

# Promising Pointe students perform with 'Gentlemen of Swing'

By Shirley A. McShane  
Staff Writer

Two outstanding young musicians will be featured soloists in the "Gentlemen of Swing" orchestra's annual free Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Assumption Cultural Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In addition to the band's regular vocalists — Denise Stevens and Don Littlefield — Grosse Pointe South

graduate Michael Weyhing and South senior Ryan Christians will accompany the 17-member orchestra led by Mel Stander, formerly of Grosse Pointe and now residing in Harper Woods.

Christians will perform "Harlem Nocturne" on alto saxophone and head the five-man sax section for the first half of the show.

Weyhing is a percussionist studying at the Cleveland Conservatory of

Music. He will perform during the second half of the show and will be highlighted during the last three numbers, "All of Me," "720 in the Books" and "One Foot in the Chimney, Santa's Stuck." Both will accompany the band during its finale, "White Christmas."

Stander said he invited the two young men to perform in his eighth annual Christmas concert after first hearing them perform last summer in

an outdoor concert in the Village featuring music students from both North and South high schools. The two were part of a jazz group conducted by Ralph Miller, instrumental music director at South.

"I was so impressed, I wanted to invite all of them to perform with us," Stander said. "Since I couldn't do that, I decided to invite (Weyhing and Christians). They both do a fine job and are excellent."

The two young musicians initially were invited to play with the 17-piece "big band" ensemble during a rehearsal last summer.

"They were so pleased to be playing with us older guys," Stander said. The Gentlemen of Swing, which was "formed entirely by accident," is celebrating its 10th year, Stander said.

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## WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, Dec. 5

Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish festival of lights, begins at sundown tonight.

### Saturday, Dec. 7

Pearl Harbor Day — "a date that will live in infamy." For those who may have forgotten, at 7:55 a.m. on this date in 1941, 200 Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The raid, which lasted little more than an hour, left nearly 3,000 dead and brought about immediate U.S. entry into World War II.

### Monday, Dec. 9

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the municipal court room at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal court room at city hall, 90 Kerby.

The Grosse Pointe school board meets at 8 p.m. in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

### Thursday, Dec. 12

The Veterans Club of Grosse Pointe's monthly meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The keynote speaker is Wayne State University professor Philip Mason, who will talk about the days of prohibition and "rum running" in Detroit. Veterans are encouraged to bring their spouses and service men and women should wear their service caps. Call (313) 881-7511 for more information.

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## Exhibition on ice

The Shoreliners Teen Introductory Precision Team, based in St. Clair Shores, performed an exhibition show on Nov. 23 during the Grosse Pointe Skating Club's awards day at Grosse Pointe Community Rink in Detroit. The Shoreliners, along with the Little Shoreliners, performed their routines to Irish folk music in preparation for a competition this Saturday in Ann Arbor. Grosse Pointers on the team are Colleen Brennan of Grosse Pointe Woods, Susan Brandeis of Grosse Pointe Farms and Christine Semler of Grosse Pointe Park. They are coached by Robin Hartnett of the City of Grosse Pointe and Brenda Willhite of Harrison Township.

## School board continues talks on tutoring more music students

By Shirley A. McShane  
Staff Writer

The issue of whether the school board should revise its policy addressing in-school tutoring for vocal and instrumental music continues to come up at board meetings.

At least one board member thinks a new policy needs to be drafted to address concerns raised by parents, following the board's approval last July of a policy that prohibits supplemental instruction in lieu of scheduled classes. Instruction

may take place before or after school or during the lunch hour.

At least one other board member thinks the issue is nothing more than micro-management and disputes the claim that there have been complaints about the practice of tutoring students in voice and instrumental music during the school day.

The rest of the board seems to think the matter ought to be looked at further. The board may take action and revise the

policy at its Monday, Dec. 9 meeting.

Before July, the school district did not have a policy addressing tutoring during the school day. Board secretary Jack Ryan said he voted to adopt the policy only minutes after taking the oath of office. "I have to confess I didn't look into all the background on the 100 or so items on the agenda. Maybe I was remiss in doing that. If there are com-

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## Women enjoy wine, cigar night

ST. CLAIR SHORES — It was ladies night out at Andiamo's, complete with appetizers, soup, salad, a main course of veal with blackberry brandy sauce and a chocolate crepe souffle.

Courses were topped off with wine and cigars.

It's trendy, so 1990s, to savor a good cigar held by delicate hands accented with finely sculpted nails.

Both Dawn Lucas of St. Clair Shores and Peggy Paganis of Clinton Township said this was their first experience with smoking cigars and found it "relaxing" and definitely enjoyable.

Noreen Ciccarelli of Grosse Pointe Woods decided to come to the "Ladies Only Cigar Dinner" after her friend Margaret Nottingham of Harper Woods talked her into it and found smoking a cigar "pleasurable."

Nottingham, a waitress at Andiamo's, said after working the men's cigar dinner she just had to come.

Following the LaDiva Corona and a Suave Robusto (both cigars), Jane Altadonna has changed her mind about this male-focused pastime.

"I've smelled it only in the office," she said, and didn't care for the odor it left, but in the company of other cigar-smoking women, she didn't notice the odor.

She also commented that part of the pleasure of the cigar was the atmosphere, the food and its presentation. Altadonna described the



Photo by Theo L. Walker

A "suave robusto" is just what Stephanie Vicari of Grosse Pointe Woods needed to top off her evening at a recent Ladies Only Cigar Dinner at Andiamo's Lakeshore Bistro.

LaDiva Corona as full bodied.

Her friend, Ann Miller, also of St. Clair Shores, thought the Corona was mild.

They also mentioned holding a large cigar was a little awkward.

Diana Leone of New Baltimore said her grandfather smoked cigars and her parents were wine distributors — so she enjoyed her evening with wine, women and cigars. She said she prefers a larger cigar because it has more flavor. The only bad side effect, Leone said, was she got a headache if she accidentally inhaled.

Yvonne Yovanovichi of St. Clair Shores thought the evening "wonderful" and has been smoking cigars for about six months. Her favorite is a Portofino.

Each cigar was specifically chosen to complement the course with which it was served, said Tony Raffin, who supplies the cigars for the restaurant and the dinner. The LaDiva Corona which was smoked along with imported cheese, fruit and Domaine St. Michelle Blanc De Blanc lasted about 45 minutes. The Suave Robusto was a shorter cigar, with a smoking life of about 20 minutes, and was served with the salad.

The third cigar offered the women was an Arnelas #5 vanilla served with the main course.

And it was purely a coincidence that this evening was set on the American Cancer Society's National Smoke-Out day, said restaurant owner John Vicari. One reason this date, Nov. 21, was chosen was because it was during deer hunting season.

## Richner elected to state party leadership role

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

Freshman legislator Andrew Richner of Grosse Pointe Park was recently elected to a leadership post in the Republican power structure.

Richner was elected Republican Caucus vice chair for the state house of representatives at the Nov. 13 caucus meeting.

The Republican Caucus, said Richner, consists of the 52 Republican members of the house. The caucus provides the framework in which Republicans operate in the house.

The caucus decides the direction the party takes in house matters, Richner said. It also provides Republicans with information on legislation being considered in the house, and what the party position is. The caucus is also involved in the mechanics of actually proposing legislation, guiding it through the house, setting the timing of a bill's introduction and the mustering of Republican support for legislation.

"The caucus also decides which Republicans will sit on which committees," said Richner. "Newly elected house speaker Curtis Hertel, a Democrat, decides the number of Republicans and Democrats that will serve on each committee. The Republican Caucus then determines which of its members will fill those spots. Committee assignments are very important, but we won't find out what positions will be available until after Jan. 8, 1997, when Hertel is officially elected as the house speaker."

Richner said that the number of committees is not fixed, and that if Hertel wishes he may create more committees.

Richner said it was important for him to be elected to a position in the caucus leadership because of term limitations.

"There are six Republican members of the house newly elected in 1994," said Richner. "This year nine Republican



Andrew Richner

freshman were elected. That means when term limitations go into effect in two years, there will be 15 Republicans, assuming everyone is re-elected in '96, in the house with any experience."

So the need for members of his class to step up into leadership roles is greater than ever, said Richner.

"We really need to pass on institutional knowledge to the younger members of the house before the senior members of the Republican leadership have to step down because of the term limit law," said Richner. "We freshman need to get involved now so we can lead the caucus in the future. I feel with my experience on the Wayne County Commission, that I can make a contribution to the caucus now."

Richner said that his job will be to assist the caucus chair, who runs the caucus meetings. Other leadership positions include caucus leader, who leads the party in the house; the floor leader, who is responsible for coordinating action on the house floor when legislation is being debated and voted on; and the party whip, who is responsible for counting and getting out the votes when legislation is sent to the floor.

"It's an honor to be selected by my peers," said Richner. "It's good that the caucus is thinking about the future."

## POINTER OF INTEREST

### Martha Schroeder

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Family: Husband, Dick; three sons: Cory, 19; Kevin, 18; and Jeff, 13

Occupation: Takes in homeless animals until a permanent home can be found

Quote: "We shouldn't turn our backs on unfortunate animals. I can't save them all. It's nice to make a little bit of a dent."

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Martha Schroeder

# Tutoring— Kessler honored with Blessing Architectural Award

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plaints, please give them to me. I don't want to vote in ignorance again. If there are problems, I'd like to know about them," Ryan said.

Margaret Steele, music department chair for the secondary schools, said teachers approached the administration on the application of the new policy and whether exceptions could be made.

Supplemental instruction is available to any interested student. Tutors are screened by the staff and assigned to a student. Supplemental instruction must be aligned with the district's curriculum. Of the 120 vocal students, for example, Steele said 29 of them are engaged in private lessons during the school day; eight students are studying the harp.

At the board's Nov. 11 meeting, teachers in the vocal music department told the board supplemental and private instruction is used to teach students instruments, such as the harp, which aren't in the mainstream program. Or, to prepare a student for an upcoming production, such as when a student is required to sing a solo in a foreign language. The only logistical problem Steele foresees is space availability in the schools.

Board members asked the administration to gather more information on the matter before they take further action.

But vice president Carl Anderson, who said at the board's last meeting that in his 12 years on the board, he has never been made aware of a problem with supplemental instruction, wondered why the board was looking at this matter in the first place.

"Why are we stirring the pot here when there is not a problem?" Anderson asked, after trustee Cindy Pangborn mentioned there were complaints about in-school tutoring. "Where are the complaints? Is this another 'window' issue, another political issue?" Anderson asked.

Neither board president Tim Howlett, who also served on the policy study committee that looked at this matter last school year with Pangborn, nor secretary Jack Ryan, nor Steele said they recall hearing about any complaints regarding supplemental instruction.

Pangborn said it was because of the number of complaints regarding the practice, along with it being in conflict with the teachers' contract, that the committee was asked last year by former superintendent Ed Shine to look at the issue.

William Kessler, CEO and founder of Kessler Associates, Inc., received the Charles Blessing Award at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Detroit Honor Awards reception. The reception was held at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Nov. 22.

The Charles Blessing Award is named to honor

the visionary Detroit city planner, architect, engineer and educator who committed his life to the pursuit of a higher quality of life for everyone. The award is given each year to the individual who best bestows the visionary ideas, commitment and accomplishments espoused by Charles Blessing, Fellow

of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Kessler is a FALA and has received Gold Medals from both AIA Detroit and AIA Michigan. He has been a leading force behind several of Detroit's landmark building designs including Detroit Receiving Hospital, the Center for Creative Studies, the

Detroit Science Center and the Fox Theatre restoration.

As an outspoken observer of Detroit's evolving city, Kessler has been instrumental in redesigning much of the center core. Projects in which the firm has been involved include: Community On The Move, Woodbridge,

Peoples Area Development Corporation, The Cultural and Medical Centers, Woodward East, Broadway-Randolph and Elmwood Park 3.

Kessler's formal education includes a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Chicago Institute of Design, a master's of architecture from the

Harvard School of Design. He lives in Grosse Pointe Park, with his wife, Margot.



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## Commissioners seek extension of real estate transfer tax refund

By Amy Andreou Miller  
Staff Writer

A hearing will be held Dec. 13 in Wayne County Circuit Court to determine whether Wayne County residents should remain eligible to seek a refund of a portion of their Real Estate Transfer Tax if they sold a home or business between Jan. 11, 1990, and May 10, 1996, and whether residents may apply for such a refund by mail instead of an in-person trip downtown.

The state Supreme Court assigned a Macomb County Circuit Court visiting judge, Kenneth Sanborn, to hear and rule upon the motion brought by the 15 Wayne County Commissioners.

Ben Washburn, the legal counsel on behalf of the commissioners, will be arguing the motion.

Originally, Wayne County Circuit Court judge John Kirwan, now retired, ruled on a lawsuit that made a refund of the real estate transfer tax possible. Harper Woods resident David Pochmara and the Taxpayers Allied for Constitutional Taxation sued the county in 1991 alleging that, according to the Headlee Amendment, the county improperly levied taxes when it increased the Real Estate Transfer Tax 40 cents per \$1,000 value of real property (from \$1.10 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 value of real property).

The 1980 Headlee Amendment requires a vote by affected constituents to levy a tax increase.

Kirwan agreed that the increase was unconstitutional. The court ordered Wayne County to refund the illegally collected money to those who request a refund, plus 2 percent interest.

Usually, when such legal decisions occur, affected parties have three weeks from the date of a judge's final judgment to move to appeal or amend the judgment.

"The three week deadline ought not apply to this particular case," Washburn said, because most affected people did know that a ruling was made.

First District commissioner Andrew Richner agrees. He has been trying to locate people who sold a house within his district — the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, and a portion of Detroit — during the last six years.

The problem is the record showing that sellers paid their real estate transfer tax appears on the back of the title which becomes the property of the buyers.

Richner said he and his staff attempted with limited success to cross-reference various documents and local phone books to locate some sellers who may be due for a refund.

"A lot of sellers moved out of the area, and are difficult to locate," he said.

Richner said he also sent a notice and refund application to all real estate agencies in the first district so that agents may notify clients who had sold homes.

Additionally, people who exercised their right under state law to maintain confidentiality regarding the price for which a house was sold/bought had additional difficulties to prove how much of a refund to which they should be entitled.

Richner said he received a number of phone calls from concerned people who used the "confidential" sale option and were experiencing problems seeking a refund. He said he and other commissioners managed to persuade the Wayne County Register of Deeds to issue affidavits attesting to the value of various home-selling transactions.

Moreover, people who generally prefer their house transaction to be confidential are people who sold an expensive home. The bigger the house's price tag, the larger the refund that seller should receive.

If every affected Wayne County resident sought their refund, the county would disburse about \$7 million. So far, the county has paid \$1 million as of Oct. 31; 6,000 more claims currently are being processed.

The county has no reserve fund for this purpose; cutbacks somewhere in the budget would be required, Washburn said.

Washburn said that the typical refund averages about \$35 per home seller.

To compute a refund, take the price of the home sold between Jan. 11, 1990, and April 19, 1996, divide selling price by 1,000, then multiply that number by 40.

For example, if a house sold for \$200,000, the refund would be \$80.

In this case, affected Wayne County residents were given four months, from July 1, 1996

to Oct. 31, 1996 to seek refunds on the real estate transfer tax residents paid if they sold a house within, essentially, the last six years.

Washburn said that winning the motion would mean overcoming a number of procedural obstacles in addition to extending the typical three-week period for amendments. One such obstacle is that the county commissioners were not a party in the law suit.

"Asking if they can intervene after a final judgment has been made is unusual," Washburn said.

Richner said he believes Wayne County was the only

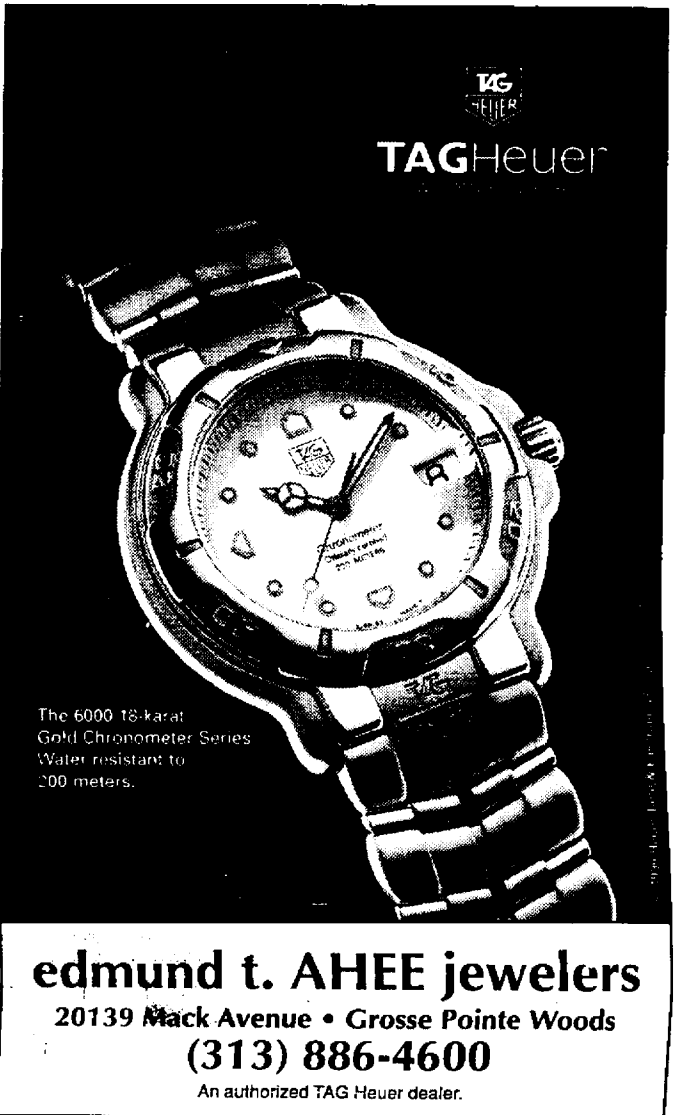
county in the state that chose, without putting the decision before voters, to increase its real estate transfer tax within the last 15 years.

"We shouldn't have levied the tax in the first place," Richner said.

The commissioners had asked Wayne County Executive Edward MacNamara to implement their resolution to seek an

amendment to the court order that would allow for an extension to the refund deadline, and a mail-in option for such refunds.

Richner said MacNamara decided not to implement the commissioners' resolution, thus the commissioners then directed their legal counsel to seek an amendment to the court order allowing for an extension and a mail-in option.



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# This Pointer provides foster homes for animals

By Margie Reins Smith  
Assistant Editor

When Martha Schroeder's front doorbell rings, the household crackles with excitement.

Dogs, with their unshakable optimism, their unshakable, ever-transparent eagerness, race to see who's on the other side of the door.

"Yippee," dogs would say if they could talk. "Here's somebody new to make friends with."

The doorbell ringer hears the click and slide of toenails on bare floors, deep bass barks, staccato yips, anticipatory whines, scratching and pawing on the inside of the door. One imagines the flurry of wags and wiggles and leaps.

Schroeder opens the door and apologizes for the confusion. She has provided foster homes for animals from the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society for the last several years.

Greeting the visitor are:

Buster, a silky chocolate brown male retriever. His former owners tried to neuter him by themselves. He came to the Anti-Cruelty Society with several serious infections.

Brandy, a deaf poodle. She's 6 months old, white, about 11 pounds.

Her former owners took her to the Anti-Cruelty Society because she was too hard to discipline.

Schroeder recently traveled to Ann Arbor with her to visit a special veterinarian who thinks her deafness may be due to an infection. Brandy is taking antibiotics.

Raela, a 2-year-old black and brown shepherd mix who was found trotting along Jefferson in Detroit nearly a year ago. She has owners somewhere, Schroeder said, because she evidently had surgery on her leg.

Nika, a black spaniel mix with a gray muzzle. She's shy, cautious, hard to warm up to strangers.

She was found, skinny and

dirty, wandering on Kensington. Schroeder coaxed her into her car while waiting for her son to get out of hockey practice.

Dunbar, a lab/shepherd mix Schroeder bought at the dog pound about five years ago, when he was a puppy. "He's fat," she said. "He's lazy. He sleeps a lot." She rubs his ears affectionately.

A dog with no name. Yet. The tricolored female shepherd is about 4 months old, Schroeder said, and was wandering around Chandler Park with other strays that are part of a

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she said.

Schroeder was born in Indianapolis; she moved with her parents to Grosse Pointe Park when she was in the fourth grade and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

"I always had a dog or two when I was growing up," she said. "We used to get pets from the pound, then find homes for them." She once had a pet mother

Some of Schroeder's dog food expenses are covered by donations to the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Dr. Lawrence Herzog of the Grosse Pointe Animal Clinic on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park often discounts his veterinary services for her foster dogs.

Schroeder copes with the other problems of a multiple-dog household with a steam cleaner for carpets, a couple of portable gates, and a heavy supply of flea repellents.

"My own dogs take pills to keep them free of fleas," she said. "But Dr. Herzog gave me some flea powder. He said it was for my car."

One time Schroeder and her husband rescued four puppies and their mother from inside an abandoned car in a junkyard.

"We found homes for all the puppies," she said.

Another of their foster dogs, a severely malnourished shepherd, was nursed back to health and eventually became a leader dog for the blind. "He's our best success story," she said, pointing to a picture of him with his new owner.

Chelsea was probably the saddest story, she said. "He was featured on a local news station. I caught him near the ice arena on Mount Elliott. He was missing a foot. Dr. Herzog thought it was probably from being caught in a steel trap. Herzog had to amputate more of the foot."

Chelsea found a home, she said. "An older man whose wife had just died had his lawyer write to the Anti-Cruelty Society because he saw the dog on TV.

The man adopted Chelsea and still keeps Schroeder updated on Chelsea's new life with short, chatty notes and Polaroid pictures.



From left, Nika, Raela, Buster, Brandy (whose face is hidden) and Dunbar vie for a place on Martha Schroeder's lap.

pack that's been there for many years.

No Name is not housebroken. Family members keep a watchful eye on her.

She gets tossed outside every hour or so. And when she goes out, all the other dogs want to go too.

Besides six dogs, Schroeder also has four Moluccan cockatoos and a foster cat.

The cat arrived two days ago, from the Anti-Cruelty Society, with a serious wound. He's spending the day at the vet's,

She married Dick Schroeder, who is a nurse anesthetist at Bon Secours Hospital. They moved to Grosse Pointe Park about 13 years ago.

"About 2 1/2 years ago," she said, "I was reading a newsletter from the Anti-Cruelty Society and discovered they were looking for foster homes for animals. I applied.

"Right away, they sent me a litter of six abandoned puppies. We took care of them and found homes for all of them. The Park's city manager took one of them home."

Schroeder has a photo album filled with pictures of the hundreds of animals she has cared for.

She knows them all by name and can tell a detailed, often sad story of cruelty or abuse or neglect for each one. Most of the animals find homes. Only about 5 percent are returned to their former owners, she said.

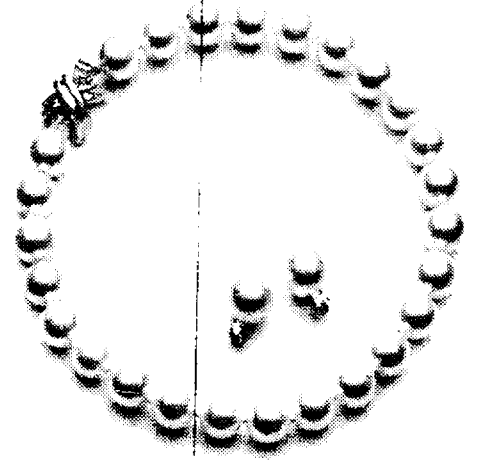
"The Anti-Cruelty Society is always looking for foster homes," Schroeder said. "We shouldn't turn our backs on unfortunate animals.

"I can't save them all, but it's

nice to make a little dent."

In spite of the minor household mishaps associated with pets — chewed shoes, stolen food, gnawed sunglasses, stained floors, dog hair and occasional dueling dog personalities — Schroeder said she still looks forward to providing foster homes for abandoned and sick animals.

"Dogs are such nice companions," she said. "They treat you like they love you. They're nice to have around."



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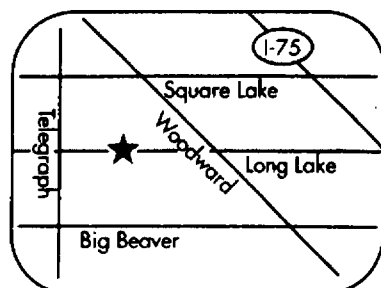
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## Let's evaluate charter school innovations

No action to try to lift the 150-limit on the number of charter schools permitted in Michigan has yet been taken despite earlier rumors that Gov. John E. Engler was anxious to see if the expiring GOP Legislature would act.

It seems to us the 150 limit, not yet reached under the yearly limits imposed last year by Rep. William R. Bryant of Grosse Pointe Farms, chairman of the House Education Committee, ought to be sufficient for the time being and perhaps permanently.

Bryant, who will remain as chairman of the Education Committee through the last remaining weeks of the 1996 legislative session, had heard reports the governor might seek to eliminate the charter school limit before the Democrats take control of the House after Jan. 1.

However, Bryant told the Grosse

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Pointe News last week that he had not received any specific recommendations from the governor's office.

In fact, we know of no thorough and impartial evaluation that has been or is being made of the charter schools. Bryant is one of those who feels that such an evaluation should be made before any increase in limits is even considered by the Legislature.

Central Michigan University, which has chartered 40 or almost half of the 81 charter schools currently authorized in Michigan, reportedly has plans to complete its own evaluation by the end of the school year.

In effect, CMU will be evaluating its own handiwork but we hope that it can maintain the traditional scholarly independence even in its review of schools that its own officials chartered.

The Michigan Monthly, usually a reliable source of information on school matters, reported in its November issue that CMU's report card for charter schools will seek to answer such questions as the following:

"Do charter schools operate in a cost-effective manner compared to traditional public schools?"

"What data do we have to show fiscal accountability for taxpayers' funds?"

Furthermore, Michigan Monthly said that CMU "will compare student absenteeism in charter and public schools, and among other things, project the rate of growth of charter schools."

Over the past year, the daily media have carried a number of stories about charter schools having troubles with everything from startup costs to allegations of misconduct.

We have not been among the boosters of charter schools for a major reason: Money for charter schools is taken from the same state public school fund that finances the public schools.


That means, in our view, that funds for charter schools, which are not held to the same requirements imposed on other public schools, are in effect taking money from the public schools.

While public schools also reduce their costs by not having to educate the departing students, their costs cannot be figured on a specific per student or per teacher basis. And yet backers of charter schools expect that public schools will improve because of the competition from charter schools.

But if public schools lose some of their funds and some of their best students, how can they be expected to improve their records just because of the new competition they face?

Whatever the success of charter schools, the great majority of children in the United States will continue to be educated in the public schools.

That is the important fact that citizens should keep in mind when they are asked to consider supporting charter schools.

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## Brinkley retires on a sour note

David Brinkley has finally bowed out as the moderator of ABC's Sunday morning TV news review but he apparently will remain as one of the ABC commentators.

However, on the basis of his first appearance in his new role the Sunday before Thanksgiving, he will apparently offer a humorous or other closing piece on the regular morning program that will be run by two other members of Brinkley's former team.

Yet it was disappointing that Brinkley marred his long record in electronic journalism with a nasty criticism of President Clinton during the ABC windup of its election coverage.

The broadcaster said the president was "a bore," with "not a creative bone in his body" and added that the nation could expect "more goddamned nonsense" from him in the next four years.

True, Brinkley apologized to the president personally before interviewing him in his final appearance as the ABC host, but highly paid TV news stars often do join political conservatives in expressing criticism of high taxes and in backing

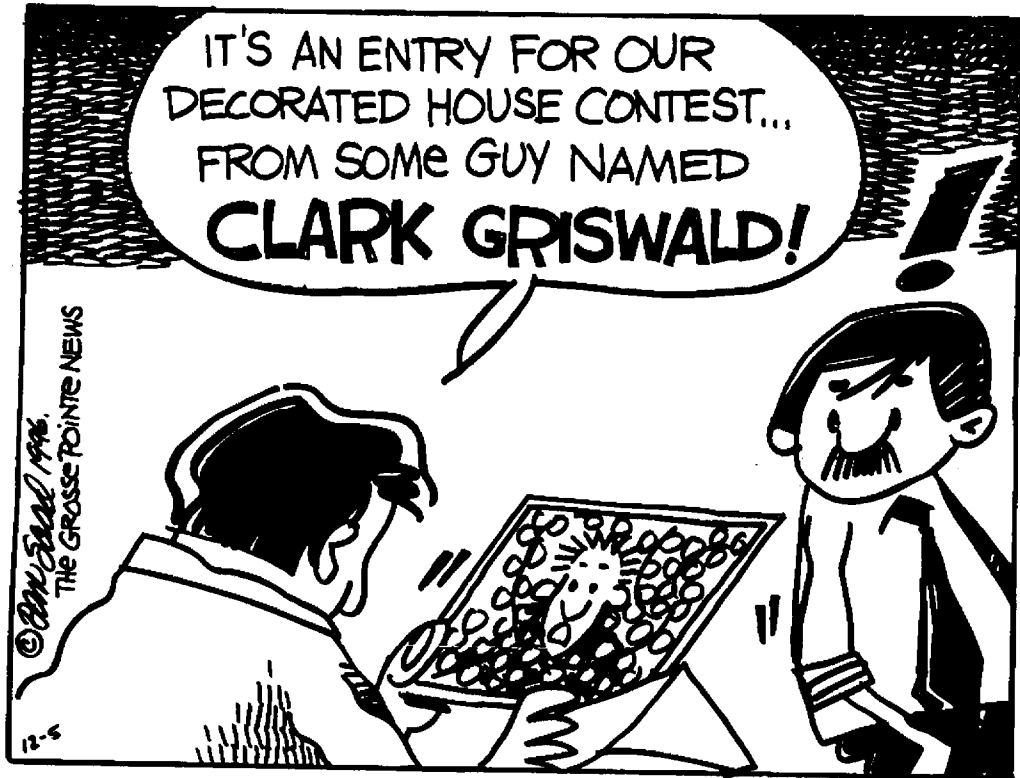
other conservative issues.

Brinkley himself made a long and direct attack on the income tax and the IRS in one of his recent books. But that should not be surprising. Brinkley and other TV stars move in Washington's circles of the wealthy and privileged. In fact, they are a major part of Washington's social structure.

While broadcasters and the Washington media often have been described as strongly supportive of the Democratic liberal agenda, there is a growing body of conservatives in journalism who are as outspoken as some liberals in their support for their viewpoints.

A few broadcasters still put editorials on the air and identify them as such. But they're in a minority, as are the stations and networks that publish letters or make corrections, as newspapers and magazines usually do.

All of which reminds us that TV has become primarily a medium of entertainment, and even when it reports news, it too often plays up its entertainment value rather than its significance.



## Good news for baseball fans

Major league baseball's owners finally have signed on to a labor agreement that will apparently guarantee peace with the players and uninterrupted play for five years.

It's about time the owners acted to assure continued play. The public last season showed definite signs of revived interest in baseball in most ball parks, but many fans still refused to make peace with the sport after that 232-day strike.

The agreement comes at an appropriate time for Detroit. With a new stadium having been approved, the Tigers' goal now should be to build a team worthy of the community effort that has gone into the stadium project — and thus erase memories of the Tigers' awful record of recent years.

The major league agreement is supposed to fix the problem caused by the fact that baseball has evolved into the haves and have-nots. The big-market teams outbid the smaller-market teams for the star players, guaranteeing that the good

teams remain good or even get better and the others join the also-rans.

The agreement seeks to solve this problem by approving a revenue-sharing plan under which the 13 wealthiest teams transfer money to the bottom 13 teams.

The revenue-sharing pool will be fed by various sources, including a new luxury tax — actually a penalty imposed by the owners on themselves — that will be paid by the teams with the top five payrolls that exceed a specific salary threshold.

The agreement is supposed to provide cash transfusions to the at-risk franchises in Milwaukee, Montreal and Pittsburgh and impose a curb on player salaries by making the wealthy owners think twice before grabbing the high-priced talent.

True, the owners did not obtain their major objective: some kind of a cap on skyrocketing wages.

But the players now have an obligation to inject more realism into their wage negotiations to avoid pricing baseball out of the entertainment market.

## Those warnings about casinos

As investigators representing both the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit inspect casino gambling operations elsewhere, they are getting a lot of good advice — and warnings about the community dangers involved in casinos.

It is good to learn, for example, that several members of the state and city panels of investigators have sought to downplay the expectation that the introduction of casino gambling will be an economic cure-all for Detroit.

That, of course, was the pitch made by the promoters of gambling even though they will be the major gainers. If the promoters weren't the profiteers, why would the big boys in the industry be flitting around Detroit like moths around a

flame?

A Detroit Free Press editorial the other day cited some of the less-glamorous by-products of casino gambling in Atlantic City this way:

"Addiction, crime (organized and street), political corruption, bankruptcy, family dysfunction and domestic violence, neighborhood decline, housing abandonment, business displacement, homelessness, and increased demands on government for infrastructure improvements and social services."

Our hope is that both the city and the state approve and then strictly enforce the toughest kind of restrictions on the casinos. Even if the regulations are followed, casino gambling is likely to be a blight on Detroit's future in many ways.

## Letters

### Overcrowding in classrooms

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to an article that was printed on the date of Nov. 14, 1996. The article was "School district examines issue of overcrowding at Parcels School," by Shirley A. McShane. She clearly stated that Parcels Middle School had 793 students versus Brownell which holds 510 students and Pierce at 562 students. It is obvious to your readers that the number of students Parcels has is a compliment to the teaching staff. It shows that there is a good teaching policy and the students are eager to learn at Parcels.

I was very disturbed at the fact that teachers, parents and administrators were considering taking 100 students out and switching them to a new school. Well, how would you pick those 100 students? Has anyone ever considered that students and parents would take offense to the fact if their child was picked to move? What about the fact of a lawsuit?

I have thought of another idea Parcels Middle School could use for the overcrowding. First, hold a class in the cafeteria before and after lunch. This will eliminate the overcrowding in classrooms. Classes can also be held in Parcels Library. Yes, this may cost extra money for more teachers, but it is a great reduction cost in adding new additions, (which will take a lot of time to accomplish, maybe till next year) and making students move to a new school.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter. I strongly suggest that the school board takes this into consideration.

Norma Massu  
Grosse Pointe Park

### Barnes is answer to Parcels issue

To the Editor:

Of all the proposed remedies for relieving the overcrowded conditions at Parcels Middle School being considered by the Grosse Pointe school board, reopening Barnes for sixth grade represents the only educationally sound, realistic long- and short-term solution to this complicated problem.

Stretching the school day by adding an hour represents an inexpensive non-solution. Physical overcrowding would remain during most of the school day, lunch scheduling would be unaffected and the possibility of a significant number of unsupervised students at school and in the adjacent neighborhoods waiting for after-school activities, friends or siblings is of questionable wisdom.

Furthermore, during the darkest part of the school year, large numbers of students would be required to travel before sunrise, leading to safety concerns.

Additional construction, including expansion of the current middle school, is expensive, unnecessary and requires several years' lead-time, providing no short- or intermediate-term relief.

Unreasonable shifts in middle school attendance boundaries would be required to move enough students from

Parcels to Brownell to materially impact the current overcrowding situation, rendering this option unsatisfactory.

Canceling the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Woods branch lease would provide only modest relief, while depriving the community of a longstanding, heavily used resource.

Although moving the Parcels sixth graders to Barnes is not without its challenges, the improvement in the sixth grade as well as the seventh and eighth grade environments, could more than make up for any initial difficulties.

Furthermore, since several costly renovations are scheduled for Barnes, whether or not students are using the building, it would appear the best return on this investment would be to operate Barnes as a fully functional school.

I urge the board and the community to actively and quickly pursue the use of Barnes as a sixth-grade building, beginning in fall 1997.

Randall W. Steinkamp  
Harper Woods

### Cadieux reunion

To the Editor:

How can I express how much I enjoyed the Cadieux School reunion?

The guests from the past, the singer and piano player performing songs from the '20s, the beautiful cake with the Cadieux School on it, the decorations, etc. I am still on cloud nine when I think about it.

Thank you to everyone in the school system who worked on the reunion. It's something we older ones will never forget as long as we live.

Mary Chisnall Berger  
City of Grosse Pointe

## Cafe mocha hazelnut nicotania decaf

You see them lurking in doorways and alleys, furtively looking over their shoulders. Sometimes several huddle together, chatting in hushed voices like cons in the slammer planning a break. Sometimes a lone one can be seen leaning back in the shadows, one foot against a wall like a sad imitation of Marlene Dietrich. Smokers...the outcasts of the 90s.

Other than conservative Christians and males of European ancestry, cigarette smokers are the only minority group Americans are publicly encouraged to discriminate against.

In restaurants they are exiled to postage stamp-sized tables near the toilets, at fami-

ly gatherings they are forced out onto cold patios and driveways, and they are ridiculed mercilessly by public service announcements. In public they must endure the self righteous stares of passersby.

At home their children climb onto their laps and tearfully recite the gruesome mantra of anti-smoking statistics they've learned in school. Daily they live with the threat that at any moment our cigar-chewing president might, if the polls dictate, officially proclaim tobacco as dangerous and illegal as weapons-grade plutonium. These are the worst of times for smokers.

Many people would sooner spend an evening with an ax murderer or even an insurance salesman than sit for two minutes next to a guy puffing on a Camel. But smokers are people, just like the rest of us, except they have this weird death-wish. If you prick them do they not bleed? If you tickle them do they not laugh and then start coughing? If you poison them do they not...well



Mark Barrows

actually, they are doing a rather efficient job of poisoning themselves.

The point is we must show some compassion and face the fact that these folks want to consume tobacco. So, let us apply some good old Yankee ingenuity and develop a new use for the lowly tobacco leaf.

This new tobacco product shouldn't necessitate, in the words of Bob Newhart, sticking leaves in your mouth and setting them on fire. Also, this product must be singularly unattractive to children, so it shouldn't involve chewing or spitting. It must be reasonably profitable for tobacco farmers,

those bib overall-clad millionaires we occasionally see on newscasts rubbing their chins and saying, "Mah daddy, and his daddy and his daddy, and his daddy 'fore him been growin' tobaccah on this land since this here country was founded." Finally, it must attract the non-smoker, thus assuring societal acceptance and a broader consumer base.

The answer is obvious: Gourmet Tobacco Coffee. A brilliant advertising campaign touting the richly distinctive chocolaty blend with a nutty, natural bite, sophisticated aroma, and wake-up attitude of Cafe Mocha Hazelnut

Nicotania Decaf would bring pretentious Java drinkers flocking to coffee shops and grocery stores. Charge \$5 or \$6 a cup and upscale coffee guzzlers would stand in line for a chance to purchase such an exclusive, and therefore desirable, product.

Television ads could feature soft-focus scenes of misty mornings in tobacco coffee country. For instance: an honest-faced Virginian closely examines a tobacco leaf. He strokes it, smells it, holds it up to the early morning light, then proudly nods to his adoring son. The strapping 20 year-old, whacks the thing off with a huge machete, gently lays it on the bed of a horse-drawn wagon and another day begins in tobacco coffee country. The voice of James Earl Jones is heard, "Cafe Nicotania. Made from leaves grown naturally in rich, spring watered soil by hard-working folks who play by the rules in a wonderful land we like to call The United States Of America."

Of course, smokers will have

to be convinced that this new coffee is almost as bad for them as cigarettes or they won't buy it. This would be accomplished by requiring the coffee shop industry to forbid sales to minors. Large, conspicuously displayed signs with an illustration of a child dissected by a diagonal line and the words "Cafe Nicotania" would be posted. Smokers seeing the warnings would say to themselves, "This stuff must contain the same vile chemical pollutants that are in my cigarettes. I'll buy a couple of cartons."

Of course, there would be some adjustments. Smokers, used to a cigarette and a cup of coffee, might begin by ordering a cup of Cafe Nicotania and a cup of coffee. They might find themselves going outside to drink their coffee in the alley, and some may intentionally let it burn in the pot so they could inhale the fumes. Old habits are hard to break.

If this doesn't work, how about Honey Roasted Whole Grain Fat-Free Tobacco Bagels or Granola?

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# The Op-Ed Page



## fyi

### Answer comes in Nick of time

"Is that the real Santa?" asked Doc's goddaughter, Megan Humes.

I had to think fast: The bearded gent was about to glide by on Kercheval last Friday in the Village Association's Santa Claus Parade and our 6-year-old guest was waiting for a reply.

"I don't know," I said, hiding a bit behind the sophistry that you never can be quite certain in these days of mistaken identity, virtual reality, etc., etc.

Shouting and waving at the big red sleigh, Megan seemed to accept the answer, but it left enough of a nagging doubt for me to go to the official source with her question.

"What do you tell a 6-year-old?" I asked Village Association president Jerry Valente, who graciously took time to ponder the matter in his office Monday.

He advised caution. "After all, we're dealing with a child's world here," said the genial jeweler, mentioning that a different Santa would be appearing at Jacobson's.

"Obviously, they both can't be real — but we're sure there are a lot of Santa's helpers out there since he can't be everywhere at this time of year."

Whatever, the Christmas spirit is sparkling at Valente's store, where you can bring your jewelry in and get it cleaned and polished for free, as I did with that peridot ring of Doc's that keeps getting dull.

Maybe the truth is that there's a little bit of Santa in a lot of different places.

Thanks, Jerry.

### Public spirit, a la cart

A little bird tells FYI that one unsung store worker deserves some singing in praise of his dedication to making things just a bit nicer for Pointe shoppers.

The Farms' Chick Mengden, a 20-year Jake's employee and main receiving clerk at the apparel store, regularly comes to work early to fight litter and generally tidy up around the Village store.

After Friday's parade, Chick was seen busily hauling away trash left by the crowds, and another day last week he put in an hour returning shopping carts from other stores left in the city lot behind Caribou Coffee.

You've got a big job, Chick: Let's hope some of those shoppers will lend you a hand.

### Folks with guns aim to please

Agent S., FYI's secret source among the social set, swears the following happened during a recent evening gathering at the home of one of the City's more prominent physicians and his equally notable wife.

(Phone rings. He answers, listens for a moment.) HE: "Dear, did you get a ticket?" SHE: "Yes, for parking — but I already paid."

HE: "Well, the police are coming over now with the check — you forgot to sign it."

"It was precious," says my source. "Only in Grosse Pointe will the police come by at night so you can sign a check."

### Bumper snicker

Seen on a slightly dusty blue Ford Aerostar on Kercheval by Pierce Middle School: "DO NOT WASH — This vehicle is undergoing a scientific dirt test."

(Nice try, guys.)

If you have an FYI tip or have seen the real Santa, call Ken Eatherly at (313) 822-4091.



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THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING ARE ALREADY BEING FELT HERE IN MICHIGAN.

## What is corporate responsibility?

By John Hood

Early in the 1900s, Herbert Dow, Will Kellogg, and Henry Ford took daring risks that resulted in hundreds of thousands of jobs and many new products that made life longer, better and easier.

They made Michigan a world class producer of chemicals, corn flakes and cars. By making good products at competitive prices and rewarding shareholders with handsome returns, they were widely regarded as models of corporate responsibility. If they were around today, they might be held to a different measure.

This year's announcement by President Clinton and Labor Secretary Robert Reich of the Ron Brown Corporate Citizenship Award winners spotlighted 13 companies that in their view had exhibited social responsibility. Their guidelines for "good corporate citizenship" boiled down to five criteria:

- "Family-friendly" policies, such as allowing family leave;
- Good health and pension benefits;
- Safe workplaces;
- Training and advancement opportunities; and
- Policies that avoid layoffs.

Whether or not these are useful measures of responsibility, consider that all of them involve the relationship between companies and their employees. The list makes no mention of consumers or shareholders. A corporation can earn the award whether or not it provides things that consumers want, or returns value to shareholders.

Corporate responsibility does not mean just charitable giving or good employment policies. Profit-seeking corporations have a role in our society that is fundamentally different from that of charities or the government.

The American corporation is a phenomenally successful

social institution because its desire for profit motivates it to improve living standards and to invent new products and new ways of doing things which put scarce economic resources to their most productive use.

For example, 90 percent of useful new drugs for curing disease and reducing pain come from the private sector, not government. Private industry funds the majority of medical research.

The private sector has invested more than \$10 billion during the past decade in biotechnology, bankrolling thousands of new firms working on everything from curing AIDS patients to helping consumers obtain less costly milk through bovine growth hormones.

Medical device manufacturers have also improved our health and comfort, despite being targeted for tough treatment by regulators. Products introduced by US Surgical Corp. have reduced hospital costs by as much as \$1,700 per patient and cut hospital stays by up to 7.5 days. The company also makes tools and cameras for laparoscopy, reducing the pain associated with many surgeries and reducing the cost for gall bladder surgery alone by more than \$1 billion a year.

Michigan's Dow Chemical Co. which receives praise for its "family-friendly" policies, benefits society no less by making products which protect crops from pests, improve automobile safety, and make scores of consumer items more durable, lightweight, and economical.

Workplace safety, health standards, wages, and economic advancement for minorities and women have all been improving for decades regardless of and often in spite of, government intervention. Even recent "corporate downsizing"

has led to a boom in small and home-based businesses, providing higher earnings for most displaced workers over time.

The computer and information technologies pioneered by private start-up firms in the '70s and '80s are revolutionizing business, employment and society in ways that boggle the mind.

The idea that Microsoft, for example, can be considered socially responsible only to the extent it gives money to charity or provides generous health benefits ignores the social benefits derived from its popular products and services.

A corporation's chief duty is to its shareholders, but satisfying shareholders confers other benefits on society. As the institutional ownership of corporate equity continues to grow — as mutual funds, pension plans and insurance companies invest in the market to provide financial benefits to average Americans — the corporate focus on shareholders takes on a new meaning. In the future, equity investment in stocks is likely to be the main guarantor of retirement income for most Americans.

The thinking typified by the Ron Brown Corporate Citizenship Award reflects a misunderstanding of the nature of the corporation and its role in our lives. Yes, the corporation employs workers to accomplish its ends, but employment is not one of those ends.

The notion of corporate responsibility can be easily distorted to fit a political or ideological agenda. If it bypasses shareholders and consumers, it misses the point entirely.

John Hood is president of the John Locke Foundation in Raleigh, N.C., and an adjunct scholar with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan.

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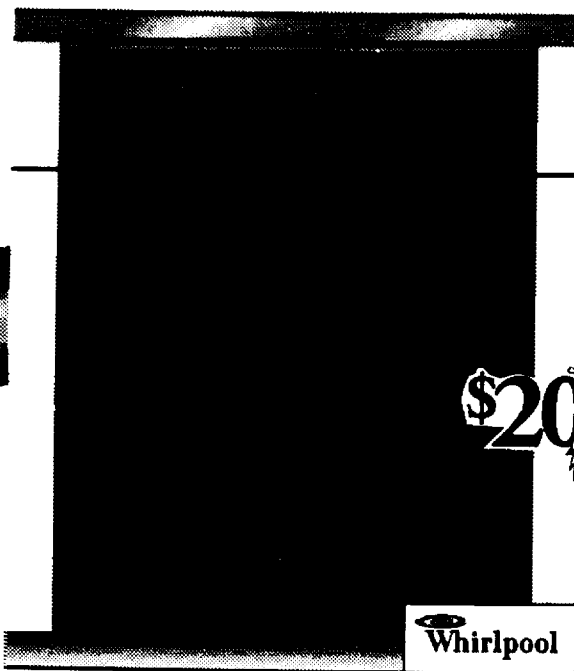


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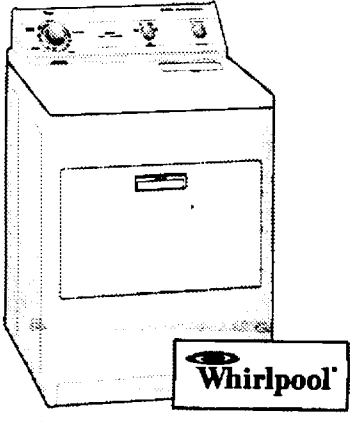
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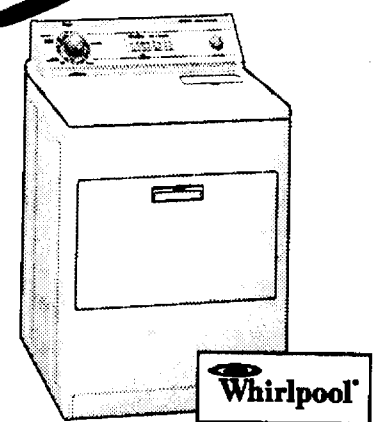
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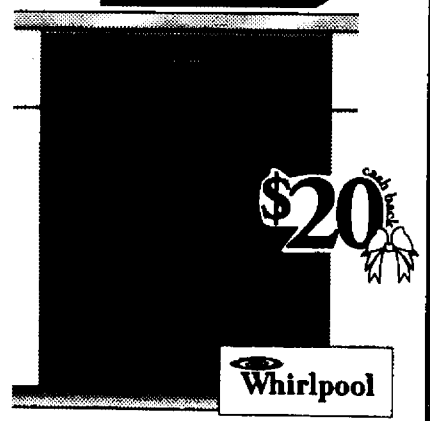
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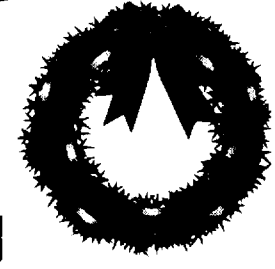


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# Grosse Pointe artists' work featured at Ambleside Gallery, Dec. 4-24

By Shirley A. McShane  
Staff Writer

The vision of 14 local artists will be on display during a special exhibition at the Ambleside Gallery in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The showcase of Pointe-area artists, who work with a variety of media, is a departure from what gallery proprietor Tom Mayshark said he usually exhibits in his intimate gallery nestled among the shops along Fisher Road.

"This gallery is and always will be predominantly traditional," said Mayshark, who, before establishing Ambleside in Grosse Pointe 2 1/2 years ago, operated an artist's agency in England for 12 years.

Most of the work on display in his gallery earlier this month, for example, was created by English, Canadian and American water colorists.

"In this exhibition, however, I am making some exceptions," he said. "I do have some works which are somewhat contemporary and I am doing that because of the special quality of those pieces."

Now that Mayshark has logged some time in the area and has gotten to know local artists, primarily through his affiliation with the Grosse Pointe Arts Council and the Grosse Pointe Artists' Association, he is able to put on the exhibition he has wanted to do since shortly after his arrival.

"I've had the idea of having a show for local artists on my mind for a long time," he said. "I want to make the community more aware of the talent that is out there."

Local artists featured in the holiday exhibit, "The Artist's



Grosse Pointe artists invited to show their work at Ambleside are, back row, from left, Leo Salvaggio, Michael Derbyshire, George Strachan, Dennis DiCello, Ambleside owner Tom Mayshark and Charles Eriksen. Front, from left, Carol LaChiusa, Barbara Linthorst Homan, Janice Trimpe and Greg Tisdale. Not pictured: Carol Hennessey, Robert Kienle, Dorothea Krieg, Virginia Sendelbach and Carol Sinclair.

Eye," which runs from Dec. 3-24, are:

• Michael Derbyshire, who developed his own strong style of watercolor painting without formal training. His favorite subject matter is the Great Lakes in Michigan and the coast of Maine. Two of his pieces will be part of an upcoming exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He is one of two artists in that show to have more than one piece on display.

• Dennis DiCello, an architectural illustrator, works with a variety of media, including tempera, gouache, pencil, pen and ink, airbrush and a recently developed technique of colored pencil on frosted mylar. Since 1993 he has developed a fascination for pastel landscape painting.

• Charles Eriksen, who is a self-taught painter of wildlife and landscapes, is inspired by Canadian artist Robert Bateman.

• Carol Hennessey, who creates a wide range of art in watercolor, oil, batik and mono-prints. Landscapes, architectural structures and floral designs are her subjects.

• Robert N. Kienle, who works in watercolors and pastels, paints Michigan scenes and floral studies.

• Dorothea Krieg, one of the contemporary artists on exhibit, creates lithographs, collages and relief prints. She established a print shop in 1990 and has had her work exhibited in local galleries and has been featured in a half-

dozen solo shows and more than a dozen group exhibitions.

• Bunny Linthorst Homan, works with both water colors and pastels and her subjects are both figures and florals.

• Carol LaChiusa, who is a well-known watercolorist, juror and lecturer, has been featured in numerous solo shows and her work is part of 10 corporate collections. She is the host of "Watercolor Workshop" on Grosse Pointe Cable Channel 32.

• Leo Salvaggio, the other contemporary artist Mayshark invited, is an architect and a collage artist. He was the featured artist at the 1993 arts festival at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and has been exhibited at the DIA.

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Thus spoke Automobile Magazine at a special luncheon in Dearborn two days before Thanksgiving.

Thank you very much, responded Toyota. Indeed, the promotion value for both the magazine and the car builder is substantial, so they might well thank one another.

We had been speculating on our snowy ride to the Ritz Carlton, site of the award gathering, which vehicle would receive the honor. My colleague

decided it would be the new BMW Z3 two-seater roadster introduced earlier this year.

We discussed the possibility of the re-designed Toyota Camry, wondered about the Taurus SHO and decided it couldn't be the revised Jeep Wrangler. We forgot about the new Ford Expedition, the Infiniti QX4, a re-designed Mitsubishi Montero and the next generation of front-drive mini vans from General Motors.

"Automobile (the magazine) likes specialty cars," my colleague said. "They write for

### Autos



By Jenny King

enthusiasts who love to drive and have some money to spend."

That probably ruled out the Camry and the updated Lexus

ES 300, we figured. Both are very nice vehicles, but they're too mainstream and not especially exciting to drive.

Alan Adler of the Detroit Free Press said as he took his place at the table that he had figured it would be the latest Mercedes roadster. Toyota signage in the hallways of the posh hotel made him re-think his position.

My best guess was the Pontiac Grand Prix. It bowed last summer following a substantial makeover. It looks like a winner and can be ordered with the popular 3800 V-6 for those among us — including Automobile readers — who like to be the first one to the next red light.

Automobile instead chose the new small sport utility from Toyota, the RAV4. The Ann Arbor-based monthly magazine began citing an automobile of the year back in 1989 for model year 1990. The first winner was the Mazda MX-5 Miata. It was followed by the 1991 Acura NSX. Successive choices have included the Cadillac Seville touring sedan, Dodge/Plymouth Neon, BMW M3 and, for model year 1996, the Honda Civic.

Here are some of Automobile's criteria: Any and all vehicles sold in the U.S. through regularly franchised dealers — to include sedans, sports cars and sport utilities — are eligible; vehicles must not fall into the gas guzzler category, and the one selected should be the most significant vehicle available to purchase.

While no one will commit to the dollars-and-cents value of

being named a vehicle of the year, it surely won't hurt the RAV4.

### Auto, etc. Detroit dealers commit to CPR

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) has completed the first year of its cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education program. Since October of last year, more than 550 dealership employees and family members were trained and certified in CPR techniques.

DADA began its commitment to CPR education in 1992. Since then, through the National Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Resuscitation Grant Program, DADA has donated a total of 18 CPR training units to community

training centers throughout metro Detroit. Last year DADA created the DADA CPR Education Program. DADA first worked with Oakland University School of Nursing to launch the program. Current training center partners include: Health Education Strategies, in Dearborn; St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital of Macomb County, and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital of Pontiac.

Detroit and eastside dealerships active in the program include Dalgleish Cadillac-Oldsmobile and Park Motors in Detroit; Roy O'Brien Ford in St. Clair Shores; Jeffrey Buick-Nissan, Arnold Lincoln-Mercury and Roseville Chrysler-Plymouth in Roseville, and Rinke Cadillac and Van Dyke Dodge in Warren.

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### New CLK — it's 'BabySmart'

This Mercedes CLK coupe makes its world premiere at the auto show in Detroit next month. It will go on sale in Europe next summer and will arrive in U.S. showrooms next fall as a 1998 model. The U.S.-bound CLK will be powered by a newly developed 3.2-liter V-6 with 5-speed, driver-adaptive automatic transmission and traction control. A brake-assistant system provides shorter stopping distances in panic-type braking by identifying emergency braking based on pedal application speed. It will feature four air bags, including two door-mounted ones.

The CLK will be equipped with the BabySmart safety system which automatically turns off the front-passenger airbag whenever a special child seat is installed. The new coupe goes head-to-head in the marketplace with the Volvo C70 and Lexus SC300 (priced around \$43,000).

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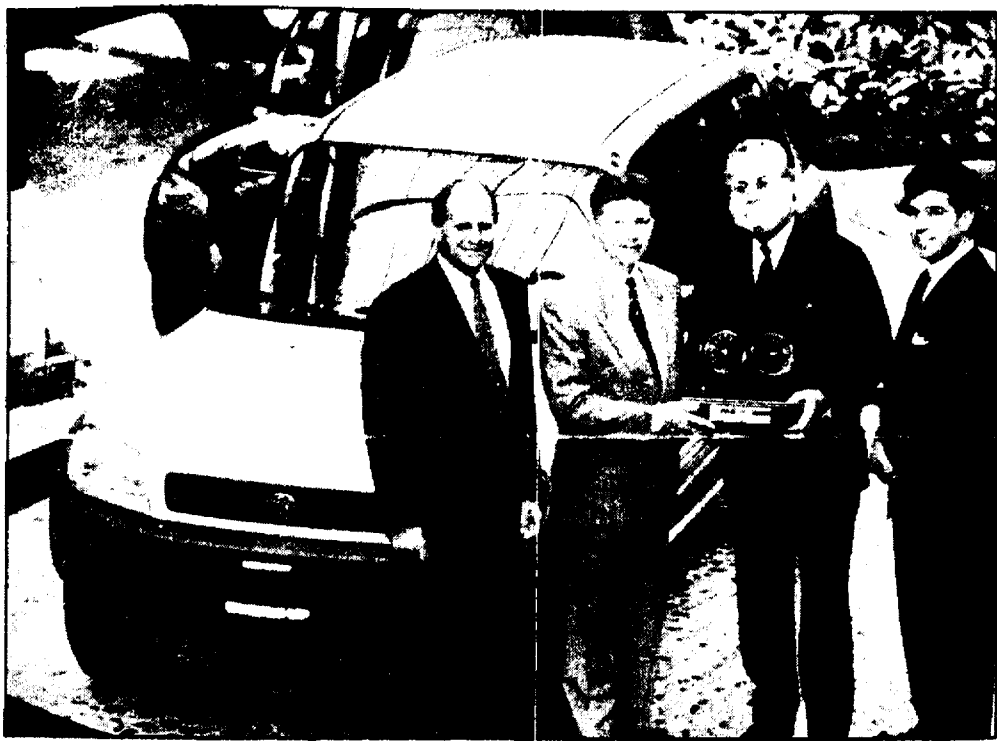
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Two examples of the Toyota RAV4, Automobile Magazine's Automobile of the Year, sit behind, from left: Toyota Series Team Vice President Robert C. Maling Jr., Division Senior Vice President J. Davis Illingworth, and David E. Davis Jr., editor, Automobile Magazine.

## Autos

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### '97 Auto Show promises debuts

The Lincoln Navigator, a full-size, eight-passenger luxury sport utility, will make its worldwide debut at the North

American International Auto Show in January at Cobo Center. Lincoln says Navigator, powered by a 5.4-liter V-8 with 4-speed automatic transmission, will fit into the average garage.

Likely to be available to the public next summer, the Lincoln truck joins other big shooters like the Lexus LX 450, Land Rover Range Rovers, the Infiniti QX4 and

the Toyota Land Cruiser.

It also is likely to be expensive.

Other newcomers include: the '97 Corvette, three new Audi models, the Volvo C70 coupe, the Porsche Boxster, Honda's CRV sport utility, the Mercedes CLK coupe, Subaru's SUV hybrid sport utility/passenger car and the next Buick Regal.

## Children and air bags don't mix

Air bags save lives — nearly 500 in the last year alone. However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that, tragically, at least 26 children have been killed by the force of a deploying air bag. In many cases, the children were riding in the front seat either unbuckled or not wearing the shoulder portion of the safety belt.

The Air Bag Safety Campaign, is a national partnership of automobile manufacturers, insurance companies, occupant restraint manufacturers, government agencies, health professionals, and child health and safety organizations. Its mission is to inform the public that air bag safety means buckle everyone and children in back.

In addition to an aggressive public education campaign now under way, the campaign is focused on enacting stronger safety belt and child safety

seat laws at the state level, and enforcing such laws through high visibility efforts involving law enforcement nationwide.

Efforts to improve air bag technology are in the works. In the meantime, as the number of motor vehicles equipped with air bags increases, so does the risk to children.

Parents and other care givers must know that they can entirely eliminate any danger to children from a deploying air bag by properly restraining children in the back seat.

### Safety points

- Children always should ride buckled up in the back seat.
- Little children and babies always should ride in the correct age and size child safety seats:

- Babies age 1 and younger or weighing less than 20 pounds should ride in rear-facing child safety seats in the

back seat.

- Children weighing 20 to 40 pounds should ride in convertible car seats facing forward in the back seat.

- Children weighing 40 pounds or more should ride in booster seats in the back seat until both the lap and shoulder belts fit correctly.

- Drivers should make sure the child safety seat is properly secured by the vehicle's safety belts.

- Bigger children, 5 feet and taller, may only sit in the front seat when:

- They wear both the lap and shoulder belt.

- The shoulder strap fits correctly — over the collarbone, never behind the back.

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- The front passenger seat is pushed as far back as possible.

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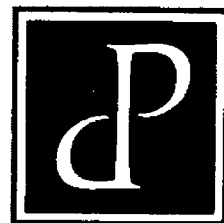
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## Tips to shop safe, prevent auto thefts and carjacking

It's not too soon to start thinking about staying safe during the holidays, says Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT), a statewide auto theft prevention program. The HEAT program, funded by Michigan auto insurance companies, operates a toll-free confidential hotline (800) 242-HEAT, offering cash rewards for information on auto thefts, chop shops, insurance fraud and carjacking.

"This time of year people will begin to be distracted with hectic schedules," said William Liddane, director of HEAT. "Folks are overloaded with packages, and shopping late at night.

These HEAT holiday safety tips are offered to remind people to stay alert and not forget about safety concerns.

1. Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters or large vans or trucks, these obstacles

decrease ability to clearly see the space around your vehicle, where carjackers could be hiding.

2. Consider using the valet service if you are out shopping alone at night at the mall. It costs, but your life costs more. Leave only the ignition key with no identification. Keep your registration and proof of insurance in your wallet.

3. If you are shopping late at night and your car is parked in the lot, ask the store clerk if it is possible for store security to escort you to your car. Most stores will happily comply with the request.

4. If you leave purchases or wrapped gifts in the car, place them in the trunk and out of view.

5. Even if burdened down with packages, try to keep one hand free with ignition key in hand. Look around and inside

car before getting in.

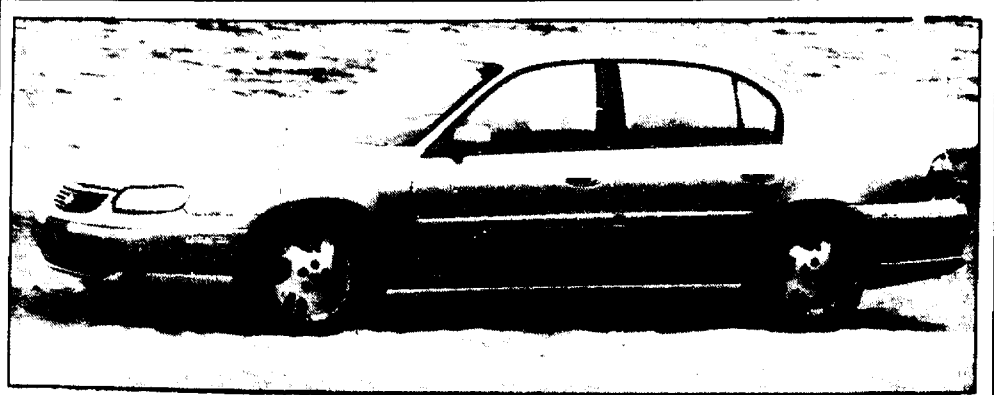
6. If threatened by a carjacker with a gun or other weapon, give up the car. Don't argue — a life is more important than any car.

7. If you are carjacked or witness a carjacking, try to remember what the suspect looked like. Look for special features, gender, height, build, race, age, hair and eye color.

8. When driving in traffic, always leave room between you and the car in front, so that if you sense trouble, you can maneuver quickly and get away easily.

9. Report the crime immediately to the police.

10. If you witness a carjacking or an auto theft, call the police immediately. If you have any information regarding a



### Malibu — Motor Trend's choice

Motor Trend picked the 1997 Chevrolet Malibu for its long-standing Car of the Year award. The California-based enthusiast monthly looked at all-new or significantly changed 1997 domestic cars and mini vans, considering technological advancement, value, performance, overall impact on the automotive market and how successfully each meets its class objectives. Chevy's Malibu is a 4-door mid-size family sedan bearing a respected bowtie marque from the 1960s and 1970s. The new version replaces the Corsica in the lineup. It features either a 2.4-liter four or a 3.1-liter V-6 engine.

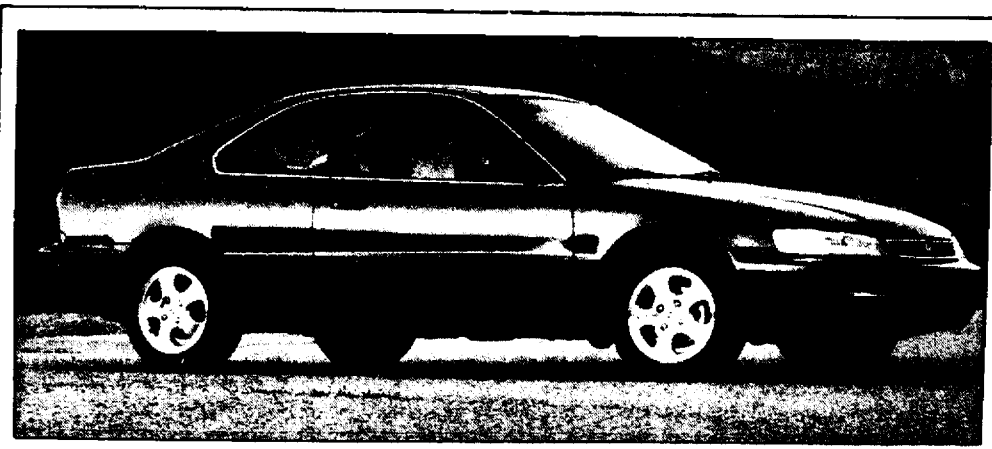
carjacking or auto theft, call the HEAT tip award line at (800) 242-HEAT. Or if you have a cellular phone dial \*HEAT, and you will be automatically connected to HEAT law

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HEAT, celebrating its eleventh year has recovered to date 2,175 vehicles valued at \$23,154,290 with arrests of

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### Special edition Accords

The Honda Accord Special Edition coupe, with a suggested price of \$20,200, is based on the LX model and features 15-inch alloy wheels, security system with remote entry, power moonroof, simulated wood center console, leather-wrapped steering wheel and an AM/FM stereo with CD player. The coupe comes only in San Marino red with gray interior. A sedan version, priced at \$20,400, comes in heather mist metallic and ivory interior or black currant pearl with gray interior.

## New technology makes air bags safer

In an effort to improve the safety of air bags, the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has awarded a development contract to Automotive Technologies International, Inc., (ATI) for a new occupant sensor, substantially reducing air bag related injuries and deaths. ATI, headquartered in Livonia, is currently working with a North American automobile manufacturer to install ATI's occupant sensor into a passenger car.

Although air bags have saved lives in thousands of auto accidents, they have caused at least 28 child fatalities in the past few years. Standard passenger-side air bags, designed for adults, inflate at a speed of 200 mph and with a force of 2,600 pounds. Passengers, particu-

larly children and small adults, who are too close to the air bag when it fires, can suffer serious head and chest injury.

"This is a serious safety issue, but the good news is solutions to these air bag related problems are at hand," said Ronald G. Foster, president and COO of ATI.

ATI's ongoing automobile occupant sensor initiative, now funded in part by NHTSA, prevents the air bag from activating if a person is too close to the air bag at the time of impact. For example, the sensors can detect whether children and adults are leaning too far forward in their seats. They also sense the presence of rear-facing child seats. The sensors eliminate the need for air bag warning labels or driver activated switches that keep the passenger side air bag from firing.

The NHTSA contract will

support the development of ATI's new air bag inflator, a part of the module. This inflator will require less propellant to fill the air bag, reducing the risk of injury to occupants upon deployment. It is smaller, lighter and less expensive than inflators used in current air bags.

In addition, it generates lower exhaust gas temperatures decreasing the risk of occupant skin burns. It also reduces pressure build-up inside a vehicle that results when more than one air bag fires and reduces the pollutants in the passenger compartment upon deployment.

Dr. David Breed, inventor of the air bag crash sensor, founded Automotive Technologies International in 1988. The majority of vehicles equipped with air bags in North America, Europe and Asia use Breed's crash sensor,

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# DPW chief's creativity plays role in holidays

By Amy Andreou Miller  
Staff Writer

It may be easy to think of Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Works Superintendent Ken Beaupre as a highly organized man who among many things improved the efficiency of the collection routes for household trash.

But to think of Beaupre as only organized and analytical is to miss out on a huge part of his personality.

"(Beaupre) is a very inventive, creative person," said Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Rich Solek.

Beaupre's creativity will once again play an important role in helping eastside residents celebrate the holidays.

The seven-car motorized, wooden train and caboose Beaupre built in 1994 will serve transportation duties in an unprecedented holiday display in St. Clair Shores, where he lives with his wife, Terri, and son, Kenny.

Beaupre — a part of the family for whom the Grosse Pointe street is named — likely will drive the train.

"Nautical Mile Nights of Lights" is a display of 80,000 Christmas lights arranged in a nautical theme at Blossom Heath Park on Jefferson between 9 and 10 Mile.

Also helping to transport the thousands of people expected to attend the Nautical Mile Nights of Lights will be two trams courtesy of Jack's Waterfront Restaurant in St. Clair Shores, as well as two boats mounted on wheels.

The Nautical Mile Nights of Lights will run from Nov. 30 to Dec. 31, 1996. It is open to the public. Hours of operation are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$1.

More than 40 objects made of welded iron will be whimsically displayed and illuminat-

ed including a pirate's ship, a lighthouse, a shark and dolphin, to name just a few.

The Nautical Mile Nights of Lights display is expected to become an annual event serving as a fundraiser for the Memorial Day parade held in St. Clair Shores, said Jeff Quenneville who came up with the idea of the display and created the illuminated figures, along with Chris Rayes.

Adding to the atmosphere of the Nautical Mile Nights of Lights display will be donuts, pizza, hot chocolate, hot cider and hot coffee for sale at the warming station located halfway through the lights display at Blossom Heath park.

The warming station is actually the Blossom Heath bathroom that will be decorated with illuminated wooden cutouts of fish made by St. Clair Shores school children.

"The warming station will be decorated to look like a giant aquarium," Quenneville said.

Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Works superintendent Ken Beaupre and his son Kenny are in the engine of the train he made. Shown here, it provided entertainment at a Farms ice cream social.



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**Smashed cars**

Park police received a number of reports concerning cellular telephones being stolen from parked vehicles after having a window smashed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The first incident took place at the corner of Charlevoix and Lakepointe at about 7 p.m. The second incident took place between 8:40 and 9:10 p.m. in the 15400 block of Mack.

The final incident took place between 6 and 8:45 p.m. in the 15200 block of Charlevoix. In this incident an in-dash stereo-CD player was taken.

**Armed robbery in the Park**

A Park resident of the 1400 block of Somerset was robbed at gunpoint as he was exiting his car at home after visiting an ATM at the corner of Jefferson and Dickerson in Detroit.

The robbery took place at about 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The victim had just left his car and was in front of his home when a man, wearing a three-quarters length leather coat, a red skull cap and carrying a blue steel revolver pressed the gun against the victim's side and ordered him into his home.

Once in the house, the robber took the victim's wallet which contained \$140 in cash. The victim was then ordered outside toward the garage, but decided to run away when a gap developed between himself and the robber.

Police discovered footprints in the snow which led them to believe that the robber ran east across several lawns on Balfour and entered a car that was backed into a driveway. The car was seen driving north on Balfour toward Mack.

Police urge all citizens using ATM cards, especially during the busy and distracting holiday season, to be aware of their environment. That includes when they walk to and away from the ATM.

**Bitter fruit**

Park police investigated the vandalism of a second story

window of a home in the 1300 block of Buckingham. The weapon? A grapefruit tossed through the window.

The incident took place at about 3:22 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. A Christmas wreath that was supposed to be on the front door was found pulled off and lying on Vernor. Police have no suspects.

**Foiled felon**

Grosse Pointe Woods police received a report of an unsuccessful automobile theft in the St. John Hospital parking lot. The incident took place between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The victim, a Clinton Township woman, said that when she got back to her car, a 1986 Olds Cutlass, she found that the car's door on the driver's side had been jimmied. Police also discovered that the steering column had been partially disassembled in an attempt to hot wire the vehicle. Police said the thief or thieves were foiled by the car's anti-theft code.

In order for the car to start, the driver must punch in a four-digit code on the key pad mounted on the car's dashboard. Without the code, the car did not start. Police reported that a cellular telephone in the car wasn't taken.

— Jim Stickford

**Woman agrees to seek ride home**

Even though a 24-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman satisfactorily passed a preliminary breath test and field tests examining her coordination, Grosse Pointe Shores police asked that the woman park her car, turn over her keys, and seek a ride home. The officer stopped the woman on Saturday, Nov. 30, at about 1:46 a.m. on northbound Lakeshore after observing driving behavior that seemed to indicate that the woman might be under the influence of alcohol.

The woman agreed to discontinue driving herself that night, and was told she could pick up her keys later from the station.

**Woman's purse stolen on Mack**

A 68-year-old Detroit resident had her purse snatched Friday, Nov. 29, around 2:50 p.m. She was walking in the alley behind businesses in the 18800 block of the eastside of Mack when the thief rode by on a dark colored bike with a banana seat. He pulled the purse off her shoulder, fleeing west in the alley, north on Kerby, and then west on Mack.

Stolen from her purse was \$170 as well as credit cards, and identification.

Police describe the suspect as a black male, about 5 feet 5 inches; estimated to be about 15 or 16 years old, and was wearing a dark color hooded jacket and dark pants.

**CDs, player stolen from car**

A 25-year-old Harper Woods resident reported stolen a Sony 10-disc compact disc player which was mounted in the trunk of her 1996 Toyota Camry. The theft occurred Nov. 27 at about 2:45 p.m. from the parking lot of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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which was valued at about \$1,000, the stolen CDs taken with the player are valued at about \$200.

**Hill store hit twice by thieves**

A business on the Hill reported two thefts — one occurring Nov. 24 at about 1:45 p.m., and the second occurring Nov. 2 at about 9 a.m. Taken during the first theft were 10 watches from a locked display case. The watches were valued at about \$60 each. Stolen on Nov. 24 were 28 assorted Christmas figurines valued at \$563.50.

**Thieves strike in Village, too**

A business in the Village reported toys worth about \$400 stolen Nov. 26 at about 2 p.m.

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— Amy Andreou Miller

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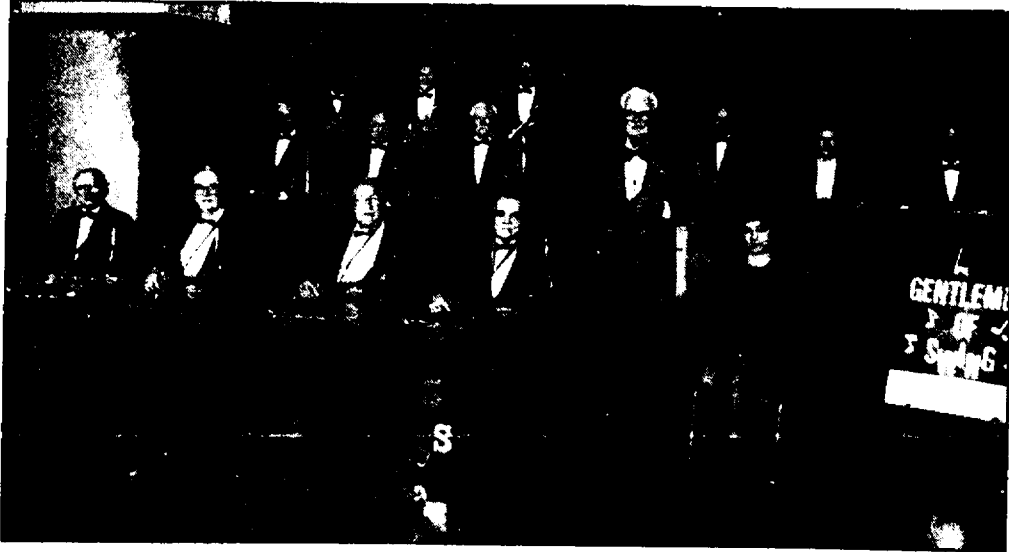
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Two outstanding young musicians, below, will be featured soloists in the "Gentlemen of Swing" orchestra's annual free Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Assumption Cultural Center in Grosse Pointe Woods. In addition to the band's regular vocalists — Denise Stevens and Don Littlefield — Grosse Pointe South graduate Michael Weyhing and South senior Ryan Christians will accompany the 17-member orchestra led by Mel Stander, formerly of Grosse Pointe and now residing in Harper Woods.

**Band**

From page 1

"All I had in mind was to form a saxophone band and have some fun," he said. "It sounded so good, that we decided to add a trumpet, then a piano, then a trombone and so on. Before we knew it, we had a big band."

The band practices for two hours every Monday at the Assumption Cultural Center. In exchange for the space, the band performs a free concert each year. The average age of band members is 70 and about half of them live on the west side, Stander said.

"All of (the members) enjoy playing in the band so much I'm sure that has much to do



Michael Weyhing

with their maintaining their good health," he added.



Ryan Christians

at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert begins at 3 p.m.

**Woods allows caterer in city**

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

Fans of French and Lebanese food have a reason to rejoice thanks to a variance granted by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to the Simply Delicious catering firm.

Margaret Burzynski, speaking on behalf of her two sisters, said that the company is a successful catering firm that specializes in French, Lebanese and American food. They have many customers in the Grosse Pointe area and wanted to open a catering company on the east side that would also sell food to go.

But Woods city ordinances allow only a limited number of carryout eating establishments, said Melissa Spranger of the city's code enforcement section. The number of takeout restaurants permitted by ordinances is four, and all those licenses are currently taken, Spranger added.

But the council, said Spranger, if it wanted to, could grant a variance to the owners of Simply Delicious, permitting the restaurant to open.

Mayor Robert Novitke said that he was worried about parking at the proposed location, 21023 Mack. Spranger said that given the size of the place, 1,500 square feet, the owners would be responsible for having three off-street parking places. Burzynski said that they had those three spots.

Councilmember Eric Steiner asked if there were any plans to have sit-down customers. Burzynski said no. The restaurant would be a place where people could call in orders, or perhaps stop in to purchase food, but there were no plans to make it a sit-down place. She also said that their primary business was catering.

Councilmember Al Dickinson said that over the

past few years, there has been a change in Mack. He noted that the number of offices has declined while the demand for retail and commercial space has increased.

Dickinson also said that lifestyles have changed since the ordinance limiting the number of restaurants was originally enacted. He said that the number of households where both parents work has increased, and that anything the council can do to ease their lives is a good thing.

However, not everyone in the council shared Dickinson's feelings. Councilman Thomas Fahrner said that the council has turned down requests in the past to increase the number of restaurants in the city,

and it was only fair that they turn down this request.

There was some question as to whether the variance applied to the location of the restaurant only, or if the owners decided to move their restaurant, the variance moved with them. The question was settled when a provision was added to the variance making it specific to 21023 Mack only.

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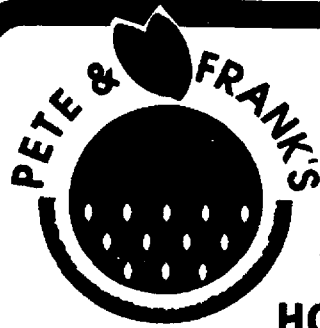


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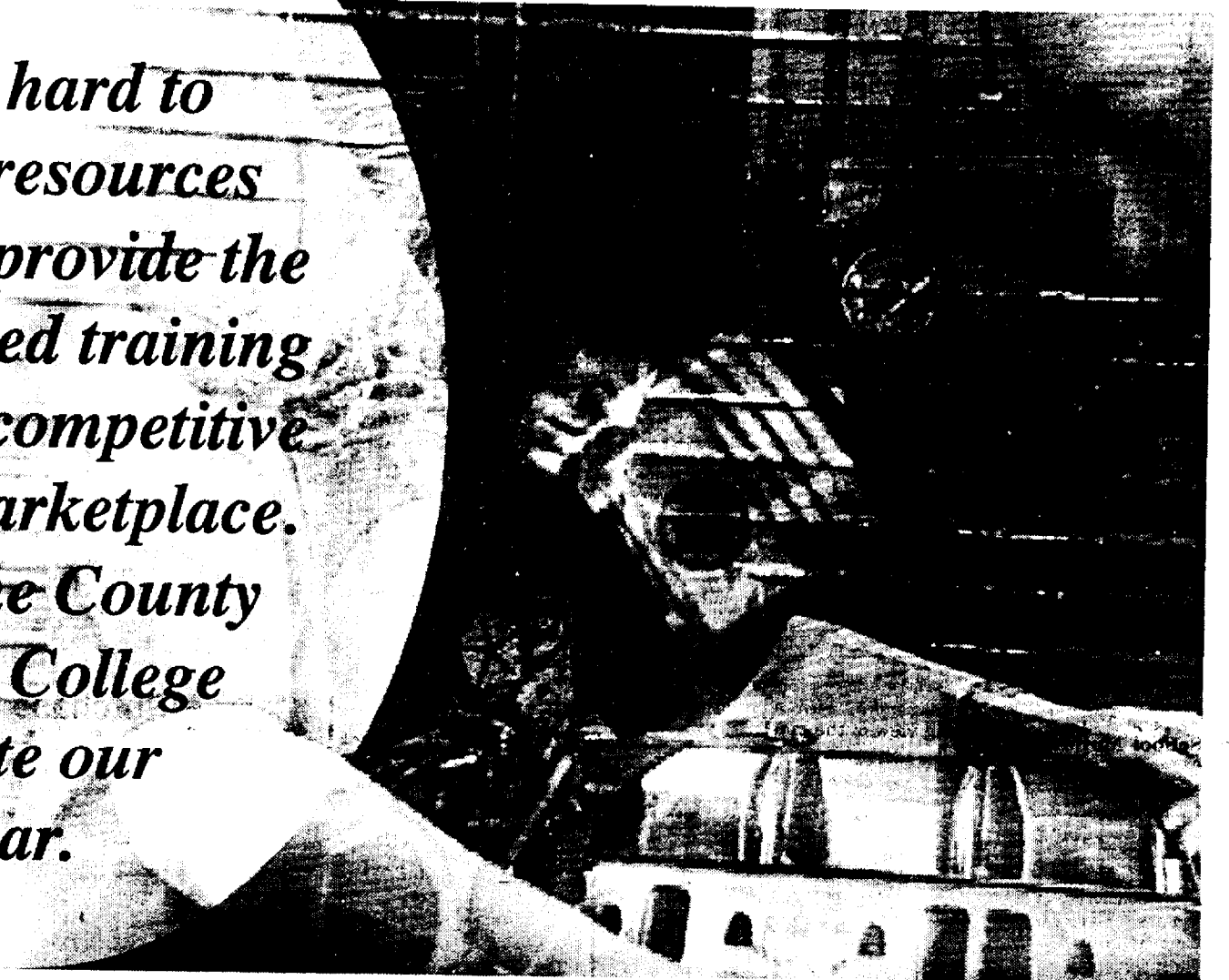
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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Events**

The Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club holiday walk to benefit the scholarship fund is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale and \$18 the day of the walk, which features a tour of five Grosse Pointe homes festively decorated for the holidays. Featured houses are:

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## Sixth-graders set a goal, leave a lasting mark at Brownell school

By Shirley A. McShane  
Staff Writer

The pint-sized pine recently planted on the front lawn at Brownell Middle School easily could be overlooked.

The two-foot high conifer is dwarfed by the towering elms in the surrounding neighborhoods as well as the full-grown trees and bushes growing on the school grounds.

But the little evergreen will grow. And someday, when the sixth-graders who planted it on Nov. 25 return to their middle school in Grosse Pointe Farms, they will find that its tallest limbs have surpassed them in height.

And they will know that they have left their mark.

"The tree will bring new life into the area and it will last for a long time," said Camille Moore, sixth-grader in Dona Reynolds' middle school challenges class.

Moore said she and her classmates were challenged by Reynolds, as part of their class requirement, to set a goal and then plan how it would be achieved. The students were supposed to come up with something they could do to



Despite the frigid conditions on Nov. 25, Brownell students, from left, Sara Tenison, Lauren Maloney-Egnatios, Camille Moore, Nicholas Daum, Michael Mazzel, Richard Brace and Caitlin Robson, along with teacher Dona Reynolds, planted an evergreen on their school grounds.

improve their community. They pondered a number of ideas, including raking leaves and rescuing lost and abandoned animals. The majority agreed

on planting a tree, she said, because it was easy to do and would have a long-lasting impact.

But the project proved to be a little more of a challenge than the sixth-graders anticipated, Reynolds said.

"The students learned that if you have a goal, you also have

to have the means to accomplish it and along the way there will be blocks and you will have to find solutions to those blocks," she said.

The students, for example, realized that late November is the end of the fall planting season and few trees were available at local nurseries. After holding a baked goods sale to raise the money, the students realized that the affordable tree they were looking for was not available. They opted for an evergreen, although its price exceeded their budget.

Reynolds said the nursery sold the tree to the students at a reduced rate and then donated the dirt and mulch for the planting.

Another obstacle was the seasonal-yet-unexpected snowfall last week, she said, which made the planting a little more difficult. The students first had

to clear the blanket of snow from their planting site before breaking the ground — which is clay and much more difficult to dig (another unexpected obstacle).

The students took turns digging through the frost-hardened clay-based soil and learned the importance of teamwork throughout the process, she said.

Middle school challenges is one of six, six-week classes offered as part of the sixth-grade curriculum. The students also study art, French, Spanish, life skills and industrial technology.

And now that the tree is firmly rooted on Brownell's lawn?

"We are planning a 'class reunion' for when we are older," Moore said. "We will come back to the school and see what the tree looks like."



### Global dinner

Pierce Middle School students, from left, Julie Padilla, Katie Muer, Emily Garlough, Rachel Basse and Jennifer O'Brien wait to be served at their school's annual Ethnic Dinner held last week. When the program was introduced 20 years ago, it was originally intended to be a social function to expose middle school students to diverse food from around the world, and since has grown into a popular community event. Alumni and neighbors make up a large part of the crowd.

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## Santa fills Christmas stockings with common stocks!

By Joseph Mengden

Last week's stock market left stock investors cheering and bond investors smiling, too.

For the month of November, the Dow Jones Industrials index rose to 6,521.70, a gain of 8.2 percent, the most since a 9.5 percent gain in December 1991. That December, five years ago, saw the DJI close at 3,101.52, less than half its current level.

Why did the market go up? Because there were more buyers than sellers!



Mengden

The Investment Company Institute tracks money going into and coming out of all types of mutual funds, including stock funds, bond funds, money-market funds, etc. Over the past 12 months ended October 1996, investors sent \$222 billion net cash flow into stock funds. Net means deposits, less withdrawals, and not including cash dividends reinvested into additional fund shares.

Preliminary reports indicate that November 1996 net cash flow will approach \$15 billion, better than October's \$13 billion. At the end of October 1996, assets in equity mutual

funds totaled \$1.4 trillion (\$1 trillion is \$1 followed by 12 zeros), double the level of just two years ago. This also means that about half of all present stock assets have never even experienced a market decline of 10 percent, much less a "Bloody Monday," like October 1987.

What do equity mutual fund managers do with the seemingly endless flow of incoming cash? They invest it in common stocks. But where do they, or you, find any bargains any more, or even slightly undervalued stocks?

The other side of this coin begs the question: Where does all this cash come from? (Where does all the water in the Detroit River come from?) It comes from a multitude of sources, including bank savings and certificates of deposit, money-market accounts, bond mutual funds, and from distributions from pension and profit-sharing trusts, IRAs and 401(k) accounts.

Last week, the Detroit Free Press reported that some Social Security advocates were urging that some of the hundreds of billions of dollars of Social Security reserves be channeled into the stock market.

What should one invest in today? During the past two

### Let's talk...STOCKS

weeks LTS has been inundated with "what-to-do" questions about the market. A non-east-side wealthy widow lamented to LTS that her stocks had been languishing. She had \$400,000 to invest. Could LTS recommend a new money manager (an investment advisory firm, not a stockbroker), who could give her some action in her portfolio?

Another widow has \$200,000 plus to invest wherever she can earn substantially more than she currently gets on her bank CDs. An out-of-state elderly widower can't find any tax records or confirmations for \$100,000 of stock that he wants to sell. His tax adviser says he needs the tax-cost basis of each stock to figure the capital gains on the sale, and the resultant capital gains tax.

The tax adviser doesn't want to report a phoney tax-cost basis and run the risk of a complete IRS audit.

One possible solution for the lost tax records problem is to consult a tax adviser specialist and investigate the advantages and disadvantages of creating a Charitable Remainderman Trust. You'll need a charitable institution to be the eventual recipient of the gifts (a university, church, hospital, etc.) and you'll need a trustee, acceptable to the charitable institution, who is willing to serve. Make sure that the charitable institution is qualified to give you an IRS approved charitable tax deduction.

In a nutshell, here's how it works: The investor/donor makes an irrevocable gift of investment assets to the trust, but the donor retains the right to all income earned until his/her death, at which time the trust terminates; all assets are delivered to the charitable institution. For spouses, termination can be structured to occur at the death of the "last-to-die" person.

When the trust is opened, the donor receives an immediate IRS charitable tax deduction (assuming the long-form return is used), based on the market values of the assets donated on the day of the gift, reduced by an IRS-approved table of values based on life expectancy. Thereafter, the trustee can sell assets and reinvest the proceeds, without the donor incurring a capital gain on the sale, if any. Thus, non-income or low-income assets can be sold off and new higher yielding assets acquired.

It seems like everyone wins with the charitable trust, but remember that the gifts are irrevocable, and cannot be retrieved, even in case of emergency or long illness. Never attempt a "do-it-yourself" strategy for charitable trusts. Get the help of an experienced tax adviser, at the beginning. It's cheaper that way!

Many Thanks to John Rickel (Rickel & Baum, P.C., 63 Kercheval, G.P. Farms) for translating charitable trust legalese into layman's language. In 1980, LTS and Rickel structured the tax-exempt bond financing, which enabled the dream of Grosse Pointe Cable to become a reality!

You never know what the post office will drop off at your front door. We had the post office hold our mail while LTS was flying around the world for 22 days. When we picked it up, it wouldn't fit in a large black 30-gallon leaf bag. The junk mail not only filled the bag, but also an additional postal plastic box. The 53 pounds contained 84 catalogs!

This week's arrival was an invitation to join Elaine Garzarelli's "Private Circle," a strictly limited membership program, for only \$149 a year (a \$100 savings from the regular price).

Prior to forming her own firm, Garzarelli was, for 10 years, managing director and chief quantitative strategist for Shearson Lehman/American Express. She became famous for predicting the October 1987 "Black Monday" by announcing one week before, on a CNN interview, that she expected a sharp sell-off.

And now, nine years later, she says: "Sell now, the next bear market is at hand!" This is a classic case of "market timing," which we'll discuss in more detail next week.

Joseph Mengden is a City of Grosse Pointe resident and a former chairman of the board of First of Michigan.

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## Strong economy expected to translate into busy holiday shopping

The holiday shopping season is not only one of the busiest, but also one of the most important segments of the year for retailers, many of whom generate as much as 1/3 of annual sales and 2/3 of annual profits.

While this year's season (Thanksgiving to Christmas)

has five days fewer than last year, overall, the strong Michigan economy should translate into excellent holiday sales for merchants, said Arthur Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck Michigan.

"Most retailers have adjusted to this more compact selling period by starting the season

earlier and planning additional creative promotions," Nitzsche said. "In Michigan, we are approaching the holiday days as one of the nation's strongest retail markets. This is in large part a result of low unemployment and a high new home construction rate," Nitzsche said. More people

are likely to buy "presents for the home," as families play Santa to themselves.

This should mean brisk sales for big-ticket items like furniture, custom drapes, kitchen appliances, and home theaters — anything to outfit a new home.

As president of TeleCheck

Michigan, Nitzsche works with more than 5,200 retailers across the state. His company, which is headquartered in Southfield, draws upon sophisticated computer systems to obtain consumer credit and payment patterns from merchants, as well as financial institutions.

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## Early holiday promotions help spark October sales

Although the day after Thanksgiving is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, many Michigan retailers continue to jump the gun — apparently with good results.

About 25 percent of the state's retailers say they started their holiday sales promotions earlier this year than last year. Only 3 percent reported plans to start later.

A headstart on the season apparently helped drive up October retail sales. Fifty-eight percent of retailers reported increased sales from a year ago and 13 percent reported no change, according to the Michigan Retail Index; a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. About 29 percent reported decreased sales.

October's performance was the strongest of the year. It restored positive sales momentum begun in July and August.

"It looks like an early start to what we expect will be a good holiday shopping season," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association, and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

Retailers enter the season with optimism. MRA's annual Holiday Sales Forecast survey (released Nov. 4), showed 75 percent of Michigan retailers expecting increased sales over last year's season. Sales will increase by an average of 13 percent, the retailers project.

Meyer said five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year also spurred retailers and shoppers to early action.

Electronics/computer retailers, apparel stores and jewelers reported the largest jump in sales for October.

The Michigan Retailers Association is the unified voice of retailing in Michigan and the nation's largest state trade association of general merchandise retailers. MRA's 4,400 retail business members operate more than 8,000 stores across the state.

## Seminar offered on new 'Lead law'

Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern MI (BIA) will host a seminar, "Get the Lead Out: Remodelers, and the New Lead Standards," on Dec. 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Chuck Breidenstein, Education Director of Michigan Association of Home Builders, will discuss business

issues, standards and testing procedures. The seminar will be held at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including supper, are \$25 for BIA and Apartment Assoc. of MI members; \$50 for non-members. For more information, call (810) 737-4477.

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## Kristine Falk-Cobian

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Kristine Falk-Cobian was buried in the Holy Spirit Cemetery in Buckhead, Ga., on Friday, Oct. 25. She died on Monday, Oct. 21, 1996.

Ms. Falk-Cobian, 50, was a graduate of the Grosse Pointe Public School system. Ms. Falk-Cobian lived in Georgia for the past 20 years, where she owned a business called Tumble-Bears.

Ms. Falk-Cobian is survived by a daughter, Krissy Cobian; a son, Randolph Cobian; three sisters, Kathryn Falk, Suzan Falk-Evans and Bernadine Falk-Vincent; and a brother, Stephen.

Memorial contributions may be made to her children's college fund, at the Kristine Falk Fund, 55 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11201.



Joseph Simon Blachut

## Joseph Simon Blachut

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 19, in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joseph Simon Blachut, who died on Saturday, Nov. 16, 1996.

Mr. Blachut, 85, was born in Radziechowy, Poland, and came to the United States in 1925, passing through Ellis Island before joining his family in Detroit. A graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School and the Detroit College of Applied Science, Mr. Blachut served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1939-1941, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Blachut worked as a mechanical engineer for several Detroit firms that supplied machinery and tooling to the automotive industry. He was an avid golfer and belonged to

the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Association, the Society of Mechanical Engineers and Toastmasters International.

Mr. Blachut and his family moved to the home in the Woods when the city was still Lochmoor Township. They were longtime members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church parish in Harper Woods.

Mr. Blachut is survived by two daughters, Patricia Schroeder and Kathleen Partin; two sons, Michael Joseph and Timothy John, 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Jeanette Palmer, of 50 years in 1990.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

## Patricia Pinkham Casey

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 30, in Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead, Mass., for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Patricia Pinkham Casey, who died in Jupiter, Fla., on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996.

Mrs. Casey, 66, was from Lynn, Mass., and attended Miss Hall's School and Smith College. She was active in children's theater in Michigan, as well as in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Mrs. Casey was an active member of the community, and was involved in many University Liggett School activities, as well as the Grosse Pointe Club and the Eastern Yacht Club.

An accomplished sailor, Mrs. Casey often sailed the New England coast with her husband in their boat the "Manticore."

Mrs. Casey is survived by her husband, E. Paul Casey, five daughters, Patricia Shepherd, Tyler White, Jennifer Schwab, Sheila McManus and Gina Pettengill; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the E. Paul & Patricia Fund for the Support of the Neurosciences at the Lahey-Hitchcock Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

Funeral arrangements were

handled by the Eustis and Cornell Funeral Home in Marblehead, Mass.

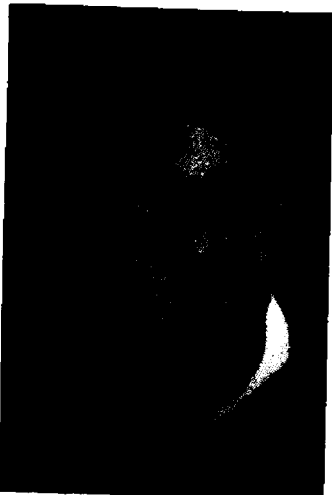
## Katherine H. Parcels

A funeral service will be held at a later date for Grosse Pointe Park resident Katherine H. Parcels, who died in Bon Secours Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996.

Mrs. Parcels, 94, was known to her friends as Kiki, and was born in West Bloomfield Township, her parents were among some earliest settlers of the Pine Lake area.

Mrs. Parcels is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Earle W. Parcels.

Interment is at Pine Lake Cemetery in West Bloomfield. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial donations may be made to Crossroads, or to the charity of the donor's choice.



John H. Strabel

## John Harbison Strabel

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 29, in St. Paul Catholic Church for City of Grosse Pointe resident John Harbison Strabel, who died of cancer in his home on Monday, Nov. 25, 1996.

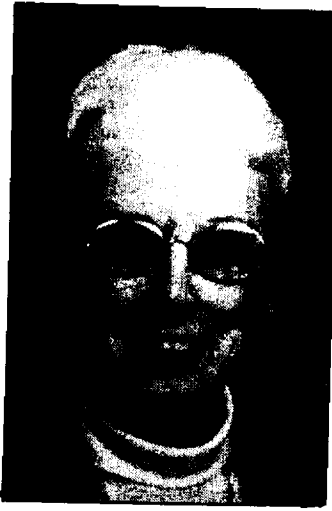
Mr. Strabel, 57, was born in Ludington and graduated from Ludington High School. He attended the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, where he met his wife, and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

An entrepreneur, Mr. Strabel owned several businesses. He was also an active sportsman who loved playing golf, and

was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, where he was involved in the Evans Scholarship Program for golf caddies. He belonged to the Young Presidents Organization and the Detroit Presidents Organization. He also returned every summer to Epworth Heights in Ludington, where he was a member of the Lincoln Hills Country Club.

Mr. Strabel is survived by his wife, Julie; two daughters, Heide Kummer and Mary Francis; a son, John; his step-mother, Veronica Strabel; two brothers, Richard and James; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas.

Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington. Memorial contributions may be made to the John H. Strabel Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Carol Bennett Business Services, Ludington Area Schools, 809 Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Mich., 49431.



Clarice W. Birdsall

## Clarice Winfield Birdsall

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for former Farms resident Clarice Winfield Birdsall, who died in the Whitehall Nursing Home in Ann Arbor on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996.

Mrs. Birdsall, 90, was born in Hillsdale County and attended Albion High School, and graduated from Albion College with a BA in English in 1931. She worked for the J.L. Hudson department store for 10 years before joining the real

estate firm of Johnstone & Johnstone, where she worked for 35 years.

Mrs. Birdsall was an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and was honored for 60 years of service in 1992. She was a member of longstanding Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. When she was 86 Mrs. Birdsall published a book titled "Seven Generations of Twigs and Branches," which contained her observations and memories of her childhood on her farm through to the Depression in Detroit as well as her life in later years.

Mrs. Birdsall is survived by her son, Wendell Jr., a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ballinger; a brother, Virgil; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., 48236, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Club, as well as the Society of Plastic Engineers.

An active member of the community, Mr. DeGalan designed and built the Christmas tree light display at the Farms Pier; the lighting of the trees this year will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Mr. DeGalan is survived by his wife, Penny; two sons, Brian and Dean; a brother, Edward; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Anne Distel and Dorothy Jensen.

Interment is at the St. Paul Columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



Robert W. Redlin

## Robert W. Redlin

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 30, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert W. Redlin, who died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996.

Mr. Redlin, 78, was born in Cleveland and attended Miami University of Ohio. He was a partner with the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., from 1939-1989, and was a professor of accounting at the University of Detroit from 1970-1989.

Mr. Redlin was active in the community and belonged to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and was president of the Michigan Association of CPAs, as well as a member of the Country Club of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Senior Men's Club. He was also a Phi Beta Kappa and a Phi Delta Theta, as well as past president of the Michigan Kidney

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Association.  
Mr. Redlin was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a first lieutenant. He enjoyed trout fishing, bowling and reading.

Mr. Redlin is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriet Hall Redlin; a daughter, Rachel; a son, Michael; a sister, Margaret Petrovic; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be at the St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Detroit-Mercy scholarship fund.

### Caroline Batura

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 22, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Farms resident Caroline Batura, who died in her home on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1996.

Mrs. Batura, 83, was born in DuBois, Pa., and graduated from Northwestern University

in 1928. An active member of the community, she belonged to the St. Paul Altar Society and Tri-PSI, and was a volunteer with the Red Cross. She also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Batura is survived by her daughter, Carol Herman; a sister, Antoinette Sliwan; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter.

Interment is at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

### Joan L. Franks

A funeral service was held in the chapel of Hull's Funeral Home in Walnut Creek, Calif., on Friday, Nov. 29, for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joan L. Franks who died in the John Muir Medical Center on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996.

Mrs. Franks, 78, was born in Flint and was a homemaker

and mother for 54 years. She enjoyed reading, travel, yoga, as well as taking care of her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Franks is survived by her husband of 54 years, Edward; a son, Paul; a sister, Mary Catherine Lindauer; and a brother, James LeBeau; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the St. Paul Catholic Church Columbarium in Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 433 Jefferson St., Oakland, Calif., 94607.

### Loretta Carey Smith

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 29, in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods for former Woods resident Loretta Carey Smith, who died in the Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford on Monday, Nov. 25, 1996.

Mrs. Smith, 89, was born in Ottawa, Ill., and earned her BA from Marygrove College and her MA from Wayne State. She was a high school business teacher in the Detroit public school system for many years.

Mrs. Smith was an avid golfer and bridge player, and was a lifelong supporter of the

Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, and their projects. She was a life member of the Twin Beach Country Club.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Dr. Marjorie Smith Parsons; three sons, Thomas, Daniel and William; and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis.

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

Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lourdes Nursing Home, 2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, Mich., 48328.

### James V. Lemhagen

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 2, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Farms resident James V. Lemhagen, who died in his home on Thursday, Nov. 28, 1996.

Mr. Lemhagen, 83, was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit College of Law in 1935, and maintained a law practice for many years before serving as

an administrative law judge. He also edited the worker's compensation law section for



James V. Lemhagen

the State Bar of Michigan, of which he was a member.

Mr. Lemhagen was also a

member of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the Detroit and Macomb County bar associations and the Catholic Lawyer's Society.

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**Kristine Falk-Cobian**

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Kristine Falk-Cobian was buried in the Holy Spirit Cemetery in Buckhead, Ga., on Friday, Oct. 25. She died on Monday, Oct. 21, 1996.

Ms. Falk-Cobian, 50, was a graduate of the Grosse Pointe Public School system. Ms. Falk-Cobian lived in Georgia for the past 20 years, where she owned a business called Tumble-Bears.

Ms. Falk-Cobian is survived by a daughter, Krissy Cobian; a son, Randolph Cobian; three sisters, Kathryn Falk, Suzan Falk-Evans and Bernadine Falk-Vincent; and a brother, Stephen.

Memorial contributions may be made to her children's college fund, at the Kristine Falk Fund, 55 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11201.



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A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 19, in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joseph Simon Blachut, who died on Saturday, Nov. 16, 1996.

Mr. Blachut, 85, was born in Radziechowy, Poland, and came to the United States in 1925, passing through Ellis Island before joining his family in Detroit. A graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School and the Detroit College of Applied Science, Mr. Blachut served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1939-1941, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Blachut worked as a mechanical engineer for several Detroit firms that supplied machinery and tooling to the automotive industry. He was an avid golfer and belonged to

the Henry Ford Trade School Alumni Association, the Society of Mechanical Engineers and Toastmasters International.

Mr. Blachut and his family moved to the home in the Woods when the city was still Lochmoor Township. They were longtime members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church parish in Harper Woods.

Mr. Blachut is survived by two daughters, Patricia Schroeder and Kathleen Partin; two sons, Michael Joseph and Timothy John; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Jeanette Palmer, of 50 years in 1990.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

**Patricia Pinkham Casey**

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 30, in Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead, Mass., for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Patricia Pinkham Casey, who died in Jupiter, Fla., on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996.

Mrs. Casey, 66, was from Lynn, Mass., and attended Miss Hall's School and Smith College. She was active in children's theater in Michigan, as well as in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Mrs. Casey was an active member of the community, and was involved in many University Liggett School activities, as well as the Grosse Pointe Club and the Eastern Yacht Club.

An accomplished sailor, Mrs. Casey often sailed the New England coast with her husband in their boat the "Manticore."

Mrs. Casey is survived by her husband, E. Paul Casey; five daughters, Patricia Shepherd, Tyler White, Jennifer Schwab, Sheila McManus and Gina Pettengill; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the E. Paul & Patricia Fund for the Support of the Neurosciences at the Lahey-Hitchcock Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

Funeral arrangements were

handled by the Eustis and Cornell Funeral Home in Marblehead, Mass.

**Katherine H. Parcels**

A funeral service will be held at a later date for Grosse Pointe Park resident Katherine H. Parcels, who died in Bon Secours Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1996.

Mrs. Parcels, 94, was known to her friends as Kiki, and was born in West Bloomfield Township, her parents were among some earliest settlers of the Pine Lake area.

Mrs. Parcels is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Earle W. Parcels.

Interment is at Pine Lake Cemetery in West Bloomfield. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial donations may be made to Crossroads, or to the charity of the donor's choice.



John H. Strabel

**John Harbison Strabel**

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 29, in St. Paul Catholic Church for City of Grosse Pointe resident John Harbison Strabel, who died of cancer in his home on Monday, Nov. 25, 1996.

Mr. Strabel, 57, was born in Ludington and graduated from Ludington High School. He attended the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, where he met his wife, and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

An entrepreneur, Mr. Strabel owned several businesses. He was also an active sportsman who loved playing golf, and

was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, where he was involved in the Evans Scholarship Program for golf caddies. He belonged to the Young Presidents Organization and the Detroit Presidents Organization. He also returned every summer to Epworth Heights in Ludington, where he was a member of the Lincoln Hills Country Club.

Mr. Strabel is survived by his wife, Julie; two daughters, Heide Kummer and Mary Francis; a son, John; his step-mother, Veronica Strabel; two brothers, Richard and James; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas.

Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery in Ludington. Memorial contributions may be made to the John H. Strabel Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Carol Bennett Business Services, Ludington Area Schools, 809 Tinkham Avenue, Ludington, Mich., 49431.



Clarice W. Birdsall

**Clarice Winfield Birdsall**

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for former Farms resident Clarice Winfield Birdsall, who died in the Whitehall Nursing Home in Ann Arbor on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996.

Mrs. Birdsall, 90, was born in Hillsdale County and attended Albion High School, and graduated from Albion College with a BA in English in 1931. She worked for the J.L. Hudson department store for 10 years before joining the real

estate firm of Johnstone & Johnstone, where she worked for 35 years.

Mrs. Birdsall was an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and was honored for 60 years of service in 1992. She was a member of longstanding Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. When she was 86 Mrs. Birdsall published a book titled "Seven Generations of Twigs and Branches," which contained her observations and memories of her childhood on her farm through to the Depression in Detroit as well as her life in later years.

Mrs. Birdsall is survived by her son, Wendell Jr., a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ballinger; a brother, Virgil; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

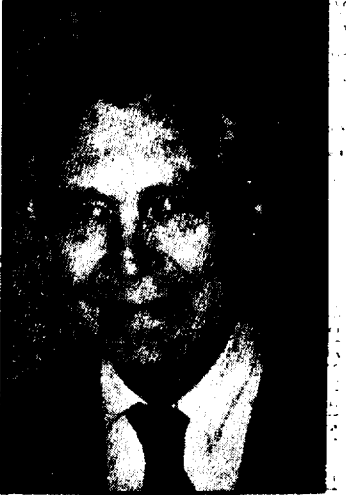
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Club, as well as the Society of Plastic Engineers.

An active member of the community, Mr. DeGalan designed and built the Christmas tree light display at the Farms Pier; the lighting of the trees this year will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Mr. DeGalan is survived by his wife, Penny; two sons, Brian and Dean; a brother, Edward; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Anne Distel and Dorothy Jensen.

Interment is at the St. Paul Columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



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A memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 30, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert W. Redlin, who died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996.

Mr. Redlin, 78, was born in Cleveland and attended Miami University of Ohio. He was a partner with the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., from 1939-1989, and was a professor of accounting at the University of Detroit from 1970-1989.

Mr. Redlin was active in the community and belonged to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and was president of the Michigan Association of CPAs, as well as a member of the Country Club of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Senior Men's Club. He was also a Phi Beta Kappa and a Phi Delta Theta, as well as past president of the Michigan Kidney

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Mr. Redlin was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a first lieutenant. He enjoyed trout fishing, bowling and reading.

Mr. Redlin is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriet Hall Redlin; a daughter, Rachel; a son, Michael; a sister, Margaret Petrovic; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be at the St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Detroit-Mercy scholarship fund.

### Caroline Batura

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 22, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Farms resident Caroline Batura, who died in her home on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1996.

Mrs. Batura, 83, was born in DuBois, Pa., and graduated from Northwestern University

in 1928. An active member of the community, she belonged to the St. Paul Altar Society and Tri-PSI, and was a volunteer with the Red Cross. She also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Batura is survived by her daughter, Carol Herman; a sister, Antoinette Sliwan; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter.

Interment is at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

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### Joan L. Franks

A funeral service was held in the chapel of Hull's Funeral Home in Walnut Creek, Calif., on Friday, Nov. 29, for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Joan L. Franks who died in the John Muir Medical Center on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996.

Mrs. Franks, 78, was born in Flint and was a homemaker

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### Loretta Carey Smith

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 29, in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods for former Woods resident Loretta Carey Smith, who died in the Lourdes Nursing Home in Waterford on Monday, Nov. 25, 1996.

Mrs. Smith, 89, was born in Ottawa, Ill., and earned her BA from Marygrove College and her MA from Wayne State. She was a high school business teacher in the Detroit public school system for many years.

Mrs. Smith was an avid golfer and bridge player, and was a lifelong supporter of the

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Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Dr. Marjorie Smith Parsons; three sons, Thomas, Daniel and William; and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis.

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"Holiday shopping is fun and people like to splurge for special occasions," says Michael Kelly, Senior Director of Education and Information for the MCUL.

"Unfortunately, consumers don't always realize how much damage they've done to their savings account until the bills begin arriving in January and aren't paid off until June."

Kelly provides a few suggestions on how to shop within your means for the holidays.

### • Make a list.

A list will help you see how many people you will be buying

gifts for this year. "Don't forget the office staff, mailman or babysitter," Kelly said. "Even if you only plan to give them a small gift, write it down on your list. Small token gifts add up. That cute little bear may only cost \$8, but if you need ten such little gifts they will total \$80. While you're at it, make another list of all extra holiday expenses you anticipate, like greeting cards, stamps, food for holiday parties or tickets for the New Year's Eve extravaganza. Can your budget cover all this?"

### • Be creative to reduce the expenses on the list.

Can you bake cookies or make a holiday ornament rather than buy a more expensive gift? A couple with children may appreciate a gift of "baby sitting coupons"

redeemable to you. Another possibility is shopping for an entire family versus individuals. For example, an annual family pass to the Detroit Zoo costs \$55 and includes two adults, children and grandchildren. You'll find that creativity involves more time and thought than money and people will appreciate your extra effort.

### • Don't spend money you don't already have.

Be wary of spending a holiday bonus before you have it — this might be the year that the bonus is a frozen turkey instead of a check. "Some credit unions offer a Holiday Savings Program so people can regularly deposit money into a separate account throughout the year and then the funds are automatically transferred into

their savings account before the holidays," Kelly explained. "If such a savings program is too late for you this year, look into it for next year. If you have enough discipline, you can add a holiday gift line to your own budget and save all year long."

### • If you use credit cards, take advantage of the credit card marketing blitz.

Many major credit card companies such as VISA and MasterCard offer credit cards with low interest rates. Use those cards instead of department store cards which tend to have a higher interest rate. Always read the fine print. If a low interest rate is only good for six months, pay off the bills before the new interest rate becomes effective. "Also, avoid department store deferred billing plans, unless you plan

to pay them off when they come due in February or March," Kelly said. "Again, these deferred billing plans tend to have a high interest rate and you may be billed retroactively for the two or three month deferral period."

### • Don't wait until the last minute to shop.

If you wait too long, chances are that you'll go over your budget because of time pressure. You might get lucky on Dec. 24, but more likely, you'll buy a gift over your budget because it's the only thing you can find in an hour.

Remember that much of your holiday savings will come before you enter the stores. Planning ahead about how much you will spend and how you will stay within those lim-

its will help ensure you still have a savings account with which to begin the New Year.

Michael Kelly is the Senior Director of Education and Information for the Michigan Credit Union League. He also serves on the boards of the Michigan Consumer Council, the Better Business Bureau, and the Consumer Educators of Michigan.

His newspaper column, "Your Money Matters" is carried by 40 newspapers across Michigan. He is a frequent spokesperson on consumer financial affairs.

The Michigan Credit Union League is the primary trade association serving Michigan credit unions. Founded in 1934, it is headquartered in Southfield with an additional office in Lansing.

### Senior men to hold luncheon

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will have its next luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. Entertainment will be the Grosse Pointe North High School Concert Choir, conducted by Margaret Steele and Brad LaPratt. This will be the only meeting in December. The club is still busy, however, during the holiday season with its various sub-clubs and individual activities. The first meeting next year will be Jan. 14; the speaker will be Judy Smith, CEO of St. John—Bon Secours Senior Community.

The Jan. 28 meeting will bring George Peapples of General Motors to talk on the company move to the Renaissance Center. Special events chairman Dan Beck says the Windsor Raceway Day in January is shaping up, and details will be announced shortly so members can sign up for this event.

## Guide offered to help you give wisely to charities

With the busiest giving season of the year upon us, the Council of Better Business Bureau (CBBB) is offering at no charge a guide to help donors sift through the charitable requests already filling their mailboxes, ringing their phones, and coming through computer networks.

The Philanthropic Advisory Service (PAS) of the Council of Better Business Bureaus recently released the 1996 Holiday Edition of the "Give But Give Wisely" newsletter, which includes a list of the most-asked-about national charities in America and specifies whether they meet the 23 voluntary CBBB Standards for Charitable Solicitations.

This year, the newsletter is also available in a special large-print edition to assist older citizens and consumers who need an easier-to-read print size.

"We expect donations to charities to be particularly significant during this holiday season as charities, churches, and other nonprofit organizations seek funds to provide

many of the social services that used to be funded through government programs.

"Before you give with your heart, we urge you to use your head and ascertain that the charity will be a good steward of your generosity," said Bennett M. Weiner, vice president in charge of the Council of Better Bureaus' Philanthropic Advisory Service.

Holiday giving tips offered by the Better Business Bureau include the following:

- Do not be pressured to make an on-the-spot gift. Legitimate charities will welcome your donation anytime.

- Look at the charity name carefully. Some charity names sound the same. Do not assume you know the organization. Remember, for any cause you can think of there are dozens, sometimes hundreds, of different charities that are raising funds.

- Ask for detailed written information on the charity's programs and finances.

Charities with nothing to hide will encourage your interest. Questionable groups are counting on the fact that most will not bother to ask.

- Sometimes only a small part of your gift is helping the cause. A review of charity finances should show that a majority of total funds is being used for the specified cause, as opposed to fund raising and administrative costs.

- A cash gift can be pilfered or lost. For security and tax record purposes, it is better to make a check or money order out to the full official name of the charity.

- Watch out for appeals that are long on emotion and short on facts. The solicitation should include a clear description of the programs your gift would support.

- Ask about the group's tax status. Do not assume the organization is a charity just because it has a charity sounding name. Make sure your con-

tribution will be deductible as a charitable gift.

- If you are buying an item to help a cause, find out how much the charity gets. For example, if candy, cards, or other holiday gift items are being sold to benefit a charity, does the appeal or catalog state what the charity's share will be? In such sales situations, it is quite common for less than 10 percent of the purchase price to go to the organization.

- Non-cash gifts can raise other questions. If you are considering making a donation of used clothing or other goods to a charity, find out if they can accept these items and how the gift will be used. Also, if a charity-thrift store is involved, ask what share of thrift sales goes to the cause; it may be only a portion.

- Check out the charity with outside impartial sources. Contact your local charity registration office (usually a division of the state attorney's

general office) and with your Better Business Bureau.

The 1996 Holiday Edition of "Give But Give Wisely" is available at no charge by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to "Give Wisely," Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 800, Arlington, VA, 22203-1838. Consumers can also view PAS charity reports using their personal computer by visiting the BBB Home Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bbb.org>.

The Council for Better Business Bureaus is the umbrella organization for 137 Better Business Bureaus across the U.S.

Through the national memberships of more than 350 leading edge companies and the network of member BBBs, the Council promotes the highest ethical relationship between business and the public through voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education, and service excellence.

## Business People

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Lawrence Marantette** was awarded an Honorary Affiliate Membership to the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Detroit chapter. Marantette is a director of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, United Way Community Services, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and the Greening of Detroit. He served on Mayor Archer's Land Use Task Force and on his Transition Team. He holds degrees in Economics from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He received the award on Nov. 22, during the 1996 AIA Detroit Honor Award Program at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Charles R. Rutherford**, a member of the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC, was recently elected chairperson of the Senior Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Rutherford is a member of the law firm's Intellectual Property Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Computer Law sections. He earned his law degree from University of Detroit.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Larry G. Graham**, a senior business process consultant for General Electric Information Services, was recently honored with the 1996 Outstanding Achievement Award from the Automotive Industry Action Group — a non-profit trade association of 1,300 North American automakers and truck manufacturers. This year's award marks the third time Graham has been recognized for his leadership and active participation in cooperative auto industry efforts. Graham served AIAG as the chairman of the Bar Code Applications Work Group and is a member of the Automatic Identification Project Team and the Symbology Work Group.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Francis Shea**, a radiologist, recently completed continuing medical education classes at the Michigan State Medical Society's 131st Annual Scientific Meeting, held in Lansing. Shea was among 300 colleagues who attended more than two dozen courses updating Michigan physicians on a variety of health care topics such as breast and prostate cancer detection, immunizations and bacterial resistant antibiotics.

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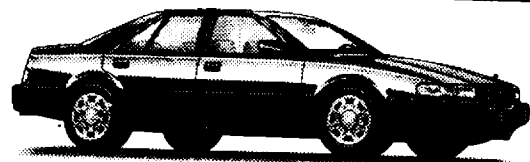
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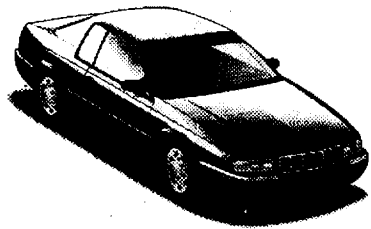


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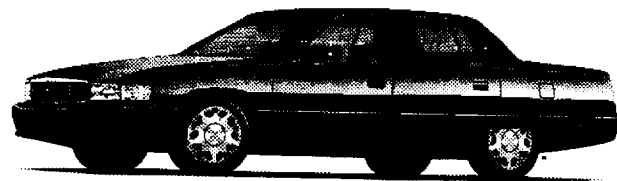


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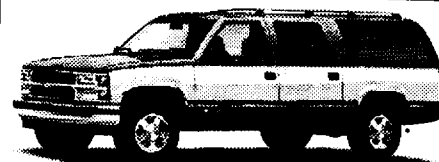
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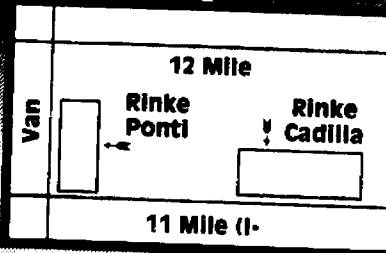
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# Features

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## Pointer goes to Big Apple; becomes part of 'The City'

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

As far back as Lisa LoCicero can remember, she wanted to be an actress.

The 26-year-old, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, has enjoyed some acting success in the New York City-based daytime drama "The City." She claims she's getting paid for something she would be happy to do for free.

"As far back as I can remember, I was involved in some sort of artistic endeavor," LoCicero said. "Whether it was taking piano lessons, or harp lessons or violin lessons. I studied ballet at the War Memorial.

"I don't think anyone was surprised when I said that I

was going to New York to act."

LoCicero even remembers her first role as an actress. She was the narrator of the "Three Little Pigs" when she was in kindergarten.

"I really couldn't read," LoCicero said. "I remember learning my lines by watching my parents pantomime what was happening. My family always supported me, always encouraged my interest in the arts."

LoCicero didn't participate in a lot of children's theater when growing up, but she did involve herself in some shows put on at St. Ambrose parish, including "Oliver."

LoCicero attended Grosse Pointe South High School and has nothing but praise for Ellen Bowen and Mary

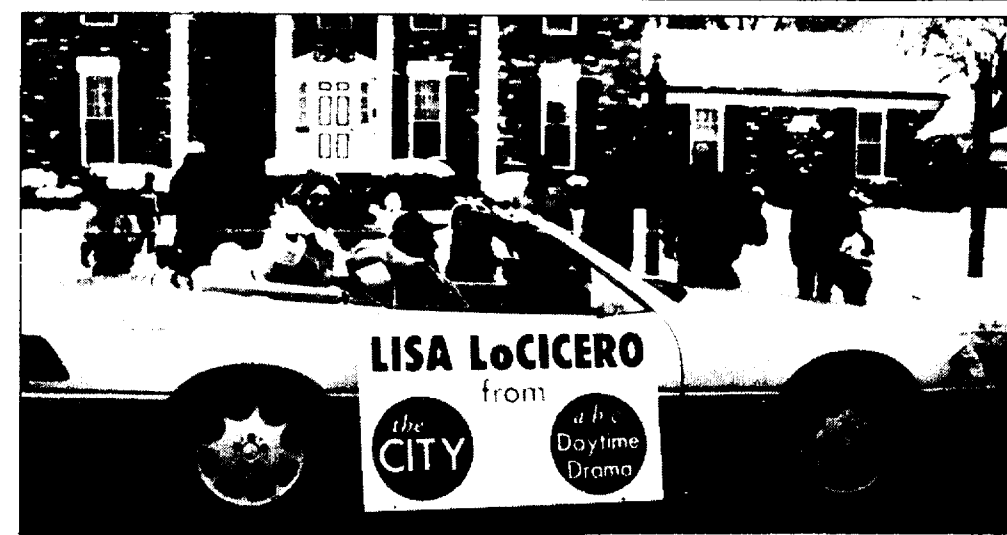
Martin, the women who put on the shows. LoCicero values their encouragement, especially because most high school counselors don't have experience advising students who want to be professional actors.

"They were wonderful teachers and a huge inspiration to me," LoCicero said. "They were a great team and they were perfectionists about putting on shows of a quality higher than the average high school production."

LoCicero played Irene Molloy in "Hello Dolly," and played a character in "A Chorus Line" that was an amalgamation of several roles from the Broadway show. She won an award in a statewide competition for her work in "A Chorus Line."

After high school LoCicero went to New York City and joined the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. The school has a three year program, and is very competitive, she said. Every year a number of students are dropped from the program. Making it through all three years is a difficult task.

In her second year there were 60 students; in her third year, there



Lisa LoCicero rode in Grosse Pointe's Santa Claus Parade last Friday.



were only about 30 students. The third-year class acts mostly as a repertory theatrical group and puts on plays.

She played the part of Babe in the play "Crimes of the Heart"; and played Shirley in "The Fifth of July."

Her first paid part was in an American Express commercial where Jerry Seinfeld ends up having to purchase a meal for his girlfriend's family. In one version of the commercial she utters the line: "Nice tie."

Before landing her role in "The City," LoCicero acted in a number of off-

Broadway shows as well as in several independent movies. She considers Steve Buscemi, best known as "Mr. Pink" in Quentin Tarantino's "Reservoir Dogs," as one of her friends

in New York. LoCicero recently completed a small, independent movie called "Mr. Vincent," which is about an obsessive relationship between a man and a woman. The film co-stars actor Frank Hughes, and it will be shown at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival.

LoCicero plays the role of Jocelyn in "The City." The role is described by ABC publicity as "a smart but vulnerable attorney."

When Jocelyn first joined the show, the character stole Randolph Mantooth from his wife.

LoCicero said "The City" tries for more realistic plot lines, but she admits playing a lawyer who was molested as a child and sometimes acts as a prosti-

tute is something people will see more often in a soap opera than in real life.

"When we do a plot line that is relevant, hearing from someone who said that they experienced something similar to what my character went through, makes going through a lot of corny dialogue worth it," she said.

Working in "The City" has helped hone her skills as an actress, LoCicero

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Grosse Pointe Park native Lisa LoCicero, at the left, plays the part of Jocelyn, an attorney in ABC's daytime drama "The City."

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## Arabia-Nazelli

Andrew and Judith Arabia of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Arabia, to Christopher Dennis Nazelli, son of Dennis and Mary Nazelli of Livonia. A July wedding is planned.



**Andrea Arabia and Christopher Dennis Nazelli**

Arabia graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree, and from Wayne State University with a master's degree in foreign languages. She is a student at WSU, working on earning a teacher's certificate.

Nazelli earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Wayne State University. He teaches math at WSU.

## Mergos-Ames

Fred and Connie Mergos of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Mergos, to Tom Ames. A December wedding is planned.

Mergos is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and is a registered pharmacist.

Ames graduated from Aquinas College and works for EDS as a financial adviser.



**Heather Mergos and Tom Ames**

## Tyler-Slaughter

Rose Lee Tyler of Grosse Pointe Park and David M. Tyler of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Claudia M. Tyler, to Peter Slaughter, son of Diane Slaughter of Napa, Calif., and the late Dr. Donald Slaughter. A May wedding is planned.

Tyler earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wellesley College and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is a research biologist with UCSB.

Slaughter earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

He is a software engineer with Silicon Graphics Inc.

## Ericksen-Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ericksen of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Lee Ericksen, to Randall Lewis Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Davis of Tijeras, N.M. A May wedding is planned.



**Ellen Lee Ericksen and Randall Lewis Davis**

Ericksen graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She owns and manages Roadrunner Inspections in Albuquerque, N.M.

Davis attended New Mexico State University, where he earned associate's degrees in equine reproduction and range management.

He specializes in the training of quarterhorses and is affiliated with his family's business, Town and Country, in Albuquerque.



**Rosario Bacatan and James Robert Agley**

## Bacatan-Agley

Benjamin DelRosario and Rosemarie Bacatan of Manila, the Philippines, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rosario Bacatan, to James Robert Agley, son of Randolph and Judith Agley of Grosse Pointe Farms. A December wedding is planned.

Bacatan is a student at the University of Michigan.

Agley earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from the Wharton School of Business. He is vice president of mergers and acquisitions at Talon Inc. and vice president-treasurer with FISCO.

## Lukosavich-Vogler

Thomas and Constance Lukosavich of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie Lukosavich, to James Matthew Vogler, son of



**James Matthew Vogler and Theresa Marie Lukosavich**

Robert and Elizabeth Vogler of Grosse Pointe Park. A June wedding is planned.

Lukosavich graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She is an emergency dispatcher for the Michigan State Police.

Vogler also graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University. He is an officer with the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department.

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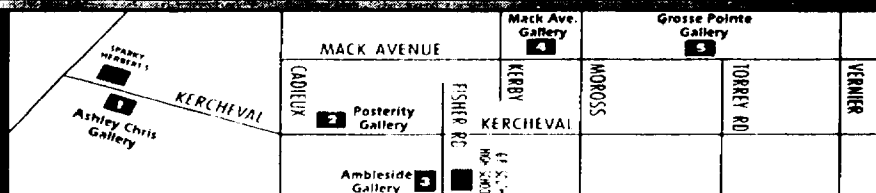
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## Annual White Christmas Ball will be Friday, Dec. 13

The 43rd annual White Christmas Ball, a benefit sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

This year's theme is "A Star is Born." Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be at 8 p.m.

Music will be provided by the Johnny Trudell Orchestra and Royce.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase a computerized fetal monitoring system to benefit the 3,600 babies born each year at St. John Hospital.

Twenty to 30 percent of these deliveries are considered high risk and the computerized monitoring system and data base will allow physicians to assess fetal well-being in the hospital itself, and also from doctors' offices and the outpatient clinic.

General chairman of the ball is Grosse Pointer **Jean Azar**.

President of the Fontbonne is **Ardis Gardella** of Grosse Pointe Woods. Director is **Sister Jacquie Wetherholt**.

Other members of the White Christmas Ball steering committee are: **Arlene Barlow, Marlene Boll, Elaine Malcoun, Nancy Daniel, Jennifer Somes Choje, Ann Garberding, Cathy Andary,**



**Gayle Boutrous, Michelle Giorgio, Maureen McCabe, Susan Azar, Patricia Connelly, Flora Tersigni, Kimberleigh Bill, Jill Vervaeke and Nancy Zink.**

Others are: **Gloria Clark, Judy O'Malley, Charlene Prysak, Debra Arnone, Mado Lie, Carole Tibbetts, Nashwa Sawaf, Nawal Zayat, Grace Herbert, Sally**

**Cytacki, Debbie Schoenherr, Mary Ann VanElslander, Karyn Azar, Marilyn Doyal, Mary Ellen Dakmak, Kathleen Marowske, Debra McCarty, Susan Wilt, Patty Fox and Diane Mills.**

**CPA Chefs:** Local CPAs are putting on their chef hats again for a worthy cause.

**Jean Azar** of Grosse Pointe Woods is general chairman of the White Christmas Ball, a fundraiser sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Azar is shown at the right, during a recent preview party for the ball held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie VanElslander. In the front, from left, are Dr. Ahmad Azar, Jean Azar and son Ramin. In the back, from left, are Hassan and Susan Azar and Michael and Karyn Azar.

**Jean Azar** is shown at the left, in St. John's new birthing center with Dr. Minucheher Kashaf, chief of the department of obstetrics and gynecology.



**Morof Sheplow Weinstein**, a CPA and consulting firm in Farmington Hills, will close its offices at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, to help the Karmanos Cancer Institute with its second Holiday Cookie Walk.

Last year, the firm made more than 1,200 cookies and it hopes to make more than 1,500 this year.

"As unusual as it is for a CPA firm to bake cookies, we felt it was a sweet way to give back to the community," said Steve Maltzman, managing member.

**Joseph Bogosian**, owner of Josef's French Pastry Shoppe in Grosse Pointe Woods, has again volunteered to help novice bakers in his shop beginning at 1:30 p.m. MSW volunteers will bring in their favorite cookie recipes and the best of the best will be used. The Holiday Cookie Walk

will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Prentis Center, 110 E. Warren in the Detroit Medical Center. All sales of cookies will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

**Radio auction:** Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Barbara Willett** will co-direct the sixth annual Children's Center/WJR Radio Auction. The fundraiser for the Children's Center will run through Saturday, Dec. 7.

Working with Willett is **Pam McKulka** of Bloomfield Hills.

"Nearly 200 items — including a 1997 Ford Explorer, trips to Paris, an Idaho River raft trip, even two live baby llamas — will be available for bid," Willett said.

Other items include autographed sports memorabilia, an hour of ice time at Joe

Louis Arena, sideline passes for U-M football and basketball games and tickets for anywhere Northwest Airlines flies in Asia.

Tune in to WJR-AM for details.

**Coats for the cold:** The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will sponsor its annual "Coats for the Cold" clothing collection on Saturday, Dec. 7. All kinds of good clothing for children and adults will be accepted and donated to the Fort Street Presbyterian Church's "Open Door" program.

To participate, call the Optimists at (313) 882-2498 with your name, address and telephone number. On the morning of Dec. 7, place your bags of clothing on your front porch and Optimist crews will pick them up between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

— Margie Reins Smith

## Pride of the Pointes

**Scott Cairo** of Grosse Pointe Farms was nominated Homecoming King for the Baldwin-Wallace College homecoming celebration. Cairo is a senior majoring in criminal justice and political science and is chaplain of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

**Berkley J. Browne**, a freshman at Albion College, is a new member of the G.R. Ford Institute for Public Service. She will participate in a city government simulation and complete course work in political science, history and ethics. She is the daughter of Patricia Browne of Grosse Pointe Park.

**Damon Smith**, a senior at Dartmouth College, was cited for outstanding academic achievement during the spring term of 1996. Smith is the son of Matthew and Susan Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Among the August graduates of Central Michigan University

were Grosse Pointers **Mark C. Deisinger, Julie A. Dyle, Jennifer L. McEntee, Maureen Jean McHugh, Eric H. Miller, Darlene M. Vantiem, Deborah Ann Veda and Donald D. Endres.**

**Jonathan Bernard Ostrowski** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Western Michigan University. He is the son of Dan and Diane Ostrowski.

Midshipman 2/C **Dean Balcirak**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Balcirak of Grosse Pointe Woods, sailed as skipper in the B division in the Navy Fall Invitational Regatta on the Severn River Oct. 19-20. Teams from 18 Atlantic Coast schools competed in four divisions, making it the largest intercollegiate regatta in the nation.

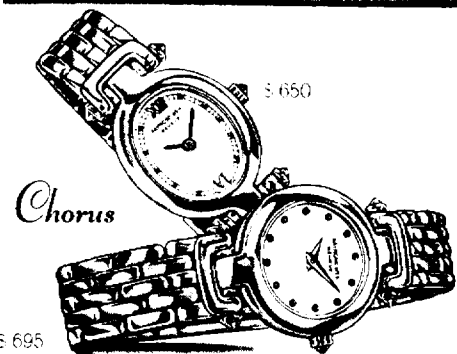
**Richard R. Blosnick** and **Eric J. Rhein**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, earned degrees

from Ferris State University recently. **Blosnick** earned an associate in applied science degree in opticianry; **Rhein** earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

**Charles N. Rutan** of Grosse Pointe Farms pledged Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Wabash College. Rutan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rutan of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Marine Lance Cpl. **Blair Hess**, son of Douglas and Katherine Hess of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from Marine Security Guard School in Quantico, Va., and is currently stationed at the American consulate in Istanbul, Turkey.

Marine Sgt. **Philip R. Farris** of Grosse Pointe Farms recently reported for duty with the III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan.



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## The Pastor's Corner

### Keep the feast

**By the Rev. David H. Wick**  
Grosse Pointe Baptist Church

Stan Freberg's 1950s classic, "Green Christmas," casts Ebenezer Scrooge as an advertising agency president, with Bob Cratchit as a naive account executive. When Cratchit announces that, on behalf of his spice company account, he's sending out Christmas cards with a picture of the Wise Men, Scrooge asks harshly, "Why? What's the percentage in that?"

Happy carolers sing to Scrooge's board meeting, "We wish you a Merry Christmas... and please buy our beer." The board meeting ends with the jolly jingle of coins and ringing of cash registers.

Freberg's Bob Cratchit concludes that something has gone very wrong with the feast of Christmas. Historically, Christians seem to conclude this from time to time, and some have even gone so far as to prohibit the celebration of Christmas.

In response to corruption that polluted the celebration of Christmas during the Elizabethan age, Puritan reformers in England abolished the celebration of Christmas in 1643; it was also abolished in Massachusetts in 1659.

Christmas has survived, in spite of pagan corruption and reformers' condemnations.

Christmas is the perfect occasion for celebrating the incarnation, providing the opportunity to affirm that Christ is fully human and fully divine — God in human flesh.

The Feast of the Nativity of Christ was first officially established on Dec. 25 by Bishop Liberius of Rome in A.D. 354, at a time when many false teachings about the nature of Christ were hotly debated and growing in popularity. Christmas was a way of celebrating orthodoxy — and it should still be so today.

We should keep the feast in a way that honors its spiritual intent. Freberg's parody points out the obvious cultural corruption of materialism that threatens the spiritual nature of Christmas. I think there is one other major modern threat to keeping the feast in a spiritual way — that of idealistic expectations.

By that I mean the unrealistic expectation that Christmas will be PERFECT in terms of family harmony and happiness, which results in people trying too hard and becoming extremely depressed when everything doesn't turn out like a Norman Rockwell painting (or a beer commercial).

Keeping the feast of Christmas is not about having everything turn out perfectly during the holidays. You keep the feast of Christmas when you acknowledge and worship Jesus as fully God and fully man, your atonement for sin and your Savior.

You keep the feast of Christmas when you make room in your heart to receive Jesus and to live for Him, loving and serving others in the strength He provides you.

By all means, keep the feast — and have a very merry Christmas.



### Handel's 'Messiah'

The 25th anniversary season of the Fort Street Chorale will be celebrated with three performances of Handel's "Messiah" the first weekend of December.

Edward Kingins is music director of the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit. The 90-plus-member chorale will be joined by a full string orchestra.

Soloists for the performance are Grosse Pointer Margaret Rees, soprano; Dorothy Cormic, alto; David Troiano, tenor; and Steven Henrikson, bass.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25 and may be purchased by calling the church office at (313) 961-4533.



At the left, from left, are Grosse Pointers Rita Taub and Jane Yamazaki; music director Kingins; and Pointe residents Bonnie Taffe and Russell Yamazaki. At the top left is Grosse Pointer Margaret Rees, soprano soloist.

### LCE presents 'Old Fashioned Christmas'

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble will present the award-winning Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The concert, "An Old Fashioned Christmas," will feature David Wagner of WQRS-FM on the organ; and Fedora Horowitz, LCE artistic director, who will perform with the choir.

The program will include choral works by Schubert and Brahms as well as traditional Christmas carols.

An afterglow will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Eliason.

Tickets for the concert are \$18 for adults; \$15 for students and seniors; \$5 for children 16 and under. Group rates are available and tickets are available in advance and at the door. For information about tickets to the concert and to the afterglow, call (810) 357-1111.

## Help and hope are available for victims of domestic violence and spouse abuse

**By Dr. Fredric Frigoletto**  
President, American College of Obstetricians, Gynecologists

The problem of domestic violence — also known as partner or spouse abuse — is receiving increased attention.

The actual incidence of domestic violence is unknown, but the FBI estimates that every nine seconds a woman is beaten. Other researchers estimate that nearly one quarter of American women may be abused by a current or former partner in the course of a lifetime.

In spite of these staggering statistics, there is hope, as more resources are being developed for women who need support.

More and more doctors are being educated on how to recognize, help and refer women who are being battered. Medical organizations like The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists are urging their physician members to "ask the question" of women patients, to see if someone is hurting them.

Your doctor's office can be a safe place to talk about physical, emotional or sexual abuse. If you are pregnant and being abused, confiding in your ob-gyn or other provider may help protect your unborn child.

Even if your doctor does not raise the subject, talk to him or her about what is happening to you. Answer questions as honestly as you can. The doctor may have resource materials available. He or she may be able to put you in touch with a trained counselor, support group or local shelter.

If possible, try to visit your doctor's office without the person who is abusing you. Even if the abusive party accompanies you, you have the right to be alone and talk freely with the doctor or nurse in the exam room.

Asking for help is not easy, but talking with a caring physician — or with a clergy member, social worker, support group or friend — may provide comfort and help you make important decisions.

Many states have hotline numbers you can call for help. Check local information for the number in your state. Or call the toll-free national Domestic Violence Hotline which is staffed 24 hours a day to provide information about assistance. That number is (800) 799-SAFE (7233), or (800) 787-3224 (TDD) for the hearing impaired.

Remember that battered women come from all walks of life, so don't feel alone or ashamed about asking for help. Talking to someone in confidence can be the first step to getting your life back.

Single, free copies of the pamphlet "The Abused Woman" are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Resource Center/AP083, 409 12th Street SW, P.O. Box 96920, Washington, D.C., 20090-6920.

### CPR class offered by Bon Secours

A one-rescuer basic life support class is slated from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the Bon Secours Hospital private dining room.

The class will teach cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including resuscitation techniques, discussions about basic anatomy and physiology as well as the warning signs of a heart attack.

The cost is \$10. For information, call (810) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

**COOKIE MART**

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church  
211 Moross Rd., GPF

**Saturday, Dec. 7 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Cookies - \$6.00 per pound, cakes, breads, candy too.

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- \* Stories and songs
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Where: First Church of the Brethren  
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Cost: \$2/adult, free/children under 12

For more information, call 835-8075.

<p><b>Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church</b> "On Being Offended"</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Service &amp; Church School 17150 MAUMEE 881-0420 Rev. John Corrado, Minister</p>	<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">WORSHIP SERVICES</h2>		<p><b>Redeemer United Methodist Church</b> 20571 Vernier just W. of I-94 Harper Woods 884-2035</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages</p>
<p><b>First English Ev. Lutheran Church</b> Vernier Rd. at Wedgewood Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods 884-5040</p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Dr. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor Rev. Barton L. Beebe, Associate Pastor</p>	<p><b>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Kercheval at Lakepointe Grosse Pointe Park 822-3823</p> <p>Sunday - Worship 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30 Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors 11 - 3:00 COME JOIN US</p>	<p><b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 170 McMillan Rd., near Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms • 884-0511</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Worship &amp; Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages</p> <p>ALL ARE WELCOME Pr. Troy G. Waite</p>	
<p><b>St. Paul Ev. Lutheran</b> 881-6670 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:10 a.m. Education For All</p> <p>Nursery Available Rev. Fred Harms, Pastor</p>	<p>THE SUBJECT FOR THIS SUNDAY IS: "God the Only Cause and Creator"</p> <p><b>First Church of Christ, Scientist</b> Grosse Pointe Farms, 282 Chalfonte Ave.</p> <p>4 blocks West of Moross Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ALL ARE WELCOME</p>		<p><b>GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH</b></p> <p>AFFILIATED WITH THE UCC AND ABC 240 CHALFONTE AT LOTHROP 884-3075</p> <p>"God in the Wilderness"</p> <p>10:00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP (CRIB ROOM AVAILABLE) 10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Rev. E.A. Bray, Pastor</p>
<p><b>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 20475 Sunningdale Park Grosse Pointe Woods, 884-4820</p> <p>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:15 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available)</p>	<p><b>CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:20 a.m. Adult Education 10:20 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Supervised Nursery</p>	<p><b>Grosse Pointe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> A Friendly Church for All Ages 211 Moross Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms 886-2363</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p>	<p><b>CHRIST THE KING Lutheran Church</b> Mack at Lochmoor 884-5090</p> <p>8:15 &amp; 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</p> <p>Randy S. Boelter, Pastor Timothy A. Holzerland, Asst. Pastor Joseph P. Fabry, Pastor emeritus</p>
<p><b>THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation</p> <p>61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. (313) 885-4841</p>	<p><b>The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church</b> Established 1777 (The Presbyterian Church of USA)</p> <p>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE REV. DR. V. BRUCE RIGDON, preaching</p> <p>9:00 &amp; 11:00 - Worship Service 10:00 - Church School for Children &amp; Youth 8:45 - 12:15 - Crib/Toddler Care 7:30 p.m. - "Holiday Brass" Concert 7:30 a.m. - Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast</p> <p>A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms 882-5330</p>		<p><b>Grosse Pointe PRESBYTERIAN Church</b> 19950 Mack (between Moross &amp; Vernier)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:00 a.m. The Forum Brian Steel and on "Medical Mission in Third World Countries"</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Family Advent Craft Night (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Nursery Services Available during Worship</p> <p><b>886-4301</b></p>
<p><b>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church</b> A Christ Centered, Caring Church Committed to Youth and Community</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 AM Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM</p> <p>21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343</p>		<p><b>Historic Mariners' Church</b> Since 1842 Anglican Independent A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE</p> <p>The 1928 Book of Common Prayer</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 10:15 - Adult Bible Study 11:00 - Holy Communion Church Sunday School and Nursery</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> 12:10 p.m. - Holy Communion</p> <p>Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel Free Parking • Ford Garage Enter at Woodward &amp; Jefferson The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist and Choirmaster 313-259-2206</p>	

## The Single Way

The Single Way, a group of Christian singles, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, for sharing favorite family Christmas traditions and memories at a member's home. Teens and children are welcome. An optional dinner will be available beforehand, at 4:45 p.m., at Victoria Place restaurant. For more information, call (810) 776-5535.

## New Friends, Neighbors

The New Friends and Neighbors Club will meet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a Christmas luncheon and bazaar featuring more than 15 holiday vendors. Babysitting will be available. Reservations should be made by calling Helen Clarren at (313) 886-0818.

## English-Speaking Union

The English-Speaking Union will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Country Club of Detroit. Entertainment during dinner will be by Sergi Kvitko, a classical pianist, and the Choraliers. The cost is \$32 a person. For reservations, call Louise Lee at (313) 881-9701, by Friday, Dec. 6.

## La Leche League

Pregnant and nursing mothers interested in information

## Babies

### Kailey Louise Kelliher

Amy Treder Kelliher and Kevin Patrick Kelliher of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Kailey Louise Kelliher, born Oct. 2, 1996.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Louise and Carroll B.



## Chrysanthemum Tea

The annual Chrysanthemum Tea of the Daughters of the British Empire in Michigan was held recently at the home of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Susan Davies.

In the back, from left, are Pamela Schaefer of the national board; Marleine Ricca, president of the DBE in Michigan; and Rena Platt, national president. In the front, from left, are Davies, hostess; and Joyce Bratt, state of Michigan organizer.

and support for breast feeding are invited to the next meeting of La Leche League of South Macomb/Eastern Wayne at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Grosse Pointe Baptist church, 21336 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Children and nursing babies are welcome. For information, call (810) 776-2769 or (313) 881-8262.

## Herb Society of America

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the home of Marty Vorhees. The program will be a culinary demonstration by

Beverly Anderson, southeast Michigan representative for the Herb Society. Members should bring two dozen cookies for a Christmas cookie exchange.

## ABWA

The Grosse Pointe chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a Christmas fantasy dinner/auction fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Alcamo's in St. Clair Shores. The charge is \$25. For information, call Yvonne Miller at (810) 795-8269 or Joanne Blaszowski at (313) 881-6741.

## Grand Marais garden club

The Grand Marais branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 9, at the home of Connie Smith. Co-hostesses will be Kay Fordon and Jean Wright. The program, "Flowers and Muses," will be presented by Smith.

## Detroit Garden Center

The Detroit Garden Center will present a Christmas topiary tree workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the center, 1460 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Make a fragrant topiary tree with sprigs of rosemary, cedar and fresh greens. Instructor will be Jacqueline Beck. The cost is \$40. For reservations, call (313) 259-6363.

## Louisa St. Clair

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Frank S. Clark III and Mrs. Norman G. Kruger

The program will feature a first-person story, "Christmas Nostalgia," by Dr. D. Sharp. Luncheon is \$13. For reservations, call Grace Colter, Joanne Galvin or Delores Littlefield.

## Alpha Delta Kappa

Alpha Delta Kappa sorority will hold its annual scholarship fundraiser, a Christmas auction and luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Call (313) 885-3373.

## Catholic

## Alumni Club

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit will hold volleyball games Tuesdays, Dec. 10 and 17, at Birney Middle School in Southfield. For information, call Mike at (313) 454-0493.



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**Fildew-  
Johnson**

Mary Lloyd Fildew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoxley Fildew of Grosse Pointe Park, married Avery Lynn Johnson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson of St. Charles, Ill., on Aug. 9, 1996, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

The Rev. Justin Kelly and the Rev. Robert Moss officiated at the 3:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Avery Lynn Johnson

The bride wore an ivory peau de soie sheath gown trimmed with Alencon lace and sequins and featuring a cathedral-length train and veil. She carried a bouquet of white and peach roses and ivy.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Anne Fildew Pagel of Washington, D.C.

Bridesmaids were Tamara Lie of Grosse Pointe Park; Suzanne Jabara of Grosse Pointe Park; Diann Garlanger of Pittsburgh; Amanda Ashbury of Washington, D.C. Junior bridesmaid was the groom's sister, Taria Johnson of St. Charles, Ill.

Attendants wore floor-length salmon silk dresses and carried bouquets of white roses, peach alstromeria and peach bovar-

dia. The best man was the groom's brother, Evan Johnson of St. Charles.

Groomsmen were Craig Griffith of Mackinac City; Brian Johnson of Indianapolis; Shea Dean of Brazil; and the bride's brother, Stanley Fildew of Grosse Pointe Park.

The mother of the bride wore a two-piece tea-length green silk shantung dress and a white orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a lavender silk dress with a jacket and a white orchid corsage.

Readers were Heather Cavanaugh of Atlanta, Marjorie Lloyd of Cleveland, and the groom's father. The soloist was Margaret Roache.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and French from St. Mary's College. She is a systems analyst with Andersen Consulting Co.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from Notre Dame University and is a student at University of Michigan Law School. The newlyweds live in Ann Arbor.

**Jagger-  
Gouda**

Kathryn Elizabeth Jagger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Jagger of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Michael Nader Gouda, son of Mrs. Diane Gouda Bates of the City of Grosse Pointe, on June 15, 1996, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Walter Ziemba officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride wore an ivory silk shantung gown that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline, and a bodice decorated with beads and silk roses. She wore a full-length illusion veil and carried an all-white bouquet of lilies of the valley and freesia.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Anne Christina

Jagger of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Suzanne Gouda; Angelique Soave; Torrey Ganier; Lexie Crain; Mary Ann Melchior; and Bonnie Brennan.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael N. Gouda

Alexandra Mack and Brittany Bowlen were flower-girls.

Attendants wore long dusty rose silk shantung dresses and carried bouquets of pink roses, lavender and white camellias.

The best man was the groom's brother, Ramsey Gouda.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, John Jagger II; the groom's brother, Jeff Gouda; Tom Giftos; Mike Davis; Dan Levine; Lance Davis; and Tony Morse.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length dress with a white lace bodice and a gray organza skirt.

The mother of the groom wore a tea-length dusty rose beaded dress.

The soloist was Maria Cimarelli. Trumpeter was William Beger. Organist was David Wagner.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Northwestern University.

The groom earned a bachelor of arts degree in architecture from the University of Michigan.

The newlyweds traveled to Hawaii. They live in Orlando, Fla.

**Bellanca-  
Lucas**

Selia Bellanca, daughter of James and Diana Bellanca of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Douglas Lucas, son of Ronald and Donna Lucas of Grosse Pointe Park, on June 8, 1996, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Monsignor F. Gerald Martin officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The bride wore a white silk-satin organza gown with illusion sleeves and her mother's silk tulle veil, held by a headpiece of silk flowers. She carried a bouquet of white roses.



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lucas

The maid of honor was Gabriella Bruno of Royal Oak.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Andrea Cwiklinski of Grosse Pointe Woods; Dr. Helen Bellanca of Portland, Ore.; Laura Dukes of Charleston, S.C.; and Laurie Snowden of Atlanta.

Attendants wore tea-length navy blue dresses and carried bouquets of white roses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Jeffrey Lucas of Chicago.

Groomsmen were the bride's

brother, James V. Bellanca III of the City of Grosse Pointe; Martin Saad and Andrew Fisher, both of Washington, D.C.; and Domenic Martilotti of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ushers were David Morath of Salt Lake City, and Pat Tummonds of Washington, D.C.

Readers were Roselie Posselius, James V. Bellanca II and Mark Cwiklinski. Soloist was Paige Ferragina of Nashville, Tenn.

The mother of the bride wore a full-length black silk dress and a black and white sequined jacket.

The groom's mother wore a pink suit with black sequined trim.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of North Carolina and is a media supervisor with the advertising agency Pagano, Schenck and Kay of Boston.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics from the University of Michigan and is enrolled in the MBA program at Harvard Business School.

The newlyweds traveled through Europe. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

**Stephens-  
Kennedy**

Laura Elizabeth Stephens, daughter of Charles and Barbara Stephens of Grosse Pointe Park, married Peter Moody Kennedy, son of Mary Lou Moody and the late Judge Blair Moody, on Aug. 10, 1996, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. Michael Foley officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Tompkins Center.

The bride wore an ivory taffeta gown with a fitted bodice trimmed with pearls and sequins, long sleeves and a sweep train. Her fingertip veil was held by a tiara of pearls and she carried a bouquet of white lilies, roses, daisies and ivy.

The newlyweds traveled to Maine. They live in Grosse Pointe Park.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Melanie Stephens.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Jennifer Stephens; the groom's sister, Susan Moody-Frezza; and Megan Jordan.

Attendants wore tea-length pale yellow satin dresses and carried bouquets of daisies.

The best man was the groom's brother, Brian Moody.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Blair Moody; the bride's brother, Charles Stephens; and Jon Krempel.

The flowergirl and ringbearer were Jenna and Stephen Shier.

Soloists were the bride's brother, Richard Stephens; the bride's sisters, Melanie and Jennifer Stephens; Barbara Porbe; and Jeanine Babcock. The organist was Robert Moncrief.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moody Kennedy

The mother of the bride wore a long pink satin dress.

The groom's mother wore a long blue satin and chiffon dress.

The bride earned a degree in elementary education from Marygrove College. She is a second grade teacher.

The groom earned degrees from Michigan State University and the Detroit College of Law. He is an attorney.

The newlyweds traveled to Maine. They live in Grosse Pointe Park.

**The City**

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said. The show runs five days a week, which means the actors and actresses don't have a lot of time to rehearse.

They have to say their lines and hit their marks because of lighting and camera angles. The work requires concentration which has helped her in other auditions.

"There are two sets of writers on our show," she said. "There is the main group, which comes up with major plot lines; and the second group, which actual-

ly puts the plot into words. The job is hard. The dialogue isn't always great but the demands on the writers are tremendous."

While LoCicero has enjoyed some success as an actress, she said that show business is difficult. When she graduated from the academy, she hired a manager who got her some auditions.

"They were auditions for small parts," she said. "But they were the parts I was ready for. My current agent, who is a little more powerful in show business,

saw some of my work and signed me up. But I know of only a couple of people in my class who are working full-time. At least with my job in 'The City,' I won't be one of those people who set out to be an actor and ended up working in a Hamburger Hamlet for the rest of their lives."

LoCicero said that with so many actors out of work at any time, it's not a shame to be out of work. You always have a lot of company. She also said that being a woman is especially tough in the entertainment

business.

"The wisdom is that there are seven times more women in acting than men," she said. "Plus, there are seven times as many men's roles as women's. Women have to also realize that this is a visual medium, so appearance counts to some extent."

Like all actors LoCicero has her stories about being a starving actress. Her favorite is when she was paid \$300 to do the chicken dance in Grand Central Station with 199 other actors — all dressed as

Col. Sanders — to help promote Kentucky Fried Chicken's new roasted chicken meal.

"I had a blast handing out leaflets and dancing," LoCicero said. "It was the 'serious' actors who didn't have a good time. They were saying how they couldn't believe they were doing these things."

"Well I say if you don't like the idea of dressing up as Col. Sanders and doing the chicken dance, don't. It was a job and it paid \$300. No one cares if you don't want the job. It's about

being a professional."

LoCicero credits her parents Vincent and Bobbie LoCicero for supporting her acting ambitions.

"I've never gotten the speech where the parents say that being an actor is a wonderful thing, but shouldn't I have something to fall back on," she said.

"It's a risky occupation. I know that I've been lucky. But my parents have supported me."

"I've always known exactly what I wanted to do, and they've always encouraged me."

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## 10 reasons why HMOs are healthy

By Dr. Zenas C. Dickinson  
Special Writer

Lately, have you been hearing a lot about Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)? Medicare? Fee-for-Service plans?

Are you having trouble figuring out what is good for you?

You are not alone. Patients often ask me about the merits of HMOs as compared to traditional health insurance plans. Increasingly, even more people are asking about HMOs in the Medicare market, now that Henry Ford Health System is offering the Medicare insurance called Senior Plus.



Dr. Zenas C. Dickinson

When you consider the benefits of belonging to an HMO, it's not surprising people are starting to talk. Compared to traditional health insurance plans, HMOs offer more comprehensive benefits, lower out-of-pocket expenses and no long, complicated medical forms to fill out. They help keep people healthy by offering more preventive services, including health screenings, consultations and coverage for regular check-ups. In addition, HMO premiums increase far less rapidly than traditional insurance premiums.

Nevertheless, people worry about the quality of medical care they may receive from an HMO or they're concerned that medical care will be denied. Numerous studies have been done to compare traditional fee-for-service insurance with HMO insurance. Most find patients receive equal or better care in an HMO.

The Henry Ford Medical Centers, like the Pierson Clinic in Grosse Pointe Farms, see patients with many varieties of health care coverage, including several HMOs, particularly, Health Alliance plan (HAP).

While nearly 90 percent of Americans enrolled in HMOs and other forms of health care coverage express some degree of satisfaction with their current health plans, HMO members express more intense satisfaction. Among HMO members, 91 percent are satisfied with the quality of their care, 87 percent are satisfied with their choice of health care providers and 77 percent are satisfied with the cost of their health plans.

Here are the results of a number of studies that show why HMOs are healthy for you and your family:

- **Cancer:** Elderly HMO members with cancer are more likely to be diagnosed at an earlier stage than elderly people in fee-for-service plans. The survey found that the largest difference occurred with cervical cancer. Almost 60 percent of HMO patients were diagnosed at the earliest stage, compared to 39 percent of fee-for-service patients. Another study found that HMOs are more likely to offer cancer screenings.

- **Prevention:** Women in HMOs are more likely to obtain mammograms, Pap smears and clinical breast exams, since they are covered by HMOs.

- **Prostate:** A study found that certain prostate cancer patients who belonged to an HMO had significantly lower death rates than fee-for-service patients.

- **Chronic Conditions:** HMO adult patients who receive care for 17 chronic conditions had slightly better overall quality of care than those in the fee-for-service systems.

- **Births:** A study of more than 24,000 births in six HMOs found that HMO prenatal care is "quite good" overall and that it surpassed the national average in several key areas. For example, about 87 percent of women belonging to an HMO had their first prenatal care visits during their first trimester of pregnancy, compared with the

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## Bon Secours introduces parish nurse

Bon Secours Hospital is joining with two local churches to bring much-needed health care to the surrounding Detroit community.

Fifteen-year Bon Secours veteran Jane Cheyne will work full-time as a parish nurse at two Detroit churches — Faith Lutheran Church and St. Philomena Catholic Church. Her goal is to keep parishioners physically and spiritually healthy, according to the Rev. Mary Alice Purcell, vice president of Mission, Ethics and Spiritual Care at Bon Secours hospital.

"This new program focuses on prevention. We want to keep patients healthy so they avoid any unnecessary hospital stays," she said. "One effective way to do this is by focusing on treating the whole person — his or her physical, emotional and spiritual self."

Churches are the ideal place to provide this "holistic" health care, according to Sheila Behler, director, Sisters of Bon Secours Center for Good Help, which offers free health service and care for poor women and their children in an inner-city neighborhood.

"The church has a lot of advantages for being a healing institution," she said. "It's a safe haven that welcomes people of all ages and provides a support system to those who need help — physically or spiritually."

Cheyne was eager to accept the new position, she said, because it can help bridge the

gap that science has created between medicine and religion.

"In this job, I can incorporate my faith into my work," she said. "I believe faith heals and helps people through extremely difficult situations in life. Through faith, we have hope in any situation."

To identify each congregation's needs, Cheyne will form a health cabinet — a group of church members who have an

include: health fairs, immunizations, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, vision and hearing screenings, classes in creative stress management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, grief and loss support and pot-luck dinners featuring healthy foods.

"My role is not as much a 'hands-on nurse' as it is an advocate for the parishioners,"

open the doors to many types of health care resources that are available in the community."

The Parish Nursing Program was the answer to the Rev. Peter Lentine's prayer. He saw the great need of the parishioners at St. Philomena and knew that they could benefit from such a program. "There are many people who don't have anyone to help them," he said. "Their loneliness often leads to depression. They just need someone to comfort and encourage them to take care of themselves. Knowing someone cares about them can make all the difference."

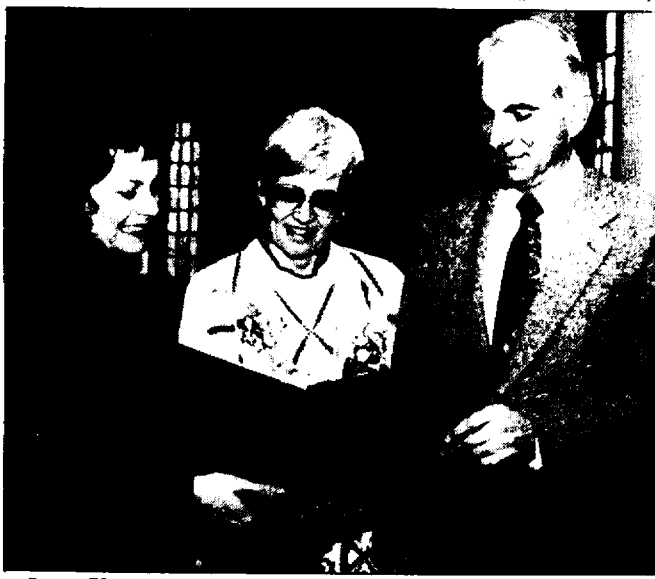
Along with providing much-needed health care education, Lentine hopes Cheyne will develop a network of volunteers to assist with the church's other outreach programs.

The Rev. Ron Schmidt of Faith Lutheran Church is enthused about the program. He recruited four nurses in the congregation to support Cheyne.

"Our church members are excited about this opportunity," he said. "Two women who currently work at hospitals were eager to join Cheyne's efforts. I even brought another two out of retirement to help."

"We have a number of elderly people in our congregation who we could help by addressing some of their potential medical problems."

For more information about the Parish Nursing Program, call Cheyne at (313) 417-6680.



Jane Cheyne, at the left, and the Rev. Ron Schmidt of Faith Lutheran Church, at the right, review plans for an upcoming blood pressure screening program for seniors. In the center is church member Sandi Warner.

interest in the relationship of religion and health. Programs will be developed after assessing the congregation's health status and determining its needs.

Cheyne said. "I am there to help them understand the ingredients of a full, well-rounded life, which is the best preventive medicine available. I also work as a gatekeeper to

## Holidays can be hazardous for children

For most of us the holidays are about foods, fun and family. But for some, the series of celebrations this month will spell disaster.

"Anyone who has had food poisoning knows what a disaster the holidays can be," said Dr. Suzanne White, medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center. "All of us need to prepare and store holiday food properly."

In addition, White cautions parents and grandparents to keep a close eye on their little ones. "Kids are fast, they can get into almost anything," White said. "Make sure to put medication and vitamins up high and always keep household cleaners and chemicals out of children's reach."

To ensure that your holidays are happy and hazard free, here are a few safety tips for the busy days ahead.

**Food**

- Turkey and fresh fowl — Be sure to wash the entire bird

and the body cavity, remove the entrails (heart, gizzard, etc.), wrap loosely and refrigerate no more than two days before cooking.

- Dressing — if possible, make the dressing just before cooking. If you prepare the dressing a day ahead, refrigerate it separate from the turkey. Cook the turkey and dressing separately.

- Leftovers — All leftovers should be refrigerated as soon as they are removed from the table, while they are still warm. Custard and cream-filled desserts can be especially dangerous if left unrefrigerated.

- Alcohol — Alcohol is a danger to children and adults. Be sure all alcoholic beverages are out of children's reach. Premixed cocktails that look creamy and are flavored with fruits, chocolate and other tempting tastes could be easily mistaken for pop, milk or fruit drinks. Increased alcohol intake could cause dangerously low blood sugar, stupor or

coma.

**Decorations**

- Lead — Old tinsel and some colored ink on wrapping paper may contain lead. These are attractive to youngsters and should be kept out of reach.

- Tree ornaments — They can cut or choke young children. Painting or coloring on these objects, however, is not known to cause poisoning.

- Angel hair — Spun glass can cause irritation of the eyes,

skin and gastrointestinal tract.

**Plants**

- Poinsettias — Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous and normally do not lead to toxic consequences.

- Mistletoe — Mistletoe, especially the berries, can cause irritation of the skin and gastrointestinal tract.

- Holly — Because of its sharp points, if swallowed, holly and other greenery can cause choking, drowsiness and/or dizziness.

### In Touch With Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Now that summer and all its too tempting sun is behind us til next year, it is a good idea to take an inventory of how our skin is doing.

Too much sun, unfortunately, can lead to skin cancer. Regardless of our tanning experiences, everyone must be familiar with his or her skin, best accomplished by frequent skin self-examinations.

Start by examining your skin in a mirror, both front and back side, followed by right and left sides with your arms raised.

Bend elbows and carefully

inspect forearms, under arms and palms.

Next, look at the back of your legs and feet, between your toes, and at the back of your neck, scalp, and back using a hand mirror.

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## 'The Unruly Queen' is portrait of high-spirited princess

**'The Unruly Queen: The Life of Queen Caroline'**

By Flora Fraser  
Knopf, 537 pages, \$35.  
In this case, genes really tell. Flora Fraser, the young author of "The Unruly Queen," is the daughter of Antonia Fraser, a historian credited with a stack of best-selling books. Then there is her grandmother, Elizabeth Longford, also a biographer.

This unusual trio of women writers is not only closely related but also mutual admirers and supporters; they have established a niche in British literature which will likely ensure them a permanent standing among readers.

Flora Fraser in this, her second book, has written a highly entertaining and well-researched portrait of a high-spirited royal personality who kicked up her heels and raised many indignant eyebrows.

In fact, the book's title is apt — she refused to be intimidated and insisted upon doing what she wished regardless of the consequences. The word "unruly" comes to my mind; it fits perfectly her exuberant and outrageous personality.

Princess Caroline was born in 1768 in the small duchy of Brunswick, a vassal state of Prussia. According to Fraser, her "education was a curious affair. Although her governesses, and mother, were so watchful and critical of her conduct, she had little formal education, except in the sphere of music."

When Caroline turned 15, "Countess Munster, a gifted poet with a wide circle of literary friends, attempted to redress this negligence over the next six years. Inks, paper and writing books are regular items in the accounts she kept, and M. Bounty came from the august Collegium

Carolinum to teach the princess grammar and history, which she enjoyed. Eventually the princess won her strange vendetta against orthography and acquired a secretary, to whom she dictated."

Moreover, "Caroline, all her life, took a childish delight in flouting convention, even if this meant exposing her decidedly lustful nature. No less naively, she probably believed her indelicate speech to be the

him."

Caroline soon discovered that her husband already had a devoted mistress, Lady Jersey, to whom he was firmly attached. A lord attending a royal party "recounted how punch and pipes had been produced after one dinner and the prince had drunk from Lady Jersey's glass, whereupon the princess had snatched a guest's pipe and puffed it contemptuously at her husband."

The birth, in 1796, of Caroline's and Wales' only child, Charlotte, was received joyously by both parents, a short-lived amity, unfortunately, and the new father proclaimed "this newcomer will equally call for the protection of its parents and consequently be a bond of additional union. . . The child was christened Charlotte Augusta after her two grandmothers, proved nothing of the kind.

"While mother and child did well, the Prince of Wales succumbed, a few days after Princess Charlotte's birth, to a fit of rage and self-indulgence, possibly exacerbated by spirits during which he came to think himself close to the grave.

"He ventilated his feelings, in consequence, in a last will and testament which ran to 3,000 words. In this extraordinary document, the prince unexpectedly afforded sentimental recognition to his union with Mrs. Fitzherbert (a new mistress) . . . he left his infant daughter Charlotte expressly to the care of his mother and father, thereafter to his brothers and sisters. . . Omitting Caroline completely from any responsibility or contact with her child."

From then on, things predictably turned from bad to worse.

The prince and princess led completely separate lives.

Caroline was forced to wander from one rented villa to another, and with very little contact allowed between herself and her daughter. She eventually found herself abroad, cavorting with her retinue where she visited certain noble families in Italy and France who were willing to extend their hospitality to her and her courtiers.

While in Italy, she met the man who was to become her lover, Bartolomeo Pergami. He rapidly rose from being a minor functionary in her court to chamberlain, overseeing her affairs and shielding her from intrusive strangers. This relationship did not throw a favorable light upon the princess among the royals and nobles. It was "hinted darkly that her wish, ever since the advent of Pergami, had been to dispense with the vigilance of an English suite. It was more that she had found new interests in her own life and had become less inclined to indulge in their whims."

Therefore, "her behavior was now guided less than ever by the demands of English Society. She was no longer occupied with the politicking which had directed her appearance in England. If her conduct was not markedly German either, the princess thought she had acquired a new personality in Italy. Certainly she was under a spell in that country, but it was a spell of energetic self-indulgence."

"Despite the open misalliance with her chamberlain, the princess still expected to receive the honors due to her rank. But the visits she made in pursuit of this gratification were not always successful. At the Parma Court of the Empress Marie Louise (wife of Napoleon), an inelegant yawn

caused her and her chair to topple backwards together. She promptly dissolved into laughter, with only her feet visible to an unamused empress."

Caroline "had received the news of her daughter's approaching marriage to Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg before she left Tunis in 1816, without resentment that she was not expected to grace the celebrations.

"She would never return to England, even when her daughter was on the throne, she now wrote and she eagerly studied reports in the foreign newspapers of the regent's (the Prince of Wales) frequent bouts of illness."

The following year brought tragic news — the death of her daughter, now the wife of Prince Leopold.

King George III died in 1820, leaving his son, the regent to mount the throne as King George IV. Caroline

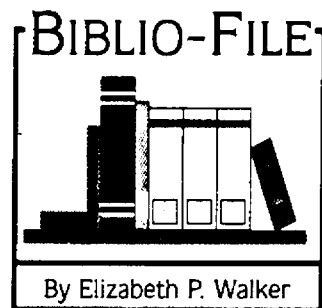
decided to return to England to claim her right to be crowned Queen of England.

This, of course, created a great stir in the government. In spite of their long separation and mutual loathing, neither king nor queen was able to let go of their animosity, and the long-winding divorce proceedings never resulted in a satisfying resolution.

When Caroline attempted to break into the coronation ceremonies, she was turned away.

In 1821 the uncrowned Queen Caroline died suddenly and was buried in Brunswick.

Fraser writes: "Her high-spirited, even reckless, response to her predicament brought her unprecedented liberty, as she confounded the machinations of her husband and of governments in England and on the Continent to bring her to book. But in the end Caroline's breathtaking audacity had fatal consequences."



By Elizabeth P. Walker

summit of sophistication. She responded with relish to the attentions of the dashing courtiers around her. In sum, the young Caroline had only flirted, but she behaved impetuously enough to convince . . . that she had nymphomaniac tendencies."

In 1795, Caroline was married to the Prince of Wales, the son of King George III of England.

It was, indeed, a mismatch made in hell.

Fraser describes the contretemps: "The bridal night which followed at Carlton House was a disaster, even by the traditionally low standards of such occasions . . . Caroline's later confidence: 'Judge what it was to have a drunken husband on one's wedding day, and one who passed the greatest part of his bridal night under the grate, where he fell, and where I left

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This tabloid will be published in January, 1997. Your child's picture, along with other 1996 area babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Kozlowski, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print your name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Monday December 23rd, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 6, 1997.)

We look forward to producing our annual "Baby Edition" and are sure you want your little one included. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase to give to family and friends.

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## Cruise control: Tips to make your next cruise the best one yet

A cruise can be one of the most relaxing and enjoyable experiences you will have. Unfortunately, those who are new to the game may make some mistakes that simply leave them at sea. To help make your cruising experience more enjoyable, AAA Michigan offers the following tips:

**Choose the right ship.** Each cruise line has a different personality and caters to different types of people. If you don't enjoy long, formal dinners, choose a ship with an informal cafe or pizza parlor. If you prefer educational talks to gambling, make sure your ship offers lectures.

**Use a good travel agent.** Contact AAA Travel at (800) AAA-MICH for a complete list of local travel agents who work with preferred vendors and have first-hand knowledge of many cruise packages.

**Don't overpack.** Closet space is limited, and all you really need for a typical week-long cruise is a bathing suit, one formal and one semiformal outfit, plus a couple casual outfits and good walking shoes for shore excursions.

**Avoid the crowds.** Book a room with a private veranda to keep away from poolside crowds. Avoid large buffet lines by eating in the dining room. Skip the captain's cocktail party.

**Plan shore excursions in**

**advance.** Cruise lines offer many group excursions at each port. Research the ports in advance so you know how you'd like to spend your time.

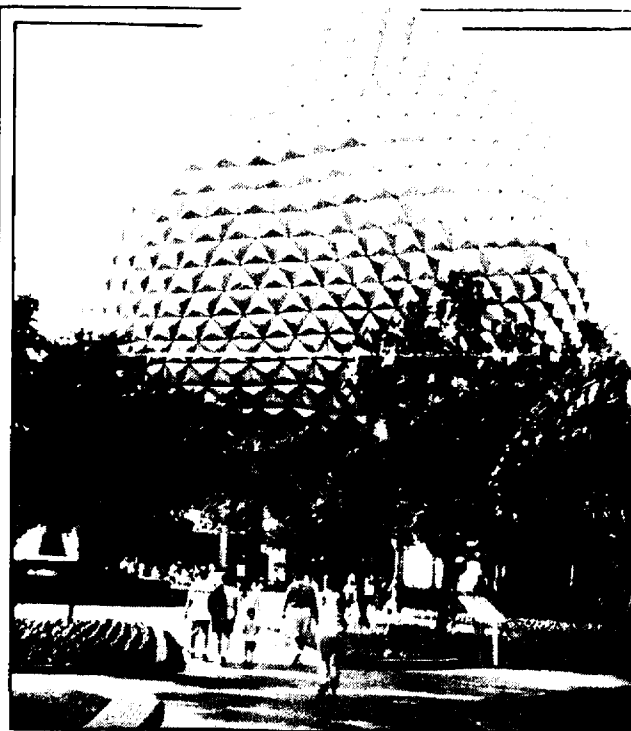
**Treat it as a spa vacation.** It's hard to enjoy a cruise with heartburn or a hangover. Enjoy the healthy menus, the abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables and the exercise facilities. Skip the midnight buffet.

**Seek lively dinner companions.** Request a table for at least six. It's easier to find couples with similar interests if you're seated with a larger group. Also — the second seating tends to be less crowded and offers a more leisurely dinner.

**Take cash for tips.** Tips are given in cash. Having it on hand saves long lines at the cashier's desk.

**Tip at the start.** For the best service, add 50 percent to the proposed tipping schedule give half at the beginning of the cruise. Tell the staff member that you're looking forward to a wonderful trip, and that the rest will come later.

**Avoid long disembarkation lines.** If disembarkation is between 8 and 10 a.m., have a leisurely breakfast and remain in your cabin until 9:45. If you have independent flight arrangements and must disembark early, you'll be among the first passengers off — but be sure to inform the purser of this fact.



## Florida is No. 1

Florida, the Sunshine State, is a second home to many from Michigan, the Wolverine State, according to AAA Michigan. The 1.25 million Michigan residents who traveled to Florida last year ranked third in the number of annual visitors to that state. The most popular destination, according to AAA Michigan, is Orlando. The photo is of EPCOT Center at the Walt Disney World complex in Orlando.

## HMOs

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national average of 76 percent.

• **Heart Disease:** In a study of more than 140,000 Californians with clogged coronary arteries, HMOs offered the best way to avoid unnecessary medical treatment without sacrificing needed care. Another study of elderly patients hospitalized for heart attacks found that HMO patients received better care.

• **Children:** A RAND study found that health outcomes and spending for children enrolled in HMOs are comparable to those for children covered by a traditional insurance plan. However, those in the HMOs received preventive care at a 40 percent higher rate. In addition, HMO pediatric patients were 17 percent less likely to be hospitalized.

• **Hip Fractures:** Records of elderly patients in a large community hospital found that only 16 percent of HMO patients remained in nursing homes a year after breaking their hips, compared with 33 percent of non-HMO patients.

• **Hypertension:** Medicare patients enrolled in HMOs received better care than Medicare patients in fee-for-service health plans. The study found that HMO physicians were more likely to document medications, record alcohol and smoking histories, provide blood pressure checks and refer patients for additional exams.

• **Appendicitis:** A study comparing hospital records of nearly 100,000 California adults found that HMO appendicitis patients were 20 percent less likely to suffer a ruptured appendix than those belonging to fee-for-service plans. The authors said HMO members were more likely to get care quickly because they typically have access to their own personal doctors and typically only pay a nominal fee for doctor visits.

Dr. Zenas C. Dickinson is a primary care physician at Henry Ford Medical Center - Pierson Clinic.

## Holiday anxiety, depression will be focus of free program



Dr. Dan G. Guyer

Holiday anxiety and depression often arise from unrealistic expectations; or from a void left by lost or distant loved ones. Norman Rockwell, Ozzie and Harriet and Martha Stewart often give us impressions of the perfect home and holidays. Sometimes this causes us to expect more of our families and ourselves than is realistic.

Dr. Dan G. Guyer, psychiatrist, will explore the causes of holiday depression at a free community program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Guyer will help participants identify their personal holiday depression triggers and will discuss ways to counteract feelings of loss, loneliness, inadequacy or anxiety.

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## Theatre Arts hosts benefit tea

The Theatre Arts Club hosted a tea for the benefit of the Eva Woodbridge Victor Scholarship Fund, which pays tuition each year for a Wayne State University drama student.

This year's recipient, Kelly Boczek, entertained the group with several songs.

Hostess was Ida Mae Massnick.



Kelly Boczek

## Program puts healthy eating on top of your Christmas list

Susanne Consiglio, registered dietitian, will discuss how to "Eat Your Dressing Without Getting Stuffed," from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Consiglio will provide the tools needed to stay in control while enjoying a busy holiday social calendar. Highlights

include how to manage social dining while having fun, dining with relatives, what to serve when you're the host, setting limits on alcohol, making time for exercise and techniques for visualizing yourself in January.

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### "Christmas Carnival"

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### Storytime Open House

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Co-Op Nursery School invites parents and children to a free "Storytime & Open House," which includes a hands-on craft activity, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe Memorial Co-Op Nursery School is located at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 886-8529.

### A Froggy Day

Reading in the Park will sponsor a free frog-themed "Storytime" featuring a craft period in which children can make their own origami frog, on Saturday, Dec. 7, at from noon to 12:45 p.m. On Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 4 to 4:45 p.m., children in Kindergarten through grade five are invited to make their own Christmas ornaments at the store. Admission is free. Reading In The Park is located at 15129 Kercheval, in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 822-1559.

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### Gingerbread Fun!

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### Breakfast With Santa

Treat your children to "Breakfast With Santa," and a trip through the "For Kids Only Christmas Shop" at the Assumption Cultural Center, Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and advanced reservations are recommended. The Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, in St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (810) 779-6111.

### Goldilocks and bears

The Lake Shore Players will present "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," a modern day comedy, on Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., in the Lake Shore High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4.

Lake Shore High School is located at 22980 Jefferson, in St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (810) 296-6125.

### Zoo Aglow

"Wild Lights" returns to the Detroit Zoo as 300,000 holiday bulbs illuminate 50 animal sculptures along a one-half mile path, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., daily, through Monday, Dec. 30. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 2 and above or \$2 for adults and \$1 for children for Detroit Zoological Society members. The Detroit Zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile, in Royal Oak. For more information, call (810) 541-5835.

### Holidays of Yesteryear

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village brings Christmas of yesteryear to life with model railroads, a gingerbread village, decorated trees, hands-on activities, music and more during their "Traditions of the Season" celebration through Sunday, Jan. 5. The Henry Ford Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors age 62 and above and \$6.25 for children

ages five to 12. The Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is located at 20900 Oakwood, in Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 271-1620.

### Cowboy Christmas

Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor David Alan Miller puts on his "cowboy Dave" hat to help Santa find a stray reindeer during a Young People's Concert entitled "It's a Cowboy Dave Christmas: The Great Reindeer Roundup," Saturday, Dec. 7, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Detroit's Orchestra Hall. Tickets range from \$7 to \$27. Orchestra Hall is located at 3711 Woodward, in downtown Detroit. For more information, call (313) 833-3700.

### Alice in Wonderland

Paper Bag Productions proudly announces the opening of its sixth season of luncheon performances with a production of the children's classic, "Alice in Wonderland," Saturdays, at noon and Sundays, at 2 p.m., through Dec. 22 at the Players Club. Tickets are \$7 and include lunch. The Players Club is located at 3321 East Jefferson, in Detroit. For more information, call (810) 662-8118.

### Storytime

at Barnes & Noble  
Young readers and their favorite cuddly toys are invited to partake in a free introduction to the classic characters of children's literature during "Storytimes" at Barnes & Noble bookstore on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. and Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 19221 Mack, in Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-5220.

### "Cinderella"

Take an enchanting Holiday outing to the Youtheatre's production of "Cinderella," Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. in The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. The Music Hall

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**LET'S TALK**  
 SWF, 34, 5'8", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically fit, enjoys working out, boating, skiing, fishing, cooking. Seeking SWM, 28-35, fit, athletic, financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. #4112(exp:1/9)

**BEAUTIFUL EYES**  
 SWF, 29, full-figured, dark brown/green, loves boating, camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWM, 28+, 6+, who's affectionate, spontaneous and has sense of humor. #4111(exp:1/9)

**HAPPER WOODS AREA**  
 SWF, 34, 5'5", short blondish-brown, enjoys country and other music, dining out, pool, darts, seeks WM, 30-40, honest, open-minded, good sense of humor. #4053(exp:1/2)

**BLUE EYES AND AUBURN HAIR**  
 Pretty, romantic, feminine fun, sensitive SWPF, mid-30s, 5'6", N/S, fun, educated, enjoys water sports, golf, tennis, great conversations and romance. Seeking educated, SWM, 33-45, with similar qualities. #3896(exp:1/9)

**GORGEOUS EYES!**  
 Very pretty, athletic, intelligent and humorous SWF, 39, 5'6", fit, fun, educated, enjoys water sports, golf, tennis, great conversations and romance. Seeking educated, SWM, 33-45, with similar qualities. #3896(exp:1/9)

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
 Very young, caring, intelligent, 52, 5'6", H/W, proportionate, needs someone who shares love with appreciation. SWM, 45-55, 5'7", #1740 (exp:1/2)

**LIKES TO CUDDLE**  
 SWF, 34, 5'5", blonde/hazel, enjoys music, dining, movies, pool and darts. Seeking loving, caring, honest, romantic SWM for LTR. #3524(exp:1/15)

**LIKE YOU,**  
 I want someone who's sincere, honest, affectionate, has integrity, intelligence, morals, sensitivity, giving, and wants to be in a monogamous, committed, and dedicated relationship. DWF, 45, seeks DWM, 45-50, college-educated. #2918 (exp:1/15)

**CAPTURE MY HEART**  
 SWF, 36, blonde/blue, kind-hearted lady, loves animals, sunshine, laughter and romance. Seeking sensitive gentleman, 32-40, with values, sense of humor, N/S, no dependents, for friendship and LTR. #2917(exp:1/15)

**LOOKING FOR SPECIAL**  
 I am a retired female, enjoy fishing and boating, looking for fun and companionship. #2601(exp:1/15)

**PRETTY & GENTLE**  
 DWF, late 30s, parent without partner, seeks nearby, good-looking, caring, affectionate, financially secure, widowed or SWDM, 40-52, for friendship, possible marriage, G.P. area. #3265(exp:12/12)

**FOREIGN BORN**  
 Loving, caring, educated, easygoing, attractive DWF, 54, 5'5", H/W, proportionate, N/S, seeks companion who enjoys travel, theater, politics, history, art and laughter, sense of humor. #3264(exp:12/12)

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**CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR CHEER**  
 Parties and presents are near. Feeling for love and romance to share. SWM, sophisticated tastes, seeks lady, 30s-40s, with love in her heart to spare. #4114(exp:1/9)

**LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING**  
 If you need someone to understand you, here I am. Very attractive SWM, 28, is waiting for you. #4113 (exp:1/9)

**OLDER WOMAN WANTED!**  
 Handsome romantic, athletic, confident, passionate, clean-cut, Italian SWM, 24, 6', dark hair. Seeking attractive, slender, caring, active, sexy WF, 25-45, for heavenly friendship/relationship that will keep you smiling. #4110(exp:1/9)

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**  
 SWM, 56, 5'8", stocky, compassionate, old-fashioned, romantic. Looking for compassionate, caring, honest lady, age/race open for friendship, possible relationship. #4109(exp:1/9)

**CREATIVE MUSICIAN**  
 Good-looking SWM, 23, dark green, unique, romantic, open, communicative, athletic, clean-cut, deep-thinking songwriter/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, sweet SWF, 18-26, who also loves music. #4055 (exp:1/2)

**FUN-LOVING**  
 Attractive WM, 32, dark brown/hazel, seeks female, 25-40, for dating/fun, working out. #3947(exp:12/26)

**HEALTHY-CONSCIOUS GUY**  
 Attractive, romantic, athletic, hard-working, big-hearted, N/S, drug/alcohol-free SWM, 24, enjoys working out, mountain biking, running, rollerblading. Seeking slim SWF, 18-26, with similar interests/characteristics. #3951(exp:12/26)

**DATE WITH DIGNITY**  
 Mr. Excitement, 41, brown/black, good-looking, can hammer a nail and whistle a tune, seeks flirtatious woman with sparkle and passion. #3950(exp:12/26)

**AMBITIOUS, ADVENTUROUS...**  
 romantic, handsome, N/S, professional SWM, 37, 5'11", brown/brown, 180lbs, seeks slender, very attractive, N/S SWF, under 35, for fun, chemistry, nature, outdoor activities, and weekend fun. #3949 (exp:12/26)

**SLENDER BLONDE WANTED**  
 Charming, athletic, very attractive, romantic, confident, sincere SWM, 23, 6', dark hair, enjoys working out, outdoors, music, fun. Seeking slim, athletic, romantic, blonde SWF, 18-30, for friendship, possible relationship. #3897(exp:12/19)

**SEEKS MODEL/DANCER TYPE**  
 Athletic, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-32, with a good personality for friendship/maybe more. Your call could bring us together. #4057(exp:1/2)

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**SINGLE WHITE MALE**  
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## Knights place six on All-State tennis team

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School is always a prominent name in the state Class C-D tennis summaries.

And it's no different when the All-State teams are announced.

ULS players usually grab the majority of the spots.

This year six Knights are on the Class C-D All-State squad selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

ULS is represented by its No. 1 and No. 2 singles players — Leah Killen and Kim Wattrick — and its first and second doubles teams — Brooke Wright and Kendall Wrigley and Allison Ricci and Stephanie Roehl.

Killen has been perfect in the two seasons she's played high school tennis. This year she compiled a 24-0 record, capping the season with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's Adrienne Radokovic in the championship

match.

Killen lost only four games in her four matches at the state finals.

"Leah has that rare ability to combine a great feel for her shots with power," said coach Chuck Wright. "She's developed more power the last couple of years. Most young players learn power first and then work on the finesse part of their game. She's always had a marvelous touch and now she's taller and stronger." "Leah also has the uncanny

sense of always hitting the right shot."

The highlight of Killen's season came at the Cranbrook Kingswood Invitational when she beat three of the top players in the state.

"I'll never forget it," Wright said. "She showed the heart of a champion."

Killen beat 1995 Class A state finalist Megan Kearney of Okemos in her first match of the day. Twenty minutes later, she had to play defending Class A state champion Carrie

Rose of Bloomfield Hills Lahser. Killen beat Rose 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.

Killen completed her day's work with a 7-5, 6-0 victory over Bloomfield Hills Marian's Amy Mathews.

"That was one of the few times all year that Leah was really tested," Wright said. "And she rose to the occasion."

Wattrick was ULS' No. 1 singles player as a freshman in 1995 when Killen opted to play the junior tournament circuit instead of coming back to the Knights after an outstanding freshman season.

But when Killen returned, Wattrick moved to the No. 2 singles slot.

"Kim didn't complain a bit," Wright said. "She wanted Leah on the team. She's a fine team player."

Wattrick won 22 of her 24 matches at second singles, and like Killen, dominated the competition at the state meet.

Wattrick lost only four games in three matches and beat Almont's Lisa Rieck 6-1, 6-1 in the championship match.

The Cranbrook Kingswood tournament was also a good one for Wattrick, who beat a Marian player who had beaten her twice earlier in the season.

"Kim showed great progress during the season," Wright said. "She raised her game a whole level."

Like most young tennis players, Wattrick has the power game. Recently, she's developed a finer touch to go with it.

"Kim has developed an all-court game," her coach said.

Wright and Wrigley dominated the Class C-D doubles competition for the second straight year, repeating as state champions.

This year they finished with a 22-5 mark, including a 6-1, 6-3 win over North Muskegon's Abby Cooper and Vanessa Fosse in a rematch of last year's No. 1 doubles final.

"Brooke and Kendall got along so well on the court," said Brooke's father and coach.

"They understand each other and each other's game. They didn't really like to be coached during a match. They preferred to make the adjustments on the run and they could do that because they understand the game."

Neither Wright nor Wrigley is a tournament player, but they have a strong background in the sport.

"Both of them have parents who play tennis," said Chuck Wright. "Brooke started playing when she was 3, and Kendall got an early start, too."

Their games are similar — yet different.

"Kendall has an excellent cross court forehand, while Brooke hits the angles very well," said coach Wright. "Both have good overhands and they're both powerful hitters with the ability to mix up their shots."

One of the highlights of their season came in a scrimmage match with Class A team champion Port Huron Northern.

"They beat Northern's first doubles team very convincingly," coach Wright said. "It was just a scrimmage, but a great win, regardless."

Ricci and Roehl also repeated as state champions in second doubles, beating North Muskegon's Amanda Wagner and Hilary Fosse 6-4, 6-3 to finish with a 22-5 record.

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University Liggett School placed six players on the Class C-D All-State girls tennis team. From left are Kim Wattrick, Stephanie Roehl, Kendall Wrigley, Leah Killen, Brooke Wright and Allison Ricci.

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## North skaters win tournament with a pair of shutout efforts

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Troy Bergman knows what it takes to be a winner.

The Grosse Pointe North senior has been on championship baseball teams and winning football squads. Now he's trying to instill that same attitude in the Norsemen's hockey team.

And if last weekend's championship in the Grand Rapids Thanksgiving tournament is any indication, Bergman is getting his point across.

"After the second period of our championship game, Troy got up in front of the rest of the team and gave a talk about staying focused," said coach

Tim Van Eckoute. "He said, 'good teams don't blow leads at the end of the game.' The rest of the team seemed to buy into it and we played a strong third period."

North opened the tournament with an 8-0 victory over East Grand Rapids.

That sent the Norsemen into the championship game — where they got another treat.

"They've wanted gold jerseys like the ones (NCAA champion) Michigan wears," Van Eckoute said. "I told them they wouldn't get them until they had a good reason to wear them — and

getting into the championship game was a good reason. "Our motto was 'go west to find gold.'"

And they found it in a couple of ways. They got to wear the new jerseys and they won the gold medal with a 4-0 victory over Forest Hills Central.

Sophomore Tommy Pierce scored three goals, while Bergman tallied the Norsemen's final goal.

"We played nearly perfect hockey in the two games," Van Eckoute said. "The kids went up there with a goal in mind. We anticipated well in our zone and that helped set up the offense."

The defense was also solid. Sophomore Angelo LaPiana was a physical presence at the blue line and veterans Donny Pierce and Brian Kasiborski provided the necessary experience.

"It was good to get the five guys back from the football team (which went to the state semifinals)," Van Eckoute said. "Pierce and Kasiborski helped us tremendously on defense with their ability to pass the puck out of our end."

In addition to Bergman, Pierce and Kasiborski, the Norsemen got Alex Thomas and John Trupiano on skates for the first time this season and they also contributed.

Senior goaltender Peter Torrice made a total of 42 saves in posting back-to-back shutouts.

"He's a very good skating goaltender," Van Eckoute said. "He handles the puck well and can go behind the net to get a loose puck. That makes our transition game even quicker."

In North's opening game victory over East Grand Rapids, seniors Jamie Chasteen and Charles Thomas scored two goals apiece. Ryan Case, Bergman, Billy Thompson and J.P. Simon collected one apiece.

Earlier, Ann Arbor Pioneer beat North 4-3, despite being outshot 21-19 by the Norsemen.

LaPiana, Tommy Pierce and Nick Miotke scored the Northgoals



Grosse Pointe North's hockey team celebrates its championship in last weekend's Grand Rapids Thanksgiving tournament. The Norsemen blanked Forest Hills Central 4-0 in the championship game after beating East Grand Rapids 8-0 in the opening round.

## Knights skaters tie U-D Jesuit

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's hockey team ran into a hot goalie and a hot team in its first two games last week.

The hot team was Cranbrook, which skated to a 9-2 victory over the Knights. The hot netminder was U-D Jesuit's John Pacini, who made 48 saves and held ULS to a 1-1 tie.

"U-D's coach said Pacini saved the game for them — and he did," said Knights coach John Fowler. "Paul Huebner played very well in goal for us, too. He stopped 26 of 27 shots and made a couple of excellent saves, especially in the third period."

ULS took a 1-0 lead with 9:36 left in the second period when Peter Birgbauer knocked in a rebound.

The advantage was quickly erased as the Cubs got the equalizer with 8:14 to go.

From then on, it was a battle of the goaltenders with Pacini and Huebner each doing a good job of preserving the tie.

Although they didn't figure in the scoring, the ULS line of Kurt Niemi, Jason Cooper and Jimmy Wood played a strong game.

Fowler also praised his defense corps.

"Ian Fines and Ian Watt are a pair of steady veterans," the coach said. "Senior Mike Peters and freshman Charley Starr played well. Blair Ridder is playing hockey for the first time as a senior and is doing a

good job. And when we lost Jason Capen with a broken ankle in the Cranbrook game, Rami Zayat moved from forward to defense and helped out a lot."

Fowler expects the defense to be bolstered this week when A.J. Stachecki returns from a shoulder separation.

The loss to Cranbrook wasn't quite as lopsided as the final score indicates, although the Cranes dominated the contest. Cranbrook scored three times in the last six minutes.

Even with the nine goals the Cranes scored, goalie Charlie Eldridge was a standout for the Knights.

"Charlie was magnificent," Fowler said. "He stood on his head and kept them from breaking it open earlier. He made 48 saves and a lot of them were tough ones."

"We have two great goalies. They're both very athletic and intense competitors."

ULS scored both of its goals in the third period. Birgbauer scored from Eli Wulfmeier to make the score 5-1. Wood scored the second goal, unassisted.

"Cranbrook is an excellent team," Fowler said. "They were runner-up in the state last year and they just reloaded. Last week they tied Trenton at Trenton."

ULS will play two games in Grand Rapids this weekend. The Knights play Northview Friday and visit East Grand Rapids Saturday.



## Tops in Midwest

Grosse Pointe South's sailing team ended its season with a major accomplishment, winning the Interscholastic High School Sailing Association Lake Michigan Great Lakes championship in Chicago. Twelve Midwest teams competed in the event, which was held in 32-degree temperatures with light, shifting winds. The teams sailed in Collegiate 420s and Lasers. The regatta was hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont Harbor. South's A team was skippered by R.J. Wolney with Liz Behler as crew. Drew Bossler skippered the B team and Kathleen Clark was the crew. Angela Scheibner was the singlehanded sailor. South's second team of John Sullivan, Matt Sharilla, Scott Meier and Rebecca Padilla placed fourth in the competition. In the front row, from left, are Sullivan, Wolney and Bossler. In back, from left, are Meier, Behler, Scheibner, Clark, Sharilla and Padilla.

## Good year for Brownell hoops team

Brownell Middle School finished its seventh grade girls basketball season with an impressive 9-3 record.

Two of the losses were to undefeated Parcels — by a total of three points — and the other was a loss to Pierce. In the Pierce game, Brownell trailed 17-3 at halftime, but closed to gap to four points with two minutes remaining in the contest.

This was coach Ann Anderson's first year at the helm of Brownell after coaching 15 years at Parcels.

Team members were Maggie Baumanis, Frances Banko, Mary Eckert, Amanda Hammel, Becca Jenzen, Natasia Kouskoulas, Elizabeth Laciura, Desiree Michaels, Jordan Mitchelson, Sarah Pierantoni, Jessica Ruble, Beth Ann Samra, Stephanie Shepard, Kelene Soltesz and Teresa Titterington. Team managers were Christine Hoffsten, Rob Weber and Emily Wilson.

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Brownell Middle School players Natasia Kouskoulas, Beth Ann Samra, Kelene Soltesz and Elizabeth Laciura celebrate one of the nine victories the seventh grade girls basketball team posted this year.

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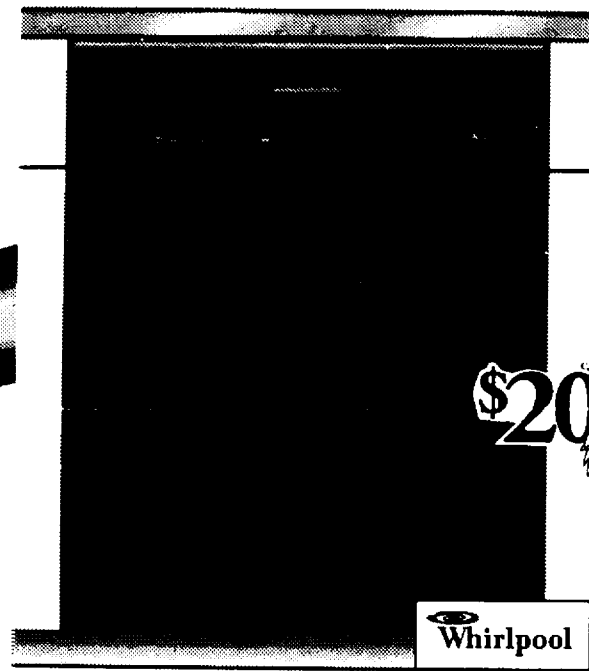
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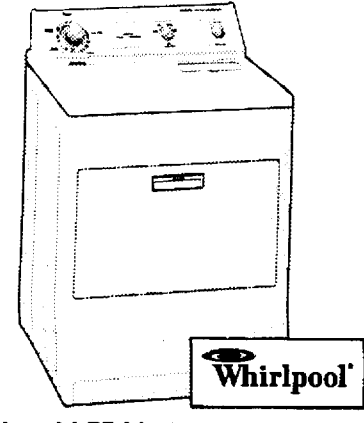


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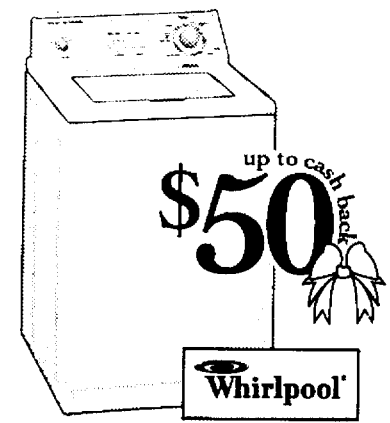


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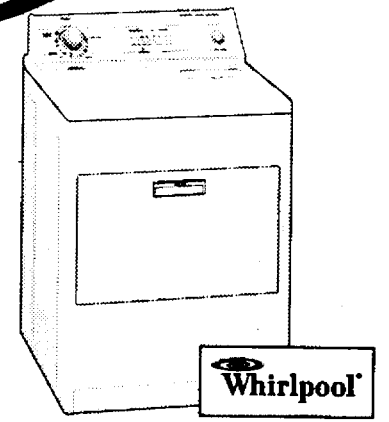


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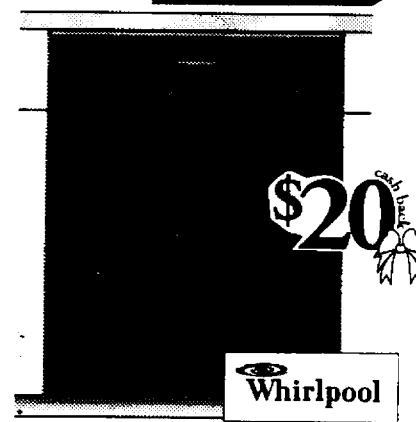


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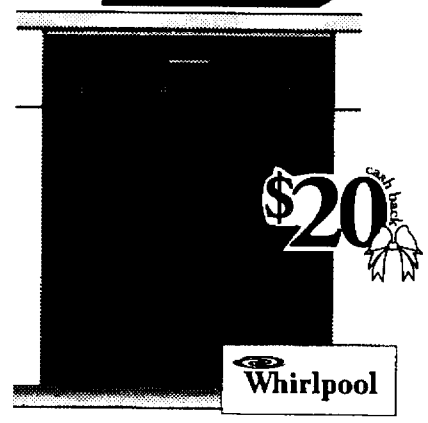


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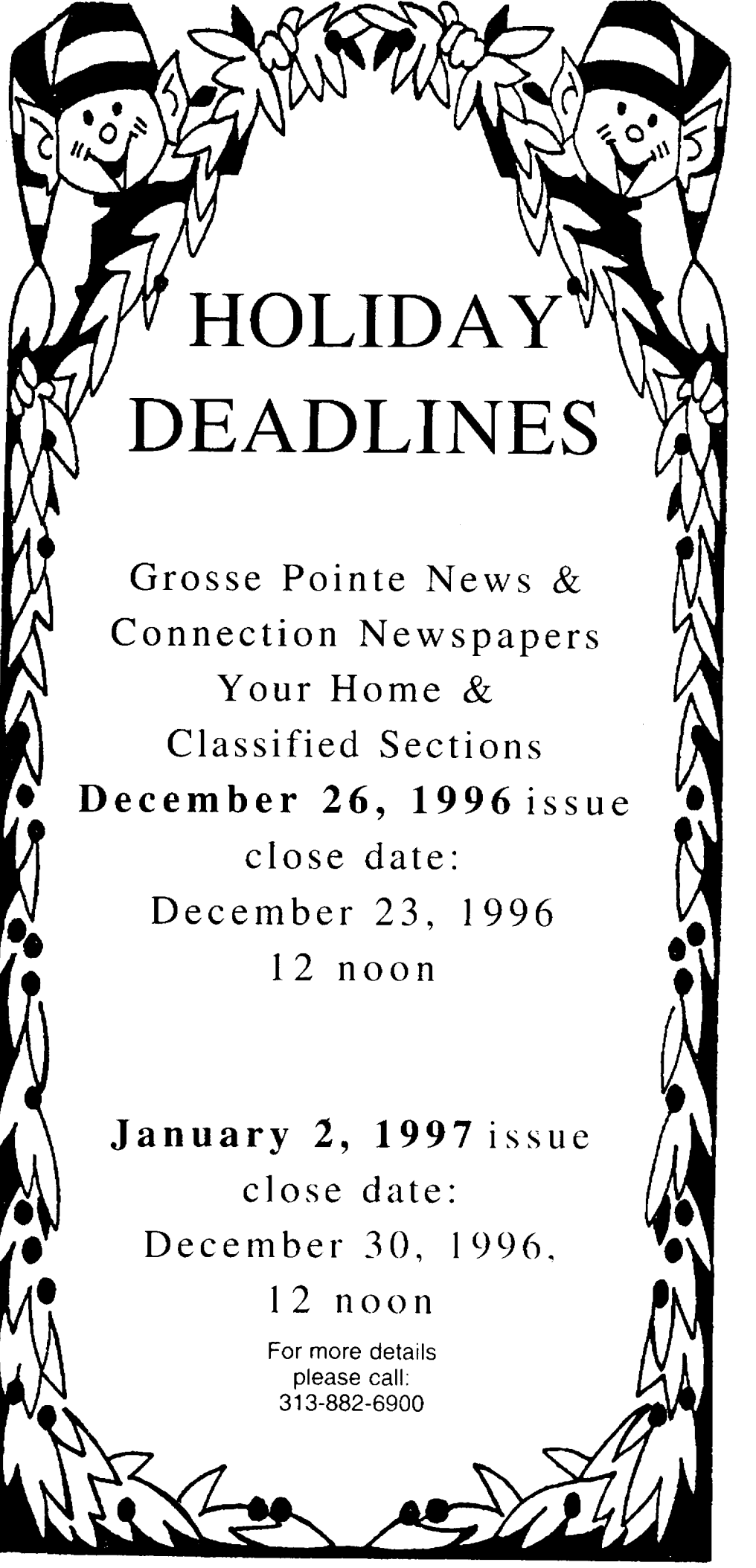
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# Risk of lead poisoning may be close as the front door

More than 2,000 Michigan youngsters last year registered double the blood-lead level deemed safe by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Mary VandenBosch, coordinator of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, a division of the Michigan Department of Public Health, expects that number to rise.

"The more screening we do, the more children with unsafe blood levels we will find," VandenBosch predicted.

The full extent of the lead poisoning problem is largely unknown. Michigan does not require annual lead screening for its most vulnerable residents — children between the ages of 1 and 7 — and there is no central tracking system to monitor the trend.

Children and adults exposed to household products which contain lead, including ceramic cookware, magazines, old toys and jewelry, are in jeopardy. Homes built before 1978, when lead-based home paint was taken off the market, are also at risk.

There are however, ways to minimize the risks of contracting lead poisoning. The first step is to identify the greatest household dangers. Lead-based paint is the prime suspect.

"Painting over your old, lead-based paint doesn't necessarily mean you're home free," said George Riegel, president of

Healthy Homes Inc., a Southfield-based lead removal company. "That's one of the biggest misconceptions."

If walls are in good condition — no paint chips or flakes — the potential health risk is significantly reduced. Signs of decay, however, serve as red flags.

Young children may chew wayward chips or swallow dust on their fingers from handling chips and paint residue scattered throughout the house.

Homeowners can test lead levels in paint by wiping a square foot of wall space with a commercially produced wet wipe. The cloth should then be sent to a medical laboratory for analysis.

Homeowners can reduce the hazard by wet mopping the contaminated area with trisodium phosphate detergent. Loose chips can be gathered into a pile with a wet cloth, double bagged in plastic and thrown away. Rubber gloves should be worn throughout the cleanup.

Do not use a broom or vacuum, Riegel warned. "It only stirs things up and spreads the lead dust around."

Another possible source of lead is tap water.

Lead was used to solder indoor plumbing in about 60 percent of homes and apartments built before 1985, when the practice was banned.

Lead can leach into water —

especially warm water — left standing in pipes.

If the plumbing in the home is old, keep drinking water lead-free by running the tap for about three minutes before taking a sip, the American Water Works Association advises.

Consumers should also keep a close watch on glazed and ceramic pottery. Bean pots, salsa bowls and other ware made from some types of clay contain extremely high levels of lead which may leach into food.

Test swabs purchased at hardware stores serve as effective indicators of lead in ceramic cookware.

Wine connoisseurs should note that while the practice is being phased out, some bottles are still wrapped with lead foil. To reduce the chance of lead in your wine, remove the foil and wipe the lip of the bottle with a moist cloth.

Common sense is your most reliable defense.

"It should be a concern, but you're not going to die if you have lead paint in your house," Riegel said.

### Where to get help

• Macomb County Health Department, Environmental

Health Services Division (810) 469-5236. This service offers information on blood-lead screening, treatment and household cleanup.

• Toxic and Health Hotline (800) 648-6942.

• Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit, Michigan Department of Public Health (517) 335-8885. This unit offers access to community-based medical management for children with toxic levels of lead. Consultation with knowledgeable regional pediatric consultants regarding lead poisoning, current information. Publication: "Preventing Lead Poisoning in Young Children."

• The National Safety Council's National Lead Information Center (800) 532-3394. NSC, offers information in English and Spanish on preventing lead poisoning.

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# Homeowners on prowl for home security features

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A recent study by Brink's Home Security Inc. found that 20 per-

cent of all homeowners have a security monitoring system. While this number is increasing, homeowners are now looking for added features that can increase a home's safety value.

When thinking of home security, most families focus their efforts on the front door. But as law enforcement agents can

affirm, today's burglar looks for alternative entrances, such as patio doors and windows.

"Homeowners today need to have products that include safety features," says Patrick Bushey of Pella Window & Door Co. the local representative of Pella windows and doors. There are basic protection measures a homeowner can take, such as making sure windows and doors have advanced locking systems."

Bushey suggests homeowners look for patio doors that feature multi-point locking systems. One of the better options available is a lock that secures the door to the top, side and threshold of the door frame with the flip of a single lever. With this locking system, some doors can withstand more than 1,000 pounds of force.

Also, Bushey suggests looking for sophisticated casement window options. A convenient to operate window is one that will lock at two points when a single locking lever is activated. In addition to providing added security, these systems help prevent wind drafts, water leakage and warpage from uneven pressure on the window or

door frame.

"Homeowners don't have to choose between more security and a home's comfort and beauty. Window and door options exist to satisfy both demands," Bushey adds. "People who have security concerns should take a look at the options and consider what features best meet their needs and the style of their home."

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Laura resides and works in Grosse Pointe Woods as a top realtor for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer covering the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods.

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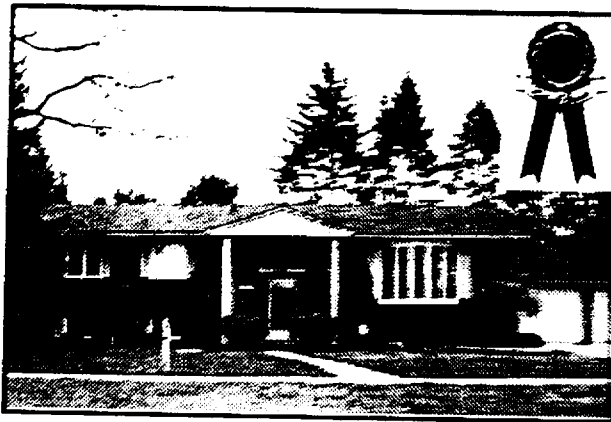


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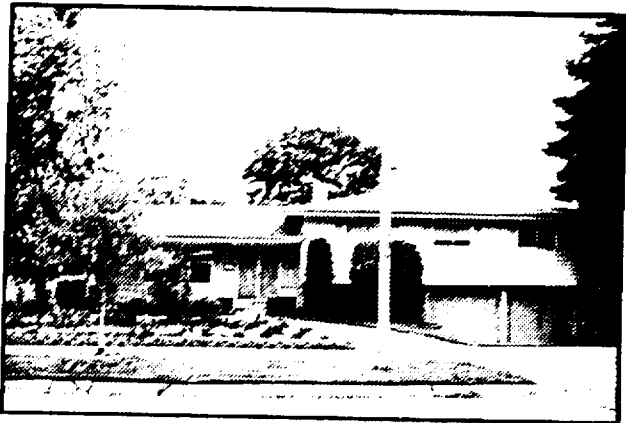
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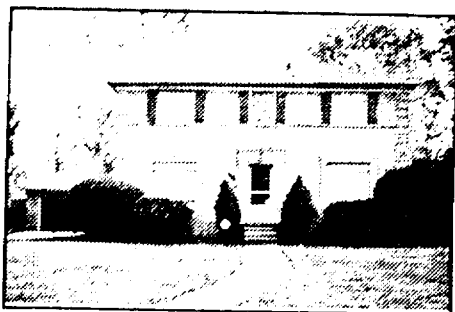


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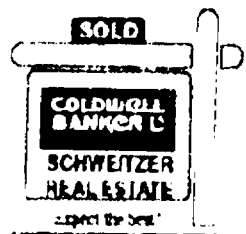
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## Antiques

**Q.** I have a 16-inch ice cream scoop that seems to be made of nickel on top of brass. It has a wooden handle and brass push lever. On the brass it says "Gilchrist's No. 31."

**A.** Gilchrist is probably the best-known maker of early ice cream scoops. Raymond Gilchrist started a hardware business in 1902 in Newark, N.J. The company made cork pullers, ice picks, lemon squeezers and other tools for soda fountains and bars.

In 1908 Gilchrist patented the No. 31 squeeze handle ice cream scoop. Other scoops were made, including a left-handed model, a pyramid-shaped scoop to use when serving ice cream on a plate and an oval scoop for banana splits. The company merged with others and the name remained in use for part of the 1930s. Your scoop is worth about \$50.

**Q.** My toothpick holder is made of china. On the side it says "Hotel Robidoux." On the bottom is a mark, "O.P. Co., Syracuse China."

**A.** O.P. stands for Onondaga Pottery, a forerunner of the Syracuse China Corp. The toothpick holder was probably used by the Hotel Robidoux late in the 19th century. The mark was used from 1893 to 1898. Toothpick holders are popular with a special group of collectors. They sell for much more than small bowls or cups and saucers.

**TIP:** To remove the odor from a wooden bowl, try washing it with baking soda or vinegar and airing it in sunlight. As a last resort, use diluted household bleach. Soak the bowl for about 15 minutes and rinse with full-strength vinegar, then clear water. If this does not remove the odor, repeat the process with a stronger solution of bleach.

**Q.** My old chair has springs that allow it to rock when you sit in it. It is stamped "Patent Aug 2707." When were these made?

**A.** Patented rockers were popular with inventors. Over 300 patents were issued by the U.S. Patent Department by 1905. Chairs not only rocked, reclined or swiveled, but also played music and converted into cradles, trunks, steps, beds or couches. Most of these unusual chair patents were issued from 1870 to 1890. Your chair was patented Aug. 27, 1907.

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**Q.** My metal bank is in the shape of a building, with a dog sitting in front of two doors. If you place a coin on a plate in the dog's mouth, then turn a crank, the dog goes in the building, drops the coin and comes back out. Who made the bank and when?

**A.** H.L. Judd Manufacturing Co. of Wallingford, Conn., made the "Dog on the Turntable" bank in 1895. It was one of the first mechanical banks the company made.

There are some variations in the base and gears. Some banks have a copper bronze finish with green highlights. Some have a white dog. Depending on condition, your bank is worth from \$200 to \$500.

**Q.** I have five plates marked "Doulton AW 1679." The plates aren't exactly round; they have 10 points like a star. They have gold filigree decoration around the edges. The center of each plate shows a different kind of pink or yellow flower. Do you know how old they are or what they were used for?

**A.** "Doulton" was the earliest name of the company in Burslem, England, that now uses the name "Royal Doulton."

The number on the back of your plate refers to a design by artist Robert Allen, who worked at the pottery starting in 1870. The pattern is called Genoa. The gold work around the edges is called "Spanish Gold." An 1892 pattern book from the company describes your plates as part of a dessert service. The plates are rare and valuable.

**Q.** I have an old Betsy Wetsy doll. How do I determine her age?

**A.** The Ideal Toy Corp. introduced Betsy Wetsy in 1937. She had a composition head, rubber body and limbs and blue sleep eyes. Her body is marked "Ideal Doll."

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## Tips to prevent costly freeze related household problems

Water-damaged walls, ceilings, floors and belongings only need to be experienced once before homeowners become diligent in proper

pre-winter preventive care, according to the National Association of Independent Insurers (NAII).

### Safe holiday lighting

When decking your halls with boughs of holly, make sure all the electric lights are checked to keep things jolly.

That's the holiday message from Claudia Gabay, Detroit Edison's corporate lighting consultant.

"With all of the excitement and hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to forget to check lights and other decorations for safety hazards," Gabay said. After a year of storage, cords can crack and a few minutes of safety checking can possibly prevent a tragedy.

"When lights have frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation they should be discarded," Gabay said.

To reduce the potential for shocks and fire, look for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label before stringing lights and setting up other trimmings.

In past years, Gabay warned, light sets that may not be designed for safe operation and stamped with counterfeit UL labels have found their way to store shelves. If you're suspicious about a lower-than-normal price on light sets, compare the UL label with another on a name brand set.

Home holiday decorators also should use lights as they are intended by the manufacturer — either outdoors or indoors. The touch test can also reveal danger.

"I don't advise using any lights that are too hot to the touch," Gabay said.

After the checks are completed,

you can decorate your property knowing that lighting is an inexpensive way to brighten the holidays. Most lights cost from less than one cent to 7.5 cents per string to operate for six hours, depending on the wattage. For lights that blink on and off, the cost is halved.

Gabay offered additional tips for safer holidays:

#### Indoor lighting

- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- Use no more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.
- Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in.
- Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes.
- Turn off decorative lights before you go to bed or leave home.

#### Outdoor lighting

- Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.
- Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.
- Do not run lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.
- Cover outdoor plugs and connection joints with plastic wrap and seal the ends with electrical tape.

"Winter weather can bring with it unexpected disasters such as burst pipes or a malfunctioning furnace," said Jack Ramirez, NAI president and CEO. "A few precautionary steps can help homeowners avoid becoming one of 250,000 homes per year damaged by cold weather accidents."

#### Winter Pipe Safety Tips

- Be sure the entire family knows the location of the water shut-off valve. If a pipe bursts, shutting off the water promptly helps minimize damage;
- Shut off exterior water spigots, drain the lines and remove garden hoses from the exterior spigot to prevent bursting pipes and cracked spigots. If there is an indoor valve, shut it off also;
- Insulate pipes most vulnerable to freezing, generally those near the outside air, in crawl spaces and the attic;
- Seal leaks in walls that allow cold air near pipes and seal leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes;
- Open cabinet doors under sinks that are along an outside wall. The heat from your home will warm the pipes, and ;
- Run a small stream of water from outside and inside faucets during bitter cold spells to keep

water from freezing.

#### Furnace Inspection Tips

- Check the flame in the furnace. It should be steady and mostly blue. A yellow or wavy flame is a sign of malfunction and dangerous;
- Look for discoloration or soot around the vent, which is another sign of furnace malfunction;
- Close the furnace fan door. Leaving the door open could allow carbon monoxide to be released;
- Make sure the furnace is free of dust, rust and corrosion, and;
- Change the furnace filter at least once a month.

"The cost of these winter disasters is surprisingly high," said Ramirez.

"By following these tips, homeowners can save themselves valuable time and money."

The Insurance Institute for Property Loss Reduction estimates that the cost of insured freeze-related losses over the past decade exceeded \$4 billion.

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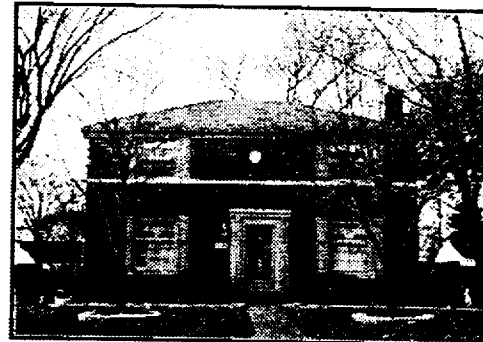
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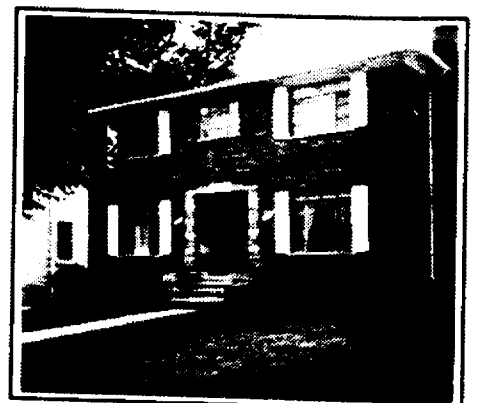


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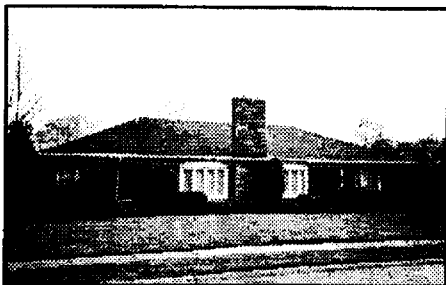
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**19946 DAMMAN, H.W.** — Wonderful updated Bungalow features new carpeting throughout, an updated kitchen with ceramic countertops/oak flooring, finished basement, 2nd floor bedroom with a walk-in closet, extra insulation in attic, 2.5-car garage.

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## Household Help

By John Amantea

**Q.** About two years ago, I moved from a large metropolitan city to a rural and suburban community. This move was a big change for me and my family and took some getting used to.

One particular change was the private well water supply. The water tastes different and has been leaving soap deposits on plumbing fixtures. In addition, there is a lack of sudsing from a bar of soap under the water. Recently, I performed routine maintenance by discharging water from the bottom of the electric water heater. This time, I noticed mineral or scale deposits coming out of the valve in heavy amounts. Can you tell me what I can do about this?

**A.** I don't know how old the house you're living in is and you also didn't say whether there was a water softener present. However, I'm assuming that there isn't a water softener in your home and you'll need one now. The situations you have mentioned definitely indicate the importance of having one.

The two main culprits in hard water are calcium and magnesium. In time, hard water can cor-

rode appliances such as your dishwasher and even your electric hot water heater. These minerals and other impurities can also clog your pipes and create more havoc.

Before you panic and run to your local home decorating center to purchase water softening equipment, heed this advice. Check the business section of your phone book and locate a reputable water softener dealer who will test and evaluate your water supply. You can also conduct a do-it-yourself test with a kit available at hardware stores. Once the analysis is completed, the dealer will determine what type of equipment you'll need.

You now have the option of either renting the equipment with the option to buy or purchasing one outright. Your dealer will detail the necessary information you'll need to know and the type of salt crystals to buy. Most modern water softeners are fully automatic and need little or no maintenance.

Send Household Help questions to John Amantea, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

## Home Tips

**PLEASE HELP!** — I took out my carpet in the kitchen and it has a hardwood floor underneath.

Under that carpet, there is black junk, like glue or tar. This house is old and I guess that's what they used back then.

I bought Oops! It didn't work. Can you please help me with this? I don't have much money to work with. Sarah P., Fowlerville, Mich.

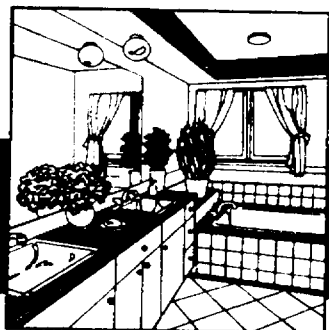
**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Does anyone have a solution for Sarah?

Personally, I think sanding would work, Sarah, but check with your local home decorating center.

**WHITE SHOES** — I use soaped steel wool pads that you use on pots on my white shoes. They clean all the stains and dirt in a snap. All you have to do is rinse. I soak the laces in Tilex solution and rinse also to make them look new again. Martha K., Bessemer, Mich.

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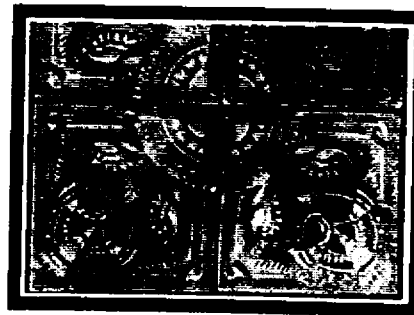
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20605 Roscommon	3/1	Open Sunday 2-5. Stunning bungalow with family room. Stieber Realty Co.	Call	810-775-4900
19756 Damman	3/1	Extra clean bungalow. All newer updates. (See class 800)	\$95,500	313-882-8161
19242 Rolandale	3/1	Open Sunday 1- 4 Brick bungalow	\$87,900	313-882-9424
19676 Fleetwood	1/1	Condo. Completely renovated	\$49,900	313- 462-2144 ext 230

## VIII. ST. CLAIR SHORES

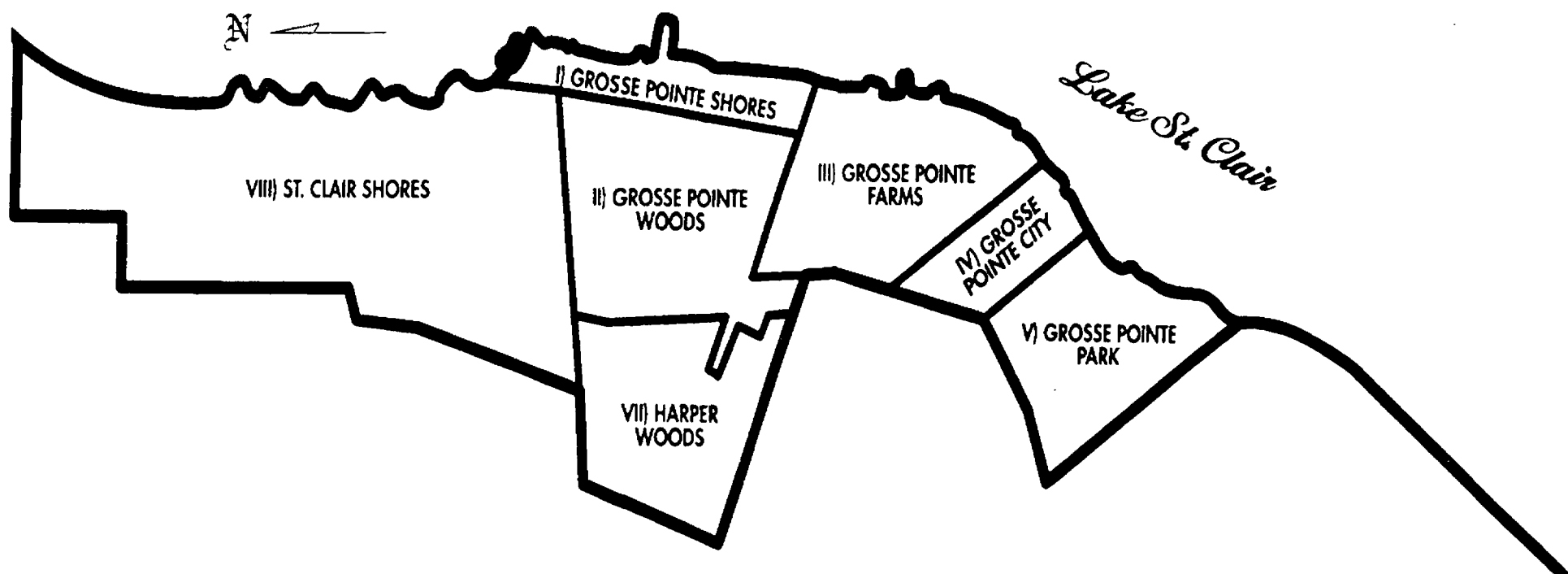
Address	Bedroom/Bath	Description	Price	Phone
20605 Yale	3/2	Sprawling Ranch on large lot. Stieber Realty Co.	Call	810-775-4900
Lakefront Home		Needs much work	\$340,000	810-293-7171

## OTHER AREAS

Address	Bedroom/Bath	Description	Price	Phone
No listings Available				

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Address	Bedroom/Bath	Description	Price	Phone
No listings available				



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**GROSSE Pointe Woods-** Better than new 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Immediate occupancy. Call 313-886-6462.

**ROSEVILLE,** 17713 Common rd.. Potential for multiple housing. Partial contains, 176 X 250 feet deep, 1.002 acres. The existing home has old world charm, prime to schools and shopping. Caesar Realty. (810)-415-9797, pager (810)-617-0559.

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**HARPER Woods,** 3 bedroom. Garage. Immediate occupancy. Move-in condition. Some appliances. \$99,900. 810-608-6169

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Alvina Smith  
The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations  
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Only the right, title and interest of Alvina Smith in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold.  
Lot #149, Lakeshore Grove sub #3, being part of private claim 184, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County Michigan as recorded in Liber 85 Page 48 of Plats Wayne County Records commonly known as 21158 Van K Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236  
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**ST. CLAIR SHORES**  
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Beautiful brick ranch. East of Morningside. A must see.  
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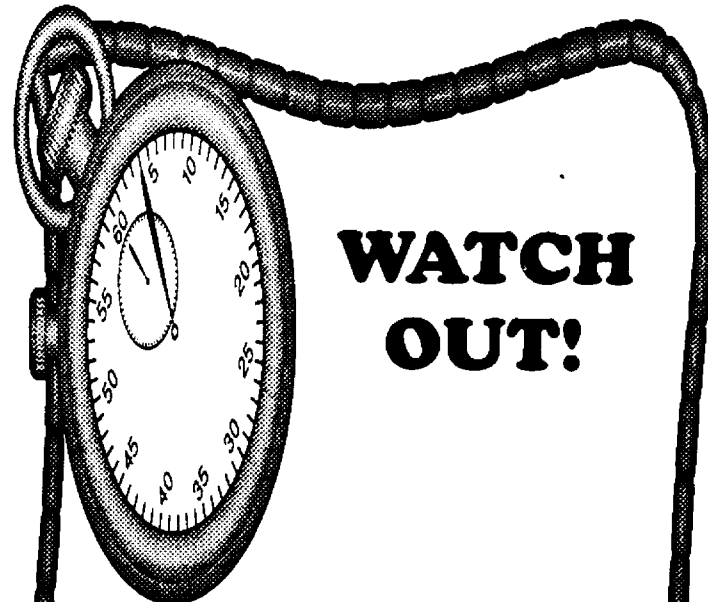
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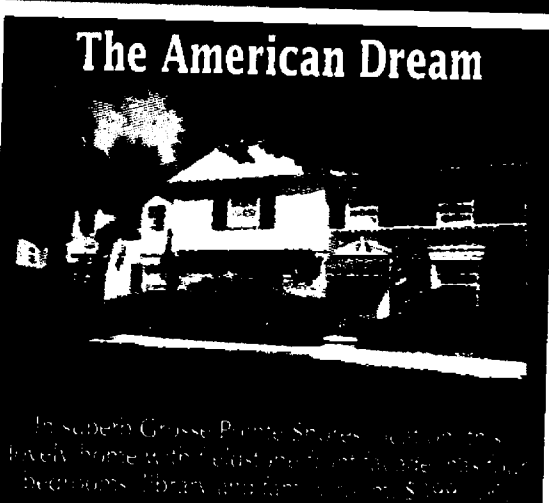
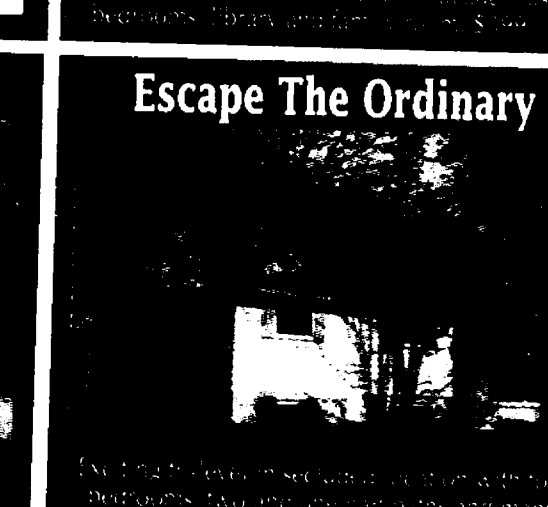
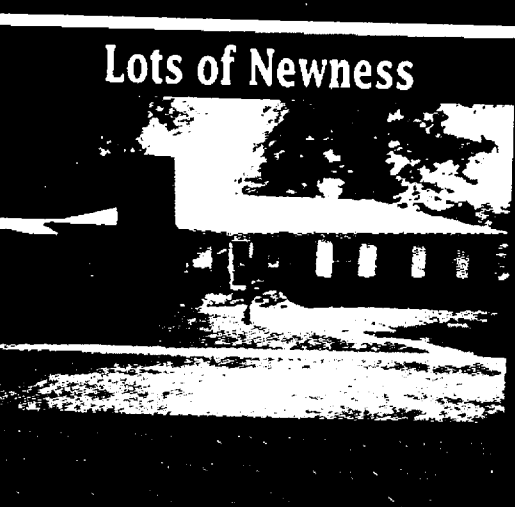
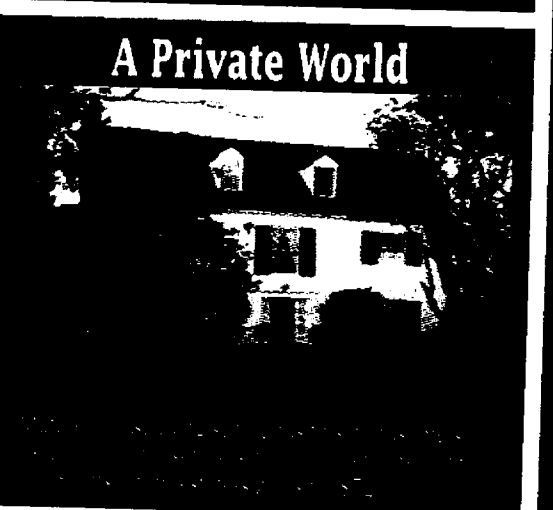




# 10 Reasons

## To Put Your Home On The Market During The Holidays

**1.** January is traditionally the largest transfer month - and you will not want to miss the opportunity to capture the market. **2.** Winter-time buyers are very serious buyers. **3.** Your home will attract buyers who, for tax or other financial considerations, must close during the calendar year. **4.** By selling now, you can arrange for delayed occupancy of your home. **5.** Your home looks wonderful during the holiday season. **6.** There are usually fewer homes for sale and therefore there are less homes for you to compete with. **7.** One of the highest ratios of listings to sales occurs during this time of the year. **8.** Buyers often have more time to look at homes during the holidays. **9.** You may have fewer showings of your home but the showings will be to qualified and motivated buyers. **10.** When you list your home for sale with Johnstone & Johnstone you will receive not only the finest brokerage service but unparalleled advertising and exposure of your home where it matters most - in the print media and with all the major relocation companies.



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