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Muggings, purse snatchings increase during holidays

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A nighttime mugging of a woman in a local parking lot, four purse snatchers in the Village and a stolen cellular telephone during the last two weeks added up to the need for increased caution by shoppers during the holidays.

The incidents occurred while or shortly after the victims had shopped at local businesses.

"These criminals are predators," said Al Fincham, chief of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe. Snatch-and-run crooks wait to capitalize on unsuspecting and preoccupied victims. "They will take advantage of you at the slightest opportunity."

In the most serious incident last week, a 58-year-old Farms woman was shoved, punched in the face, kicked in the knee

and knocked to the ground by a heavy-set man as she tried to enter her car parked under a burned-out streetlight in the municipal parking lot at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In what Dan Jensen, a lieutenant with the Farms department of public safety called a "hit and run" crime, the suspect stole the woman's pocket book and was driven away by

an accomplice in a dark-colored Pontiac. The victim, who was treated at Bon Secours Hospital for minor injuries, lost cash, credit cards and a house key.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, four purses were lifted from shopping carts inside a store in the Village within the last two weeks. The victims, women from the City, Farms, Park and Detroit, had left their purses

on shopping carts unattended. The most notable snatching was thwarted by a store employee. The incident began inside the store and spilled onto the street at 4:22 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12.

A 67-year-old woman from Detroit had been distracted when a younger female, posing as a customer, knocked her

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Happy Holidays

From Century 21

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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Dec. 17

In order to promote a safe holiday, employees of the Grosse Pointe branch of AAA of Michigan on Mack will mix free samples of non-alcoholic drinks between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Those interested in having a safe, but fun holiday party might want to stop by and see what they can learn.

Saturday, Dec. 19

The Grosse Pointe South High School boys hockey team has a rematch against its archrival the Trenton Trojans.

The Blue Devils lost last year 3-2 to the Trojans in the state class A championship game.

The opening faceoff is at 7 p.m. at Kennedy Arena in Trenton.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a special "Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Monday, Dec. 21

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza, at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday deadlines

The Christmas and New Year's Eve advertising and editorial deadlines for the Grosse Pointe News will remain the same except for the Features copy deadline, which will be one day earlier, Thursday at 3 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Tree lighting

Thousands of tiny lights sparkle through the branches of a stately Douglas Fir in front of Cottage Hospital. The annual tree lighting ceremony honors the memory of long-time Grosse Pointe residents and Cottage Hospital trustees Elise M. Fink and Peter R. Fink. The tree of lights was created for Elise Fink in 1988 and rededicated to the memory of both mother and son in 1993.

The youngest members of the Fink family are traditionally asked to set the lights aglow. Grosse Pointer Bill Rands, former chairman of the board for the Henry Ford Health System-Eastern Region and for Cottage Hospital, helped Austin Jones and his older brother, Steven, light the tree. They are great-grandsons of Elise Fink.



Students react to 'Critical Life Choices'

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

On Thursday Dec. 10, area law enforcement officers, led by Woods municipal judge Lynne Pierce, talked to Grosse Pointe North freshman, sophomores and juniors about the critical choices they face every day.

The talk included frank discussion about the danger of drugs and alcohol. A day after the presentation, five students, four women and a man who are all juniors between the ages of 16 and 17, met in the North principal's conference room to talk about their impressions of Pierce's efforts. For the purposes of discretion, the students' names won't be used in this article.

The overall impression of the Critical Life Choices presentation was positive. The students

appreciated that fact that the officials who spoke with them did not hesitate to point out that teenagers and their families can face serious legal consequences in the form of lawsuits, and even jail, if they sponsor a party and someone gets injured as a result of drinking.

The one male did say he thought that because the people who were speaking to the teens were cops and judges, some of the students would have a hard time trusting them and listening to them. He said he appreciated Woods public safety officer Dan Koerber relating a personal story about how he gave a teen a break after catching him drinking and driving, only to have the same driver get in an accident a few months later in which a motorcyclist was killed.

One of the female students did say that because those speaking to them were local, the anecdotes did hit closer to home.

Another student said she appreciated the fact that the speakers said students shouldn't drink, period, because it's against the law. Too often the public service announcements she's seen advocate "drinking responsibly." She wondered how teens are supposed to know when they've consumed the responsible amount of alcohol.

Another student said that she thought students who heard the presentation would fall into three categories. The first category would be the students who listened and would actually change their behavior

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Local groups still oppose Conner Creek power plant

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

A number of environmental groups are seeking to join the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Wayne County in a lawsuit to prevent Detroit Edison from reopening a coal-burning power plant on Detroit's east-side.

The Conner Creek plant, known locally as the "two brothers," was mothballed in the 1980s. While it was not used for a decade, Detroit Edison never officially decommissioned the facility.

Because of a high demand for electrical power over the past few summers, Edison officials felt that the best way to avoid brownouts would be to reopen the plant. It was supposed to be in operation by July, but opposition from environmental groups forced regulators to reconsider granting approval for the facility to begin operations again.

These groups maintained that the plant, which had not been fitted with anti-pollution technology since the 1970s, did not meet the air quality requirements of the 1990s.

Edison officials maintained that the plant met all environmental standards in the 1980s when it was last in operation. Because the facility was never officially closed, it enjoyed grandfather clause protection and as long as it met the standards it always had met, its

operation would be legal.

DEQ officials reviewed Edison's request and ruled that because Edison had not maintained the equipment at the plant for the 10-year period, it could no longer be considered an "existing source" of emission facility.

Edison went to federal court to overturn the state's ruling, claiming that the denial to operate the facility is illegal. The DEQ and Wayne County are fighting this claim.

Several environmental groups are seeking to join the lawsuit with the DEQ and Wayne County to stop Edison's plans. These groups include the Michigan Environmental Council, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Creekside Community Development Corp., the American Lung Association of Michigan, the Citizens Environmental Alliance of Southwest Ontario and the Midwest Environmental Law and Policy Center.

"Deregulation should not be a race to the bottom when it comes to air pollution and public health," said Lana Pollack of the Michigan Environmental Council. "Opening the Conner Creek plant would definitely add a heavy load of pollution."

Edison spokesman Scott Simon said that the company is currently in discussions with the state and Wayne County to try to resolve the situation without going to court.

G.P. News earns advertising awards

The Grosse Pointe News display and classified advertising departments took five second-place awards among 600 entries in the annual Suburban Newspapers of America best-in-advertising contest.

Winning awards for single run-of-press (ROP) ads with two or more colors were "Array of Striking Designs," in the Christmas Gift Guide for Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, and "Take the Plunge," for Black River Marine in our YourHome magazine.

"Hickey's Walton Pierce" was recognized for best ad

series. And again this year, "The Connection Connection" was lauded as a Best Signature Page.

Finally, our already award-winning classified section took honors in Best Graphically Designed Section.

We congratulate our display and classified advertising representatives and our production department for giving our readers and advertisers products in which they can take pride.

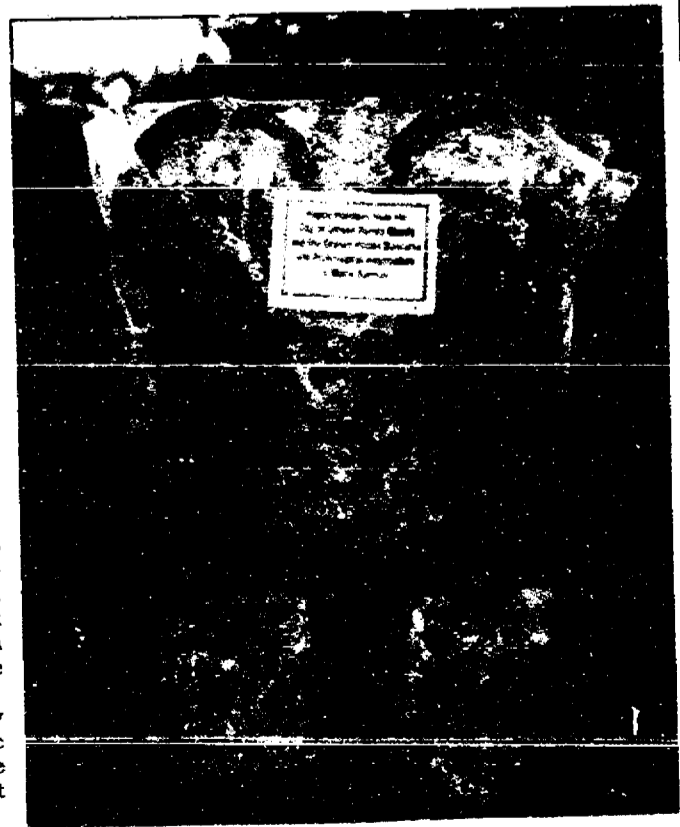
John Minnis
General Manager

Dressed up for the holidays

Parking meters in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods are wrapped holiday style, allowing shoppers to park free through Dec. 26.

The Santa for this special treat, which hopefully will encourage shoppers to patronize the many shops in the city, is the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue, in cooperation with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Application Technology Group, a member of the association, donated the Christmas wraps that cover the meters.



POINTER OF INTEREST

Bill Wilson

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 65

Family: Wife, Pat, and three sons

Claim to fame: Sports memorabilia collector

Quote: "As I got older, I never lost the knack for collecting."

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Bill Wilson

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The capacity of Cottage Hospital will be doubled as part of the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund's program to strengthen the voluntary hospital system of the metropolitan area.

A \$750,000 allocation will make possible construction of a new wing at Cottage, increasing the number of beds from 51 to 100, expand laboratory and surgical facilities, the laundry and heating plant.

■ The third annual "Men's Night" shopping celebration in the Village broke records for attendance and sales. A majority of business owners said they "couldn't have done any more business."

Many stores "hired extra models to help put ideas (about gifts) into the heads of shoppers." Police said they hadn't seen such a crowd in the three-block section of Kercheval since the Halloween party of 1941.

■ The Alger family awaited the findings of Grosse Pointe township attorneys before announcing its decision to donate the Alger House on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms to the Pointes for use as a community center.

When the Grosse Pointe School Board rejected the Alger's offer of the property for use as a war memorial library, the township board passed a unanimous resolution asking the family to turn the residence over to the township for the general use and benefit of

all residents of the Pointes as a war memorial.

25 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Farms' 1951 Seagrave aerial ladder fire truck went on its last run just as its brand-new 1973 replacement was about to pull into the driveway of the station house. "Old Betsy," which had been stripped of all its gear except hoses and 200 gallons of water, was used to extinguish a living room fire in the 200 block of Ridgemon.

Later that afternoon, the new ladder truck made the first run of its career in answer to an alarm on Provençal, where a fire in an electric transformer was extinguished.

■ Farms Detective Joseph Miller worked practically without sleep for two days investigating an alleged kidnapping and beating that supposedly involved a man from Detroit who was taken against his will from the Farms to Toledo. It turned out to be a hoax.

A 22-year-old man from Detroit had claimed he was kidnapped after his car ran out of gas at 2 a.m. near the corner of Jefferson and Provençal.

Reports of the alleged crimes were reported to Farms police by a police department in another city after the victim supposedly was released by his captors. Under Miller's extensive questioning, the man finally broke down and admitted the ruse.

■ A high school student's offer to sell portable welding

equipment to his shop class instructor led to an investigation that nailed his 14-year-old brother for a string of thefts of nine acetylene tanks, cameras and photographic equipment.

Police asked the boy's mother if she thought it was strange that her son had so much welding equipment at home. According to police, the woman, a teacher, shrugged her shoulders and said her son was always lucky "finding" things.

"I find it very hard to believe," said Farms detective Earl Field, "that the boy's father, who teaches at a university, and mother, who is a fifth grade teacher, both of whom are supposed to be highly intelligent, did not think anything was amiss when their son had all those items in the garage and house. I am simply astonished that they did not make an effort to find out."

10 years ago this week

■ The owners of the Cracker Jax saloon on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms appealed an order by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requiring them to transfer their liquor license to another party or face its revocation. The commission had found Cracker Jax guilty of 24 of 36 violations involving underage patrons in possession of alcohol at the nightclub.

The charges were the result of undercover police work at Cracker Jax by the Farms department of public safety

over a three month period.

■ Band and orchestra students from Grasse Pointe North and South high schools prepared to deliver approximately 4,000 cases of oranges and grapefruit for their annual fundraising effort.

Ralph Miller, band and orchestra director at both schools, said the fundraiser was in its 13th year at South, second year at North, and raised \$11,000 at South and \$4,000 at North. The money is used for summer music camp scholarships, reimbursement for private lessons and a banquet for the students at the War Memorial at the end of the year.

■ University Liggett School's Board of Trustees announced the appointment of G. Gary Ripple, Ph.D., as headmaster, effective July 1, 1989. Ripple has been dean of admissions and an adjunct/assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at the College of William and Mary since 1980.

■ Grosse Pointe Park approved development of a 30,000 square-foot building centered on a lot on East Jefferson stretching from Pemberton to the closed Unocal gas station just west of Barrington.

The project is another in a series of steps in the city's plan to revitalize the Jefferson district. The project began with the construction of the ophthalmology clinic and continued with an office development on Jefferson between Westchester and Nottingham. The third step was condemnation of the Esquire Theater.

5 years ago this week

■ The Substance Abuse Community Council was one of 32 organizations in the state that were awarded grants from Gov. John Engler's Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Fund.

■ Not wanting to be sand-bagged next summer, the Grosse Pointe Park city council allotted \$27,600 to repair sections of the marina at Windmill Pointe Park. Parts of the dock and sluice gate were beginning to collapse because of constant erosion from lake current.

■ The Woods city council plugged a leak in the city's downspout ordinance when it voted to modify rules concerning the disconnecting of downspouts from the city's drain system.

The vote gives the building inspection department the ability to order a homeowner to change the way rainwater drains off his or her property if it drains onto a neighbor's property and creates a problem.

Tie one on for safety

From the Capitol in Lansing to all parts of the state, red ribbons are on the way for drivers to show their commitment to sober driving.

That's the aim of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan with its 13th annual Red Ribbon "Tie One On For Safety" holiday safe and sober driving campaign.

Gov. John Engler "Tied One On For Safety" at the Capitol, and led the way for thousands of motorists who are expected to tie on over a million red ribbons in Michigan during the campaign's duration.

From Nov. 23, 1998, through Jan. 1, 1999, the potentially life-saving traffic safety initiative encourages drivers to tie a MADD red ribbon to a visible

place on their automobile as a symbol of their personal decision to drive sober and to remind other drivers to do the same.

Corrections

Corrections will be printed on this page every week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0904.

The names under the picture of the new Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's board members (Dec. 10, page 3B) were reversed. From left, are Howard Gandelot, Dr. John Roarty, John Capuano and Drew Brophy.

50 years ago this week



Making Christmas merry for orphans

Members of the Campfire Girls and Bluebirds of the St. Joan of Arc School have been busy filling stockings for the boys of the St. Frances Home and Sigma Gamma Orthopedic Hospital. This bevy of young beauties is representative of the more than 75 girls of seven groups who have been participating in the activity. Left to right are: Thelma Muirhead, Sharon Kelly, Marietta Louch, Susan Eglin, Susan Gmeiner and Denise Dodge. (From the Dec. 16, 1948 Grosse Pointe News. Picture by Fred Runnells.)

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Park adopts new zoning regulations for ambiance

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer
After weeks of debate, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council unanimously adopted a pair of new ordinances meant to preserve neighborhood ambiance and prevent overbuilding on lots.

The two ordinances, which affect the size of the side yard setback and what can be built on a front yard, were first pro-

posed last month. They were recommended to the council by the city's planning commission and ordinance review committee, which were asked to come up with solutions to complaints by residents over lot splits.

Over the past several months the Park council has been asked to consider several controversial lot splits that engendered strong neighborhood opposition. The com-

plaints stated that the newly-created lots would be inconsistent with the neighborhood and the homes that would be built would stand out in a negative way.

But under old zoning regulations, there was little the council could do to prevent the construction of homes that did not match the surrounding neighborhoods. So the mayor charged the city planning com-

mission and the ordinance review committee to come up with new ordinances that would address the residents' concerns.

The first ordinance adopted at the Dec. 14 meeting created new side yard setback regulations. Under the old rules there were three side yard setback sizes — three, four and five feet. That meant that the difference in setbacks between

the smaller and closer together houses on streets like Maryland and the mansions of Jefferson was two feet.

Under the new ordinance setbacks are determined by the width of the front of the home. For every 10 feet of width, the house must have a foot of side yard setback. That means if a house is 40 feet wide, there must be four feet of side yard setback on both sides of the house.

Once a house exceeds 60 feet of frontage, the formula changes. For every 10 feet of width past 60 feet, an additional 1.5 feet of side yard setback must be included.

That means a 70-foot-wide house must have 7.5 feet of side yard setback. If a house is, say, 56 feet wide, the formula calls for the side yard to be rounded down. That means the setback has to be only 5 feet per side.

The second ordinance passed limited the amount of coverage on the front yard of a housing lot. The planning commission and the ordinance review committee both expressed the feeling to the council that it was more important to regulate front yards, because that's what can be seen from the street. What people did in their back yards was considered

more private.

The ordinance limits coverage of a front yard to just 25 percent of the space. Coverage is considered anything impervious by water. This will most affect the size of driveways.

A resident attending the meeting voiced concerns that this rule would not allow her to build a circular driveway on her lot. Mayor Palmer Heenan said that very well could be the case, but the council had circular driveways particularly in mind when the ordinance was considered.

Heenan said that in many cases, front yards are too small for circular driveways and when one is installed the effect can be very displeasing to the eye. He also said there are one or two homes in the Park where the front yard has been bricked over and there is no grass at all.

"These regulations are designed to protect the green-space around a home," said city manager Dale Krajniak. "When most of the homes in the Park were built, green-spaces were established. But the trend in the past few years is to build to the limit of the law, which eliminates green-spaces. This is an effort to prevent that."

Woods city hall to get new telephone system

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer
The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council recently approved spending \$57,000 to update the antiquated telephone system used in city facilities since the 1970s.

"This new telephone system is a state-of-the-art system and will allow us to communicate better with residents," said city administrator Peter Thomas.

"It will also allow city workers to communicate better with each other."

The new system, provided by CTS/Unitel of Bloomfield Hills, uses Toshiba equipment, Thomas said. It will service all the city's facilities, which include Lake Front Park, the public works building and city water pumping stations.

Now if someone called city hall and needed to speak with someone in the public works department, transferring the call could be problematic under the current system.

The current telephone system is so old, said Woods technology manager Joe Murphy, that the city's current provider was no longer willing to provide the support needed to

keep it running.

"This new system will have voice mail," Murphy said. "Right now if someone calls and we are using all the telephone lines, the caller gets a busy signal. When the new system is installed in January, residents will now be able to leave a voice mail message."

Murphy said that the city council wanted to make the system as friendly as possible, and to that end there will be no "menu." So when residents call they won't be told to press 1 if they want to talk with the water department.

"We are installing the system next month," Murphy said. "It will be done during the weekend, so even though the phones will be out for a few hours, it really shouldn't inconvenience residents."

The Woods public safety department's business line will have to be down for a few minutes, said Murphy. But it will be the first one reconnected, so it should be out for just a short period of time.

The 9-1-1 system is separate and will continue to operate.

Shopping

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purchases to the floor. As the victim stooped over to pick them up, a store employee witnessed the suspect quickly grab the woman's purse, which had been set on a shopping cart, and headed for the door.

The employee confronted the suspect as she exited the store. The pair continued to the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame, where a struggle resulted in the purse being retrieved and the suspect squirting the employee in the face with pepper spray. The suspect got away before a foot patrolman in the shopping district was told of the crime by a merchant.

According to Detective James Fox of the City department of public safety, the suspect is a white female, about 45 years old, 5-foot 11-inches tall, with long red hair and thin build.

In another purse snatching, a victim put her purse in a cart, turned around and it was gone. She later found it dis-

carded on the floor. She lost \$100, credit cards and her driver's license.

Fincham said thieves try to distract shoppers who should be on the lookout for predators.

"Some thieves are bold enough to grab purses and packages right out of a shopping cart while the victim's back is turned loading the car," said Fincham. Although these crimes can occur throughout the year, Fincham called it a cyclical problem that increases with the holiday.

Also, a man's \$500 Nokia cellular telephone was stolen while he shopped on Mack in the Farms. The victim, from the Shores, had set down the phone while shopping. As with the woman who lost her purse, when he went to retrieve the phone, it was gone.

Fincham said shoppers can reduce the chances of becoming victims by following a few precautions:

- Don't leave your purse or other valuables unattended

while shopping.

- Don't carry or leave your purse open. "If a thief can look into your purse, he has the opportunity to reach in and grab your wallet," said Fincham. By the time a victim realizes her wallet is gone, which typically happens in the checkout line or at home, the thief is long gone.

- Don't carry large sums of cash. "Use a credit card," said Fincham.

- Pay attention to your surroundings "inside the store and while walking to your car," he said.

- Don't be distracted.

Choices

From page 1

as a result of the presentation.

The second group would be the students who don't drink anyway, but will now worry about drinking. The third group is made up of students who drink or take drugs, but tuned out the message. To them the presentation is just a way to get out of class.

One of the students said that these assemblies aren't a complete waste of time. Teens do listen to them. The concept of the designated driver has caught on.

One of the students said that she thought peer pressure was more of an internal thing. When she was in middle school, she'd see videos where "students" would have people pressuring them to smoke or drink.

"It's not like that," the student said. "The pressure you feel is the pressure you put on yourself. You want to fit in. People don't say explicitly, 'drink or you're not cool.'"

The other students agreed with that assessment, saying most videos are unrealistic.

The students also appreciated the fact that the law enforcement officials were aware of the role played by parents in teen behavior.

One of the students said she felt that teens are going to learn from their parents.

"Teens are a product of their parents," she said. "For students to be on the right track, their parents have to be on the right track."

The other students agreed. One said she thought that many teens don't receive the supervision that teens in previous times received. Another said that she thinks too many parents say drinking is inevitable and so they don't do anything to discourage it.

Yet another student said that teens with discipline were

disciplined by their parents when they were younger.

"The trick for parents is to find the line between trusting teens who have earned trust and being paranoid about what they can do," said another student. "Trust has to be earned, but teens have to realize it's easy to earn distrust as well."

While the students appreciated the message of the Critical Life Choices presentation — students can have control of their lives and are responsible for their decisions — they also thought the presentation — would be more effective if it included students.

"When adults say it's all right not to drink, that's one thing," said a student. "But when another teen, someone looked up to by other students, says it's OK not to drink, that's much more effective."

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Woods man is a really good sportsman

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bill Wilson has been many things, a Marine, an engineer, city councilman and, perhaps most importantly, a coach to generations of baseball, football and hockey players.

Wilson, 65, was born in Detroit, but moved to Grosse Pointe Woods when he was very young but in those days, the city was still Lochmoor Township. He went to Mason Grade School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe High School.

"Grosse Pointe was a lot smaller in those days," Wilson said. "We even got bused to Trombley for a while."

After high school, Wilson went to Wayne State University's College of Lifelong Learning. Or as he puts it, "night school."

"I got my degree in manufacturing and engineering," Wilson said. "It was the quickest way to get a degree without taking a lot of math. I was just cleaning out my basement and I came across my old sliderule. I don't think kids today even know what a sliderule is. We used to have to make pen and ink renderings. Now it's all done on computers."

Wilson also served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1953-1957. He was a member of the First Division in Korea. He also spent time in Japan and was stationed near the base of Mt. Fuji.

"I was in a tank battalion and finished my enlistment at Camp Lejeune, N.C.," Wilson said. "I remember around Christmas of 1956, when the fighting was going on at the Suez Canal, loading up our equipment into ships to go fight with the British. We pulled out into the ocean and turned around and came right back."

After his service, Wilson got a job with Chrysler Missile and worked on projects for the space program. He ended up spending a lot of time traveling to Huntsville, Ala., and Cape Canaveral.

"I ended up getting married to my wife Pat in Denver in 1961," Wilson said. "I was part of a project that called for ring-ing the city with Titan mis-siles. We got back to Michigan in 1962."

Wilson left the missile program and got a job with Vickers. He worked on the XB70 project, a six-engine air-craft designed to fly for two days.

"They only made six of the aircraft," Wilson said. "I also worked on steering for sub-marines for the U.S. Navy. We also used to test one or two pound thrust rockets for space capsules."

Wilson was hit hard during the energy crisis of the 1970s.

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The company he was working for went bankrupt.

"I was out of work, but there was a federal program that funneled money to local communities," said Wilson. "I became a police cadet in training. I think I was the oldest

getting off the council."

Wilson is the father of three sons, William, Wright and Wilfred. (It's a tradition in his family for all the men to have the initials W.W.W.)

So when his sons came of age, they joined Little League,

ended up coaching Little League and Red Baron Football as well. Eventually my boys grew up and I was spending more time as an organizer. Eventually it was time to leave and let parents who actually had kids in the programs do the work I coached from 1970 to 1988."

Wilson's love of sports came naturally. His mother Sophie



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Bill Wilson shows off some of the autographed jerseys he owns. They include one signed by Red Wing Steve Yzerman, Baltimore Oriole Jim Palmer and a Nick Lidstrom "old-timer" Red Wing jersey that he's wearing. Also on display are just a few of the photographs of the teams Wilson has coached over the years.

cadet in Michigan at the time. The criteria was that you had to be out of work and a veteran and I qualified. Ben Pincus was the mayor at the time. I never did serve because I ended up working for the Kent Moore Corp., which did auto-motive stamping and tool and die work."

While a cadet Wilson noticed some things that needed improving, so he decided to run for the city council.

"At the time we had a number of homes that had become abandoned," said Wilson. "I supported strong zoning regulations to take care of the problem. I joined the council in 1979 and left in 1997, after losing my re-election. I valued my time there. Getting on the council was good, but so was

the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association and Red Baron Football.

"I remember one day watching the boys skate during a hockey practice," Wilson said. "I was yelling at them; that they were doing something wrong when my wife said that it was unfair of me to be offering criticisms when I myself did not have the requisite skills to do so."

Taking that to heart, Wilson practiced his skating at the home of a friend who had an ice rink.

He also went to coaching school and ended up becoming a coach for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

"I loved coaching and working with the kids, we had both boys and girls," Wilson said. "I

and his aunt used to own a candy store.

When young men would purchase baseball cards, if they didn't get Joe DiMaggio, they left the cards at the store. Wilson's mother saved those discarded cards and when he became old enough to collect, she gave them to him.

"I still have those cards," Wilson said. "As I got older I never lost the knack for collecting. I passed this love of collecting on to my sons. I started going to conventions in the late 1960s. I remember taking the boys to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, the Football hall of fame in Canton, Ohio, and even the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Those were great days."

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Rec center report raises new issues

It seems to us that the report of the community recreation center survey raises more important questions than it answers.

One question concerns the way in which this survey was dumped on the Pointes. As far as we know, there was no public discussion about this issue before the survey was conducted.

Yet almost everyone who is familiar with polling and surveys knows that respondents need a good deal of factual information before they are even asked their opinions about a subject.

So far as we know, however, respondents to this survey lacked information from any informed source, except for the

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information provided by the survey itself.

The implication, in fact, is that the survey was a selling tool in this community for people who would have an interest in seeing a community recreation center here.

And while presumably the survey was proposing various alternatives for various kinds of recreational activities, there were no questions about the location, although most presumptions would be the survey was viewing the Mack-Moross development as a potential location.

Perhaps even more important, there were no estimates of costs to finance the many kinds of activities proposed for a

community recreation center.

And while several survey questions indicated an interest in cooperation of all the Pointes in such a recreation center, there was no information as to whether the survey promoters had sought any contacts with officials of the other Pointes about this issue.

And, in fact, the cities of residence of the respondents were not identified. We don't really know whether most of them were Farms residents, or Pointes living in other municipalities.

To sum up, a meaningful survey would have included cost estimates for the various kinds of facilities the survey propos-

es for the Pointes.


It would also have included possible locations, or even the one location at Mack and Moross, if that was the intention.

If the sponsors of this idea (and who are they?) really are interested in getting feedback or expressions of public opinion about a proposed indoor community recreation center, we would recommend they call a public meeting for a full community discussion of the idea.

In fact, such a community meeting has already been proposed by a member of the Farms City Council.

No such meeting has yet occurred, as far as we know. Instead, the fact that few people had even heard about this proposal before the report was issued indicates that it was conceived as a selling point for the community recreation center idea.

But we think it is doubtful that the idea would have the endorsement of 64 percent of the respondents as a "very good" idea if all our questions had been answered.

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House to vote to impeach?

In Washington today, the House of Representatives is expected to vote to support one or more of the four articles of impeachment recommended by its Judiciary Committee last week.

Whether the House will even be permitted to vote on a substitute motion, to punish the president by censuring him, is doubtful since Rep. Tom Delay, the Texan who is the party's whip, has deemed it unconstitutional.

A resolution condemning the president for his "reprehensible conduct" with Monica Lewinsky and "dishonoring" his presidential office was introduced in the Judiciary Committee by House Democrats last Saturday but was rejected on a party-line vote.

Around the country, major daily newspapers have issued their own verdicts in advance of the House vote. The quality papers, for the most part, followed the New York Times and the Washington Post in proposing that Congress settle for censure.

It appears that if both parties hew to their respective party lines, the president would be found guilty of the House charges and the House would pass them to the Senate.

There the situation appears to favor the president. With only 55 Republican members, the Senate is not expected to win anywhere near its magic number of 67 votes to convict the president and remove him from office.

Yet Republicans in both the House and Senate have begun a new argument for impeachment. They're now saying that while that action might react negatively on the GOP, that feeling would not last until the next election in the year 2000.

To us, that sounds like a pretty poor reason to impeach the president and remove him from office. And if the president were removed, who knows how much of the resulting mess the public would forget and forgive?

We originally had hoped that the president would resign and the prosecutor then could quit, leaving Congress and the nation to go back to their normal business.

But that is not to be. The president has said he won't resign, and the GOP House obviously would prefer to hang him out to dry, regardless of what the Senate does.

In fact, of course, the House impeachment is a penalty that will live not only today but for history even if, as predicted, the Senate rejects impeachment.

As to what Clinton could accomplish legislatively in the next two years, if impeached by the House, is really up in the air. Our guess is not much.

Instead, we suspect that the voting public will remember and will punish the GOP in 2000, perhaps in both Congressional and White House contests, if the Republicans continue their partisan approach for months to come.

Michigan opposes ouster

More than half (exactly 55 percent) of Michigan voters believe President Clinton should stay in office through his second term and not be impeached.

Another 22 percent want him impeached, 21 percent prefer that he resign, and the rest don't know.

Those figures appeared in a Detroit News poll in the Sunday issue of the Detroit News and Free Press.

In a statewide Detroit News poll, Clinton came up with his strongest support in Detroit, where 82.1 percent rated him favorably.

Detroit's suburbs trimmed his support to 45.5 percent, and elsewhere in the state he won only 42 percent.

The Detroit News poll, conducted by

Mitchell Research & Communications of East Lansing, surveyed 400 registered voters. It has an error of plus or minus 5 percentage points, the paper said.

Among other things, the poll showed that 52 percent of registered state voters also think Congress should drop the impeachment proceedings.

But about 71 percent of the respondents feel that Clinton embarrassed the country, nearly half view him unfavorably, but 75.3 percent of voters expect Clinton to serve out his term.

Presumably, we will know today (Thursday) whether the full House will accept its Judiciary Committee's recommendations that Clinton be tried on four counts, with the case then passed to the Senate for its trial.

McCarthy raps counsel law

Eugene McCarthy, the former congressman and ex-senator from Minnesota, is back in the news with an Op-Ed piece in the New York Times.

McCarthy, who himself made a bid for the presidency back in Lyndon Johnson's day, is now taking off on the independent counsel law.

According to McCarthy, the law has "both complicated and outweighed Bill Clinton's sins because it structurally undermines the rule of law and representative institutions.

"Worse," McCarthy went on to say, "it is part of a long-running trend. It is one of many laws enacted in the last 30 years that tries to elevate government above politics and therefore criminalize politics, cripple government or both.

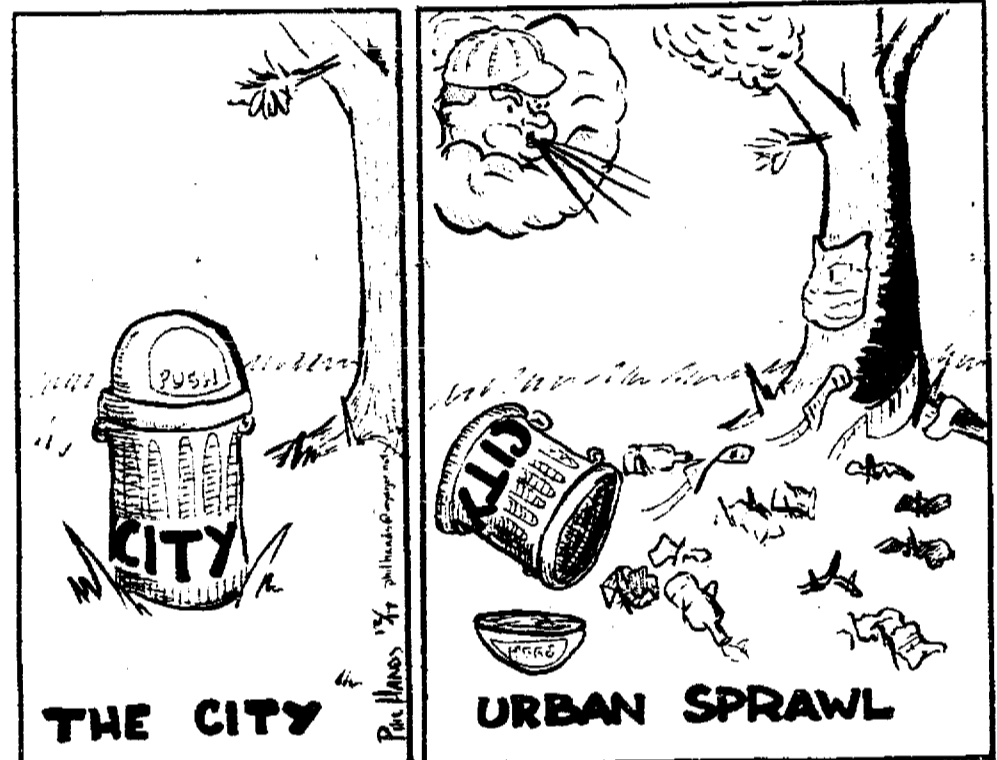
"The idea is to inoculate the country against the errors and failings of our leaders by putting government on automatic

pilot." McCarthy contends that "the assumption behind the independent counsel law is that elections, the Justice Department, the courts and Congress will all be insufficient to check whatever corruption exists in the executive branch."

"The fault," McCarthy goes on to say, "is not in our constitutional system, or in ourselves, but in the current disposition to assign all difficult problems in the American government to independent agents and procedures in which no elected official is held to account.

"By doing so, we have de-democratized much of government and criminalized much of politics."

That's pretty strong stuff from McCarthy, but these days elected officials often duck our most difficult problems or propose constitutional amendments, which is, of course, simply another way to duck.



Letters

Survey options

To the Editor:
I find it both amusing and irritating that Grosse Pointe Farms elected officials believe an appropriate "first step" is to spend \$18,000 surveying residents of all the Pointes about how to best utilize property located in, and paid for by Farms residents. Why not begin by surveying the voters of Grosse Pointe Farms?

The recreation center sounds fine to me, but so do some of the other options, including relocating the police department and city offices, expanding Kerby Field or even senior housing.

Let's find out what the people of the Farms want and determine if we want to share it with the other Pointes. I know my three boys are not able to use the playscapes at Patterson Park and I certainly have never been surveyed by other Pointes about how they use their property!

Al Backman
Grosse Pointe Farms

Do a traffic study

To the Editor:
As a property owner in the Village, we are excited about the planned and long-overdue beautification. We are very concerned, however, that an official traffic study, undertaken by our local police department with a written report issued by our director of public safety, has still not been undertaken, and that the beautification project was allowed to proceed to this stage (enlarging sidewalks, bumping them out at busy intersections) without such study.

Right now the traffic flows pretty smoothly, in spite of the bus stops in front of Kroger and Jacobson's. We certainly do not want to end up with traffic bottlenecks. Also, widening the sidewalks does

not automatically increase store sales. Other factors such as the right stores, the right merchandise at the right price and a good business (tax) climate are just as important.

Beautifying the Village will create a much more pleasant atmosphere for people to stroll, sit and, hopefully, shop. We have other concerns, but the most important thing right now is to have the traffic study done immediately. The beautification project should be put on hold until the official report is in and has been made public. We can always beautify the Village without enlarging sidewalks. Let's wait for the traffic study.

Jacques and Anneleise Bajer
City of Grosse Pointe

Editor's note:
Public Safety Director Alfred Fincham has been reviewing traffic aspects of the proposed Village streetscape plan. He reported his findings to the council at its Dec. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting. The council concluded that the proposed plan would provide safe and efficient traffic flow in the Village. Fincham further suggested some modifications to the corner enhancement (bump-out) dimensions to facilitate traffic flow.

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Local merchants

To the Editor:
Christmas 1997 was a busy time for us, not unlike others. We hosted my family on Christmas Eve afternoon and my wife's family on Christmas Day. All of the plans were in

place and everything was going to run like clockwork.

I always enjoy the gathering of my siblings and this year my parents were present for the gathering, having moved back to the area after years of living in the South. We had a great afternoon. Everyone left the gathering to go about other plans and our thoughts had already turned to the plans for the next day.

As we gathered our thoughts about what was next, we suddenly realized that we had not picked up the roast that we had ordered from Alexander Polen. One look at the clock said we were in trouble. It was 7:30 and the meat market was closed.

I knew the owner's name was Frank Orlando and could only hope he had a listed phone number. I called and a young man answered.

"Is your dad there?" I asked. "Yes, just a minute," was the answer. I suddenly thought how hard Frank and his family had worked all day and the many days leading to Christmas to accommodate all of their customers' needs. Their day was done and it was time for their family to celebrate together.

I felt like such an outsider, particularly being somewhat of an occasional customer. Frank came to the phone. I sheepishly explained my dilemma with as much apology as I could muster.

Frank's response was simple: "I'll meet you at the store in 10 minutes." I was there in five and it was raining. As I sat in the car watching the wiper blades I could only think what a great guy Frank was to just get up and go to meet me at the store.

Frank was there in less than 10 minutes. I greeted him with a gift, we went into the store

The dough also rises

My mother was a great cook. So was her mother, which debunks any half-baked theories about culinary talent skipping a generation.

I'm a reluctant, run-of-the-mill, lackluster cook.

I cook because my family gets hungry. I cook because nobody else will. I cook because I get tired of Lean Cuisines and take-out Chinese and canned soup and pepperoni pizzas.

One evening, Daughter No. 3 was on the phone, yakking with one of her friends. I was evidently making too much noise as I bustled about the kitchen in a motherly way, preparing our dinners.

She covered the mouthpiece of the phone. "Will you please

keep the noise down," she hissed.

"I'm preparing chicken à l'orange, rice pilaf and mixed green vegetables," I said.

"My mother thinks she's cooking," she whispered to her friend. "She's poking holes in the plastic tops of Lean Cuisines."

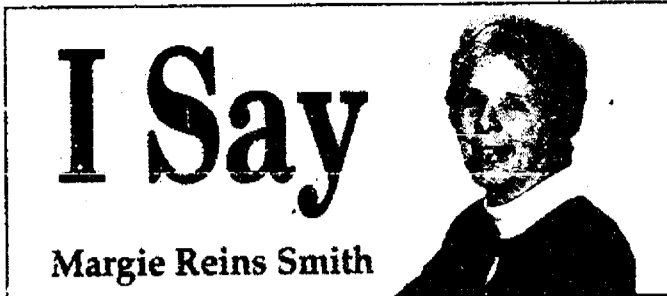
Smart aleck.

Anyway, my mother used to make wonderful cinnamon rolls for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and as a treat for her grandchildren when they visited her overnight.

She made the rolls from scratch, for Pete's sake. She used yeast.

I don't even know where to look for yeast on the shelves of the grocery store. Is it in the dairy case? With baking supplies? Near the rolls and bread and buns? Under the counter? Does it come in a box or a can or a plastic bag?

Not only did my mother make those yummy rolls with



I Say

Margie Reins Smith

yeast, but also with flour and salt and sugar and real eggs and cinnamon and all that old-fashioned kind of stuff.

The recipe was so easy, my mother said, she never bothered to write it down. It was in her head.

"I'll take it to my grave," she used to say, with a malevolent chuckle.

Well, she did.

My children are frantic.

One of my daughters suggested consulting a psychic for the recipe.

She sifted through hundreds of 3-by-5-inch cards in

Grandma's recipe box, hoping that Grandma really DID write it down.

I had no idea what the recipe was — or how to begin recreating it.

All I knew was that the rolls were small and round and she baked them all smashed together in a cake pan and they had cinnamon swirled inside them and a sort of clear frosting or glaze on top and they were so soft and tasty they didn't need butter or jam or cream cheese or embellishment of any kind.

"Didn't you ever pay atten-

tion to Grandma when she baked?" Daughter No. 3 asked, with an exasperated sigh.

"Do you ever pay attention to me when I'm cooking?" I said.

Hmmmm.

As the features editor of this newspaper, I get hundreds of press releases each week. About 85 percent of them are not appropriate or relevant to the kinds of things we regularly write about.

Among the wasted press releases are dozens of letters from companies and organizations that market food — groups like the American Dairy Association, or ... uh ... say, the Fiber Foundation, The Cling Peach Advisory Board, the Association for the Advancement of Loin Pork Chops, the Pitted Prune Council, the Corned Beef Trust and so on.

Well ... talk about coincidences.

Help me figure this out.

Last month — a mere two days before Thanksgiving — a

press release fell on my desk. The big fat envelope was sent by the manufacturer of a well-known yeast. Enclosed were a half dozen recipes (made with yeast, of course) and pictures of the finished products.

Among the mouth-watering concoctions were — you guessed it — directions for making from-scratch rolls out of yeast and flour and sugar. They were swirled with cinnamon, baked in a round pan and frosted with a clear glaze.

I prowled the local grocery store for yeast. I dug around in the bottom of my kitchen cupboards and found my rolling pin. I tried the recipe — which was surprisingly straightforward — and served the results as part of our Thanksgiving dinner.

My children were ecstatic. The rolls were nearly perfect. They lacked only one special feature, we agreed.

Grandma. We miss her.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Spirit is really international

When Pointe ex-pat Eric Spitzer took an apartment in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, he never imagined it would land him on nationwide TV in Taipei.

Eric, now 38, graduated from North High in the late '70s and has been teaching English in Taiwan for the last dozen or so years, says his mom, Mae Spitzer.



Ken Eatherly

When he first arrived, a friend who found his 10th-floor studio apartment for him asked a strange question, Eric says: Did he believe in ghosts?

Eric said no, and laughed. "Then my friend became very serious and pointed out the apartment across the hall."

She told him an old Chinese mainlander who had lived there had hanged himself out of loneliness, because his family was left in mainland China. Since then (fearing it was haunted), no one had lived there.

An unafraid Eric moved in and enjoyed scaring his friends with the story. Late at night, when going out with them, he would knock on the dead man's door and tell him to have a good night.

"What are you doing? Are you crazy," the friend would ask.

"I am talking to the ghost," Eric would reply. "I think that he is lonely and I want to say goodbye to him."

One friend warned him not to do that, because the ghost would come looking for him. Eric just laughed.

Then ... "one sweltering night I lay on my bed, staring at the ceiling," Eric says. Suddenly, the room turned icy cold and all the hair on his body stood up, as if electrified. Then he felt someone walking on his bed, he says.

"Was I dreaming? I pinched myself and knew that I wasn't," he says. He turned on the light and no one was there. The same thing happened "several times after that," Eric says.

This November, he submitted his story for a local TV program on the supernatural. They called back and said if he could tell it in fluent Chinese, they would use it. "It would not be easy," Eric said, but he agreed to try.

"My story was aired on Taiwan TV Nov. 21," Eric says. "It's a great honor." — And yes, now he believes in ghosts.

This college senior really is

When Elmer A. Kundinger Jr. gets his bachelor's degree in history Saturday, Dec. 19, he will be 79 years old.

What took the former Pointer so long? Well, when he signed up for courses last year at the University of Southern Florida he "was so scared" that he only took two courses a semester instead of the usual five, Elmer says (the later bumped his class load up to three).

Then there was that 45-year gap when he was a successful house builder in Florida and Tennessee. And before that, World War II took him out of his junior year at MSU.

"It took me 60 years to become a senior," he says.

"In June, 1938 my Grosse Pointe High principal, Charles E. Saltzer, handed me my high school diploma," he says. "Sixty years later, Mr. Saltzer, now 93 years old, will see me get my college diploma."

Elmer says Saltzer remem-

Special kind of magic book

"What's the difference between mommies and daddies?" reads the first quote in the sweet little book, "The Magic of Children," written by a couple of doctors, Mark Freed and Robert Safian.

"Mommies don't sit down when they eat dinner," answers a little 4-year-old named Jessica.

The book is full of cute wisdom like that from kids, and just-as-cute pictures of them by photographer Kendra Dew.

Wait: Who's that little angel on the cover (and also on pages 51, 95 and 113)? It's Megan Lasher, 6, daughter of Jeff and Heidi Lasher of Washington Road here in G.P.

— And on page 19, you'll see Kammy, Amywren and Cassi

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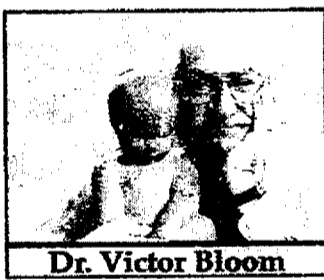
A profusion of lights

I am sure that everybody has noticed that there are more Christmas lights this holiday season than usual.

The lovely phenomenon was probably accelerated by the improved technology of the strings of lights, coming as netting and icicles. It also gained momentum by a continued favorable economic climate, so people feel free to spend money on lights and electric bills. The Jewish Hanukkah is also called, "The Festival of Lights."

Candles on the menorah, lights on the trees and bushes, wreaths and roping, ribbons and bows, all add to the festive spirit, one of giving and plenty, of good cheer and renewed hopes for world peace.

It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness.



Dr. Victor Bloom

and gifts aplenty, and lights in profusion, we transcend the primitive problems of our forebears.

It is worth everyone's while to drive up and down the streets this year. Some lawns, landscaping and houses are veritable bright fairylands, with animals and snowmen and Santas in abundance, especially Lakeshore, no surprise. There is no denying the lights give a good feeling. It must be wonderful to look down at the lights from high up in the sky, from a plane.

Interestingly, SAD (seasonal affective disorder) is ameliorated by light therapy, and many northerners seek the Sun Belt for refuge from the cold and darkness which can bring on depression for many people.

Many years ago I wrote a sonnet in which I seek the light.

It is probable that the origins of Christmas and Hanukkah go back to pagan, prehistoric times, when winter and the darkness were anticipated with dread. It must have been a time when people froze and starved to death, probably the reason that Asians crossed the Bering Strait and migrated into North and South America, where the climate was more temperate and the land fertile. In addition, wild game was plentiful.

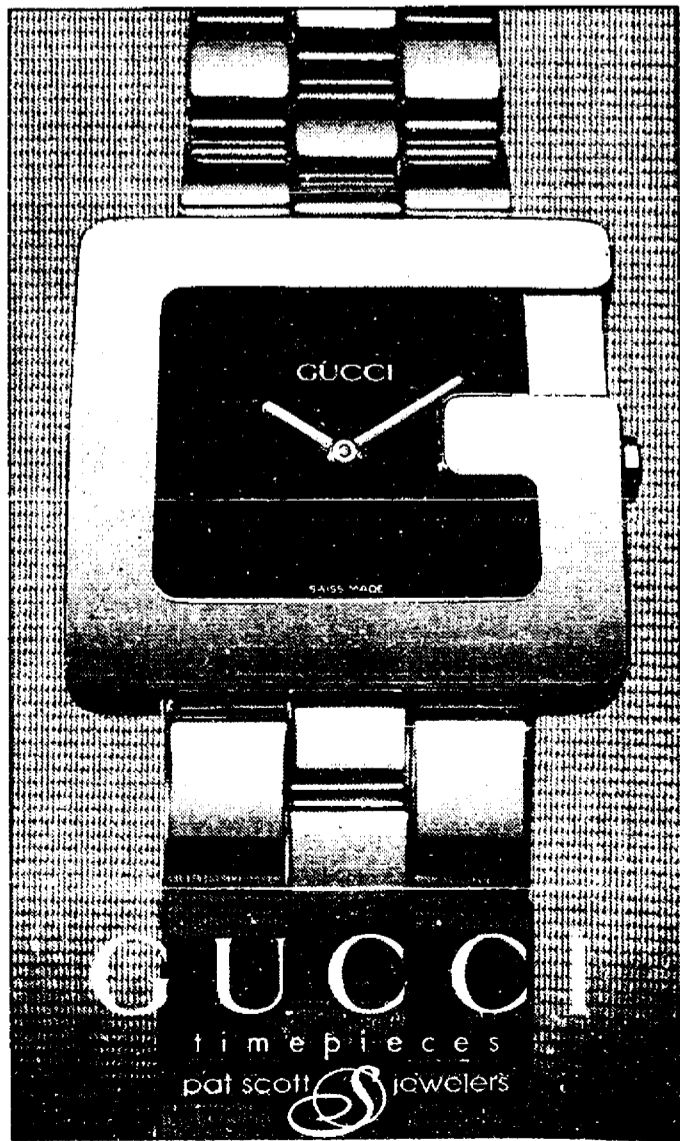
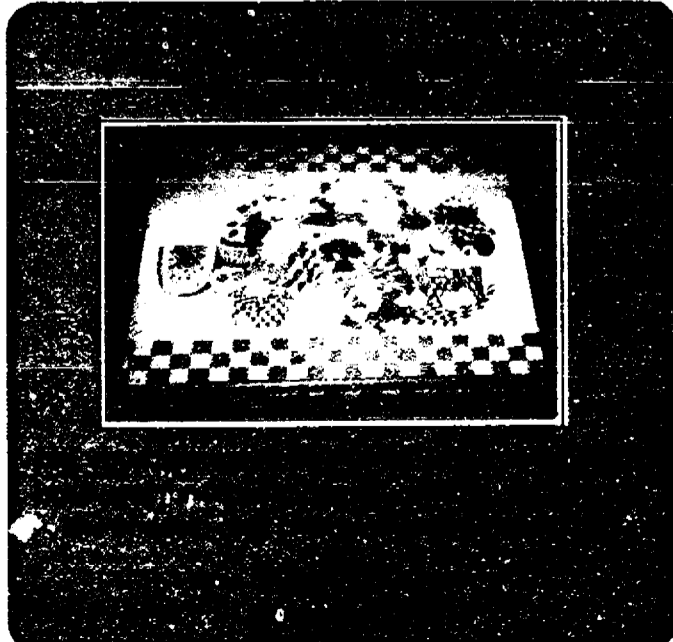
But in northern climes, the winter could be horribly dark and bleak. The early peoples were able to calculate the shortest day of the year, and look forward to it, as it was known that from this time on, the days became longer and longer, until at last there would be spring and summer, and another lease on life.

face the sun
And golden spires of dawn
invade the night,
So must I encompass all the
light and seek
The freedom of the stars and
smite the black
Which fogs my straining
mind. And I will go
Out-straight and will beyond
concentric circles fly.

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Metamorphosis

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resists the strands of thread
Which make the prison
Nature built for it.
In savage agony it tears the
silk
That quens did sacrifice
their sons to wear,
And cuts with slashing claw
those filaments
Now obsolete to shield from
summer storm.
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Grosse Pointe's Russell Alger and the Spanish-American War

By **Burton Folsom**
Exactly 100 years ago, on Dec. 10, 1898, the United States signed a peace treaty ending its short and victorious Spanish-American War.

"Remember the Maine," was the battle cry that led America to declare war against Spain earlier that year. The mysterious explosion of the U.S.S. Maine in Havana harbor killed 260 Americans and triggered hostility toward Spain, the suspected culprit.

The state of Michigan eagerly supported the war — not only by sending thousands of troops to fight it, but through Secretary of War Russell Alger, the man in charge of winning it.

How well did Alger — a Detroit lumber baron and former governor of Michigan — do

his job as secretary of war? Most historians of the Spanish-American War believe that Alger turned in a poor performance. At one level, he was weak and unprepared for war.

On March 9, 1898, six weeks before the United States declared war on Spain, Congress allocated \$50 million for national defense and for each and every purpose connected therewith. But Alger never insisted that any of the money be used to prepare an army to fight.

In April, when the war began, Alger desperately struggled to equip the Army for battles in Cuba. Unfortunately, disaster followed disaster. For example, the soldiers received wool uniforms for a summer war in a tropical climate. The mess pans were leftovers from

the Civil War. Few soldiers received modern rifles; most ended up with outdated Springfields, and some, like Michigan's 32nd regiment, had no rifles at all and never made it overseas. Those who did make it to Cuba ate food so sickening that soldiers called it "embalmed beef," and a special war commission later studied it to find out what was in it.

Soldiers were not the only ones suffering. Wars are expensive and taxes are often raised to pay for them. Once higher taxes are in place, they rarely come down. Congress hiked taxes on tobacco and alcohol and also passed the first inheritance tax in U.S. history. These higher taxes, once in place, remained high after the war was over (except for a brief repeal of the inheritance tax).

The United States also recorded its largest budget deficit since the Civil War years.

Alger, of course, blamed the slow-moving bureaucracy, including the legions of political appointees in the War Department, for his problems. But Alger himself had to take full responsibility for appointing William R. Shafter as chief general for the Cuban campaign.

Shafter, from Galesburg, was 62 years old when the war broke out and he moved slowly because he weighed almost 300 pounds. He was ill during most of the fighting and many questioned his abilities. Teddy Roosevelt, who led the charge up San Juan Hill, said that "not since the campaign of Crassus against the Parthians (over 2,000 years ago) has there been so criminally incompetent a general as Shafter."

Yet in spite of the snafus and bungling, the United States won the conflict. The Navy, which was well prepared, joined the Army to force a Spanish surrender at Santiago, Cuba. When the war was over, many Americans demanded a formal investigation to study why the War Department was so inefficient.

Secretary Alger resigned in 1899 under heavy criticism and without clear support from President McKinley. In temporary retirement, Alger wrote a book, "The Spanish-American War," to try to explain why so much went so wrong.

Those who are too critical of Alger miss a larger point. Incompetent generals, lazy bureaucrats and a confused secretary of war are the stuff of most wars. Fortunately, America has had a free people eager to preserve their way of life and willing to overcome military hardships to do so.

Within four months and one week after Congress declared war, over 274,000 men had volunteered to put on wool uniforms, endure a disease-ridden tropical climate, eat embalmed beef and risk their lives shooting antique guns at menacing Spanish soldiers. Not all of these men made it to Cuba, but M.B. Stewart, one who did, said it best this way: "We were doing the best we knew and our lack of knowledge was

more than outweighed by the magnificent spirit and discipline of both officers and men."

Without these soldiers, raised in a culture of freedom and willing to preserve it, America could not have won any war, especially the Spanish-American War.

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Letters

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and retrieved the Christmas roast. Frank insisted I take a Christmas cake that he had from his holiday selections and we shook hands, parted company and returned to our families.

Our local merchants in this community are sometimes overlooked as one of our greatest assets. We take them for granted and assume they will always be there.

The pressures that these niche businesses face are overwhelming. Stores like Alexander Polen, The Farms Market, The Village Market, Muliers Market, Yorkshire Market and all of the other great local family owned and operated businesses in our community deserve our continued support.

These are not only businesses in our community, these are our neighbors and friends as well. Thank you Frank.

Dave Stone
Grosse Pointe Woods

Goldwater would oppose impeachment

To the Editor:

As the impeachment hearings lurch dangerously forward, apparently without public support and energized mainly by partisan animus, we are seeing another bad example of extremism in American public life.

Thirty-five years ago, Sen. Barry Goldwater was a hero to the nations conservatives. His book, "Conscience of a Conservative," achieved near scriptural authority, and his valediction, "Extremism in pursuit of liberty is no vice," became a mantra, chanted by the Young Americans for Freedom during the 1964 presidential election.

It sounded good, but Lyndon Johnson, portraying Goldwater as a dangerous extremist, won in a landslide and Democrats dominated both the House and Senate with large majorities. Johnson proceeded to demon-

strate his own brand of extremism, prosecuting an unpopular and unwise war in Vietnam and propagating endless "great society" domestic social programs which created unrealistic expectations and led to an ultimate public backlash and the ostracizing of any politician thought to be a "dangerous liberal."

Goldwater was wrong: Extreme solutions applied to public issues result in more harm than good, and to political harm for the proponents.

The current impeachment circus is another case of extremism run amuck. The Republican majority is fixated upon vengeance and punishment for a president who lied about sexual indiscretions. Forget about Madison's Constitutional Standard. He's guilty and we want his head on a platter! Forget the inevitable damage to the presidency as an institution. Crucify him!

Barry Goldwater wouldn't buy into this spectacle. Later in his long career he achieved distinction and was venerated as a senior statesman, counseling Richard Nixon to resign and deploring homophobic and other fringe elements within his own party.

Goldwater would tell Henry Hyde and Trent Lott what they most need to hear: "Let's settle for censure before we cause any more harm to the country and to ourselves."

Good Republicans may well wish he had lived to offer them that advice.

William D. Hodgman
Grosse Pointe Park

FYI

From page 7A

bers him well because they have kept in touch all through the years, and because he was his football coach here as well — and one more reason. "My poor grades," he says. "He was also my algebra teacher."

The graduating super-senior and his childhood sweetheart, now Marilyn Kundinger, have one big event planned

afterward: a giant graduation party, to which he will invite "everyone he knows."

If you knew Elmer and Marilyn back when the Pointes had only one high school, you can call them in Apopka, FL at (407) 886-3495 and get in on the fun.

Got an FYI tip? Call Ken Eatherly at (313) 822-4091, or e-mail him at KEN.FYI@PRODIGY.NET

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Minor drinking

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers cited six teens for being in possession of alcohol after a nearby driver called police from a cellular telephone after seeing a beer bottle being thrown from the teens' vehicle.

The incident happened at about 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12. The driver of the car was cited for carrying an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

His five passengers were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol.

The six underage drinkers were released to the custody of their parents and were ordered to appear in the Woods municipal court on Jan. 20.

Caught in a Web

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident reported to police that he lost \$1,800 as a result of an advertisement he saw on an Internet web page.

The victim said that he was promised 24 Furby dolls if he wired \$1,800 to a man in Denver.

After sending the money via Western Union, the victim said he never received the items as promised and has been unable to reach the supplier in Denver. Police are now investigating.

North thefts

Over the past week three female North High School students reported that cash or clothes were stolen from the girls' locker room.

Woods public safety officers received two reports on Wednesday, Dec. 9. One incident took place between 11 a.m. and noon that day. A purse worth \$25 and containing \$60 in cash was stolen.

Police also received a report that day about an incident that took place between 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7. A sweater, a shirt and shoes were reported stolen.

On Monday, Dec. 7, police received a report of an incident that took place on Friday, Dec. 4. This time a pair of shoes worth \$150 was stolen. Police continue to investigate.

Woods flasher

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers received a report from a woman on Monday, Dec. 7, at about 3 p.m. that a man exposed himself to her in the area of the 2300 block of Allard.

The woman said he was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 140 pounds. He was wearing a green sweat shirt and khaki pants. When police searched the area, a

man matching the description was seen. When he saw police he ran through back yards and was able to evade capture.

Park break-ins

A resident of the 800 block of Pemberton reported that between 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, someone entered his greenhouse and took a small portable television and a purse with \$100 in cash.

The greenhouse which is attached to the home, was unlocked. The thief was unable to gain entry to the home because the door connecting the greenhouse to the home was locked.

Another incident took place between 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 and 3 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14. A home in the 1000 block of Nottingham was broken into and a gold watch, \$30 and a cellular telephone, all left in the kitchen, were stolen. Entry was gained through the unlocked side door.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 10:43 p.m., after the store had closed to the public, the suspect entered the business, went behind the service counter and ordered an employee to empty money from the safe into a small trash can. The suspect then fled with the money to a waiting 1990 four-door Audi, which was later discovered abandoned in Detroit. No one was injured in the robbery.

Park chase

A Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer, while on routine patrol, noticed a suspicious car driving around in a municipal parking lot on Mack. When the officer ran the plates of the car, he learned it was stolen. He followed the car as it headed west across Alter Road. He found it

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abandoned in an Alley off of Chalmers.

The driver was able to get away, but the passenger was captured by another Park patrol car that was assisting.

The passenger was turned over to Detroit police who had issued warrants for his arrests.

— Jim Stickford

\$5,000 robbery at gunpoint

In a crime not often seen in the Grosse Pointes, a store in the Village was robbed of more than \$5,000 by a man with a small silver plated automatic pistol.

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Police are looking for a black male, aged 19 to 25 years old, with a slim build and medium

complexion. He was last seen wearing a black skull cap, black sweatshirt and black jeans.

He got away

A patrol officer in Grosse Pointe Shores witnessed a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck swerving along Lakeshore, "indicating signs of a possible OUII" on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 3 a.m.

In what turned out to be a successful getaway, the driver, believed to be a 29-year-old man from Detroit, suddenly pulled his vehicle into a driveway in the 900 block of Lakeshore and ran east between the yards toward Lake St. Clair, leaving his vehicle and female passenger behind. The woman said her friend had been drinking and "panicked" when he saw the patrol car.

The suspect's pickup was impounded and awaits his return.

Squirrels shot

A man in the first block of Sunningdale in Grosse Pointe Shores told police his dog brought home a dead squirrel that had been shot. The man

said he had found two dead squirrels within the last week and on occasion bears sounds associated with the action of BB guns. Police are investigating.

Evacuations

The strong odor of natural gas and the threat of explosion caused the deployment of fire engines and the evacuation of a few homes in the first block of Vernier at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A 1 1/2 inch gas main had broken under the weight of a backfill laid out as part of a waterproofing project. Police notified Michcon gas, who arrived at the scene in a half hour to shut off the gas line. There were no injuries.

No way out

On Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2:06 p.m., a 37-year-old woman in the first block of Fordcroft was stranded inside her bedroom when a door handle had been removed during house painting. Police arrived and got her out.

Storm damage

A transformer ignited when high winds sheared off two utility poles and downed wires in the first block of Fisher at 12:09 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7. The fire was extinguished.

GPC's top cops catch two crooks

In an incident that brought back memories of their duty as foot patrolmen, Al Fincham and Dennis Van Dale, chief and deputy chief of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe, respectively, witnessed an adult man and woman acting suspiciously in the Village on Friday, Dec. 11, at 2:11 p.m.

The officers set up a surveillance and witnessed the pair exit a store while concealing something under their coats. The suspects were stopped on Kercheval as they drove away. Police discovered several items in plain view on the floor of the vehicle, plus more items underneath the man's jacket.

The pair, a 35-year-old woman from Clinton Township and a 37-year-old man from St. Clair Shores, were arrested and charged with retail fraud, the technical name for shoplifting.

Drunken driver

A 17-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Park was arrested for drunken driving on

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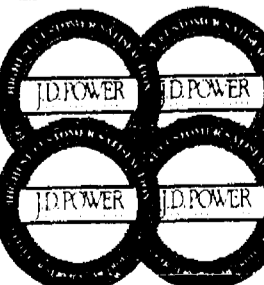


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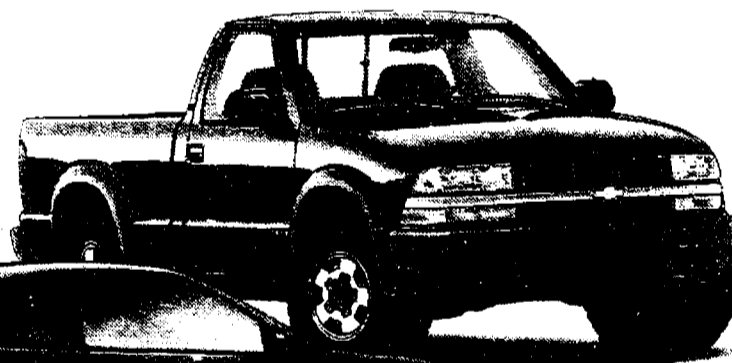
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Automotive

New Cougar's greatest fear? The Beetle!



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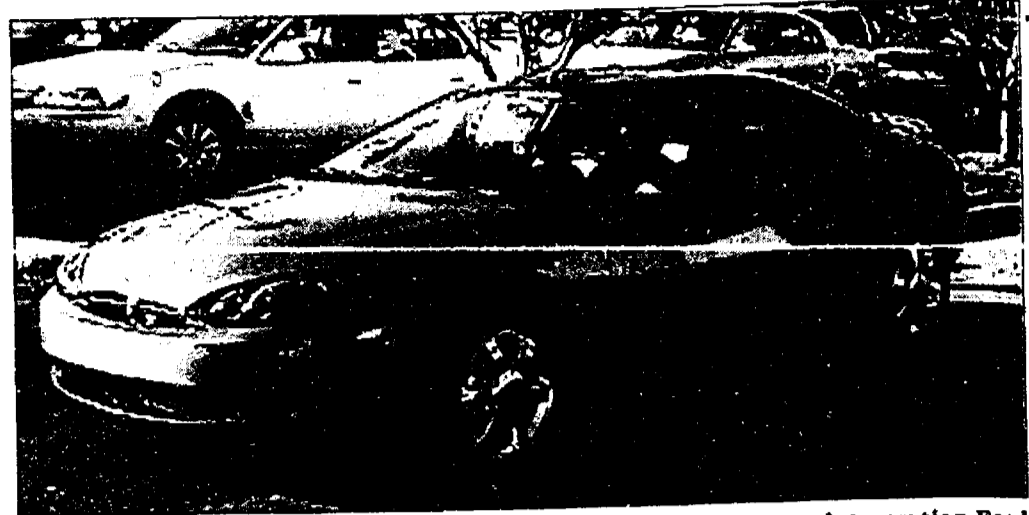
By Richard Wright

The 1999 Mercury Cougar is a new direction for that nameplate, a nameplate that has shifted focus often during its 30+ years. Attractive? Yes. Good performance and handling? Yes. Buy one? Let's talk about that. The Cougar seems to be a replacement for the Ford Probe, an odd role for a Mercury product, but it is a

small sporty coupe with sophisticated styling, the maker's "New Edge" approach. It is quite distinct from Ford's Mustang, also a small sporty coupe or convertible. The Cougar does not seem to have the Mustang's muscular ambitions, but performs well, as did the Probe. How does it compare with earlier Cougars? Well, that depends. The Mercury Cougar began life in 1967 amid spec-

tacular nighttime searchlight shows as a Mercury version of the Ford Mustang, leader of the pack known as Pony Cars. The pack included some very tough guys — Ford Mustang, Chevrolet Camaro, Pontiac Firebird, Plymouth Barracuda, Dodge Challenger, AMC AMX and, somewhat overwhelmed in that hyped-up company, the Mercury Cougar. All were smartly designed, two-door styling exercises with decent comfort and, most often, plentiful power — often a lot more than was necessary. Pony Cars grew and shrank and changed over the years, most of them losing much of their early appeal. Plymouth and Dodge abandoned the field, and AMC dropped out of the whole game, absorbed into Chrysler Corp.

The Cougar was promoted from Mustang clone to Thunderbird clone, outgrowing its early cuteness, and by 1997 it was an orphan in Lincoln-Mercury showrooms. So for 1999, Mercury brought out a new kind of Cougar with styling to set it apart from earlier Ford products. With the "New Edge" styling and the prestige of the Lincoln-Mercury stable, it is hoped the Cougar will top its often less-expensive competing sports coupes, such as Saturn SC, Mitsubishi Eclipse, Dodge Avenger, the Ford Mustang and, what may prove to be the toughest new kid in the sharply styled two-door market, Volkswagen's new Beetle. Ford designed the Cougar on the Contour/Mystique platform — not a bad idea at all. The Cougar is aimed at pretty much the same market, as the second-generation Ford Probe, a car with a goofy name but very good looks, a fine Mazda powertrain and the utility of a hatchback.



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counter the egg-like styling that dominates the Ford look. New Edge is definitely more up-to-date than the egg look or the jellybean look that preceded it. I personally like the egg look, but I am most definitely not in the Cougar target demographics either.

The Cougar's cat's-eye headlamps, large triangular taillights and sculpted doors and hood give the car a very contemporary look. Our test Cougar had the optional V-6 engine, rated at 170 hp. Base Cougars have a four-cylinder with 125 hp. The five-speed manual transmission is excellent, easy and sure in shifts and providing plenty of power. In fact, the car's performance was a pleasant surprise. The previous Cougar felt heavy and not eager to exert itself. The new Cougar

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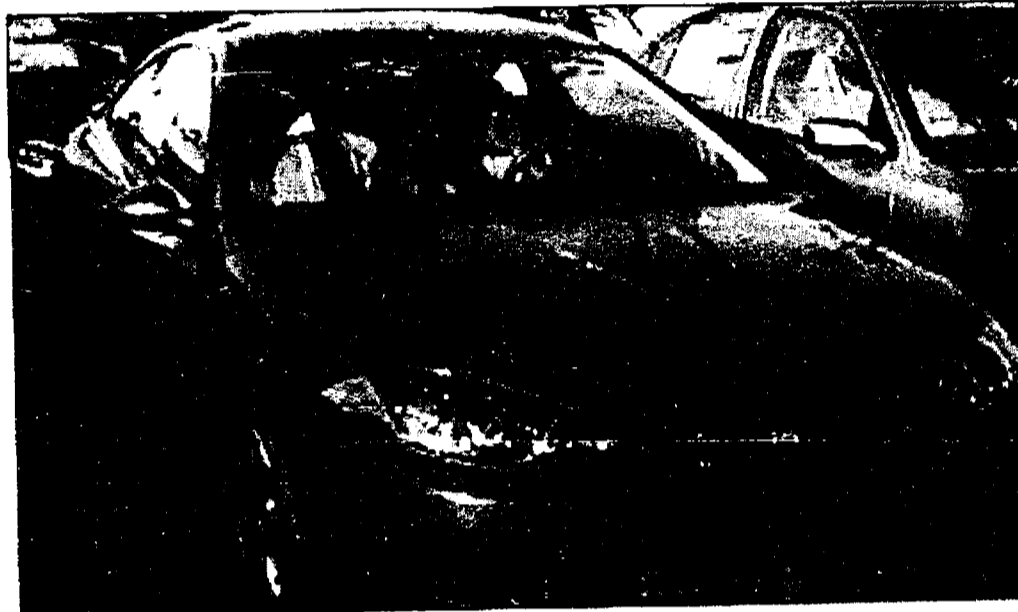
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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present.

MOTION PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held November 16, 1998, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the minutes.
- To receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting held November 18, 1998, the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held October 15, 1998 and the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System Meeting held November 30, 1998.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- Approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 50812 through 51150 in the amount of \$774,736.79 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) To receive and file for audit the Cash & Treasurer's Report for October, 1998. 3) Approve payment to BNSF Subscription Services in the amount of \$6,258.71 for the purchase of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Library. 4) Approve payment to the Library Cooperative of Macomb in the amount of \$2,921.00 for the purchase of bond paper for the Galeos Database subscription and the Detroit News Database subscription. 5) Approve the purchase of the necessary 2 part forms from the Oakland County Print Shop in the amount of \$1,270.50 and further that competitive bidding be waived as these are being purchased through Oakland County Cooperative purchasing agreement. 6) Approve payment to Wayne County Department of Management & Budget in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the services performed from September 1 through September 30, 1998 on our tax rolls. 7) Approve the proposal from Apollo Fire Apparatus Rental, Inc. in the amount of \$1,035.24 for the repair of Rescue Truck 1. 8) Approve the purchase of a ventilation saw from Apollo Fire Equipment Co., the lowest qualified bidder, in the amount of \$1,776.00. 9) Approve payment to Ameritech in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the maintenance billing for our 911 ALBANI Position System for the period September 1998 through October 1998. 10) Approve the purchase of the City's insurance in the amount of \$166,327 through the Michigan Municipal Liability and Officers Bond and further, as this is a self-insurance fund, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- Approve payment to Larama Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$36,042.87 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the new Community Payment Return Project.
- Approve payment to Robert Truitt Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$15,810.00 for Progress Payment No. 6 (Final) and Change Order No. 1 (Balancing) in the 1997 Bituminous Resurfacing District #10021.
- Approve payment to Entrance Cement Company in the amount of \$4,608.45 for Progress Payment No. 2 (Final) and Change Order No. 3 (Balancing) in the 1997 Concrete Replacement District #10001010.
- Approve payment to Bob Schommer Tree Service in the amount of \$7,188.00 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 1997 Tree Trimming Project.
- Approve the purchase of six laptop computers and related equipment in the amount of \$21,117.88 from Microsoft and a computer related business in the amount of \$8,022.00 from American Wire and Cable. The total amount of \$29,139.88 from Microsoft and the other business is being purchased through competitive bidding and further, in that these purchases are computer related, that Oakland County Cooperative Bidding be waived and that competitive bidding be waived.
- To authorize Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Gary Ford's City of Harper Woods.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
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AAA drink recipes breathe life into holidays

"Stayin' Alive" was a popular Bee Gees tune in 1978 — the same year that AAA Michigan launched its "First A Friend, Then A Host" non-alcoholic drink program. For 20 years, the auto club has provided its "Great Pretenders Party

Guide" free to Michigan residents to help them 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. "Stayin' Alive is one theme we take to heart," said Jerry Basch, community safety services manager for AAA Michigan. "That was our goal in 1978 — to help make the roads safer during the holidays, when people tend to drink and drive. That's still our goal today."

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 1978," drink recipes have names like "Copacabana Shake," "Disco Slush," "Milliken's Mimosa" and "Polyester Leisure Suit Smoothie."

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.

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.

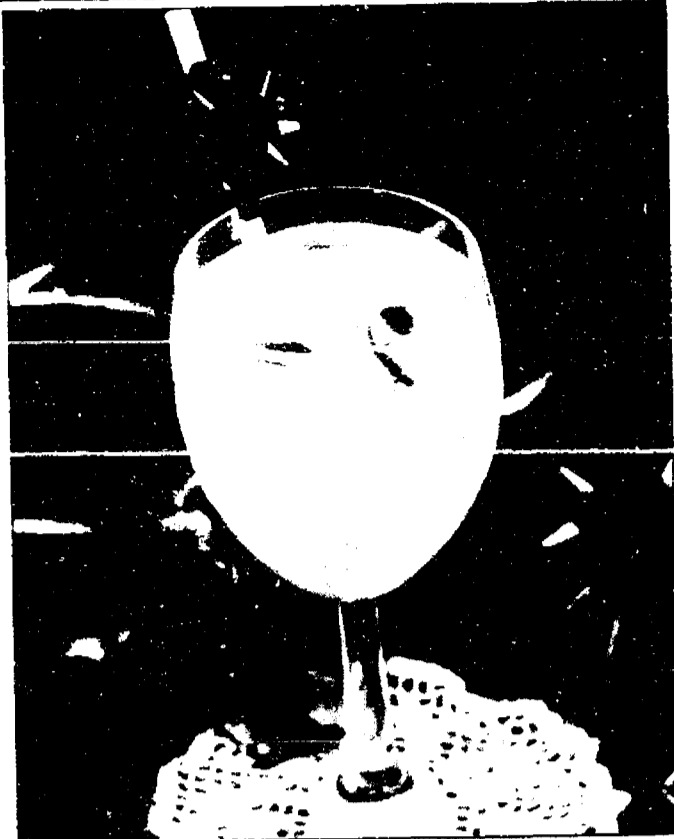
- Put away the alcohol after a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.

- Encourage car pooling. Give a small gift to designated drivers.

- Take the keys, call a cab or insist that a guest who has had too much to drink sleep overnight at your home.

Keep the holiday happy. Provide the tools for "Stayin' Alive" — "Don't Drink and Drive."

For copies of the AAA Michigan "Great Pretenders Party Guide," write: Public Relations Department, AAA Michigan, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126 or call (313) 336-1500.



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Autos

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felt light and hot to trot.

Inside, you'll find a conventional control layout with a minimum of road noise and easy-to-use controls. I liked the feel of the steering and of the wheel itself, a thick, substantial wheel.

I also liked the basic trip computer with external temperature readout and the large round vents look that can be easily twisted to regulate airflow in the cabin.

Seat comfort in front is acceptable, but the rear seats are skimpy on the headroom and not very comfortable.

Is the car fun to drive? Yes. So are the Contour and Mystique. And posing a bigger

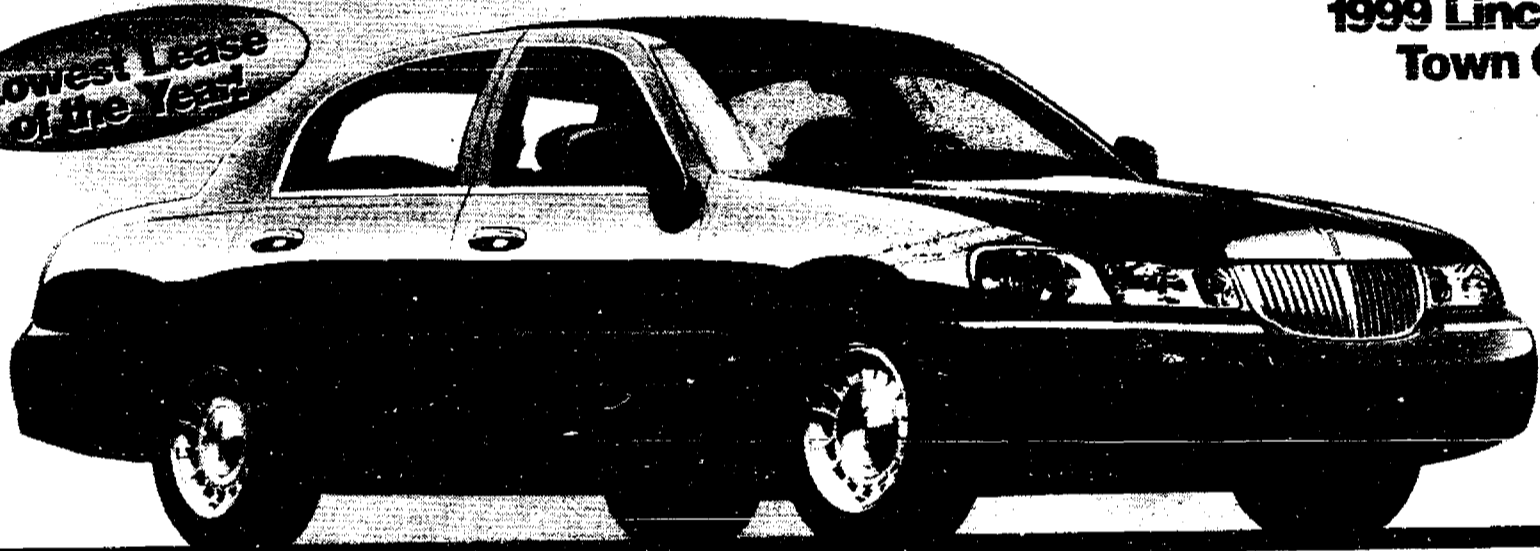
issue for the Cougar is the VW Beetle. And the feel of the Beetle is one of solid quality. The base price of our test Cougar was \$18,095 and with equipment it priced out at \$22,230.

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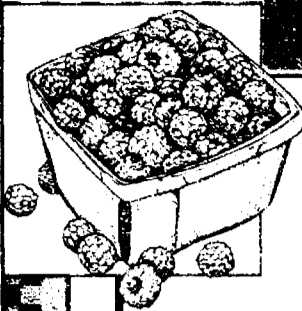
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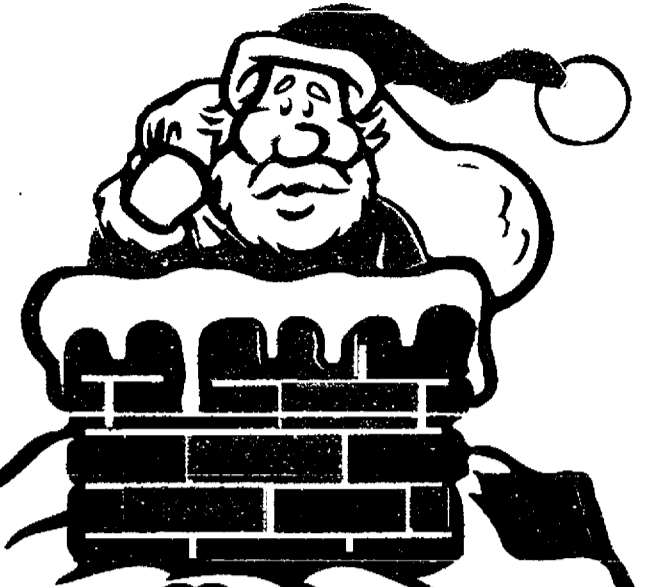
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South students compete for college scholarships sponsored by MSMA

Twenty Grosse Pointe South students have qualified for the second part of the 41st annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. One of the 20 South students placed among the top 50 in the state.

Qualifying for Part II of the exam were: Donald Badaczewski, Matthew Bernbeck, Christopher Cassidy, Christopher Chapman, David Clark, Kevin Kaipstein, Kathryn Lenz, Richard Mayk, Kevin Messacar, Alexander Mochtchouk, Corrigan Nadon-

Nichols, Matthew Nelson, Daniel Olson, Joshua Olson, Luke Parchment, Sarah Reid, Sandra Turnbull, Benjamin Wei, Daniel Wilson and Michael Zamaia. Nadon-Nichols scored among the top 50 students in Michigan.

These students qualified by placing among the top 7 percent out of about 14,000 participants in an examination given at more than 360 schools across Michigan on Oct. 14.

Six University Liggett School students qualified for the second part of the 41st Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition on Dec. 9.

Terry Szymanski, Todd Davis, Andrew Watkins, Nima Bararsani, Adam Little and Darrin Tracy qualified for Part II by placing among the top 6 percent out of more than 16,000 participants in an examination given at more than 360 schools across Michigan in November.

The 100 students with the highest combined scores will be invited to a banquet in their honor at Michigan State University on March 6, and approximately the top 50 will receive college scholarships ranging in value from approximately \$450 to \$2,400.



Preschool visits parade studio

The First English Lutheran Co-Op Preschool of Grosse Pointe Woods visited the Detroit parade studio on Monday, Nov. 9. The 3 and 4-year-olds are pictured above by Santa's new sleigh.



First grade classes celebrate Thanksgiving

Jim Fisher's and Mrs. Vektor's first grade classes at Richard Middle School, celebrated the end of their Native American unit with a class Thanksgiving Feast. The feast included all the trimmings.

Activities included a study of Native American families, Indian arts and crafts, teepee building, story writing and reports.

The first graders are truly grateful for their teachers.

Pierce auditorium to get lighting upgrade

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A \$105,071 lighting bid has been focused on the Pierce Middle School auditorium.

The bid that was accepted percent, the project was put on hold. The bid that was accepted was submitted by Argonaut PSI earlier this month.

The project will "improve the lighting system for the stage and upgrade electrical capabilities for the auditorium," according to a budget report by Chris Fenton, the Grosse Pointe Public School system's assistant superintendent of business affairs.

"The current system is outdated and antiquated, which limits the flexible use of the auditorium," wrote Fenton.

The Pierce PFO will contribute \$9,000 toward the project.

The new system will make lighting the auditorium a one-man operation. The project will include a touch-pad computer screen to adjust lighting, a new dimmer rack, light board, rigging system and removal of the old system.

The budget request was originally presented to the Board of Education in February. Because the only bid received exceeded the dis-

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The Boys From The Pointe, Grosse Pointe South Choir department's newest ensemble, are shown here on the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center stage during a recent rehearsal.

This young men's singing and dancing group is made up of boys from the entire Grosse Pointe district in grades four through eight.

The Boys From The Pointe are under the direction of Grosse Pointe South's Ellen Bowen. Recent performances include Fall Follies 1998 and The Grosse Pointe Holiday Tea.

Standing left to right are: Tom Simon, Justin Linne, Chris Casey, Ryan Wagner, Steven Davis, Scott Rinderknecht, Kyle Serilla, Sean Wagner, Ryan O'Keefe, Ben Lupo and Jimmy Maganello. Kneeling in front, from left are: James Fox, Ryan Steiner, Ross Gardner and Robbie Brownell. Not pictured is Eric Field.

District's driver ed taken off the road

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe's school-sponsored driver education curriculum has been grounded.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System will no longer be in the driver's seat when it comes to teaching area teenagers how to behave behind the wheel.

Faced with a \$17,040 deficit and the prospect of more shortfalls next year, members of the school board voted unanimously to terminate the program.

"The expense could be put to better use," said Jack Ryan, a member of the board.

Last summer, the district's driver education program lost nearly twice its projected deficit of \$9,100. The loss grew out of an enrollment that stalled at 76 students, only 58 percent of the level expected.

According to an analysis by Paula Jarvis, supervisor of community education, the school system had three options once the program began to lose money:

- Continue the program with the same tuition fee of \$225.
- Continue the program with

reduced tuition of \$125 in hopes of attracting more students.

The board rejected the first option because it would create another \$17,000 deficit and benefit only 10 percent of the district's 700 driver education students.

The second option would have "probably" increased the school system's enrollment to 150 students, but at the cost of a \$28,000 loss, according to Jarvis' report.

In 1996, a state law required commercial driving schools to meet the same minimum standards as programs offered by public school districts, said Jarvis. The law also gave public school districts the options to charge tuition, terminate their program, or contract with commercial driving schools to provide instruction.

Grosse Pointe opted to continue the program and charge \$225 tuition. "Now all driver education programs," said Dr. Susan Klein, superintendent of public schools, "whether provided

by public schools or private agencies, have to offer 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction, three of those being on the street."

Ryan said, "We ran a fine program for many years in a time when the commercial schools required very few hours behind the wheel on the road. With the introduction of

this new law in 1996, all of the commercial schools are required to have the same number of hours behind the wheel as our program."

With the program's termination, every student in the district of driver education age would be given a voucher to pay for commercial instruction of between \$60-\$75," said Ryan.

Grosse Pointe South High School to hold a special night

Parents of current eighth-graders who plan to attend Grosse Pointe South High School next fall, have been invited to a special information night at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Grosse Pointe South High School on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

This program is especially focused on the ninth-grade curriculum at South.

Parents of eighth-graders who are currently enrolled in parochial or private schools, are also encouraged to attend.

Administrators, counselors and department chairpersons will highlight South's curriculum with a video followed by a short presentation with an emphasis on ninth-grade

scheduling procedures, class selections and the class of 2002 graduation requirements. Department chairs will briefly describe specific academic and elective options followed by a question and answer period.

The gymnasium is located off the Grosse Pointe Boulevard entrance of South High School. The program will

conclude approximately at 9 p.m. Official enrollment begins in early February.



Friends of the Library seeks board members

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library are in search of energetic men and women interested in serving on the group's board of directors.

"Our library boasts one of the largest and most generous Friends groups in the country," said Friends president Tom Nowinski.

"Through recent strategic planning, our library is taking a hard look at how our facilities and services may need to change as our community's needs change. The Friends will be instrumental in helping the library staff and trustees shape the library of the future. This is an exciting time to be on the Friends board."

Nowinski said the group is looking for people with experience in fundraising, special events or finance.

Since 1948, the Friends group has solicited members and funds to enrich and enhance the library, much the same way a PTO supports a school. Through the generosity of the Friends membership, a gift of \$80,000 was given to the library in the past year, to help upgrade the technology at all three branches.

Thirty-six new computers are now in place, with access to the Internet and library catalogs all over the world. Proceeds from the 1998-99 Friends' Membership Drive will continue to support new technology.

Friends membership information is available at all three branch libraries.

Persons wishing to be considered for a seat on the board are asked to forward their resumes to Sally Giacobbe at Central Library.

Parcells holds spelling bee

Parcells Middle School held its annual spelling bee in the school auditorium Wednesday, Dec. 2. Twenty-eight students participated.

Katy Larrabee, who won the competition by correctly spelling "osteopath," will compete in a regional bee sometime early in 1999.

The winners of the area bees will compete in a final bee on March 27. The winner of the final bee will represent The Detroit News at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., scheduled for May 30 - June 5.

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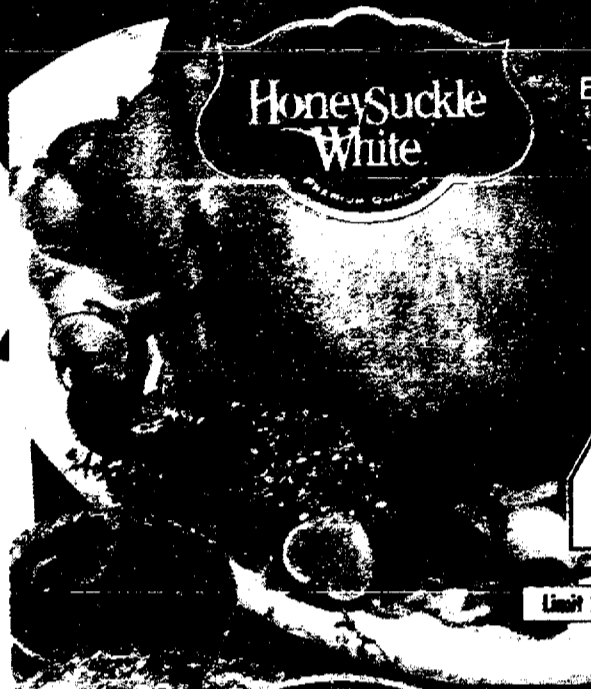


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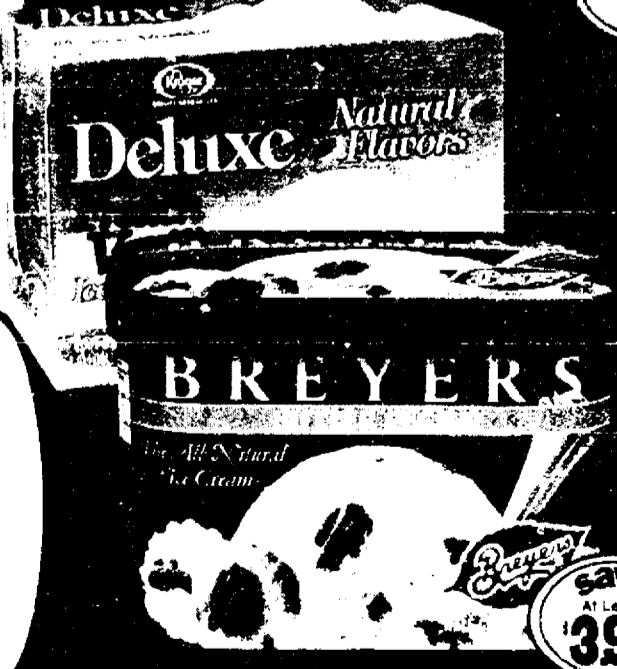
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Strategies for partnering with Public Schools and parents

When it comes to making sure children get a good education, schools simply can't do it alone. Education, at its best, is a team effort involving schools, communities, students and families.

Successful school-community partnerships look different in every community, depending on local interests, needs and resources. But drawing on the collective experience of schools and districts around the coun-

try, the National Education Association offers some suggestions for establishing and sustaining strong links between public schools and their communities:

1. Lower communication barriers. Two-way communication between schools and communities is critical and should be geared to the various languages and cultures represented in the schools, as well as to the lifestyles and work

schedules of school staff and volunteers. Use as many communication channels as possible to reach community members — websites, radio announcements, open houses, church announcements, town hall meetings, etc.

2. Remember flexibility and diversity are key. Recognize that effective community involvement in education may not necessarily require adults' presence at a workshop or meeting. The emphasis should be on helping children learn, whether that's in schools, homes, work sites, libraries, or elsewhere in the community.

3. Invest in training. Effective partnerships are enhanced with professional development and training. Both staff and volunteers need

the knowledge and skills to work with one another and with the larger community to support children's learning. Common sources for training include local colleges and universities, neighboring school districts, and state education agencies that provide funding and assistance in community involvement activities.

4. Evaluate your activities. Set goals and determine what all stakeholders — family, school staff and community members — want to accomplish. Developing a school-community partnership requires continued effort over time. Find ways to measure participation levels and satisfaction with school-related activities. The ever-rising numbers of single-parent homes and homes with both parents working present new, but not impossible, challenges to schools seeking community

partnerships. To lay the foundation for a large, partnership effort, there are small steps educators and would-be partners can take to nurture a community's schools and its children. Here a few easy ways:

- Recruit friends, relatives, co-workers and community members to volunteer in schools.
- Tutor a child in an after school/night-time tutorial center.
- Lead Saturday field trips with students.
- Offer to take care of a neighbor's child so parents can attend school activities.
- Help with weekend fundraising projects: car wash-

es, bazaars, carnivals, and barbecues.

• Organize Saturday work parties to beautify the schoolyard, plant shrubs or paint murals.

• Hold a potluck dinner to bring parents, students and school staff together.

The National Education Association is the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing more than 2.4 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support personnel, school administrators, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers.



'Monster Madness'

Karen Sullivan's fifth-graders and Henry Pichla's fourth-graders gave three spectacular performances of the Halloween play, "Monster Madness," for the Perry school staff, students and families.

Pictured are, from left, Andrew Hanlon, Angela Lee, Mike Makool (tombstone), Ronnie Bedway, Andrea Bedway and Robbie Sessions. Anne Maters provided musical accompaniment.



'The farm lady' visits

On Thursday, Nov. 19, "the farm lady" visited the First English Lutheran Co-Op Preschool of Grosse Pointe Woods. She brought her 6-month-old pet turkey to the class. Pictured above, the 3-year-old class, from left to right, is Olivia Rozema, Kate Lanning, Allison Cornell, Thomas Bloom, Laura O'Brien, Nicole Lubanski and Paul Tomaka.

First Thanksgiving performed at Grosse Pointe Christian School

First through fourth grade students from Grosse Pointe Christian School, located in Grosse Pointe Park, participated in a simple reenactment of the first Thanksgiving.

First and second graders were Indians; Third and fourth graders were Pilgrims. Patrice Darby reads a line

from a play written by the teachers, while Scott Bahash and Joel Battjes wait, none too patiently, to start the "feast." Parents brought in turkey, potatoes, pies and all the other trimmings for a delicious meal.

For more information, call Jeanie Graham at (313) 822-8782.



Grosse Pointe Christian School's first graders seated from left to right, are Scott Bahash, Joel Battjes and Patrice Darby, dressed as Indians, reenact the first Thanksgiving.

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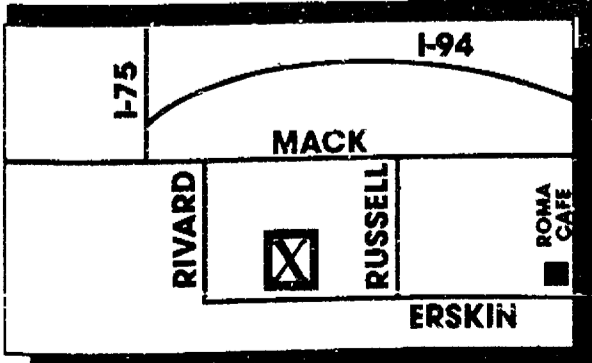
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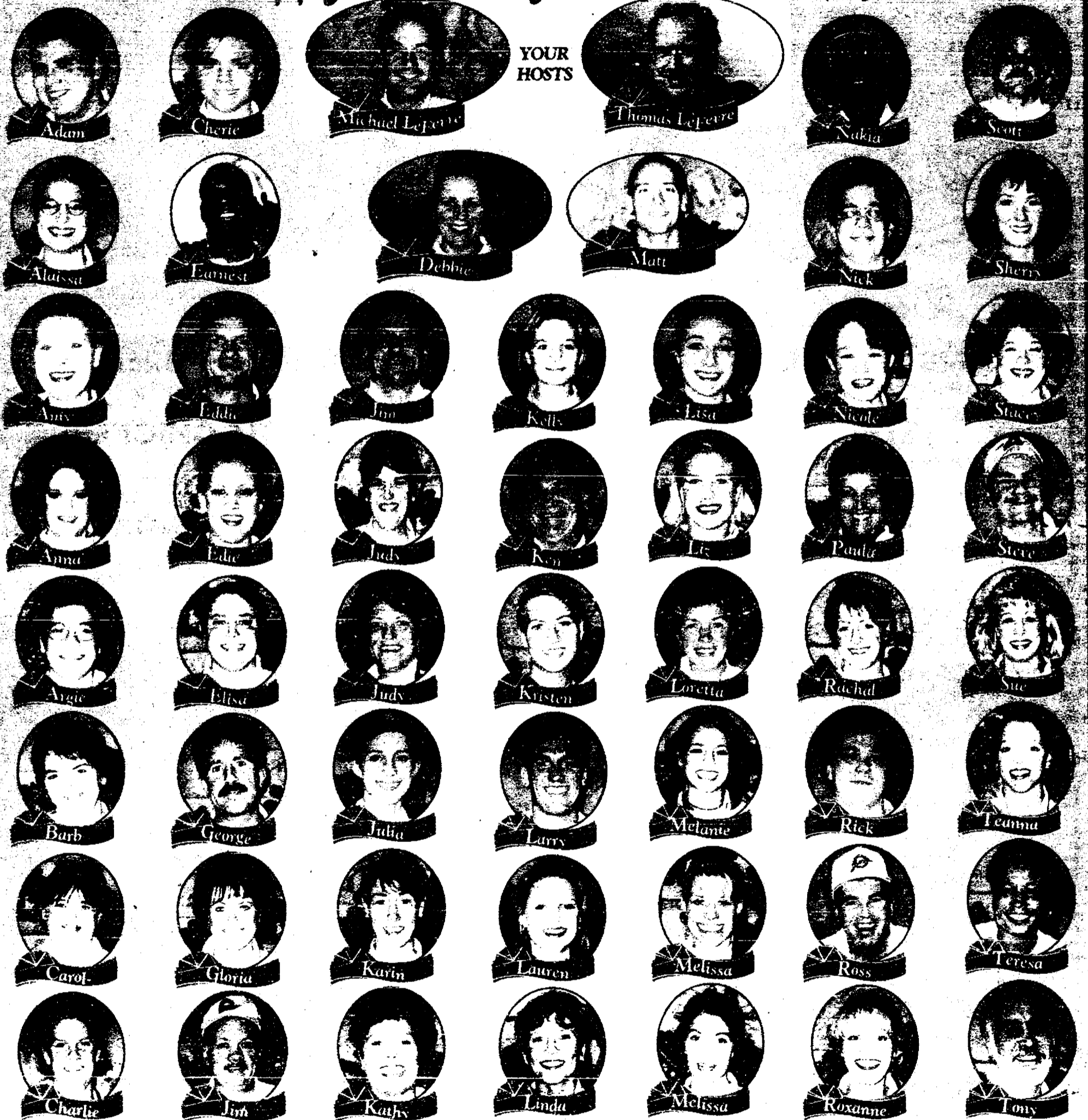
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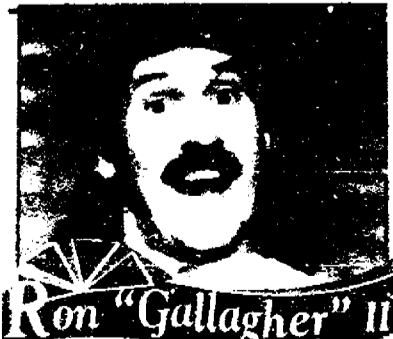
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If any of these observations are true for you, you'll be glad to know that you are not alone. There are others who feel the same way, enough that the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute of Nursing Research have funded a behavior study titled "ACTIVE Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent Vital Elderly" at Wayne State University and five other sites. The study is scientifically directed by Michael Mariske, Ph.D. and Ann L. Horgas, RN, Ph.D.

The purpose of this research is to determine whether educational training in later adulthood can improve thinking and problem solving. Do older adults who have had this type

of training remain healthier and function more easily in daily activities such as managing finances, taking medications, using the telephone and driving?

Based on the fact that people are living longer, the hope is to assist elders and preserve their abilities to perform everyday activities, to greatly enhance the quality of life for elders with the result of lowering the numbers of elders entering short-stay hospitals and institutions, helping also to reduce the public debt.

Andrew Revell, MA., ACTIVE project interviewer, strongly believes that the project has the potential to revolutionize the aging process.

The long-term goal of ACTIVE is to reduce the increasing problems of need for formal care, hospitalization and substantial loss of independence in the older population.

Persons over the age of 65 account for almost half of all days of care in short-stay hos-



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

pitals and constitute the majority of residents in nursing homes. Intervention that can contribute to the postponement of hospitalization or need for formal care, have much to contribute to both public health and the quality of life among older people.

A pilot study, two of six, has been completed. A third will begin in January 1999. The Grosse Pointe community will be included in this groundbreaking research.

Participants will be financially compensated for their time and travel within their

neighborhoods and will receive free blood pressure and vision testing. Many participants will be randomly assigned to training.

It is reassuring to know that there will be complete confidentiality.

And there will be a sense of pride in knowing that they had an important part in a research study that will contribute to the well-being of future generations of elders.

Other facts you should know:
• There will be questionnaires and interviews about health and everyday activity.

• Paper-and-pencil computerized measures regarding thinking and problem solving.

• Training programs will be offered for 16 hours over five weeks.

The ACTIVE Project is expected to receive funding for five years. The length of the study will permit long-term follow-ups of research participants which means that after initial visits, you will be visited by ACTIVE personnel every eight months.

Dr. Michael Mariske, assistant professor at Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, has this to say about why the institute accepted the proposal: "We have the multidisciplinary strength to offer: a psychological orientation to mental training and a cognitive functioning with experience in the health fields and issues of sampling from very old at-risk population of older adults."

Mariske is joined by two co-principal investigators, Ann Horgas, an assistant professor

in gerontology and nursing and Gisela Labouvie-Vief, a professor of psychology and a faculty associate at the institute.

Horgas has extensive experience in adult health assessment and the physical components of everyday function in later life.

Labouvie-Vief has this to say:

"Throughout my career, I have demonstrated the linkages between cognition and emotion are extremely important. I'm most interested in exploring as I did in my early training research how aspects of emotion and the self might play a role in cognitive training, or change as a result of such training."

Only you know whether or not you would benefit by participating in ACTIVE as presented by experts in the field of aging.

If you are interested or have questions, call Audrey Anthony at (313) 577-1197.

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Finding support needed when coping with Alzheimer's

For the millions of families in the United States coping with the emotionally and physically taxing responsibilities of caring for a loved one afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, the isolation can sometimes seem insurmountable.

Since Alzheimer's is a prolonged, degenerative disease that gradually destroys mental capabilities, returning a once active and independent adult to the helpless state of early childhood, caregivers have to provide round-the-clock care and supervision. This creates a highly stressful living situation that can quickly lead to emotional and physical exhaustion.

"If you're caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, remember you can't possibly do everything — no one can. Be kind to yourself and consider who else you might rely on," said Patricia A. Lynett, chief

operating officer and vice president of Kelly Assisted Living.

To keep from becoming overwhelmed, caregivers can share their responsibilities with their families and friends. Lynett suggests holding a meeting in which family members and close friends can discuss how they can help the primary caregiver.

Caregivers requiring additional help can turn to a wide variety of professional organizations. Lynett pointed out an assortment of resources families can call upon for help:

• Adult day care programs offer caregivers some respite while giving the afflicted loved one a source for recreation and mental stimulation as well as social contact with other adults.

• Religious and community organizations such as churches, synagogues and local Alzheimer's Associations often have volunteers willing to provide respite care for

Alzheimer's patients.

• Home care services can provide professional caregivers on either a respite or a regular basis to provide companionship and assistance with daily activities such as personal care, meal preparation, shopping and running errands.

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• Nursing homes, hospitals and residential facilities can sometimes also provide short-term stays for the patient, enabling family caregivers to take a break from their responsibilities.

• For their own well-being, family caregivers may want to

find a support group where they can share their feelings and experiences, and realize that their overwhelming feelings of guilt, anger and frustration are common among family caregivers.

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Window broken
A 12-by-6-inch pane of glass was smashed with a brick in the 100 block of Moran at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Heavy drinker
A 50-year-old man from Detroit driving a gray Plymouth Horizon was arrested and charged with drunken driving on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10:03 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

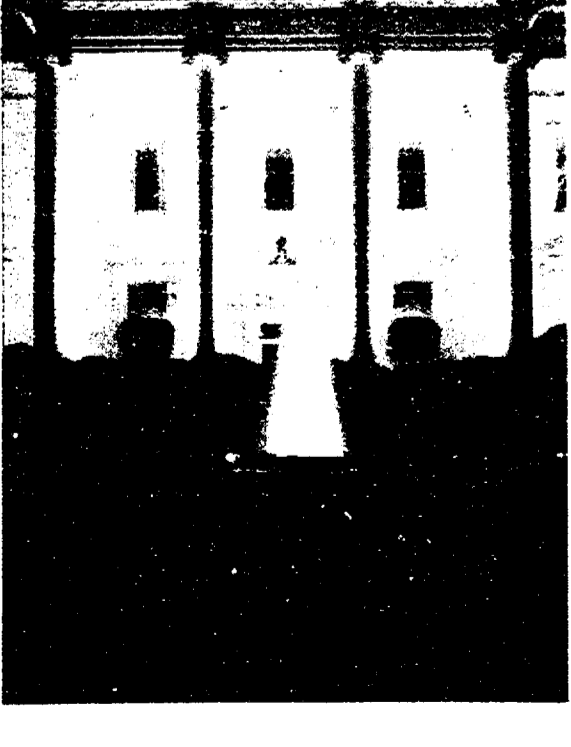
Officers, who had witnessed the man driving erratically in the area of Mack and Moross, stopped the suspect on Moross near Chester in Detroit, where police saw "numerous 40-ounce beer bottles on the passenger floorboard and a plastic cup filled with beer on the console." The suspect had difficulty exiting his vehicle and once he exited had an even harder time standing up. Why? His blood alcohol level was measured at .266 percent.

Ugly customer
A 21-year-old Detroit man with an attitude was arrested for stealing two candy bars from a store in the 18600 block on Mack in the Farms on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 4:10 p.m.
Before committing his crime, he entered the store, knocked over a 35-year-old female store employee, then "began jabbing her with his index finger" asking the time. As he left the store, according to police, the employee saw him snatch the candy.
Farms police picked him up while he strolled westbound on east Warren in Detroit, just west of Canyon. He was detained, returned to the store, where he was positively identified. Then he was arrested and taken to the Farms jail.

-Brad Lindberg

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Leo Greenup

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park on Friday, Dec. 11, for Park resident Leo Greenup, who died in the Nightingale Health Care facility on Monday, Dec. 7, 1998.
Mr. Greenup, 78, was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit in 1942 and from the University of Detroit Law School in 1947. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, earning the rank of lieutenant.
An attorney, he worked as a mortgage and real estate executive for Equitable Life. He enjoyed playing tennis.
Mr. Greenup is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Greenup; a daughter, Kathleen Reece; four sons, Edward, Richard, Donald and Douglas; and four grandchildren.

Alice Klein

A memorial Mass was celebrated in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Dec. 12, 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, bridge groups at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Neighborhood Club. She loved opera, 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.

Anna Marie Meier

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Lucy's Catholic

Church in St. Clair Shores on Monday, Dec. 14, for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anna Marie Meier, who died in Excelsior, Minn., on Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998.
Mrs. Meier, 89, is survived by five daughters, Joanne Taylor, Christine Asker, Susan Schrage, Diane DeYonker and Dorothy Taylor; two sons, Joseph and Thomas Meier; 24 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph A. Meier; and by her son, Michael Meier.

Ruth Carstens

A funeral service was held in the Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home Chapel in Florida on Saturday, Dec. 12, for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Ruth Carstens who died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla.
Mrs. Carstens, 89, was born in Port Byron, Ill. She received her undergraduate degree from Western Illinois University and her master of arts degree from Wayne State University.
A teacher at Denby High School in Detroit for many years, Mrs. Carstens continued to work as a substitute teacher in Lee County, Fla., after her retirement in 1970. An active member of the community, she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi honorary fraternity and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.
Mrs. Carstens is survived by her daughter, Una Elayne Waite; a son, Dr. Norman Carstens; and two grandchildren.



Mary Louise Crowther

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Dec. 12, for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Louise Crowther, who died on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998.
Mrs. Crowther, 84, was born in Detroit and was a homemaker who was kept busy raising 10 children. She was a volunteer for the Bon Secours Assistance League. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling.
Mrs. Crowther is survived by five daughters, Mary Lou Leichter, Margaret McLaughlin, Liz Bojalad, Julie

Kerr and Clare Megargle; three sons, Robert W., John P. and J. Kevin; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert William Crowther; a daughter, Catherine; and a son, Thomas J.

Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 913 West Holmes, Suite 111, Lansing, MI, 48910.



Christine C. Como

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Thursday, Oct. 22, for Woods resident Christine C. Como, who died on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1998, in Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.
Mrs. Como, 59, was born in Hamtramck and graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit.
She worked as a secretary in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for the past 13 years.
An enthusiastic traveler, Mrs. Como enjoyed visiting the casinos of Las Vegas and northern Michigan.
Mrs. Como is survived by her husband, Nino Como; two daughters, Christine and Colleen; a son, Craig; two sisters, Margaret Nykoruk and Carolyn Jaworski; a brother, Raymond Szpadzinski; her father, Stanley Szpadzinski; and two grandchildren.

Ernest J. Collins

A private funeral service was recently held for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Ernest J. Collins, who died on Friday, Dec. 4, 1998.
Mr. Collins, 86, is survived by his wife, Eleanor; a daughter, Katie Lu; a son, David; and four grandchildren.
Funeral arrangements were handled by the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home of Dearborn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.



William E. Danna

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Germaine Catholic Church in Harper Woods on Saturday, Nov. 28, for former Grosse Pointe Farms resident William E. Danna, who died in the Georgian East Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores on Monday, Nov. 23, 1998.
Mr. Danna, 87, was born in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He worked for Chrysler Corp. for many years. A veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Danna served in the European Theater.
An active member of the community, Mr. Danna belonged to the Eagles Lodge, the American Legion and was a charter member of the Franklin Mint since 1970. He enjoyed coin collecting and working with wood.
Mr. Danna is survived by four sisters, Grace, Bertha, Kathryn and Frances; and a brother, Nicholas. He was predeceased by his wife, Grace.
Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Antionette S. Hoover

A funeral service was held in the St. Joseph Home for the Aged on Tuesday, Dec. 15, for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Antionette S. Hoover, who died in St. Joseph on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998.
Mrs. Hoover, 90, was born in New York City. She is survived by her daughter, Joanne Chamberlin; a son, Walter Hoover Jr.; two sisters, Anna Santora and Mildred Santora; four brothers, Anthony, Peter, Charles and Dominic Santora; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter M. Hoover Sr.
Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.
Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Home for the Aged, 480 Cadieux, Detroit, MI, 48224.



Vincent J. Szymborski

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady Star of the Sea

Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Wednesday, Dec. 2, for Woods resident Vincent J. Szymborski, who died in St. John Hospital in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, of complications from lung cancer.

Mr. Szymborski, 68, was born in Detroit and worked as a director of training and development, as well as final drive business for General Motors for 34 years. After retirement he worked for Wayne State University, the American Sunliner Institute and Stat-A-Matrix. He served honorably in the United States Marines Corps.
An active member of the community, he belonged to the Knights of Columbus No. 7780, the Automotive Industry

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Barron's (Nov. 30) reports that Edward Yardeni, chief economist of Deutsche Bank Securities, has discovered the "Greenspan Model" of stock market valuation tucked away in a Federal Reserve document.

It is thought that the Fed chairman used this model to arrive at his September 1997 determination that the stock market then was "irrationally exuberant."



By Joseph Mengden

This model compares the "earnings yield" on the S&P 500 Index to the yield on 10-year Treasury Notes. The earnings yield is based on the forecasted earnings over the next 12 months ("forward" earnings, not "historical" current earnings).

If you add up these forward earnings, on a per-share basis, for all 500 stocks in the S&P Index, you get the numerator of a fraction. The denominator of that fraction is the index market price. The quotient of the fraction (the answer) is called the "earnings yield," expressed as a percentage.

The yield of the 10-year Treasury Notes is the "yield-to-maturity," which combines the interest coupon with the accretion of any price discount, or amortization of any price premium. Whenever the earnings yield dips below the Treasury yield, the stock market is said to be "over-valued."

For example: For the week ended Dec. 4, the S&P 500 earnings yield was 3.24 percent, and the 4-3/4 percent Treasury Notes due Nov. 15, 2008, were priced to yield 4.61 percent.

The theory behind the "Greenspan Model" is that savvy investors won't bid prices higher (and yields lower) if they already return less than risk-free Treasury Notes.

The Barron's article didn't disclose how one figures how much the market is over-valued or under-valued. But, as of the end of November, the article said that the equity market was about 10 percent over-valued.

Michael Santoli, Barron's writer, said, "The model has been a pretty good gauge of the market's general direction for two decades."

Have you figured out an obvious problem with "Greenspan's Model"? It is based on the forward

earnings forecasts for the S&P 500.

What if the financial analysts' forecasts are, on average, overly optimistic? Like the 1998 forecasts (in retrospect) were overly bullish this past spring?

Also, did you notice anything familiar about the earnings yield described above? If you flip-nop the fraction — put the market price on top, and the earnings per share at bottom — you'll now recognize the answer as the well-known price/earnings ratio.

EURO coming soon

"EURO" is the name of the new currency of the European Monetary Union (EMU). Starting Jan. 1, the EMU will include most, but not all, of the European nations.

EMU member countries will maintain their own independence, governance and most internal functions, except for the adoption of the new currency, the EURO, and certain central banking controls related thereto.

Nine of the 11 member countries have agreed to adopt the EURO as a co-currency with their own local currencies as of Jan. 1, only 15 days from now.

In such countries, local banks and merchants, during 1999, must agree to offer commercial accounts in either the new EURO, or in the old local currencies, at the customer's option. American Express, Visa, and other credit cards are offering the same option.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2000, the local currencies all disappear, and only the EURO will be accepted.

Why a single EURO currency for a relatively small geographical area of Europe? For the same reason we have a single currency in America, a much larger area.

During the late summer of 1997, LTS and Mrs. LTS participated in Nomad's three-week "Round-the-World" trip. We had to exchange monies in Hong Kong, China, Bangkok, Katmandu, India, England, France and USA.

This change of paper laundry nine times in 22 days was a nightmare. For tourists, it was fortunate that the exchange rates were all "fixed," while retail prices were subject to "negotiation," in most cases.

The only problem was Tibet, which only opened to tourists in 1991. Previously closed to all but Mount Everest climbers, they still require visas for entry and exit on specified dates.

On the airplane approach to Katmandu airport, passen-

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gers were advised not to exchange their U.S. dollars for Nepal rupees in excess of what they expected to use during their three-day visit.

The reason was that there is no exchange out of Nepal rupees into any other currency. When you left Nepal, you either brought back "souvenir paper money and coins" or you threw the leftover money into the nearest trash barrel!

LTS has often written that currency (and bank deposits) is only a "medium of exchange," and never a "store of value."

Money is also subject to periodic devaluations in most areas of the world, and is subject to the continual erosion of inflation in every country of the world.

Many GPN readers are frequent travelers. Like LTS, they have cigar boxes full of European coins (non-exchangeable by banks and currency exchanges): francs from France; marks from Germany; pesetas from Spain; lira from Italy; schillings from Austria; guilders from the Netherlands; etc.

Dec. 7 was the 57th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which started the U.S. involvement in WWII.

But it was also the day that the Grinch stole Christmas from Mack and Warren, in Grosse Pointe. That's where our local Post Office (48236) is located.

What did the Grinch steal? Every single remaining Christmas stamp!

Can you imagine a U.S. post office without any Christmas stamps 17 days before Christmas?

You'd think that the post master would get into his GI van and drive downtown to the

main post office on Fort Street for a refill. Or was the PM too busy missorting first-class letters into the back pages of catalogs?

A phone call from Mack, and Fort Street could send out the stamps via taxicab, before the office opened.

On Dec. 8, signs were posted on all the post office doors: "No Christmas Stamps Today." That's as ridiculous as the milk man running out of milk half way through his route.

Yes, Virginia, the stamps are back, and Christmas will come again to Grosse Pointe!

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

To retire well, invest in making friends

How many friends you have, not how much money you have, predicts how happy you're likely to be right after you retire.

That's one of the findings from a University of Michigan study suggesting that as baby boomers age, they should pay as much attention to their social lives as their financial portfolios.

The study, conducted by UM graduate student Alicia Tarnowski and psychologist Toni Antonucci, a senior researcher at the UM Institute for Social Research, provides evidence that post-retirement changes in life satisfaction are common.

It also finds that the size of a recently retired person's social support network, not the size of that person's wallet or state of physical health, is the strongest influence on whether life satisfaction changes for better or worse.

Using data on 253 people over the age of 50, drawn from a nationally representative sample of U.S. households, Tarnowski presented the findings here last month at the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

"Retirement is a major life transition," said Tarnowski, noting that while some studies have found psychological well-being increases after retirement, others have found that it drops.

In addition to investigating the effect of retirement on life satisfaction, the

researchers wanted to learn why some people feel better about their lives after they retire while others feel worse.

As part of the study, they analyzed data on 100 people who were all working when first interviewed, but had retired when interviewed again four years later. Most of these recent retirees reported some change in life satisfaction, with 25 percent saying they were more satisfied and 34 percent saying they were less satisfied with their lives after retirement.

The remaining 41 percent reported levels of life satisfaction about the same as when they were still working.

The research analyzed how physical health, income, the number of negative life events, including divorce and death of a spouse, experienced in the last four years, and demographic variables, including age and gender, influenced the changes in life satisfaction reported by recent retirees.

The most powerful predictor of life satisfaction right after retirement, they found, was the size of a person's social support network.

Those who were more satisfied with life had networks of about 16 people, on average, while those less satisfied with life had networks of fewer than 10 people.

For the 92 people who were still working, social network size was not an important predictor of changes in life satisfac-

tion. And among the 61 people who had been retired longer than four years, large social network size predicted a drop, not a rise, in life satisfaction.

"Our findings suggest that new retirees may need more emotional support than they did when they were working," said Tarnowski.

"Just having a number of people who provide emotional support, listen to your concerns, and let you know that you're still valued right after you retire seems to make a big difference. It fits with other research showing that social support buffers stress, and even positive life changes like retirement can be sources of considerable stress."

Long-term retirees tended to be about 10 years older, on average, than the new retirees, Tarnowski points out, so their health may be worse and their large social networks may reflect a greater need for help, which might be why, for them, larger networks are linked with decreased life satisfaction.

Funding for the study was provided by the National Institute on Aging, and the National Cancer Institute.

The data used for the analysis were collected originally by Antonucci and ISR psychologist Robert Kahn, co-author of "Successful Aging: The MacArthur Foundation Study" with Jack W. Rowe.

Business People

John Varty of Grosse Pointe Farms has joined the advertising firm of Ogilvy & Mather Detroit as senior partner and general manager.

He will be in charge of the strategic direction and leadership of all of Ogilvy Detroit's retail operations.

Varty joined the company from Campbell-Ewald, where he was an executive in the retail automotive division.



Metropoulos

Dr. Peter Metropoulos has joined Crittenton Hospital as director of the occupational medicine program.

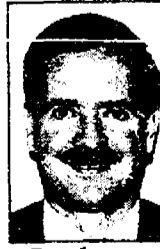
Metropoulos, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a medical degree from Michigan State University in medicine, a master's in public health from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor's degree with honors from Wayne State University in biology.

His training includes occupational medicine at the University of Michigan and internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital.

Michael Gunderson has announced the opening of his law firm, Michael A. Gunderson, P.C. with offices in Detroit and Sterling Heights. The firm will have emphasis insurance and personal injury defense litigation.

Gunderson, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, earned his law degree from the Detroit College of Law and a bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan.

A 20-year veteran of the legal profession, Gunderson is a past president of the Catholic Lawyers Society and the Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers.



Gunderson

Chris Flynn has qualified for the 75 Lives Club which honors insurance agents who have a total net of 75 lives in sales for the agent's year, which runs from June to June.

Flynn, of Grosse Pointe Park, is an insurance agent with the Stein Agency of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Troy. He has a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and as MBA from Miami University in Ohio.

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Obituaries

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Action Group and the American Society of Quality Control and the Our Lady Star of the Sea parish.

Mr. Szymborski is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Noreen; a daughter, Patricia A. Miller; two sons, Vincent Jr. and Brian; a sister, Mary; and four granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Albert M. Roulo

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Guardian Angels Catholic Church on Monday, Dec. 14, for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Albert M. Roulo, who died in St. John Hospital in Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1998.

Mr. Roulo, 86, was born in Detroit and graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1931. He attended Assumption College in Ontario in 1932 and the engineering school of the University of Detroit from 1933-1937.

President of Roulo Plumbing and Heating, a family company established in 1905, he also was a trade instructor at Macomb Community College in the 1960s.

An active member of the community, Mr. Roulo was a member of the Detroit Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors as well as Dale Carnegie, the Kiwanis Club and was past president of the St. Juliana's Holy Name Society. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Roulo is survived by his wife, Rosemary A. Roulo; two daughters, Mary S. Wemhoff and Rosemary A. Roulo Jr.; three sons, Albert F. Roulo, John J. Roulo and Thomas J. Roulo; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D., 57326, or to the St. John Health System Foundation, M.O.B., Suite 102, 22101 Moross, Detroit, MI, 48236.

Charles Bissell Johnson Jr.

A memorial service will be held in Christ Church Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. for City of Grosse Pointe resident Charles Bissell Johnson Jr., who died on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, of complications from prostate cancer.

Mr. Johnson, 80, was born in Detroit and attended Michigan State University.

Known to his friends as Jiggs, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for two years

and was a member of the International Coffee Club of Leland, the Yondotega Club, the Country Club of Detroit, Christ Church Grosse Pointe and Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Dorothy P. Johnson; three daughters, Sibley Arnebeck, Deborah J. Gillespie and Becky J. Hanna; a son, Dr. Charles B. Johnson III; three brothers, Daniel, James and Stephen; and eight grandchildren.

Interment is in Leland. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI, 49654, or to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Metro Detroit, 23077 Greenfield, Suite 430, Southfield, MI, 48075.



Peter Harry Venettis

Peter Harry Venettis

A funeral service was held in Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores on Monday, Dec. 14, for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Peter Harry Venettis, who died of complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma on Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, just a month before his 59th birthday on Jan. 15.

Mr. Venettis, 58, was born in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He worked at the Union Music Co. in Harper Woods for 40 years, eventually becoming vice president.

He was also part owner of Cadillac Vending.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Venettis was passionate golfer and was a member of Gowanie Golf Club.

Mr. Venettis is survived by his wife, Angie; two daughters, Nicole and Alysia; his mother, Andrea Venettis; a sister, Alice Kalyvas; and a brother, William Venettis.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marler, St. Clair Shores, MI, 48080.

Foundation helps clean lakeBy Ann L. Fouty
News writer

The We Are Here Foundation Inc. name says it all.

This non-profit organization is here to raise funds to clean up Lake St. Clair, promote businesses associated with the lake and the health of residents, assist with regulating polluters and provide metro-area children with opportunities to understand the laws of science through hands-on experiments.

Generating funds to clean up the lake would benefit the businesses who derive their livelihood from the water and would entice people back to the lake.

The funds would also make it possible for the foundation to hire experts to fight those who are responsible for the pollution.

The foundation's spokesperson Tom Cleaver said they would like nothing better than to hand Jill Wrubel, who organizes the annual coastal clean-up in St. Clair Shores, \$10,000 for expenses associated with the clean-up.

This annual event involves hundreds of volunteers cleaning up beaches in St. Clair

Shores and the Grosse Pointes on a Sunday in May. SCUBA divers also bring up debris from the floor of the lake. During the past three years, the coastal clean-ups have generated 92 tons of debris.

It costs more than \$1,000 to clean up one municipal park, according to statistics provided by Cleaver.

The price includes food, beverages, bags, paint, brushes, equipment and trash removal services.

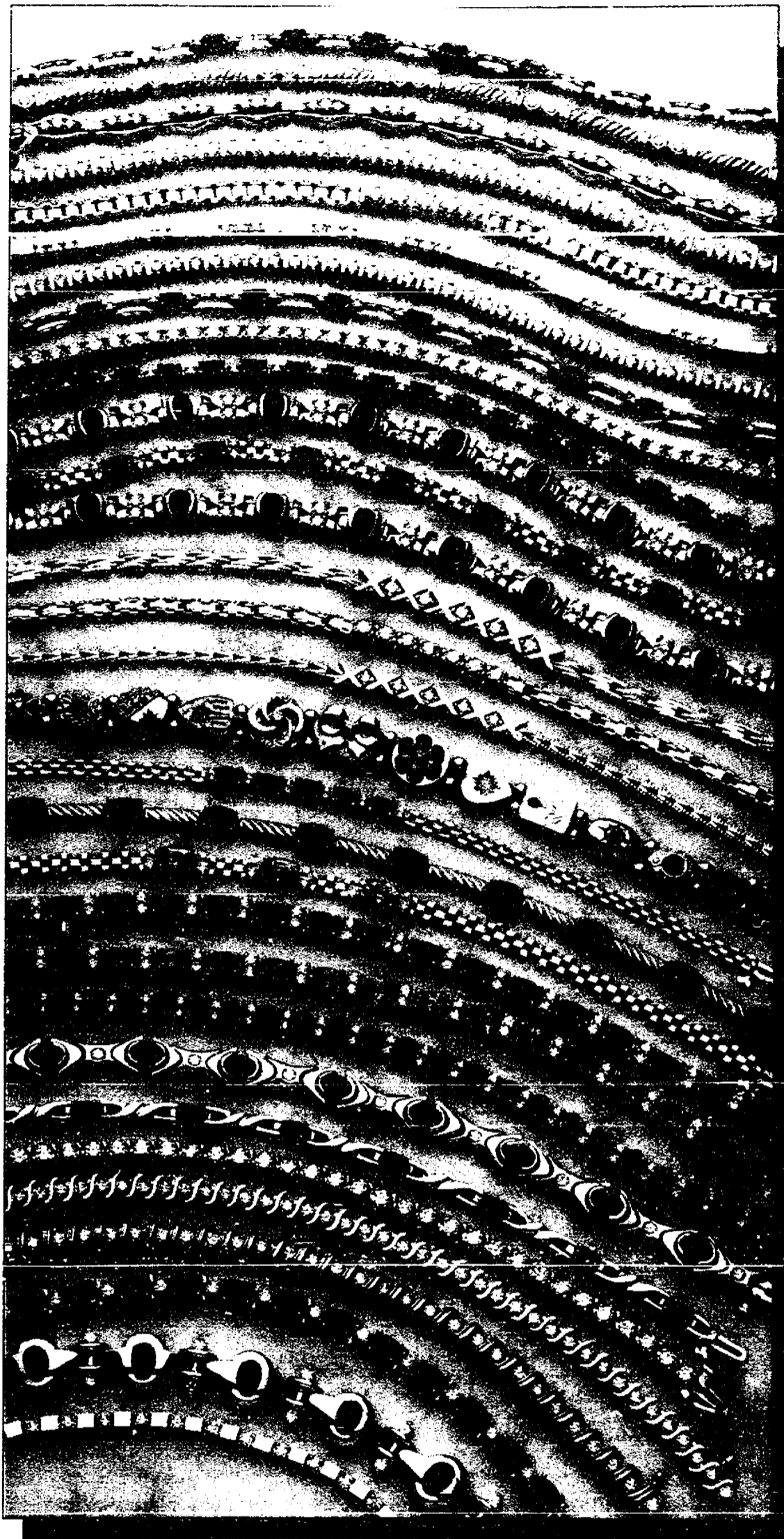
While checks are accepted, We Are Here Foundation is suggesting the donation of a boat of any size.

It can be a tax deduction since the foundation has a non-profit status for the boat owner and a money raiser for the foundation, he said.

Cleaver will then turn around and sell it to a marina. The foundation is also in need of two trucks to transport the boats. It will also accept cars.

The second mission of the foundation is education through the purchase and distribution of science kits.

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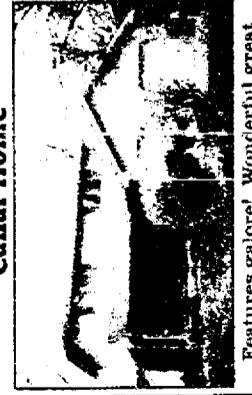
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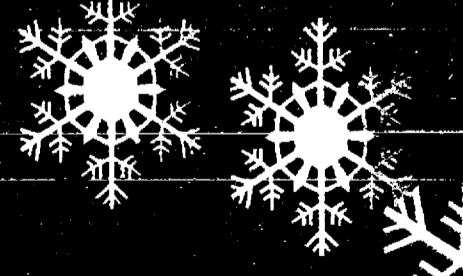


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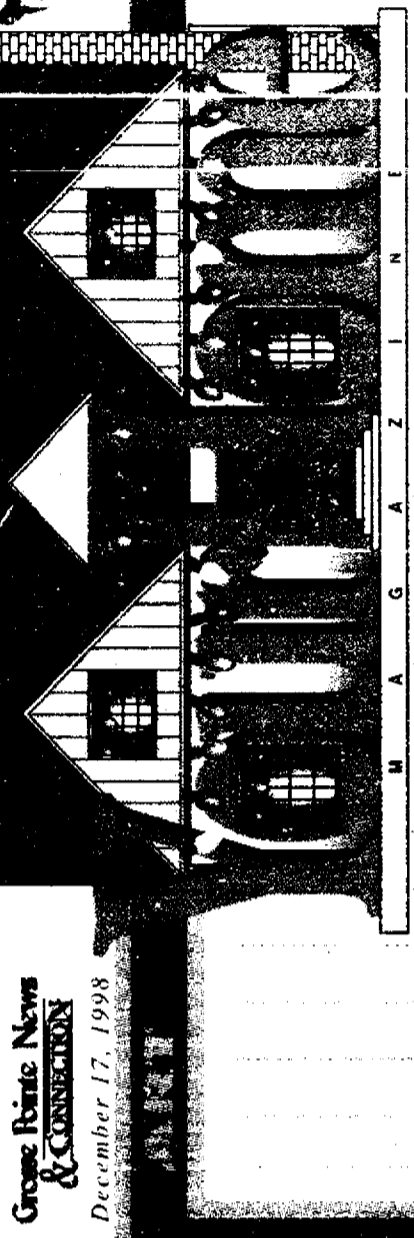


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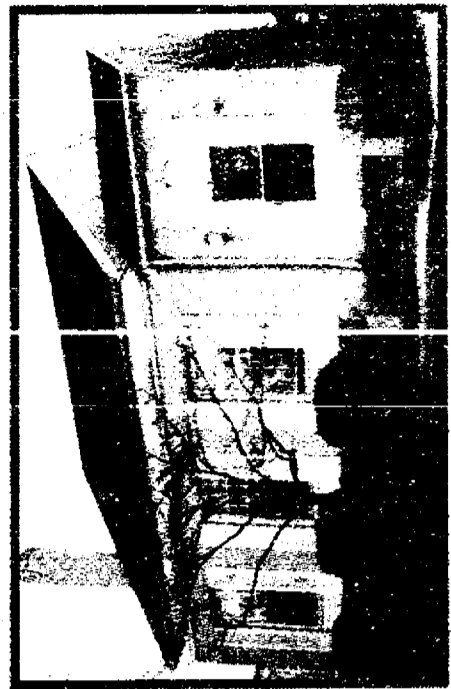
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Caring for your poinsettias to make them last

Ask The Landscaper



By David Sautiere

Q. My poinsettias always wilt and lose leaves soon after I buy them. What should I be doing to care for my poinsettia plants this year to make them last?

A. A poinsettia is a beautiful plant and truly a traditional holiday symbol. Poinsettias are available in red, white, pink and marbled. This native plant from Mexico is a little touchy when it comes to our Michigan climate, but we can overcome that. In Mexico a poinsettia grows naturally as a large shrub or small tree.

When we buy poinsettias we want to choose healthy ones. Select plants with a deep rich color and leaves that go all the way down the stem. A strong plant will have thick stems and many leaves and flowers. Do not buy a poinsettia that is wilting or faded. This may be a signal that the plant has not been cared for properly.

Poinsettias are very sensitive to drafts. Therefore they should be wrapped in a florist's sleeve to protect them from the cold on the way home from the store. It would not take very long in freezing temperatures to kill your poinsettia. Avoid leaving your plant in a cold window for very long.

At home, place your poinsettia in a bright location away from drafts. During the day the temperature should be 65-70 degrees and no colder than 60 degrees at night. Temperature changes from your heat registers can be just as bad as cold drafts from open doors or windows. If your plant is next to a window, try to leave at least 4 inches between the window and the plant. Damage can occur from the cold window.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Routine maintenance is key to having your car operate at its maximum level. Ignoring this basic advice inevitably leads to expensive repairs which would have been avoided.

I can't take credit for this tip, but my husband would like you all to know about it. During the win-

Poinsettias like a moist soil - not soggy. Try to keep the soil not too wet or too dry. Water the plant when the soil feels dry. Add water when the water comes out the bottom drainage holes. Discard the excess water in the tray or pot sleeve.

Fertilizing is not necessary while the plant is in bloom. After the plant loses its flowers you can trim it back to about half its height and fertilize with a general house plant food. New leaves will form and it can be grown as a nice house plant throughout the winter into spring.

In the spring, after all chance of frost is over, you can move your poinsettia to the patio to a lightly shaded area during the summer. Lightly pinch it back during the summer to keep the plant short and stocky. After Sept. 1, bring the plant back indoors to a sunny location.

Poinsettias need 10 weeks of short sunlight days in order to flower again. Sunlight needs to be restricted to only eight to 12 hours. Start moving the plant into darkness around Oct. 1 in order for it to be ready for Thanksgiving. More than 12 hours of sunlight a day will increase the length of time needed to flower.

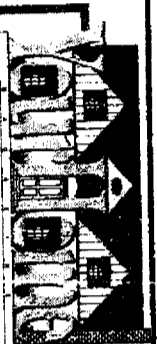
One suggestion is to cover the plant with a box between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. Whether you keep the poinsettia around during the summer or just enjoy it during the holidays, poinsettias will brighten up your home this holiday season.

Caution: This holiday season, poinsettias are not poisonous plants. This does not mean that it is an edible plant. A few people may develop skin rashes from the milky sap substance called latex formed by the poinsettia.

David Sautiere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Sautiere Landscaping and Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, between Nine and 10 Mile. Phone (810) 776-2811 for further information. E-mail at dsautiere@prodigy.net

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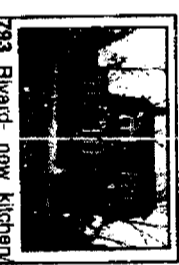
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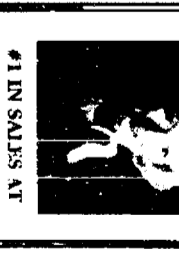
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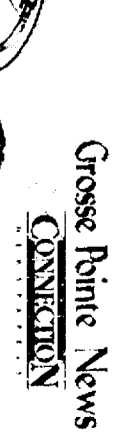
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- Does your live tree or greenery have fresh, green needles? If the greenery isn't fresh, it can lead to a greater fire risk. When you put your live tree in the base holder, remember to keep it filled with water at all times.
- Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit? These safety tips are important for both fresh and artificial trees.
- Do you use light strings that bear the UL mark? The familiar UL mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested samples of the product for risk of fire, electric shock and other hazards. But



Do you also have to remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions when using light strings and other electrical decorations?

- Before plugging in or plugging out electrical decorations, or those you use during previous seasons, do you care fully inspect each decoration? Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause serious electrical shock or start a fire.
- Do you check for red or green UL marks on your light strings? The green holographic UL mark means the light strings should only be used outdoors. The red holographic UL mark indicates the light strings can be used both inside and out — and can withstand conditions related to outdoor use.
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- Do you buy the right toy for the right age child? Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification.

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- Do you practice kitchen safety? Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use. Turn pan handles inward so they won't be pulled or knocked off the stove. Make sure children are supervised in the kitchen at all times.
- Have you made sure your home is equipped with working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers that bear the UL mark? Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have you developed a fire escape plan for your household? Every member should know at least two ways out of each room. Designate a wall-it place, a safe distance from your home, where everyone can meet in the event of a fire. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason. If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the hazards in your home. By putting Operation Decoration into effect in your home, you'll be on your way toward a happier and safer holiday season.

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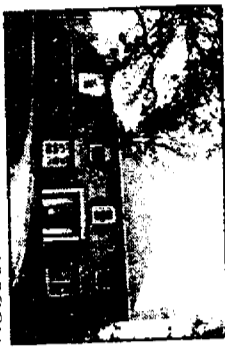
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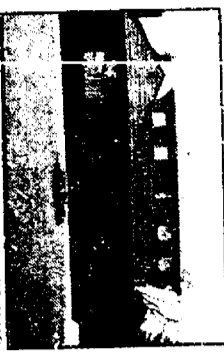
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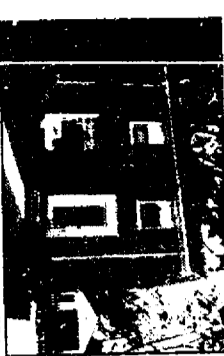
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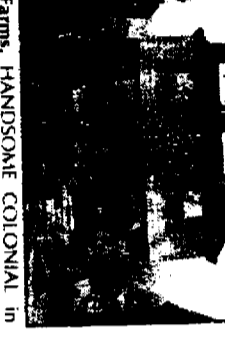
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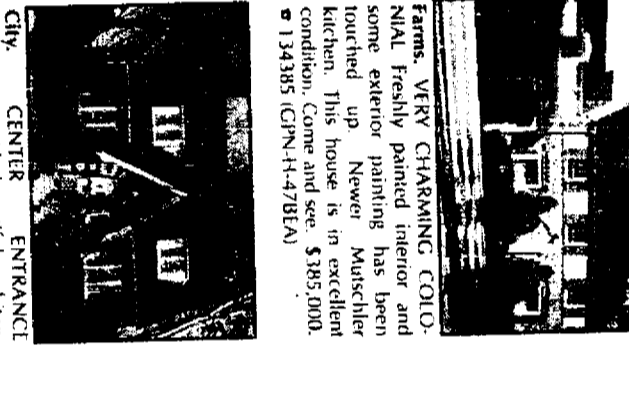
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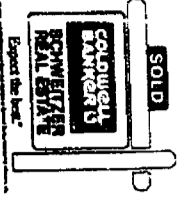
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Michigan citizens can get help with heating bills

Help with winter heating bills is available to senior citizens, low-income and unemployed utility customers. The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) encourages these customers to take advantage of the home heating help programs.

All state-regulated utility companies will offer assistance and/or shut-off protection programs this winter to assist families in need. Customers facing heating bills they are unable to pay this winter should contact their local utility company now to sign up for the Winter Protection Plan, Home Heating Credit, Barred Income Credit or other bill payment assistance and energy conservation programs.

Also, low-income homeowners and renters may be eligible for the Michigan Home Heating Credit and could receive \$100 or more to help pay their heating bills. Qualifying persons will be eligible to receive shut-off protection by participating in the Winter Protection Plan. Customer enrollment in the Winter Protection Plan began Nov. 15. Eligibility details and forms are available from all Michigan Department of Treasury offices.

In addition, a family with a qualifying child and at least one worker in the household may be eligible for the federal Earned Income Credit. The basic credit can exceed \$2,200. A family with a qualifying child may receive a credit of \$340 or more. Application forms are available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service.

In a joint statement, MPSC Commissioners John G. Strand and David A. Svanda said: "The bill payment assistance programs offer peace of mind to many people concerned about keeping warm in harsh winter months. Help is available for the thousands of seniors and low-income residents of our state. However, those customers must make their needs known to their utility company or request bill payment assistance through the various federal and state agency programs."

The MPSC encourages senior citizens and low-income customers to call their utility company as soon as possible — before high bills become a problem. The utility company will attempt to provide services that can reduce the customer's home energy usage and put the customer in touch with public or private social service agencies that may be able to offer financial assistance. For more information on available programs to protect customers from winter shut-off, contact the MPSC at (800) 292-9555 or through the web site at <http://e-trimsweb.cis.state.mi.us/mppsc> and request copies of the brochure "Home Heating Help."

Also, for those consumers who do not have a telephone, write the telephone company in your area for information about the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program for help in obtaining discount telephone service.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Business)

Style of Home: _____

General Description (# of rooms, layout): _____

Home Size: _____ square feet

Please describe renovation project: _____

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Did you work with an architect on the project? Yes No

Did you work with a licensed builder on the project? Yes No

If yes, please furnish name: _____

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Video

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- "The X Files" starring David Duchovny, FoxVideo — rated: PG-13, No. 5.
 - "Species II" starring Natasha Henstridge, MGM/UA — rated: R, No. 5.
 - "Mercury Rising" starring Bruce Willis, Universal — rated: R, No. 7.
 - "Clockwatchers" starring Parker Posey, BMG — rated PG-13, New entry.
 - "A Perfect Murder" starring Michael Douglas, Warner — rated R, No. 7.
 - "Black Dog" starring Patrick Swayze, Universal — rated PG-13, No. 10.
 - "City Of Angels" starring Nicolas Cage, Warner — rated PG-13, No. 8.
 - "Lost In Space" starring William Hurt, New Line — rated PG-13: 9.
 - "The Opposite of Sex" starring Christina Ricci, Columbia TriStar — rated R, No. 11.
 - "Last Days of Disco" starring Kate Beckinsale, PolyGram — rated R, No. 12.
 - "The Big Hit" starring Mark Wahlberg, Columbia TriStar — rated R, No. 13.
 - "Primary Colors" starring John Travolta, Universal — rated R, No. 14.
 - "Wild Things" starring Matt Dillon, Columbia TriStar — No. 15.
 - "The Odd Couple II" starring Jack Lemmon, Paramount — PG-13: 16.
 - "The Object Of My Affection" starring Jennifer Aniston, FoxVideo — rated R, No. 17.
 - "The Spanish Prisoner" starring Campbell Scott, Columbia TriStar — rated PG, No. 18.

Parents and children play it safe this holiday season

Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification. Let's face it, the holiday season is a time of excitement and fun for everyone. But who can resist the twinkling lights and animated figurines that seem to adorn nearly every evergreen tree, lawn, rooftop and shopping mall across America? And the prospect of getting a slew of new toys fills every boy and girl with anticipation.

In addition to stressing the importance of holiday decorating and fire safety through its



Operation Decoration campaign. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reminds children and adults alike that toys can pose safety risks if they are misused.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), approximately 141,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy related injuries last year. To play it safe this holiday season, and all year long, the safety experts at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions for toy safety:

- When shopping for toys, especially electrical toys, look for markings that indicate the product has been tested for safety by an independent third-party product safety and certification organization, such as UL. If you spot a UL certification mark on a toy, it means that samples of that toy have been tested, (dropped, pulled, tugged at and generally torn apart) by UL engineering staff and found to comply with appropriate safety requirements.

Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging.

Top Video Rentals

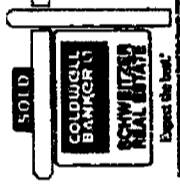
- 1. "Deep Impact" starring Morgan Freeman, Paramount -- rated PG-13. New entry.
- 2. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Buena Vista -- NR. Last week: No. 1.
- 3. "Hope Floats" starring Sandra Bullock, FoxVideo -- rated PG-13. Last week: No. 2.
- 4. "Godzilla" starring Matthew Broderick, Columbia TriStar -- PG-13. No. 3.

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numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department and poison control center posted near every phone in your home.

THE GONGRATE

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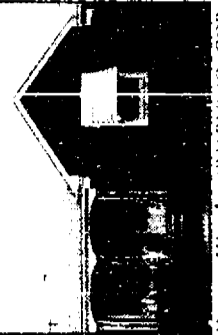
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Detroit. SPECTACULAR CONDITION Great family home with a great layout. All new windows, central air, updated kitchen with new floor and two and one half car garage. Family room and finished basement. \$130,000. # 134375 (GPN-H-84GRA)



Woods. PRICE REDUCTION Fabulous landscaping, wonderful decor and lots of space. Hardwood floors under never carpet. Layne two and one half car garage. Appliances. \$147,500. # 36755 (GPN-H-75BR)



Harper Woods. CHARMING CORNER BUNGALOW This brick home offers an updated cheerful kitchen with newer appliances, hardwood floors, finished basement, garden windows in kitchen and front yard. \$99,900. # 121925 (GPN-W-84TYR)



Detroit. TRADITIONAL BRICK BUNGALOW Very well maintained brick home in East English Village. Large living room with fireplace, three bedrooms and formal dining room. Hardwood floors, screened porch and new floor in kitchen. \$110,000. # 36545 (GPN-H-24RIS)



Detroit. THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOW Very well maintained, newer furnace, roof, garage, floor and lawn. 12'x18' bedroom upstairs or nice family room. Excellent condition. Must see! \$85,900. # 13066 (GPN-W-7ADEV)



Harper Woods. GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Updated ranch style home on park like lot (possibly buildable). Newer kitchen, newer furnace, new or Europe, newer carpet and paint. Quick occupancy! All or less if in. \$90,000!! \$89,800. # 132805 (GPN-F-00RCS)



Detroit. SHARP BRICK COTTAGE Very charming and updated home. Newer carpet, newer furnace, finished basement and central air. Natural fireplace, great closet space and newer refrigerator and stove. \$46,500. # 127565 (GPN-H-17MAN)



Detroit. FIRST TIME BUYERS Darling two bedroom brick ranch with full basement, complete new roof, new and one half car garage. Florida room in Spacious rooms, appliances included and home warranty. Well cared for yard. Immediate occupancy! \$55,000. # 128435 (GPN-H-00MCC)



Harrison Township. UNIQUE CUSTOM COLONIAL Quality built three bedroom, one and one half bath Colonial features many doorways, decks and balconies overlooking professional landscaped yard. \$159,900. # 129675 (GPN-W-09TOW)



St. Clair Shores. GREAT STARTER HOME. One of St. Clair Shores best! This three bedroom brick ranch is in move-in condition with many updates. Semi-finished basement with recreation room and second full bath. \$119,500. (GPN-H-05GRA)



Harper Woods. WELL MAINTAINED BUNGALOW Cherrywood cabinets in kitchen, new kitchen sink and newer linoleum floor. Finished basement with full bath. Newer carpeting in living room and hall. Three bedrooms. \$93,500. # 131325 (GPN-W-40RCS)



Detroit. MOVE RIGHT IN! Clean and well-maintained brick bungalow. Situated in all brick neighborhood. Spacious rooms, appliances included in master bedroom, updated bath, some newer windows and kitchen cabinets. Privacy fence. \$79,500. # 134095 (GPN-W-24RID)



Woods. CHARMING RANCH freshly painted decorated throughout, deck overlooking nicely landscaped private yard. Maintenance free exterior, newer sprinkler system, open floor plan ideal starter or downsize, CLB for occupancy and additional details. \$164,900. # 130435 (GPN-F-63ANN)



Harper Woods. LOVELY BRICK RANCH. This three bedroom home has an addition half bath in the finished basement. Newer windows, circuit breakers, glass block windows, attic fan and Florida room. \$127,000. # 133855 (GPN-W-44WOO)



Detroit. UNIQUE BRICK RANCH This three bedroom ranch is professionally decorated. Super island kitchen with ceramic tile floor, cherry cabinets by Muller and more. Home Warranty \$97,000. # 132815 (GPN-W-59GAI)



Harper Woods. COZY HARPER WOODS RANCH Large living room with natural fireplace in the Grosse Pointe St. School District. Walk-in closet in master bedroom, updated bath, some newer windows and kitchen cabinets. Privacy fence. \$79,500. # 134095 (GPN-W-24RID)

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<p>CONDOLIVE NORTH Three bedrooms, one and one half bath, family room, basement, fresh paint, new carpet. 358421. \$41,000. 2403 358465. \$85,900.</p> <p>St. Clair Shores Office (810) 778-8100</p>	<p>THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS</p>	<p>MARSHVILLE RIVER FRONT LIVING Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, over 1700 square feet. Large rooms, 10 years old, two car garage, and unit. Owner wants it sold. 354794.</p> <p>St. Clair Shores Office (810) 778-8100</p>	<p>St. Clair Shores Office (810) 778-8100</p>	<p>St. Clair Shores Office (810) 778-8100</p>

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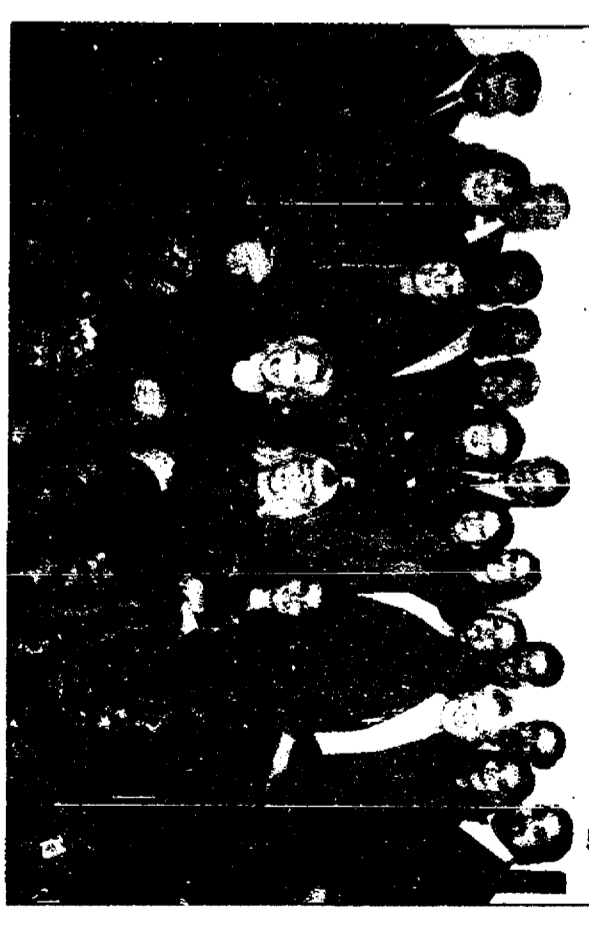
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DECEMBER 17, 1998

From concept to completion, jewelry design takes time

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A local designer didn't simply wake up one morning and create an internationally recognized piece of award-winning jewelry. It was a little more complicated.

"My six brothers kept bothering me to enter the competition," said Pamela Ahee-Thomas, of the family-owned Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Company.

Thomas, the only daughter of company founder Edmund T. Ahee Sr., had won other contests during her 30-year career as the company's jewelry designer, including two Michigan Jewelers Awards, "but I'd never won an international award like this," she said.

Thomas bested designers from all over the world, including Paris, London and New York, with her entry of a two-inch diameter decorative pin for the 1998 Platinum Guild International Passion Design Competition.

Through an undefined artistic process that allows talented people to turn abstract ideas into reality, Thomas drew renderings for the pin in her typically "contemporary style, with a lot of flowing and graceful curves," she said.

The pin loops within itself and is set off by a 3/8 carat tapered baguette diamond bought by one of her brothers and co-worker, Greg Ahee, on one of his frequent trips to Antwerp, Belgium, the diamond capital of the world.

"I started the design by doodling; just trying to get some kind of concept of what I wanted to do," she said. "Designs are always going through my mind. Something will click and I'll think, 'that's a neat concept,' and I'll put it on paper. It took me about a week to arrive at the final design for the Passion Pin," as it has become known.

Her design reflects a creative freedom coupled with the practical sense of someone who understands the difficulty of manufacturing jewelry. The pin's two loop and crescent sections are cast independently to make molding and polishing easier. "The diamond masks the joint connecting the two halves," she said.

By the time the pin was completed in the Ahee's three workrooms behind the company showroom on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, "we were right up against the entry deadline in June. We sent the pin to the Guild by Federal Express at the last minute, like a tax return."

The Ahees had learned of the competition the previous month. Edmund Ahee Jr. and one of the company's nine jewelers, Orlando Cajamarca, from Ecuador, had been two of only 10 people from around the United States to study platinum casting at the Revere School in San Francisco.

"They came back and told the family about the competition. My brothers kept urging me to enter by saying, 'come on, come on, let's do it,' over and over again," Thomas said.

In addition to the Passion Pin, Thomas entered another platinum design that looks like an elongated "S" accented with a black

Tahitian South Sea pearl. It won an honorable mention.

"In the past couple of years, the Platinum Guild has done such an unbelievable job of promoting their metal that there has been very high demand," said Thomas. The metal is so rare that all of the platinum ever mined would fit into an average living room, according to an Ahee company brochure.

"Most girls who were young and engaged used to come into the store asking for jewelry made out of white gold. Now they want platinum," Thomas said.

"After we won the contest, we didn't even think of selling the pin," she said. After the pin was featured last fall in national magazines, such as *Jeweler's Quarterly* and *National Jeweler*, "I received calls



Photos by Brad Lindberg

After Pamela Ahee Thomas designed a pin that won the 1998 Platinum Guild International Passion Design Competition, her sketches were translated into a wax sculpture by jeweler Orlando Cajamarca, above, to form a mold. The seam between the two halves will be covered with a 3/8 carat tapered baguette diamond. At the left, Cajamarca heats platinum to 4,500 degrees prior to it being forced into a mold by the action of a centrifuge spinning at 2,500 rpm. Thomas, right, shows off her winning Passion Pin.



from all around the country asking us to reproduce pins," she said.

Because platinum is four times harder than gold, the casting process is different. Whereas gold is heated to 1,600 degrees during casting, platinum is superheated to 4,500 degrees.

"Platinum is difficult to polish because it takes four times the effort to shine. It's the hardest metal used in jewelry," said Jose Rodriguez, an Ahee jeweler. On the other hand, gold is one of the softest metals used in the industry, he said.

Manufacturing each pin is a multi-step process that takes at least 40 hours per piece, said Cajamarca, who has been a jeweler for 30 years.

The process begins when the jeweler translates Thomas' sketch into a hard blue wax carving in the exact size of the pin.

With a jeweler's lathe and tools that look like those used in a dentist's office, Cajamarca sculpted the pin.

"I had to make it in two pieces because it would be impossible to carve and shine the intricate curves if they were in one piece," he said. Once the pin is sculpted, it is tested to make sure the halves fit together properly and the setting for the stone is properly lined up.

After the master carving is made, it's time to "shoot the mold," said Peter Ahee.

Then the piece is taken to the casting room, where, among vacuum injection machines, furnaces and a centrifuge, more than 2,100 molds are cataloged. "We've been keeping molds for 30 years," said Peter Ahee. There are 10,000 more stored throughout the building.

A mixture called "investment" is poured into the mold. After the investment hardens, it goes through the burnout process during which it is cooked in an oven for one-to-two hours at 1,500 degrees to burn out the wax.

"It turns pure white hot," said Peter Ahee. Then the platinum is heated to 4,500 degrees and forced into the mold in a centrifuge that spins up to 2,500 rpms at 90 mph.

"This is a new process that only about a dozen jewelers around the country are using," said Peter Ahee. "This method shortens the casting process by 2 1/2 days."

The metal is quenched, or put in water, while it's white hot. "Sometimes, when the metal is quenched too quickly, the surface will crystallize," Cajamarca said. From there it's soaked in a pickle acid to help remove imperfections.

After the two cast halves are assembled and given an initial polishing, the diamond is set.

Then a matte finish is applied to the pin. "Some parts of the platinum are shined more than others to provide a contrast between matte, or flat, and shiny sections," said Peter Ahee.

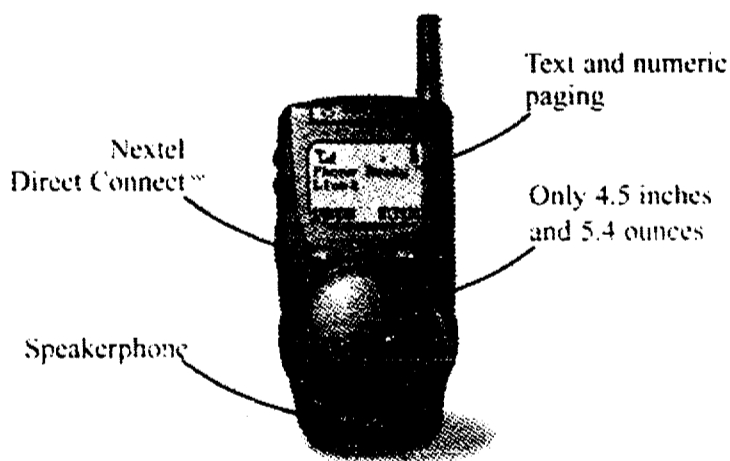
At first reluctant to enter the Platinum Guild competition, Thomas was surprised to learn she had won.

She said, "I was at home one morning last July when my brother, John, called on the phone and said, 'Pack your bags, you're going to New York to pick up your award.'"

"He had just received a fax informing us of the award. John was so excited," she said.

"I was stunned."

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Wasinger-True

Sara Elizabeth Wasinger, daughter of Kay Wasinger of Grosse Pointe Park and Stephen Wasinger of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Mark Gerard True, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul True of Thornton, Colo., on Oct. 3, 1998, at Our Lady of Loretto Chapel at Loretto Heights University in Denver.

The Rev. Donald Rickard officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Pines of Genesee.

The bride wore a candlelight satin A-line gown that featured a bateau neckline and was accented with an inset of seed pearl beading. She carried a nosegay of peach, orange and white roses, snowberries, delphinium, oregonia and eucalyptus.

The matron of honor was the bride's twin sister, Rebecca Wasinger Wills of Chicago.

Bridesmaids were Ann Geil of Denver and the groom's sister, Andrea Wilson of Arvada, Colo. The junior bridesmaid was Tristan True of Denver.

Attendants wore chocolate brown silk ankle-length sheath dresses and carried nosegays like the bride's.

The best man was Paul True, the groom's brother.

The mother of the bride wore a cocoa brown ankle-length silk dress and jacket and carried a nosegay.

The mother of the groom wore a cream-colored pantsuit with appliqued lapels and carried a nosegay.

Maura Kelly and Kara Kelly Milner played flutes. Mike McBride was the organist. Dorothy Kotcher Wasinger and Warren Biller were readers. The groom played an original piano composition dedicated to the bride.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in art history from Bowdoin College. She is a graphic designer with Envision Graphics.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in biological science and zoology from Colorado State University. He is a quality assurance manager with Global Commerce Systems.

The newlyweds traveled to Telluride, Colo.

Zang-Niemi

Kimberly Ann Zang, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods and daughter of Bonnie and Michael Mazza of Macomb, married Robert Marvin Niemi, son of Marvin Niemi of Champion and Darlene and Allan Anderson of Onalaska, Wis., on Sept. 26, 1998, at First English Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Walter A. Schmidt officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Mirage banquet hall.

The bride wore a white gown that featured a scalloped neckline, capped sleeves and a medium-length train. She carried a bouquet of white and peach roses and greenery.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marvin Niemi

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Karen Zang of Ypsilanti.

Bridesmaids were Jacqui Walkowiak and Keri Pitt, both of Ypsilanti. Junior bridesmaid was Rissa Niemi of Ishpeming.

The best man was Donald Meyer of Ishpeming. Groomsman were the groom's brother, Keith Freeman of Ann Arbor, and Brett Evers of Fayetteville, N.C. Ushers were Jay Brant of Belleville and William Scorby of Onalaska.

The ringbearer was Stephen Scorby of Onalaska.

The mother of the bride wore a peach dress and a jacket decorated with beads.

The groom's mother wore a plum and cranberry-colored dress.

Linda Bauer was the organist and pianist. Joe Varani was the violinist. Tamara Scorby was the reader.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse.

The groom is a journeyman millwright with Ford Motor Co. at its Ypsilanti plant.

The newlyweds traveled to Grand Cayman Island. They live in Dexter.

Clor-Caufman

Rebecca Lynn Clor, daughter of Jim and Kathleen Clor of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Gregory Glenn Cauffman, son of Glenn and Sandra Cauffman of Lewisberry, Pa., on July 11, 1998, at Vienna Baptist Church in Vienna, Va.

The Rev. David Wick, pastor of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, and the Rev. Israel Galindo, co-officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Hyatt Regency Reston. A Michigan reception was held on Aug. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Glenn Cauffman

The bride wore an ivory satin gown that featured a bodice decorated with Alençon lace and seed pearls and a chapel-length train edged with seed pearls. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white roses, blue delphiniums, white stock and blue hydrangea.

The maid of honor was Elizabeth Bolden of Clawson.

Attendants were Michele Clor of Grosse Pointe Woods, Erin Makielski of Houston, and Marisa Curran of Falls

Church, Va.

Attendants wore floor-length latte-colored dresses and carried bouquets of purple iris, cream-colored roses and blue delphinium.

The best man was the groom's brother, Ryan Cauffman of Lewisberry.

Groomsman were the bride's brother, James Clor of Grosse Pointe Woods, Keven Richardson of Houston, and Aaron Weakley of Lauray, Va.

The mother of the bride wore a pink floor-length jacket dress.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length cream-colored knit jacket dress.

The organist was Mary Ann Christian. Trumpeter was Juri Vilianueva. Flutist was Kyle Clor. Reader was Nancy Burnett.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree in human development from Virginia Polytechnical and State University. She is a teacher at The Talent House, a private school in Fairfax, Va.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnical and State University. He is an engineer with SM&A Corp.

The newlyweds traveled to Hawaii. They live in Fairfax, Va.

Johnston-Eugenio

Tammy Ann Johnston, daughter of Tom and Anna Marie Johnston of Grosse Pointe Shores, married Gregory Roland Eugenio, son of Roland and Peggy Eugenio of Grosse Pointe Shores, on Sept. 5, 1998, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. George Charnley officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride wore an ivory silk organza gown that featured sheer sleeves and a chapel-length train. Her elbow-length headband and she carried a nosegay of ivory, peach and butter cream roses.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Trisha Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were Jocelyn Cieszkowski, Laura Jaskolski, Erin Johnston, Alicia Turnbull,



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Roland Eugenio

Heather Tutwiler, Katy Watson, Robin Wheatley, Samantha Wheatley, Tamara Zinn and Gina Zmyslowski.

The flowergirl was Olivia Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants wore pewter-colored satin full-length dresses and carried nosegays of ivory, peach, copper and burgundy roses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Michael Eugenio of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsman were David Babcock, John Cueter, Nino Cueter, Anthony Eugenio, John Muelier, Chris Murphy, Craig Stafford, Jeff Stander, Stephen Wheatley and Kevin Zmyslowski.

Ushers were Frank Martilotti, Jamie Wheatley and Sean Wheatley.

The ringbearer was Jack Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a full-length light peach chiffon dress and carried a calla lily.

The groom's mother wore a full-length pale pink suit of peau de soie and lace and carried a calla lily.

Altar servers were Christopher Ahee and Lauren Ahee.

The bride earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business from the University of Detroit. She is an account executive with UMI.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University. He is vice president of Eugenio Co.

The newlyweds traveled to San Francisco and the Napa Valley, in California. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Karen Kendrick-Hands, at the left, and Shirley Paczkowski display different views of a hat designed by Kendrick-Hands that was selected to be displayed on the Christmas tree at the White House.

Local knitting guild's art is on display at White House

Karen Kendrick-Hands of Grosse Pointe Park, designed a hat that will hang on the Christmas tree at the White House.

The hat, a six-pointed snowflake shaped royal blue beret, was selected by a vote of the Pointe Knitters Guild in October.

Shirley Paczkowski, guild president, organized the local competition at the request of the guild's national affiliate, The Knitting Guild of America. Paczkowski's snowman-trimmed hat was the runner up. Other entrants included Joan Carter and Mary Anne Rejent.

Kendrick-Hands and Paczkowski have been invited by the Clintons to view the White House decorations at a special tour for the artists on Friday, Dec. 18, and will attend the event with their families.

The Pointe Knitters Guild, established in 1988, provides education and communication to advance the quality of knitting workmanship and creativity. The guild meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and displays its work at the Grosse Pointe Central Library. Membership is open to all levels of knitters.

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John Booth Lamarche and Mary Rose Sullivan

and Mrs. Paul E. Lamarche of Bloomfield Hills. A July wedding is planned.

Sullivan graduated from Michigan State University, where she was affiliated with Sigma Kappa sorority. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She also earned a master's degree in education from DePaul University. She teaches third grade in the Chicago Public Schools.

Lamarche graduated from the University of Mississippi, where he was affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is an account manager with Productivity Point International in Chicago.

Sullivan-Lamarche

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Sullivan of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Rose Sullivan, to John Booth Lamarche, son of Mr.

Nisbett-Mikesell

Dr. Mary and Raymond Wawrzynski of Warren have announced the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn Nisbett, to John Frederick Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs.



Laura Lynn Nisbett and John Frederick Mikesell

A. David Mikesell of the City of Grosse Pointe. A March wedding is planned.

Nisbett earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and a certificate in education from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a master's degree in science education from Wayne State University. She is a science teacher at Parcels Middle School.

Mikesell earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University.

He is a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Patricia Jeanne Kordas and Michael James Zrimec

Kordas-Zrimec

Joanne Kordas of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Patricia Jeanne Kordas, to Michael James Zrimec, son of James and Judith Zrimec of Grosse Pointe Woods. A May wedding is planned.

Kordas earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Michigan State University and master of arts degree in counseling from Wayne State University. She is a training consultant and program coordinator of the TLC Institute in Grosse Pointe.

Zrimec earned a bachelor of science degree in finance and a master's degree in business administration in management, both from Wayne State University. He is a financial analyst with EDS Corp.

Grosse Pointe Farms. A June wedding is planned.

Wheatley graduated from Wayne State University. She works in the talent division of Disney Entertainment.

Whelan graduated from Michigan State University. He is an operations manager for Metro International Trade Services Inc.



Nicole Andrea Bragg and William Andrew Gryzenia

Wheatley-Whelan

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wheatley of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Lynn Wheatley, to Michael Patrick Whelan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Whelan of



Michael Patrick Whelan and Samantha Lynn Wheatley

Bragg-Gryzenia

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bragg of East Lansing have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Andrea Bragg, to William Andrew Gryzenia, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gryzenia of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A September wedding is planned.

Bragg earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and a J.D. degree from George Washington University. She is a litigation lawyer with Sears, Roebuck Co. in Chicago.

Gryzenia earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a student at the University of Chicago, working on a master's degree in international business.

AAA Michigan offers tips for hassle-free car rental

Does your rental car have antilock brakes? Is it equipped with dual air bags? Is there an early drop-off charge?

These queries and seven others make up AAA's top 10 questions to ask when renting a car.

"Knowing the right things to ask ahead of time can mean the difference between a safe and memorable vacation and one you'd rather forget," said Larry Dickens, manager of Travel Vendor Relations for AAA Michigan.

AAA's top 10 car rental questions are not ranked in order of importance and are not intended to be an all-inclusive list:

1. Before making the reservation, ask your insurance agent if your personal insurance policy covers collision and liability for rental cars (AAA Michigan members are covered if they carry full coverage, e.g., comp and collision). Ask if it has limitations or deductibles that apply. Check with your credit card company to inquire

about rental car coverage.

2. When making the reservation, ask if you are entitled to membership or employee discounts or benefits. For example, AAA members can receive up to a 20 percent discount with Hertz, in addition to other benefits such as special upgrades, dollars-off coupons and exemptions from certain charges. To get the best rates available, call at least two weeks in advance.

3. Ask about the cancellation policy and what the charges would be if you returned the car earlier than the time of the reservation. Some companies charge for early drop-off.

4. Ask the agent for your reservation confirmation number. Write it down and have it handy when you pick up the car.

5. At time of pickup, ask if the car has antilock brakes. If it does — and more than 50 percent of today's rental fleets do — the driver should practice

in a remote location by jamming on the brakes at moderate speed. The pedal will vibrate, but the driver should continue steering with the brakes on. Do not pump the brakes — it will disengage the braking system.

6. Upon pick-up, ask whether the rental car has driver or dual air bags. Air bags are designed to work in concert with seat belts. Every passenger should be properly belted and children 12 and under should ride in the back seat. Rear-facing infant seats should always go in the back.

7. Ask if your driving record may be checked. Most major car rental companies are performing motor vehicle record checks on renters and additional drivers in certain states. Because the screening is done at the time of pickup, not when the reservation is made, drivers should be aware that they could be denied service based

on the findings.

8. Inquire about refueling choices. Most car rental firms offer several options: purchase the fuel at time of rental, refill the tank before returning the car or return the car with less than full tank of gas and pay the refueling charge. AAA recommends refilling before returning the car to avoid the upfront fuel purchase or the normally expensive refueling charge.

9. Ask what time the car must be returned and whether you will be charged, if late, for a partial or full day. If it's a location that is not open 24 hours a day, know the hours of operation and procedure for after-hours drop-off.

10. Before leaving the rental car lot, walk around the car to check for damages. If there are damages, note them on the rental agreement and notify an employee of the car's condition.

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The Pastor's Corner

These are our teens

By the Rev. J. Kevin Butcher
Grace Community Church

There have been many words written and spoken in the last several months about the tragedy we have labeled the Grosse Pointe Sex Scandal. I'd like to add some thoughts of my own. They are personal and obviously not intended to be definitive. However, because of my experience as a spiritual care giver and my relationship with some of the people involved, I hope my words are taken seriously. For the sake of space, let me share my points in bullet fashion:

- **Where are the tears?** I know that the families of every young person involved have spent long hours crying over this tragedy but I haven't felt much grieving from the rest of the community. Instead I have sensed a defensive rage which has often led to finger-pointing, scapegoating and eventually an emotional distancing from the people involved.

These teens are our teens. The parents are us. This is our community. Before I point a finger in judgment or raise my voice in anger, an appropriate compassionate, human response is simply to grieve with those who have been hurt, to reach out and cry with those in pain in our midst.

- **What about responsibility?** In my view it seems that all parties involved, including the community at large, have been reticent to own personal responsibility. I can't comment on specifics and percentages of responsibility because I wasn't around when the hurtful incidents in question took place. But I have sensed an unhealthy and almost pathological blaming and finger pointing by parents and teens and friends of parents and teens. What I have not sensed is, through the tears, a healthy spiritual introspection and ownership of what contribution (even if small) each person might have made to the pain.

One more thing: I have especially noticed an absence of ownership on the part of the community for helping create an atmosphere in which this kind of abusive action so easily takes place.

What do I mean? Read on...

- **What about morality?** I am tired of hearing all the talk about responsible choices, condoms, legal age and proper education. None of this matters when the community sanctions a sexually supercharged atmosphere where sexual activity is not only approved in many cases, but also romanticized and glamorized. We send our kids (even take our kids) to movies that regularly depict sex outside of marriage as a normal behavior pattern — which we then turn around and forbid.

We regularly laugh, with our children sitting next to us on the couch, at sexual humor on television concerning acts which our laws demand that we prosecute. And all too often we justify as "situational" extra-marital affairs in our own lives and the lives of our friends — while we expect our kids to sort out why their "situation" doesn't count.

One teen said it succinctly in a recent newspaper interview: "We're tired of getting double messages." It's time the community woke up and realized we can't have it both ways. We must own that though the teenagers themselves made very wrong choices and they are personally responsible, we might as well have been standing beside them saying, "Go ahead."

- **What about God?** Finally, it is unbelievable to me that after reading all the comments by public officials condemning this tragedy, I have yet to read one mention of God. Since the advent of "situation ethics" into our culture in the '60s, we have deluded ourselves into thinking we can enforce "sexual morality" without a concept of a loving God who gives us directives for our well-being. Tell a '90s teenager that he or she shouldn't have sex because they aren't mature enough, aren't old enough, might get a disease, might have a baby — and that teenager, in the hormonal passion of the moment, will figure out a way to justify having sex anyway.

But tell them "No," show them in your life — a God who has made us in His image and has given us moral parameters because He loves us so much and wants our best and wants to protect us from hurt — then we have a chance of helping our kids save sex for marriage. Outside of a loving, God-centered morality, we have no chance at all.

May God give each of us His wisdom in the days ahead as we attempt to move on from the tragedy of the last months. And may He give us courage to follow His wisdom no matter what the cost.

Christmas Eve service slated at Grosse Pointe United Church

Christmas music will highlight two Christmas Eve services at Grosse Pointe United Church. At 5:30 p.m., the traditional family service will be filled with candlelight, Scripture readings, chancel and bell choirs and carol singing. The 11 p.m. service will feature soloist Tamara Lebew in a celebration filled with Christmas carols.

Redeemer United Methodist plans Christmas Eve service

Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, will present a musical drama, "The Creation of Christmas," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. The public is invited. A nursery will be available for babies and toddlers under age 2. For more information, call (313) 884-2035.



Members of the Jubilee 2000 creative team are, from left: Monsignor John Zenz, Tawnya Bender, Carol Herman, Rick Herman, Ned McGrath and the Rev. Timothy Pelc.

Jubilee 2000 program wins 1998 Proclaim Award

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Jubilee 2000 program, "Experiencing Jesus," recently received a Proclaim Award given by the Catholic Communication Campaign.

The Catholic Communication Campaign of the United States Catholic Conference produces and supports media projects that promote gospel values. The Proclaim Awards' competition honors excellence in diocesan communications.

The award was accepted by Ned McGrath of Grosse Pointe Park, director of communications, and Tawnya Bender, communications associate, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit and its Third Millennium Committee.

Jubilee 2000 is a five-year adult education effort to help participants prepare for the Third Millennium, as urged by Pope John Paul II to Catholics worldwide.

Four members of the Jubilee 2000 creative team are from the Grosse Pointes: McGrath; the Rev. Timothy Pelc of St. Ambrose parish; and Rick and Carol Herman of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The service is now performed every Advent season at King's College. The lessons are read in a defined order by members of the community ending with a rector or an archbishop. The carols are sung by the choirs. Tickets are not required, but early seating is advised.

Christ Church offers traditional candlelight service on Dec. 20

The traditional candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas will be offered at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In 1880, in the ancient parish of Truro in Cornwall by the Sea, Anglican Archbishop Edward Benson drew up a festival of nine lessons and carols based on a medieval vigil service. They were read and sung for the first time on Christmas Eve that year in his humble

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4:00 p.m. Carol Eucharist for Children
7:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols
8:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon
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Christmas Day - Friday, December 25
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Choir of Men

Saturday, December 26
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30 p.m.

The First Sunday After Christmas - December 27
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 a.m.
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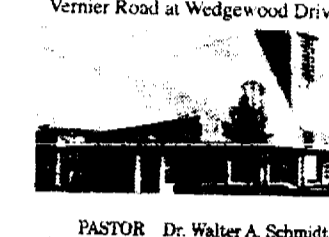
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Thursday, December 24, 1998
A Family Liturgy of Lessons and Carols • 6:00 p.m.
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CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, December 25, 1998
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 27, 1998
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Thursday, December 31, 1998
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, January 3, 1999
Worship Service 10:15 A.M.

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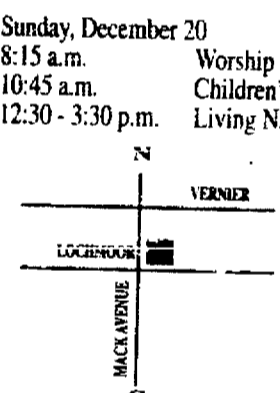
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Monday, December 21, 11:00 a.m.
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Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Children's Bell Choir
5:45 p.m. Children's Choir & Nativity Pageant
Midnight Mass Formal Choir (11:30 p.m. Caroling Program)

Christmas Day
8:00 a.m. Organ & Cantor
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Music Group
11:00 a.m. Formal Choir

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Mass on Sunday -- 11:15 a.m.

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Thursday, December 24, 1998
Children's Liturgy -- 4:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Friday, December 25, 1998
Concert -- 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass ----- 12:00 a.m.
Mass of Christmas Day -- 8:30 a.m.
Mass of Christmas Day -- 11:15 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 26 and Sunday, December 27, 1998
Mass on Saturday -- 4:00 p.m.
Mass on Sunday -- 8:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday -- 11:15 a.m.

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Thursday, December 31, 1998 and Friday, January 1, 1999
Mass on Thursday -- 4:00 p.m.
Mass on Friday -- 10:00 a.m.

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Early planning is essential

- Book as early as possible. Airlines, hotels, cruise ships, tours and trains fill up fast before holidays.
- Plan departure for off-peak hours to avoid the heavy crowds.
- Plan around holiday blackout dates, when the lowest fares are usually unavailable.
- Inform your agent about special needs — seat preferences, special meals, wheelchairs, etc.

- Ask your agent about the cancellation policies of airlines, hotels, cruises and tours. Buy appropriate insurance in case you must cancel.
- Put down a deposit, prepay or use a credit card to guarantee your hotel reservation for late arrival.
- Call the airline to confirm your flight before you leave for the airport to double-check for delays or changes.

En route

- Arrive at the airport at least one hour before flight

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- Gifts are subject to security inspection, so if possible, pack gifts in checked luggage.
- Under baggage regulations, most airlines now allow only one or two pieces of carry-on luggage that must be small enough to fit under the seat directly in front of you or in an overhead compartment.
- When you arrive at your destination, properly identify your luggage. Many bags look alike.
- During holiday periods,

delays are not unusual. Be prepared to arrive at your destination late.

Travel Hints

- Place an identification card on the outside of each piece of luggage and a business card or some type of identification on the inside. This makes it easier to trace your luggage if it is misplaced.
- Keep a record of the contents of your luggage and copies of receipts for any gifts.
- Don't pack medicine, jewelry, cash, business papers, passports or other valuables in luggage that you plan to check.

- Keep records of credit card numbers, passport numbers and traveler's cheque numbers in a safe, but separate place from the original document.
- Carry most of your money in traveler's cheques, but also carry cash in small denominations for tipping and taxis.
- If you encounter a problem at the airport, such as lost luggage, a missed connection, or a flight cancellation, ask to speak to the customer service representative of your airline.

Babies

Madison Elizabeth Vallan

Shelly and Tony Vallan of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Madison Elizabeth Vallan, born Sept. 22, 1998. Maternal grandparents are Barb and Mike Ballew of St. Clair. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Sue Vallan of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-grandparents are Mary Heels of Harper Woods, Bill and Lois Heels of Gaylord, Betty and Witter Ballew of St. Clair, and Dominic Vallan of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-great grandmother is Avis Needham of St. Clair.

Austin Montgomery Gracey

Andrew and Michelle Gracey of Encinitas, Calif., are the parents of a son, Austin Montgomery Gracey, born Nov. 22, 1998. Maternal grandparents are Norine and Gordon Dahm of Farmington Hills. Paternal grandparents are Irene and Paul Gracey of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Helena Patrice Shaheen

Vincente and Kathryn E. Shaheen of Orland Park, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Helena Patrice Shaheen, born Aug. 25, 1998.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Glatz and John Glatz of Chicago. Paternal grandparents are De Shaheen and Ted Zberanowski of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Joseph Shaheen.

Great-grandmother is Mary Rose Maher Stedman of New Baltimore.

Lucy Katherine Loch

Mr. and Mrs. David P. Loch of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Lucy Katherine Loch, born Nov. 30, 1998.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Charles P. Kellett of Grosse Pointe Park and the late Charles P. Kellett. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Loch of Sterling Heights.

Meetings

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its Christmas Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Lochmoor Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheon at noon

and the program at 1 p.m.

Noteworthy, a local women's choral group, will entertain at the luncheon. The luncheon is \$25. For reservations, call Jean McDonald at (313) 881-9059. For membership information, call Mary McNair at (313) 886-4339.

Popular destinations for winter vacations: Florida, cruise ships

An estimated 2.3 million Michiganders — 25 percent of the population — will travel during the upcoming winter travel season (Dec. 1-March 31), says AAA Michigan.

According to an Auto Club survey, 80 percent of those traveling will stay within the United States. Three-fourths of these out-of-state trips will be to warm-weather climates, with Florida being the most popular destination.

The number of people planning winter travel is up slightly over last year by 1 percent.

Fifty-three percent of winter travelers surveyed plan to fly to their final destination. Another 38 percent will drive a car, truck or van. The average trip will be for two weeks and the average amount spent will be \$2,100.

Leading winter activities will be general sightseeing (93 percent), followed by swimming (72 percent) and visiting a nightclub (50 percent).

National travel trends

A baby boom generation with more money and less time to travel will dominate and shape the leisure travel market for years to come, says AAA.

According to Graeme Clarke, senior vice president of AAA Travel Related Services, "Baby-boomers are the key driving force behind current and future leisure travel trends. The travel industry will respond to their needs by offering travel options that offer thrills in less time."

According to research conducted for AAA by D.K. Shiflet and Associates, more than 40 percent of all leisure person

trips are taken by people who are in the 34-to-54 age group. Despite rising costs and a struggling global economy, the purchasing power of the baby boom generation will mean more growth in the leisure travel industry.

"The group is shifting away from the purchase of material things and moving toward more time off for activities like cruises, golf lessons and educational travel," Clarke said.

Travel by single individuals and minorities will also grow in the next several years. The single population accounts for 9 percent of leisure travel, a figure expected to jump by 26 percent in the next decade.

The report indicated that the biggest overall increase in type of travel will be in the cruise industry. AAA estimated the number of cruise passengers will increase to about seven million in 1999.

Three factors seem to be driving this growth," Clarke said. "First, the traditional cruise market — adults age 40 and above — will increase in the next decade; second, the industry is successfully targeting younger, family-oriented travelers; and third, there is a popularity growth in all-inclusive travel options."



HAVE A PLEASANT TRY AT PERFECTION BRIDGE BY WOODY BOYD

Towering genius disdains the beaten path. It seeks regions hither to unexplored.

—Abraham Lincoln

A great deal of high intellect and hard work went into the creation, sophistication, preservation and fascination of bridge. The list of those modern contributors is endless, but what was the game and who came before Vanderbilt, Culbertson, Goren, Jacoby, Schenken and Roth/Stone?

Certainly the modern game has witnessed much. There have been a myriad of exceptional bidding conventions and amazing plays, like the four suit squeeze, trump smother and devil's coup, to name a few.

Some of the manipulations we execute even today were born many years ago. Emerson once said, "Genius often finds itself, at the least, a century too early."

The ancestry of our game at least dates back to the lords of England in the early 16th century. It had many names, but the most lasting was Whist. The first book devoted solely to Whist was Edmond Hoyle's famous "Short Treatise" published in 1742.

The first duplicate Whist-bridge was played in New York and Chicago in 1880, London and Glasgow shortly thereafter. But Plafond and Auction Bridge, more elaborate methods of bidding and play, were slowly replacing the centuries-old original game.

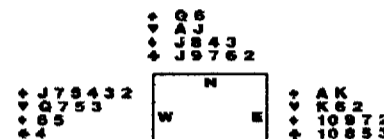
Then, in 1925, the grandson of the railroad tycoon and New York Central founder, Commodore Harold S. Vanderbilt, introduced innovative revisions and that was the origin of Contract Bridge, by far the most popular card game played in the world today.

It was the period between 1834 and 1860 when Whist's popularity and elaborate refinements gained much of its technical advancement and intellectual challenge. Lord Henry Bentinck conceived high/low signals; Lord Cavendish directed the first Duplicate Whist in London; and Clay Deschappelles wrote extensively about bidding and play. His older cousin, Alexandre Louis Honore Lebreton Deschappelles, one of France's Napoleonic war heroes (who lost a hand in battle), was a skilled billiards and chess player. He also was the

supreme Parisian Whist player of that era. His contributions were many and some of his exceptional maneuvers are masterpieces of play today.

Today's hand comes from a recent Midwest regional and is a fine example of a play the great French ace developed 150 years ago.

N/S VUL



W	E	S	W	
..	..	1C	..	1. Limit
3C	..	3D	..	2. Forcing
3H	..	3NT	P.O.	3. Cue Bid

Certainly this is a perplexing hand to bid, even though the vertical pair has sufficient HCP to be in game. The bidding you see was typical, though some tried for slam using Gerber, but failing the fourth ace, settled in four no trump or the club game. Five clubs has no play, but against many inept defenders there are 10 winners in no trump.

Not so fast, if you were sitting East and had studied your bridge history you would hold South to seven winners by playing your heart king at trick three.

That, my fine readers, is the Deschappelles coup — sacrificing a high card in your hand to force an entry into partner's hand and the long spades. In this instance it also prematurely destroys the only entry to dummy's remaining minor suit winners.

More on the Grosse Pointe News seven-day bridge cruise leaving Ft. Lauderdale Oct. 23, 1999: Your ship, the beautiful Westerdam, one of Holland America's most luxurious, will make three port stops — San Juan, St. John and St. Thomas. These are wonderful scenic breaks from our twice-a-day card play, which is also optional. Call *Travel With Goren*: toll free (800) 233-0680. They're the pros with all the answers.

NEW ARRIVALS OF 1998

Grosse Pointe News and The Connection newspapers are planning their 4th annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 1998 babies, please) for publication in this section.

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!

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

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

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Holiday depression

By Dr. Dan Guyer
Special Writer

The holiday season is upon us. Decorations abound, parties are planned, and shoppers scurry in search of perfect gifts.

It's a happy time of year for some. But for an increasing number of people, the season causes anxiety, stress and even depression.

This all kicks off just days after Halloween when we are hit with a barrage of signals that tell us to spend, go and do as much as possible.



Dr. Dan Guyer

Who is at risk?
Persons most likely to become depressed during the holidays are those in a conflicted relationship with family or friends. Also, people who are alone or who have experienced a recent death or breakup are likely to feel down.

However, individuals who are happy with their lives also may experience holiday depression. This could result from unrealistic expectations of themselves and the season.

Another complication could be related to seasonal affective disorder (SAD) which can occur this time of year due to shorter days and less sunlight. This seems to be a physiological response to the lack of sunlight and can be treated either with antidepressants or with prescribed light therapy.

If you are alone or have had a personal loss, rather than retreating into a shell, plan ahead to fill the void with activities. Schedule a trip or get-together with someone whose company you enjoy. Or commit yourself to do volunteer work through a church or community outreach program.

Work within your budget

One of the primary causes for holiday depression is an unrealistic expectation of ourselves and others. Into our already busy lives we overschedule ourselves, saving little time for our families and friends. And many of us have bought into the commercialization of the season, so we overspend.

Rather than being the time for people to come together to share collective memories, the holidays have become a time of competitiveness. We try to outdo our neighbors' decorations, we try to buy more and better gifts and go to parties that we really don't want to attend.

One way to avoid competitiveness and reduce anxiety levels is to work within your budget. This means your financial budget, your time budget and your emotional budget.

Care for yourself and spend time with family and close friends first.

The mass media has perpetuated an idealistic Norman Rockwell-like image of the holidays. But today families are spread out all over the map, making it difficult and expensive to get together. Plus, many families carry some emotional baggage and may not even enjoy gathering for the holidays. However, if they do get together and mix that baggage with some alcohol, circumstances are ripe for a family explosion.

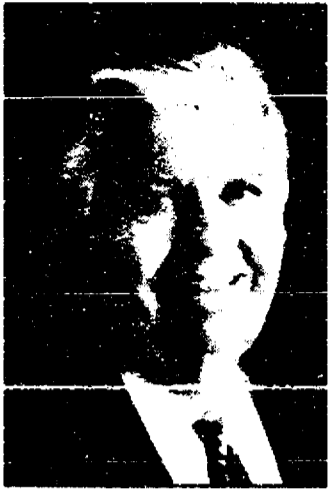
If it isn't enough to worry about family conflict, there's always the workplace expectations. Should you get your boss or secretary a gift? If so, how extravagant? To avoid this situation, employers would be wise to communicate the office holiday policy early and stick to it.

There's one guarantee when it comes to the holidays. They will be back again next year so follow these easy steps for a more enjoyable season: lower expectations, scale down, say no, and, if alone, plan something.

Dr. Dan Guyer is chief of Psychiatry for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. He can be contacted at Psychiatric Services of Grosse Pointe, (313) 885-6400.



Lucarelli



Van Elslander

St. John Health System Foundation trustees named

Three Detroit-area business leaders, including two Grosse Pointers, have been appointed to the St. John Health System Foundation board of trustees. Alphonse S. Lucarelli of Grosse Pointe Park, Art Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores and Albert Callewaert of Clinton Township were named to the board of the non-profit, charitable organization that is designed to put the spirit of philanthropy to work for the benefit of communities in southeastern Michigan. The foundation coordinates resources to create opportunities and cost efficiencies to meet the challenges and needs of its affiliates and those it serves.

Aggressive prostate cancer testing could save lives

African-American men and others at high risk for prostate cancer should have ultrasound testing if an elevated PSA level is detected, says Dr. Peter Littrup, a radiologist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Littrup wrote about a study which he presented to the 84th Scientific Assembly and annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago.

The study concludes that a new test called color doppler ultrasound-guided biopsy, when performed immediately following the detection of a PSA abnormality, may improve the diagnosis of prostate cancer for some men.

Typically, men with mildly elevated PSA levels are advised to wait for six months to a year, then have a second PSA test, rather than having an immediate biopsy.

"Because prostate cancer is twice as common, and three times as deadly in African-American men, immediate biopsy is recommended for African-Americans and others at high risk, instead of watchful waiting," Littrup said. "Cancers caught in an earlier stage may lead to better cure rates and save more lives."

About 185,000 cases of prostate cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the United States this year. Prostate cancer is expected to kill 38,000 American men this year, making it the second leading cancer killer of men behind lung cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

During 1994, (the latest figures available) prostate cancer killed more than twice as many African-American men (56 per 100,000) than white men (24 per 100,000) in the United States. In Michigan, 6,600 men

are expected to be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year, and 1,400 are expected to die of the disease.

Color doppler — an enhanced version of ultrasound-guided biopsy — offers benefits over traditional ultrasound:

- It improves detection and biopsy guidance by up to 20 percent;

- It pinpoints more aggressive parts of the tumor;

- It may help indicate cancers that are beginning to spread beyond the prostate.

- It could be a key tool in identifying the location of a tumor. Urologists frequently use ultrasound only to find a prostate when performing a biopsy, not to help locate the tumor.

In the study Littrup performed at the institute, 2,368 African-American men and 1,090 predominantly Caucasian men received ultrasound-guided biopsy of the prostate. Cancer was detected in 31 percent of the African-American group and 24 percent of the Caucasian group.

PSA (prostate specific antigen) is a blood test that measures a protein made by the prostate. A modification of the test that incorporates prostate size (PSA density) was found to be more accurate in African-American men than other men.

An abnormal PSA test indicates a change in the prostate, such as enlargement of the gland, infection or cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends men have regular PSA tests starting at age 50. Those at high risk, including African-American and men with a family history of the disease, are advised to have the test as early as age 40.

Discarded treatment for heart attacks may be a life-saver

A simple and inexpensive treatment for heart attacks — originally developed in the early 1960s, and now largely abandoned — appears to have significant life-saving powers.

A study reported in today's "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association" provides new evidence supporting the use of a combination of glucose, insulin and potassium (GIK) for people suffering heart attacks.

In a pilot trial conducted in six Latin American countries, 407 people suffering heart attacks were studied. The people treated with the GIK combination within 24 hours after the appearance of heart attack symptoms had an overall death rate of about half that of the group of people who did not receive GIK.

"The decrease in the death rate is dramatic — the largest reduction of just about any intervention that's been tried," says Carl S. Apstein, M.D. Apstein is professor of medicine, and director of the Cardiac Muscle Research Laboratory at Boston University's School of Medicine. "The mechanism of efficacy is also completely different, in that it alters heart muscle metabolism and biochemistry to protect the region of the heart deprived of oxygen by a heart attack."

The 407 people in the trial included 252 individuals treated with either a clot-dissolving drug, or a balloon-tipped catheter inserted to open clogged blood vessels. People who received GIK infusions had a death rate of 6.7 percent, vs. that of 11.5 percent among those who did not get the combination. Among the 252 people who received therapy to open clogged blood vessels, however, the mortality rate was 5.2 percent in the GIK-treated group, compared to 15.2 percent in those who did not receive GIK.

According to the researchers, almost every study finding — including the number of patients suffering heart failure or severe irregular heartbeats — showed either significant benefit, or a trend toward a benefit in those patients who received GIK.

Rafael Diaz, M.D., is co-director of the cardiovascular medicine division of the Instituto Cardiovascular de Rosario in Argentina, and co-director of the ECLA Collaborative Group, which carried out the study at 29 hospitals in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela. Diaz believes that GIK's protective powers may stem from several interactions. Animal research suggests

that the combination reduces the harmful high concentrations of free fatty acids during the hyperacute phase of a heart attack. The combination provides additional glucose, which heart muscles can metabolize even without oxygen, in order to produce enough energy to help them maintain their membranes and the "pumps" that move sodium and potassium in and out of cells. GIK also replaces potassium lost as a result of cell damage, and may inhibit the insulin resistance that occurs in heart attacks. Insulin resistance prevents cells from using insulin effectively.

Further studies of GIK are scheduled to conclude in 2001. "We are expecting a reduction in death of about 15 or 20 percent among patients treated with GIK," predicts Diaz. "Nobody can expect a reduction of more than 20 to 25 percent, because heart attack is a very prevalent disease with high rates of mortality."

The GIK combination was first reported as a treatment for heart attack in 1962. During the next decade, it was used by some physicians, but clinical studies came to conflicting conclusions about its effectiveness.

Some researchers, however, continued animal studies with GIK. Apstein reports that, "it very consistently showed a protective effect. So there was this disparity for 25 to 30 years between what was shown to work in animals and what was never shown to work in patients."

The ECLA group began developing its study in 1994. Last year, British researchers reviewed the results of the study, and concluded that using GIK could reduce the death rate in heart attack patients by up to 48 percent.

Patients who received GIK had "few and minor side effects," says Diaz. The most prevalent of these was mild phlebitis at the site of the injection. Phlebitis is the term used to describe the stiffness, inflammation or pain occurring when a vein is punctured.

"If this reduction in heart attack death rates is confirmed in further studies, GIK has the potential to prevent about 75,000 heart attacks per year in the United States," explains Apstein.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in Michigan, claiming 35,899 lives in 1996. Michigan's CVD death rate is the 12th worst in the country. Michigan minorities and females are at heart risk for developing cardiovascular disease.

Breast cancer detection unit comes to War Memorial

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will send its mobile breast cancer detection unit to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Monday, Dec. 21. The unit offers free screening mammography, breast examinations, self-examination instructions and educational materials for women.

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'Charles at Fifty' offers honest view of future king

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Anthony Holden, a British journalist, has written an unusually excellent biography of a likely future king. In his Prologue, the author explains his reasons for producing still another book about the same subject: "This is my third biography of the Prince of Wales in as many decades, a bizarre and relentless punctuation to both our lives. Written to mark his thirtieth, fortieth and fiftieth birthdays, hard on the heels of my own, this dogged trilogy now consists of three different books about three completely different men. The first was a lonely, confused bachelor, still living at home with his parents as he entered his thirties; the second was a driven but still troubled husband, the father of two sons, claustrophobically trapped in an unhappy marriage. The third is a divorced widower, looking older than his years, and facing a stark choice between his children, the love of his life and the throne — or, by trying to have all three, playing a dangerous long-term game that could threaten the future of the institution which gives his tortured life a meaning."

At the beginning of their acquaintance, the journalist and the prince were friendly whenever their paths crossed. However, gradually they had a serious falling out which, of course, soured their once cordial relationship. The author is quite candid about their misunderstanding, and he admits to the difficulty of fairly appraising Charles in this, his last book about the Prince of Wales. Readers must give Holden much credit for writing a fair and balanced portrait of his subject.

The first third of this book is devoted to the earliest years of Prince Charles' life — his birth, his bringing up by a platoon of nurses, his awkward schooling days and finally his investiture as Prince of Wales. We are offered vivid, poignant glimpses of this lonely young man in his struggle, as heir to the throne of England, to learn his proper place within the complex scheme of royalty.

He received minimal attention from his own parents, who were distant and often

absent. Queen Elizabeth always shook hands with him when they met with nary a kiss upon the cheek — so very unmotherly. His father, the haughty and sarcastic Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, often criticized and hectoring Charles whenever he failed to live up to what his father considered proper behavior.

In fact, it was Prince Philip himself who continuously badgered his eldest son to find a bride, although Charles was already in his early 30s, still foot-loose and fancy-free.

Lady Diana Spencer emerged, a shy 18-year-old, and captured Charles' heart — or as much of it as he was willing to cede to her — over the affections of his true love, Camilla Parker Bowles.

Diana's and Charles' union did not provide much happiness, although two fine sons were produced from the match: Will and Harry.

During his increasingly unhappy marriage, Charles found himself more and more involved with his own special interests, such as architecture and environmental issues. Many of his stands annoyed Parliament, which did not appreciate his crusades for improvements. Therefore, he increasingly found himself on the outs with the British government.

This unfortunate situation — battling public opinion — began to wear down the prince.

"Particularly sensitive to accusations that he should get 'a proper job,' Charles was apparently 'incandescent with rage.' His tirade, according to one of those present, was delivered with 'frightening intensity;' the prince was either going to have a public function, or a nervous breakdown. At the time of his fortieth birthday, Charles' public work was drowning in tidal waves of negative publicity about his marriage. Equally damaging was his failure to give a central focus to what seemed like a different obsession every week. After books and television films on architecture and ecology, he went on to publish collections of his watercolours and his treatise on organic farming. The Palace had to fight to prevent tens of thousands of unsold copies from winding up on the shelves of remainder shops. To the average Briton,

Biblio File



By Elizabeth P. Walker

Renaissance Man had become the pub bore; the crusader prince on his white charger had metamorphosed into Don Quixote on Rosinante, tilting with his polo mallet at politically incorrect windmills."

The early 1990s brought "dark days in Elizabeth II's forty-year reign. Charles' mother was far from amused by the extent to which her children were undermining all her work in maintaining the dignity of the institution in her care. Had the Queen been overindulgent toward her off-

spring? How could she have allowed matters to reach the point where one daughter-in-law was revealed to have made five apparent suicide attempts while the other paraded topless on pages the world over? With her only sister and her only daughter divorced, two sons en route and the third conspicuously unmarried, the Queen was presiding over a domestic shambles fast curdling to a constitutional crisis. "If this were an ordinary family visited by the local social services," wrote one columnist in The Times, "the lot of them would by now have been taken into care." Perhaps, he suggested, it was time to institute a formal ceremony called "The Severing of the Ties," at which the Royal Family would also repay the public money lavished on all those weddings."

Holden tells of how, "back in 1993, as Charles moved out of the Kensington Palace apartment they had shared for

twelve years, the first thing Diana did was to change the locks — a purely symbolic gesture, as neither ever carried keys. At Highgrove, meanwhile, Charles himself lit an equally symbolic bonfire, on which he threw everything that reminded him of Diana, including many of their wedding presents. Staff was dismayed to see the prince sipping champagne as he watched objects not merely of some value, but of potential use to others, going up in smoke. Then he got Camilla to take charge of a complete refurbishment of the house, blotting out all memory of his former wife."

Diana's tragic end in Paris was a great shock to the Prince of Wales: "Charles was pole-axed by Diana's death. After the ordeal of breaking the news to their children, who had been due to return to their mother that afternoon, he took a long, lone dawn walk around the Balmoral

estate, trying to gather his very confused thoughts. His main emotion, apart from concern for his sons, was guilt. Guilt about all the bad blood between him and his ex-wife, guilt about the way things had turned out between them."

Anthony Holden's portrait of Charles today is graphic with stark facts, honestly described. A reader appreciates the truth emerging about the prince; this is not a hatchet job as it might have been expected, but a compassionate and fair account, with not many holds barred. The biography contains numerous photographs with a number of revealing glimpses of how royalty behaves within its own private circle.

Also, at the conclusion, there is the nagging question of Camilla Parker Bowles. Will she and Charles ever marry or will they continue their illicit relationship?

Only time will tell.

Arts Council publishes cultural calendar

Exciting news. The Arts Council is ready to publish its very first Arts Calendar. For the first time, arts and cultural events in the area will all be listed together.

Within the next few weeks, this information will begin to be available in three forms: (1) electronic, (2) print, and (3) a window in the Village.

One of the original ideas expressed at the very beginning of our Arts Council was that there should be one place in which all events were listed by date. We have six different governments and a number of different institutions that list only their events or events in their areas. For our member organizations, this is a way to get their names and events in front of the general public in several different media.

Our electronic calendars will be available on the web, on our voice mail, on scrolling TV cable, and on live interview cable TV. For those of you who are on line, we now have our own official web site address: www.GP-Arts.org. Within the next few weeks, we will have the calendar up and running, and you can check it at any time.

Our voice mail number ((313) 438-2434) will also have the calendar on it, so you can check for events there too.

And we are working toward putting our information on local cable. This part of our information dissemination is still in the works, and we will keep you posted as it develops.

Council Corner



Arts Council
313-438-2434

We will also have a printed calendar that will list events for three months. It will be available within a few weeks. The printed calendars will be distributed in galleries, in the library, at the War Memorial and other places. Our ultimate objective will be to have these quarterly calendars sent to every home in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

This is an expensive goal, so we are looking for sponsors who would like to have their names in every home in a form that will surely be looked at frequently. Yes, you can have your name printed on the front of the calendar! For more information, call (313) 438-2434.

We are also working toward having a Grosse Pointe Arts Council window in the Village. We will showcase our calendar, display the work of local artists on a rotating basis, show photos of upcoming events, place a list of organizations to join depending on the art interest you have, list our sponsors and more.

We could even have award-winning art on display. It would be wonderful since the visuals can be three dimensional.

We are really looking forward to putting all these pieces of information together, and we would love to have community participation.

Lend us a hand. Support your local arts and join the Grosse Pointe Arts Council. Call us at (313) 438-2434. Annual memberships are: organizations — \$50; families — \$35; individuals — \$25; students — \$10.

A great show, not to be missed during the month of December, is at Ambleside Gallery on Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms. The exhibit features 50 new pastel paintings by local artist Bill Hosner.

Hosner is a Detroit native who studied at Wayne State University and taught at the Center for Creative Studies. As a commercial artist, he produced hundreds of illustrations for Reader's Digest, Field and Stream, CBS-Fox Video, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

He left the commercial art world for further studies and with the freedom to grow artistically, he began to paint plein air paintings and figures from life.

The landscape paintings are painted locally — scenes of Harsens Island, farms in Romeo, and vistas in Clinton Township. There are also wonderful portraits as well as scenes with figures in them. Recent awards for his

work include: Best of Show — Pastel Society of the West Coast; Best of Show — Michigan Pastel Society; Award of Excellence — Degas Pastel Society; plus many others. For more information, call Ambleside Gallery at (313) 885-8999.

Fans of Dr. Seuss should visit The Great Frame-Up on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. The gallery is displaying lithographs and serigraphs by Dr. Seuss, one of less than 100 galleries across the country to have these art works. The hand-pulled lithographs are from "The Illustration Art Collection," which features drawings taken directly from the art work in his famous children's books. However, the silk-screen serigraphs are taken from "The Secret Art of Dr. Seuss," paintings that were never shown in public, but were only seen by his wife and friends. The characters are equally as charming, but they are colorful and sophisticated with a mature whimsy to them. For more information, call The Great Frame-Up at (313) 884-0140.

Grosse Pointe Arts Council member Karen Kendrick-Hands' knitted hat was selected for display on one of the White House Christmas trees.

She and Shirley Paczkowski will attend the festivities at the White House in honor of Kendrick-Hands' work being selected.

— Bunny Homan,
President, G.P. Arts Council

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Jon B. Herron and Kenneth Michael Bayus, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Paul C. Nichols of the City of Grosse Pointe, were among the August graduates of Central Michigan University.

Grosse Pointe John N. Spain III, son of Sally and Nick Spain, was inducted into Alpha Mu Alpha, a national honorary marketing fraternity. Spain is a senior at Miami University.

Timothy Harmount of Grosse Pointe Park earned a bachelor of arts degree from

Indiana University.

Veronica Arzadon Valencia, daughter of Jose and Alodia Valencia of Grosse Pointe Woods, was elected to Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society. She is a junior at the University of Michigan.

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Streaking Norsemen nip South to win ULS hockey tourney

By Chuck Klorke
Sports Editor

The Red Wings are no longer the main hockey topic in Grosse Pointe North's end of town.

"People are coming up to us on the street and talking hockey," said Scott Lock, who has guided the Norsemen to a surprising 8-0 record in his first season as head coach. "We're trying to start something here."

It looks like he already has. Included among North's

eight victories is a championship in last weekend's University Liggett School Holiday Invitational. The Norsemen didn't take an easy route to the title. They nipped the host Knights 4-3 in the semifinal and then beat Grosse Pointe South 2-1 in the championship game on J.P. Simon's power-play goal with 2:21 left in regulation.

South's Jim Denner had tied the game at 2-2 with 4:02 remaining in the third period and it looked like the Blue

Devils, who have dominated the series in recent years, might have momentum on their side.

But a penalty against South's Charlie Braun with 3:45 left gave North a boost and the Norsemen capitalized on the opportunity.

"We've bounced back well this year after giving up a goal," Lock said. "We've got great leadership on this team and as a coaching staff we've tried to stress that the kids shouldn't get too high when things are going well or too down when something goes against them."

"I think a lot of our success late in games this year is also our conditioning, which we've stressed a lot."

Craig Spencer set up Simon, who took the pass while skating in front of the net and jammed it past Blue Devils' goalie Ryan

Cordier, who had an outstanding tournament. Tom Pierce also assisted on the winning goal.

"Both goalies had a great game, but their kid was tremendous," Lock said. "Our stats show us outshooting them 36-17 and he made some big saves."

North's Brandon Colaluca also came up big in goal, making saves on Braun and Chris Gellach with about eight minutes left and also stopping a shot by Adam Fishman with only five seconds to go.

"He's played great in every game so far," Lock said. "He's a quiet kid, who works hard. He's been determined to do a good job all year."

Cordier's play was one of the

highlights of the tournament for South coach Bob Bopp.

"He really emerged as a goalie that our team has a lot of confidence in," Bopp said. "He never had much chance to play before this season because there were more experienced kids ahead of him, but over the weekend he erased any doubts anyone might have had about him being able to do the job for us."

Weyhing and Drew Franklin also played well for the Blue Devils.

North opened the scoring with just over a minute remaining in the first period. Brian Amori got the goal from Gene Baratta and Simon. It came moments after a good save by Colaluca on a shot by

Fishman.

Neither team scored again until Denner took a pass from Richard Weyhing and fired a low shot that beat Colaluca on the stick side. Fishman also assisted.

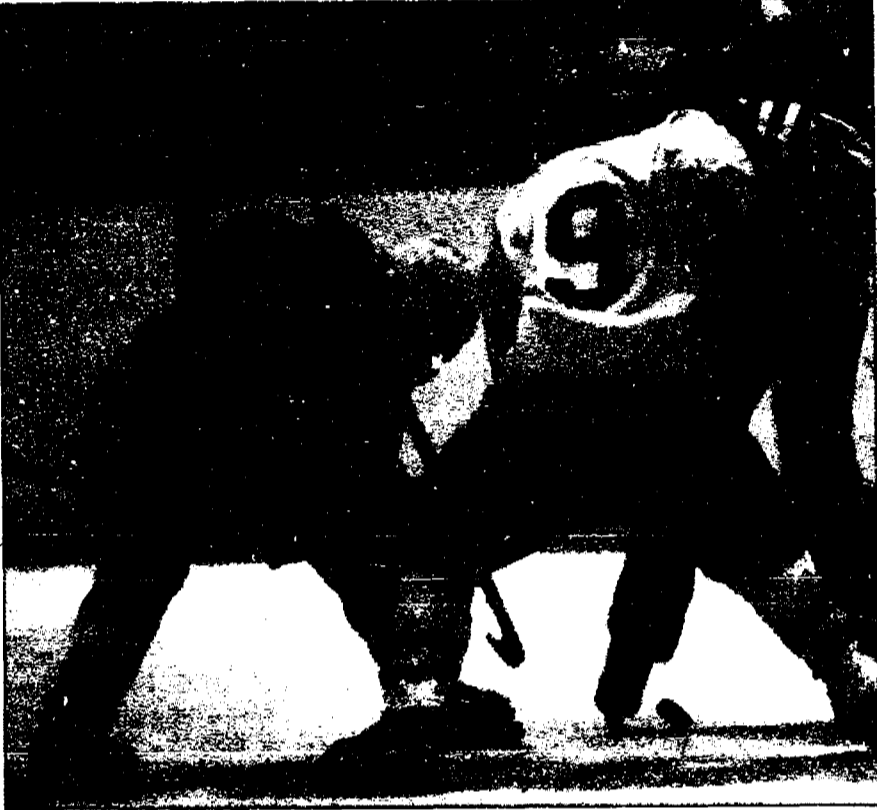
"We didn't really pick up our intensity until the last five minutes or so," Bopp said. "We have to pick up the intensity sooner."

"But it was a good game between two talented teams, one of the better games between North and South."

The two teams played hard-hitting hockey, but only five minor penalties were called.

North reached the title game with a come-from-behind victory.

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Grosse Pointe South's Charlie Braun, left, and Grosse Pointe North's J.P. Simon face off during the third period of Saturday's championship game in the University Liggett School Holiday Invitational hockey tournament.



Grosse Pointe South goalie Ryan Cordier guards the corner of the net from this wrap-around attempt by Grosse Pointe North's Angelo LaPiana.

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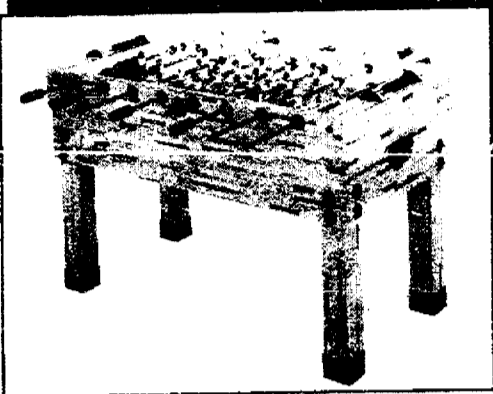
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Seniors lead ULS in final quarter

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's basketball team got senior leadership at its best down the stretch last week in its non-league opener with South Lake.

"We were down five going into the fourth quarter and Joel (Parrott) and C.R. (Moultry) just took over," said Knights coach Bruce Pelto after his team's 60-54 victory.

ULS scored 22 points in the fourth quarter -- 12 by Parrott and 10 by Moultry -- and started the period with a 15-1 run. Parrott triggered the spurt with a pair of three-point baskets and when the Cavaliers came out to guard him, the Knights worked the ball inside to Moultry.

"Once we got the lead our fans really got into the game

and gave us a big boost," Pelto said.

ULS started strong and led 13-10 after the first quarter, but South Lake outscored the Knights 23-14 in the second quarter to lead 33-27 at the half.

"They hit some perimeter shots in the second quarter," Pelto said. "We could have been down by eight at the half, but Mace McDonald came up with a big steal on South Lake's last possession of the half."

Pelto was pleased with the entire defensive effort, including the fourth quarter when the Cavaliers were held to only two field goals.

"One of our points of emphasis this year has been defense so I was pleased with how we played," Pelto said. "Our half-court game was very sound."

Charles Lowe, Jonathan Kish and Karthiek Narala turned in strong defensive performances in their first varsity games.

"Those three played very well, especially in the second half," Pelto said. "They helped us limit (South Lake's) shots and created some turnovers."

Parrott finished with 25 points and six rebounds, while Moultry had 21 points and eight rebounds.

"Our young players are still learning their roles, but we're going to need them to step up when teams start using a box-and-one or a triangle-and-two to try to stop Joel and C.R.," Pelto said.

ULS closes out the pre-holiday schedule with a non-league home game against Bloomfield Hills Roper Friday.

South wrestlers post three wins

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team is already halfway to last year's victory total after the Blue Devils picked up three dual-meet wins last week.

"We have some pretty good kids and we fill most of the weight classes," said coach Larry Carr. "We're just lacking some depth in the middle weights. We can't afford any injuries there because we're only one deep."

South also suffered a loss at 215 where Dan Roth suffered a knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery.

"I'm waiting to find out just how long he'll be out," Roth said. "For a while, at least, we'll be voiding from 215 and up."

South rolled over Marysville 58-12 in a Macomb Area Conference meet.

Eric Wood got the Blue Devils started with a major decision at 103 pounds. Phil Moir (130) and Justin Mitchelson (152) won on falls,

while Peter Blain (125), Jamie Carrier (135) and Mike Lesiak (140) won by decisions.

South split its four matches at the Harper Woods dual meet tournament last week.

The Blue Devils beat Southfield 48-27. Wood won all four of his matches in the tournament, including three on falls, to improve his record to 8-1. All five South victories against Southfield were a result of pins by Wood (103), Carrier (140), Mitchelson (152), Jeremy Linne (160) and Dominic O'Grady (189).

South wrapped up the day with a 57-18 win over Lutheran East.

Winning on falls were Wood (112), Blain (130), Moir (135), Carrier (140), Bill Cernok (145), Mitchelson (152), O'Grady (171) and Mike Walter (189). Linne won his 160-pound match on a decision.

The Blue Devils lost 54-27 to Chippewa Valley despite pins by Wood (103), Mitchelson (152) and Linne (160) and a decision by Moir.

South's other tournament loss was a 39-28 defeat by host Harper Woods. Wood (103) won a major decision, while Carrier (145) and O'Grady (171) posted falls.

South's next action is this weekend in the Macomb County Invitational tournament.

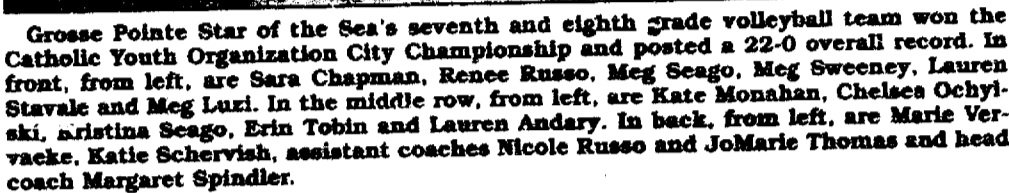
Aerobics classes will begin Jan. 4

The Fitness Firm will begin a series of low-impact aerobics classes Monday, Jan. 4.

Classes will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods and Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 at the JFK Library in Harper Woods.

The cost for the eight-week session is \$48 with an additional \$6 fee for new members. Participants can attend any of the classes they wish.

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Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea's seventh and eighth grade volleyball team won the Catholic Youth Organization City Championship and posted a 22-0 overall record. In front, from left, are Sara Chapman, Renee Russo, Meg Seago, Meg Sweeney, Lauren Stavale and Meg Luzi. In the middle row, from left, are Kate Monahan, Chelsea Ochylski, Kristina Seago, Erin Tobin and Lauren Andary. In back, from left, are Marie Vervaeke, Katie Schervish, assistant coaches Nicole Russo and JoMarie Thomas and head coach Margaret Spindler.

Star of the Sea wins CYO city championship in volleyball

Star of the Sea's seventh and eighth grade volleyball team set a pair of goals on the first day of practice last summer and several weeks later, the dream came true.

The squad set its sights on winning its Catholic Youth Organization division title, then capturing the city championship, which it did with a 15-12, 15-8, 11-15, 15-13 victory over Westside champion St. Robert.

Star's victory in the opening game featured strong defensive play by Lauren Stavale and the tipping expertise of Renee Russo and Erin Tobin. Chelsea Ochylski served seven points.

Kate Schervish had an outstanding performance for Star of the Sea in the second game as she played well defensively and sparked the offense with strong serves and timely attacks.

St. Robert won the third game despite the strong serving of Star's Kate Monahan and Kristina Seago and the defense of Meg Seago and Marie Vervaeke.

The fourth game was a see-saw battle. Meg Sweeney and Sara Chapman combined to score Star's first seven points. Ochylski, Lauren Andary and Meg Luzi did a good job at the net as Star of the Sea took a 13-12 lead. Russo then served the last two points to cap a 22-0 season with the CYO City Championship.

Star opened tournament

play with victories over St. Joan No. 2, St. Veronica No. 2 and St. Clare in the district round.

In its first regional game, Star of the Sea had to play St. Hugo. Star played outstanding defense and rallied around setters Russo, Tobin and Chapman for a powerful display of attacking. Ochylski, Andary, Luzi and Sweeney were on their game with attacking and serving as Star of the Sea beat St. Hugo 15-9, 16-14. In the next round, Star beat St. Dennis 7-15, 15-0, 15-8 on the serving of Russo and Monahan and the defensive play of Stavale, Luzi and Ochylski.

Star of the Sea moved into the final four where it met league rival St. Joan of Arc No. 1 in the semifinals.

Star beat St. Joan twice during the regular season, but wasn't taking anything for granted in the third meeting. Star won the first two games 15-9, 15-9. Accurate serving by Tobin and Sweeney got Star of the Sea rolling, while Andary, Luzi and Russo were sharp at the net, scoring points at critical times.

St. Joan rallied to win the next two games 15-13, 15-8, but Star of the Sea regrouped and won the fifth game 15-7 behind the serving of Chapman, Luzi and Russo. Sweeney, Ochylski and Andary were defensive standouts.

Salvo '85 takes first in Indiana tourney

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo '85 boys under-14 travel team came back from the Fisher's Halloween Soccer Classic in Indiana with quite a treat -- a set of championship trophies.

But the crown didn't come without a battle. The Salvo had to go to a shootout with the Kalamazoo F.C. in the championship game before posting a 4-3 victory.

The Salvo jumped ahead early on a goal by Danny DeMay, but Kalamazoo came back strong to take a 3-1 lead. With fewer than 15 minutes remaining, the Salvo rallied to tie the score on goals by DeMay and Justin Brantley.

There was no scoring through two overtime periods so the game went to a shootout. Kalamazoo's first penalty kick was stopped by goalie Ted Kotwick to give the Salvo an early advantage.

Although Kalamazoo eventually scored on a penalty kick, the Salvo clinched the victory with successive penalty kicks by David Minnick, DeMay and David Stoffel.

It was the second champi-

onship of the fall season for the Salvo, which won its division at the Romeo Peachfest tournament.

Grosse Pointe opened the Indiana tournament with a 13-1 victory over Indianapolis Alliance '85.

Brantley and Jonathan Teray each scored twice for the Salvo, while Kellen Bannon, Todd Callahan, DeMay, Joey McKeen, Minnick, Anoop Patel, Matt Slater, Stoffel and Cole VanAssche added a goal apiece.

Each of those players, plus Kevin Neill and Kotwick, had assists.

The second match against the host Fisher F.C. was a lot tougher, but the Salvo posted a 1-0 victory.

Stoffel scored the only goal of the game. Fisher was awarded a penalty kick after a hard tackle by a Salvo player drew a red card, but McKeen made the save to protect the slim lead and the Salvo, playing the rest of the game with 10 men, held off the Indiana team.

The Salvo advanced to the championship game with a 3-0 victory over the Plainfield (Ind.) Fury. Stoffel, Minnick and DeMay scored the Grosse Pointe goals.

Margaret Spindler was head coach of Star of the Sea, while her assistants were Nicole Russo and JoMarie Thomas.

Zolik scores career high

Kent senior Maureen Zolik scored a career-high 13 points to help the Golden Flashes women's basketball team beat Lafayette 86-57 in the consolation game of the Carrier Classic in Syracuse, N.Y.

Zolik, who played her high school basketball at Grosse Pointe North, is second on the Kent squad with 20 assists and her 11 steals rank third on the squad.

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The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '89 won the their under-10 division in the Michigan Youth Soccer League with an 11-0-1 record. In front, from left, are Christina Bills, Sarah Stanczyk, Sydney McIlroy, Hannah Clor and Rebecca Scholtes. In the second row, from left, are Whitney Cahill, Constanza Jacobs, Christina Schucker, Kristin Krawchuk, Lindsay Krall, Kara Trowell, Elizabeth Palmer, Lisa Paglia and Maria Simcina. In back are coaches Matt Stanczyk, left, and Steve Adolph.

Dragons '89 finish fall with undefeated record in MYSL

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '89 under-10 travel team didn't falter after its strong start to the fall season.

The Dragons, who won their division at the Romeo Peach Festival tournament and posted victories in their first seven regular-season games, finished the year with an 11-0-1 mark in the Michigan Youth Soccer League and won the under-10 division.

The Dragons nipped the Troy Magic 3-2 as Sarah Stanczyk scored two goals and Lisa Paglia added one. Kara Trowell and Kristian Krawchuk added assists. Elizabeth Palmer, Sydney McIlroy, Christina Schucker and Constanza Jacobs also played well.

Jacobs opened the scoring with a 30-yard shot to the far upper post and the Dragons went on to a 4-0 victory over the Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs.

Hannah Clor, Maria Simcina and McIlroy also tallied for the Dragons, while Rebecca Scholtes, Clor and Trowell collected assists.

Lindsay Krall played the entire game in goal and was outstanding, while Christina Bills, Whitney Cahill and Stanczyk also had strong games.

In a rematch with the tough Sterling Heights Gators, the Dragons fell behind 1-0 in the first half. They made some adjustments to the larger field in the second half and tied the game on Stanczyk's goal, which was set up by Jacobs.

The 1-1 tie enabled the Dragons to maintain their three-point lead over the second place Gators. Krall was the player of the game with several excellent saves.

Stanczyk scored two goals in Grosse Pointe's 6-1 win over the Birmingham Blazers. Bills, Krall, Krawchuk and Trowell added one goal apiece, while

Bills, Cahill, Jacobs, Krawchuk and Trowell collected assists.

Clor, McIlroy, Paglia, Palmer, Schucker, Simcina and Scholtes also had solid games.

The Dragons completed the undefeated season with a 2-0 victory over the Canadian Eastside Kickers. Cahill scored early on a 25-yard shot that went over the goalie's hands. It remained a one goal lead until Trowell sealed the victory with a near post shot after taking a fine crossing pass from Stanczyk.

Krall stopped several point-blank shots in another fine goaltending performance.

Stanczyk led the Dragons with 21 goals, while Trowell had six, Simcina and Krawchuk five apiece, and McIlroy, Cahill and Bills four each. Clor scored three goals; Jacobs, Krall and Paglia each had two, while Palmer and Schucker notched one apiece.

The Dragons, who finished 14-0-1 overall, were coached by Steve Adolph with help from Matt Stanczyk and Mike McIlroy.

UNDER-9

The Dragons '90 under-9 travel team also did well in its first fall season, highlighted by a pair of victories over league opponents.

The Dragons '90 used a strong second half to beat the Dragons '91 9-0.

Kelly DeFauw scored three goals, Olivia Stander had two and Kali Bills, Jackie Farber, Lindsey Warren and Allison Everett added one apiece.

Kaitlin Graves and Everett each had two assists, while Katharine Zurek, DeFauw, Shelby Sharples, Laura Faiver and Anna Basse each collected one. Warren, Sharples, Bills, Farber, Stander and Graves all took a turn in goal. Lauren Nixon played a strong game at sweeper.

Blue Devils are solid in opener

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Opening games can often provide a reality check for high school basketball coaches, but Grosse Pointe South's George Petrouleas was pleased with what he saw from his Blue Devils last week.

"It was a pretty good start for us," Petrouleas said of South's 60-43 non-league victory over Hamtramck.

"They have three, three-year varsity players and they have some size and quickness, so it's a very competitive team. It was a good opening game and it gave us a chance to evaluate some people. We lost eight seniors from last year's team."

One who didn't need much evaluation was Adam Hess, who is ranked among the top high school players in the state this year. Hess led all scorers with 32 points.

"It was a quiet 32,"

Petrouleas said. "He scored them every way imaginable — outside, inside and on rebounds."

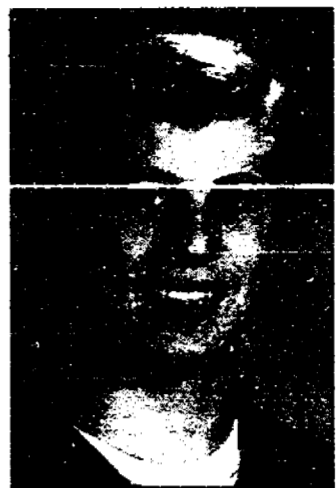
A couple of returning players that Petrouleas is counting on to step up this year, Eric Dunlap and Dan Battjes, had good games. Dunlap handled the ball well and didn't commit a turnover. Chris Perez and Adam Budday also made solid contributions, while Adam Novak came off the bench to grab a team-high 11 rebounds.

Jeff See, one of the Blue Devils' returning starters, was plagued by foul trouble but still scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds.

South led a 26-23 halftime lead, but the Blue Devils' depth paid off in the second half.

"We have to have three or four different kids step up every game," Petrouleas said. "If we get that, we'll be a pret-

ty good ball club." South hosts Warren Fitzgerald Friday, then plays at Notre Dame Tuesday.



Adam Hess

South girls skate to two more wins

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team is off to another perfect start, posting victories in its first five games.

Last week, the Blue Devils beat defending state champion Cranbrook Kingswood 6-2 and defeated crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North 9-3.

Cranbrook has never beaten South and once again the Blue Devils took command early in the game. Captain Courtney Lytle scored twice and Kelly Birg notched an unassisted goal to give South a 3-0 lead.

The Cranes came back with a goal late in the first period and another early in the second to cut South's margin to one, but the Blue Devils answered with three more goals. Lytle completed her hat trick, then set up Weaver for a goal. Megan Monaghan scored an unassisted goal with 44 seconds remaining.

Weaver collected three assists, while Christina Bakalis had two and Natalie Brewer picked up one.

Katie Orzechowski was in goal for the victory.

South's girls got some revenge for the boys team which dropped a 2-1 decision to North in the championship game of the University Liggett School Holiday Invitational

earlier in the day.

The game was only 15 seconds old when Birg opened the scoring, assisted by Cammie Preston. Lytle made it 2-0 as she was set up by some fine passing by Weaver and Bakalis, but North's Kathleen Rappa cut the lead to 3-1 at the end of the first period.

South held a 2-1 edge in scoring in the second period. Eileen Pulis and Monaghan tallied for the Blue Devils, while Meg Guillaumin scored for the Norsemen.

Preston started the third-period scoring with an un-

sisted goal. Kristen Simon scored for North to cut the lead to 6-3, but South capped the scoring with a goal by Kate Finkenstaedt and two from Weaver.

Bakalis had three assists, while Weaver picked up two and Preston, Lytle and Ann Garvey collected one apiece.

Corrie D'Angelo did a fine job in goal after returning from an injury. Caitlin Howe played well in her first game of the season and Elizabeth Moran was outstanding on defense for the Blue Devils.

North gymnasts open with impressive win

Grosse Pointe North's gymnastics team got the season off to a good start last week with a 117.55-98.65 victory over Royal Oak Kimball.

Cathy Conger was first on uneven bars and vault and third in floor exercise.

Christine Victor had a good meet with an 8.0 score on the balance beam, while finishing second in floor and third on bars.

Kristen Adams was second on bars with a 7.45 and she took third on beam.

Angela Deperro received her first qualifying score on vault.

Katie O'Reilly had a personal best on the balance beam with an outstanding mount.

Other returning gymnasts who had strong performances were Claire Cadorin, Andrea O'Boyle, Jessica Schore and Jamie Iskendarian.

Standouts among the North freshmen were Tracy Dornbrook, Natalie Victor and Maureen Mocerri.

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ry over a strong ULS squad. "We didn't play well in the first two periods but we had a great third period and it continued into the next day's game," Lock said. "We started playing with emotion and that's when we play the best." ULS opened the scoring with a goal by Kurt Niemi assisted by Nick Maitland, but Brad Case tied the game at 1-1 from Tom Pierce. Alex Thomas gave North a 2-1 lead early in the second period, assisted by Simon, but the Knights came back with goals by A.J. Stachecki and C.T. Thurber to go ahead 3-2. Rob Thiel and Scott Vallee collected the ULS assists. Simon tied the game, assisted by Amori and Gene Baratta and Joey Baratta scored the winner from Alex Chapman and Angelo LaPiana. "The line of Thomas, Simon and Amori really clicked this weekend," Lock said. "When Alex is hitting, it creates a lot of chances for the line and gets everybody pumped."

"Gene Baratta has done a great job defensively and our line of Joey Baratta, Alex Chapman and either P.J. Mallon or Mike Kasprzak gave us a spark against ULS. I think Joey had 12 shots in the two games this weekend."

ULS coach Dan Barry was pleased with the way his team played in the first two periods. "I thought we dominated the game until the third period, but I don't know if we ran out of gas or what," Barry said. "Our goalie, Jay Minger, had a great game and Charlie Keersmaekers is always there."

South dominated its semifinal game, rolling to a 7-1 victory over Notre Dame. Four goals during a span of 4:09 early in the second period broke the game open for the Blue Devils. Braun had two goals and an assist for South, while Chris Gellash collected a goal and two assists. "I was surprised we were able to score seven goals," Bopp said. "But those four goals early in the second period pretty much decided the game."

Drew Franklin got the outburst started when he scored 46 seconds into the second period. Sixty-one seconds later, Brad Balesky scored, followed by Braun's second goal of the game. Gellash scored nine seconds later to boost South's lead to 5-0. "Bret Faber made a nice pass to Balesky in the slot," Bopp said. "It was a good play and really got us going."

Joe Sullivan tallied for South late in the second period. Notre Dame got an unassisted goal from Scott Jiles at 5:20 of the third period, but Fishman answered less than a minute later with the Blue Devils' final goal of the game. "Franklin had a good weekend," Bopp said. "He gives us a defenseman with some offensive talent which is something we've been looking for. Gellash also played well. He's a forward who never stops working."

In the consolation final, Notre Dame beat ULS 4-2. "I think we were worn out from our game with North and the kids just couldn't get up for the consolation game," Barry said. "We played all four lines and let a lot of kids get some game experience. "I thought two of our sophomores, Calvin Ford and Brandon Hillyer, played well. They were trying to make an impression and they did. They also motivated the rest of the team."

Thiel and Maitland scored the goals for ULS, which trailed 3-2 until the Irish scored an empty-net goal to seal the victory. "I think this tournament was a reality check for our kids," Barry said. "I think we're still a good team, but we have to keep working to improve."

All-tournament team members from North were Thomas, Simon, LaPiana and Colaluca. South was represented by Braun, Jeff Maxwell and Cordier. Notre Dame's Pat

McKay, Rob Skinner and Brian Karapuz and ULS' Stachecki and Minger rounded out the all-tournament squad.

North 7, Ann Arbor Huron 2
The Norsemen scored in spurts as they beat Huron in a Michigan Metro Hockey League game.

North scored three goals during a 1:54 span of the first period to take a 3-0 lead. Amori started the outburst at 7:11 from Thomas and Jason Elliott. Thomas scored 22 seconds later with Amori getting the assist and Simon got the third goal at 8:45, set up by Tom Ihrie.

Huron scored late in the first period, but LaPiana made it 4-1 at 1:14 of the second period. Case and Simon assisted.

Another Huron goal at 3:54 of the second period cut the lead to 4-2, but North responded with three goals during a 3:10 stretch midway through the period. LaPiana started the eruption with his second of the game at 7:17. Spencer scored at 9:57 and Simon capped the scoring at 10:27. Pierce, Elliott, Bryon Jesnig and J.B. Cisco collected assists.

Colaluca was in goal for the Norsemen.

"We had 61 shots but their goalie was great," said Lock. "I was a little concerned because Huron was hanging in there for a while."

ULS 10, Country Day 2
Keersmaekers collected four goals and two assists, Thiel had two goals and two assists and Thurber collected six assists to lead the Knights to the victory in the Michigan Prep Hockey League contest. "Everybody came to play in this one," Barry said.

Keersmaekers opened the scoring with one of his two first-period goals. Anthony Legree and Thiel also tallied in the first period for the Knights. Keersmaekers scored both second-period goals, while Jim Wood, Vallee, Thiel and Jon Stone notched third-period goals for ULS.

Legree had two assists, while Ryan Schafer, Maitland, Niemi, Stone and Jake Wardwell picked up one each. Minger was in goal for ULS. Stachecki had a strong defensive game and Maitland also earned Barry's praise for his efforts in the contest.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Blackhawks won the Pee Wee B championship at the Troy Sports Center Thanksgiving tournament. In the front row, from left, are Christopher Nowak, Richard Ray, Matt Michels, Nick Frattini, Christopher Bahash, Adam Kosmas and Nathan Loree. In the middle row, from left, are Craig Erickson, Dana Roosen, Matt Anderson, Nathan Frederick, Anthony DeLaura, Daniel Rosso and David McCoy. In back, from left, are coaches Dennis Anderson, Don DeLaura, Frank Rosso and David McCoy and Eric Memminger.



Division champions

The Pointe Gator Soccer Association Eastside Arsenal took first place in the under-14 boys first division of the Michigan Youth Soccer League. The Arsenal posted an 8-0-1 record. In front, from left, are David Laakford, Jeff Osaer, Cameron Freeman, R.J. Scherer, Kevin Heaney, Robbie Barlow, Todd Damren and Tim Houston. In back, from left, are coach Charlie Houston, Phil Alber, Stasia Carson, Scott Nixon, Brandon Moulton, Colin Utley, Tom Osaer, Besmir Bega, Tim Ross and coach Chris Caldwell. Not pictured is Patrick Schafer.

Blackhawks take first in Troy tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee B Blackhawks won their division at the Troy Sports Center Thanksgiving tournament by beating the New Tigers 3-1 in the championship game.

Anthony DeLaura, Nathan Frederick and Matt Michels scored the Grosse Pointe goals.

Nick Frattini had two assists and Matt Anderson, Nathan Loree, Richard Ray and DeLaura collected one apiece.

The solid play of Eric Memminger, David McCoy and Dana Roosen kept pressure on the Tigers throughout the game.

The Blackhawks' Chris Bahash was named the tournament's most valuable player for his outstanding goaltending.

The Blackhawks opened the tournament with a 2-0 victory over the USA Predators. Christopher Nowak scored the winning goal in the second period, assisted by Craig Erickson and Anderson.

Dan Rosso provided solid defensive play and Bahash recorded the shutout.

DeLaura and Michels scored the Blackhawks' goals in a 2-2 tie with the Lakeland Predators.

DeLaura's goal with 11 seconds remaining in the game lifted the Blackhawks to a 3-2 win over the Farmington Hills Heat and sent the Grosse Pointe squad into the championship contest.

Frederick and Erickson also tallied for the Blackhawks, while Adam Kosmas and Anderson had assists.

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This summary of the Ordinances is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinances and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinances are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.
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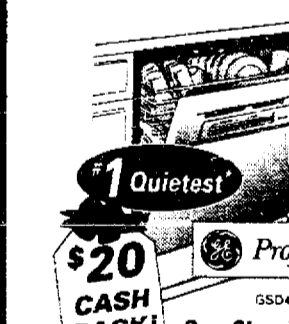


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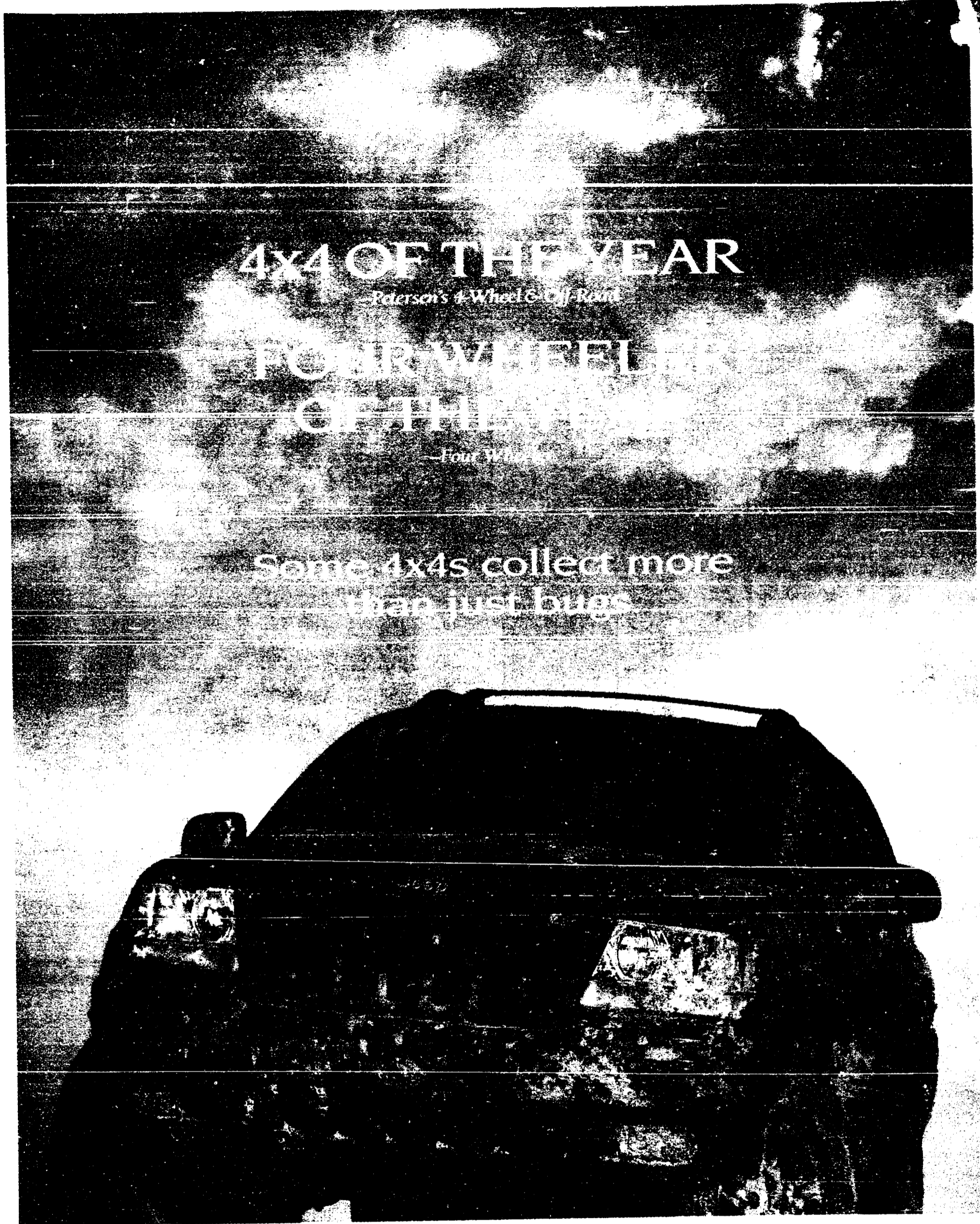
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