

Farms council approves Wendy's site plan

Fast-food restaurant slated to open in June

By Amy Andreou Miller
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City council gave unanimous approval Monday, Dec. 9 to a site plan submitted by Wendy's International Inc. to convert the Hardee's fast food restaurant on Mack at Kerby to Wendy's.

City councilman Peter Waldmeir's motion asked that Wendy's also upgrade the landscaping that is currently on the site, and that the hours of operation of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. be enforced, as well as exterior sign lights turned off shortly after 10 p.m. nightly.

Issuance of a building permit is contingent upon site plan approval. Wendy's expects to open their restaurant in June 1997, Wendy's engineer Mike Minnich told council Monday.

Before June 1997, execution of the submitted site plan must be completed, of course, which primarily entails changing the outer appearance to typify Wendy's restaurant, renovating the existing drive up window, and installing a new drive up pay window, Minnich said.

The interior must also be completely redone, Minnich said.

The Hardees lighted sign which cur-

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Schools seek best solution to Parcels population boom

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

There are no easy answers to the question of how to alleviate crowding at Parcels Middle School.

The Grosse Pointe Woods school at Mack and Vernier is bursting at the seams. Current enrollment is 793 students and district administrators project it will increase to 822 students in the next five years. A student population of 500 is considered optimum for the middle schools. Brownell has 510 students and Pierce has 562 students.

"We are looking for a commitment from the board," said Thelma Socia, one of 12 committee members making a presentation to the Grosse Pointe school board on Monday. "We have a problem... Whether it means reopening Barnes or something else... We need a solution. Parcels has no cafeteria. Some teachers don't have a classroom to call home. They keep their supplies on a cart and move from room to room."

A committee of parents, teachers, administrators and counselors have been meeting for months, devising solutions, analyzing those solutions for cost-effectiveness and impact on students and community.

Reporting to the board in November, the committee originally had 21 options that were narrowed to six options.

Parcels principal Glenn Croydon said the committee further narrowed the options and studied them again and now seeks guidance from the board.

Options still being studied are:

- Providing alternative scheduling of classes.
- Building a permanent addition onto Parcels.
- Reclaiming the area leased to Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch.
- Reopening a portion of Barnes (closed as a K-5 elementary in the mid-1980s) to sixth graders.
- Offering a specialty program at Brownell Middle

School to entice students from Parcels.

• Requiring all Monteith Elementary School students to attend Brownell.

"We're finding all the options still have pros and cons," Croydon said.

Alternative scheduling and reclaiming the library serve only as temporary solutions, alleviating the space constraint but not addressing enrollment.

Offering specialty programs at Brownell may entice students from Parcels, but must be opened to the whole district, therefore diluting the number of students taken solely from Parcels.

Ending the library lease has political ramifications in the community. Reopening Barnes may be more expensive than building an addition onto Parcels. (Barnes was not included in the technology upgrade under way at the elementary level.)

The district needs to find a solution soon, Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business, said the enrollment at two of Parcels' feeder schools continues to climb. More families are moving within the Ferry and Poupard school boundaries, drawn by the affordable housing. In addition, Fenton said there also is the element, which is hard to track, of children who attended private and parochial schools for their early elementary education and are transferring to Parcels for their middle school education.

Board president Tim Howlett proposed the board schedule a study session to further examine the matter before them.

"If you could give us the variables to factor in or out, if you say no capital improvements at Parcels, for example, that would guide us in our decision making," Croydon said.

Board members and interim superintendent Suzanne Klein thanked the committee for their work and set a goal of reaching a decision by January or February.

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 13

The University Liggett School invitational hockey tournament will be held today and Saturday. ULS will play defending champion Grosse Pointe North at 5 p.m. and Notre Dame and Grosse Pointe South will play at 7:30 p.m. at the ULS ice arena. The championship game will be Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Grosse Pointe Children's Theater presents "Raggedy Ann and Andy" at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The musical adventure in two acts, featuring America's most endearing folk doll and her toy friends, also will be performed at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21. Admission is \$5 for students and seniors and \$6 for adults. Tickets are on sale at the War Memorial. Call (313) 881-7511.

Patterson Park ice rink requires support facility

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

As Grosse Pointe Park officials prepare to officially open the new ice rink in Patterson Park, they also realize that something must be done to provide amenities for the many skaters who will be using the rink during the cold winter weather.

"We officially open the rink on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. when we dedicate it in honor of Robert and Beth Hutton, who were instrumental in getting it built," said city manager Dale Krajniak. "It's cheaper to renovate a building than to build one from the ground up. It's already there, so there is not a loss of green space within the park, which is something people worry about."

The day after the holiday we counted over 500 people using the rink. It's proven quite popular, more than we expected."

But the popularity of the rink is not without its own problems. At a recent Park council meeting, a resident complained about the lack of amenities, specifically a bathroom and changing room.

"I thank you for mentioning this," said mayor Palmer Heenan. "We fully realize that you can't build something like

this rink, and not have facilities available for the people who will use the rink. We fully expect to build those facilities."

Krajniak said that there is a storage garage about 50 yards from the ice rink, and the most logical solution to the problem is to make some improvements to the garage so that the public could use its rest rooms, and put in a warming room where residents can don skates or take a break from the cold.

"This solution is the best," said Krajniak. "It's cheaper to renovate a building than to build one from the ground up. It's already there, so there is not a loss of green space within the park, which is something people worry about."

When asked when the renovations would take place, Krajniak said that there is no money in this year's budget, which expires on June 30, 1997, so it would have to wait until next summer. He expects the project to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000, but that is only an estimate. Costs could be higher, he said.

"The rink was financed by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation," said Krajniak. "They were very generous with

Photo courtesy City of Grosse Pointe Park

With the winter solstice only nine days away, what better time to get the community in the mood for the season than opening the new Robert and Beth Hutton skating rink at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. The rink doubles as a reflecting pool in the warmer months. The kidney-shaped frozen pond is for skaters only — hockey players must face off elsewhere.

their funds. But they are committed to building eight dugout bathroom facilities for four Little League fields in the city. So any funds needed to build rink facilities will have to come from the city."

Early deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday, editorial and advertising deadlines will be one day earlier.

That means Features and Entertainment section items will be due by Thursday at 3 p.m. and News and Sports items must be in by 3 p.m. Friday to be considered for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 editions.

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WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT YESTERDAY'S NEWS.

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Photo by Thee L. Walker

He's here

The Village Association's Nov. 29 Santa Claus parade along Kercheval was a festive time for all. Sixty six different organizations, clubs, bands and groups participated in the procession, which officially welcomes Mr. Claus to town and ushers in the holiday season. Remember, there are only 12 more shopping days until Christmas.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Gloria Kitchen

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Age: 18
Family: Parents, Dallas and Joan; brothers, Robert, the late Thomas, and Matthew; and sister, Stephanie.
Claim to fame: Raised \$13,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Quote: "I realized how few people knew anything about cystic fibrosis... I have committed myself to being available whenever the foundation needs help."

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Gloria Kitchen

2nd District Rep. Hertel responds to questions over his residency

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Is 2nd District state representative Curtis Hertel violating the state Constitution by residing outside of his district as some Michigan Republicans have claimed? The answer is no says Hertel's chief of staff, Dan Loepp.

"This is something that has been blown out of proportion," Loepp said from his Lansing office. "I think it is all a part

of a political witch hunt."

The local phone directory lists Hertel's name twice — once for his district office on Morang, the other for a residence on Kensington in Detroit. The house is in the 3500 block, which falls well out of the boundaries of the 2nd District.

"This is a blatant affront to the state Constitution," said Sage Eastman, press secretary

for the Michigan Republican state committee. "He knows full well that the house is well outside his district boundaries."

The state Constitution states that any representative who takes up residence outside the district is considered on vacation from office. When asked if that prevents Hertel from voting, Eastman said that it was up to the state Legislature.

"(But) they've never taken it up (for consideration)."

The current boundaries of the 2nd District extend from Outer Drive and Gratiot, down to I-94, east to Dickinson, and south to Warren. Hertel's listed address falls one block off Mack, near Grosse Pointe Park.

Loepp maintains that Hertel resides in the 12000 block of Wayburn, which is inside the

district. He had no comment about the telephone directory not listing his name at that address.

"I believe the address (belongs to) a family member," he said.

Loepp added that this issue has come to a head by some disgruntled Detroit firefighters who are protesting residency requirements in the city, a measure that Eastman claims

that Hertel supports.

"He has been on the record in support of those requirements in the past," he said.

Loepp added that the house was in the district until it was reapportioned several years ago. He said that Hertel and his wife decided it was best to maintain a "separate residence" while he was in office.

"His wife resides at that house," Loepp said.

Wendy's

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rently rests on the front lawn may be replaced with a Wendy's sign as high as 25 feet tall as allowed by the ordinance.

Minnich said Wendy's is planning to go with an elevated sign, but did not know its planned height.

A few council members asked Minnich if Wendy's was prepared to handle increased traffic that the council guessed would occur at the popular eatery.

Minnich responded that company traffic engineers have reviewed the site. They propose to keep the same traffic flow pattern as Hardee's. This has been approved by the Farms Director of Public Safety.

There are a total of 50 parking spaces on the site which exceeds the required 35 spaces.

Traffic patterns played a role in Wendy's International choosing to open a Wendy's at the site instead of a Tim Hortons, a popular coffee house chain started in Canada which Wendy's now owns.

Hortons draws more of the morning crowd; Wendy's does its best business at lunchtime. Wendy's officials felt Grosse Pointe provided a larger lunch time crowd. About 50 percent of the lunch time crowd is expected to use the drive through window.

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Farms teen had personal interest at stake in successful fundraiser

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

Despite warnings that it would be "a lot of work" and that she may not be up to the challenge, 18-year-old Gloria Kitchen organized a bowling fundraiser in November that pulled in \$13,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Although the total funds raised are still being tallied by the CF Foundation — \$13,000 is an estimate — it is far more than Kitchen thought she would collect.

And yes, chairing the project was more work than the Grosse Pointe Farms teen could have anticipated. But the end result, the establishment of a Grosse Pointe area fundraiser for CF and heightened awareness of the disease that is deemed the number one genetic killer of children and young adults, was worth the effort.

"When the ('Bowl for Breath' bowl-a-thon, held Nov. 2 at Shorecrest Lanes in St. Clair Shores) was over, I was so glad," Kitchen said, laughing at how much work it really was to solicit local businesses to sponsor lanes and donate prizes. "But when I heard \$13,000 was raised, I decided to do it again next year."

By all outward appearances, Kitchen is the typical Grosse Pointe teenager. The soft-spoken young woman pulls back her thick brown hair in a ponytail. She dresses in the casual fashionable look of oversized sweaters, knit pants and clogs. When she speaks, her hazel eyes flash as she punctuates nearly every sentence with laughter. And she has all the optimism, good humor and hope of any soon-to-be-twenty-something person with her life ahead of her.

But organizing and successfully carrying out the fundraiser had deep meaning for Kitchen and her family. Her 31-year-old brother Thomas died last June of complications resulting from a double lung transplant in 1993.

Kitchen herself just celebrated the first anniversary of her double-lung transplant, performed in November 1995 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

She and her brother, who are two of five siblings in the

medicated vapor treatment and postural drainage treatment, which helps to dislodge the mucus from the lungs.

"Altogether it took about 90 minutes," she said. "We had to get up around 5:30 a.m. to pre-

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Gloria Kitchen, center, and some of her pint-sized friends who attended the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl for Breath fund raiser in November that raised \$13,000 for CF research. The little ones didn't bowl; they are the children of participants who pledged money for each frame.

Kitchen family, were the only ones born with cystic fibrosis, which is a genetic, degenerative disease that causes the lungs to be coated with a thick layer of mucus, making breathing difficult and leading to fatal infections. CF also obstructs the pancreas, preventing enzymes from reaching the intestines to aid in digestion of food.

Kitchen and her brother were diagnosed with CF in their early childhood. Although both were able to attend school and participate in extra-curricular activities, they had to undergo daily therapeutic treatments, including

pare for school. I did pretty good until I got to Brownell, then I started missing school, sometimes for a month at a time. When I came back, everyone was asking where I had been and if I had quit school."

When her condition worsened she began seeing a specialist in Boston, who had been treating Thomas. When the specialist moved to St. Louis, the family followed.

Until her junior year at Grosse Pointe South High School, Kitchen was able to attend school. Then she had to go on IV antibiotics and oxy-

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Won't trims in state jobs hurt services?

Gov. John Engler's proposed major cutback in state employment could have made more sense if he had sought some input from some Democratic and union leaders.

The proposed cutback, which he calls his early retirement program, would save the state as much as \$25 million a year, according to administration estimates.

What the public read in the Dec. 1 Detroit News & Free Press was obviously the result of sessions with state department heads but apparently there was little if any discussion with employees or their representatives.

As a consequence, there will be a lot of uncertainty among state employees, their union leaders, and Democrats when they have had a chance to take a long, hard look at the governor's proposals.

Opinion

Politically, perhaps more significant will be the reaction of citizens who benefit from services that will be cut in the process of downsizing the state government.

The governor obviously wants to get the legislation through both houses of the state Legislature before the end of the year, when the Democrats will take control of the state House.

That might be one of the reasons he did not see fit to even mention, as far as we can tell, the effect of the cutback on state services, and yet services will be affected in three different ways:

One will be the loss of jobs by a good many people who are not yet ready to call it a day in state employment and who

apparently will have little choice but to take early retirement, especially if this plan works like some private employer retirement proposals do.

But the second effect also will be significant. It will be caused by the loss of those veteran employees who know their way around in every department of state government and whose retirement will be a loss in the quality of state services.

A third effect will come from the new people who will be chosen to fill some jobs. Senate Democratic Leader John Cherry of Clio put his reaction to the governor's proposal this way, as quoted in that Dec. 1 report:

"Brain drain is clearly an issue. Any time you have a major out-stream of the

workforce, you lose some institutional memory and continuity and that could hurt.

"There must be a realization that this could devastate some departments and you have to let them replace more than one in four so they're able to function."

Some union officials who learned about the proposal also objected to the idea that only one-fourth of the retirees, or only one in four, will actually be replaced by new workers.

Cherry added that he for one would have been more comfortable if Engler administration officials had sat down with union officials and worked out the layoffs to come.

"There's been no meaningful discussion," Cherry was quoted as saying. "I hope this doesn't become a steamrollered piece of legislation that the people affected are forced to accept."

Unfortunately, pacifying state employees, union officials, or, on occasion, even segments of the general public seldom appears to be important to the governor when he wants to take decisive state action.

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Forecasting no exact science

Predicting the future always has had an appeal to human beings, since the beginnings of our existence.

Even in the Grosse Pointes, a Futurism study a couple of years ago came up with a lap full of possible things we could do better together. After the new year begins, a committee will call a meeting to consider the priorities that would best meet the community's needs.

The problem is, as The Detroit News reported in a long takeout last week, "it only takes one variable to throw the whole thing (the forecast) into a tailspin."

The paper was referring to a discussion of economic forecasting led by University of Michigan forecasting expert Saul Hymans, who cited as an example a classic mistake that happened in the U-M forecast in 1982.

The U-M experts had forecast a 1.1 percent economic growth in that year, but, instead, the economy shrank by 2.3 percent. The error was "one very big mistake," all traceable to one (variable)," in Hyman's view.

"What they (the U-M experts) missed was a decision by the Federal Reserve Board," the News reported. "Or rather, what they did was predict a change in behavior, and the Fed did nothing."

Even forecasting the weather is not much better than it used to be, chiefly

because of the complex and changing factors that aren't really well understood.

Weather records have been kept for a long time in the United States, but that "long time" is less than a second measured in the life of the universe and its weather over the centuries.

That means we cannot yet make meaningful comparisons between current weather developments and the behavior of weather in the past in order to predict the weather in the future.

Predicting the future of the stock market is even more hazardous. In this kind of forecasting, you are relying on the future actions of individuals, based in large part on their reaction to economic developments.

But since economic developments are also uncertain, even for experts like those at the U-M, why should we rely on anyone to predict with any degree of accuracy over a fairly long time period what the market will do?

The best you can do, the experts contend, is to study the entire market but especially the management of the companies and corporations in which you invest your money.

From careful study, you should be able to arrive at your own best guess as to what will happen to your own investments in the future, regardless of what the experts say.

Council explains DIA issue

The Detroit City Council has been catching a bit of heat for having deferred until after Jan. 1, 1997, a vote on a proposal to transfer to the Founders Society the operations, management and fundraising for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The new proposal apparently emanated from the Detroit mayor's office and the DIA, but apparently nobody briefed the city council on what was to be proposed. Apparently, the council members were just supposed to accept the plan without question.

If that was the case, somebody stumbled badly. The mayor has been in office long enough to know that the city council cherishes its prerogatives, and tends to rebuff people and proposals that don't pay attention to its powers.

As the council explained, it joins the mayor's office and DIA supporters in believing that the DIA is "central to the cultural life of the state of Michigan."

No, we're not promoting cigars

No, the Grosse Pointe News is not advocating cigar smoking, especially by the ladies.

Yet that was the conclusion drawn by several readers from last week's Page 1 story headed "Women enjoy wine, cigar night," which reported on a "Ladies Only Cigar Dinner" at a local restaurant.

The story was intended merely to report

on an unusual event, which had occurred, coincidentally the owners said, on the American Cancer Society's National Smoke-Out day.

In fact, the Grosse Pointe News does not favor use of cigars or cigarettes by any young person but takes no position on adult tobacco use.



Letters

Thanks for the support

To the Editor:

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation held its 18th annual "Bowl for Breath" event on Saturday Nov. 2, which raised more than \$13,000 to help researchers find a cure.

I would like to thankfully acknowledge the following businesses and people for helping us in this worthwhile cause to help find a cure and give children a future.

Thank you to this year's center sponsor Dallas R. Kitchen Building Co.

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Special thanks go out to Shorecrest Lanes for providing the bowling center.

Gloria Kitchen
Grosse Pointe Farms

Where's leaf pick-up in Farms

To the Editor:

I would like to know why the City of Grosse Pointe Farms does not implement a roadside leaf pick-up service. We are completely surrounded by cities that employ this system. Besides, how can it be possible for independently owned leaf-removal businesses to afford

this type of equipment while the entire population of a community like Grosse Pointe Farms cannot?

I must admit, however, that I would probably feel differently if I were selling, rather than endlessly filling, all those countless plastic bags — year after year, after year.

Patricia Backman
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thanks for helping others

To the Editor:

One year ago the Society of St. Vincent De Paul lost its central warehousing, sorting, distribution, and service center, on Gratiot Avenue in Detroit, in a spectacular fire. It was a complete loss.

While the fire was still smoldering, the community was mobilizing to help the Society during those difficult days. Kmart made one of its buildings in Melvindale available for us to use as a temporary warehouse.

Thousands of generous individuals, families, and corporations from Detroit and all over the United States came forward with financial and material help. They saw us through that catastrophe.

The response of our friends, neighbors, and former clients was tremendous and humbling at the same time. We made it through those days because of your love and concern for the individuals and families that we help through the most difficult times in their lives. We thank you and love you for that!

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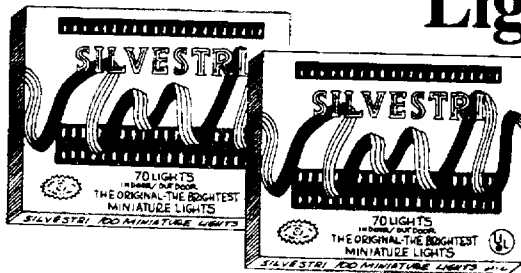
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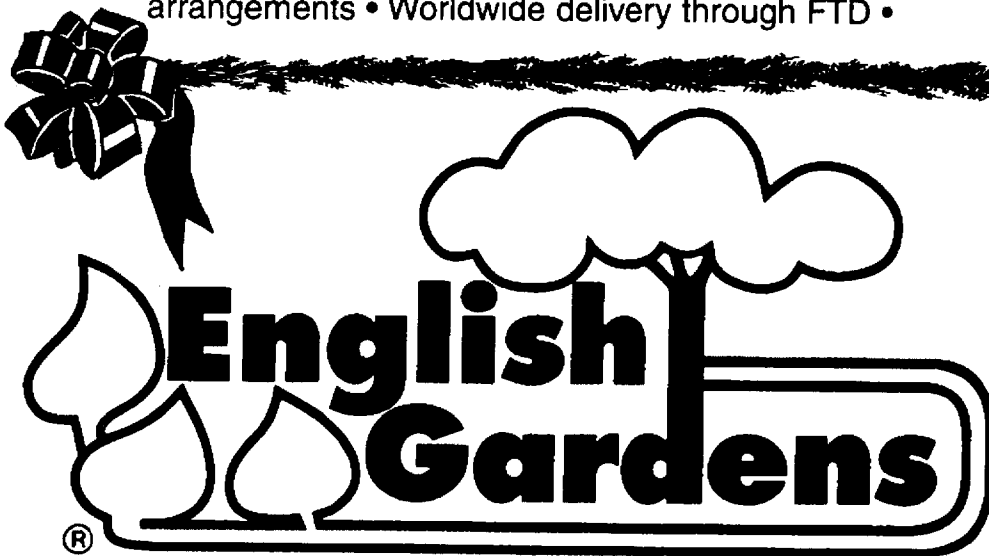
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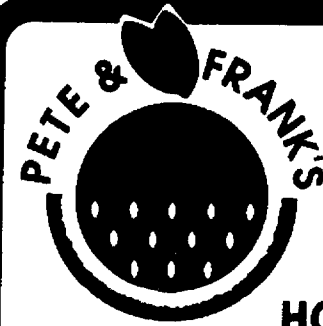
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The spirit of the season

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What family holiday would be complete without a few of those personalized "Santa's hats" and red stockings? (You know the ones with your name in glitter?) Kristen Engle, left, and mother Cindi, of Grosse Pointe Woods, were caught modeling hats at Eastland Mall on a weekend shopping expedition.

Give blood to aid seriously ill children

To a child who needs blood, life is a race against time. More than 14,000 children in southeast Michigan use blood products to save their lives each year. More than 70 people in southeast Michigan are currently waiting for a life saving marrow match.

J.P. McCarthy Foundation and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The goal is to collect blood from 20,000 people and test 6,000 people for the National Marrow Donor Program Registry by Jan. 4, 1997.

Four major community groups, led by the Phoebe Foundation, a volunteer, community-based organization to help children fight serious illness, are making a community wide appeal to meet the needs for blood and marrow.

Almost anyone over the age of 17 who weighs at least 100 pounds can safely give blood as often as six times each year, even those who have the sickle-cell trait.

The holiday campaign "Give the Gift of Life this Season," is being held in cooperation with the American Red Cross, the

A blood drive center will be open at the Pointe Plaza at Mack and Moross in Detroit, Dec. 13, 14 and 20 through Jan. 4, from noon to 6 p.m. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Pointer

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gen. She was scheduled to graduate in June 1996, but now plans on studying at home and obtaining a GED. Although she wanted to be a teacher, being an organ transplant recipient means she has to stay away from crowds and places where there are a lot of germs, which rules out working in a school, she said. She hopes to study public relations in college and work for the CF Foundation.

In March 1995 she was placed on a lung transplant list. She was told she would have an average wait of 12-18 months. By October 1995, Kitchen and her mother moved to St. Louis and she was admitted to Barnes Hospital.

By November, her doctor said she would have to start thinking about seeking living donors (to each give a lobe). This type of transplant is not as successful as whole lung transplants, she said, but the doctors told the family that she couldn't wait another year for a suitable donor.

Kitchen's siblings traveled to St. Louis to be tested as compatible donors. The next day, her transplant coordinator rushed into her room and announced that a suitable donor had been found.

"A young girl in Florida, 15 years old, died in a car accident," Kitchen said. The accident victim was about the same age, about the same size, had the same blood type and it came down to the doctors getting the lungs and seeing if they appeared to be a good match.

Kitchen's mother, Joan, said she distinctly remembers that night at the hospital, seeing the doctors round the corner, carrying a cooler that contained the pair of healthy lungs that would soon be implanted in her daughter's chest.

"I felt guilty a couple of days (after the transplant)," Kitchen said. "Here's this family who had someone die so I could live. But also I was so in awe that I had new lungs — someone else's lungs."

Following the surgery, Kitchen was bedridden for four months. Due to the CF, she had been malnourished and didn't weigh more than 100 pounds. Rehabilitation included daily physical therapy.

She was released from the hospital in December 1995 and returned to Grosse Pointe in April 1996. Ironically, her brother, who had always been her strength and her guide, was experiencing a decline in health

and she was the one with the new-found energy.

Following Thomas' death last summer, older brother Robert organized a golf outing to raise money for CF. Kitchen then announced she wanted to chair a fundraiser as well.

She contacted the CF Foundation and learned that the Grosse Pointe area didn't currently have an event in connection with the 18th annual "Bowl for Breath" fundraiser, which is held in various sites each year in early November.

She began her campaign in late August, first by writing letters to local businesses. She stepped up her efforts in early fall by making follow-up calls and then personally visiting offices and stores, telling her story.

"I realized how few people knew anything about CF," she said. "I never meant to mention my transplant, but I said it to one woman in a store and some-

one else overhead, came up to me and said, 'You what?'"

Next, she had to enlist 15 team leaders who then had to find 10 to 15 team members, all of whom had to seek sponsors. She obtained the permission of Shorecrest Lanes in St. Clair Shores to host the event and then, on the day of the fundraiser, had to coordinate the set-up and distribution of refreshments and to run the raffle. Kitchen already is planning to volunteer for a tennis fundraiser in the spring.

"I have committed myself to being available whenever the foundation needs help," she said. "Every morning when I wake up, I realize these are not my old lungs. I can get up and go to the bathroom and brush my teeth and I won't be exhausted. It's worth it to be able to get up and do that."

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University Liggett School seniors, from left, Shaun Jayakar, Jonathan Hudson, William Watson, C.T. Brown, Ellen Marrocco, Jordan Jackimowicz and Brooke Wright recently were recognized for their achievement on the PSAT, the qualifying test for the National Merit and National Achievement scholarship programs. Semi-finalists in the 1997 National Achievement Scholarship competition are Logan Oney and William Watson.

SCHOOL NEWS

Census update

The Grosse Pointe Public School System conducted its biannual system-wide mail-in census last May and released the results at its Dec. 2 school board meeting. Highlights include:

- The overall population served by the Grosse Pointe schools is relatively stable at 54,214.
- Of those eligible to attend school — between the ages of 5 and 19 — there are 12,117 children, an increase of 706 students over the previous census.

- The zero to 4-year-old population is down slightly to 2,771.
- There is a total of 22,851 residences or housing units.

- There has been consistent growth in the 5-19 year-old population.

Based on the census information, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- There appears to be an increase in the number of Grosse Pointe residents who attended private/parochial school but are now attending public schools.
- There appears to be a growth of 5-19 year-olds moving into the district.
- There appears to be a small migration of senior citizens out of the Pointes.

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Busy students

Mason Elementary School's fifth-grade choir and violin students performed at the Toys for Tots program Dec. 11 at Eastland Mall in Harper Woods. Their performance was broadcast on WNIC-FM.

The student choir is under the direction of Julie Peltz; violin students are taught by David Cleveland.

The Grosse Pointe school board, at its Dec. 9 meeting, recognized two students and a staff member for their accomplishments.

Sara Dykstra, a Grosse Pointe South High School student, was honored for being one of 24 students chosen from among 2,500 applicants to study in a summer art program sponsored by the Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation. This experience in Colorado is designed for serious art students preparing portfolios for college-level work.

Kate Huetteman, also a South student, was honored for receiving a 1996 Distinguished Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers. This award is given to the best

student writers in the country.

Dennis Harrigan, an engineer at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park, worked with the students to design and plant a butterfly garden. When the project was completed, students released butterflies from cocoons to populate the garden. Harrigan received a beautification award from the city of Grosse Pointe Park.

Richard Elementary School Principal Pat Meek and the school's PTO President Ruth Ann Mumaw spoke before the Grosse Pointe Farms city council Monday, Dec. 9, announcing the school's plans to honor the city leaders' assistance in closing McMillan Road and expanding the school's campus this year.

City leaders responded that they were honored and pleased after Mumaw read the statement that will be inscribed on a plaque in the garden center area of the newly-renovated school grounds.

Mumaw said the plaque will read "This garden is dedicated to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms for its cooperation and participation in the renovation of the Richard/Messner playground."

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VW Cabrio, Golf GTI delight in all respects

Driving the Volkswagen Golf GTI VR6 and its soft-top companion, Cabrio, can best be described in two words: pure pleasure.

These German imports, both built on Golf's 97.4-inch wheelbase platform, quickly accelerate to the top of our list of fun-to-drive, well-made, high-value vehicles.

The Cabrio comes with VW's in-line, 115-hp four cylinder engine. It's so much fun, with the exact-shifting transmission, roomy interior, isolation of road noise and sure-footed stance on all roads, that it seems like it is faster and more powerful than it really is.

Then there's its sibling, the Golf GTI, a solid 2,800-pound pocket rocket with a 172-hp V-6 under the hood and maybe just a little larceny in its heart.

And we thought the Cabrio was fun. Well, indeed it was. Our adventures in the convertible included a day-trip to Oberlin, Ohio, through a little snow and a lot of rain. In our innocence, we didn't realize that Oberlin's neighbor to the north and one of our favorite cities, Cleveland, was getting

royally dumped on with the first of three feet of late-autumn snow.

So it was November, and cold and wet, and we never put the top down. But we enjoyed the tight, quiet demeanor of the Cabrio. How could they get such a roomy and comfortable back seat in such a teeny-weeny car? Actually, its overall length matches that of the Golf GTI coupe, 160.4 inches. It just looks smaller and maybe taller with its large canvas-type convertible top. The little rascal even has a trunk.

And, for those who are interested, two side-by-side cupholders are on the center console, just under the instrument panel and ahead of the gear shift lever. The cupholders are too close together and too small for many beverages, but they are there and they're easy to reach. (In this wee car, what isn't?)

Power window controls are discretely placed on the grip for pulling each door shut. A beautiful design, they, like several of the buttons in the instrumentation, were a little too small to work easily.

Even so, we felt we were in hog heaven in the Cabrio and

Autos



By Jenny King

immediately began figuring how someday we might fit such a vehicle into our fleet. Its base price is \$17,925. Add leather seats, fancy sound equipment and such and you're talking \$21,675.

Then we met the Golf GTI-VR6 and our fickle hearts were drawn from the cute looks and comfort of the Cabrio to the exciting performance of the top-of-the-line Golf GTI with V-6 engine.

A V-6 in such a small vehicle may sound like overkill. This one, described as a narrow-angle (15-degree) V-6, will propel the Golf through the traditional 60 mph target in under seven seconds. Please note: we read that. It's not based on personal observation, although there is absolutely no problem

in merging onto a crowded freeway with this little guy. Even when drivers are moving at 70 mph in what used to be the slow lane. Anyone else been noticing the numbers of race drivers in the lane once designated for K-cars, AMC products and Freightliners?

With Golf, presumably form follows function. Did I get that right? What I'm trying to say is Golf's econobox styling proba-

bly hasn't won it too many honors and exclamations. It truly looks like a slightly rounded box on wheels. It's a huge improvement over the more angular Rabbit from which it descended. But apparently its German designers decided to leave the slippery, swoopy jelly-bean shapes to competitors and just concentrate on a vehicle

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Volkswagen Cabrio is built for fun, but in the cold months with the top up, you won't be reminded you are driving a convertible. Tight and solid as a sedan.



Golf GTI with the VR6 engine has standard ABS and traction control. Power windows and locks and power-operated outside mirrors are standard. The engine, with a 172-HP rating, is just plain powerful.



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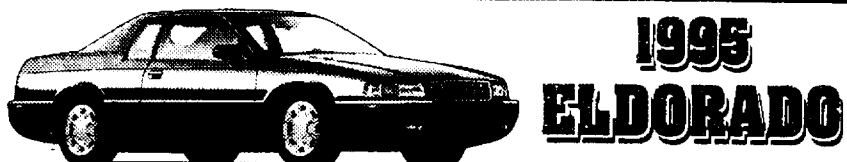
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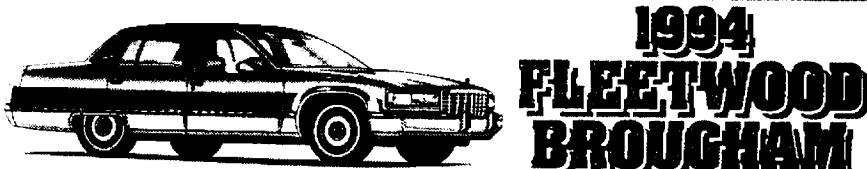
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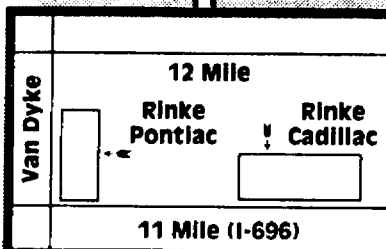
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Michigan motorists 'tie one on' for safety

The holidays are here and so are MADD's red ribbons.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) are redistributing the red ribbon reminders to hundreds of thousands of Michigan motorists who support safe and sober driving, especially during the holidays.

The MADD red ribbon tied on to a visible place on a vehicle is a symbol of the motorist's commitment to drive safe and sober during the festive season and reminds other motorists to do the same.

The "Tie One On For Safety" campaign is MADD's most popular public awareness campaign and is designed to combat holiday-time drinking and driving. The equivalence of hundreds of miles of ribbon are again expected to be distributed to Michigan motorists during the campaign.

The kickoff was the start of the eleventh consecutive holiday-time effort by MADD, and is carried out in conjunction with the Office of Highway Safety Planning and other traffic safety organizations, law enforcement, business, and thousands of Michigan citizens.

This year, special sponsorship for the kickoff event has been provided by Bordine's Nurseries, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Michigan Association of Broadcasters,

Michigan Truck Safety Commission, and the Office of the Secretary of State.

In communities all across the state, millions of red ribbons will be tied to vehicle antennas, side mirrors or other visible locations during the six-week campaign which began Thanksgiving week and continues through Jan. 1.

MADD began the red ribbon

project in 1986 in an attempt to reduce the number of holiday drunken driving crashes which typically increased during the festive season. Over the past decade MADD has attempted to change the meaning of "tie one on" from a phrase symbolizing heavy drinking to one asserting the safe and sober driving message.

MADD ribbons are available from local MADD chapters and the MADD state office, law enforcement agencies, and participating businesses all across the state.

Last year in Michigan, two of the three year-end holidays had a higher alcohol involvement rate than the annual average for traffic crash fatali-

ties: Thanksgiving — 6 of 12 deaths, 50 percent; Christmas — 5 of 16 deaths, 31.2 percent; and New Year's — 6 of 14 deaths, 42.9 percent. In 1995, of the total 1,537 traffic crash fatalities, 566 involved alcohol, 36.8 percent.

To help make the roadways safer this holiday season, MADD is encouraging

motorists to use their portable, cellular or mobile phones to call 911 and report suspected incidences of drunk driving.

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IN A STALLING PATTERN?

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Autos

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whose doors go "thunk" when they close; whose interior space is generous, and whose engine and transmission work better together than Rodgers and Hammerstein or Burns and Allen.

The driving experience in these Volkswagens is superb. The gear shift snaps precisely into place as it runs up and down from first to fifth and points in between. Reverse requires pushing the lever down first. It seemed very retro and very European. The 2.8-liter V-6, with 172 HP, is in a class with larger sixes in its performance.

We did note, however, that the V-6 has a drinking problem. The best we could do with fuel economy in highway driving, albeit sometimes unrestrained highway driving, was about 25 mpg. It took a Mercedes-Benz spokesman to point out that the VW V-6 still

AAA offers safe drinks

AAA Michigan will bring some holiday cheer to Pointe Plaza. The employees at Pointe Plaza will offer free samples of award-winning, non-alcoholic party drinks. This holiday cheer runs from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The Great Pretenders Party Guide, that will be featured, includes such libations as: "Pentium Punch," "Santa's Cyber Sipper," and "Kahlua Keyboard."

"Every year, we invite Michigianians to submit their favorite non-alcoholic drink recipes," said Cheryl Davis, district manager of the Auto Club's Grosse Pointe branch. "The finalists are published in our party guide, which is distributed statewide."

The contest is part of our "First A Friend, Then A Host" alcohol awareness campaign. "This campaign runs through the Christmas and New Year's holiday season," Davis said.

has only two valves per cylinder. He thought a multi-valve design would increase economy substantially.

The VR6 engine block is cast iron; cylinder heads are aluminum alloy with cross-flow design. The crank shaft is forged steel. It is available only with a manual 5-speed transmission.

VW's 115-hp four, the only engine available in the Cabrio, can be had with either 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission. It promises up to 30 mpg on the highway.

Other than small cupholders, we were at a loss to discover design and performance flaws in the VW products.

They do have a nagging, annoying tune that plays if you put the key in the ignition without first fastening your safety belt. And the doors don't stay open at the half-way point. One must either open them as wide as they will go or suffer the consequences of their closing on shins or ankles.

Then we tried a VW Passat. Very nice! Then we tried a VW Jetta. Wow! Great.

The four cars are similar in feel and in price. Base price for the Golf GTI-VR6 is \$19,710; the Cabrio Highline, \$21,675; Jetta GLX, \$20,555; and the Passat GLX, \$21,890.



The biggest car in the Volkswagen lineup is the Golf Passat. Very similar in its character to the Golf, but with more room.



Chevy's specialty pickup

Chevrolet took its popular new 3-door full-size C/K pickup and simply added a fourth door for maximum access to the rear of the extended cab. Created by Chevy's Specialty Vehicle department, the 4-door pickup was on display at the annual Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas in November.

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Beltramini, chairman of the WSU marketing department, teamed up with Professor Cele Otnes of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

and turned gift-giving into a research subject.

The result is a book they edited titled "Gift Giving: A Research Anthology."

It includes the collective works of 21 scholars from many disciplines — including consumer behavior, communications, psychology and sociology — trying to ascertain why we do what we do in the area of

gift-giving. And you should know that there is hope for our society.

"While gift-giving is viewed cynically today as a calculated behavior to gain advantage," Beltramini says, "We found many people just enjoy gift-giving with no ulterior motives.

Gift-giving has existed for centuries and research shows it often has nothing to do with

reciprocity — it just makes us feel good."

The purpose of the book, he explains, is to stimulate research into what motivates gift selection, role values in gift exchange, ritual and ceremonial meanings of gifts and ethnic, generational and multicultural differences in gift-giving.

"We found it amazing how many interdisciplinary inter-

ests exist in this area when we first piloted the topic at a national research conference," Beltramini says. "So we began reviewing literature in disciplines diverse from our own and identifying areas for future research direction."

Beltramini's research was supported by a grant from the Promotional Products Marketing Association, in cooperation with an international

marketing corporation.

Appropriately enough, he plans to give royalties from the book to his alma mater "In return for the gift of education I received there."

Now then, when looking for that perfect stocking-stuffer in the spirit of the season, consider "Gift Giving: A Research Anthology."



Photo by Jim Stickford

Lemons to lemonade

Trevor Behl, 4, of Grosse Pointe Farms showed his grit and determination when he followed through on his idea to sell lemonade on Thursday, Dec. 5. While many children set up lemonade stands, most don't do it during a snowstorm.

Scholarships are plentiful — go out and get them

Every year, as students pursue their dreams by applying to colleges, universities and graduate schools, their attention soon shifts to the reality and concern of how to pay for their education.

College costs have tripled over the past 15 years. This makes it difficult for many families to keep up with the increasing dollars they are asked to contribute each year.

As a result, many students desperately seek out any help they can get for financial aid.

All too often students hear of offers for "free money" or scholarships that are too good to be true.

These scholarships are usually promoted through organizations which promise results that they can't deliver.

Recently the Federal Trade Commission closed down five operations who promised scholarship money to all students who sent them an exorbitant fee. "If the promise is to receive

money with no effort on the students' part, the offer is probably not valid," say top financial aid experts.

Fortunately there is legitimate scholarship and grant money available, including nearly 400,000 nongovernment sources. Students need to be willing to do the work to identify and apply for these funds.

Those who learn about the financial aid process and their available options are more likely to be successful in receiving the scholarship and grant money that is available to them.

Now, through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1997 is available which spells out academic funding guidelines, leads students through the maze of the financial aid process, gives tips on setting up a successful financial aid search and shows what's need-

ed to secure scholarship assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self-

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G.P. AARP meets Dec. 16

Grosse Pointe Chapter 2151 of the American Association of Retired People will meet Dec. 16 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The church is located at 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The featured program will be Christmas music by the Grosse Pointe South High School

choral group directed by Ellen Bowen. Following will be the installation of new officers.

Refreshments will be served by the ladies and gentlemen of the chapter.

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

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Photographing during the holidays

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For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around informally rather than stiffly posed. Even try some candid as you did with the kids.

As always, check your backgrounds for unwanted or distracting objects and undesirable reflections from windows,

Photography

By Monte Nagler

mirrors, or picture glass. Often, a slight adjustment in camera angle eliminates the problem.

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

Stocking stuffers? How about one of the Kodak disposable panorama cameras? They're inexpensive and produce surprisingly good results. A supply of film, a new camera bag, or a beautiful photo-filled 1997 calendar will please any photographer. Here's another unusual gift idea. "Borrow" dad's old home movies, you know, the ones collecting dust on the top shelf, and have them video transferred.

Happy holidays to all my readers and friends.



The holidays offer the perfect time to head outdoors to capture dramatic winter scenes on film. This is Taquamenom Falls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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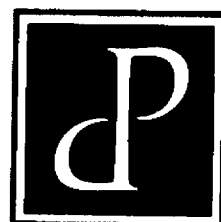
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Obituaries

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Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, Mich.



June Angott

June Sarvis Angott

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park for former Park resident June Sarvis Angott, who died in the Sanilac Medical Care Facility in Sandusky on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996.

Mrs. Angott, 75, was born in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1939. She was a civilian worker for the War Department in World War II in Washington, D.C. An active member of society, she belonged to the Grosse Pointe Rose Society, and was founder and troop leader of Brownie Troop 777 based out of Trombly School. She also enjoyed playing the piano and organ, as well as sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Angott is survived by

her husband, Ted W. Angott; a daughter, Candi Shoemaker; and two brothers, Donald and John Sarvis.

Interment is at the Crosswell Cemetery in Crosswell. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sanilac Medical Care Facility, 137 North Elk Street, Sandusky, Mich., 48471.

Emilen Hribar

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods for Woods resident Emilen Hribar, who died on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996, in St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Hribar, 84, was born in Detroit and graduated from the city's Eastern High School. She worked for the J.L. Hudson Co. in the Eastland Shopping Mall.

Mrs. Hribar was an active member of the community and belonged to the mission committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores. She was also a member of the Lakeshore Investment Club, and also enjoyed sewing and square dancing.

Mrs. Hribar is survived by her husband, Louis; a daughter, Ellen Smith; two sons, Louis F. and Carl; two sisters, Margaret Underhill and Grace Hoeffner; a brother, Norman Schultz; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment is in Gethsemane in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

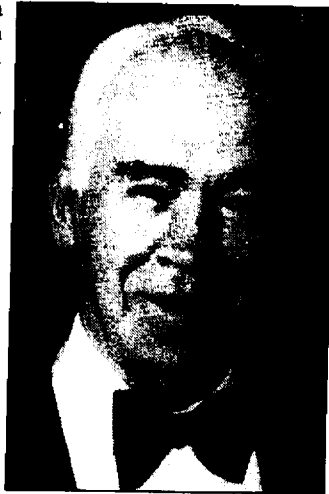
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 48080.

Edward Seward Wunsch

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms for Grosse Pointe Park resident Edward Seward Wunsch, who died in the Georgian East Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996.

Mr. Wunsch, 86, was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1934. A third-generation attorney, he joined the family firm. In 1948, he formed the law firm of Watson, Lott & Wunsch, which moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1976, and was known as Watson & Wunsch.

Mr. Wunsch had a great love of life, and was an avid golfer, playing in a half-dozen district



Edward Wunsch

tournaments requiring a handicap of five or lower. He was also a great sailor, serving as commodore of the Bayview Yacht Club in 1950. He sailed in over 30 Mackinac races in various boats, including the Minx, the Shamrock, which he owned, and on the Apache, the Blitz, the Vitese, the Escapade and the Ivanhoe.

He was a champion swimmer in high school captaining the Northern High School swim team when it won the All-City Championship in his senior year in high school. He also played flute in high school and was first chair in the Ann Arbor All-State Spring Festival. He was also a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the University Club, the Otsego Ski Club and the Gowanie Golf Club.

Mr. Wunsch is survived by his wife, Josephine; two daughters, Katherine Remsen and Elizabeth Gordon; a son, Edward Jr.; a brother, Dr. Richard Wunsch; and eight grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Columbarium.

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

Gregory Reynolds

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 11, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sterling Heights for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gregory Reynolds, who died on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1996, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Clinton Township.

Mr. Reynolds, 50, was born in the Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School.

He received his BA from Michigan State University and his law degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1971.

Mr. Reynolds was an attorney with the firm of Reynolds, Beeby & Magnuson in Troy. He was an active member of the community, serving on the board of trustees for the Detroit College of Law, and was a member of the Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center in Detroit, as well as a member of the Bishop Sheen Foundation, and was active in coaching youth sports in

Clinton Township.

Mr. Reynolds was also chairman of the Journal of International Law and Practice, and was active in the Macomb County Republican Party.

He belonged to the State of Michigan Bar Association, as well as the American Bar Association, the Detroit Bar Association and the International Bar Association and served on the board of directors of the National Council on Alcoholism.

He served in the Michigan Army National Guard from 1969-1975.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by his wife, Lynn; two sons, Mark and Michael; a sister; and three brothers.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clinton Township Goodfellows, 17050 River Road, Clinton Township, Mich., or to the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University, in care of Dean Harrison, 180 East Elizabeth, Detroit, Mich., 48201.

Patrick Joseph Scotella Sr.

A funeral service was held in St. Hubert's Church in Harrison Township on Monday Dec. 9, for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Patrick Joseph Scotella Sr., who died in St. John's Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996.

Mr. Scotella, 72, was born in Detroit, and graduated from Southeastern High School. He was the owner of Pat Scott Jewelers Inc. in Grosse Pointe Woods. He enjoyed his work and being around people, as well as fishing and hunting.

Mr. Scotella is survived by his fiancée, Terri Giardelli; a daughter, Lisa Scotella; a son, Patrick Scotella Jr.; two stepsons, Dennis Magee and Arthur Magee; three sisters, Antoinette, Ida and Victoria; two brothers, James and Sam; and seven grandchildren.

Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

Bundling up against the relentless December winds, you set off determined that victory will be yours and you will return laden both with packages and the Christmas spirit. Despite this sudden burst of adrenalin and moral courage, there are precautions to follow. Precautions, if you are to remain hale and hearty and ready to greet Santa Claus on Christmas. For all its possibilities as the year's most wonderful holiday, the preparations leading up to Christmas have some built-in stresses. This is particularly true for older shoppers. When you were 25, you could shop all day, go to a party at night and get up the next day ready to go. Now, you get tired trying to get something for everyone on your list. If you are shopping the malls, it is better to go early in the morning and return before the crowd gathers. You will arrive at the stores fresh and alert and have less trouble making decisions about your purchases. Everyone has had the experience of being so worn out that they had trouble making up their minds. Getting out early is a good rule to follow on other counts. Merchandise is neatly folded and displayed. You know this is a plus if you have ever dug into a pile of items which has been rooted through until it was a jumbled mess. All you can do is reach in and hope you come up with what you are looking for. Eating wisely is another precautionary measure to ward off a mid-shopping let-down. You won't go far on a coffee and doughnut breakfast. The addition of a glass of orange juice and a dish of cereal will get you farther along on the completion

of your appointed tasks. It takes stamina to walk the malls and to endure standing in line to purchase an article that has already taken more time than you had planned. If you are like most shoppers, you begin to resent standing in lines. You take no comfort in the fact that you are not at the end as you shift packages around to avoid dropping them. You sympathize with the lone clerk who must do whatever it takes to complete each sale, run the credit cards, verify checks and make change. If there is any mercy, she has a helper to put the purchases in bags. If no help is available, the clerk must do that too. All the while the clerk will be answering questions about whether the merchandise comes in a different color, size, if it's marked down or will be discontinued next week. Then there is the battle of the boxes. No way will a size 40 robe fit into that box meant for a medium-sized sweater. But that's the only size box available. Then the overworked computer breaks down. The floor manager is called and the clerk takes to pencil and paper. The clerk adds up the sum and don't forget the tax. Forget it. You didn't want the purchase anyway. You give up your place in line to someone more patient and persevering. Yes, Virginia, there once was service with a smile. That was when salespeople actually came out from behind a counter to help you find what you wanted. Your purchase was neatly folded in tissue paper and placed into a real, honest-to-goodness box. You were not handed one of those folded puzzles that takes the dexterity of a pianist to assemble without tearing. Even more astonishing — you could have the purchase sent to your door. In those days you didn't run back and forth to the car to deposit purchases in the trunk. You didn't have to juggle the pile as you walked from store to store. One more thing. If you ran out of cash and you didn't dare charge another item or write a check, you could use something called layaway. This is all true. It wasn't made up. So what happened? Progress I guess. There is an unwritten rule which goes along with progress. You can't go back. This brings us to the realization that the only way to endure the new and improved shopper's world is to fortify the body with the kind of food that results in stamina and endurance. You need patience. For patience, you have to call on other resources. Resources such as charity and sympathy for those struggling along with you. Prudent shoppers, who have not waited for a sudden spurge of energy and heaven-sent inspiration to do their shopping, will be spared most of the last minute shopper's ordeal. But they cannot know that wonderful sense of accomplishment that comes from battling the odds and knowing that once again, as in other years, victory is yours. You have something for everyone on your list. Still and all, maybe next year...no promises. Just a sincere merry Christmas to all!

Local A.A.R.P. chapter has Holiday plans

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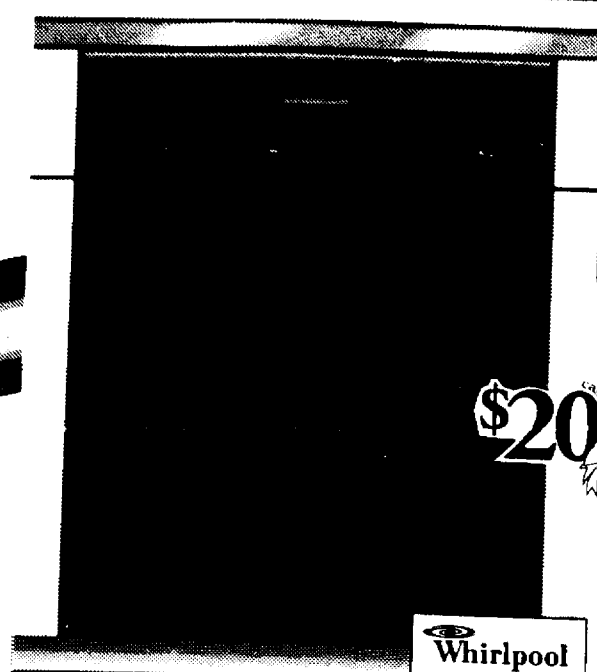
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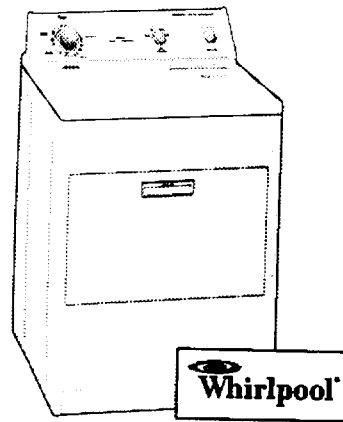
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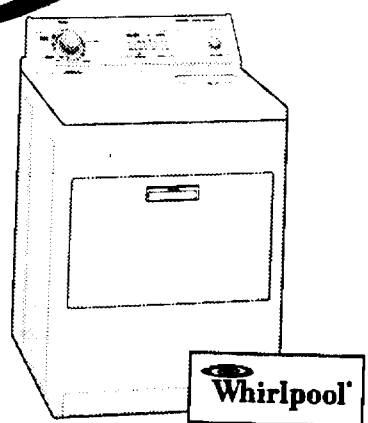
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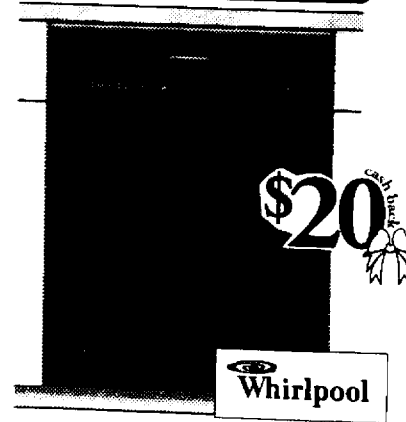
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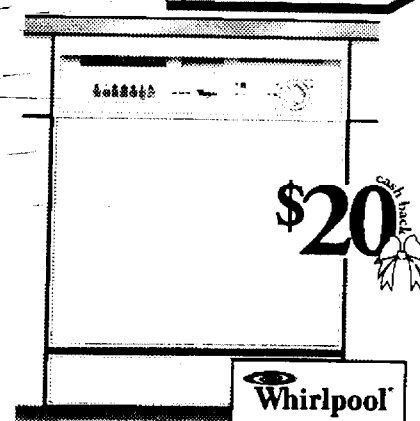
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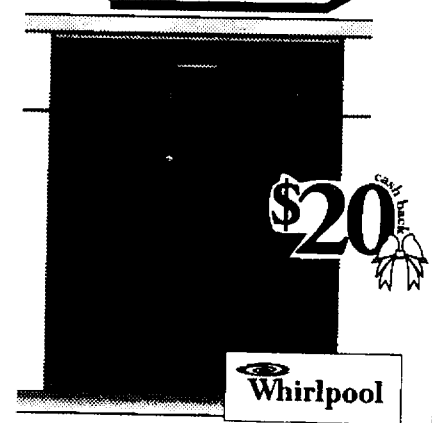
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Is Fed chairman Greenspan afraid of the stock market?

By Joseph Mengden

A week ago, on Thursday night, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan gave a prepared speech to the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C.

To avoid misrepresentations, LTS offers this excerpt verbatim: "But how do we know when irrational exuberance has unduly escalated values, which then become subject to unexpected contractions as they have in Japan over the past decade? And how do we factor that assessment into monetary policy?"

That was 7:20 p.m., EST, Thursday, Dec. 5. Wall Street was closed, but the Japanese, Hong Kong and Australian stock markets were just opening. The London market opened later at 3 a.m., New York time, followed by Frankfurt at 4:30 a.m.

And what a sell-off it was! Financial news used to be car-

ried only by the wire services, but now it's instantaneous via satellite TV. When LTS was in Hong Kong last month, we followed the market on the CNBC and CNN-International channels.

By Friday's close, here's what happened to the overseas markets: Australia, down 2.9 percent; Japan, down 3.2 percent; Hong Kong, down 2.9 percent; Britain, down 2.2 percent; and Germany, down 4.1 percent. The five-country average is down 3.1 percent. If that were applied to our Dow Jones Industrial index, the loss would have been 194 points!

A Saturday New York Times article questioned whether the Fed chairman deliberately intended to suggest that stock prices were getting too high and needed to be deflated a bit? His "jaw-boning" did precisely that! The DJI tanked 144 points after the Friday 9:30 a.m. New York opening.

But earlier Friday (8:30 a.m., EST), the U.S. Department of Labor reported higher unemployment than was expected and very slow job growth for November. The bond and stock markets both reversed direction from their initial lows, and

the DJI slowly worked back about two-thirds of its lows, closing Friday, down 55.16 points.

Let's talk...STOCKS

Chairman Greenspan, a John Wayne-type economist, said in his prepared remarks Thursday night, "The sharp stock market break of 1987 had few negative consequences for the economy." He was referring to "Black Monday" in October 1987. It should be noted that most high-quality growth stocks recovered their losses three to six months later.

On the charts of stock prices, which show price changes graphically, "Black Monday" shows a sharp, deep "V." Thus developed the theory, held by many growth stock devotees, that you should buy, not sell, on bad news and/or price gaps on the downside. This theory was confirmed during the "mini-correction" of 1991, and again this past July.

For last week as a whole, the DJI sank 139.76 points, the balloon lost some of its hot air. But the big question remains:

Is the bull market still intact? Or has it been slightly wounded? Only time will tell. But everyone on Wall Street has an opinion, if only the reporter will turn on the tape recorder.

Barron's (Dec. 9, 1996) "The Trader" article, authored by Andrew Bary, quotes Byron Wien, Morgan Stanley's chief domestic strategist, who opined he thought "the Fed would like to keep speculation from developing in the market without having to change monetary policy." LTS asks: Does "jaw-boning" really work?

LTS is often asked: What should I do? Should I buy, hold, sell, sell short, or take a walk? The obvious answer is to look up your investment objective. Best you have it written down, so you won't waver in the winds of short-term anxiety. If you have a long-term investment objective, stay with it.

Last week we promised to talk about market timing this

week. And we will. The perfect market timer is someone who always sells at or near the top, and always buys back at or near the bottom. This investment philosophy involves "technical analysis," rather than "fundamental analysis," from the research point of view. Those who know LTS well will tell you that LTS is bent from the fundamental side.

But LTS has a healthy respect for many technicians who have "called" the "sell signal" at or near the top in 1972, 1987 and 1991. But only a few clients get back in at or near

the bottom. Many who got out in 1972 (and saved a bundle when the market went south over 40 percent), are still in their money market accounts.

For the past 25 years, long-term investors have done best by avoiding market timing. The average John Doe investor seldom experiences two miracles in a lifetime. LTS' advice: Leave market timing to the technical professionals.

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



Mengden

Retailers expect holiday sales increases

Retailers have double-digit expectations for the upcoming holiday shopping season.

Three of every four retailers across the state — 75 percent — expect increased sales over last year's season, according to the annual Michigan Retailers Association pre-holiday survey. This survey is conducted jointly with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Sales will increase by an average of 13 percent, the retailers project.

"Michigan retailers believe this will be a good shopping

season, certainly much stronger than last year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

"Although there are five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we believe shoppers will be out in force. The economy continues to perform well and our state is enjoying record low unemployment."

Retailers are hoping for a strong season after last year's

disappointing performance. Heading into last year's holidays, 78 percent of retailers were forecasting increased sales, with gains averaging 12 percent. Those gains never materialized, however, and only 42 percent ended up reporting increases. Gains averaged 2 percent.

In 1994, 78 percent of retailers projected increases averaging 11 percent. Actual sales were close to projections, with 68 percent reporting increases. Gains averaged 12 percent. For the 1996 holiday sea-

son, jewelers are the most optimistic group — 97 percent expect to increase sales. They are followed by gift store retailers, 84 percent, and electronics and computer retailers and general merchandise retailers, 75 percent.

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The evening's festivities began with cocktails, followed by dinner and dancing. Several special guests were in attendance: Sen. Kenneth DeBeaussiaert; Marty Nowosielski of Congressman's David Bonior's office; Father Kavadas of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church; and Miss St. Clair Shores Julie Garofalo.

Proclamations were received from Sen. Joe Young Jr. of the First District; Sen. Ken DeBeaussiaert of the 11th District; State Rep. Tracey A. Yokich of the 26th District; Nick Ciaramitaro of the 27th District; and Sharon L. Gire of the 31st District and Mayor Curt Dumas and the City Council of St. Clair Shores. The tributes were read by Board Members Karen Wesson, David Gaskin, Matt Trupiano and Judy Latcha.

The evening was topped off by the dancing "Fred's and Gingers" David and Carol Gaskin, and Jim and Norma Riehl to the big band sound of "The Gentlemen of Swing."

Thank you to the donors of our door prizes, Marie Shock of Madison National Bank, Jean Russo of DOC's Cafe, Nancy Neat of Interstate Security and Tammy Mitchell of Bits and Baskets.

Many, many, many thanks to Donald J. Housey, our host for the evening and co-chairperson, Joan Deronne and Jan Hertel and their committee members Nancy Neat and Judy Latcha.

Nautical Nights of Lights — We are still in need of volunteers to work on the Nautical Nights of Lights. We need people to sell tickets, serve hot chocolate, help people on and off the train and drivers to drive the train, tractors and golf carts. This is a joint venture with the City of St. Clair Shores and we really need to make this event successful. Please call the office and let the staff know that you would like to work on this evening of fun and lights. Also, please come down with your family, friends and neighbors and take a look at the newest festivity in St. Clair Shores to help you and yours enjoy the Holidays.

Macomb County Coalition of Chambers — "The Economic Forecast for Macomb" luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1997 and hosted by the Economic Club of Macomb County. Make your reservation soon before we're sold out. Call the office at (810) 777-2741 for reservations and further information. The cost is \$15 for chamber members and their guests and \$20 for non-members.

Watch **Chamber Chat** for further information on the Economic Club luncheons. "The State of the Union, A Michigan Perspective" with Sen. Spencer Abraham will be sometime in the month of February, and in March, we will be hosting a luncheon focusing on the "State of the Union."

The Channel Marker Opens The Wine Cellar Many Chamber members were on hand for the grand opening of the Channel Marker's new room "The Wine Cellar" in St. Clair Shores. Chef Bruno's culinary skills were very impressive and those attending left with satisfied pallets.

Are you a Chamber Member? If you are not and you have been reading about all the special and informative events that we are involved in, you might want to become one. All businesses and their representative are welcome to join. Please give us a call at the Chamber (810) 777-2741 for more information.

Business People

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Fernando L. Arroyo** has joined the internal medicine staff at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and Henry Ford Medical Center - Pierson Clinic. Dr. Arroyo is board-certified in internal medicine.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.



Arroyo



Schade

City of Grosse Pointe resident **William J. Schade** has joined the internal medicine staff at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and Henry Ford Medical Center - Pierson Clinic. Dr. Schade is board-certified in internal medicine.

He earned his medical degree from the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He also earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor. He completed an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Chris Flynn** — special agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. — has completed a two-week career development course at the firm's home office in Milwaukee. Flynn is associated with the Stein General Agency.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Justin G. Klimko** has been selected for inclusion in the most recent edition of the publication "The Best Lawyers in America." Klimko is a shareholder at the law firm of Butzel Long, and chair of the firm's transaction and finance group. He earned his law degree from Duke University Law School.



Klimko



Leonard

Grosse Pointe Woods **Karen Salome Leonard** has been selected by the members of Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan to serve on the health plan's 15-member Board of Directors. She will serve a three-year term. Leonard is assistant director of the McGregor Memorial Conference Center at Wayne State University, which she attended.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Robert H. Pytell**, senior partner of the law firm of R.H. Pytell & Associates P.C., was recently elected to the governing Council of the Probate Section of the Michigan State Bar. Pytell has practiced extensively in the estate planning field and Trust and Will Administration. Recent efforts of the Probate Council were directed toward modernization of the Probate Code for the State of Michigan.



Pytell

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Gail L. Warden** has been appointed to the 23-member National Commission on Civic Renewal. Warden is president and chief executive officer of Henry Ford Health System. The commission will be co-chaired by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and former Secretary of Education William Bennett. The Commission seeks to address issues of moral decline, civic non-participation, and the weakening of social institutions.

Tips to make capital gains less taxing

A little bit of tax knowledge can help you make the most of your investments. As the end of the year draws near, the Michigan Association of CPAs recommends that you carefully consider how the capital gains tax may affect your 1996 tax bill.

A capital gain is the profit you realize when you sell stock or other capital assets that

have appreciated in value. If you purchase an investment for \$1,000 and later sell it for \$3,000, the \$2,000 difference represents capital gain income. If you held that asset for a year or less before selling it, any profit you realize is a short-term capital gain. Such gain is taxed at your highest ordinary income tax rate, the same as salary, interest and dividends.

On the other hand, long-term capital gains — the income you earn from capital assets you have held for more than a year — are taxed at a maximum rate of 28 percent. For taxpayers in the 15 percent and 28 percent tax brackets, a long-term capital gain is taxed at the same rate as ordinary income. But, if you're in the 31 percent or higher bracket, you get a break because you pay a lower rate on capital gains than you pay on ordinary income.

An increase in the value of an investment is not taxed until the investment is sold or exchanged and the capital gain realized. Even if the market price of a stock you bought for \$10 a share climbs to \$100 a share, you don't owe Uncle Sam a cent until you dispose of the assets. When it comes time to sell, calculate your gain or loss on each individual investment by subtracting your adjusted cost basis from the proceeds of the sale. Your basis is the purchase price of your investment, plus commissions and other costs you paid in association with buying, holding, and selling the asset. If you reinvested dividends over the years, be sure to include the amount of your reinvestment in your basis. If you acquired your investment as the result of a gift or inheritance, special rules for determining your basis apply.

You must report your short-term and long-term capital gains and losses separately on Schedule D of your tax return. If you end up with a net loss in one category and a net gain in the other, you can use the loss to offset the gain dollar for dollar. Overall capital losses that exceed your gains — up to a maximum of \$3,000 in any one year or \$1,500 if you're married filing separately — may be deducted from your salary and other ordinary income. Capital losses in excess of \$3,000 may be carried forward indefinitely and deducted in future years against capital gains and up to \$3,000 of other income each year. On the other hand, when net long-term capital gains exceed net short-term capital losses, the overall gain is subject to tax at the maximum rate of 28 percent.

If you sell a stock or security at a loss and, within 30 days before or after the sale, buy it back or enter into a contract to repurchase substantially identical stocks or securities, the two trades cancel each other out and result in a "wash sale," which means that you cannot deduct the loss.

To take a year-end loss while still holding onto the stock, you can sell it, wait 31 days, and then buy it back. If you don't want to wait the required number of days, you might consider replacing the securities sold with securities in the same or a related industry. The wash sale rule does not apply when you realize a profit on the sale of your asset. You are free to invest the proceeds immediately as you choose.

CPAs recommend that you look at your overall taxable income picture now, while there's still time to take advantage of year-end strategies. For example, if your taxable income is unusually low this year, it might be an opportune time to sell some of your more profitable investments. Just be sure that selling some short-term capital gains property doesn't result in your being subject to a higher tax rate.

If your taxable income is high, dumping some of your assets at a loss can offset some of your taxable income. When you're showing an overall capital gain for the year, you might consider selling some losing investments. That way, the losses will offset the gain. Just be sure that any decision you make has a solid investment basis and is not motivated strictly by a desire to save tax dollars.



Big TV winner

Grosse Pointe resident and President of Rinke Cadillac, Kevin C. Rinke awards Grosse Pointe resident Edward Palm a Big Screen TV. Palm, a long time Rinke customer, was randomly chosen the winner of the TV from approximately 1,000 sweepstakes entries. The sweepstakes was designed and implemented by one of the "Continuous Improvement Teams" comprised of Rinke employees as a means to improve the response rate for the Customer Satisfaction Survey.

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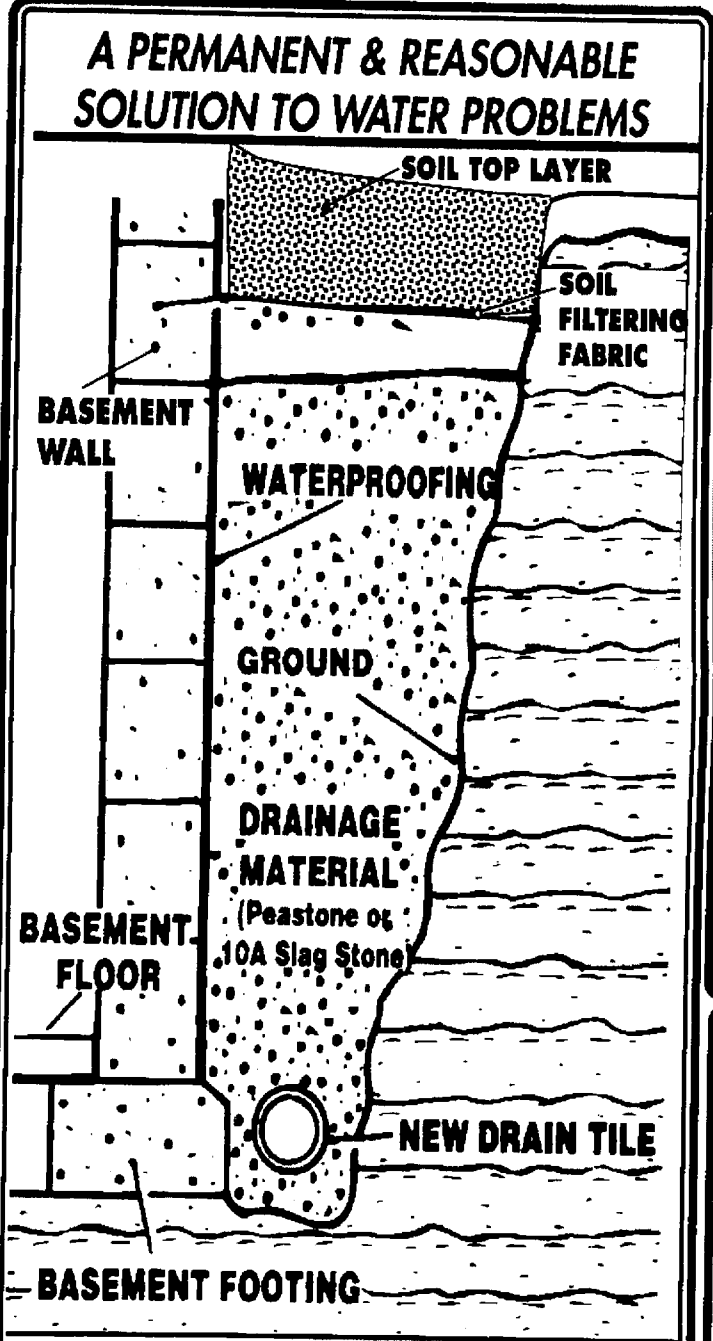
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G.P. Arts Council looks to be the link, supporter of the Arts

By Amy Andreou Miller
Staff Writer

When Grosse Pointers think of attending a concert or otherwise enjoying the arts, most think of offerings in Detroit at various museums, performing arts centers and the new opera house.



One local group hopes to broaden that viewpoint.

"We encourage people to continue to enjoy the rich opportunities downtown, but we would like to see more patronage and development of the arts in Grosse Pointe," said Jan Homan, a member of the Grosse Pointe Arts Council.

You may ask, "Is there really all that much art in Grosse Pointe to be patronizing?"

Yes, "far more than anyone realizes," chimes his wife, Bunny Linthorst Homan, vice president of the council, as well as a painter and member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

And the whole point of the Grosse Pointe Arts Council is not to compete with groups such as the Artists Association but to help bring an audience to them. The Grosse Pointe Arts Council is the umbrella to which the Artists Association, and about two dozen other local artistic and cultural organizations, businesses, school groups, and individuals belong.

In fact, the Grosse Pointe Arts Council's logo touts that it is "the link between the arts."

The Arts Council's ultimate goal would be to have its own headquarters somewhere in Grosse Pointe, where people could stop in, inquire about all sorts of different events occurring in the Grosse Pointes, and buy tickets. Also, such a future headquarters would boast a telephone hotline too that would tout all the artistic and cultural events occurring in the Pointes.

Its more modest goal, right now, is to have the support of

'the link between the arts'

each of the five city councils, recognizing the Grosse Pointe Arts Council as a viable force in the community. During the past two months, a few members of the arts council have made presentations to the mayors and city councils of the five Grosse Pointes.

They concluded such presentations Monday evening, Dec. 9 speaking before the Grosse Pointe Park leaders. Also, Monday evening, the Farms city council officially read into record its proclamation of support for the arts council, and appointed Farms councilwoman Lisa Gandelot to serve as an adjunct adviser to the arts council's board of directors. The arts council asked each city to name such a representative who perhaps can help the arts council coordinate and augment the artistic aspects of city events and activities, and to help the arts council expand its role into other areas as designated useful by the cities.

Homan said he believed the Grosse Pointe Arts Council can strengthen the availability and accessibility of arts and cultural events in Grosse Pointe so much so that it will be something for which outsiders praise Grosse Pointe for as they currently do the school system and the parks. "Nearly every community has an arts council," he said, adding that Southfield and Birmingham have very strong groups. "They are providing opportunities for their citizens and others to enjoy art in many places," he said. For example, Steve Hagopian rug store on Woodward is the site for various professional level choral and instrumental concerts on Friday evenings. Linthorst Homan said that that is an idea she would like to see Grosse Pointe businesses embrace.

"Why not have art displays in banks and car dealerships?" She said the future of broadening artistic and cultural opportunities in the Pointes is limitless.

Her husband said he believes "the Grosse Pointe Arts Council can help in the future by:

- Hosting, sponsoring and coordinating many more arts events.
- Helping citizens find the arts events and organizations of their interest, and — by doing so — help arts organizations find and develop an audience within the Grosse Pointe com-

munities.

- Work with local schools to enhance and broaden the exposure of our children to the Arts from across the world and from local communities.
- Help smaller and newer arts organizations in their search to obtain public or private funding.
- Serve as a community voice of instruction, quality control and challenge where needed, to help improve the breadth and depth of artistic endeavor in the Grosse Pointes."

And considering the Grosse Pointe Arts Council is only two years old, they already have achieved quite a few successes.

Some of them include sponsoring a Bess Bonnier concert, where she performed her "Suite William."

The arts council hosted at the War Memorial the unveiling of a painting by John Stobart, a nationally known artist.

The group sponsored a lecture by the world famous French Impressionist painter Pierre Bittar, who painted many local scenes, including the Yacht Club.

The arts council also obtained a non-profit status, and secured state grants from the Michigan Councils for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. Such grant money helped fund local sponsorship of four professional soloists performing composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem.

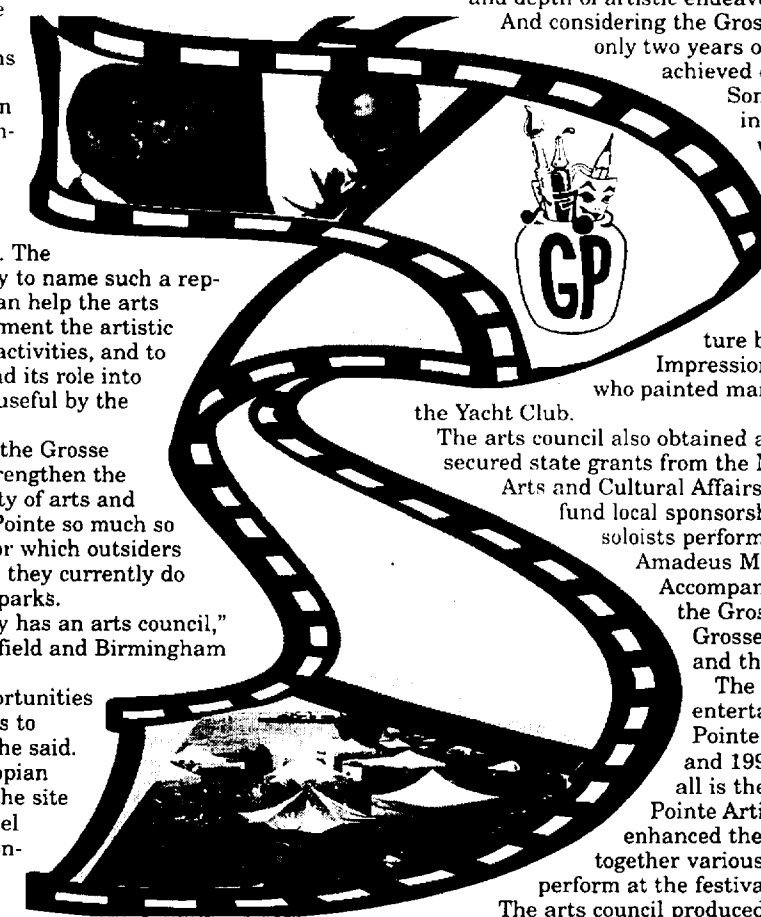
Accompanying the professionals were the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, and the North high school choir.

The arts council organized entertainment for the Grosse Pointe Festival of the Arts in 1995 and 1996. While the festival overall is the brainchild of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, the council enhanced the experience by bringing together various vocal and dance groups to perform at the festival.

The arts council produced a calendar of local arts events, and a brochure of art and cultural organizations. Brochures can be found in many public places, including at the Pointes city halls.

To find out more about artistic and cultural opportunities to enjoy in the Grosse Pointes, or to become a supporter and or member of the Grosse Pointe Arts Council, call (313) 438-2434.

One current local event, highlighted in last week's Grosse Pointe News, is the display of 14 local artists' works at the Ambleside Gallery, 375 Fisher. The display will be until Dec. 24. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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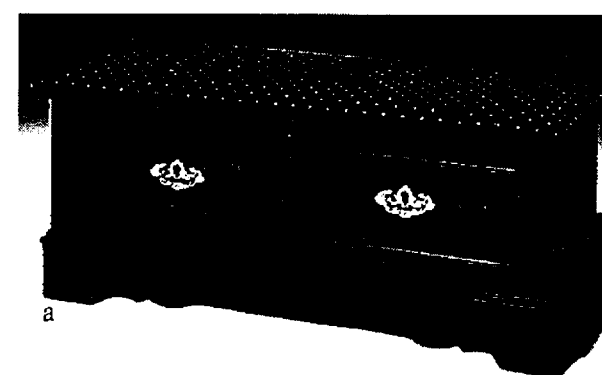
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Friends of Vision to host Christmas party Dec. 16

The Friends of Vision, the volunteer arm of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, will host a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16, for the visually impaired support group.

Friends of Vision is dedicated to working with those who are striving to maintain, improve and substitute their sight. These volunteers facilitate group meetings, help with transportation, produce "taped" versions of the Grosse Pointe News and provide support and information by telephone.

Anyone needing help in any of these areas or who can dedicate some time volunteering, should call the Friends of Vision at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology at (313) 824-4710.

Boys' benefit: The 15th annual Santa Swing, a holiday benefit at the Birmingham Community House sponsored by the Benefit Committee for St. Peter's Home for Boys, will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, at 8:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Home for Boys. The goal of St. Peter's is to provide a stable and productive living environment for disadvantaged young men.

The benefit is black tie. The entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Sun Messengers. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For additional ticket information, call Nikki Tu at (313) 965-4384 or (810) 540-4605.

The mission of St. Peter's Home for Boys is to provide residential care with group and individual treatment for boys between the ages of 11 and 19 who require placement outside their homes. The goal of St. Peter's is to help the boys return to their natural or adoptive parents and, if that is not possible, to find suitable foster homes for them.

St. Peter's helps the boys improve their skills in family and peer relationships and to continue their educational progress, both in academics and behavioral skills, through career-work programs and group participation. These programs help the boys generate an increased self-awareness and improve their social skills.

Auto show glow: Make the glitz of Detroit's most glamorous evening go on and on with The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center's fourth annual North American International Auto Show Afterglow on Friday, Jan. 10, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe in Detroit.

Chairpersons for the formal evening benefiting Children's Services of the Northeast Guidance Center, a professionally staffed community mental health and substance abuse counseling facility serving Detroit's east side, the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, are Megan Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms and Lynn Panin of St. Clair Shores.

Whether you're continuing the celebration started at the annual North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, slated for earlier that evening in the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, or just beginning a night on the town, enjoy this gala event, which begins with cocktails at 8:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing to the sounds of Calcutta Rugs at 9:30 p.m.

A limited number of tickets are available through A.L.N.E.G.C. members for \$75, of which \$30 is tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Children's Services of N.E.G.C. and mailed with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Children's Services of The Northeast Guidance Center, c/o 28927 Mack, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

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Board members of the Friends of Vision planning a Christmas party are, left side front to back, Judi Dara, Darla Coyle, Pat Benz, Pat Pokorny, Sharon Francesse, Barbara Burnham, Sandi Jorgensen, Betsy Hessburg and Marion Smith; and right side front to back, Dorothy Calpin, Judy Gandelot, Marleine Ricca, Maribeth Dear, Julia Read, Marion Koch, Pat Shmina and Charlotte Rousek.

receive four tickets for gifts of \$500 or more and Bronze Heart sponsors receive two tickets for donations of \$250 or more. All sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation along with a listing in the afterglow program and on displays throughout Bayview during the event.

The mission of The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center, a nonprofit auxiliary, is to enhance the objectives of the Northeast Guidance Center through volunteer and financial assistance and the promotion of community support for the mental health care and substance abuse counseling programs provided to high-risk children and adults on Detroit's east side and in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The mission of the Northeast Guidance Center is to provide a treatment service

continuum for families, high-risk children and chronically mentally ill adults which maximizes their independence in their own homes and communities.

For more information about the A.L.N.E.G.C. or the North American International Auto Show Afterglow, call (313) 824-5699 or (313) 885-4409.

Top volunteer: Joan B. Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser of the year by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Warren, a longtime volunteer helping the American Red Cross and the first woman to be chairman of the southeastern Michigan chapter board of directors, was honored at a recent ceremony held at the

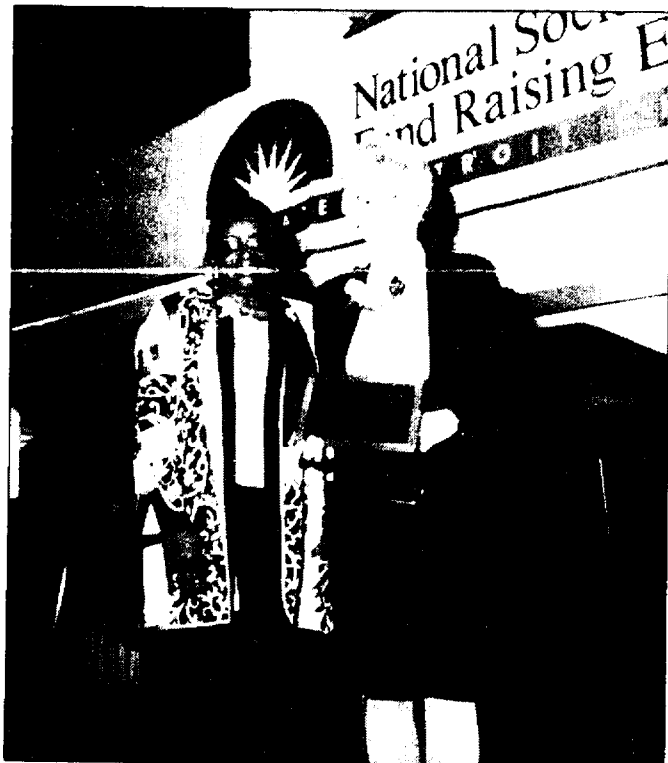
International Marketplace in Detroit.

She was honored for her demonstration of longtime commitment to major fundraising for more than one organization and exceptional skill coordinating and motivating groups of volunteers for fundraising projects. In her more than 40 years of volunteerism, Warren has helped raise more than \$35 million for the Red Cross, Children's Hospital of Michigan, United Way Community Services, Wayne State University and the Detroit Zoological Society.

"Joan Warren has established the highest standards for leadership development within our community," says Jim Krueger, chief executive officer of the southeastern Michigan chapter. "Joan is a leader, a doer and a motivator of many. She takes pride in the organizations she serves and shows great compassion for those who need human services."

Warren rose through the volunteer ranks of the Red Cross from hospital volunteer in 1954 to serving two terms on the National Red Cross board of governors in 1982-1988.

Because of her efforts, Warren has been presented with the Heart of Gold Award, the Clara Barton Award and the Harriman Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service from the National American Red Cross. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter has also honored her with its establishment of the Joan B. Warren Scholarship Fund, which underwrites special leadership training programs for qualified volunteers.



Verna S. Green, left, president and general manager of WJLB-FM and WMXD-FM, and Joan Warren, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who was named Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year. Warren is a longtime volunteer for the American Red Cross.



Franco-American gala

The French-American Chamber of Commerce held a gala dinner on Oct. 24 to celebrate 100 years of its

existence. Darcy Mellen Sullivan, above with H.E. Francois Bujon De L'Estang, ambassador of France to the United States, was instrumental in organizing and seeing the evening through. She received many kudos for the fine job she performed from those participating.

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Making plans to add a little more glitz to Detroit's most glamorous evening with the fourth annual "Auto Show Afterglow," Friday, Jan. 10, at Bayview Yacht Club, are Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center member/chairpersons Megan Brennan, seated, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Lynn Panin of St. Clair Shores. The black-tie benefit for Children's Services of the Northeast Guidance Center follows the glittering North American International Auto Show Charity Preview Party at Detroit's Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center.

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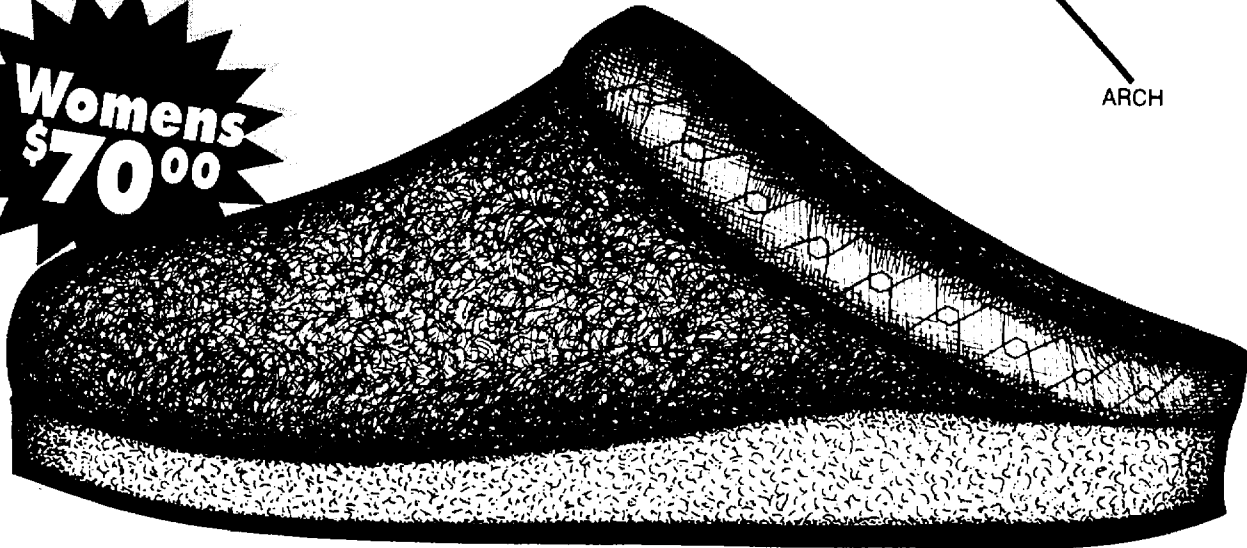
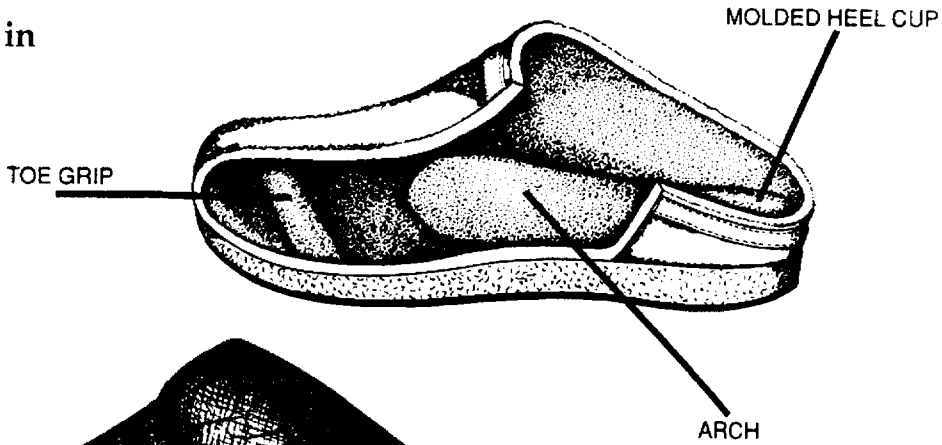
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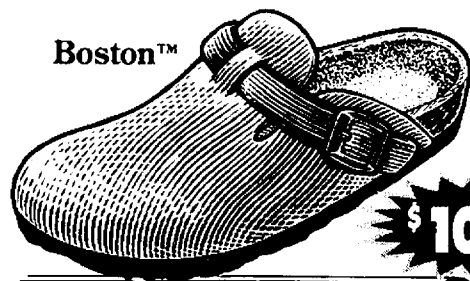
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Pre-existing condition mandate is unhealthy policy

By Lawrence W. Reed

One of the most vexing issues in health-care policy concerns "pre-existing conditions." Unfortunately, the

Michigan House of Representatives has chosen to deal with the problem in a way that could reduce the availability of insurance, dramatically

boost premiums, and hinder competition in the health insurance marketplace.

Historically, people who developed severe health problems before they bought insurance, or before an employer purchased it for them, discovered one or more of the following realities: They could get insurance only at a price so high they couldn't afford it; or they could buy only insurance that excluded treatment for their pre-existing condition; or they were "uninsurable" at any price.

To a person unfamiliar with how insurance works, it might seem unfair for a company to take into account a person's health record before selling him insurance. But imagine the automobile insurance equivalent of requiring companies to behave as though pre-existing conditions don't matter. A person could wait and buy collision insurance after he has damaged his car. Or, insurers would have to sell policies to accident-prone people with drunken driving records at the same prices they charge safe and sober drivers with perfect records. The resulting higher premiums would penalize the good behavior of the responsible drivers in order to subsidize the bad behavior of the irresponsible ones.

Things are a little different in health care. Although they might partake of unhealthy foods or lifestyles, people don't choose to get sick like they might decide to be irresponsible drivers. But while there are public policies that can increase access to coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, forcing insurers to ignore

or minimize those conditions is not one of them.

Unlike its approach to auto insurance, Michigan doesn't require people to buy health insurance. If the Legislature made it difficult or illegal for health insurers to consider pre-existing conditions, people would have a powerful incentive to remain uninsured until they need coverage. They could then cancel their policy after their insurer paid the bills.

In Washington state, where three years ago the Legislature enacted laws that have had this very effect, one woman's letter to her insurer tells it all. After becoming pregnant, she purchased a policy that included maternity benefits. When all the bills were paid by the insurer, she wrote a letter to thank the company for its generosity and canceled the policy. According to the Wall Street Journal, "she said she would be sure to come back and get another one if she got pregnant again." It's one of the reasons that Washington's health insurance market is in shambles today — dozens of insurers plan to close up operations in the state and rates for individual policyholders are soaring.

The whole purpose of insurance is undermined by such practices. Insurance is the pooling of risks to cover the unexpected. Insurance is not partial prepayment for the expenses of a certain event.

Even Congress recognizes this point. The Kennedy-Kassebaum bill passed earlier this year was intended to make it easier for people to change jobs without losing health insurance. But it permits companies to consider pre-existing

conditions for those individuals who choose to go without insurance for a significant amount of time.

How has the Michigan House of Representatives addressed this issue? In September, it unanimously passed a bill that exceeds the generous terms of Kennedy-Kassebaum by a country mile and goes far beyond what other states have done. The bill would make it almost impossible for insurers to effectively consider pre-existing conditions: They could do so for a very limited six-month period on individual policies and not at all on group plans.

Supporters of House measure (HB 5572) believe the bill will guarantee that more of Michigan's citizens are covered by affordable insurance. But that defies both experience and economics. Without exception, every state that has moved in the direction of minimizing consideration of pre-existing conditions has seen premiums soar and coverages lapse. Michigan would not be immune to these consequences. We could expect those hardest hit to be the buyers of individual and small-group health insurance — mostly younger people, those in lower income brackets, and small businesses.

Economists and health care analysts propose a number of alternatives for dealing with the problem of pre-existing conditions. One would allow generous tax credits for people who wish to contribute toward the health care expenses of those who cannot get or afford insurance. Another would repeal some of the costly state-

mandated benefits that foist unneeded coverage on people and price many out of the insurance market in state after state.

A more comprehensive approach under way in 28 states but not yet in Michigan, would establish a high-risk pool of those whose pre-existing conditions make them uninsurable or insurable only at a cost they cannot afford. States that have high-risk pools fund them by premiums from the people participating in the pool, direct subsidies from the public treasury, or assessments on insurers in proportion to their share of the market.

Each of these alternatives has problems of its own. All are better than what the Michigan House proposes because they meet the needs of the tiny minority of citizens who have insurance problems. Insurance problems due to severe illness without devastating the market for everyone else. Ultimately, the most fruitful approach will be to find ways to encourage private, voluntary solutions instead of schemes that force taxes or government mandates on some segment of the population.

Social policy is one thing. Insurance economics is quite another. Foisting the former onto the latter is not a harmless fling but a deadly serious business.

Lawrence W. Reed is president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Midland-based research and educational organization.

Tips on violence prevention

Every day in the United States 14 children under the age of 19 are killed in gun accidents, suicides and homicides.

In 1991, homicide was the fourth leading cause of death for kids ages 1 through 4 and the third largest cause of death for 5- to 14-year-olds. Though more urban children die of hand-gun accidents or homicides, rural and suburban kids are not immune to this nation's newest epidemic.

"In a world where kids are bombarded with violence on TV, in the home and at school, it's hard work being a parent these days," said Dr. Marc Cullen, director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Trauma Center. "We have a responsibility to our children. Teaching our kids that violence is not the answer is our best defense."

"I wonder how many parents know that in this country, twice as many children are killed by guns as by cancer," Cullen said. "We need to make parents care about keeping their children safe."

In an attempt to curb the violence in our city and schools, Children's Hospital of Michigan is arming parents, grandparents, care givers and teachers with the knowledge and know-how to tackle violence.

Facts about violence:

Firearms

- Firearms are the sixth-leading cause of injury-related deaths among children ages 14 and under. Every year, more than 200 children die from unintentional shootings, 3,600 children are hospitalized and an additional 15,000 receive treatment for gunshot wounds.
- Nearly all childhood unintentional shooting deaths occur in or around the home. Fifty percent occur in the home of the victim and nearly 40 per-

cent in the home of a friend or relative.

- Most young children don't know the difference between toy and real guns. Their curiosity is stronger than their awareness of danger. They need protection from guns. Even young children are strong enough to pull the trigger.

Television

Average American children see more than 12,000 violent acts per year on television. Some of the most violent shows are children's shows. Many children's programs use violence to solve intricate problems.

Gangs

- Although data is lacking nationwide, the most recent estimates suggest there are almost 5,000 gangs in the United States, with more than 249,000 members.

- Gang members range from 12 to 25 years old. The peak age is 17. Ninety percent of gang members are estimated to be juveniles. Gangs are not exclusive to boys and men. Female gang membership is increasing. In 1991, 27 cities in the United States reported encountering female gangs.

Prevention tips

- Do NOT allow children to attend and/or host unsupervised parties.

- Teach kids to negotiate and compromise.


- Teach kids to express their feelings verbally and in a controlled environment. Role-play with your children, using different creative methods to avoid violence and fighting.

- Offer positive ways to deal with anger and arguments.

- View television through your children's eyes; talk to them — try to understand what they are seeing.

- Be an involved and interested parent. Go to conferences, workshops and meetings.

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Hostess worries holiday party may take deadly turn

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra Jay,
Every holiday season, my husband and I give several parties for our friends. Reading about drunken driving deaths, I am increasingly worried about my guests drinking and driving. What can a hostess do to encourage guests to imbibe responsibly?

-Wants to Party Safe

Dear Party Safe,

You are right to be concerned. A hostess can be held responsible for the actions of alcohol-drinking guests. There are ways to encourage low-risk alcohol use at your parties.

Offer a variety of intriguing nonalcoholic drinks. AAA Michigan publishes a 20-page booklet, "Great Pretender Party Guide," with winning nonalcoholic drink recipes and traffic safety tips. It's free to the public and will be available in December at the AAA Grosse Pointe Office, 19299 Mack; or call (313) 336-1500.

Don't make drinking the main activity of a party. Serve good food and find creative ways to entertain your guests. Close the bar 90 minutes before the party ends, treating guests with fancy desserts and coffee.

When mixing drinks, one drink equals one ounce of 86-proof liquor, 4 ounces of wine or 12 ounces of beer. If you pour heavier drinks, one drink may be the equivalent of two or more drinks. A guest believing he or she has had three drinks, in reality, may have consumed the alcohol content of six. Choose a reliable "bartender" who will help keep track of how much your guests drink. Don't let guests mix their own drinks.

As a rule of thumb, low-risk alcohol consumption is one drink every hour and a half. Pull aside a guest who has had too much to drink and politely, but firmly, explain that you cannot let him or her drive, emphasizing the danger of a DUI or an accident.

Never allow an alcohol-impaired guest behind the wheel of a car. Offer to call a taxi, recruit a sober designated driver or invite your guest to stay the night. However, it is far easier to avoid the problem in the first place by preventing the overuse of alcohol.

Dear Jeff and Debra,

I'm 17 and this is my last Christmas before leaving for college. I should be cherishing this time with my family, but, instead, I dread it. The problem is my dad. He drinks too much. He's always been a great father and a good person, but I think he's becoming an alcoholic.

His drinking is especially bad during holidays or vacations. Last Christmas Eve, he drank a lot of wine and became unbearably obnoxious. This made my mom really angry, and I could hear them fighting after my sisters and I went to bed. The tension Christmas morning ruined the day. Mom never said a word about my dad's behavior from the night before, but I could tell she was fuming.

This year, I could go skiing with friends and avoid another Christmas at home, but I know that would hurt my mom. Yet, I get depressed every time I think of another year like last year. Do you have any suggestions?

-Blue Christmas in Grosse Pointe

Dear Blue,

If your father's alcohol use is causing negative consequences in the family, and he continues to drink anyway, he probably has a drinking problem. Talk to your mom about the concerns you have over your dad's drinking and how it is affecting you. Suggest that you and she learn more about alcoholism and how your family can effectively deal with the problem.

One way to find help is by consulting a certified addiction therapist (in Michigan, they have the initials C.A.C. after their names). You can also go to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and check out an audio/video program called "Take Charge!" The program was developed for families and friends who want to help an alcohol or drug dependent loved one.

If your mother doesn't want to discuss the problem, talk to another trusted adult, such as your pastor or a teacher. Feeling depressed around the holidays is a symptom many family members of alcoholics experience. Without help, the depression may continue to reoccur every holiday season, whether or not the alcoholic is present. I encourage you to find help for yourself. Ask your high school guidance counselor about Alateen and, once you're in college, join Alanon. Both are support groups for relatives or friends of alcoholics.

Jeff Jay, a native of Grosse Pointe, is director of program development for Brighton Hospital and author of "Take Charge!," a program instructing families on helping an alcohol or drug abuser. Debra Erickson Jay directs a campaign that donates "Take Charge!" to libraries and churches throughout the country.

"Take Charge!" is available at the Grosse Pointe Public Library and all Grosse Pointe churches. Send questions to Brighton Hospital, Dept. GP, 12851 East Grand River, Brighton, 48116.

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Sunrise CardioSculpt — A great new way to start your day. This 45-minute aerobic and toning class will make you happy you got out of bed early. The class is offered from 6:30-7:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$34.

CardioWorks (formerly BodyWorks Plus) — This very low-impact aerobic class wel-

comes individuals who are at least 30 pounds overweight. Resistance training and stretching will ease you into an exercise program. The class is offered from 7-8 p.m. two or three days a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Fridays optional. The cost is \$34 for the two-day program and \$50 for the three-day program.

Fitness is Ageless — Geared for those over the age of 50, this class provides a well-rounded workout to increase flexibility and cardiovascular endurance. It offers warm-ups, very low-impact aerobics, walking, stationary equipment and floor exercises. The class is offered from 9:15-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$40; \$37 for 55PLUS members.

A Step Above (formerly Step) — Step into fitness during this Step aerobic class. This class begins with an aerobic segment and concludes with a strength and tone segment. The class is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$34.

Step, Slide and Sculpt — This ultimate workout utilizes both the Reebok Step and the Reebok Slide to enhance cardiovascular endurance. Weights and tubing also are used to strengthen and tone all major muscle groups. The class will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$40.

Strength and Resistance Workout — This class is designed to tone and condition all major muscle groups. Light hand weights are used along with resistance tubing. This class complements any aerobic workout or eases you into an exercise program. The class is offered from 4-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$34.

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How to deal with seasonal stress

"Happy Holidays!" It's that time once again when we stuff the turkey, then stuff ourselves, indulge in Yuletide cheer and ring in the new year. The holidays are supposed to be a happy time spent with family and friends.

But when holiday stress invades, parents are sometimes the unsuspecting victims. "Parents particularly can be affected by holiday stress," said Dr. Shauna Tindall, pediatric psychologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "Cookies to bake, shopping to do, in-laws to handle, all of this can be enough to push parents over the edge."

Factors about stress

Realize that stress is unavoidable. Stress is the body's answer to the demands

we make on it.

- Caffeine, smoking and prescription drugs can all cause stress.

- Stress accumulates — especially during the holidays. Work, family and children added to the holiday season can sometimes cause more stress than we can handle.

- Holidays often serve as reminders of family members who are no longer present due to death, divorce or family feuding. Past holidays with missing loved ones are often remembered fondly and cause sadness and regret about those no longer with us. Some family gatherings include family members you may not like, such as Aunt Millie who criticizes your cooking or your in-laws who think your kids are over-disciplined; or spoiled.

- Holiday stress usually occurs because of our expectations about how the holidays should be. These expectations may include such unreasonable ideas as: thinking all family members should participate in all activities; thinking you need to bake a dozen cookies for the neighbors, office staff and the school bake sale; feeling that because it is the holidays, everyone should be happy all the time.

How to handle holiday stress

- Recognize the symptoms of stress.

- Difficulty making decisions.
- Poor concentration.
- Increased heart rate or blood pressure.
- Feeling overwhelmed.
- Depression.
- Anger.
- Sense of helplessness.

- Set limits for yourself. Decide how much activity is reasonable and don't let yourself be persuaded otherwise.

- Make time for yourself and your family. Spend 15 minutes watching your children play. Notice their positive qualities and give yourself credit for them.

- Do something nice for yourself. Call a friend; read a good book; get a good night's sleep. For a quick stress-reducer, exercise; go for a brisk walk.

- Use relaxation techniques. Give yourself 20 minutes at the end of the day to relax your mind and your body.

Tindall emphasizes relaxation as an excellent method of stress reduction. "Once you're able and willing to calm yourself down, you can go on with the day. This makes baking cookies, going shopping and office parties more tolerable and fun."

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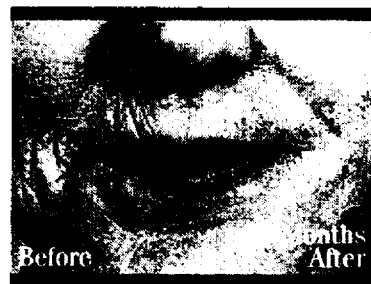
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A cottage holiday in Bermuda

By Cynthia Boal Janssens
Special Writer

I never thought I would refer to a steel drum band as "sophisticated." However, here were three guys, each well into middle age, producing some of the finest rhythmic music I'd heard on these rustic instruments.

It was after dinner at Lantana Colony Club in Bermuda, and the Panjammers were playing the usual cocktail fare: Caribbean standards like "Yellow Bird" mixed with tonier songs, like Nat King Cole's "Weaver of Dreams," but their touch was so light that it sounded like a small combo in a Parisian bistro.

How typical of Bermuda, the small island that is neither Caribbean, nor European, nor even really British, despite being a Crown Colony. Bermuda is, quite simply, Bermuda — one of my favorite destinations.

This most recent trip was no exception, even though we arrived at the same time as Hurricane Lili. Fortunately, the storm swung wide and after a day of heavy rains and wind, the weather settled back down to the usual clear skies and 80-degree temperatures.

Bermuda has long been an upscale destination favored by golfers (several gorgeous courses) and those who like small, intimate accommodations. To be sure, there are large hotels: Two Princesses, a Sonesta and a Marriott are among the best known.

But it's the island's cottage colonies and guest houses that distinguish it from other island retreats. That, and the fact that Bermuda is on the same latitude as the Carolinas, meaning it enjoys great weather in spring and fall, wet winters and hot summers.

Accommodations in the cottage colonies are usually small suites in detached buildings. Breakfast, dinner and afternoon tea are served in a central unit, called the Great House, where the bar and check-in facilities are also located. However, almost all offer breakfast on your patio, if you so desire.

Here's a run-down on the cottage colonies of Bermuda. Many are so popular with their guests that the units are rented from year to year.

"We have one fellow who comes here every winter for several weeks," explained the assistant manager at the Cambridge Beaches. "He always stays in the same unit. He walks in and puts his shoes in the same spot that he's been putting them in for years."

A note about pricing: A government tax of 7.25 percent and a service charge of 10 percent or more will be added to most of these prices. All rates quoted here are M.A.P. (Modified American Plan) which includes breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner. Note: Some of the cottage colonies

Travel Trends



By Cynthia Boal Janssens

close for part of the winter for staff vacations and refurbishing.

The Lantana Colony Club — It has 65 units and offers the personal touch: It has been in the same family for three generations and Paul and Adam Leseur make guests feel most welcome. The resort is situated on 20 acres with lush landscaping.

Bronze sculptures adorn the Great House. It has the only tournament croquet court on the island, as well as a smaller, secondary court, which can be used by guests.

There is also a putting green, tennis courts, swimming pool and small beach. And don't miss the rose garden, lovingly tended by Penny Leseur and fellow rose enthusiasts. Lantana is situated on Great Sound, rather than the ocean.

Lantana is a member of the Bermuda Collection, a group of small hotels and cottage colonies which offers exchange dining (a real plus if you don't care to eat in the same dining room every night). Winter rates (Nov. 16-April 15) are \$300 for a deluxe suite; summer rates are \$420. Address: P.O. Box SB90, Somerset Bridge, SBBX, Bermuda; phone (800) 468-3733; e-mail: ahieseur@ibl.bm.

Cambridge Beaches — It has 82 units and is the oldest of the cottage colonies, founded in the 1920s. It is definitely the most remote, located way out in Sandy's Parish past Lantana on a nifty peninsula that is surrounded by water. It has five beaches, a croquet court, tennis courts and a putting green.

It also has a marina on site and the only spa in a cottage colony (where I managed to fit in a nice massage). A new spa building is to be built this winter. Cambridge offers a free ferry shuttle to Hamilton three times a week, a nice convenience.

However, we found Cambridge impersonal in its guest relations (it has an array of managers, which contributes to this effect). Also, there were many service glitches during our stay: no towels, taxi mix-ups and other disappointments which we did not expect from a hostelry that calls itself the "best on the island."

The grounds are also not as pretty as they might be. However, Cambridge is doing a lot of refurbishing and replacing older units with new ones so it will probably remain popular with guests.

Cambridge Beaches is also a member of the Bermuda Collection. Winter rates are \$335 for a deluxe room; summer rates are \$490. Address: 30 Kings Pointe Road, Somerset MA 02, Bermuda; phone (800) 468-7300.

Pompano Beach Club — It has 54 units and offers dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean from its cliffside setting. In fact, a photo shoot was in progress poolside during our stay. Although there is a small private beach, Pompano went a bit further: It brought sand in and created two additional "beaches" on tiers that overlook the ocean. What a place to spend a long afternoon! Its bar also offers spectacular sunset views as it faces due west.

Pompano is located adjacent to the popular Port Royal Golf Course, a plus for golfers. It offers both rooms and suites, all with an ocean view. Amenities include a pool, two jacuzzis, five tennis courts (one clay) and a fitness center.

Also, there's a Michigan connection; assistant manager Victoria Mazzoni is a recent graduate of Michigan State's hotel and restaurant management program.

Pompano Beach is a member of the Bermuda Collection. Winter rates are \$240 for a suite; \$365 for the summer season. (There's no afternoon tea!) Address: 36 Pompano Beach Road, Southampton SB 03, Bermuda; phone (800) 343-4155.

The Reefs — It has 67 units and is another small hotel with a dynamite location on the Atlantic. Its beach is one of the biggest and the best. The Reefs also has the most up-to-date decor and the highest customer return rate on the island.

One taxi driver comments: "They know what they are doing over there — their front desk staff has been there for years." This is typical of the good reputation they have with Bermudians. The current tourism minister, David Dodwell, owns the Reefs.

Most of the accommodations here are single rooms, but there are a few suites and cottages available. All have ocean views. Amenities include tennis courts, a fitness center and two dining rooms, one down near the beach.

The Reefs is a member of the Bermuda Collection. Winter rates are \$280 for a premier lanai; \$418 for the summer season. Address: 56 South Shore Road, Southampton SN 02, Bermuda; phone (800) 742-2008; e-mail: reefsbda@ibl.bm; home page: www.bermudabest.com/Reefs/.

Horizons & Cottages — It has 46 units and is perhaps

the most posh of all the cottage colonies, but it also has the most confined setting. It is located on a hillside estate in the center of the island, not far from Hamilton. Guests can walk to its sister property, the private Coral Beach Club, to use its beach and other facilities.

Units here are large and individually furnished. Everything is *exquisite* — rather formal, if you know what I mean. Food and wine are paramount and the restaurant boasts one of the finest wine lists on the island.

Horizons belongs to the prestigious Relais & Chateaux hotel group. It also has a nine-hole "mashie" golf course (I think we'd call it a Par 3), a putting green, tennis courts and a swimming pool. It offers exchange dining with its sister properties: Newstead, the Waterloo House and Coral Beach. High season rates for a deluxe suite are \$436-\$496 (25 percent less during the winter). Address: 33 South Shore, Paget PG BX, Bermuda; phone (800) 468-0022; e-mail: gwardman@ibl.bm.

Pink Beach Club and Cottages — It has 93 units and is also on the South Shore, but located near the other end of the island, in Smith's Parish, near the Castle Harbour and Mid-Ocean golf courses. This is a prime residential area, midway between Hamilton and St. George. It features two beaches and has lovely grounds as well as tennis courts and a pool.

Pink Beach is one of only two cottage colonies (Horizons is the other) where the maids still prepare hot English breakfasts in your unit — a real treat. The food here is also quite wonderful. It does not participate in any exchange dining program, probably because it is so far from the other properties.

The winter rates are \$252 for an ocean view deluxe suite; \$268 in summer. A full suite is \$370/\$395. Address: Box HM 1017, Hamilton HM DX, Bermuda; phone (800) 355-6161; e-mail: pinkclub@ibl.bm; home page: http://www.bermuda-best.com/PBClub/.

Ariel Sands — It has 49 units and is situated on 14 acres on the South Shore

What's new in Bermuda?

In some ways, it seems that Bermuda never changes ... but every place does, and since I have been visiting here for over 15 years, I can see some differences.

Here's what's new. There's a new microbrewery on the island. In fact it's the only brewery. Bermuda Triangle Brewing (catchy name, eh?) is located in an industrial park in Southampton Parish, a fun trip by moped.

Tours are offered weekdays at 4 p.m. from April through October and every Saturday at noon and 3 p.m. All sorts of curious folks show up, mostly to sample the free beer, which is quite good. If you are not brave enough to find the place, then sample one of their brews at most any local bar. I preferred the Wide Hogge Amber Ale.

The Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo is being refurbished. The aquarium already has some new major exhibits, and the zoo is undergoing renovation now. This is well worth a stop, particularly on a rainy day.

The Southampton Princess is opening a Dolphin Lagoon next to its South Shore beach. Vacationers are offered the opportunity to have 30-minute "dolphin encounters" with bottlenose dolphins under the supervision of marine mammal trainers. People will be able to join the dolphins in a safe and supervised three-acre marine habitat.

There's more going on in the Royal Naval Dockyard, way out on the western tip of the Bermuda Island chain. The Clocktower Centre, once a warehouse, is now a small mall. There are also some restaurants, a snorkel park, a maritime museum and many other "touristy" attractions. Visitors soon learn that the Dockyard is just about the only area open on Sundays, and is likely to be jammed on rainy days, as well.

The little town of St. George has stayed pretty much the same, although the shopping seems to be even better. As Hamilton becomes more touristy, St. George seems to attract the small, upscale boutiques that one expects to find in Bermuda.

Beach and is definitely an improving property; in fact it is expected to join the Bermuda Collection by the end of the year. It is not as lavishly landscaped as the other properties, but has a new restaurant called Caliban's and the bar area is popular in the evenings.

The beach area is particularly interesting: An ocean-fed saltwater pool is sunk right into it with a fresh water pool adjacent. The units are in attractive apricot-colored buildings and most have been refurbished.

Winter rates are \$242 with breakfast for a beachfront unit; summer rates are \$380 with lunch and dinner. Tea is served daily. Address: 34 South Shore Road, Devonshire, Box HM 334, Hamilton HM BX, Bermuda; phone (800) 468-6610; e-mail: ariel@ibl.bm.

Willowbank — It has 65 units and is no doubt the most unusual of the cottage colonies. It is operated by a Christian trust, and is a family resort with a spiritual "mission." To be sure, Willowbank has one of the most beautiful locations on

the island, between the ocean and Ely's Harbour, with two lovely swimming areas and its own dock.

Children are welcome; in fact, there is no additional charge for the summer children's program except for meals, bus fare and admissions to attractions.

Willowbank offers family-style dining to promote fellowship and does not have a bar (although alcohol is permitted in the private rooms). It does not advertise, but promotes itself through "word-of-mouth." Entertainment is very low key, involving performances by local gospel groups, hymn-singing and talent nights. Amenities include tennis shuffleboard court and a pool.

Rooms are very nice, but not posh, keeping rates reasonable. Winter rates for a Water View Superior Room (the best) are \$206 and summer rates are around \$260. There is no service charge; a voluntary donation may be made to a staff fund. Address: Box MA 296, Sandys MA BX, Bermuda; phone (800) 752-8493.

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Thursday, Dec. 12 Christmas Walk

Visit five of the Pointe's most picturesque homes, all decked out for the holidays, during The Grosse Pointe South High School Mother's Club Scholarship Fund benefit Christmas Walk on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tours leave from any of the participating homes. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the walk. For more information, call (313) 882-2066 or (313) 881-2931.

Sunday, Dec. 15 Silver Bells

The Bell Choirs of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church will present their fourth annual Christmas Concert in the church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. Admission is free. St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at 375 Lothrop, in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 886-1876.

Holiday swing

Sing your favorite carols as the Assumption Cultural Center presents a Gentlemen of Swing concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., in the center. Admission is free. The Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, in St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (810) 779-6111.

Tile, pottery show

Grosse Pointe's Ashley-Chris Gallery will host a tile and pottery show, featuring Pewabic story book tiles, Katrich tiles of famous authors, Pottery by Jim Webers, and more, on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. The Ashley-Chris Gallery is located at 15126 Kercheval, in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 824-0700.

Holiday strings

Pointe area students, ages 10 to 18, of guitar teacher Robert Abate will show their

talents during a concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in Callaghan's In The Park. Admission is free. Callaghan's In The Park is located at 15412 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 881-6550.

Jazz at Marge's

Jim Wyse and the Marge's Bar Band will heat up the winter chill at Marge's Bar on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is free. Marge's Bar is located at 15300 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 881-8895.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 'Fantasy of Carols'

The choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School will combine their voices to present a Fantasy of Carols Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the First English Lutheran Church. In keeping with tradition, the alumni will join in a performance of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Admission is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. The First English Lutheran Church is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 881-3792.

Sunday, Dec. 22 Lessons and Carols

The Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choirs of girls, boys and men will accompany a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m. in Christ Church. Admission is free. Christ Church Grosse Pointe is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

'Messiah' at St. Paul's

St. Paul on the Lake Church will fill with the melodies of Handel's "Messiah" as The Detroit Concert Choir and the St. Paul Choir, in cooperation with the Michigan Bach

Festival, offer an afternoon of music on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. St. Paul on the Lake Church is located at 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 885-8855.

More holiday happenings Holiday Trolley

The Kercheval Business Association invites you to add a little adventure to your Christmas shopping with a free ride on the Holiday Trolley which will run each weekend through Christmas along Kercheval from "The Hill" shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms, through "The Village" shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe and down to the many exciting stores in Grosse Pointe Park.

War Memorial Christmas

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial has an exciting calendar of Yuletide events. Enjoy the seasonal sounds of the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., with an optional pre-concert dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for the dinner and the concert and \$9 for the concert alone. Get into the spirit of things with a screening of the 1935 classic film "Scrooge," which will be offered on Fridays, Dec. 13 and 20, at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50.

Travel by motorcoach to the Bonstelle Theatre for a stage production of "A Christmas Carol," on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Advanced registration is encouraged for most programs. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Festivities at the Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House invites you to celebrate the season with luncheon or dinner tour packages for

groups of 25 or more. Luncheon packages are \$17.50 for adults and \$16.50 for seniors. Dinner packages are \$28 for adults and \$27 for seniors. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, call (313) 884-4222.

'The Nutcracker'

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and M-Care bring one of the season's most enchanting traditions, "The Nutcracker" ballet, to life at the Detroit Opera House through Sunday, Dec. 22. Performances are scheduled for Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$13 to \$60 or \$6.50 for student/senior matinees. The Michigan Opera House is located at 1526 Broadway in downtown Detroit. For more information, call (313) 833-3700.

'The Messiah' x 2

Thrill to the glory of the "Messiah" as The Detroit Oratorio Society, in cooperation with The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra will offer a production of Handel's masterpiece on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., in Orchestra Hall. Tickets range from \$10 to \$50. Orchestra Hall is located at 3711 Woodward in downtown Detroit. For more information, call (810) 650-2655.

The Rackham Symphony Choir will also produce Handel's masterpiece on Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., in Sts. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church is located at 629 E. Jefferson in downtown Detroit. For more information, call (313) 341-3466.

'Christmas Carol'

Scrooge will be in high spirits in Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, Dec. 13, through Sunday, Dec. 15.

By Madeleine Socia

Performances will be offered on Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9.50 or \$7.50 for students, seniors and WSU faculty, staff and Alumni Association members. The Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward in downtown Detroit. For more information, call (313) 577-2960.

Concert choir

The internationally renowned Detroit Concert Choir will lend its voices to seasonal songs during a holiday concert in Detroit's historic Sweetest Heart of Mary Church on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Sweetest Heart of Mary Church is located at 4440 Russell in Detroit.

For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

Festival of music

The Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Chorus and Orchestra will mark the sacred holidays with its premier "Festival of Christmas Music" on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m., in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door or \$6 for students and seniors. Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9814 Woodward, in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 865-6300.

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State soccer champs have four All-Staters

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A school record 13 shutouts. A goals-against average of .89. A state championship.

It was a season to remember for University Liggett School's soccer team and the Knights continue to reap the rewards from it.

Four ULS players received

All-State honors on the team chosen by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Mike Gressman and Brad Cenko made the first team, while second-team selections were Berc Backhurst and Dan Ferrin. Gressman and Backhurst are seniors, Cenko is a junior and Ferrin is a freshman.

Coach David Backhurst was named coach of the year by his peers.

With the Knights' emphasis on defense, it's not surprising that two of ULS' top defenders made the first All-State team.

This is the second straight year Gressman has been honored.

"Last year we had 11

shutouts and an .86 goals-against average. This year we had 13 shutouts and an .89 goals-against. Mike is the common denominator on both teams," said coach Backhurst.

"He's been a rock on defense. His mistakes are few and far between."

As the sweeper, Gressman is responsible for keeping the

area clear in front of the goal-keeper. He moved from mid-field to sweeper during the 1995 season and has been there ever since, except for an occasional move to midfield when the Knights needed extra scoring punch.

"Mike has tremendous eye-foot coordination," his coach said. "He handles the ball well and gets it out of our end at the last moment. That helps our transitional game."

Gressman's strength makes him a physical presence and he's a strong tackler.

"He's not particularly fast, but Mike has a great burst of speed for 10 yards," Backhurst said. "He can catch people and not many players go around him. He's a major reason our goalie didn't get a lot of shots."

Gressman was a co-captain and a good leader for the Knights. He was a four-year starter.

"He walked in out of the blue as a freshman," Backhurst said. "But I knew right away he was going to be a good player."

Gressman was an outside defenseman his first two years with ULS.

Cenko has been a starter all three seasons with the Knights and was probably the best man-to-man defender.

"Brad isn't a flashy player, but if you understand soccer you know how important he is," Backhurst said. "Many of the things he does go unnoticed except for his coaches and teammates."

At the All-State meeting, Backhurst was extolling Cenko's virtues and mentioned that some of the coaches might not have noticed him.

"I noticed him," said Elk

Rapids coach Al Gredlein. "We had to make adjustments at halftime because of him."

Cenko was marking the Elks' center-midfielder Ryan Deliso and kept Deliso off the scoreboard.

"He did a great job on Lutheran North's center-midfielder in both games," he stopped Gabriel Richard's Tate Travis in our regional final and he was outstanding in the championship game," Backhurst said.

Even though defense was his strength, that wasn't all Cenko contributed. He had four goals and five assists and set up Jonathan Kish's goal against Elk Rapids in the C-D title game.

"Brad was in charge of our restarts," Backhurst said. "He and Berc would decide on the field what we were going to do. He made a nice chip on a restart to set up Kish's goal in the final."

When ULS won shootouts against Gabriel Richard (in the regional title game) and Lake Fenton (in the semifinals), Cenko led off the final round for the Knights.

"When I asked who wanted to go in the shootout for us, Brad said 'let me go first,'" Backhurst said. "And he scored both times. He's tremendously composed."

Cenko carries a 4.0 grade-point average and he uses that intelligence on the field.

"He's thinking all the time," his coach said.

Berc Backhurst bounced back from a disappointing junior season to be one of the best players on a championship team.

"I noticed him," said Elk



Four University Liggett School players were named to the Class C All-State soccer team after the Knights won the Class C state championship with a victory over Elk Rapids. Also, coach David Backhurst, left, was Class C coach of the year. The players honored, from left, are Brad Cenko, Mike Gressman, Dan Ferrin and Berc Backhurst. Cenko and Gressman were both first-team selections.

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Stevenson's win clinches second for Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Ryan Stevenson waited two years for the chance to wrestle on Grosse Pointe North's varsity and now that it's here, the junior 215-pounder is making the most of it.

It was Stevenson's 2-1 victory over Flat Rock's Joe Jolley in the championship match at the Lutheran East Invitational last weekend that moved North past the Rams into second place in the team standings.

"I put a little pressure on Ryan to see how he'd handle it and it was so great the way he responded," said coach Art Roberts. "I told him he wasn't just wrestling for himself. The team was relying on him, too."

"We were trailing Flat Rock by two points before Ryan's match and we needed a win to finish ahead of them."

Stevenson got a first-period takedown, but lost a penalty point when he got Jolley in a full nelson.

Neither wrestler scored in the last two periods.

"Ryan did a nice job of riding (Jolley) out in the third period without getting called for stalling," Roberts said. "There's a fine line between riding a guy out and stalling and the referees look for that, especially when it's the guy who's leading in the match. Ryan kept his poise nicely."

Stevenson, who pinned Chippewa Valley's Joe Andriaschko in 1:36 and Grosse Pointe South's Dan Roth in 2:53 in his first two matches, was one of five individual champions for the Norsemen.

Chippewa Valley took first place with 208 points and North was second with 196.

Senior Kevin Brandon was named wrestler of the meet after pinning all three of his opponents at 119.

"Kevin gets his toughest competition right in our (practice) room," Roberts said. "The matches he has with Derek

(Phillips) makes both of them better."

Brandon pinned Notre Dame's Steve Chatucci at 3:15 of the championship match. Earlier he pinned South's Jeremy Linne in 1:01 and Lutheran Westland's Eric Falkenhagen in 56 seconds.

Phillips took first place at 125 pounds with a 6-5 victory over Chippewa Valley's Rocky Palazzolo.

"It shouldn't have been that close, but Derek got overly cautious and gave up a takedown late in the match," Roberts said.

Phillips reached the finals by pinning South's Rich Gellert in 40 seconds and Flat Rock's Ryan Cleland in 1:05.

North's Eddie Wright won a gold medal at 152 with a 7-2 victory over Chippewa Valley's Chris Coppins in the title match. Earlier, Wright pinned Notre Dame's Jake Vanson in 49 seconds and Hazel Park's Allen Soave in 3:19.

"Eddie really believes in

himself this year so there's no telling how good he can be," Roberts said. "He worked in the weight room all summer and fall."

North's other champion was Gary Bordato at 160 pounds. Bordato pinned defending champion Ryan Wilson of Chippewa Valley in 2:44.

"Gary's unorthodox but he gets the job done," Roberts said. "He reminds me of (Olympic champion) Kendall Cross. He has all the moves. And his balance and hip movement are marvelous."

"Gary is so aggressive. He always goes for the pin so he might beat some guys who are better than he is because of that."

Bordato also pinned his first two opponents — South's Andy Laupe in 1:27 and Berkley's Matt Cohn in 2:31.

Twelve of North's 14 wrestlers earned medals in the tournament.

Rick Pesta got the Norsemen's only third-place

finish at 130 when he beat Flat Rock's Mark Deleon 17-7 in the consolation final.

"That was another key match for us because it came head-to-head against Flat Rock," Roberts said.

Dan Raymond was fourth at 140 pounds, while fifth-place finishes came from Jeff Kalkhoff (171), Joe Brennan (189) and Mike Benedettini (heavyweight). Sophomores Darin Dobbins (112) and David Hirt (135) were sixth.

North began its dual meet schedule on a high note with a 65-18 victory over L'Anse Creuse. Last year the Lancers edged the Norsemen for the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title.

"We can fill all 14 weight classes for the first time since I've been here," Roberts said. "It's a great feeling to know that teams can't maneuver people around to avoid our best kids."

Victories by Brandon and Phillips highlighted the North

performance against a Lancer squad that is rebuilding.

"Kevin and Derek beat their two best kids and beat them convincingly," Roberts said. "That had to be demoralizing for them."

Brandon pinned Mike Aquino at 119 pounds and Phillips scored a 17-2 technical fall over Mike Malloy at 125.

Brennan also had a tough victory at 189 against a L'Anse Creuse opponent who was disqualified after receiving his fourth penalty point.

North competes in the Hartland Invitational Saturday.

"This is the first time we've gone there," Roberts said. "They have a lot of the good teams from the Flint, Lansing and Ann Arbor areas coming. It will be interesting to see how we do because we had a lot of kids on the football team and it will take them some time to round into wrestling shape. It's a different kind of conditioning."

Falcons repeat in CYO

The motto for the St. Clare of Montefalco boys soccer team could well be "anything worth doing is worth doing again."

The Falcons recently won their second straight Catholic Youth Organization city championship with a 2-1 victory over St. Hugo.

The title game started slowly, but midway through the first half the St. Clare offense began to click, causing the Viking fullbacks problems with combination passing that yielded several good scoring opportunities.

Finally, Paul Loredo took a pass from midfielder Matt Munerantz, turned the corner around the right defenseman and sent a hard crossing pass through the goalmouth. Larry Marshall took the pass and scored on a low drive that froze the St. Hugo goalkeeper.

St. Hugo tied the game in the second half on a long shot that found the upper corner of the

net.

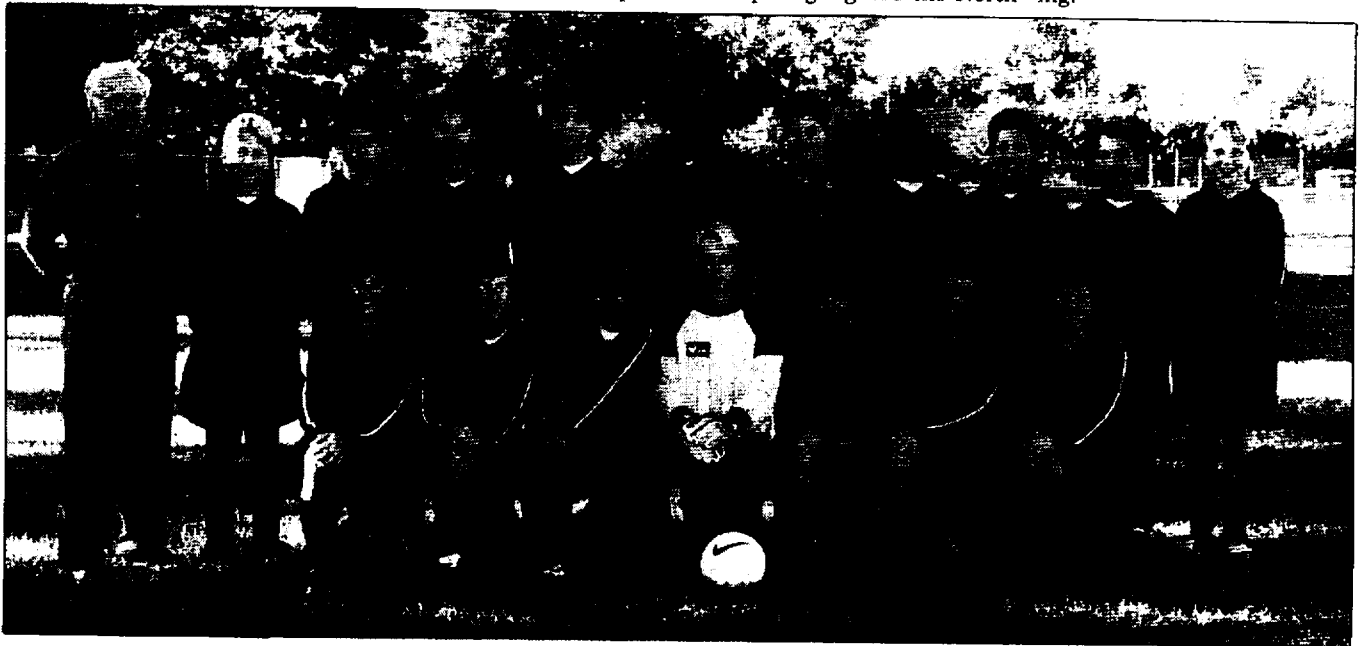
The Vikings tried to take advantage of the momentum swing but Brian Berschback, Brian Killian and Tom Baxter regrouped the St. Clare defense in front of goalie John Godzwon.

At the other end of the field, wings Ryan McKenzie and Paul Chateau started the Falcons attack and shots by Ed Bommarito and Munerantz kept pressure on the Vikings' goal.

Then Marshall brought the ball up the middle of the field, drawing in the St. Hugo defense, before sending a pass into the left flat for Mike Wolking.

Wolking came in alone on the Vikings' goalie and slipped a left-footed shot past him into the corner of the net.

Scott Berschback helped preserve the lead when he cleared a St. Hugo shot just as it reached the goal line.



The St. Clare of Montefalco soccer team won its second straight Catholic Youth Organization city championship with a 2-1 victory over St. Hugo in the title game. In front, from left, are Tom Baxter, Ryan McKenzie, Paul Loredo, John Godzwon, Paul Chateau, Robert Rottach and Scott Berschback. In back, from left, are coach Steve Miller, Steve Tironi, Mark Perkowski, Matt Munerantz, Matt Seymour, Larry Marshall, Ed Bommarito, Rafael Williams, Brian Berschback, Brian Killian and Mike Wolking.

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Goals come easy for Knights' skaters

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's hockey team did a nice job of fattening its scoring totals last week.

The Knights beat Michigan Prep Hockey League rival Jackson Lumen Christi 6-4, then traveled to Grand Rapids where they beat a pair of teams from that area by a combined score of 20-2.

"The teams outstate just don't have the depth yet that the Detroit metro area teams have," said ULS coach John Fowler. "We use three lines regularly. They have one good line and then there's a dropoff. But those teams play hard and they're getting better."

ULS jumped ahead early against Lumen Christi, scoring twice in the first 2:46. Chris Mitchell pounced on Ian Fines' rebound at the 35-second mark

and put the Knights ahead to stay.

Ian Watt then intercepted a pass in the neutral zone and broke in alone to score ULS' second goal.

"We noticed in warmups that the Lumen Christi goalie was a little casual on rebounds so we made sure we put the puck on the net and were ready for another crack at it on the rebound," Fowler said.

Peter Birgbauer scored a power-play goal with 3:15 left in the first period to give ULS a 3-0 advantage.

The Titans scored early in the second period, but the Knights answered 42 seconds later when Jason Cooper scored on the rebound after Remi Zayat's shot. Within a minute, Mitchell made it 5-1 for the Knights.

ULS had its only lapse of the game late in the second period

when the Titans scored three times in the last seven minutes to cut the lead to 5-4.

"We just got a little loose, but we didn't panic," Fowler said. "We were concerned, though. (Goalie) Paul Huebner played well. The goals weren't his fault."

The Knights tightened up defensively in the third period and scored the only goal of the period when Birgbauer knocked in the rebound from Fines' shot.

Huebner turned away 39 shots as ULS improved its league record to 1-0-1.

It was easier in Grand Rapids where the Knights beat Northview 9-0 and then scored eight second-period goals to defeat East Grand Rapids 11-2.

Birgbauer led the way against Northview with three goals and two assists. Fines and Kurt Niemi each scored

twice, while Jimmy Wood and Cooper added a goal apiece.

Eli Wulfmeier collected four assists, while Blair Ridder, Nick Maitland, Jeff Kenzie and Cooper had one each.

"We forechecked well and we shared the puck well," Fowler said. "We were short a couple of players because of injuries and SAT testing, but guys like C.T. Thurber and Remi Zayat filled in nicely."

Charlie Eldridge made 17 saves to record the shutout. ULS took 59 shots at the Northview goalie.

ULS' game with East Grand Rapids was close — for a period.

The contest was scoreless until Birgbauer tipped in Watt's shot with 36 seconds remaining in the first period.

Then the roof caved in on the Pioneers. ULS scored eight goals in the second period, including four on power plays.

Mitchell started the outburst at the 37-second mark and the Knights never let up.

Birgbauer scored three goals in the second period and K.C. Crain capped the period with two-thirds of his "natural" hat trick. Maitland scored his first varsity goal and Ridder also tallied for ULS.

Crain and Wood completed the Knights' scoring with third-period goals.

Watt finished with three assists, Fines, Niemi and Kenzie each had two, while Birgbauer, Mitchell, Maitland, Wulfmeier, Ridder, Zayat, Wood and Crain collected one apiece.

Eldridge played most of the game in goal, but freshman Jay Minger also saw some action and stopped 12 of the 13 shots he faced.

Minger made a cameo appearance in the first period when the referee sent Eldridge to the locker room to retrieve his mouth guard. Minger re-entered the game 4 1/2 minutes into the third period after East Grand Rapids spoiled the shutout bid.

The Knights host the ULS tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. ULS plays defending champion Grosse Pointe North at 5 p.m. Friday, while Grosse Pointe South and Notre Dame are scheduled to play at 7:30. Friday's losers play at noon Saturday with the championship game slated for 2:30 p.m.

Results, highlights from GPHA house leagues

SQUIRT HOUSE

Timberwolves 3, Grizzlies 1
Goals: Mark Beltz, Gabe Konieczki, Mike Brown (Timberwolves); Jonathan Kuczera (Grizzlies).
Assists: Nick Andrew 2, Robert Kencicki, Beltz (Timberwolves);

Gregory Melvin (Grizzlies).

Comments: A pair of goals 10 seconds apart were the difference for the Timberwolves, who received hustling play from Amelia Altavena, Jack Stevens and Kris Steis and solid goaltending from Drew Winter. Andrew

Dixon, Craig Erickson, Mark Diebel, Maxwell Haarz and goalie Steven Swancoat had strong games for the Grizzlies.

Timberwolves 3, Flames 0

Goals: Mike Brown 2, Adam Kosmas (Timberwolves).
Assists: Nick Andrew 2, Jimmy Pranger, Drew Casazza, Robert Kencicki (Timberwolves).
Comments: The Timberwolves scored twice in the final three minutes to clinch the victory. Mark Beltz recorded the shutout with outstanding support from Joe Kotwick, Gabe Konieczki, Christopher Nowak and Kris Steis. The Flames got fine play from Jeff Clor, Tylor Clor, Tom Servais, Alex Hands, Michael Hicks and Taylor Zalewski.

Grizzlies 3, Habs 2

Goals: Jonathan Kuczera 3 (Grizzlies); Ross Mischnick 2 (Habs).
Comments: Acrobatic goaltending by Steven Swancoat was instrumental in the Grizzlies' victory in the hard-fought game. The Habs had good games from J.T. Gage and Bradley Benvenuti.

PEE WEE HOUSE Whalers 1, Penguins 1

Goals: Calder Gage (Whalers); Ryan Lenahan (Penguins).

Comments: The Whalers outshot the Penguins 26-4, but goalies Troy Casey of the Penguins and Joe Gaylord of the Whalers both played well. Eric Kelly and Erin Scott played strong games for the Whalers. Tony Fortunate, Brandon Janness, Tom Tavery and Jacques Perreault played well for the Penguins.

Penguins 7, Sharks 0

Goals: Brandon Janness, Ryan Lenahan, Patrick Mott, Robert Hammel, Michael Damman, Jacques Perreault, Jeffrey Bogen (Penguins).
Assists: Mott 2, Perreault (Penguins).
Comments: Penguins goalie Troy Casey recorded his second shutout of the season, despite the offensive efforts of the Sharks' Thomas Solomon, Chris Waigand, Richard Li and Allen Peck. Offensive standouts for the Penguins were John VanTol, Andrew Werthmann, Mott and Lenahan. Robert Pogue and Scott Cederwall played well defensively for the Sharks and Perreault and Bogen did the same for the Penguins.

Penguins 1, Blue Devils 1

Goals: Michael Damman

(Penguins); Stu Cooper (Blue Devils).
Assists: John VanTol, Brandon Janness (Penguins); Alex Fields, Deagan (Blue Devils).

Comments: The Penguins got good offensive play from Kyle Breckenridge and Brian Carleton, while Thomas Tavery, Anthony Gillespie and goalie Troy Casey played well on the defensive end. Blue Devils' standouts were Eric Sobczak and Kevin Beltz on offense and Fields, Cooper and goalie Andrew Augustine on defense.

Penguins 2, Grizzlies 1

Goals: Jacques Perreault 2 (Penguins); Schroeder (Grizzlies).
Comments: Perreault scored the winning goal with six minutes left in the third period. Robert Hammel and Ryan Lenahan were outstanding on offense for the Penguins, while Patrick Mott and Jeff Bogen played well defensively. Penguins goalie Troy Casey turned back good scoring chances by the Grizzlies' Chris Casazza and Justin Brantley. Trevor Clor and Chris Perkins played well defensively for the Grizzlies.

BANTAM HOUSE

Whalers 3, Red Wings 1
Goals: H.J. Richardson, Zack Beer 2 (Whalers); Nicholas Orozco (Red

Wings).
Assists: Brad Carson, Adam Fishman, Dave Demeester (Whalers); Pat Brennan (Red Wings).

North

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move for it, but their center kicked it back to the point with his skate. They passed it quickly to the other point and the guy one-timed it before we could get in position."

One of the bright spots for North has been the play of Thompson.

"He's scored twice on one-timers after the draw," Carlson said. "Billy's shot is working well. He's gained a lot of confidence in it."

North will begin defense of its championship in the ULS Invitational Friday at 5 p.m. when the Norsemen play host University Liggett School.

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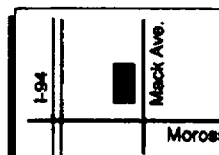
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Don't get burned at home this holiday season

"Fire prevention is important all year long, but there are some special precautions to take during the holidays," said Captain Wade E. Schaefer, state fire marshal. "In 1995, there were more than 4,000 fires across the state during the month of December, with more than 2,000 being structure fires," he said.

A home fire is a tragic event at any time of the year, but residential fires during the holiday season can be especially difficult to endure. The potential for fire-related injuries and fatalities during the holidays, not to mention the loss of property and contents, can devastate a family and

ruin the holidays forever.

The Michigan State Police fire marshal division is reminding everyone to take the necessary steps to prevent fires this holiday season. Choosing a fresh Christmas tree is important. Look for one without shedding needles. Be sure to trim the tree's trunk and put it in a non-tip stand. Make sure to water the tree constantly and place it away from all exits and sources of heat.

The holidays are often associated with big meals and lots of food. This can be dangerous considering the fact that the kitchen is the most common area of origin for a residential fire. Never

leave cooking unattended. It's easy to become distracted and forget about the oven or the stove. Keep cooking areas clean and wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves to avoid contact with heat sources. Turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of reach of children.

Taking special care with candles is important. Always put candles in candlesticks before lighting them. Keep candles away from curtains or other combustible materials. Remember to keep a close watch on children and pets when candles are burning. Candles should never be left in the reach of small children. Matches and lighters should be stored away and out of reach. Candles should be extinguished before residents go to sleep or leave home.

When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by an independent testing laboratory such as UL. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Be careful to not overload electrical outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

Having a safe fireplace is particularly important. Chimneys

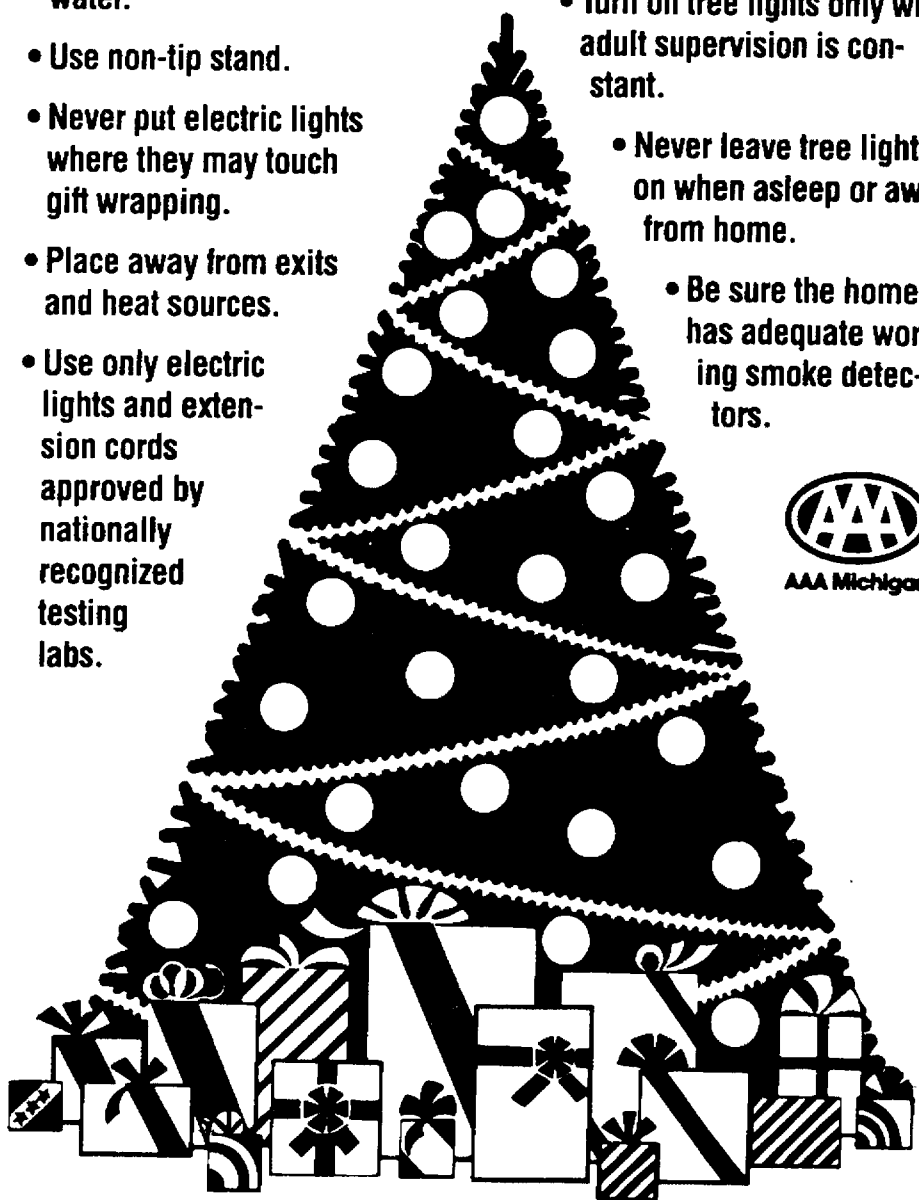
should be inspected by professionals. They should be kept clean of creosote and soot that can ignite and burn. A fire screen should always be used for the front of the fireplace. Ashes should be placed in metal containers before being discarded.

"Christmas trees, burning candles, overload on electrical outlets, holiday parties, use of the fireplace, and increased use of kitchen appliances are all factors that can spell disaster during the holidays," added Schaefer. "Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of the home and they should be tested monthly. If the smoke detector is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced with a new one. Over 50 percent of the total fire deaths in the state last year occurred in residential structures where there were no detectors or where the detectors did not operate."

The Michigan State Police fire marshal division is charged with the mission of protecting the lives and property of our citizens and visitors. We can all make Michigan a safer place this holiday season by practicing the suggested fire prevention tips!

12 TIPS FOR SAFE LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

- Be sure tree is fresh.
- Set up no more than 10 days before Christmas.
- Regularly fill tree stand with water.
- Use non-tip stand.
- Never put electric lights where they may touch gift wrapping.
- Place away from exits and heat sources.
- Use only electric lights and extension cords approved by nationally recognized testing labs.
- Remove tree at signs of dryness, such as needle loss.
- Never use candles, paper or combustible decorations.
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The bringing of greens into the house at Christmastime is a custom which has its roots in the Roman festival of Kalends, when green branches were given to friends for good luck and to bring blessing on the house.

In ancient times the bringing of evergreens in to the house was thought to help woodland spirits who might be clinging to the branches and who would be warmed and sheltered and add to the festivity of the season. It is true, even now, that there is a certain joy and festivity when fragrant boughs and vines are brought into the house. In Victorian times it was called "bringing home Christmas."

At first the church frowned upon this pagan ritual of decorating for Christmas, but it was not long before churches were decked with greens. In defense of this, Isaiah was quoted: "The glory of Lebanon shall come onto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

In some of the old carols, holly and ivy are linked together,

sometimes appear in antagonism to each other. In medieval times holly was a symbol of the burning bush and of the Virgin Mary.

The bright red berries of holly spoke of the drops of blood which the crown of thorns drew from the brow of Christ as they had much earlier symbolized the blood drops of Baldur, the ill-fated god of Valhalla. After a long time the holly and ivy were again reunited in song, "The holly bears the crown."

Another plant with a long association with Christmas is mistletoe, a wonderful example of purely pagan rites incorporated into Christian custom.

In ancient Britain, cutting the mistletoe was a ceremony of great importance. The Druid priest, garbed in white, cut the sacred vine with a golden sickle. Sacrifices to the gods were made and the mistletoe was distributed to the people to decorate their homes. The sprigs were hung over doors as protection and a curative for members of the household.

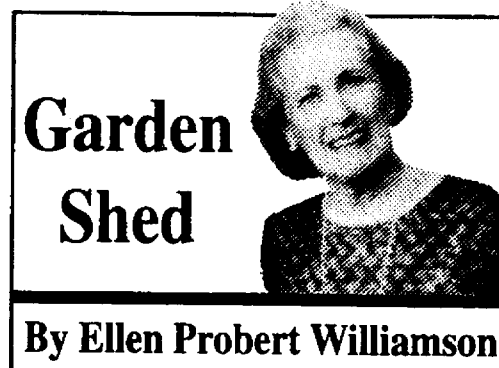
In Scandinavian mythology

clinging is among its services.

Not only do recycled Christmas trees save on landfill space, they also provide much-needed and good quality mulch for the professional and amateur gardener.

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The National Arborist Association, (800) 733-2622, will mail you a list of your local NAA members, who will be able to answer questions about tree recycling.



Garden Shed

By Ellen Probert Williamson

mistletoe is implicated in the death of the god Baldur, the favorite of Valhalla. Mistletoe is never used in the decorating of churches, since it is associated with pagan rites.

But the Victorian Christmas tree is purely secular. It is an extension of the idea of re-creating, within the house, the evergreen of the forest. The tree is decked with snow and glittering icicles, providing a haven for winter birds. Although Christmas trees were at first only a household decoration, it was not long before they found their way into the churches. In many places in Europe, a decorated Christmas tree, with twinkling lights, is placed in the cemetery on Christmas Eve.

Artificial trees are very popular now. They don't scatter their needles all over the floor. They can be stored in the attic until next year, when the holiday season is over. Artificial trees are very practical indeed, with the added bonus of making the holiday season a happier one for those allergic to evergreens.

We tend to think of artificial trees and flowers as a modern invention — this is not so. They were first used in the early 17th century in England not as Christmas trees to be decorated, but merely as room decorations. Decorating trees was the idea of Queen Victoria's consort, Prince Albert. These room decorations

were made of feathers, dyed green, and placed in ornamental pots.

Artificial flowers have a long history. Since ancient times, they have been popular during seasons of the year when real ones were not available. In Europe during medieval times, they were often made of wired linen or silk. In China, they were carved in ivory, jade or rose quartz. Victorian ladies created flowers made from locks of hair from the heads of their loved ones. Or they were created from shells, displayed under glass domes on the parlor table.

Some years ago there was a great demand for plastic flowers which were very realistic. Today, silk flowers have again come into favor. What we call silk flowers are actually made from stronger, fade-resistant cotton, linen, taffeta and parchment.

Fabric arrangements are quickly growing in popularity because of their improved realism and easy care. Also, artificial flowers and plants can be displayed in dark corners where real ones would die.

The key to a handsome bouquet is to use flowers and leaves that look real. For example, a good quality pink flower will be made up of several shades of pink, white, and a touch of peach. Dried plant material can be used also to add authenticity. One tiny faux ladybug or spider adds a friendly touch.

Choose flowers that complement your room. If your sofa has a flower patterned print, you might want to duplicate it in a flower arrangement. The possibilities are endless.

But for dedicated gardeners, nothing takes the place of the real thing, even with the bringing in of green boughs for Christmas decorating, and sweeping up the pine needles afterward.

Recycle your Christmas tree

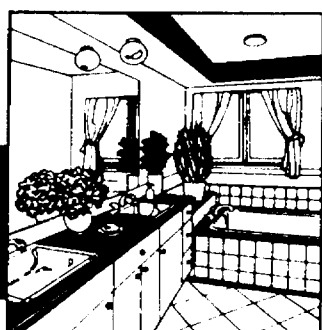
A traditional part of the post-Christmas clean-up has been leaving the old Christmas tree on the curbside for the local garbage collector to pick up and tote to the landfill.

More and more often these days, however, ever-swelling landfills are off-limits to Christmas trees and most other foliage or yard waste.

If your local landfill refuses to take your Christmas tree, then you might want to consider calling your nearest National Arborist Association (NAA) member to see if Christmas tree recycling

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Moving and Taxes

Even with the changes in tax laws over recent years, you may be able to deduct some of the expenses of a move that is a result of a change in your job.

You will probably be able to deduct the costs of your move if your new work location means more than an additional 50-mile commute, if you move within a year of taking the job at the new location, and if you work full-time for at least 39 weeks (the total is 78 if you are self-employed). You should keep meticulous records of all of your expenses and consult a tax expert to make sure that you take all the lawful tax deductions allowed by the IRS criteria for expenses related to selling your old home or buying your new one. The IRS publication No. 521 entitled "Tax Information on Moving Expenses" makes good reading before you make a move.

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Take steps to trim your energy costs this winter

If the thought of your approaching winter utility bill gives you the chills, take heart. There are several simple and inexpensive ways to improve your home's energy efficiency and lower your heating costs.

Michael Lamb, an energy consultant with the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Clearinghouse, says one of the simplest and most cost-effective methods is to install a programmable thermostat. According to Lamb, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that the average American household can save 3 percent on its heating bill for every one degree lower the thermostat is set. With a programmable thermostat, you can easily reduce the average temperature inside your house by several degrees with no loss of comfort.

Think of a programmable thermostat like a house sitter. While you're away, it automatically decreases the indoor temperature to a setting you select. You waste less energy heating your home when no one is there. Just before you arrive home in the evening, the programmable thermostat adjusts the temperature to make your home cozy and warm. The

same is true each night while you're sleeping. The programmable thermostat lowers the temperature while you are asleep, then raises the heat just before you get up each morning. In the meantime, you have saved a bundle.

Programmable thermostats make programming for energy savings quick and easy. There are many brands on the market, and prices and options vary. Hunter Fan Co. alone produces seven models, ranging in price from \$29 to \$99. They offer options such as "auto program" which automatically activates an energy saving setback program, and features "overrides" that allow you to hold a temperature while home for a holiday or away on vacation without having to program the unit. Other options include, "auto-season changeover," which eliminates the need to change between heating and cooling settings. You can choose the features that best fit your needs, then install it yourself and start saving money.

Another important step when winterizing your home, says Lamb, is to seal and heavily insulate the attic floor. "The attic floor in most houses is full of holes," explains Lamb. "These holes are

created during the construction process, and then covered up with wall board and insulation. The homeowner has no way of knowing that the problem exists."

These holes act like hundreds of little chimneys all winter long, serving as escape routes for your home's warmer, more buoyant air. Therefore, as the warm air rises, so do your utility bills.

To air-seal the attic floor, the existing insulation and floor boards must be moved. Seams, cracks and holes must be filled with a specially designed sealant. Once the attic floor is sealed, adequate insulation should follow, ensuring that the eaves get top priority.

Lamb maintains that attics were not designed for storage.

"The insulation cannot do its job if the Christmas decorations are piled on top of it," he explains. "I recommend hanging a catwalk from the attic's rafters and realizing the attic's storage potential that way."

Cold air entering your home from outside is another winter utility bill booster. The air may "turn over" several times an hour in an unprotected home, forcing the home's entire volume of air to

be reheated that often. A "tight" home — one that is sealed properly — will complete an air exchange only once every two to three hours, thus greatly reducing energy use.

Lamb advises caulking and weather-stripping around windows and doors and additionally, pinpointing and closing up other leaky offenders such as fireplaces and attic entrances.

A word of caution for allergy sufferers — a tightly closed house can aggravate allergy symptoms. To relieve allergy sniffles, get a portable room air purifier. It will clean the air and provide relief from the dust, fireplace ash and other allergens floating in the air. To make sure you get a high-quality air filter, look for the Clean Air Delivery Rating listed on the box. It's the only rating system recognized by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers and the EPA. It is listed on the packaging of Hunter Air Purifiers and other quality brands.

Insulating your hot water heater, also the pipes that lead to and from it, is yet another simple and cost-effective way to save on energy costs. A water heater jack-

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NEED HELP WITH YOUR HEATING BILL?



If you need help paying your heating bill, and are one of Michigan's low-income, unemployed or senior citizens, help may be as close as your telephone. *(If you do not have a telephone, contact the telephone company to learn about the Lifeline Program and how to get a telephone.)*

There are special programs, provided by your utility company and state government, to help stop the heat from being shut off. Even if you think you may not be able to pay your heating bill, call your utility company *now* to see if it can help you avoid winter shutoff.

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New lead paint rules affect homeowners, Realtors

Over the past three months a number of regulations concerning lead-based paint have gone into effect — regulations homeowners interested in selling their homes can't ignore.

"In September, regulations from the federal government went into

effect detailing what landlords with more than four properties had to do concerning lead-based paint in their properties," said Skip Baer of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. "But in December similar regulations went into effect for individual

homeowners who wish to sell their homes. We want to inform the public about these regulations and what their rights and responsibilities are."

The regulations, said Baer, state that home sellers or landlords must disclose to potential buyers whether or not "lead-based paint hazards" are in a dwelling and provide reports on any tests made to determine if lead paint was in a home.

"It's my understanding that lead paint was banned in 1978, but many homes in the area have had their walls painted over several times," said Baer. "It's possible that someone bought their house from someone who used lead paint, and the new owner simply painted over the lead paint and is unaware that the home contains lead paint hazards."

If the seller doesn't know whether lead paint is in the house, it is up to the seller to test for it if a buyer asks for a report, said Baer. Sellers must also give buyers a pamphlet developed by the EPA, HUD and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Contracts and leasing agreements must also include notification and disclosure language.

A statement issued by the Michigan Association of Realtors says that the new legislation "does not require any lead paint testing, removal or abatement, nor does it invalidate leasing and sales contracts. It does seek to inform the public of lead-based risks and gives them an opportunity to have an inspection."

The MAR also recommends that any inspections be done by EPA-certified inspectors so "the public has a yardstick by which to measure the qualifications of those performing the inspection."

Lead paint can be dangerous, said Baer, because children can eat chips of the paint, and high levels of lead in the bloodstream can cause brain damage.

He said that there are recorded incidents in which people renovating their homes sanded their walls and released toxic levels of lead dust into the air.

Anyone interested in finding qualified testers can contact the Grosse Pointe Realtor's Board, said Baer. Currently Michigan does not have a certification program in place, but certifications granted by other states are recognized in Michigan.

Winter moving a plus

Moving during the winter months is more popular than commonly thought because it has definite advantages, according to Richard A. Neyer, president of DMS Moving Systems.

Statistics from the American Movers Conference, the moving industry's largest trade association, show that the three busiest months are June, with 10.9 percent of the moves; August, 10.6 percent; and July, 10.2 percent.

Winter months fall off only slightly, Meyer points out, with 7.2 percent of people moving in December; 6.5 percent in January; 5.9 percent in February and 7.7 percent in March.

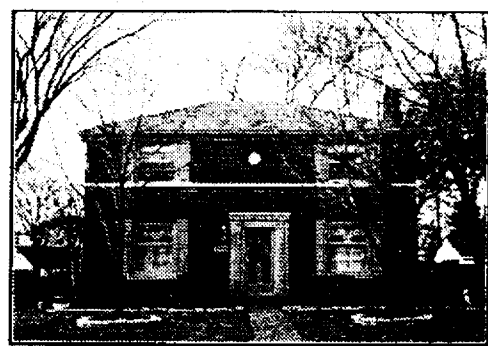
Meyer says consumers benefit

from moving during the off-season, October through April.

"Because movers are not as busy during the off-season, they charge less to encourage more business. Also, with more moving vans available than during the busy summer, customers have more leeway in scheduling a move and more certainty that their schedule will be met."

"If you have the flexibility of moving anytime during the year, you should check out the benefits of moving during the off-season," Meyer concludes.

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Smoke detectors absent in half state's '95 residential fire deaths

Last year, 65 percent of the 212 recorded fire deaths in Michigan occurred in residential family dwellings.

"Many of those residential fire deaths could have been prevented if working fire detectors had been

available," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

The "1995 Fire in Michigan Annual Report," compiled and published by the Fire Marshal Division of the Michigan State

Police, shows that 52.2 percent of the 15,243 dwellings involved did not have detectors. Another 3.8 percent had detectors that did not work.

"Tragically, half of the residential fire deaths occurred in structures without detectors," said Basch.

"When seconds count, smoke detectors are your best early-warning system that a fire is under way. Smoke and poison gases can kill after a few breaths, with two-thirds of residential fires happening between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., with 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. the most dangerous period."

ments have programs to provide smoke detectors for people with financial needs. Smoke detectors should be placed on every level in the dwelling.

To help Michigan residents make their homes safe and to show how to escape should a fire occur, AAA Michigan branch offices across the state offer the public a free brochure titled, "Planning for Home Fire Emergencies."

The brochure* has special sections on smoke detectors, escape plans and special plans for children, the elderly and disabled.

Heating

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et can be purchased for as little as \$15, and it's simple to install. Lamb suggests covering both the hot and cold water pipes with foil insulating tape to maximize savings. "This measure alone can result in a 4 to 9 percent savings per month for the typical consumer," he says.

Another method of cutting down on home energy costs is to make sure your heating system is operating at top efficiency. Have a professional check your heat pumps, steam boilers and forced air furnaces. During heating season, replace the filters once a month and keep vents, registers and radiators clear of dust, furniture and drapes. Finally, close the vents or shut off radiators in rooms that are not being used.

A final simple step is to make

sure the damper on your fireplace is tight-fitting and closed when not in use. Most of the heat created by a fireplace goes right out the chimney, and when not in use, an open damper can suck the warm air right out of your home.


Investing now in these simple and inexpensive energy savers will result in big dividends for this winter and for many cold seasons to come. Not only will you see a dramatic decrease in your utility bills, but you will be doing your part to conserve energy, as well.

For more information, visit Hunter's Web site address at <http://www.hunterfan.com> or call (800) 448-6837. Questions about home energy savers can be answered by the Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Clearinghouse at (800) 363-3732.

Basch added that smoke detectors can wake a person while there is still time for life-saving action. This holds true especially for children who need adult guidance in an emergency situation.

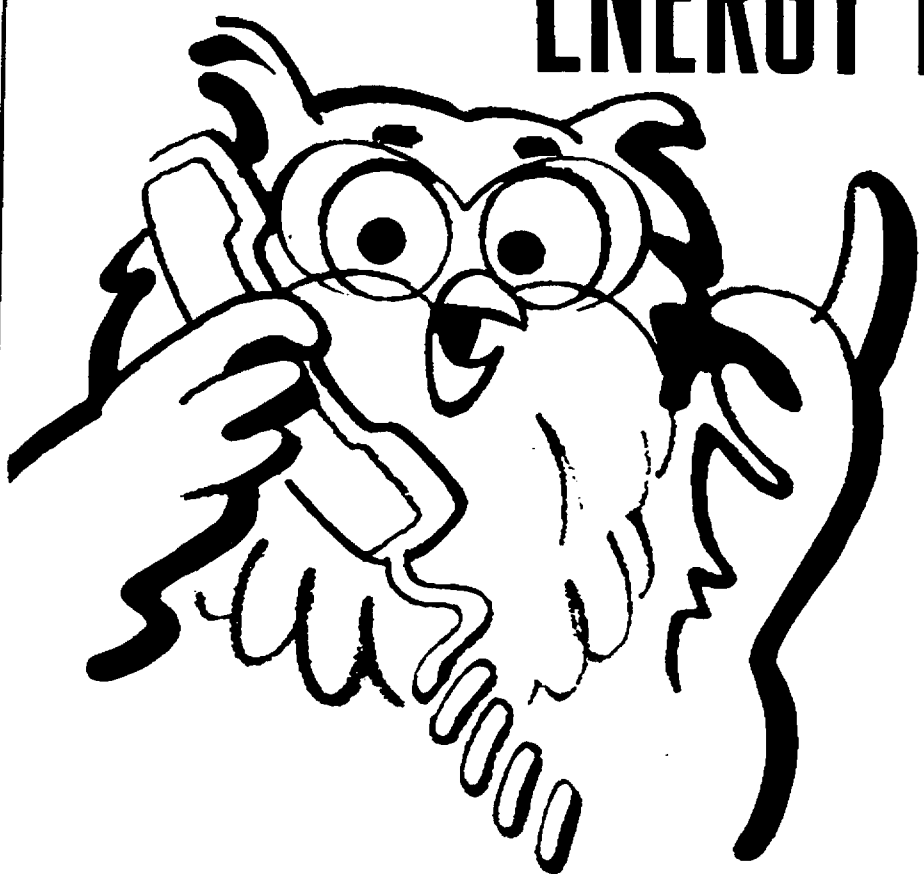
Of the total 1995 Michigan fire deaths, children under age 10 accounted for 29.9 percent of the 212 fatalities — the most for any age group.

AAA Michigan advises that smoke detectors are available at most hardware, department and discount stores. They often sell for under \$15. Many fire depart-



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Stripping furniture an art

Sally Ann of St. Clair Shores asks, "I'm stripping paint and varnish off a dresser. I used over three coats of Zip-Strip furniture stripper and I'm still not done. What am I doing wrong?"

Well Sally, paint stripping is an art with a very fast learning curve. With just a little patience you will be amazed how easy this can be.

The first important lesson, is to leave the stripper on for as long as possible. I'm assuming you are already applying the product in thick strokes in one direction only, trying not to move it around too much. Now leave it alone. Let this stuff work as long as possible. The longer you let it work, the more paint it will soften. The softer the paint, the easier the removal, and more coats removed.

This time spent watching paint soften, not unlike watching paint dry, will take from 15 minutes to several hours. Different kinds of strippers are either faster but offensive, or slower but safer. You are using one of the nastier but faster strippers, my favorite, so your timing will be 15 to 40 minutes.

Now here is the trick. When you see the stripper drying out, start dabbing gobs of stripper on the area that's drying out. In this way, you are keeping the first coat alive. Scrape a corner and see how much of the paint is coming off. I can usually get 90 percent of the paint off with my first double coat. Remember, time is your friend, it usually isn't. Don't scrape that stuff off unless most of the paint is coming off!

If the surface is smooth, I will use a scraper to remove the first coat. Then dab some stripper on any patches of paint left behind and let it work. Do this until 95 percent of the old finish is gone. Now you are ready for the cleanup coat. The cleanup coat will stay soft much longer because there is less paint for the stripper to react with. This gives



Ask Mr. Hardware
By Blair Gilbert

more time for the product to work.

I use steel wool to remove the last coat because it will get deep into the pores of the wood. This is important because for the stain, or whatever finish you want to use, to penetrate evenly, the wood must be clean.

If the wood has fine detail work that is very hard to get into, apply the stripper several times until the paint floats to the surface. It will take about three or four coats over two hours' time. No steel wool or wire brush should be needed. Soon you will be stripping with the paint brush.

Two last things and I'm out of here, first, use your best old brush that was good but wasn't cleaned properly and now is tired. When you're done stripping, rinse it out and wrap it in newspaper. Doing this may save the old brush.

Second, while you are watching your paint soften on a larger area of your project, put a coat on a few drawers while you're not doing anything. Soon you will be trying to keep the stripper from drying all over. However, you will find the last piece you do, the one with the most coats on the longest, will be the easiest one to strip. See step one.

If you can't find the time to do it right, when will you find the time to do it over?

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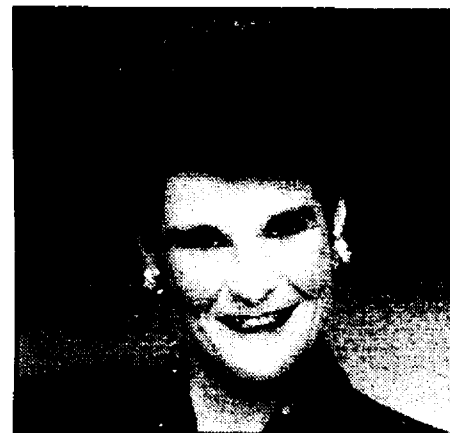
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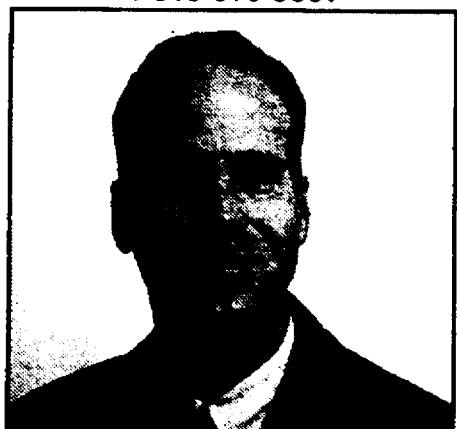
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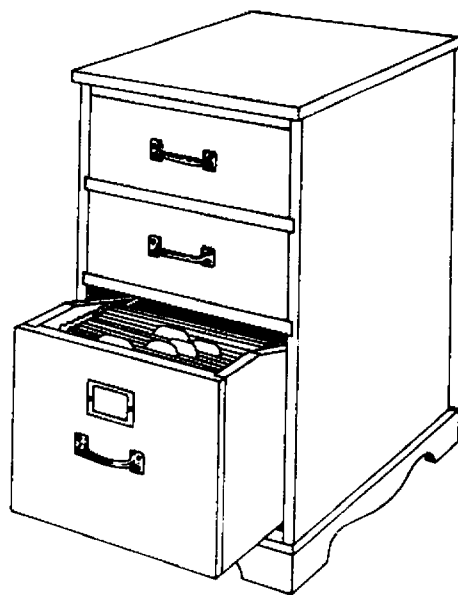


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Organize loose papers in a wood filing cabinet

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The cabinet measures 21 inches long, 28 inches high and 16 1/2 inches wide. All measurements are edge to edge. A 13 1/2-inch width inside the large drawer is enough room for a hanging file-folder frame.



Though the project could be done by the beginning craftsman, it is more suited to the weekend carpenter who has some wood-working experience.

Choose materials for appearance. Make sure any knots present are tight and the boards are free of splits, large pitch pockets and other characteristics that may detract from a fine, smooth finish.

Edge glue 1x4 boards for the top, bottom and side panels. Remember, a 1x4 inch board actually measures 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches. Trim the panels to obtain the desired measurements.

Cut slots or dados into the side panels to fit the drawer dividers. Attach these and the top brace with wood screws and glue.

Nail and glue the back and bottom panels to the side panels. Make triangular glue blocks and insert these in each corner, flush with the panel tops.

A wood filing cabinet is an easy-to-make inexpensive solution for filing loose papers, vacation brochures, favorite articles and family photos.

These will give the unit more rigidity and will provide a fastening surface for the top panel.

Make a leg base using four 1x4s. Install triangular glue blocks in the base's corners for a fastening surface to attach to the cabinet. Attach the leg base to the bottom of the cabinet with wood screws and glue.

Fill all nail holes with wood putty. Sand the cabinet and round any sharp edges before applying a stain or varnish. Add brass drawer pulls to complete the project.

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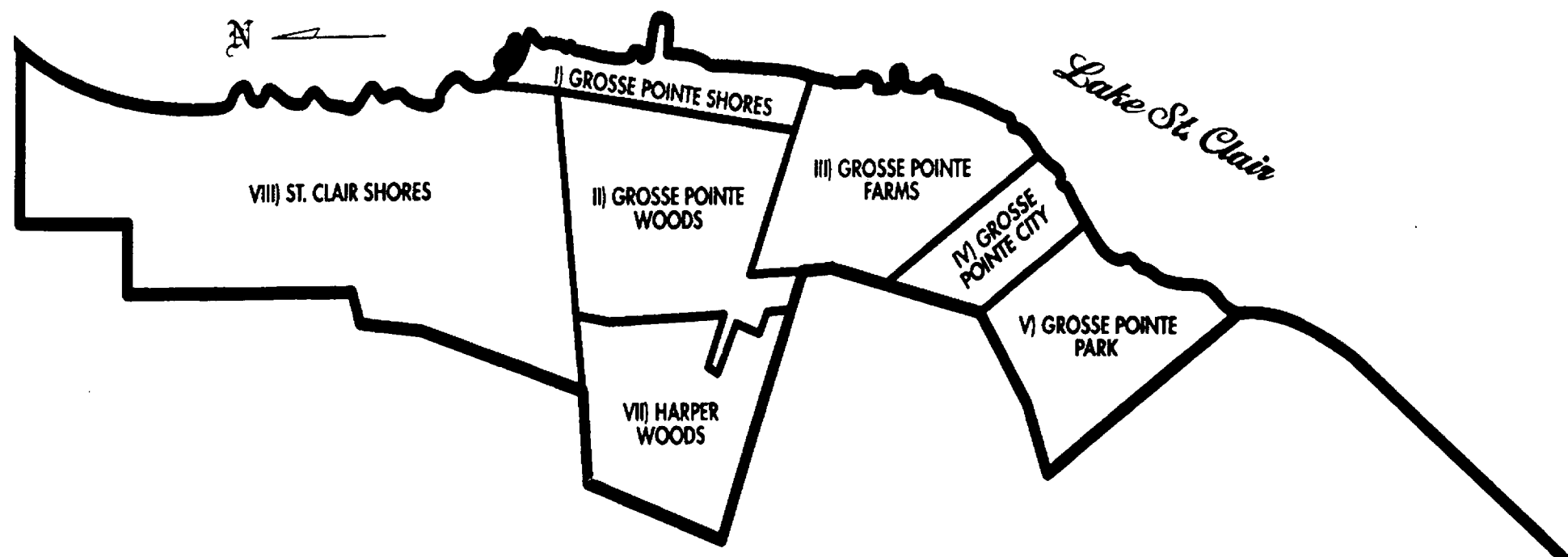
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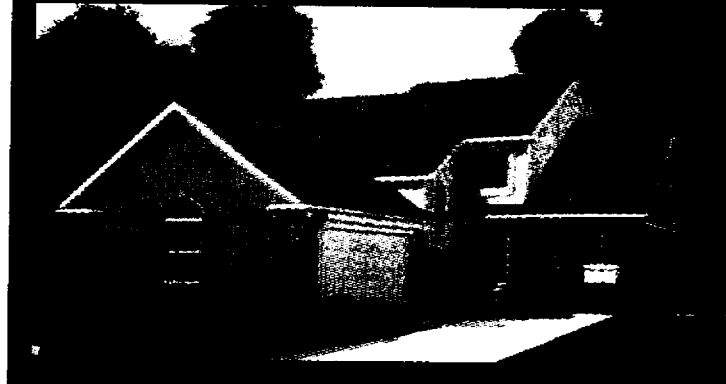
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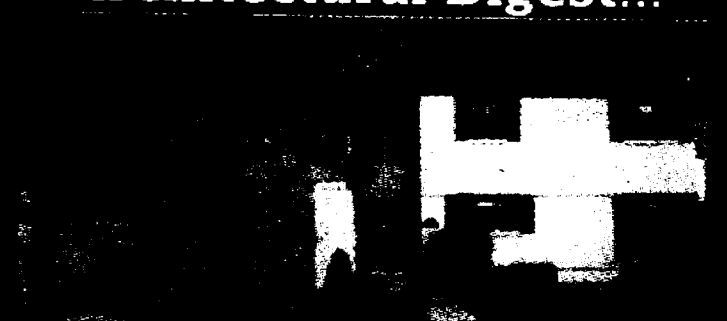
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This camera also solves all of your common lighting problems with its five flash modes, so your holiday photos come out perfectly. The innovative Auto-S flash mode reduces the "red eye" that often spoils your favorite holiday portraits, and the camera's sophisticated, variable-power flash automatically adjusts itself to

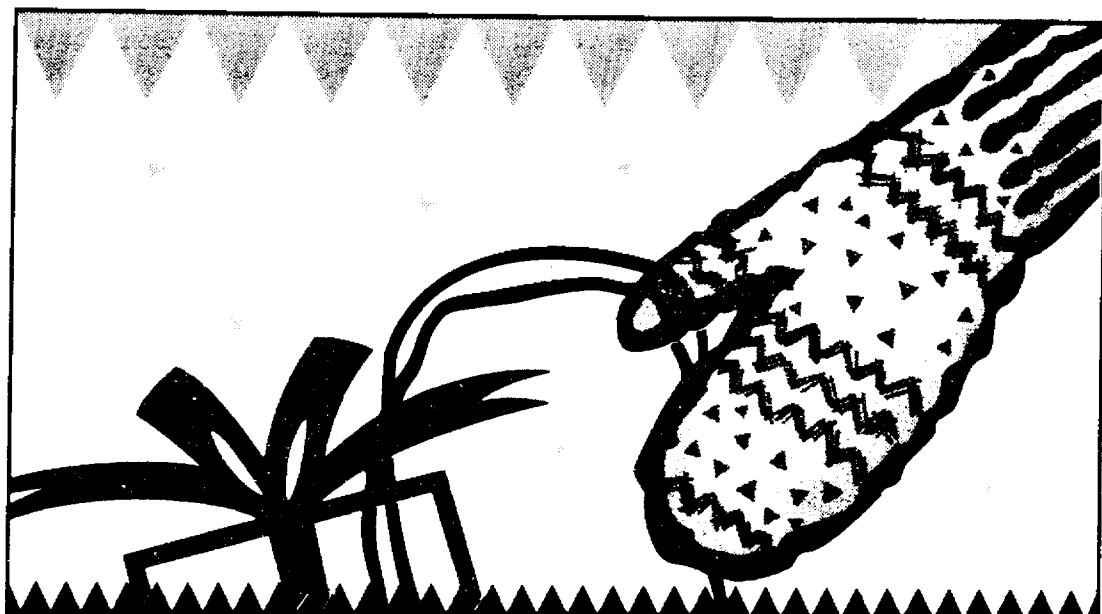
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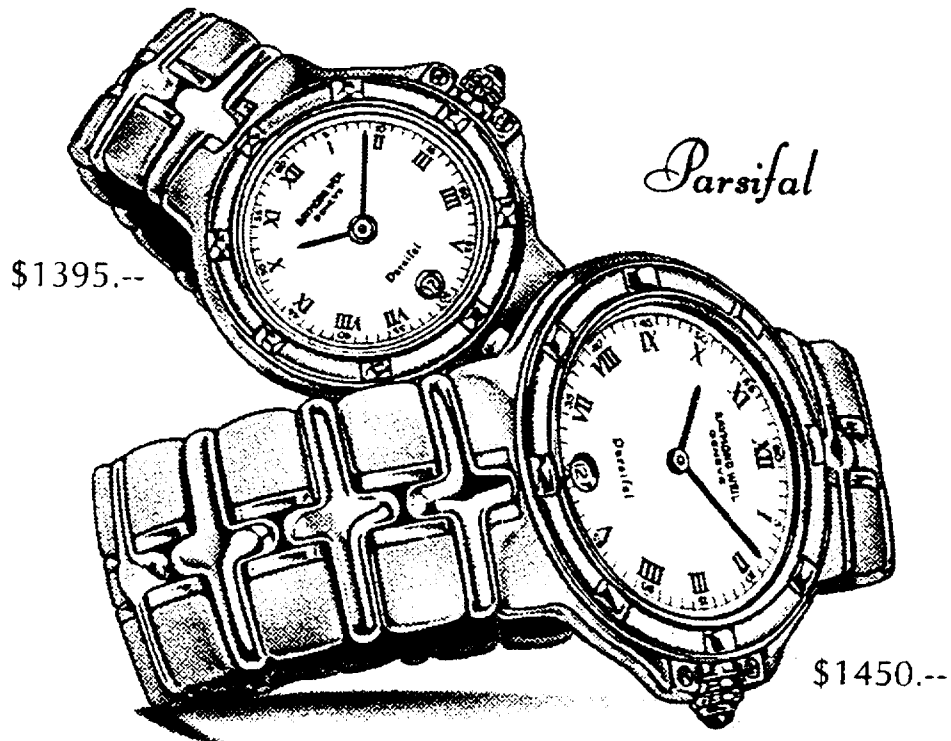
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Kids will enjoy decorating with icing and colorful sprinkles — turning their tasty creations into mini works of art. They may even take the time to make Santa faces or little dreidels. These home-made morsels make great holiday gifts for teachers or neighbors and give children the opportunity to show off their talents.

"Betty Crocker's Baking With Kids" (Macmillan) suggests hosting a "Kid's Holiday Cookie Exchange." What could be better than seeing your children have a great time with their friends, and when the party is over, you have a variety of cookies to sample.

Follow these tips to help your children plan a cookie exchange:

1. Plan the date and time when either you or another adult will be able to supervise the event. Have the children decide if they want to send recipes to their friends for them to make or take potluck on whatever they want to bake.

2. Plan for treats and activities that are appropriate for the weather in your part of the country. If you live where there will be snow, arrange for sledding or ice skating. If you live in a warmer area, plan for roller skating or hiking. Indoor activities and games also would be fun.

3. Have your children send invitations to about five friends, asking them each to bring a recipe of cookies to the party. You can invite more or fewer kids, depending on your wishes.

4. When it's time to share the cookies, put them all out around a table. Divide each batch of cookies by the number of kids who are at the party. Provide boxes and containers or paper plates and plastic bags, and let everyone go around the table and pack up the correct number of cookies to take home.

You may want to have a few recipes on hand, in case one of the kids forgets to bring one or brings one that is too difficult or time-consuming for the amount of time you have allotted.

The following recipe, also from Betty Crocker, is great for kids. The directions are simple and leave plenty of room for creativity.

Santa Claus Cookies

- About 30 cookies
- 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - 1 large egg
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - Sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 to 3 tablespoons water
 - 3 tablespoons red sugar
 - 1/2 cup shredded coconut
 - 30 miniature marshmallows
 - 60 currants or raisins
 - 30 red cinnamon candies

Heat oven to 400 F. Mix granulated sugar, shortening, milk and egg in a large bowl with a wooden spoon.

Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Shape dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Put balls about 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.

Flatten balls until about 2 1/2 inches across with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light brown. Immediately remove cookies from cookie sheet with spatula to wire rack. Cool completely.

For frosting, mix powdered sugar, vanilla and water in a small bowl with a wooden spoon, adding the water one teaspoon at a time, until spreadable.

Spread frosting on one cookie at a time, then sprinkle red sugar on top third for a hat and coconut on bottom third for a beard. Press on one marshmallow for tassel of hat, 2 currants for eyes and 1 cinnamon candy for nose.

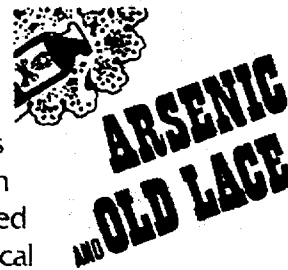
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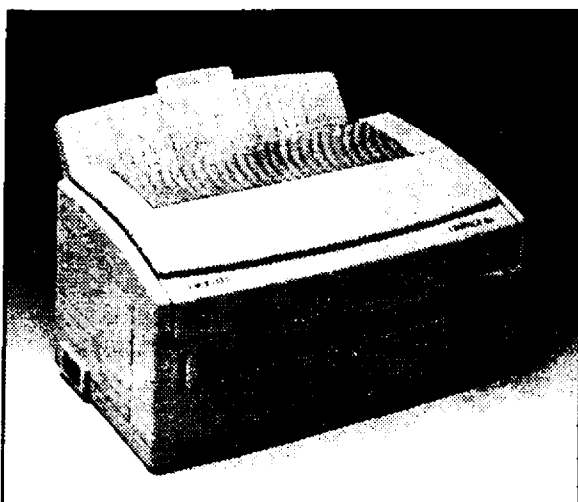
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Think big for Holiday: jewelry's new look

Big goodbye to ball gowns, gimmicky hairdos and teeny jewelry. Holiday wear is dramatic with lean, simple, flattering shapes in rich lace and velvet and deep, jeweled colors — clothing designed to show off an eye-catching accessory or two.

Important jewelry takes on new meaning this season. A pair of chunky, silver cuff bracelets, a "larger-than-life" pin or ring, an arresting necklace, even a sterling evening bag that doubles as an object of art make a festive statement. The rule of thumb is not to pile it on like in the '80s, reports the Silver Information Center. A single signature piece or two have greater understated impact.

Futurist Faith Popcorn agrees in her latest book, "Clicking": "Status shopping has changed for the mid- to late-'90s sensibilities. It's more understated, less showoffy. Things have to be built to last, finely crafted, have an integrity of their own."

For a moneyed look without breaking the bank, sterling silver shines brightly this year for both indulgent jewelry and gift ideas. Highly polished, sculptural designs and ornately gem-encrusted pieces in dramatic proportions are widely available in jewelry, department and specialty stores nationwide.

Bold cuff bracelets in high-shine silver and intricate lacy looks, as well as rich silver and gold combinations, are holiday's "must-have" accessory. They adorn sexy bare arms for evening and a stylish turtle-neck by day.

Jeweled and all-silver barrettes clasp glamorous, upswept hairdos, and headbands keep no-fuss, off-the-face hair in place. They also make lavish, yet affordable, stocking stuffers. For a royal hairstyle, try a silver tiara set with CZs. No one but you has to know they aren't the real thing.

Necks and wrists are getting noticed. Bare backs, asymmetrical and V-neck-



Big, dramatic silver and gold jewelry complements holiday's simple shapes and no-fuss, off-the-face hairdos. Neck collar and cuff, Tina Segal; ring, Patricia Von Musulin.

lines call for long lariats and waist-length chains adorned with pearls, crystals and colored beads. These versatile and affordable rope chains also can be wrapped for a choker effect or worn as a hip-hovering belt over a slinky dress or velvet pants.

Last seen in the '70s, sleek and chic collars and neck wires with a dangling pendant make a comeback. Remember, it is important that the piece fits snugly, not tightly, and rests comfortably on your collarbone, recommend jewelry designers.

Attention-getting pins in insect, flower and cross motifs and modern, free-form shapes clasp real and faux fur stoles, sit on a glove cuff, shoulder or big collar. Pins are always a welcome surprise — you can never have enough!

For timeless, yet modern, accessories and gifts with an abundance of attitude and not a lot of money, big silver jewelry tops this year's holiday wish lists.

Protect your home against holiday break-ins

It's a given that people do a great deal of traveling during the holiday season. Whether visiting with friends or relatives or a snow-filled trip to the slopes, many homes spend the holidays empty. Unfortunately for these vacationers, burglars are all too often aware of the vacancy in their homes. There could be no worse feeling for people than returning from holiday festivities with loved ones to find that their home has been ransacked by thieves. Few things could take away the joy of the season so immediately and so completely.

Nine out of 10 of the home burglaries that occur each year could be prevented if homeowners knew how to burglarproof their homes. To protect a home from a vicious act like this, families can take precautions to make sure that their home looks occupied, even during extended trips. These tips from the

Insurance Information Institute may help prevent a home from being burglarized while people are away.

- Try to make the home look lived in. Leave the blinds open in their usual position. Install automatic timers to turn lights and radios on and off at appropriate times.
- Have mail and packages picked up by a reliable neighbor or forwarded to the post office.
- Arrange to stop newspaper delivery for the duration of the trip.
- Lower the sound of the telephone and answering machine, so they can not be heard outside the home.
- Ask the police or a friend to check on the house from time to time.
- Get involved with a neighborhood watch group. Working closely with neighbors to spot trouble is one of the most effective ways to prevent crime.

Shopping tips for holiday gifts that develop young minds

With the increasing commercial focus of the holidays, many parents are left frustrated and confused about finding gifts that will please both themselves and their children. Luckily, electronic learning toys and educational computer hardware and software offer parents and children the best of both worlds.

Following are a few helpful hints from the experts at VTECH®, the leading manufacturer of electronic learning toys, on shopping for toys that are designed to develop minds:

- Look for a store that has product displays you can sample. Many companies are featuring toys with "Try Me" packaging, allowing consumers to try toys before making a purchasing decision. If possible, bring along a child to get his or her reactions.

- Choose toys that won't be quickly outgrown by a child. Most electronic learning toys provide more than one mode of play and multiple levels of difficulty to keep a child engaged and challenged for hours on end. For example, VTECH's Little Smart Touch 'n Turn Book™ learning toy, for children ages 6 months to 36 months, offers four learning modes to teach shapes, colors, letters,

animals, music and more as a child flips the sturdy, easy-to-turn pages.

- By law, all toys must be age-graded. Yet, as every parent knows, children develop at different speeds. Look for toys that provide recommended school-grade levels, as well as an age range.

- Children are being introduced to computers at an increasingly earlier age. When purchasing sophisticated computer toys, trust a proven leader in the market.

VTECH, winner of multiple national recognition awards, offers preschoolers Smart Keys™ (approximate retail price of \$79.99), a computer keyboard designed especially for preschoolers that comes packaged with several software

titles (valued at \$70), including the Shades & JB Workshop Series, winner of the National Parenting Center Seal of Approval. The top-of-the-line Precomputer Prestige™ electronic learning aid (approximate retail price of \$129.99), for children ages 9 to 13, has the look and feel of a real laptop computer with many of the same functions, including challenging activities, word processing and printing capabilities.

- Compare features. If two products by different manufacturers look similar, try to compare them feature by feature. Don't assume a toy is better just because it costs more.

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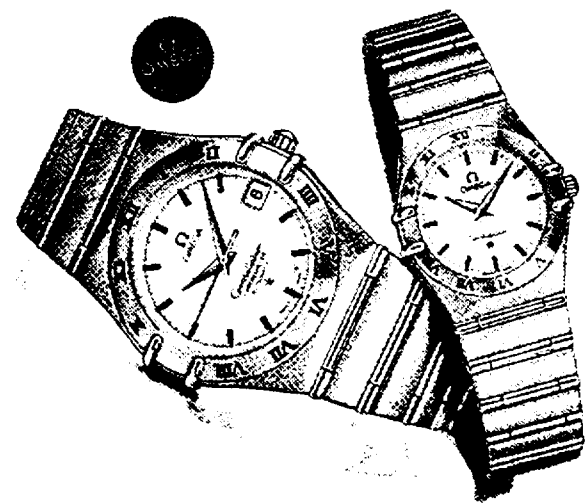
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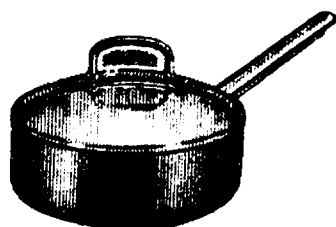


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Citrus traditions around the world

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Traditions can be rooted in a number of things — race, religion, cultural background — each area of the world holds its own special traditions.

In Germany, St. Nicholas and his elf, Knecht Rupprich, bring the children gifts of oranges, cookies and toys on the eve of Dec. 6. So begins the German holiday season.

In Mexico, piñatas are made from papier-mâché and decorated with colorful tissue paper. The piñata is filled with oranges, nuts, candy, toys and trinkets. Children are blindfolded and take turns striking it until it breaks, bringing down a shower of small packages the children scramble to collect.

Of course, in America, Christmas isn't Christmas without colorful stockings hanging on the mantel — one for each member of the family. Legend says that St. Nicholas threw gold coins down the chimney, which fell into the stockings drying at the hearth. Gold coins have since been replaced by golden navel oranges, cookies, toys and trinkets.

The gift that seems to be traditional no matter where people spend the holidays is the gift of golden, fresh citrus. Citrus fruits can provide creative holiday gifts that are easy, fun and economical. These are gifts that can involve the creative "juices" of the entire family. Children young and old will enjoy arranging these sunny fruits in a variety of containers, like a salad bowl, large kitchen jar or even a teapot. Families can create beautiful, imaginative gifts for the special people on their list. Loved ones will be grateful for this personalized gift that has their good health in mind.

For a delicious "twist" on holiday recipes, try these delicious, citrus variations.

Holiday Orange Eggnog
Makes about 6 cups

- 1 carton (8 ounces) refrigerated egg substitute (reduced or no cholesterol) to equal 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups cold milk
- Juice of 3 Sunkist® oranges (1 cup), chilled
- 1/2 to 1 cup rum, bourbon or brandy (or any combination)
- 1 pint regular or low-fat vanilla yogurt, softened
- Fresh grated orange
- Ground nutmeg

In large bowl, combine eggs, sugar and spices; whisk well to dissolve sugar. Whisk in milk, orange juice, liquor and yogurt. (If made ahead and chilled, whisk well before serving.) Garnish each serving with a little fresh grated orange

peel and dash of nutmeg.

**Stir-Fried Brussels Sprouts and
Tangerines**
Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed, cut in half lengthwise
- Boiling water
- 1 small onion, thickly sliced
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 teaspoon caraway seed
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, thickly sliced
- Grated peel of 1 Sunkist® tangerine
- 2 medium or 3 small Sunkist tangerines, peeled, segmented, seeded

Parboil Brussels sprouts in boiling water for 5 minutes; drain well. In large, nonstick skillet, stir-fry Brussels sprouts and onion in margarine with caraway seed and bouillon until just tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and stir-fry for a few minutes longer. Stir in tangerine peel and segments; heat.

Note: A 10-ounce package of frozen Brussels sprouts, thawed, may be substituted for fresh. Cut sprouts in half lengthwise, but do not parboil in boiling water.

Festive Holiday Fruit Salad
Makes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup salad or vegetable oil
- Grated peel of 1/2 Sunkist® orange
- 1/3 cup fresh-squeezed orange juice
- Juice of 1/2 Sunkist® lemon
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon milder soy sauce
- 2 Sunkist oranges, peeled and cut into half-cartwheel slices
- 1 medium avocado, sliced
- 1 kiwifruit, peeled, thinly sliced
- 1/2 walnut halves
- 1 small head iceberg lettuce, cut into 4 thick slices

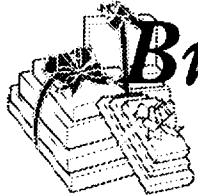
To make dressing, in a jar with a lid, combine the oil, orange peel, orange and lemon juices, honey, paprika, and soy sauce; shake well. Cover and chill. On 4 individual salad plates, arrange orange slices, avocado, kiwifruit and walnuts on lettuce slices. Serve with dressing.

Honeyed Fruit Salad Dressing
Makes about 1 cup

- Grated peel of 1/2 Sunkist® lemon
- Juice of 1 Sunkist lemon
- 1/3 cup salad or vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- 3 tablespoons honey

In a jar with a lid, combine all ingredients; cover and chill. Shake well before using.

For more ideas using fresh citrus fruits, write to Consumer Affairs Department, Sunkist Growers Inc., Box 7888 MS 236, Van Nuys, CA 91409.



Bring cheer to holiday gift-giving with whimsical wishes of beautiful fine jewelry



The stores are alive with the sounds of busy shoppers buying holiday cheer for their friends and family. With so many choices, what can you give that will be loved and appreciated by those you love and appreciate?

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Just because you're on a budget doesn't mean you can't afford to visit your local jeweler

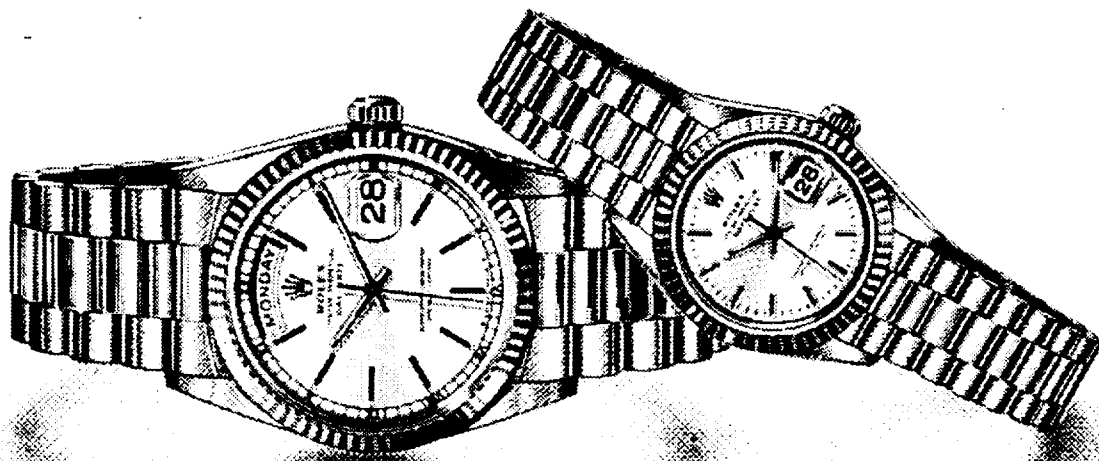


because, chances are, he or she carries a selection of affordable pearl stud earrings, sterling silver rings and cuff bracelets.

Jewelers of America, the national organization dedicated to providing consumers with education and information about fine jewelry, suggests that you stop by your local jeweler to find the perfect gift with that personal touch.

"What's special about visiting your local jeweler is that he or she will have a unique selection of fine jewelry," says Eileen Farrell, JA's director of communications. "You can find exquisite pieces there that you can't find at a discount or department store. Also, they are trained professionals. Visiting a professional jeweler is worth the effort."

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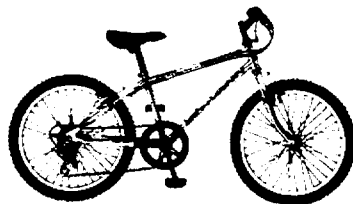
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America's own Christmas spirit: Bourbon eggnog

Behind any good drink, there's bound to be a good story, and vice versa. This holiday season, why not know all there is to know about the ultimate holiday drink — eggnog. Popular during the Civil War era, eggnog fell under the category of "punch bowl" drinks. Named for the English "noggin," a large mixing pot in which the concoction was prepared, its name signified its mixing technique.

Jimmy Russell, master distiller of Wild Turkey Bourbon, knows quite a bit about this traditional holiday drink. "Since bourbon was born around the same time eggnog became popular in America, it's natural that there is a bond between the two. Eggnog was typically served around the Christmas holiday and was made with Kentucky bourbon, America's native whiskey, which was also readily available at that time."

So, to celebrate Christmas in true American style, roast a wild turkey with corn-bread stuffing, and make a huge bowl of eggnog — but don't forget to add the bourbon. To help guide you on making the perfect eggnog, the folks at Wild Turkey Bourbon surveyed a number of the nation's leading restaurants to see how they make this holiday crowd pleaser.

They searched far and wide and came up with the three best eggnog recipes served at top American restaurants. Remember, the key to great recipes are the secrets behind them.

In New York City, Dale DeGroff, beverage manager at the world-famous Rainbow Room, holds an annual event where he serves a bourbon-based eggnog based on his uncle's 50-year-old recipe. "My uncle was so proud of this recipe," says DeGroff, "that he sent it to a whiskey distillery, and for years, it appeared on the back label of that company's whiskey bottles."

Deep in the heart of Houston, Texas, Al Romeo is the beverage manager of Anthony's, one of Esquire magazine's "Best New Restaurants." Romeo is yet another master mixologist who likes to whip up an eggnog with a kick of Kentucky bourbon. "The eggnog at Anthony's is special, because we use a unique blend of Kentucky bourbon and Spanish vanilla liqueur. But, we stick to tradition by using a fresh cinnamon stick as garnish," he says.

In Palm Beach, Fla., it's executive pastry chef Tom Worhach who prepares the eggnog for Christmastime guests at the Four Seasons Resort. Aside from using whipped cream in his recipe to make his eggnog just a little richer, thicker and more sumptuous than most versions, Worhach likes to use fresh nutmeg straight from the Caribbean. "Caribbean nutmeg tends to be a little stronger than most varieties," he says, "but you should feel free to substitute any nutmeg, just so long as it's freshly grated."

Recipe from Dale DeGroff, beverage manager at New York's Rainbow Room

6 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
3/4 cup sugar
2 cups heavy cream
4 cups whole milk
1/2 cup bourbon
1 ounce rum

1. In a large bowl, beat the egg yolks until creamy. Add 1 tablespoon of the nutmeg, 1/2 cup of the sugar, the cream, milk, bourbon and rum. Stir until thoroughly mixed.
2. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until frothy. Add the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and beat until stiff peaks form.
3. Fold the egg-white mixture into the yolk mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining nutmeg and serve.

Anthony's Eggnog
Serves 6

Recipe from Al Romeo, beverage manager at Houston's Anthony's restaurant

1 quart store-bought eggnog
2 cups Wild Turkey Bourbon (101 proof)
1 cup 43 (a Spanish liqueur available at most liquor stores)
Freshly grated nutmeg
6 cinnamon sticks, each about 4 inches long, for garnish

1. Whisk together the eggnog, Wild Turkey Bourbon and 43 liqueur until evenly blended. Divide the eggnog equally among 6 large snifters.
2. Sprinkle a little freshly grated nutmeg on top of each drink. Garnish each serving with a cinnamon stick.

Bourbon Eggnog Scented
with Island Nutmeg

Makes 1 gallon or 16 servings
Recipe from Tom Worhach, executive pastry chef of Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach, Fla.

10 egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
4 cups whole milk
2 3/4 cups Wild Turkey Bourbon
4 cups heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon freshly grated island nutmeg

1. In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolks and sugar until thick and creamy.
2. Combine the milk and bourbon. Gradually stir the mixture into the beaten egg and sugar. Cover and chill for 3 hours.
3. Beat the heavy cream until thick. Fold the whipped cream, cinnamon and 1 tablespoon of the nutmeg into chilled eggnog. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours more.
4. Before serving, sprinkle the remaining 1 teaspoon nutmeg onto the top of the eggnog.

Rainbow! Eggnog
Serves 6



Can't Miss Christmas Cadeaux for Your Kitchen

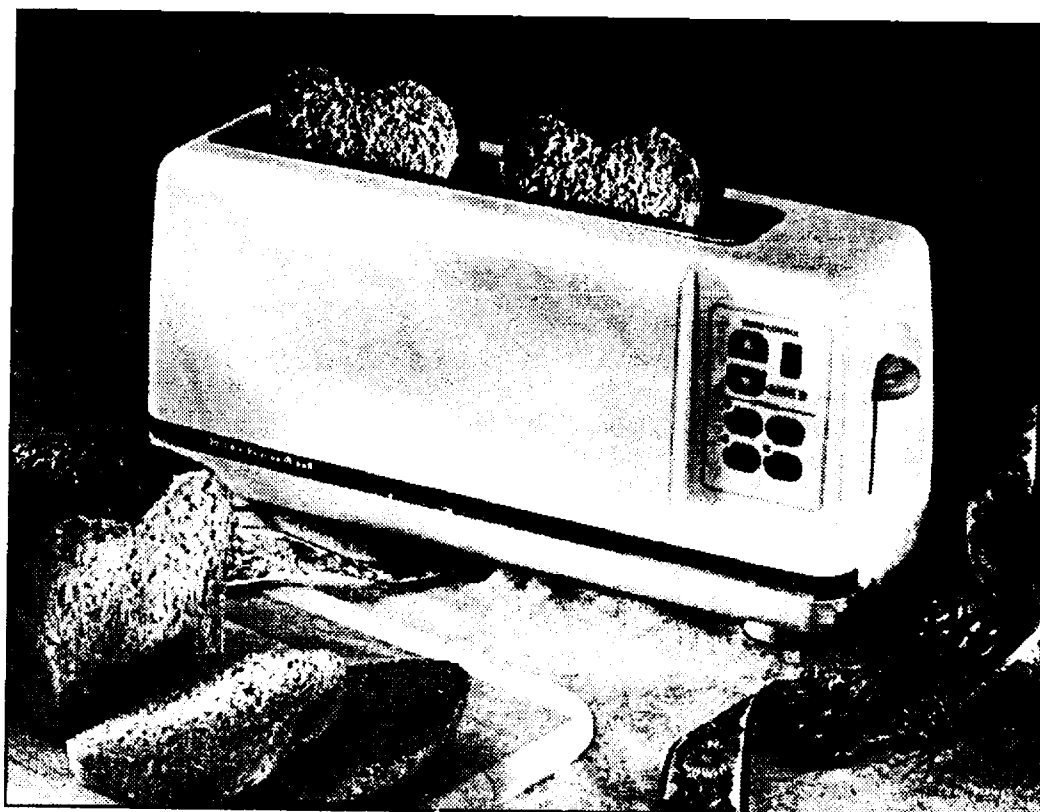
By Peg Rasmussen, the Countryside Cook



This year's Gourmet Products Show featured many new and different gift ideas for your favorite cook. This Christmas, you'll find these products in your local department store or kitchen supply store.

Countertop Appliances — If you swear by KitchenAid's stand mixers, you'll love KitchenAid's new toaster. The toaster has a microprocessor that takes the guesswork out of toasting thicker-than-normal breads, bagels, frozen foods and consecutive batches of toast. You won't have to worry about burnt edges or having some pieces of toast be darker than others. The toaster is constructed with a space-age material that cleans up easily, resists staining and discoloration, and will look great for years to come. Retail prices begin at \$59.

Upscale Cookware and Cutlery — Want to get the same grill marks on your meat without having to fire up your barbecue? You'll want to try Calphalon's new 11-inch Square Grill Pan. Raised metal strips inside of the pan lift the meat out of the fat during grilling and add authentic marks of outdoor grilling. The pan features a lifetime warranty and a stick-resistant surface that sears lean cuts of meat or seafood to seal in natural



Featured at this year's Gourmet Products Show, KitchenAid's new toaster is one of many gift ideas for the cook on your holiday shopping list.

juices. Retail prices begin at \$75.

If you're tired of dull knife blades, J.A. Henckels has a premium line of knives called Twinstar. The blades feature a special edge called magnadur, which is a

fusion of hard metal particles that are fired directly onto the edge. Retail prices begin at \$399 for a six-piece block set.

Pizza — Pizza lovers will enjoy a new modular pizza stone called Hot Bricks.

Eight 8-inch-by-4-inch imported Italian baking tiles fit snugly into a 16-inch-by-16-inch aluminum tray. The porous baking tiles absorb moisture in the pizza dough, creating a crispy pizza or bread product. They weigh about half as much as a traditional pizza stone and are easier to clean. Retail prices begin at \$30.

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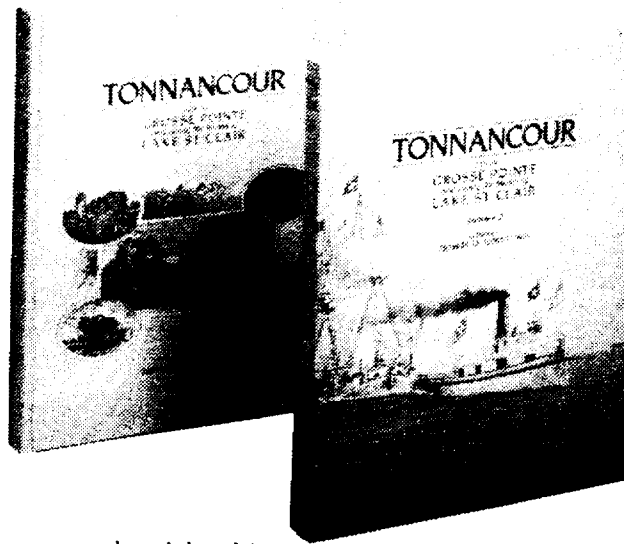
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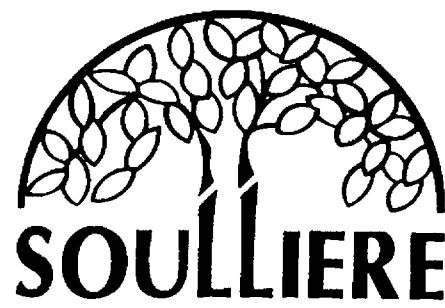


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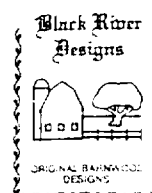
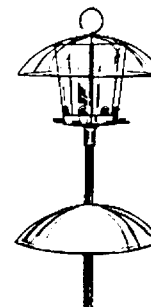
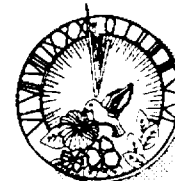
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It's interactive war, as board games battle video games

If the expressions "King me!" or "I'll buy a hotel!" mean anything to you, chances are you grew up playing board games. Since the turn of the century, more families have become stronger and laughed longer over board games than any other form of entertainment. Today, families have video games and Internet access. Can good old-fashioned board games survive? This year, some new ones are succeeding by redefining the term "interaction."

In recent years, if a game was labeled interactive, chances were you needed a joystick to play it. However, in the middle of this high-tech age, the toy industry is seeing a decline in video-game sales as more people are rediscovering the face-to-face interaction of board games.

"There's no question that board games like Monopoly bring people together," says game creator and enthusiast Tim Walsh. "They're conversation catalysts and icebreakers. And, they're making quite a comeback."

Walsh should know something about comebacks. Two board games that he co-created were rejected by every major game company in the industry, yet they are now two of this year's top sellers. The family game *Blurt*, a word racing game

for ages 7 to adult, tempts players to be the first to blurt out words being described by other players. The results are often hilarious and have earned *Blurt* the only Family Channel Seal of Quality ever awarded to a board game.

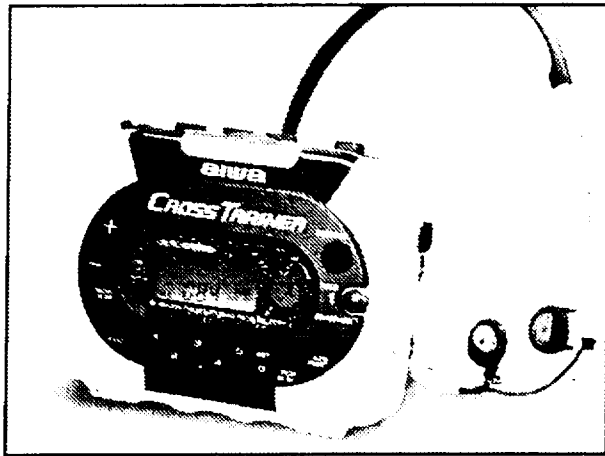
Walsh's other game, *TriBond*, challenges players to find the common bond among three things. It has earned a handful of awards and will become one of only a select few games to sell more than 1 million copies this year. (Both games are available in stores; call 1-800-524-GAME for locations).

Walsh's games aren't the only ones selling well. From 1994 to 1995, sales of board games and puzzles were up 71.2 percent, while video games dropped an astounding 19 percent during the same time period. Many attribute this to a tighter economy, since board games are typically less than \$25.

Whatever the reason, it appears that you don't need to plug in or log on to be interactive this year. It may mean blurring with your mom, *TriBonding* with your neighbors or paying hotel rent to your sister. In all the fun, you'll be investing some time interacting with the people you care about most, and that kind of investment always pays off.

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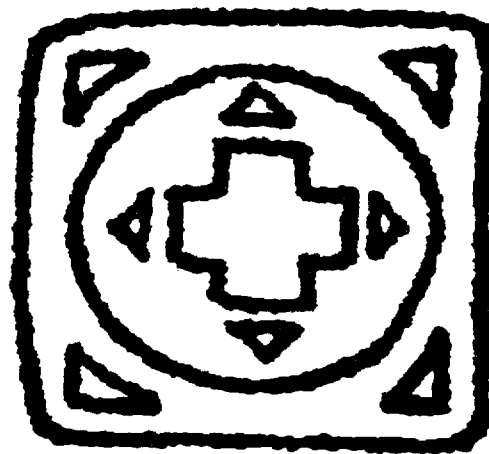
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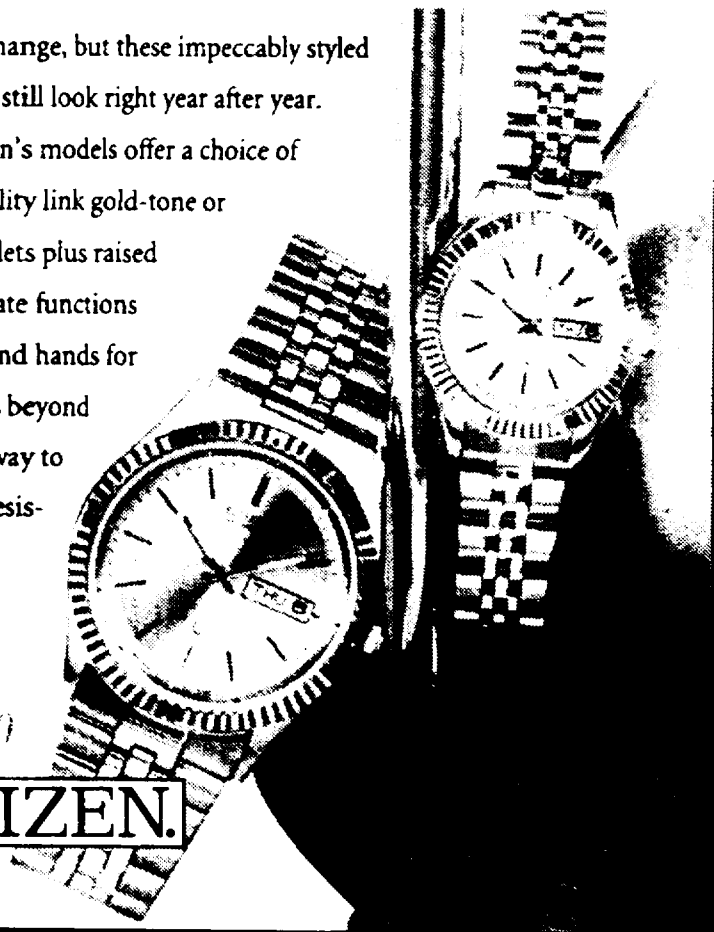
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Edible gifts are always a winner! After all, boxed chocolates account for an estimated \$1 billion in sales each year, with close to half of that figure selling during the Christmas season alone. Of course, a box of store-bought candy is not the unique gift you may have had in mind. Unless, of course, the storefront it comes from is Home, Sweet Home.

The special Gigantic Turtle Candies recipe puts a new twist on this all-time favorite. The creamy caramel middle is combined with another American classic — popcorn — then spooned over pecans and topped with decadent chocolate for a positively delectable treat — and exquisite gift! Wrap them in a pretty box lined with colorful tissue and wax paper, and tie with fancy ribbons. Gigantic Turtle Candies make a truly awesome candy to give away, to serve at a holiday luncheon for friends or to indulge in yourself.

The secret to these divine candies is a good batch of popcorn — fluffy and tender with no "old maids." Yet, not all popcorn poppers are created equally in this respect. The PowerPop® microwave

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You could even give a gift that keeps on giving. Wrap up a small box of caramel corn and turtle candies, your special recipes, and package them right in a PowerPop microwave multi-popper. It's unique and ever so useful!

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corn; set aside. In a medium saucepan, over medium-low heat, combine caramels, butter and milk; stir until smooth.

Meanwhile, on a lightly greased wax paper-covered baking sheet, arrange groups of three pecans in a cloverleaf pattern.

When caramel is smooth, pour over popped corn, tossing gently to coat. Let stand 2 minutes or until mixture holds its shape when spooned onto nuts.

Using two spoons, place mound of caramel-coated corn onto the center of each pecan cloverleaf, or roll caramel-coated corn into a ball and place onto cloverleaf pattern.

Note: You may want to grease your hands lightly with margarine before working with caramel-corn mixture.

In a small saucepan, melt chocolate with shortening; spoon over each caramel mound. Chill 4 hours or overnight.



Homemade candy is a great gift idea for that special someone. These Gigantic Turtle Candies are made with popcorn for a truly unique and delicious holiday treat.

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Understanding home projects is key when purchasing holiday handyman's gifts

At times, it can be a struggle. Thinking of unique gifts for the handymen on your holiday list can sometimes take away from the fun of finding the perfect gift. You're tired of producing a variation of the same old present, but simply aren't sure what type of gift would be appropriate. You think tools, but you don't know where to begin.

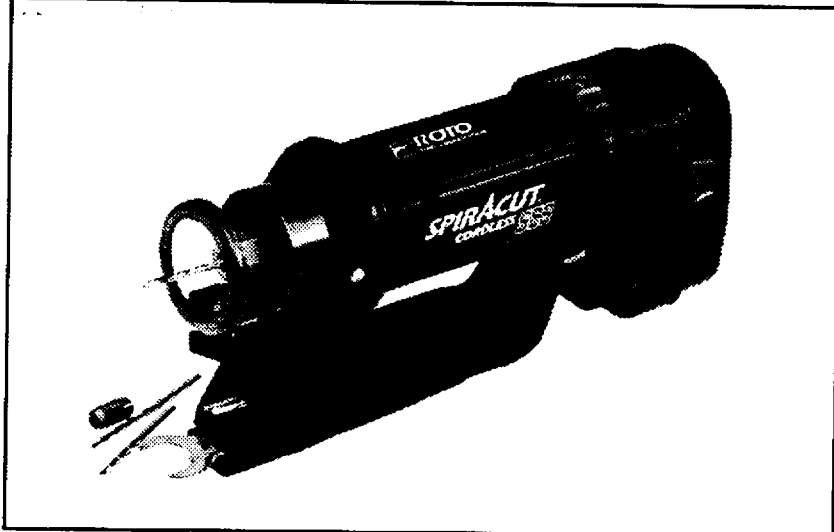
You might consider this: Most handymen and do-it-yourselfers are looking for a tool that can perform in a variety of ways. They don't want a tool that only will help them tackle one type of job; they want a tool that has a variety of applications throughout their home or on the job.

Few tools are capable of handling this, so it will be helpful to do your homework before heading out to the nearest handyman's store. If your handyman enjoys remodeling or carpentry work, for instance, understanding the kind of work that's involved before purchasing a tool is necessary. General remodeling is meticulous work that requires careful removal of old lath boards so there is no cracking of plaster. Remodeling a bathroom will involve the need to cut out sink openings in laminate counter tops or the ability to cut out receptacle openings in ceramic tile. Cutting plywood or repairing flooring is also common when remodeling. Finding a tool like a spiral saw would be perfect for such applications.

If your do-it-yourselfer is looking to tackle drywall, there will be a need to cut out light boxes, doorways, registers, skylights, plumbing holes or can lights. If

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Your do-it-yourselfer might be interested in installing computer cable lines or telephone jack lines. Perhaps your handyman wants to build speaker boxes for home or car stereos or wants to make lawn ornaments out of plywood. Understanding what needs to be done to get the task accomplished will be essential in purchasing the proper tool. You save time and money when buying a tool that can be used on most construction-type materials, like any tool from RotoZip Tool Corp.'s SpiraCut spiral saw series with special, patented bits.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR HANDYMAN'S project needs is essential when searching for the perfect gift. Tools from RotoZip Tool Corp.'s SpiraCut® spiral saw series make ideal gifts for any do-it-yourselfer.

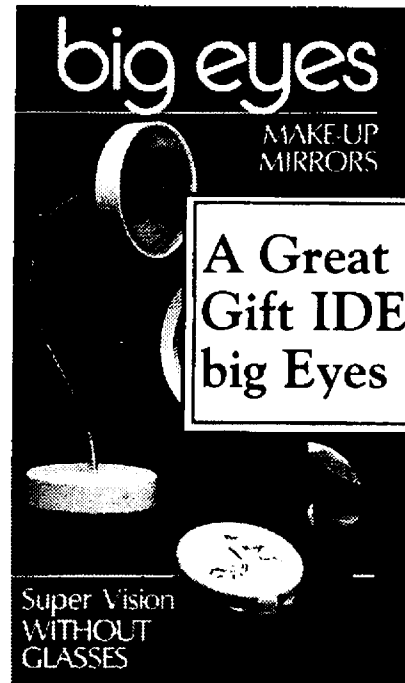
Educating yourself on your handyman's project needs is essential when looking for the perfect gift. But, purchasing a tool that can handle nearly every task around the home will ensure your holiday gift-giving success.

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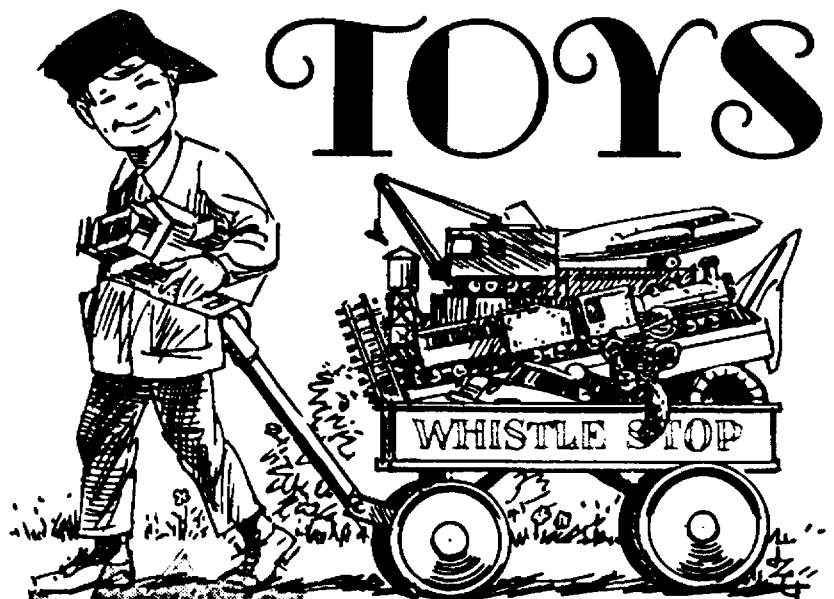


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This season, when you're making your holiday schedule, pencil in some time for yourself, time to relax and calm down so that you can truly enjoy the holidays and not be so drained when they are over.

Use this time for a favorite hobby or for trying something new. Plan a day trip to a museum that's hosting a special exhibit you've been interested in, or head to your favorite gallery and check out the latest pieces.

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Still insisting you don't have a whole day to spare on such luxuries? What about a few hours? Sometimes, that's all it takes to unwind, and there's a lot you can do with the time.

Grab a book, and make tracks to your favorite café or coffee shop or even the park — anywhere where peace and quiet are sure to be yours and you can lose yourself in a good story. Or, while you're out shopping, pick up a little something for yourself as a reward for finding the perfect gifts for everyone on your list.

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There are three new models: Pro Plus for \$699.95, Achiever Plus for \$799.95 and Medalist Plus for \$899.95, as well as the original models: Challenger for \$299.95, Sequoia for \$429.95 and Pro for \$599.95.

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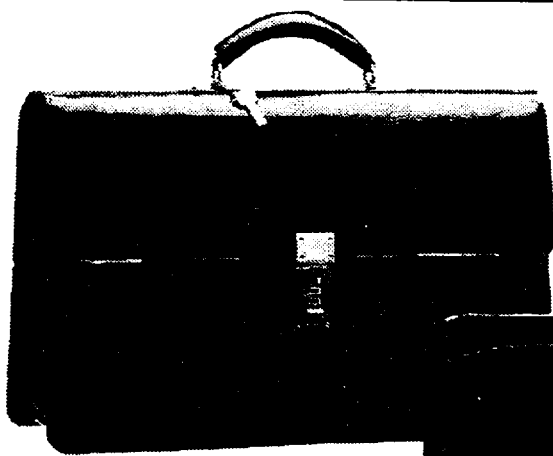
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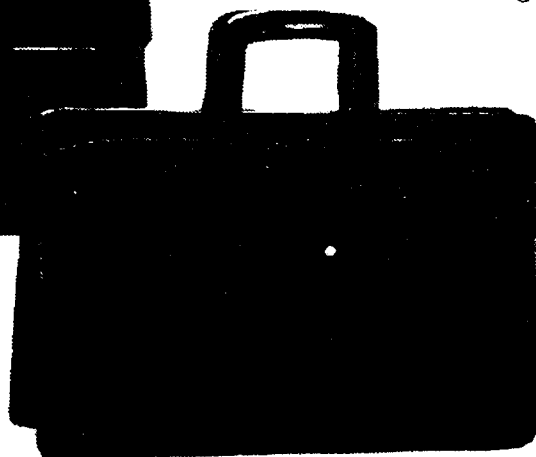
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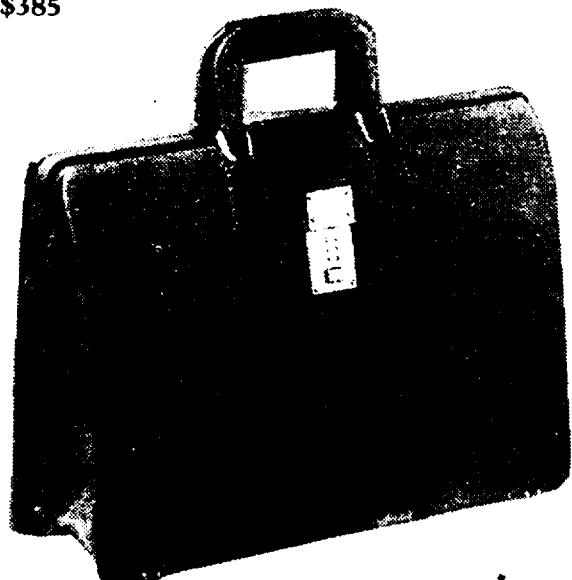
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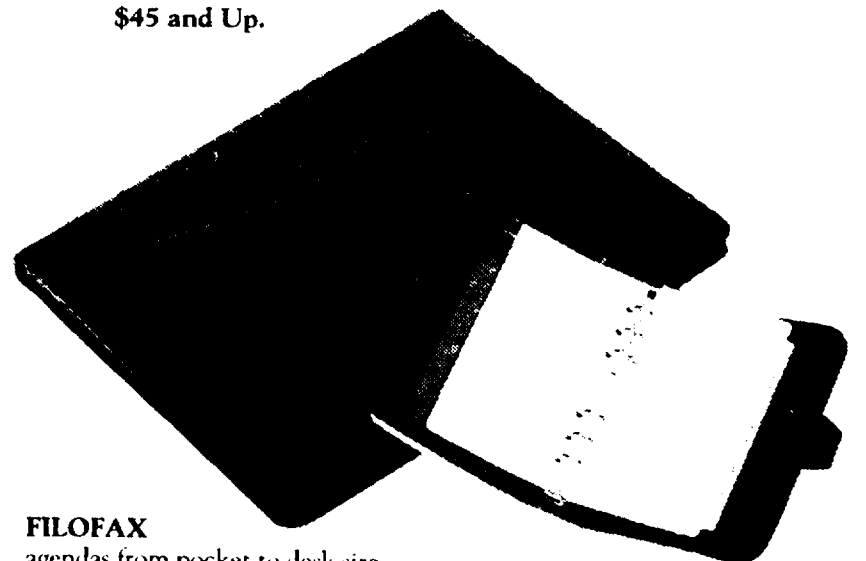
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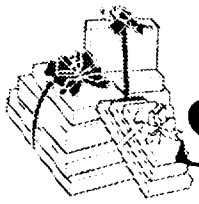


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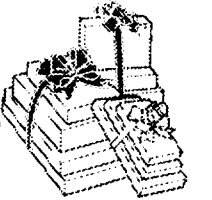
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It's 'Sew' easy to celebrate the holidays. Show you care by sewing custom-made gifts



Gifts you make yourself are probably considered the most thoughtful and are appreciated more than any other. In a recent consumer survey that identified the top 10 reasons why Americans sew, sewing hobbyists said: "People are impressed when I give them a gift of something I've sewn for them." It's the personal touch that makes the holidays come alive. Even non-sewers and novice sewers can show how much they care by sewing a gift for that special someone.

Your local specialty sewing and fabric shops can be terrific sources of inspiration for truly personal gifts. The Sewing Fashion Council extends holiday greetings to everyone with these tips for creating easy-to-sew/no-sew holiday gift and apparel projects for adults and children:

Deck the Halls With Easy-to-Sew Projects

Planning ahead will help you lower your stress level and give you more time for family activities during the holidays:

- Start at Thanksgiving with a Christmas countdown wall calendar. Begin with a holiday-themed fabric. Sew or glue on colorful felt pockets for each day. Cut fabric numbers for calendar days, and glue or sew them to each pocket. Fill pockets with hand-sewn ornaments. Starting Dec. 1, remove one ornament each day, and place it on a tree

or use it as a decoration; when the ornaments are gone, it will be Christmas day. Children especially love this.

- Everyone loves angels, and it's a snap to sew up a variety of angelic decorations — from Renaissance to Victorian to country — with laces, brocades and velvets. Some have old-fashioned floppy muslin bodies and calico garments, while others have dainty porcelain heads and arms.

- Sew tablecloths in plaids or laminated cotton fabrics in any of the hundreds of holiday-themed prints available. Sew coordinating aprons, place mats and napkins, and trim them with bias tape or ribbon. Enrich your fireplace mantel with a brocade runner, and use easy patterns to sew coordinating stockings with leftover scraps. Add family monograms.

- Give your sofa or bed a new look by sewing odd-shaped pillows, like stars, crescent moons, hearts, triangles and bolsters, with dupioni silk, luxurious satins and charmeuse in greens, golds, silvers, purples and reds. These accent pillows also make great gifts.

Gifts of Festive Fashions

A wide variety of ideas for sewing holiday apparel are available for non-sewers, novice and advanced sewers alike. Make your gift-giving list in advance, and think about which of your family members, friends and co-workers would appreciate a gift of hand-sewn apparel:

- Use sumptuous fabrics like taffeta, silk, satin, metallics and velvets to sew easy holiday skirts, drawstring pants, vests and tank tops. Think flannel, wool plaid, terry, jersey, chenille and polar fleece to sew one-of-a-kind robes, scarves, hats, mittens and sweater sets that will wrap and warm loved ones.

- Sew simple gifts of fashion, like quick boxer shorts and sleep shirts in Santa or reindeer prints, for the high-school and college crowd. Look for the many cartoon-character prints currently available. Use wool felt and animal prints to sew easy capes, berets and knapsacks; trim with faux fur.

- Use sueded silk, patterned velvet, metallic brocade and velour to sew festive vests to dress up jeans, a shirtdress, simple slim pants or long flowing skirts.

- Simple accessories in luxurious fabrics are easy to make for even novice and lapsed sewers, with sure-fire results. Sew a large square sheer scarf or cashmere shawl, and trim with fringe.

with appliqués. Use your sewing machine, or save sewing steps and iron them on with fusible bonding web. New metallic, supershiny and textured threads update the look of the traditional technique of appliqué.

- Scent your home with the fragrance of the holidays by making sachets with easy-to-sew and no-sew patterns. Using scrap fabrics, fill them with cinnamon, cloves and evergreen potpourri, and tie with metallic cords and tassels. Hang them from lampshade knobs. This is a great project for kids to make for teachers and family members.

- Give your tree a quick update with a new tree skirt, and use ribbon for the trim. Use your sewing machine to embroider family names or holiday motifs, like reindeer, snowmen and angels.

- Handmade ornaments can be gifts in themselves. Start building an ornament collection for young people with one special ornament a year; start your own themed tree. Look for ornament patterns, and let your imagination soar with a selection of fabrics, ribbons and trimmings. Use machine embroidery to sign and date fabric ornaments.

The options for creating unique holiday decor, gifts and apparel is limited only by your imagination. With a little extra time taken for hand-stitching and embroidering, your gifts will be a big hit with everyone.

Down To The Wire — Last-Minute Ideas

At the last minute, you can fit these simple sewing projects into your hectic schedule by using your creativity and the many easy-to-sew/no-sew kits available at your local fabric store:

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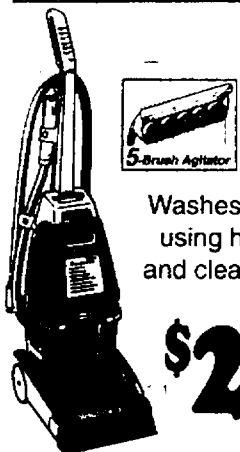
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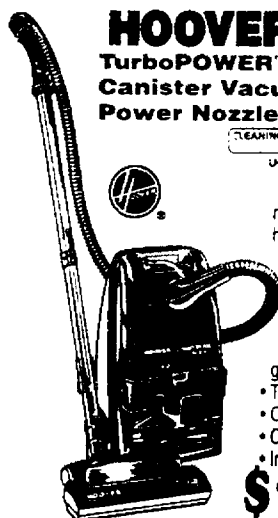
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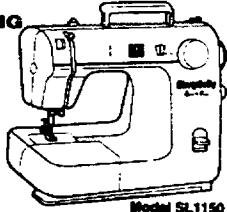
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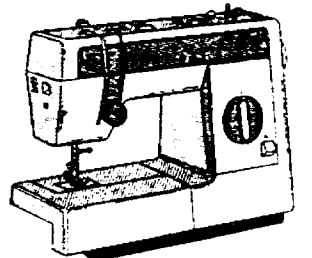
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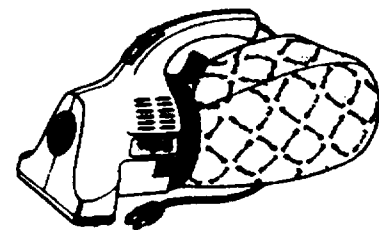
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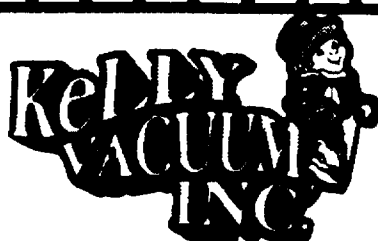
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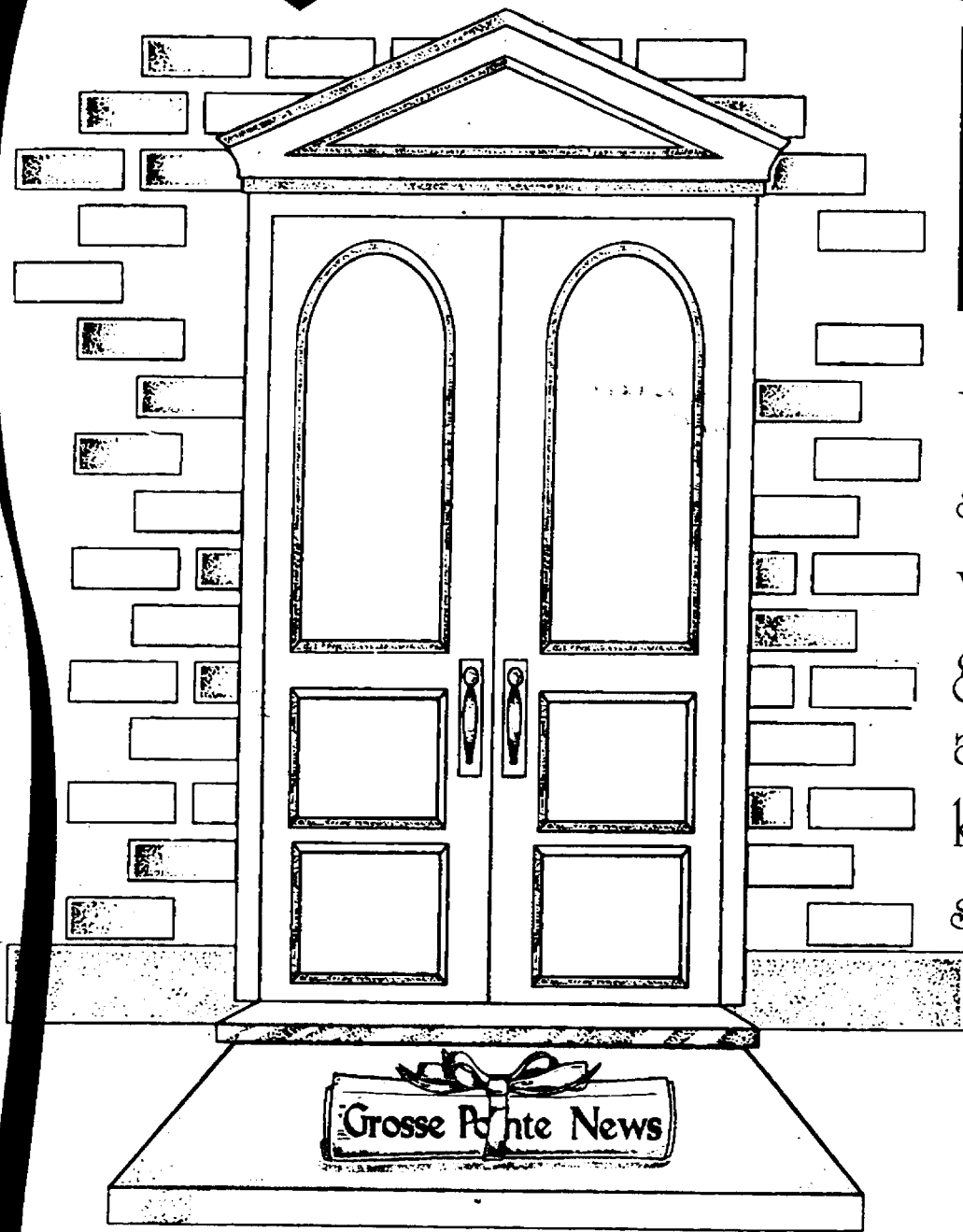
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Tips for parents on creating holiday traditions

Holidays are a wonderful opportunity for parents to establish traditions with their children that are not focused on receiving gifts," says Margo Lillig, child development specialist for Discovery Toys.

How can parents bring a feeling of warmth, giving and sharing to holiday celebrations and create meaningful holiday family traditions at the same time? Lillig offers the following suggestions:

- Keep a family journal together: Family members can record their favorite moments of the holiday, adding photos or drawings. It also can be a fun family project to plan the contents of the journal and to take turns telling stories and writing them in.

- Read together as a family: Reading a story together after a busy day is a wonderfully calming and settling activity for both parents and children.

- Play a game together: Playing games together is a great way for a family to relax and have fun. It also encourages communication, self-expression and interaction.

- Make gifts together: Gifts are espe-

cially endearing when they're handmade by a child. Families can deliver the gifts to a local hospital, shelter or senior-citizen center.

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Creating a holiday tradition is as simple as having a story together.

Dressing for success



This season places an emphasis on dressing casually for success. Refined sportswear has hit the office mainstream. The look is casual and comfortable, yet polished and sophisticated. Separates like sweaters and vests are being used for stylish layering, not just for warmth. The colors to look for are primary brights with indigo, charcoal or grey heather and a Northwoods trend toward the use of green, bark, loden, moss, ochre and earth. This sweater vest by Gant is an excellent substitute for a jacket and lends versatility to a working man's wardrobe. The Gant fall collection is office-friendly, combining a menagerie of colors and fabrics to create a line that is interchangeable, casual and refined.

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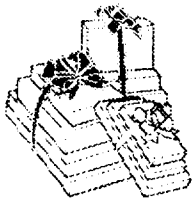


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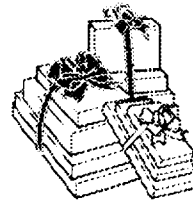
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When you purchase the earrings, you show family, friends and co-workers how much you care by conveying the

hopeful message that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. And, you raise money for the cause, as all proceeds benefit breast cancer early-detection programs. Each pair of Avon's Pink Ribbon Earrings is gift-boxed and accompanied by an educational flyer on breast cancer awareness and the history of Avon's Crusade.

Through the ongoing efforts of Avon's 450,000 Sales Representatives, this October, Avon's Crusade will achieve a \$25 million fund-raising landmark. This is the goal we set for ourselves in 1993, and we're reaching it in just the fourth year of our five-year campaign," says Joanne Mazurki, the Crusade's program director. "Avon's new Pink Ribbon Earrings, the symbol of our 1996 campaign, express the 'heart' of the Crusade, the tremendous spirit of personal connection we share with all women in the fight against breast cancer."

The earrings are the newest addition to Avon's unique collection of Pink Ribbon fund-raising products, which includes Pink Ribbon Pins and Pink Ribbon Pens. All proceeds from sales of these products have been used to benefit more than 200 community-based programs across the country dedicated to increasing awareness of breast cancer and improving access to early-detection services — especially for lower-income, minority and older women and others who are medically underserved.

The message — early detection saves lives — must be communicated to every woman, as 184,300 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be reported in 1996. More than 90 percent of women who discovered breast cancer at its earliest stage are alive and well. Mammograms, simple procedures that can reveal breast cancer at its earliest stage, are the best screening tools, yet they are utilized by only 40 percent of women who should be having them. The National Cancer Institute recently reported — with "cautious optimism" — a 3 percent decline in overall breast

cancer deaths between 1989 and 1992, which may be attributed, in part, to greater awareness, increased screening and improved treatment.

Avon's Crusade encourages women to follow the American Cancer Society's three-step recommendations for better breast health, including regular mammograms, as appropriate for age and family history, yearly clinical examinations and monthly breast self-exams.

Since 1993, Avon's Sales Representatives have worked as ambassadors on behalf of the Crusade by distributing more than 48 million educational brochures and spreading the early-detection message in a massive, grass-roots, woman-to-woman campaign.

Avon's Breast Cancer Awareness Crusade is an innovative public/private/non-profit partnership among the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO), the YWCA of the U.S.A., Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), with the goal of providing women access to a full range of services, including education, counseling, screening and early detection.

Avon is the world's leading direct seller of beauty and related products, with \$4.5 billion in annual revenues. It markets to women in 125 countries through nearly 2 million independent Sales Representatives. Product lines include such recognizable brands as Anew, Skin-So-Soft, Avon Color and Far Away. Also one of the world's largest manufacturers of fashion jewelry, Avon markets an extensive line of gifts and collectibles. The company employs approximately 30,000 people worldwide.

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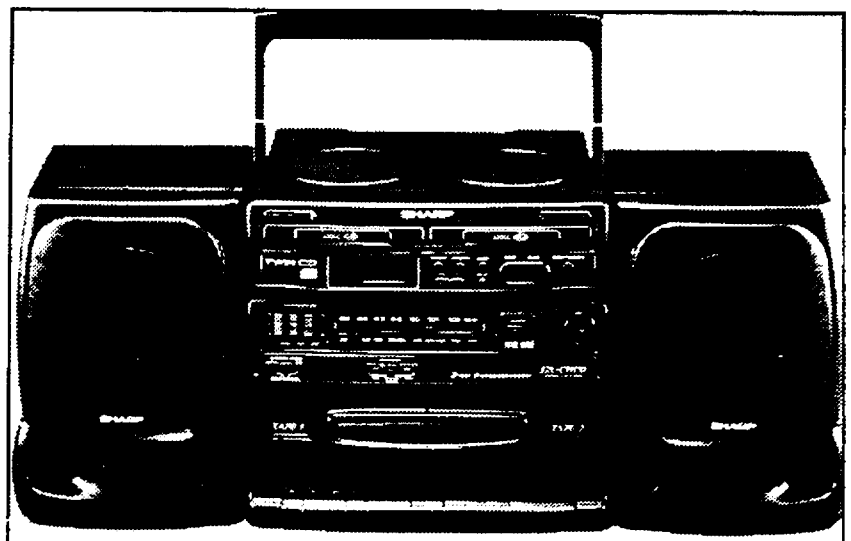
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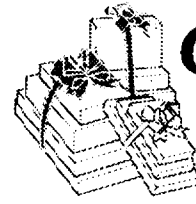
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Caution is the key during holiday travel season

More than half a million drivers each year are involved in accidents caused by a collision with a deer, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.). Unfortunately, many of these crashes occur in fall and early winter — a peak time for holiday travel and deer activity.

The deer population has doubled or tripled in many states over the last 10 years. As urban habitats continue to encroach rural environments, the problem will only get worse, warns the I.I.I.

"When a car traveling at 55 or 60 mph strikes a 250- to 300-pound deer, the result can be catastrophic," say representatives from the I.I.I.

More than 100 people are killed each year as a result of this type of collision, thousands of people are injured, and many cars are totally destroyed. In addition, thousands of deer are killed in these accidents each year.

Defensive driving is the way to avoid a deer collision, warns the I.I.I. The institute offers the following strategic driving tips:

- Be vigilant in early morning and evening hours, the most active time for deer. If the law permits, use your high-beam headlights to see the deer better.

- Slow down, and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.

- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path. Do not swerve. You may hit a tree or another car.

- Be alert, and drive with caution when you are moving through a deer-crossing zone.

- Always wear your seat belt. Most people injured in car-deer crashes are not wearing their seat belt.

- Look for other deer after one has crossed the road. Deer seldom run alone.

If your vehicle strikes a deer, do not touch the animal. The I.I.I. warns that the animal could hurt you or you could further injure the deer. The best procedure is to get your car off the road, if possible, and contact the police.

Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. He or she will advise you on the claim-filing process. A collision with an animal would be covered under the comprehensive portion of your auto insurance policy.

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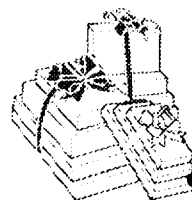
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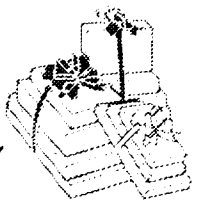
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How to Choose Toys that grow with your children this holiday season



When Jonathan Falk builds track layouts with his BRIO Wooden Railway, it's an engineering feat with elevated track and bridges criss-crossing on multiple levels.

"It's a Tower of Babel," jokes his mother, Teri Falk, of Hampton, Va. Or, perhaps, a model of the Los Angeles freeway.

An experienced builder and engineer at 11, Jonathan has been playing with his wooden railway for more than eight years, graduating from forming simple circular layouts to creating complex designs, including a special Christmas layout incorporating the family's Victorian village collection.

"I like making designs," says Jonathan. "I just build on and on and on. If you have enough pieces, you can build anything you want to."

"I think BRIO grows as the child grows," says his mother, who has watched Jonathan develop skills through play, from improved eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills as a preschooler to a better understanding of geometry in elementary school.

Toy expert Diane Levin, professor of education at Wheelock College, a Boston college specializing in early childhood education, describes a good toy as one that changes to support children's developmental stages and interests.

"When a toy can grow and change

over time and can be used in simple and then more and more complex ways, it's a good toy," says Levin, who has authored three books on play and popular culture and is co-founder of TRUCE (Teachers for Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment), which promotes healthy play and toys. "It allows children to work



TOYS THAT GROW with a child's interests and developmental needs, like the BRIO Wooden Railway, make good gifts.

at the level of play they're ready for and contributes deeply to their learning."

Levin offers several other guidelines for adults to keep in mind as they're

shopping for toys this holiday.

- The child should be able to control the play activity and determine how to play with the toy, as opposed to a toy that channels children into doing one specific thing.

- The toy should not promote stereotypes or be suggestive of narrow roles for one gender or another.

- The toy should promote interaction among children, allowing different children to become involved based on their own interests and abilities.

- The toy should encourage children to develop their own play scenarios, rather than imitate shows and characters they've seen on television.

- The toy should be open-ended enough so that a child can work out his or her ideas through play.

"A good toy has embedded in it all

kinds of challenges that contribute to learning from the child's own inventions, rather than being told something like "This is the number 2,"" explains Levin.

Using a wooden railway like BRIO as an example, Levin points out how play incorporates multiple disciplines. A child learns spatial relationships, proportions and fractions by creating layouts with track pieces of different lengths. He or she practices storytelling, a precursor to reading, as he or she develops railroad play scenarios with the trains, people and accessories. Magnets, pulleys and lift bridges introduce science elements.

For a child to get the most out of toys, Levin cautions, "Fewer is often better."

"A few toys that are open-ended that the child really gets to know and use in every possible way can be better for child development," Levin says. "It's part of learning how to be an active learner, how to be actively involved in life."

As for Jonathan, all his building with genuine BRIO Wooden Railway and construction toys has laid a foundation for a possible career.

"When I grow up, I think I'd like to be an architect," he says.

Winner of international awards for fun, quality, safety and durability, BRIO Wooden Railway is available at specialty toy stores. For a list of the stores near you, call BRIO's toll-free number at 1-888-274-6869.

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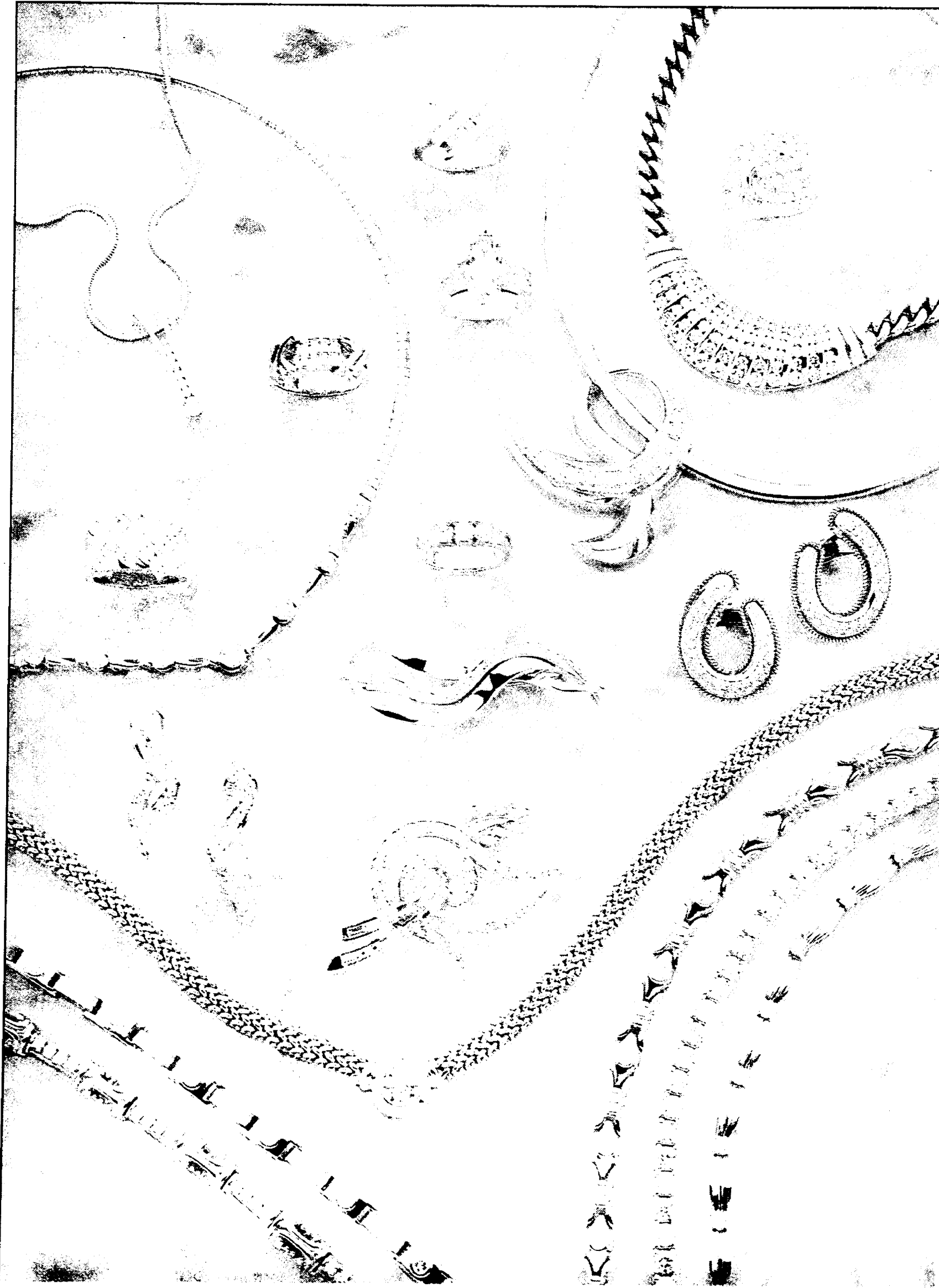
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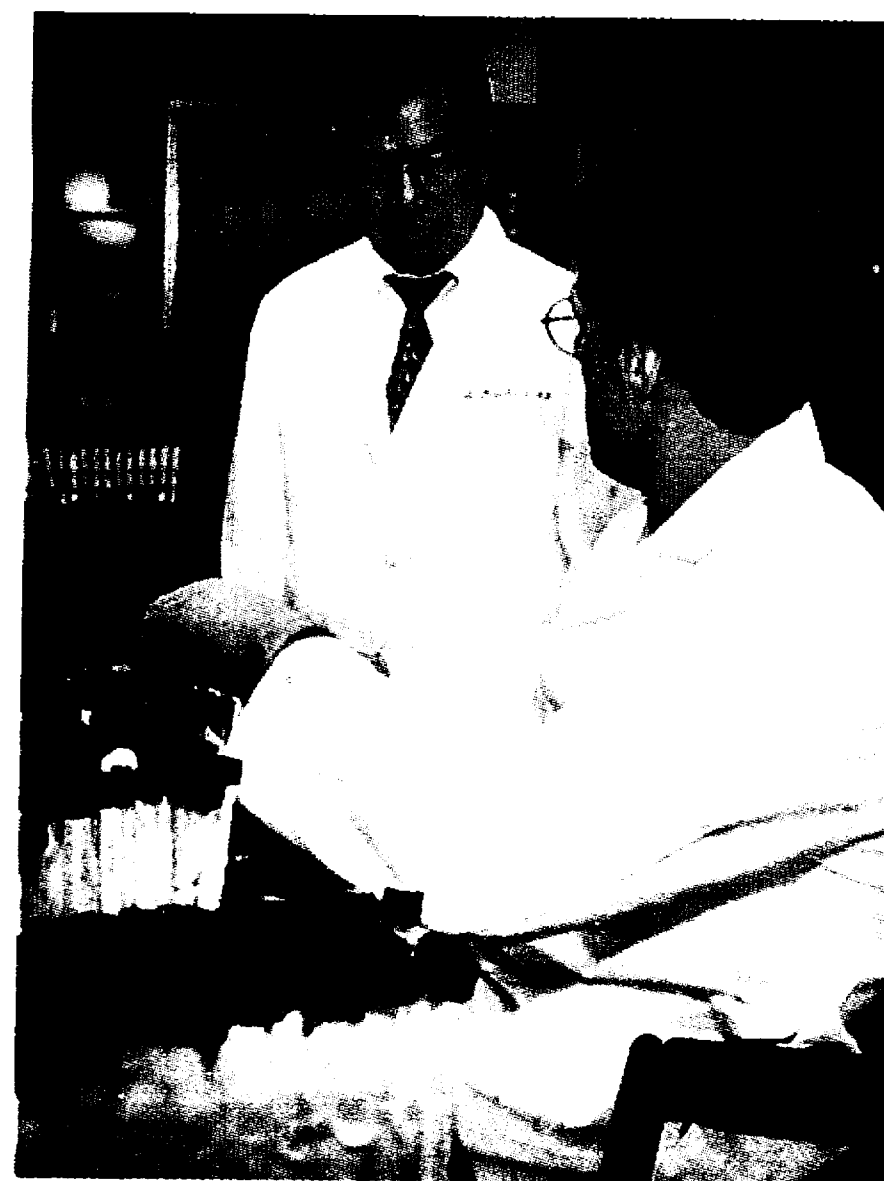
Final Analysis

They remember the days at the old Wayne County Medical Examiner's office when quarters were so cramped, staff used to hold meetings in the hallways.

Employees at the gleaming, new Medical Examiner's office are glad those days have passed.

Overseeing the daily activity at the office is Dr. Sawait Kanluen, the County's Medical Examiner, a forensic pathologist who has worked for Wayne County since 1974. Think of him as a scientific detective. His job involves the investigation of all violent, sudden and unattended deaths in the County. Bodies are delivered to the Medical Examiner's Office, located just north of Eastern Market in Detroit, where Kanluen and his staff perform autopsies to determine how people died.

The new \$14 million Medical Examiner's Office - equipped with a state-of-the-art autopsy area, toxicology lab, photo lab, library and lecture room - is decorated with artwork, blonde-maple wood and splashes of vibrant color. "It's intentionally bright, to relieve some of the grief that we see," says Kanluen. "There is a lot of



Dr. Sawait Kanluen, Medical Examiner, shares a new facility with more than 50 employees

natural light."

Conference rooms, where families sometimes gather after a death, face landscaped courtyards. In the waiting area are comfortable circular bench seats.

The 50-member Medical Examiner's Office staff conducts business much like personnel in

law enforcement. An investigator receives a call about a death and then must determine if there is a need for further inquiry. Generally, when a death occurs where a well-established medical history exists and a physician has been in attendance, there is no need for an

investigation. If an investigator must go to the scene of a death, he gathers information that will assist the Medical Examiner in his mission to determine the cause and manner of death. That work includes interviewing witnesses and police officers, gathering evidence, documenting the scene and preparing reports.

Some bodies are autopsied, others are examined visually. "If a 90-year-old man dies of an apparent heart attack and he has no wounds and a history of heart problems, there is no need for an autopsy," says Kanluen.

Homicides, always first on the workday agenda, must be autopsied. Tissue and blood samples are sent to labs for toxicology analysis. When needed, Kanluen and his staff of forensic pathologists appear in court to testify on findings in homicide cases.

In addition to being one of the accredited institutes for training forensic pathology fellows by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Medical Examiner's Office has recently been expanding its scope of

educational activities. Wayne State University's Medical School sends fourth-year medical students to the Medical Examiner's Office for a month-long tour of duty. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department conducts a reality program for juveniles where officials talk to at-risk kids about the dangers of flirting with crime. County staff are also assisting in a prostate cancer research program and will be implementing training programs for law enforcement in the future.

"You will see all emotions from the public, from sad to angry," says Kanluen, acknowledging the work can be stressful. "But here we must remember, we're here to serve the living."

- The Medical Examiner's Office handles an average of 10-12 deaths a day, or 3,500 to 4,000 annually.
- 12,000 calls are fielded by the office each year.
- Annually, about 750 homicides are autopsied and most are due to gunshot wounds.
- Most deaths occur from natural causes.

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COOL FUN

Wayne County LightFest
Holiday memories await at this year's Wayne County LightFest, a four-mile, drive-through seasonal light show with 35 displays. See giant gingerbread houses, toy soldiers...lit with more than 750,000 twinkle light bulbs. A live Santa and photographer await at the end of the ride, if

parents want to record the evening with a photo. There's also a concession stand with treats and a Christmas gift shop. LightFest opened Nov. 21 and runs through Jan. 1 from 7-10 p.m. except Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Donation of \$5 per car. To find the lights, take the Merriman Road entrance to Hines Drive in Westland. Use Merriman exit from I-96 and follow signs. For information, call 261-1990.



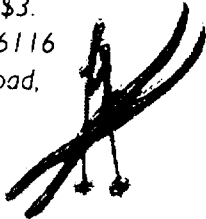
Ice Skating

Natural ice-skating ponds will be open during daylight hours - weather permitting - this winter at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, Lola Valley in Redford, Inkster Park in Inkster, at Dearborn Heights and Westland in Hines Park, and at Newburgh Lake and Wilcox Lake. Wilcox Lake will have a concession, warming shelter and fire pit. Some night skating is anticipated. Call 261-1990 to find out if rinks are open.



Cross Country Skiing

If enough snow falls, cross country skiing should be available at the Warren Valley Golf Course. Glide along trails between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Rent skis for \$7. Everyone pays a trail fee of \$3. Located at 26116 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. Call 561-9879



Natural Wonder

Imagine a visitor's surprise had he been away from the southwestern corner of Wayne County for a decade. Acres of dry farmland have been replaced with a lush marsh teeming with abundant wildlife.

Next spring, that 467-acre site - called the Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve - will open to the public.

The man-made marsh is result of a unique swap of land. In 1990, Wayne County began planning for a new, 8,500-foot-long runway at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus. Designers called for the runway to go through an existing wetland.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials required that the County "mitigate" the situation; that is, the County had to create a new wetland area for the one they were destroying. (For every acre of wetland taken for construction, the Department of Environmental Quality demands 1.5 acres of wetland.) The County worked with



Wayne County's Crosswinds Marsh will open to the public in Spring of 1997

Sumpter Township, a deal was struck and nearly 1,000 acres of farmland was purchased.

At a site chosen in rural Sumpter Township about 15 miles south of Metro Airport, workers began excavating to build ponds. The big job involved diverting water and flooding the dry ground, a process that took a full year to finish.

Endangered plants were transplanted to the new location. Walkways were built over the water. The site now con-

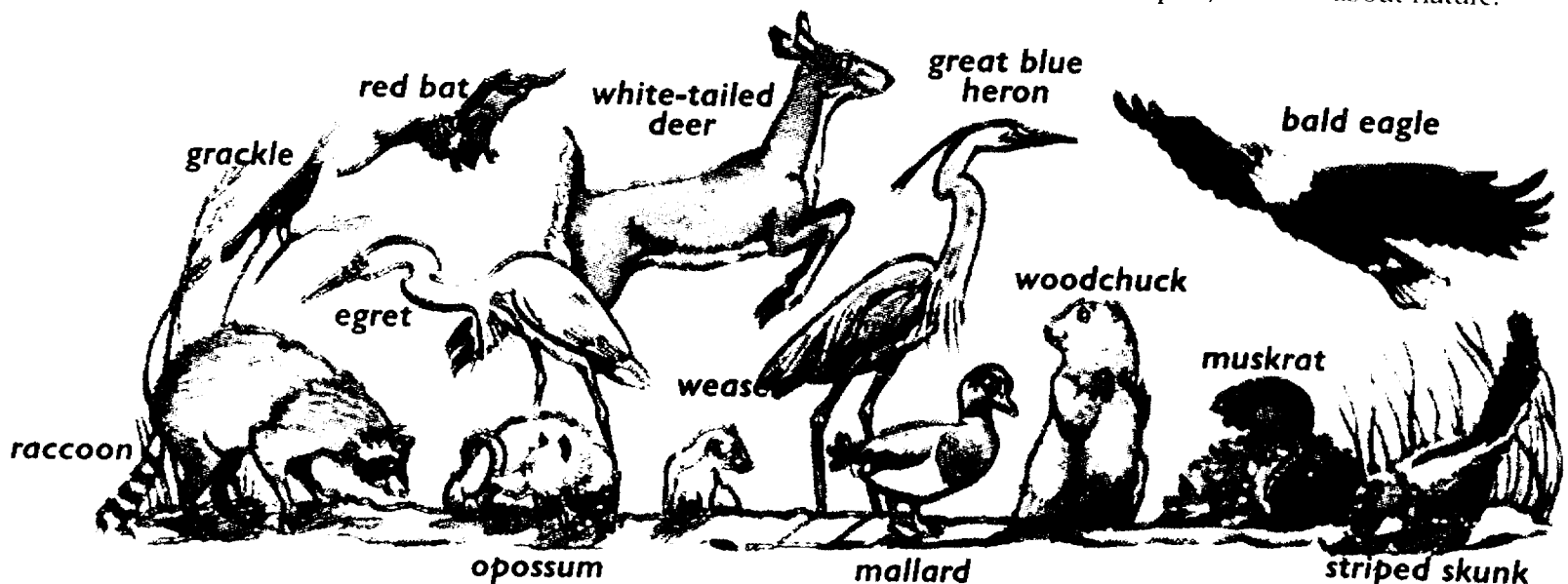
tains everything from forested wetlands to deep water. Attractions include hiking trails, hundreds of feet of elevated boardwalk and an equestrian trail around the marsh's perimeter.

New "residents" have already found the marsh. "We've seen dozens of birds," says Kathleen Lewand, executive assistant with Wayne County Parks. "We just know it's going to be a great spot for bird watching."

Over at Metro Airport, the

new runway opened for business in November, 1993. Visitors will have to wait until sometime in Spring, 1997, before they can explore the new Crosswinds Marsh area. Plans call for the marshlands to one day cover nearly 1,000 acres with spots for fishing and canoeing, even an observation tower for bird watchers.

"It's not only going to be a wonderful place to visit," says Lewand, "but it will be a place for future generations to learn about nature."



Marshes attract a wide range of wildlife. Observers have already spotted the above creatures roaming around Crosswinds Marsh.

who to call

Crosswinds Marsh will not be open until Spring, 1997. Call Wayne County's Parks at 261-1990 for information on dates and directions.

Calling All Seniors

Two years ago, 90-year-old Bertha Dennard woke up one morning and knew something wasn't right. "I just wasn't feeling good," says the Romulus homeowner, who lives alone with her dog, Bug.

But Dennard didn't panic. She knew she would soon be getting a call from the Tele-care worker, just as she had every weekday morning since 1989. When the phone rang, Dennard explained she was very sick. "They called 911 and sent someone over to help." Paramedics took the widow to a local hospital where she received her medication.

Wayne County's Tele-care office has similar stories in its files. Like the woman who told workers she didn't have any food in the house and had no way to get to a store. Tele-care staff made calls and the senior had groceries that day.

Tele-care, also known as the Senior Citizen's Telephone Reassurance Service, has been serving seniors in western Wayne County since 1978. Each day, more than 500 older persons are called from eight different sites around the County. The calls involve a cheery hello, a check on the resident's plans for the day, a friendly listener and referrals for those in need.

"For a lot of seniors, it's the only contact they have all day long," says Evelyn Kapanowski, Tele-care assistant coordinator. "Many don't want to bother their children



Tele-care recipient, Bertha Dennard

or a neighbor on the phone."

Tele-care benefits persons over 60 years old who live alone or are temporarily alone. Coordinators report the program saves money on long-term care of seniors by allowing them to stay in their own homes.

The program is simple. Seniors sign up for the service, which is only offered on weekdays. Seniors are called at a designated time, between 8-8:30 a.m. or 12:30-1 p.m., whichever they choose. The caller tries three times. If there is no answer, the caller waits up to 10 minutes and calls again. If the phone is still unanswered, a predesignated backup person is called to stop

over at the senior's home. If the backup discovers a medical crisis, a doctor and relatives are notified.

This free service, funded by the Telephone Reassurance Program, depends on help from local communities. Belleville, Canton, Garden City, Inkster, Plymouth, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Westland all provide phones and sites for the callers.

Callers get to know their seniors and bonds form over the wires. Kapanowski has found that seniors with severe health problems are often the most upbeat. She adds: "That kind of attitude makes the callers appreciate what they have."

CHILL FACTORS

With winter here, the Wayne County Health Department urges people to listen to weather forecasts and dress appropriately to prevent hypothermia, a condition that begins when the body's core temperatures fall below normal.



"Hypothermia can result from several small, simple errors such as taking off a glove, eating snow for thirst or unzipping a jacket," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Medical Director with the Wayne County Health Department. The signs of a hypothermic individual include a pale, puffy face, cold feet, hands and face, listlessness, drowsiness, mental confusion, poor coordination, loss of consciousness and irregular heartbeat.

People who know they will be exposed to cold should take the following precautions:

- WEAR SEVERAL LAYERS OF WARM, LOOSE CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY HEADGEAR.
- WEAR PROTECTIVE WATERPROOF AND WINDPROOF OUTER GARMENTS.
- KEEP HEAD AND NECK COVERED TO HELP RETAIN BODY HEAT.
- STAY DRY.
- DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

If you suspect a person is experiencing hypothermia, seek prompt medical attention and then do the following:

1. REMOVE ANY DAMP CLOTHES AND DRESS THE PERSON IN DRY CLOTHES OR BLANKETS.
2. GIVE THE PERSON WARM, NOT HOT, LIQUIDS TO DRINK.
3. ALLOW THE PERSON TO WARM UP GRADUALLY A WARM ROOM.
4. GIVE THE PERSON A WARM, NOT HOT, BATH.



For more information, contact 467-3353.

want to know more?

For more information on Tele-care, call 326-4988 or 326-4736

Electric Jails

Forget Eliot Ness and the Untouchables. Wayne County has the Ankle Squad. These are the officers who keep track of tethered prisoners.

If a criminal is sentenced to jail but his crime isn't severe, a judge can order he be electronically monitored. This means Sheriff's deputies strap a pager-size device to the prisoner's ankle and install a small monitor in his home. The prisoner's movements are restricted. He may go to his job and essential errands, his whereabouts constantly checked electronically throughout the duration of the sentence.

"It's like Lojack for people," says Deputy



Wayne County Deputies John Robinson and Vince Alvarado

Vince Alvarado, who, with Deputy John Robinson, handles the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff Department's Electronic Monitoring Division.

Think of the advantages, the deputies say.

The prisoner's family doesn't lose a wage-earner and often a parent, and the community doesn't have to pay for a prisoner's guards, cell, meals or medical expenses.

The program, which began last August, has more than 70 prisoners on tethers, as the devices are called.

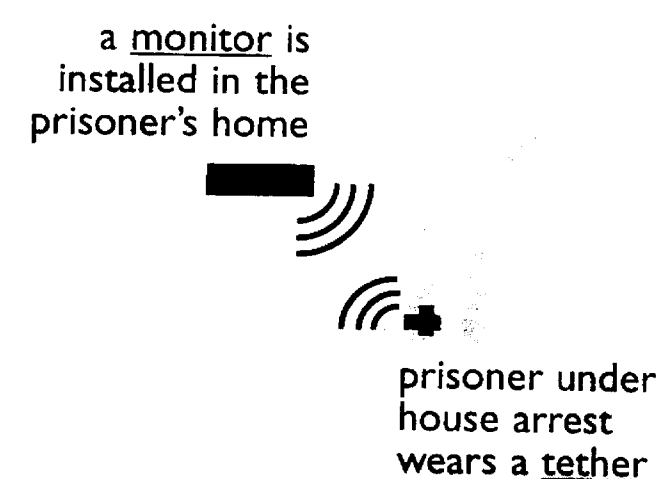
Crimes that qualify for tethering include lesser felonies such as malicious destruction, breaking and entering and some categories of drunk driving.

Wayne County uses three types of monitoring systems:

- Ankle tether alone
- Ankle tether for abuser combined with an

HOUSE ARREST MONITOR

House arrest prisoners must follow a closely monitored time schedule.



Tethered prisoners must be home by a designated hour. If the prisoner isn't home on time the Wayne County Sheriff's Department is notified and the prisoner picked up and taken to jail.

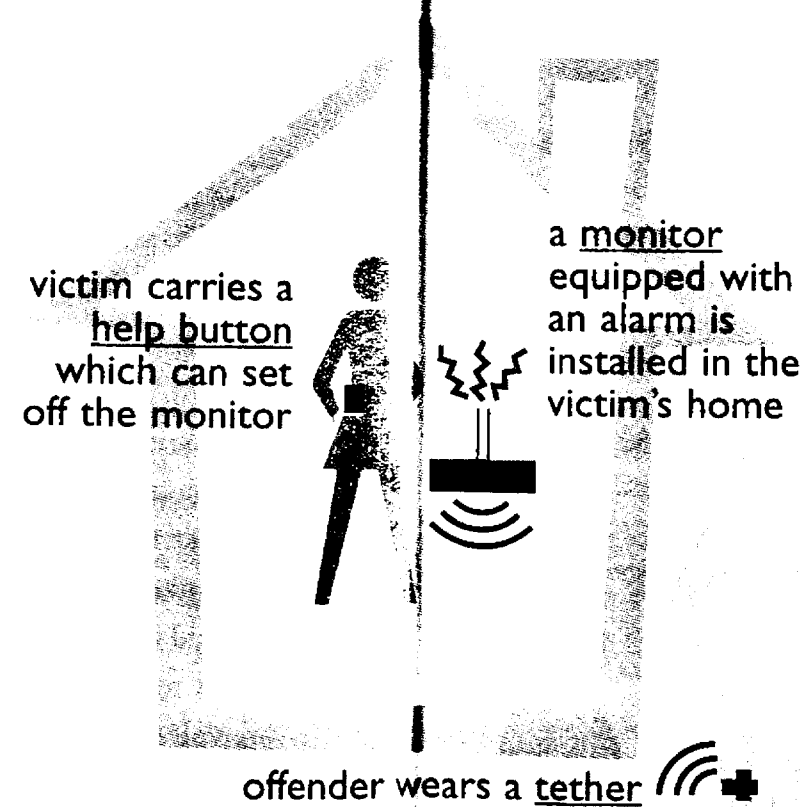
alarm inside a victim's home in domestic violence cases

- Ankle tether combined with breath-tester for alcohol abusers

Prisoners on ankle tethers have **monitors** - about the size of a small pizza box - placed in their homes. The tether emits a signal picked up by the monitor. Persons on a tether must tell Wayne County Sheriff personnel when they will be at work (for example, from 7 a.m. to 7 at night). In this case, the monitoring system - run by an out-of state private company -

DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFENDER MONITOR

The domestic abuser monitor system is in effect 24 hours a day



An offender's tether not only tracks him from his home, but also sets off a monitor placed in the victim's home if he comes within its range. Attempts to tamper with the tether can be detected and constitute a violation of house arrest and the offender will be returned to County jail.

kicks on after 7 p.m. The tethered person must be near the monitor or a report - sent to the deputies daily - will show exact times the prisoner is out of range. The monitor even records power failures or tampering.

The setup for **domestic violence offenders** is more sophisticated. The offender wears a tether, but another monitor is placed in the victim's house. The offender's tether will set off the victim's monitor is he gets too close to the victim's home. The monitor will then sound an alarm to alert

ALCOHOL ABUSER MONITOR

Offenders using the alcohol abuse monitor are tested at both scheduled and random intervals.



Persons placed on the alcohol abuse monitoring program are tested daily with a breath tester that sends a report to the sheriff's office. Tests are done both by schedule and at random.

the victim and dial 911 and the nearest police officer will be dispatched to the home. The victim also carries a device that can set off the monitor.

A recent case involved an abuser who drove to a victim's home late at night, rammed her car while it sat empty in the driveway and then sped away. Because the monitor recorded he was nearby that night and his truck showed crash damage, he was taken to jail.

One domestic violence victim felt so secure with the monitor, she didn't want to give it up even after trouble had passed. "She said she finally started sleeping at night," says Robinson.

The **alcohol monitor**, which looks like a hand-held hair dryer, can be used alone or partnered with a tether. The offender makes a voiceprint into the system and then has a schedule when he breathes into the monitor. This way, a sober substitute can't "fool" the monitor.

The two deputies, who work out of Dickerson Jail in Hamtramck, monitor more than 70 people. If there is trouble, the deputies are on 24-hour call and must respond.

Prisoners are told, if they cut the tether, they are charged with a felony, punishable with a two- to five-year sentence. Tethered prisoners pay up to \$15 a day to be on the program plus a one-time \$50 installation charge. Since tethering began, more than \$200,000 has been collected by the County.

Starting this fall, the Sheriff's Department will be tethering pre-sentence offenders, persons who are awaiting sentencing, rather than have them wait out their time at taxpayers' expense in jail.

"Whichever way you look at it, we're finding it's a great system," says Frank Wren, Jail Classification Director.

For more information about the electronic monitoring program, call 875-9691.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

County Executive

Edward H. McNamara • 224-0286

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Christopher F. Cavanaugh • District 1 • 224-0920

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Robert Blackwell • District 3 • 224-0878

Jewel Ware • District 4 • 224-0916

Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr. • District 5 • 224-0886

George Cushingberry, Jr. • District 6 • 224-0942

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Edna Bell • District 8 • 224-0936

Michelle A. Plawecki • District 9 • 224-0930

Thaddeus G. McCotter • District 10 • 224-0946

Bruce Patterson • District 11 • 224-0944

Kay Beard • District 12 • 224-0902

Susan L. Hubbard • District 13 • 224-0934

William J. O'Neil • District 14 • 224-0880

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Clerk • Teola P. Hunter • 224-6262

Register of Deeds • Forest Youngblood • 224- 5884

Prosecutor • John D. O'Hair • 224-5777

Sheriff • Robert A. Ficano • 224-2222

Treasurer • Raymond J. Wojtowicz • 224-5990

SERVICES

Health & Community Services

Cooperative Extension • 494-3000

Nutrition Services • 326-4479

Environmental Health • 326-4900

Family Center/Head Start • 326-4976

Health Department • 467-3300

Juvenile Detention Facility • 577-9255

Regional Library for the Blind & Physically

Handicapped • 274-2600 or 467-5313

Senior Citizen Services • 326-4736

Detroit Wayne County Community

Mental Health Board • 833-2500

Patient Care Management Services • 833-3431

Veterans Affairs • 224-5045

Youth Services • 494-3035

Personnel/Human Resources

Job Hotline • 224-5900

Public Services

Metro Airport • Parking Lot Info 1-800-642-1978

Metro Airport Wheelchair Van • 941-6855

Metro Airport Noise Hotline • 942-3222

Parks & Recreation • 261-1990

Department of Roads 24-hour hotline • 955-9920

Construction Permit Office • 224-7664

Department of the Environment • 224-3631

Wayne County Library • 326-8910

County Jobs

Wayne County employs more than 5,000 people in an amazing range of jobs: Police Officer, Typist, Prosecutor, Engineer, Environmental Inspector. The County is an equal employment opportunity employer that seeks to hire the most highly qualified individuals.

Here's how you can find out about County job opportunities:

Call the personnel hot line at 224-5900

after 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends and holidays.

Visit the personnel office

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Room 107, Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

Check weekly job postings in local newspapers, at local colleges, libraries and the Michigan Employment Security Commission. Announcements about job opportunities provide qualifications, description of duties and tests that may be required.

Following is a sampling of jobs posted on a continual or seasonal basis:

Cooperative Engineering Student

Salary: \$20,303

Performs routine and technical subprofessional civil engineering duties in the field.

Must be at least a college sophomore currently enrolled in an engineering program at an accredited college or university.

Chemist I

Salary: \$29,114

Performs beginning level technical work, quantitative and qualitative analyses. Requires a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

Community Service

Specialist 3 (Recipient Rights)

Salary: \$23,736

Under direct supervision of mental health administrator, may be required to administer the contact visitation and interview psychiatric inmates as well as conduct social histories. Requires a bachelor's degree in psychology, sociology,

social work or criminal justice; two years post-degree experience.

Police Officer

Salary: \$21,000

Provides safety and security of persons and property. Maintains law and order in the jail, courts, roads and airports. Requires high school diploma or GED. Current, original MLEOTC scores or certified officer.

Licensed Practical Nurse

Salary: \$25,788

Makes medical rounds, obtains health history, assists physicians.

Public Health Nurse I

Salary: \$33,292 to \$38,515

Performs professional public health nursing in clinic and field health promotion.

Public Health Nurse 2

Salary: \$34,837 to \$40,280

Performs professional public health nursing services in more complex cases.

Registered Nurse I in Health

Salary: \$34,337 to \$38,515

Gives professional nursing care in jail or detention facility.

Registered Nurse I in Psychiatric

Salary: \$34,337 to \$38,515

Gives professional nursing care at Health Department and in all County clinics.



tell us what you think of WAYNE

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about any elected officials, political topics or ballot issues. Please let us know your opinion of this publication.

Please mail your comments to:

NEWSLETTER, 600 Randolph, Room 349, Detroit, MI 48226

The newsletter helped to inform me. I like it.

Good idea, but please write about the following subjects:

This is a waste of money.

Other comments:

Net Working

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT *Online* Wayne County, Michigan



Hop on. Wayne County has launched a 50-page Web site on the Internet.

The site opens with a big, green hand - held up Michigander style - to welcome visitors to the Wayne County Economic Development Online home page.

"More and more people are connecting to the Internet every day, and we wanted to be part of the growing wave," says Dewey Henry, director of the Economic Development Department.

Here's what else awaits surfers:

- Details on all Wayne County communities
- Locations and phone numbers for colleges in the area

- Information on local hospitals
- A description of life around Wayne County, its workforce and neighborhood development programs

One helpful page includes details on local real estate values, with median selling prices on homes.

Need population figures? Metro Airport parking maps? They're all right here. One of the most eclectic spots is the Hot Links page, giving visitors access to cool, non-County sites such as Crimestoppers and WWJ Radio.

Wayne County's site includes in-depth profiles on all 43 Wayne County communities, including introductions to cities and villages, Census data and phone num-

bers for elected officials, economic development and key staff contacts. The Web site will eventually feature maps of key industrial sites in the region. "We've been averaging about 15 requests for more information on economic development projects each week," says Henry.

Wayne County departments such as Personnel and Roads will soon be available. Feedback from visitors comes from the Survey page so stop by there.

So far, the site has received high marks from one impartial observer, *The Big Idea*, a magazine for Detroit's creative professionals. Staffers liked what they saw and awarded the site its equivalent of a four-star rating.

see for yourself

Web address:

<http://www.waynecounty.com>

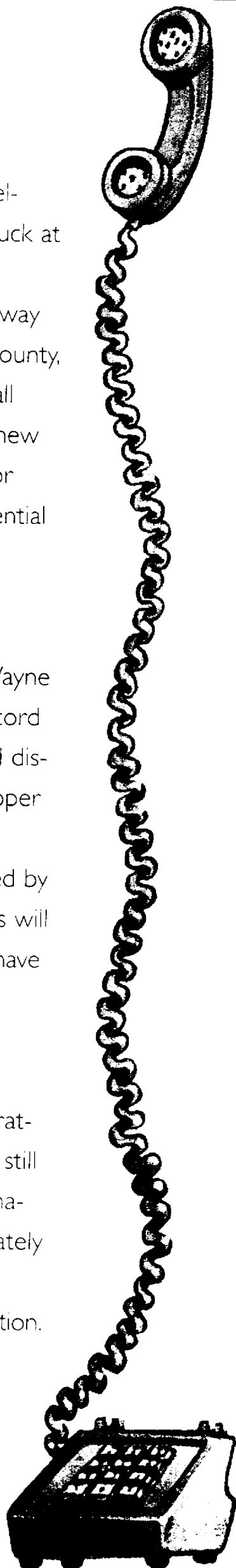
ROUGH ROAD RELIEF

If you've ever hit a wheel-busting pothole, been stuck at a broken traffic signal or dodged debris on a freeway somewhere in Wayne County, get on the phone and call 1-888-ROAD CREW, a new toll-free hotline set up for motorists to report potential hazards on any road in Wayne County.

With the new service, Wayne County road staff will record hazardous conditions and dispatch the data to the proper district yard for action. Complaints will be tracked by computer and their status will be monitored until they have been resolved.

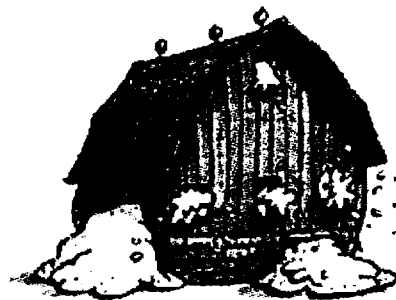
If a complaint comes in regarding a road not operated by Wayne County but still within its limits, the information will be faxed immediately to the appropriate public works department for attention.

Next time you spot a road hazard in Wayne County, just call the (1-888) ROAD CREW.



ROAD SALT NUGGETS

HOLD THE SALT



Wayne County stores its salt all around the region in eight different domes and barns, and even one dry spot under I-75 in Detroit.

THINK GREEN, SAVE GREEN



Salt is less expensive to buy than calcium chloride and it is easier on the environment because it's a natural substance.

CONVOY!



Wayne County has 130 salt-spreading trucks. Cost of one truck? \$50,000.

TRUE GRIT



Wayne County doesn't use sand because when it clogs sewers when it washes away.

ANNUAL ROAD SALT CONSUMPTION COMPARISON:



Livonia
3,840
tons



Dearborn
15,284
tons



Detroit
40,010
tons



Wayne County
85,000 to 125,000
tons



Last winter was one of the busiest on record for Wayne County's Division of Roads. Whereas crews generally go out about 25 times during blustery weather, in 1995-96, they did battle with snow and ice 45 times. After doing research, they discovered three out of four storms hit after a normal workday ends. "It could have to do with the sun going down and roads freezing," says Bernabe Salinas, Roads Maintenance area engineer. But he emphasized the County considers the environment in its work. "We practice sensible salting."

hot spots

The walls of the Detroit Institute of Arts will be awash with color when the **Michigan Watercolor Society's 50th Anniversary Show** comes to town. Jan. 18 through March 9 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-7900.

Anyone with home improvement needs may want to visit the **79th Annual International Builders Home, Flower & Furniture Show** Mar. 15-Mar. 23. On display are landscaping exhibits, window treatments, kitchen and bath accessories and outdoor decks. Cobo Center at Washington and West Jefferson in Detroit. Call 810-737-4477.



Sample some of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's shows this year: **Mitch Miller's 85th Birthday Celebration: All-American Favorites**, Jan. 30 through Feb. 2; the **DSO with Ray Charles**, Feb. 7-8; **Putting on the Ritz: Hollywood's Greatest Musicals**, March 13-16. Call 833-3700.

"**The Heiress**," the poignant story of a plain woman, strong-willed father and a fortune seeker will be presented by the **Hilberry Theater Company** at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit March 7-April 11. Tickets from \$9.50-16.50. Call 577-2972.

Nearly 1,000 figure skaters will converge on Southgate's Civic Center Ice Arena Feb. 27 through Mar. 2 for the **Great Southgate Skate**. This annual state championship competition brings together athletes age 3 through adult to perform everything from free style to interpretive on the big rink. Call 246-1339.



The **American Ballet Theatre** returns to Detroit after an eight-year absence to perform Tchaikovsky's "**Swan Lake**" from Feb. 6 through 9 at the new Detroit Opera House at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Call 874-7464.