old days. When he first moved in about 30 years ago, Ned told of often hearing someone drive down the street after dark, stopping to softly beep his horn at different spots along the route.

"I thought it was some kind of Mafia 'all-clear' signal, until I finally got up enough nerve to peek out one time and saw it was someone in a Volkswagen letting dogs out to run and then picking them up farther down the street," he laughed.

Also there were Peter and Jessie Butler, who the weekend before had their house on the South High Mothers' Club Holiday walk. Originally built by the Zerilli family, it features a secret basement storage room behind a bookcase and a hidden entrance to a tunnel (now sealed off) that ran all the way under the street to another Zerilli family house.

Do you ever think about that tunnel, I asked Jessie. sometimes it even pops up when I'm dreaming," she said, and then smiled.

Meanwhile, above ground, the street keeps showing its friendly face. Becky Slimko, Marty Pavlock, Maureen Trybus and Lou Kastely all had good things to say about the parties and the people (they also have an outdoor gathering every summer). "My neighbor even came over this morning and put salt on my driveway, said Laura Blake.

Talking about mysterious house-to-house connections, I'd say a tunnel of neighborly love goes all the way down Middle-

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# Michigan schools: They're doing more

By Janet R. Beales

In an era of new constraints on government spending, saving money without compromising services will have to be a chief concern of public school administrators everywhere in the future. Citizens are saying loud and clear at the ballot box that they want more bang for

the buck. In Michigan, doing more with less is an imperative. The implementation of Proposal A approved by voters last March means an end to the days of revenue increases for the schools that come in at twice the rate of inflation. Even if a funding shortfall does not occur, Michigan public schools will have to tighten their belts. That doesn't have to be bad news for school children. Innovative strategies and more efficient use of resources can make budgets go further.

What financially hobbles our schools in the first place is not a lack of money, but a lack of money management. When funds are wasted, when state and federal mandates hamstring local education budgets, or when onerous collective bargaining agreements squeeze school finances, even a generous amount of taxpayer money evaporates by the time it reaches the classroom.

School bureaucracy is a notorious consumer of education dollars. Between 1960 and 1984, the number of non-classroom instructional personnel in America's public school classrooms grew by 400 percent, nearly seven times the rate of growth of actual classroom teachers. Michigan has the 10th highest administrator-toteacher ratio in the country. Twenty percent of Michigan school superintendents earn over \$100,000 annually.

Of the many ways to tackle the problem of money manage



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ment in the schools, the most promising may be competitive contracting. Increasingly, public schools are turning to the

private sector for services such as busing, building maintenance and cafeteria service. Some schools are even contracting for instruction and manage-

Examples are already easy to find in Michigan. The Pontiac schools are saving \$500,000 a year since the district sold its bus fleet in 1993 and contracted with a private firm to transport its students. The Mount Clemens school district in Macomb County is turning management of one of its schools over to the private, for profit Edison Project. The nation's largest school cafeteria services firm handles meals for students in at least two dozen Michigan districts.

Contracting - when it's done after study and with care can provide a much-needed infusion of expertise, accountability, and cost effectiveness to

schools. Central administrative tasks such as payroll, insurance, and worker's compensation, are often reduced when a contractor handles management and operations.

In the area of cost control, savings through competitive contracting in other states are extensive and well-documented. Several studies comparing inhouse and contracted cleaning services found savings to be as low as 13 percent and as high as 50 percent for contracted service. In a KPMG Peat Marwick survey of school districts in Washington and Oregon, more than 60 percent of the districts reported lower costs after they hired private firms.

Contracting enables schools to become customers in a market of competing providers. If schools don't like the price or service quality of one provider, they can take their business elsewhere. Because a provider must attract and satisfy customers to stay in business, the incentive to do well fosters a

degree of accountability not usually present when the public sector does everything itself. As part of the process, schools must carefully evaluate which services they should provide themselves and which they should buy. Too many districts have yet to undertake the serious study of their costs and give open-minded consideration to contracting opportunities.

With increasing frequency in other states, public schools are putting the competitive efficiencies of the marketplace to work. For-profit companies and nonprofit organizations are being hired by public schools to prepare and serve meals, clean the buildings, drive the buses, teach the students, and even manage entire school districts.

Thinking about doing the same is no longer a luxury in Michigan. It's a necessity.

Janet R. Beales is an adjunct scholar with the Mackinae Center for Public Policy, a research and educational organization headquartered in Midland.

# Chill out this Christmas

So, you feel like Mother Nature pulled another fast one and your dreams of a white Christmas have just melted away? You were just getting into the spirit of the season when your snowman turned into a puddle and you needed an umbrella to get to your garage.

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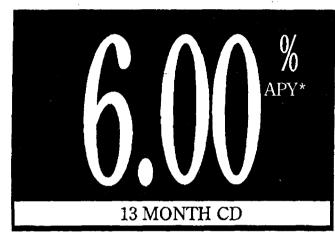
Christmas should be a celebration, a joyous occasion, a day of reverence and thanksgiving. If we choose to exchange greetings and gifts as a part of that celebration, that's wonderful, but it should not be the entire focus of the holiday.

My advice to you is to "take five," turn off all the lights in the house except for the decorative ones, turn on some Christmas music and sit quietly and listen. Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths and savor your blessings. Treat yourself to some solitude. Take the time to attend a concert, share a meal with friends, take a basket of food and toys to a needy family, attend church services and listen carefully to a child or a senior citizen. They have much to teach us. This is a time to exchange our tales of joy, not woe.

Christmas is not intended to be a frantic time. We have turned it inside out and upside down. Does it truly matter if there is white stuff on the ground? This is a wonderful time for joining with family and friends, for caring and sharing and enjoying our quiet time, too.

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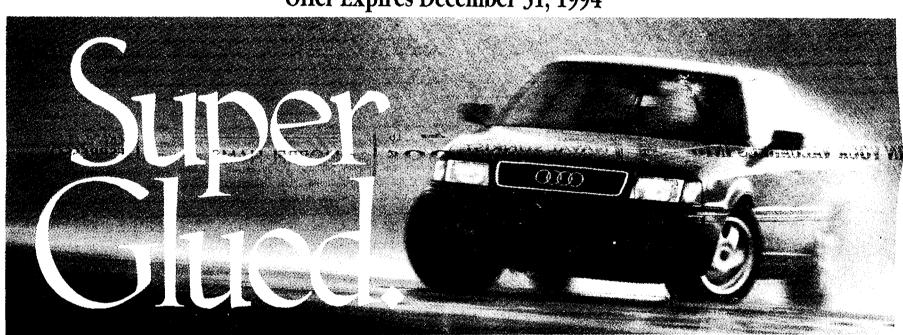


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# Improved Olds Achieva has the basics; right price, looks good The Oldsmobile is a pleasant ness, classifies passenger cars

little car, a bit more than entry level, but in a price range (base prices start at \$13,500) that makes it attractive to young buyers and as a second car.

It does not grab you in any way and your first impression upon driving an Achieva may be no clear impression. But the more you drive it, the more you like it. Its qualities are not dramatic, it is a middle-American car for middle Americans.

It was not always so. When the Olds Achieva was first introduced in 1992 amid much fanfare, auto writers reviewing it were not impressed. Oldsmobile took care of some of the criticisms and now the Achieva has less engine noise, front air bags and a four-speed automatic transmission.

It is priced close to and in between its Pontiac and Buick sister cars. It costs a little more than a comparable Pontiac Grand Am and a little less than a comparable Buick Skylark. That is where Oldsmobile has traditionally been in General Motors' nameplate hierarchy. And the Oldsmobile Achieva symbolizes how complicated the automotive market has become.

Automotive News, the newspaper of the automobile busiin nine categories. So does the EPA in its fuel economy ratings, although the categories are quire different.

In Automotive News' categories, the more rational of the two, the Olds Achieva is listed as a "lower mid-range" car, just above "small" and below 'mid-range." Other cars in that category include Achieva's GM sister cars Buick Skylark, Pontiac Grand Am and Chevrolet Corsica/Beretta. Also listed are Acura Integra, Dodge Spirit, Ford Contour, Mercury Mystique, Nissan Altima, Plymouth Acclaim and Volkswagen Golf and Jetta.

The EPA calls it a "compact" and lumps it with such unlikely rivals as the Alfa Romeo 164 and five Mercedes-Benz models. EPA mileage figures for Achieva are respectable at 21 city/30 highway for the Quad 4 with automatic and 20/ 29 for the V-6 with automatic.

Why are four of GM's five divisions offering "lower midrange" cars? When grandpa was buying a car, he only had five ranges to choose from at GM - the lowest-priced Chevrolet; Pontiac, a little upscale; Oldsmobile, a little more upscale and sporty; Buick, more upscale and more luxurious;





## By Richard Wright

and Cadillac, the top of the

But it has not been that way for a long time. When the Big Three introduced their first round of compact "import fighters," the market began to splinter and models proliferated until most car lines were offering everything from entry-level to luxury models.

New-car dealers liked to have something to sell to fit most buyers' taste (although it has made inventory control and parts ordering an arcane science), but many customers have become confused with so many makes in each type of

If you want something in the "lower mid-range," how do you decide between all these makes? Well, traditional values are price and styling. If the

price is right and it looks good, go for it. The price of the Achieva is right and it looks good, so you should at least take a look at one if you want something above entry level, but not big and luxurious.

The Achieva has a lot of very likable attributes and incorporates a number of improvements for 1995 aimed at fulfilling ever-rising customer expectations. For 1995, Oldsmobile says it has simplified pricing strategy, Achieva S models are offered with two levels of standard equipment for both coupe and sedan - Series I (base starts at \$13,500) and Series II (base starts as \$15,200).

The Achieva's powertrain lineup has been simplified with the retirement of last year's single-overhead-cam and highoutput dual-overhead-cam 2.3-

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The major enhancement on the Olds Quad 4 this year is the addition of a balance shaft system to provide increased smoothness. Two balance shafts are chain driven and located in the oil sump area where Olds says they require no maintenance. The trailing shaft also drives the engine's oil pump and the resulting drag automatically eliminates any gear lash or rattle.

In 1995, the 2.3-liter is equipped with platinum-tip spark plugs that allow 100,000 miles between tuneups.

Optional is a 155 hp 3.1-liter V-6, which was all new last year. Two transmissions are offered. The standard gear box with the Quad 4 is a five-speed stick. Optional is a four-speed automatic, which is standard with the V-6. This world-class GM overdrive transaxle provides smooth shifts under all conditions and equals any of its foreign competitors.

Exterior design changes for 1995 include optional 15-inch bolt-on wheel disc with P195/

75R15 blackwall touring tires for all Achieva models.

Oldsmobile has what it calls a "Centennial Plan" (the longest-lived American car maker still producing, Oldsmobile will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 21, 1997), which has a goal of all models competing primarily against imports. Šo Olds chassis engineers have retuned the Achieva's suspension settings for world-class ride and handling. Aside from a surprisingly wide turning radius, they have been successful.

A key engineering change for 1995 is speed-variable power rack-and-pinion steering, standard with the Achieva's V-6 engine. A microprocessor studies road speed information and sends an electrical signal to a variable orifice within the power steering pump to provide feedback to the driver as to the effort for low-speed maneuverability and high-speed stability.

These improvements will keep Achieva on track to compete with the imports for owner loyalty, said John D. Rock, Oldsmobile general manager. Rock said Oldsmobile seeks to compete with the imports instead of its sister GM make,

# City of Grosse Pointe Monds, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS — LIGHTING AT CITY HALL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND BASEMENT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Sealed proposals are invited for installing new lighting at various municipal office locations and will be received by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, 48236, at the office of the City Clerk until Thursday, January 5, 1995, at 3:30 p.m. local time, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of the City Clerk and may be obtained from the Department of Public Works, 1200 Parkway, Grosse Pointe Woods (telephone: 343-2460). The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities in bidding, or to accept any bid it may deem best.

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# City of Grosse Hainte Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES **DECEMBER 12, 1994** 

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Gregg L. Berendt, Councilmembers Danaher, Griffin, Kaess, Gandelot, Kneiser and Gaffney.

Those Absent Were: None

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Nash, City Controller; Ferber, Director of Public

Mayor Berendt presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 1994, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole held on November 7.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 7, 1994; and further, approved the appeal of Mr. Jan Starr, 29 Dyar Lane, to construct a one story addition to the side of his present dwelling; at the request of the appellant, adjourned the Public Hearing of Dr. & Mrs. Myron Barlow, 25 Waverly Lane, to Monday, January 9, 1995.

The Council approved the proposal for the installation and use of stadium lighting for night events at Grosse Pointe South High School stadium, with restrictions.

The Council approved the request for traffic signal upgrade and modernization at Kercheval/Fisher intersection, cities of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Council approved a 5% Harbor Boat Mooring Fees increase for

The Council adopted a resolution approving certain proposed changes to the 1995 Boat Harbor Regulations & Policies.

The Council accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1994.

The Council approved payment of the Statement of Attorney's fees in the amount of \$36,406.68, for the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman, Counsellors at Law, for various legal services rendered on behalf of the City.

The Council approved the Notice of Regular Meetings of the City Council for the Calendar Year 1995, as follows:

> January 9, 1995 January 23, 1995 February 13, 1995 March 6, 1995 March 20, 1995 April 10, 1995 April 24, 1995 May 15, 1995

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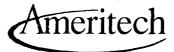
June 12, 1995 July 10, 1995 August 14, 1995 September 11, 1995 October 2, 1995 October 16, 1995 November 13, 1995 December 11, 1995

The Council received the Public Safety Department Reports for the months of October and November, 1994, and ordered them placed on

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of real property.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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# MEAP scores out; now's time to find out what they mean and don't mean

By Shirley A. McShane Staff Writer

Now that the scores are out, it's time for the schools to interpret this year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program results.

Most newspapers print exten-"compare" scores from one school district to the next, but that's not what educators do with the numbers, said Marjorie Parsons, assistant superintendent for curriculum and evaluation for the Grosse Pointe schools.

"These kinds of things are very hard to analyze because they're just pages of numbers." Parsons said during a presentation to the school board on Dec. 12. "(The charts) are not a very precise way of describing a dis-

**Schools** must tally scores by gender

By Shirley A. McShane Staff Writer

Are boys and girls really treated differently in the classroom?

A 1992 study conducted by the American Association of University Women suggested that girls were shortchanged in the education system because, among other things, teachers paid more attention to and called on boys more often.

Concern about the findings of the AAUW study prompted the Legislature to see if this is happening in Michigan classrooms.

As part of the school finance reform package passed by the Legislature in December 1993 and the AAUW's Initiative for Educational Equity, school districts are required to separate Michigan Educational Assessment Program test results by gender to determine if there is any significant gan in the

Administrators in the Grosse Pointe Public School System have separated the scores, as dictated by Public Acts 335 and 339, and are waiting for specific instructions on what to do with the results.

"The Legislature requires the school district to provide equitable education based on gender," said Marjorie Parsons, assistant superintendent for curriculum and evaluation. "We're still waiting to get the final word from the state on what is considered acceptable in terms of differences in test scores

Parsons said the school district "unofficially" was told that the range should not exceed 15 percent. If the scores vary by more than 15 percent, a school district may face a penalty, she said.

In the 1994 test, it appears as there are few significant differences in test scores based on gender, Parsons said.

On the reading and math tests administered to fourth, seventh and 10th graders, the Grosse Pointe schools detected no significant difference in scores based on gender.

On the science exam, given to fifth, eighth and 11th graders, fifth-grade boys scored 8.4 percent higher than girls and 11th-grade boys scored 5.6 percent higher than girls. There was no difference on the eighthgrade level, Parsons said.

"MEAP scores are a good gauge of how boys and girls are learning," Parsons said. "They're enrolled in the same classes, with the same teachers using the same textbooks. A lot of it boils down to societal expectations. In general, we don't want to stereotype, but boys traditionally have done better than girls in math and science and girls have done better in

reading. Parsons suggested the tracking of gender differences will help teachers and administrators look at current practices. Do teachers call on boys more than girls? Does society place a greater expectation on boys to excel? How do we reward students who succeed?

"As it turns out, we do not have much of a problem here,' she said. "But we have yet to receive the official guidelines to measure these numbers.

trict's results. Some of these parison to do this with some districts.

As an example, Parsons said, and Washtenaw counties and math exam. entered them into a computer from highest to lowest.

In their analysis, for example, Grosse Pointe fourth grad- 5 percent. ers ranked seventh on the math exam with 84.7 percent of to provide information to the the students passing the test.

"There is no significant difdistricts test fewer than 50 stu- ference between the top-rankdents. It is hardly a fair com- ing districts," Parsons said. "Differences are in tenths of

Ranking just above Grosse the school district gathered all Pointe were West Bloomfield, sive lists that allow readers to the MEAP results for fourth-, Hartland and Birmingham seventh- and 10th-grade read- fourth-graders, all with 86 pering and math tests and the cent of the students passing; scores on the fifth-, eighth- and Bloomfield Hills and Troy stu-12th-grade science tests from dents passed with 87 percent; every school district in Wayne, and Lamphere came out at the Oakland, Macomb, Livingston top with 98 percent passing the

Under the MEAP standard, a program that ranked the scores difference is not considered significant unless it shows an increase or decrease of more than

The purpose of the MEAP is state board of education, Legisteachers and parents on a stu-to: dent's status and progress in the area of essential skills edu-

Results are used by educators as instructional tools and should not be used as a scorecard, advises the Michigan state board of education.

The Michigan state school board states in a handbook on the MEAP that the test results are used to:

• Determine curriculum development.

• Evaluate educational programs, if the objectives tested are relevant to the program. MEAP test results can be used to reflect student needs and to snot weaknesses in areas where students are tested.

lature, local school districts, Results should not be used

Evaluate teachers. The Michigan state school board says that the skills and knowledge tested by the MEAP are acquired by students over time. Fourth graders, for example, are being tested on what they have learned from kindergarten through third grade.

• Compare or rank school districts. The state school board advises that judgments should not be made regarding the overall quality of education students receive based on MEAP scores alone. Many other factors must be considered along with test scores.

• "Sell" a neighborhood based on the school district's MEAP scores. Newspapers and real estate agencies should not oversimplify the scores. The of a school district is based on the course offerings and attitudes of parents and students.

scores over a period of years to tions."

look for trends and analyzes each question to see how many students got it wrong and why.

A fifth-grade science question, for example, asked students to select which statement demonstrates how plants need light energy from the sun to grow. Fifty percent of the students got the correct answer: A plant that was placed in a dark room and was watered did not grow.

Forty-one percent of the students picked: A plant placed outside the school grew 6 centimeters. A similar plant placed on the window sill grew 6 centimeters also.

"Here is an example that shows that almost half of this test was a reading test," Parsons said. "Forty one percent just didn't read it right. They knew it had something to do overall success and reputation with light. When we go back and analyze every one of the commitment of the school staff, answers and see how the kids did, then we know how to deal with the issue and how to teach The school district also tracks the kids how to read test ques-



# They know math

Grosse Pointe North students Jonathan Opdyke, Arul Thirumcorthi, Meredith Chan, John Gleason and Heather Hollidge have qualified for the second part of the 38th annual Michigan mathematics prize competition sponsored by the Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America. They qualified by placing in the top 7 percent among sabout 14,000 participanterin an exam takent Oct. 12. This second mark on the exam will be administered this month. The top 100 students will be awarded scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$2,200.

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# A lot more than people realize goes into the holiday fruitcake

There are a lot of jokes of the tree-of-life in the around about fruitcake and neareast. some of them are pretty awful (the jokes, not the fruitcake). But the fact remains that holiday parties. But when one new branch every month. thinks about the ingredients in it and of its tradition, a whole world of exotic times and places opens up.

middle ages when fruits and over Judea, but in 29 A.D. the considered to have flowers were dried and Christians adopted it as the intelligence. In central candied for winter use in a symbol of the triumph of Africa, many people believe society that had never Christ. In the time of the that the spirits of their grown in Europe, was imagined refrigerators or Catacombs, the palm became ancestors inhabit fig trees. In introduced there by freezers. Many of these cakes the emblem of martyrs and China the tree is associated Alexander the Great at were processed in stillrooms in the middleeast to this day, with Buddha. Medicinal uses around 300 B. C. Modern and kitchens, but the more the date palm is a principal for figs are listed in the methods of candying, or exotic varieties were source of wealth. imported and were very expensive.

Among the Egyptians it was symbolic of the tree-offruitcake is a staple of the-year because it produced a

It was the sacred emblem of Judea after the exodus from Egypt. In 538 B.C. the Romans took the palm leaf Fruitcake originated in the as their emblem of triumph Heaven and it was

Figs are native to Asia Hazelnuts figure in Greek Dates and figs were Minor and were the most mythology and are used carried by caravan across widely revered trees of today to represent the desert and brought to antiquity. The ancient communication and



god of war and thunder, and it was used in medieval times as a wand carried by heralds-at-arms to indicate knowledge and wisdom.

Dowsing rods, or forked branches of hazel, are used to this day to locate water and minerals under the earth. Hazelnuts are still prized for their flavor and are used in baking fruitcakes.

Citron, the first citrus fruit crystallizing, are essentially the same as those used in the middle ages and it is still an important fruitcake ingredient.

tree of wisdom. In Nordic one of the oddities discovered the price of a pound of ginger

Java and the Philippines. cloves and nutmeg. They were not grown in Europe until the 17th century, when they became the symbol for hospitality and were so the decorative arts.

long had an exotic Spice Islands. reputation. Ginger originated in Asia and by 300 B. C. was

legend it represents Thor, the in the New World and was one sheep. A Canton quickly became popular, merchant is credited with especially in the crystallized inventing the method of crystallizing ginger that is still used today. Its oldest use Pineapples also began at was in medicine and in that time to be exported from some places in China it is Africa, Madagascar, China, still used in this way, as are

> Cloves are the unopened buds of a tree grown only in the Molucca Islands and in represented on signs and in Zanzibar. Nutmeg is the fruit of the same tree and alspice is made of the bark of the Spices are important in tree, grown in this area and making fruitcake and have known appropriately as the

Wines, rum and brandy well established in China, are often used to flavor Maylaya, Indonesia and fruitcakes and these, too, India. Arab traders carried have their own glamorous this spice westward and it history. It is no wonder Europe in sailing ships and Hebrews used the fig as the commerce. They were used When explorers first was known by the Greeks fruitcakes are served at were in great demand. The symbol of peace and in marriage customs by the ventured beyond Europe and Romans. It reached holiday parties and that we date palm was one of the abundance. The Muslims ancient Romans and in during the Renaissance, the England before William the associate them with festive most ancient symbolic forms called the fig tree the Tree of Celtic legend the hazel is the now-familiar pineapple was Conqueror did. At that time moments and occasions.

# There are several ways to avoid damaging trees during new construction

A. A soil test is an inexpensive, accurate way of telling whether your soil for a charge of \$8. tell you what nutrients in your soil are inadequate and house? how much to add. Take six to 10 small trowel samples

where I'm building a new needed around trees, provide the tree. To avoid not imply endorsement by the Hotline at (810) 469-5063

Q. How do I find out about 4 to 6 inches deep from change in grade level fill is added. If the fill needs construct sturdy bumpers not mentioned. Sandra whether I need to spread lime your plot, mix it in a bucket around trees you are going to on my vegetable garden site? and bring two cups of the mix save. Any more than 2 to 3 plan to build tree wells before old tires. Prune low-hanging home horticulturist for the to the Cooperative Extension inches of soil around the base excavation begins. Lowering limbs so they don't get torn Macomb County Cooperative Service office. It is sent to of the tree upsets the air and of grade levels should begin off. Michigan State University water content of the soil, as far away from the trees as changes the functions of soil possible to avoid injuring the educational purposes only, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton needs lime and how much q. How can I avoid organisms and adversely roots. Maintain the original reference to commercial Township, Mich. 48036, or you need to add. It will also where I'm hailding a new readed around track or fill is grade level near the trunk of products or trade names does call the Master Gardener rock or tile drainage at the mechanical damage to tree Cooperative Extension Monday, Wednesday and

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# Antiques .

Q. I have some small molded soldiers in German military uniforms. They are made of a plaster-like material. They are not lead. The family said that they came from Germany before war broke out in 1945. Are they collectible?

A. Elastolin and Lineol toys were made in Germany from the 1930s. Model toy soldiers were made of a plaster composition until 1939. After that, plastic was used until 1945. The figures pictured Nazi soldiers and political figures.

The printed name is stamped on the base. If the word "Germany" is also on the base, the soldiers were made after 1935. If the name is in script, the soldiers were made after 1936.

Collectors of memorabilia from World War II are buying the small soldiers. An Elastolin figure of Hermann Goering, Hitler's deputy, recently sold for \$200.

Q. How was a butter pat used? When was it used?

The butter pat is a small dish, measuring about 2 1/4 to 4 1/2 inches in diameter. It was kept on the table near the top of the fork. An individual serving of butter was placed on the plate.

The dishes were used as early as the 1850s. They were very much in style until the 1920s. Restaurants used them until the 1970s, but few are now seen.

The pats, sometimes called chips or individual butter plates, were made in many shapes. Some were round, square, leaf-shaped or even fan - shaped. Some matched the dinner service, but many were decorated with special pictures of animals, birds, flowers or people. Most butter pats were made of china. Some were also made of sterling silver, silver plate or pewter.

The paperback edition of the best-selling "Kovels" Know Your Antiques"

is available. An illustrated guide for beginning collectors, it includes bibliography and listings of specialized clubs and publications. Send \$14.95 plus \$2 postage to: Know Your Antiques, Box 22900, Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

#### A FIRST OFFERING 1305 Aline, GPW



BEAUTIFUL COVE CEILINGS and natural woodwork are two highlights of this three bedroom, 2-bath brick Bungalow offering also hardwood floors, glass block windows in the basement, newer furnace/cac, updated electrical,

have been done on this multi-family, which offers four units total - each unit has one bedroom, 1-bath, living room, kitchen, newer furnaces, and updated electrical, plus coin laundry in the basement.

644 MIDDELSEX, GPP — Newly built English Tudor boasts of a gorgeous kitchen with all built-ins, family room and lovely den, plus a nice 20x20 deck overlooking the beautiful grounds, master suite with full bath - which has a jacuzzi tub, and stall shower, first floor laundry, two-zone heat and much more!

23448 S. COLONIAL CT., SCS — PRIME SCS neighborhood is the location of this beautiful home which features four bedrooms, 2.5-baths, first floor laundry, step-down family room with a natural fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen with all appliances, finished basement, plus.

20001 GAULKER, SCS - Excellent updated three bedroom ranch offering a new kitchen, furnace w/cac, knotty-pine finished basement with glass block windows, full bath, bar and dark room, 22x22 brick/block garage. You must see inside this home! \$85,900.

19705 RIDGEMONT, SCS — BEST PRICED in the complex! This 2nd floor Condominium offers two bedrooms, 1.5-baths, formal dining room, new carpeting, laundry/storage facility in basement, cac.

20318 FLEETWOOD, HW — EXCELLENT CAPE COD w/Grosse Pointe Schools, offering a large living room with a natural fireplace, formal dining room, three bedrooms, 1-bath, large bedroom upstairs, family room, attached 1.5-car garage on a great lot.

20914 WOODMONT, HW - LOOK NO FURTHER! This three bedroom, 1.5-bath Bungalow has been completely redone inside offering a new kitchen, two natural fireplaces, new neutral carpeting, half bath on 2nd floor, finished basement with full bath and wet bar.

19296 EDGEFIELD, HW - Classic three bedroom, 1.5-bath Colonial with all the extras! This home offers a new customized kitchen, new bath, living room with a nice bay window and natural fireplace, new furnace/cac, private deck, 2-car garage.

19211 ROLANDALE, HW - Completely updated brick Bungalow with refinished hrdwd firs., large kitchen & eating area, updated full bath, two first floor bedrooms, second floor with an expanded dormer built in '80 with two bedrooms, and a large sitting room, fin. basement, large 2.5-car garage, above ground

#### A FIRST OFFERING 1359-61 Maryland, GPP



LIVE IN ONE UNIT while renting out the other. This cute multi-family has two bedrooms in the lower, three bedrooms in the upper unit, plus a formal dining room, kitchen, and living room in both units, sep. utilities/heat/hwt, 2-car

1167 WAYBURN, GPP - MANY UPDATES 1245 AUDUBON, GPP - HOME SWEET HOME... Mediterranean Colonial has many features to make this the pert mel Enjoy beautiful leaded g a oughout, plus the finished the from with skylights, finished recreation room, updated kitchen and many

> 1626 LOCHMOOR, GPW - MAKE AN EXECUTIVE DECISION — Select this professionally landscaped home with four bedrooms, 3.5-baths, step-down family room, library, three natural fireplaces, service stairs to 2nd floor and basement, breakfast nook, formal dining room.

> 734 BARRINGTON, GPP - LOADS OF POTENTIAL exists in this spacious center entrance Colonial offering a large breakfast area, sharp den, Florida room, 1.5-baths upstairs and 1/2-bath on 1st floor, plus three bedrooms, formal dining room, 2-car garage.

353-55 RIVARD, GPC - VERY NICE income property just 1/2-block off of Jefferson. Both units have the same room sizes and separate entrances, with all separate utilities, separate basement, 1st floor with porch, hardwood floors, three bedrooms, 1-bath, 2-car garage.

72 MICHAUX CT., GPS - A HALLMARK OF EXCELLENCE is this luxurious Executive Colonial featuring an endless list of amenities with four bedrooms, three and two half baths, stupendous kitchen with walk-in pantry, eating area with French doors exiting to the rear patio/grounds, formal dining room, lib., 3-car attached garage. (Open House visitors enter off Vernier, near Lakeshore.)

# John C. Costa

Realtor of The Month

22210 11 MILE RD., SCS - SQUEAKY CLEAN is this first floor Condo featuring one bedroom, one bath, lovely formal dining room, newer roof and fence, large living room, plus just freshly painted and newly carpeted in neutral colors. Immediate occupancy!

1205 EDMUNTON, GPW - SO MUCH TO LOVE about this five bedroom, 2.5-bath contemporary Colonial with a large family room that leads to the rear deck, formal dining room, hardwood floors, cac, 2.5-car attached garage, situated on a great open court location.

1430 YORKTOWN, GPW - THE PRICE IS RIGHT for this nicely decorated three bedroom, 2.5-bath brick home with a beautiful slate entrance foyer, master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet, hardwood floors, new carpeting in every room, natural fireplace in the family room. One year home warranty.

562 N. ROSEDALE CT., GPW — CIRCLE THIS AD... and call on this stunning four bedroom, 2-bath ranch home with hardwood floors, family room with skylights, formal dining room, wood deck with pond, brick paver driveway and front walk, 2-car garage.

1403-05 SOMERSET, GPP - OUTSTANDING MULTI-FAMILY with two bedrooms, formal dining room, living room, and kitchen in each unit, plus a 2-car garage.

829 HARCOURT. GPP — A NEW BEGINNING can be yours in this multi-family that offers separate basements/jurnaces, natural fireplace, 3-car garage and priced to sell at \$209,900.

772-74 HARCOURT, CPP - EXTRAS GALORE come with this lovely, clean renovated multi-family with separate furnaces, basements, finished hardwood floors, three bedrooms, 1.5baths, formal dining room, and sun room in each unit, 3-car garage.

#### A FIRST OFFERING 4941 Hillcrest, Detroit



MACK & MOROSS AREA is where this three bedroom, 1.5-bath home is located offering a natural fireplace, basement, formal dining room, 2-car garage. Perfect for the young

1321 S. RENAUD, GPW - REFINEMENT, BEAUTY and a prime neighborhood is what this Cape Cod offers! This home also features four bedrooms, 2-baths, Florida room with ceramic tile, living room with a cozy natural fireplace and a bay window, formal dining room, finished basement and a new 2nd floor addition, plus a 2-car garage.

766 MIDDLESEX, GPP - BEAUTIFUL Colonial on a most desirable street. Center foyer leads to the living room with the natural fireplace, formal dining rm. w/co china cabinets and library in knotty pine and a custom built kitchen with loads of features, wonderful family rm. w/cathedral ceiling/skylights and bar, master bedroom w/private bath and his/her closets, three other bedrooms with hall bath, fin. basement, cac,

740 PEMBERTON, GPP - ABSOLUTELY PERFECT! Four bedroom, w/5-bath Colonial boasts of a large family room with a vaulted ceiling and fireplace, sharp library with doorwall to the elevated wood deck, new kitchen with built-ins, first floor laundry and mud room, newer furnace/cac, finished basement, 2-

688 BALFOUR, GPP - ENJOY THE PARK-LIKE SETTING of this Regal Colonial which offers a circular family room with a fold down wet bar and natural fireplace, five bedrooms, 4.5-baths, kitchen with breakfast nook.

854 NEFF, GPC - CONDOMINIUM living can be convenient in this two bedroom, 1.5-bath unit with a gas fireplace in the living room, cac, recreation room, 2-car garage.

581 SHELDEN, GPS — IRRESISTIBLE! Stately four bedroom, 2.5-bath home boasting of a natural fireplace in the large living room, formal dining room, walk-out basement leading to a built-in swimming pool, 2.5-car garage.

316 MCKINLEY, GPF - RECENTLY REDUCED is this beautifully built Tudor with an all brick exterior, Florida kitchen wit three bed and walk-in closet, lib., formal own private dining room, 2-car garage, re-landscaped rear

202 FISHER. GPF - LOVE THE LOCALE in one of the nicest areas of Grosse Pte., just walking distance from the Hill/Village. This home has three bedrooms, 1.5-baths, a elegant formal dining room, screened-in porch, hardwood floors, cac, 2-car garage.

837 NOTRE DAME, GPC - A SMART CHOICE is this charming four bedroom home situated on an extra wide lot, featuring a newer kitchen, newer roof, 2.5-car garage and a double driveway (perfect for the mechanic!) Priced at

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# Bird feeders are the best way to see feathered friends who stayed north

eye. Before we know it, the ample supply of tasty, us, bringing shorter days make from scratch or and colder weather, although assemble from a kit, even a the change in weather has simple bird feeder can be a little effect on most of us time-consuming project. humans, the approaching fall Ornate, preassembled and and winter seasons can be large-scale bird feeders can rough on our back yard be bought, but they are costly

An often dramatic decrease longtime bird watchers. in the supply of natural foods An easier, less expensive hobby of bird watching.

Then, as the fall turns into with the recyclables. winter, those birds will Once you've assembled or

Each year, summer comes usually elect to remain purchased a bird feeder, scout venture out in unbearably and more likely to be used by

and fewer daylight hours option is to purchase a readymake it difficult for birds to to-use, prefilled, plastic bird find sources of food. We need feeder, such as the Easy not worry, though, for we can Feeder by Easy Gardener, help out our feathered friends from a nearby garden center and benefit at the same time or hardware store. The Easy by providing them with food Feeder comes filled with a and partaking in the well-balanced, nutritious entertaining and relaxing selection of bird food, including 50 percent black Actually, fall is the best oiled sunflower seeds, millet time to start feeding birds, and milo, so that it lures the because they have yet to settle widest variety of song birds. down in their winter An Easy Feeder is also a territories and have not fixed good choice because it their habits of searching for dispenses the seed mix only food. If you set up a bird when needed. This protects feeder in early autumn and the seed from the damaging keep it filled with food you effects of rain and snow, or can attract many wintering contamination by bird waste. birds that will become And, when empty, the accustomed to visiting before durable feeder can be refilled cold weather actually begins. at minimal cost or put out

winter months for the supply stores for about \$100. shrubbery serves as Now that you have turned

place, you may want to varies, depending on where consider setting up a bird you live. Common winter bath in your yard. This will visitors include cardinals, serve as an additional jays, attraction for bird visitors, chickadees, nuthatches and providing them with a place mourning doves. to stop for a quick drink or to Easy Gardener suggests clean their feathers. One buying a bird watching guide thawed.

and goes in the blink of an where they know there's an your yard for the best cold weather. Although this locations for hanging it. method will suffice, a more long, lazy days of the season accessible food. Though Keep in mind that a feeder convenient, and relatively are over and autumn is upon generally not difficult to should be hung in areas that inexpensive way to keep the are out of reach of for bath thawed is by investing squirrels, mice and cats. The in a waterproof electrical feeder should also be placed heater. This is a good choice in areas of abundant natural because it keeps water at a shelter, such as trees and certain, even temperature. hedges. This is especially These heaters can be important in the fall and purchased at aquarium

> protection against the cold your yard into a bird haven winds and snowstorms of the for the upcoming seasons, sit seasons. Easy Gardener back, relax and watch for the recommends hanging two or many wintering birds that more Easy Feeders in order will visit your family's to attract an increased yard. The average garden attracts approximately 15 After you have the feeder in species, but the number mockingbirds,

thing to remember while that will help you identify maintaining a bird bath your new guests. Whatever during the fall and winter you decide, you can now months is that is must be kept enjoy the entertaining, educational and rewarding One way to do this is by pastime of bird watching, all adding hot water to the bath the while knowing that you every so often. If you set up have done something to your bird bath on a window contribute to the preservation shelf, you won't need to of our fine feathered friends.



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What southeastern Michi- Dave Seiders, chief projected economy. This will building season in gan and the nation's home economist of the National be the fourth consecutive year southeastern Michigan and of Home that he has addressed the forecast new home starts for

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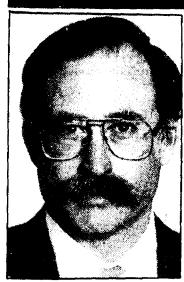
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# **Obituaries**



Dr. William Robert Opdyke Dr. William Robert Opdyke

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Chas. Verheyden Inc. Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park for Dr. William Robert Opdyke, 43, who died of a heart attack Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit, Dr. Opdyke was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods

A 1969 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he pursued a lifelong dream of becoming a dentist. He graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1977.

Dr. Opdyke returned to Grosse Pointe Woods to establish a private practice, where he was a dedicated dentist for

He was active in the Little League and the Boy Scouts. Dr. Opdyke was an integral member of the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited, dedicated to the preservation of wetlands. He took pride in the accomplishments of his children and attended every school activity in which they were involved.

Dr. Opdyke was active in the Detroit District Dental Society and the JJP Dental Group. He was also an avid outdoorsman, spending his free time hunting, fishing and camping. Over the years, Civil War history was I there HAMMUS his pastime and he became "Although the quite an expert on the subject.

Most people will remember Dr. Opdyke for his strong ideals, straightforward honesty and commitment to his family. He is survived by his wife,

Karen Opdyke; a daughter, Rebecca Opdyke; a son, Jonathan Opdyke; his parents, Robert and Rita Opdyke; and three sisters, Janet Opdyke, Marilyn Bannon and Christine Sof-

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to Ducks Unlimited, in care of Fred Hingst, 12473 Tuscola Road, Clio, Mich. 48420 or to the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites Inc., P.O. Box 1862, Fredricksburg, 22402.

## Virginia Helen Cooper

Virginia Helen Cooper, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was 86.

Born in Hartville, Mo., Mrs. Cooper came to Detroit after high school graduation to attend Detroit Teachers College (now Wayne State University). She taught in the Detroit public school system at the Trowbridge and Marcy schools. She enjoyed many years of gatherings with her Marcy co-workers, both when the school was in operation and after it closed.

In her early sixties, Mrs. Cooper suffered the first of a series of strokes which deprived her of a completely normal life. However, after her rehabilitation program left her with little hope of a complete recovery, she did again master the ability to write, knit and perform many other tasks far beyond the level expected by professionals in the rehabilitation field.

She was an excellent example of achieving beyond the levels expected by others

Mrs. Cooper is survived by two daughters, Joan Bock and Carol Cooper; and a son, James Cooper. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. James B. Cooper.

A private burial service was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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

#### Randy Rousseau

Services were held Monday, Nov. 21, at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods for Randy Rousseau, 44, who died Friday, Nov. 18, 1994, at his home in Grosse Pointe

Born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mr. Rousseau was diagnosed at age 7 with Duchennes muscular dystrophy, a neuromuscular disease that would eventually affect his entire body. He and his family were told that he probably would not live past his teens.

Forced to leave Montieth Elementary School when he was first diagnosed, Mr. Rousseau continued his education at home, eventually earning a high school diploma.

On July 21, 1993, Mr. Rousseau graduated with a degree in computer programming from the State Technical Institute and Rehabilitation Center near

"The applause we received at the graduation was really overwhelming," said his mother Elinor in a 1993 interview with the Grosse Pointe News. "Randy received a standing ovation; it was all very emotional.

This accomplishment was remarkable, considering Mr. Rousseau's disease required him to spend 16 hours a day in an "iron lung" and he had no use of his limbs except for a tiny movement of his left toe and little finger. Sitting upright at a computer was out of the question.

"I have always been a goalsetter," he said in the same 1993 interview. "I enjoy constantly pushing the boundaries of what I am able to do.'

In an essay for an English class, Mr. Rousseau wrote: "As a willing participant in life, I have always accepted the challenges offered and have been grateful for the opportunities given to me. In fact, I have always felt advantaged just being "Although the future is un-

certain, I'm confident that society, with its ever-increasing awareness of the handicapped, will someday provide the technology and the understanding necessary to include the handicapped in the mainstream of

Mr. Rousseau is survived by his mother, Elinor. He was predeceased by his father, Tom.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



James Weitzmann

#### James Weitzmann

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for James Weitzmann, 64, who died Monday, Dec. 19, 1994, at the St. John-Bon Secours Nursing Home in Detroit.

Born in the City of Grosse page 14A Pointe, Mr. Weitzmann was a graduate of Denby high school and a 1952 graduate of Michigan State College. He was a varsity letterman in swimming at both schools and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity in col-

He was vice president of First Federal Corp.'s municipal department.

Mr. Weitzmann was a member of Bayview Yacht Club, the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Race Committee and the Old Boat, House and Grounds committee.

He was an avid sailor, skier and family man.

Mr. Weitzmann is survived by his wife, Trudy Weitzmann; a daughter, Janice Weitzmann; and a son, James J. Weitz-

Interment is at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by the Chas. Verheyden Inc. Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assistance League of Boursecours or to the Michigan Cancer Society.

## William Addison (Chip) Vaughan Jr.

William Addison (Chip) Vaughan Jr., of Alexandria, Va., died Friday, Nov. 25, 1994, in an automobile accident in Virginia. He was 32.

Born in Lynchburg, Va., Mr. Vaughan was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was an active member of the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Boys and Mens choirs from 1972-80, during which

a leader and head choruster in 1976-77. He was a 1980 graduate of University Liggett

Mr. Vaughan was a computer systems analyst for the Hauger Orthopedic Corp.

He is survived by his mother, Lind Groseclose Vaughan Wright; his stepfather, William Marshall Wright; two sisters, Mary Hawthorne Vaughan and Sara Cox Vaughan; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Vaughan. He was predeceased by his father, William A. Vaughan.

The family can be reached through his mother at 80 Tappin Dr., Hilton Head, S.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to the music fund at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

# More obituaries,

## Martha E. Schilke

Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods for Martha E. Schilke, 80, who died Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994, at Cottage Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Schilke was a resident of Grosse Pointe

She worked as an office manager for Barr Aviation for 32

Mrs. Schilke enjoyed gardening and needlepoint, winning a blue ribbon in the latter at the Michigan State Fair.

She is survived by her husband, William Schilke; a sister, Elsie Kitter; and a brother, Daniel Frederick Neuman.

Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

## Alastair Carlyle

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Chas. Verheyden Inc. Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park for Alastair Carlyle, 58, who died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1994, at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Carlyle was a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

He worked for Manufacturers National Bank for 35 years.

An expert in computer systems, Mr. Carlyle is credited with guiding Manufacturers



Alastair Carlyle

into the information age and developing shared ATM networks for the bank. He retired as executive vice president in 1992, the year Manufacturers merged with Comerica Inc.

"Alastair Carlyle was a valued colleague for many years and was instrumental in building our company into a successful organization," said Michael Cancer Foundation.

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Mr. Carlyle began his banking career in Scotland and served in the Royal Air Force while earning a degree at the Scottish College of Commerce.

At age 21, he immigrated with his family to the United States, settling in the Detroit area. Mr. Carlyle joined Manufacturers as a clerk in 1957. He became vice president in 1968, was named senior vice president in 1973 and rose to executive vice president in charge of the bank's operations in 1980.

Mr. Carlyte was an avid

He is survived by his wife, Flora Jean Carlyle; two sons, Eric and Alan Carlyle; his parents, Alexander and Annie Carlyle; and a sister, Patricia Johnstone. He was predeceased by a daughter, Laurie.

Interment is at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Mount Clemens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Michigan

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For others, winter fun is a contradiction in terms.

They find no enjoyment in cold weather and all that it brings - dark, frosty mornings, icy streets and cars that won't start. New fallen snow is pretty, but it loses its charm when it has to be shoveled. A silver moon, surrounded with twinkling crystal stars against a velvet blue night sky, is lovely to look at — if you're standing behind glass reinforced with storm windows. Instead of a weekend in northern Michigan to see nature in fulldress winter splendor, just give them an airline ticket to Flor-

The first gust of a north

side, only to venture out when absolutely necessary, such as to go to work, replenish the food supply or to keep social engagements.

When watching winter sports on television, there are times they dream of such daring deeds as going cross-country skiing, putting on a pair of skates or taking a walk in some new-fallen snow.

Hardier souls might even contemplate a more daring adventure - getting behind a dogsled in Alaska, braving a course that winds along a his toric gold rush trail from Anchorage to Nome, breathing freezing cold air, chancing unpredictable storms and encounters with moose. They see themselves mushing alone on a trackless, shelterless place behind durable dogs, descendents



By Marian Trainor

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Dyed in the wool winter-haters would never think of doing more than thinking about it. They actively resist the lure of picture postcard pretty scenes of ski lodges nestled in snowcovered slopes looking out on lakes of frozen crystal.

When tempted, they remind themselves how far away their feet are from their body's central heating system and how much chilblains can hurt. They think of their poor old noses sticking out there, turning redder and dripping as Jack Frost keeps nipping away. Ears are vulnerable, too, with their little blood vessels turning to little veins of ice.

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A Mass was said on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at St. Philomena Church in Detroit for Florence Bliss, 79, who died Thursday, Dec. 15, 1994, at Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse

Born in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mrs. Bliss was a resident of the City of Grosse

She worked at Grosse Pointe Valet.

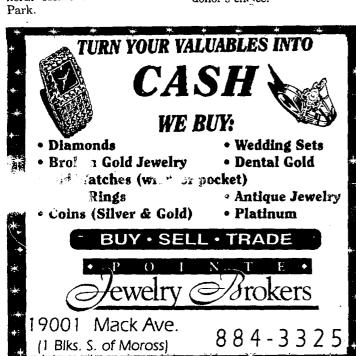
Mrs. Bliss is survived by a daughter, Beverly Piemont; two sons, James and Herman Bliss; and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Sevyrn Bliss.

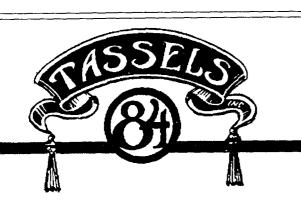
Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

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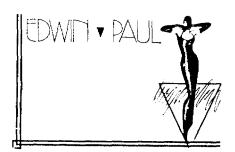
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# Features

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# L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe offers French-flavored events a la carte

By Margie Reins Smith eature Editor

The purpose of L'Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is simple: the promotion of the French language and culture.

Voila.

You don't have to speak French. But some members do.

It's not necessary to have been born in France. But some members

The first Alliance Française met in Paris after the Franco-Prussian War, said Warren Wilkinson, the Grosse Pointe chapter's first president. The French lost the war and the group was organized to recoup the French people's im-

The Grosse Pointe group broke off from L'Alliance Française de Detroit in 1970, Wilkinson said. The popular new group attracted 80 people to its first event, an evening garden party at the home of Wilkinson and his wife, Mireille,

The Grosse Pointe chapter will celebrate its 25th anniversary in

Non-members should not be intimidated by the group, said Aphie Roumell, current president.

"We have more members who do

not speak French than those who do. We have more non-French members than natives of France."

L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe has a mailing list of 250 people. About 150 to 175 are active. Ages range from 21 to 100 and many live in Grosse Pointe or on the east side of Detroit, although residence is not a membership requirement.

Monthly meetings feature a French theme - a speaker, a musical program, poetry reading, a French movie, a dinner, a wine tasting or a social get-together.

For those who want to speak French - or listen to French being bered the variety of programs put spoken - five different conversation groups meet once or twice a month at members' homes.

"Groups often read a book together," said Mary McNair, an alliance member for 12 years and editor of the newsletter. "A facilitator leads the discussion, in French."

Roumell joined the alliance in 1982. She taught French in local high schools. She currently teaches French through Grosse Pointe Community Education.

McNair joined because she wanted to speak French and was enrolled in Roumell's French class.

Guillemette Bachrach was born in LeMans and grew up speaking the French language.

"I married a GI and came to the United States in 1946 - first to Des Moines, then to Grosse Pointe

Bachrach taught French conversation classes at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She moved back to Paris, but attends L'Alliance Franciase meetings when she's visiting Grosse Pointe.

Wilkinson said he joined because his grandfather spoke French and his wife, Mireille, is French.

McNair and Bachrach rememon by the alliance over the years

- Poisson d'Avril parties patterned after the French custom of celebrating the Day of the Fish (April Fool's Day); a crazy hat party; a 1972 reception for the French ambassador; dinner parties featuring French cuisine, a Martinique-Soiree; Repas de Noel, an annual gourmet potluck Christmas party; Beaujolais Nouveau parties; and the Distribution des Prix, an annual event to honor French schol-

"We raise money to carry on the French tradition of recognizing students, their teachers and parents," McNair said. "The Distribution des Prix gives local high school students recognition for excellence in French language studies. We present awards - certificates and reference books. It's usually a luncheon to which the students, their parents and teachers are invited."

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe also donates videos and books about France and the French language to the Grosse



L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. The non-profit, non-political American organization promotes French culture and language.

From left, are Aphie Roumell, president; Guillemette Bachrach; Warren Wilkinson, first president of the Grosse Pointe chapter; and Mary McNair.

'We have more members who do not speak French than those who do. We have more non-French members than natives of France.'

> Aphie Roumell President, L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

Pointe library.

McNair said the Alliance helps promote good feelings about French people and the French language. Years ago, she said, the French were stereotyped as being snobbish and intolerant to tourists who struggled to speak their lan-

"American tourists who come to Paris now will be pleased to see they are treated with kindness,' Bachrach said. "It's better than it was."

"Joining the Alliance Francaise is a good way to enter the French scene, French culture and language," Roumell said.

"The group is friendly," McNair Both emphasized that member-

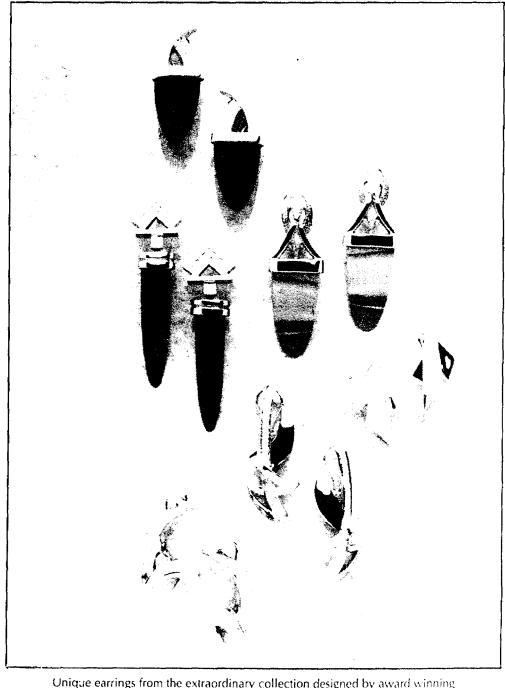
ship or attendance at meetings is open to anyone. Dues categories range from \$25 annually to \$300 for life.

For more information about L'-Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe, call Roumell at 881-8844.

'American tourists who come to Paris now will be pleased to see they are treated with kindness.' Guillemette Bachrach Past president, L'Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe



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# Project HOPE

The Women's Committee for Project HOPE held a luncheon at the Birmingham Athletic Club Dec. 7 to benefit the children of Poland. Chairman of the benefit was Grosse Pointer Lynne Dewey. Dr. Marjorie Peebles Meyers was the honorary chairman.

Grosse Pointers who attended were, from left: Evelyn Harrison, Ann Simpson, Gloria Clark, Anne Simons, Dewey, Marge Slezak and Julieta Wood. Not shown are Sally Mackintosh and Edith Smith.

# Weddings



Dolan

# White-Dolan

Shelley Chancellor White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. White Jr. of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Timothy John Dolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Dolan of Cincinnati, on Sept. 10, 1994, at Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon and Monsignor Francis X. Canfield officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Club.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown of candlelight peau de soie, featuring an empire bodice of Alencon lace embroidered with seed pearls. She carried an English bouquet of roses and wildflowers.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Lindley White of Chicago.

Bridesmaids were Cynthia Daniel of Muskegon; Mary Beth Samuelson and Beverley Foster, both of New York City; Kathleen Pressler of Houston; and Eugenia Priddy and Cassie Spencer, both of Chicago.

Attendants wore short silk delphinium blue dresses and carried bouquets of pink roses and English wildflowers.

The best man was David Van Buren of Atlanta.

Groomsmen were Daryl Bible. Scott Heiser and Jerome James, all of Cincinnati; John Danis of Dayton, Ohio; Steven Duca of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; and Sam Samuelson of New York City.

The bride's mother wore a short cream-colored suit of Alencon lace.

The groom's mother wore a tea-length mauve dress of silk crepe.

The reader was David Tralka of Naperville, Ill.

The bride earned an undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire and has a chartered financial analyst (CFA) rating. She is a partner at Brinson Partners in Chi-

The groom earned an undergraduate degree and master's degree in business from Cornell University. He is a vice president of Goldman Sachs in Chi-

The newlyweds traveled to Hawaii. They live in Chicago.

# Wise-Safron

Michele Amy Wise, daughter of Mary Ann Wise of Farmington Hills and the late Bruce Robert Wise, married Dr. Andrew Paul Safron III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Safron of Grosse Pointe Woods, on Aug. 20, 1994, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Bob Bough officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Hotel Baronette in

The bride wore a white silk gown that featured an embroidered bodice, a bustle and a train. She carried a bouquet of oriental lilies.

The matron of honor was Debbie Anderson of New Era. Bridesmaids were Noreen Hanlon of Scottsville, Karen Blair of Los Angeles and Shelagh Bitter of Clawson.

Attendants wore fuchsia cotton floor-length dresses with off-the-shoulder necklines and carried bouquets of mixed flow-

The best man was Dr. William Ciaravino of Grosse Pointe Woods

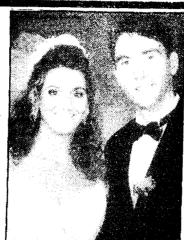
Groomsmen were William Messer of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Paul Salcido of Los Angeles; and Dr. James Valice of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The mother of the bride wore an ivory suit with pearl decorated sleeves and a corsage of fuchsia oriental lilies.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length cream-colored satin suit decorated with pearls and sequins and a corsage of fuchsia oriental lilies.

The bride's brother, Eric Bruce Wise of Glendale, Calif., gave the bride away. The or-





Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Paul Safron III

ganist was Beverly Notestine; the soloist was Christina Ca-

The bride graduated from Michigan State University. She is a special education teacher at Greco Junior High School in Tampa, Fla.

The groom earned bachelor's and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University. He is a resident in psychiatry at the University of Southern Florida Hospital in Tampa.

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# State Questers aid preservation project of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society



Rita Brennan, past president of the International Organization of the Questers and representative for the six Grosse Pointe chapters, presented a check for \$4,200 to Gail Stroh. president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, for help with the society's restoration of the historic Provencal Weir House, 376 Kercheval.

From left, are Brennan; Stroh; Marilee Rinke, immediate past president of the Michigan State Organization of The Questers; and Al Moran, co-chairman of the society's Provencal-Weir House restoration committee.

# **New arrivals**

# Joseph Francis Murray

Laurie and Frank Murray of Livonia are the parents of a son, Joseph Francis Murray, born Sept. 21, 1994. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Thomas Trefzer of Grosse Pointe Park and Charles MacKinnon of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murray of Dearborn

# Timothy Gilbert Cobau

Joseph Jenkins and Ellen Marie Cobau of Melrose, Mass., are the parents of a son, Timothy Gilbert Cobau, born Nov. 8, 1994. Maternal grandmother is

Virginia M. Gallagher of Malden, Mass. Paternal grandparents are John and Arlene Cobau of Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Regan Peter Shannon

Sean and Laura Joseph Shannon of Royal Oak are the parents of a son, Regan Peter Shannon, born Sept. 10, 1994. Maternal grandparents are Peter and Christine Joseph of Harper Woods. Paternal grandparents are Mary Jean Shannon of Detroit and Joseph James Shannon II of Detroit. Great-grandparents are John L. and Marguerite Joseph of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Michigan organization of The Questers has contributed \$4,200 to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to aid in the restoration of the society's headquarters, the Provencal-Weir House at 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Questers, an international study organization, was founded in Pennsylvania 50 years ago. The purpose of the non-profit organization is to foster an appreciation of antiques and to encourage the preservation of historic landmarks.

Questers has 900 active chapters and 16,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Michigan has 1,600 members in its 92 chapters. Six of the state's chapters are located in Grosse Pointe - Fox Creek No. 216, Grand Marais No. 215, Grosse Pointe No. 147, Pear Tree No. 193, Pettipointe No. 243 and Windmill Pointe No.

In addition to its donation to the Provencal-Weir House project, the Michigan Questers have contributed to restoration projects such as the Hackley House in Muskegon, the Selinsky-Greene House in St. Clair Shores, the City Opera House in Traverse City, the Moross House in Detroit and Mill Race Village in Northville.

Questers also support tuition grants for Columbia University graduate students pursuing the university's historical preservation and restoration program. The Questers' national headquarters is in Philadelphia.

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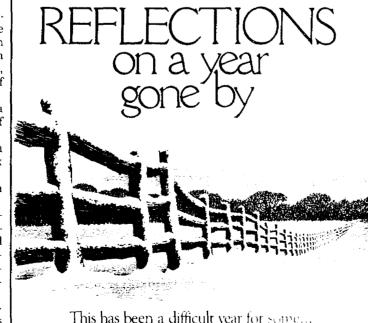


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NEWSPAPERS

# Opera League presents 'Die Fledermaus' on New Year's Eve

The Opera League of Detroit will hold its New Year's Eve opera gala on (of course) Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Renaissance Ballroom of the Westin Hotel.

The black-tie benefit for Michigan Opera Theatre begins at 7 p.m. Entertainment includes a presentation of the second act of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," by the Michigan Opera Theatre, featuring guest artist Ron Raines.

Tickets are priced from \$250 a couple (bar, dinner, performance, dancing to the Emil Moro Band, a champagne toast, parking, taxes and gratuities); to \$500 a couple (all of the above plus overnight accommodations, a continental breakfast on New Year's Day, valet parking and a program listing).

Grosse Pointers Dr. and Mrs. Donald Austin are honorary chairmen; Gloria Clark is president of the volunteer association; and Dr. Lourdes Andaya and Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Germack Jr. are members of the host committee.

Grosse Pointers on the MOT board of directors include Mrs. Donald Austin, J. Addison Bartush, Mrs. Frederick Clark, Julia Darlow, Mrs. Charles M. Endicott, Mrs. Lawrence Garberding, John Griffin, Leonard C. Jaques, Alphonse Lucarelli, S. Kinnie Smith Jr. and Mrs. R. Alexander Wrigley.

For reservations to the gala, call (313) 568-8200.

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**Engagements** 

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and Robert Joseph Bagno of the

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nounced the engagement of

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the Honorable and Mrs. Davis Rowland Robinson of Washington, D.C. A June wedding is

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Robinson also earned a bach-

elor of arts degree from Deni-

son University. He is a finan-

cial adviser with Prudential

versity. She is a project coordi-

nator for Orascom of America.



# CCS wine auction

The Detroit International Wine Auction, a benefit for Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, was held Oct. 29. More than 270 people helped raise \$116,000 for CCS.

Among those present were, from left, Richard L. Rogers of Grosse Pointe Farms, CCS president; Susan Kennedy of Grosse Pointe Park, co-chairman of the auction; Charlie F. Wagner, honorary chairman; L. Neal Kennedy of Grosse Pointe Park, auction co-chairman; and Maria and Al Lucarelli of Grosse Pointe Park, 1995 co-chairmen.

welcomes donations of gift items such as pocket radios, 1995 calendars, jewelry, bathrobes and flannel PJs for men and women, slippers, gloves, mittens, scarves, sun glasses, desk lamps, board games, jeans, sweatshirts, T-shirts, playing cards, etc.

The institute always needs donations of tickets to local sports events and performances — the DSO coffee hour concerts, for instance, or Pistons games, circus tickets, roller skating passes, daytime theater tickets, events or rehearsals at the Fox Theatre, and tickets to events at the Palace.

To make a donation, call **Linda Marshall** at (313) 874-7747.

Strike: The Michigan Cancer Foundation will hold its second Frederick J. Lozen Memorial Moonlight Bowl on Thursday, Dec. 29, at Ark Ster-

ling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds will support the foundation's research programs. Advance registration is \$15; \$17 at the door. Tickets include three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop and mystery game tickets. Registration begins at 9 p.m.

For information, or to register, call **DeMarco Willis** at (313) 833-0715, ext. 309.

When in Rome: City of Grosse Pointe resident Sister Anne Marie Mack of Bon Secours Hospital was one of some 700 local people from the metro Detroit area who traveled to Vatican City to witness the elevation of Detroit's Archbishop Adam Maida to cardinal.

Mack, who was attending a meeting in Rome with representatives of the Sisters of Bon Secours from all over the world, took time off for the event. She attended the ceremony, had a private audience with Pope John Paul II and attended a reception where she was greeted by the pontiff.

by the pontiff.

— Margie Reins Smith

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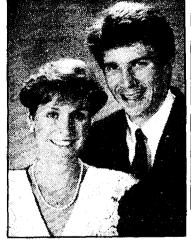
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pankey of Birmingham, Ala., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth A. Pankey, to Christopher B. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms. An April wedding is planned.

Pankey is a graduate of Rhodes College and Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Boca Raton, Fla.

Warren graduated from Michigan State University with an accounting degree. He is a partner in an estate and investment planning practice in Boca Raton.



# Thanks

Grosse Pointer James
W. Duff, Detroit-Macomb
Hospital Corp. board
member, at left, was honored for his volunteer
work recently at a
Thanks for Giving lunch-

eon. Duff was one of several volunteers in the tricounty area who were recognized for their work within health care organ-

izations.

Grosse Pointer Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV, right, served as master of ceremonies for the lunch-



# Winner

Pat Tapert of Grosse Pointe Park, a member of the Grosse Pointe Wreaths Club, won a bronze ribbon in the decorative division of the 10th annual Festival of Trees wreath decorating contest. Tapert used natural fruits and berries on her grapevine creation.



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# The Pastor's Corner

# **Together**

By the Rev. William C. DeVries First Christian Reformed Church

It took years to settle the issue. It summoned levels of diplomacy far beyond those expected of mere mortals. People held their breaths as the negotiations proceeded and gasped with relief when the solution was finally announced. The representatives of each party were beaming with pride and joy when the issue was finally laid to rest. And the solution?

Ahh! We would spend Christmas Eve at my paternal grandmother's and get together at my maternal grandmother's home after church on Christmas Day.

I do not know why these hostilities broke out year after year. Truce terms each year looked remarkably similar to those from previous years. The key was we would get together with as much of the family as possible. Some how. Some way.

Nearly everyone agrees that Christmas is about much more than gifts and lights and trees and feasts. Now that I have begun to function in the grandparent category, it dawns on me that Christmas is about getting together. It is not only about who can be there with us, but also about all those we wish were here. We think of those who are just too far away. And we remember those who were here with us or there for us long ago - but are now gone. Once agin we are connected, tied to those near and far. Christmas is about being together.

That's because the real Christmas, the first Christmas which cast the mold, was about getting together. It's easy to hear the echoes of the gathering in the old, old stories. A righteous Jewish man accepted a pregnant virgin as his fiancee. Shepherds gathered at a stable in the middle of the night to view a simple newborn. Angels chanted of peace and of God's good will. Foreign star gazers came together to give gifts to what turned out to be a commoner.

But those who told us those stories are convinced of something much greater behind the scenes. The first Christmas was not merely another cross-cultural friendship outing. It was not even just a call from God to "be nice," "do peaceful things," and "put up with each other.'

No, the birth of Jesus was not God's way of giving us a chance to get together.

The writers of the birth stories seem utterly convinced that at the birth of Jesus, God had come calling on people. Not just some cute infant forced to lie in a stable. But the power behind the stars and winds and mountains was actually getting together with humans by becoming one. The old story tellers were convinced that finally God and people would finally get together. Not they might or they can, but they must.

Now people will seek peace and God's good will. Not they can or they should, but they must.

It seems obvious from human history, national as well as personal, that we have been resisting the power of Christmas for a long time. And it is not that we have to listen closer and try harder so that togetherness will become our theme.

We need to see again the child, Jesus. We need to face again that those who told the story saw him as the Christ and the Lord.

At some point we need to ask ourselves, honestly and really, what would happen if God showed up for our holiday. Not the laughable God of our culture: old and weak and laughing. But, rather the God worthy of the name God: full of power, wisdom, justice and grace.

What if that God showed up on Christmas to be together with us all? What if it happened? Because . . . it did.



# Landmark Award

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission presented its highest honor, the Landmark Award, to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. for its continued excellence in beautification.

Mike Zolik, chairman of the Beautification Commission, said the award goes to a business church that has shown at least 10 years of excellence and has received the Mayor's Trophy for beautification at least once.

From left, are the Rev. Jack Ziegler, pastor of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church; Robert Novitke. mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods; and June Gill, representing the church.

# Delta Kappa Gamma Society holds its annual Christmas tea

Alpha Mu, the Grosse Pointe porary Shelter (COTS). chapter of the Delta Kappa given to the Coalition on Tem-

Gamma Society International, members of Grosse Pointe stressed," Burch said. "He held a Christmas tea on Dec. 4 North High School's Concert needs to be around for a long at the home of Valerie Moran. Choir, entertained members time and quitting smoking is The annual event was a fun- with holiday music. The choir the best thing he can do for draiser for the chapter's schol- is directed by Margaret Steel; himself and everyone who dearship fund. Donated gifts were Robert Foster is the accompa- pends on him.'



Members of Alpha Mu, the Grosse Pointe chapter of the vations are appreciated. Or -Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, got together for a you can join the group at 8:30 Christmas tea and scholarship fundraiser. From left, are Valerie Moran, hostess; Fran Natushko, corresponding secretary; Michele Yankee, president; Ann Elmer, recording secretary; Sandy Tenkle, second vice president; and Alfrieda Frost. treasurer. Not shown was Doris Zenn, first vice president and program chairman.

# Santa needs a check-up

Santa needs a lifestyle change: he's overweight, he smokes, he suffers from job-related stress and he only exercises once a year - climbing down chimneys.

In addition, his diet doesn't look good. Overdoing it with cookies and milk can hike his cholesterol and his risk of heart disease, too.

"Santa needs to stay away from high-fat foods and start exercising regularly, not just one night a year, to lose that belly," said Dr. Keith Burch, medical director at Henry Ford Medical Center - West Bloomfield. "Kids can do Santa a big favor by leaving fruits and vegetables on Christmas Eve instead.

"He's overweight and out of shape and that has to take its toll on his back. Lugging around that potbelly as well as the sack full of presents can create serious strain on his back muscles and lumbar spine, not to mention causing a hernia.'

As if smoking a pipe isn't bad enough, he also breathes in soot and other toxins while he's going down all those chimneys. This puts him at serious risk for mouth and lung cancer as well as other respiratory diseases. It also can contribute to heart disease.

Santa should go through a smoke-stoppers program during The Women's Ensemble, his off-season when he's not so

Spending so much time with

# Selective singles meets Dec. 23

Selective Singles Social and Travel Club is a group of business and professional people ages 40 - 60 who are divorced, widowed or single. Members and non-members are welcome to join the group on Friday, Dec. 23, at Cienie's Nautical Mile Cafe (formerly the Jefferson Colonnade), 24223 Jefferson, at 7 p.m. for dinner. Reserp.m. for cocktails and conversation. Call Ramona at (313) 884-2986 for reservations.

For further information about the club, call (800) 867children in the malls around the holiday season also can be a health problem for the big guy. Kids can carry all kinds of viral illnesses and pass them along, especially if they happen to cough or sneeze while sitting on someone's lap.

"I highly recommend that Santa get a flu shot," Burch

With the large volume of work Santa has to accomplish in one night, a stress management class wouldn't be a bad idea either. He might benefit from some meditation techniques and relaxation tapes.

Given Santa's age, he also should have a general check up which includes an electrocardiogram (EKG), colon examination, hearing test and prostate

"If Santa made a few lifestyle changes, he'd feel better all year long," Burch said.

# Support group is for caregivers

The Grosse Pointe support group for Alzheimer's caregivers meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. All meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

At support group meetings, family members learn about the medical, legal, financial and emotional aspects of Alzheimer's disease. For more information, call Elmer Stanke at (810) 268-1044 or Anne Lilla at (810) 557-8277.

# Volunteers needed

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, an organization dedicated to providing comfort and support to terminally ill patients and their families, is seeking volunteers in the Grosse Pointes.

Volunteers assist in many ways, including caring for the patient and family, providing support for office staff and assisting in grief support programs. Volunteers are particularly needed to drive patients to and from doctor's appointments and to and from grief support group meetings.

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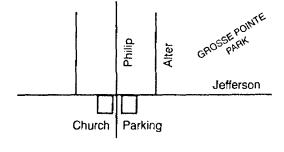


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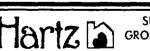
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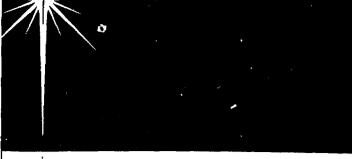
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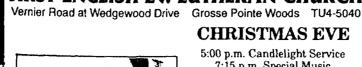
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7:00 p.m. Crib room only

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M. Worship

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11:00 Worship

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Holiday Worship Services

#### CHRISTMAS DAY



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# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

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CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Service



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# **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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Christmas Eve Family Service of Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 24 at 6 p.m.

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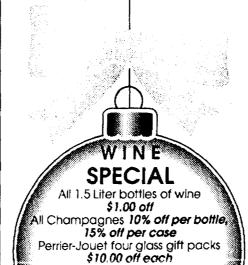
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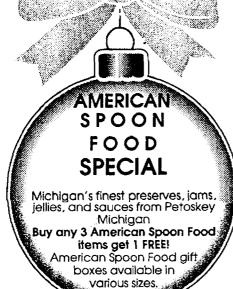
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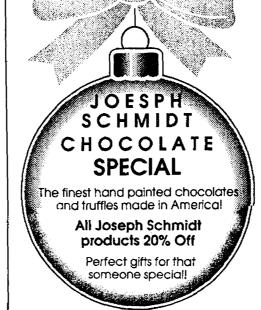


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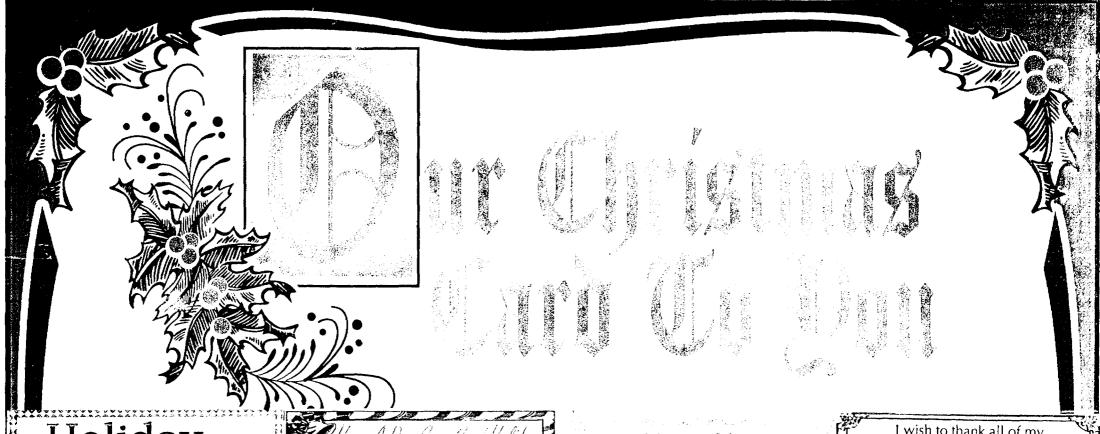


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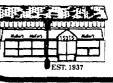
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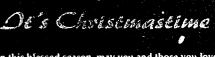
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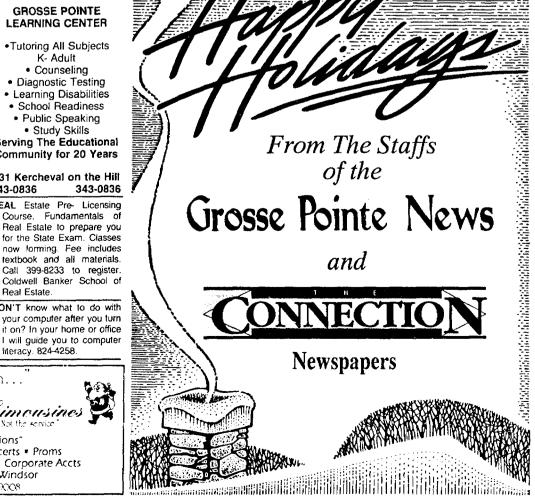
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# Movie madness: A report from the front

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So, you want to write a movie.

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That's what Mary Beth Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe thought.

Smith, whose first movie, "Running Free," hit Blockbuster Video stores yesterday, says movie writers need patience, funding, perseverance, funding, luck and funding.

Oh yes, an attorney helps,

In the tradition of family nature films like "Free Willy," Smith's movie tells the story of a friendship between a lonely boy and a wolverine and is set in the wilds of Alaska.

Smith, who has written several episodes of "Marty Stouf-

working on the film since 1991 man. Most wild animals avoid ing ritual. when she was approached by Steve Kroschel, a cinematographer who filmed the episodes of Wild America" that she wrote

"He said he wanted to write together we came up with a story," she said.

Once the story was decided them. upon, Smith set to work doing research. She found the most help not in the library, but in the departments of wildlife management in the few states population. She also found a lot of stories in the journals of trappers.

"I found out a let of interest ing things," Smith said. "First of all, that there's no place in the world that isn't trapped. That amazed me.'

wolverines, she learned that being born and the only footage fer's Wild America," has been their only natural enemy is

wolverines because of their sharp teeth and ferocious man-believed in," Smith said. "It's ner of fighting. Hunters shoot wolverines for their trophy exist if they respect each othrooms. Trappers shoot wolvera story about a wolverine and ines because they raid their traps, eating the animals before the trappers can get back to

Wolverines have voracious appetites, roaming a 100square-mile area in search of food. Only one wolverine can live on each 100-square-nale which still have a wolverine area, so as development encroaches on the wilderness, fewer wolverines can find food.

The four-legged stars of the movie are noted for being the only wolverines bred in captivity. They were raised by Kroschel on his farm in Minnesota. The film also includes the only But more specifically, about footage of baby wolverines of the wolverine's unique mat-

"This film had a message I that man and animal can coer's space. And that people should think twice about taming wild animals."

She had help from awardwinning Pointe filmmaker Harvey Ovshinsky, who offers a screenwriting class locally, which helped Smith bring a focus to the film.

Although she discovered a lot about wolverines and a lot about writing, she learned her hardest lesson after the script was done: "Once you've sold it, you have no control.'

Smith had nothing to do with the filming, which was conducted in Alaska and Minnesota. But production stopped when the funds dried up. Then





See MOVIE, page 9B Mary Beth Smith holds the star of her first movie.

Harry Wetzel, left, and City of Grosse Pointe resident Marty Butalini put on a wild "Christmas Carol" in the Attic Theatre's "Inspecting Carol."

# 'Inspecting' is a merry un-'Carol'

By Ronald J. Bernas Assistant Editor

A theater company on its last legs is presenting Dickens "A Christmas Carol" for the umpteenth time.

The rehearsal schedule has been shortened to four days because the manager of the group doesn't want to pay the actors for the full rehearsal time. Actors bicker back and forth, play several different parts, upstage each other, and technical difficulties are more common than the things that are supposed to go right.

Sounds as though "Inspecting Carol," which is running at the Attic through Jan. 8, was written for the Attic.

Indeed, sitting in a Saturday matinee that attracted only about 20 people and holding the plain-paper, photocopied program, which looks like it was rescued from under the seat after a previous performance, it's not hard to imagine you're watching a theater company fold.

But the show offers a Santasized bag full of laughs and, we hope, will breathe some life into the Attic, and some money into its coffers.

"Inspecting Carol" shows what happens when too many actors want creative input in a story that's just fine as it stands. It shows the destructive force of huge egos, and the little children behind those

Overburdened theater manager Zorah Bloch (Sandra Birch) has been forced to rehire her worst nightmare to play Scrooge. Larry Vauxhall (Harry Wetzel) has played Scrooge for her many times in the past, but last year, he did his part entirely in Spanish to theatrical map. bring awareness to some politi-

# Inspecting Carol

A holiday spoof

At the Attic Theatre through



to understand her star.

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cally au courant plight of some Central American country. Zorah has quite given up trying

Other members of the troupe include a young black actor (Garrin Clark) hired only to attract grants; a young boy (Zack Adam) with his own manager; a bitter stage manager (Susan Arnold); a prim-but-overbearing actress and her henpecked husband (Debbie Shekoski and Marty Bufalini), a hack actor who cares more about his imagined ailments than with getting his part right (Joseph Albright), and an office manager (Karen Sheridan) who's teetering on the edge of sanity.

Then there is the new - and extremely bad - actor who is allowed to join the troupe because the other members think he's a representative of the National Endowment for the Arts. (It makes sense on stage.)

The script, by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Company, is full of those biting, harsh one-liners that authors use when writing about actors, and it's very funny.

Director Joe Bailey keeps the action moving and the actors keep the energy coming - hard to do with so few people in the audience. It gets bogged down near the end when it shows scenes from the play in progress before the real NEA inspector, but by then you're hooked and it really doesn't

The actors are consistently funny and make "Inspecting Carol" a nice way for the Attic to put itself back on the local

God bless them, everyone.

# Disclosure' is old-fashioned thriller built around a new-fangled premise and the tone. It all works, some corporate espionage takes

Special Writer

handshake," says Susan Sand-lives are at stake. ers (played by Caroline Goodall) 'Disclosure.'

around Michael Douglas as Tom Sanders, the head of manufacturing at a Seattle computer firm. He starts his day and the film - at a high point. drops to great depths, then rises again - not quite to where be was, but close enough.

The film addresses the serious issue of the '90s - sexual harassment — but with a twist: She harasses him.

"She" is Demi Moore Complete with that long hair that made her popular way back when she played a part in the daytime soap "General Hospital." But the role of the selfabsorbed workaholic, do-anything-for-the-company-as-longas-it-benefits-you woman, seems better suited for someone like Sharon Stone or Ellen Barkin.

As things get rolling, though, Moore slides perfectly into the part. She approaches Sanders - who just happens to be her subordinate, and, in a private meeting, things get hot and Maffia is good, but underused. steamy. Though he let his machismo get the better of him her reaction is in the form of he does eventually halt the en- the aforementioned quote. She's

harassment.

Here begins what appears to audience, comes around. be a thriller complete with

Though it is clear no one will place via computer and ad-"I'm old fashioned. I usually experience any physical harm, vanced technology. It is quite greet my subordinates with a one still gets the sense that simply breathtaking.

There even is a deep throat Sanders quickly enlists the who communicates with Sandin a key scene in the movie aid of an attorney played by ers via e-mail. Very inventive Roma Maffia of the CBS mediusage. Unfortunately, the reve-The film, though, centers cal drama "Chicago Hope." lation of who deep throat is be-

# Disclosure

Rated R; sexual situations

Starring Michael Douglas and Demi M∞re



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Outstanding



Demi Moore and Michael Douglas thrill in "Disclosure

Sanders tells his wife and not sure she believes him. She, however, calls it sexual Women can't sexually harass men. Eventually she, and the

A lot of the action behind the tense music to set the mood sexual harassment charge and Sanders with some early witti-

comes a bit murky at the end. Coming along for the ride is needed to trim his beard.

an excellent supporting cast which includes Donald Suther- lines and numerous shots of the land, who plays the company's city and its downtown area chief. He is devious, stupid, make it an even more desirable whiny and at times painfully ignorant. Comedian Dennis Miller plays friend to Douglas'

cisms, although someone

Filmed in Seattle, the skyplace to live than before.

Moore does get her comeuppance, and how this happens is interesting and fun.

**Drop Zone** 

Rated R; violence

Starring Wesley Snipes

# 'Drop Zone': Stunts do not a movie make

By Marian Trainor Special Writer

In the action-packed adventure film "Drop Zone," story and characters take second billing to the amazing sequences featuring dazzling sky-diving

In this film, which is probably the most elaborate feature ever made about sky-diving. your attention is diverted from the story and is focused on the spectacular gravity-defying stunts that are routine in the dynamic and glamorous world of sky-diving.

Countless films have featured car chases and pursuits by water and airplanes. In "Speed" we were taken on a thrilling bus ride. But none of them come close to a free fall. from a 747 traveling at 200 miles an hour at 38,000 feet. But no matter how breathtaking they are and how well they're executed, stunts alone do not make a film. They need a story to stitch them together.

While the sky occupies center stage in "Drop Zone," there are some earthbound scenes that Terry (Malcolm Jamal Warner) feature Wesley Snipes as U.S. him trying to bring a gang of prison. outlaw skydivers to justice



Wesley Snipes stars in "Drop Zone."

are escorting Earl Leedy (Mimarshal Pete Nessip on ana chael Jeter), a convicted comgram for Snipes) which show puter hacker, to a federal

led by Ty Moncrief (Gary Busey) who suddenly begin the federal building and lock shooting. Their purpose is to snatch Leedy from his federal escort and escape with him it's about sky diving. See it for through a gaping hole in the that alone, and expect nothing The story opens aboard a 247. On board also is a gang of side of the plane. They plan to more, and you won't be disapwhere Snipes and his brother, parachute-proficient bad guys use Leedy to inflitrate the DEA pointed.

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computers to identify undercover drug agents and sell the information to the leader of a drug cartel.

Nessip vows revenge on the men who, in the melee, kill his brother. The only problem is that in order to catch the skydiving bad guys, he has to learn to sky-dive.

Nessip becomes adept enough to be included in the legendary Fourth of July jump in Washington D.C., the only night of the year when sky-divers can violate the capital's air space.

That night is chosen by the bad guys to jump to the top of into the secret files.

But this film isn't about plot,

# 1994: It was quite a year for travel

The year was a remarkable travel experience for me.

The combination of personal, husband-related and press trips kept me on the go continuously. (About this I have no complaints, you understand; I believe that it's my just reward for finally getting my youngest off to college.) The best part is that I continue to love it.

True, I wish my husband Chet could go along more often. And, true also, I wish he didn't fret so when I am away. And I hate getting out of my daily routine. But we manage.

Here are the highlights of a hectic 1994:

January: Attended the New York Boat Show and although I always enjoy this yearly trip to the Big Apple, the weather was especially brutal and walking outside wasn't much fun. For the first time ever, I followed the example of a good friend and took myself to a · movie on a dreary afternoon. I savored "The Piano" and the

popcorn all by myself. February: Florida always gives us two events, the Miami Boat Show and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. Guess which one my hubby prefers? Actually, the weather was again poor, with wind and rain almost every day. Finally it cleared up for the arts festival, , which is always outstanding with food as good as the art. The 32nd annual festival is Feb. 18-20. For information. call (305) 447-0401.

We always stay at the Bay Harbor Inn, a gem of a little hotel/B&B that's right on the Intracoastal Waterway, about a block from the chi-chi Bal Harbour shopping mall. Breakfast is served in a boat tied up at the dock. You can opt to stay either in the old inn or in a newer wing right on the water. Staying here certainly does change your impression of Miami Beach. Phone (305) 868-

From there we went to Naples, where we spent three lovely days at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Located right on the ocean, this small all-suites hotel was another "find" - perfect for both couples and families. Phone (813) 262-6511.

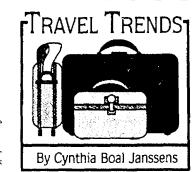
March: If you've never been to the Four Corners - where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico meet - this is a must. I toured the Grand Circle that go back to the turn of the with 16 other writers on a 10- century when "taking the waday trip which took in so much ters" was all the fad. They are breathtaking scenery that it began to feel like an overdose. Beginning with the Grand Canyon, we flew over Lake Powell and Monument Valley, stayed on the Navajo reservation, and went on to take in a number of major national parks. Loved the town of Moab, a feisty little burg in the middle of Mormon country.

These are the places that you have seen photographed in so many famous ads. I was especially impressed with the Anasazi Indian ruins. For Grand Circle information, phone (602) 331-5222. If you want someone to set up your trip, I recommend Jimmy Vaughan, owner of Southwest Custom Tours, who accompanied our trip. His number is (800) 513-1381.

Oh yes, before flying into Phoenix I spent three days in Las Vegas checking up on all the new hotels. Hadn't been there in a dozen years. Stayed at the new Treasure Island nice digs - and saw the hottest show in town: Siegfried and

Roy. April: This month I spent two weeks in Australia, visiting three different areas of Queensland with three other writers and was fascinated by the changing scenery and wildlife. Really enjoyed the Australian people and can't wait to return to the Great Barrier Reef. Next time I'd like to do a cruise of the reef on a small ship or stay at one of the small luxury resorts. I realized that the only way to see how different Australia is from the States is to go into the interior

On the way to and from. Air New Zealand managed to give us eight-hour layovers in Auckland. During these, we were able to spend several hours exploring and frankly I want to go to New Zealand before I re-



turn to Australia. Everything is so neat in this little island country and the scenery is said to be spectacular. The most popular way to do it is to rent a carayan (RV) and travel on your own for a couple of weeks.

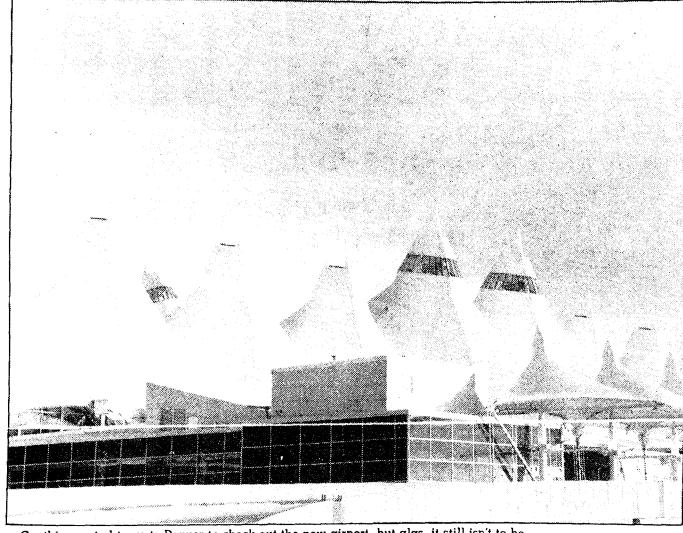
May: A bit of a break, and finally had the opportunity to take some of my walking friends to our second home in northern Michigan. Unfortunately, our golf was rained out but Carole Bania and Barb Austin managed to leave some dough in the shops of Gaylord and we had a memorable dinner at Garland resort.

June: My chapter of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW) had a most interesting meeting: It began in Montreal and then some 67 of us traveled by Via Rail to Quebec City and then on to the town of Perce, at the tip of the Gaspe Peninsula. It was my first visit to Montreal and I was intrigued by its lovely waterfront, underground city and how the former Expo site has been transformed into a museum/ recreation area. Quebec City is a real gem; more authentically French than Montreal. But I was most charmed by Perce, famous for a landmark rock located in its harbor. This town is wonderful for walking. It has a nice pier, lovely little shops to poke around in and some extremely good restaurants (Gargantua for one) that are quite excellent despite the town's small size.

Here I had my first whalewatching experience, as the massive mammals migrate past this point twice a year. Somehow all of my pictures are of humps and flukes, but it was still exciting. Oh yes, it rained in Perce.

July: Actually, no real travel except on our boat. Most enjoy-

August: Some trips were unplanned... seemed I was the only one available to help my daughter drive back to the University of Texas, towing her car behind a van packed with furniture. En route to Austin, we decided to check out Hot Springs, Ark. It's an old town full of those big bath houses



Cynthia wanted to go to Denver to check out the new airport, but alas, it still isn't to be.

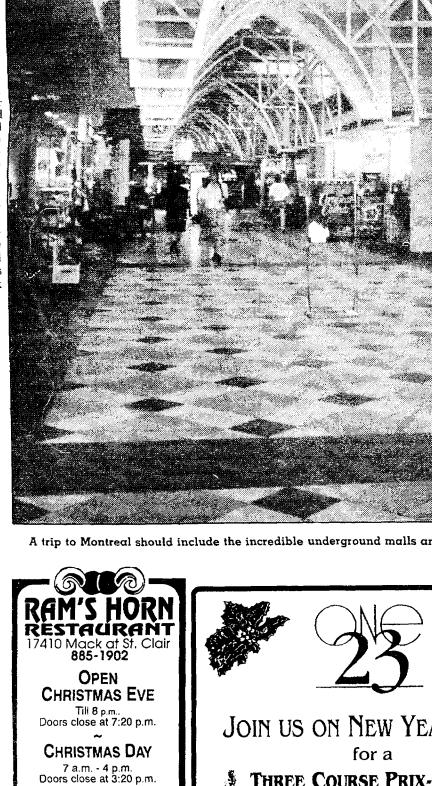
being restored, one by one, and tourism continues to grow. The surrounding country is lovely and the great hotels here really do hark back to another era.

Returned home just in time to be sent on assignment by Midwest Living magazine to research bed-and-breakfasts in northern Ohio. Came across a lovely restored manor in Huron, called Capt. Montague's. A perfect romantic getaway, open year around. Leave the kiddies at home. Your hosts are Judy and Mike Tann. (800) 276-4756.

September: What a month. Chet and I had a busy two weeks in Europe. In London, we were gratified to find the pérfect place to stay: a restored townhouse called the Pembridge Court Hotel. It had just 20 rooms and a couple of ginger cats named Spencer and Churchill who made us feel right at home. It was just a block's walk from the Nottinghill Gate tube station. Phone 011-44-71-229-9977.

Then onto Paris, for a whirl of touring before we met up with our friends, Dave and Stevi Kranker. We all embarked on a week-long barge cruise on the Burgundy canal in central France. Our ship was the Nenuphar, with just six

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A trip to Montreal should include the incredible underground malls and shopping areas.



While in Australia, Cynthia got up close and personal with a sleepy koala bear.

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Orchestra will hold its traditional "Night in Old Vienna" at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 833-3700.



The works of Helen Cartmell will

be on display through Dec. 31 at Ashley-Chris Gallery, 15126 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 824-0700.

Ambleside Gallery, 375 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe, presents English watercolors by Phil Hobbs, Nigel Price and Rita Smith, botanicals by Vicky Cox, marine paintings by Kenneth Denton and wildlife by Richard Sloan, Matthew Hillier and Pat Preuit. Also, a special exhibit of J.J. Audubon prints is on display. Call (313) 885-8999.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, is exhibiting "An Evolution of 20th Century Sculpture" through July 31, 1995. Also, the work of Detroit artist Charles McGee will be on display through Feb. 26. Call (313) 833-7900.

Contemporary Crafts, 104 Fisher Building in Detroit, presents "Objects of Wonder and Delight," an exhibit of artist-made gifts with special emphasis on condic



THE MATCH BOX

Compiled by Ronald J. Bernas

"Reclining Figure" by Henry Moore is part of the "Evolution of 20th-Century Sculpture" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts through July 31.

available. Call (810) 771-6333.

holders and unique objects the musical comedy "Mother through Dec. 24. Call (313) 873-

The Scarab Club is holding the 81st annual Gold Medal Exhibition through Jan. 20. Call (313) 831-1250.

Broadway Videostage, a new

The Detroit Gallery of form of live theater, will present

Superior's Habits" Fridays-Sundays through Dec. 31. Tickets are \$15 and special rates are

The Hilberry Repertory Company at Wayne State University presents Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," "Measure for Measure" and "Six Degrees of Separation" in rotating repertory. Ticket prices vary. Call (313) 577-2972.

"Miss Saigon" runs at the

Masonic Temple Theatre through Jan. 1. Call (313) 832-2232.

The Gem Theatre, on Woodward across from the Fox Theatre, presents "Beehive" through Feb. 26. Tickets are \$12.25 and up. Call (313) 963-9800.

The Greenfield Village Theatre Company presents "Hansel and Gretel" through Dec. 31 in the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum. Tickets are \$5.75. Call (313) 271-1620.

Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" will run at Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University through Dec. 31. Ticket prices vary. Call (810) 377-3300.

"Hi Hat Hattie," a musical biography of actress Hattie McDaniels, at the Magic Bag Theatre, at Nine Mile and Woodward in Ferndale, has a special New Year's Eve show. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$15, Call (810) 939-2912.

Rodger McElveen Productions presents "Once is Enough," a comedy, on New Year's Eve at the Golden Lion Dinner Theatre, 22380 Moross in Detroit. Tickets are \$65 a couple and includes dessert. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and the show is at 9 p.m. Call (313) 886-2420. Rodger McElveen Productions also presents the comedy "Cheaters" at The Heidelberg, 43785 Gratiot in Mount Clemens, on New Year's Eve. Two seatings are at 5 and 8:30 p.m. The show will also run every Saturday through Jan. 28. Tickets are \$22.50 for dinner and show. Show only is \$10. Call (810) 469-0440.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea will present a new comedy, "Thy Kingdom's Coming," through

Jan. 1. Call (313) 475-7902.



Festival is accepting applications from any local film-maker for the inclusion in the 1995 festival scheduled Jan. 25-28. For information, write to 22010 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI, 48080.



Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Grosse Pente Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, senior pastor at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Call (313) 882-5330.

The Selective Singles Social and Travel Club will hold a holiday meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Cienie's Nautical Mile Cafe, 24223 Jefferson, between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Call 1-800-867-0888.

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Then fill out this form and turn it in to The Grosse Pointe news by 3 p.m.

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the Audubon Society said it was interested in putting up some money, but pulled out.

Kroeschel raised money by making appearances with his wolverines on talk shows like "The Tonight Show," and it was during one of those trips that luck entered the picture.

He was driving through Michigan on his way home and thought he'd stop in a little town called Wolverine, just to see what it was like. Someone saw Kroeschel's wolverines in the back of his truck and inquired about them. When Kroeschel said he was making a movie about wolverines, he was introduced to a local resident who helped gather some funding.

Smith had a bit of her own luck, too. She told Al Eicher, a video producer who is on the board of directors of Eton Academy, a private boarding school, with her, about the film. His connections got it to Trimark which is the film's distributor.

"We were disappointed it was not released theatrically,"

Movie she said. "But it's been sold internationally, and is available on home video."

Smith says "Running Free" is not just her first movie, it's also her last.

"The only fun part is the creative part," she said. "Too many people get involved and you have to argue to defend your creation. It's not fun.

But it was a learning experience that she says she wouldn't trade for anything.

Her advice to budding filmmakers is to read lots of books about filmmaking, to network, to distrust everybody, and to get a good attorney

Smith's next project is a novel, "A Noble Plan," which is a nostalgic, historical romance set in northern Illinois in the 1940s.

"Running Free" will be shown at a benefit for Eton beach. Phone (800) 237-5211. Academy at 1 p.m. Sunday. Jan. 15, at the Maple Theatre adults and two children. For information, call (810) 855-9090.

#### Travel From page 8B

spacious suites, and there were six crew members to serve the 12 passengers. Everything was superb. The food, wine and ex-

cursions were all included, ex-French Country Waterways really knows how to pamper, course, it rained - constantly. Oh yes, it rained. Phone (800)

October: The month began with another unplanned foray: Daughter No. 1, Jen. decides to company in San Diego. Guess who is the only one to accomdrive. A couple of car mishaps enjoyed an overnight in Las Vegas. Also found a neat hotel in La Jolla: The Sea Lodge, loon popular La Jolla Shores

This was followed by SATW's Shannon airport.

country; by becoming ac mile from the No Name restau-

quainted with its complex history of feuds and famines, one begins to understand the Irish psyche. We passed through marvelous countryside (I am not sure which I saw more of, cept for our hot-air ballooning. sheep or castles) and stopped in a number of cozy pubs. And, of

November: By now I was certainly ready for warmer climes so it was with high hopes that Chet and I departed for his national conference is St. I'homas, take a job with a computer U.S.V.I. Frankly, St. Thomas is one of my least favorite Caribbean islands - good primarily pany her on her cross-country for one day of shopping - but we did enjoy a day trip to made the trip eventful, but we neighboring St. John which was much more pastoral. However, no sunshine; it rained almost every day. After the concated smack dab on the ocean ference, we flew over to St. Croix which we had never visited before.

We stayed at the lovely Carnational conference in Ireland. ambola Beach Resort on the in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are After five days of professional northern coast and although we \$10 for adults; \$5 for children sessions in Dublin (a most man-drove all over the island, we or \$25 for a family of two ageable little city), I joined a decided that this area is indeed group touring the western part the most beautiful. There is of the country. We began by fabulous scuba diving and snorheading to Sligo, known as keling here, right off the beach, Yeats country because William and a Robert Trent Jones golf Butler spent most of his life course, ranked one of the best here, and then traveling down in the Caribbean. We enjoyed a to Galway and on down to nifty little bar called the "Hole in the Wall" where you can sip It was a wonderful introduc- a beer with the waves crashing tion to this most intriguing at your feet. It is just a half

rant. Phone (800) 333-3333.

month of the year I try not to full collection of hats, parkas travel, so that I can catch my and umbrellas. breath and enjoy the holiday. And catch up on all my work.

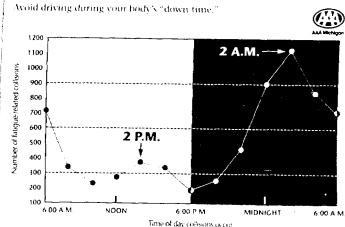
You may have noticed that my travels were plagued with rain, rain and more rain. I Travel Trends column runs choose not to see it that way, every other weekend in this secbut rather to regard it as "liq-tion.

uid sunshine." However, need-December: This is the one less to say, I now travel with a

May you all travel well in

Cynthia Boal-Janssens'

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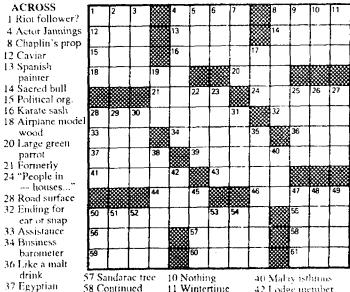
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