

Public has a friend at the Grosse Pointe post office

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Everybody has their favorite post office joke, and that's no laughing matter to postal officials.

That's why there's been a customer advocate stationed at the Mack Avenue and Fox Creek post offices since last June.

"It's my job to assist the branch managers with customer complaints,"

said Linda Butler. "Our most common complaints are about misdelivered mail and inconsistent delivery times."

In the case of misdelivered mail, Butler said that she does everything she can, including going to people's homes, to correct the mistake.

As for inconsistent delivery times, Butler said she explains to customers why they might be experiencing such

a problem.

"Grosse Pointe has always been a high-volume mail area," Butler said. "Now that the holidays are here, Pointers are getting more mail than ever. So as a result it takes carriers longer to sort out the mail on their routes, so they leave the post office later and finish their routes later."

In addition to taking complaints, Butler is also dedicated to providing

better services for Grosse Pointe residents. For example, she said the post office's mobile postal vans have proved very popular with senior citizens.

"The vans go to nursing homes and senior housing locations," said Butler. "They provide residents with the same services they get by going to local post offices."

Butler said that postal officials are

also looking at making the Mack Avenue post office a "post office of the future." Instead of having customers go to the counter and ask for stamps, or packages, they would be able to pick out what they want to purchase on shelves like at a regular store.

"The idea is to shorten lines, if not completely eliminate them," said Butler. "We are aware that Grosse

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 15

The Grosse Pointe Academy's Bell Choir and Show Choir perform at Eastland Center in the grand court at 1 p.m. The Bell Choir comprises eighth-grade students; the Show Choir offers a program of music and dance, with selections ranging from Mayan music to arrangements from "Starlight Express." Both are under the direction of Marion Chrisner, academy music director.

Anyone interested in contributing to the design of the proposed playscape for St. Ambrose Academy is invited to the St. Ambrose Academy meeting room at 6 p.m. for "design day." There will be an informal meeting with the playscape architect, children's committee entertainment and refreshments. For more information, call Patrick or Laura Blake at (313) 824-9648.

Monday, Dec. 18

The Grosse Pointe library board of trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 20025 Mack Plaza.

The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on Maumee, across from the municipal offices.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 9:30 a.m. in the municipal offices at 795 Lakeshore.

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The gift of reading

Neal Shine, retiring Free Press publisher, addressed a group of Grosse Pointe children on Dec. 7 at the Woods Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library during the annual Gift of Reading program send off. Since 1987, the Detroit Free Press, along with participating public libraries, collect books for needy and at-risk children.

Farms council OKS request for more pods on monopole

By Chip Chapman
Staff Writer

The monopole behind the Grosse Pointe Farms city hall will be receiving a new set of antennae.

Despite objections by surrounding neighbors, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved a request from Cellular One Monday night to allow new antenna pods on the monopole behind city hall.

"I want to voice my objection to more pods and I would like to see the removal of it (the monopole)," said Elaine Hartmann, who lives close to the site. "The present tower is an eyesore."

In addition to aesthetic objections, Hartmann and other residents expressed concerns about additional EMF (electromagnetic fields) being radiated from additional pods.

Two years ago, Ameritech replaced a radio communications tower, originally installed in 1972, with a taller, 160-foot tower designed to improve cellular communications in Grosse Pointe. Ameritech placed its antenna pods at the 100-foot level of the monopole.

As part of the deal, the Farms received ownership of the monopole while Ameritech remained responsible for the maintenance costs. Since the monopole is owned by the Farms, a company seeking to use the pole needed permission from the city.

Last Monday, Cellular One

approached the council and asked to place its antenna pods at the 130-foot level of the monopole.

"Our project will improve cellular communications in Grosse Pointe Farms," said Kevin Cousineau, senior site acquisition specialist for Cellular One. "It is necessary because of the increased use of cellular phones."

Cousineau added that testing for EMFs showed levels 1,000 times lower than required safety standards.

John Duquet, a nearby resident, addressed the council with concerns about EMFs. Duquet, who told the council he had metal implants in his hips, asked about EMF levels for people with conditions similar to his.

"When the pods are active, they have untold potential," he said. "Was the testing done at maximum levels? I have a feeling that they (EMF levels) are cumulative and could be higher."

Cellular One hired Dr. Val Liepa, an electrical engineer from the University of Michigan, to measure the EMF levels. His findings were forwarded to Dr. Thomas Ely, a Bloomfield, N.Y.,-based independent consultant on radiation safety with more than 40 years' experience in the field.

Based on the information See **ROLE**, page 22A

Cable upgrade complete — at least in the Park

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

While it may seem like the upgrade of Grosse Pointe Cable is taking forever, the project is going according to schedule. Grosse Pointe Park residents have had improved service since November.

"We completed the upgrade in the Park," said Kathy Stephenson of Grosse Pointe Cable. "We are currently stringing fiber optic cable in the City. We hope to have that done by the end of December. Once that's done we'll move on to the Farms, the Woods and Harper Woods."

With the new cable installation complete in the Park, customers there have

enjoyed the new channels since Nov. 15, Stephenson said.

The upgraded system has 52 channels on the basic package, said Stephenson. That includes some channels that weren't originally planned to be included when the system revamp was first approved.

"The new system will have Comedy Central, The History Channel, The Learning Channel and daytime PASS," Stephenson said. "We weren't originally going to have those channels, and the schedules we passed out a few months ago did not have them listed. There will be no extra charge for these extra channels."

In addition to more channels on the basic service package, Grosse Pointers will, for the first time, be able to get pay-per-view cable programs, and they will have more premium channel choices.

"We are also working on installing a 'cable music' package," Stephenson said. "That means that customers will be able to order music from various channels like the dance music channel, the jazz channel or the blues channel, without commercial interruption. But customers shouldn't look for that until the present upgrade is completed."

Customers who have cable boxes that use remote controls won't have to turn

them in to get upgraded service, said Stephenson. Only customers with boxes that use dials will require new cable boxes.

"When our crews are stringing fiber optic cable in a neighborhood, there is a brief interruption of service, but we notify customers when we are working in their neighborhood, so they should be prepared," Stephenson said.

The entire cable system upgrade, which includes the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods, should be complete by next May, said Stephenson.



Photo by Thea L. Walker

Holiday music

The Grosse Pointe North and South high school choirs presented their annual holiday concert and tea at the Grosse Pointe Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 6. The annual performance is a gift to the community from the Grosse Pointe Public School System. School board president Carl Anderson conducted the grand finale "Hallelujah Chorus."

POINTER OF INTEREST Dr. Robert Fishman

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Age: 43

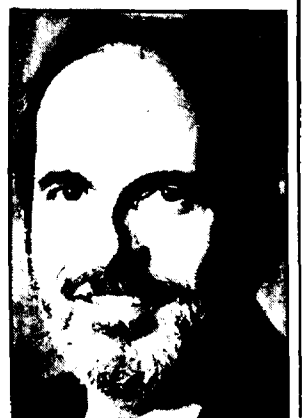
Family: Wife, Trisha; two sons, Adam and Daniel

Occupation: Ear, nose and throat specialist

Claim to fame: Former folk guitarist, who occasionally plays blues with the Chisel Brothers.

Quote: "I played trumpet through the sixth grade until I got braces, the kiss of death for a trumpet player. That's when I started playing guitar."

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Dr. Robert Fishman



Photo by Fred Runnells

Pleasant mission accomplished

For the first time since his 2-1/2-year-old son Billy was born, Howard A. Lee of Mapleton Road is home for Christmas. He has just been discharged from the Army Air Corps. Buying the family Christmas tree was one of the nicest missions he has known in years. Mrs. Lee and Billy seem pleased with his selection. (Grosse Pointe News photo, Dec. 13, 1945)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Homeowners behind commercial property on Mack in the Woods succeed in getting a referendum in January to have 71 commercial properties rezoned to residential. The homeowners' aim was to keep "their own little section more exclusive."

25 years ago this week

With one member absent, the school board fails to accomplish any business at its recent meeting, with all votes resulting in a 3-3 tie instead of the usual 4-3 split.

10 years ago this week

Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods residents claim victory in saving themselves \$60,000, which the Milk River Inter-County Drainage Board wanted to spend on building a satellite office in the Woods. The board voted not to go through with the plan.

5 years ago this week

Blanche Shaw, 81, mother of Park resident Mary Rigdon, miraculously escaped from the burning wreckage of the DC9 that crashed at Metro Airport. Shaw, of Beaver, Pa., was returning home on Northwest Flight 1482 after visiting her daughter and her husband, the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, when her plane was struck by a Boeing 727, Northwest Flight 299, that was accelerating for takeoff.

— John Minnis

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Hubcap hullabaloo

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers, after investigating several complaints from residents that hubcaps had been stolen from their cars, arrested a suspect at about 5:45 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Officers received a report of someone stealing hubcaps in the 1300 block of Berkshire. A description of the suspect's vehicle was broadcast, and a patrol unit spotted the car, and was able to stop the suspect.

A search of the vehicle turned up 35 wheel covers belonging to a variety of different motor vehicles. A background check of the suspect revealed that he was wanted on another warrant in Detroit.

The suspect has been charged by the Wayne County prosecutor's office with larceny over \$100, and for being an habitual offender. He is being held in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

Farms has string of 'smash and grabs'

Following the fifth report of a "smash-and-grab" burglary in Grosse Pointe Farms last week, police called in the Detroit police K-9 unit for assistance.

The latest incident occurred at 2:50 a.m. Dec. 8 in the 300 block of Moross, when a burglar smashed a kitchen window, got into the house and stole a purse left on a chair. The homeowners were awakened by the sound of their home alarm and after discovering the break-in, called police.

The tracking dogs followed a scent from the house to Bournemouth Circle, the spot where the burglar probably got into a car and fled the area, police said.

On Dec. 6, at 5 a.m., a resident who lives in the 200 block of Kercheval reported that someone threw a flower

pot through a window on the south side of the house, got in and stole a purse containing checks, credit cards and cash.

On Dec. 5, a resident who lives on Vincennes returned home to find a leather briefcase missing from her kitchen counter. When the resident left for work that morning, the briefcase was on the counter. The burglar may have gained entry through a sliding glass door.

On Dec. 4, a burglar tried unsuccessfully to get into a house on Higbie Court by applying adhesive tape to a side door window before smashing the glass. The residents were awakened by two loud crashes and apparently their investigation of the noise scared off the potential intruder.

In the 100 block of Kenwood on Dec. 4, a burglar got in through an unlocked side door and stole a purse off the kitchen counter. Farms police are investigating the incidents but at press time did

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Thieves targeted men's clothing stores

Three men's clothing stores in and around the Pointes were the target of smash-and-grab burglaries last week. Police said they did not think the retail burglaries were connected to the rash of residential break-ins in Grosse Pointe Farms last week.

On Dec. 7, burglars smashed an 8-by-10-foot window of a retail store on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms and grabbed \$5,000 worth of clothing and accessories from the front display.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, the burglars smashed a small display window of a men's clothing store on Kercheval in the Village and

took \$700 worth of merchandise. A clothing store at Mack and Guilford in Detroit also was hit the same night, said City police detective Dennis Van Dale. Police have no witnesses to the crimes and no suspects at press time.

He may have been 'scouting' the area

After tracking a prowler through the southwest corner of Grosse Pointe Woods, police think they may have found a man who was "scouting out" the neighborhood targeting houses for future burglaries.

Police were alerted to the prowler when a resident who lives in the 1700 block of Severn saw a man peering through her window at 11 p.m. on Dec. 8. Due to the

moderate snowfall, police were able to follow the prowler's footprints a great distance, from Severn to an apartment house on Rockcastle in Harper Woods.

While police were standing in the lobby, the suspect opened his apartment door and began talking with the officers. They asked him what he was doing earlier that evening and if they could see his shoes. The heels of the man's boots matched the prints police had

been tracking. At press time, the Woods city attorney approved a warrant. The suspect, a 17-year-old Harper Woods man, is expected to be charged with violating a city ordinance against prowling.

— Shirley A. McShane
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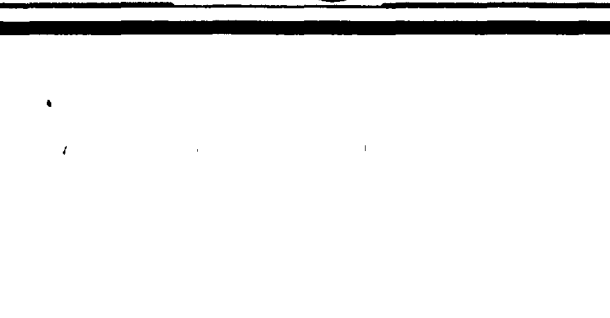
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Don't write this down; memorize it

The world is divided into two categories: numbers people and words people.

Numbers people know the population of the United States. They can tell you what the current national debt is and what it will be in 1998. They can quote election statistics, Dow Jones averages, prices, telephone numbers, budget projections, percentages for this and that.

They memorize their own Social Security numbers, checking account ID numbers,

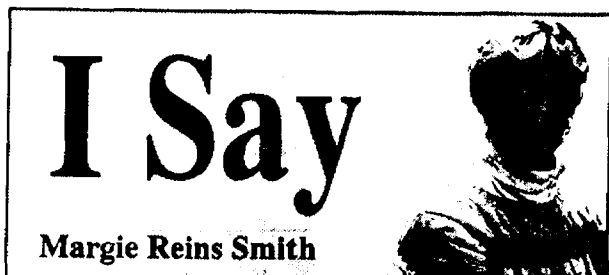
pin numbers, codes for their computer files and telephone answering machines and security systems.

I am not a numbers person. Yesterday, I had to look up my daughter's address.

I do remember words, however. Passwords. License plate letter combinations. Poems I memorized in high school. My first-grade teacher's name. Books I read in college. Answers to last week's Detroit Free Press crossword puzzle clues. Deep thoughts from last year's "Saturday Night Live" shows.

If I really want to visualize or remember a number, I convert it to a phrase or a word. Or I put it in the University of Michigan's stadium.

For instance: President Clinton said he would send 20,000 troops to enforce the



I Say

Margie Reins Smith

peace agreement in Bosnia. (First I had to ask somebody if 20,000 troops meant 20,000 men and women.)

Why, for Pete's sake, is troops plural? When referring to one soldier, do you say he's a troop? A Troop?

Anyway, 20,000 means nothing to me. So I visualize the U of M football stadium, which I know holds about 100,000 people, a nice round number suitable for visualizations.

Also, I've been stacked in that particular stadium with 99,999 other crazed fools dressed in color-coded clothes and I have a vivid sense of what it feels like to be one of a crowd of 100,000 people.

Twenty thousand troops — I think to myself — doesn't even fill an end zone.

Pshaw. Hardly any. I also get hundreds, thousands and millions mixed up. Fortunately, I'm not an

accountant.

Unfortunately, when I'm involved in a conversation including numbers, I generally make a fool of myself.

Before I had actual kids in specific colleges, I had a conversation with a high school counselor in which I insisted that Stanford University's tuition was "twenty-one hundred dollars a year."

I insisted I was right. That's the sad part.

I think numbers people are winning the war against words people.

Every technological improvement, every new invention, every new gadget and product on the market involves memorizing another combination of numbers. Hardly anybody asks you to memorize a password.

And most of the manufacturers of these items warn you:

"Do not write this number down. Memorize it."

I have to write them down, secretly, and store them, secretly, in a password-coded locked space.

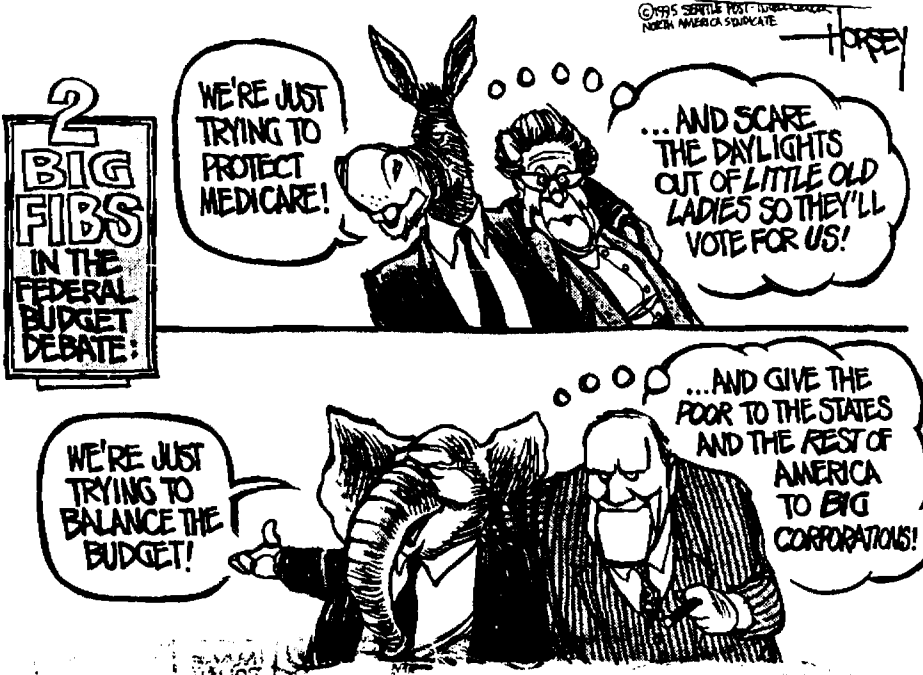
If I didn't, I'd never be able to get into my bank's ATM; my computer at work; my telephone answering machine's messages; my home computer files; the Internet. I'd never get past the security system at home or at the office. I'd never be able to make a long-distance call.

I also have to write down my Social Security number, several credit card numbers, bank account numbers, a phone number at home and at work, an extension number at work, phone numbers of my daughters, my friends, my accountant, my lawyer and (aaaaaii-ieeeeh) my psychiatrist.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Warming trend

Alexius Carol Campbell was singing carols when I walked up to put something in her red kettle in front of D a m m a n Hardware one frosty day last week.

Why the singing? "I do it just to make people happy and remind them it's Christmas," said the smiling lady who looked too young to have children 18, 19 and 23 years old.



Ken Eatherly

I was charmed by her Tahitian accent as she chatted a bit about her family and said she's been visiting the United States for the past 18 years but this was her first winter here. "I hope I'm bringing in a little warmth from home," she said. "I'm thankful I've never been sick a day in my life — I'm glad I'm healthy and able to do this for the Salvation Army."

She stopped to thank a shopper who had just stuffed a bill in the slot.

"The people here are very kind — they treat me special and bring me coffee, hot bagels and hugs," she said.

Alexius, or one of her friends, will be singing, or ringing the bell by the door from, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday through Saturday until the 24th.

Bucks, bagels or other gestures of support are welcome.

On his holiday rounds a few doors down, the Park's Palmer Heenan told FYI he was hoping for some of that warm weather to hover over the city where they call him Mr. Mayor.

"We need a thaw in the next few weeks so they can finish pouring the cement for our new skating rink at Patterson Park," he said. "It takes a while to set and cure and if we're lucky it'll be a wonderful Christmas present for our kids and adults."

Looks like it's going to be a belated present for Parkers, but keep those ice skates handy.

ing she had adopted a Rockhopper penguin," she says.

The Zoo's Adopt-an-Animal Club also gives members a T-shirt with the official club logo on it. "Katie wears it all the time," says her mom.

Since then, the Dimitrys have made several trips to the Detroit Zoo to visit "Penny," which is Katie's name for her penguin. There may be more chapters to this story: "This year Katie is telling us she wants to adopt a hippopotamus, and our other daughter, Lisa, wants an animal too," says Cheryl.

Other Pointers who have gotten into the act include Ann and Dave Helm, of the Woods, who adopted a flamingo from the Belle Isle Zoo for their daughter, Rachel; Gary and Susie Scheiwe's daughter Meredith, president of the local chapter of the Children of the American Revolution that has adopted a macaw; and Bill and Dyan Yordy, who currently have a wolverine.

"I'm a U of M grad," explains Rachel.

"Adopted animals make great gifts for those people who have everything," Rachel says. "We have a friend who likes horses, so we got her a miniature horse, and one of my clients, a large corporation, once got an elephant."

When turkey becomes baloney

You can't always trust what you read.

News junkies are always in a hurry, grabbing information with a quick cup of coffee and a doughnut. But don't grab it so fast that you swallow everything whole, even the nonsense. Be skeptical.

On the other hand, don't pitch out everything, because sometimes the most incredible stories turn out to be true. I like to question news reports — and have been caught both ways: believing when I shouldn't, and the other way around.

My favorite case in point has to do with turkeys.

Every year the wire services report that a turkey breeders' association has donated a turkey to the White House. The president always "pardons" the bird and sends it to a petting farm instead of eating it.

What keeps me reading the report year after year is that they keep claiming that the bird weighs 50 pounds. I didn't believe it.

This year Bob and I were even looking forward to the outrageous claim. The day before Thanksgiving, we guffawed about the story that was bound to be in the morning paper.

It was — only this time the turkey weighed 75 pounds.

Time to check it out.

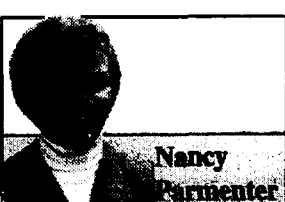
I called the Kandt turkey farm in Macomb County.

"Kathy" answered the phone; she didn't believe it either.

The biggest turkey they've ever raised weighed 37 pounds. My question about the 50-pounder just about finished her off.

"Have you ever heard of a 50-pound turkey?" she asked somebody in the room, after she stopped laughing.

Obviously the answer was in the negative, because she came back on the line to chuckle. "It couldn't walk — it would need a walker! I think you should call President Clinton and ask him."



Nancy Parmenter

I thought about it, but decided the president probably hadn't put the bird on a scale and wouldn't actually know any more about it than we do. Besides, he has stuff like Bosnia on his mind and might not be able to come to the phone.

On the other hand, I obviously couldn't let the matter rest.

I looked it up. To my unending surprise, the biggest turkey on record was an 86-pound tom. But it was too fat to mate and, as Kathy pointed

out, couldn't stand on its own two feet, either. I wonder what Mr. Clinton's turkey is doing at the petting farm?

Okay, it's only a turkey. Not major news, by any stretch. But it illustrates a good way to approach the news: Check it out if it doesn't sound right. It's better than spouting off and perpetuating baloney.

In another, more serious example, stadium backers in Ohio seem to have gulled the voters last year with their

claims about the economic benefits of a new stadium. In Detroit, the guy on the street hasn't been allowed to vote on it. But in Cleveland, voters considering whether to approve a tax to support their new stadium were told that building it would result in 16,000 new jobs. That's a huge economic boon to any city.

Trouble is, it's malarkey. Time has proven it so — but if voters had really thought about it, I think they could have figured it out on their own. (Not that that absolves local officials.)

Sixteen thousand jobs is a lot of jobs. Big manufacturing plants don't employ 16,000 people. It's big news when companies shut down and lay off 1,000 people.

In the news last week, just to pick a recent example, Caterpillar finally settled its strike with the union. Caterpillar is the largest heavy equipment manufacturer in the nation, but the number of people in four states who were idled at the beginning of the strike was only 13,400 — about 3,000 less than the jobs predicted from the Cleveland stadium. I don't think it should take a genius to figure out from the get-go that something was stinking about the stadium claims.

But people bought it, maybe because they wanted to believe things would work out. Now the public is left holding the bag full of cost overruns — and that ain't turkey hash.

I think you should call President Clinton and ask him.'

Corrections

Corrections, if necessary, will be printed on this page each week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

A Dec. 7 front page story on the Grosse Pointe Public School System's technology plan should have said the school district originally was planning on allocating \$2.4 million each year of the five-

year plan.

The color photo of the Winnie the Pooh float on the front page of last week's paper should have been identified as the Grosse Pointe North freshman homecoming float. Also, the photographer of the color photos should have been identified as Wayne Corteville

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Insurers to combat white-collar criminals

In the battle against insurance fraud, consumers are beginning to get the upper hand. New technologies, increased fraud-fighting efforts and proposed legislation will make it tougher than ever for insurance "cheats" to rip off the public.

And according to a 1994 Gallup Poll, the public is more concerned about the insurance fraud problem than ever before, ranking it an 8.9 on a 10-point serious-crime scale.

"Consumers have every right to be concerned," said Robert Vogt, claim investigation's area manager for AAA Michigan. "Insurance fraud is the second most costly white-collar crime in the United States (the first is tax evasion). In Michigan, the cost of fraud to motorists may easily run in excess of \$100 million annually."

In 1994, AAA Michigan re-focused and expanded its anti-fraud activity to include homeowner and auto accident injury claims. Last

year alone, the company identified and deterred almost \$6 million in fraudulent claims.

In fact, between 1986 and 1993, the rate of auto theft in Michigan declined by 21 percent, while the national rate rose 28 percent. At AAA Michigan, the rate of reported thefts dropped by more than half between 1984 and 1994, permitting a reduction in comprehensive auto insurance rates of more than 50 percent.

Government intervention

As a result of these early successes, the fraud issue has attracted the attention of state lawmakers, who have drafted legislation designed to aid insurers further in fighting this so-called "victimless" crime. House Bill 4682, introduced by Rep. Eric Bush (R-Battle Creek), establishes civil fines and criminal penalties for the perpetration of fraudulent insurance acts; it also provides limited

immunity for insurance companies when sharing information with law enforcement agencies.

"Some in the insurance community — like AAA Michigan — have cooperated with law enforcement, despite the threat of lawsuits claiming slander, libel and malicious prosecution," explained Vogt. "We are convinced that passage of a bill similar to HB 4682 is important in order to provide reasonable and adequate protection to encourage all insurance companies in Michigan to become more aggressive in the fight to thwart insurance fraud."

AAA Michigan began its aggressive campaign against insurance fraud in 1984, when its reported auto theft claims peaked at more than 16,000. With AAA's encouragement, the insurance industry combined forces with community organizations and law enforcement to create the country's first Anti-Theft Campaign Committee. As an outgrowth of this effort, anti-theft legislation was passed creating the first ATPA (Auto Theft Prevention Authority) in the nation.

Reported thefts began an immediate decline. The ATPA permitted the establish-

ment of dedicated law enforcement task forces, funded by a \$1 surcharge on each private passenger auto insurance policy.

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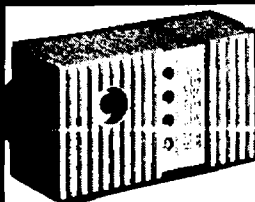
Recently, AAA Michigan has added some new high-tech tools to its arsenal to help combat auto fraud. A new pilot program called "an expert system" profiles all incoming claims and screens them based on criteria which are typical of suspicious claims.

And if that technology isn't enough, AAA Michigan now has access to online services developed by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), which links the NICB's 300-million-record database with more than 6,000 insurance industry and law enforcement personnel across the country.

Since 1984, when AAA Michigan's claim investigation unit was established, the company has successfully deterred fraud on 4,055 claims, saving its policyholders more than \$20 million.

(Editor's note: House Bill 4682, which deals with fraud, has passed the House and Senate committee and is expected to pass in the Senate soon. It would then go to Gov. John Engler for signing.)


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Letters

Parking and privileges

To the Editor:

In regards to your article of Nov. 30, "New Woods Councilmembers Make Their Presence Known at Meeting," we would like to clarify the issues before the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council regarding the proposed ordinance concerning parking on residential streets.

The real issues are loss of city services and privileges that come with them. We are denied the privilege of a clean street; we are denied the privilege of parking in front of our own home; we are denied the privilege of raking our leaves into the street gutter; we are denied the privilege

of getting the leaves picked up, forcing us to bag the leaves at a considerable expense; we are denied the privilege of snow removal; and street parking interferes with garbage pickup.

After years of frustration, we went before the city council for help.

Please, if any Woods resident has the same problem or has any ideas on how to help us find a solution, please contact our city administrator, Peter Thomas, because — forbid — if you have a problem, and if no one else has the same problem, you may never get the help you deserve from this new city council.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox
Grosse Pointe Woods

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK ORDAINS:

Section 1:

Section 8-1 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Beginning January 1, 1996, the municipal judge shall be paid a salary of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year. In consideration of such salary the judge shall collect, relinquish, and pay into the city treasury all fees chargeable by the judge in all civil and criminal cases and other proceedings and matters by and before the judge and for services of whatever nature performed by the judge in an official capacity, including fees payable by the county and state; and such salary shall be in lieu of such fees; provided, that the judge shall be entitled to retain any fees which may be paid to the judge for performing marriages or for acknowledging papers not connected with the official duty of the judge.

Section 2:
This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1996.

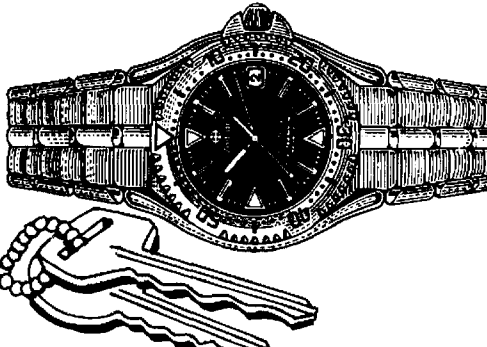
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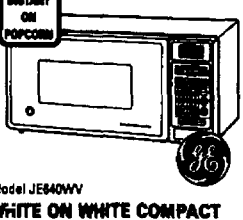


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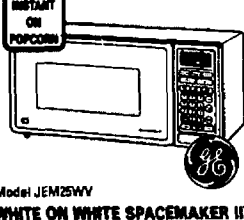


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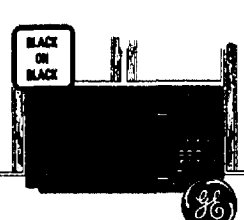
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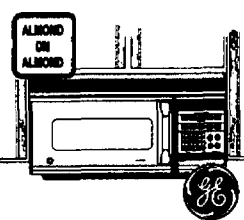


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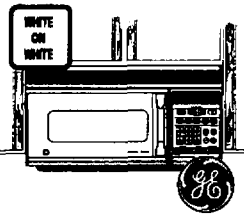


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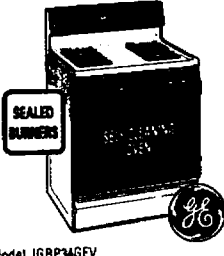
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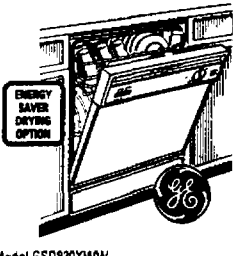


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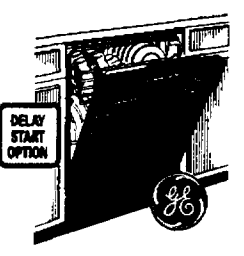


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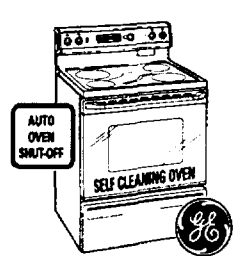


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Buick offers glimpse into second century with 2 models

In the Henry Ford Museum, just a few yards from an 1896 Duryea, the first production car in America, Buick offered a glimpse of the industry's second century with a preview of its 1997 LeSabre and Park Avenue/Ultra.

Christmas packages, was in sight of the stage upon which sat a supercharged black 1997 Buick Park Avenue Ultra.

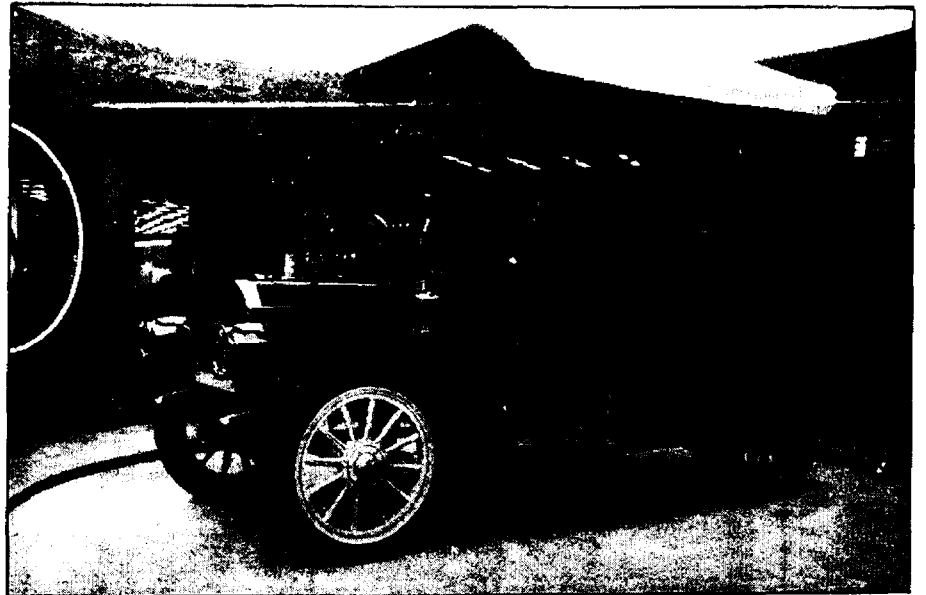
Also near the '97 Buick's stage was a huge, heavily-decorated Christmas tree which towered to the very high ceiling in the museum and riveted

were used by presidents; there is kind of a time line of automobiles ranging from the earliest horseless carriages through the elegant cars of the '30s, the baroque dinosaurs of the '50s, the muscle cars, the imported cars, right up to the present.

Next to a wonderfully weird and rounded Nash Rambler convertible of the early '50s with a top that ran on runners to a black Volkswagen Beetle, once ubiquitous, now rare. The Beetle was an old model with a split rear window.

Along with the great automotive displays were neon signs, gas pumps, an early McDonald's and other memorabilia. It was an inspired site selection for showing a new model, particularly for a nameplate with as much history as Buick.

Why is Buick introducing '97 models in 1995? Well, it's not. The actual introduction will be at the North American Automobile Show at Cobo Hall in January and the car will go on sale in dealer showrooms after that.



One of the oldest existing Buicks, a 1905 model.

Photos by Jenny King

Autos



By Richard Wright

tennial of the U.S. auto industry, but the Buick LeSabre and Park Avenue will go directly to 1997.

Also close by was one of the oldest Buicks known to exist, an elegant brass-trimmed 1905 model.

One of Buick's most popular collector cars, a gleaming fire-engine red 1953 Skylark convertible loaded with

the attention of the guests.

And all around the museum were parts of the magnificent collection of vehicles owned by the Henry Ford Museum, a tribute not just to Henry Ford, certainly a giant in the history of the industry, but to all who contributed to the greatness of the enterprise.

There are limousines, both Lincoln and Cadillac, which

Ed Mertz, Buick general manager, spoke briefly to the gathered media representatives, noting that while Henry Ford, the man whose name is on the museum, was without doubt one of the giants in founding of the American auto industry, William Durant and David Dunbar Buick played historic roles too.

Buick was an innovative fellow who had made a fortune in the plumbing business, largely because he figured out how to porcelainize cast iron for tubs and sinks. He began to manufacture gasoline engines in 1900 and decided to design an automobile. But his business floundered. He tinkered a lot, but he did not produce cars commercially.

In 1903, Benjamin and Frank Briscoe took over Buick's business, then sold it to J.H. Whiting, owner of the Flint Wagon Works. Whiting convinced Durant, a millionaire partner in the Durant-

Dort wagon company, largest builder of horse-drawn vehicles in the nation, to drive the Buick car, which featured a valve-in-head engine. Durant was impressed.

In 1904, Durant reorganized Buick Motor Co. and embarked on a remarkable adventure of empire building in which he created General Motors on the rock of Buick, lost it, created Chevrolet and took GM back. He finally lost it again, but he never lost heart and continued to try to build cars until the Depression and his failing health did him in.

Joe Fitzsimmons, LeSabre brand manager for Buick, spoke about the trepidation with which Buick restyled its LeSabre. "It's a bit risky," he said, "since the LeSabre has been the best-selling full-size car in the United States for four straight years."

Buick is a conservative car maker which appeals to con-

servative buyers, so as might be expected the 1997 LeSabre does not look a lot different from earlier models. Buick did not take a lot of risks with this one. But there are a few styling changes.

The grille-surround has been integrated with the hood, the halogen headlamp assemblies use fixed lenses for a tighter fit with surrounding surfaces and the taillamps and rear fascia have a diagonal cut line to provide easier access into the trunk.

Many improvements can't be seen, Fitzsimmons said. "LeSabre now surpasses the federal government's dynamic side-impact standard," he said. The '97 LeSabre will be powered by Buick's 205-hp 3800 V-6, which Fitzsimmons said is rated by the EPA at 30 mpg.

Katherine Benoit, Buick's Park Avenue/Ultra brand manager, described what had



Essence of Buick: A 1950 torpedo-body Sedanette with trademark Buick portholes and spectacular chrome teeth.

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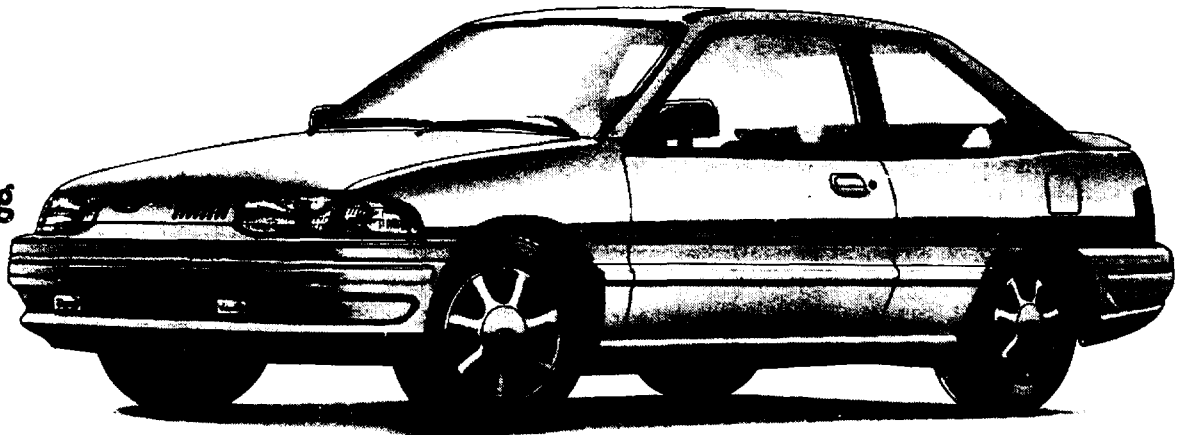
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Autos

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been done with the division's flagship. On the stage next to her under holiday wrap was a large form which looked suspiciously like a Roadmaster. But it wasn't.

With appropriate fanfare, four Buick executives, trying not to look foolish, unwrapped the car, a supercharged '97 Park Avenue Ultra. For a split second, there was silence and I was transported back to a preview by Ford Motor Co. of a new Lincoln back in the early '60s. After an appropriate buildup of drama, a curtain was drawn to reveal the auto maker's new baby. There was no reaction, aside from a smattering of embarrassed applause. It had laid an egg.

Then the applause began, apparently sincere and surprisingly enthusiastic for this somewhat jaded crowd of auto writers, some of whom had probably seen it all, even the Lincoln that bombed.

Benoit's job was a little easier, as the Park Avenue did indeed look quite distinctive, still clearly and upscale Buick. She spoke of the division's engineers and their intent to create a more structurally rigid platform to move the Park Avenue to new heights of ride and handling wonder.

A couple of auto writers in the audience, clearly much better connected than I, confirmed what Benoit was saying. It is a magnificent road car, said a man next to me.

Stupidly, I said, "You've already driven this car?" Stupid because he just said he did and because it revealed that I had not. I dropped the subject, because I had not only not driven this car of the future, I didn't even know that I was going to an introduction of '97 models until I got there. I thought it was a kind of late '96 intro.

This colleague was merciful to me in my ignorance, but in later conversation he took little heed of my contributions to the general discussion of important issues in our society.

"We wished to evolve the car in the direction of the Riviera," Benoit said, noting that the Roadmaster would be gone at the end of the '96 model year. I was not sure what that meant, but kept my mouth shut and did not let anyone know.

After her brief and illuminating discussion of the new Park Avenue, we were allowed to go up on the stage and look it over, open the doors, sit in it. I liked it, as did most of the writers swarming over the big, black sedan.

But, said some, the back seat hits a tall person mid-thigh. I would not know. Not enough head room, said one writer. Again, no problem for me. If this were my car, I would never ride in the rear seat anyway.

Someone remarks that it looks like a full-size Chrysler. I squint at it carefully and silently agree. But I am not sure that this is not good. I thought it looked more like a

Cadillac, but said nothing.

Other comments: "No writing surface in the console. 'Bulbous shape... Cadillac-like.' (Aha!) 'Too much gadgetry on instrument panel,' which extends in wraparound fashion onto the front doors. But most of the guests seemed to like it.

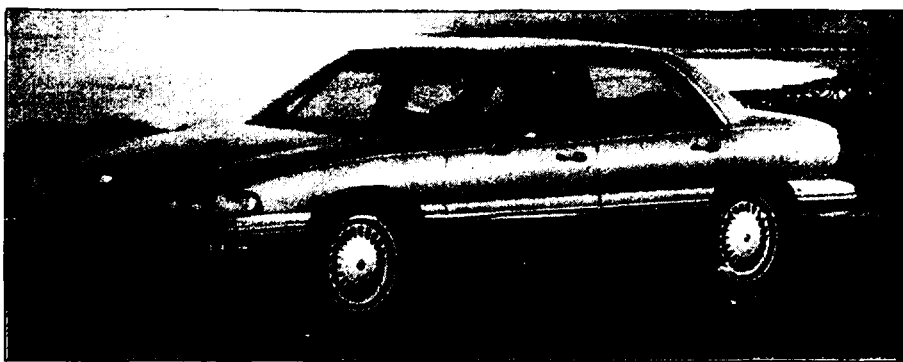
The LeSabre came off better: "Trim." "Beautiful golden-silver paint." "Manageable size." No one said "bulbous." No one mentioned Chrysler or Cadillac.

The Park Avenue is built on a 113.8-inch wheelbase and is

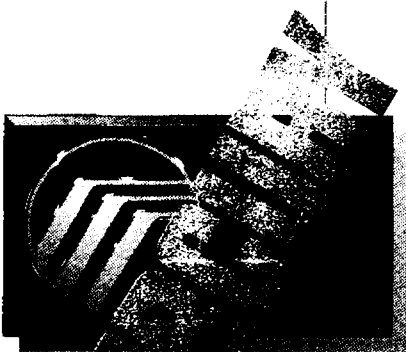
206.8 inches long, compared with a 110.8-inch wheelbase and 200-inch overall length for the LeSabre. The Park Avenue has the same 3800 V-6 engine, but a supercharged version is available.

It was an interesting and pleasant evening — nice cars, nice hosts from Buick, lots of interesting conversation with journalists from around the world.

As we leave, we see Buick's chief engineer, Tony Derhake, hop into a smart white Chrysler Sebring and drive away. Cool.



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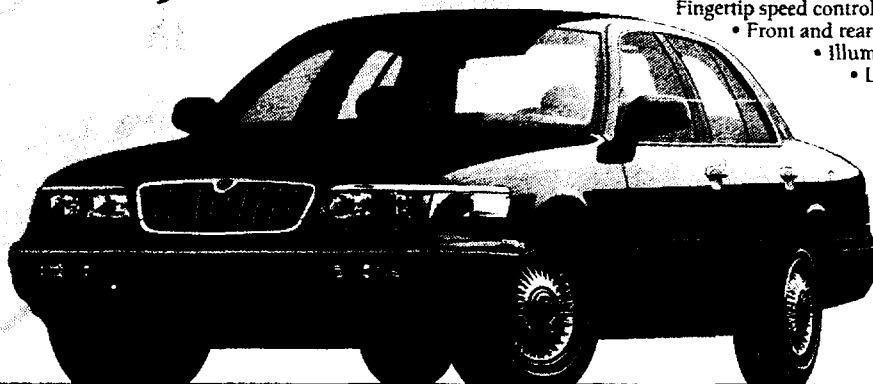
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Councilman Steiner concerned about light poles

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

In an effort to save money and consolidate polling locations, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted last week to approve a plan to redraw the city's precinct boundaries.

The plan was drawn up by city clerk Louise Warnke, who said that it should save the city \$7,000 a year in election costs.

"By taking 12 precincts and combining them into six, we'll be able to eliminate one voting site," Warnke said. "This means we'll have to hire fewer election workers, which should save the city money."

State law requires one voting machine for every 400 voters, said Warnke, so even with one less voting location,

the city will still maintain the same number of machines.

"We decided to eliminate the University Liggett School polling locations," Warnke said. "We've been using it only since 1985. Before that Precinct 9 voters cast their ballots at a veteran's facility on Mack. But that building was torn down, and we decided to move the polling location to Liggett."

But Liggett is not in Precinct 9, which meant that voters had to leave their precinct to vote. This generated some complaints, so when it came time to decide which polling area to eliminate, Liggett was the obvious choice.

"I want to say that Liggett was never the problem," said Warnke. "They were always

very nice to us. They provided coffee and doughnuts, and parking for voters. The people at Liggett did a super job; it's just that Liggett wasn't in the precinct and voters did have to travel some distance to vote."

Residents who voted at Liggett will now vote at Parcels, which is much closer to where residents in former Precinct 9, now part of Precinct 3, is.

Precincts 7 and 12 are now combined into Precinct 1, said Warnke. Residents of Precinct 1 will vote at Ferry school. Precinct 2 is made up of former Precincts 3 and 4, and the polling location is Mason school.

Precinct 4 is made up of former precincts 5 and 6. Residents there will vote at the city's Community Center.

Former Precincts 1 and 10 become Precinct 5. Voters there will go to Monteith school.

Precinct 6 is made up of former Precincts 8 and 2. The polling location is at Barnes school.

"We will be sending registered voters a letter informing them of the changes in precinct names, along with new voter identification cards," said Warnke. "We will also notify all residents who will be voting in a different location because of the redrawing of boundaries."

The new precinct lines went into effect Dec. 4, when the council approved the proposal, Warnke said. Voters should receive their new cards in the first week of February.

Woods council reduces precincts by one-half

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

While approving the idea, Grosse Pointe Woods council member Eric Steiner has some questions about the method in which the Wayne County officials are replacing pedestrian crosswalk light poles on Mack in Grosse Pointe.

Steiner questioned Andrew Richner, Grosse Pointe's representative on the county commission, at the last Woods council meeting.

"About 18 months ago you came before the council and informed us that Wayne County was going to install new traffic lights along Mack to make it possible for

drivers traveling 35 miles an hour to drive from one end of Grosse Pointe to the other without hitting a red light," said Steiner. "Last June construction crews built the bases for the new pedestrian light poles that will help direct foot traffic under the new system. But since then nothing has happened."

Steiner said that he didn't expect an answer that evening, but he asked that Richner inform the council on what was going on the light poles bases as soon as he could.

"My worry is that these concrete bases, which rise about three inches above the sidewalk, pose a danger to pedestrians and bicyclists," said Steiner. "These raised bases all have four exposed metal bolts sticking up an additional three or four inches above the base. Now that it's winter, these bases will become covered with snow. I'm worried that city snow plows will run

into the bases or that someone will trip and fall on a base."

The bolts, said Steiner, will be used to anchor the poles once they are finally installed, but in the meantime they are exposed.

Richner, a few days later, checked with the county's road department. He was told that it is standard county procedure to build all the light poles bases at one time, instead of as the project proceeds. Right now Detroit Edison crews must complete wiring the bases before the poles can be bolted to them.

Richner said that the rewiring should be complete by the spring. As to the question of liability, Richner said that he is chairman of the county commission's legal affairs committee, and he has not heard of any lawsuits resulting from people injuring themselves on a light pole base.

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A touch of G.P. goes to D.C.

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

A collection of little houses — some resembling the Cape Cods and Colonials found around the Pointes — have been shipped to Washington, D.C., to decorate one of the White House Christmas trees.

Students at St. Clare of Montefalco School in Grosse Pointe Park were invited to create tree ornaments as part of the school's distinction as a blue ribbon school of excellence.

The preschool through eighth grade Catholic school was honored in 1994 by the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of two Catholic schools in the Detroit archdiocese to be so honored.

Eight students — Alex Quiggle, fourth grade; Ben Quiggle, first grade; Bridget Scallen, sixth grade; Maria Valgoi, fourth grade; Joanna Miller, fourth grade; Beth Sylvester, fourth grade; Toshie McSwain, sixth grade; and Midori McSwain, first grade — worked on the project over a two-week period.

They were told only that their decorations be based on Clement Moore's poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Art teacher Katie McGrath supervised the project that had to be completed by mid-November. The students decided to make 8-inch high cardboard houses where "not a creature was stirring; not even a mouse."

"The children realized that they were working on something very special," McGrath said.

The three-dimensional little houses were glued together and painted in bright orange, yellow, green and red. Puffs of cotton balls representing smoke and snow



Showing off their handmade decorations that now hang on White House Christmas trees are, left to right, Bridget Scallen, Toshie McSwain and Midori McSwain.

cling to chimneys and rooftops. Front doors are decorated with miniature wreaths. Bits of fabric hang in windows as curtains.

Some houses look like Swiss chalets and others are simple bungalows. Some are sprinkled with glitter and

Cold snaps Park watermain

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Residents and business owners in the neighborhood around Kercheval and Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park were surprised to discover that they didn't have any water pressure last Sunday morning.

"A water pipe at Kercheval and Wayburn burst at about 6 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10," said Park city manager Dale Krajniak. "Pipes are more likely to break on cold days like last Sunday. The ground gets cold, freezing the moisture in the earth. Water expands when it freezes so the ground around the pipe can shift and cause a break,

others are adorned with leaves, pine cones and other odds and ends.

"This was a lot of fun," said Valgoi when the project was completed. "It's neat to know that a piece of our artwork is actually hanging in the White House."

which is what we believe happened."

City officials were immediately called, said Krajniak, but repairs could not proceed until special utility workers arrived to mark off the location of other utility lines. That took about two hours.

"Once we had the other utility lines marked off, it took our crews about four hours to repair the broken main," Krajniak said. "So water service was interrupted for about six hours. I want to commend our workers for getting to the site quickly and for repairing the broken pipe so quickly in such cold weather."



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Charles E. Krauz

Charles E. Krauz, 70, died on Dec. 1, 1995, in his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Raised in Cicero, Ill., Mr. Krauz served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII and was wounded during his tour of duty in the South Pacific.

Mr. Krauz earned his doctoral degree in the English language and literature at the University of Michigan in 1970. A gifted educator, he taught at Grosse Pointe High School from 1955-1962 and from 1966-1970. He later moved to Ann Arbor and taught at Henry Ford Community College.

Mr. Krauz is survived by his wife Christina and many dear friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17. Call (313) 769-6300 for further details.

Kim M. Halsey

A memorial service was recently held at Christ the King Lutheran Church for Kim Halsey, who died on Oct. 19, 1995, in St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Ms. Halsey, 38, was born in the City of Grosse Pointe, and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1974.



Kim M. Halsey

Known for her love of art and animals, Ms. Halsey was an active athlete who enjoyed swimming, skiing and sailing.

Ms. Halsey is survived by her sisters, Dr. Debra G. Car-

mody DDS, two brothers, K Paul Halsey and Kurt S. Halsey, and her mother, Martha M. Halsey.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, Mich., 48312.

James Otis Meade

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident James Otis Meade died on Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Nov. 28.

A memorial Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Meade had a long and distinguished sales and management career in the retail automobile industry. He was the owner of Eagle Dodge in Port Huron for several years in the 1970s, and had recently relocated to Cabo San Lucas, where he worked as a developer and in real estate sales management.

Mr. Meade was an avid yachtsman who loved the Great Lakes. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he lived year round on his yacht moored at Kean's Marina on the east side of Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48207-3496.

Miriam Reid Keydel

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 9, for Miriam Reid Keydel, who died on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995.

Mrs. Keydel, 94, lived in

Grosse Pointe Farms before moving to the Whittier. She was born in Chicago, and was a member of the University of Michigan class of 1923.



Miriam Reid Keydel

A loyal member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Mrs. Keydel was very active in the organization in years past. She loved to travel and she loved music, and played both the organ and the piano.

Mrs. Keydel is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Huebner, her sons, Frederick and John, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Oscar F. Keydel.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rehabilitation Institution of Michigan or the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Mary Ellen Scarborough

A memorial service was held at the Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park on Tuesday, Dec. 12, for Mary Ellen Scarborough.

Mrs. Scarborough, 69, died of heart failure on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1995, in Vencor Hospital in Lincoln Park.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Park, Mrs. Scarborough was born in Madison, Ind. She

graduated from Madison High School in 1944.

Mrs. Scarborough loved babysitting her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Scarborough is survived by her son Michael, her sister Georgian Stephens, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband William Scarborough and her son Eric.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe Park.

Nelson Wilbur Schlaff

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Nelson Wilbur Schlaff.

Mr. Schlaff, 88, died on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1995, at his home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Schlaff attended Michigan State. He was a self-employed insurance broker and real estate developer who helped build Newberry, Stephens Road and Lakecrest Lane.

An avid golfer, Mr. Schlaff was a member of the Country Club of Detroit. He achieved what few golfers have ever done. He shot his age.

Mr. Schlaff is survived by a sister, Sue Nutter, three daughters, Frederica Rent-schler, Suzanne Kerr and Mary Shepley, a son, Nelson Schlaff, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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CD (compact disc) player. If the patient is going to be awake during surgery, Fishman lets the patient choose what he or she wants to hear. If the patient is asleep, Fishman calls the tune.

"There was a Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) study published last year on stress on surgeons listening to music in the operating room," Fishman said. "I had been doing it for years, and finally, there was a study on it. None of the surgeons in the study listened to rock. Most of them listened to classical. The surgeons who chose their own music had the least stress. Someone looked at it, studied it and proved it."

A couple of years ago, Fishman's oldest son, Adam, signed up for guitar lessons at Fiddler's Music Studio in Detroit.

"Adam quit after a couple of lessons," Fishman said. "But since they were pre-paid, I thought I'd take a les-

son. After one lesson, I was hooked. That was two years ago. I have been taking lessons ever since."

Gary, from the Chisel Brothers, is Fishman's teacher.

The Chisel Brothers usually play Sunday nights at the Blue Goose Inn in St. Clair Shores. Sundays at the Blue Goose are also open mike night, where musicians from the audience can sit in with the band. Occasionally, Fishman will play with the Chisel Brothers.

"When I first played, I had such a blast," he said. "It had been so long since I played with a band. Without a bass and drums, you don't really know how you sound."

Although he played mostly acoustic guitar in the 1960s, Fishman plays the blues with the Chisel Brothers. Mostly, Fishman said, he likes rock.

"Bruce Springsteen is my all-time favorite," he said. "No one puts on a show like he does."

With a friend in the concert promotion business, Fishman saw Springsteen's first Detroit show, among many

other concerts, in the early 1970s. The Beatles may have been his first concert, but the second and third concerts Fishman saw were also big names — Jimi Hendrix at the Masonic Auditorium and The Who at Southfield High School.

Fishman also likes Eric Clapton and Bob Seger and newer bands like Pearl Jam, Hootie & the Blowfish, Natalie Merchant and Lenny Kravitz.

"My kids think it's cool that their dad listens to the same music they do," he said. "I took my oldest son, Adam, to his first concert, Van Halen, and my youngest son, Daniel, to the Cranberries. The whole family went to see Live last summer."

Fishman and his wife Trisha, a self-employed desktop publisher, moved to the Park 12 years ago.

"I wouldn't want to live anywhere else," he said.

Fishman plans to sit in with the Chisel Brothers again this Sunday night at the Blue Goose Inn, 28911 Jefferson, in St. Clair Shores.

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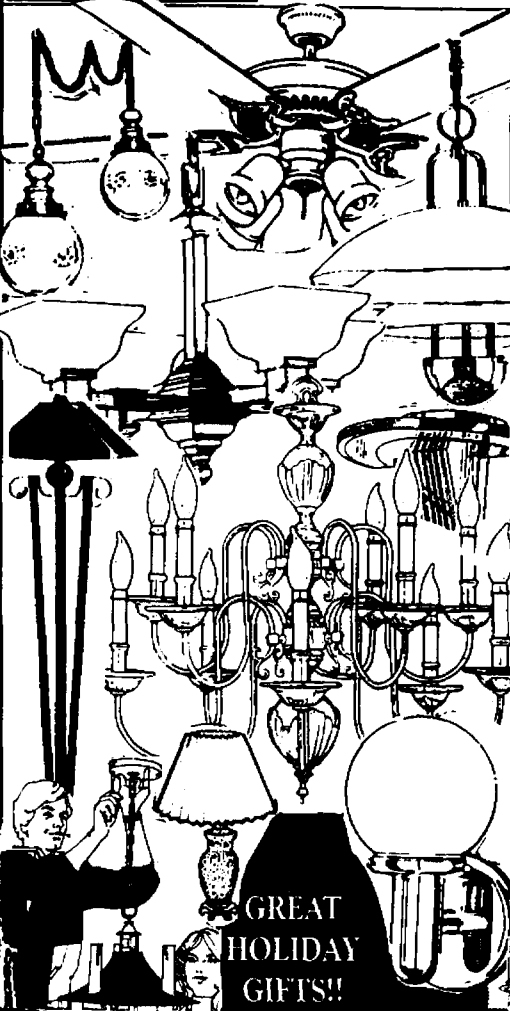
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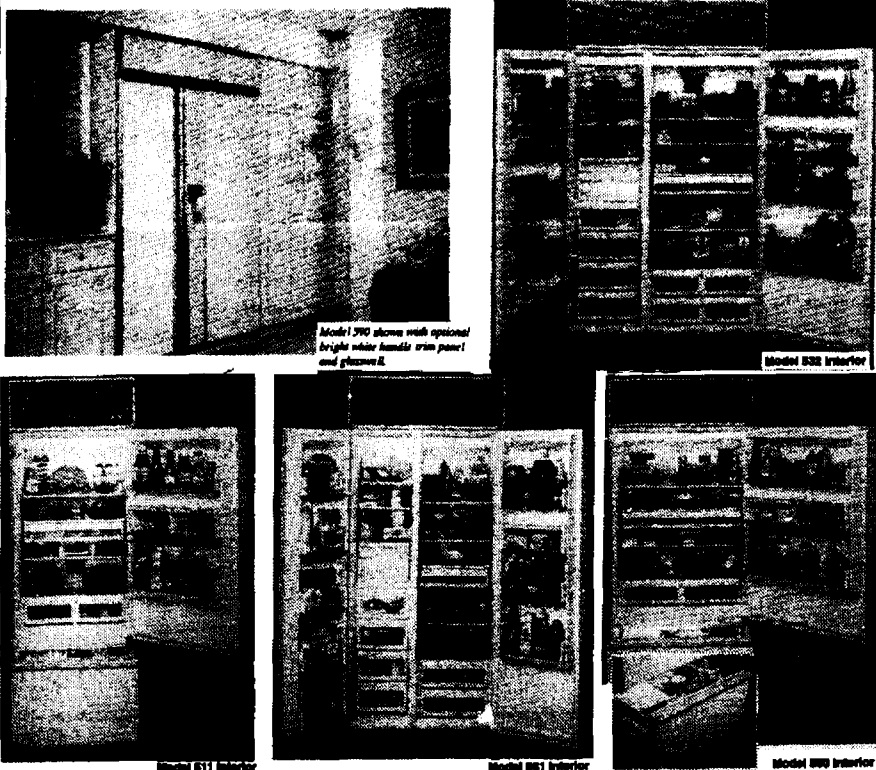
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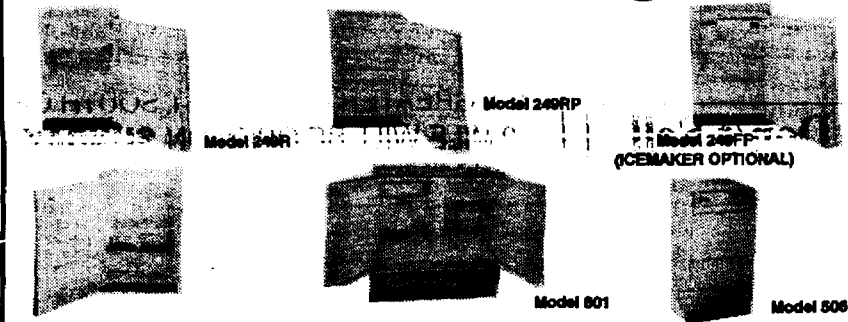
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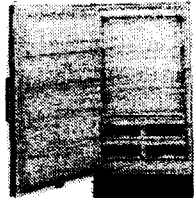
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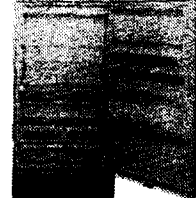
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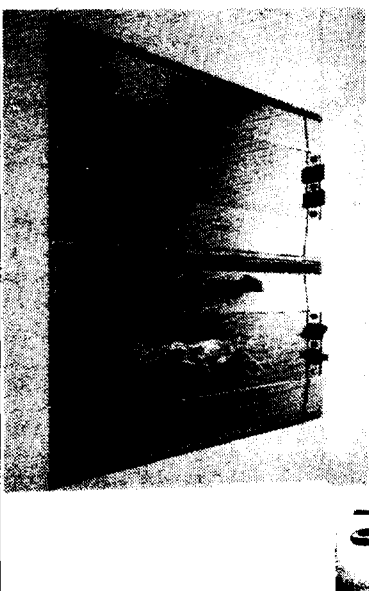
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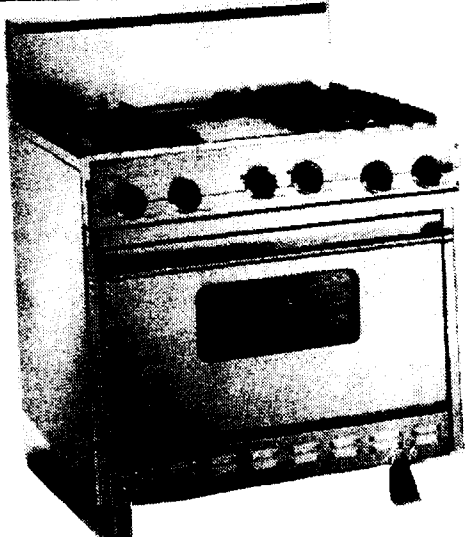
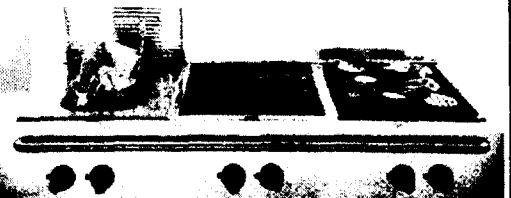


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It is with our own eyes that we make contact with others and our surroundings. The faces of our loved ones are forever etched in our memory through our eyes, as are the colors of the changing seasons and the thrill of seeing a magnificent piece of art.

Our eyes are the tools we use to perform tasks and engage in play. They are precious possessions that we take for granted — until we lose them. It is next to impossible for a sighted person to realize the traumatic shock of the loss of sight.

What a loss it is never again to see the faces of dear ones, to have to relearn things that once were casually reached for, to be afraid to go out on the street alone.

Now blind but still the same people, they have lost their sight but they have not been rendered helpless. Most want to stay in their own homes and can if they are willing to learn the skills that will enable them to go on with life as it was before blindness struck.

Wanting to help, Kay Gee, of Grosse Pointe Park, who



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

is blind herself, started a group that calls itself the Bartimaeus Fellowship. Bartimaeus is a biblical character whose sight was restored by Christ.

Gee explains that the fellowship has a unique focus: reaching out to blind seniors. She knows there are organizations that do great things for the blind, but they are staffed by volunteers, none of whom are blind.

She believes that it is one thing to tell the blind what they need; it is another to let the blind decide for themselves what they need and try to provide it for them. Also, she knows that seniors have needs not common to all blind people. Some of the more elderly are frail, have other health problems or are just afraid to go out unassisted.

Many would like to attend the fellowship meetings — held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 10 a.m. to noon in Miller Hall at Christ Church on Jefferson — but have no way to come and go.

Gee, a former school social worker, has been blind since 1981. She wanted to continue working but at that time there was nowhere to go for aid. She felt helpless and

alone. Not one to give up, she joined Friends of Vision, an organization of volunteers who work with the blind. But she felt that more could be done for older blind people.

Sponsored by Christ Church, she initiated the Bartimaeus Chapter of the fellowship. There are seven chapters in Michigan. The purpose was and is to bring blind older people together in a group to share experiences, to help each other and to discuss what they most need to make life happier.

Obviously, transportation is high on the list. Gee tells of making 50 calls to enlist a volunteer before reaching one who agreed to drive a woman to the meeting. Another time, Services for Older Citizens helped her out when an 85-year-old woman, who was not only blind but infirm, needed to go to Ford Hospital for treatment.

There are other services that older blind people need, such as someone to read their mail, pay their bills or just get them out of the house for a while.

Many of them have no one to do these things for them. Neighbors have moved away.

Some of those who have moved in with their families feel like a burden because both husband and wife work. Friends have passed on, and relatives live too far away to help. Volunteers are desperately needed to help those who are trying so hard to help themselves and stay in their home.

Gee knows there are many who would help, and she is trying to get the word out. She has seen instances in grocery stores where the manager assigns a bag boy to go around with a blind customer and help her shop, and sometimes customers will stop and help a blind person find an item.

Gee recently returned from a meeting of representatives of the other fellowship groups in Midland, where she gave a presentation. She traveled by bus and would like to share her experience with other blind older people because many of them are afraid to travel.

When the bus arrived in Midland, the driver couldn't find the hotel where the meeting was being held. She kept driving before realizing they were out of Midland. She couldn't go back, but she stopped the bus at a small shop and telephoned the police to ask them to come and take Gee back to Midland. The driver saw that Gee was comfortably situated before leaving her. Her kindness and concern were appreciated and served as an example that travel, no matter what happens, need not be frightening.

Gee would like to point out also that air travel can be facilitated. If the passenger calls ahead and tells them he or she is blind, someone will be waiting to take the luggage and a cart will take the traveler to the gate where he or she will be seated before

other passengers are boarded.

Gee would like to see each member empowered as a leader to help themselves and others, and live up to their motto, "Vision Impaired Citizens in Ongoing Networking."

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The Grosse Pointe North High School chorus, under the direction of Benjamin Walker, will present a program of Christmas carols. The new officers for the coming year will be installed by Al Beste.

Home-baked cookies made by the men and women of the chapter will be served. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to have their blood pressure taken.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend the meeting. For information regarding membership, call Howard Winter at (313) 881-7209.

Coping with the holidays

Professional guidance and support for those facing the holiday season following the death of a loved one or friend will be offered at the War Memorial on Thursday, Dec. 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Familiar holiday celebrations are particularly difficult for those going through the grieving process. New support systems or patterns are often required to ease the burden. Social worker Elizabeth McCormick, aftercare coordinator at Verheyden Funeral Home, will facilitate the group session.

The program, "A Grief Shared is A Grief Diminished," is co-sponsored by the War Memorial and Verheyden as a public service. Each month a specific topic is presented for group discussion. The purpose of the program is both educational and supportive.

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Veteran benefits: Serving those who served

As the 50th anniversary year of World War II's conclusion draws to a close the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants reminds all veterans to take advantage of the many benefits available to them. Veterans who leave military service with honorable or general discharges may be eligible for educational benefits mortgages small business loans and also federal and local tax breaks.

Veterans who want to return to school after completing their military service may be entitled to benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill or the Post Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) depending on when they entered the service. Educational opportunities include college and university courses leading to associate

bachelor or graduate degrees; courses leading to a certificate or diploma from business technical or vocational schools; apprenticeship programs; and others.

Veterans who entered military service for the first time after June 30, 1985, are eligible for educational benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill. To qualify for these benefits, a veteran must have served on continuous active duty for three years or on continuous active duty for two years coupled with four years in the Selected Reserve and agreed to have his or her military pay reduced by \$100 a month for the first 12 months of active duty. Under certain circumstances, individuals with at least two years of continuous active duty may qualify. In most cases, those who commit-

ted to six years in the Selected Reserve also are eligible for educational benefits.

Veterans who entered service after December 31, 1976, and before July 1, 1985, and who made voluntary monthly contributions for future education and training, may receive benefits under the VEAP program.

Generally, they must have served for a continuous period of 181 days or served a shorter period and been discharged as a result of a service connected disability.

As long as a veteran made some contribution to VEAP prior to April 1, 1987, the U.S. Department of Defense matches the veterans contribution at the rate of \$2 for every \$1 the veteran put into the fund. Usually, the number of months of full-time benefits is equivalent

to the number of months a veteran contributed to VEAP, up to a maximum of 36 months. The amount of the benefit depends on the type and extent of training.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) makes a special effort to help America's veterans finance and run their own businesses. For example:

Investment capital is available through SBA-funded and licensed programs and Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs). Most SBA loans are made by commercial banks and are guaranteed by the SBA.

Business opportunity conferences are held for military personnel who are on active duty and are about to be discharged. These conferences are held in communities affected by defense downsizing.

SBA veterans affairs officers are located around the nation. They provide one-on-one counseling to veterans. Move Up With A VA Mortgage

Eligible veterans can obtain a GI loan guarantee to buy, build, repair, or improve a home, or to refinance an existing mortgage. Anyone who served in the U.S. Armed Forces for at least 181 days in peacetime, or 90 days in wartime, qualifies for the benefit.

Some veterans discharged from service after a shorter period as a result of a service-connected disability and some individuals who served six years in the Selected Reserve may also qualify.

Veterans Affairs (VA) mortgages are essentially the same as conventional mortgages, except they generally require

no down payment. VA only guarantees a percentage of the loan. The amount of the guarantee depends on the loan amount and whether the veteran previously used some entitlement.

Veterans make their own arrangements for loans through the usual lending channels, such as banks and mortgage companies.

CPAs point out that some benefits including educational payments, disability compensation, and certain pension payments made to veterans and their families are not included in gross income and are not taxable.

The best way to obtain current information on VA benefits is to call the VA office's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-827-1000.

Business People

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Rodger A. Kerschner** has been named senior vice president and general counsel of CMS Energy Corp.

He joined CMS Energy in 1988 as assistant general counsel. In 1989, Kerschner became vice president and general counsel of its international subsidiary, CMS Enterprises. He was elected deputy general counsel of CMS Energy in 1994. "Rodger Kerschner is an experienced and capable legal executive who will do an outstanding job as CMS Energy's chief legal officer," said William T. McCormick Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of CMS Energy.

CMS Energy's principal subsidiary is Consumers Power Co., Michigan's largest utility and the nation's fourth largest gas and electric utility.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Kevin Carter** has joined the Detroit office of CAD CAM Inc., a full-service engineering and design firm, as manager of facilities services. He will be responsible for planning and business development and computer-aided facilities management systems and services for the Detroit-area office in Farmington Hills.

Before joining CAD CAM, Carter was a project manager for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates in Detroit. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1983 and master of business administration and master of architecture degrees in 1989, all from the University of Michigan.

Among the speakers at the Dec. 11 Economic Club of Detroit luncheon was Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Michael J. Monahan**. He is vice president of Edward V. Monahan Inc. and president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

At the Economic Club's 30th annual economic outlook luncheon, Monahan discussed the what's ahead in 1996 in the construction industry.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Rosalind Leto-Gietzen** was one of 33 First of America Corp. employees honored as recipients of the 1995 James H. Duncan Award for Performance Excellence.

Leto-Gietzen, a residential mortgage lender, has been with First of America for four years.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Peter A. Schweitzer**, president of J. Walter Thompson USA Inc., has been named to the executive committee of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies.

The federation is the official coordinating link among 34 multiple sclerosis societies throughout the world. Its aims include stimulation of worldwide medical and scientific research relating to MS as well as providing counsel and assistance to new and existing MS organizations.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Paul R. Rentenbach**, a member of the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC, was recently named practice group leader for the firm's corporate and finance practice group.

He specializes in securities regulation law and financial institutions law in the firm's Detroit office. Rentenbach earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his juris doctor from Harvard Law School.

Also at Dykema Gossett, Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Daniel G. Wyllie** was named assistant practice group leader for the firm's litigation group.

He specializes in professional malpractice law and franchise law in the firm's Detroit office. Wyllie earned his bachelor's and juris doctor degrees from Wayne State University.

The Wayne State University School of Medicine has announced the appointment of City of Grosse Pointe resident **Linda Hazlett** as chairman of the department of anatomy/cell biology, ophthalmology and immunology/microbiology. An internationally recognized scientist in the area of vision research, Hazlett's major research interests include ocular infection and pathogenesis, microbial adhesion and immunopathology. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from St. Mary's College in Indiana, a master's degree in anatomy from the Medical College of Georgia and her Ph.D. in anatomy from Ohio State University.

Fastest-growing firms in Michigan sought

A statewide search is under way to find the 100 fastest-growing, privately held companies in Michigan.

Companies with the highest rates of revenue growth over the last five years will be ranked next spring in the 11th annual installment of the Michigan Private 100. They also will be honored at the Michigan Private 100 banquet during the 14th annual Michigan Small Business Day Conference May 15 at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids.

Firms with fiscal 1995 net sales at least twice what they were in fiscal 1991 are being invited to submit their company's performance for consideration in the search conducted by the Michigan offices of Roney & Co., the regional investment securities firm, and the Detroit-based public and financial relations firm of Durocher Dixon Werba, in cooperation with media sponsors The Detroit News and WWJ Radio.

Only privately held, Michigan-based companies that had full-year fiscal 1991 net sales of at least \$100,000 and 1995 sales of at least \$1

million qualify for the Michigan Private 100. Performance reporting forms may be obtained by companies that wish to be considered by calling (313) 259-7414. Deadline for submitting entry forms is March 15.

In the 10th installment of the Michigan Private 100 last spring, the final company making the rankings in the 100th spot was Farmington Hills-based Climax Research Services, which grew from 1990 through 1994 at a five-year compound annual rate of growth in revenues of 22.61 percent.

In contrast, the fastest growing 1995 Michigan Private 100 company, Ludington's Data Control Technologies, had increased its net sales during that period at a five-year compound annual growth rate of 71.17 percent through fiscal 1994.

Just 19 of Michigan's 127 non-bank publicly traded companies achieved five-year compound growth rates that would have qualified them, had they been privately held, for inclusion among the state's 100 fastest-growing companies,



Mack award winners

Winners of the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue's Mack Avenue Enrichment Awards presented by president Joyce Plassch, left, are Sarah Jo Schwartz, Bruce Anderson and Vincent Bonasso.

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Extra-curricular events

The 12th annual alumni day, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, in the boys gym. Designed by South's guidance and counseling department to assist students in making the transition from high school to college, the program is similar to a college night in format.

Seniors will be excused from their classes on a voluntary basis from 12:40 to 1:15 p.m.; juniors will be excused from their classes on a voluntary basis from 1:25 to 1:50 p.m. Participating students may choose the three or four colleges in which they are most interested. Recent South graduates will be on hand to talk about their college experiences.

A luncheon from 11:15 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. will be served in Cleminson Hall. South alumni interested in participating should call Mrs. Kordas at (313) 886-4263 or Mrs. Spain at (313) 882-2580.



Todd Kamin

Hills have qualified for the second part of the 39th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Bond and Kamin qualified for Part II by placing among the top 6 percent of more than 16,000 participants in an examination given at more than 360 schools across the state in October. The qualifiers competed by taking the Part II exam on Dec. 6. The 100 students with the highest combined scores will be invited to a banquet in their honor at Grand Valley State University in March — with the top 50 students receiving college scholarships ranging in value from \$400 to \$2,400.

After hearing St. Paul Catholic School teacher Sister Patricia Whalen talk about the saints and how they helped others, first-grader Katelynn Nixon decided to do something to help a needy family at Christmas.

Katelynn and her cousin, Elizabeth Stone, made sachet bags, bead ornaments, necklaces, bracelets and other items. They then invited

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friends, family and neighbors to a Nov. 22 "craft show" at her home. She collected \$120 for her handiwork.

On Dec. 6, Katelynn and her parents, Jeaneane and Michael Nixon of Grosse Pointe Woods, met the family that benefited from her donation.



Katelynn Nixon

ence in Washington, D.C., last summer. A junior at Grosse Pointe South High School, McRill was nominated by her teachers.

She was among 350 high school students from around the country who gathered in the nation's capital for the three-week conference. During her visit, McRill watched the U.S. Supreme Court in session, attended a lecture by Attorney General Janet Reno and attended a ceremony in the White House rose garden with President Bill Clinton.

In addition, she was elected junior whip of the mock congress and appointed chair of the foreign relations committee during her visit, and after returning to Michigan, was selected to be on the National Alumni Nominating Committee. As part of her responsibilities in that position, she has nominated 10 of her peers to attend the 1996 conference.

She is the daughter of Lannie and Sherry McRill.

Honored students

Megan McRill of Grosse Pointe Park attended the National Young Leaders Confer-

Board briefs

The Grosse Pointe school board on Dec. 11 approved a



Jared Bond

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University Liggett School seniors Jared Bond and Todd Kamin of Bloomfield

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Please direct questions to Larry Yankauskas, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, 343-2070.

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Audience members who would like to address the board on a general matter will speak first; speakers who wish to comment on an agenda item will speak next.

Joining the trend of other elementary schools in the district, the Richard PTO donated \$30,000 to the Grosse Pointe school board on Dec. 11 toward the purchase of new playground equipment. New equipment recently was installed at both Mason and Trombly schools.

Reunions

The Grosse Pointe South High School class of 1976 will hold a 20th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 10, at a local club. Call Susan Chapelle Gilbride at (313) 821-3848 for more information.

The Southeastern High School class of 1946 is holding a 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 5, 1996, at the Gourmet House. Call Dick or Rosemary Dean at (313) 886-8683.

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G.P. schools get go ahead on long awaited technology plan

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe school board, on Monday night approved a road map that will take the district on a technological journey into the next century.

The \$12 million project is funded by a voter-approved five-year technology millage. The school board unanimously approved phase one of the plan, which focuses on the elementary schools, and involves the installation of five computer workstations and related equipment in each classroom, networking all nine elementary buildings and hiring a full-time technology coordinator to help the district implement the plan.

In a separate vote, the board unanimously approved the hiring of James A. Frantz, an independent computer consultant who has been installing networks, managing computer operations and working in various other computer-related capacities since 1982.

Phase one, which allocates \$5.5 million to the elementary schools, is expected to be implemented by the 1996-97 school year.

"As you know, the emerging technology plan represents far more than the infusion of electronic tools into classrooms,"

said superintendent Ed Shine in his revised report to the school board. "It represents a change of seismic proportions in teaching and learning."

Planning for the project began in 1988, when the district formed a variety of administrative, staff, parent and community committees to study all aspects of technological implementation.

The district also commissioned a number of studies, including an engineering study of the district's infrastructure and a study and digital upgrade of the district's phone system.

Last week, the administration polled the elementary teachers to get their feelings on the impending changes. The informal survey showed that 89 percent of the 139 teachers polled said they were ready for infusion of computers in the classroom; 80 percent are interested in having laptop computers in the classroom; and 38 percent anticipate diffi-

culty in making space for the equipment in the classroom.

"I think the plan overall is solid," said board president Carl Anderson. "We can adapt, there's flexibility in the plan and it's time to move on."

Anderson urged the board to approve the plan so the district could begin the process. Detailed discussions dominated both the Dec. 4 and 11 board meetings and have been the focus of board discussions periodically over the last year.

The majority of the board expressed enthusiasm for the plan and confidence in the administration's ability to implement it. Two board members had concerns about the specifics of phase-one implementation, including the hiring of a technology coordinator.

"Don't we have anyone on staff who has been through a significant (computer) installation?" asked trustee John

Mills. "I feel we are fragmented. I can't put my finger on the missing pieces. A friend of mine once said, 'If you know what you don't know, you are OK. If you don't know what you don't know, you are in trouble.'"

"If there's something missing, it's that we've been working on a technology plan without a technology coordinator," Shine said.

Mills, along with trustee Cindy Pangborn, said he feared

the plan was being implemented before all the questions have been asked and answered. Mills said ideally the district should hire a coordinator who has made mistakes and learned from them somewhere else, rather than do so at the taxpayers' expense.

Shine said the district has all the questions answered in the form of a multitude of reports made over the last seven years. "It's all a matter of translating them into action," he said.

The technology coordinator will be paid \$62,000 on a yearly renewable contract.

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Trustee John Mills



The higher set of antenna pods on the tower do not exist...yet. Cellular One provided this photo to show how the monopole behind Farms city hall would look with another set of antennae. The Farms city council approved Cellular One's request to install the new pods, meaning the image in this photo will become a reality.

Pole

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outlined above (in Liepa's report), I conclude that the fields from the proposed antenna installation by Cellular One and the existing broadcast antennae are safe for neighbors and other residents of Grosse Pointe Farms," Ely wrote.

Concerns and reports from experts, the council voted 6-0 (councilmember Lisa Gandelot was absent) to approve Cellular One's request.

Revised tech plan

- \$378,000 — Create a wide area network for nine buildings
 - \$800,000 — Build new infrastructure for voice, video and data in nine buildings
 - \$360,000 — Install nine servers
 - \$1,224,000 — 765 computer workstations (five per classroom)
 - \$153,000 — 765 carts/tables
 - \$81,000 — 162 printers (one per classroom)
 - \$32,400 — 162 CD-ROMs (one per classroom)
 - \$226,800 — 162 TVs, VCRs (one each per classroom)
 - \$120,000 — Tech coordinator (1.5 years' salary, benefits, retirement)
 - \$180,000 — Set aside for implementation support (computer setup, hourly tech support, co-op students, full-time employees, if needed)
 - \$10,000 — Engineering consultation
 - \$1,934,800 — Software, courseware, reserve for future upgrades and training.
- Also, if it is deemed necessary, some laptops could be purchased from this reserve.
- \$5,500,000**

Post office

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Pointe hasn't been getting the best of service. But we are limited by space available at the Mack branch, which is why we are currently trying to find a new place for carriers to sort the mail. We'd make the Mack branch a place strictly for customer service.

Another common complaint, said Barker, is the content of mail. Customers often ask her why the post office sends them junk mail. Barker tells them that the post office doesn't send people anything. Rather, the post office delivers mail on behalf of others. She tells them what they can do to be eliminated from mailing lists and helps them fill out the proper forms.

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Grosse Pointe Santa crams for exams



By Margie Reins Smith
Feature Editor

Yes, kids, Santa does homework. Santa is extremely conscientious about studying for tests. Every child Santa meets is a test.

Sheldon Flynn of Grosse Pointe Farms doesn't just strap on a padded bowl-full-of-jelly belly, climb into a red and white fur-trimmed suit and don a long curly beard, pull on shiny black boots and saunter unprepared into a room full of excited preschoolers.

No kids, Santa doesn't wing it. Santa studies. Does research. Practices. Rehearses.

Flynn plays the part of Santa for 3- and 4-year-olds enrolled in Memorial Nursery Inc., a cooperative preschool that meets in classrooms at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. This will be his fifth year in the role.

"Being Santa is a big responsibility," he said. "One of the most important things I have to learn is how to pronounce each child's name."

Laurie Bradychok, teacher at Memorial Nursery, prepares Santa for his tests by helping him with research and providing detailed study guides.

She prints each child's first name, in big red letters, on one square of a long scroll of computer paper. She writes a phonetic pronunciation of the child's name if it's unusual: "E-un," for example, beside the name Ian. "A-lie-za" beside the name Alyza. "Jack-lynn" beside Jaclyn.

Bradychok has talked with each child and has written notes about what toys he or she wants for Christmas. Below each child's name is his or her Christmas wish list.

Bradychok also writes hints to help Santa strike up a conversation

with each individual child—a reminder that he met the child last year, for instance, or an indication that Santa knows the names of some older brothers and sisters.

Under one 4-year-old boy's name, for instance, she wrote that Santa talked to his older sister, Stephanie, last year; that his mother is pregnant and the new baby is expected in March; that the boy is shy—more so than the other children — and he may not want to sit on Santa's knee.

Below his name is a list of toys he's wished for: a fire engine; Power Ranger gloves; a scissors that cuts jagged edges; and Lego toys.

"I have to be conversant about these toys," Flynn said.

He and his wife, Flo, study newspaper ads for popular Christmas toys. They make a trip to Toys R Us to research the specific items Flynn needs to be able to discuss with the children.

"For example, I found something on a little girl's list called Kitty Surprise," he said. "What's Kitty Surprise? I had no idea."

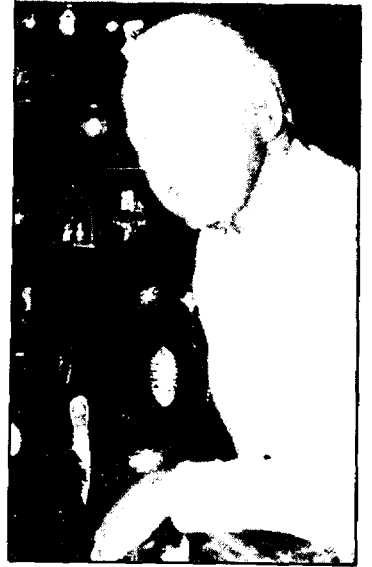
"We went to the toy store and found this is a mother cat that comes with a litter of kittens. It comes with a choice of either three or four kittens. Now I can ask this child whether she wants Kitty Surprise with three or four kittens."

Flynn usually spends five minutes or more with each child. The rest of the children have to wait until their names are called. Each child also gets a candy cane and a wrapped gift—a book that was selected, purchased and wrapped by his parents.

Flynn clearly loves his role.

"There's something magnetic about Santa Claus," he said. "Even adults

"And for children, Santa can do no wrong."
That's why he's convinced homework is important.



Sheldon Flynn

"One question keeps coming up again and again, every year. Somebody always asks me where my reindeer are. I have a good answer," he said. "I ask the children to think about Grosse Pointe."

"This community doesn't have a lot of open spaces or big expanses of grass, does it?" he observes. "Reindeer need lots of space. I couldn't leave eight reindeer in a parking lot."

"So I leave them at the Farms Pier

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Sheldon Flynn of Grosse Pointe Farms has been playing Santa for the children of Grosse Pointe Memorial Nursery School for the last four years. He spends about five minutes talking with each child.



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School benefit will feature fashions, tea

St. Paul Catholic School plans what it hopes will be its biggest fundraiser of the year (ever, perhaps) on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4, at Hudson's Eastland.

The American Girl Fashion Show and Tea will feature a seasonal selection of clothing and accessories from The American Girls Collection. The shows will combine learning, lively entertainment, models, dolls and clothing. Pleasant Company's American Girls Collection is a retail line of books, dolls and dresses designed to appeal to girls age 7 to 13 and to foster an understanding of American history.

Dolls represent different eras in America's past. There's a Colonial doll, for instance, a Victorian doll, a doll from the Civil War era, and more.

Grosse Pointers Holly Wilson and Carla Palfy are co-chairmen of the fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit St. Paul Catholic School.

Carmen Harlan of WDIV-TV will be master of ceremonies at the first of the series of six shows.

Guests are encouraged to bring their favorite dolls and the menu will be historically inspired.

Shows will start at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the restaurant of Hudson's Eastland. Each show can accommodate 240 people.

Tickets are \$20 and are available now. Grand prize raffle tickets are \$2; or three for \$5 and may be purchased by calling (313) 640-0389. Prizes include American Girl dolls and gift certificates.

Win a car: The Detroit Institute for Children will hold its seventh annual car raffle, featuring a 1996 Ford Taurus LX.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used by the institute for medical care and services for children with physical, developmental and neurological disabilities. Last year's raffle raised \$46,000.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each, and only 1,000 will be sold. The drawing will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, in the Ford



American Girl dolls will be among the raffle prizes at the American Girl fashion show and tea, a benefit for St. Paul Catholic School.

exhibit of the North American International Auto Show.

An annual Charity Preview will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Cobo Center. Tickets are \$150 a person and ticket purchasers can select which of 10 charities should receive the benefit of their purchases. The 10 charities are: The Detroit Institute for Children, Barat Human Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, Children's Services of Northeast

Guidance Center-Assistance League, the Detroit Police Athletic League, the Easter Seal Society, Judson Center and the March of Dimes.

Last year's preview party raised more than \$1.6 million for the 10 charitable organizations.

For more information about the preview party or to buy a raffle ticket, call (313) 832-1100, ext. 312.

Adoptions arranged: The Christmas Adopt-A-Family program of the Volunteers of America of Southeast Michigan matches needy families with sponsors who "adopt" them by providing food, clothing and toys.

Sponsors agree to purchase a minimum of one new toy and article of clothing for each child in the family they've adopted and to provide a gro-

cery store gift certificate for the family's Christmas dinner. Last year, VOA made Christmas nicer for 120 families.

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Food drive: Ye Olde Tap Room, 14915 Charlevoix in Detroit, has teamed up with Gleaners Food Bank to sponsor a holiday food drive.

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The drive will run through Monday, Jan. 15. The goal, says D.J. Hazebrook, manager, is to collect 500 cans of food to help hungry people in the metropolitan Detroit area. For more information, call (313) 824-1030.

Donate a car: The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will now accept donations of used cars to fund programs for the poor.

Recent cuts in federal and state programs have placed stress on the Society, according to James R. Carron, executive director. "The used car donation program is a great benefit," he said. "It will help put our services to the poor on a firmer financial footing and let us expand to meet the

need." To donate a car, call (800) 309-AUTO. All donations are tax deductible.

Stocking stuffer: The Arthritis Foundation offers a discount book for Michigan golfers. For \$25 (plus \$3 for shipping) golfers get coupons for 500 free rounds of golf on a selected number of the more than 350 public courses around the state. Coupons are valid from April through November 1996. Proceeds go to the Arthritis Foundation's Michigan chapter. For information, call (800) 968-3030 or (810) 350-3039.

Christmas trees: You can cut your own Christmas tree and donate money to the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) at the same time.

Those who choose a tree between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 17, will write their checks directly to NARSAD, thanks to Antonio and Rose Morreale, who own the trees. Prices will range from \$20 for an 8-foot Scotch pine to \$40 for a Douglas fir. The tree farm is on the southwest corner of Dequindre and Dorn, 1 1/2 miles north of 34 Mile.

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Coping with holiday stress

By Dr. Victor Bloom
Special Writer

These are supposed to be days of joy and warmth and fulfillment. Thanksgiving is a time of family and food, Christmas a time of family and cheer, New Year's a time of festivity and celebration.

Perhaps the common denominator of holiday stress is family, that dreaded word that conjures up the words "values" and "stress."



Dr. Victor Bloom

Families are the source of our values and our character and each family is unique. We generalize about families by thinking of an ideal family portrayed by Norman Rockwell and exemplified by "The Brady Bunch." We identify the dysfunctional family with the sitcom "All In The Family."

As one great writer said: "Happy families are all alike." Therefore, we don't write about them. Unhappy families appeal to us for two reasons: They make ours seem not so bad - and we also identify with them.

Nobody comes out of a family unscarred. The family is the context in which we were reared and we emerge, products of an imperfect society into an "Age of Anxiety."

Our families are all, more or less dysfunctional, the buzz-word of today. What does this mean? Our functioning is not altogether rational or sane. We end up with conflicted feelings and destructive behaviors. We drink, smoke, overeat, procrastinate and otherwise screw ourselves up. We become workaholics or unemployed. We hurt and disappoint our loved ones. We make resolutions and break them.

Stress comes from within and without, mostly from within. We have an unconscious full of problems from the past, and getting together with our families triggers painful memories and aberrant behavior. Many of us dread getting together with our families because we have spent our lives getting as far away from them as possible.

Nevertheless, roads and airports are full of people making their annual pilgrimages, whether duty or mercy visits. The crotchety and persnickety aunts, uncles, parents and grandparents are sure to be there. So will the siblings, step-siblings and half-siblings.

We're back again, involved in sibling rivalry. Why did Johnny get a better present than I did from aunt Sadie? How come grandpa Warbucks only gave me a hundred dollars this year?

The key to surviving family holidays is innovation and creativity. For gosh sakes, do something different! Go to a movie, go to the Caribbean. Eat what you want, drink what you want and spend what you want (or nothing) on presents. Have a year without sending cards or letters. Have Christmas in someone else's house. Be selfish. Be generous. Be Buddhist. Skip the Christmas-tree. Forget the mistletoe. Curl up with a good book or visit a good friend. Be an individual, not just a conforming robot.

Creativity involves change and coming to new solutions to old problems, and sometimes there is a creative urge to abide by the old traditions, giving them new meanings. Serve in a soup kitchen. Make toys for poor children. Donate your time to a hospital. Record the life story of your favorite grandparent; then your least favorite grandparent. Write your own life story for your grandchildren. What a present that would be.

The crux to conflict and stress is resolution and getting it together. If you cannot do it by yourself (hey, this is your only life), break down and do yourself a favor and get some therapy.

That would be a great Christmas present, and maybe you could eventually fulfill those New Year resolutions. If the therapy works, the next holiday season will not feel so stressful.

Kids for Kids benefit will be for Hospice of Southeastern Michigan

Dance Ltd. in Mount Clemens will host its fourth annual Kids for Kids benefit performance for Hospice of Southeastern Michigan's Children's Hospice Services at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

The benefit brings young performers together to raise money for terminally ill children and their families.

A group of Grosse Pointe South High School students, members of the Blue Falls Band, will perform at the benefit. Members of the band include Greg Sharrow, James McGovern, Chris Carpenter, Eric Novak, Bryce Carroll-Coe, Alison Getz and Lindsay Tyler.

Jim Harper of WNIC-FM will emcee the event. Tickets are \$5 for adults for general seating; \$10 for patrons for reserved seating; \$20 for benefactors for reserved seating; and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan helps people live their final days in comfort and dignity by providing care for terminally ill patients and support for their families.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan's Children's Hospice Services provides specialized care for children with a limited life expectancy. The program also offers grief support and counseling services for children who have lost a loved one.

For more information, call (810) 559-9209.

Winter allergies are nothing to sneeze at

Many of the 40 million Americans who wheeze, sneeze, cough and hack their way through the cold months actually suffer from indoor allergens.

"A year-round stuffy nose and chronic sneezing are the tip-offs that one may be allergic to some substance in the home," said Dr. John A. Anderson, head of the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Henry Ford Hospital. "A persistent cold, cough or post-nasal drip that keeps you going back and forth to your doctor for apparent infections may also suggest an allergy."

According to the National Institutes of Health,

Americans spend more than 90 percent of their time indoors, particularly in winter.

"As the weather gets colder people tend to spend more time indoors with windows sealed shut," Anderson said. "This decreases air circulation and increases exposure to the build-up of indoor allergens such as particles from dust mites, cockroaches, mold spores and animal dander."

Dust mites are the largest cause of allergic reactions in the suburban home. A member of the spider family, mites thrive in warm, humid conditions.

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bed and bedding every night. The culprit for allergic reactions is a protein found in their minuscule waste pellets. One mite can produce about 20 droppings in a single day. Exposure to cockroaches is the most serious allergy problem in inner-city homes.

To reduce the number of allergens in your home:

- Eliminate as many carpets as possible, especially in the bedroom. Dust and vacuum with double filter bags which capture small particles that escape normal vacuum cleaners. The bags are generally available at department stores and allergy supply houses.

- Cover your mattress, box springs and pillows with "dust

and mite-free" encasings.

- Eliminate cockroaches.
- Clean up mold sources, especially in basements and bathrooms.

- Consider switching to fish as pets. Unfortunately, the only way to get rid of pet allergens is to get rid of pets or keep them outdoors.

Bathing the pet frequently or giving it medication to reduce saliva does not work. If you can't bear to part with your furry friend, consider not replacing the pet when it passes away.

"Reducing your exposure to allergens can make a big difference in improving your quality of life," Anderson said.

Camera club will meet

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Brownell Middle School in Room C-11 for a monochrome and color print competition and pictorial and nature slide competition.

Visitors are welcome. For information, call (313) 824-9064 or (313) 881-7011.

ADKs hold benefit luncheon

Alpha Delta Kappa sorority held its annual scholarship fundraiser luncheon and auction on Dec. 9 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Chairman and auctioneer was Lynda Bachtel.



Fitness program

Assumption Cultural Center's Kalosomatics program began in 1977. Commonly called "Kalo," the program is a total body fitness routine that incorporates aerobics; calisthenics; brisk walking, jogging or running; yoga; step aerobics; and isometrics, with an emphasis on cardiovascular fitness.

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In the back, from left, are instructors Madelyn Nichols, Eleanor Haezebrouck, Linda McNeils, Barbara Yascott, Gretchen Vervacke and Estelle Loleas. In the front, from left, are Lisa Leech, Nancy Sziachta, director Barb Otul and Jill Solick.

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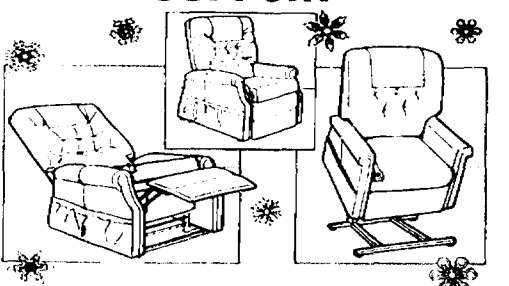
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Guillaumin-Cleland

Patricia Marie Guillaumin, daughter of John and Susan Guillaumin of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Michael John Cleland, son of Margaret McNamee of Harper Woods



Mr. and Mrs. Michael John Cleland

and Michael Cleland of Ann Arbor, on Aug. 12, 1995, at St. Ambrose Church.

The Rev. Manuel Chircop officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Blossom Heath Inn.

The bride wore a handmade silk shantung gown that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline, a hand-beaded bodice and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of iris, delphiniums, statice, alstromeria, stephanotis and baby's breath.

The matron of honor was Marie Scheske of Sturgis. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Meg Guillaumin of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were Laura Watts of Grosse Pointe Farms, Martha Wenzler of Brighton and Stephanie Harlan of Ann Arbor.

The flowergirl was the groom's sister, Katie Cleland of Ann Arbor.

Attendants wore black off-the-shoulder dresses with short sleeves and white French cuffs. They carried bouquets of pink carnations, delphiniums, iris, statice and ivy.

The best men were Tom O'Rourke of St. Clair Shores and the groom's brother, Sean Cleland of Harper Woods.

Ushers were Mark Curtis of Lake Orion; the bride's brother, Jim Guillaumin of St. Clair Shores; Joe Burdick of Holland; and Dave Hawes of Bloomington, Ind.

The mother of the bride wore a green chiffon sheath with a sheer overlay of Alencon lace and a corsage of white carnations and baby's breath.

The groom's mother wore a navy blue chiton dress and a corsage of white carnations and baby's breath.

Readers were Jerry Wholihan; Jean Guillaumin; and Chris and Marian Bart. The bride graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and is a student at Wayne State University working on a master's degree in business administration. She is a treasury department supervisor at Olde Discount Corp.

The groom graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree and from the University of Detroit with a juris doctor degree. He is an associate at Dold, Spath and MacKelvie.

The newlyweds traveled to Paradise Island in the Bahamas. They live in St. Clair Shores.

Glynn-Sparrow

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George Sparrow IV

Kathleen Anne Glynn, daughter of Mary and Michael Glynn of Potomac, Md., married Herbert George Sparrow IV of Atlanta, Ga., son of Nancy and Herbert G. Sparrow III of the City of Grosse Pointe, on Aug. 5, 1995, at St. Raphael's Church in Potomac.

The Rev. Michael Wilson officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The bride wore a princess

style gown that featured a sweetheart neckline, a lace bodice and a skirt made of several layers of tulle overlaid with embroidered flowers. She carried a bouquet of roses in shades of pink, Queen Anne's lace and stephanotis.

The maid of honor was Stacie McElroy of Silver Spring, Md. The matron of honor was Devra Campbell Cornell of N. Conway, N.H.

Bridesmaids were Leah Calandra of New York City; Cathy Connolly of Washington, D.C.; Jennifer Kardan of McLean, Va.; Susan Peele of Charlotte, N.C.; and the groom's sisters, Alison Sparrow of Grosse Pointe and Amy Sparrow of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Attendants wore long black sheath dresses with white satin tuxedo-style collars. They carried bouquets of white peace roses, Queen Anne's lace and stephanotis.

The best man was the groom's brother, Edward Sparrow of Baltimore.

Groomsmen were John Bueker of Exton, Pa.; Kelley Connolly of Washington, D.C.; Scott Cooke of Princeton, N.J.; James Gerstein of Chicago; the bride's brothers, Michael Glynn III and Sean Glynn, both of Rockville, Md.; Jamie Morrison



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George Sparrow IV

of New Haven, Conn.; and Kevin O'Connor of Carmel, N.Y.

The cantor was Derek Campbell. Readers were Michael Glynn III, Sean Glynn and Edward Sparrow.

The bride graduated from Duke University. She attends graduate school at Emory University, where she is studying education.

The groom is a graduate of Colgate University. He attends graduate school at Emory University.

The couple traveled to Mexico. They live in Atlanta.

Santa

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Park where there's lots of grass for them to eat.

"By the time the children drive by the Pier, of course, Santa has gone back to the North Pole."

Flynn said no child ever asked if he's real. He's never had his beard pulled. He's never encountered any mischief or nastiness, he said.

Once in a while, however, Santa encounters a tougher test. "It's usually siblings or twins who insist on occupying Santa's lap at the same time. This is hard on Santa's knees," he said. "I try to avoid this."

Occasionally, he said, even Santa intimidates a child.

"But the teacher is right next to me, at my left, to provide reassurance and support," he said.

Flynn came to his Santa role almost by chance.

"A friend at my church said she thought I'd make a good Santa," he said. "She said this in the middle of summer four years ago. She

said I'll see you later, and she remembered me when Christmas rolled around."

In civilian life, Flynn is a father and grandfather.

Born in Brookline, Mass., he and his wife moved to Grosse Pointe in 1954, when he was transferred here by the Gillette Co.

"That either makes me a razor blade peddler or a steel magnate."

Flynn eventually became a district sales manager for Gillette and by the time he retired in 1978, he had a crew of nine that covered a territory that included Michigan and northern Ohio.

The Flynnns have two grown children who live nearby, and three grandchild-

dren who are 10, 9 and 5 years old.

"I couldn't be Santa for them," he said. "They'd recognize my voice in a minute."

He's also a member of the board at his church, current president of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and a past president of the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. He plays Santa at a few private parties each year, too.

According to Santa, this year's most sought-after toys include Barbie items and — scissors. "They all want their own scissors," Flynn said. "The most popular toy requests from boys are dinosaurs; from girls, Barbie dolls."

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Chamberlin-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Chamberlin of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Chamberlin, to W. Keith Johnson II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Johnson of Winnetka, Ill. A September wedding is planned.



Lisa Marie Chamberlin and W. Keith Johnson II

Chamberlin graduated from Principia College with a bachelor of arts degree in art history. She is the office manager of Margaret Rice Inc.

Johnson graduated from St. Olaf College with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. He is a radio broadcaster with KFMT in Steamboat Springs, Colo.



Alicia Selden DuPont

engagement of their daughter, Alicia Selden DuPont, to William Schiff IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harris of Nashville, Tenn., and Terry Schiff of Ossining, N.Y. An August wedding is planned.

DuPont graduated from University Liggett School and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Sweet Briar College. She is supervisor of customer service at Circuit City corporate headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Schiff earned a bachelor of science degree from East Carolina University. He is a student at the Medical College of Virginia.

Gmeiner-Ryszewski

Patricia M. Gmeiner of the City of Grosse Pointe has announced the engagement of her daughter, Kimberly H. Gmeiner, to James R. Ryszewski, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ryszewski of Okemos, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms. Kimberly Gmeiner is also the daughter of the late Douglas W. Gmeiner. A September wedding is planned.

Gmeiner is a senior at Wayne State University where she is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice.



Anne Russel McMillan

McMillan-Kenney

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wetmore McMillan II of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Russel McMillan, to Christopher Kenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turbet Kenney of Boston. A July wedding is planned.

McMillan earned a bachelor of arts degree from St. Lawrence University. She is a teacher and a coach at University Liggett School.

Kenney earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Vermont and will complete a master's degree in architecture from the University of Southern California next March. He is an architect with Moore, Ruble, Yudell in Santa Monica, Calif.

DuPont-Schiff

Dr. and Mrs. Sidney I. DuPont of Newport Coast, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the

Mecha-Fuher

Frederick and Lois Mecha of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lee Mecha, to Michael James Fuher, son of Richard and Lila Fuher of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Mecha graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and a master's degree in library studies. She is department head of adult services at Northville District Library.

Fuher earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the Univer-



Michael James Fuher and Michele Lee Mecha

sity of Michigan. He is an environmental engineer with Ford Motor Co.

Carter-Helling

Dr. and Mrs. Chandrasekar of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ammie Lea Carter, to Jason Leo Helling, son of John and Linda Helling of Novi and Michael and Jane McKim, also of Novi. A November wedding is planned.

Carter graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and sociology. She attends Wayne State University and is working on a master's degree in counseling.

Helling graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in



Jason Leo Helling and Ammie Lea Carter

business administration. He is a benefits consultant with MetSource Consulting.

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As South, (neither vulnerable):
♠A6
♥KQ10
♦AKJ108
♣972

The bidding:
W N E S
1♠ 1♣ 2♣ ?

Our good friend Erma Reindel gave me this hand from a recent Grosse Pointe duplicate game. South's correct bid is most difficult, a nightmare that tests a player's judgment. You'd like to start out by bidding some number of diamonds, but most partnerships play a new suit take out after partner has overcalled as non-forcing. Therefore South must resort to a cue bid (3 clubs) even though she hasn't first round control and only two card support for partner's suit. It is, it seems, the only way you can show at this point in the bidding, your quantity of high cards.

North's Hand: ♠A K Q 9 7 ♥K Q 10 8 7 ♦A ♣Q 3

As South, (vulnerable):
♠86
♥A5432
♦K10987
♣6

The bidding:
W N E S
- 1♠ - 1NT
- 3♥ - ?

Tom Smith, one of our nation's finest players, called me from New York with this one. Four hearts is the obvious

choice, but you may be in jeopardy of missing a laydown slam. One of our fashionable gadgets in modern day play is the splinter bid. It is a bid that can't mean anything but a singleton in support of partner's last bid suit. In this instance, five clubs by South is the expert call over partner's jump shift. Four clubs would be a control or suit bid. Therefore, introducing a new suit by jumping over three hearts can only be a singleton after your original response of one no-trump. This hand was played in a good 30-table game in Manhattan and every South who made the 5C splinter bid helped partner find the heart slam. Some Norths bid 4NT (Blackwood ace asking) over 4H, but the response of only one ace discouraged a move past five hearts.

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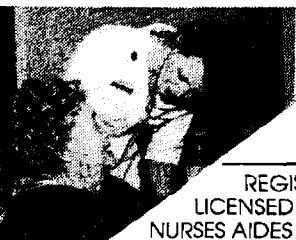
As South, (E/W vulnerable):
♠65
♥AKJ987532
♦-----
♣76

The bidding:
W N E S
1♠ - 2♣ 5♥
5♠ - 6♣ 7♥!
DBL - - 7♥
- - 7♣ ?

This is some kind of high bridge drama. It comes from the Louisville Regional last October. The seven diamond bid by South had a diabolical purpose on the way to a seven heart save if the contract could be bought there. Seven spades by E/W was unbeatable unless North found the right lead, as West was void in hearts. The pass * of 7♥ by West intended to show that, but the explanation is too complex. South should double 7♣ (the lead directing Lightner type) asking partner to make an unusual lead — not trumps or hearts so it obviously had to be diamonds from the bidding.

North's Hand: ♠8 2♥ Q 10 ♦9 7 6 3 2 ♣8 4 3 2

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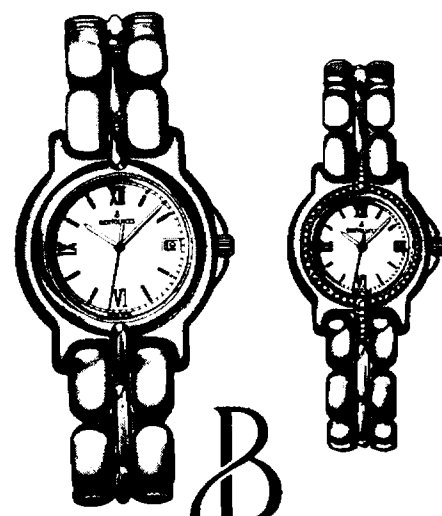
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James Thomas Mestdagh Jr.
James and Kristine Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe Shores are the parents of a son, James Thomas Mestdagh Jr., born Sept. 13, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boll of Grosse Pointe Shores. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe Woods. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Pearl Casey of Harper Woods.

Charles Edward Warren IV
Brenda Lee and Charles Edward Warren III of Grosse

Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Charles Edward Warren IV, born Oct. 27, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Anajayne Feller and Roger Feller of Lakeview and the late Don Demorest. Paternal grandparents are Jacqueline Helen Warren of Greenfield, Mass., and the late Charles Edward Warren Jr.

Dylan Michael Bryant
Andy and Tammy Bryant of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Dylan Michael Bryant, born Sept. 21, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Marian Proffitt of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Lois and William Bryant of Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandparents are Kay and Jim Proffitt of Sarasota, Fla., and Mary Bryant of Stuart, Fla.

Andrew Robert Zierk
Carey Vigor Zierk and Robert Paul Zierk of Grosse Pointe Shores are the parents of a son, Andrew Robert Zierk, born Oct. 30, 1995. Maternal

grandparents are the late Clara Dorothy Vigor and Dr. David Nelson Vigor. Paternal grandparents are Fred A. Zierk of San Antonio, Texas, and the late Joan T. Zierk.

Hannah Frances Young
Karolyn and Robert Francis Young of Cincinnati are the parents of a daughter, Hannah Frances Young, born Oct. 5, 1995. Paternal grandparents are Patricia and John Young of Grosse Pointe Shores. Maternal grandparents are Jean and John Kinmonth of Milford, Ohio.

Aubry Alyson Patrosso and Brittany Ellen Patrosso
Gary and Jeanne Patrosso of Harper Woods are the parents of twin daughters, Aubry Alyson Patrosso and Brittany Ellen Patrosso, born Nov. 22, 1995. Paternal grandparents are Albert and Sara Lou Patrosso of Grosse Pointe Woods. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Shirley Bornkamp of Hollis, N.Y. Great-grandmother is Amalia

Patrosso of Sterling Heights.

Eloise Ravenel Germic
Catherine and Steve Germic of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a daughter, Eloise Ravenel Germic, born Sept. 5, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Anne and Bob Boomer of Pointe Aux Barques and Boca Grande, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Allan Germic of Waterford and Joanne Wisniewski of Troy. Great grandmothers are Camilla Troyer of Kingsford and Janet Germic of Iron Mountain.

Patrick Michael TomHon
Peter and Kelly TomHon of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Patrick Michael TomHon, born Nov. 14, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Cynthia Seymour of Parkland, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Stephen and May TomHon of Southfield. Maternal great-grandmother is Mabel Buell of Silver Spring, Md. Paternal

great-grandmother is Chow Sam Jung of San Francisco.

Matthew David Strachan
Dave and Laurie Strachan of the Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Matthew David Strachan, born Nov. 24, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Millie Miller of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are George and Jean Strachan of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal great-grand-

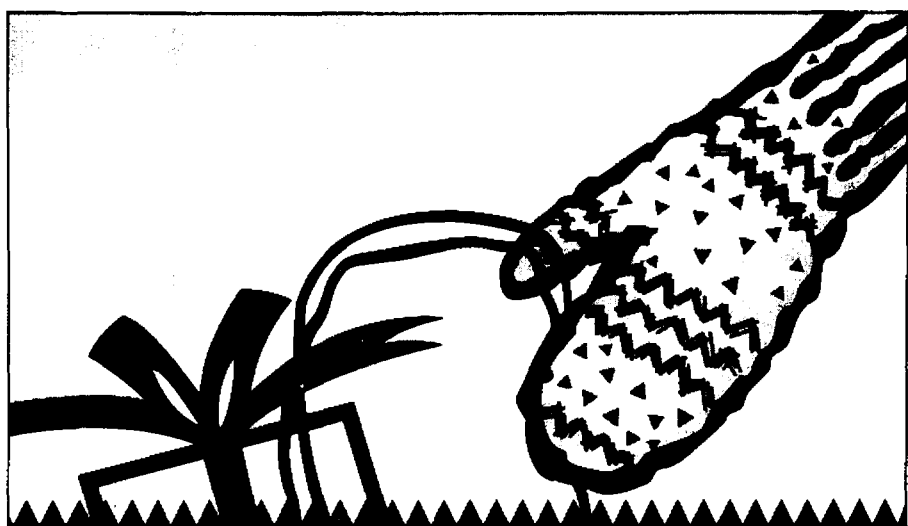
mother is Mrs. Matthew C. Patterson of Grosse Pointe Park.

Samantha Louise Danielian
Timothy and Elaine Danielian of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Samantha Louise Danielian, born July 23, 1995. Maternal grandparents are Russ and Gail Mecklenburg of Northville. Paternal grandmother is Betty Danielian of Hobe Sound, Fla.

G.P. Woman's Club plans annual Christmas tea

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas tea at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Jean Rice, program chairman, will introduce "Christmas with the Judelairs," a song and dance group.

Members should bring a wrapped gift for a needy child with the child's age shown on the outside of the package. Members who invite guests should make reservations no later than noon Saturday, Dec. 16. Call (313) 882-8232 or (313) 885-4994.



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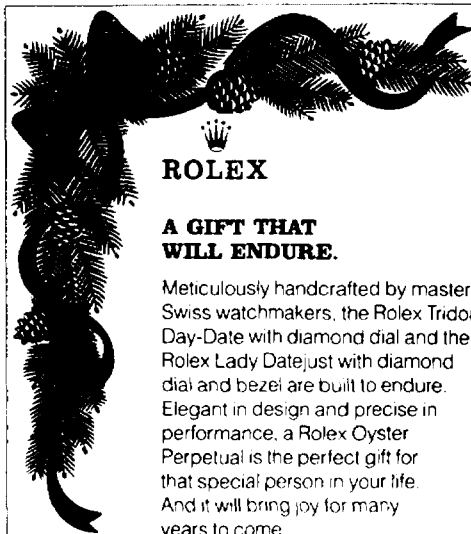
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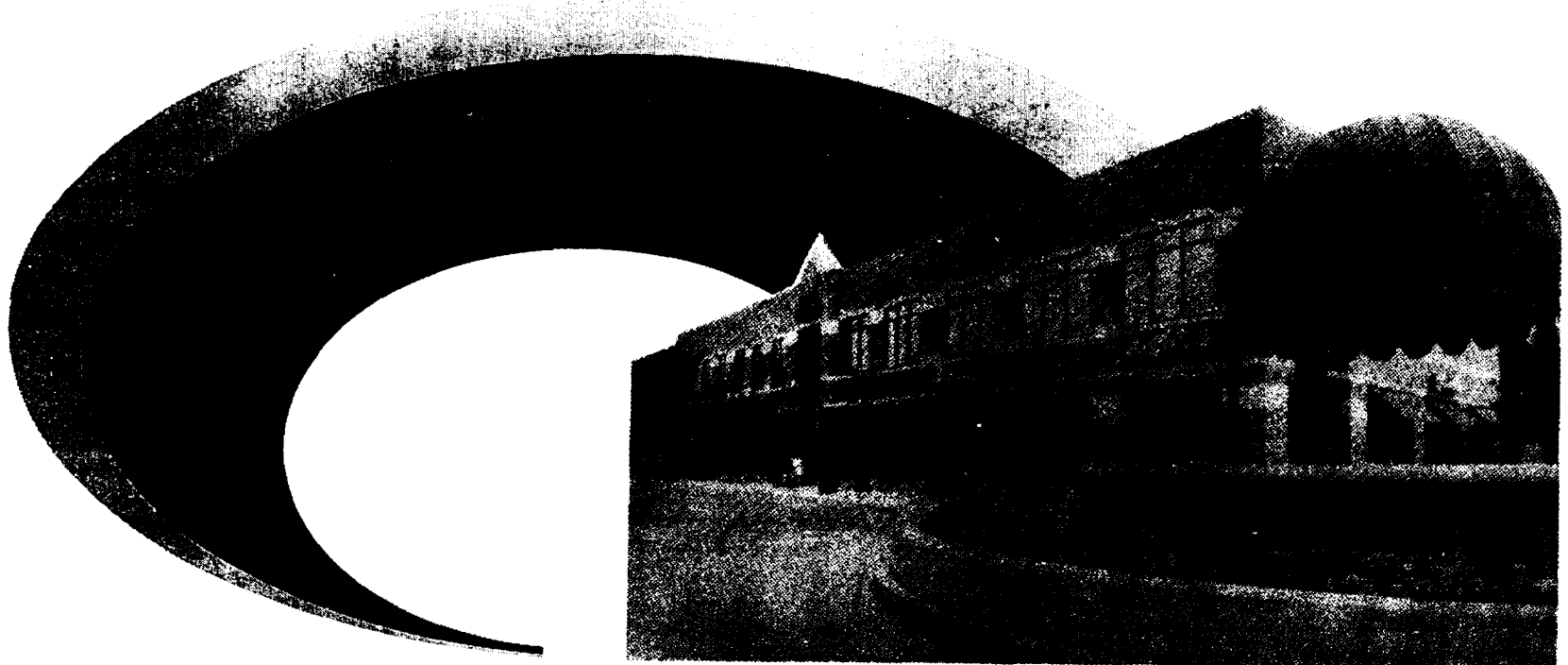
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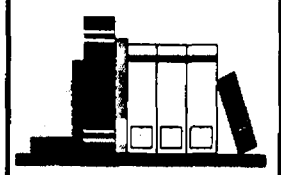
Introduction by Douglas E. Lurton
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Introduction by Carl Sandburg

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By Elizabeth P. Walker

Thomas Jefferson, our third president, and Abraham Lincoln, our 16th, not only were astute and powerful statesmen, they shared deep, abiding, and sincere religious beliefs. The United States is unquestionably a Christian nation (although with generous tolerance for other faiths) and all our citizens freely practice their own beliefs as they see fit.

As Douglas E. Lurton's graceful introduction to "The Jefferson Bible," we learn that "the most exquisite story ever written is simply told in about 25,000 words. These words, extracted textually by Thomas Jefferson from the Gospels, form a beautiful, moving story of the life and morals of Jesus. Within this brief and sublime story are the authentic words of Christ which give life to the

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In 1816, writing from his home in Monticello, Jefferson explained his "wee little book...which I call the philosophy of Jesus it is a paradigm of his doctrines, made by cutting the texts out of the book, and arranging them on the pages of a blank book, in a certain order of time or subject. A more beautiful or precious morsel of ethics I have never seen; it is a document in proof that I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus."

To remind us all of the meaning of Christmas, Jefferson's "wee little book" opens thus: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, unto Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David): to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of

the child, his name was called Jesus."

According to the illuminating introduction to "Lincoln's Devotional" by Lincoln's noted biographer Carl Sandburg, we learn that shortly after the untimely death of Abraham Lincoln's second son, Eddie, Lincoln received a daily devotional, "The Believer's Daily Treasure, or Texts of Scripture Arranged for Every Day of the Year."

Sandburg points out that "from his earliest reading days as a boy, Lincoln turned the pages of the Bible, and over all the years of his life he went on with his reading of it, often quoting from it in private conversations and public addresses."

A well-known example is his magnificent oration, the Gettysburg Address, so striking in its use of biblical allusions and cadences, all of which strongly reflect Lincoln's own personal beliefs. In this little book, "Lincoln could come upon many sentences and phrases famous, imported and often quoted, and many of the passages in the book could have had special interest for him, and direct or indirect influence on his thought and speech...it is new testimony

that he was a man of profound faith."

Although Lincoln was never a member of a Christian church, his faith was firmly grounded on his own constant perusal of the scriptures.

Jefferson strongly believed in the separation between state and religion. Even while governor of Virginia, he made sure that the state by-laws indicated such a separation, and later as president he followed the same guidelines in federal statutes.

Particularly now, at Christmas time, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we should take serious note of this historical and religious event by looking past the usual commercial hijinks presented by all sorts of merchandisers who tempt us into purchasing

unnecessary items. How much better it is, instead, to celebrate the birth of Jesus and give thanks for our blessings.

Dec. 25 largely signifies rank materialism. Look at the evidence around us — the piles of colorfully wrapped packages beneath a fir tree swaying under glittering ornaments and lights. All of which is fine if we take the time to really meditate on the birth of Jesus and what His life means to us. Therefore, this is why I have chosen to tell you about these two charming books, hoping that some readers will be moved to buy them for gifts or for themselves.

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Photographs of Rouge steel plant on display

Photographs by Michael Kenna are featured in the exhibition "Industrial Revelations: Photographs by Michael Kenna

of the Rouge and Other Sites" at the Detroit Institute of Arts Dec. 2 through Feb. 11. Included are some 60 of Kenna's photographs of the Rouge Steel plant in Dearborn, and 20 views of industrial sites in England.

This new series of photographs was inspired by Charles Sheeler's legendary photographs of the Rouge plant commissioned in 1927 by the Ford Motor Co. However, while Sheeler concentrated on the interior of the steel-making complex, Kenna's work focuses on the exterior seen in views made at dawn, at dusk and during the night. His photographs are distinguished by their dynamic design, unusual viewpoints,

and dramatic contrasts of light and shade.

Industrial smoke also plays a major role in Kenna's work. In the exhibition catalog he comments, "I favor the power of suggestion over descriptive documentation and often use smoke, steam or mist in my work. These elements obscure details, simplify forms, strengthen foreground graphic shapes, and simultaneously tone down background distractions."

Born in a small industrial town in Lancashire, England, Kenna, now based in San Francisco, has always felt at home in industrial environments. His striking and strangely beautiful views of the Rouge plant

are contrasted with the photographs he made in the 1980s of nuclear plants in his native England.

Kenna will lecture at the DIA on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8:15 p.m. The free lecture is open to the public, and is sponsored by the Graphic Arts Council. Kenna's air travel is courtesy of Northwest Airlines.

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DIA has CD-ROM exhibit

The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of the first museums in the country to produce an exhibition-catalog in a CD-ROM format.

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The CD-ROM recaptures the sense of excitement and exploration that accompanied the exhibition, allowing viewers to visually wander through the galleries, moving from the Interventions art to pieces in the museum's permanent collection.

The CD-ROM has been produced in both IBM and Macintosh formats by Brophy Engraving of Detroit. The interactive CD was generated on Silicon Graphics Onyx Reality Engine 2 and Crimson Networked to Power PCS. High resolution scanning was done on Linotype-Hell, corrected and retouched on DaVinci. Software Programs and interface include Propriety, Alias and Macromind Director. Mastering and one-offs were done in house with Phillips Equipment.

The Interventions CD-ROM is available at the DIA Museum Shops, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit; Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi; and Somerset Collection, Troy. To order by phone, call (313) 833-7948.



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MUSIC

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, presents the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus and the East Pointe Sweet Adelines in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Tickets are \$9. Call (313) 881-7511.

Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown will offer a series of lunch time organ recitals at 11 a.m. Thursdays, Dec. 14 and 21. The 45-minute programs are free.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Christmas festival continues with "The Nutcracker" running Dec. 14-23 at the Fox Theatre. Also, Christmas Pops with Skitch Henderson plays at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Dec. 14-17. Call (313) 833-3700.

313 Jazz Ensemble with Ron English on guitar plays at the Daily Grind Coffeehouse, 20962 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Call (313) 417-0020.

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December 14, 1995
 Grosse Pointe News

Pointer turns around Cosmos' hoops fortunes

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

Russ Collins walked into Grosse Pointe South's gym before his Hamtramck basketball team was scheduled to

open its season against the Blue Devils and it was like old times.

"Everytime I walk into this gym it feels like I never left," Collins said before the Cosmos

beat South 68-56 in the non-league contest. "There are a lot of fond memories."

Collins has a lot of ties to South. He played on the school's 1963 basketball team

that posted a 22-1 record and went to the state quarterfinals before being ousted by Ferndale.

He graduated from Grosse Pointe High in 1964.

"It was still the only school in town then," he said. "Everybody called it 'The High.'"

Collins' wife, the former Mary Coppock, graduated from Grosse Pointe a year later and now teaches English and reading at South.

And Collins' assistant Jeff VonSchwarz is also a '64 Grosse Pointe grad, who played on the 1963 and 1964 basketball and baseball teams and was captain of the '64 basketball team. VonSchwarz lives in the Pointes and works for Adlhoeh and Associates.

"Jeff and I have been best friends since kindergarten," Collins said.

Collins still lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and his daughters Kendal and Kelsey attend school in the Grosse Pointe district and are active in the Pointe Girls Soccer Association and the Neighborhood Club athletic activities.

"I know so many of the kids from South, either from church or because I knew their parents in school," Collins said. "And Mary knows most of them from school. There was a lot of good-natured kidding around this week. This is the one game where she doesn't root for South."

Collins has been basketball coach at Hamtramck for 10 seasons and two years ago he added the athletic director duties. He has been instrumental in restoring the Cosmos' athletic program to respectability after several sea-

sons in which it was the doormat of the Metro Conference.

"My first two years as basketball coach we were 1-40," Collins recalled. "But I was going to put a quality program together and do it the right way. One of those years I threw my leading rebounder and scorer off the team after eight games because he wanted to do it his way."

Collins' way was the right way and Hamtramck's basketball program has been on the rise ever since. In his next two seasons as head coach the Cosmos won two league championships.

Last year, Hamtramck finished in a three-way tie for the Metro Conference crown and this year the Cosmos are the pre-season favorite.

"I don't think anyone has a better pair of guards than we do with Don Dzon and Dennis Foster," Collins said. "I'm really excited about this team. We have everybody back. It's such a nice group of kids, you want something good to happen to them. They practice harder than any team I've had has played in games. And they're goal-oriented. They want to go to school and they're willing to listen to any school that's going to offer them money."

Collins' impact hasn't only been felt in the basketball program at Hamtramck.

Since he became athletic director, he's more than doubled the number of sporting events the school is participating in.

"When I took over as AD, between the middle school and high school we had 65 events," Collins said. "This year we had 135. We've added cross country at the middle school and high school and we've added middle

school and JV soccer."

Collins said that teaching and coaching at Hamtramck is like an education in cultural relations.

"We have 27 different nationalities represented in our 720 kids," he said. "And a lot of them are just off the boat. We have a huge ESL (English as a second language) enrollment. One of our freshman basketball players just came over from Bosnia. Whenever there's a major political change overseas, we get several kids from that country."

Collins inherited his love of sports from his father, Walter Collins, who was a respected Catholic League official and a teacher and coach at Hamtramck. The elder Collins officiated in four state basketball finals and is in the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame.

"I was always going to basketball games with him," said Russ Collins. "I remember the state high school championship game between Hamtramck and Lansing Sexton, which was one of the greatest games ever."

"I was 13 and I remember meeting a lot of the Hamtramck players. I can also remember meeting Dave DeBusschere when I was a kid."

Collins has had Grosse Pointe South on the Hamtramck basketball schedule the last two years and has split the two games.


He hopes to keep the Blue Devils as a non-league opponent.

"I've always enjoyed coming back to the school," Collins said. "And George (South coach George Petrouleas) always has quality teams. We try to play as tough a non-conference schedule as we can."



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Russ Collins, right, and his longtime friend Jeff VonSchwarz have made Hamtramck's basketball team a force to be reckoned with in the Metro Conference. Both men live in Grosse Pointe. See game story page 3C.




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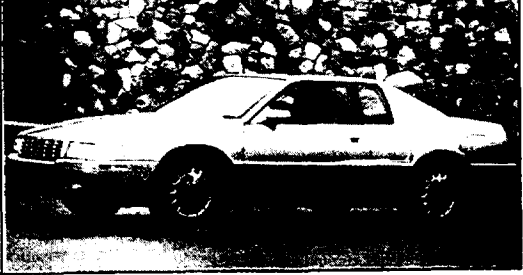
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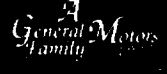
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North coach is pleased with hoopsters' early efforts

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North got a split in its first two basketball games of the season and coach Dave Stavale saw a lot he liked in the two performances.

"We're still trying to get a feel for each other," Stavale said after the Norsemen beat East Detroit 57-46 in their opener and bowed to Fraser 54-48 last Friday.

"We controlled the tempo in both games - and against good teams. I'm really happy except for a brief stretch in the fourth quarter against Fraser when we made some costly mistakes."

North led for most of the game against the Ramblers. The Norsemen had a 29-22 halftime advantage and were clinging to a one-point lead after three quarters.

"You have to give Fraser

some credit, too," Stavale said. "Both teams played well all game, it's just that we blinked between the six and four-minute mark of the fourth quarter."

"We seemed to get a little dejected because of our inexperience. We needed a big play to get us back in it and change the momentum and we couldn't get it."

Steve Champine, the veteran on the North team with 43 varsity starts despite being only a junior, tried to get the momentum to change, but a couple of his shots were off the mark.

"Steve took the responsibility on his shoulders and the next time we're in that situation, there's no doubt in my mind that he'll make (the shots)," Stavale said. "But I hope we learned that we can't always look to Steve. Somebody else has to

step up, too.

"Teams know that Steve is our go-to guy. In a game that comes down to the last shot, we'll have all five guys from the other team running at him."

Andy Maniaci led North with 16 points and also had five rebounds. Champine finished with 12 points, five assists and seven steals and Dave Herrmann had nine points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the second straight game.

Stavale also praised the efforts of Leonard Harris, who came off the bench to provide a defensive spark and collected six rebounds.

"He's an aggressive 5-10, who's playing like he thinks he's 6-3," the coach said.

In the victory over East Detroit, Pete Mellos set the tone for North with his outside shooting.

He led the Norsemen with 16 points and hit five three-point goals, including four in the second half.

"East Detroit left him open when they were shadowing Champine," Stavale said. "Everything opposing defenses do is geared to stop Steve. But he doesn't have to score to be valuable to our team. He'll average six or seven steals a game and that doesn't count the two or three other turnovers he creates. I think this is the first time in two years that Champine hasn't been our leading scorer for two games in a row, but we have some others who can hurt you if you don't bother to guard them."

North led the Shamrocks 29-24 at halftime and maintained the lead throughout the second half. The Norsemen iced the game by

hitting 12 of 18 free throws in the fourth quarter. Joe Slomski, who came off the bench to provide a lift with his aggressive play, hit five of six from the line in the final period.

Champine scored 15 points and had five steals in the East Detroit game. Herrmann collected eight points and 10 rebounds and played well defensively, despite giving away eight inches in height to the Shamrocks' 6-foot-10 center. Maniaci had seven points and six rebounds and Harris grabbed five rebounds.

Senior Mike Aubrey played well in a key defensive role for North in each of its first two games.

"He's responsible for guarding the other team's best perimeter player and he had a couple good ones in (Jason) Gossard (of East

Detroit) and (Brian) Verkeyn (of Fraser)," Stavale said. "He held Gossard to 11 points and Verkeyn to 10, but he expends so much energy on defense, his offensive performance isn't always what he'd like it to be. But I have no complaints."

Last year North started 8-0, but slumped a bit during the second half of the season.

"I'd rather take a few on the chin early and end up with a winning streak," Stavale said. "We're still learning to play together. We have a lot of players who've been on the varsity but haven't seen much playing time."

North hosts Port Huron Northern on Friday, then visits Grosse Pointe South on Tuesday, Dec. 19, for the annual crosstown battle.

Norseman wrestler shows talent as a recruiter, too

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Dan Shefferly is more than just a top-notch wrestler at Grosse Pointe North.

He's also a pretty good recruiter for coach Art Roberts.

"He brought out a couple of his football teammates and they're going to be great additions to our team," Roberts said after Mike Benedettini and

Ryan Ruttan each made impressive varsity debuts to help the Norsemen finish fifth in last Saturday's Lutheran East Invitational.

"It's the first year either of them have wrestled. If we'd had them since they were freshmen, they'd be great. It's a shame they didn't come out then."

Ruttan, a senior, was run-

ner-up at 215 pounds.

"He beat the No. 1 seed in the weight class in his first varsity match," Roberts said. "He won on an injury default, but he was beating the guy at the time."

Ruttan then pinned a Chippewa Valley wrestler before losing in the championship match.

"He got caught in a headlock

and got pinned in the first minute, so he never really got a chance to wrestle in that match," Roberts said. "But that was his inexperience. I like Ryan. He pays attention and he's very mature."

Benedettini, a junior heavyweight, did almost as well as Ruttan in his debut, finishing third.

"He did real well, too," Roberts said. "He and Ruttan both met the No. 1 seeds in their first matches. That was the only match Mike lost. He was 3-1 and pinned the guy for third place."

Ironically, Shefferly didn't get the chance to see his proteges in action. He was making a campus visit to the University of Buffalo, where he plans to accept a full scholarship to play football.

"Sheff would have meant 25 more points in this meet because he's looked fantastic so far," Roberts said. "But he had

one time that could be as good as those three," Roberts said. "Any of the three could go all the way."

North had some other good showings at its first tournament of the season.

Sophomore Gary Bordato was fourth at 152 pounds, while junior Ed Ball split his two matches at 171 pounds to finish fifth.

"Ball is much stronger this year. He's doing real well," Roberts said of the wrestler who has overcome blindness to earn a regular spot in the lineup.

Sophomore Ed Wright was sixth at 140 pounds and freshman David Hirt was sixth at 125.

"Both of them wrestled out of their weight class," Roberts said. "Hirt weighs about 115, but he's not going to beat Brandon or Phillips. He did a wonderful job at 125. He won twice on pins."



Saints win tourney

Four Grosse Pointe residents were members of the St. Clair Shores Saints Squirt AA hockey team that took first place in the Parma Heights Early Bird tournament in Parma Heights, Ohio. The Saints beat Parma 4-2 in the championship game to take first place in the tournament. From left are Grosse Pointers Nick Thomas, Taylor Morawski, Brent Franklin and Chris Ahee.

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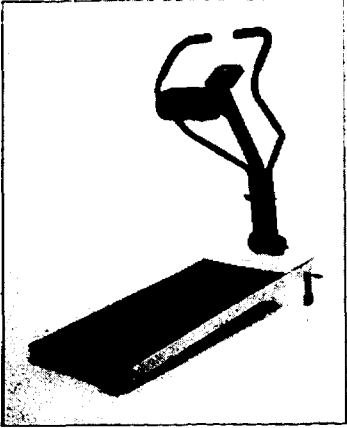
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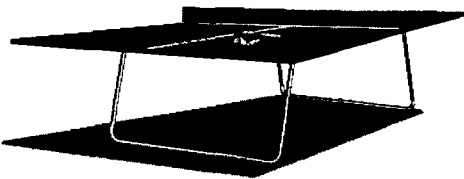
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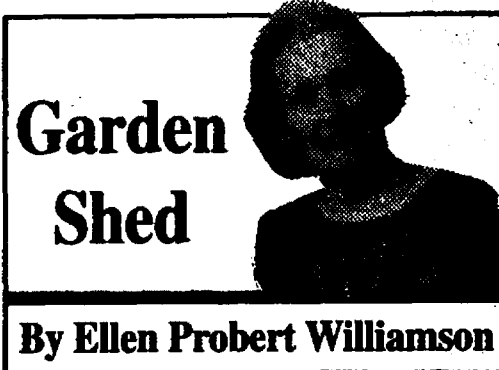
Poinsettias and evergreens mean 'it's that time of year'

Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert, is generally credited with introducing the decorated Christmas tree to the world. The decorated trees had long been popular in Germany, but Prince Albert did indeed introduce the idea into England. From where it spread worldwide.

Some people credit Martin Luther with the origin of the Christmas tree. They say that he saw a beautiful snow-touched tree outdoors against a background of glittering stars and came home to put candles on another tree in imitation of it. Some folk tales trace the decorated tree back to the pre-Christian druids.

Another explanation for the Christmas tree is attributed to the miracle plays performed in European churches in the 11th century or before the cathedrals.

One of the most popular plays was one called the "Paradise Play." This showed the creation of Adam and Eve and their eventual expulsion from the Garden of Eden. It ended with a preview of the coming of the Messiah. The garden was always indicated by a fir tree hung with apples and it became a custom for people to decorate trees in their homes with apples on Dec. 24 in honor of Adam and Eve who, though not accepted as saints in the Latin or Western Christian church, are so accepted in the Eastern church. Whatever its origin, the Christmas tree is now almost uni-



versal in the celebration of Christmas.

Poinsettias, now considered the official flower of the Christmas season, were first introduced into the United States by Joel Robert Poinsett in 1825. He was the first United States ambassador to Mexico where the poinsettia blooms naturally around Christmas time. For centuries these plants had been prized in Mexico by kings as symbols of purity and wealth. The native Indians had some practical uses for them including the extraction of medicinal substances and a red-dish purple dye which they made from the foliage and flower bracts.

Poinsett was an accomplished botanist and brought back some plants to his home in South Carolina where he propagated cuttings and gave them to botanical gardens and to friends, including the famous botanist and horticulturist John Bartram of Philadelphia. From then on the poinsettia has had an increasing popularity and is now virtually

the symbol of the festive holiday season.

Poinsettias are everywhere now. They are decorating stores, libraries, schools, churches, hospitals, offices and homes in lavish profusion. Even some supermarkets are offering a buy-one-get-one-free bargain for poinsettias.

Have you seen the lavish display of poinsettias as part of the holiday decorating at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House or at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial? The poinsettias at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle are an annual must-see at this time of year.

Coming back to the subject of trees, while artificial Christmas trees comply with fire code laws and look convincing for the most, part sales of real trees have been increasing. A popular wintertime expedition is going to a tree farm and cutting your own tree. Somehow the sight of a family bringing home a real tree latched to the top or sticking out of the back of a car conjures up visions of a Currier and Ives print of a Victorian family bringing home the Christmas tree on a horse-drawn sleigh.

There are many tree farms which advertise sleigh rides complete with bells and holiday cheer as incentives to bring out the family for tree-cutting. It's not quite the same as bringing the tree home on a sleigh, but the principle pictured by Currier and Ives is

the same, and, in any case, this is the time of year when nostalgia overcomes most of us.

All types of evergreen trees are used for Christmas trees. Cedar trees are perhaps the most popular, perhaps because of their lovely scent.

Cedars are mentioned frequently in the Bible and the Cedars of Lebanon so often referred to are still just as they were in ancient times. The temple in Jerusalem was built of cedar. The 12 oldest and largest of the Cedars of Lebanon have been revered by every monotheistic religion. Called by the Jews "the 12 friends of Solomon," it has been believed for centuries that an evil fate will befall anyone who injures one of these ancient trees.

Every year at the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Greeks, Armenians and Mormons go on a pilgrimage to the cedar groves of Lebanon.

Spruces are also popular as Christmas trees. The name comes from the word pix, or pitch, and refers to the resin or pitch, obtained from them.

Like the cedars and spruce, the pines are of many varieties. With the balsam, they all share in beauty and in their spicy scent that makes us think of holidays.

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Irruption. In birding terms, this word means the mass movements of birds far beyond their customary winter range. This phenomenon may involve one or more of North America's boreal seed eaters, eight of which have been documented as being irruptive: the red-breasted nuthatch, red crossbill, white-winged crossbill, pine siskin, common redpoll, purple finch, evening grosbeak and pine grosbeak.

Bird irruptions are very unpredictable. Food supply certainly is a major reason why birds leave their boreal homes. Among most songbirds, migration is the answer to food supply. The warblers, flycatchers, tanagers and thrushes leave this area and head to the tropics where insects and fruits are abundant.

Birds of the tundra, such as tree sparrows and snow buntings, leave the tundra in the winter to spend their time in the fields across the northern states, eating weed and grass seeds. Goldfinches migrate within the United States so those at your feeder in the summer are replaced by a group of birds in the winter that come from farther north.

All of these birds follow predictable migrational timetables. These patterns do not hold true for the boreal seed eaters. The birds subject to irruptions normally consume conifer cones or catkins and seeds of deciduous trees. The seed crops of trees vary greatly year to year. In order for good seed production to occur, trees need warm weather in the fall which is when the fruit buds form. They also need a warm spring when the flowers set, or the seed crop will be delayed another year. These weather conditions determine the productivity

of trees in areas thousands of miles in size.

If birds travel to a different climatic area, perhaps the next mountain range, the seed crop may be abundant. The irruptive movement of these birds stops when they reach an area plentiful in food. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife records show that these boreal seed eaters range far and wide in search of adequate food supply. Pine siskins banded in several East Coast states reappeared in Washington, Idaho and California. One incredible record showed a redpoll banded one year in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the next in Okhotsk, eastern Russia, a distance of 4,500 miles.

Locally this year, we have numerous reports of red-breasted nuthatches. These bluish gray birds have a well-defined white eye line and a long, thin beak perfect for seed extraction. The red breast is more prominent in the male than the female of this small bird which makes itself comfortable at feeding stations.

Not minding us, the red-breasted nuthatch will wait close by as we refill our feeders. They are particularly fond of peanuts out of the shell and suet with peanuts added. Many times, red-breasted nuthatches will travel in pairs for the winter.

There are three of these boreal seed eaters to watch for at your thistle feeder. Pine siskins are approximately the same size as goldfinches. They are finely streaked with brown and have a yellow patch in the wing that is apparent when they fly. Purple finches are the most closely colored to our resident house finches, but they are slightly larger. A male purple finch does not have



streaks extending down his breast through the belly area. Instead, he looks as if he sat in a snowball, and the white powder has coated his belly. The red rose of the male purple finch covers most of his body.

The male house finch has red restricted to the bib, rump and the head, which is brown-capped. The female purple finch has a telltale white eyebrow that is missing in the female house finch.

Common redpolls are a delightful addition to the thistle feeder. They are slightly smaller than the purple and house finches and sport a red cap and a black chin. Their back is streaked with brown and their wings are a darker color. Their bellies have a light beige hue with fine streaking on their sides.

The two grosbeaks that are irruptive are the evening and pine

grosbeaks. Although they can be seen farther north in good numbers, having them at your feeder in this area is not unheard of. Ask Mike Bates of St. Clair Shores who had them visit his sunflower-filled tube feeder with attached tray. He was even lucky enough to take pictures. Both grosbeaks are cardinal-sized, plump birds with a prominent seed cracking beak like the cardinal. The male evening grosbeak is yellow and brown with black wings while the female is grayish-tan. The pine grosbeak male is dull rose red and the female is a gray color tinged with yellow, both having white wing bars.

Crossbills have the most unique identifying feature — they really do have crossed bills which they use to pry open seed cones, extracting the seeds with their tongues. Both red and white winged crossbills are house sparrow sized, the males a dull red and the females an olive gray with two white wing bars on the white winged crossbill, as the name implies.

Are these birds uncommon? Two female and one male white winged crossbill fed at my feeders all winter in 1994. Get out your binoculars and field guides and take a closer look this winter!

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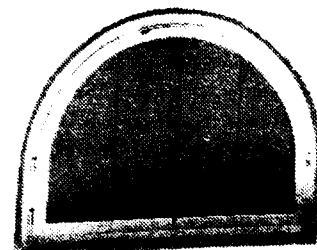
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Mortgage Market Information Services Inc. (MMIS), the company that brings home finance information to more than 300 local and daily newspapers nationally, announced that it will make this information available to computer users everywhere. Villa Park, Ill.-based MMIS now will deliver local mortgage rate information on a national scale via the Internet World Wide Web.

MMIS is no newcomer to the computer information age, however. For years MMIS has been operating Mortgage Market Online, using state-of-the-art computer technology to provide up-to-date mortgage information to consumers.

The interactive computer system has allowed the public to use their home computers to dial in and acquire current mortgage rates for the Chicago area, as well as financial and real estate information.

According to James R. DeBoth, MMIS president, Mortgage Market On-Line has been successfully operating as a local computer bulletin board in the Chicago market for five years.

"Consumers demand a forum where they can quickly and easily

access mortgage information," said DeBoth, who has been providing this information for nearly a decade.

He explained that the service of reporting mortgage rates has evolved from simple lists of a few lenders to today's detailed rate guides. As a result, the format of mortgage rate reporting has evolved as well.

The next logical step for MMIS was to provide this computerized access on a national scale.

"With the rapid growth of lenders offering home financing on a national basis, it became necessary to find a medium that would provide consumers with the most timely list of lenders and programs," said DeBoth. "By using the latest technology, the Internet, we are able to bring them up-to-the-minute lender information for most regions of the United States."

Accessing this "next generation mortgage guide" is simple, DeBoth said. Using any major online service (America On-Line, Prodigy, CompuServe, etc.), set your World Wide Web browser to <http://www.interest.com>. From there, click on the home page item that meets your needs - mortgage

rates, the mortgage lender directory or timely articles regarding home financing.

"If you choose mortgage rates, for instance, you'll be presented with a map of the United States," DeBoth said. "Simply click on your state, then select a loan program that interests you, and a list of lenders that are quoting rates for that program will appear on your screen."

Interested individuals also can access financial news. Jim DeBoth's syndicated home finance column which offers a mortgage pre-qualifier including amortization schedule, plus a national lender database.

"By offering diverse information from across the country, MMIS' Internet presence has created a forum that will stimulate competition among lenders," said Keith Kubik, marketing director for MMIS. "Since financial information is updated daily, consumers, as well as other lending institutions, will be aware of what is occurring in the marketplace as soon as it happens. This is sure to benefit consumers, as lenders compete with each other for their business."

He added that computerized

mortgage information offers numerous advantages.

"Not only are consumers presented with a wide variety of choices regarding home financing, they can browse from the convenience of their own home," said Tyna Lewandowski, MMIS sales manager. "Someone moving from out of state can find a lender and current mortgage rates without ever leaving the house."

Founded in 1987, MMIS is one of the nation's largest providers of mortgage information. Always on the cutting edge of technology, the firm offers services such as electronic publishing, mortgage guides, a national mortgage rate database, financial newsletters and information hotlines. MMIS supplies more than 300 print publications, as well as radio and television stations, with the latest mortgage charts, graphs, trends, predictions, analysis and statistics. The company, based in Villa Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, has a regional office in Philadelphia and is a media partner with Inffinet.

For information, contact Keith Kubik at 1-800-59-4363.

Comic strips have inspired many toys and ornaments. Sometimes, however, the strip is so old, the figurines or toys have lost all meaning for today's collector.

The Yellow Kid, Little Nemo, Kayo, Happy Hooligan, Mutt and Jeff and Katzenjammer Kids are unknown to some collectors.

Many different small pottery or plaster figures were made in the early years of the century, when comics were just starting. Small, rare figures depict such characters as Buster Brown; Foxy Grandpa; Skeeze; Andy Gump and Min Gump; Happy Hooligan and Gloomy Gus; Harold Teen; Hans, Fritz, Mama and other

Trees

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place their orders in advance of the holiday season for delivery of a fresh tree, usually in early December. Mail order trees make easy festive gifts for friends, family and business associates.

The National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) was founded in 1955 and has over 2,000 members involved in the production and sale of real Christmas trees and also in related industries and services. NCTA provides educational programs to the industry as well as national product marketing and consumer information.

Antiques

"Katzenjammer Kids" regulars; Moon Mullins and Kayo; Mutt and Jeff; Skippy; Smitty; and Henry. Most such figures sell today for more than \$100 each.

In years to come, will small plastic figures of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Garfield, Blondie and Dagwood be expensive collectibles?

Q. What is a "fire grenade"? I just bought a blue bottle marked "Hayward's Hand Fire Grenade." It looks like a vase shaped like a ball with a long neck attached.

A. Fire grenades were popular from the 1870s to about 1910.

Each was a glass container filled with a liquid that could extinguish a fire. The liquid, often carbon tetrachloride, was toxic.

The fire grenade was thrown at the fire. When the glass bottle broke, the liquid put out the fire.

Some fire grenades were stored in a special wire rack. The heat of a fire was supposed to melt the solder holding the rack, causing the grenades to fall onto the fire.

The best-known American manufacturers of fire grenades were the Harden Hand Fire Extinguisher Co. of Chicago and the Hayward Co. of New York

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