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In the holiday spirit

Bidders look over trees at the annual Women's Council of Realtors Christmas Lunch and Tree Auction. Some of the proceeds were donated to Genesis House III, a division of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, a shelter home for women and children on Detroit's east side. About two dozen trees were auctioned, including a Detroit Red Wing's tree decorated with several trading cards signed by team star and Grosse Pointe Farms resident, Steve Yzerman, plus tickets to a Red Wings hockey game.



Holiday Shoppers Showcase
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Community-wide recreation center at Mack/Moross?

Survey asks Pointe residents if they like recreation — they do!

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A survey conducted recently on behalf of elected officials in Grosse Pointe Farms has revealed that most residents of the five Pointes like the prospect of having a community recreation center in their midst.

In the first of what will probably be a series of more specific studies and, possibly, public meetings, a telephone survey showed that 64 percent of residents polled throughout the Grosse Pointes think having a joint-use community recreation center is a "very good" idea.

Another 20 percent said it was "good." Only 12 percent of the 667 people polled rejected the prospect. The survey had an accuracy rating of plus or minus 3 percent.

What the survey didn't ask residents, however, was how they felt about the facility's proposed location at Mack and Moross and that costs have not been addressed. Cost and site information would have "possibly" changed the survey's outcome, said Alex Gage, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who conducted the \$18,000 poll for Market Strategies. "The survey focused on one thing," he said — a recreation center.

"The study was one of many exploring various uses for the property, including senior housing and a community center," said Richard Solak, manager of the Farms. "This is part of an ongoing study to get the pieces of the puzzle to allow us to come to a conclusion on the property's use."

Council member Elizabeth Gandelot said the survey was too narrow, like being sent "down a tunnel," and suggested a town meeting on the subject. Frances Schonenberg, another member of the council, said residents had complained to her about the survey's limited focus.

Dan Jensen, a Farms resident and lieutenant with the public safety department, said

Survey script

This is the script of the recent telephone survey commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Farms city council to determine the level of community-wide interest in a recreation center.

The survey questioned 667 residents from throughout the Pointes:

- Which of the Grosse Pointes are you a resident of?

- Based on your overall experience with living in the Grosse Pointes community, how satisfied would you say you are with overall quality of life in the Grosse Pointes?

- In terms of what you expect from community programs and services, to what extent has living in the Grosse Pointe community met your expectations?

- Many communities have what is often referred to as an indoor community recreation center that provides facilities for a wide range of indoor recreational activities and sports. Please indicate how important it is to you, on a scale of zero to 10, with 10 being "very important," that a community recreation center include these facilities:

- Ice arena for recreational, figure skating and amateur ice hockey team use.
- Competition size swimming pool for recreational, fitness and team sport use.
- Playscape swimming pool for the children.
- Facility for gymnastics.
- Warm water pool, staffed with medical personnel, for therapeutic use.
- Bowling alleys.
- Indoor soccer playing area.
- Indoor tennis courts.
- Indoor area for rollerblade hockey, recre-

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 11

University Liggett School will host its annual invitational boys hockey tournament tonight and Saturday at McCann Rink. Grosse Pointe North plays ULS at 5 p.m. with the Grosse Pointe South-Notre Dame game to follow at approximately 7 p.m. Friday's winners will play in the championship game Saturday at 2 p.m. The consolation game is at noon Saturday.

Monday, Dec. 14

The Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in the Park city hall, 15115 East Jefferson.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Grosse Pointe North will host Grosse Pointe South in boys basketball. The varsity game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. At halftime, North's newly formed dance team will debut.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

The choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School will perform their annual holiday concert. This year's show is called "Findings of Joy," and is being performed at 7:30 p.m. in the First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Brad LaPratt and Margaret Steele, accompanied by Cheryl Faba, lead all six vocal ensembles. North's band and orchestra will provide some of the instrumentalists.

Another concert will be performed on Thursday, Dec. 17. For more information, call (313) 343-2239. Tickets may be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited for \$5. They are \$6 at the door.

Holiday-decorated homes sought

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Woods police chief to retire

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

After 42 years of service to the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jack Patterson is retiring as that city's director of public safety, effective Dec. 31, 1998.

"This decision was brought about because I thought it was maybe time to do something else," said Patterson. "I've been with the department, as of the end of the year, for 42 years, nine months."

Patterson started off as a public safety officer in 1956. He said the Woods has had a combined fire and police public safety department since the 1940s.

In May 1967, he was promoted to corporal. Patterson then

jumped two ranks and was made a lieutenant in the department in March 1968. That kind of promotion is possible in the Woods, he said.

In 1980 Patterson was made executive lieutenant. He became chief in 1982.

Patterson, 68, said he and his wife plan to stay in the Pointes. Before joining the force, he served four years in the U.S. Navy and was a tool and die maker.

"I'm going out with a good feeling for the city and for the people I've worked with," Patterson said. "I'm proud of the city and I'm proud of the department."

Mayor Robert Novitke said that it saddened him to see such a dedicated and experi-

enced member of the city administration retire, but that Patterson had paid his dues.

"This is a genuine loss for the city," Novitke said. "Our next step is to find a new director of public safety."

According to the city charter, said Novitke, the head of public safety is selected by the city administrator with the "concurrent" of the city council.

Novitke said that the council had not yet had the time to sit down with city administrator Peter Thomas to discuss possible replacements.

Thomas himself recently announced his retirement after being with the city for over 30 years.



Photo by John Minnis

Fire guts drugstore

Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Eastpointe, and St. Clair Shores firefighters were called to assist the Harper Woods Fire Department in battling a blaze that scorched a Kelly Road business last week.

The sheer force of the Dec. 2 blaze that hit Arbor Drugs, however, has complicated matters. "There wasn't a lot left to work with," said Sgt. Don Harris of the state police's fire marshal division.

Authorities have yet to pinpoint the fire's cause but have determined its general origin: Between floors in a storage area on the building's east end. It apparently burned for some time before it was noticed.

Employees entered the store at 8:30 a.m. It opened half an hour later, Harris said, and 10 employees and five customers occupied the store when the fire was called in around 9:15 a.m.

Harper Woods firefighters soon made the scene. Detroit police assisted in blocking off Kelly Road.

Firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze on into the afternoon. Equipment from the city's Department of Public Works was brought in to vent the building and to help demolish it.

Trucks remained at the scene until approximately 7 p.m. Wednesday. One remained behind as a precautionary measure; crews returned the following day.

No injuries were reported in the incident. A nearby business sustained water damage, and few homes adjacent to the scene were damaged by smoke.

Todd Andrews, an Arbor Drugs corporate spokesman, said that the building has not yet been determined a total loss; there are plans to rebuild the store. A temporary store was to open Tuesday at the former site of Bidigare Hardware, 19550 Kelly. Arbor Drugs has rented the 19818 Kelly building since 1987 from a local landlord.

Above, Grosse Pointe Woods' ladder truck was used to help douse the fire.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Skip Greiner

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 66

Family: Wife, Patricia; sons, Joseph, Gerard, Christopher and Eric; daughters, Patrice and Lon

Claim to fame: Retired entrepreneur. Inventor of Choo Choo Cam

Quote: "MIT doesn't teach you anything. It teaches you where to find anything. That's the best philosophy."

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Skip Greiner

50 years ago this week

■ Citing the failure of a fundraising drive to collect \$500,000 for a War Memorial library, the president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association suggested using the \$250,000 collected so far to renovate the Alger House for use as a community center for the five Pointes.

The suggestion came on the heels of the Grosse Pointe School Board's rejection of an offer by the Alger heirs to donate the structure to the district which would provide in the

community hoped would be used as a memorial library.

The Board of Education rejected the offer because maintenance costs were estimated to be \$30,000 per year, not including extensive renovations.

■ The directors of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association adopted a resolution that an advisory ballot be submitted to Pointe voters during township elections in

yesterday's headlines

February asking, "Should the Grosse Pointe Board of Education accept the gift of the Alger House?"

Another resolution called for the polling of all donors to the memorial library fund, asking permission to use their gifts for the conversion of the Alger House as a war memorial and community center.

■ A dog that was reported missing for a day was located in a neighbor's garage contain-

ing fresh venison from a recent hunting trip.

25 years ago this week

■ The energy crisis hit home as Grosse Pointe Woods ran out of gasoline for emergency vehicles. Police had to fill up their scout cars at local service stations.

The Woods' monthly gasoline allotment of 6,700 gallons is significantly below its average consumption of 9,000 gallons per month.

The city negotiated with an oil company to increase the allotment to 8,100 gallons. The remaining shortfall will be made up through other sources at retail prices.

■ Binding arbitration resulted in a one-year contract with a \$1,000 pay increase retroactive to July for members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Officers Association. All of the arbitrator's decisions were made in favor of the Association, including raising the base pay of patrolmen to \$13,660.

■ The Walton-Pierce clothing store, which opened its first store in Grosse Pointe in 1947, moved to larger quarters in the Village.

■ The Friends of Bon Secours Hospital launched a \$2.5 million capital improvement drive to fund new construction along Notre Dame, new nursing stations and improvements to the scientific department.

10 years ago this week

■ The final, permanent version of an ordinance banning pit bulls was unanimously adopted by the Grosse Pointe Woods city council.

The new law made it illegal to harbor a pit bull in the Woods, and gave the police the authority to inform pit bull owners of the ban and, if the dogs weren't removed from the city, impound the animals pending municipal court action.

Pit bull terriers are defined

in the ordinance as a bull terrier, a Staffordshire bull terrier, an American Staffordshire bull terrier, an American pit bull terrier, and a dog of mixed breed of another breed than those listed above which has the characteristics, appearance and is known as a pit bull.

■ A former Grosse Pointe, now a member of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., criticized the historic preservation efforts of the Pointes.

Sara Amy Leach cited the loss of mansions on Lakeshore and the closing of the Punch & Judy Theater as examples of treasures lost in the Pointes.

On the other hand, she praised efforts to preserve the Grosse Pointe Academy building and a one-room schoolhouse on Mack near Lochmoor in the Woods.

■ The ad-hoc committee appointed earlier this year to represent the interests of the Pointes and Harper Woods in the proposed expansion of Detroit City Airport drafted a purpose statement:

"To determine the facts relative to the expansion of Detroit City Airport; determine what

actions the respective cities may take to restrict offensive fights over their boundaries (and) join study committees funded by the FAA relative to the (airport's) expansion."

5 years ago this week

■ University Liggett School's star hockey player, center Eric Kisskalt, suffered a season-ending knee injury in a 4-2 victory over rival Grosse Pointe North. Kisskalt, who scored 41 goals last season and was named Most Valuable Player, required reconstructive surgery to repair torn ligaments.

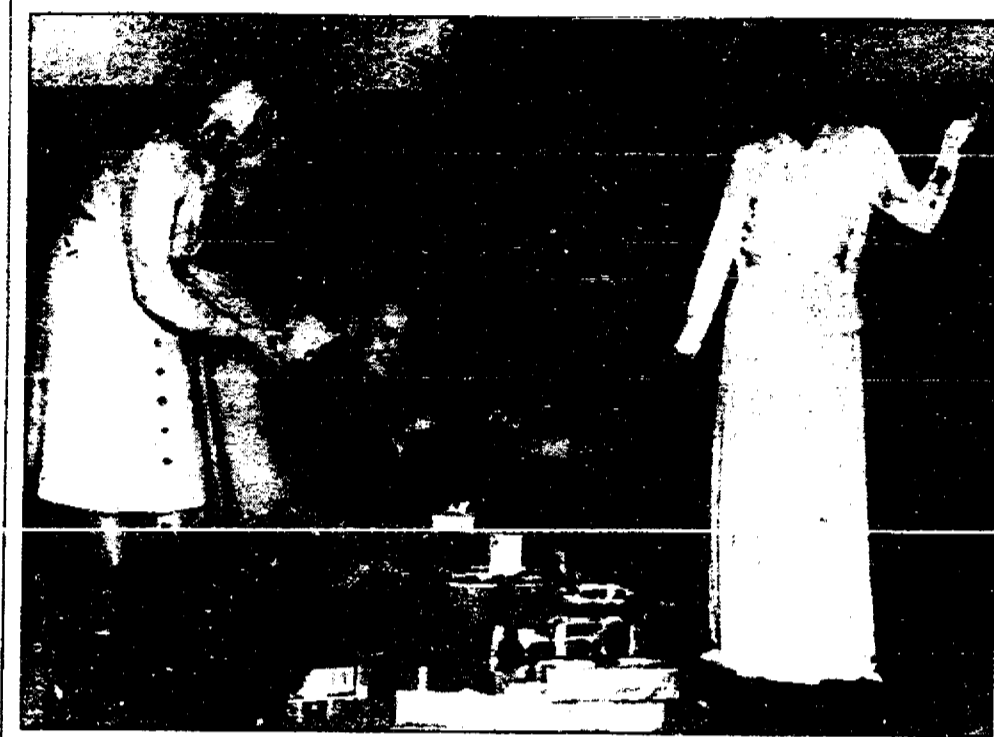
In the same game, the Knights lost Omar Sawaf, who replaced Kisskalt on the first line, to a broken collar bone.

■ Seniors on the Grosse Pointe South High School's girls cross country team completed their fourth straight undefeated dual meet season with an overall record of 37-0. They also won four straight league titles and state regional championships and own 15 individual championships.

The seniors also had a combined grade-point average of 3.3.

—Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



The knight before Christmas

For the third year in a row, the stores in the Village, the Pointe's favorite shopping center, are making it easier for the local knights to dispose of their Christmas lists with dispatch and delight. Monday, Dec. 13, will mark the third annual observation of Men's Night, the event that became a Pointe institution by popular demand. Put yourself in the position of the bright young man above. Within the three short blocks of Kercheval between Notre Dame and Neff, he has completed all of his yuletide shopping except that last and most important gift, the present for his wife. While he relaxes impervious to the charms of the young ladies attempting to interest him in selecting a handbag or a negligee, he is engrossed with a purchase he just made across the street . . . an electric train for Junior. (From the December 9, 1948 Grosse Pointe News.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission Permanent Subcommittee on Veterans Services will hold a public hearing to consider:

An Enrolled Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Beard to establish guidelines for benefits provided for the relief of indigent Veterans of Wars and military expeditions in which the United States has or shall take part. (98-68-012)

The hearing will be held:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1998

10:00 a.m.

600 Randolph St., Room 402

Wayne County Building

Detroit Michigan

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI. 48226. (313)224-0903.

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Merry Holiday Wishes

One small step for man, one giant leap for North students

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

What better way for an astronomy class to learn about space exploration than to launch a satellite to the moon? Two astronomy classes taught at Grosse Pointe North High School by astronomy teacher Ardis Maciolek participated, on Monday, Dec. 7, in an exciting kind of adventure involving the Internet and a NASA probe launched in January.

Students in the two classes were divided into teams. Each team had a job analogous to tasks performed by the real Mission Control of NASA.

These jobs included guidance, navigation and control, launch director, mission director, spacecraft engineer, telemetry and tracking, assistant mission director and pub-

lic affairs officers.

The students are able to log on to a special Internet web page that has a simulated launch of a probe from the Earth to the moon. Students receive information over their computers in real time and must follow actual NASA protocols.

As the rocket reached each stage, students in their teams announced readings giving the condition of the craft as it left the Earth and journeyed to the moon. This trip only took minutes instead of days. After all it's just a simulation.

Once the craft reached a lunar orbit, the students began analyzing the data sent by the probe orbiting the moon.

The data obtained from the NASA probe is real. These teams analyzed various por-

tions of the electromagnetic spectrum, as well as measuring magnetic and neutron readings to see if there are still active geological portions of the moon.

The project was possible thanks to the Internet, said Monique Brideau and Christine Anderson, acting in their roles as public affairs officers.

"While this is just an exercise," said Maciolek, "there is a real probe that is orbiting the moon. It is sending back information to NASA and this information is made available on the WWW.MOONLINK.COM web page. I first heard about this page at a science teachers convention last summer."

Schools participating in the project have the chance to do some real scientific analysis, Maciolek said. Each school is

assigned a portion of the lunar surface to analyze. There is a maximum of two schools per sector and the data sent to school computers from the web page is genuine.

Students at schools that share the same sector of the surface of the moon can then, if they so desire, exchange thoughts and information over the Internet by using e-mail. North's portion of the moon is 96 square miles.

Maciolek has two classes with a total of 52 students from North and South high schools participating in the project.

These students in one class include Liisa Bergmann,

Nicholas Church, Kurt Ellis, Chris Fici, Gregory Grusfield, Brent Holder, William Ireland, Jonathan Kraetke, Dayna Martin, Ryan Messing, Steven Mouton, Bryan Randall, Michael Shelton, Elizabeth Sinclair, Joseph Spicuzza, Alexander Stanuch, Laurence Swanson, Dennis Theodorou, Laura Tindall, Kathleen Verb, John White, Carrie Wilson.

The same exercise was performed later on Monday, Dec. 7, by Maciolek's other class. Students participating in that class included Katherin Adams, Daniel Amori, Whitney Barnes, Paul Bourgeois, Amanda Bustillo, David

Caldwell, Salvator Catalfo, Robert Cedar, Michael Codd, Andrew DeWitt, Matthew Dula, Jeffery Garavaglia, George Kokos, Angelo Lapiana, Ryan Martin, Danielle Soranno, Michelle Stevens, Stefanie Thompson and Matthew Tocco. South students participating include Erin Diamantides, Andy Lauppe and Christine Ritok.

The idea is to give students an idea of where the information they study comes from," said Maciolek. "Usually the students are just presented with the information and they have no idea of what it took for scientists to collect it."

Survey

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Farms residents should have been given an "opportunity to voice an option (for something) other than a recreation building."

For instance, he said locating a smaller community center with the Farms' municipal and police offices at the heavily trafficked corner would help deter crime.

"Most of our crime enters the Farms through that corner," he said. He described the tactics used by muggers and thieves in the area as "hit and run; knock a woman down, punch her in the face, take her purse and run." A woman was mugged in the parking lot behind Mack and Moross last week.

Jensen said putting the

police station on the corner would deter criminals from entering the Farms and send the following message: "Welcome to Grosse Pointe Farms, rated the No. 1 city in Michigan and the fourth best city in the country. Come in and enjoy it. 'But hey, dirt bag,' he said referring to criminals, "now you have to come through me; now you have to get past me after you do the crime."

The idea of putting a recreation facility at Mack and Moross grew out of a 1997 area-wide "facilities study" drawn up by Kate Beebe, a real estate strategies planner from Birmingham. Beebe is the project's planner, said Richard Solak, manager of the Farms. Beebe concluded that "a sig-

nificant portion of Grosse Pointe would be served by a community center providing recreational and sports opportunities for all ages." Her report stated that representatives of the Neighborhood Club, Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, and the school district's department of community education "all agreed that a multi-purpose community recreation center would be fully used."

According to Beebe's concept drawings, the center could range from 27,530 to 86,535 square feet and include an NHL-sized hockey rink, two swimming pools, a gymnasium ringed by an elevated running track, and more than 7,000 square feet of offices. Because of the project's size, it will require funding by all the Pointes and thereby be open to all Pointe residents.

Jensen said the Farms shouldn't be using its only remaining undeveloped property for use by all the Pointes. "The other Pointes don't give Farms residents open use of their parks," he said.

Farms Mayor John Danaher said cost estimates have not been made because the scope of the project has yet to be fully determined, much less endorsed officially by the council.

By comparison, Grosse Pointe Shores is considering building a 7,400 square-foot, \$1.4 million activities building, plus spending a minimum of \$19,683 in annual utility costs.

Solak said, "Survey results are not meant to be determinative of any final use, but rather instructive as part of a greater body of information to be analyzed and evaluated."

"The raw data from the survey would need to be extrapolated to provide meaningful results and will be used as one of several tools in designing a conceptual model for potential development of the site."

Law professionals, police prepare program to warn teens of dangers

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

They all know of the dangers faced by teens when they drink or take illegal drugs. They are local judges, prosecutors and police officers who have banded together and created a program called "Critical Life Choices," as part of an effort to inform students of the dangers they face when they drink or take illegal drugs.

The program is the brainchild of Grosse Pointe Woods municipal court judge Lynne Pierce. She got the idea after hearing about a similar program started by district court judge Michael Martone of Troy.

Pierce, along with Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer Dan Koerber, Wayne County circuit court judge Patricia Fresard, Grosse Pointe Shores youth officer Scott Rohr, Wayne County prosecutors Nancy Diehl and Thomas Beadle, met on Friday, Dec. 4, to discuss the Thursday, Dec. 10, presentations.

"Critical Life Choices" will be presented to North students in grades 9-11 all day Thursday, Pierce said. They will meet in groups of 50-75 students. This is to allow maximum dialogue and interaction between adults and teens.

"We are all involved in the legal system," Pierce said. "We see teens come before us, in trouble, for offenses related to alcohol or drug use. We want to do something to inform teens of the dangers out there, so that they stop and think. Hopefully this will keep them out of trouble and out of the courts."

Much of the time at the Friday meeting was spent on how to best communicate with teens. Fresard said that as soon as the teens think they are being preached to, they tend to stop listening.

Koerber and Rohr said that it was important to emphasize that drinking for teens is illegal — period.

"We hear a lot from parents who say that it's important to teach their kids to drink responsibly so that they are

prepared for college," Koerber said. "Well it's illegal to drink at college too. That's the wrong attitude. We need to say that it's wrong and it's against the law. There are all kinds of privileges that come with age, like driving. It's illegal for 12 year-olds to drive alone, but you don't hear people saying that it's all right because they are being prepared for when they turn 16."

Fresard said that it's important to inform parents that if they let teens drink and there's some sort of mishap, they could be facing serious criminal and civil liabilities.

"We can't send a mixed message," Fresard said. "Just because some adults might think it's all right doesn't make it so. We have to educate teens to understand that adults don't, always act responsibly."

There was also discussion on how to communicate the fact that teens can say no to drugs or alcohol. The law enforcement professionals at the meeting were very aware of the peer pressure faced by teens.

"We're not naive," Pierce said. "We know that it can be hard to say no. And we know that teens think bad things won't happen to them. They see others drink and they don't get caught or get into an accident so they don't think that will happen to them. Well we see what happens to teens who abuse drugs or drink. It's not just car accidents. So many crimes, from assault to date rape, have alcohol and drugs as a contributing factor. It can happen to them."

"We have to establish a rapport with teens, not stand on a soapbox," Rohr said. "We've seen the teens taken away in an ambulance or patrol cars. We know that from one bad choice there can be many bad

consequences." Pierce was also conscious of the fact that any successful program will have to educate parents, as well as teens.

"The lines of communication must be kept open," Pierce said. "If a teen has had too much to drink and needs to get home, that teen needs to know that he or she can call home and will be picked up. There might be consequences later, but the teen needs to know the parents are there."

Pierce picked the title "Critical Life Choices" with great care. Teens often don't realize it, but they face critical life choices all the time. A decision they make when they are 16 might have consequences that will stay with them for the rest of their life.

"For example, you're at a party and you haven't had anything to drink," said Pierce. "You think you've made all the responsible choices. But you came to the party with a group of friends and they've all had something to drink. What do you do now? Do you get in the car or insist on driving. Do you call your parents. That's a critical life choice, a choice that could affect you for the rest of your life."

To help emphasize that point and others, students will be shown a video tape put together by Martone. It consists of clips from local news shows. These clips are of accidents involving teens and alcohol or even teens and just reckless driving.

Students will see what happens when you drink and drive or are a passenger in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

"The presentation will involve frank and open discussion on many issues, including alcohol and drug use, drinking and driving, date rape, teenage sex and abusive behavior."

Script

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ational rollerblading or lacrosse.

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- Well equipped area for aerobics and fitness.

- Volleyball and basketball courts.

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• Which two or three of the activities that we discussed are you and your family particularly interested in having as part of a community center?

• Are there any other recreational facilities we have not mentioned which you think should be included?

(At this point in the survey, people were asked to rank the option listed in questions 4-18 in order of personal or family preference.)

• Here are a few statements others have made about a Grosse Pointe Community Recreation Center. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree.

- There really is a need for more indoor recreational facilities and activities for Grosse Pointe residents.

- A best-in-class Grosse Pointe Community Recreation Center would improve the quality of life in the Grosse Pointes.

- Such a facility would be very helpful in giving teenagers more services and activities.

- Such a facility would be very helpful in giving senior citizens more services and activities.

- A Grosse Pointe Community Recreation Center should be a partnership among the Pointe communities.

• Now that you have thought more about a Grosse Pointe Community Recreation Center, do you think it is a good or bad idea if the community were to develop such a recreation facility?

(At this point, the survey requested demographic data, such as year of birth and ages of children, if any.)

• A for-fee daycare facility for parents using the facilities would make me more interested in a community recreation center.

(Respondents were then asked how long they have lived in the Pointes, their primary recreational activity or hobby and, if female, their employment status.)



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Inventor throws a switch to the future

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

By the flashing light of a bolt of home-made lightning that looks like something out of Frankenstein's laboratory, a local inventor sees the day when electric utility companies will be a thing of the past.

Skip Greiner of Grosse Pointe Farms is an inventor, model train hobbyist and retired entrepreneur. With an inquisitive mind and approachable manner, he fills his busy days with electrical experiments, volunteering at the Glancy Train display at the Detroit Historical Museum, and manufacturing miniature television cameras that he mounts in model trains.

For most of his life, Greiner has been attempting to replicate the lost technology of Nikola Tesla, who transmitted electricity over long distances without wires. Under the Tesla system, huge generators, called coils, would broadcast electricity through the air like radio waves.

"The electrical utility industry as we know it would be out of business," said Greiner. Lamps and refrigerators would still operate, but the massive infrastructure that transports electricity from generating stations to end-users would be as obsolete as a string connecting two paper cups compared to cellular telephones.

POINTER OF INTEREST

"The infrastructure would just go away," he said.

As a precocious youngster who would eventually graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering, Greiner conducted his first Tesla experiment at age 10.

sparks," he said. "I have friends who have made coils that create 75-foot sparks. The sparks shoot right off the top like lightning."

Tesla coils produce high voltage, high frequency electricity. "The voltage is very high, in the millions of volts, but it's

can modify one minor thing and it throws off everything else. It is very sensitive to adjustment," he said.

Greiner's coil stands about five feet tall and two feet in diameter. By contrast, the unit Tesla operated in 1899 had copper rings 50 feet in diameter and "sent electricity 25 miles," said Greiner. "His experiments were fully witnessed, but never duplicated by competent engineers, even with all the technology we have."

Although Tesla isn't widely known in America, said Greiner, "he's recognized in electrical engineering circles as the world's greatest inventor."

With a loud series of electrical snaps and cracks, Greiner activated his coil. "The transformer takes normal household electrical current up to 15,000 volts to power the rest of the coil. Then it dumps it into the bottom of the coil and it comes out the top at about 700,000 volts," said Greiner.

"This is the fun stuff. I tell ya," he said as the sparks flew. Greiner pointed a fluorescent light bulb at the coil; it lit. "It's magic," he said. "No one really knows how it works." Greiner's interest in electronics "started when I was a wee-wee tot, picking up old radios in alleys, taking them



Photo by Skip Greiner
Skip Greiner photographed his Tesla coil in action on the back porch of his lakefront home in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Photo by Brad Lindberg
With the plastic frame of a Tesla coil in the background, Greiner adjusts a Choo Choo Cam in the nose of a model train.

He was inspired by an article about Tesla coils in the magazine, Popular Electronics.

"I still have the issue," he said. "My parents would allow me to do anything I could do. They supplied me with any information and all parts I needed. They were flabbergasted that I could make sparks fly out into the air, even though they were only six-inch sparks."

"The one I built at home in the basement makes 6-foot

very high frequency so it doesn't hurt you, if you're careful," said Greiner.

No, Greiner doesn't have an assistant named Igor. "We're not bringing anyone back to life," he laughed. "I've had the police over to look at it."

Greiner's coil is made on a wood frame ringed with about 800 feet of copper wire.

"That's all there is; that's it," Greiner said. "But don't be misled by the simplicity of it. I

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home and tearing them apart. Then I started building radios. I built anything and everything I could build using capacitors and resistors and tubes."

After graduating from high school at the University of Detroit, Greiner went to MIT.

"It was my first time away from home," he said. "The school was intimidating."

"You didn't have to go to class. You had to take only five tests per term, you only had to maintain a passing grade. Once they got you, they didn't want you to leave. MIT doesn't teach you anything. It teaches you where to find anything. That's the best philosophy anywhere."

Greiner's other main interest these days is the Choo Choo Cam, a miniature television camera that he mounts in the nose of electric trains. A cab's-eye view of the train layout, like that seen by a railroad engineer, is powered from the track and transmitted by a wireless system, naturally, to a color television monitor.

He began the project a few months ago at the request of friends who volunteer at the Glancy Train exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum. Greiner had wired an interactive system of colorful buttons that attract kids like magnets. "The buttons are unlabeled so kids have to push them and figure out" whether they activate crossing gates, semaphore signals, train whistles and the chug-chug sound of steam locomotives, he said. One button even activates a train. Each time the button is pushed, the train circles the layout.

"You have to see the kids. That's the most fun of any of this," said Greiner.

Then someone asked Greiner if he could make a TV train. He said, "What's a TV train?"

Nevertheless, the following week he returned to the museum carrying an engine with a nose-mounted camera. "The board of directors was meeting at the time," said Greiner. They wanted to see if it

worked.

"We all went downstairs to the display and laid out a circle of track and started my train. The board members, all dressed in suits, white shirts and ties, got down on their hands and knees and looked in the camera to see their faces on TV. It was hilarious," said Greiner.

"Someone asked, 'Can you build one for me?' I said, 'Give me an engine and I'll do it. I did it again and again until someone suggested I make these commercially.'"

The Choo Choo Cam was born. The unit is designed for O-scale trains, like Lionel, and consists of a camera, transmitter with a range of 200 feet, power transformer and receiver. It costs \$575. "For another \$100, I'll install it in a customer's engine." He's developing a unit for HO-scale.

The camera is featured at the model train display at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Greiner travels from week-end train show to train show selling his invention. "Next, I'll run an add" and see where things go," he said. His next scheduled show is Sunday, Jan. 2, 1999 at the Historical Museum.

Greiner is retired from Greiner and Associates, a company he founded that sold electronic components, transistors, integrated circuits, very sophisticated, high-end space-age stuff, he said. He even sold electrical components to Lionel. His son has taken over the business.

Greiner's whole life has involved electronics. After graduating from college in the early 1950s, he did a stint in the Army as a radar instructor. Greiner, an electrical engineering graduate from one of the top universities in the world, entered the military "as a buck private and came out a corporal," he said.

For a while, he was stationed at a 90 mm anti-aircraft gun battery located on Chalfonte where Brownell Middle School now stands.

"We spent a couple of months in the Detroit area going around town teaching the gunners how to operate the radar." He was paid \$12 a day for room and board.

"I lived at home," he laughed. "Of the 700 men in our outfit,

half had Ph.D.s and the rest had at least bachelor's degrees. There wasn't a guy above corporal," he said.

"We called ourselves the Future Teachers of America. That also stood for 'Fool the Army' or anything else you can think of."

Park council approves investment policy

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

State law may have required the Park City Council to adopt a policy to ensure that city investments are not lost. But for city clerk Jane Blahut, it's business as usual.

Last year the state Legislature passed Public Act 20, requiring local municipalities to have investment policies that followed state guidelines," said Blahut. "These policies had to be adopted within six months of the municipalities, new fiscal year. In our case our new fiscal year was July 1."

The purpose of P.A. 20, said Blahut, is to make sure that Michigan doesn't have an "Orange County fiasco."

She was making reference to the financial troubles the Orange County, Calif., government got into when it invested in the risky derivative markets. When the derivative market crashed a couple of years ago, the county lost over \$2 billion and had to declare bankruptcy.

P.A. 20 limits the kinds of investments cities can make with their funds, said Blahut. "The state's rules keeping cities from owning stock and

out of risky investment markets like derivatives isn't a problem for the Park," Blahut said. "We've always limited ourselves to certificates of deposit and pooled trust account money (market funds). As mayor Heenan said, we take the responsibility of 'ng for taxpayer money very seriously."

Other forms of investment may provide higher returns, Blahut said, but they aren't as safe.

So the city has steered clear of them. The guidelines stress four points. Safety, diversification, liquidity and return on investment.

"Safety is the first principal," said Blahut. "That's why it's important to have diversification. Our investments will be separated by security type and institution so that any potential losses on an individual security will not exceed the income generated by the rest of the portfolio."

The city's investments shall be liquid enough to meet any reasonable expenses, said Blahut, and a return on investment shall be expected even during slow economic periods.



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Greiner's miniature Choo Choo Cam takes shape. The unit broadcasts an engineer's view of a toy train layout to a color television monitor.

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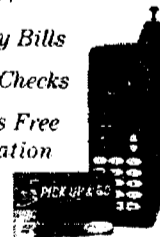
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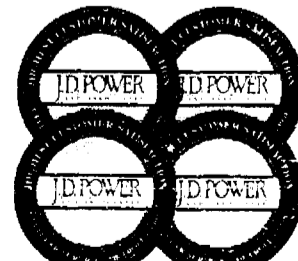
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A thankful heart

It would appear that too many of our friends are experiencing serious health or personal problems. Yet, the colors of the leaves were especially brilliant this fall and the sun continues to shine. Whole cities and their inhabitants have been buried alive in mud slides and flooded out of their homes. It is a beautiful clear day in Grosse Pointe and the waves lap the shoreline gently as the temperature hovers in the mid-60s.

Life's cycles seem to be spinning almost out of control these days. Some days it seems difficult to find the silver linings in our clouds and it's easy to be cynical about our personal lives or, for that matter, the future of the universe. The very word millennium strikes fear in the hearts of many. There are frightening warnings and much speculation about Y2K, the volatile stock market, the possibility of war, and health statistics and concerns.

However, foolish as it might appear, I am not about to hang crepe. We can let our sores fester and throw in our towels or we can empower ourselves with action, knowledge, prayer and hope. Choices do remain in our beloved country and we have a great deal for which to be grateful.

Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is on the horizon. I would wager that in Grosse Pointe, 99 percent of those who wished to had a hot turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. It would be safe to say that each of us has much for which to be thankful and also has the power to make a difference in someone's life.

Most of us are capable of choosing our goals and can influence the majority of outcomes. For a start, we could discard unused items from our closets or garages or write a check that could bring relief to someone whose needs are greater than our own. Many opportunities to be of service don't even require leaving our homes. We can pick up a telephone and make a pledge with plastic or summon someone to pick up our donations. There are people in our community who need drivers to get to doctor appointments or just to run an errand, buy groceries, have their hair cut. For those who wish to be more involved there are countless organizations in need of help and/or volunteers. If this isn't the season to take a closer look, when is?

It is within our grasp to offer solutions to many of the problems about which we complain. It will never be my intent to negate the severity of certain life threatening situations. However, even in the most trying times, we can offer our help by just listening or being available if needed. Every human being needs comforting. A good hug can go a long way when we are hurting.

This holiday season let's begin again reviewing our blessings. We are grateful for family and especially for the opportunity to watch some of our grandchildren evolve daily. We are thankful to live in this community where our quality of life and education are above most in the country. We are fortunate to have been able to travel and broaden our perspectives during this past year. And while we feel particularly grateful this year, we are ever mindful of the tremendous battles too many friends and family members are waging each day in personal and health struggles.

The sun is shining outside my window and there will be another breathtaking full moon over Lake St. Clair this month. The Christmas music, irresistible children and tiny puppies will once again move me to tears. One doesn't have to look very far to witness the daily miracles in our lives.

— Offering from the loft

Warm place gone

To the Editor:

This week, we received a small notice in the mail that Reading In The Park, the children's bookstore, was closing. A few days later, I stopped by and purchased some books from the dwindling stock in that warm and familiar space. As I was paying, the woman ringing up the charges smiled and said, "You should tell your mom to come in before we close."

The big new stores have giant inventories and lots of parking, all of which are good. But I will never be recognized there as my mother's son.

My sadness in leaving that store was born of the fact that such gentle recognition creates a sense of place and weaves us together in a way that giant inventories and abundant parking never will.

I fear that in turning our shopping areas into outdoor malls filled with chains, we are losing part of what many of us cherish as our home town.

Mark Oaler
The City of
Grosse Pointe

Thanks for donations

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following business people for their generous donations to our Annual Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show.

Without donations from the following companies and friends, we would not have been able to meet our scholarship goals for this year. Each year we present, depending on the donations received from area business people and members, \$1,000 and up to two students from Grosse Pointe who have met the scholastic goals set forth by the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club.

Applause, applause, applause to the following:
Arbor Drugs, Edmund Ahee

Jewelers, Don Endres, Grosse Pointe resident photographer Lud Schomig, Maloofs, Marcia Kypers from Tidings of Love Inc., Peters' Funeral Services and Donald Lobsinger.

Thanks to all the members who worked diligently to make this event a success, who gave of their time, talents and generosity.

Our event was a wonderful success. Again, our heartfelt thanks to all who participated. A blessed Christmas to all.

Elizabeth C. Knop
Vice President, Grosse
Pointe Woman's Club

Geese graffiti

To the Editor:

Our beautiful outdoors are being desecrated by the influx of geese, as our lawns and walks are polluted by their droppings. Our public parks, playing fields and golf course are their receptacles.

Can anything be done to keep these birds, which are beautiful in flight, off our grounds?

William Ghesquiere
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thankful and grateful

To the Editor:

I wish to give thanks this Thanksgiving season to not only the Grosse Pointe News for your kind endorsement of my candidacy, but to the voters of Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and the East-side for returning me to the State House of Representatives for a second term.

I am grateful for the confidence and support of our community as I strive to carry on the tradition of my predecessors to defend our interests vigorously, whether it be protecting Lake St. Clair, investing in education or preserving public safety.

I am particularly grateful to all those who helped by donating their time and assistance in my re-election campaign. I am truly blessed to have such

supportive friends and family, and to live in such a wonderful community.

Andrew C. Richner
Grosse Pointe Park

Frustrated with politics

To the Editor:

I write in frustration. I would write to my congressman, if there were the slightest chance that he could read. His performance on the Judiciary Committee, along with his fellow Democrats, prove them to be of parrots; parrots with rotten plumage, but loud sarcastic voices.

When Barney Frank can be a judge of another man's morality, it's time to buy real estate in Canada.

The answer is simple. Vote the impeachment out of committee on the strongest of the charges, and let Congress vote, straight up or down.

Every congressman voting,

so that the country can observe which of our elected officials believe perjury is excusable in a constitutional republic. That takes the politics out of it, and makes the man stand for what he believes.

This is a move of courage. A commodity lacking on both sides of the aisle. Censure is meaningless. The president is laughing at them already, and censure could be wiped off the record by the next Democratic Congress. Under any condition, the Democrats should originate and present any censure. Clinton belongs to them for worse and worse.

It would be interesting if the Sunday morning TV gas heads would invite Vice President Al Gore to comment on the actions of the Judiciary Committee; how he feels about perjury, how he would reform campaign finance, and lastly, now the tobacco crops are doing on the Gore family plantations in Tennessee.

John W. Coe
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Judiciary unit hopes to OK impeachment

Shifting its position once again, the House Judiciary Committee last week abandoned its efforts to add campaign finance issues to the presidential impeachment inquiry.

The GOP leadership finally woke up to the fact that such an extension of the impeachment hearings would run counter to the wishes of the American people, who already had said on Nov. 3 they had had enough.

However, the committee did grant Clinton's lawyers, who had asked for four days to defend the president, two days or 30 hours spread over Tuesday and Wednesday.

But the committee then set Saturday for a vote by the full Judiciary Committee on impeachment. That apparently will bring the House impeachment vote to the following week, or Dec. 16 or 17.

A shift in opinion about the likelihood of the president's impeachment has occurred in recent weeks. It now looks as if Rep. Tom DeLay, the tough and intransigent House Democratic Whip from Texas, will have his way: a successful

Opinion

House vote to impeach.

With respect to campaign finance scandals, the House committee first voted along party lines to expand its probe to include Clinton's campaign fundraising activities.

However, Chairman Henry J. Hyde said in a conference call to Republicans that no evidence of impeachable offenses had been found in a review of secret memoranda on campaign finance reform, written by FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, or the prosecutor, Charles G. La Bella.

Instead, Hyde said the committee would pursue fundraising questions next year as part of its oversight role over the Justice Department. That sounded like an attempt to keep the campaign funding issue alive for 1999.

Meanwhile, a group of GOP moderates offered a proposal to condemn Clinton's behavior and require him not only to admit he had deceived the American people but would also require him to pay a financial penalty.

The Democrats had opposed the inquiry into 1996 campaign spending on the grounds that the Senate had run a 10-month investigation and the House a two-year, ongoing inquiry into the same subject.

But it was perhaps significant that the same day that the committee had said it would expand its investigation to include questions about Clinton's campaign spending, the Federal Elections Commission had recommended that the two presidential candidates repay funds illegally spent on their behalf in the 1996 campaign.

But the amounts each candidate was asked to return were significant: \$17 million by former Sen. Robert Dole and \$7 million by the president.

So shouldn't the Judiciary Committee have called on Dole to participate in any inquiry into the 1996 campaign spending since he reportedly spent more than twice as much as Clinton did?

That question might well have

deterred the Judiciary Committee from opening up an investigation of the 1996 campaign spending which would have stressed the huge spending by the GOP as well as the Democrats.

Instead, the Judiciary Committee by the time these words appear in type may have already approved at least one of the major impeachment charges being made against the president.

If that occurs, it appears likely that the House would vote to impeach, but Clinton's supporters are still hoping the Senate would not convict the president in its trial, even if the full House had voted to impeach.

With 90 percent of the public opposed to any long, drawn-out proceeding on impeachment, the GOP-controlled Congress obviously is counting on the impact of its new listing of its charges against the president to win new public support.

But the most recent public opinion polls on the president showed him holding just over 60 percent approval of the way he is running the presidency.

Perhaps the GOP thinks it can outlive the public criticism of Congress before 2000 and even win back enough voters to claim a victory in Congress, too, in that presidential election year.

However, we have strong doubts that the eventual issue will come out as the Republicans hope:

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Revenue plan to hurt Detroit

The state House last week approved bills to cut Detroit's income tax and redistribute state revenue-sharing funds and then sent both to the state Senate.

The Pointes share in the state's revenue-sharing funds, but the shifts now being made to freeze Detroit's share at its current level and to increase funds for townships are not expected to affect the Pointes' funds substantially.

A review of the revenue-sharing for the Pointes in future years, shows all of them getting slight increases as the years go on.

For example, the Park is getting \$1,333,246 for 1997-98, but would get \$1,409,952 for the year 2000-01. Similarly, the Farms share would go from \$996,102 this year to \$1,054,927 in 2000-01.

Out-state legislators, envious of Detroit's big share of revenue from the state's revenue-sharing fund, are seeking to substantially cut into the city's revenues from that source.

Yes, the city of Detroit still has a long way to go before it can say that it is recovering from its economic slump and its need to improve its city services.

Marge Malarney, Detroit's Lansing lobbyist, told the Detroit Free Press that "a tax cut and a huge hit on revenue-sharing" were incompatible.

"I won't say we're happy or delighted," she added, "but we can live with it."

She did say that Mayor Dennis Archer is delighted about the prospect of cutting Detroit's income tax, but economists contend that the city must also eliminate all forms of income tax, from corporate to residential, to improve its appeal to business and industry.

U-M to play Arkansas Jan. 1

The Michigan Wolverines will play the Arkansas Razorbacks in the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day because of the pairings forced by the BCB (Bowl Championship Series).

In fact, the Wolverines, rated No. 15 in the BCB with three losses, emerged quite well in the pairings because they will be playing a team with only two losses and rated No. 11.

In the Rose Bowl, to be played at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 1, Wisconsin will meet

It's winter

Our wonderful fall came to an abrupt end last Sunday afternoon as a cold rain erased the summer-like temperatures of recent weeks.

Golfers, amateur baseball teams and inline skaters kept up with the unseasonably warm weather until the end.

As David Koehler, a forecaster at the National Weather Service's White Lake Township station, put it:

"It's going to be rather raw. The nice weather is over."

So maybe winter is here, which will bring joy to ski buffs and others who really welcome winter.

If the House-passed income tax cut is fully enforced, it would cost the city an estimated \$100 million a year after 10 years. Under the legislative deal being worked out, Detroit would lose another \$16 million a year in state revenue-sharing funds.

That would come about because the deal also calls for freezing Detroit's share of state revenue-sharing funds at the current level of \$333 million a year.

Yet estimates are that Detroit's revenue sharing would have increased about \$16 million a year without the legislative freeze, because of the growth in the revenue-sharing fund.

In recent years, western Michigan and Grand Rapids in particular have been critical of the amount of state money going to the benefit of Detroit.

Thus, it is state Sen. Glenn Steil of Grand Rapids who has sought to impose new limits on Detroit's share of state funds. He would shift more funds to communities that have had rapid population growth.

Yet a group of suburban mayors, members of the South Oakland County Mayors Association, opposed the deal. Those mayors represent Farmington, Farmington Hills, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Novi, Pontiac and Troy.

They argued that Detroit's financial health is more important than any modest increase their own communities might get under the state Senate proposal.

There's something to that viewpoint, too, even though it apparently did nothing to change the outcome of the shift for state revenue-sharing recipients.

UCLA, Wisconsin represents the Big Ten, although both Michigan and Ohio State tied for the title.

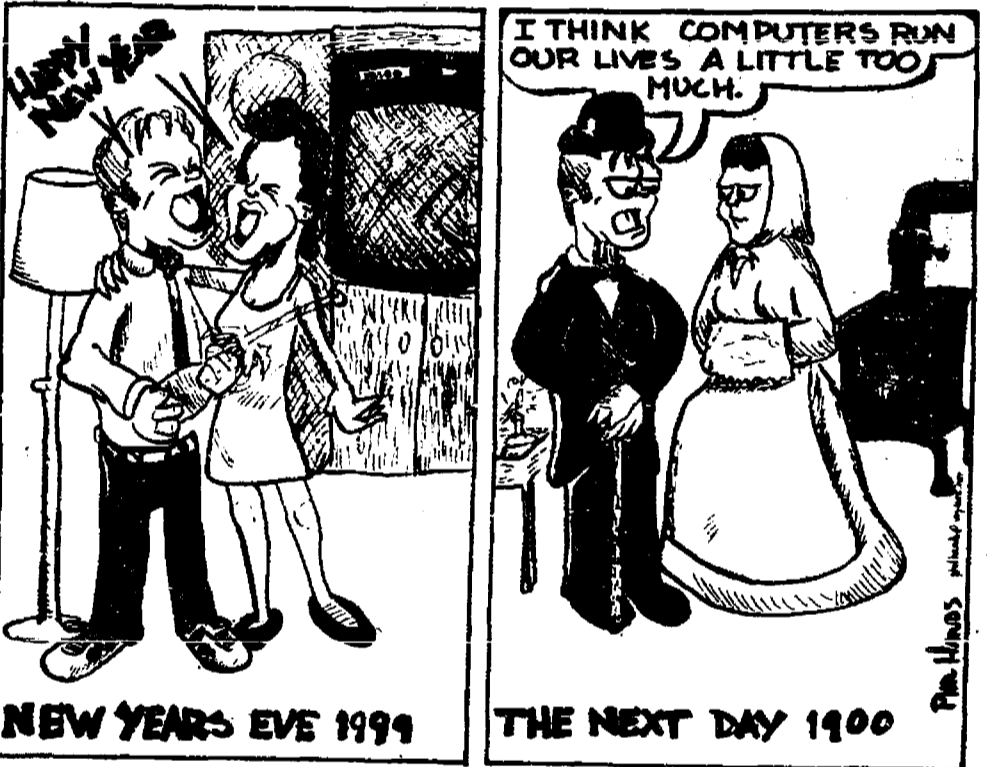
Ohio State, which led the national standings most of the season until its upset by MSU, will play Texas A&M in the Sugar Bowl. It will be played in the New Orleans Superdome in a night game Jan. 1.

Undefeated Tennessee with 12 straight victories will play Florida State (11-1) for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl in the Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 4.

But even in advance, there is no certainty the winner will be automatically named the national champ. Tennessee could win it outright by defeating Florida State, but if that game turns out otherwise, look for other No. 1 claimants.

If Florida State wins, then coaches will vote the Seminoles No. 1 in accordance with an agreement in advance that the national championship game each year would be rotated among four major bowls.

After the Fiesta will come the Orange, the Rose or Sugar for the national championship, but that obviously won't stop the clamoring if the Fiesta outcome is questionable.



Letters

The delegation of funds

To the Editor:

The following is a copy of the letter I sent to the Grosse Pointe School Board and school superintendent:

We are writing in regard to the delegation of the Durant Settlement Funds that is currently being discussed by the Grosse Pointe School Board.

We understand the board is considering putting the money towards the development of a foreign language program in the Grosse Pointe school system.

We are writing to give our input as taxpayers and parents of children in the school district on where we would like to see those funds used instead.

We feel that using the \$3.5 million in funds to develop a foreign language program would not benefit the majority of the Grosse Pointe students. Our intent should be geared to helping all students achieve their future goals of adult independence and ultimately, success in the work force through the best means possible. We have identified the following areas that we feel could benefit from these funds:

- Reducing classroom sizes -- better student-to-teacher ratios.
- Upgrading technology -- computers in all classrooms, update Xerox and AV materials, and programs.
- Educational and programming updates for teachers on current teaching methods

for regular and special education students.

- School building renovations.

- Revisit the Barnes School renovation and reopening for additional classroom space.

- Consider additional teacher assistants to help with larger classroom sizes in the meantime.

We hope you will take into consideration our thoughts and suggestions in making your decision on behalf of the Grosse Pointe community, regarding the designation of the Durant dollars. We trust you will put the funds to good, responsible use for the present as well as future use and benefit for our now school-aged children.

Mark and Lisa Decker
Grosse Pointe Woods

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Will be missed

To the Editor:

Within a span of one month we have had to say goodbye to two friends. The first was the demise of Pointe Video. And now we find ourselves saying goodbye to the charming Reading in the Park.

Do we realize what Grosse Pointe has lost? The people who owned these stores are our friends and neighbors, members of this community.

Walk down any block of Kercheval in the Village, only a handful of the stores are local businesses. These local stores (and those throughout Grosse Pointe) are the ones who sponsor our children's hockey, baseball and soccer teams; put their time and effort into the Santa Claus Parade; hold story-time for our toddlers and sponsor book fairs at our schools.

They donate to our church and school auctions, give tours to our children and assist the Cub Scouts and Brownies with projects. Typically, 100 percent of their advertising dollar is spent in Grosse Pointe! And all the thanks they seem to get is another corporate chain moving into our neighborhood and running them out of business.

When will this end? When all our stores are replaced by mall stores? Chances are one of our local shop owners lives on your street or goes to your church, their children may go to school with your children or play on their sports team, you probably see them at the park. Let's show them what being part of a community means: thank them for all they do by giving them your support.

To those at Pointe Video, I will miss your sense of humor and unusual film recommendations (I really did enjoy most of them). To Judy, Mary, Chris, Erin and all our friends at Reading in the Park, thank you for everything, especially your effort and enthusiasm -- we will all truly miss you.

Camilla Davies
City of Grosse Pointe

The Stickford Files

Another holiday season is upon us and I find this fact very disorienting.

It's not that I hate Christmas. I don't. It's just that I still haven't recovered from last year.

I recently spoke with my nephew, who is only 6. We were talking about the family getting together last year and he asked if I remembered the gathering. I said of course.

What struck me about the conversation was that to him, last Christmas was a far and distant holiday in the murky waters of an entire year.

To me, it is an event that seems to have happened about

10 minutes ago.

By the time that this essay reaches the paper, Christmas will be only two weeks away. That's nothing to me.

To my nephew, on the other hand, Christmas is TWO WEEKS AWAY. How can I be so calm? How can I be so patient?

Christmas will never get here. Come on, come on, come on Christmas, he says. He's so excited that every second is an eternity.

To me, on the other hand, the days are speeding by so quickly that I can't keep track. I have to budget my time carefully. Doing the holiday shopping is like the planning of D Day.

Every day I am confronted with new toys, new clothes and new television programs that I've never heard of.

Ask youngsters if they still like Power Rangers and they give you a look like you've just told them that you were at

I Say

Jim Stickford



Valley Forge with Gen. George Washington.

How can someone not know that Power Rangers are out and Teletubbies are in. (What are teletubbies and why are they so popular I'd ask my nephew, but I want to keep what credibility I still have.)

Disbed by a 6-year-old, that's rough. I am afraid to tell the child with whom I am conversing that I really never knew what the heck Power Rangers were when they were in. I real-

ly do want to keep some semblance of respect in the eyes of a child

I recall the time my nephew showed me his Star Wars collection. He thought it was really cool. I asked him what part of the movie was his favorite.

He had to admit that his mom wouldn't let him see the movie because it was too scary for a boy of 6. But as soon as he was old enough, he was going to see the movie on video just to see where his toys came

from.

That reminded me of the time, when I was 5, that I came across a record (remember those) of Lone Ranger radio broadcasts. I pointed this out to my mom and she told me that as a girl, they used to listen to the Lone Ranger on the radio.

I couldn't quite wrap my 5-year-old mind around this concept. The Lone Ranger was a Saturday morning cartoon character. The radio — that was something you listened to in the car.

Why would anyone sit around the radio and LISTEN to a western, when you could watch the same thing on TV. She then told me that when she was a girl, they didn't have television. They only had the radio and they used to broadcast drama and comedies over the radio.

That was weird. It made me

wonder what life was like in the old, primitive days.

When I told my nephew that when I was young, we didn't have VCRs and that I saw "Star Wars" in a movie theater, he gave me the same look I gave my mother all those years ago.

No VCRs, no computer games, no cable television? Wow.

I guess it's true, the more things change, the more they stay the same. I can only wonder what my nephew will tell his kids.

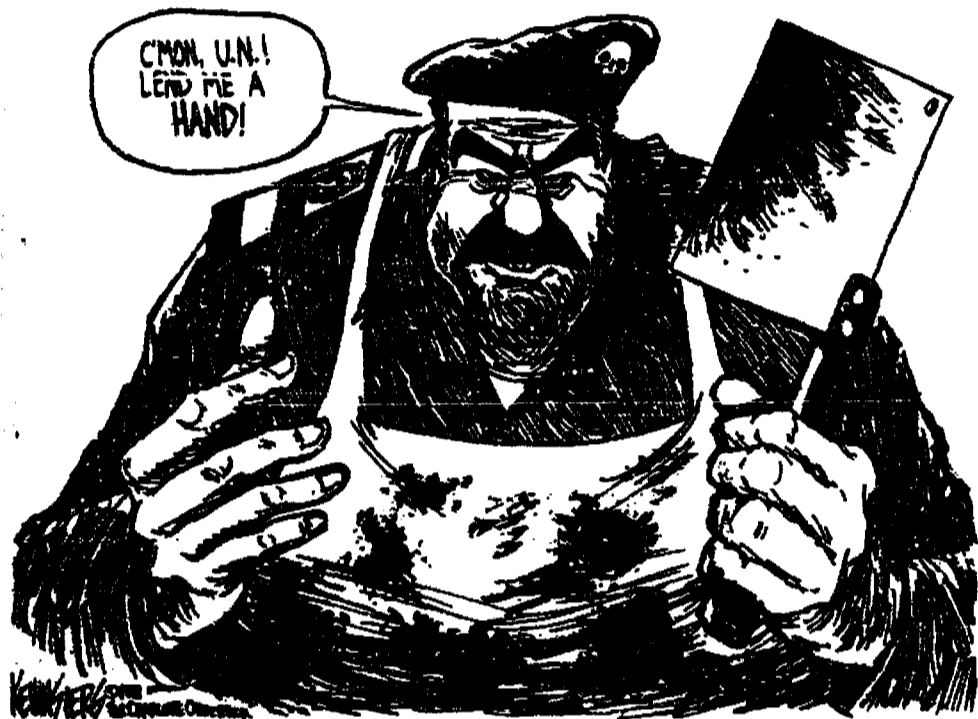
"No Johnny, when I was your age, we didn't have interactive hologram broadcasting. We had to make do with two-dimensional images on glass screens."

It just makes you wonder where the time goes. Perspectives change and no one tells you. At least I should have received a memo.

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The Op-Ed Page



Kant and the categorical imperative

Immanuel Kant is a famous German philosopher whose writings are useful in understanding the moral crisis of America today.

He was born in 1724 and died in 1804 and so lived in a time of revolutionary fervor and the beginning of modern scientific enlightenment. He remained a dutiful college professor, despite all his fame and, the story goes, you could set your watch by when he passed a certain spot on his way to class.

He lived a calm, contemplative existence, which gave him ample opportunity to think and write about the human condition.

He thought that we had innate ideas about the world, especially about human beings' relation to each other in civilized society. Although Descartes and Leibnitz also gave rise to concepts of innate ideas, those of Kant were more subtle and intimately related to empirical experience. In other words, we must generate our ideas, using the data of history, current events and everyday life. Depending on what we experience or perceive, certain innate concepts are activated.

Kant's attempt to define precisely the domain of rational understanding is a landmark in Western thought. He opposed Hume's skepticism, the idea that pure reason is of no use in the understanding of the world and, on the other, he challenged enlightenment faith in the unlimited scope of reason.

Avoiding these opposite positions, he was free to explore the realistic middle ground and gray areas of the real world. His ideas had to be tested, at first logically, and then pragmatically.

The notions of duty, moral law, the categorical imperative and the autonomy of the will are bound up together and constitute the distinctive concepts of Kantian ethics. For Kant, the categorical imperative which seemed logically sound and undeniable, was to treat other persons as ends and not means.

At first glance, the imper-



Dr. Victor Bloom

ative seems a version of the Golden Rule, to treat others as you would want to be treated, but considering the complexity of each human being, human relationships and life itself, it is often difficult to determine what is using, exploiting or abusing. Kant suggests examination of the unique, individual circumstance.

In the instance of the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, the two opposing forces take a different view of the data supplied by the Starr report. The report is a long document detailing numerous aspects of a taboo relationship, which has been regarded as personal, trivial and irrelevant by one side, public and meaningful on the other. Clinton supporters put the affair in the category of consensual, adult sex, for which the government should allow privacy, while Starr supporters are powerfully impacted by the immorality of adultery, perjury and the abuse of power.

What has separated out is that, for the most part, the Democrats hold that the scandal is really a minor matter, a trite example of office hanky-panky, while the Republicans seem to be strongly influenced by the Religious Right, a minority which used to be called the "moral majority." The former holds to a moral relativism (situational ethics), while the latter insists on an absolute moral law. The discussion between the two opposing forces makes it seem like the very foundation of government or civilization itself is at stake.

If we attempt a Kantian analysis of the Clinton-Lewinsky imbroglio, what do we see and what do we find? A seductive and ambitious young lady seeking favors from a

powerful and attractive man? A head of state taking advantage of a young and impressionable groupie? A father figure having an incestuous relationship with a daughter figure? The chief executive suffering from a psychiatric condition, sexual addiction? The inevitable consequence of a troubled marriage? The media's intrusion into private lives instead of leaving peccadilloes alone? The inevitable consequence of a lifetime of lying and scheming? Or the expected consequence of serious deficiencies in early childhood development? All of the above? None of the above? Some of the above?

It is interesting to note that conservative Republicans blame and find fault, while liberal Democrats are understanding and forgiving. But what happens to the categorical imperative? What is the proper way for us as citizens to view what has been set before our eyes and ears, brains and heart?

It might be helpful to consider whether president Clinton used Lewinsky as a means or an end, and whether the intern used the leader of the free world as a means or an end. The task is not simple or easy, but try to set your preconceived ideology aside while considering the case philosophically, rather than politically or ideologically.

The ultimate question of virtue and morality is "the greatest good for the greatest number." I leave it to the reader to put this issue in historical context and attempt to predict which side has a position which will lead to the greatest good for the greatest number.

Which leaves us the question of what is good.

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Weird weather, even for Michigan

A big cold wind may have blown it all away Monday, but for a while last weekend it was springtime in December when:

- You find a lady bug crawling in the medicine cabinet.
- There are five sailboats tacking out near the Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

- Putting the last of the storm windows up, you feel like you should be taking them all down instead.
- You spot old guys in shorts and T-shirts bicycling in the Village and young folks wading barefoot at "Grosse Pointe Beach" off the Farms Pier Park.
- You take the baby out to play in the back yard grass but



Ken Eatherly

bring her back in again because of the mosquitoes.

Broad daylight pick-and-run?

If FYI had blinked, he would have missed it: The lady in the dark coat was just straightening up from the flower bed on the Hill and in a flash breezed by and trotted down the walkway between Rite-Aid and Merrill Lynch to the alley in back.

The armful of red-orange mums she carried were a perfect match for the flowers in the bed in front of the stockbroker's office — the one with the empty spot that didn't seem to be there before.

A little no-load profit taking? Mum's the word.

Flying fish can perch here

"I make them," Blue Bay Fish Market's Nancy

Gutierrez told FYI as he admired the tasteful bird houses in front of the cold case a few weeks back.

Bird houses? Seems out of place at a fish store, until you remember that some birds have a definite taste for seafood.

Decorated with sea shells and other aquatic themes, the whimsical little places have even funnier titles: One resembles a bank with stately pillars in front and a sign that reads, "Loan sharks — financing that costs you an arm and a leg," while another romantic two-family condo is called, "Salmon chanted evening."

Nancy's all-time favorite model (sold out at the time) is one that FYI guesses must resemble a little church. "It's called 'Holy Mackerel,'" she said.

Got an FYI tip? Call Ken Eatherly at (313) 922-4091, or e-mail him at KENFYI@PRODIGY.NET

Think again about carpooling

A carpool partner may be closer than you think. In fact, approximately 2,000 southeast Michigan commuters are currently registered on the RideShare database managed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

RideShare, SEMCOG's free, state-of-the-art computer matching service, makes finding a pooling partner easy. Using geographic information-based software, RideShare matches applicants according to home and work locations.

Commuters interested in locating a carpool or vanpool can call SEMCOG's RideShare hot-line at (313) 963-RIDE. A "matchlist" of potential pooling mates can be made available almost immediately by phone, fax or mail.

Applications can also be made via RideShare's web site at <http://www.semco.org/programs/services/rideshare>.

"No one near me carpools," is the most common objection commuters use in declining to register for the free service, according to Danielle Ring, a transportation specialist with SEMCOG's Alternative Commute Programs.

"That's a fallacy. We're working very hard to convince commuters that sharing the drive to work can be a viable transportation option," said Ring.

"Most commuter matches occur within a four mile radius of an applicant's home," explained Ring. She added that many times matches are even closer, especially if the applicant is traveling to a prominent employment center.

"Just a few years ago, the majority of our applicants were headed into downtown Detroit. With employment patterns changing, we're now working with commuters employed throughout the region," said Ring.

"RideSharing offers many benefits," notes Ring. "It reduces stress and saves money for the commuter, improves morale and increases productivity for the employer and reduces congestion and air pollution for the region's citizens."

RideShare's Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program provides a built-in safety net for those reluctant to pool

because they fear being stranded at work in case of an emergency. The GRH program provides registered applicants with a free taxi home should personal illness, a family emergency or unexpected overtime occur.

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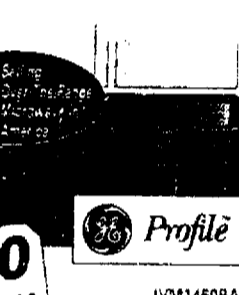
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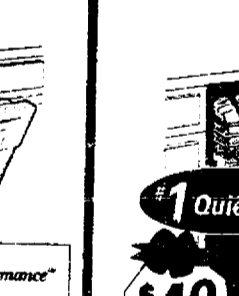
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Motley crew

A noisy construction crew working on Renaud in Grosse Pointe Shores had to be told to turn down their radio two days straight.

Police issued warnings the mornings of Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5 at 8:33 and 9:45 a.m.

Kid druggies

Four boys aged 15 to 18 years old were picked up at the Shores police station after they were found in possession of a small amount of suspected marijuana and a pipe on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 10:48 p.m.

The suspects, from St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe, were caught driving in the 1000 block of northbound Lakeshore after making an improper turn.

The quartet was released to adult relatives.

Old suspensions

A 26-year-old man from Warren wound up booked and jailed after Shores police learned he was driving on four suspensions, one dating to April 1994. He had been stopped while driving a 1988 Dodge Caravan in the 1100 block of northbound Lakeshore with a broken tail light. He posted \$100 bond and was released.

Flags filched, banner bagged

It was a bad week for decorative flags in the Pointes.

During the night of Nov. 29-30, someone stole a blue and

gold Notre Dame flag from the front porch of a residence in the 100 block of Charlevoix in the Farms. On Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 10:27 a.m., police received a report of a flag stolen from the front of a business in the 18100 block of Mack in the City.

In a related incident, someone stole a green and white banner from the front of a new store in the Village on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 11:50 a.m.

More warrants

A 22-year-old Detroit man who was wanted on two outstanding warrants totaling \$150 was turned over to Detroit police at 7:50 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The man had been stopped by police from the City of Grosse Pointe at 1:15 p.m. for a traffic violation on Notre Dame near Waterloo.

Bike stolen

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7:15, a resident of the 800 block of Cadieux reported that her son's bicycle had been stolen from the side of her house.

Lights taken out

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m., the owner of a residence in the 400 block of Lakeland told police that someone cut a strand of Christmas lights that he had installed in front of his house the previous Sunday.

Wallet found

A wallet belonging to a woman from Detroit was found near the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 2:38 p.m. The owner retrieved it from the City of

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Grosse Pointe police station at 3:15 p.m.

Thirsty thief

A man wearing a blue jacket with yellow stripes on the sleeves was witnessed stealing a 12-pack of beer from a store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8:43 p.m. The suspect was seen entering a green Jeep and being driven away westbound through the alley.

MDP auto

A couple of rear car windows were smashed with beer bottles while the vehicles were parked in front of residences near Mack and Moross during the night of Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5.

A white 1989 Eagle parked in the 400 block of LaBelle and a gold 1994 Oldsmobile parked in the 400 block of Allard each received \$200 damage when they encountered empty bottles of Colt 45 malt liquor.

Young culprits

Two boys, aged 13 and 14 years old from the City and Farms, face prosecution for shoplifting after an employee of a store on the Hill witnessed them trying to pocket a package of lighters.

Credit card scam

A 78-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Farms was surprised to learn that someone had charged \$2,000 to his

Master Card on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Earlier that day, the victim gave his credit card and PIN to a woman who called on the phone and claimed she was an employee of Master Card. A real Master Card employee called the man after sizable charges looked suspicious.

The moral: Do not give your credit card and/or PIN to anyone over the telephone.

Careless owner, Escort car fire

A 1985 Ford Escort was "fully involved with fire" when firefighters from Grosse Pointe Farms arrived on the scene outside a business in the 18800 block of Mack on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 2:51 p.m.

After the fire was extinguished, the vehicle's owner, a 43-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods, actually admitted to police that he had been "pouring gas" on the engine's cracked manifold in an effort to "prime" the malfunctioning engine.

To top things off, the car was "insufficiently insured," according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

Phone felony

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident reported that between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, a person or persons unknown entered his 1983 Chevrolet, which was parked on the street in the 1300 block

are the first step in producing a detailed small-area 2025 regional development forecast, also at five-year intervals.

Producing a forecast for each of the region's 233 local communities provides SEMCOG's member local governments with an essential component of their comprehensive planning.

These numbers will also be used to update future travel needs in SEMCOG's regional transportation plan and satisfy planning requirements of the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The reason for the halt in job growth is because the number of prime working-age adults (ages 18 to 54) will drop by 166,000 between 2010 and 2025.

"As a result, there will need to be major increases in labor force participation of older workers just to maintain a work force at 2010 levels—about 2.9 million," notes Jim Rogers, manager of SEMCOG's DataCenter.

Regional forecast totals (RFTs) provide numbers of population, households and jobs for the southeast Michigan region at five-year intervals to the year 2025. Approved RFTs

especially the baby boom generation — people born between 1946 and 1964. By 2025, that group will be between 60 and 79 years old.

Aging of the population also accounts for the lack of job growth forecast for the period after 2010.

Although the region is currently adding jobs at a rapid pace and the forecast predicts a full-employment economy through 2025, job growth will halt after 2010.

of Anita, and stole a cellular telephone.

The telephone was left on the dashboard and the car was unlocked.

Car thief busted

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers were staked out in the area of Korte and Barrington in response to three car thefts that had taken place between Wednesday, Dec. 2 and Thursday, Dec. 3.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, officers noticed a man walking in the area and investigated.

They found him carrying a screwdriver and the paperwork from a car stolen in the Park earlier that day.

Detectives interrogated the suspect, a 20 year-old Detroit man, and he admitted to taking the three stolen cars. The suspect even took police to the area of West Fort and I-75, where two of the stolen cars were recovered.

The suspect is being held in Wayne County jail in lieu of \$25,000. A background check

revealed that he had walked away from a halfway house, where he was staying as a result of previous criminal convictions.

The suspect has been charged with car theft and receiving and concealing stolen property in excess of \$100. He also faces state charges for leaving the halfway house.

Fire run in Park

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters were called to a home in the 15500 block of Windmill Pointe Drive at about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, after receiving a report of smoke coming from the kitchen.

When officers arrived on the scene, they found the kitchen filled with smoke, but the stove fire had already been put out.

The blaze started when a housekeeper turned on a stove burner while the burner still had a wood covering over it.

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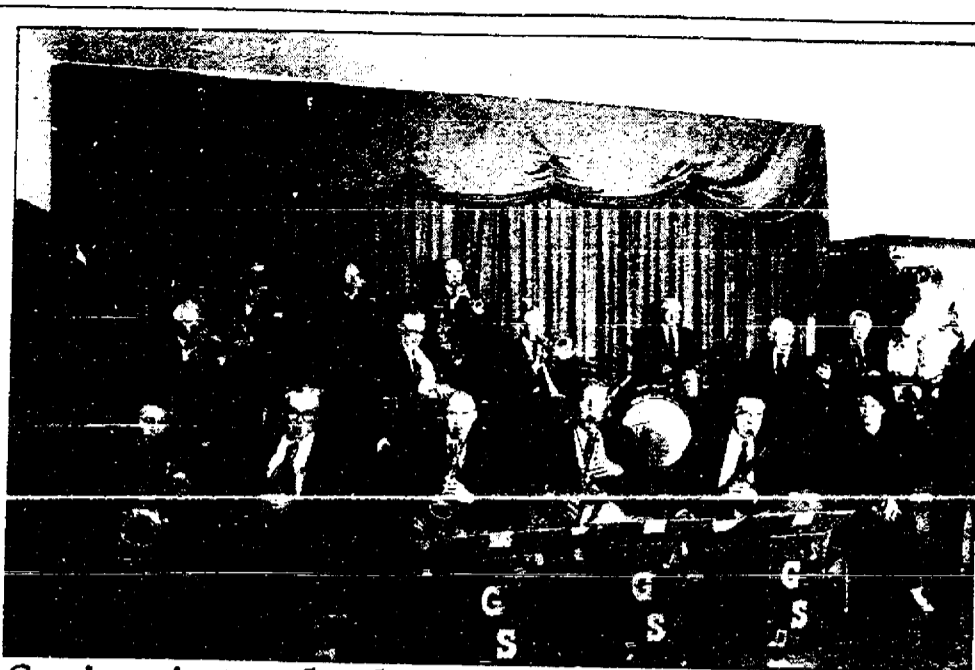
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Swing into the holidays

Grosse Pointe's popular dance orchestra the Gentlemen of Swing, under the direction of Mel Stander, will present its 10th annual See Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The concert is to be held at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 17-member orchestra features vocalists Denise Stevens and Don Littlefield.

Also featured this year will be the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Chorus under the direction of Lou Mueller. There is no admission charge for this holiday treat.

Michigan benefitted from this latest Congressional session

By Spencer Abraham
U.S. Senator, R-Michigan

This last session of Congress provided important benefits for Michigan. In addition to finally balancing the budget, Congress enacted measures to help keep our economy strong, our environment clean and our families safe.

Until recently experts predicted budget deficits in the hundreds of billions of dollars as far as the eye could see. This year Congress finally stopped mortgaging our children's future and began taking responsibility for the money it spends, even reporting a \$70 billion surplus for fiscal year 1998. The next step is to use the current surplus to put Social Security on a firm footing for the next century and then reduce the tax burden on Michigan families.

Congress also passed legislation to prepare our kids for good jobs and Michigan employers for global competition. High technology firms are particularly important in this respect. They make up a large part of our economy (Ann Arbor hosts one of the nation's largest concentrations of high-tech companies) and many individuals and businesses depend on computer software and other high-tech assets to stay competitive.

The American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act, which I authored, will provide scholarships and training to Michiganians studying in high-tech fields like electronics, math, engineering and computers. It will help Michiganians get the skills they need to succeed, and help Michigan companies find the skilled workers they need to stay on top.

In addition, the Government Paperwork Elimination Act will finally force the federal government to allow individuals and companies to fill out paperwork using electronic forms instead of wasting countless hours filling them out on typewriters or by hand. This will save time and money for business and in government, as well as spurring the growth of time-saving technologies. The legislation also provides increased security for people transferring information over the Internet, helping increase trust in electronic commerce. Congress also passed legislation to build parents' trust in the Internet by assuring that kids using school computers will not end up looking at pornography as they surf the web.

To keep trade and tourist dollars flowing, Congress managed to fend off implementation of a senseless immigration regulation, known as Section 110, requiring officials to check millions of Canadians' papers at the border — turning the Ambassador Bridge and every

other Michigan point of entry into a vast parking lot.

Trade also requires good roads. And, with Congress' recent transportation legislation, Michigan now ranks seventh for the greatest increase in federal funds without sending a nickel more to Washington. Under the old funding law, Michigan received only \$512 million annually. Now Michigan will receive about \$825 million annually, a 62 percent increase.

Improved roads will help Michigan trade with other states and countries. But a number of urban and rural areas are suffering economically because businesses cannot afford to clean up contaminated sites and put them to good use.

Until this Congress acted, companies cleaning up "brown-field" sites had to capitalize costs over many years. Now new owners will be able to deduct these costs immediately, encouraging greater economic growth and more environmental cleanup.

Congress also helped Michigan's environment through the National Parks

Restoration Act. This legislation addresses the \$5 billion park construction backlog, implements a broad array of reforms and increases park funding, benefiting every national park in Michigan. Congress also allocated \$4.5 million to expand the Huron and

As important as protecting our environment, two measures passed this Congress will help protect our families. The Child Passenger Safety Protection Act authorizes \$7.5 million to promote important safety information on the use of children's car seats. And Congress reinstated a policy (previously revoked by President Clinton) requiring federal agencies to review proposed policies for their impact on families. Once again federal regulators will have to stop and think about how their actions affect American families.

There is a great deal of work to be done. But Michiganians made real progress this session in moving Washington to be more friendly toward our families, our environment and our economy.

Communities encouraged to seek all-America city status

The National Civic League and the Allstate Insurance Co. have announced that they are accepting applications for the 1999 All-America City Award (AACAA) — the oldest and most prestigious community recognition award in the nation.

For 50 years, the AACAA has encouraged and recognized civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes — cities, towns, counties, neighborhoods and regions — in which citizens, government, businesses and voluntary organizations work together to address critical local issues.

Since 1949, more than 400 communities have earned the All-America City designation.

"By focusing attention on successful problem solving and community building efforts, the AACAA can boost the confidence of public officials and citizens in their own ability to change their communities into better environments for families and children," said Christopher T. Gates, president of the National Civic League.

"For 50 years, these remarkable communities have demonstrated what citizens can do when they work together. Allstate is proud to have the opportunity to honor the communities that we have served for over 65 years in their efforts to build stronger, safer places to live and work," said Peter Debreceeny, vice president corporate relations at Allstate.

Benefits of winning the award include heightened national attention — a proven boost for the recruitment of industry, jobs and investment to the area; the reinvigoration of a community's sense of civic pride; and most important, the opportunity to teach and inspire communities throughout the nation that are struggling with similar local issues and concerns.

For more information, call Aleks Humeyumtewa at the National Civic League at (800) 223-6004, e-mail to AleksH@ncl.org or write to 1445 Market Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colo. 80202-1717.

The application for 1999 is accessible through the World Wide Web at www.ncl.org/ncl and is also available in hard-copy.

The National Civic League will hold on-line briefings over the Internet about the AACAA on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and Wednesday, Jan. 6. The one-hour briefing will be repeated in the morning and afternoon of each day at 11 a.m. EST and 3 p.m. EST.

At the briefings, National Civic League president, Christopher T. Gates, and vice president, Gloria Rubio-Cortez, will provide an overview and suggestions for the application process and answer any questions participants may have.

The only equipment necessary to participate in the briefing is a computer, monitor and a telephone hook-up. Communities interested in applying for the award are encouraged to take part in one of the briefings.

The National Civic League is a 104-year-old national non-profit organization headquar-

tered in Denver. The league focuses on issues of good government and community democracy. Best known for its annual AACAA, NCL also works directly with communities to foster cross-sector collaboration and grass-roots problems solving.

The Allstate Insurance Co. has been the sole sponsor of the AACAA since 1969. Allstate Insurance Co. is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurance company, insuring one of every eight homes and automobiles in the country. The company provides insurance for more than 20 million customers and has approximately 15,000 agents in the United States and Canada. Allstate is also a major life insurer.



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The Wayne County Commission, Committee of the Whole, will hold a public hearing on the following:

An Ordinance to provide for smoke free work environments in public and private facilities in order to protect the health of all Wayne County residents.

At its meeting held:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1998
10:00 a.m.

Wayne County Commission, Hearing Room 402
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Pierce Middle School hosts holiday food drive for Wellness House

For the second year, students at Pierce Middle School have organized a holiday food drive to benefit the more than 1,000 needy men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS served by Wellness House of Michigan. Wellness House was Michigan's first AIDS housing provider, and also distributes more food and personal care supplies than any other AIDS organization in the area to persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.



Pierce Middle School's student council members are working to top last year's holiday food drive. Pictured are Harry Galac, vice president; Elena Satut, treasurer; Sunny Jeffries, vice president; and Megan Linne, president.

Student council faculty advisers are Jennifer VandenBrooks and Michelle Heimbuch.

The collection, sponsored by the school's student council, kicked off the week before Thanksgiving, and ended Monday, Nov. 23, at 9:30 a.m., when Wellness House picked up this year's donations. "Our goal," says Jennifer VandenBrooks, Student Council Adviser at Pierce "is to top last year's donations, which amounted to over 700 grocery bags filled with canned and dry foods."

Each student takes a bag home from school, along with a list of needed nonperishable food items. He or she fills the bag, brings it back to school, empties it into a barrel and takes the bag home again to refill as many times as possible. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders really throw themselves into the effort and enjoy watching the pile of cans and boxes build.

"These kids are doing an enormous amount of good," says Rob Fetzer, executive director of Wellness House. "Every bit of food they con-

tribute winds up on the table of someone who really needs it. We're tremendously grateful to them, and so are the people we serve."

A few facts about Wellness House of Michigan

Since Wellness House opened in 1985, it has been home to more than 250 men and women, enabling them to live with independence and dignity. The facilities operate at 100 percent capacity, with a waiting list that grows ever longer.

Wellness House also provides more food supplies than any other AIDS organization in our area — the equivalent of

3,455 meals a week to more than 1,000 men, women and children. It delivers at least 150 meals a week to people so disabled by AIDS that they cannot cook for themselves. Despite the advances in treatment, the AIDS epidemic hasn't gone away, and the epicenter of Michigan's AIDS epidemic is in Detroit, with 70 percent of the state's infected popula-

tion as residents. While AIDS mortality has dropped for the first time, the total number of reported persons living with HIV infection as well as with AIDS has reached an all-time high and may still be increasing. AIDS cases have also increased more rapidly over the past few years among women, blacks, persons who acquired infection heterosexually and persons over age 40.

No one does what Wellness House does. Yet, while demand for services has dramatically increased, public funding has been cut 70 percent for this year alone.

The following are more facts about Wellness House and the services it provides:

- In 1991, Wellness House served approximately 90 food clients each month. At present, a minimum of 350 people are served each month.
- All clients of Wellness House are at or below 300 percent of poverty level, and 78.3 percent are on Medicaid.
- Food distributed in 1990 generated nine tons; food distributed in 1997 generated 60 tons.
- Wellness House makes a little go a long way: \$53 pro-

vides one day of assisted living in one of its homes. \$60 delivers one prepared meal per day for a month to a person disabled by AIDS. \$190 buys a year's worth of nonperishable food boxes for an HIV-positive person.

In 10 months between Dec. 1, 1997 and Oct. 31, 1998, Wellness House of Michigan:

- Provided 3,534 residential "nights";
- Became home for 23 new persons with HIV/AIDS.
- Provided over 5,600 supportive services to residents including transportation, chore assistance, cooking and much more;

Added 910 persons to the emergency food program;

- Provided 132,722 meals through distribution of 3,494 food boxes;
- Delivered an additional 3,170 prepared meals to the homes of AIDS-disabled persons;
- Provided 2,686 persons with nutritional counseling, education, cooking classes, information and referral to other supportive agencies and food resources.

GP South science department teachers create web sites

Lisa Bouda, Karl Geisler and John Theisen, members of the Grosse Pointe South science department, have recently found work on the Internet.

This past summer, each teacher worked with the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to develop science web sites.

Bouda's site describes the process of iron ore mining and related topics. Bouda teaches geology and Earth science.

Geisler's work concentrates on genetics, selective breeding

of Merino sheep for specific traits. Geisler teaches AP biology.

Theisen's work describes five of the scientific instruments that were used by Thomas Edison in his work. Edison's versions of the photometer, the calorimeter, the galvanometer, the spectrum tube and the vacuum pump are examined together with the present day versions of each of these devices. Theisen teaches chemistry.



Pierce Turkey Trotters

The tradition continues as Pierce Middle School recently held its annual Turkey Trot. Students paid a 25 cent entry fee to compete in either the half mile or mile running event. Frozen turkeys were awarded to the top two finishers in each age group. Four new school records were set by Dan Phipps, C.C. Mengel, Kyle Hacias and Bill Bell. Mandi Marsh and Vinnie Panizzi tied school records. The entire school lined the race course to cheer the runners on. The winners, front row from left, include Dana Henze, Mandi Marsh, Elena Satut, Megan McCoy, Samantha Martinez and Liz Baxter. Back row from left include Dan Phipps, Bill Bell, John Grippi, Vinnie Panizzi, C.C. Mengel, Kyle Hacias, Mike Kingsley and Jordan Hofmann. Not pictured are Elizabeth Murphy and Dave Minnick. The Turkey Trot is sponsored by the Pierce Middle School physical education department and the PTO.

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Annual holiday concert will be presented by choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School

The choirs of Grosse Pointe North High School will present their annual holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and Thursday, Dec. 17.

This year's concert, titled "Hymns of Joy," will be performed at the First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, 800 Vernier. Under the direction of Brad LaPratt and Mrs. Margaret Steele and accompanied by Cheryl Patten, all six vocal ensembles will be featured as well as selected student soloists.

Several selections will feature instrumentalists from North's band and orchestra. Compositions performed will

range from popular numbers to classical selections.

Local residents were treated to a sampling of the concert offerings at the Grosse Pointe public schools "Holiday Tea" on Wednesday, Dec. 2. The freshman chorus and chorales provided music for the tree-lighting ceremony in the Village on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Both the Grosse Pointe North Towne Chorale and Women's Ensemble have performed throughout this season for various Grosse Pointe organizations and benefits. Pointe Chorale provided caroling for the Grosse Pointe Thanksgiving Parade and the St. John's annual Christmas

Benefit Ball.

North's Concert Choir will be performing Haydn's "Creation" this spring in New York's Carnegie Hall under the direction of the famous conductor and composer, John Rutter.

The holiday concert will culminate in a performance of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" including all of the schools' vocal ensembles.

Performances begin at 7:30. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited for \$5. Tickets at the door will be \$6.

For further information, call Brad LaPratt at 343-2239.



Choir exchange day enjoyed

Ferry choir students enjoyed their exchange day at Monteith on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Both choir groups sang songs together and then for each other. Paula Decarlo of Monteith and Anne Maters of Ferry coordinated the event.

Grosse Pointe South High School choir to sing 'Messiah'



Grosse Pointe South High School Choir rehearses for "Messiah" in preparation for the Holiday Concert.

A Holiday Concert will be presented by the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

The concert will be held at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church located at 8625 E. Jefferson and Burns in historic Indian Village. Secured parking is available across Jefferson at the Whittier Towers parking lot and behind the church.

Selections will include Handel's "Messiah," traditional

and contemporary Christmas music, madrigals, student solos and a Christmas sing-along. The program is directed by Ellen Bowen.

Tickets can be purchased, cash or checks only, at \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students at Posterity, a gallery located at 16837 Kercheval in the Village.

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Study of visual art leads to student-created dance

Children in second and third grades at The Grosse Pointe Academy, under the direction of creative arts instructor Denise Szykula, created and performed a dance concert based on the art work of local artist Jim Pallas of Grosse Pointe Park on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Each year Szykula selects an artist for study by students in grades one through five. The study of the artist is then turned into a performance of movement and music reflecting

the student impressions of the artist.

This year the celebrated artist is Jim Pallas, a local artist and past Academy parent. Pallas' works are on display at the Allen Stone Gallery in New York City. His art can also be seen in the Detroit Institute of Art in the technology room.

After the performance the children were surprised to find the artist in the audience. They were thrilled to be able to meet the artist; they had stud-



Second and third grade students of The Grosse Pointe Academy perform a creative dance reflecting the students' impressions of the art work of local artist Jim Pallas.

South High School graduate leads Greek community to new level

Nabil Shurafa, a 1997 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was recently elected public relations chairman for the Rutgers Interfraternity Council Executive Board. Shurafa, a Sigma Chi, is a Rutgers College sophomore with a triple major in communications, political science and history.

The Rutgers Interfraternity Council is a student-run organization that acts as the gov-

erning body for the entire fraternity system at Rutgers University.

Shurafa hopes to do his part by creating fun and different community service projects in which all fraternities will become involved.

Shurafa is also responsible for co-founding the first Greek newsletter at Rutgers. He also is a coxswain on the heavy-weight crew team and is the chapter editor for his Sigma Chi chapter.

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Capturing exciting winter holiday scenes on film

I've often written about photographing during the holidays because at no other time of the year are more pictures taken to record treasured family memories.

Today, I'd like to review some of the important pointers for picture-taking at Christmas time and also to give you some new ideas to consider.

The best kind of "people" pictures to take at holiday time are casual ones, even candid. Rather than pose everyone stiffly in a line, have family members and friends sit or stand casually. Use your self-timer so that you can get in the picture too.

Snap the kids as they happily unwrap new presents under the tree. In all the excitement, they won't even know you're there and you'll be able to obtain natural, spontaneous expressions.

Fill the frame for impact and watch the background for distractions or unwanted reflections from mirrors and windows.

Use flash and slow speed film. This way, your shots will be sharp, clear and fine grain so that you can have quality enlargements made.

Don't forget other holiday subjects that will add variety to your shots. A close-up of a sparkling tree ornament, the wreath on the front door or the

Photography

By Monte Nagler

Christmas dinner table all will pay off with fine yuletide pictures.

For those of you who live in "snow country," holiday time is the perfect time for capturing dramatic winter scenes on film. Photo opportunities after a snowfall abound.

Need some gift ideas for the camera buff in the family? How about one of the many fine photography books or quality photography calendars that are available? The stores have many selections and they could be just the thing to keep the photography interest stimulated throughout the year.

Another unique idea is to "give" a photography class or

workshop to the aspiring camera enthusiast in the family.

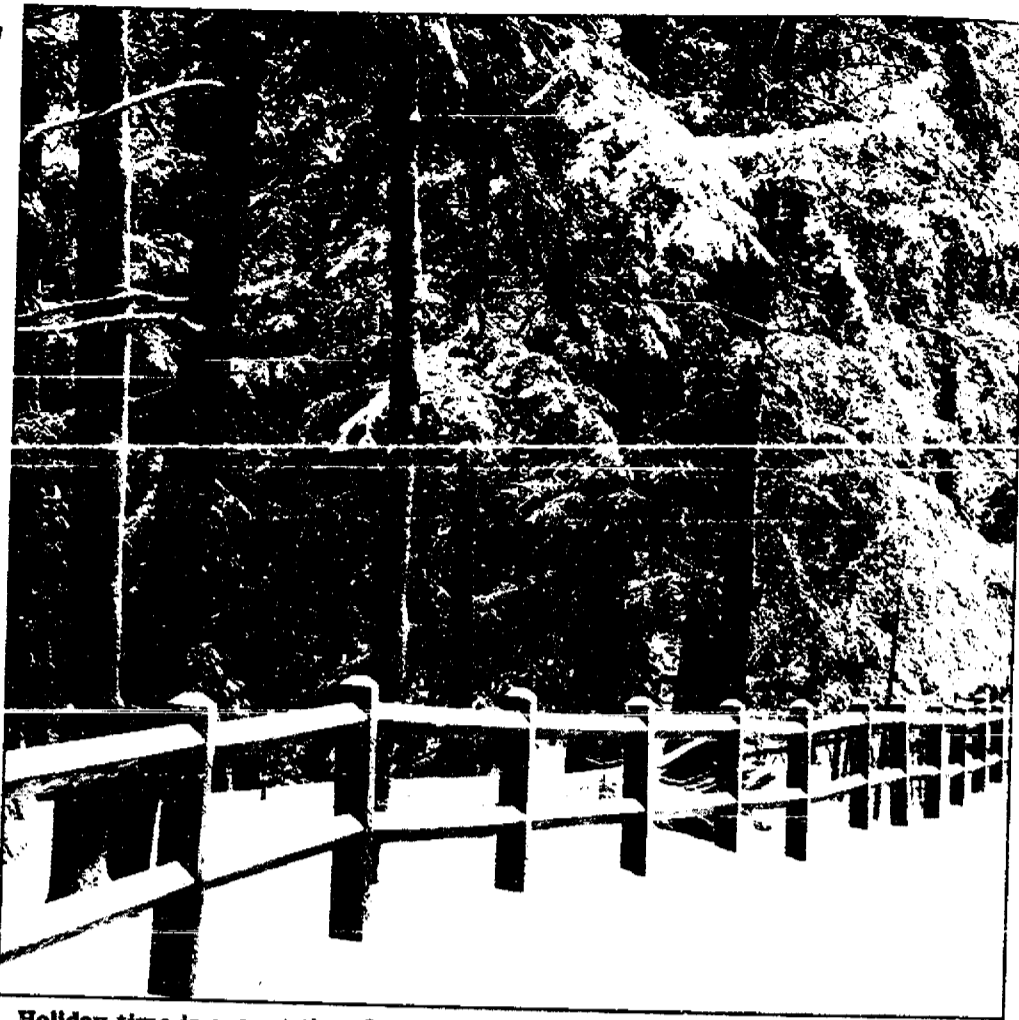
All metropolitan areas offer many classes. Just check your local newspaper or inquire at your camera shop for schedules.

Another idea is to purchase a gift certificate for a family portrait at one of the local studios.

This is truly a personal and unique gift for those special relatives, friends or neighbors.

And at holiday time, we're usually deep in nature's blanket of winter snow. So bundle up both you and your camera to capture some exciting winter scenes on film.

Happy holidays to all my readers and friends.



Holiday time is a great time for getting winter scenes on film. This shot was taken by Monte Nagler in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Power outages fixed by calling Edison

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Although a couple of powerful storms damaged the Pointes last summer, toppling trees, power lines and causing fires, the community has been paid back with an easy fall.

But snow, ice storms and the prospect of power outages will soon signal the start of winter.

An official from Detroit Edison said the best way to ensure that power is restored after an outage is to call the utility company. "We prioritize repairs based on call volume," said Mike Chriss, a regional manager for the electric utility.

The more calls the company receives from a neighborhood, the quicker the repairs.

"Calls from individual customers help us learn the depth and breadth of the outage. They also help us do an analysis of the problem," he said. "If a neighborhood is out, everybody should try to call. Don't designate one person to call on behalf of an entire block because Edison will record the call as only one household."

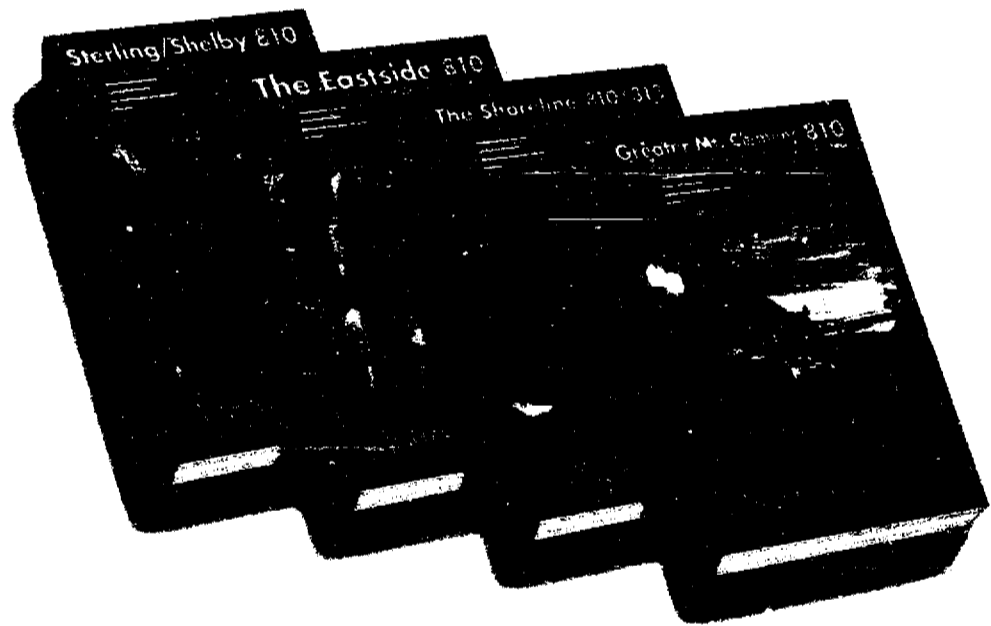
Don't bother calling the company repeatedly, hoping to fool them into thinking a large number of customers are having problems and making repairs faster.

It won't do anything but tie-up telephone lines. "Multiple calls from one number is recorded as one call," said Chriss.

In the last big storm, "450,000 people lost power within a 1 1/2 hour time span, during which a good percentage of those customers were calling to make reports. It may seem like we're a little slow, but it's just volume."

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Gain the benefits of calcium to guard against osteoporosis

If you want to start a lively conversation don't talk about exercise programs. That's boring. And don't list the pros and cons of your diet unless you're prepared to go into great detail about the necessity of making sure you include the recommended amount of calcium.

Not too long ago fiber held the spotlight. A well-informed conversationalist on the subject could hold the attention of a health-conscious audience for hours.

Having absorbed all there is to know about fiber, those who are going to keep up with the latest health findings on how to maintain a fit and energetic body are reaping the benefits of calcium.

You know the subject is hot when marketing people jump on the bandwagon. Television and magazines are inundated with ads touting the benefits of calcium supplements.

Fliers in packages of flour point out how good the products you bake will be because calcium has been added to the flour.

There is a product you can chew like gum, and believe it or not they have added calcium to Coca Cola, and you can't open a magazine without seeing a milk mustache on some celebrity.

It is evident that no company is going to languish in the trenches but will be right there when the action is in this major battle to save the bones of women and men in America.

Concern over maintenance of calcium levels is not misplaced. In a conference on osteoporosis held in 1994 it was revealed that 20 million to 30 million women over 60 were victims and that 15 percent of the men in our population would have osteoporosis. The disease costs the United States about \$4 billion a year.

For those who have osteoporosis the cost in pain and suffering is inestimable.

More women than men are affected because men's bone mass is higher due to having larger skeletons and the need for larger bones to support it.

Another factor that accounts for the higher incidence in women is the loss of estrogen during menopause.

But the factors in order of importance are Caucasian females with a history of osteoporosis, low calcium intake, early menopause, a sedentary lifestyle, alcohol, cigarettes, caffeine and a high protein diet, the emphasis on excess.

The importance of exercise is stressed, particularly exercise that involves putting weight on



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

the bones was not recommended, such as walking or jogging. It is interesting to note that the astronauts floating in space with no need to put added stress on their bones lost calcium.

When it comes to being sure of getting the calcium needed, the recommended dosage is 1,500 mg for older women and 1,000 mg for those who are younger. The average person takes only 500 mg. To improve the intake, diet is the best means.

The ideal source of calcium is milk but drinking a quart of milk would also mean taking in added cholesterol and lead to increase weight.

But there is more to calcium than milk. Foods such as cheese, salmon, shrimp, sardines, spinach, broccoli and cottage cheese are good sources.

If you have some suspicion that you might have osteoporosis or if you just want to know what your bone density is, there are ways to find out. One of them is an X-ray. However, you must have lost one-half of your bone density before it is detected.

More precise is the single proton radiation through gamma rays. It will detect bone loss in small areas such as the arm.

Since bone density can be maintained it is important for women to follow preventive measures at an early age.

Older people who may have osteoporosis should be careful to avoid falling. For them, their fractures are serious because of such complications as pneumonia.

A brief overview of the structure of the bones is helpful in understanding why

bones are in continuous need of calcium replacement.

Bones are living tissue. In some ways bone tissue resembles rocks. Like rocks, bones contain minerals. Bones have hollow spaces filled with marrow, arteries and veins.

The materials of the bones are constantly being dissolved and carried away by the blood. The food which we eat replaces bone which has been taken away. The exchange of materials is important in the case of calcium. There is a constant exchange passage of calcium from the blood to the bones, from the bones to the blood. It has been said that entire calcium level in the blood is turned over in about 200 days. To build bones calcium is needed.

And bones are of interest his-

torically. Dug up by archaeologists, they can tell us stories about early man, before he learned to write, before he learned to use any tools, except the simplest ones made of stone.

There are some skeletons that have been discovered as old as 60,000 years.

So besides taking care of your bones for your own sake, you don't want someone centuries from now looking at your bones full of notes from osteoporosis.

Think what that would tell future historians and archaeologists.

And there is the possibility you might want to follow the dictates of an old swinging song: "Take off your skins and dance around in your bones."

Injury prevention guidelines for snow shovelers

If you can't imagine what golfing and shoveling snow can have in common, Dr. Garth Russell, past chairman of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, reminds us that, "before teeing off, golfers regularly warm-up their backs, legs, arms and shoulders to avoid injury. Snow shovelers should do the same."

In other words, before you even lift your snow shovel, warm up those muscles for about 10 minutes by doing light exercises that focus on the back, legs, arms and shoulders.

Then, when you're ready to shovel, follow these injury prevention guidelines provided by Russell:

vention guidelines provided by Russell:

• Keep the shovel close to your body.

Don't extend your arms with a shovel full of snow — that puts too much weight on your spine.

• If possible, push the snow in front of you.

• If you must lift the snow, bend your knees — not your back — squat, and lift with your legs.

Scoop up small amounts of snow and walk to where you will dump it.

Do not toss the snow over

your shoulder or to the side.

Russell notes that the ligaments and disks in your back are prone to more injury when you are in a twisted position.

Such movement tears the outer lining of the disk, allowing its soft center to bulge into the nerve, producing extreme pain.

Muscles and ligaments tighten, go into spasms, and can sideline the shoveler for days.

Also, avoid falls by wearing shoes with slip-resistant soles. Make sure you can see what you're shoveling.

Don't let a scarf block your view.

Remember" Russell says,

snow that stays on the ground for a while usually becomes heavier.

Take off an inch or two, rest, then shovel another inch. Rest, then repeat.

One more note from Russell: Be well-rested before attempting to shovel snow, and drink lots of non-alcoholic fluids before and after the job.

The Academy of General Dentistry advises taking a tip from veteran skiers, and use lip protection to avoid cold sores when you're exposed for any length of time to cold, sun and wind.

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New Ford Windstar more than just doggone fun



Autos

By Richard Wright

Getting into a Ford Windstar with the two power side doors is fun. Approaching from the driver's side, I push a button on the keyless entry fob and the driver's side rear sliding door begins to move slowly open.

The dog runs excitedly around the vehicle, exuberant at the thought of going somewhere. Unlike people, dogs

don't care where. I push the other sliding door button. The dog is surprised to see the door in front of it opening. I am on the other side of the vehicle, blocked from view.

Spooked, the dog hesitates, then dashes back to the relative safety of my side.

Fun with dogs is not what Ford's engineers had in mind when they designed this

power sliding side door system for the Windstar minivan. What they had in mind was Ford's latest attempt in a series to dethrone Chrysler Corp. from minivan dominance.

In addition to completely new exterior and interior styling, biggest news for '99 is the left-hand sliding door. Second and third row seats are now on rollers for easier adjustment and the instrument panel has been redesigned for improved ergonomics.

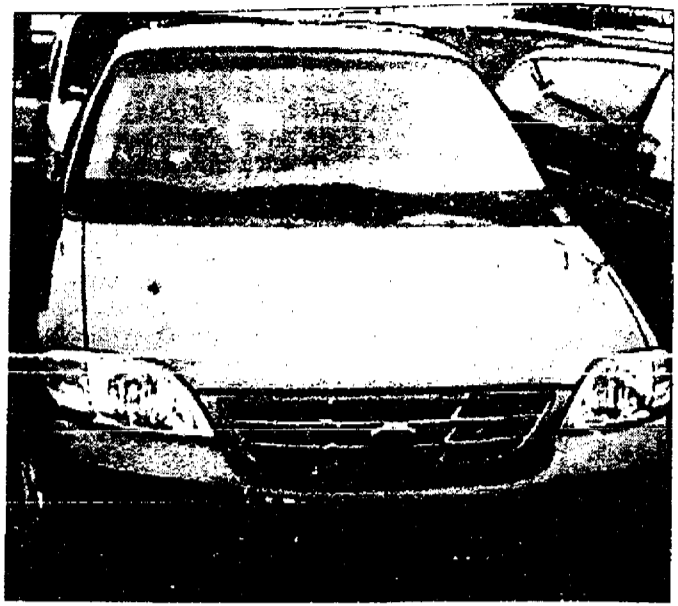
There's also a more powerful, cleaner-burning 3.8-liter V-6 plus upgraded suspension, transmission, brakes and air conditioning components. New options include side air bags and a reverse sensing system to keep you from banging into

things you can't see because this is a truck.

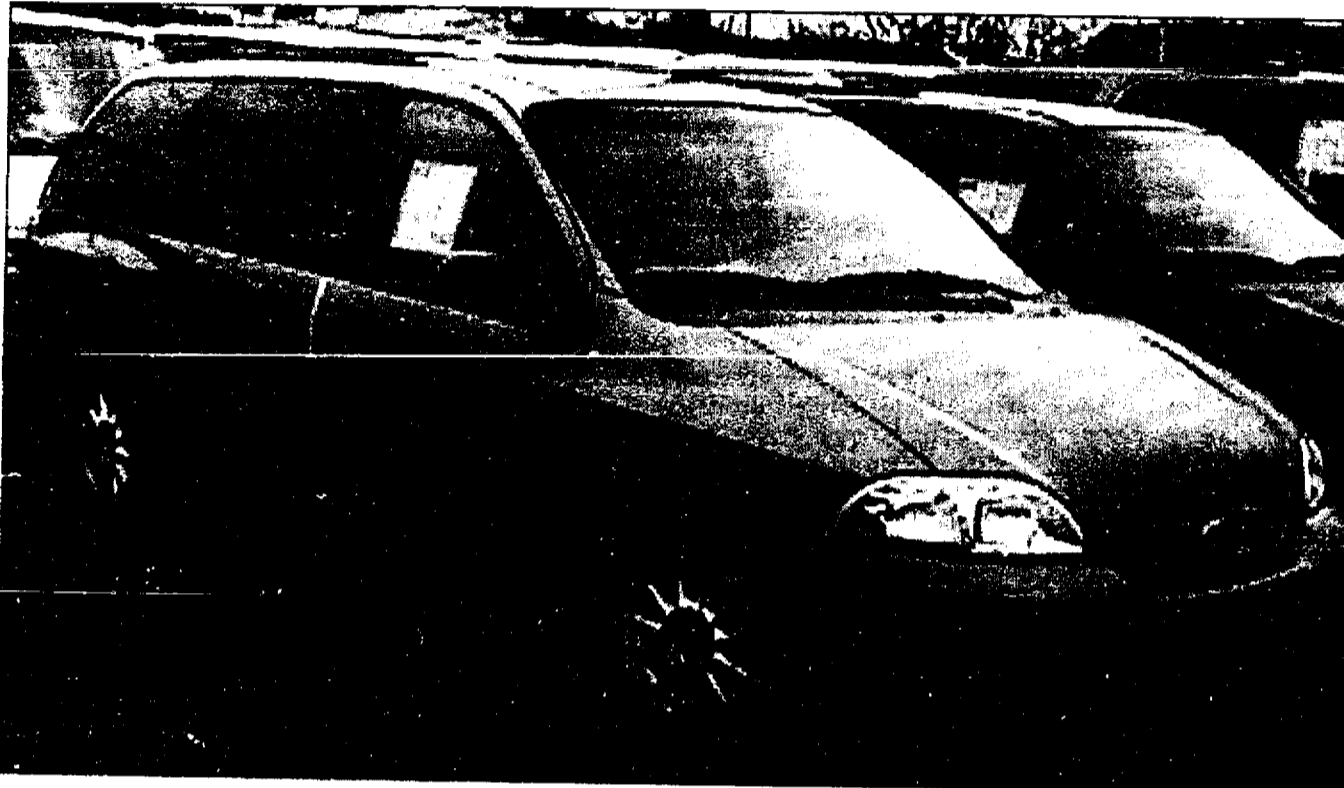
This is the Windstar's first major redesign since it was introduced in 1995 and safety was a major consideration. In fact, the 1999 Windstar earned a government crash rating of five stars for both the driver and front passenger.

The 3.8-liter V-6 offers a robust 200 hp while still meeting the current low-emission vehicle and Ultra Low Emission Vehicle standards, meaning it produces 65 percent fewer hydrocarbon emissions than required for the average vehicle in its class.

The basic warranty is 3 years/36,000 miles on drivetrain and the full vehicle. Roadside assistance is for that same period. The rust warranty is five years/unlimited



Ford is counting on the new Windstar to compete favorably with the minivans produced by Chrysler Corporation.



Safety was a major consideration in the Windstar's first major redesign since its introduction in 1995. The 1999 Windstar earned top marks for both driver and passenger safety.

mileage. EPA fuel efficiency rates are 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway. Base price for the Windstar SEL four-door minivan is \$30,995.

Handling requirements for a van are not the same as for a sports car. In a van, you want the vehicle to not feel like its going to tip when cornering, to go where it's pointed and to stop without having to stand on the brakes. The Windstar is fine on all counts. It does not surprise.

The Windstar has a low center of gravity and a wide stance so it corners well. Suspension is soft enough to keep passengers from being bounced around at every crack and pothole in the road. Entry and exit are easy, noise levels are low, visibility is good, cargo loading is easy and minimal effort is required to move seats around.

The Windstar has raised the comfort standard for minivans. It can seat seven and still have plenty of cargo space. The driver's seat is supportive and provides a commanding view of the road ahead. Controls are within easy reach.

The second-row bench seat can be positioned on either the right or left side of the vehicle, meaning the aisle to the third row seat can be set up based on owner preference.

In short, if you want a truck that feels like a car, the Windstar is the most comfortable and car-like.

With a list of standard equipment that includes an anti-theft system, power windows, a 26-gallon fuel tank and four-wheel anti-lock brakes, the 1999 Windstar is making a serious run for minivan buyers.

With the Windstar, Ford has come up with the toughest competition yet for Chrysler Corp.'s minivans. Chrysler claims it invented the minivan, which is debatable, and it dominates the market, which is not debatable.

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First snow of winter will test driving skills

The first snow of the season will test winter driving skills, says AAA Michigan. To help motorists prepare, the auto club offers the following winter driving tips:

- Improve visibility by clearing snow and ice from the entire car.
- Drive with headlights on low-beam for better road illumination.
- Slow down. Posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions.
- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns. Accelerate carefully.
- Don't brake hard. The best technique for braking on ice or snow is "threshold" or "squeeze" braking.

brakes firmly to a point just short of lock-up, and then easing off the brake pedal slightly. Applying steady pressure is better than pumping the brakes. If your vehicle has anti-lock brakes, continuous, firm pressure is recommended. Check your owner's manual for procedures.

• In a skid, ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes.

Carefully steer in the direction you want to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.

• Anticipate potential danger such as ice on bridges, snow-covered lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust speed, increase stopping distance between other cars and change lanes to avoid trouble.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

from  AAA Michigan

- **CLEAR SNOW AND ICE FROM CAR.** To improve visibility, remove all snow and ice from your hood, roof, trunk, turn signals, tail lights, headlights, etc.
- **GO SLOW IN THE SNOW.** Posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions. Slow down when visibility and road conditions are impaired.
- **DON'T BRAKE HARD.** On ice and snow, use "threshold" or "squeeze" braking when driving a car without anti-lock brakes. Apply the brakes firmly to a point just short of lock-up, then ease off the brake pedal slightly. For vehicles with anti-lock brakes, continuous, firm braking is recommended.
- **ANTICIPATE DANGER.** Be ready for ice on bridges, hidden lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust your speed, increase following distance between vehicles.
- **PUT THE LID ON SKIDS.** Ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes. Carefully steer in the direction you want your vehicle to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.
- **WINTER SURVIVAL KIT.** Be prepared with a winter survival kit: Boots, hats and gloves; ice scraper and brush; flares and/or reflectors; jumper cables; shovel and carpet strips or cat litter (for traction); tools and flashlight; snacks and blanket; coffee can furnace and matches (a candle for heat).

State is offering tips to help parents supervise teen drivers

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that Secretary of State branch offices, in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety Planning, are once again providing parents with tips they can use when supervising their young driver.

Under Michigan's new graduated licensing law, young drivers must complete 50 hours of practice driving on a Level I Learner's License, under the supervision of a licensed parent or guardian before they receive an intermediate license.

"One of the key elements of graduated licensing is the mandatory number of hours teens must spend practice driving under the supervision of a licensed parent, legal guardian or designated adult age 21 or older," said Miller. "Experience is a critical factor in helping young drivers become safe drivers and that's why we want to help those who will be supervising young drivers make the

most of the opportunity." Beginning this month, parents of teens applying for a Level I Learner's License will be given "Be Hip to this Kind of Trip," a brochure that provides tips they can use to better supervise the young driver. Included in the brochure are:

- Important topics parents should discuss with their teens during practice driving sessions such as defensive driving, alcohol use, speed and nighttime driving;
- Facts to remember when riding with a young driver;
- A check list of good driving habits parents should demonstrate to their teens.

In addition to the "Be Hip to this Kind of Trip" brochure, young drivers applying for a Level I Learner's License receive a "Road Skills Test Study Guide" and brochures highlighting the graduated licensing law and Michigan's probationary licensing program.

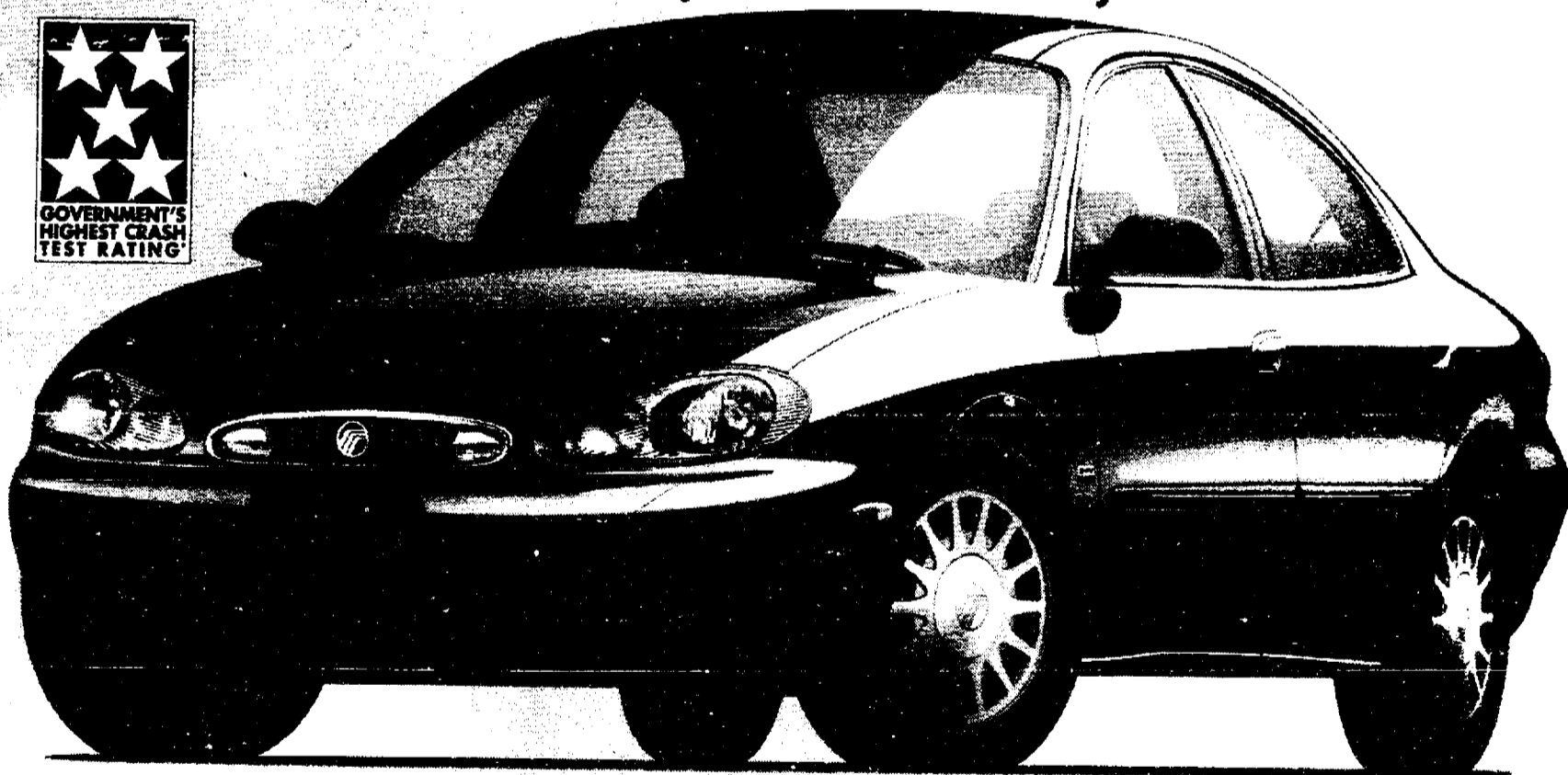
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15 shopping days to Christmas — time for a check-up!

December is, indeed, the perfect time for a check-up of your securities portfolio.

If you are 75 1/2 or older, the IRS requires you to commence periodic payments from your individual retirement account (IRA) each year.

Such withdrawals are initiated through your custodian — the brokerage firm, mutual fund or bank.

Gifts of appreciated stock can be made to charitable institutions, or to family members. To qualify as a 1998 charitable deduction, your shares must actually be transferred to the charity before year-end.

Gifts to individuals can be made at anytime, but to avoid

gift taxes, there are certain size limitations. Check your tax adviser before making any gift.

Tax-loss securities sales can be executed on or before Dec. 31 and qualify for the capital loss provisions of the IRS. Losses can be taken to offset all realized capital gains, plus \$3,000.

Additional losses can be carried forward to future years. Again, check your tax adviser.

"Swing" deductions are those which can be paid either in 1998 or 1999. You should check your tax adviser to see if the deduction is more valuable to your 1998 tax return or next year's return.

Assuming you use the "long-form" for itemized deductions, look over each category to see if you can "swing" certain deductible expenses forward or backward.

For most taxpayers, the biggest "swing" deduction is



By Joseph Mengden

Let's talk...STOCKS

your winter real estate taxes, assuming you own your residence.

For Michigan residents, the winter tax was due Dec. 1, but may be paid without penalty until mid-February next year.

If you hand in or mail your taxes in late December, they are 1998 deductions. If paid in February, they will be 1999 deductions. It's up to you.

Another "swing" category is "charitable contributions." Your favorite charity really doesn't care much if your check is dated and received in December or Jan. 2.

Here's a tip: If you use a post-dated January check, be sure to enclose a note explaining that it is to be credited to your 1998 pledge (to cover your football ticket eligibility next fall).

the acronym for "Long-term Equity Anticipation Security." They are a long-term (up to two years) cousin to options, which are short-term (nine months or less).

LEAPS are available in both puts and calls. Last week, LTS discussed in detail the LEAPS-calls, used to take advantage of the upside potential of a stock for up to two years, using substantially less capital than ownership of the stock itself, or on margin.

This week, let's review LEAPS-puts. The purchase of LEAPS-puts may provide protection against future price declines for those re-entering the market, or for those already holding stock positions.

The LEAPS-puts contract gives the buyer the option, but not the obligation, to sell 100 shares of the stock at a price (called the "strike price") until a specified future date (the "expiration date").

The seller of the LEAPS-puts contract (which you purchased) must buy the 100 shares of the stock at the "strike price," whenever it is "put to him" prior to the expiration date. The key words here are "must buy."

If you're bearish on a stock, buy a put or a LEAPS-put. For that contractual privilege, you will pay the seller the market price thereof, plus the broker's commission, which combined is called the "opportunity cost."

As you would expect, LEAPS-puts come in three sizes: "in-the-money," "at-the-money," and "out-of-the-money," somewhat similar to the LEAPS-calls described here last week.

If you're bearish on a stock, you could sell it "short" in a margin account with proper collateral.

But the "naked short" (assumes you do not own the

stock which you shorted) exposes you to unlimited losses if the stock goes up, instead of down.

On the other hand, if you're bearish on a stock, which has LEAPS outstanding, why not purchase a LEAPS-put instead?

If your guess is wrong, and the stock price goes up, instead of down, all you can lose on the expiration date is your original cost, the "opportunity cost."

The options and LEAPS markets are too complicated to further describe here, and obvi-

ously are not suitable for all investors.

If you're interested in learning more, ask your stock broker to introduce you to his/her firm's option principal.

LTS again thanks Wayne Shapiro, vice president-options department of First of Michigan Corp., without whose technical help this article would have been impossible.

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

\$Dollar for Dollar\$

By Shannon Dufresne

Holiday bells may be ringing, but it's not too early to think about tax time.

This is the last month you will be able to make taxable charitable donations for this tax year. It is also crunch time when it comes to opening a Roth IRA. Contact your local bank or your CPA for more information on this IRA. There are certain requirements you will need to meet.

If you're looking at taking any business deductions in terms of purchasing equipment, this is the month to make those purchases.

Be sure you have all your receipts together. While you won't receive your W-2 forms until January (or 1999s), or your interest statements from your investments or mortgage company, you can still be sure you have everything else ready.

If you're looking to switch accountants, it's a good time of year to do so. Most accountants aren't busy right now, although they swing into full gear right after the new year.

Be sure your accountant is someone you can trust who will be reliable and accurate. For instance, tax preparers are required by law to sign your tax form after its been done. If a tax preparer refuses to do so, something's wrong.

While ultimately you are responsible for a false tax return, the preparer still has to give his signature. Another thing to beware of is an accountant who will tell you right off the bat that he can save you money. He couldn't possibly know that without going through your records. If he's saying this, chances are he's willing to monkey around with your returns.

If you pay quarterly taxes, be sure you do so before the end of the year.

One last thing: The IRS may be somewhat more user-friendly than in years past, thanks to congressional reforms. However, that doesn't mean that people who violate tax laws are given a free pass. Be sure your returns are legal and accurate. Saying "everyone cheats" on their taxes isn't going to get you anywhere but to the nearest jail cell!

For more information on taxes, visit our web site at www.dollar4dollar.com.

Waldenbooks and Harmony House are unphased by Borders

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

In a qualified statement, a representative of Waldenbooks said the store is staying put in the Village, but didn't say for how long.

"I have taken a look at all the information I have before me about upcoming store closings," said Linda Cain, public relations manager in Waldenbooks' corporate office in Ann Arbor.

"At this point, we have no information that the Grosse Pointe store will be closing. It's currently our intention to keep it open. This situation may shift next year. But at this point, the Grosse Pointe store will remain open."

Waldenbooks opened its Village location in 1985 and developed a loyal following as the shopping district's main bookstore. However, the fate of the store was questioned by customers and anxious staff members beginning last January, when Borders Books, Music & Cafe announced plans to enter the market. Both stores are owned by Borders Group, Inc., based in Ann Arbor.

Cain said the future of Waldenbooks depends on participation in the store's preferred reader program.

In return for a \$10 sign-up

fee, members receive 10 a percent discount on everything in the store, excluding gift certificates, magazine and newspapers.

"Those customers keep coming back," said Cain. "We find (they are) often the saving grace in a lot of situations where we have any competition that opens nearby."

If Borders has the same impact on Waldenbooks as it has had on Harmony House in other markets, prospects look good in the Village.

Chuck Papke, vice president of retail operations for Harmony House, said, "Business at our Madison Heights store increased after Borders opened. It's more for the merrier."

Businesses thinking of leaving the Village should "sit tight," said Christine Bremer, assistant city manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. "There are no vacancies in the Village. Business is expected to be enhanced as a result of the streetscape improvements we have planned."

Michael Smith of M.C. Smith & Associates, the architect hired by the city to carry out the renovation project, said, "When commercial districts undertake a project like the one in the Village, business goes up across the board."

Business People



Jakobowski

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Juliet Jakobowski** is a co-founder and partner of the new architectural firm, JJSB Architects, of Rochester Hills, which specializes in corporate, retail, health care and university architecture.

Jakobowski's portfolio includes development of the Karmanos Cancer Institute and renovations to Sana/DMC Hospital, as well as corporate work for Chrysler and Kmart corporations.

She earned bachelor's of science and master of architecture degrees from the University of Michigan.

Jack Nelson has been hired as senior producer at the Detroit office of Bozell Worldwide advertising.

He will be involved in the production of broadcast commercials for various accounts, including Chrysler Corp.'s Jeep brand and Little Caesar Enterprises.

A former freelancer for Miller Brewing and the Detroit Film Theatre, Nelson is a graduate of Hamilton College and lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

The following medical doctors living in the Pointes have been named "Best Doctors in America — 1999" by Woodward/White, the publishers of "The Best Doctors in America":

From the City of Grosse Pointe: **Edward Krull**, dermatology; **Terrence Lock**, orthopedic surgery; and **Norman Silverman**, thoracic surgery.

From the Farms: **Julie Kish**, oncology and hematology. From the Park: **Christine Jerpbak**, family medicine; **Henry Lim**, dermatology; **Hugh L.N. MacKechnie**, allergy and immunology; **Robert Narins**, nephrology; **Richard Nichols**, otolaryngology; **Alexander Shepard**, surgery; **Ronald Strickler**, obstetrics and gynecology; and **Carl Zylak**, radiology.

From the Shores: **Herman Houin**, plastic surgery. From the Woods: **Mark Balle**, dermatology; and **Fred Whitehouse**, endocrinology and metabolism.

John Gillooly, of the Park, has become chairperson of the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Gillooly is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law and is a shareholder in the Detroit law firm of Garan, Lucow, Miller and Seward, where he concentrates on municipal litigation.

Down, then back a bit

The stock market started last week in a corrective mode, with the DJI losing 453 points, or 4.8 percent, through Thursday.

Massive selling on Monday forced the Dow down 216 points, and again on Thursday down 185 points.

But on Friday, the market celebrated the good economic news on employment with a DJI gain of 136 points.

For the week ended Friday, Dec. 4, the Dow was down a net 317 points to 9,016.14.

During the post WWII-era, the market has experienced four other sharp rallies similar to our recent October-November burst, in 1975, 1982, 1986 and 1991. In each case, stocks continued to rise after the sharp advances, gaining, on average, another 9 percent in the succeeding three months.

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Elizabeth B. Payne

Elizabeth Berney Payne

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Nov. 28, in Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms for Farms resident Elizabeth Berney Payne, who died in her home on Monday, Nov. 23, 1998.

Mrs. Payne, 74, was known to her friends as Betty. She was born in Birmingham, Ala., and attended Sophie Newcomb College. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 1942.

Mrs. Payne worked in the Johns Hopkins blue baby clinic in the late 1940s and later did similar work at Children's Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, and Basel, Switzerland.

An active member of the community, Mrs. Payne was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts for 25 years. She was also known for her dedicated work at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, where she volunteered much of her time.

Mrs. Payne is survived by her husband, Walter A. Payne Jr., M.D.; a daughter, Gena Payne Canche; two sons, Walter Andrew Payne III and Robert B. Payne; and two grandchildren.

Interment is at the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the All Saints Fund,

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, or to the Cottage Hospital Hospice, 1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI, 48202.

Margaret Amelia Reiner

A funeral service was held in the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, Dec. 4, for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret Amelia Reiner, who died in her home on Monday, Nov. 30, 1998.

Mrs. Reiner, 89, was born in Detroit and graduated from Cass Technical High School. She worked for Fife Shoes, Henry's Dry Cleaners and was a clerk at the Rialto Theater.

An active member of the community, Mrs. Reiner was president of the Jones Elementary School Mother's Club. She was also active in the Second Church of Christ, Scientist in Detroit.

A homemaker, Mrs. Reiner enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening and working on crafts.

Mrs. Reiner is survived by a son, Robert.

Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Wilfred Crittenden McLaughlin

A memorial service was held in Shoreline, Wash., on Saturday, Nov. 21, for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Wilfred Crittenden McLaughlin, who died on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1998.

Mr. McLaughlin, 53, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, Alma College and received his master's degree in business from the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a partner in the accounting firm of Hansen, McLaughlin in Edmonds, Wash.

An active member of his community, Mr. McLaughlin was a reserve firefighter for the Shoreline fire department and volunteered at this church, Richmond Beach Congregational.

Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Marcia; two daugh-

ters, Heather and Amy; a brother, Robyn; and his mother, Phyllis E. McLaughlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richmond Beach Congregational Church Capital Campaign or the church's transitional housing fund, 1512 NW 195 Street, Shoreline, WA, 98177.

Robert R. Vens

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert R. Vens, who died in Magnolia Springs, Ala., on Monday, Oct. 19, 1998.

Mr. Vens, 66, was born in Belgium and worked as a building inspector and water superintendent for the City of Grosse Pointe.

An active man, Mr. Vens enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Vens is survived by his wife, Joanne U. Vens; two sons, Jim and John Vens; a brother, Wilfred Vens; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 West 12 Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI, 48076.

Paul W. Gillan

A funeral service was held in the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods on Friday, Dec. 4, for Woods resident Paul W. Gillan, who died of complications from a stroke on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1998.

Mr. Gillan, 80, was born in Detroit and attended Wayne University and the University of San Francisco Extension school. He was former chief designer of the Pontiac Division of General Motors and was head of GM's advanced design studios, as well as coordinator of the company's Canadian and overseas program.

A veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Gillan earned the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club,

the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and the Scarab Club. Since retiring in 1980, Mr. Gillan enjoyed painting, especially of classic cars. One of his paintings, "First Commercial Air Mail" is on permanent display in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. He taught automotive design at the Center for Creative Studies, helped create the GM exhibit at the 1965 World's Fair and was a judge for many years at the annual Greenfield Village Old Car Festival. He enjoyed sailing.

Mr. Gillan is survived by two daughters, Patricia Milner and Carole Goodfriend; a brother, Jack; and six grandchildren.

Wendell L. Reaser

A funeral service took place in the Gerrish Township Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 5, for former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Wendell L. Reaser, who died in his home in Prudenville on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998.

Mr. Reaser, 78, was born in Macon, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Emily Bucciero Reaser; a daughter, Marrianna Pagel; a son, Robert; two sisters, Nina Hawkins and Inez Doetsch; a brother, Richard; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Steurnol & McLaren Funeral Home of Prudenville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jean E. Reid

A funeral Mass was celebrated in the Dominican

Sisters Chapel in Oxford on Thursday, Dec. 3, for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jean E. Reid, who died in the home of her son in Oakland Township on Sunday, Nov. 29, 1998.

Mrs. Reid, 83, was born in Larium. She was active in a Catholic theater group.

Mrs. Reid is survived by her son, Kenneth; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth.

Interment is at the Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home in Lake Orion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cranbrook Hospice.

Alice Klein

A memorial Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. for Grosse Pointe Shores resident Alice

Klein, who died in her home on Monday, Nov. 30, 1998.

Mrs. Klein, 94, was born in Detroit and graduated from St. Anthony High School.

She was an active member of the community and belonged to the League of Catholic Women, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association, a bridge group at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Neighborhood Club.

Mrs. Klein was a big fan of the Oprah Winfrey Show. She also enjoyed listening to the symphony and playing bridge.

Mrs. Klein is survived by her daughter, Karyn Yule; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Christian.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, or to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

"By Word of MOUTH"

Dr. Kevin Prush, D.D.S.

Last month I encountered a situation I have not faced before. A new patient was referred to me who needed a lot of dental work and TLC. Although she may not mind the idea, these are not the initials of Tom Cruise... they stand for "tender loving care."

This very nice, professional woman had an intense fear of dental work, dentists and flat-out did not want to be conscious/awake for any treatment! The patient asked

me if she could be asleep for any and all of her treatment. I brought up the subject of I.V. sedation. I.V. sedation can be used in a hospital setting. This is a wonderful idea for some people!

There are children who may benefit from this idea. Some hospitals have pediatric dentists on staff. For a child who requires a lot of dentistry and is terrified of the thought, sedation may be an option.

The point is, as in the case of the professional woman, even the most fearful patients have somewhere they can go for treatment.

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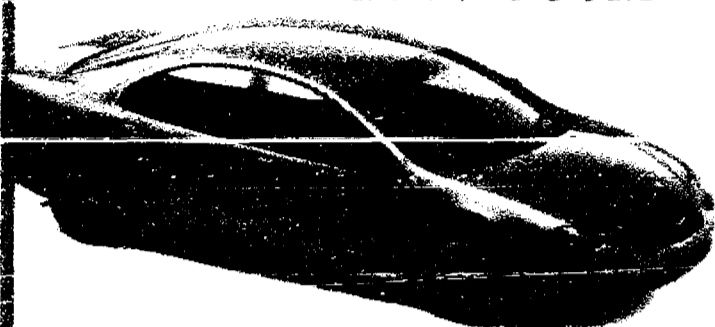
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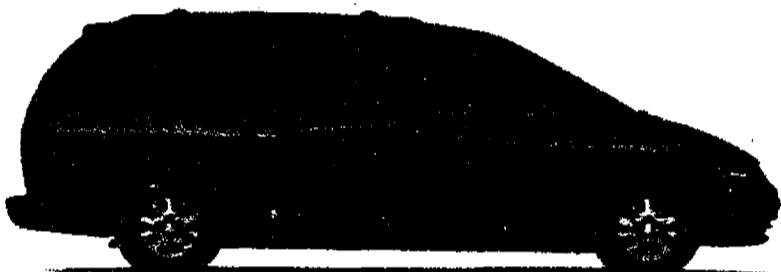


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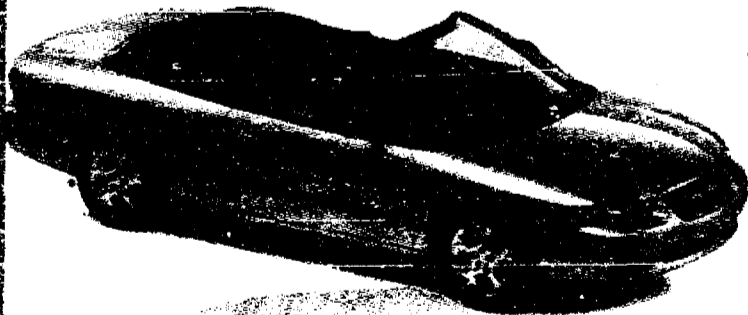


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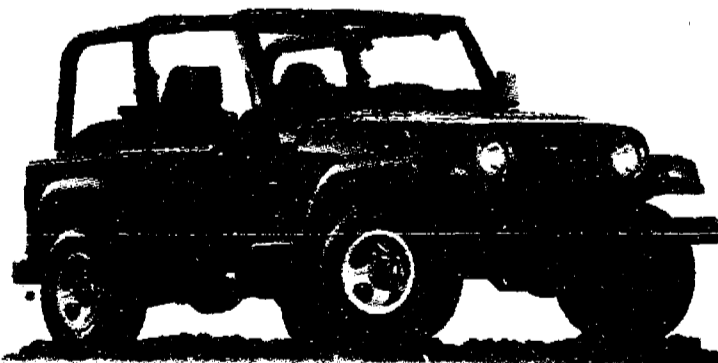


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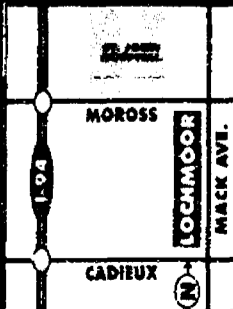
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How Wayne County handles a snowstorm

STORMY WEATHER

For many veterans of Michigan winters, thoughts of bad snowstorms take them back to two miserable days in January of 1978.

It was called the "Great Blizzard of 1978" and over the course of 48 hours, it buried the County in nearly 20 inches of snow.

Wayne County's Roads Director, Bob Mahoney, a Roads department veteran of 40-plus Michigan winters, said he knew he had to prepare for the worst after a conversation with his contact at the National Weather Service.

"He told me the barometer was lower than he had ever seen it," said Mahoney. "Then he said - 'Bob, I don't know what's going to happen' - we're talking about a guy who'd seen plenty of big storms over the years, so that sort of bothered me."

"The storm lasted two days, but it took a good week's worth of plowing to clear up the mess," Mahoney added. "We must have gone 36 hours straight without a taking break of any kind. And to make things worse, there was a salt shortage that year because our supplier ran out. We were using anything we could get our hands on."

"Even still," Mahoney said, "We didn't suffer the embarrassment of having to close our roads like they had to in adjacent counties. We had a well thought-out plan and we stuck to it."

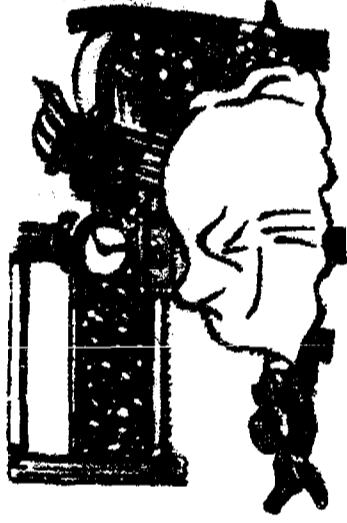
Maintenance Engineer Earl Olilla said that any time a freeway or other major artery was in danger of becoming impassable, they would go out there with five to seven plows. For this storm, they also had to rent machinery from private companies to help them move all of the snow.

At the same time that they were dealing with one of the biggest snowstorms in County history, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners was doing an investigation of the Roads department's practices. By the time they finished their study they were so impressed they presented them with a special proclamation praising their efforts.

So, what if history repeats itself this year?

"We'll be ready," said Mahoney. "Even if it's not in the forecast, we go over our plans for the Big Storm, making sure we cover things like priority routes and team plowing."

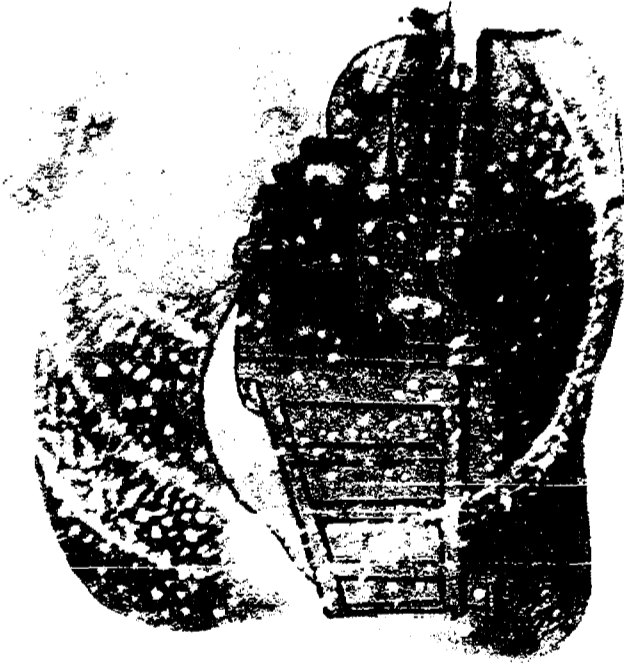
"And this year, we'll have plenty of salt."



Wayne County Road personnel monitor County roads at night. At the first sign of a storm, the patrolman will contact the Roads department's central dispatcher, who then notifies the County's road yards.

The road yards then mobilize the drivers - as road crews are called into action no matter what time it is.

Road crews need to be on the road at least two hours before the morning commute to completely salt 1,200 miles of County roads the first time.



The County can mobilize all 131 salt trucks in its fleet, depending on the strength of the storm and whether it affects the entire County, or just part of it. First priority is given to freeways, major roads and school bus routes.

Once all major roads and shoulders are cleared, crews will complete their regular shift and, if the storm has ended, go home and get some well-deserved rest. But...

...if the snow keeps falling, crews stay on the job round-the-clock until the roads are cleared. Sometimes this means spending the latter part of several days at work and away from their families - that includes Christmas and other holidays if necessary.

ROADS: WHO DOES WHAT

Wayne County is responsible for maintaining and patching all in-township roads and most major roads in its 35 cities: with the exception of Detroit.

The County is also responsible for maintaining all freeways within its borders, as well as State trunk lines outside of Detroit, such as Eight Mile, Grand River, Ford Road, Michigan Avenue, Plymouth Road, Fort Street and Telegraph. Resurfacing and other construction of these roads, however, is the responsibility of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The City of Detroit maintains all residential streets within city limits as well as State trunk lines within the city limits like Michigan, Grand River, Woodward and Gratiot. The city also must approve and issue money for repair of County roads within its limits.

Rather than expect you to remember all of this, Wayne County created a 24-hour, toll-free hotline to report major problems on any road within its borders, 1-888-ROAD CREW. All reports of problems on County-maintained roads will be sent directly to the proper yard. All other complaints will be forwarded immediately to the proper city department or the State.

To report non-hazardous problems on Wayne County roads, call (734) 955-9920 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Environmental Health • (734) 727-7400
Family Center/Head Start • (734) 376-4976
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Juvenile Detention Facility • (313) 833-2856
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Nutrition Services • (734) 727-7353
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Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped • (734) 727-7300
Senior Citizen Services • (734) 727-7373
Veterans Affairs • (313) 224-5045
- Personnel/Human Resources
Job Hotline • (313) 224-5900
- Public Services
Construction Permit Office • (313) 224-7664
Department of the Environment • (313) 224-3631
Department of Roads 24-hour Hotline • (734) 955-9920
Metro Airport Noise Hotline • (734) 942-3222
Metro Airport Parking Lot Info (800)-642-1978
Metro Airport Wheelchair Van • (734) 941-6855
Parks & Recreation • (734) 261-1990

County Jobs

Wayne County employs more than 5,000 people in an amazing range of jobs: Police Officer, Typist, Prosecutor, Engineer, Environmental Inspector. The County is an equal employment opportunity employer that seeks to hire the most highly qualified individuals.

Here's how you can find out about County job opportunities:

1. Call the personnel hot line at (313) 224-5900 after 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and all day on weekends and holidays.
2. Visit the personnel office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Room 107, Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.
3. Check weekly job postings in local newspapers, at local colleges, libraries and the Michigan Employment Security Commission. Announcements about job opportunities provide qualifications, description of duties and tests that may be required.
4. Take a look below! WAYNE posts a sampling of county job opportunities in every issue.

Engineer I

Salary: \$34,849
Assists in the design, construction and maintenance of highway, waterways, structures, sewers, drains, airports and other engineering projects. Employee will make engineering drawings, layouts and calculations for a variety of projects; select samples for testing; test materials for conformance with specifications and make field calculations.

Requirements: A bachelor's degree in civil or construction engineering and a valid State of Michigan Driver's License with an acceptable safe driving record. Students in their last year of engineering will be admitted to the exam, but will not be certified to a position until their degree has been conferred.

Equipment Repair Specialist

Salary: \$34,379
Performs a wide variety of work which may include the repair and maintenance of automotive and heavy equipment, pumps and compressors and the operation of motor vehicles or other equipment. Employees must be able to read and understand equipment repair manuals.

Requirements: Certification as a Master Mechanic (State of Michigan and/or NIAASE only) and three years experience in the repair and maintenance of automobiles and heavy equipment or training at a certified technical school which provides in-class, hands-on training and a valid State of Michigan Driver's License with an acceptable safe driving record.

Pharmacist

Salary Range: \$35,515 to \$55,663
Compounds and dispenses prescribed medications and other pharmaceuticals at the Wayne County Jail. This employee will have no contact with inmates. Duties will be performed according to State and federal guidelines and professional standards.

Requirements: Must be a registered pharmacist in the State of Michigan and have a Controlled Substance License from the State of Michigan.

Registered Nurse I

Salary Range: \$35,492 to \$41,059
Assigned to duty involving high security at the Wayne County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility. They may give physical examinations, distribute medications and respond to emergencies. This employee will also be called upon to make rounds and perform related institutional nursing duties.

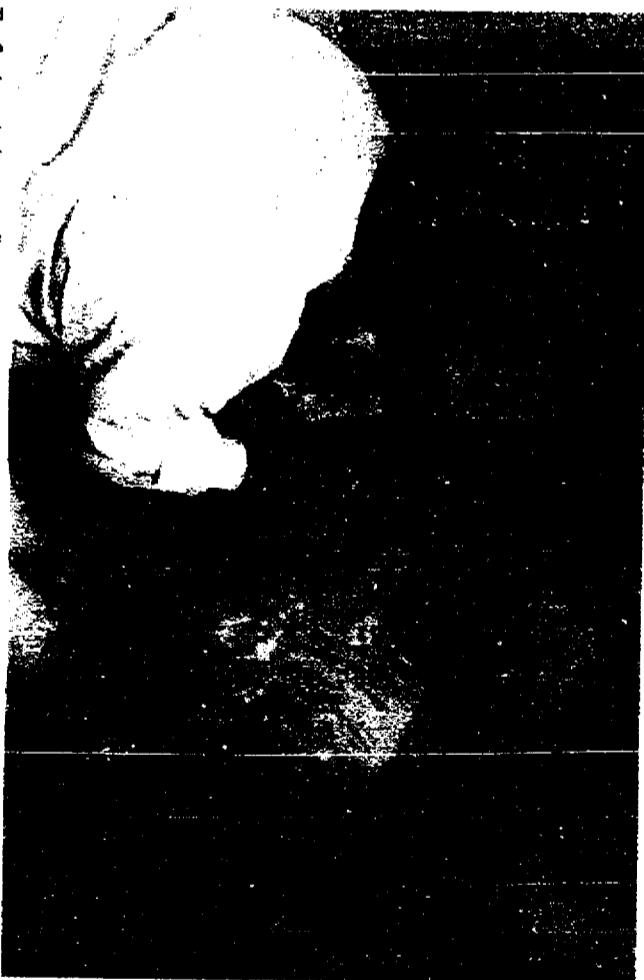
Requirements: Graduate from an accredited School of Nursing and a current license as a Registered Nurse in the State of Michigan. One year registered nurse experience within the past five years in medical/surgical or emergency/trauma. Three years of experience within the past five years as a licensed practical nurse in a county jail will be considered.

Legal Typist

Salary: \$21,934
Will work in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Office of the Corporation Counsel transcribing, editing and duplicating agreements, letters, memoranda, legal documents and legal briefs. Legal typists are also called upon to answer telephones, schedule appointments and organize and maintain file records.

Requirements: A high school diploma or its equivalent, a certificate of completion form, a recognized legal secretarial program, or one year of legal experience in a legal department typing civil and/or criminal documents within the last 10 years.

Flu fighters



The flu shot is the most effective weapon in the war on influenza.

It attacks through the air, you can't hear it, you can't smell it and you won't ever see it coming.

November through April is peak season for the influenza virus. Thankfully, the Wayne County Health Department is making sure the best defense against the disease - the flu shot - is available to those at greatest risk.

"This is one of the most highly infectious diseases known to man," said Dr. Donald Lawrenzchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

"If you've never had this flu strain before or have never been vaccinated, you have at least a 90 percent chance of catching it just by breathing the same air as someone who's infected."

Since early fall, the Wayne

County Health Department has been administering the flu vaccine at not only their permanent clinics but at community centers, senior citizen centers and churches. There's a suggested \$5 dollar donation to help pay for the vaccine, but no one is turned away due to inability to pay.

"Our job is to remove as many barriers as possible to people getting immunized," said Lawrenzchuk. "The bottom line is, if the community isn't coming to us, we need to go to them."

Flu shots are recommended for seniors over the age of 65, people with chronic heart or lung conditions and individuals with other chronic conditions - like diabetes or cancer - that weaken their immune systems. The shot is also advised for health care workers, emergency first responders (police, firefigh-

ers, EMS, etc.) and people who live with individuals who fall into the at-risk groups mentioned above.

Lawrenzchuk believes we would see a lot fewer cases if more people would get immunized. Despite the shot's effectiveness, more than two-thirds of diabetics - who are among the at-risk group - don't get it.

"Immunizations are extremely important to the overall health of a community," said Lawrenzchuk. "In fact more than half of all the diseases we treat in our country are preventable, yet less than one percent of all health care dollars are spent on prevention."

"Every dollar spent on immunizations saves \$10-12 in terms of long term health care - it only makes sense to spend more of our resources on prevention."

who to call

For more information on any of the health programs or services offered by Wayne County, call the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7000.

STAY HEALTHY DURING WINTER MONTHS

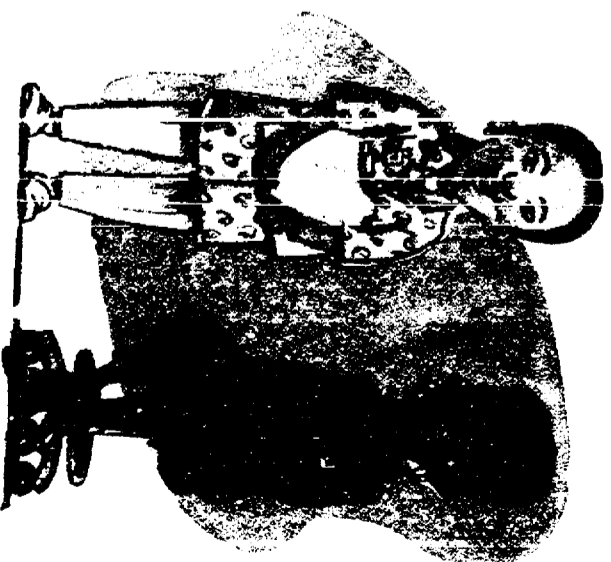
Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that more than 90 percent of all communicable diseases could be eliminated if people would wash their hands several times a day, including before and after meals.

Other tips for avoiding winter ills: Eat a balanced healthy diet, keep your stress levels low and get the proper amount of rest.

The influenza vaccine that is used by the Wayne County Health Department is a 100 percent kill type - which means you can't catch the flu by getting the shot. (Highly allergic people and pregnant women should check with their physician before they get the shot.)

If you're in an at-risk group (see main story) and notice that you have flu-like symptoms, contact your physician right away. There are prescription medications that can stop Type A influenza (the most serious type) from getting any worse in about 70 percent of the cases. The serum must be taken within the first 24 to 48 hours from the onset of symptoms. In some cases this could be the difference between life and death.

Have you ever been told that if you got an immunization shot for pneumonia you wouldn't need another? Doctors now recommend that you get booster shots every five years, as they have found that the shot loses its effectiveness between five and 10 years. Unlike influenza, pneumonia is a year-round affliction, so it's always a good time to get immunized.



Family business



A homeless family gets counseling at Wayne County's Family Shelter in Westland.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP THE HOMELESS:

Alternatives for Girls

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1950 Trumbull Ave. in Detroit Shelter for females ages 16-20. Clients are required to work or attend school while in the program. Services include counseling, transportation assistance and aftercare services for up to one year.

Average length of stay: 45-60 days
For information, call (313) 496-0938

Neighborhood Service Organization

Location confidential

24-hour telephone service for homeless people in Wayne County. Provides crisis intervention and referral services to agencies that offer temporary shelter, medical services, legal assistance and other services to homeless people. The organization also provides information on current bed vacancies for temporary shelters.

Call hotline for information (313) 963-7829

Door Step

224 Highland, Highland Park, MI 48203

Shelter for homeless families and single women age 18 and over. Provides clients with a counselor or counseling team within 48 hours of admission. Guests are not required to leave the shelter during the day and are provided meals and clothing.

For information, call (313) 867-0111

Detroit Health Care for the Homeless

26 Peterboro St. in Detroit

Temporary shelter for homeless people who are HIV/AIDS-infected and are not substance abusers. Guests are provided with assistance in acquiring transportation, financial aid and housing. Guests don't have to leave during the day and are provided with meals and medical care.

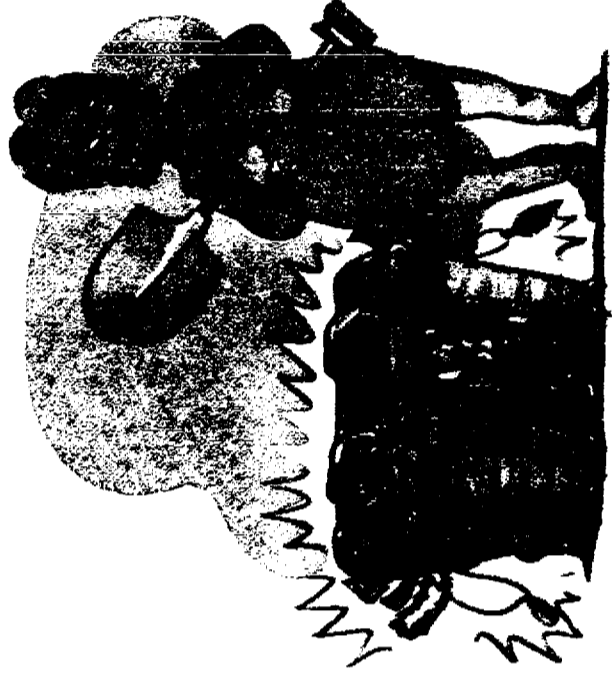
Maximum length of stay: 90 days

For more information, call (313) 831-3777



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You can't take it with you



You've probably seen it on television, most likely on some day or nighttime drama. A character dies without leaving a will, and what follows are weeks and months filled with double crosses, sinister plots and long-lost children, as everyone tries to get a piece of the pie.

While your life may be nowhere near as dramatic, it's still a good idea to draft a will — preferably long before you need to. In Michigan anyone over the age of 18 can execute a will.

"If you want a say in who gets what, you want to execute a will," said Wayne County Probate Court Register Jeanne Takenaga. "If you've got children, you should definitely make it a priority, if for no other reason than to name a guardian for them because, if you don't, the court decides."

If you should die without executing a will, a Wayne County Probate Court Judge will divide who gets what in

your estate according to Michigan law. For most people with families, the estate will be split between the surviving spouse and children. If you have no immediate family, your estate will be split among your nearest relatives.

There are many different types of wills. Technically, your will could be written on a napkin as long as there's a date and the signatures of two witnesses. Wills that are drawn up without the aid of a lawyer are called holographic, with good reason, because most of the time they're just about as substantial. These wills are the most often challenged in court.

If you're looking for something more official, there's a fill-in-the-blank form, called a statutory will, which you can get from your state representative. The major drawback with these documents is that you can't cross out or add anything to the form or it invalidates the will.

After having dealt with

hundreds of these cases, Takenaga recommends that you see a lawyer about drafting an official will.

"It's like fixing a leaky roof — do you do it yourself or do you get someone who knows what to do," said Takenaga.

Once drafted you should keep your will in a safe, dry place of your choosing.

For a \$25 fee, you can deposit it at the Probate Court where you will be the only person who can get to it before you pass on.

And you can always change what's in your will. That doesn't mean it can't be contested but you run less of a risk if your wishes are in writing.

"Disputes can come up over something as simple as a cherished piece of jewelry," said Takenaga. "Michigan law is very clear on how your estate will be distributed, but if you want your assets distributed the way you want, you definitely want to execute a will."

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

Legislative can sometimes read like — well — Latin, to the unfamiliar. Here are some terms that might help you.

Testator — A person who has made a testament or will, or an individual who dies having left a will.

Issue — The descendants of a common ancestor. Unless you specify otherwise, these are the individuals who stand to inherit your estate.

Intestacy — How your estate is classified if you die without having left a valid will.

Escheat — What can happen to your estate if you don't leave a will and there is no one competent for the State to distribute it to. In this case, your assets go to the State.

Decedent — A deceased party.

Codicil — An addition or supplement added to a will in order to modify, alter or further explain parts of the document.

FAMILY TREE

If you die without leaving a will, your estate has a long way to go before it goes back to the State.

1) If you have no direct descendants or spouse, your estate will go equally to your surviving parents.

2) If there are no surviving farthings, it will then be divided among your brothers or sisters and the children of deceased brothers and sisters.

3) If no relatives can be found, your estate goes in equal parts to your surviving maternal and paternal grandparents or to the relatives of those who are deceased.

4) Finally, if no eligible survivor can be found, the estate passes to the State.



What can we do for you?

This newsletter was intended to help inform its readers about the various services that Wayne County offers. This newsletter does not cover elected officials, political topics or ballot issues.

To better serve you, we'd like to get your opinion on what areas you would like to know more about in Wayne County government.

Your responses will be used for future issues of Wayne. Mail your responses to: WAYNE, 600 Randolph, Suite 349, Detroit, MI 48226.

Where do you get most of your information about Wayne County government and its services?

Do you feel you get enough information about the services that Wayne County provides?

What story in this issue informed you the most?

What areas or subjects would you like to see us focus on in future issues? Why?

Metro Airport Survey Results

We received a great deal of responses to last issue's survey on what you think should be added to the new terminal at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport. So without further ado, here's what you thought.

Question: Should music be played for passengers and visitors? If so, what type?

- Top responses
1. Classical
2. Jazz
3. No music at all



Most respondents liked the idea of music in the terminal, but the idea of having no music at all ranked as the third most popular (non) choice. Classical and jazz were the runaway winners as far as what type of music should be played in the airport terminals. Mood music (!) was also a high finisher - which may prompt the airport to add a John Tesh CD expense.

Question: What type of stores would you like to see in the new terminal?

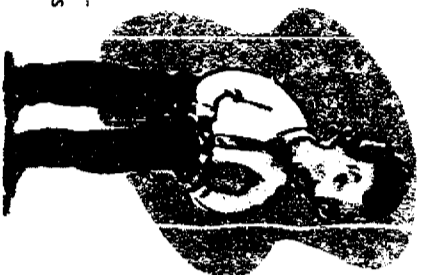
- Top responses
1. Drugstores
2. Clothing outlets/Michigan specialty shops (tie)
3. Bookstores

While drugstores took the top spot, a large number of readers wanted clothing outlets. The reason had less to do with fashion than for some people to go in an emergency (last-minute rips and tears, forgotten items, etc.)

Question: What kind of restaurants would you like to see?

- Top responses
1. Lower-priced fare
2. McDonald's
3. Burger King

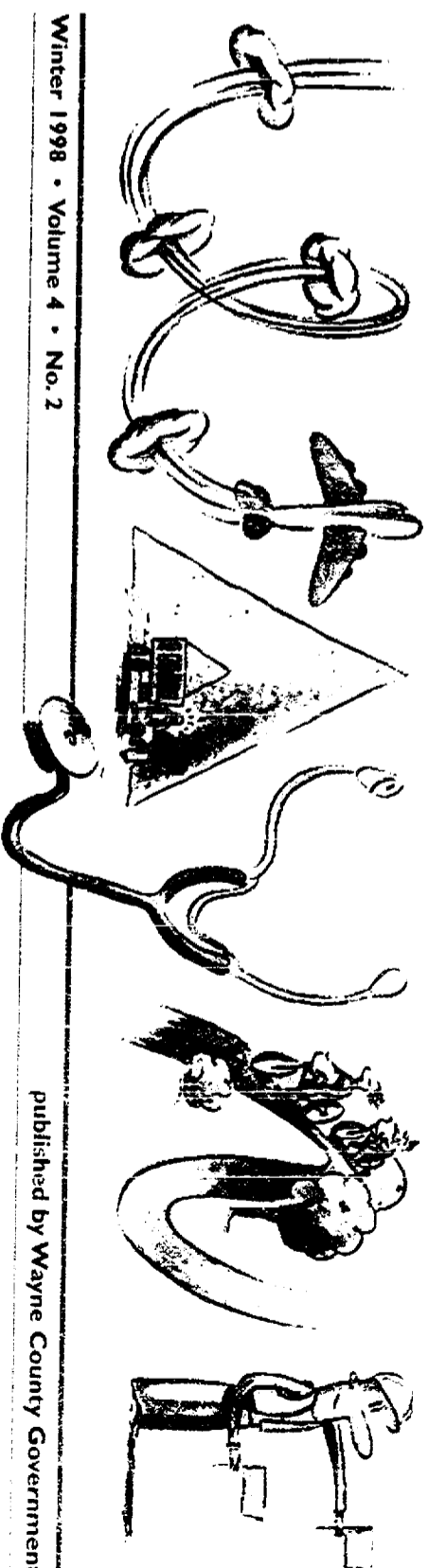
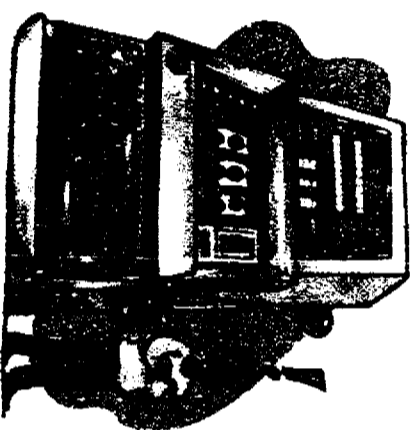
Either Michigan's economy isn't doing as well as we think or the state animal should be a man with short arms and deep pockets. The Number One response on restaurants was for inexpensive fare. Finishing right behind the big chains were requests for more health-conscious offerings (less fried foods, juice bars, fruit stands, etc.). Readers were also interested in seeing a wider variety of restaurants along with venues that are open at all hours.



Question: What can be done inside terminals to make people feel like they're in Detroit?

- Top responses
1. Car-themed displays
2. Murals showing the best of area attractions
3. Motown-themed displays

After Motown and cars, readers got creative. Perhaps looking ahead to Detroit's apparent casino gaming future, one person suggested putting a giant slot machine in the terminal. There were also requests for a photo of Henry Ford (obviously sent in by Ford executives), an observation deck, a quiet space for reading, a bingo room for adults, a play space for the kids and a replica of the Spirit of Detroit.



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Masters of Disaster

Sanford Altschul and his crew stand between you and disaster.

As deputy director of Wayne County's Emergency Management Division, Altschul spends his days preparing for nuclear power plant emergencies, tornadoes, airplane crashes and a host of other potential catastrophes.

It would seem like an impossible job considering the virtually infinite number of crises that could strike Wayne County.

"A disaster is a disaster. The things you need to do basically don't change," said Altschul. "Whether it's a plane or a train crash, you still have to take care of those who are hurt or dead, protect the public and maintain order."

When tornadoes ripped through parts of Highland Park, Detroit and Hamtramck in 1997, there were hundreds of local organizations that lined up to offer relief.

That figure rose even higher when state and federal agencies arrived on the scene after it was declared a national disaster. Rather than having all of these groups acting independently, Emergency Management directed the recovery efforts, and made

supply, food stores and communications source, the center is self-sufficient in the face of almost any disaster. The representatives, all work at the center's main nerve center, which isn't much bigger than an average high school classroom.

"I get crowded sometimes but it's served us well," said Altschul. "It's been very functional considering everything that has to happen in a disaster goes through here."

Rather than have members meet for the first time when they're being thrown into an emergency, the County team and the federal government stage mock drills for the core response group. The exercises not only keep veterans sharp, they introduce newcomers to the organization.

"Before, I became involved with Emergency Management. I had no idea of the number and variety of professions that are part of this division," said Carol Hopkins who attended trainings as part of Wayne County Public Information. "I feel better knowing that there are capable people ready in a crisis to deal with the things that most of us don't want to think about."

Emergency Management's four-member team, are asked to manage a call large enough to rival any found in a Saver. Spinkberg production. During an emergency, the team's ranks swell as related organizations send representatives to work out of the division's Emergency Operating Center at Detroit Metro

sure everyone was working in concert. "If we weren't doing this, there'd be a lot more room for things to go wrong - and that's something you don't want when people's lives are on the line," said Altschul. When disaster strikes, Altschul, Program Director Mark Sparks and the rest of

HOME EMERGENCIES

Here are some tips on how you can manage the dangers that can exist in your own home.

The Detroit Fire Department doesn't recommend the use of portable space heaters, but if you decide to use them observe the following safety precautions:

- Fill the heater outdoors and don't overfill.
- Do not refuel the heater while it's hot.
- Keep at least one multi-purpose fire extinguisher nearby.
- Keep portable space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave the heater operating when you leave home or while you are sleeping.

Fire safety tips

Kids are often found riding under beds or in a closet during a fire - make sure you stress to children the importance of sleeping on their own and the danger of trying to hide from a fire.

- Teach children how and where to exit during a fire and where to go after they have made it outside.
 - Arrange for infants and children to sleep in a bedroom next to parents or older youngsters.
 - It only takes a few minutes for a fire to spread so keep track of young children at all times.
- Tips provided by the Detroit Fire Department and AAA Michigan

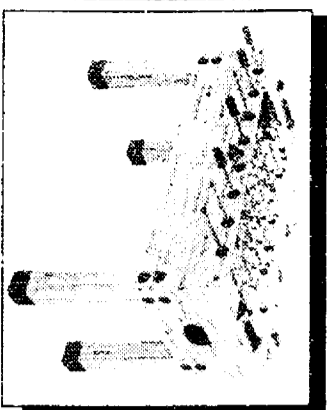
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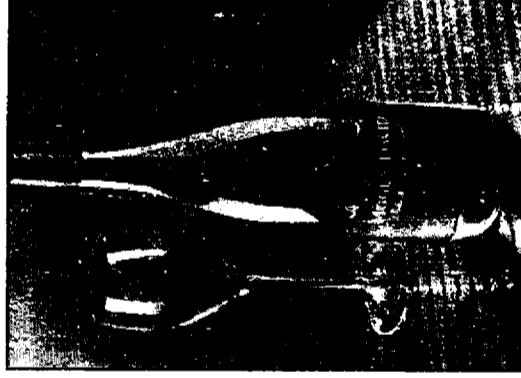
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The Long and Short of It



When deciding what to wear to the season's list of holiday parties, special evenings and perhaps the most special evening of all — New Year's Eve — a little black dress can go a long, long way. In fact, it's going all the way to the floor this season, certain to take captivated onlookers with it as drop-dead floor-length hemlines steal the spotlight of cutting-edge fashion. Redefining the parameters of the "little black dress," this season's styles will stop at no lengths to reveal the glamour of contradiction and surprise that make a woman captivating. This holiday season, mystify everyone in the room with a luxuriously long gown that simultaneously is surprisingly little. A floor-sweeping hemline with high-high slit, as shown here, courtesy of Ellen Tracy, proves that when it comes to fashion, there's absolutely nothing wrong with contradicting yourself. With glamour woven into every seam, this dress reveals a daring glimpse of sophistication without spoiling a woman's sense of mystery. From the tubular top of gathered fabric that flatters the shoulders and neckline with classic minimalism to the sweeping hemline that brushes the floor with a woman's every stride, this dress proves that less is more and more is less. Be a walking contradiction this holiday season with a dress that's stunning enough to render a room speechless.

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Materials for craft projects

- American Accents® paints by Rust-Oleum in Gold Metallic, Silver Metallic and Berry Red
- Premade holiday bow
- Holiday ribbon
- Holiday greenery
- Styrofoam wreath backing
- Decorative snowflakes
- Tree ornaments
- Tiny wooden balls
- Acorns, assorted nuts and dried seedpods
- Pinecones

ORNAMENT ADORNMENT
Rejuvenate last year's glass, wood or plastic tree ornaments or enhance inexpensive ones with seasonal colors like gold, silver and red. Here are the simple steps to create dazzling ornaments:

1. As with any paint project, be sure to paint outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
2. Shake can firmly for one minute after the can's mixing balls rattle. Hold paint can upright, approximately 10 to 12 inches from your ornament. Using American Accents® Berry Red by Rust-Oleum, spray in a steady back-and-forth motion, slightly overlapping each stroke. Wait at least 15 minutes before applying additional coats.
3. Let dry completely.
4. For extra charm, spray a bluish of American Accents Gold Metallic or Silver Metallic on each ornament.
5. Let dry completely.

WELCOMING WREATH
What's the holiday season without a holiday wreath? This attractive wreath is easy to make and fun for the entire family.

1. Collect dried seedpods, acorns and other nuts from the yard (this is a great job for the children) or purchase at your local craft store. Hot glue the items completely around the Styrofoam wreath backing, leaving as little space as possible between items.
2. Thoroughly spray the entire wreath with American Accents Gold Metallic.
3. Let dry completely.
4. Next, spray tiny, wooden balls (number will vary depending on wreath size) with American Accents Berry Red.
5. Let dry completely.
6. Attach wooden balls and a holiday bow to a piece of greenery (covering almost one side of the wreath) with hot glue.
7. Glue greenery to one side of the wreath.
8. Glue remaining wooden balls on wreath.

METALLIC MAC I/C
Add sparkle to decorative snowflakes, which are available at craft stores, by spray painting them with American Accents Silver Metallic. Here are several ideas on where to display these festive flourishes:

- Attach ornament hooks and hang from holiday tree
- Glue the snowflake to the outside of a present or to a centerpiece
- Place several on a tablecloth to enhance table setting



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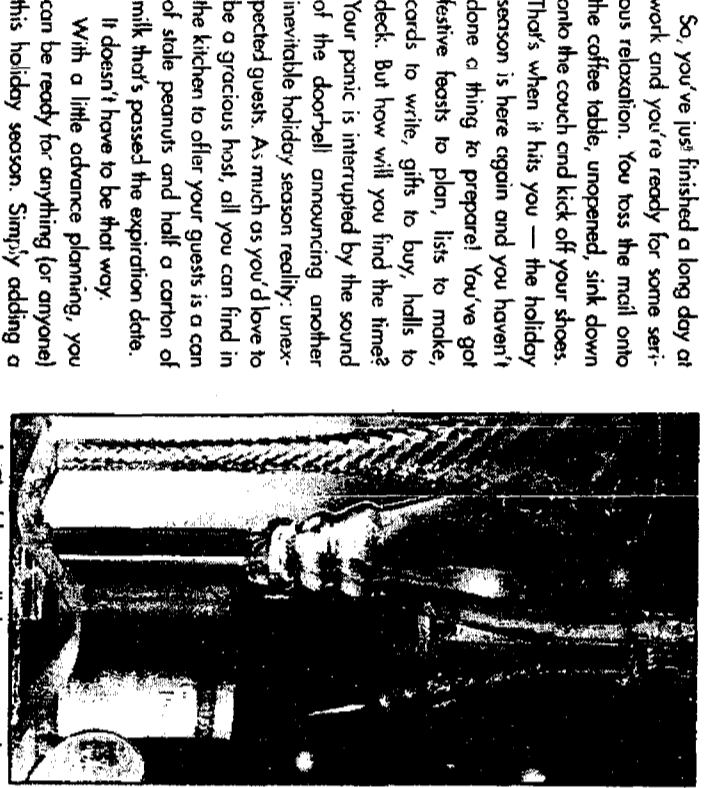
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Stock the Perfect Pantry For Holiday Visitors



So you've just finished a long day at work and you're ready for some serious relaxation. You toss the mail onto the coffee table, unopened, sink down onto the couch and kick off your shoes. That's when it hits you — the holiday season is here again and you haven't done a thing to prepare! You've got festive loaves to plan, lists to make, cards to write, gifts to buy, halls to deck. But how will you find the time? Your panic is interrupted by the sound of the doorbell announcing another inevitable holiday season reality: unexpected guests. As much as you'd love to be a gracious host, all you can find in the kitchen to offer your guests is a can of stale peanuts and half a carton of milk that's passed the expiration date. It doesn't have to be that way.

With a little advance planning, you can be ready for anything (or anyone!) this holiday season. Simply adding a few key items to your regular grocery list during that crucial period between Thanksgiving and New Year's can help make last-minute entertaining a pleasure instead of a pain. Here are a few items no holiday kitchen should be without:

- **Gourmet cheeses** — A cheese board is a quick and easy option for entertaining holiday guests. Simply arrange a few wedges of cheese on a cutting board or dinner plate, surrounded by crackers or slices of French bread. If your guest traffic is fairly light, choose varieties that will stay fresh in the refrigerator for a week or two. Firm, aged cheeses, like Gouda, Swiss

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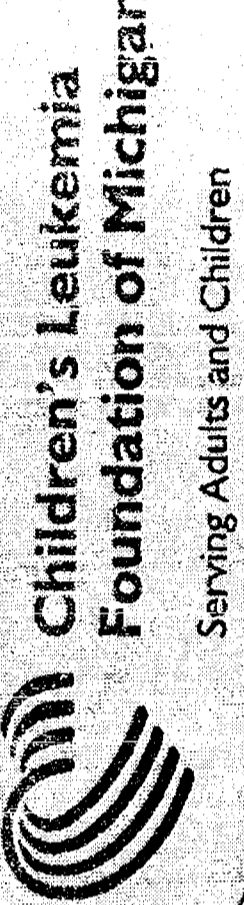
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It's a dilemma encountered by tens of thousands of parents across the nation: how can their children practice brass instruments at home without disturbing the relative peace and quiet of other family members and neighbors?

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Until recently, the only choices parents had were building an expensive soundproof room, unrealistically asking the children to "play softly," or buying an ineffective practice mute that reduced the sound a bit, but made the instrument hard to play. Just in time for the holidays, Yamaha Corp. of America, drawing on its keen instrument design skills and the latest in electronic technology, has released the Silent Brass™ personal studio and the Silent Electric Violin — providing a simple and affordable solution to the decades-old quandary.

A perfect gift for up-and-coming brass players, the Silent Brass system — currently available for trumpet, trombone, french horn, flugelhorn and tuba — consists of a specially designed mute with a built-in condenser microphone, an electronic processing center and a set of headphones, reducing external volume to a whisper (1/1000 of the un-muted level). Players just plug into two headphone jacks on the control module to hear the sound of their instrument. Whether soloing, dueling with another Silent Brass user via the second mute input jack or accompanying music being fed through the

jack, the system creates a richer, non-ambient sound while heightening the instrument's acoustic characteristics, so that players can be more aware of their intonation and breathing.

For string musicians who enjoy the glorious tone of a concert-quality violin, the Silent Electric Violin offers players a choice of expansive, simulated performance environments while creating very little sound. Eliminating the internal amplification cavity that has been present on traditional violins ever since the instrument was invented in the 16th century, the Silent Electric Violin features a studio-quality pickup that connects to an internal effects processor (powered by AA batteries) and places the sound in a user-selected acoustic space, like a concert hall or practice room. The resulting sound is a warm, full-bodied tone that can be listened to through headphones in privacy or amplified externally for live performance. Also available is the Silent Select Series Violin, for those that perform live frequently, and the Silent Electric Cello.

Additionally, like the brass systems, the electric string systems easily can be connected to external CD players and tape machines for practicing with prerecorded material.

An ideal gift for any musician this holiday season — not to mention a parent's sanity — silent string or brass systems are available at reasonable prices in music stores throughout the United States.

For more information, write to Yamaha Corp. of America, Band and Orchestral Division, 3445 E. Paris Ave. S.E., P.O. Box 899, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49512-0899; call (616) 940-4900; e-mail: info@yamaha.com; or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.yamaha.com/board>.

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more time with her husband and Labrador retriever "sons," Dowell decided to channel her writing and managerial talents, together with her love of canines, into launching an independent publishing company specializing in fun, entertaining, visually interesting dog books.

Do you ever wonder what life would be like if dogs could fly? Or if they carried cellular phones? Or what they're barking at when nothing's there? Imaginative meditations like these are the basic broth for Dowell's book. Seasoned with 35 beautiful color illustrations, the book explores the special bond between these playful, furry friends and the people who own them.

But what does this have to do with cooking? Well, just about everything. "Food is a common topic," Dowell says, "because most dogs are food-centric. My four-legged gourmands eat to live and live to eat — anyone who owns a dog probably has had it underfoot when cooking dinner." As most "dog moms" and "dog dads" probably have observed, there aren't too many dogs that haven't discovered the advantages of positioning themselves between the stove and the refrigerator.

Available for \$19.95 in bookstores and on the Internet through online stores like <http://www.barnesandnoble.com> and <http://www.amazon.com>, this book is the ideal gift for a friend or loved one, and certainly for any dog owner or lover of dogs. To order from the publisher, call toll free (888) 310-0916, or visit their Web site at <http://www.twoogpress.com>.

A portion of the proceeds from the sales of "Cooking With Dogs" will be donated to dog rescue organizations and animal shelters.



CURL UP with a good (dog) book this holiday season, or delight a friend or loved one who owns or loves dogs with a charming book of canine curiosities, "Cooking With Dogs" (Two Dog Press), by Karen Dowell.


ARE YOU A DOG PERSON? IN OTHER words, do you carry pictures of your pups in your wallet, schedule your workday around your dogs, spoil and coo over them shamelessly, or talk about them as though they were human children? If any of these sound familiar, it's time to consider "Cooking With Dogs" (Two Dog Press).

Authored by Karen Dowell, owner and "mom" of the two Labrador retrievers who inspired this literary treat, "Cooking With Dogs," she says, is "not a cookbook on 101 ways to cook your dog, but a series of anecdotes and observations about dogs." To put it plainly, if your dog makes you smile, so will this book.

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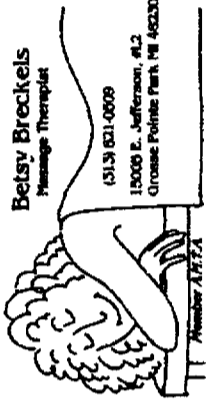
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"Each year, we receive countless calls from consumers expressing a desire to bake, but they struggle with many of the primary skills," says Lydia Boham, director of the Land O'Lakes Test Kitchens and Consumer Affairs. "We created this brochure to help amateur bakers overcome these hurdles and make baking a pleasurable and rewarding experience."

A recent study commissioned by Land O'Lakes confirms the need for baking education. One out of three Americans who bake say they struggle with at least some basic elements of the process. Thirty-six percent say their biggest challenge is "knowing when the baked goods are finished." Close behind, 32 percent cite "finishing the ingredients and equipment needed," as a struggle.

The brochure begins with a list of essential ingredients and utensils necessary for baking. Amateur bakers can test their skills with recipes for chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, cobblers, quick breads, snack cakes, muffins and biscuits. It also features variations of each recipe, preparation and storage tips, and answers to the most-commonly asked baking questions.

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AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, people constantly search for creative ways to entertain guests. Try to picture an intimate group of your closest friends, surrounded by the laughter and the rapure that makes the holidays so special. A perfect evening can be created with an innovative new way of entertaining — a single malt scotch tasting party!

The Defenders of the Malt have made throwing a single malt scotch home tasting party simple with the creation of the Home Tasting Kit, which comes equipped with a video that will lead the host through the entire tasting, tasting notes and offers information about the

elements to explore in a single malt scotch, like color, body and palate. The best thing about the kit is that it is free, and can be ordered by calling 1-888-DEF-MALT or by visiting the Defenders of the Malt Web site at <http://www.def-malt.com>.

When entertaining guests, consider serving three different brands of single malt scotch, like The Glenfiddich 15 Year Old, Scapa 12 Year Old and Laphroaig 10 Year Old, which will provide three very unique and distinct tastes of single malt scotch. Your guests will have enjoyed a unique holiday party, as well as a new appreciation for Scotland's oldest tradition, St. James!

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With the right tools and supplies from your local craft store, creating eye-catching decorations for holiday parties can be easy and fun, not to mention inexpensive. Photo courtesy of Accu-Cut Systems.

Traditionally, throwing a holiday party required a lot of money for decorations. The booming craft industry and a desire to find less expensive ways to decorate have inspired crafters to create holiday decorations, says Cj Wilson, a certified craft demonstrator with the Hobby Industry Association.

"Anyone can make their own holiday decorations, invitations and party favors," says Wilson, who, as the national sales manager for Accu-Cut Systems, a manufacturer of shape and letter cutting products, makes a career of thinking up unique decorating ideas for consumers. "All it takes to capture the holiday atmosphere is imagination and the right supplies."

Personalized invitations While manufactured invitations usually lack originality, homemade party invitations add a personal touch.

Creating professional-looking invitations may seem daunting, but Wilson says that with the right tools card-making can be fun and easy. Many craft retail stores feature die-cut machines that easily cut several card shapes at once. Additional holiday accents include rubber stamp, and stickers.

DECORATING FOR THE EVENT Party decorations include anything from place cards to centerpieces. Using supplies found in craft stores, an ordinary room can become the perfect holiday gathering spot.

Even novice crafters can create napkin rings, place mats, coasters and name tags matching the party theme simply by cutting holiday shapes from a die-cut machine.

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It is easy to create party favors that help guests preserve memories of the occasion. Use craft paint pens to embellish inexpensive die-cut photo frames. Give guests disposable cameras with the frames to preserve the memories they have captured. Then, wrap the decorated frames in wrapping paper or gift bags you make yourself using tissue paper and shapes cut in festive colors.

The supplies available in craft stores offer many easy-to-make gift-wrapping and decorating ideas to fit any holiday party. "Crafting your own party decorations saves time and money that can be reserved for other aspects of holiday parties," says Wilson.

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There are plenty of other options. Indoors, a child can read, draw, paint, help out around the house as you prepare for the holidays or even participate in holiday baking. Outdoors (provided that there's snow) a child can go sledding, ice-skating or build a snowman in the yard. Still, there only are so many hours he or she can handle being indoors before going stir-crazy. If trying to come up with new and interesting winter activities is leaving you just as restless as your child, it's time to break away from the monotony and put your child on skis!

Skiing, in addition to being great exercise, builds self-confidence while challenging concentration and coordination skills. Regardless of a child's skiing ability, a ski resort can provide your child with the appropriate instruction or

school district whose children might be interested in taking ski lessons as well. With a little teamwork, parents can come up with a carpool plan to accommodate work schedules, reduce driving stress and ultimately save more time for whatever last-minute holiday errands need to be taken care of.

As for ski equipment, most resorts offer ski and boot rentals at very reasonable rates. Depending on how often you plan to have your child on the slopes, some resorts offer discount rental packages, discounts on lift tickets or other special fares when renting in conjunction with taking lessons. To find the best rates, call the different resorts and ski shops in your area or check with your park district for information on winter skiing programs.

Skiing can give your child a new perspective on life and another reason to look forward to winter. Once on skis, the experience just might feel like the best holiday gift your child ever has received.

coaching needs. Sorry to match his or her needs. Better still, many ski resorts offer day camps that ensure a full day of activities and fun so that you don't have to worry about how to entertain your child.

Day camps and classes keep your children in contact with other children of similar age and skiing ability. Not only can your child learn how to ski or improve upon the skills that he or she already has, but can do so in a supportive environment while leaving fun and making new friends. It's a good idea to get in touch with other parents in the neighborhood or

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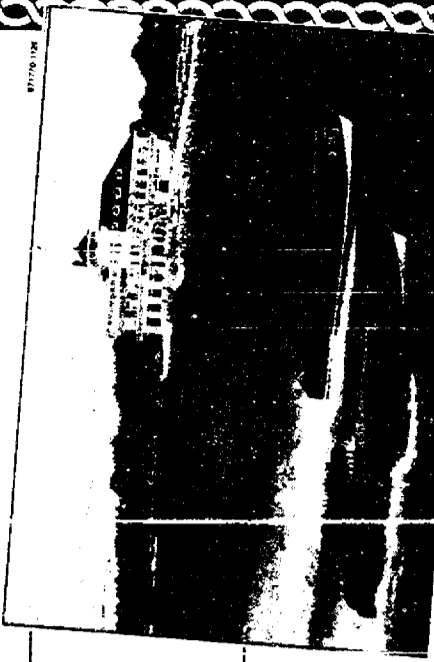
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THE HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME FOR family, friends and food. "Most people find the holidays a time when they are confronted by large quantities of food everywhere they go — in the office, at home and at parties," says Scott Gae, M.D., "regional associate director for preventive medicine for Kaiser Permanente in Northern California. "Because it's often 'special' food, it's easy to overindulge. As a result, many of us spend the first few months of the new year dieting."

While it may seem that the only way to manage the food onslaught is to avoid holiday gatherings altogether, here are practical yet simple things you can do to minimize guilt while maximizing mirth. Gae suggests:

- Don't go to parties hungry. If you skip meals to save room for the big feast, you're much more likely to overeat. Instead, eat small low-calorie meals during the day and have something filling and healthy — like an apple or a glass of nonfat milk — right before you go.
- Don't rush to the food. When arriving at a party, greet people you know, and settle in with a beverage. Don't stand by the food.
- Make only one trip to the buffet. Commit to just one plate of food, look at

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everything that's on the table, and then be selective. Fill up on the healthier foods and just sample the richer ones. Often, a taste is all you need to satisfy both your craving and your curiosity.

- Eat less of foods that are high in fat. Faty foods put fat on you — and put you at greater risk for a lot of diseases. Have a "taster" of rich foods like cheese, and have more of things like pretzels that are low in fat, but high in complex carbohydrates.
- Limit alcohol intake. Alcohol not only adds calories, but lowers inhibitions. As a result, you may eat more than you planned. Pace yourself with water, diet sodas or no-alcohol drinks between your alcoholic drinks.
- Plan entertainment or activities that aren't centered around food. Dancing or games like cards or charades are great activities for holiday gatherings.
- Don't feel guilty. If you overdo it in spite of your good intentions, don't feel guilty. Make up for it with light meals and a little more physical activity during the following week and be better prepared for the next party.

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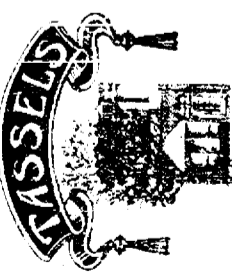


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- Any man would be at the height of fashion with a collection of cuff links in all-silver or embellished with stones, enameling or other metals in classic and novel designs reflective of his interests. Cuff links aren't just for men anymore, women today also are collecting and wearing them.
- Furnish a home office with luxury desk accessories, letter openers, bookmarks and pens.
- A collection of silver servers, cocktail picks and napkin rings in a mix of patterns are the multifunctional jewels of the table for any entertaining host.
- A dressing table filled with new and antique silver vanity tools and hair ornaments is the ultimate indulgence.
- People never can have enough candlesticks to create a mood or picture frames to show off memorable occasions with friends and family.
- Gilded replicas of garden-fresh vegetables and favorite pets make for a conversation starter.



Collecting holiday keepsake ornaments can be a fun and rewarding family tradition to be passed down to future generations, like "Baby's First" and 1998 limited-edition, sterling silver ornaments from issue, kept in its original box, and accompanied by the certificate of authenticity.

Silver objects have been collected for centuries because of their beauty, sentiment and intrinsic value. If you're looking for luxurious, thoughtful holiday and any-occasion gift ideas, here are some sterling collectible suggestions, in prices to suit all budgets, from the Silver Information Center.

It's easy to start or add to an existing collection, but remember, a collection is personal, an expression of its owner, so consider what the recipient may

Deck the Halls with Wreaths of Spruce & Holly

Wreaths are a welcoming sight no matter where they are hung. From the mantel to the front door to the rooms of the White House, the variety of wreaths are as diverse as the resources they are made from.

It's no surprise then, that an interview with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton inspired Martha Stewart, along with Hannah Milman, to produce "Great American Wreaths" (Clarkson Potter), as a way to "celebrate our nation's natural beauty and the extremely diverse resources that distinguish state from state."

Having carefully selected one wreath to represent each U.S. state, the territories and the nation's capital, Stewart shares the history, a full-color illustration and instructions on how to make each of the 52 wreaths contained in the book.

The only gift idea more charming than this book is a homemade wreath taken from the book's pages. The following are guaranteed to add beauty and distinction to any home this holiday season.

DELAWARE
(American holly)

In November or December, clip 15 branches of holly, each 10 inches long. Remove the leaves from the lower ends of the stems. Make a wreath form with a 10-inch diameter by twisting together two freshly cut twigs from a deciduous tree and secure the ends with floral wire. Using a small paintbrush, paint a thin coat of gold luster on all sides of the wreath form, berries, leaves and twigs.

ALASKA
(Sitka spruce)

The snowflake wreath can be made of sitka spruce or any other evergreen, like Douglas fir. You will need a 32-inch snowflake form (available from Martha by Mail, 1-800-950-7130) and up to 600 branches. Each branch should be between 5 inches and 7 inches long. Make 100 bunches of four to six branches each. Sitka spruce can be prickly; wear work gloves when handling.

Tie floral wire on a paddle to the tip of one branch of the snowflake form. Lay a neat bundle of sitka-spruce branches on a snowflake spoke (the bundle should extend 2 inches past the end of the spoke). Wrap floral wire around the bundle and the wreath spoke three times. Add another bundle to the spoke, overlapping the first bundle by half. Wrap the bundle three times with wire. Continue adding bundles in this fashion until you reach the center of the snowflake. Cut and secure wire. Go back and cover all offshoots. Repeat this technique on the remaining snowflake spokes. Tuck more greenery into the wreath's center, and wire into place. Trim loose ends neatly with scissors. CAPTION:



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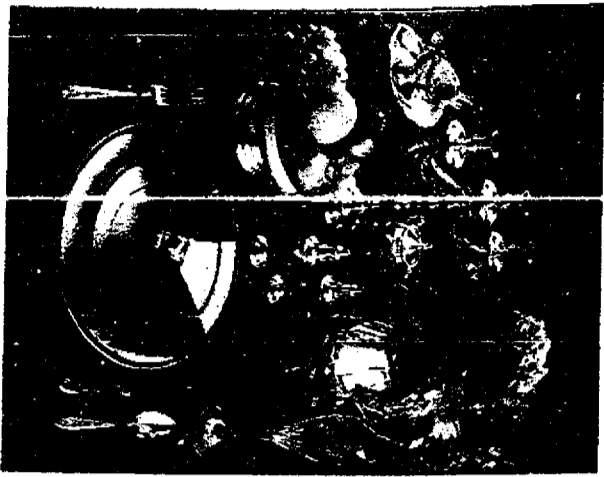
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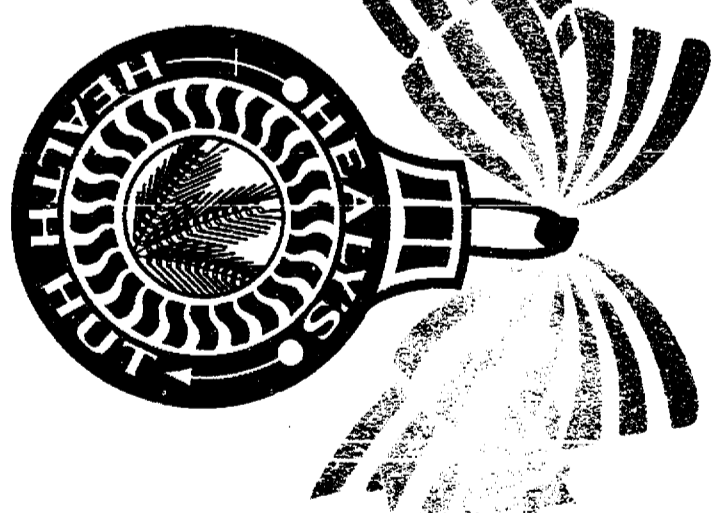
Following are some holiday-specific, time-saving ideas for dressing up the

table during special gatherings, courtesy of Mr. Metal.

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- At the center of the table, curve organza fabric in blue, white, silver and gold around a glowing menorah.
- Scatter foil-covered chocolate coins around the table for decorative accents.
- Accent plain white candles by winding blue, silver and gold ribbon up the tapers.
- Using gold, silver and white fabric paints, create decorative accents and write holiday messages on a fabric runner for the buffet or dining room table.
- Make candle place cards by writing each guest's name in gold or silver marker on an inexpensive white or blue votive candle.

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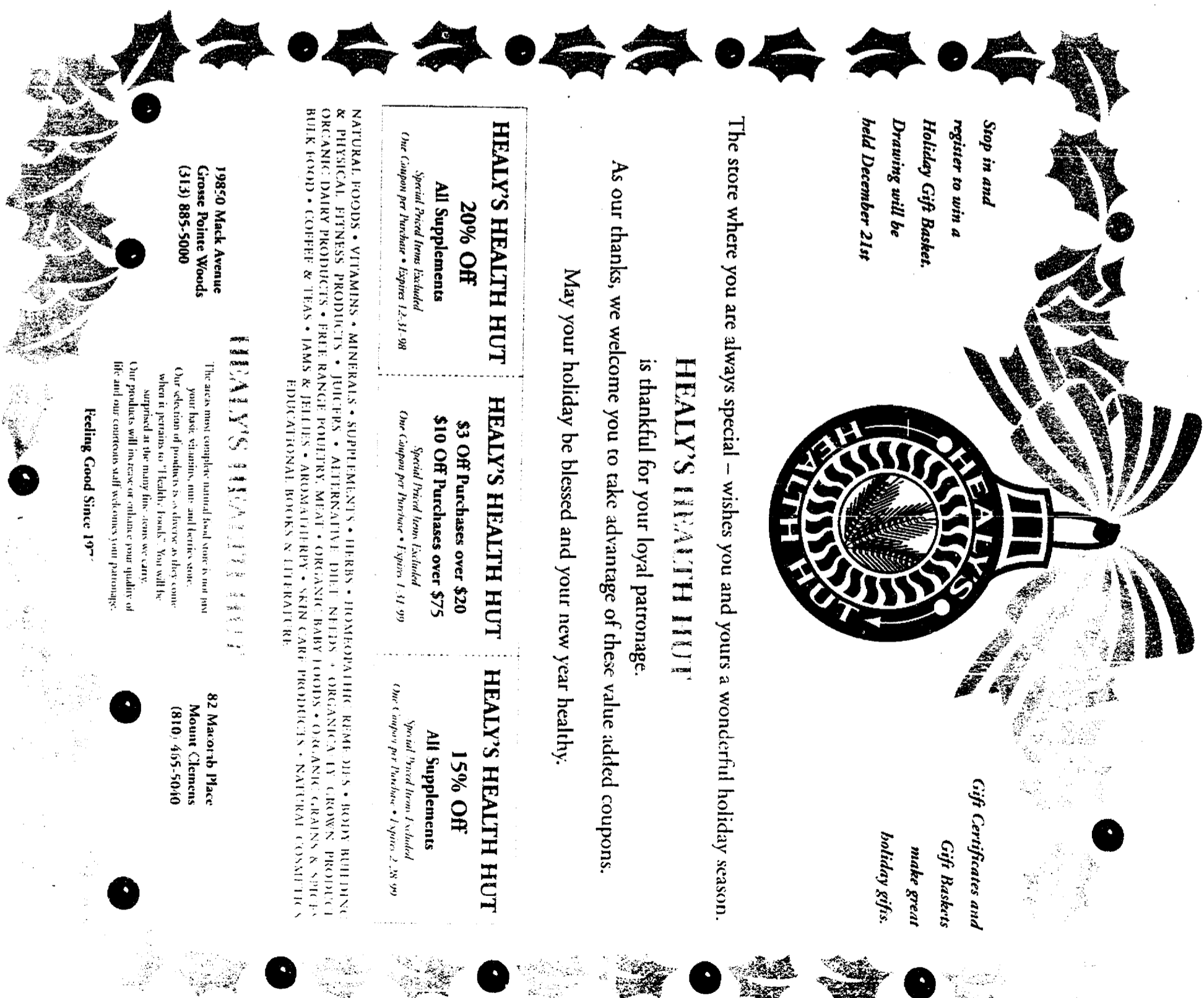
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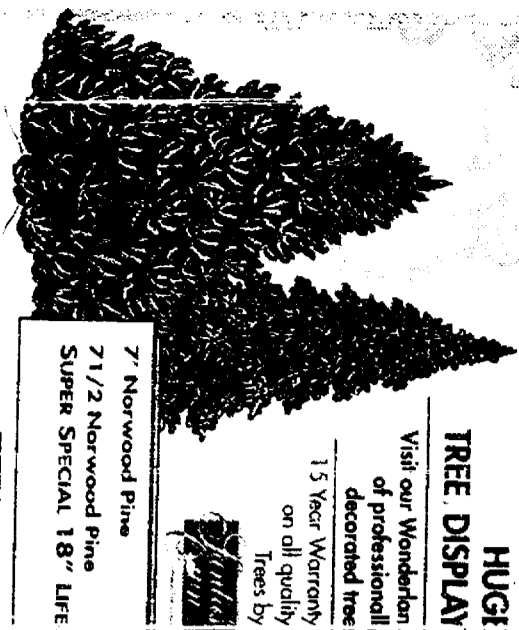
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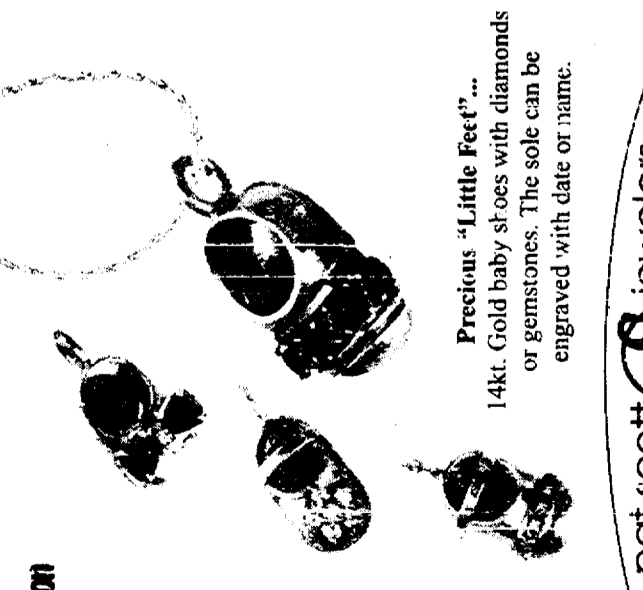
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IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE THESE days, from ages 2 to 102, has caught "collecting fever." Searching for the newest Beanie Babies, art glass, miniature die-cast car or sterling silver Christmas ornament is a national pastime.

More than \$10 billion of new collectibles were sold last year in the United States, reports Unity Marketing, which publishes the annual Collectibles Industry Report.

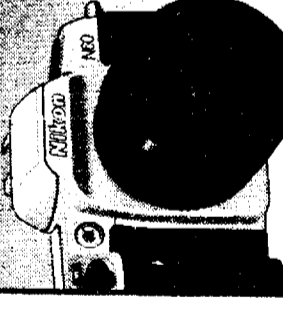
"Today's collectors are looking for the newest and latest collectibles, and at the same time, yearning for nostalgia, spiritual meaning and family tradition," says Pam Danziger, president of Unity Marketing.

"Christmas is the No. 1 year-round collecting theme, embracing all of the qualities that make for a strong collector following," says Danziger. Ornaments are one of the most popular selling holiday items. The Silver Information Center reports a significant rise in popularity of limited-edition, sterling silver ornaments and bells.

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- Place small lamps covered with lace on the buffet table to create a warm glow throughout the room.
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- Place a New Year's party horn into each wineglass at the table or tuck one into each napkin as a fun accent.
- Wind silver and gold streamers around the chandelier or doorway of the dining room.
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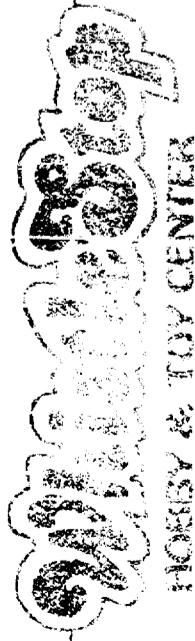
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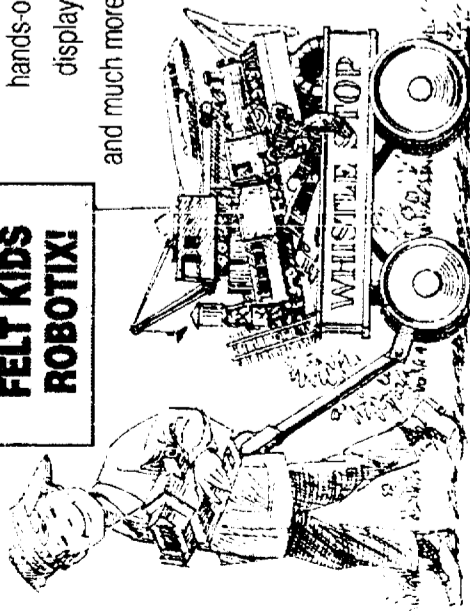
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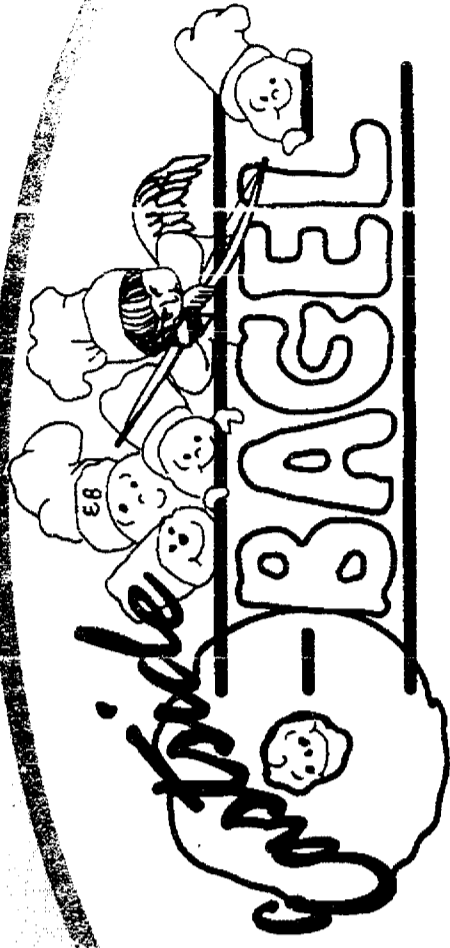
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With the Right Resolutions

By Gary Wong, M.D.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW YEAR IS A natural time to evaluate the past and resolve how things should be in the future. Many people can find something about themselves they'd like to change for the better — usually it's breaking a habit of some kind and often it's something health-related.

If you want to make some changes for 1999, remember the best way to break a bad habit is to replace it with a good one. Here are some ideas:

• **Assess your situation** — Is your health at risk because of your lifestyle? What are the health risks that you can reduce? (Smoking, high blood pressure) What about yourself can you learn to enhance? (fitness, self-esteem)

• **Develop a plan** — Choose what to change, decide how to change and make a commitment to change. Begin your health-improvement plan in an area in which you're likely to succeed, and don't try to change more than one or two habits at a time.

• **Take action** — Carry out your plan. Take advantage of community resources (at local Y's and community centers or at your place of worship), or get a self-help manual on the area you have chosen. Join forces with a friend who shares your goal.

• **Have confidence** that you can over-

come obstacles — Reward yourself for your accomplishments, and take it one step at a time. It takes time to believe that a new, healthy habit is more rewarding than an old, unhealthy pattern.

Following are some areas where most people could stand some improvement and some possible methods for doing so:

Physical health — Exercise three times a week — start by taking brisk walks. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Walk, don't ride, whenever possible. Reduce the fat in your diet and increase the fruit and vegetables. Cut back on quit smoking.

Emotional health — Reward and compliment yourself when you achieve a goal. Volunteer at the charity of your choice. Talk back when your inner voice says something negative. Find time for fun on a regular basis. Count your blessings. Make a list of people who love you and put it somewhere you'll see it often.

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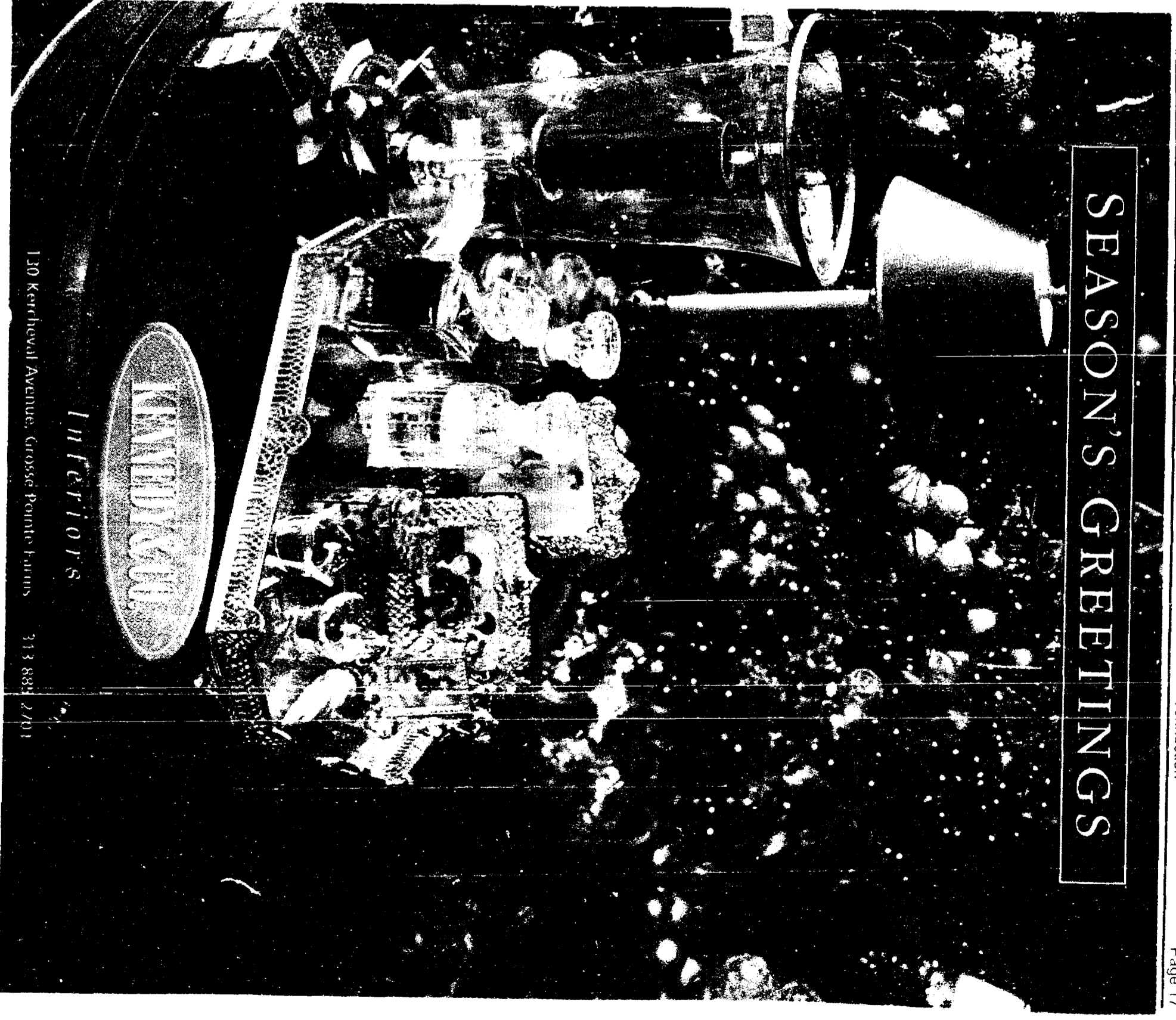
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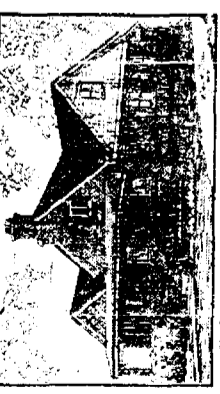


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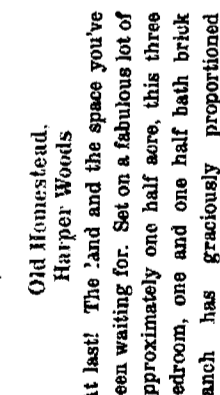
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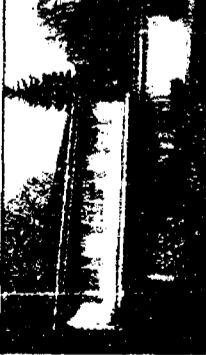
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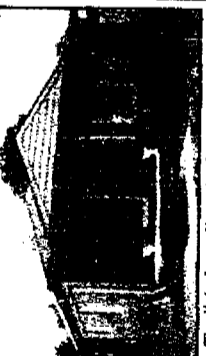
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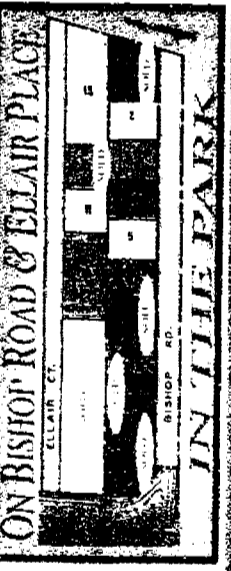


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INTERIORS EXTERIORS

Amid Christmas trimmings, 'Holly Wears the Crown'



Garden Shed

By Ellen Probert Williamson

tions and treats for the birds who are attracted to the bright red berries.

In a section on the garden in winter, Jackyll says, "The leaves are all down by the last week of November, and the woodland shrubs are left to stand, perhaps one ought rather to say someone of the intimate variety of aspects, for those who live in such a country know how many are the winter moods of forest land, and how endless are its variations of beauty—variations much greater and more numerous than are possible in summer.

"With the wind in the southwest and soft rain about, the twigs of the birches look almost crimson, while the dead bracken at their feet, half dragged and sodden with wet, is of a strong, dark rust color. Now one sees the full value of the good evergreens, and rambling through woodland, more especially of the holly, bush or tree, with its strong green color, dark but not gloomy. Whether it is the high polish of the leaves, or the lively look of their waxy edges, with the short prickles set alternately up and down, or the brave way the tree hark of shooting up among other thick growth, or its massive sturdiness on a bare hillside, one cannot say, but a holly in early winter is a cheering sight."

In December, the holly comes into its own for Christmas decorations.

Real Estate One passes the \$2 billion mark in sales

A first in Michigan

On Monday, Nov. 30, Real Estate One Inc. became the first real estate company in Michigan's history to surpass the \$2 billion mark in total sales for a single year.

This milestone is the climax of several years of rapid growth for the Farmington Hills-based company. Contributing to the year's record sales are Real Estate One's mergers with the Michigan Group, Gross Pointe's R.G. Edgar & Assoc., and Champion & Co.

The combination of normal market growth, mergers and the unparalleled strength of the current Michigan real estate market contributed to reaching this sales milestone.

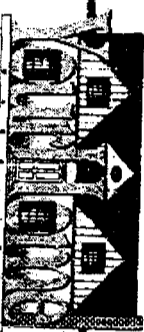
Real Estate One established in 1929, continues to be a family-owned company. With 33 company-owned branch offices located throughout the five metro Detroit counties and the Grand Traverse area, Real Estate One is the largest real estate firm in Michigan. Additionally, the company maintains offices in the United States, Canada and major world cities.

grouped together in a variety of sizes, with bushes and shrubs around them, especially holly, which was as beautiful in winter with its bright berries, as it was in summer with its shiny, prickly leaves.

Downing's book was immensely popular all during the 19th century, and well into this century. Copies of it are still to be found in book stores in its later editions. Downing was especially fond of holly and recommended it many times.

It would hardly seem like the Christmas holiday season without holly. We decorate houses, stores and churches with holly and evergreen roping and wreaths. It is mentioned many times in carols and poems. The traditional Christmas plum pudding must be decorated with a sprig of holly, and holly is pictured on more Christmas cards than is any other plant.

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The two most reliable manufacturers are White-Rodgers and Minneapolis Honeywell. They both make many different models ranging from no temperature adjustment to multiple setbacks to up to seven days. One other manufacturer, Enerstat, has a thermostat that you can control from your phone. For example, if you are in Florida and are coming home, you can simply call your home, enter the proper codes and turn your heat up. Or, if you are in

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Florida for the winter and want to make sure the pipes do not freeze and break, this thermostat can be programmed to call you when the temperature in your home drops below the temperature you set.

Back to the conventional thermostat by White-Rodgers and Minneapolis Honeywell, a multi-line thermostat is available at local hardware and do-it-yourself stores. If you have a newer furnace (1986 or newer) not all of

these do-it-yourself thermostats are compatible without adding an isolation relay. Make sure that you thoroughly investigate your system and proposed thermostat before you purchase.

The top of the line thermostat is the White-Rodgers IP-97-1. This unit comes in either white or brown and will adjust your heat to four times per day at different times, every day of the week. It is best to have this particular

model or any installed by a licensed and insured contractor. A reasonable cost for the White-Rodgers IP-97 thermostat should be approximately \$225 to \$285 installed.

If you have any questions or comments, or are interested in a specialized thermostat, please feel free to contact me or any of my staff at (810) 682-1700. Happy Holidays!

Home Tips

RECYCLE TIP — My husband uses a dry cleaner weekly for his work shirts.

I recycle the dry cleaner's plastic bags by using them as packing in the boxes to protect the gifts I mail. They are free and lightweight for cheap mailing and they easily mold around any size or shape of gift. Thina F. Hutchinson, Kan.

BOOK SHARING — When I lend out books, I take the jacket off and write the date and the name of the person who is borrowing the book on the inside of it. Then I replace the jacket in the

bookshelf where the book goes. That way, I do not forget who has the book and also have a record of those who shared it. Katie M. Broad Run, Va.

KEEP 'EM SOFT — Here's my tip to keep cookies soft: Only put enough cookies in your plastic container for two days. Put the rest in the freezer in a plastic zip-per-type bag. When you run out of the one in the container, refill with the ones from the freezer. They taste like they were just made.

See HOME TIPS, page 17A

Antiques

Q My silver-plated tray measures 8 inches by 14 inches. It is engraved with fancy cut-outs and flowers. The bottom is marked "Meriden Silver Plate Co." and "1706 U.S.A." I realize the number isn't a year, but what is it? When was my tray made?

A The Meriden Silver Plate Co. was founded in 1869 in Meriden, Conn. It was one of many independent silver companies that merged in 1898 to form the International Silver Co. Your tray was made between 1869 and 1898. The number 1706 is a design or catalog number.

Q My sister owns a Japanese ceramic vase that dates from the 19th century. It's 8.5 inches tall. It has two handles, a fluted throat and a design of a hand-painted rural scene with a thatched-roof house, trees and a path. The mark on the bottom says "Nishiki" and "Royal Japan." Can you tell me anything more?

A Your sister's vase was made between 1921 and World War II. The mark is "Royal Nishiki" and "Japan." It was used by a well-known factory.

Q I collect enameled copper signed by Nekrassoff. Did he also make hammered aluminum?

A Serge Nekrassoff made pewter and copper pieces with or without an enamel decoration. He worked in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the early 1920s, then moved to New York in 1925. In 1931, he opened a workshop in Dartmouth, Conn. His son worked with him and in 1952 they moved to Stuart, Fla. That shop, called "Serge S. Nekrassoff & Son," was

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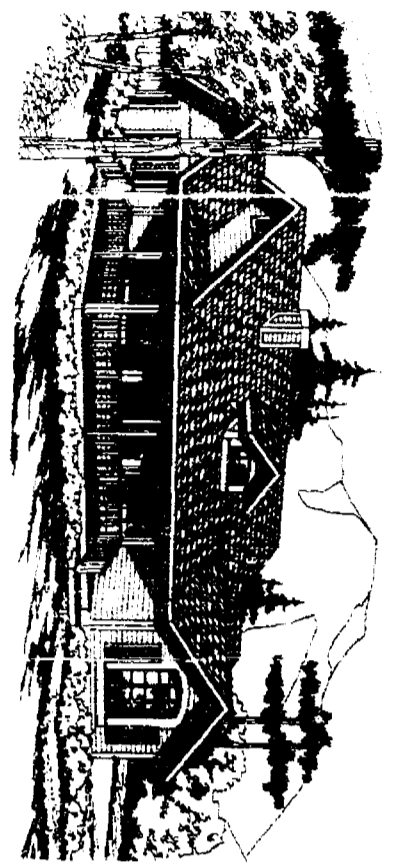
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The Cambridge



The Cambridge is that rare exception to the rule—a compact country-style home. Typically, homes with gabled rooflines, dormer windows and a wrap-around front porch are in the mid-to-high price range, out of reach for first-time home buyers and far too large for empty nesters.

But this plan is designed for economy and efficient maintenance, making it equally well-suited to the needs of singles, families with young children, or couples who've graduated from part-entitled to grandparenthood.

Building Industry Association announces 1999 home show dates

The Building Industry Association of Southern Michigan (BIA) announced the 1999 dates of its five well-known home shows:

These shows have become known as the source for home and garden information, ideas and inspiration," said Mark E. Gunderson, president of BIA and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Novi.

The 1999 home show dates are as follows:

- BIA will sponsor the seventh annual Spring Home and Garden Show on Thursday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Novi Expo Center in Novi.
- The second annual Macomb Home Improvement Show on Friday, Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 21 at Macomb Expo Center in Warren.
- The 81st annual Builders Home and Design Show on Thursday, March 18 through Sunday, March 21 at the Coburn Conference-Exhibition Center in Detroit.
- The third annual Home Improvement Show on Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11 at the Novi Expo Center.
- The seventh annual Fall Home Show on Thursday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Novi Expo Center.
- The 1999 shows will help homeowners ease into the new millennium with the latest and greatest products and services for the home and garden. Many experts will be on hand with timely advice on what to expect in the years to come and how to keep up with the rapidly changing times.

Day-to-day living takes place in a bright, vaulted family room/kitchen combination that faces the rear. Naturally illuminated by skylights, side windows and a high tower, this area rarely needs electrical lighting during daylight hours.

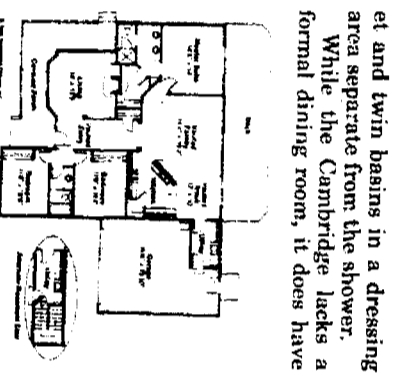
Sliding glass doors in the eating nook open onto a wide deck allowing meals to move outside when days are warm. Utilities are just a few steps away, tucked in the passageway to the garage.

Potted plants flourish on 8-foot-high recessed plant shelves that flank the vaulted entry hall, overlooking the entrance to the family room, and mark the passageway to the master suite. Families with brown thumbs can use these shelves as display space.

Luxury amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet and twin basins in a dressing area separate from the shower.

While the Cambridge lacks a formal dining room, it does have an impressive living room with a wide bay window. Built-in bookcases flank a wide-hearth fireplace, providing display space for family mementos.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designers, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, Ore. 97402. Specify the Cambridge 10-045 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring over 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.



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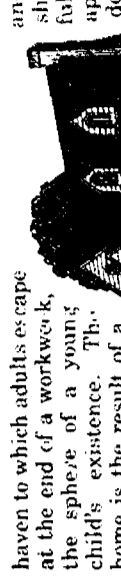
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Home ownership is something to be thankful for



have to which adults escape at the end of a workweek, the sphere of a young child's existence. The home is the result of a dream, the physical manifestation of a family's roots in the community.

Home ownership is the cornerstone of a citizen's investment in their city. It is the cornerstone from which schools, churches and businesses flourish. In the 1950s, the need for housing by returning World War II veterans was the singular catalyst that drove the economic growth, translated into new cities, roads, and a nationwide tax base that funded an eventual race to the moon.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, nearly half of an American's net worth is found in the equity in their homes. Today's home owner views their proverbial castle as an integral part of their retirement funding. And how better to grow wealth while enjoying the fruits of your investment? In a time, one can put down a mere 1 percent

and claim "ownership", complete with full benefit of use, appreciation, and tax deductibility.

The huge investment that an owner makes in a home has ancillary societal benefits as well. Studies reinforce the idea that the home becomes a thread on the loom of the community fabric, parents work to assure safety neighborhoods for their children. In doing so they feed the cultural ideals of work, family, security and working together toward a common goal.

So take a few moments to be thankful for your home and the experts we depended upon to help us all fulfill a portion of our dreams.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders is comprised of more than 11,000 member companies, providing service to over 400,000 people in the home building/construction industry. MAHB also represents 36 local home builder associations throughout the state.

ple", but where will you find greater truth?

During the American Civil War, a heinous conflict that saw more young men and women maimed and killed than the sum total of every military action this country's ever been involved in, it was still considered a crime to violate the sanctity of an individual's home.

Home ownership. Not much has changed over the years. The center of family life is the home. It is there that people return to celebrate a birth, toast a holiday or mourn a death. It is the safe

Good Housekeeping

Water will damage some sheers.

- Leather and suede: Cover with heavy brown paper, and press with a dry iron on medium heat (the "rayon" setting). Then run a soft brush over the suede to restore the nap.
- HOLIDAY HELP — Deck the doors: That bent-coat-hanger-over-the-door look for hanging the wreath just isn't working. If you have glass panes in your front door, or a storm door, try MagnetHook from Skotz Manufacturing Inc., instead. Two strong magnets sandwich the glass, with a hook on the outside to hold wreaths or holiday ornaments. MagnetHook is also a good option for steel doors, but it may not stick on double-pane or thick, insulated windows. \$14.95 at home-supply or hardware stores.
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This Thanksgiving, as we sat down with our families around the dining room table, many of us took a moment to reflect on all the things we are thankful for. As we ponder this list, many of us will think about our homes, and for good reason.

Home ownership. What else beyond family and friends offers so much in the way of practical application, asset building, and daily stroke to the self esteem? Abraham Lincoln has been quoted to the point of cliché with his statement that "The strength of a nation lies in the homes of its people."

Is your favorite holiday outfit still creased from last Christmas? Smooth fine fabrics at home with these tips:

- Check the clothing label first," says Carolyn Forte, the Good Housekeeping Institute's home care director. "A velvet dress could be made of silk or cotton fibers, which require different temperatures." Always begin with low heat, then gradually increase it to the recommended setting for the fiber.
- Velvet: Hold the iron above, but not touching, the wrong side of the fabric. Using steam only, pass the iron over the clothing without applying pressure.
- Beads, embroidery, and lace: Line the ironing board with a thick towel. Lay fabric face down and cover with a thin, clean dish towel. Iron using steam and very light pressure to avoid flattening decorations.
- Silks, satins and tulle: Press on the wrong side using a dry iron on low to medium heat.
- Sheers and metallics: Place a thin dish towel over the fabric, and press with a dry iron.

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Top Video Rentals

- "Hope Floats" starring Sandra Bullock, FoxVideo — rated PG-13, new entry.
- "The X-Files" starring David Duchovny, FoxVideo — rated PG-13, last week, No. 1
- "Species II" starring Bruce Willis, Universal — Rated R, new entry.
- "Mercury Rising" starring Michael Douglas, Warner — rated R, No. 2
- "A Perfect Murder" starring Patrick Swayze, Universal — rated PG-13, No. 3
- "Black Dog" starring Patrick Swayze, Universal — rated PG-13, No. 4
- "City Of Angels" starring Nicolas Cage, Warner — rated PG-13, No. 5
- "Lost In Space" starring William Hurt, New Line — rated PG-13, No. 6
- "Last Days of Disco" starring Kate Beckinsale, PolyGram — rated R, No. 7
- "The Big Hit" starring Mark Wahlberg, Columbia TriStar — rated R, new entry.

20907 WOODMONT, HW

Fantastic one and one half story in very desirable neighborhood. Immaculately maintained. Living room with natural fireplace, dining room, updated kitchen with eating space. Beautiful family room with access to yard. Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, finished basement and central air. New vinyl windows, newer gas force air/central air, new roof. An absolute joy of a house!!!

639 BRIARCLIFF RD., GPP

This five bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial features a two story marble entrance foyer, family room, den, finished basement, first floor laundry room and much more! Immediate occupancy.

VERNIER & 9 MILE

ON THE LAKE—A dream come true. The beauty of waterfront living. Cor-bined with a boaters dream of having a side canal to dock up to a 50 foot yacht! Residence built in 1994, with 5,400 square feet. Spectacular two story cathedral ceilings. The best of building materials. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths, great room, den. Too many features to mention. Call broker for a private showing and further details. Attractively priced \$1,598,000.

20506 ELIZABETH

Perfect well maintained five bedroom, three full bath home. Featuring covered ceilings, newly refinished hardwood floors and updated kitchen. Appliances included. Newer windows on lower level and Anderson windows on the second floor. All carpeting is a year old and some has recently been painted. Newly carpeted driveway and landscaping. Large lot with live oaks and hickories. Larger lot is set up for playground for kids. Best lot is set up for use as an office. Price reduction.

1255 CADDEX, GPP

Completely refurbished, three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial located conveniently close to village shopping! Among its many features—updated kitchen (including cabinets, flooring, countertops, etc.) and baths, breakfast nook, formal dining room, natural fireplace in living room, carpeted recreation room. Finished hardwood floors and new wall to wall carpeting. Screened porch, large second floor veranda off master bedroom—all in on a wide rear lot. \$219,900.

VACANT COMM. LOT, GPP

Grosse Pointe Park vacant commercial lot 195 feet of frontage located on Charlevoix excellent commercial strip perfect for owner/lease. \$125,000 or owner will build to suit.

1206 BALFOUR, GPP

Classic "Greek revival" with wonderful versatility. This beautiful Colonial has been renovated throughout. Gorgeous gourmet kitchen with cherry wood cabinets, two ovens (one convection). Sub Zero refrigerator and granite stone counter and backsplash. Five bedrooms, three full baths and three, bathrooms. Family room with full wall windows. Finished basement with natural fireplace. Attached carriage house has great room with Cathedral ceiling, first floor laundry, bathroom with private bath and sharp kitchenette with laundry and full size adult children, perfect for large family, adult home shows beautifully.

MOROSINI-94 AREA

Come "C" this "you'll easily see" the value in this three bedroom home situated in a neighborhood ideal for the first time home buyers. Wood deck, nice yard plus garage and more.

21715 PLEASANT

Beautiful art and crafts Southern Colonial in very good condition. Leaded, beveled glass windows and doors throughout. Oak trim and floors. Newer white kitchen cabinets with all appliances, breakfast room. Oak parlor at front of home. Peppercorn fireplace in living room with built bookcases, formal dining room with bay window, family room. All four bedrooms with walk-in closets, one and one half baths, newer furnace, roof, cement car garage. Double lot and more!!! Price reduction.

99 STEPHENS, GPP

PRESTIGIOUS LOCATION

Five bedroom, three and one half bath Colonial located on one of Grosse Pointe Farms' nicest streets. Exhilarating lot, 150 feet of frontage x 174. Near Grosse Pointe Blvd, Library, family room, second floor laundry, ready for updating. Call for a private viewing.

373 NOTRE DAME, GPC

Near Jefferson Avenue beautiful four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Family room attached garage, natural fireplace, private master suite, full basement, large lot (immediate occupancy). Price to sell at \$349,000.

21210 MANCHESTER, HW

Sharp three bedroom brick ranch east of 19th. Natural fireplace, refreshed hardwood floors, finished basement, heated Florida room, two car garage.

1027 KENSINGTON, GPP

"Classic Tudor" in great Grosse Pointe location. This one of a kind six bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home features a family room and library. Priced 100K below appraised value to allow new owner to renovate or to top with seller to make necessary updates (this available). Extensive natural woodwork, nice lot near Jefferson.

1737 BROADSTONE, GPP

Attractive, well maintained Colonial in Woods most desirable area. Large hits tree lined street, newer decor throughout. Large room sizes. Bath completely redone with new fixtures, six foot jacuzzi and skylight, security system. Price reduction.

842 THREE MILE, GPP

Country setting breathtaking English Tudor on one of the most prestigious streets in Grosse Pointe. Magnificent lot 1.50x2250. Open entrance foyer, oak banister and balcony. Spacious living room with natural fireplace. Beautiful oak library with built-in bookcases and natural fireplace. Spacious updated kitchen, breakfast room with built-in china cabinets and walk out to wood deck. Five bedrooms, four and one half baths. Finished basement with natural fireplace and much more!

222 MORAN, GPP

Beautiful center entrance Colonial in excellent condition. Refinished oak floors, living room with natural fireplace, large formal dining room with open bay library in chestnut wood with natural fireplace, great family room with natural fireplace and cocktail bar, wonderful custom kitchen with granite countertops, ceramic floor and backsplash, eating space, sub zero, island counter and more. Five bedrooms, three and one half baths, spectacular finished basement with natural fireplace, two recreation rooms, bath and kitchenette. Deep lot, sprinkling system/fabulous decor and spotless throughout. Too many amenities to list.

477 COLONIAL COURT, GPP

Classic Tudor, old world charm, slate roof, copper gutters. Four natural fireplaces, gas forced air furnaces with central air. Step down living room, five bedrooms, three and one half baths, wood paneled family room and library, oak hardwood flooring, slate entry foyer. Lots of ornate wet plastering over 1,200 square feet, three car attached garage on a large lot with a circular driveway.

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477 COLONIAL CT, GPP

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15163 WINDSILL FIVE DR., GPP

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1869 STANHOPE - Charming ranch situated on a corner lot. Two bedrooms with family room and den that could be the third bedroom. Inground sprinklers. Two car attached garage.

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NORTH ON VERNER, WEST OF SHACK

Completely remodeled, three bedrooms. New roof, siding, windows, carpet, kitchen and bath. Two car garage.

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22025 SCHROEDER - Located S. of 9 Mile and E. of Grafton. Well maintained brick ranch with family room, finished basement. Updated kitchen. Handwood floors. Two car garage.

FIRST OFFERING

English Tudor located in prime area of the Farms. Loaded with charm and character. Leaded glass throughout. Updated kitchen and bath. Handwood floors. Marble fireplace.

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20695 ROSCOMMON, PRE-E REDUCED

Two bedroom brick. Ready to move in. Furnace 1992 roof 1983, electrical 1984. Attached garage with 6 carway and fireplace. Third bedroom in basement.

HARRISON TOWN SHIP

ON THE LAKE - Eubank view, 2-485

Square feet. Three bedrooms, three baths. Master bedroom 11 x 16 1/2. Family room, Florida room.

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Shores, ESCORT PROPERTY With 1 1/2 bed mortgage on Lake St. Clair, the winding drive through a wooded area leads to a three bedroom, three bath home and a Florida room perfect for water front sunbathing. \$2,200,000. #11725 (CPN-W-101 AN)



Shores, REALTIVE FIVE BEDROOM Colonial in Grosse Pointe Shores for sale. Real estate with option to buy. Large family room with skylights. Freshly updated, hardwood floors for water front sunbathing. \$1,695,000. #12615 (CPN-W-99/L AN)



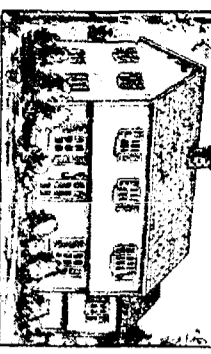
Shores, QUALITY BUILT HOME Bright any spacious home with four bedrooms, three and one half baths. Large family room with skylights. Great for entertaining or a large family. Incredible garden for in prime location. \$680,000. #111045 (CPN-W-43BA1)



St. Clair Shores, TOP FLOOR CONDO Luxurious condo in popular gated community. Fabulous lake views and a dramatic cathedral ceiling in the living room. Two bedrooms, two baths, laundry room and den. \$579,000. #130765 (CPN-W-05/HAR)



Shores, LOCATION, LOCATION! Wonderful early home with new custom kitchen leading to back deck. Family room, Florida room and deck. New windows and professionally landscaped. \$480,000. #11795 (CPN-F-11/RS)



Farms, VERY CHARACTERISTIC COLONIAL Freshly painted interior and some exterior painting has been touched up. Newer Appliances condition. The house is in excellent condition. Come and see. \$385,000. #134305 (CPN-F-14/2/BA1)



Park St. area, beautiful home with great floor, one level floor, one basement. Real estate \$27.50 per month. Includes water and heat. \$995 budget. \$126,000. All appliances and central air conditioning included. \$299,900. #14905 (CPN-F-43BA1)



Huron Township, TRISTAR 2 1/2 BATHS. TRAVEL. Sprashing three bed main brick ranch located on a set back street. Wide, deep curb. Perfect for sail boats or large powerboats. Home warranty. \$295,000. #114975 (CPN-W/BAVEN)



Farms, EXCELLENT LOCATION Located in the heart of the Farms, this wonderful home is a wonderful investment. Close to schools and shopping. Hardwood floors throughout with natural fireplace. \$285,000. #132885 (CPN-H-02/BA1)



CITY, 830 WASHINGTON OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 PM Center entrance Colonial with beautiful architectural detail and updates located on popular City street. Walk-up attic, cedar closet for great storage. Nice woodwork. \$285,000. #113825 (CPN-F-30/WAS)

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WOODS, PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP This spacious Colonial features updated kitchen with granite countertops, oak floor, three full baths and a half bath in finished basement. Multiple fireplaces. \$449,500. #134035 (CPN-W-43REN)



WOODS, EXTENSIVE UPDATES Four bedroom Cape Cod with versatile floor plan. Updated kitchen, two full baths, finished basement and big yard. \$308,000. #16955 (CPN-F-20/FA1)

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\$1,500,000 GROSSE POINTE FARMS Four bed, two and a half baths, state of the art gourmet kitchen, five door laundry room, private pool, stone fireplace, hardwood floors, finished basement, side porch, in a great location. \$1,500,000. #129138

\$435,000 GROSSE POINTE FARMS Three English Tudor home in prime area of Grosse Pointe Woods. Features hardwood floors, granite kitchen, formal dining room, breakfast room, side porch and pool. \$435,000. #23981

\$284,900 CLINTON TOWNSHIP Executive Colonial. Three story, with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, formal dining room, side porch, and finished basement. \$284,900. #2805



\$265,000 HARRISON TOWNSHIP Custom brick ranch in great setting. Built by the developer. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$265,000. #28953



\$259,000 GROSSE POINTE CITY Four of amenities, completely updated home. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$259,000. #28916



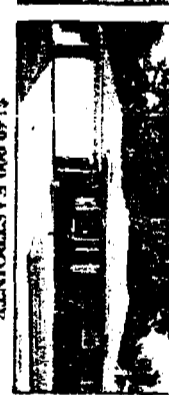
\$313,500 GROSSE POINTE WOODS Historic Colonial in Grosse Pointe Woods. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$313,500. #28916



\$302,950 CLINTON TOWNSHIP Wonderful Colonial in Clinton Township. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$302,950. #28916



\$189,000 GROSSE POINTE CITY Clean, fresh and bright three bedroom, one and one half bath home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$189,000. #28916



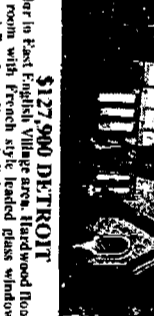
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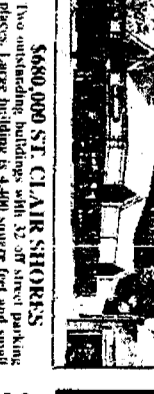
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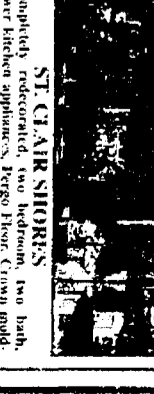
\$127,900 DETROIT Under in East English Village area. Hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$127,900. #28916



\$95,500 HARPER WOODS Sharp 3 1/2 bed home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$95,500. #28916



\$680,000 ST. CLAIR SHORES Two story, large lot, premium lot on a two-acre lot. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$680,000. #28916



ST. CLAIR SHORES Completely updated home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$280K. #28916



\$164,900 GROSSE POINTE WOODS Four bed home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$164,900. #28916



\$122,500 ST. CLAIR SHORES Beautiful 3 1/2 bed home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$122,500. #28916



\$72,900 ST. CLAIR SHORES Four bed home in great location. Features granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$72,900. #28916



\$62,500 ST. CLAIR SHORES Lakefront, three story, finished basement, two full baths, and a half bath. \$62,500. #28916

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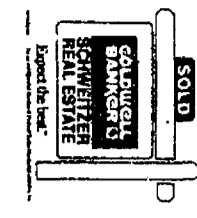
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Detroit Edison offers help to avoid service shutoffs

As Old Man Winter begins his annual visit to southeastern Michigan, residents can prevent electric service shutoffs this winter through Detroit Edison-sponsored programs and other assistance programs aimed at keeping out the cold.

"We are always willing to assist customers who are having difficulty paying their electric bills," says Ronald L. Kinect, manager of customer service at Detroit Edison. "If they will call us at (800) 477-4747 we will work with them to establish a payment plan or identify potential sources of assistance, such as the Family Independence Agency (FIA), The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) and others. We definitely want to help them avoid shut-offs by working with them to resolve their problem."

Detroit Edison helps customers through matching customer donations to THAW and bill credits to qualified homeless shelters.

Despite the cold Michigan winters, qualified low-income and senior citizen customers can sign up for the Michigan Winter Protection Plan, and prevent electric shut-offs if they have difficulty making bill payments. The plan guarantees electrical service between Tuesday, Dec. 1 and Wednesday, March 31.

An additional safeguard is Detroit Edison's double notice procedure. Even when a qualified individual is out of town or ill, communication between Detroit Edison and the customer can be maintained. Customers can identify a friend or relative to receive a copy of any overdue notice. The Edison will match donations by its customers to THAW, a nonprofit organization of southeastern Michigan community agencies, businesses and churches. THAW will give one-time energy payment assistance to qualified low-income customers beginning Wednesday, Jan. 6 using donated funds.

When qualified low-income customers have exhausted other public and private community resources, THAW may provide last-resort energy assistance. It offers aid to residents of Huron, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne counties who qualify.

To aid THAW's outreach efforts, Detroit Edison will ask customers to make donations which the utility will match. Last winter, THAW helped more than 2,200 Detroit Edison customers of whom more than half were families with children. With funds from 10,000 donors and matching funds from Detroit Edison, more than \$800,000 was raised last winter.

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THAW this winter to help fellow southeastern Michigan residents who face financial uncertainties," Kinect said. "The forecast is for a severe winter and we want to do everything we can to assist our customers."

Donors can send checks or money orders to: Department 77650, THAW Fund, P.O. Box 77000, Detroit, MI 48277-0650. Donations also may be charged using VISA or MasterCard by calling (800) 866-THAW (8429).

In addition, permanent homeless shelters throughout Detroit Edison's service area can contact the utility to receive bill credits to help them through the winter months. Energy assistance credits to qualified homeless shelters will be given on bills due between Friday, Jan. 1 and Friday, April 30. Last winter, Detroit Edison provided more than \$50,000 in homeless shelter bill credits.

Detroit Edison's "Special Needs" brochure discusses many of these programs. All residential customers received the brochure with bills mailed in late October and November. The brochure also will be sent to any customer who receives a past-due bill notice this winter.

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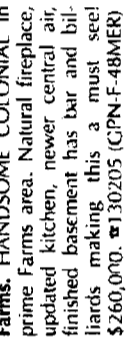
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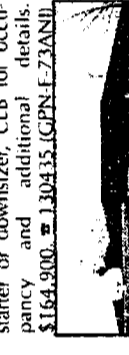
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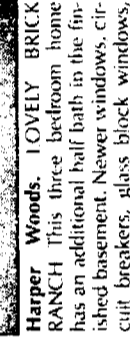
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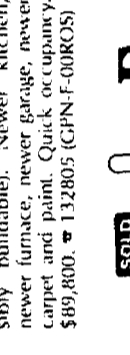
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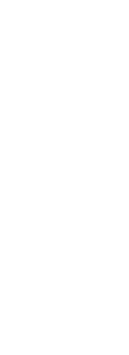
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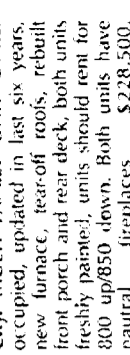
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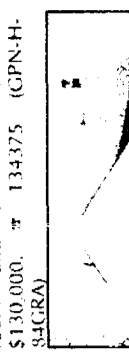
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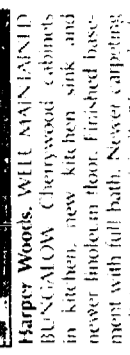
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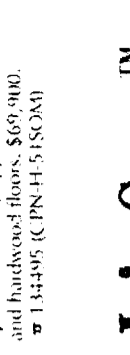
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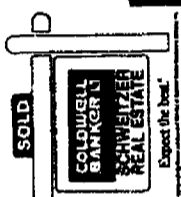
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Local photographer looks back at 10 years' work

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Visitors to the new Borders book store recently opened in the Village might want to take the time to view a retrospective of the work of homegrown photographer Rosh Sillars, whose work has been appearing in the Grosse Pointe News for the past 10 years.

Sillars grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1987. His father is former WJR and Channel 4 weatherman Mel Sillars.

"I always knew that I wanted to be a photographer," Sillars said. "I can remember as a young boy using my mother's camera to take pictures. I can also remember her yelling 'Rosh!' when she found those stray shots on her rolls of film."

Both his father and his mother, Patricia, were strongly supportive of Sillars' ambition to become a photographer, Sillars said. While at South he took classes taught by Jack Summers, who still teaches at the school.

"I was very excited about photography and what I

learned," Sillars said. "This convinced me that this was what I wanted to do with my life. While in high school I won national award for a black-and-white photograph and I was honored as one of the top high school photographers by Kodak Scholastic."

After high school, Sillars attended Macomb Community College for two years before going to the

Center for Creative Studies. He said the experience was good for him because he was able to learn the fundamentals of photography.

Sillars also studied under news photographers Mary Schroeder and Craig Porter.

Schroeder's most famous picture is the shot of Kirk Gibson

jumping up and down after hitting his second homerun in the fifth game of the 1984 World Series. Porter was also a sports photographer.

"They taught me that if you can be a good sports photographer, you can do anything," Sillars said. "In sports you have to be ready all the time. If you're two seconds late, you've probably missed the shot. It's a very challenging

type of photography.

When Sillars graduated from the Center for Creative Studies, he went to work as a photographer. He sold his first picture to the Grosse Pointe News in October 1988 for the grand sum of \$10. From there he continued to build his career.

Sillars currently provides photographs to the Grosse Pointe News, the Connection

and the Daily Tribune. But he also owns his own business, The Rosh Group, a Southfield-based company that represents commercial photographers, video production groups, illustrators and graphic designers.

Sillars sees himself in the next 10 years pretty much where he is today, but more successful.

"I've done what I set out to do," Sillars said. "I would like to still be taking photographs for newspapers, but I'd like to branch out into magazine work and get some national exposure. I'd also like to see the business to thrive. I have a nice group of papers I work for. I basically want to improve on what I've done."

When Sillars was asked by the people at the new Borders in the Village to put on a retrospective of his work, he jumped at the chance.



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Rosh Sillars has samples of his photography on display at Borders Book Store in the Village. The 10-year retrospective of Sillars' work includes portraits, celebrity photos and photographs that have appeared in the Grosse Pointe News, the Connection and the Daily Tribune. His work will be on display in the cafe area of Borders throughout December.



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Meetings

Farm, Garden Association

The Grosse Pointe branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Lester Clark. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Post Fordon and Mrs. Oliver Wright.

Newcomers

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club is a non-profit social club for couples new to the Grosse Pointes. The club meets every month for a theme party or activity at different locations on the east side or downtown Detroit. Membership is \$25 a couple and individual parties range from \$25 to \$98 a couple. For more information — or to attend a new member coffee — call Craig and Dawn Bloomfield at (313) 882-5269, Steve and Penny Wulfekuhle at (313) 417-3848, or Kevin and Theresa Wagerson at (313) 884-6616.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Brownell Middle School, for a monochrome and color print competition and pictorial and nature slide competition. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (313) 324-9064 or (313) 822-7080.

Louisa St. Clair, NSDAR

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit.

The meeting will include the election of delegates to the Continental Congress. The luncheon costs \$15. For reservations, call Barbara Doerr, Delores Littlefield or Betty McLaughlin.

Windmill Pointe Questers

The Windmill Pointe No. 385 chapter of Questers will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. The program will be an 18th century Christmas celebration with Mary Olson. The hostess will be Liz Hardwick; co-hostess will be Sylvia Wilson.

Cinema League

The Grosse Pointe Cinema League will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Auditorium.

The program will feature a slide presentation of major cities in Poland, including Warsaw, Cracow, Zakopane, Gdansk, Wroclaw and Poznan. Hosts will be Jane and Ed Wojtan. There will be refreshments after the program. The cost is \$4 a person; or \$20 for a year's membership to all the programs. Student membership is \$10.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet on Friday, Dec. 11, for a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. The hostess will be Florence McBrien and the program will be a surprise.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The program will feature the Boys and Girls Choirs of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Frederic DeHaven is the choirmaster. Everyone should bring a gift for the Salvation Army's Evangeline Center.

Members inviting guests should make reservations no later than Saturday, Dec. 12. Call (313) 885-8232 or (313) 885-4994.

Photos

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"I want my show to reflect just how the job of photojournalism has changed in just the 10 years I've been in the field," Sillars said.

"The first pictures in the show are, of course, black-and-white, because that's what newspapers printed in those days."

"The next photos are color and the final two pictures are color digital pictures printed on my personal computer at home. Even dark rooms are no longer needed to take pictures."

Part of Sillars' love of photojournalism comes from the chance to meet new people every day. He's taken pictures of presidents and high school athletes. The job requires him to do as good a job for the local quarterback as for the president of the United States.

"I remember in 1992 I had just finished reading the book, 'The Boys on the Bus,' which is about the press in

the 1972 presidential campaign," Sillars said. "The next day I was asked by the Grosse Pointe News to photograph then-candidate Bill Clinton speaking to the Detroit Economic Club. It was quite an honor."

But it was more than an honor, Sillars said. It made him think about his job and about how people will view history and current events through his eyes.

"That event gave me more respect for what I do," Sillars said. "I have a responsibility. The job is interesting, which is why I still do it. I do photojournalism for the pure love of it. I still have a business and that's important, but this is what I love to do."

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Children's Theatre begins 45th season

Grosse Pointe Children's Theatre will begin its 45th season on Saturday, Dec. 19, with a production of "Sleeping Beauty: A Musical Fantasy in 3 Acts."

Performances are at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21300 Marter in St. Clair Shores/Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Assumption.

For more information, call (810) 779-6111.

Registration for the winter semester will begin in January. Call director Sally Reynolds at (313) 885-6219.

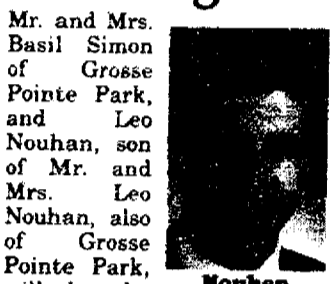


Rachel Boury of Grosse Pointe Woods plays the role, the Good Fairy and storyteller in the Grosse Pointe Children's Theatre's production of "Sleeping Beauty." The play will be performed at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Assumption Cultural Center. Luncheon will be served. For tickets, call (810) 779-6111.

Men's Garden Club party spotlights student singers

The Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. The program will include Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers, who will perform holiday music, classical selections, and music from the Big Band Era.

Maria Simon, daughter of



Mr. and Mrs. Basil Simon of Grosse Pointe Park, and Leo Nouhan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nouhan, also of Grosse Pointe Park, will be the featured soloists at the event. The Men's Garden Club provided scholarships for Simon and Nouhan to attend Interlochen's summer programs.

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Babies

Steven Edward Levick Jr.

Steven and Dawn Levick of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Steven Edward Levick Jr., born Oct. 30, 1998. Grandparents are George and Judy Pumphrey of Fair Haven, Diana Levick of Grosse Pointe Shores and the late Dr. Walter Levick.

Stephanie Christina Vermet

Christina and Edward Vermet of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Stephanie Christina Vermet, born Sept. 9, 1998. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Malicki of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Nolly Vermet of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Willem K. Vermet.

Joseph Albert Veneri Jr.

Joe and Maggie Veneri of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Joseph Albert Veneri Jr.,

born Oct. 17, 1998. Maternal grandparents are Don and Dianne Sanders of Grosse Pointe Shores. Paternal grandparents are the late Albert and Dorothy Veneri. Great-grandmothers are Patricia Doyle of Grosse Pointe Shores, Rosalie Tocco of McAllen, Texas, and Margaret Sanders of Phoenix, Ariz.

Robert Thomas Martinez and Alexander Richard Martinez

Bob and Maureen Martinez of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of twin boys, Robert Thomas Martinez and Alexander Richard Martinez, born Oct. 20, 1998. Maternal grandparents are Lynn and Tom McGann of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Michele and Richard Martinez of Santa Fe, N.M., and the late Judith Martinez. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Van Tiem of St. Clair Shores and Frances Martinez of Pueblo, Colo.

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This tabloid will be published **January 28, 1999**. Your child's picture, along with other 1998 area babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

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Your picture must be received in our office no later than Tuesday December 22nd, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 8, 1999.)

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WJR Radio Auction to raise funds for Children's Center

The eighth annual WJR Radio Auction for the Children's Center will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12.

The live, on-the-air auction will feature about 80 items for listeners to bid on. All proceeds will go to the Children's Center, a non-profit organization in Detroit's Medical Center that provides mental health related services for more than 4,000 at-risk children and their families each year.

The auction will be from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. It will be broadcast live from the Fisher Building in downtown Detroit.

Items to bid on will include: a pair of baby male llamas, a 1999 Lincoln Town Car, a '99 Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp experience, a cruise aboard the yacht Helene, tickets to local sporting events and shows, autographed sports memorabilia, jewelry, gift certificates and more.

Since 1991, the radio fundraiser has collected



Looking forward to the WJR-AM radio auction, a fundraiser for the Children's Center, are, from left, Ed Deeb of Grosse Pointe Woods, an auction donor; Sal Ciaramitaro, auction donor; Sharyn Tayler, volunteer; Jade, from the Children's Center; and Paul W. Smith, WJR-AM Morning Show host.



MIRA party

A recent informal gathering at the home of Grosse Pointer Penny Simon was a benefit for the Mental Illness Research Association (MIRA). Gayle Boutrous was chairman of the event. Funds will be used for brain research and for helping erase the stigma associated with mental illnesses. Since its inception in 1993, MIRA has raised more than a million dollars for projects relating to depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, ADD/ADHD, suicide and Alzheimer's disease.

From left, are Simon, Boutrous and Gloria Clark.



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New members of the board of directors of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology are, from left, Drew Brophy, John Capuano, Dr. John Roarty and Howard Gandelot. The DIO is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to assist, support and educate the visually impaired, help preserve vision by public and professional education and conduct research related to the eye.

More information about the DIO is available on its new web sites at brophy.com/dio and brophy.com/eod.



Nutcracker Luncheon

Among those who attended a recent Nutcracker Luncheon, a benefit sponsored by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, were: Mado Lie of Grosse Pointe Park, a member of the honorary committee; Gloria Clark of Grosse Pointe Shores; Denise Andris of Grosse Pointe Park and Lynne Girard Dewey of the City of Grosse Pointe.

From left, are Grosse Pointer Pat Young; Louis Spisto, DSOH president; and Lucy Debol, DSOH Volunteer Council president.

\$940,000 for the Children's Center. Organizers expect to reach more than 500,000 listeners in 38 states.

"This auction isn't just about raising money for kids," said Barbara Willett of Grosse Pointe Shores, chairman of the event for the last seven years. "It brings out the best in people... and it makes all the hard work worthwhile."

More than 80 volunteers from businesses, community and civic groups help solicit gifts and man the phones for the auction, including Grosse Pointers Louis Tewart, Ruth Zinn, Michael and Diane Marston, Sharon Mertz and Ed Deeb.

Miracle believers: The Miracle in Motown Foundation will host its fourth annual benefit for Focus:

HOPE from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Westin Hotel.

More than 1,500 people are expected to attend the black tie-optional event which plans to raise \$150,000 for Focus: HOPE, a civil and human rights organization founded in 1968 by the late Father William T. Cunningham and Eleanor M. Josaitis. Focus: HOPE unites multicultural communities in a common effort to overcome injustice and build racial harmony as well as provide solutions to the problems of hunger and inadequate educational programs, and help for at-risk mothers and children.

This year's party will feature Big Band swing music by the Imperial Swing Orchestra and the sounds of Sinatra performed by Mark Randisi and Band. There will also be

a light supper, cash bar and a raffle.

Tickets are \$55 in advance; \$75 at the door. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster locations.

Among the Grosse Pointers who are involved in the

fundraiser: Joseph N. Impastato II, founder of the Miracle in Motown Foundation; Thomas Giftos; Peter Mourad; Nino Cueter; and John Secco.

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Historical Society reduces prices for Grosse Pointe videos

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society has reduced the price of its two educational video documentaries that trace the history of Grosse Pointe.

"Recollections of the Past: 1650-1900" and "The Past as Prologue: 1900-Present" are now available for \$10 each.

The 30-minute videos were produced by the society; narrated by Joe Weaver of Grosse Pointe, former WJBK-TV news anchor and commentator; written by Jean Dodenhoff, curator of the historical society, and Kimberly Conely, award-winning producer and director.

The videos include live action re-enactments by actors from the Grosse Pointe Theatre and use historic photographs, drawings, letters and artifacts from the society's archives.

"The videos further the society's goal to preserve Grosse Pointe's rich heritage by increasing awareness of its history through education," said Chip Berschback, president of the society.

Copies of both videos have been donated to all public, pri-

vate and parochial schools in the community and have been aired on PBS Channel 56. More than 1,500 copies have been sold so far.

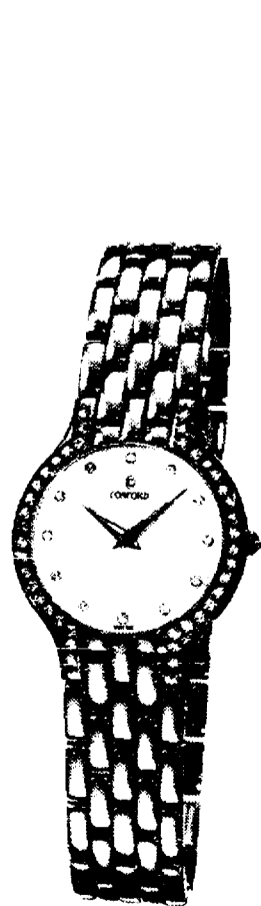
To order videos at \$10 each, call (313) 884-7010 and leave your name and telephone number. Delivery is free in the Grosse Pointes.

Humane Society to sell calendar

The Michigan Humane Society is selling a 1999 wall calendar, with proceeds benefiting the more than 50,000 homeless, abused and needy animals it cares for each year.

The calendar features pets from the metro Detroit area, information about the MHS and important dates to remember. The price is \$10; shipping charge is \$3.25. To order a 13-month calendar, call (248) 650-1179.

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'Messiah,' 'Nutcracker' hold new delights

Being home for the holidays has a beautiful significance for one of Grosse Pointe's most illustrious daughters.

Elizabeth Parcellis, coloratura soprano and star of the European and North American opera stage, is here to sing. It will be our pleasure as well as hers.

Known around here as Betsy, Parcellis has returned many times to her local circle of friends and fans judged how well she has progressed as an artist.

State of the Arts



By Alex Suczek

There have been recitals at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a concert with orchestra at the Summer Music Festival and the role of Queen of the Night in Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute," with the Michigan Opera Theatre. But she has been so active around the world that it has been difficult for local friends to keep track.

Betsy has been a regular at prominent opera houses in such European cities as Berlin, Zurich, Frankfurt, Basel and Wiesbaden. Following her early success with the challenging coloratura aria of Mozart's Queen of the Night, she has gone on to establish a solid reputation for bel canto and premiere performances.

And success followed in the United States, where she has taken part in a number of prestigious new productions. In Boston, it was the rarely performed "Linda di Chamounix" by Donizetti, a bel canto masterpiece. At the Boston Lyric Opera she also sang such prized roles as Zerbinetta in Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos," Mary Queen of Scots in "Maria Stuarda" by Donizetti and Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, in a special production.



Elizabeth Parcellis

Always seeking new challenges, Betsy has interpreted much music of our own times and has given numerous recitals all over Europe and in the United States. She has branched out into oratorio performances, soloed with major orchestras in choral works and graced the programs of Summer Festivals from Bologna, Italy, to Tanglewood, Mass. So we can take special pleasure in her return at this time in a new role for us.

Betsy is back to appear as soprano soloist with the Rackham Symphony Choir in a holiday season performance of "The Messiah" by Handel.

There are some truly luscious arias in that inspiring work that should be thrilling vehicles for her brilliant, flute-like voice. And we may find that Betsy's voice has developed some exciting new colors as a result of her growth and maturation as an artist.

It is also gratifying to note that she will be in good company. Her fellow soloists and the choir are all

first-rate.

Baritone Mark Rucker was second winner of the Pavarotti competition and a winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions. He appears regularly in productions of New York City, Miami and San Francisco opera companies as well as in Europe. Always acclaimed for his performance of the title role in Verdi's "Rigoletto," he also regularly performs the baritone leads in the all-time favorites of "Aida," "La Traviata," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "I Pagliacci" and "Il Trovatore." He has been soloist many times with the Symphony Orchestras of Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Detroit.

No less illustrious is mezzo soprano Irina Mishura, a latecomer to the United States from Russia but already a favorite on our national opera circuit. She is best known locally for her performance with Neeme Järvi and the DSO in Tchaikovsky's "The Snow Maiden," live at Orchestra Hall and on one of the DSO's CD releases.

The tenor arias will be sung by Dr. Robert Bracey. While holding down a professorship of music and voice at Michigan State University, he keeps up a lively concert touring schedule as well.

Meanwhile, the Rackham Choir is one of Detroit's artistic treasures. Active now for 50 years, this group has always maintained a high standard for recruiting experienced singers from the metropolitan area and giving quality performances. Under its present director, Suzanne Acton, it has been treating local audiences to highly inspiring and innovative programs.

There are two performances scheduled: at 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 12; and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Saints Peter & Paul Jesuit Church on Jefferson at the corner of St. Antoine. That means there will be exciting acoustics. Tickets are \$15 at the door, but if you call (313) 341-3466 in advance and make a reservation you can get them for \$12.

'Nutcracker' gets new look

Another Christmas classic, "The Nutcracker Ballet," produced by the DSO, also has some exciting new twists. It is an all-new production with an intriguing return to the original story concept.

This production is by Ballet Internationale with scenery and costumes by the former designers of the Kirov Ballet. They were cut and sewn in St. Petersburg, Russia.

What really arouses the curiosity, however, is artistic director Eldar Aliiev's return to the original story line. It restores to the performance such details as the origins and identity of the Nutcracker, why he looks as he does and how the magician came to possess his powers to bring the Nutcracker and all the toys to life.

These details and insights restore to the work a significance that is more meaningful to the adults in the audience. Even so, the grand spectacle of the costumes and sets and the magic of the animated toys continues the ballet's legendary fascination for children.

With prominent former members of Russia's great Kirov and Bolshoi ballet companies in the cast, this should be a refreshing new look at an all-time favorite. The run begins Thursday Dec. 10 and continues through Sunday, Dec. 20. All performances are in the new Detroit Opera House. Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 874-7464.



In Celebration

Tom Stalkamp, president of DaimlerChrysler, at the left, accepts the "In Celebration" award for community service from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. Catherine O'Malley of Grosse Pointe Farms, chairman of the board of directors of Boys & Girls Clubs, presented the award on Nov. 10. Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan is a non-profit youth development organization providing a positive environment that enables its members to become responsible, self-reliant, caring adults.

First English to present 'Messiah'

First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present its annual of Part I and Part II of "The Seasonal Music Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. The First English choirs and orchestra will perform portions of Part I and Part II of "The Messiah" and everyone will be invited to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" at the end of the service. Music director is Robert Foster.

Catholic Lawyers' Society plans advent evening

The Catholic Lawyers' Society will hold its Advent Evening of Recollection at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Manresa Retreat House, Quarton at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The charge is \$20 a person; law students are admitted free. For more information, call (313) 963-2915.

Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets

The Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The next breakfast, on Dec. 11, will feature a talk by the Rev. Ronald Schmidt of Faith Lutheran Church in Detroit. On Dec. 18, the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will speak. There will be no meetings on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The Rev. Robert L. Selberg will speak on Jan. 8.

United Methodist Church will present its annual 'Cookie Mart'

The women of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church will present their annual Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms. The event will offer a chance to select your own cookies for \$7 a pound. Breads, candy and a light lunch will also be available for purchase. This year's chairmen are Jean Buhler and Noelle Decker. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.



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Use AAA Guide to be 'First a Friend, Then a Host'

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra:
"Stayin' Alive" was a popular Bee Gees tune in 1978, the same year AAA Michigan debuted the "First a Friend, Then a Host" non-alcoholic drink program.
"Stayin' Alive" is one theme to take to heart. That was our original goal in 1978 — making roads safer during the holidays, when people tend to drink and drive. That's still our goal today.

For the last 20 years, the Auto Club has provided its Great Pretenders Party Guide free to Michigan residents to help make the holidays safe. More than 60,000 copies of the guide are distributed each holiday season through AAA Michigan branches, traffic safety organizations and in response to mail and phone requests.

The AAA Michigan Great Pretenders Party Guide features 19 recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in four regional Zero-Proof Mix-Off contests held in October, as well as recipes from professional bartenders.

In keeping with this year's theme — "Remember '78" — drink recipes have names like Copacabana Shake, Disco Slush, Miliken's Mimosa and Polyester Leisure Suit Smoothie.

This holiday season, AAA Michigan advises party hosts to be First a Friend, then a Host by following these recommendations:

- Serve a variety of non-alcoholic beverages like drinks featured in the Great Pretenders Party Guide. Don't force alcoholic drinks on your guests.

- Put away the alcohol after a reasonable amount of time and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.

- Encourage car pooling. Give a small gift to the designated drivers.
- Take the keys, call a cab or insist that a guest who has too much to drink sleep overnight at your home.

Alcohol continues to play a large role in traffic injuries and fatalities in Michigan. In 1997, 544 people died in traffic crashes statewide in which alcohol use was a factor. Drivers age 21 through 44 were involved in 62 percent of the alcohol-related fatal crashes.

We encourage your readers to keep the holidays happy. Provide the tools for "Stayin' Alive" — and don't drink and drive.

For copies of AAA Michigan Great Pretenders Party Guide, stop by any AAA office, including our Grosse Pointe branch at 19299 Mack, on the west side of Mack between Moross and Vernier. By mail, send requests to Public Relations Department, AAA Michigan, One Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126 or call (313) 336-1500. You can also find the booklet on our web site at www.AAAMich.com.

— Nancy Cain
Public Relations Manager
AAA Michigan

Dear Nancy:

Thanks for reminding us all of this terrific, no cost service provided by AAA Michigan. We encourage all of our readers to call or stop by the AAA office for a copy of the Great Pretenders Party Guide.

It can't be said enough — when planning a party or a family get together, take time to plan for safety, too. There is no cure for a drunk driving fatality, so insist upon prevention this holiday season. It'll be the greatest gift you give.

Jeff Jay 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." Take Charge is available at all Grosse Pointe churches and public libraries. Send questions to Jeff Jay, c/o Brighton Hospital, Dept. GP, 12851 East Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116, (810) 227-1211, or go to www.takecharge.net. Jeff and Debra Jay live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Five ways to enjoy healthier holidays

The ability to adapt becomes vital during the holidays, when we experience many changes in routine.

"Flexibility is vital when you're trying to lose weight," says Dianne Lucas, a representative of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). "It's simply not true that weight gain is an inevitable side effect of the holiday season. If we learn to 'bend,' we can adapt, and even thrive, during the holidays."

Lucas suggested these five ways to adapt:

- Think ahead. Include your favorite treats in menu plans. When you choose an item that's higher in calories or fats, compensate.

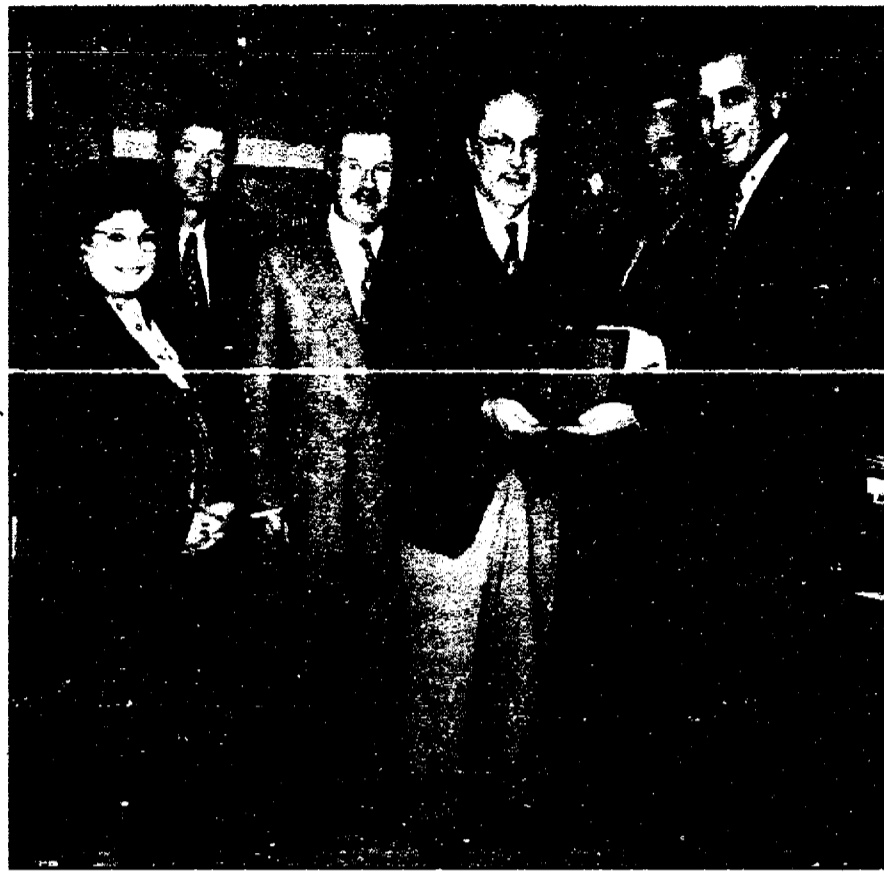
- Exercise a little more.
- Consider the alternatives.

And remember, a polite "no, thank you" is always an option.

- Avoid black-or-white thinking. If you ate more than you'd planned, that doesn't mean you've blown the whole week.

- Work around unexpected events. If visitors arrive just before your daily walk, invite them along. If snow clogs the road, go cross-country skiing.

To find out more about TOPS, call Barb LaMontagne at (313) 724-0603 or call toll-free at (800) 932-8677.



Emergency bill

Bill HR815, recently co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. David Bonior, would require insurance companies to cover their subscribers who use emergency room services if a prudent layperson feels emergency treatment is needed.

Bonior recently received a plaque on behalf of the physician organization of St. John Hospital for the introduction of the bill.

From left, are Gail Parrish, vice president of public policy and planning for the Sisters of St. Joseph Health System; William Leaver, chief operating officer of St. John Hospital; Grosse Pointe Dr. Anthony Southall, chief of emergency medicine at St. John; Bonior; Grosse Pointe Timothy Grajewski, president of St. John Hospital; and Dr. James Fox, vice chief of emergency medicine at St. John and past president of the Michigan chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Americans are encouraged by AHA to get into action

You've heard that being physically active is good for your health.

Here are two more reasons from the American Heart Association to get off the couch and into the action: You'll feel better and have a more positive outlook on life.

Peter Nielsen, WDIV-TV health and fitness expert agrees. "Many studies, including a recent Tufts University report, reveal that, for every hour of cardiovascular exercise, (walking, hiking, swimming, etc.) you do, you can add an extra hour to your life. You can't buy that anywhere."

Physical activity builds healthy bones, muscles and joints and reduces the risk of diabetes and colon cancer. It also reduces feelings of depression and anxiety, improves mood and promotes a feeling of

well-being.

"We start to lose muscle around the age of 30," Nielsen explains. "Muscle burns twice the calories of fat. In order to create a calorie-burning furnace that will work for us, we must exercise. Exercising at least three times a week increases muscle and bone density."

"Physical activity need not be strenuous to bring health benefits," Nielsen adds. "What is important is to include activity as part of a regular routine."

Activities that are especially beneficial when performed regularly include brisk walking, hiking, stair-climbing, aerobic exercise, jogging, running, bicycling, rowing and swimming, and activities such as soccer and basketball that include continuous running.

Even moderate and low-

intensity activities, when performed daily, have some long-term health benefits. These include walking for pleasure, gardening and yard work, housework, dancing and prescribed home exercise, recreational activities such as tennis, racquetball, soccer, basketball and touch football.

The American Heart Association in 1992 identified physical inactivity as a major risk for heart disease. When combined with overeating, physical inactivity can lead to obesity and high blood pressure — two more risks for

heart disease.

In general, you should talk to your physician before starting a vigorous exercise program if you are middle-aged or older, have cardiovascular or joint problems or any other medical condition or physical condition needing special attention, or if you have not been active.

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Sindbad's restaurant: It's a Detroit rivermark

By Laura McReynolds
Special Writer

Sindbad the Sailor was a terrible seaman. In the course of his seven fictional voyages recounted in the 1001 tales of the Arabian Nights, he manages to lay anchor on top of a giant fish, run his ship into a mountain, and is forced to abandon his vessel over and over again to terrible storms, only to wash up on the inevitable uncharted island. He is attacked by sea serpents, hairy ape men, giant birds and cannibals. Through no apparent skill on his part, the end of each tale finds him back safe at home in Baghdad, where he entertains guests with his adventures over a lavish feast.

Happily, Detroit mariners face no such obstacles on their way to dinner. For almost 50 years, they've been putting their way uneventfully down the Detroit River and docking at Sindbad's, where the feast consists of fresh fish, seafood, and hearty meat-and-potatoes fare.

If it seems like Sindbad's has been around forever, that's because it practically has.

Buster Blancke and Van VanHollebeke opened Sindbad's in 1949. At the time, it was a modest river-front eatery and saloon. Over the last five decades, it's grown into a massive, two-story restaurant that seats 450.

Last winter, second generation owner Denise Blancke oversaw a major renovation that included new windows, a new wood floor, stylish saucer-shaped ceiling fixtures and new, wood-trimmed faux marble tables.

There isn't much to see through those windows on a dark winter night, but in the summer, the view from the main floor dining room and the open-air room upstairs overlooks the river and Belle Isle, and makes a lovely meeting place for boaters and landlubbers alike.

Which isn't to say the place feels cold in the off season. Sindbad's golden oak trim and exposed brick walls keep the place cozy.

The original Sindbad never encountered a mermaid, but the restaurant's menu shows him asleep on the dock (a

sleep induced, no doubt, by the contents of the open bottle beside him), dreaming of a buxom beauty with tail fins about to ensnare him with a rope.

The appetizer section of the menu — headed "For Flying Dutchmen" — ranges from bar munchies like cheese sticks, wing dings, onion rings, and chicken tenders to a classic shrimp cocktail, the restaurant's thick, floury homemade clam chowder, and the house mussels steamed in watery broth and served with either drawn butter or mustard sauce. Mussels are variable creatures, no matter where they are served. Sometimes they're divine, sometimes, they have a musky smell that reminds me of straw. The dozen specimens I sampled at Sindbad's were just fine.

All dinners include a basket of individually wrapped crackers and bread sticks, choice of potato and an iceberg lettuce salad smothered in a rather overgenerous dollop of dressing. Most of the dressings are bottled, but the bleu cheese is made in house.

Surf & Turf is so... seven-

ties! It's still being served at Sindbad's, where it includes a New York cut steak and a lobster tail for a varying market price. The steak is a big, sturdy hunk of meat, prepared — as ordered — a nice, rosy medium. The lobster tail is a lobster tail, served hot, which is not the given you might think it should be in other restaurants, with the traditional drawn butter. After eating mussels, shrimp cocktail and a tossed salad, I didn't have any more room to pack in a baked potato. The bite I managed to squeeze in revealed it to be a perfectly respectable, standard-issue spud.

The Catamaran is a traditional presentation of two thick pork chops big enough to give Sindbad the Sailor's giant sea serpents a run for their money. At \$11.50, they're a good deal.

Other land-based dinners include pan-fried chicken, a ground sirloin patty, and a char grilled chicken breast served with fresh vegetables. You can get the steak served solo, too, for \$17.95. The "Treasures of the Sea"

section of the menu includes Alaskan king crab legs, fresh perch, broiled scrod, orange roughy, lobster tails and fresh pickerel, a nice mild filet that didn't need the tartar sauce that came on the side. For the indecisive, a combination platter offers deep-fried shrimp, scallops, perch and roadhouse-style frog legs battered on the bone. Yes, the frog legs taste somewhat like chicken, and are mild enough to appeal to almost anyone, as long as they don't mind "chicken" that reminds them perhaps a little too vividly of the anatomical structure of a surprisingly human-like frog thigh.

Such mainstream fare promises equally mainstream desserts, and Sindbad's does not disappoint. On the night we stopped in, our choices were a sour cream-topped New York-style cheesecake, a thick wedge of apple pie, a mouth-puckering tart key lime pie, and a decadent slab of chocolate cake. We got one of each, took a bite, and passed the plates around. After all the hearty entrees, no one was able to finish a single one of them.

Sindbad's has its own fenced-in parking lot with mandatory valet service, which struck me as kind of silly, upon arrival. It seemed even sillier when, after dinner, the valet couldn't find our car. After waiting patiently for five minutes while the valet ranged aimlessly around the parking lot calling things like "What color was it again?" my husband finally struck out on his own and found our car in about 10 seconds, parked only 30 feet from the entrance. Since the valet, now at the far outer edges of the lot, still had our car keys, my husband was forced to simply call good-naturedly... "Um, over here!" to the valet, who came at a trot, got in our car, and drove it the 30 feet to where I stood. My husband, bemused, strolled over and joined us in time to give the chagrined valet a dollar.

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Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Little dancers, ages 5 and up, can register for Classical Ballet Workshops, Monday, Dec. 14 through Friday, March 19, between 4 and 6:30 p.m. or Saturdays, Dec. 19 to March 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fees are \$65 for one hour per week; \$105 for two hours per week or \$140 for three hours per week. Middle Schoolers are invited to get decked out for a formal Christmas Dance, Friday, Dec. 18, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance with a valid War Memorial I.D., are \$8. Preregistration is required for most classes. Call (313) 881-7511.

Tea time

Take time for tea, a visit with Santa Claus and a tour of an enchanting Play House during Nutcracker Teas, Monday, Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m., at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore. Tickets are \$8. Call (313) 884-4222.

Nautical lights

All aboard the St. Clair Shores Freighter for an adventure through more than 500,000 professionally arranged holiday lights during St. Clair Shores' third annual Nautical Nights of Lights. The land-bound cruises will set sail Sunday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. or Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m., through Thursday, Dec. 31, in Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Riders can warm up with a cup of hot cocoa or cider in the North Pole Workshop after they return to port. Tickets are \$2, children under the age of three enter free. Proceeds support the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade and other civic organizations. Call (810) 774-1740.

Fairy tale favorite

Crosse Pointe Children's Theatre will bring that fairy tale favorite Sleeping Beauty to life on the stage of the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The \$10 tickets include lunch, which will be offered between noon and 1 p.m. Call (810) 779-6111.

Fun flicks

Warm up your winter with a series of fun flicks during the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries' free Winter Film Festival 1998-1999. On Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m., enjoy Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas in the Park Branch, 15490 Kercheval. See The Little Crooked Christmas Tree and The Berenstain Bears' Christmas Tree, at 4 p.m., on

Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the Woods Branch, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods or Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 343-2074.

Kits for kids

Start a new holiday tradition by purchasing Gingerbread House kits for your children from Arts & Scraps, 17820 E. Warren in Detroit. Each kit, which contains enough cutouts, frosting and candy to make two houses, is \$8. Arts & Scraps is open Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (313) 640-4411.

Scandinavian holiday

The whole family can delight in the sights and sounds of Christmas in the Scandinavian Tradition, Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., in the historic Moross House, 1460 E. Jefferson in Detroit. This event, sponsored by a Scandinavian organization along with the Detroit Garden Center, the Windmill Pointe Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, will feature a straw and felt workshop, children's paper-cut decorations and wreath demonstrations. Admission is \$1. Call (313) 881-1705.

Bright nights

The nights are bright at the Detroit Zoological Park, 8450 W. 10 Mile in Royal Oak, with 50 illuminated animal sculptures in the exciting Wild Lights display, running through Sunday, Jan. 3, with the exception of Christmas and New Years. The display will be open Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Call (313) 398-0960.

Cinderella on stage

Everyone's favorite fairy tale princess Cinderella takes the stage at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, during Paper Bag Productions programs through Sunday, Dec. 20. Performances will be preceded by lunch on Saturdays, at noon and Sundays at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50. Call (810) 662-8115.

Puppet plays

See Cinderella at the American Russian PuppetArt Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Saturdays, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1 and 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 28 and Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. PuppetArt is one of the nation's few theaters designed exclusively for professional puppet shows. Admission is \$5 for children and \$6.50 for adults. Call (313) 961-7777.

History alive

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, brings

history to life. Recall the Yuletide traditions of yesteryear when the Museum and Village present Traditions of the Season, through Sunday, Jan. 3. The Museum and Village are open Sunday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors and \$6.25 for children ages five to 12. Call (313) 271-1620.

Science fun

The Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit, offers entertaining and educational family fun. The Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab features hands-on exhibits integrated with more than 40 Internet-connected computers. Other exciting exhibits include the Singing Bowl, Magnetic Tornado, Jumping Ring, Bike Wheel Gyroscope, Jacob's Ladder and Laser Wave-Guide. Now showing in the Center's IMAX Dome Theatre, on a rotating basis, Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, from noon to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 to 4:15 p.m., are the exciting films Everest, Special Effects, Destiny in Space and Tropical Rainforest. The Detroit Science Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Admission to the exhibitions, demonstrations and laser show is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children, ages 3 to 17. Admission to the IMAX Domed Theatre is an additional \$4. Call (313) 577-8400.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit, let your imagination run wild through The Fantasy World of Doll Houses and Remember Downtown


Hudson's at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. Children, ages five through 12, can learn about Michigan's model train history then make their own toy train car during a Toy Train Workshop, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$12. On Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., youngsters can discover the roles of women and girls in the households of a hundred years ago during an Old Fashioned Christmas Family Workshop. The fee is \$12. See a children's Hanukkah Film Series on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. Youngsters can expand their knowledge of the toys, games, transportation, office materials and home life of the past through the hands-on experiences of the I Discover exhibit. The Museum 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. The suggested admission is \$3.

Science 'n' nature

Marvel at the miracles of nature and watch the stars come out at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Take a lesson in survival from the animal kingdom during an Animals in Winter workshop, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$6 for Cranbrook members or \$7 for non-members. John Flynn, Ph.D., recounts his search for dinosaur fossils in Chile during a presentation entitled

Unearthing the Mysteries of the Andes, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. The fee is \$8 for Cranbrook members and \$10 for non-members. Explore how our planet has evolved over time during the debut of five new permanent exhibits celebrating Our Dynamic Earth. The museum is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, ages 3 to 17, and seniors. Planetarium shows are \$1. Laser shows are an additional \$2. Call (248) 645-3200.

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Ford House holidays

Experience the grandeur of an Auto Baron's Christmas with a tour of the elegantly decorated Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Play House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Tours will be available Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., with the exception of Christmas and New Years. Guests may also enjoy lunch in the Tea Room, which is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors age 60 and above and \$3 for children age 12 and under. Call (313) 884-4222.

Pressure therapy

Find relief for headaches, sinus pressure and tired muscles during a free Pressure Point Workshop, Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations are required. Call (313) 881-7677.

Friday, Dec. 11 Bethlehem bound

Embark on a musical journey to Bethlehem when the full Detroit Concert Choir presents A Wondrous Christmas!, Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., in St. Clare Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 for students and seniors. Call (313) 885-4960.

Bit o' Britain

Her majesty's Consul General Bob Calder will join Maestro Felix Resnick and the Emerald Sinfonietta for a concert and high tea at the British Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequinder in Warren, Friday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults or \$20 for students and seniors. Call (313) 438-0780.

Christmas choral

The New Apostolic Church will sing in the season during a

free Christmas Choral Evening, Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., in South Lake High School, 21900 E. Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 778-2480.

Saturday, Dec. 12 Delightful decorations

Delightful decorating ideas and demonstrations will greet you at the Detroit Garden Center's Annual Christmas Open House Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., in the historic Moross House, 1460 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Admission is \$1. Call (313) 259-9363.

Elizabethan celebration

Celebrate the season in the court of Elizabeth I of England during the 27th annual Wassail Feast at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. The caroling, feasting and merrymaking will take place Saturday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 17 to Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets are \$135 for Thursday and \$150 for Friday and Saturday. Reservations are required. Call (313) 833-4005.

Holiday classic

The Lo-Ru School of Dance and the Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra will team to present the holiday classic The Nutcracker, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m., in the Schaublin Auditorium of Lakeview High School, 21100 Eleven Mile in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students or \$4 for children through ages 12. Call (810) 777-8944.

Pet pics II

Have your pet's picture taken with Santa Claus, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Macomb Mall, 32233 Gratiot in Roseville. The \$5 fee benefits the Michigan Humane Society. Call (734) 721-2109.

Sunday, Dec. 13 Swing time

Join in the caroling and fun of a free Gentlemen of Swing Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m., in the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Claire Shores. Call (810) 779-6111.

Gospel greats

Celebrate the holidays with

the great Gospel sounds of the Whitfield Singers during a Brunch With Bach program in the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$11 for children under the age of 12 and \$5 for seats on the Kresge Court's carpeted staircase. Call (313) 833-4005.

Monday, Dec. 14 Beauty tips

Want to look your best for the holidays? Register for a free Health & Beauty Seminar, Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Call (313) 884-6258.

Live & Learn Courses & adventures

Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Bring your best furry friend to meet Kris Kringle during a Santa Paws celebration, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$5 fee for Polaroid pictures benefits the Anti-Cruelty Association. Make plans for a healthy future by partaking in medical testing at the War Memorial on Monday, Dec. 21. The Mobile DEXA Bone Density Detection Unit of the Bone Loss Prevention Centers will be offering Osteoporosis

Testing from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. A physician's prescription is required for insurance purposes. Women can make appointments to have their annual Mammogram in the Mobile Detection Unit of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, from 9:20 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Your insurer may be billed at a cost of \$115. Women without insurance will be charged no more than \$73. Register by Monday, Dec. 14 to explore China: The Middle Kingdom during a Grosse Pointe Adventure Series dinner/film program, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$13 for the dinner and \$5.25 for the film. See Our Vision of Poland during a Grosse Pointe Cinema League slide presentation, Monday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4 for non-members. Preregistration is required for most programs. Call (313) 881-7511.

Literacy volunteers

Give an adult the gift of reading this holiday season by making the commitment to volunteer for just two hours each week at the Dominican Adult Literacy Center, 9400 Courville in Detroit. Call (313) 882-4853.

Art of learning

The Detroit Institute of Arts presents a variety of entertaining and informative programs. Explore issues of subjectivity, consciousness and modes of

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perception through Bill Viola's free video The Reflecting Pool, running continuously through Thursday, Dec. 31, in the Prentiss Court Screening Room. Take a fascinating look at fashion with the free lecture Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. View the Ancient Glass from the Holy Land exhibition during a free, guided Gallery Tour, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Preregistration is required for some programs. Call (313) 833-4249.

Stage & Screen DSO notes

Hear your Yuletide favorites during the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops concert Thursday, Dec. 10 to Sunday, Dec. 13, in Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit. Performances will be offered on Thursday at 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$17 to \$65. The DSO will accompany The Ballet International's performance of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, Thursday, Dec. 10 to Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit. Performances will be offered on Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$53. Call (313) 576-5111.

Testing faith

A clever, older priest tests the faith of a sensitive, young priest in the Ad Altare Dei, through Thursday, Dec. 31, in The Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit. Performances will be offered Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 868-1347.

Alcott on stage

Louisa May Alcott's classic Little Women comes to the stage of Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 13. The curtain will rise Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$8 to \$10. Call (313) 577-2960.

Messiah concert

The Rackham Symphony Choir will lend their talents to Handel's Messiah in SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, on E. Jefferson at St. Antoine in Detroit, on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call (313) 341-3466.

Dickens, Moliere & Shakespeare

Indulge in a trio of dramatic experiences at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit. Catch the Midwest premiere of Charles Dickens' passionate portrayal of love and Revolution, A Tale of Two Cities, Friday, Dec. 11 through Thursday, March 4. Through Friday, Jan. 22, see Shakespeare's tortured prince Hamlet. A crafty servant concocts a humorous kidnapping in Moliere's Scapin, playing through Wednesday, Feb. 3. Shows will be offered in rotating repertory, Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$17. Call (313) 577-2972.

Burst of brass

The Motor City Brass Band will set off an Explosion of Holiday Music, Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m., in Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 6625 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 822-3456.

Exhibitions & Shows At the DIA

Explore 3,500 years of Mediterranean and Near Eastern culture in Where the Wild Things Are...Animals in Ancient Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, through Sunday, Jan. 31. Venture through 200 works in glass, on loan from the Israel Antiquities Authority, in Ancient Glass From The Holy Land, an exhibition running through Sunday, Jan. 31. From paperweights to large sculptures, see the DIA's collection of gifts from The Aviva and Jack A. Robinson Studio-Glass Collection, through Sunday, Feb. 14. Running through Sunday, Feb. 7, is the exhibition Prints By Terry Winters: A Retrospective. From the Collection of Robert and Susan Sosnick. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

Holiday happening

Unique gift ideas abound during the Holiday exhibition and sale at the Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place in Detroit. Tickets range from \$5 to \$100. The exhibition will run through Thursday, Dec. 24. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (313) 393-1770.



'Little Women'

Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit, will feature a production of "Little Women" through Sunday, Dec. 13. Clockwise from the top, are Maribeth Monroe (Jo), Gina Lohman (Meg), Tiffany Marie Bedwell (Amy) and Julie Ann Yurconis (Beth). Tickets range from \$8 to \$10; \$6 for children 5-12. Call (313) 577-2960.

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Yuletide chicken log



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Yuletide means the Christmas season. Yule logs are traditionally burned on Christmas Eve.

This yule log is edible. Handed to me by good friend Barbara O'Donoghue of Grosse Pointe Park, credit for this holiday pleaser belongs to Nadine Raley of Elizabethtown, Ky.

With little effort you will impress your family and friends this season when you present this festive appetizer. This chicken log requires no heating and therefore travels well, making it the perfect sampler at the office party.

pot of water and place 3 to 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts in boiling water and poach until thoroughly cooked. Drain and cool.

Ingredients

2 8 oz. packages of cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon steak sauce
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
1 1/2 cups minced, cooked chicken
1/2 cup minced celery
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
3/4 cup chopped toasted almonds

Meanwhile, blend the steak sauce and curry powder with the cream cheese. Use an electric mixer to be sure it's well blended, but don't whip the mixture. To mince the chicken, cut it into small chunks and place in a food processor. Pulse it a few times until chicken is coarsely chopped. Do not over process. (You may also mince the chicken by hand, using a knife.)

Stir the chicken, the celery, and 2 tablespoons of the cream cheese mixture. Shape

mixture into a 9-inch log (or whatever length and width you wish). Wrap in plastic wrap or waxed paper and chill for at least 4 hours, or overnight.

To serve, toast the almonds in a low oven until brown. Chop the almonds and toss with remaining parsley. Coat the chicken log with parsley-almond mixture. Garnish your serving plate with pieces of fresh parsley and serve with crackers or crostini (toasted bread points).

I turned my extra minced chicken into a delicious sandwich salad by mixing it with

some chopped celery, parsley, a little chopped onion and some mayonnaise.

If you're daring, sprinkle in some tarragon spice and send your sandwich salad where it's never gone before.

If you're like me, you'll poach a lot of extra chicken and take advantage of the ingredients to create two deliciously different recipes without a lot of extra effort.

Thanks to both Barbara and Nadine for the recipe. When you find a good recipe, share it with a friend — and spread the flavors.

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Knights' top defenders receive All-State soccer honors

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Defense was the name of the game for University Liggett School's boys soccer team this year.

So it's no surprise that the Knights' two first team selections on the Division IV All-State team selected by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association were goalkeeper Dan Ferrin and sweeper Jonathan Kish.

Another defender, Masseeha McDonald, made the All-State third team, while midfielders Eric Krauss and Steve Buhalis received honorable mention.

Kish, a senior, was the Knights' most valuable performer as he played a key role in the team advancing to the state semifinals where it lost a 2-0 decision to eventual state champion Elk Rapids.

"Jonathan had an outstanding season," said coach David Backhurst. "He was the quarterback for our defense and a

North, South honored for sportsmanship

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South were each among the Macomb Area Conference sportsmanship award winners for the fall athletic season.

North won White Division awards in football, girls cross country and boys cross country. South's awards came in the Red Division for golf and girls swimming.

North and South were among only 10 schools to win awards in more than one sport.

dominant force back there. He was like our middle linebacker to relate it to football terms."

Backhurst wanted to use Kish at forward to perk up the offense, but he was too valuable as a defender.

"We pushed him up in dire circumstances and he scored eight goals for us," Backhurst said. "It's too bad we had only one of him, because it would have been nice to use him up front and in back."

Kish has been a four-year starter for ULS. He was the marking back as a freshman, then moved to stopper for his sophomore season. The last two years he has played the vital sweeper position.

"He has size, skill and speed," Backhurst said. "There aren't many people who can beat him in a foot race. Our track coach, Phil Langford, said he has one of the quickest starts of anyone he's coached."

Kish was a co-captain for the Knights.

"He's a strong leader and respected by his teammates," Backhurst said.

Ferrin, a junior, is becoming a fixture on All-State teams. He made the second unit as a freshman when ULS won the Class C-D state championship and the last two years he has been a first-team selection.

"Dan is an extremely aggressive goalie," Backhurst said. "He takes chance, but nine out of 10 times the gambles pay off. He would make a tremendous defensive back or wide receiver if he played football because he has great hands."

Ferrin exudes confidence and it rubs off on his teammates.

"They see how aggressive and confident he is and it gives

the rest of the team some emotional strength," Backhurst said.

Ferrin has recorded 36 shutouts in three seasons and his goals-against average is below 1.00 for that span.

Not only does Ferrin catch nearly everything that comes his way, but he can kick the ball out of danger. Most of his punts go beyond midfield.

"That puts the other team's defense back on its heels," Backhurst said. "And Dan thinks he owns the 18-yard line. He's fearless going for the ball and opposing forwards are hesitant to take him on because he's rock solid."

It's no accident that Ferrin is so proficient.

"He has a great work ethic," Backhurst said. "He takes a business approach to it — this is his job and he wants to be the best he can at it. I'd hate to see where we'd have been without him the last three years."

McDonald isn't a flashy player, but his defensive work has certainly noticed by his coaches and teammates.

"He is really driven," Backhurst said. "He doesn't know half speed. If you put him on a man, he'll shut him down. He played his best against our toughest competition. We had him mark the leading scorer on Lutheran North, Country Day, North Branch Wesleyan and Elk Rapids and they didn't do anything against us."

"I don't think Mace had a bad game all year. He's very intelligent and has good athletic skills. That's what makes him such a good marking back."

McDonald, a senior, was also one of the Knights' co-captains. Krauss, a junior transfer

from Grosse Pointe South, was a welcome addition to the ULS squad this year. He played forward and midfield and led the Knights with 10 goals.

He scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills and notched both goals in a tough regional victory against North Branch Wesleyan.

"We moved him up front in hopes of getting some offense and he quickly scored the first goal of the game," Backhurst said. "And then he scored the second about 10 minutes later. Hopefully, we'll be able to use

him at forward fulltime next year.

"Eric has good soccer skills, quickness and excellent ball control. He also keeps his shot down when he's shooting on goal. By the end of the year he was almost picture perfect with his shot."

Buhalis comes from a family that has made a name for itself in the ULS soccer program. His sisters Melanie and Melissa both were outstanding players on the ULS girls teams.

Buhalis didn't play a lot as a freshman because of an injury, but he blossomed as a sopho-

more. "Steve has developed into a steady, dependable midfielder," Backhurst said. "He's a solid all-around player who never wants to come out of the game. He's a hard-nosed kid."

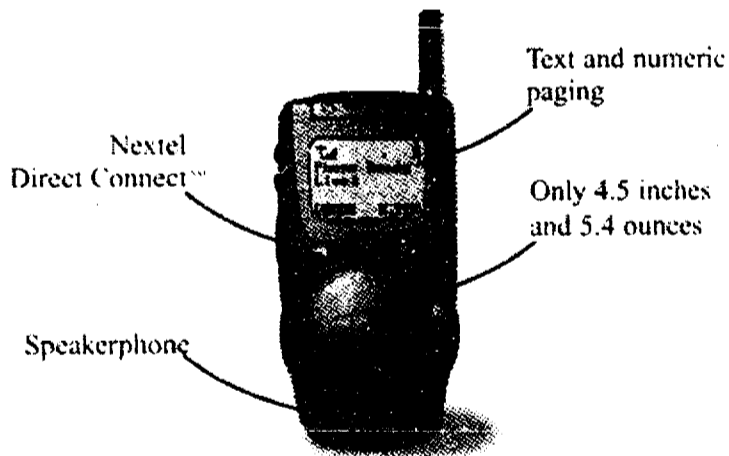
Buhalis can play defense as well as midfield, and when Backhurst moved Kish up to forward, Buhalis dropped back into the sweeper position.

"And when we were trying to hold a lead, we'd move him back as an extra sweeper," the coach said. "He could be the heir apparent to Kish as our sweeper next year."



These five University Liggett School players were named to the Division IV All-State boys soccer team selected by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. From left, are Dan Ferrin, Steve Buhalis, Jonathan Kish, Masseeha McDonald and Eric Krauss. Ferrin and Kish were first-team selections, McDonald was named to the third team, while Krauss and Buhalis received honorable mention.

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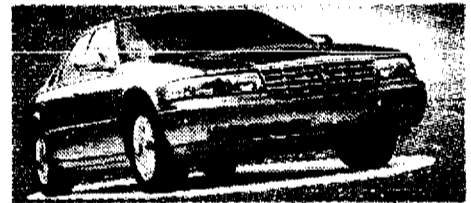


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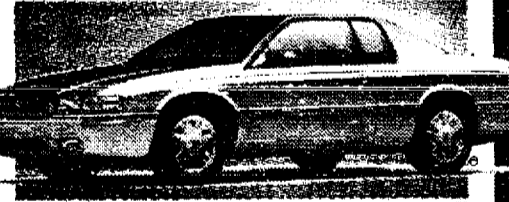
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Highlights

It took two games to determine the champion in the Neighborhood Club men's Wednesday night 18 and over softball league.

And when it was over, Telly's had defeated two-time champion Rustic Cabins.

Rustic Cabins came out of the losers bracket to win the first game 13-7, but Telly's came back to win the second contest 7-3.

Overall team speed was one of the keys to Telly's success.

Outstanding diving catches by outfielders Cliff Grabowski and Craig Lenhard, along with the pitching experience of team captain Terry Ayrault, were also instrumental in Telly's championship.

Telly's held Rustic Cabins scoreless until the last inning of the final game, but Rustic's aggressive hitting and solid defense provided Telly's with a formidable challenge.

Telly's finished the regular season with a 14-2 record.



Telly's defeated two-time champion Rustic Cabins to win the Neighborhood Club men's Wednesday night 18 and over softball league title. In front, from left, are John Colby, Craig Lenhard, manager Tim Lenhard, Mike Evans and John Francis. In back, from left, are Cliff Grabowski, Paul Hawk, captain Terry Ayrault, Brent DeVoght, pitching coach Dave Monette and Shamus O'Keefe. Members of the runner-up Rustic Cabins squad were Dan Bakich, Bob Coddens, Chris Koatesz, Rich Lamassy, Mike Lopiccio, Sam Lopiccio, Jay Nowacki, Tom Ostrowski, Jim O'Sullivan, Tom Provencal, Jimmy Stasinski and Mike Vendal.

South fourth in tourney

A first-place medal for sophomore 103-pounder Eric Wood highlighted Grosse Pointe South's fourth-place finish at the recent Lutheran East Invitational wrestling meet.

Wood pinned Hanel Park's Danny Bidulph in the championship round.

"He wrestled a few matches at 103 last year, but he has improved since then," said Blue Devils coach Larry Carr.

South had three second-place finishers at Lutheran East. Justin Mitchelson was runner-up at 152 pounds, Jeremy Linne was second at 160 and Dominic O'Grady lost in the championship match at 171.

Dan Roth was third at 215.

Carr was pleased with the efforts of two freshmen who finished fourth in their weight classes — Steve Pawlowski at 112 pounds and Mark Carrier at 119.

"They both did well for their first tournament," Carr said.

Earlier, the Blue Devils dropped a pair of dual meets, losing 51-30 to Cousino and bowing 54-26 to Warren-Mott.

All five of South's wins against Cousino were on falls. Winners were Mark Carrier, 119; Phil Moir, 135; Bill Cernok, 145; Linne, 160; and Mike Walter, 189.

The Blue Devils also won twice on pins in the Mott match with Wood (103) and Jamie Carrier (135), while O'Grady won on a technical fall at 189.

Mitchelson (160) and Linne (171) won decisions.

South hosts Marysville in a dual meet tonight, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. The Blue Devils will compete in the Harper Woods Team Tournament Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Zolik is named Kent co-captain

Former Grosse Pointe North standout Maureen Zolik has been named a co-captain on Kent's women's basketball team.

Zolik, a senior, is being counted on to back up starting point guard Dawn Zerman for the Golden Flashes. Zolik played 10 minutes in Kent's season-opening 81-54 victory over Bucknell and contributed three rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Last year, Zolik played in 27 of 30 games for Kent, averaging 1.9 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.4 assists as the Golden Flashes won the Mid-American Conference East Division and tournament championship. She tied her career best with six assists in Kent's victory over Ohio, which capped an 18-0 league season for the Golden Flashes.

Zolik is majoring in photo journalism at Kent.

Scores, highlights in GPHA house leagues

MITE HOUSE

Red Wings 1, Hawkeyes 0
Goals: Nathan Kinnear (Red Wings).
Assist: Phil Adamaszek (Red Wings).

Comments: Both teams played very well defensively. Brandon Budzyn was outstanding in goal for the Hawkeyes.

Blue Max 5, Hawkeyes 3
Goals: Michael Burchi 2, Alex Marshall 2, Joe Durfee-Smith (Blue Max); Dayna DeMeester, Michael Thomas, Evan Skorupski (Hawkeyes).

Assists: Marshall 2, Douglas Johnston 2, Patrick Lewandoski 2, Jason Gay (Blue Max); Alex Piku (Hawkeyes).

Comments: Michael Balke and Danny Karle turned in outstanding defensive games for the Hawkeyes, while goalie Jordan Candea made several outstanding saves.

PEE WEE HOUSE

Thunder 4, Rattlers 1

Goals: Greg Melvin, Andrew Sobotka, William Fitzgerald, Dan LaLonde (Thunder); Brown (Rattlers).

Assists: Gabe Konieczki 2, Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin 2, Scott Jarboe, Kris Steis (Thunder).

Thunder 5, Psycho Penguins 1
Goals: J.T. Gage 3, William Fitzgerald, Dan LaLonde (Thunder); Tommy Porter (Penguins).

Assists: Andrew Wendzinski 2, Anthony Rossi, Scott Jarboe, Mike Mullinger, Sean O'Donnell-Daudlin, Greg Melvin, Kris Steis, Gabe Konieczki (Thunder); Alex Alvarez, Brandon Koch (Penguins).

Thunder 6, Habs 2

Goals: Greg Melvin 2, Mike Mullinger, Dan LaLonde, Anthony Rossi, Sam Ventimiglia (Thunder); Dallas (Habs).

Assists: Gabe Konieczki 2, LaLonde, Fitzgerald, Andrew Sobotka (Thunder).

Thunder 2, Flames 0

Goals: J.T. Gage, Andrew Wendzinski (Thunder).

Assists: Gage, Anthony Rossi (Thunder).

Comments: Steven Swancoat was in goal for the shutout, while Peter Wendzinski also played a strong game in goal for the Flames, who also got fine performances from C.J. Rose, David Bargowski, Brian Bargowski and Pete Truba.

Buhl gets alumni honor at New England College

Grosse Pointe auto racer Robbie Buhl, who graduated from New England College in 1986 with a degree in business, received the Alumni Achievement Award at the school's homecoming weekend.

Buhl drives for the Menard Racing Team in the Indy Racing League but the award was more for what he has accomplished away from the race track.

Buhl is the national spokesman for "Racing for Kids," which was established in 1989 at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Through the program, participating drivers visit hospitals to meet sick children in the areas where they are racing.

Buhl has received a

Congressional commendation for his work with the charity. He has visited more than 8,000 children in hospitals around the country and helped raise more than \$900,000 for children's hospitals.

"This is what New England College is all about," said Dr. John S. Morris, president of the school, which is located in Henniker, N.H.

"We hope that our students will find the fuel here that will allow them to have the confidence and courage to chase their dreams. Robbie Buhl represents the best of what New England College has to offer. We applaud his accomplishments and wait with the rest of his fans to share in his next success."

Maire, Trombly crown eight PPK champions

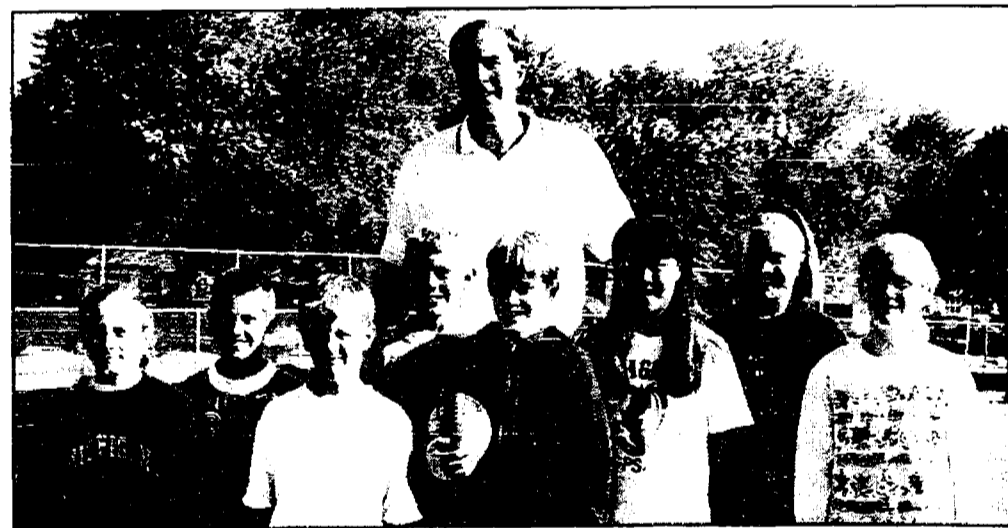
Students from Maire and Trombly elementary schools recently participated in the local competition for the NFL Pass, Punt and Kick program and one of them, Hiliary Inger of Maire, also took first in the sectional and state competitions.

Inger competed in the girls 10-11 age group. She won the state championship at the Silverdome before a Lions game.

Inger has a chance to advance to the national finals if her score of 224 is one of the top four from the 31 team competitions around the NFL.

Other local winners were Matthew Leverenz, Maire, boys 10-11; Jimmy Marshall, Trombly, boys 10-11; Jimmy Dixon, Maire, boys 8-9; Christopher McMillan, Trombly, boys 8-9; Genna Hall, Trombly, girls 10-11; Elizabeth McCaughey, Maire, girls 8-9; and Eleni Papalekas, Trombly, girls 8-9.

All the local winners advanced to the sectional competition in Warren and all four girls placed in the medal round. McCaughey was second in her division, while Hall and Papalekas finished third in theirs.



Glen Williams, rear, the local director of the NFL Pass, Punt and Kick competition is shown with the age-group winners from Maire and Trombly elementary schools. From left, are Elizabeth McCaughey, Maire; Matthew Leverenz, Maire; Christopher McMillan, Trombly; Jimmy Dixon, Maire; Jimmy Marshall, Trombly; Genna Hall, Trombly; Hiliary Inger, Maire; and Eleni Papalekas, Trombly.

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North skates to two more victories

Perfect is still the word to describe Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team.

The Norsemen improved their overall record to 5-0 last week with non-league victories over Allen Park and Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The 5-3 win over Allen Park was North's home opener and the Norsemen displayed the same teamwork and skill that it displayed in its earlier road games.

Although the Norsemen weren't able to put the Jaguars away, they dominated the game. North's Brad Case opened the scoring in the first period, assisted by Alex Chapman and Koz Kasprzak.

Allen Park came back with a pair of goals to take a 2-1 lead, but Alex Thomas pulled the Norsemen back into a tie when he converted a pass from Case.

The Jaguars broke the 2-2 tie five minutes into the third period but North came back strong, thanks to co-captains Angelo LaPiana and Tom Pierce. LaPiana tied the game

after being set up by Craig Spencer and Pierce converted a pass from J.B. Cisco to put the Norsemen ahead to stay.

Case capped the scoring with his second goal of the game and Chapman picked up his second assist.

Goalie Brandon Colaluca had another strong performance for the Norsemen to notch his fourth victory of the season.

North had it a bit easier

against St. Mary as Gene Baratta and J.P. Simon each had two goals and an assist to lead the Norsemen to a 6-1 win.

The Eaglets led 1-0 after one period, but North erupted for four goals in the second period. Chapman started the rally with an unassisted goal.

Pierce scored a power-play goal from LaPiana and Simon made it 3-1, assisted by

Brian Amori and Baratta. Baratta capped the outburst with a shorthanded goal from P.J. Mallon.

Baratta notched his second goal of the game on a power play early in the second period. Bob Ritter and Amori assisted. Five minutes into the period, junior goalie A.J. Kedich replaced Colaluca.

Simon finished off the North scoring with his second goal of the game from Thomas.



All-Metro picks

University Liggett School had these three seniors selected to the all-Metro Conference girls basketball team. From left, are Keil Bonner, Victoria Hills and Holly Morrison. Bonner was named to the first team. Hills made the second unit and Morrison was a third-team selection. The Knights finished with a 9-7 league record.

ULS hockey team starts strong

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

When John Fowler retired as boys hockey coach at University Liggett School last season, he didn't leave the cupboard bare for his successor.

"We have 12 returning juniors and five seniors back from last season, so there's a lot of experience," said new coach Dan Barry after the Knights improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Prep Hockey League with victories over Notre Dame Prep, Marysville and Notre Dame.

"Our two captains, A.J. Stachecki and Jim Wood, have been excellent leaders. They've bought into the program and that's been a big help."

ULS began league play with a 5-0 victory over Notre Dame Prep. The Knights scored three first-period goals, two of them power-play tallies by Rob Thiel and Kurt Niemi. Jake Wardwell scored the other goal to give ULS a 3-0 lead after one period.

Third-period power-play goals by C.T. Thurber and Ryan Schafer wrapped up the scoring.

Schafer and Jon Stone each had two assists, while Charlie Keersmaekers, Wood, Anthony Legree and Scott Vallee added one apiece.

Jay Minger was in goal for the shutout, while Stachecki was outstanding on defense.

The four power play goals made Barry happy.

"We've been working a lot on the power play," he said. "It's a matter of getting them to ex-

ecute. We've stressed patience and looking for the open man. Sometimes kids are so anxious to score on the power play that they take bad angle shots. We're trying to get away from that. We tell them they have a whole minute to set things up and if that doesn't work, then the other unit will take over for a minute."

ULS scored three more power-play goals in a 7-2 league victory over Marysville.

Keersmaekers collected three goals and two assists, while Thurber had three goals and Nick Maitland scored one. Stachecki had two assists and Vallee picked up one.

"Niemi and Wardwell each played strong games, too," Barry said. "We've worked with Kurt on cutting down his penalty minutes and he hasn't taken any yet this year. Jake is a good-sized kid who moved up to forward this season and is doing a nice job."

The Knights scored three more times on the power play in a 5-2 win over Notre Dame. Wood collected three points in the contest.

Earlier, ULS split a pair of games in the Waterford tournament.

The Knights opened with a 6-3 win over Waterford Mott. Wood had two goals and Maitland collected a goal and three assists. Jordan Materna, Thiel and Keersmaekers also scored for ULS. Niemi had two assists and Schafer picked up one.

Mott scored twice late in the third period to make the final

score more respectable.

ULS was missing several key players in the championship game because they had committed to another school function and the Knights bowed to Waterford Kettering 5-2.

The game was tied 2-2 going into the third period when the Captains scored three unanswered goals.

Calvin Ford, a freshman brought up from the junior varsity for the game, scored ULS' first goal and Keersmaekers got the other one. Niemi had an assist.

"Keersmaekers had an outstanding game — maybe the best one I've ever had a kid play for me," Barry said.

ULS wrapped up play last week with a 14-4 romp over Davison.

See ULS, page 4C



New dance team

The new Grosse Pointe North dance team will debut Tuesday, Dec. 15 at halftime of the home basketball game between the Norsemen and Grosse Pointe South. The team, under the direction of coach Carrie Fine, is made up of 10 North students in grades nine through 12. Routines are a combination of athletics and art because they require speed, strength, agility and stage presence. In addition to performing at eight home basketball games, the North dance team will perform before a Detroit Rockers game at Joe Louis Arena in February. Members of North's dance team are standing, from left, Rebecca Maul, Aleene Hong, Robin Tocco, Jacqueline Bruno, Marissa Ventimiglia, Angela Fikany, Jessica Palombit, Jennifer Weingarten and Bria Bergman. Kneeling in front is Moira Speer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1997-98 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues for FY 1997-98 totaling \$37,400,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$37,400,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$18,700,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Budget Stabilization Fund;
2. Certification of additional General Fund Tax Revenues from various sources for FY 1997-98 totaling \$7,900,000 and an accompanying budget adjustment to appropriate \$7,900,000 in the General Fund and to certify \$5,300,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the Child Care Fund and to certify \$1,500,000 of revenue and appropriate the same in the General Debt Service Fund;
3. Transfer of appropriations for FY 1997-98 from the Health Fund and the Mental Health Fund appropriations units to other Health Fund appropriation units totaling \$2,000,000.

In accordance with Budget Adjustment Nos. 98-35-180, 98-35-181, and 98-35-182.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1998
10:00 a.m.
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Coaches and players from Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team celebrate the squad's championship in the University Liggett School Invitational last week.

South girls win ULS ice tourney

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team is starting the new season just like it started last year — with some impressive victories.

The Blue Devils, who were undefeated until an upset loss to University Liggett School in last year's state tournament, opened the season with a 9-1 victory over Livonia Ladywood, followed by a first place finish in the ULS Invitational tournament.

South jumped on Ladywood for four first-period goals by Christina Bakalis, Gretchen Torrey, Cassie Weaver and Megan Monaghan.

In the second period, Eileen Pulis scored a shorthanded goal and captain Courtney Lytle surprised the Blazers' goalie with a backhand shot to make it 6-0 before Ladywood scored its lone goal.

Bakalis, Cammie Preston and Monaghan tallied third-period goals for the Blue Devils.

Molly Weaver had three assists and Carrie Howe and Elizabeth Moran each collected two assists for South. Annie Reinholz, Kelly Birg, Ann Garvey, Kate Finkenstaedt and Nicki Brown picked up one assist apiece.

South had other solid performances from veterans Katie Kotz and Natalie Brewer and newcomers Libby Klein and Lauren O'Brien.

Ladywood and Regina are the latest additions to the expanding Michigan Metro Women's Hockey League and are the first all-girls Catholic high schools in Michigan to support ice hockey teams.

Other league members are South, ULS, Grosse Pointe North, Cranbrook Kingswood and Bloomfield Hills, which is a combined Lahser-Andover team.

South opened the ULS tournament with a 10-2 victory over the host team, avenging last year's state tournament loss in a game that was much more intense than the final score would indicate.

Monaghan, who scored the Blue Devils' first goal, and Molly Weaver each had two goals and an assist, while Birg and Preston each collected a goal and two assists.

Bakalis had a goal and an assist, while Garvey, Lytle and Cassie Weaver added a goal apiece. Reinholz and Brewer

each picked up an assist.

Pulis, Finkenstaedt, Kotz and Moran had excellent defensive games, while Diana Mager also played well.

Alison Cory and Maggie Dillon scored the ULS goals.

South beat crosstown rival North 6-3 in the championship game.

Pulis opened the scoring with an unassisted goal early in the first period and Brown scored from Birg and Preston to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead.

North's Andrea Spencer cut the lead to one a minute after Brown's goal, but Birg answered with a goal, assisted by Preston, to make it 3-1.

The Norsemen got within one on Amy Holloway's goal, but Brown notched her second of the game from Birg and Preston to boost South's lead to 4-2.

Molly Weaver and Preston completed the Blue Devils' scoring, while Spencer scored her second of the game for North. The teams played a scoreless third period.

Bakalis, Lytle, Moran and Brown also had assists for South.

With Corie D'Angelo out with an injury, Katie Orzechowski had to handle South's goaltending by herself and did a fine job in the Blue Devils' first three games.

South players making the all-tournament team were Birg, Brewer, Pulis and Preston. They were joined by North's Meg Guillaumin, Spencer and Allison Scarfone and Carrie Brown, Dillon and Kari Stahl of ULS.

Before the season started, the South team made a trip to Princeton University to watch two women's games. South grad Abby Fox plays for Princeton.

Another highlight of the trip was watching Blue Devils assistant coach Bob Torrey participate in an alumni game as a former member of Princeton's men's team. The girls, who were also accompanied by head coach Bill Fox and assistant coach Beth Mozena, toured the university and New York City during their visit.

South's next game is Saturday, Dec. 12 at 6:10 p.m. against North at the Great Lakes Ice Arena, which was formerly the Fraser Ice Arena.

Early goals carry Blue Devils

By Chuck Kionke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Matt Jarboe and Charlie Braun made coach Bob Bopp a happy man last week when they scored a pair of early goals in their hockey game against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"It was a big game and I knew that whoever scored first would have an advantage, so I was delighted when we got those two quick ones," Bopp said after South went on to a 5-4 victory in the Michigan Metro Hockey League contest.

"Richard is a veteran team and they're one of the favorites in their division."

Jarboe opened the scoring at 2:24 of the first period, assisted by Jim Denner and Todd Lorenger. Fifty-seven seconds later, Braun made it 2-0 on a goal set up by Chris Gellasch and Adam Fishman.

Richard came back with a goal at 4:44 and from then on it was a matter of the teams trading goals.

"It's always tough when we play Richard because we play similar styles," Bopp said.

Denner gave South a 3-1 advantage at 8:29 of the second period, assisted by Braun and Fishman, but the Pioneers cut the margin back to one at 9:28.

Braun notched his second goal of the game from Jeff Maxwell 48 seconds into the

third period, but Richard answered with a goal at 2:02 to make it 4-3. South's Brad Balesky scored an unassisted empty net goal with 56 seconds remaining to put the Blue Devils ahead 5-3. The Pioneers completed the scoring with 25 seconds left.

"Richard Weyhing was injured most of last year, but he's healthy and was a big player for us in this game," Bopp said.

The coach also praised the efforts of Braun and the other four seniors — Weyhing, Maxwell, Gellasch and Balesky — who are being counted on for leadership.

"Charlie has been a dominant player for us and he and the other seniors are doing a good job of showing the new players what high school hockey is all about," Bopp said. "They're all good role models for the younger guys."

Ryan Cordier made his first start in goal for the Blue Devils and made 21 saves to pick up the victory.

South suffered its first loss of the year when it bowed 4-1 to Wyandotte Roosevelt.

"We knew Wyandotte was a good team and we couldn't afford to make a lot of mistakes," Bopp said. "We made some glaring errors and they capitalized on them to score some easy goals."

"It was a game we could have won. We outshot them 25-17, but couldn't put the puck in the net. We worked hard but couldn't convert our opportunities."

Roosevelt opened the scoring with a power play goal at 8:17 of the first period. Todd Lorenger tied the game, also on a power play, with 59 seconds left in the first period. Denner and Braun assisted on Lorenger's goal.

"That was a big goal for us coming at the end of the period," Bopp said.

But it didn't provide the momentum the Blue Devils had hoped for. The Bears broke the tie at 3:54 of the second period and scored again at 8:08. Roosevelt completed the scoring at 1:24 of the third period.

"We have 12 new players and we're going to make some mistakes," Bopp said. "We have to learn from them and improve with each game."

South gets back into action this weekend when it defends its title at the University Liggett School Invitational. Grosse Pointe North and ULS play the first game Friday at 5 p.m., followed by the game between South and Notre Dame.

Friday's winners play at 2 p.m. Saturday. The consolation game is scheduled for noon Saturday.

Gators have successful first year

The Pointe Gator Soccer Association under-9 Pointe Gators travel team had a successful first season, posting a 5-2-3 record to finish tied for second in their division.

The team showed a lot of progress from the beginning of the season when it played in the St. Clair Shores Waterfront tournament and the Romeo Peach Festival tournament.

Chris Zak and Chip Rogers

shared the Gators' goaltending. Both played very well and posted a combined goals-against average of 1.5.

Brad VandeVorde headed a group of fine offensive players as he scored a team high eight goals.

Other key offensive performers were Nico Abraham, Danny Bohannon, Michael Kolton and Terry Miller. Evan Hall and Andrew

Horne were the defensive leaders, while Ben Alsbach and Jack Kronner turned in strong efforts both offensively and defensively.

The Gators were coached by Doug Bohannon, Mike Alsbach and Mike Horne.



ULS

From page 3C

Schafer and Keersmaekers each scored three goals, while Maitland and Thurber collected two apiece.

"Our defense really played well, especially some of the younger guys like Tony Bologna, Jeff Brown, Jordan Materna and Jon Stone," Barry said.

Chip Fowler picked up his first victory in goal for the Knights.

ULS hosts its annual holiday tournament this weekend. The Knights play Grosse Pointe North in the first game Friday at 5 p.m., while Grosse Pointe-South and Notre Dame meet in the other semifinal at approximately 7 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, following the consolation game at noon.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 1998

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

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Danaher, Council members Waldmeir, Kneiser, Schonenberg, Gandelot, West and Gaffney.

Those Absent: None.

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

Mayor Danaher presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 23, 1998, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held on November 23, 1998, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 23, 1998; and further, granted the appeal of Mr. John Eago, 238 McKinley, to construct a first floor bay window to his two story rear addition.

The Council adopted a Resolution regarding the Municipal Court System.

The Council reappointed the following citizens to the City's Board of Review, each to serve a three year term: Gregory M. Nelson, 35 Kerby Ct. and Dave Johnston, 351 Belanger.

The Council approved the Schedule of Council Meeting dates for the Calendar Year 1999, as follows:

- January 25, 1999
- February 8, 1999
- March 22, 1999
- April 19, 1999
- May 10, 1999
- June 21, 1999
- July 12, 1999
- August 16, 1999
- September 20, 1999
- October 18, 1999
- November 22, 1999
- December 6, 1999

The Council accepted the Preliminary Survey and Study Results from Alex Gage of Market Strategies.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain matters pertaining to litigation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN (313-885-6600).

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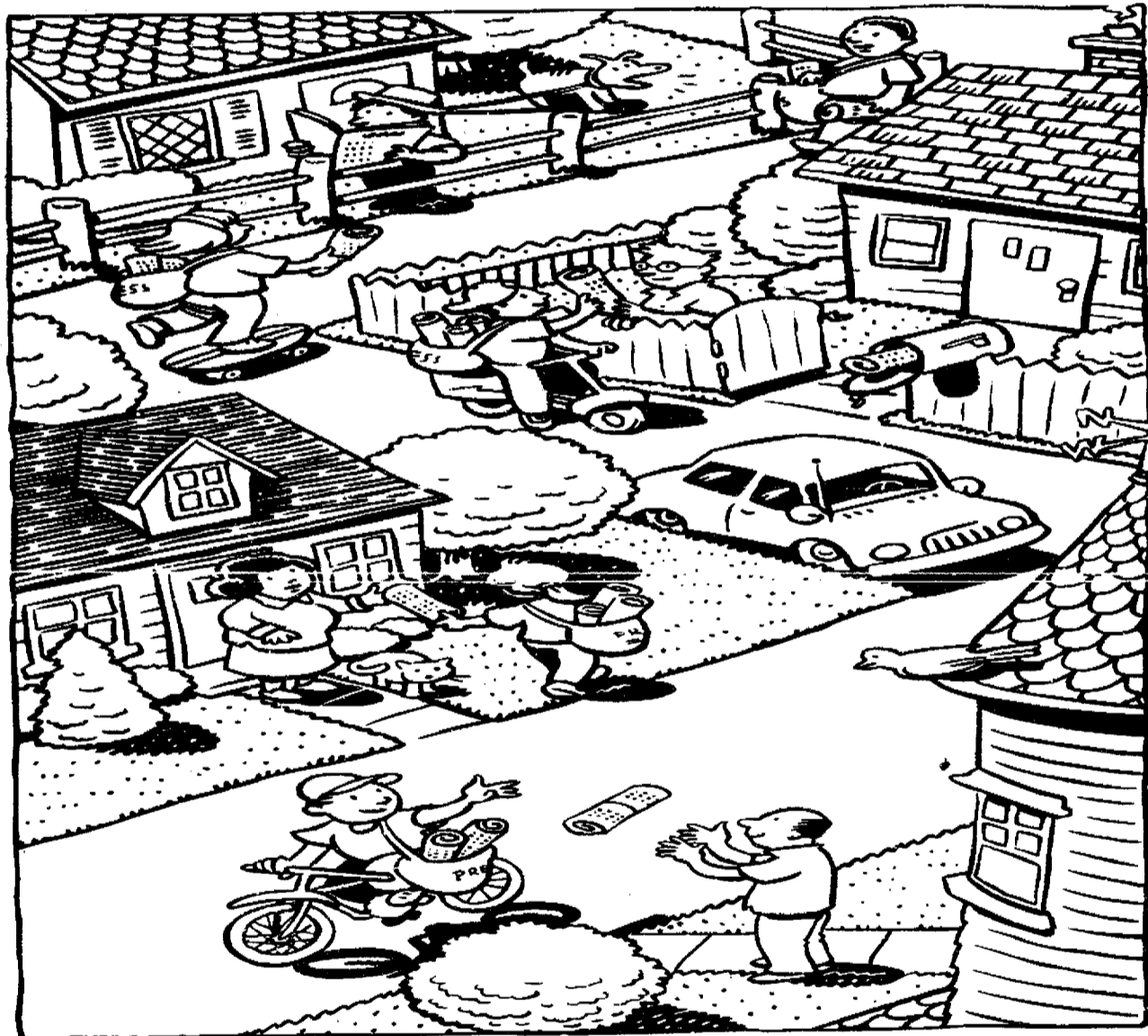
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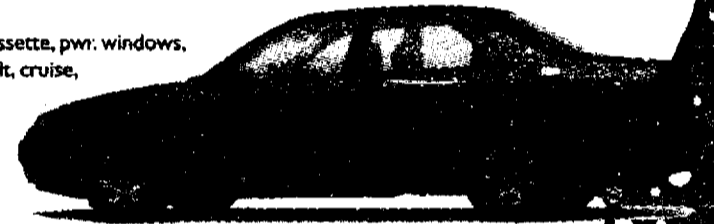
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