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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Jan. 8

Elliot Wilhelm, curator of the department of film and video of the Detroit Institute of Arts, will preview the DIT's 1998 winter film series beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Steve Donaldson's photographs, taken during his travels across six continents, will be exhibited through Sunday, Jan. 11 at the Mack Avenue Gallery, 18745 Mack at Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Call (313) 881-3030 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 10

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society hosts another animal adoption fair at the Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Puppies and kittens will be displayed from noon to 3 p.m. Call (313) 884-1551 for more information.

Monday, Jan. 12

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the municipal offices at 15115 E. Jefferson.

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

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Enroll Jan. 10 for Children's Theater

Grosse Pointe Children's Theater will enroll students for the winter semester on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Registration for new grade-school members is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. and for new junior- and senior-high students from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Former members at the grade-school level (advanced) is set for 1 to 2:30 p.m.; returning junior- and senior-high members regis-

ter from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Classes will be assigned according to age and experience. All aspects of acting will be covered: creative drama, improvisation, voice, action characterization, stage movement, scenes from plays and animation. Students have a chance to try out for the May production.

Sally Reynolds, founder and director of the Grosse Pointe Children's Theater will instruct. For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or (313) 885-6219.



Photos by Rosh Siliam

Smooth as glass

Thanks to a refrigeration unit, the ice rink at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park boasted a glossy and enticing surface last Saturday, even though the weather was balmy enough for skaters, such as 5-year-old Hillary Scott, to cast off their coats. The kidney-shaped rink (hockey is prohibited) is in its second winter of operation and doubles as a reflecting pool in the summer. It is a gift from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.



Fox Creek suit may cost Park \$1.9 million

G.P. Park, Detroit each asked to pay \$1.9 million

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council has until Jan. 22 to decide if it wants to pay \$1.9 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed against the city on behalf of residents who live by the Fox Creek canal in Detroit.

The suit, filed in September 1995, seeks compensation from the Park and the City of Detroit for damage to property that abuts the canal caused by the Park's discharge of combined sewage overflows into the canal. Plaintiffs have claimed that when the Park discharges into the canal, waste overflows the sides of the canal and goes onto private property.

According to John McSorley, the attorney representing the Park in the lawsuit, a tentative agreement has been reached by the attorneys representing the plaintiffs, Detroit and the Park. The settlement calls for the Park and Detroit each to pay the plaintiffs \$1.9 million.

McSorley said that it was in the best interests of all parties to reach a settlement. A settlement conference was ordered by presiding judge Amy Hathaway last August. Former Chief Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court Richard Kaufman acted as the facilitator.

"We met several times," McSorley said. "This proposal was presented to all parties, the plaintiffs, the Park, Detroit and ultimately the court, as the best interests of all parties."

All parties must agree to the terms of the settlement by Jan. 22 so that it may be finalized by the court, McSorley said. The Park City Council must vote to approve the settlement. In Detroit, the city's water department board has already approved the settlement. Now the Detroit City Council must approve it at the Jan. 12 council meeting.

Park city manager Dale Krajniak said that if the city council approves the settlement, then the city's insurance company, in this case the Michigan Municipal League, will pay the plaintiffs the \$1.9 million.

But once that happens the city must negotiate with the insurance company to determine what percentage of the settlement the Park will pay and what the insurance company will pay. That percentage can be determined by either litigation or mediation, Krajniak said.

While the Park, Detroit or the plaintiffs can back out of the proposed settlement, said Krajniak, it is unlikely at this point.

McSorley said that even without the lawsuit, the Park had begun plans to separate the city's sanitary and storm sewer system, thus ending combined sewage overflows into the Fox Creek. While that project is going on, the city has contracted with a firm to collect any "floatables" left in the canal as a result of a discharge.

The city currently discharges into Fox Creek during rainstorms that threaten to overwhelm the sewer system, causing backups in the basements of homes in the city. On average, the city discharges four to six times a year.

School board: Address music issue with purpose or drop it

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

Disturbed by a recently published newspaper article critical of Grosse Pointe's vocal music program, the majority of school board trustees on Jan. 5 implored the public to either constructively address the issue — or drop it.

Trustee Joseph Brennan broached the topic during the board comment portion of the meeting on Monday.

The matter of the high school music program, its director and its budget was not on the agenda. It was the topic of newspaper articles both locally and in the Dec. 10 issue of The Metro Times.

It also has been explored by the district and discussed at length at previous board meetings. Numerous requests by members of the public for information relative to the music program have been granted by the school system, under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

At issue are the budgets for the vocal music department productions. Some parents in the district as well as board trustees have asked for a more thorough accounting of expenses, both district-sponsored and donated through parent fundraisers.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein promised the board she would update information on the issue and present it to the board.

There continues to be differences of opinion on how much the district paid and how much was supplemented by fundraising for last year's "Will Roger's Follies" which the Pointe Singers took all the way to the prestigious International Showstoppers Invitational last year and won national honors.

Additionally, comparisons made between Grosse Pointe's musical production budgets and those of other school districts must be footnoted with the fact that other schools do

not account for such costs as heat, lights and maintenance of the performing arts center.

"The administration has (made) a great effort to deal with these requests, repeatedly," Brennan said, noting that certain sources for the Metro Times article "The sound of discord," have appeared to speak at board meetings and have filed FOIA requests for information at the central administration building.

"Nothing should be repeatedly raised (as an issue) if the answers are known," he said. "The people who received this information either can't digest it or refuse to."

Brennan went on to say that he fears what he refers to as the detractors' motives are not to improve the district, but to embarrass it.

Other board members agreed that the district has responded to requests for information on the music program

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Liz Mitchell

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores

Family: Husband, Gary, three children and four grandchildren

Occupation: General manager of Le Fontbonne Shoppe at St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Quote: "It feels great to work at something where the money goes back for the good of the community."



Liz Mitchell

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Beautiful but burdensome

The Pointes' trees carried a frightful load during the weekend as branches, iced in the New Year's sleet storm, took on the additional weight of Sunday's snow. The sight was breathtakingly lovely but the damage was great as limbs snapped under the terrific weight. This big elm on Moross gives some idea of the staggering load the trees and shrubs had to carry. (Grosse Pointe News photo Jan. 8, 1948; photo by Fred J. Runnells.)

Music

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and have openly discussed the matter.

Trustee Cindy Pangborn disagreed and said reports on the matter have been "buried" and asked the board to go into executive session to further discuss the matter. But other board members declined, saying there's nothing more to dis-

cuss.

Sears Taylor, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and former trustee suggested the board bring in an independent auditor to look over the budgets.

"People aren't coming (to meetings) to sound off, but because they have legitimate concerns," Taylor said. "There is mistrust and anger toward

the board. (Some people) think something is going on that shouldn't be going on."

While the matter remained unresolved when the board adjourned, trustees pointed out that the issue of budgets and fundraising are both being studied by the district.

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Many sections of the community were plunged into cold and darkness on New Year's Day as utility lines fell under the terrific burden of the storm that struck on Jan. 1. Police report extensive damage to trees, shrubs and automobiles, as well as power outages and fires.

■ The U-M Club of Grosse Pointe is sponsoring a Jan. 19 showing of a full-length technicolor motion picture of Michigan's great victory in the Rose Bowl. The event is to be staged in the Pierce Junior High School auditorium. Admission is \$1.

■ A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was wounded in a hunting accident on Jan. 5. The victim and his 15-year-old friend were hunting rabbits in the woods north of Brys near Marter when the friend reportedly stumbled, causing his gun to discharge a load, striking the victim in the left thigh.

the agreement would amount to an "open lunch hour" at their school.

10 years ago this week

■ Negotiations between the City of Grosse Pointe administrators and the police and command officers' unions have reached an impasse. The police and command officers' employment contracts expired on June 1, 1987. The command officers have filed for mediation/arbitration. The police officers are hoping an upcoming meeting will result in an agreement.

■ An auxiliary public safety unit is being considered in Grosse Pointe Park. Citizens approached the police department with interest and after a yearlong study, the department delivered a detailed proposal to the city council. Auxiliary members assist with traffic

direction and crowd control and help during emergencies. Grosse Pointe established auxiliaries during World War II and some of the units have remained active while others have disbanded.

5 years ago this week

■ The yearlong celebration of the centennials of the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms begins. The Grosse Pointe News will feature a series of articles detailing the history of the two cities. The celebration will culminate in a weeklong event scheduled for July.

■ Grosse Pointe Park resident Bruce Sanders detailed the entire history of the 1300 block of Yorkshire in a recently published book, "Seven Acres of the Poupard Farm."

— Shirley A. McShane

25 years ago this week

■ Three of the six involved communities have extended the present subsidy agreement with SEMTA (bus service), which had expired on Dec. 31, 1972. The three-month extension stems from the passage of the state's \$83 million mass transportation package. The Woods, Park and Shores councils in separate votes OK'd the agreement which will continue \$5,000-a-month subsidies to SEMTA.

■ The open campus policy at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools was the subject of controversy at the Jan. 8 school board meeting. At issue: the seniors drew up a proposed agreement with the board that asks they be allowed to leave campus during the school day if they don't have a scheduled class. South students cried foul because, due to construction under way on their campus, there aren't any breaks during the day and

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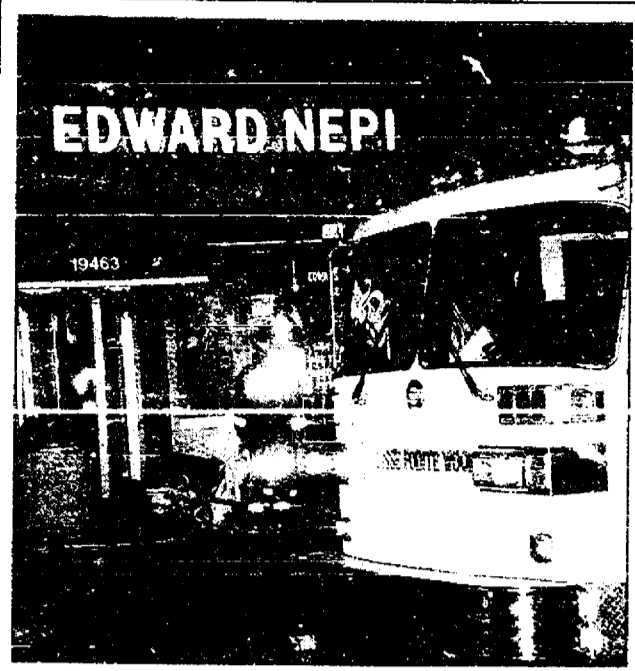


Photo by Matt Sosnowski

Hair-raising fire

A couple of carelessly stored throw rugs caught fire Saturday night, bringing Grosse Pointe Woods firefighters to the Edward Nepi Hair Salon. Woods officials said that the two rugs were placed near a gas water heater and they ignited at about 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3. A hair dresser and a patron were still in the salon and noticed the smoke before the fire spread beyond a couple of shelves near the heater. Firefighters put out the blaze in only a few minutes and no injuries were reported.

'97 brought number of changes for schools

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

The past year emerged as a time of transition for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. But as the months progressed, job positions that had been vacant for months were filled. Contracts were settled. Trustees retired from the board. Mission statements were developed and approved and in its final moments, 1997 promised to sail into 1998 on a steady course.

The following is a summary of the last 12 months:

January

Following a lengthy national search, the school board, in a somewhat turbulent meeting on Jan. 27, voted to appoint Suzanne Klein as its new superintendent.

Klein, who had served as interim superintendent since Ed Shine's departure in June 1996, has been employed by the district since 1970. She is the district's first woman superintendent.

The year also began with an agreement between the Grosse Pointe schools and its teachers' union. Both sides had been negotiating for five months before reaching an accord that included a 9-percent overall pay increase over the life of the four-year contract.

February

Services for Older Citizens (SOC), the non-profit social service agency that has leased space from the Grosse Pointe schools for 18 years, is one step closer to its dream of building a permanent free-standing facility in the Pointes. The school board on Feb. 10 voted to approve language for a 30-year ground lease adjacent to Barnes school on Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. Next, SOC must gain approval of its building plans from the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. The school system is contemplating whether to reopen Barnes and gave SOC notice that its lease would expire on June 30, 1997.

March

After a concerted effort over the course of the last year, the

strategic planning team's new five-year plan is presented to the school board. Described as "a big magnet that pulls the district forward," the plan includes such goals as developing personalized educational goals for all students, concentrated staff development and continued implementation of the district's technology plan. The plan was approved in May.

Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers captured first-place honors in four of five categories at the International Showstoppers Invitational at Walt Disney World in Florida.

April

The issue of how to handle the overcrowding at Parcels Middle School is resolved with the proposal of instilling a "zero hour" in which some students voluntarily will start and end their school day earlier. (As it turned out later in the year, the stopgap measure wasn't needed.)

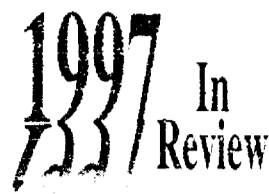
Veteran board trustee Carl Anderson, who retired from his post as assistant principal at South Lake high school in St. Clair Shores last December, announced he'd not seek reelection to the school board. First-term trustee Sears Taylor didn't try for a second round on the board either.

May

In order to address ongoing questions and concerns, the school system hires an outside consultant to examine the secondary instrumental music program. Joanne Erwin, Ph.D. of the Oberlin Conservatory is hired to evaluate the program.

Controversy in the music department continues as South high's instrumental music director Ralph Miller files a defamation of character lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court against two district administrators. The suit centers on the order for Miller's transfer out of South high and the board's rescission of the order in fall 1996.

Mason elementary school principal Nelson Mayone's resignation makes three administrative positions available in the district: Defer principal



the invalidation of the lease agreement and thus, the end of SOC's plan to build a permanent facility, extends SOC's lease of classroom space inside Barnes for one more year.

August

Elaine Middlekauf is hired as the new principal at Mason Elementary School and Janet Watt is hired as the new principal at Ferry school.

The school district issues a time line for changes in the instrumental music program.

News that the controversial High School Proficiency Test is being revamped by a bipartisan House committee leaves school districts uncertain of the 11-hour test's future.

September

Superintendent Suzanne Klein asks the community to let the process unfold before criticizing the instrumental music program evaluation.

October

Grace Smith is hired as a technology curriculum supervisor to help the district effectively use all the high-tech equipment it has purchased and continues to install in its buildings.

November

Some school administrators worry that three missing paintings by Edgar Yeager have been stolen. Following the Detroit artist's death on Oct. 28, the paintings were to be retrieved and sold at auction. The paintings were the instructional TV program's property in payment for a documentary they made of Yeager's life. After the issue was publicized, the paintings were found hidden behind other items in a showcase.

December

A group of parents at Parcels Middle School have proposed uniforms for students. The matter is being researched.

The school system approves an at-will contract with Sy Levine, as part-time instrumental music instructor, to help oversee changes to the program.

Sheila Turney departed in December and South principal Mary Beth Hermann left last June.

Residents living adjacent to Barnes school in Grosse Pointe Woods voice their opposition to SOC's building proposal. Among other things, they think the new construction will increase traffic and that the project is not appropriate use for school system property.

June

Due to the recent controversy that erupted over SOC's project — which had been in the works for two years and drew little or no previous attention — the Grosse Pointe school board and SOC invalidate their 30-year lease agreement.

David King, longtime employee of the school system, is named principal at Defer School.

The school board invites high school students to a special dinner session to hear their concerns and feedback.

In an uncontested race, Joseph Brennan of Grosse Pointe Woods and Joan Dindoffer of Grosse Pointe Park are elected to the school board.

July

The school system's secondary music program evaluation is completed in late June and the report is submitted to the music evaluation committee, which supports the recommended changes that include: changing teacher assignments to address overloads in schedules, bring in a strings specialist, adjustments to the curriculum and hiring a temporary supervisor to oversee the changes.

Arthur Miller is hired as the new principal at South high.

The school board, in light of

'97 proved interesting for Woods residents

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Change was the watchword in Grosse Pointe Woods for 1997, which saw changes in the City Council, Lake Front Park and Mack Avenue.

In November, voters elected two new members to the City Council — Vickie Granger and Patricia Kukula-Chylinski, along with incumbent Al Dickinson. Veteran members Thomas Fahrner and Bill Wilson, both with over 15 years of experience on the council, lost their bids for another term.

But that was not the end of it. A month after the November election, councilman Tom LeFevre resigned his seat and in December the council, at the recommendation of a special mayoral committee, voted to appoint Fahrner to fill the remainder of LeFevre's term.

Mayor Novitke explained that the November election was an open election with the

top three vote-getters winning seats on the council. Fahrner finished fourth by only 19 votes. He said he wanted someone the voters knew and since only Fahrner lost by only 19 votes, he was the voters' next choice.

Movie fans were saddened when the Woods Theater closed its doors suddenly in November. The theater, a mainstay on the east side for over 40 years, was a victim of the economics of the movie industry in the 1990s. Theater spokesman Sonny Stuffle said that the wave of the future is the gigaplex with 25 movie screens. Neighborhood theaters like the Woods are no longer seen as viable in today's market.

Woods residents also saw the Red Lobster restaurant close.



The building, which used to be a bowling alley, was purchased by the Farmer Jack supermarket chain. It was torn down and a new, larger Farmer Jack grocery store is being built on the site. When construction of the new store is complete, the old Farmer Jack, located next door, will be demolished and turned into a parking lot.

While the Woods suffered almost no damage from the

July 2 storm that killed five people at the Farms Pier, a later storm in August caused sewer backups in a number of homes in the city. This led the city council to reconsider the city's downspout disconnect ordinances.

Fans of Lake Front Park were able to take advantage of the new waterslide built at the park. The slide was made possible when Woods voters approved issuing \$4 million worth of bonds in November 1996. The money raised by selling the bonds will go toward a number of projects in the city's parks.

But while the slide turned out to be a great success, it was not without problems. Several Woods residents were injured slightly using the slide in the first two weeks after it opened.

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What will millennium bring?

Wow, another New Year. Sure, it's still two years before the year 2000 and three years before the beginning of the new millennium in 2001. But what will the next millennium bring?

That's hard to predict. Usually, I think, we tend to be overly optimistic.

In "2001: A Space Odyssey," we had a huge, orbiting space station, a colony on the moon and a deep-space vessel going to Jupiter. To date, none of these things are even close to happening. But, hey, we still have three years.

We're probably closer to

developing an artificial intelligence computer like HAL than we are of manned journeys to the other planets in the solar system, not to mention the nearby stars.

In the early '60s when I was in first or second grade, my grandparents gave me a book depicting what the future (1980s!) would bring. There were bullet trains, levitating automobiles, manned space flight and habitats on the moon.

Yes, we do have bullet trains in a few areas, but not near as prevalent as they should be. And we do have limited manned space flight and we have been to the moon. But the space program is stalled. We simply cannot afford it.

One thing that was not prophesied was the ubiquitous computer. No one predicted the universal popularity and dependence on computers we

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John Minnis



experience today. To me, that is the real surprise of the ending millennium.

And just imagine what computers will develop into in the next millennium. Will there be anything not computerized? Will humans' minds be "enhanced" with microchip implants? Who knows?

I have to admit that I'm an unabashed proponent of manned/womaned space flight. To me, that's the next frontier. One of the aspects of

humankind that has forced it to grow, to achieve new technology is its irresistible urge to move.

Our impetus to develop navigation and ocean-going ships was our insatiable curiosity and, yes, greed. We have to keep reaching for the unreachable. We are compelled to take part of the "forbidden fruit," i.e., that which is out of reach or out of bounds.

Is there life on other worlds orbiting distant suns? I think

we will find out during the next millennium. Of course, we may only find artifacts on alien planets. The odds of another civilization developing concurrently with our own are staggering. I imagine thousands of millions of civilizations had come and gone long before we dropped out of the trees.

Of course, all these wonderful thoughts of the future are based on one big, arrogant assumption: that we will still be around ourselves.

The global ax over our heads — nuclear annihilation — seems a remote threat. But with all the "loose nukes" around, who knows when a Saddam Hussein will let one loose and precipitate Armageddon?

And, of course, there's the environment. Will the ozone layer continue to diminish, allowing penetrating ultra-violet rays to fry all life on Earth?

Will the greenhouse effect cause worldwide flooding and disaster? Will major crop failures force global starvation? Will we finally exhaust all the oceans' food fish, again bringing on universal hunger? Will we over-populate ourselves to extinction?

These are morbid thoughts for which no one knows the answers. Our only hope is that we are wise enough soon enough to prevent these catastrophes. Fortunately, we are not stupid. We haven't clawed our way to the top of the food chain by not being clever. Hopefully, we are clever enough to save ourselves from ourselves.

I think we are. And I eagerly look forward to the new year and the new millennium three years hence.

Happy New Year!

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The Op-Ed Page



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He's the king of The Hill

"I'm honored that my friends and constituents have chosen to elevate me in this auspicious way and I pledge to uphold the confidence they have bestowed upon me and to carry out my duties in a manner befitting such an office."



Ken Eatherly

intoned Ed Russell, surrounded by a small crowd of gawkers on the sidewalk at 130 Kercheval.

It sounded like something I'd heard before, but it sounded good.

— And there was that official-looking bronze plaque on the building right behind the tall guy, lending credence to the occasion: "Honorable Ed Russell, Mayor of The Hill."

Was there an election recently? Must have missed it.

By now, Pointe builder and developer Ed was smiling and shaking hands. Any moment now, it seemed certain he'd flash that famous victory sign.

Any truth to the rumor that he was born in a log cabin? "Well, when he was a young man hereabouts, he shoveled his way to school through twelve-foot snow drifts," said Jack Louisell, managing a straight face.

Attorney Jack, of course, was behind the gag.

"Ed's a dear friend and he's been a fixture around here for years, knows practically everyone, always glad-handing," explained Jack. "I like to give him spoof presents, so when he took over the office in the D.J. Kennedy building I had a sign made up."

While Ed was at the company Christmas luncheon at Lucy's, his brother-in-law, Earl Black, snuck over and mounted the plaque next to the street-level door of Ed's office.

Somebody tipped off FYI. The rest, as they say, is history.

The Pointe is to win the race

It was the last day of the year, and the coldest. And 280 Pointers were among the roughly 1,600 runners, skaters and walkers taking part in the 28th Annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk on Belle Isle.

Their breath may have been freezing to their cheeks, but they were there to win, or have a darn good workout trying.

It's a tradition that began in the Pointes back in 1970, says race organizer Jeanne (Mrs. Gerald) Bocci. "Our son, Gerald Jr., was born Jan. 1 and it started as a small group of runners and walkers celebrating the New Year and his birthday.

"It got so big we had to move



Photo by Bill Fitzgerald
"Mayoral office" staffers Janice Black, left, and Tina Mulholland turn out to show support for their boss, Ed Russell, newly-distinguished with a surprise plaque on The Hill.

- to Belle Isle about 20 years ago.
- This year's winners included:
 - One mile male under 12, First Place Peter Wenzinski, 11, G.P. Park; No. 6 Sean O'Donnell-Dedulin, 10, G.P. Park, and
 - Female roller blade category, Second Place Carrie Howe, 16, of the Farms; No. 4 Natalie Potthoff, 15, G.P. Woods; No. 6 Mary Claire Kenney, 38, G.P. Park; No. 9

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The last taboo: Seeing a psychiatrist

By Victor Bloom, MD

Frank Rich deserves a medal for his op-ed piece in the Dec. 23 New York Times. I wondered what "The Last Taboo" could be — incest cannibalism? He reminded us it was no longer a bar to political office for a man to dally with a woman who is not his wife. Neither is it an obstacle to have done favors for a savings-and-loan racketeer.

He goes on to say that there is still one private activity that no political wannabe would want to admit to, or be known, even though it is entirely legal and ethical, and even healthy. There is a Democrat by the name of Bruce Babbitt, who declared, "My advice to politicians, from the third grade on, is: 'Don't go near a psychiatrist. It's the kiss of death.'"

We remember the case of Thomas Eagleton. He was the Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1972 when it was publicized that he had been hospitalized for depression. That was the end of him, when it came to aspiration for high public office. Many people thought we can't have a nut who is a heartbeat away from the presidency, which means commander in chief of the armed forces, head of NATO and with his finger potentially on the nuclear button. No, it just wouldn't do.

More recently, in 1988, the news that Michael Dukakis had seen a psychiatrist after his brother's death drove his polls down eight points in a matter of days. Ronald Reagan was quoted as saying, when asked about it, "Look, I'm not going to pick on an invalid."

Interesting use of the word, as accented on the second syllable, *invalid* becomes *invalid*. Somehow, you are invalidated as a politician if you have seen a psychiatrist. What kind of sense does that make? Is it better to hold public office with an untreated and out-of-control mental condition? Is that what the public wants?

The fact is, like writers and artists, many politicians are afflicted with manic-depres-



Dr. Victor Bloom

sion or bipolar disorder. This cyclic mood disorder with spurts of euphoria and grandiosity is what fuels politicians who have the gift of gab, or charisma, or the ability to hold forth speaking for hours at a time.

If you will remember the German film footage of the speeches of Adolf Hitler, you will see a most impressive and emotional orator, brainwashing the masses to accept horrible crimes as a means to an end of world domination through racial superiority. This was untreated and unrecognized mania.

Similarly, Stalin, who was responsible for at least 20 million deaths of his own countrymen, was a manic-depressive, with grandiose plans for a powerful totalitarian communist state, supposedly putting into effect Lenin's grand plan for a classless society. Stalin and Hitler were also paranoid, summarily executing anyone who was thought to be plotting against him, thereby frightening others into submission and collaboration into unholy alliances with genocidal methods.

It is a mystery how the common people respond to leaders with untreated mania. The people are like sheep, vulnerable and suggestible. They elect leaders and then surrender responsibility for what they do.

Even now there is an effort to educate the public to accept mental conditions on a par with physical conditions. There has recently been a bipartisan effort by Sen. Pete Domenici and Paul Wellstone, who have close relatives with mental illness, which resulted in a Mental Health Parity Act. It is intended to inspire corpo-

rations to provide mental-care benefits equal to those for physical health care.

It would seem only right and natural, but the bill is full of loopholes at present. What it would take to plug the loopholes is for more influential Americans, such as heads of major corporations, to come out of the psychiatric closet.

Presently, two prominent Americans have come forth to tell their stories of battling successfully with mental illness. The first is William Styron, whose book, "Darkness Visible," tells his own story in vivid and dramatic terms, as befits the talents of a great writer. The other is Mike Wallace, the enduringly great newscaster, whose face and voice are well known.

Closer to home, Lynn Rivers, a Democratic congresswoman from Ann Arbor, is famous for responding to a caller who asked her on a radio show if she'd ever had a problem with depression. She responded, "Absolutely! Millions and millions of people do." In this case, she won the election anyway.

She goes on to say, "Intuition tells me I'm not the only one of 535 members of Congress who's had this, but more have to step forward... It's very easy for members of Congress to be advocates for mental health treatment but hard for members of Congress to admit to being consumers of mental health treatment."

When she gave her first speech in her district two years ago talking about her illness, she recalls that an old friend came up to her and asked if she were nuts. She said, "Of course, that is what the speech was about."

A press spokesman for Kitty Dukakis said in 1988 that it would take a male member of Congress who said he suffered from depression and is on medication to change the cultural perception that anyone who has had mental illness is "weak and less than whole."

It must be remembered that no less a man than Abraham

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Education task force observes innovative Grosse Pointe schools

By Rep. Andrew C. Richner

Recently, I, along with other state legislators who are members of the Republican Alliance to Identify Solutions in Education (RAISE), was invited by Grosse Pointe Public Schools Superintendent Suzanne Klein to learn about an innovative teaching method called "differentiation."

Our intent is to use what we learn in Grosse Pointe and in

visits to other school districts in the state to formulate public policy to improve student achievement and raise the level of instruction throughout our educational system.

Our group was escorted by Dr. Klein and Dr. Susan Allan, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Grosse Pointe schools, to three classrooms in the district. We started in Marie

DeLuca's eighth-grade science class at Parcels Middle School where we observed students learning about the Earth's atmosphere and the ozone layer.

Mrs. DeLuca separated the class into three groups based on testing to evaluate their pre-existing understanding of that specific subject matter. When she moves on to the next unit, she will reconstitute the

groups based on new testing.

In Mary Hooper's class at Trombly Elementary School, the students were also working in smaller groups on different assignments. The difference in her class is that three grades of students are combined in the classroom, from first to third grade. The students stay with one teacher for three years.

Our third visit was to the classroom of Nicole Freeman who teaches the Magnet program for second and third graders at Defer Elementary School. Here again students are assigned separate tasks based on abilities. While Mrs. Freeman was teaching one group an innovative approach to solving complex multiplication problems, another group was working on multiplication tables, a third group on computers and a fourth on addition problems.

All three teachers were employing variations of the differentiated programming concept. Instruction through this "no walls, no ceilings" approach to learning is tailored



State Rep. Andrew Richner

The Grosse Pointe public schools are so committed to this method of education that they have retained the services of Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson, a nationally recognized expert in differentiation and professor of education at the University of Virginia, to train teachers in our school system, including the three teachers we observed during our visit. Dr. Allan believes that higher achievement in the districts using differentiation support their view that differentiation works.

I know that those on our tour were impressed with the high level of instruction and the success we have had in our classrooms.

With the information we gathered in Grosse Pointe and in over 60 visits to other school districts, as well as input received from parents, teachers, students, school administrators and job providers, the RAISE task force and we in the state Legislature will be able to develop a blueprint for quality education throughout the state of Michigan.

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Lindsay Potthoff, 11, G.P. Woods; and No. 10 Alexandra Plonka, 11, G.P. Farms.

• Men's open skate, No. 3 Chris Lewandowski, 43, G.P. Park and No. 9 Michael Kenney, 31, G.P. Park.

• One mile female over 12, No. 4 Bridget Scallen, 14, G.P. Park and No. 5 Evann O'Donnell, 14, G.P. Park.

• One mile female under 12, No. 6 Megan Smale, 10, G.P. Farms and No. 10 Paula Pierce, 9, G.P. Park.

• Male four-mile open, No. 6 Dan Quinn, 23, G.P., and No. 7 Andrew Peterson, 18, G.P. Park.

Gift keeps on giving

The Farms' Dave and Fran Miller bought the bright orange fiberglass downhill skis with Solomon bindings for their son, Collin, at Play it Again Sports a year or so ago.

"He had them for a year and then switched to snowboarding, so he didn't need them any more," says Collin's dad, who sold them back to Play it Again.

This past Christmas Dave and family went to visit his brother, Ken, Ken's wife, Ann, and their daughter, Claire, also of the Farms.

Claire had just got a nice pair of bright orange fiber-

glass downhill skis with Solomon bindings from her parents, who bought them at Play it Again Sports.

"I looked at Claire's skis and noticed they had an I.D. mark we'd put on them," says Uncle Dave.

Yep -- some skis. "If we'd known she wanted skis, we would have given them to her."

Got an FYI tip? Call Ken Eatherly at (313)822-4097, or E-mail him at KSCD36A@PRODIGY.COM

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Lincoln suffered from then untreatable depression.

Therefore, it would take a modest courage for a man or woman to improve his or her quality of life by getting treatment for a now treatable condition, and to not be ashamed to admit the fact. In fact, many admirable and respected leaders of our community are better able to function and carry out their responsibilities with stability and balance, not to mention insight, that successful treatment has provid-

ed.

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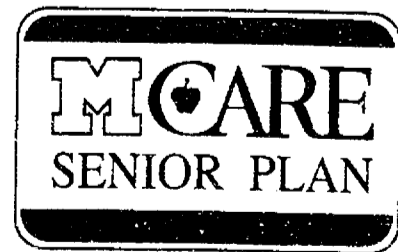
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Students take lead in parent-teacher conferences

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

During parent-teacher conferences last month in the Grosse Pointe schools, some of the elementary students, as part of a pilot program, took the lead and conducted the meetings.

They discussed their strengths and weaknesses and set a course of action for improvement.

One student told his teacher he had been nervous beforehand, but once the process began, it went "as smooth as peanut butter on bread."

While student-involved conferencing or student-led conferencing has been practiced independently by some teachers for years, it is one of the district's strategic planning objectives and eventually will be implemented district-wide.

The purpose is to help students develop a deep personal sense of responsibility for their learning.

Proponents of the practice believe it allows students, parents and teachers to work together on the students' education. It also involves students in charting their own progress, holds them accountable to the goals they set, promotes self-esteem, leadership skills and pride in work.

One passionate supporter of the practice is Tammy Duffield, a teacher with 20 years' experience who recently moved from elementary to middle school education. She delivered a brief presentation on the program to the school board on Nov. 10.

"It doesn't make any sense to me to talk about a student (when the student is not present)," she said. "The student is the primary stakeholder and has the responsibility and the right to be involved."

In her own words, parents and students, the overwhelming response is that the conferences are a success.

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Students are prepared in advance by the teacher for the 20-minute conference. The student follows a "map" and the teacher is present to keep the student on course with his or her presentation.

"In doing our research we found that in many schools and districts, this is being used as a way for students to set goals," said Trombly elementary school principal Jean Rusing, who served on the strategic planning team that developed the concept for district use.

Since this is a pilot year for the program, Rusing said some teachers involved all their students, while others selected three students to participate. In some cases, the students were "involved" in the conference and may or may not have been present during the parent-teacher exchange. In others, the child actually led the conference.

In order to prepare teachers who were not familiar with the concept, the district hosted training sessions for the elementary teachers during October. Discussion centered on use of portfolios, which is how the work is organized in the conference.

"The purpose is to encourage our students in thoughtful self reflection and personalized goal setting based on a clear evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses and need for improvement that are evident in their collected portfolios of school work," Rusing said.

If the students in some cases are leading the presentation between teacher and parent, how do they know what their strengths and weaknesses are?

"Children know what they need to work on," Rusing said. "They are insightful. This helps them develop maturity and ownership of their education."

Busy students

Brianne Nadeau, a student at Grosse Pointe South High School, is one of two Michigan delegates selected to participate in the 36th annual U.S. Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. Student delegates were selected by Arthur F. Ellis, state schools superintendent.

Nadeau is student council secretary. She is interested in journalism, music and dance



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and continues to be an active member of Girl Scouts. She hopes to have a career in the legislative or judicial branch of government. She will be in the nation's capital Feb. 28 through March 7 for a week of intensive study of the federal government.

Accolades

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Genna Sorget, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, won best poster in the 11th grade category of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association's 8th annual high school poster contest. Sorget's poster, along with the other winning entries, will be on display at the 1998 North American International Auto Show, Jan. 10-19.

Meetings

Autism Society of Michigan board member and librarian Ann Carpenter will address a joint meeting of parents, students and educators at the Brownell Middle School library on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and to anyone interested in autism.

Carpenter is an adult with autism who has successfully overcome many of the disabling effects of the disorder in order to build an independent life for herself within the community. She holds a master's degree in library science from Grand Valley State University, and in addition to her work as a librarian, she has researched and written extensively about autism and its effects.

Carpenter will speak about her experiences as a person with autism, and offer a per-

spective that many individuals with autism are unable to give for themselves.

She will offer suggestions for making lives of those individuals more productive and fulfilling. Time will be made available for questions and comments. To register, call (313) 417-3678.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) will present the first of two programs by Jessie Mullins of United Cerebral Palsy at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School. Child care will be provided for those who would otherwise not be able to attend.

To register for child care, call Juan Smith at the office of student services at (313) 343-2041 by Jan. 12. The second program presented by Mullins will be held Feb. 23 and will focus on "The Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

Parents of children with disabilities are faced with the multiple tasks of learning about their children's disabilities, meeting their daily needs and learning the complex rules, regulations and procedural safeguards surrounding the special education process. Mullins is a parent and a well-trained advocate for children with disabilities.

She will help to guide parents through the maze of special education law, and be available to answer any questions parents may have regarding their own situation.



Helping hands

Members of the Poupard Elementary School service squad and teacher Judy Griffith show off the banner they made. Each member of the squad is represented by a hand print. Names of squad members are written on the "tree." The banner now hangs in the school entrance. Co-sponsors Nancy Rieth and Sandy Van Almen, teachers, planned the project and other activities to recognize the contributions made by the service squad to the Poupard community.

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Reactions

About student-lead conferences, teachers said:

— "Watching the parents interact with their children and how my voice was saved."

— "The students were involved."

Parents said:
— "I feel my son was honest in his evaluation even when it was hard."

— "Finally, students get a chance to speak for themselves with confidence."

Students said:
— "I got to share (my work) and not have to stay at home."

— "I got to do all the talking."

— "(The thing I liked best about this was) that I knew what they were saying about me. But, it did help to see what I was doing wrong."

Suggestions for the future from teachers:

— Need more time

— Do it twice a year. No student present in early fall; student-led conference in spring.

— Hear more from the parents

Suggestions from parents:

— Also need to get teacher's assessment and plans and not just the child's perception of it.

— There needs to be an opportunity for private discussion with parent and teacher.

— It was difficult for a 6-year-old to really understand student-led conferences. Seems more appropriate for third-graders and up.

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Cobo auto show displays more than smoke and mirrors

A wall of water, some yellow-tinged lights, some brighter blue-tinged ones, proper music, carpeting, technological displays among the new vehicles. These are among the components of the product displays at the North American International Auto Show downtown in Cobo Center.

The annual extravaganza begins with the popular charity preview Friday night, Jan. 9. It opens to the public Saturday morning, Jan. 10 and runs through Monday, Jan. 19.

The arduous tasks of building the several-storied displays for the participating auto makers began in earnest the first week in December. Four weeks later things appeared to still be in a shambles on the show floor, but Bill Mestdagh, of Exhibit Works in Livonia, was confident everything would be in place by the time a thousand or so reporters and photographers began registering for press day on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Mestdagh, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, is the account coordinator from Exhibit Works assigned to the Lincoln and Mercury Division exhibit. Mestdagh is involved in every detail of the Ford division's 22,680-square-foot display: From the unique, ceiling-mounted lights perched 32 feet above the floor to the robotic lights over the platform where the all-new 1998 Cougar will be introduced prior to the opening of the show.

He runs through speeches with the top Ford executives who are involved in press conferences. He confers with Channel 7 about its needs for televising events at the Lincoln and Mercury stands at the charity preview. In short, he makes sure everything runs smoothly for the company's customer.

"A major exhibit takes 14 to 16 months to build, from the

planning stages to the final product," Mestdagh said. "We work closely with Ford product design people, with advertising and marketing — we see new products long before the public."

One reason is that Exhibit Works and similar companies must understand the target market of each car or truck. The company then attempts to distinguish each brand, to give each a personality, and to attract potential buyers to the site.

"The lights mounted on the rafters in the ceiling produce a cool white light, a bright light, which is what we want to create excitement for the new Cougar and for the (emerging) Mercury brand," Mestdagh said. Mercury, it seems, doesn't want to be too closely associated with Lincoln. It hopes to draw a younger buyer than the traditional Mercury owner to its display.



Grosse Pointe Park resident Bill Mestdagh is responsible for the 23,000-square-foot Lincoln and Mercury auto show stands, designed and built by Exhibit Works of Livonia.



Autos

By Jenny King

Lincolns, on the other hand, will be bathed in lights that are more yellow, giving them a different aura — less exciting, more luxurious.

"The ceiling lights are EHPs from a company in California," he said. "We're renting them for the show. They cost \$10,000-\$15,000 apiece to buy." The price tag for light rentals for the entire display will run up to \$200,000, he said.

The Lincoln and Mercury display — or "kit" — comes in 250 crates, each weighing as much as 1,000 pounds. The division owns 13 kits, including enormous ones like this for Detroit and, next month, Chicago, plus smaller ones for other venues.

"Ford is changing its philosophy regarding auto shows and new product reveals," he said. "In the past they have cost millions of dollars. Ford's philosophy now is to have simpler introductions. They feel it's in their shareholders' best interests. Ford is the first to break the auto show mold."

In the southwest corner of the main room workers are busy erecting an elaborate display for Volkswagen. The Wolfsburg, Germany-based company appears to still be in the mold. Its multi-level display includes an 18,000-square-foot lower-level Beetle World display for the new VW bugs, granite flooring, handrails of polished wood atop partitions of glass, special plaster pillars, wood paneling and a multi-tiered cafe,

private reception and business office area above the main floor exhibit. Many of the dozens of people laboring on the project are German-speaking.

"There are special drills and saws used to cut the granite and steel," said Tony Rutkowski, Exhibit Works director of international business development and the man in charge of the VW display.

"They even are installing plumbing for the kitchen which serves the customer cafe and reception areas, and the business offices are equipped with air conditioning — that's a first," said Rutkowski, who started in the

business as a carpenter.

VW is taking a chance on its lower-level Beetle display. Last year the space at the bottom of the escalator held displays by the UAW and eyes on Classic Design. In earlier years visitors could examine conversion vans there, but because it's under the main exhibit hall and kind of off the beaten path, the lower level seemed less desirable.

A half-dozen new Beetles including one reputed to have thermal paint that changes color when touched (and playfully dubbed a "mood car" by a pre-show visitor) may change traffic patterns.

"I believe VW plans to have a place where a visitor can be photographed in a new Beetle and then have that sent out by e-mail right from the show," Rutkowski said.

VW's image driven display comprises materials selected to convey a look of high quality — reflecting the car maker's products as well, he said.

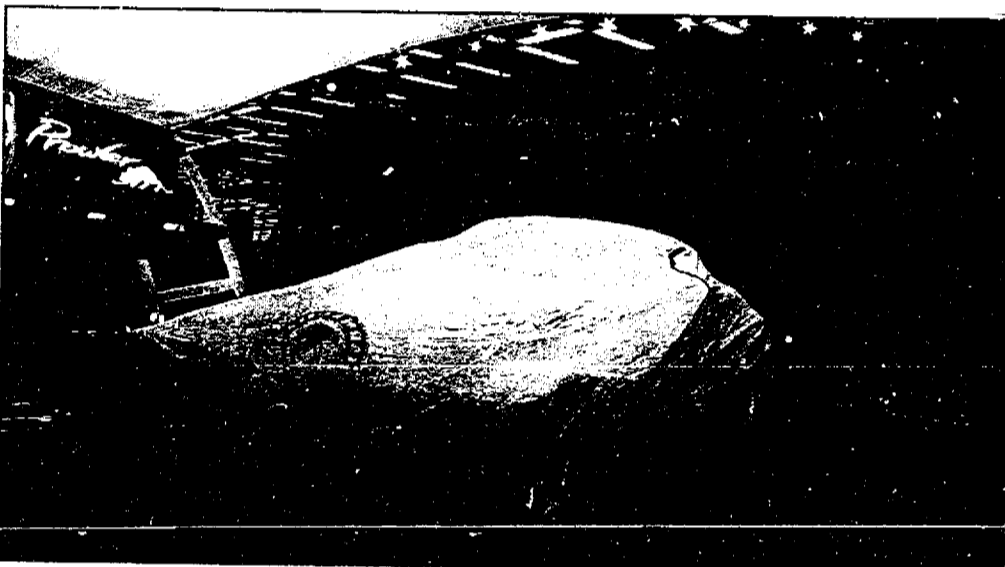
"The new Beetle is expected to attract nostalgic buyers who may once have owned one

as well as young buyers," Rutkowski said. "They are trying to convey a fun-to-drive spirit through their display."

Today's show visitor tends to be knowledgeable, said Mestdagh. Many will spend time studying engines and other technical displays, while others are more interested in touching the vehicles and climbing into them when possible.

"The show still needs to have entertainment value," he said. "By the time they pay for parking and admission plus something to eat, people are spending maybe \$100 to bring their families to the auto show. We try to draw them to our exhibits with motion and sound, but not to the point that it drives them away."

As soon as the Detroit show closes, displays are dismantled, crated and shipped to Chicago. There workers will have about a week to re-create the beautiful stands which absorbed up to four weeks at Cobo. And in only eight months, planning begins for the year 2000 auto shows, Mestdagh said.



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Hospitals aren't just for the sick, thanks to this Shores woman

By Amy Andreou Miller
Special writer

Step into St. John Hospital's gift shop, and a modified quote from an Oldsmobile ad likely will come to mind. "This is not your father's gift shop."

Instead of the typical hospital gift shops of yesterday that featured essentially magazines and gum, "Le Fontbonne Shoppe," at St. John Hospital and Medical Center looks and feels like an upscale boutique.

Much of this miraculous transformation can be credited to Village of Grosse Pointe Shores resident Liz Mitchell, who has been the full-time, paid manager of Le Fontbonne for one full year now.

Mitchell, however, is quick to deflect the kudos, heaping praise on her management team which consists of two paid full-time assistants — Judy Lundell of Grosse Pointe Farms and Sandra Peay of Detroit. Rounding out the gift shop team are two part-time paid cashiers, and approximately 50 volunteers.

Mitchell also credits Leona Liuzzo, supervisor of the gift shop and volunteer services, as being a very supportive boss.

"They are the most loyal, wonderful people" Mitchell said. "Without them, it would not be possible to have such a nice gift shop that is able to generate the profits it does to benefit the hospital and community. They take such pride in their work, and they love knowing that all the profits go back to the hospital."

Mitchell expects to receive shipment of a few of the special edition Beanie Babies that were made to honor the belated Princess Diana. She said she will auction them off, and the money likely will target children's needs at the hospital, since Diana loved children.

The Le Fontbonne Shoppe is a service-fundraising project of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), whose purposes are to provide financial and other assistance to the hospital and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Mich., which is the charitable organization sponsoring SJH&MC.

Many people might find it interesting to know that The Shoppe gives about \$120,000 to the hospital annually, said Mike Kairis, a hospital spokesperson. With the changes Mitchell has implemented, the amount of money is increasing significantly.

Some of the changes Mitchell has brought about at "Le Fontbonne Shoppe" include bringing in upscale, as well as popular, items such as Waterford crystal, Lladro ceramic collectibles, Swarovski crystal collectibles, Arthur Court silver items, Ebony Visions, a monthly shipment of 2,200 Beanie Babies, skin care products, infant and toddler clothing, and more.

Also, the hospital shop does a good business in selling flowers. Conner Park Florist delivers flower arrangements twice a day to the 2,000 square foot hospital shop so it can meet the demands of its customers.

Mitchell has a background in both retail and fundraising. She worked for six years in the 1980s as a sales associate for Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe, and as a department manager of international collections in Birmingham.

She worked as a fund development director for seven years for the Michigan Cancer Foundation (now the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute), leaving there in 1993 to go to Neiman Marcus.

For two and one-half years, she was a personal shopper for the entire Neiman Marcus store. There, she would make appointments to help clients select a wardrobe, as well as select gifts or put on seminars on how to shop a sale.

If an organization wanted to put on a fashion show, Mitchell would do everything from selecting the models' wardrobe and jewelry, ordering lunch and putting favors on the tables, to checking off reservations and greeting people.

She so excelled at these pro-

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vious retail and fundraising positions that some members of the Fontbonne Auxiliary, such as Grosse Pointe Mary Lamparter, remembered her and recommended her to become St. John's gift shop manager.

To most people, Mitchell's previous jobs may sound more difficult and time-intensive. But Mitchell's consummate efforts to customer service, and her desire to elevate St. John's gift shop to something out-of-the-ordinary have made her job as general manager require more effort than her previous, demanding jobs.

She views the job very seriously, working long hours six days a week. She travels to Atlanta several times a year to purchase merchandise for the shop, and shops at a retailers' market in Northville twice a month, just to name a few of her buying venues.

Hundreds of customers now use the gift shop as their primary source to purchase gifts for weddings, anniversaries, baby and bridal showers and birthdays.

Mitchell keeps written notes and also mental notes in her photographic memory. Her mental file includes, for example, which Lladros statuettes a particular doctor may already own. Mitchell knows just

which Lladro statue to special order to complement the doctor's collection.

Mitchell said she couldn't be happier with her job. She loves, as she said, "being back home to work."

A longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mitchell graduated from Monteith Elementary School, Parcels Middle School, and Grosse Pointe High School. She also attended Michigan State University.

When she is not at work, she enjoys her community to the fullest, going for walks and bike rides on Lakeshore with her husband, Gary, the deputy chief of public safety for Grosse Pointe Shores.

And, she said with a beaming smile, she spends time with her grandchildren — Catherine, 2; Elizabeth, 6; Rachel, 2; and Mason.

"I absolutely love them. I was born to be a mother and grandmother," she said. "I try to spend as much of my spare time with them as possible."

She adds, though, as she looks out over the gift shop where she sees a new mother selecting merchandise with the \$25 gift certificate St. John gives every woman who delivers a baby at the hospital, "I love my job. I'm the luckiest person in the world."



Liz Mitchell is flanked by her trusted staff. Together, they have succeeded in elevating St. John Hospital and Medical Center's gift shop, "Le Fontbonne Shoppe" to out-of-the-ordinary. From left are Barbara Bartley, Mitchell, Carol Morrissey, Sandra Pelay, Bernice Grauman and Irene Kokowicz.

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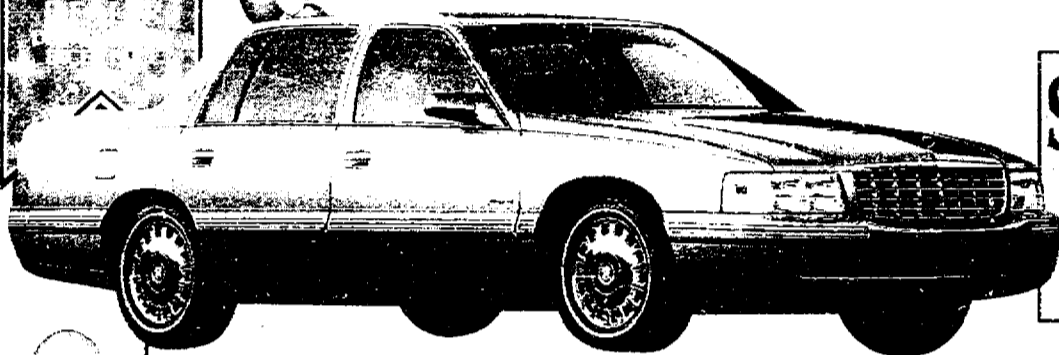
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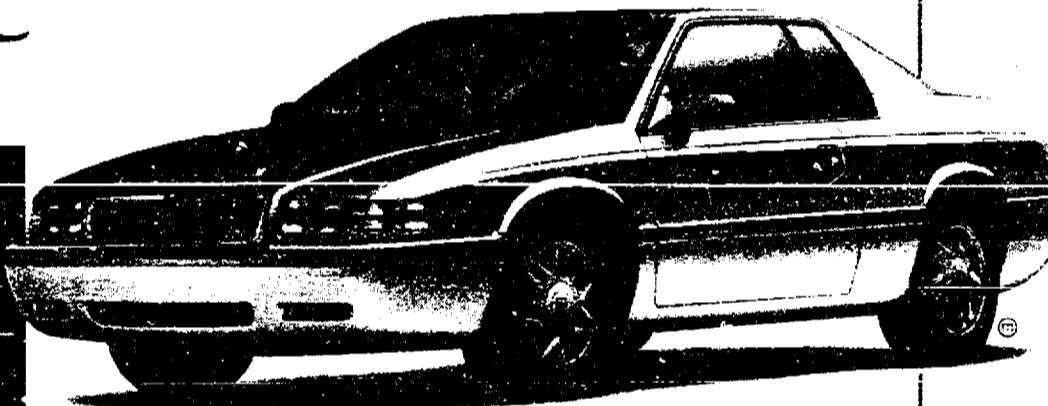
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Woods native's photos enhance acclaimed movie

By D.J. Honstain
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods native Michele Witt's art work appears in the new, highly acclaimed film, "The Sweet Hereafter."

Witt, a 31-year-old, '84 graduate of Grosse Pointe North has several photographs as well as some odds and ends that are used as backdrop for the tragic film of a school bus accident in a small British Columbia town. She also creat-

ed a banner for one of the opening scenes at a fair and her photos show up throughout the film as the tapestry of the movie.

Her work is part of the tapestry of details that director Atom Egoyan uses brilliantly to connect the people, odd characters and devastated parents that fill the screen.

A 1991 graduate of Detroit's Center for Creative Studies (CCS), Witt worked on the picture for about seven days as an

independent contractor. Most of her time was spent in Toronto where much of her work was used as part of the character of one of the grieving mothers.

In October of '96 she received a message on her answering machine from Phillip Barker, Egoyan's production designer, about possibly contributing some photos for his new film. Barker had visited her professional photo lab in Toronto looking for distinctive, appro-

appropriate photos for the film. The manager thought of Witt and gave her phone number to Egoyan.

After a promising meeting where Witt showed Barker her portfolio and then a tense week wait, she had the job.

"I was very flattered to be chosen for the film," Witt said. "Even before I was chosen, the two people I wanted to work with were David Cronenberg ("Dead Ringers," "Crash") and Atom Egoyan. "So I was thank-

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a film by atom egoyan

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ful to be recognized."

Of the mood on the set, "We felt like we were working on an important film," she said. Atom is very accessible. I think his success as a director comes from listening to others, and being open.

The work that ended up on screen were the opening banner, some photos — most notably a distinctive picture in the Walker's Inn referenced by the characters as being made by Mrs. Otto, a sort of hippy artist who lost her son in the accident. Witt's odds and ends, some tear sheets, scraps and photos gave additional depth to Mrs. Otto. The only work that didn't make the final cut was a montage of the Ansell family, made difficult because the actors were in different parts of the country. Having some work cut is just part of the deal, she said. Overall, the film was excellent, she said.

On the set, although she did feel separate from the crew, Witt made friends with costume designer Beth Paternak in addition to production designer Barker. The way Egoyan uses his cast and crew — kind of like a traveling troupe — there may be future possibilities for Witt.

"I'd love to work with him again," she said. "Of course, there are no guarantees, but I'm sure he would keep me in mind."

Witt lives in Toronto with her husband, a computer systems employee from Windsor.

Witt still has family living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Her mother, Sandra and father, Donald live in the house they moved into when Michele was about eight years old. Her sister, Heather, lives in Manhattan.

When Witt was a student at North High School, she was interested in crafts, but it wasn't until after a couple of years at Macomb County Community College that her manager at Speedy Photo on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods convinced her to send some of her photos to CCS, and the rest is history.

Witt, who has had shows in Detroit and Toronto, is currently working on another show scheduled for fall.

On living in another country, "Toronto is multi-cultural. There's a lot to learn. I'm still getting used to it. But the city is not threatening," she said.

However, Witt said she may move back to the Grosse Pointe area someday. "It would be at least three years before we move. If we do, it would be mostly because my husband can make more money in the States," she said.

So, when you see this wonderful film — a sorrier symphony of grief and people struggling to move on — know that a former Grosse Pointer contributed her own special note.

Feature section layout
by Amy Andreou Miller



Grosse Pointe Woods native Michele Witt's poignant and artistic photography was selected to bolster the rich tapestry of visual images used throughout the award-winning film, "The Sweet Hereafter" — a story about a town of people grieving and coming to terms with a school bus accident that killed a number of their children. One of Witt's photos, in particular, was used to help depict the inner feelings of Mrs. Otto, a character who lost a child in the accident.

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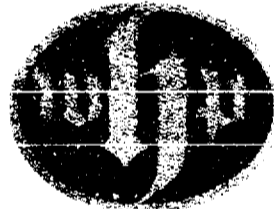


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Traditional Party

Honorary chairs for the 1997 Detroit Historical Society's Traditional Holiday Party are Alfred Glancy III (right) with wife Ruth (center) and daughter Jody, all of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nearly 250 people enjoyed an evening of traditional holiday cheer, dining, dancing and exclusive shopping at the recent Detroit Historical Society Traditional Holiday Party at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Proceeds from this black-tie event supported the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibition and education programs.

Honorary Chairpersons for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Glancy, III of Grosse Pointe Farms. This year's party had special meaning for the Glancys, as the Glancy Trains exhibit reopened at the Museum on Thanksgiving weekend. Long a Detroit area favorite, the Glancy Trains exhibit had been damaged by an August, 1996 fire.

Joanne D. Brodie of Bloomfield Hills, Mado O. Lie of Grosse Pointe Park, and Margot C. Parker of Grosse Pointe Park were co-chairs.

Attendees enjoyed holiday shopping from a variety of specialty shops in the tri-county area, as well as the museum's own Old Detroit Shop. The dinner was catered by Detroit's Opus One, and Joe Vitale provided the music.

Meetings

Lakeside Palette Club

The Lakeside Palette Club of St. Clair Shores will hold its first regular monthly meeting of 1998 on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

Well-known local artist Debbie Maiaie will do a watercolor demonstration at this meeting. She is a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Society of Women Painters.

Guests and prospective members are welcome. Donation is \$1. For more information, contact Barbara Davis, publicity chairman at (313) 881-0625.

Grosse Pointe Questers #147

Carol Schrashun will present a program on "Cups and Saucers" on Friday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. at the home of Lois Martin, 50 Colonial Road.

Margie Prokop and Lois Jacobs are co-hostesses.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 9 at the home of Anne Ryan, 329 Rivard, City of Grosse Pointe. Jayne Warner will speak on the topic English antique furniture. Jayne spent two years living in England, and developed an appreciation of English antiques.

Historical Museum

In conjunction with its "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, the Detroit Historical Museum is hosting a screening of the recently completed documentary film, "The Hudson's Building" on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. The film, written and produced by Emmy Award winners Gary Glaser and Dave Toorongan and directed by Glaser, will be shown in the Louis C. Booth Auditorium.

"The Hudson's Building" combines the current debate of preservation vs. demolition with the social and cultural impact of the structure. Hudson's employees and customers are interviewed, and dozens of historic photos are used to tell the story. Developers, city planners, preservationists and city council members are interviewed on the issue of what to do with the site.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at the corner of Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors and children 12-18, and free for children

under 12. There will be no additional admission charge for the film.

La Leche League

Pregnant and nursing mothers interested in information and support for breastfeeding are invited to attend the next meetings of La Leche League of South Macomb/Eastern Wayne counties. The next scheduled meetings are Monday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m., and Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Children and nursing babies are always welcome. For information regarding meeting location, call (810) 778-6095 or (313) 882-0407.

Herb Society of America

High tea will be served by the Grosse Pointe Unit, Herb Society of America, on Jan. 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Shari Nelson, A 13th century recipe using 32 different herbs will be featured along with traditional tea time treats. Ann and Ken Eatherly will then lead a discussion on the making of herbal liqueurs. Hostesses for this meeting are Julie Grant and Elaine Dold. For further information, please call 881-0322 or 881-6104 by Jan. 10.

Panhellenic Association

Members of the Detroit Alumnae Panhellenic Association will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. at Barnes School, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

CH.A.D.D.

The support group for children and adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CH.A.D.D.) will host its January support group meeting and a video night on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Doors to the meeting open at 7 p.m.; the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 donation for all non-CHADD members; educators are admitted free to all meetings. The meeting place will be the second-floor resource room at South Lake High School, 21900 East 9 Mile, between Harper and Mack in St. Clair Shores. At this meeting, expect talk about favorite videos on ADD and related issues. Bring one of your favorite videos on the subject, or just come and enjoy the critiques. For more information, call (810) 447-2845, or write CH.A.D.D. of Eastern Wayne and Macomb counties, P.O. Box 806154, St. Clair Shores, MI 48089-6154.

Also, you can visit CH.A.D.D. on the web at: <http://www.chadd.org>

Newcomers

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club on will be holding a new member coffee

on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. If you are new to Grosse Pointe and are looking to meet new people, this is the meeting for you!

For more information, call Steve and Amy Murphy at (313) 885-1761 or Craig and Dawn Bloomfield at (313) 882-5269.

Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is hosting a program entitled, "E.M. Ford Freighter: 100 Years Old," at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15. The program will be held in the reception room of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker will be Greg Rudnick, a native of the City of Grosse Pointe. He will be visiting from Cleveland to talk about the oldest freighter to continue to run on the Great Lakes. This ship, named for Grosse Pointer Emory Moran Ford, is 100 years old.

Grosse Pointe Garden Center

On Friday, Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Board of Directors invites their members, guests, and the community to a presentation by Nancy Harris, speaking on Victorian gardens.

Harris' background includes experience as an inspector with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, an owner of a Detroit landscape maintenance and construction company, and as owner of "street-life urban environmental sr 'alists," which offers consultation design services, education and horticultural therapy by a trained staff. The lecture, which begins at 10:30 a.m. is free to Grosse Pointe Garden Center members.

The luncheon and annual meeting will follow Harris' presentation. Make reservations for the luncheon by Friday, Jan. 9; cost is \$16. Make checks payable to the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and mailed to 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

For further information, call (313) 881-4594.

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in Room C-11 at Brewneil Middle School, 269 Chairnate, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The topic of discussion will be monochrome and color print competition and pictorial and nature slide competition. The nature assignment is: Textures.

Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 822-7080.

Get tickets for the Jan. 9 black-tie Auto Show preview party

The Children's Center of Wayne County announced the prominent individuals who will be the Agency's Honorary North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) Charity Preview co-chairs: the Honorable Judge Trudy Duncombe Archer of 36th District Court, and Mr. and Mrs. William Clay Ford, Jr. The Fords are Grosse Pointe Farms residents. Ford is

chairman of the Finance Committee at Ford Motor Company.

This 15th annual NAIAS Charity Preview, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m., in Cobo Center in downtown Detroit, is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association to benefit children's charities.

In 1997, this black-tie gala raised more than \$2.6 million

for ten area children's charities, and attracted some 15,000 guests, many of whom were from the Grosse Pointes. NAIAS Preview 1998 co-chairs are Harold Kuhn and Pete Rosenau.

Preview tickets are \$250 per person, and may be purchased through the Children's Center by telephoning (313) 831-5520.

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A resolution worth keeping

Dear Jeff and Debra:

About a year ago, I was reading your column and learned about the Take Charge program donated to the Grosse Pointe churches. Our grown son had a problem with beer and marijuana, so I told my wife about the program. She borrowed it from our church and, over the next several days, she and I listened to the tapes together. I'm writing to say that those tapes changed our lives.

My wife and I learned that it wasn't our fault that our son was alcoholic. We had blamed ourselves for so long, I can't tell you how relieved we felt once we understood we hadn't caused his problem. We learned that our son had a disease we never really understood how alcoholism or drug addiction could be an illness until we listened to these tapes. We also learned about two ways to intervene on behalf of our son and decided to establish what is called a soft intervention. After a couple months of using these methods, our son asked us to help him get treatment. Everything was done without anger.

He had an incident with drinking about two months after treatment. When faced with this backslide, his mother and I stayed true to our soft intervention. He got back into AA right away and hasn't had a drink for seven months.

I hope that everyone who's worried about someone with an alcohol or drug problem resolves to listen to the



Jeff and Debra Jay

Take Charge tapes. What they'll learn can make an important difference to their family.

Thankful Dad

Dear Thankful Dad:

Your letter comes at a time when people are making New Year's resolutions, and we hope they resolve to learn how to help someone who has a problem with alcohol or other drugs.

The Take Charge tapes are for the families and friends of an alcoholic or addict and are available at no cost from several locations. All churches in the Grosse Pointes have copies of Take Charge on loan to their parishioners. The tapes can be borrowed from the Grosse Pointe public library. If you don't have access to either of these resources, the Brighton Hospital library has 25 copies of Take Charge on loan to the public.

Brighton Hospital also offers free consultations on intervention strategies to individuals and families who have listened to the Take Charge tapes. Call Brighton Hospital at 810-227-1211 for more information.

Although alcoholism and addiction to other drugs are devastating to our families, few people know how to successfully address the problem. Each of us can make a difference by taking this simple step: Call your church, the Grosse Pointe public library or Brighton Hospital today for Take Charge and check it out.

Dear Jeff and Debra:

Can you tell me where to find information on cocaine? My husband uses cocaine recreationally with some of his friends. So far, I haven't seen anything that indicates addiction, but I want to learn more just in case he develops a problem.

Waiting and Watching

Dear Waiting:

Felonies aren't fun, and the use of cocaine isn't recreational. Your husband is risking arrest and incarceration just to get high from cocaine. He's willing to gamble everything — even his family — for a drug.

Your letter suggests that you are much too tolerant of your husband's relationship with cocaine. Many people using drugs are very high functioning and may not match your concept of what it means to be addicted. You may need to review your own ideas about addiction and drug abuse before deciding whether or not your husband is addicted.

You can find out more about cocaine abuse and addiction by contacting the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information at 301-468-2600. They offer free or low cost education materials.

Get counseling for yourself. Meeting with a certified addictions counselor (C.A.C.) specializing in family issues will give you a lot of insight. Call a local treatment center for a referral.

Jeff Jay, a native of Grosse Pointe, is director of Program Development for Brighton Hospital and the president of the McGovern Family Foundation in Washington, D.C. Debra Erickson Jay is an interventionist and the managing director of "Take Charge! America," a fundraising drive that places educational materials for the families of alcohol and drug abusers in libraries and churches throughout the country. Send questions to Jeff Jay, c/o Brighton Hospital, Dept. GP, 12851 East Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116, 810-227-1211.

Health News Briefs

A course entitled, "Healthy Living Especially for Women" will be offered Friday, Jan. 23 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Presented by The Detroit Medical Center, this day-long event features medical specialists who will address a variety of subjects of interest to women. Featured luncheon speaker is Florine Mark, president of Weight Watchers. Cost is \$35, and includes breakfast and lunch. Call 1-800-DMC-2500 for reservations or more information.

Be prepared for an emergency. Learn how to give Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to an infant or young child, or to an adult, by attending a CPR class provided by Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Department of Community Education.

Classes are taught at Barnes School in Grosse Pointe Woods by certified instructors from the Henry Ford Cottage Hospital Nursing staff. Single session classes specializing in "Infant and Child CPR" are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26. Adult CPR is taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 12 and on March 12.

There is a \$15 fee per person and reservations are required. Call the Grosse Pointe Public School System Department of Community Education at (313) 343-2178.

Wetherholt elected to National Board

Jacque Wetherholt, SSJ, CFRE (of Harper Woods), has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC).

She is president of the St. John Health System (SJHS) foundation and director of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) and SJH&MC Guild. The NCDC is the nation's largest association of religious philanthropies.

Sister Jacque's responsibilities include all aspects of fundraising, including annual giving, endowment funds, foundation and corporate support, throughout all entities of St. John Health System, as well as the special events sponsored by St. John Hospital's Guild and Fontbonne Auxiliary. She also oversees the work of the 600-plus member volunteer corps.

She serves on a number of community boards, including Detroit Rotary (where she was elected as the organization's first female president in its 85 year history), the International Torch Drive of the Detroit/Windsor, Arts Poetica Chamber Orchestra, National Society of Fund Raising Executives and Detroit Science Museum.

Other community activities include her work for the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Women's Economic Club, American Heart Association and WTVS-TV.



Jacque Wetherholt

AICR's nutrition hotline celebrates 10 years

Answering questions that have ranged from which foods are best for people fighting cancer to what is the nutritional value of moose meat, the American Institute for Cancer Research's Nutrition Hotline has responded to thousands of consumer queries throughout the past decade.

Most of us don't walk around all day with complex nutrition questions bouncing in our heads. But many of us have wondered at one time or another about things like what "phytochemicals" and "antioxidants" are supposed to do for us, or whether that leftover roast beef that's been in the fridge since last week is still safe to eat. One of the best things about AICR's free Nutrition Hotline is that it offers answers to questions like these, in addition to those related to more serious health issues.

Many callers want to know what they can do to provide the best nutrition for a loved

one diagnosed with cancer. "Certain foods are not as good for people undergoing chemotherapy or radiation, and it's important to know which foods those are," said Clara Schneider, one of the hotline's registered dietitians.

Schneider says she's especially pleased to get calls from cancer survivors who want to make sure they're eating the most nutritious foods to help stay cancer free. When consumers call the toll-free number with a question about diet, nutrition or food safety, a registered dietitian will usually return the call within 48 hours with a personalized answer.

The dietitians on the hotline do not give medical advice, they can help callers develop the right questions to ask their doctors to get the information they need.

Next time you have a question related to nutrition, dial toll-free, 1-800-843-8114.

Seminar Jan. 31 on attention deficit disorder

Family and Classroom Training and Resources reports that John F. Taylor, Ph.D., a prominent authority on Attention Deficit Disorder, will present a day-long seminar for parents and professionals entitled "Beyond Ritalin: Mega-Answers to AD/HD" on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 to 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield.

This public service/commu-

nity outreach effort strives to strengthen families, decrease juvenile delinquency and reduce school dropout rates. Hard-to-find information and answers for high-conflict issues are given. Topics include specific and practical methods for improving bedtime and mealtime routines, sibling harmony, cooperation on chores and homework, self-esteem and self-confidence, conscience and self-control,

note taking and studying improvements, friendship and apology skills, and marital and emotional stress reduction for parents. Also included are discussions of treatment options and recent brain chemistry research.

Taylor is the author of "Helping Your Hyperactive A.D.D. Child," the "Answers to A.D.D." audio tape series, "The AD/HD Student at School," and the "A.D.D.

School Success Tool Kit" video.

A pioneering authority in this field, he wrote the first book providing extensive coverage of AD/HD family relationship issues entitled "The Hyperactive Child and the Family."

The seminar fee for is \$39 if received by Jan. 30. At the door on Jan. 31, the fee is \$49. For registration information, call (248) 988-0532.

FINAL WEEK

NEW ARRIVALS OF 1997

Grosse Pointe News and The Connection newspapers are planning their 3rd annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 1997 babies, please) for publication in this section.

This tabloid will be published in January, 1998. Your child's picture, along with other 1997 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Kozlowski, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please include this information on the back of the photo.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Monday December 22nd, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 6, 1998.)

We look forward to producing our annual "Baby Edition" and are sure you want your little one included. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase to give to family and friends.

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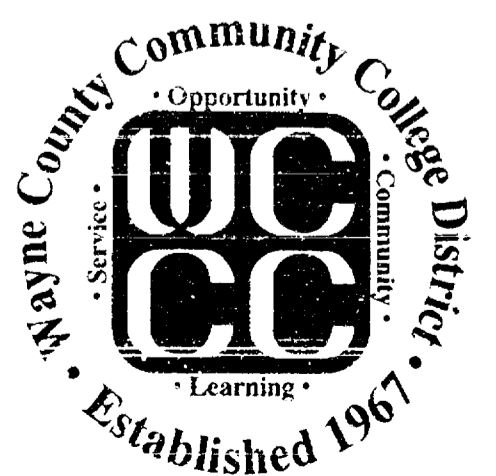
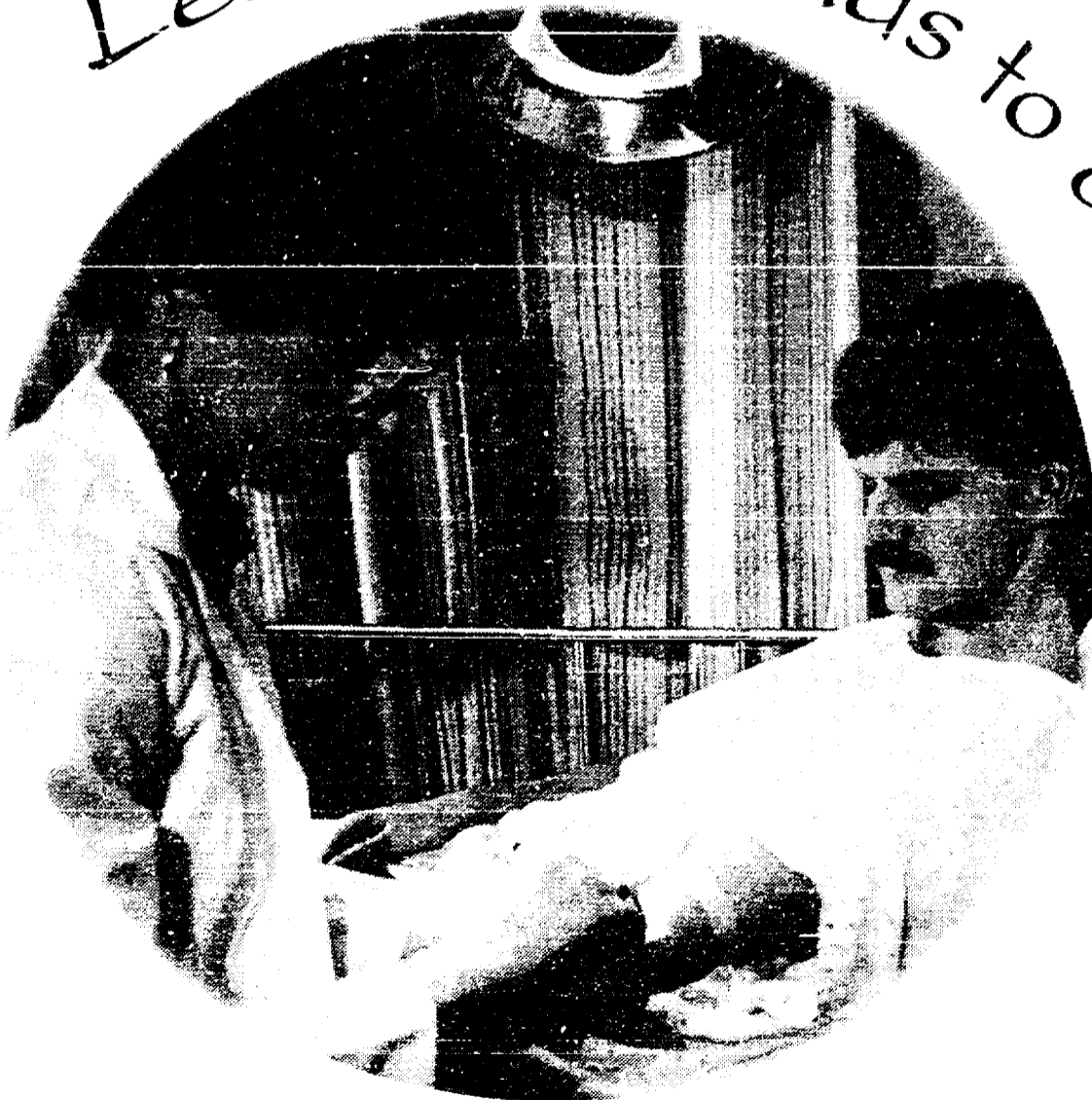
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Learning Leads to a Better Life



My Top Ten list of 1997's best movies

By D. J. Honstain
Movie Critic

The year in movies was an odd one. For the second straight year Will Smith battled aliens and came up with the highest grossing film, "Men in Black." None of the top ten moneymakers, save the 20-year-old Star Wars, can easily be considered great films, and worthy films ("The Ice

Storm," "Boogie Nights") barely had the chance to show up on local movie radar. So here's a recap of some of the best films of the year that was:



By D. J. Honstain

1) "The Sweet Hereafter." From its opening scene of an idyllic family asleep together, this mesmerizing tale of a tragic school bus accident in rural British Columbia grabs you and won't let go. Ian Holm gives a seamless performance as the big-city lawyer who sees the dollar signs in the tragedy. But it's the great ensemble cast and director Atom Egoyan who uses time brilliantly, that gives this Canadian masterpiece its true poignancy. A beautiful film.

(See related story on page 1B about a former Grosse Pointe's artistic contribution to "The Sweet Hereafter.")

2) "Titanic." In re-creating the Titanic disaster of 1912, director James Cameron has brought the near mythical disaster back to a human level. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are perfect as the

romantic fictional centerpieces of this glorious filmmaking event. The effects are truly amazing but the life Cameron (who also wrote the script) breathes into all on board and how much he, and ultimately we care for these passengers is extremely powerful. Exhilarating, sumptuous and moving "Titanic" is the new watermark for blockbusters.

3) "The Ice Storm." Ang Lee's stunning look at Thanksgiving weekend 1973 and suburbia amid the sexual revolution is a dead-on portrait of a country lost. Kevin Kline leads a stellar cast including Joan Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Christina Ricci as they explore sex, sometimes extramaritally, too young, or an infamous key party. The look, pace and mood are ominous, the film should be required viewing for studying the '70s. A must-see for today.

4) "Boogie Nights." An explicit probe of the porn industry in the late '70s and



A scene from the Ice Storm.

early '80s when "Adult films" were nearly mainstream and some of the stars' names were as recognizable as they would ever get. Almost a companion piece to "Ice Storm," where the family was breaking down, "Boogie Nights" creates a new

1997 TOP TEN MOVIES

1. The Sweet Hereafter
2. Titanic
3. The Ice Storm
4. Boogie Nights
5. L.A. Confidential
6. Chasing Amy
7. Wag the dog
8. Contact
9. Shall We Dance?
10. Amistad

type of family. The film looks at the rise and fall of porn sensation Dirk Diggler (Mark Wahlberg) and the industry that takes him on as its favorite son. Incredible filmmaking.

5) "L.A. Confidential." I. A. in the '50s — the beginning of the Hollywood tabloid, police corruption and discreet escort services scatter the landscape.



A scene from the movie L.A. Confidential.

After a headline bust, an honorable rookie detective searches for truth. While another isn't above a little intimidation to get what he wants. "L.A. Confidential" is a true throwback to the crime dramas of the '50s with break-out perfor-

mances by Guy Pearce and Russell Crowe and a fine, resurgent Kim Basinger Gritty and intelligent.

6) "Chasing Amy." After the horrible "Mallrats," "Clerks" director Kevin Smith redeems himself with this wonderful, witty comedy about a romance. But romance with a twist. A comic book writer falls for a beautiful woman, and gets a shock — she's a lesbian. But the connection between them is so strong, they become the best of friends. Until, in one glorious monologue of his undying love, he tells her he can't live without her. Incredibly frank conversations highlight this look at modern love. A must-see for the lovelorn.

7) "Wag the Dog." When an unnamed president gets caught with his pants down, a spin doctor (Robert DeNiro) is called in for damage control. His plan is to divert attention by creating a war. He brings in a Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman) to manage the operation which includes a song, a theme and ultimately a hero. The extremely intelligent script by David Mamet has a nice mean streak on how people are so easily manipulated. Director Barry Levinson ("Rain Man," "Diner") assembles a fine supporting cast including Denis Leary, Anne Heche and Willie Nelson. It is riotously funny. (Opens in Detroit early in 1998.)

8) "Contact." Jodie Foster gives another outstanding performance as Ellie Arroway, a dedicated scientist in search of life on other planets. When the search leads to a message, a global party ensues and the audience gets caught up in the frenzy. It gives us the opportunity to believe that we are not alone.

This is truly Foster's movie, through her search we hope, rejoice and most importantly contemplate what such an

event would mean. "Contact" reaches into the stars and finds true human spirit.

9) "Shall We Dance." In modern day Japan, a businessman, from the vantage point of his tram ride home from work, sees a beautiful woman in a dance studio. Seeking relief from his routine, he takes the plunge, reservedly. Dance lessons are not normal for executives with a wife, a daughter



Actors Leonard DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as lovers in the epic movie "Titanic."

and a mortgage. But he can't help himself, he has the dancing bug.

This sharp, funny and telling modern fable is highly infectious. If it doesn't bring a smile to your face, you might be too far gone.

10) "Amistad." Steven Spielberg's look at the tragedy of slavery is far from a perfect film. But it is, at times, incredibly moving, gut-wrenchingly explicit and an all-to-real description of the horrors of slavery. As Cinque, the leader of the revolt on the slave ship, La Amistad, Djimon Hounsou gives the film strength while other characters seem to only occupy the screen. And why is



A scene from the movie Amistad.

the African speech subtitled so sporadically?

But overall the film has great force, possibly not because of great filmmaking but because of the sheer power of its subject.

Concertos destined to be best of 1998 recordings

Here is a batch of concertos in performances every bit as dazzling as the champagne bubbles that usher in the New Year.

Prokofiev & Shostakovich: Violin Concertos No. 2; Maxim Vengerov, violinist; London Symphony Orchestra, Mstislav Rostropovich conducting (Teldec)

Rating: ★★★★★ (out of four)

Siberian-born Maxim Vengerov turns 25 this year, but he is already one of the most brilliant violinists currently playing before the public.

Vengerov first joined his talents to those of famed Russian conductor-cello Mstislav Rostropovich five years ago in a CD devoted to the first concertos of these same two composers. The performances of



By John Guinn

the second concertos are equally masterful.

The Prokofiev Second, premiered in 1935, is an instantly appealing work filled with catchy tunes and witty harmonies. There is also an undercurrent of sarcasm that is a recurring characteristic of Prokofiev's music, especially after his permanent return to his homeland the year after this concerto's premiere. Vengerov spreads his sweet tone quality across the concert-

to's melodies like thick honey, giving them an emotional intensity other fiddlers usually ignore.

Rostropovich matches that intensity, and both musicians make sure their listeners can taste the slightly bitter flavor that shows up now and then.

Shostakovich's Second, which dates from 1967, is generally more dour, perhaps because he suffered more at the hands of the Soviet censors than Prokofiev did. He lays his heart on his sleeve more subtly, but the result is no less heartfelt. Vengerov lets him speak in his own personal language with the clarity only a master translator can produce.

You'll find yourself returning to these stunning performances again and again, each time garnering further proof of the amazing breadth of Vengerov's artistry. Even at his comparatively tender age, he is already a violinist to cherish.

Elgar: Cello Concerto; Sea Pictures; Jacqueline Du Pre, cellist; Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano; London Symphony Orchestra, John Barbirolli conducting (EMI Classics)

Rating: ★★★★★

A look at the British musicians involved in these performances should be enough to let you know you're in for some great listening. In the case of Jacqueline Du Pre, your expectations will probably be surpassed.

In 1972, 11 years after the Oxford-born Du Pre made her formal debut, she was forced to retire from the concert platform because of the effects of multiple sclerosis, the disease that ultimately claimed her

life in 1987. Fortunately, she made some glorious recordings before that tragedy set in, and EMI Classics is to be congratulated for remastering this one in CD format.

Elgar's Cello Concerto was partly prompted by his reaction to the horrors of World War I, and its melancholic, sometimes despairing measures call for special insights. Du Pre possessed those insights in great measure, and, backed by John Barbirolli's ever-supportive accompaniment, she lavishes them on the music.

Janet Baker and Barbirolli bring deep commitment to the five songs that make up Elgar's Sea Pictures, but it's Du Pre's Concerto that steals the show.

One of my most cherished concert experiences was hearing Du Pre play the Elgar Concerto with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under Sixten Ehrling's direction in the mid-1960s. That's when this recording was originally made, and I'm deeply grateful to have it as a permanent reminder of the unique talent

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Good Times

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE, a Cajun phrase meaning, "good times roll," is the name of the band and an accurate description of their shows. Playing a steaming gumbo of New Orleans Rhythm and Blues, Swing and Roots Rock, James O'Donnell on trumpet, Leonard Moon on vocals and keyboard, John Dunn on bass, and Ron Pangborn on drums, make every night seem like Mardi Gras.

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Snowbirds Ski Club members, ages 5 through 14, can also register now for their Saturday, Jan. 17, trip to Pine Knob, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Membership is \$50 per person or \$125 for families. Fees vary. Preregistration is required for most programs. Call (313) 881-7511.

Frigid fun

Bundle up and enjoy a free family fun event, the 16th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Wednesday, Jan. 14 through Monday, Jan. 19, in Kellogg Park, at the intersection of Main and Penniman in downtown Plymouth, MI. Professional carvers from around the world will turn 400,000 pounds of ice into spectacular art including a Walk On The Wild Side Fantasyland. Call (313) 459-6969.

Film festival

Treat your junior cinema buff to the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Winter Film Festival 1997/1998, through Thursday, Jan. 29. Featured Tuesday, Jan. 13 through Thursday, Jan. 15, will be Madeline's Rescue and The

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Schumann: Piano Concerto; Konzertstuckes, Op. 92 & Op. 134; Murray Perahia, pianist; Berlin Philharmonic, Claudio Abbado conducting (Sony Classical)

Rating: ★★★★★

Sony Classical has been providing fans of American pianist Murray Perahia with a plethora of riches over the past few months.

There's an all-Schumann CD containing performances of the

First Sonata and "Kreisleriana." There's another devoted to keyboard music of Handel and Scarlatti. I reviewed both in these pages recently.

Now comes another all-Schumann CD encompassing the three works composed for piano and orchestra. The A-Minor Piano Concerto is deservedly the most well-known of the three, and Perahia reveals all sorts of startling insights in it without ever disregarding the composer's intentions, much as he did when he played this work with the DSO last September.

The two "Concert Pieces" are

single-movement efforts, each lasting less than 15 minutes. While of lesser merit than the Concerto, they are not without their charms, especially the Op. 134. Perahia gives both the kind of loving attention that makes them seem worthy of our attention, at least now and then.

Sony Classical has also issued a four-CD set of Perahia performances. Issued to mark Perahia's 25-year partnership with the label as well as his 50th birthday, it contains some never-before-released material.

Be sure I'll review it here soon.

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North wrestlers finish fourth at Macomb Invitational

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Art Roberts wanted his Grosse Pointe North wrestling team to do well at last week's Macomb Invitational meet, but that wasn't the primary goal.

"This meet is all about preparing us for the state meet," Roberts said after the Norsemen finished fourth in the 40-team field.

"There were a lot of lessons to be learned and that's what we're going to take out of this meet. It's not just about winning, although we want to do that, too."

Goodrich was first in the team standings, followed by Roseville, defending champion Romeo, North, Fraser and Sterling Heights.

"The three teams that finished ahead of us all have junior high programs," Roberts said. "So I was pleased with our kids."

North had two champions — Derek Phillips at 125 pounds and Gary Bordato at 171.

Several other Norsemen placed, while others wrestled well but had nothing to show for their efforts in the prestigious meet.

Phillips won his championship in one of the best

matches of the meet when he beat Anchor Bay's Nick Trombley 11-7.

"If wrestling was always like that, we'd rack the wins for meets," Roberts said.

Trombley got the first takedown. Phillips reversed him and from then on the North senior was in the lead and handed Trombley his first loss of the season.

Phillips hadn't wrestled Trombley since both were freshmen and they split a pair of matches.

"It was a good win for Derek," Roberts said. "He'd been waiting for this for three years."

Phillips started the tournament with a 17-second fall against Jeremy Wollman of South Lake. He then pinned Lakeview's Matt Hendrickson in 1:15, won an 11-3 decision over East Detroit's Samir Ajashmaly and posted an 8-5 semifinal victory against Al Goldstein of Goodrich.

"Derek's weight class is 125," Roberts said. "When you get up to 130, the body styles begin to change."

Bordato won his first four matches on falls, then beat Roseville's Fred Pierfelice 3-2. "Gary's toughest match was

probably his semifinal against Tom Aceto of L'Anse Creuse North," Roberts said. "He had Gary 5-0, but then he chose the wrong position in the second period, which was a mistake. Gary's awfully tough when he's on top."

It took only 47 seconds of the second period for Bordato to pin Aceto.

Bordato's other pins came against John Avendt of New Haven (3:19), Pat Thomas, Algonac (3:26), and Ryan Stewart, Ford II (4:50).

North's Eddie Wright was third at 145 pounds. His only loss was a 4-2 overtime decision to Notre Dame's Scott Cameron.

"That was the championship

match because Cameron won easily in the finals," Roberts said. "It was a good match. Eddie just got a little careless in the overtime and Scott took advantage of it."

After Wright's loss to Cameron, he bounced back with a 3-1 win over Warren Lincoln's Adam Mazurek and beat Fraser's Tom Saad 4-0 in the consolation final.

In earlier rounds, Wright beat R.J. Naugle of Goodrich 7-1, pinned Chippewa Valley's Jeff Devers in 1:15 and nipped Saad 2-1.

Three North wrestlers finished sixth — David Hirt at 152 pounds, Jeff Kalkhoff at 160 and Chad Cooper at 215. "David wrestled well,"

Roberts said. "He always gives you a good match. If all coaches had kids like that — in any sport — this job would be easy."

Cooper lost two straight overtime matches in the last 30 seconds.

"Chad wrestled well enough to finish third," Roberts said. "But he learned something. He knows what it takes to win that kind of match."

Another strong performance came from sophomore Matt Kellett, who was eighth at 119 pounds.

"He was 4-3," Roberts said. "All of his wins were by pins and his losses were real close matches. He's a tough little guy, who doesn't know how good he is."

Roberts was also pleased with the performances of Chris Koscinski (112), Rick Pesta (130) and Joe Brennan (180), although they didn't earn medals.

"Chris was the only one of our wrestlers who was really hurt by the draw," Roberts said. "Ricky won his first two matches and then lost two decisions. Joe pinned his first two opponents, then lost 9-7 and 8-7."

"All three of them wrestled well, but had about 10 bad seconds in each of the matches they lost. Against the caliber of competition we had in this tournament, you can't have a bad 10 seconds. You have to wrestle well all six minutes. When we got back to practice this week, those three were the most intense. They were disappointed, but this is going to be one of those cases where something bad is turned into something good."

Earlier, North rolled past Eisenhower 64-15 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division meet.

Highlights for the Norsemen were victories by Koscinski and Cooper as they beat wrestlers who beat them a year ago.

"Chris pinned a guy who beat him last year," Roberts said. "He made some comments to Chris at the time and he's been waiting for him since then. He pinned him in 1:47. Chad lost 10-9 last year, but came back this year and beat the kid 13-4. That shows how much our two kids improved."

Other winners for North were Kellett, Darin Dobbins, Pesta, Phillips, Wright, Kalkhoff, Bordato, Brennan and Mike Schornak. North is 3-0 in dual meets.



Grosse Pointe North's Derek Phillips (green uniform) beat Nick Trombley of Anchor Bay 11-7 to win the championship at 125 pounds in the recent Macomb Invitational wrestling tournament. The defeat by Phillips was the first of the season for Trombley.

South skaters sweep two Midland squads

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's hockey team is displaying some of the characteristics that carried Michigan's football team to a national championship.

And they were never more apparent than in last week-

end's annual trip to Midland.

The Blue Devils beat Midland High 6-2, then blanked Midland Dow 3-0 as goalie J.C. Tibbitts made 19 saves to record his fourth shutout in seven games.

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Golf champions

Five Grosse Pointers representing the Lochmoor Club took first place at the Michigan PGA tournament in Las Vegas. From left are Mike and Cindy Troynavich, Art Nicholl, Tim E. Mourad and Lochmoor pro Tommy Valentine. The Lochmoor squad competed against 68 other Michigan club teams.

Freshman is one of South's future hopes

Robbie Crandall is one of the hopes for the future for Grosse Pointe South's young wrestling team.

Crandall, a freshman 103-pounder, won two of his three matches as the Blue Devils posted a 1-4 record in a dual-meet tournament at Brother Rice last week.

"He did real well," said coach Larry Carr. "He's fun to watch."

Crandall was one of three South wrestlers to post victories in the Blue Devils' 45-36 victory over Madison Heights Lamphere.

Jamie Carrier won by a fall at 125 pounds and Matt Ostrowski pinned his opponent at 160.

"Carrier and Jeremy Linne

were each 2-2 in the tournament and Ostrowski finished 2-3," Carr said. "They all did a pretty good job."

Linne (145 pounds) and Ostrowski each won decisions in South's 60-18 loss to West Bloomfield.

P.J. Moir's decision at 130 was the Blue Devils' only victory in a 75-3 setback at the hands of Traverse City West.

Crandall won by a fall and Linne posted a decision for South in a 50-15 defeat by Brother Rice, while Carrier won a decision in a 57-21 loss to Lakeville.

South has a dual meet tonight, Jan. 8, against Port Huron and the Blue Devils will compete in the Royal Oak Invitational Saturday at Dondero.

Hockey

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"Since I came here in the 1992-93 season, we've never done better than a win and a tie on the Midland trip," said coach Bob Bopp. "One of our goals this year was to win both games."

"Sometimes it's tough when a team stays overnight because often the kids don't get a lot of sleep and it shows up in the game the second day. But this year the team took it real seriously. They stuck to the curfew and were ready to play against Dow, which is a good team. This is as happy as I've ever been with my teams here."

Pat Manion broke up a scoreless tie at 10:13 of the second period against Dow, when he took a cross-ice pass from Charlie Braun and beat the Chargers' goalie with a high shot during a power play.

Braun made it 2-0 at 4:23 of the third period and Adam Whitehead completed the scoring with a power-play goal at 5:58. Manion assisted on both goals.

Ben Weaver also had two assists for South, while Matt Moran had one.

"That was our best win so far this year," Bopp said.

Braun and Andy Klein each tallied twice against Midland, while Chris Gellasch and Denny Ignagni added the other South goals.

Gellasch opened the scoring at 6:35 and Braun made it 2-0 only 14 seconds later.

South held a 15-3 shooting edge in the first period, but came out with only a 2-1 lead.

"We really opened things up in the second period," Bopp said. "And in the third period we just concentrated on playing defense."

Braun's second goal of the game — at 12:24 of the second period — came while the Blue Devils were shorthanded.

Manion had two assists,

while Dave Bilbrey, Gellasch, Braun, Ignagni, Weaver and Whitehead added one apiece.

Bopp praised the play of Gellasch and Bilbrey during the trip.

"Gellasch is a junior who's on the team for the first time this year," Bopp said. "We knew he was a good player and he's been improving right along. These were his two best games of the season. Chris is getting used to the faster pace of the games in high school."

"He's been playing on a line with Braun and Manion, so we have two real strong offensive lines."

Bilbrey is a member of one of the best defensive corps in the state.

"We have six defensemen who could play on any team in the league, so it's tough to get them as much ice time as they'd like," Bopp said. "David got a lot of ice time in these two games and did a good job. He adds toughness and a physical presence to the team without picking up foolish penalties."

The depth on defense brings out another similarity between South's hockey team and Michigan's football squad.

"Even though our six defensemen probably aren't playing as much as they'd like, there's no complaining," Bopp said.

"Winning is the most important thing for them."

South improved its record to 9-1 with the two victories in Midland.

"We think we can go a long way (in the state tournament) this year, but we're not focusing on that now," Bopp said. "We're just taking it one game at a time."

The Blue Devils play Grosse Pointe North Saturday at 6 p.m. at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, then host Southgate Anderson Wednesday, Jan. 14, at City Sports Center.

North spikers win two tourneys

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team rang in the new year just like it, sent out the old — with a bunch of victories.

"The girls have really been striving to work together and be a team," said coach Beth Gulick after the Norsemen won 26 straight games in taking first place in the Wayne State University Invitational and the University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

"We have five returning players and seven new ones

and they're blending together nicely."

North opened the season with the victory at Wayne State before taking a break for the holidays.

The Norsemen beat Sandwich, Ontario, 15-0, 15-8 in the championship match. North also defeated Southfield, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Ford II on its way to the championship.

"It was an overall team effort," Gulick said. "Everyone contributed."

Last weekend's tournament at U-M Dearborn saw North go through its bracket undefeated. The Norsemen swept Inkster, Ford II, Detroit Communication Media Arts and Anchor Bay.

North then beat Detroit Henry Ford 15-12, 15-4 in the quarterfinals; defeated L'Anse Creuse 15-8, 15-8 in the semifinal round; and beat Detroit Renaissance 15-9, 15-12 in the championship match.

North's Lindsay Hawkins, Pam Majewski and Kathy

Hellrung were named to the all-tournament team.

"All three of them did a fine all-around job throughout the tournament," Gulick said.

Hellrung is one of the Norsemen's tri-captains along with Carolyn Solomon and Lindsay Snanon.

"We have some good senior leadership on the team," Gulick said.

North will begin Macomb Area Conference Red Division play at home Wednesday, Jan. 14, against Chippewa Valley.

South JVs win division title again

Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity girls basketball program is carrying on a winning tradition.

The Blue Devils posted a 14-2 record in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division to win their fourth straight division title.

South, which finished 18-2 overall, extended its home winning streak to 34 games. The JV Blue Devils haven't lost at home since October, 1994, but there were some tough challenges from Grosse Pointe North, Eisenhower, Sterling Heights and Fraser.

One of the most exciting victories was South's triple-overtime 50-42 win over North that featured several buzzer-beating baskets.

North hit a triple at the buzzer to force the first overtime. South's Ashley Elrod got a basket at the end of the first overtime to tie the score and Lara Scheibner sent the game into the third extra period with a basket for South.

Elrod led the Blue Devils with 15 points, while freshman Megan Shapiro scored 13 points. Caitlin Carroll pulled down 10 rebounds.

Another thriller was the 40-34 overtime win against Eisenhower. Elrod led South with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Shapiro had 10 points and six steals.

Meghan Robson and Shapiro each hit clutch free throws down the stretch to help the Blue Devils defeat Sterling Heights.

In the second meeting with cross-town rival North, Scheibner hit six straight free throws in the final minute to seal South's 24-21 victory.

Defense was a key to the Blue Devils' success as they allowed an average of 23.6 points-per-game.

Other members of the squad, which was coached by Glen Williams, were Molly Weaver, Sarah Fox, Ann Mumaw, Christina Bakalis, Julia Robles, Maria Tocco, Megan Monaghan, Danielle Amato, Maggie Kingsley and Amanda Lindow.

Jay Ricci wins rookie series title

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jay Ricci finished first in the 1997 Star Formula Mazda rookie series with a total of 181 out of a possible 217 points.

Ricci, a senior at the University of Dayton, will move up to the Raoff Motorsports Star Mazda Pro Series for the 1998 season.

Ricci had five first-place finishes and two seconds in his seven races.

Jay's father, Joe Ricci, was third in the point standings. His brother, Andrew Ricci, was sixth and stepbrother T.R. Youngblood was eighth.

Andrew Ricci and Youngblood competed in only four of the eight races, but still scored 84 and 53 points, respectively.

Team Ricci is sponsored by Grosse Pointe resident Mike Carmody, who operates Raoff Motorsports in Mount Clemens.



Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity girls basketball team won its fourth straight division title in the Macomb Area Conference when it posted a 14-2 record in the MAC Red Division and finished 18-2 overall. In front, from left, are Molly Weaver, co-captain Lara Scheibner and Megan Shapiro. In the middle row, from left, are Julia Robles, Sarah Fox, Christina Bakalis, Amanda Lindow, coach Glen Williams, Megan Monaghan, Danielle Amato, Meghan Robson and Ann Mumaw. In back, from left, are Maria Tocco, Maggie Kingsley, Caitlin Carroll and co-captain Ashley Elrod.

Pointe team second in battle of platform tennis champions

It was a matchup of national champions in the finals of the recent Detroit Platform Tennis Invitational tournament.

The title match pitted Grosse Pointers Jeff Hodges and Tom Sullivan against John Uffleman and Scott Mansager, both of Birmingham and Mansager and Uffleman posted a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

reigning national champion team in the 45-and-over division, while Mansager is one of the reigning national champions in the open division.

In the quarterfinal reprieve, the team of Sotiroff and Strong defeated Ford and Pursley 6-4, 6-3.

In the reprieve final, Cosgrove and Parks beat

Durfee and Mermer 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

McDuffee and Keller beat Rockwell and Welsher 6-2, 6-3 in the consolation final, while the consolation final went to the Kornmeier-Kornmeier team with a 6-3, 5-3 victory over Johnson and Short.

Tom Dow was tournament chairman of the 27th annual event that was held at several locations in the Grosse Pointes.

Hodges is a member of the



Here are the four finalists in the main draw at the recent Detroit Platform Tennis Invitational tournament. From left are John Uffleman and Scott Mansager of Birmingham, who defeated Jeff Hodges and Tom Sullivan of Grosse Pointe 6-4, 6-0.

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Highlights

Here's a look at some game highlights from the Neighborhood Club's fall soccer season.

There were 1,016 youngsters on 83 teams. The club offers soccer to boys from pre-kindergarten through grade three and to girls from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Turner also contributed. Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage also played a fine game. Kara Bakowski and Megan Williams handled the ball well while Lauren Carter, Megan Lasher and Emily Farnball played well offensively and defensively. Other contributors are Kara Maloney, Kelly Mason, Molly Mecke, Natalie Nibem and Jennifer Stratelak.

BOYS PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Carpenter Comets 3, Rockets 3

Samuel DePaz scored three goals for the Comets, while Gregory Hicks and Julian Quinan had assists. Eric Reardon, Jacob Merritt, Thomas Schneider and John Balle played in goal. Also playing well for the Comets were Michael Shook, Dustin Baker, Andrew Bills and Jacob Carolan.

The Rockets had strong offensive performances from Ryan Urso and Connor Dixon. Other good efforts came from Richard Altorilla, Roby Boggs, Christopher Cahill, Connor Matthews, Tommy McBrien, Jack Montgomery, Brandon Swenson, Sarkis Zenobian, Evan Van Stembrouck and John Wenzdzinski.

Pointe Video Heat 2, Weber Construction 1

John Blanzky and Connor Ray scored for the Heat. Matt Reno and Patrick Sattelmeyer played well defensively, while Dillon Melvin and Adrien Karges were constant offensive threats. Daniel Dusina, Kurt Hamel, Jake Pekar, James Shepard and Charlie Weipert also played well.

Michael Allen and Charlie Sorge were the standouts for Weber Construction. Other fine performances came from Christopher Bamford, Fred Weber, Austin Coalier, James Eisey, Jake Murphy, Ryan Gall, Philip Hodgkinson and Danny Kosinski.

G.P. Moving & Storage 5, Paint 'n' Place Panthers 0

Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage played a solid two-way game. Tobias Angott, Bobby Cleary, Cameron Dabir, Jimmy Guest, Zachary Hicks, Andrew Peletis, Max Poole, Jeffrey Ryan, Robbie Squiers and Alexander Stewart all played well in the victory.

The Paint 'n' Place Panthers were led offensively by Andrew Achille, Michael Crowley and Tyler Mogk. Greg Lahood and Garrett Redding played well in goal and Chris Champagne, Drew Dettlinger, Matt Frassend, John Laciura, Charlie Miller and Scott Posada were the defensive standouts.

Vermet Dental Dragons 3, Invaders 2

John Buckhout, Tyler Hoffman and Mitchell Vermet were standouts for the Edward J. Vermet D.L.S. Dental Dragons in the evenly-matched battle. Brendan Kirk, Justin Kirk, Eric Marshall, Andrew Nesler, Reed Pfeifer, William Quinn, Nayan Telang, Joey Scavarda and Thomas Ridella also played well.

The Invaders had good performances from Michael Abdenour, Daniel Carron, Joseph Carron, Bradford Herron, Alexander Hoffman, Alexander Holmes, Chris Jenkins, Veeral Patel, Joseph Simon, John Testori and Alexander Tu.

GIRLS PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Spain 3, Lakeshore Optimist 0

Spain's offensive attack was led by Sally Dixon, Joanna Manos and Natalie Sohn, while strong defensive support was provided Leah Baker, Melissa Bryan, Madeline McMahon, Karen Schumann and Michaela Huff. Maggie Clevenger and Shelby Stone combined for the shutout. Julie Wittwer and Victoria Hathaway have also contributed to Spain's success.

Lakeshore Optimist players Lindsey Berg, Megan Bolton, Alexa Cleary, Christina Daniel, Christine Gaudin, Joanna Harr, Tessa Hedges, Alysa Lombardi, Whitney Morey, Emily Skau and Alexandra Warren did a good job of moving the ball, although they weren't able to score.

Team USA 5, Deckard Plumbing 3

Team USA played a fine offensive game under the instruction of coaches Scott MacGriff and Todd Guynn. Contributing to the effort were Lauren Bogosian, Leah Noecker, Katie Cabe, Alana Dickson, Charlotte Ford, Catherine Fowler, Emily Goltz, Elizabeth Guynn, Chelsea MacGriff and Sydney Marchesky.

The Deckard Plumbing Unicorns front line of Lindsey Aiderman, Kylie Barrett and Hadley Kennary scored the three goals. Emma Ottenhof, Sarah Ventimiglia and Alison Zoltowski did a good job controlling the midfield, while goalies Andrea Cara and Andrea Marshall played well. Jordan Salley also contributed.

Italy 3, G.P. Moving & Storage 0

Ellie Farber scored all three goals and hit the post twice. Katie Harbour played well in goal, while Maggie Rygwinski, Lorna Burns and Ellen Arctakis have become more effective on offense. Jillian Caicatera, Dana Davenport, Annie Gough, Britta Hamre, Celeste Hamre and Leah

Two Pointers get firsts in New Year's Eve event

Two Grosse Pointers were among the first-place finishers at the 28th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk at Belle Isle Park.

Some 1,400 runners and walkers participated in the event hosted by the Belle Isle Runners and the Downtown Runners and Walkers and sponsored by Detroit Edison and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan.

Mark Miller, 42, of Grosse Pointe Woods was first in the men's four-mile fitness walk

with a time of 57:18. Peter Wenzdzinski, 11, of the City of Grosse Pointe won the boys 12 and under mile run. Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin of Grosse Pointe Park was sixth and Mike Handley of the Park finished 10th.

Clint Verran, 22, of Ypsilanti won the men's four-mile run in 19:57. A pair of former Grosse Pointe South cross country runners placed in the top seven. Dan Quinn was sixth in 21:53 and Andrew Petersen, a senior at South, was seventh in

21:56. Chris Lewandowski of Grosse Pointe Park was third in the men's four-mile mile run, while Michael Kenney of the Park was ninth.

Carrie Howe of Grosse Pointe Farms was runner-up to Mariska Ambrozy of St. Clair Shores in the women's four-mile inline skate.

Natalie Potthoff of Grosse Pointe Woods was fourth, Mary Clair Keeney of Grosse Pointe Park was sixth, Lindsay

Potthoff of the Woods was ninth and Alexandra Plonka of the Farms was 10th.

Kene Cornille of the Woods was fifth in the women's four-mile fitness walk, Sally Owen of the City was sixth and Pat Quinn of the City was 10th.

Megan Smale of the Farms was sixth in the girls 12 and under mile run, while Pearce Paulie of the Park was 10th.

Bridget Scallen of the Park was fourth in the women's open mile, while Evann O'Donnell of the Park was fifth.

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New tax law

Takes the capital gains sting out of homeownership

By John Minnis
Editor

It's about time — a tax law that makes sense!

On Aug. 5, 1997, President Clinton signed a tax bill that had passed in both the Senate and House by overwhelming margins. While the new tax bill included savings in numerous areas, there was one great boon for homeowners looking to downsize or simply to move into less expensive homes.

The new tax law increases to \$500,000 the amount of profit a homeowner couple can receive tax-free on his or her principal residence, regardless of age. Singles could exclude up to \$250,000.

Homeowners will no longer have to "rollover" the proceeds on a home sale into a new home of equal or greater value. Further, the homeowner will not have to wait until age 55 to get the tax-free gain as was required under the old law.

This means that homeowners, for whatever reason, can now sell their homes and purchase less expensive properties and not suffer the sting of capital gains taxes. And, they can do this every two years.

Jim Saros, of the Jim Saros Agency in the City of Grosse Pointe, believes the new tax law is little known to the average homeowner. Which is too bad, he says, because homeownership under the new law has become an even better investment strategy.

"It's almost like a pension fund," he says. "I think it's going to have a positive effect. It's an excellent way for couples to save for the future." Saros believes the new tax law should also encourage investment in principal residences, knowing that net profits gained through improvements won't be subject to a 28 percent tax.

Further, Saros says, the new tax law couldn't come at a better time for Grosse Pointe and other eastside suburbs. He points to the increase in jobs in the near future due to the coming of casinos, new sports stadiums and other entertainment offerings in Detroit, not to mention General Motors' move to the Ren Cen.

More Detroit jobs means a greater demand for housing in Grosse Pointe and nearby suburbs, Saros predicts.

And under the new tax law, increasing principal housing values do not have to be subject to capital gains taxes, provided the homes' sales meet the tax law criteria.

Of course, there are limitations — e.g., the home must be used as a principal residence in two of the last five years prior to the sale, but this looks to be a great deal for everyone.

Under the old law, as long as you were buying up — that is, buying a more expensive home each time — you escaped capital gains taxes. And the only exemption to the capital gains tax was a one-time deal and you had to be 55 or older to take advantage of it.

But there are many instances when homeowners want less instead of more. (See accompanying sidebar on likely scenarios.) The new tax law makes homeownership a blue-chip investment.

It's about time.

Editor's note: Information for this article was provided by Doug Andrus of Prudential Grosse Pointe Real Estate in Grosse Pointe Woods and the National Association of Realtors. It is not intended to be a conclusive article on the new tax law and real estate tax exemptions. As always, consult your real estate and tax professionals for more information and before making a real estate transaction.

How can I benefit from the new tax law?

Homeowners are a few scenarios in which homeowners may benefit by the new tax law eliminating capital gains taxes when selling their principal residences. There are many more opportunities than have listed, such as selling your home and investing the profits in a business. You don't have to buy another home to escape the capital gains tax.

Scenario No. 1: Younger couples

You're a younger couple (under 55). Your kids are in college and the house is now bigger than you need. Or you're a childless couple, but some years back you fell in love with that four-bedroom ranch or colonial, but now you realize that it's too much house, too much upkeep, too much in taxes.

What do you do? Under the old tax law, if you're under 55, you'd be required to "rollover" the appreciation from your current home by buying a home of equal or greater value in order to avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciation of your current home.

But a larger or more expensive home is exactly what you don't want. So you find yourself stuck with too much house. No longer.

Under the new law, you can sell your bigger, more expensive home and buy a smaller or less expensive one and not incur capital gains taxes — provided you meet all the requirements. (See accompanying sidebar and always be sure to consult your tax adviser first.)

Scenario No. 2: Already downsized

You're 55 years old or older. You've already sold your bigger home and downsized to a smaller, less expensive home. You want to retire to a senior community in Florida. You've already taken advantage of your one-time exemption under the old law to avoid capital gains taxes on the appreciation of a home. However, the property you want to buy in Florida costs less than the expected selling price of your home.

So, under the old law, you're stuck paying capital gains taxes on the sale of your home. Not any more.

Under the new law, you can retire to Florida and not pay capital gains taxes on the sale of your Michigan home — again, provided you meet all the requirements. (See accompanying sidebar and always be sure to consult your tax adviser first.)

Scenario No. 3: The home remodeler

What can you say? You like to remodel or fix up homes. You're a regular Bob Vila. You enjoy buying a home at a good price that needs work. So you live in the home as your principal residence for two years or more while you fix it up, redo the bath, kitchen, etc.

But when the project's finished, you find your improvement have increased the value of the property far more than the money you put into it, since you did the work yourself. You'd like to sell the house, buy another fixer-upper at a lower price and do it all over again.

But wait. Under the old law, you can't do that without incurring heavy capital gains taxes. No longer.

Under the new tax law, you can sell the refurbished home at a profit and buy another less expensive home to redo and not get stung with capital gains taxes. And you can do this every two years — once again, provided you meet all the requirements. (See accompanying sidebar and always be sure to consult your tax adviser first.)

How do I qualify for the \$250,000/\$500,000 exclusion?

You must satisfy three tests:

- 1) Ownership test: You must have owned the property as your principal residence for at least two years of the five years preceding the date of sale.
- 2) Use test: You must have used the property as your principal residence for two of the five years preceding the sale.

Special note: If the residence you're selling was acquired in a rollover transaction, you may be allowed to include the period of time you owned and used your former principal residence(s) for purposes of the ownership and use test. You should consult your tax adviser to determine whether you qualify.

3) Waiting-period test: You must not have used this exclusion for any sale during the preceding two-year period.

The above tests also assume you've consulted your tax adviser and you meet all the criteria under the new tax law.

Source: National Association of Realtors

New tax bill Q&A

Q. I sold my house on Sept. 1, 1997, and qualified for the \$500,000 exclusion. On Sept. 2, 1997, I bought a new house for \$150,000. I plan to sell it as soon as I gain equity for the exclusion. How do I determine my basis for measuring gain when I sell?

A. Your basis will simply be the purchase price of the \$150,000 home plus improvements. The fact that you claim the \$500,000 exclusion does not affect the basis of any residence you later purchase.

Q. My spouse and I purchased a residence more than five years ago, lived in it for a while, then converted it to a rental property. If we sell this property today, we've used it as our principal residence for fewer than two of the past five years. Can we still claim a portion of the exclusion?

A. No. If you fail any of the tests (see accompanying sidebar), you do not qualify for any portion of the exclusion, except under special circumstances involving employment or health.

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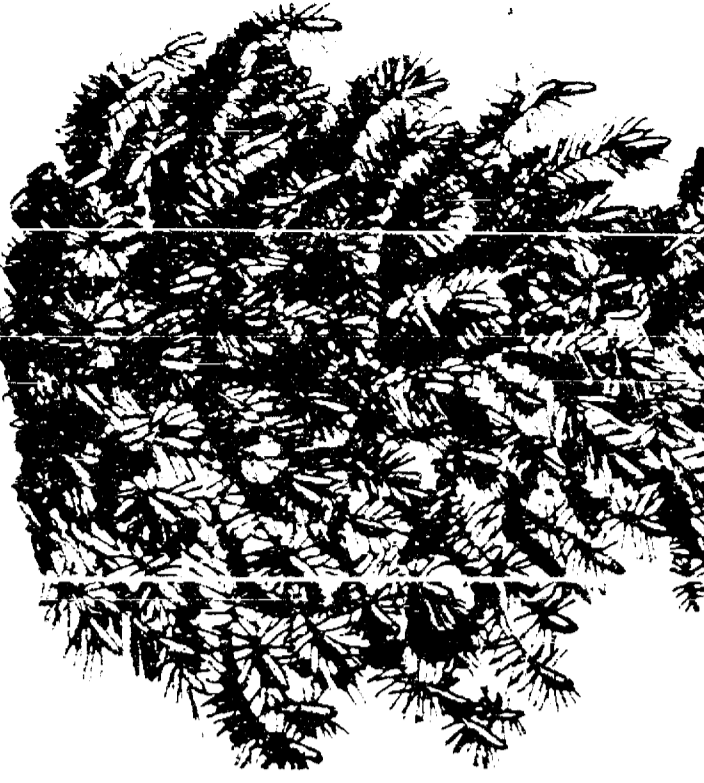
Interesting varieties

Pine and spruce are most commonly planted, but consider alternatives. Many broadleaf varieties, like rhododendrons, stay green all winter. *Herodiasia* is a hardy shade and cold tolerant ground cover.

Myrtle and pachyandra provide winter color. So does checkerberry, which grows well in sandy soils. *Fors*, like powder blue chinarum, lend striking color to landscapes. While the tree produces red fruit and winter white fls are lower maintenance too. They look best left unpruned.

Landscape use

The narrow upright growth of arbutus makes excellent windbreaks. They form quick growing, low cost green belts.



Considerations

For success, be aware that most evergreens need sun. Although colors fade without enough light, though some varieties prefer shade. Evergreens respire... they give off moisture continually. Therefore, they need to be watered year round if dry conditions exist.

Consider growth rates when thinking of evergreens, most outgrow their location in short periods. Don't plant evergreens near windows, no trees or shrubs. Many evergreens in diseases are fungal and are caused by lack of air circulation and competition with other trees.

When selecting evergreens, ask your garden center professional to recommend varieties suited to your growing zone. Spend more dollars up front, and you'll be rewarded with a healthy evergreen that maintains your landscape with welcome evergreens.

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Antiques

It has been five decades since George Nelson, Charles and Ray Barnes and others designed a new style of furniture for the Herman Miller Furniture Co. Chairs and tables that were introduced in 1947 shocked many furniture buyers. Such styles are now collected by those who search for the best of the post-war period.

The Miller designs used metal rods, Masonite, perforated aluminum, dimpled plywood and startling colors. The lightweight pieces were made to mix and match in many new and interesting ways. Shelf units were designed to be placed end-to-end against a wall or to be used as a room divider.

The 1952 Herman Miller furniture collection featured the 400 series of storage units, with panels that came in a variety of colors. The back end sides of each unit were finished, so it piece could be used in the center of a room.

Most of the units had three narrow drawers, open shelves and compartments covered with sliding doors. Prices for postwar furniture are still going up among collectors who are too young to remember when the furniture was introduced.

Perfume bottles shaped like Oriental men, soap tureens that look like large shells and vases covered with human and animal heads were among the unusual designs produced by French porcelain manufacturers in the 19th century. When the rooms demanded very elaborate porcelains.

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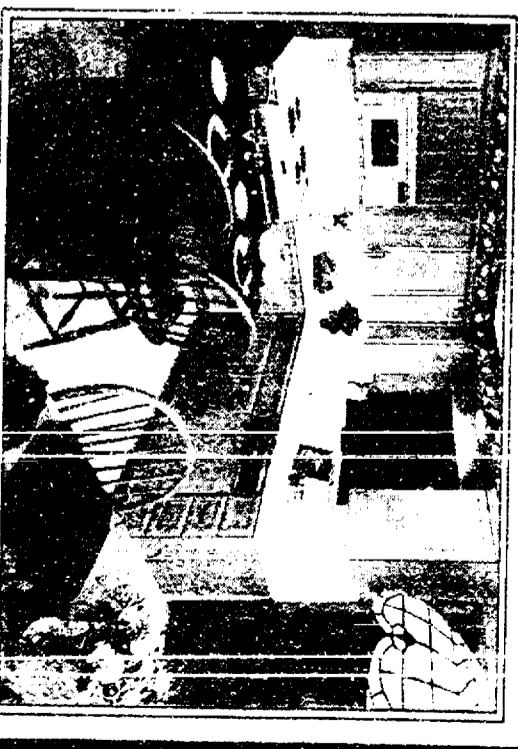
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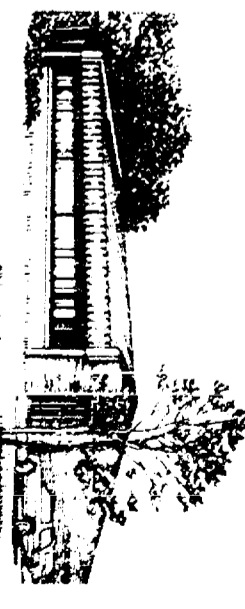
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Household

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shingles and replacing them with vinyl siding. I'll have plenty of help when the time comes to install the new vinyl, but not until I do the tearing down. Can you tell me where's the best place to start removing the shingles and, because it's a wood product, should I allow the walls a lot of time to ventilate?

A. Before you begin tearing down your old wood shingles, you should obtain the necessary scaffolding required to do this job. Working with an extension ladder is not only very time-consuming, but also dangerous. After your scaffolding is secured, I would recommend laying tarp under where you are working. The required tools for shingle removal are a claw hammer, medium crowbar and a flat wrecking bar.

The preferred place to start your tearing down is at the top. Simply slide the flat end of your wrecking bar under the bottom of the first course of shingle and pry out. The nails should pull out with the shingle. Those that don't, hammer them into the sheathing. Continue all around your home and try to clean up the fallen debris on the

tarp as you go. You don't want to be buried for all of the wood shingles on the ground.

You should allow a minimum of three to four days for the bare walls to ventilate. If you happen to come across moisture under your old shingles, allow more time, according to:

Q. I have a steam iron that's about 2 years old and it is not working well. At times, the steam appears to clog and thus works improperly. What could be wrong?

A. A number of things could be the cause of your problems. Loose lint stuck in the steam vents can create clogging and so can the hard water minerals from your tap.

I think you can salvage your iron by filling it with equal parts of distilled water and distilled white vinegar. Set the iron on high for about 20 minutes and then flush it clean with distilled water only. Avoid using your tap water in the iron.

Send Household Help questions to John Zemanek, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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Home Tips

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These ideas were discovered by Ernestine B. Yarmouth, N.S., Canada.

CAN YOU HELP? — Columbia S. of Hacienda Heights, Calif., asks if anyone can tell her how to unravel scotch tape and plastic wrap.

TYPING TIP — When trying to type a form, I found that the box at the end of the page was very difficult to complete because there wasn't enough paper left to

be held in the "grasp" of the plate. We attached large, self-sticking notes across the bottom, thus "extending" the paper so it would not move in the typewriter. After completing the last box, we removed the self-sticking notes and there was no residue or damage to the form. Rita C., Chantilly, Va.

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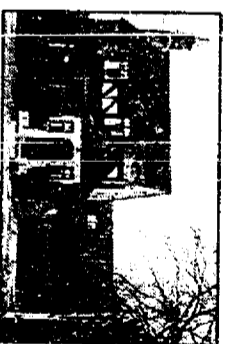
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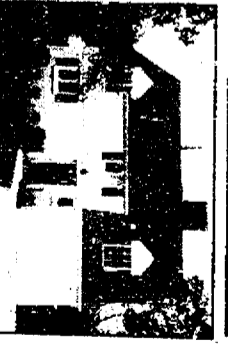
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Farms, Beautifully renovated four bedroom Cape Cod on Meadow Lane. New kitchen, baths, carpeting, newer pool, new drive and storm. Huge master bedroom with two closets. 20 private balcony. \$297,500. # 36725 (GPN-H-83ME)



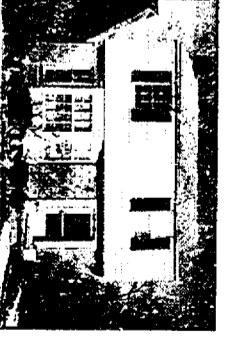
City, GROSSE POINTE TUDOR in move-in condition with many updates. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, three car garage, large yard with deck, central air and gas heat. \$279,900. # 33145 (GPN-CW-101N)



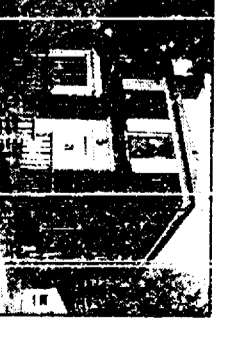
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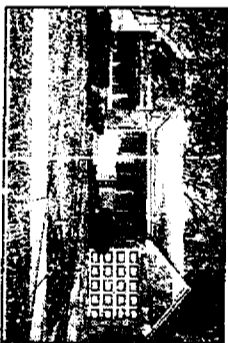
Woods, LARGE COUNTRY KITCHEN featured in this three bedroom brick ranch with updated bath, central air conditioning, natural fireplace and large screened porch. Wonderful floor plan \$179,900. # 33245 (GPN-CW-631AW)



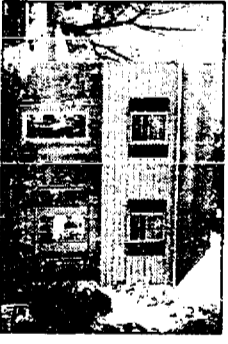
Woods, Newly decorated three bedroom brick Colonial with hardwood floors, natural fireplace and immediate occupancy. New features include: kitchen appliances, hot water heater and a 14 x 16 deck. \$169,900. # 34705 (GPN-F-48-NOH)



Harper Woods, WONDI REAL FLOOR PLAN with 3 1/2 bedrooms, family room some newer windows, fireplace, central air and front porch. \$331,150. # 33315 (GPN-CW-43HO)



Woods, Attractive brick ranch in great neighborhood. Jack's up to park. Three bedroom home offering spacious living room with fireplace, deep lot and attached garage. \$159,900. # 36625 (GPN-H-54HUN)



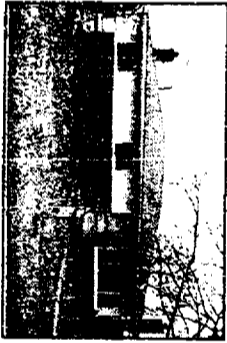
Woods, Great location. Newer furnace with central air, updated kitchen, two and one half car garage. Hardwood floor that leads to park like backyard. Easy floor plan. \$154,900. # 34615 (GPN-H-73-VAN)



Harper Woods, COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Nicely maintained three bedroom, one and one half bath brick ranch, large family room and garden room overlooking patio and pool. Home warranty. \$149,900. # 32925 (GPN-CW-65OLJ)



Harper Woods, COUNTRY SET for this immaculate three bedroom home with newer windows, steel doors, copper plumbing and roof. Huge family room with outdoor fireplace, finished basement with B. and beverage. \$134,900. # 33305 (GPN-CW-33HUN)



St. Clair Shores, THREE BEDROOM ranch with new vinyl aluminum trim northern St. Clair Shores. Remodeled kitchen with dishwasher. New windows and evenings. Finished basement with bath. \$112,900. # 34725 (GPN-F-30-REC)



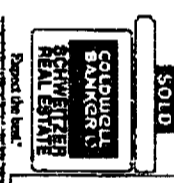
Eastpointe, Comfortable ranch with 10 x 9 breezeway leading to attached one car garage with additional three and one half car garage in rear of lot. Spacious landscaped yard. Artificial fireplace, kitchen stove and refrigerator, washer and dryer in basement. \$99,900. # 34735 (GPN-F-71-888)



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Detroit, Charming three bedroom bath and a half colonial with fireplace and formal dining room. Updated kitchen with custom oak breakfast bar. Finished basement. Decrease exterior highs and range. \$99,000. # 34765 (GPN-F-25-B-3)



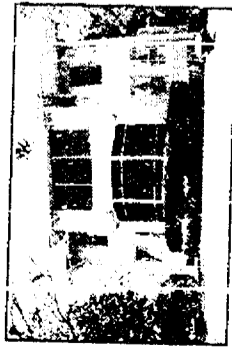
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Shores, ALBERT KAHN Lakeland home with separate carriage house. Panoramic views of Lake St. Clair. Wood and detailing on first floor, leaded glass windows. A wonderful home, a copy in all seasons! \$46,945 (GPN-1441AK)



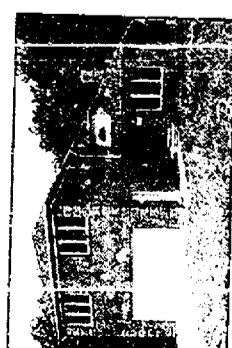
Shores, BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT RANCH! Excellent floor plan and space for entertaining. Gracious living room, large family room, and gourmet kitchen. 100 feet of frontage on Lake St. Clair. \$36875 (GPN-H-70LAK)



Shores, CAPE COD CLASSIC Third built home with many renovations and additions including 600 sq. ft. family room with cathedral ceiling, beautiful Quaker style kitchen and all new second floor. \$745,000 \$33545 (GPN-GW-55BA)



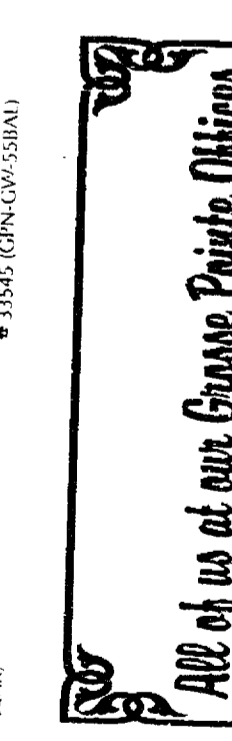
Shores, PRIVATE AND SPACIOUS. Wonderfully located custom built home. Sunken great room, large living room and den, master bedroom suite with two dressing areas and baths. Private walled courtyard and large lot. \$449,000 \$36815 (GPN-H-81WOO)



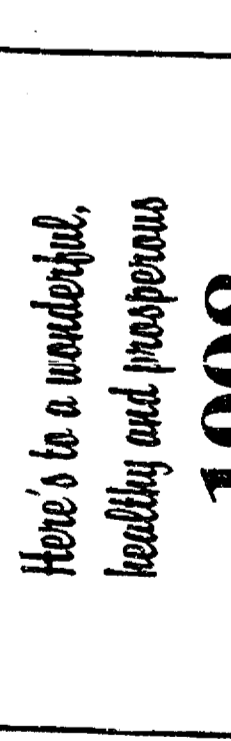
St. Clair Shores, BEAUTIFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION with incredible master suite, great room with fan ceiling and natural fireplace, full an marble two story foyer, beautiful kitchen including bay eating area. \$3095 \$295,000 (GPN-GW-13FF)



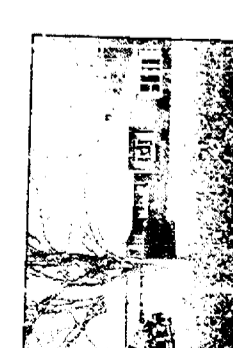
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Woods, NOT A DETAIL MISSED in this three bedroom brick Colonial featuring formal dining, family room, natural fireplace, bay window and finished basement with laundry. \$162,000. \$37605 (GPN-GW-35LAN)



St. Clair Shores, THREE BEDROOM RANCH. Master bedroom with half bath. Newer kitchen, furnace with central air, finished basement with gas stove. \$122,000. \$36775 (GPN-H-13LAK)



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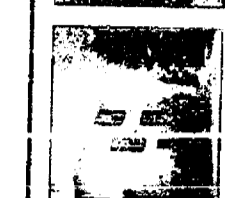
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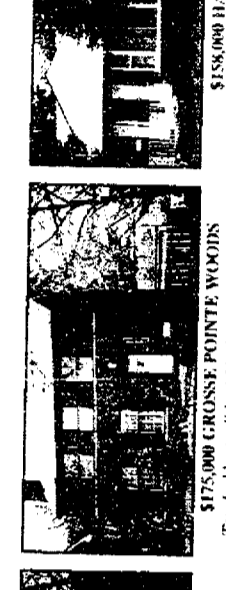
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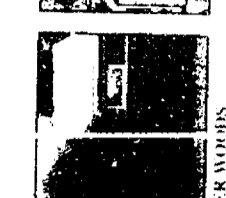
\$234,900 GROSSE POINTE WOODS
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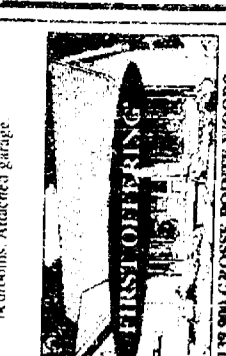
\$219,900 GROSSE POINTE CITY
Wonderful ranch close to the Village. Beautifully updated. New kitchen, new roof, furnace, air conditioning and windows. Nice sized private yard with deck. Finished basement with recreation room. Hardwood floors and new carpet in bedrooms. Attached garage.



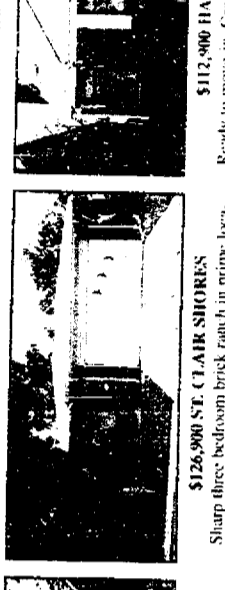
\$158,000 HARPER WOODS
Enjoy the luxury of five four beds on or three bedrooms with the style, lot bath with jacuzzi tub in basement. Heated 14 x 31 in wood dining pool with ceramic deck around pool, diving board and lighted pool area. Private fence surrounds the backyard. Remodeled large kitchen with lots of cupboards.



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Touched by tradition! Ideal family home. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, spacious family room leads to large deck. Formal dining room, master suite with skylight and updated bath. Natural fireplace in living room.



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Beautiful home offering 6th bedroom with oak skylights and bay window, huge kitchen with oak cabinets and hardwood floor includes all appliances. Deck off kitchen. First floor laundry room. Furnace new in '94, roof new '95, copper plumbing, in room sprinklers, and alarm system. The bedroom is enclosed loft with closet and large storage area. Double 1 1/2 car garage.



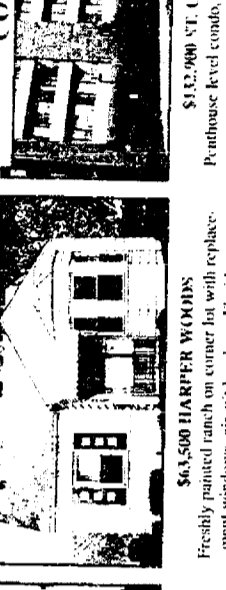
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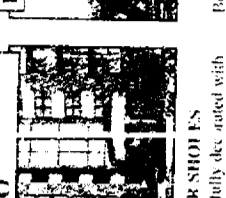
\$176,900 ST. CLAIR SHORES
Sharp three bedroom brick ranch in prime location close to major shopping and 104. Kitchen and dining open to family room with natural fireplace. Attached two car garage.



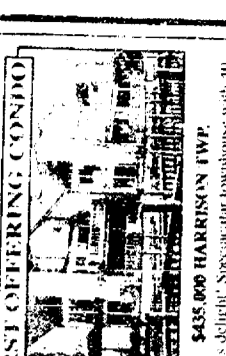
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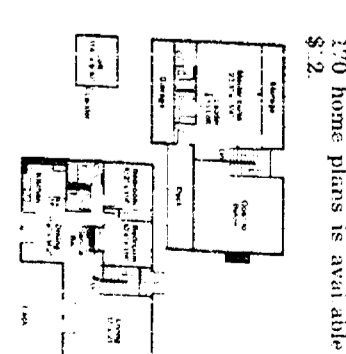


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Honors for second brightest area are split between the master suite and the combination kitchen/dining room. The master suite has another eight skylights in its high ceiling. Diamond-shaped windows, nested under the peak of the roof at opposite ends of the room, add still more light. The sleeping area has an eye-level window, for enjoying the scenery, and a glass door that opens onto a private balcony. Built as a full, the master suite is open to the living room below and is unique in having a 10-by-12-foot upper loft that overlooks the sleeping area. Other amenities include a private bathroom and walk-in closet.

Fall windows brighten the kitchen/dining area on two sides. A set of doors opens onto a large deck. Another set of windows, over the sink, allows full appreciation of the outdoor setting. A range and oven, built into the eating bar and a wet bar in the dining room, make food service convenient.

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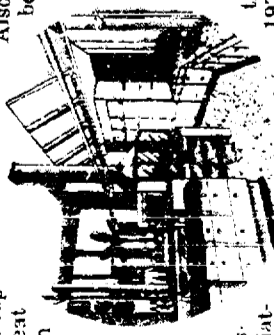
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Wood-heat fires still pose serious threat to residents

Although fires resulting from wood heating are less frequent these days, they still represent a serious threat to life and property in Michigan.



In 1986, 11 civilians and 12 firefighters were injured due to these blazes, according to a spokesperson for the insurance industry. Total costs associated with these fires exceeded \$5 million last year.

Wood-heating fires increased steadily from the late 1970s to 1983, when the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division reported 2,708 wood stove and fireplace accidents and over 3,400 fires originating in chimneys.

Since that time, these fires have decreased significantly. In 1996, there were 361 fires resulting from wood stoves and fireplace heating and 774 originating in chimneys.

"The lower incidence of these blazes is due in part to decreased reliance upon wood for home heating during recent years," Lori White, communications director of the Michigan

Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC), said. Also, consumers have become more knowledgeable about proper equipment installation and operation, White said.

The nature of wood heating fires has changed drastically. In the late 1970s, when homeowners were just rediscovering wood as an energy source, improper system installation was a leading cause of these fires. Currently, inadequate maintenance leads to most wood heating accidents.

Cresosote build-up is responsible for many chimney fires. Dark in color and with an unpleasant odor, cresosote is a by-product of wood burning that coats the interior of pipes and chimneys. If heavy deposits become very hot, they burst into flames. Use of unseasoned wood produces more cresosote.

Each year before a wood stove is put into use, the chimney flue should be thoroughly cleaned.

Six guidelines for wood burning safety are recommended:

1. Buy only equipment approved by a recognized testing laboratory.
2. Make certain the system is installed according to authorized standards.
3. Learn and follow general rules for operation/maintenance.
4. Regularly inspect the chimney.

5. Check stoves for cracks or faulty legs and hinges.
6. Keep a fire extinguisher available that is suitable for wood or coal blazes.

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A. Steve, hooking up a phone is as easy as wiring stereo speakers. Even easier because most homes already have four conductor phone wire run to several locations. The problem is checking all the jacks and junctions for loose wires.

First some facts:
 Phone lines are low voltage unless the line is ringing. Don't hold the wires to a phone and have someone call in to check the phone. What a rush that was! Only two wires to all the phone functions, call, ring, computer, and fax.

Red and green (Christmas) are the most common colors used for the current phone line. That leaves black and yellow free for line two, if you have standard phone cable.

Twisted pair phone wire is a better quality. It prevents getting interference from the other phone lines.

Polarity, keeping red to red when hooking up to the phone jack gets harder when using the black and yellow wires. In most cases it isn't important, however don't go out of your way to mix up the colors as you are wiring.

Make a \$5 tester:
 Use a portable phone to make testing and troubleshooting easier. I purchase one extra phone jack and two alligator clips. Hook a couple of feet of wire to the red and green connectors on the jack and to the alligator clips. Plug your phone in and you have a test phone.

Start at the supply, usually the interface box supplied by the phone company. Open the door, plug your phone in line two, and confirm that it is hooked up. (To prevent a phone company charge, you should go here first if ever you have trouble with a phone connection.) Under the jack are four screws marked red, green, yellow, and black. Hook your new line to the red and green screws. If you are lucky the existing phone line

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A. The job you are about to do is neither labor-intensive nor time-consuming. It all depends on whether you can save the underlayment. You may have either a plywood or thin Masonite underlayment. Begin by mixing about one ounce of liquid dishwashing detergent to one gallon of warm water. You will also need a product called cutting sand. This will help you clear and remove any remaining adhesive. If you have a heavy-duty pry bar, use that for prying up sections of the old floor. Next, with a sharp utility knife, cut 1/2-inch-wide parallel slits down the floor. With the solution and the cutting sand, pour some into the cuts and let soak. Now gently pry the edge of the linoleum up and begin the peeling process. If you are successful and the peeling does not damage your underlayment, continue until complete. However, if you experience very tough removal, you will have to resort to "plan B." Of course, "plan B" entails tearing up whichever underlayment you have. If your underlayment is the Masonite type, replace it with the same. But if you are going to install parquet flooring, you have to seal the joints with a spackle compound product, and lightly sand it when cured. Before you install your new flooring, be sure that the underlayment is clean and smooth. Also, use a notched trowel when applying either an adhesive or grout. Always follow the instructions on the box of the product you purchase.

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A. I'm sure you're meticulous and would like a professionally finished job. If you decide to use a clear finish like lacquer, any blemish or dent will clearly be visible. However, the repair you face is not serious and there's a sure way to mend the damage. If you ever spilled a drop of water on a newly sanded, softwood surface, you probably have noticed that the wood fiber raised slightly. The same holds true with the repair I'm about to detail to you. The only difference is that you'll need to use your household iron and an ordinary cotton cloth. Begin by lightly sanding the small dent and blow away the dust. Next, put the iron to its maximum setting and just dampen the cotton cloth. Be sure to fold the cloth several times so as not to scorch the surface. Tip the iron on its front point and lightly press into the cloth, which should be on the dent. Do this for about one minute and check the progress. If the steam has raised and swelled the wood surface, you can continue to use the same method until the wood fibers swell. If for any reason the steam doesn't work, there is still hope. The backup method is to use a solvent or water-based wood filler. Apply a small amount to the dent with a putty knife and blend the filler just slightly higher than the surface. Lightly sand when dried and use a small block of wood to do this. Complete your job by either staining and applying a finish or just using the finish of your choice. **Q.** On my upcoming vacation, I plan on removing my old wooden

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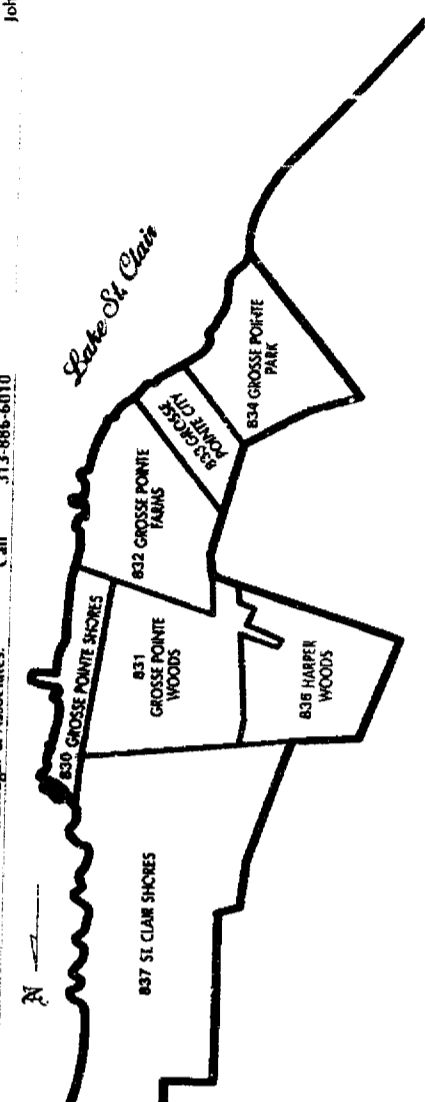
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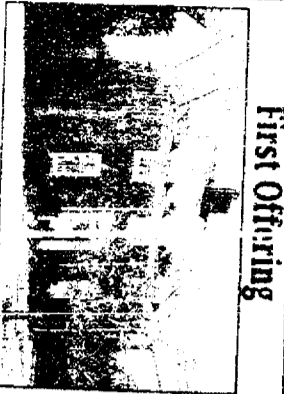
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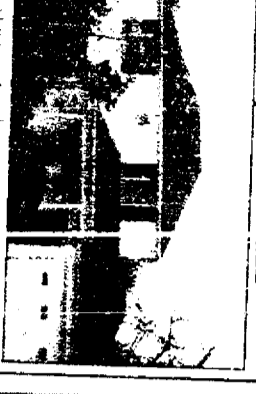
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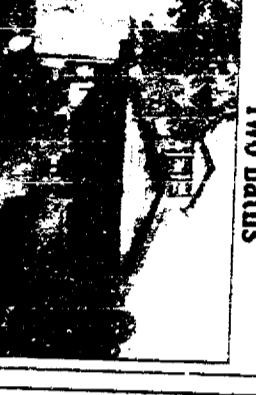
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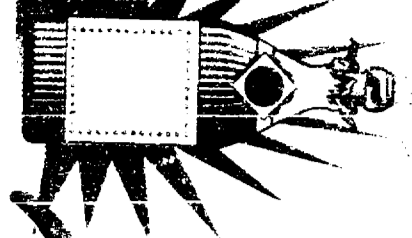


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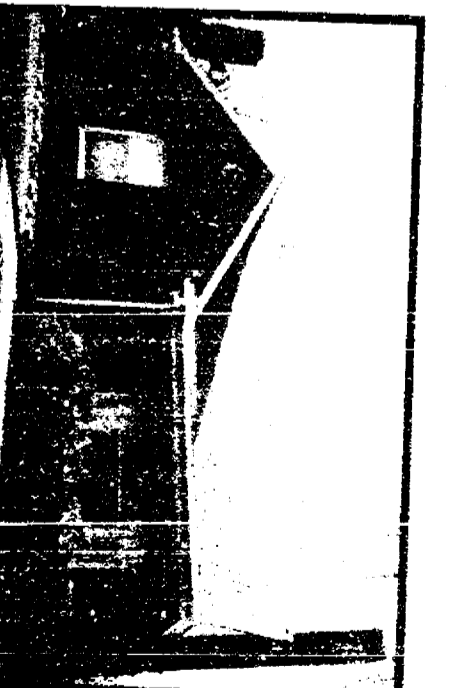
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