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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Nov. 26

The annual Village holiday Santa Claus parade begins at 10:30 a.m. At 9 a.m. the Grosse Pointe Lions Club sponsored Jingle Bell Run begins. The two-mile run raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It begins at Grosse Pointe South High School's track and goes down Fisher to Kercheval to Cadieux and loops back to South High School.

The parade starts at South High School's parking lot, proceeds to Kercheval via Fisher and ends up in the Village.

Saturday, Nov. 27

The Detroit Concert Choir performs the works of Bach and Handel in St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier in the Park, at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

The Friends of the War Memorial hold a Christmas tree trimming party at the War Memorial at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is recommended.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

The Grosse Pointe North and South Choirs meet up for the 1999 Holiday Concert and Tea. The show starts at 1 p.m. in the North Performing Arts Center. For more information, call (313) 885-5771.

The tree lighting ceremony includes a visit from Santa, caroling around the tree, and cocoa and cookies served in the War Memorial's Alger House following the tree lighting.

Instrumental music students at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, present their holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. The string orchestras are featured, as well as bands. The public is invited and there is no admission fee.



The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's tribute tree will be lit on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. The public is invited for caroling and cookies and coffee.

Tribute Tree lighting begins holiday at War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's tribute tree will be set aglow Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. All are invited to participate in this annual community event. The tree, which stands in the fountain courtyard at the entrance of the War Memorial will remain lit throughout the holidays.

Lights that adorn the tree are in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends, and they can be purchased for a donation of \$10. A decorative remembrance card will be sent to the honoree or their family. To purchase lights by phone, call (313) 881-7511, or mail checks payable to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Tribute Tree, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236.

The tree lighting ceremony includes a visit from Santa, caroling around the tree, and cocoa and cookies served in the War Memorial's Alger House following the tree lighting.

The following holiday festivities are scheduled at the War Memorial:

- Don Samull will present "A Polish Christmas" on Monday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. Advance registration is required.
- A Christmas Viennese Ball will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Don Samull will present "An Olde English Christmas" on Monday, Dec. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. Advance registration is required.
- A Christmas Concert will be presented by the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. The concert includes an appearance of the Barbershop's female counterpart, the East Pointe Show Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.
- Santa returns to the War Memorial on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon for the annual children's brunches. Weather permitting, Santa will arrive by helicopter. The Grosse Pointe Family Theatre Co. will present "A Christmas Concert" on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
- Bonnie Delsener will conduct a master-class champagne tasting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. Advance registration is required.
- The Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society will be available to take your pet's picture with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a \$5 donation.

For more information and to register, call (313) 881-7511.

Town meetings spur new ideas for G.P. youth

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

After more than three hours of meetings, the youth of the Grosse Pointes were heard, the adults listened and plans were already in effect to start making the Grosse Pointes a more youth-friendly community at the culmination of two League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe town meetings ending on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

"I thought the energy was very good," said Judy Morlan, chair of the League of Women Voters town meeting focusing on how to make the Grosse Pointes more youth-friendly. "I felt the end of the evening was only the beginning."

There certainly could be a variety of activities. There certainly could be an opportunity to intermix and differentiate activities according to age groups. There certainly could be flexibility in having students help determine what those activities might be.

Back in the 1960s Bruce was involved in a Neighborhood Club youth group that organized 4-5 monthly dances in the Pointes and auditioned rock bands for the dances and get-togethers which were chaperoned by college students and young adults.

"The relationship between the youth and the college students was different than the ones they have with a parent or older adult. It made the students more comfortable, they were in a well-controlled environment. We received a lot of support from local police departments. It's a model that really worked well for a while.

In 1967 the Neighborhood Club added on a teen center wing with one level for high school students and another level for middle school students. Bruce said the idea was never really successful because of changing social times.

Since then, Bruce said there have been other attempts without success in the community to put on other youth activities at the Neighborhood Club, including some experimental start-ups, which have hardly sustained mostly because youth were not fully engaged in the process.

"I also know from our relationship with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, various church groups, the Grosse Pointe Public School System and other government entities that there are other organizations that would like to be part of this process to help identify how we can work with young people and involve activities that interest them and are supported and sustained by them."

Bruce expressed an interest in holding an organizational meeting after the Thanksgiving holiday. For more information, call the Neighborhood Club at (313) 885-4600.

A new Neighborhood Club teen center?

One of the things the youth panelists complained about was the lack of places for kids to hang out in the Grosse Pointes. They claimed parks were not open long enough, police were quick to threaten tickets for loitering, area merchants often limited the number of kids coming into their stores or ushered them out with dirty looks, and the absence of places like movie theaters and skating rinks in the Pointes. Some of the things they said they'd like to see in such a center would be a place for dances, to hear bands or watch sports on a big screen TV and just hang out.

John Bruce, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Club and a panelist at the recent town hall meetings, made an offer to look into the possibility of using the Neighborhood Club building at 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe as a teen center.

"Our facility is really under utilized and each one of these young people has indicated they have interest in more activities on Friday and Saturday nights, Saturday afternoons and Sundays," said Bruce. "The building at the Neighborhood Club has meeting type space, but it has a lot of flexibility I think and will lend itself to the kinds of suggestions these kids were talking about a few weeks ago."

See YOUTH, page 9A

Things get taxing, literally, at G.P. Shores village meeting

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Now that the state tax commission has made an initial ruling that Grosse Pointe Shores should pay property taxes on Osius Park, the question has become what next?

Shores Village trustee James Cooper asked, at the Nov. 16 village meeting, how the situation came about. He said that in a recent Detroit Free Press article that said the question of whether the village should pay taxes on the park was brought up by Shores resident Lawrence Van Til. Then Cooper quoted a Grosse Pointe Times article in which Van Til denied having anything to do with the taxing question. He asked if village attorney Ralph Houghton could shed any light on the question.

Houghton said that when he talked with tax commission staff and was told that they became aware of the issue of the park as a result of a letter she received from Van Til questioning Osius' tax status.

Since the commission issued its initial ruling, Shores officials have met with representatives from the other Pointes and Harper Woods, said Houghton. With the exception of the Woods, which has a public park in St. Clair Shores and pays property taxes to the city, all the Pointes and Harper Woods have private parks that run on the same principle as Osius Park.

Houghton said that besides the Pointes, there are many communities across Michigan that maintain facilities for residents only. St. Clair Shores has a golf course, Troy has an aquatic center. The Michigan Municipal League is considering getting involved in the issue because the ruling affects to many communities.

Houghton is seeking all information on the Village's appeal options, he said. Once he gets all the information, he'll be fully able to advise on what the village's best options are.

"I've been asked to slow the case down to establish the facts for the state tax commission," said Houghton. "Whether we'll get an informal or formal hearing and appeal, I don't know. There is an appeal board and there is the tax commission. Ultimately, this could end up in the Ingham County circuit court, which has jurisdiction over Lansing matters."

Cooper also asked Houghton about the "phantom telephone poll" that had taken place in the Shores a few weeks ago. Houghton said that a Lansing polling firm had been engaged by a private party to determine the public's attitude toward the Village government. Houghton was getting ready to depose the polling firm to find out who was responsible for the poll when he was contacted by Shores resident Ralph Wilson's legal counsel and informed that Wilson was the one who initiated the poll.

Houghton said that he was promised a copy of the questions by Wilson's representatives.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Julie Artis

Home: City of Grosse Pointe

Age: 47

Family: Husband, John; three daughters, Reid, 20, Sloane, 16, and Mycah, 12

Occupation: Director of the Tutoring T.R.E.E. at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Quote: "This has been an evolution for me. Things change and we have to transform ourselves. I've been transformed over and over again."



Julie Artis

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25 years ago this week



Village welcome to North Pole visitor

A familiar figure waves his greeting as he prepares to enter the helicopter that will transport him to the Village on Friday, Nov. 29, where he will take up temporary residence in Jacobson's second floor. His companion, W. Michael Williams, president of the Charterhouse Company and the newest Village merchant, will pilot the big bird in the background. The ride will give Santa's reindeer a chance to rest up for their long haul on Christmas Eve. (Nov. 21, 1974 Grosse Pointe News.)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

The end of an era was likely reached in Grosse Pointe Farms when the board of trustees held their last session as the governing body of an incorporated village.

The same group will reconvene Dec. 13, the day after an election in which it is expected voters will approve a charter for the new City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Farms was incorporated by an act of the Legislature on May 20, 1893. The first board meeting was held the following June 21.

For the fourth straight year, the merchants of the Village shopping district will

hold "Men's Night."

Stores will be closed to all women customers between the hours of 7 to 10 p.m., on Tuesday Dec. 12. Establishments that sell women's clothing will have models on hand to "help the men buy more intelligently, and certainly more pleasantly."

25 years ago this week

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council will delay enforcement of an ordinance calling for the annual city inspection and licensing of buses operated within its boundaries.

The action came after a representative of the Southeastern Michigan

Transportation Authority expressed "great concerns" over the measure while proving to city fathers that the regional bus system already complies with safety inspection mandated by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Traffic congestion has waned at the Vernier entrance to North High School.

The change is the result of engineers from the Wayne County Road Commission extended the timing of the light for exiting school grounds.

A persuasive presentation by Kroger representatives has helped convince officials of the City of Grosse Pointe to

approve the grocery store's renovation proposal.

Plans call for the store to be decked out in a brick facade similar in color and style to the Jacobson's and McCourt buildings.

Noting the number of Village merchants who are taking the initiative to renovate their business structures, City Councilman George Henry said he liked the way the shopping district was "shaping up."

10 years ago this week

Local school officials disputed a first-of-its-kind study that concluded the Grosse Pointe School District is not getting a good return on its tax dollars.

A study by a private company ranked the Pointes 111 out of 116 suburban school districts in terms of the amount of tax money that was spent on students.

Critics said the study was flawed, however, because in addition to misrepresenting the Pointes, other highly regarded school districts such as Birmingham and West Bloomfield scored poorly.

Enrollment in Grosse Pointe public schools reached 7,272 in 1989, up 44 students from the year before.

During the same period, the biggest enrollment increase was in elementary school, in which enrollment jumped 155 children to 3,958.

In the district's two high schools, conversely, enrollment dropped 112 students to 2,402.

In 1985 there were 3,076 kids in senior high.

Chuck Hollosy, who is already a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, has been inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

Hollosy served as a teacher and coach for 29 years, including at Austin High and Grosse Pointe South.

5 years ago this week

Like a lot of people, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gary



Christmas kicks off in Park with events for pets and people

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In the first of a back-to-back Christmas celebration in Grosse Pointe Park, children and pets can have their pictures taken with Santa Claus on Saturday Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Pointe Pet's Supply at 15133 Kercheval. Pictures cost \$5.

"The proceeds will benefit the Michigan Humane Society," said Cheri Musial, owner of the pet supply store and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business and

Professional Association.

The next day, on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., the Grosse Pointe Park Business and Professional Association will host its fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa Claus.

The event comes complete with Christmas caroling and Santa being awarded the key to the city.

The ceremony will take place on the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe.

"Please come and help us celebrate," said Musial.

Wilson was sick of hearing about the O.J. Simpson case. Unlike most people, he decided to do something about it.

Wilson decided to express his displeasure in a quintessentially American way, by making a bumper sticker that read, "Sick of O.J."

The Grosse Pointe North High School girl's swim team won third place in the state finals.

It was the school's highest finish in the state since 1987, when the squad also took third.

—Brad Lindberg

Joseph Du Mouchelle

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Santa parade is Friday

The 24th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will march along Kercheval through the Village on Friday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is Reach for the Stars.

The parade is presented by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. "It's not often that one has the opportunity to usher in an entire holiday season," said Rick Van Lith, chief executive officer, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. "As the presenting sponsor of the parade, we at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services are pleased and proud to bring Santa to the children of our community. On behalf of our board of directors, medical staff and employees, I'd like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays and a healthy and prosperous new millennium year."

There will be many new surprises this year including Santa riding into the new millennium on his new sleigh from Jacobson's, 45 boys and girls scout troops, walking Christmas air balloons, six marching bands, seven floats, the Grosse Pointe North Pom Pon Dance team and more. This year's grand marshal is Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV 4.

The U.S. Postal Service will help children send their letters to Santa by collecting them along the parade route and at the Santa Claus stage. Parents make sure your child places a stamp on the letter to Santa and include a return address.

Kicking off the day is the Annual Jingle Bell Run hosted by the Lion's Club of Grosse Pointe. The run begins at the corner of Fisher Road and Kercheval at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The parade is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association. For more information, call (313) 343-0540.

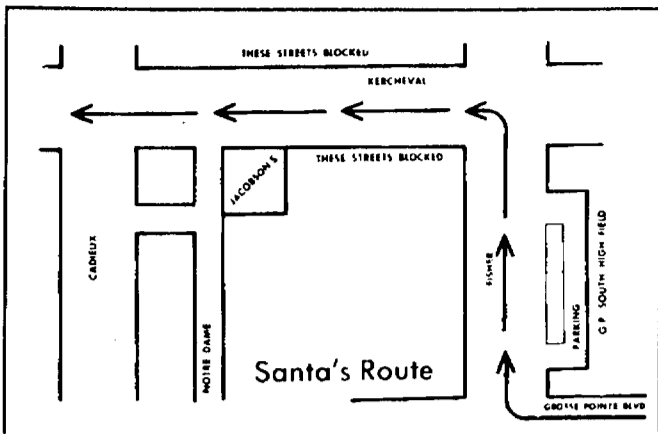
1999 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade line-up

- Section A**
- Lake Shore High School Marching Band
 - Grand Marshal — Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV 4 and Allison Declerck, grand prize winner, Paint the Window Contest
 - Antique Truck — Grosse Pointe Co-op Nursery
 - Inflatable Christmas Tree
 - Inflatable Snow Man
 - St. Paul Brownie Girl Scout Troop 828
 - Defer Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1438
 - Nativity Scene
 - Trombly Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2612
 - Trombly Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2946
 - Electric Car — Rep. Andrew Richner
- Section B**
- South Lake High School Marching Band
 - Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man
 - Grosse Pointe Unicycle

Corrections

Corrections will be printed as necessary every week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

In last week's front page news story and Page 6A editorial concerning the possible taxation of the Grosse Pointe Shores park, the acronym NYCE should have stood for "Neighbors Concerned About Yacht Club Expansion."



The 24th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, at South High School at Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Fisher Road and proceeds up to Kercheval and then down to the Village.

- Club**
- Maire Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2606
 - Maire Daisy Girl Scout Troop 1214
 - Calliope
 - Grosse Pointe Hunt Club
 - Maire Cub Scout Pack 19
 - Grosse Pointe North High School Float
 - Ferry Cub Scout Pack 34
 - Kerby Cub Scout Pack 481
 - St. Paul Cub Scout Pack 61

- Section C**
- Anchor Bay High School Marching Band
 - Monteith Cub Scout Pack 85
 - Grosse Pointe South High School Float
 - Maire Junior Girl Scout Troop 2909
 - Lakeshore YMCA
 - Trombly Brownie Girl Scout Troop 72
 - Maire Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1644

- Section D**
- Allen Park High School Marching Band
 - Warren Mott Pom Pon Dance Team
 - Walking Animal Characters
 - Maire Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2947
 - Chunma Tae Kwan Do
 - Grosse Pointe Hockey Association — Pewee Division
 - Pointe Girls Soccer Association — Mustangs
 - Our Lady Star of the Sea Cub Scout Pack 39
 - Trombly Cub Scout Pack 86
 - Richard Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1645
 - Defer Junior Girl Scout Troop 862
 - Richard Junior Girl Scout Troop 2911

- Section E**
- Utica High School Marching Band
 - Grosse Pointe Rowing Team Float
 - Grosse Pointe Fencing Club
 - Poupard Cub Scout Pack 44
 - Beacon Cub Scout Pack 273
 - Richard Cub Scout Pack 74
 - Trombly Junior Girl Scout Troop 2908
 - Defer Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3254

- Section F**
- Harper Woods High School Marching Band
 - Kerby Junior Girl Scout Troop 1687
 - Monteith Junior Girl Scout Troop 2593
 - Our Lady Star of the Sea Junior Girl Scout Troop 754
 - Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club Rescue Services
 - Richard Elementary Brownie Troops 1515 & 1508
 - Maire Junior Girl Scout Troop 702

- Section G**
- Grosse Pointe Highlanders Bag Pipe Band
 - Antique Car
 - Beacon Brownie Girl Scout Troop 850
 - Defer Junior Girl Scout Troop 2907
 - St. Paul Junior Girl Scout Troop 1226

- Section H**
- Midnight Riders Fife and Drum Corps
 - Grosse Pointe Lawyers' Auxiliary Float
 - GTO — Judge Russel F. Ethridge and Judge Patricia Presard
 - American Heart Association — Jump Rope for Heart Kids
 - 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment
 - Mason Cub Scout Troop 290
 - Mason Junior Girl Scout Troop 1105
 - Mason Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1189
 - Mason Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3010
 - Mason Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1106
 - Mason Junior Girl Scout Troop 2337

- Section I**
- Grosse Pointe Theatre — Christmas Carolers
 - Grosse Pointe Theatre — Antique Car — DeSoto
 - Grosse Pointe Theatre — Willie T. Worm
 - Grosse Pointe Theatre — Camelot Horses
 - Grosse Pointe Theatre — Disney Characters
 - Poupard Junior Girl Scout Troop 156
 - St. Clare de Montefalco Cub Scout Troop 399
 - St. Clare de Montefalco Boy Scout Troop 399

- Section J**
- Detroit Fire Department Band
 - Antique Car — Christmas Carol
 - Mayor's Trolley
 - U.S. Postal Carriers
 - Giant Inflatable Candy Canes
 - Mrs. Claus
 - Grosse Pointe North Pom Pon Dance Team
 - Defer Cub Scout Troop 147
 - Santa Claus

Farms City Council briefed on 'options' for Mack/Moross

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Architects Kate Beebe and William Kessler presented Farms councilmembers with a plan for a community center at the corner of Mack and Moross at the city's Nov. 15 meeting.

The duo had been hired by the city to develop a plan for a community center for the land, which was formerly the site of several retail stores, including the old Sears building.

The plan, which is an option for the council to consider, calls for building of a 77,000-80,000 square foot facility. It would contain three different swimming pools, two gymnasiums, a running track, meeting rooms, a fitness room with various pieces of athletic equipment, a climbing wall, a teen center, a senior center and a small cafe or snack bar because people often like to exercise during their lunch hours.

Kessler said that there would also be a child center for parents with young children. He emphasized that it wouldn't be a day care center.

"We researched community centers across the country," said Kessler. "They are becoming very popular, especially in Colorado. But fortunately some of the best are right here. Canton Township has an excellent one."

The plan originally called for some kind of ice rink, but when it was announced that Harper Woods was building two, the rinks were scrapped, said Kessler. The facility would be year-round and cost an estimated \$13 million. While that sounds like a lot of money, Kessler said, it's comparable to what other communities are spending. The cost of the project does not include the roughly \$5 million the Farms has spent obtaining property from homeowners and commercial property owners.

"Dearborn is in the process of building a \$37 million community center. But it also includes a fine arts performing building," said Kessler.

The building would be two stories high for the gymnasiums and the climbing wall, he said.

"We know that the school district has a number of pools," Kessler said. "But they are hard for senior citizens to use. There are school hours to contend with. Plus the water temperature is often too cold for older residents."

Newly appointed mayor Edward Gaffney said that the council has not had enough time to consider the report carefully yet, but one thing he knows is that it's an expensive project — too expensive for the Farms alone.

"We would need partnerships with the other communities around the Farms," said Gaffney. "It remains to be seen if the other Pointes and Harper Woods want to join such a project. We also have to see if Farms residents want to build something at the site that is not exclusive to Farms residents."

Gaffney's first thought for the site was to build some sort of senior housing for Farms

residents. He cited the changing demographics of the community. But such a project would be expensive and the council needs to get the answers to a lot of questions concerning site use.

Last year a survey was conducted throughout the Pointes by a polling firm hired by the Farms council to see if there was support for a community center at Mack and Moross.

"Our next step is to determine who our partners would be," said Gaffney. "We need to determine costs and even if such a center is needed in light of what's been going on in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores. Beebe and Kessler did a good job. They presented the council with an alternative. I'm not sure it's what we want, but it's worth looking at."

Ophthalmologist to speak

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Fifteen and a half million Americans have age-related macular degeneration, the most common cause of vision loss in the western world, but most people have never heard of it.

Ophthalmologist, City of Grosse Pointe resident and

author of "Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Maximizing Your Sight," Lylas G. Mogk, M.D., will speak on macular degeneration at the Central Library on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Central Library at (313) 343-2074.

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Pointer teaches values to children by living them

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Dozens of third, fourth and fifth-graders who attend John F. Nichols School in Detroit look forward to Tuesday afternoons. At 3:30 p.m., after their school day ends, they shrug into their hooded jackets, strap on their backpacks and start walking down Burns Avenue, headed for Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

They shed their coats and grab yarn-decorated name tags to hang around their necks. For the next two hours, some 32 adult volunteers supervise more than five dozen children at The Tutoring T.R.E.E., an after-school enrichment program sponsored by the church and designed especially for the children of Nichols School.

Kids will get an opportunity to work off excess end-of-the-school-day energy in the church gymnasium. They will work with volunteer tutors, one-on-one, to improve their reading, math and writing skills. They'll get help with their homework. They'll get a chance to stretch, socialize, run laps around the gym or play basketball. They'll also have an after-school snack, get some time to "hang out" and banter with each other or chat with volunteers. They look forward to special celebrations and holiday parties. They'll even learn good manners, such as writing thank-you notes to people who assist with the program.

Grosse Pointer Julie Artis has been director of the Tutoring T.R.E.E. for the last four years.

"The Tutoring T.R.E.E. is precious to me," Artis said.

"Eight years ago I took guardianship of my 13-year-old niece," Artis said. "This, in a roundabout way, led me to the Tutoring T.R.E.E."

Artis was born in Detroit and grew up in Indian Village, near Nichols School and Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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After high school, she went to Central Michigan University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in health education, with a minor in psychology.

After graduation, Artis moved to Missouri to take a job doing research for the Missouri State Teachers' Association. She met her husband-to-be, John Artis, in Missouri.

In 1978 she moved to Wisconsin to work as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The couple then moved to Maine, where John Artis got his first job as a school principal.

"I got a job (in Maine) as a specialist in family planning," Artis said. "I worked with pregnant teens. Every job I've had has been in the field of health and education."

They then moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she worked as director of education for Planned Parenthood and was a Lamaze instructor.

"One night my husband came home and said, 'How would you like to move?'" Artis said.

"I had just had a bad day at work, so, without hesitation, I said, 'Yes.'"

They moved to Grosse Pointe with their two daughters in 1989, when John Artis took the job of principal of Grosse Pointe South High School. Julie Artis started working on her master's degree at Central Michigan University. She has one more class to take before completing a degree in health services administration.

Two years later, John and Julie Artis assumed guardianship of her 13-year-old niece.

"She was a challenge," Artis said. "This was a turning point in my life. I believed in teaching children values. Then, all of a sudden, I got challenged by

taking on an angry teenager.

"(My niece) had to learn to trust people again and we had to help her understand that many people loved her."

Artis said she has always believed in teaching children certain values. Now she had a chance to put these values into practice and live them on a daily basis.

"I saw an ad in the paper, a job opening for director of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church's Tutoring T.R.E.E. Nichols School happens to be the same school that my three brothers and my sister (her niece's mother) attended.

"I applied. Was interviewed. Got hired."

When she started working four years ago, the after-school program was attracting about 32 kids each week and desperately needed more volunteers.

"Now we get 62 kids every Tuesday afternoon; we have 38 volunteer tutors each week; we're open from October through June. This is the ultimate in one-on-one mentoring. We even have some kids who are 'alums' who help us out.

"This was a way to show my niece that lots of children have issues to deal with in their lives — and many have issues that are far worse than hers. All the children here learn valuable lessons."

Artis said she works about 15 to 20 hours a week running the program. She's involved not only with the children's activities and the volunteers, but also with paperwork, the purchasing, fundraising . . . in fact, all aspects of the program.

"We're also getting more involved in projects at Nichols School," she said. "For instance, we will be involved in refurbishing the school library and we also distribute donated supplies to children at the

school. We're working on providing special assemblies for Nichols School kids."

The Tutoring T.R.E.E. also receives donations to fund two summer camp programs — a one-week sleepover camp and a three-week day camp.

The Tutoring T.R.E.E. was started 14 years ago by the Junior League of Detroit. The church took over the program two years later.

Artis has recruited several other resources to help with Tutoring T.R.E.E. activities — her Girl Scout troop, her sorority, people from The Greening of Detroit and the senior class at Grosse Pointe South assist at special parties by providing decorations and gifts and meals.

"If you ever get a chance to help a child," Artis said, "do it. I learned this first-hand from my niece. I wanted to teach my own children this same concept. I went to my extended family for help and I wanted to go beyond my extended family as well — and the Tutoring T.R.E.E. is it."

"This has been an evolution for me. Things change and we have to transform ourselves. I've been transformed over and over again."

Artis said that her niece is now a well-adjusted 20-year-old, a junior at the University of Michigan. "We are her parents now."

Her two daughters are 16 and 12, students at Grosse Pointe South and Pierce Middle School.

"This job fits me," Artis said, with a smile. "Many of our children and our mentors become very close. We like each other and this program makes us all feel good."

Anyone who would like more information about volunteering at the Tutoring T.R.E.E. should call Artis between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays at (313) 822-5869.



Margie Watkins of Grosse Pointe Farms helps Kevin Jackson with a puzzle. Watkins has been a volunteer at the Tutoring T.R.E.E. for 10 years. "It's a wonderful program," she said. "We get more children every week and we need more tutors. Volunteers don't have to have teaching degrees."

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If you are due a refund and have not received it, call the IRS toll-free assistance line at (800) 829-1040. Help is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"The best way to ensure that your check is delivered, and to guard against loss or theft, is to have the refund deposited directly to your bank account," said Kay. "Last year, over 23.5 million taxpayers across the country chose the direct-

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New mayor appointed in the Farms

The new mayor in the Farms, Edward Gaffney, has a full plate of issues and projects in front of him.

For one, there is the sewer separation project, which has already begun. The \$11 million project should eliminate all sanitary sewage discharges into Lake St. Clair.

Currently, the combined storm/sanitary sewers have to be diverted into Lake St. Clair during heavy rains because the Detroit treatment plant cannot handle all the discharge that some storms incur.

With storm water diverted to the lake via dedicated storm sewers, sanitary sewage

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amounts going to Detroit for treatment should never fluctuate dramatically — theoretically — never need diversion into the lake.

What residents probably don't realize is how inconvenient the sewer separation is going to be. There are going to be barricades, traffic rerouting, pot holes, dust and other inconveniences. But the sewer project is necessary and we must all be patient. Park residents went through and survived. The Farms can, too.

Then there's the Mack-Moross property. Specifically, residents and the city

council have to decide what would be the best use for one of the last pieces of public land available. (See related editorial.)

Finally, there's the future of the Hill business district that is currently being discussed. This is not really an issue — nor should be — but the council's previous actions have put it on the agenda.


Earlier this year, the council tabled developer Richard Russell's plans to raze the former Optical Library and build a two story retail/office building. Some retailers protested the plans, citing lack of parking on the Hill.

Consequently, the council indefinitely delayed Russell's plans — and those of any others — by calling for a moratorium on business expansion on the Hill. Currently, a study is being conducted concerning the Hill's parking situation and the concerns of retailers, property owners and those who utilize the services the Hill offers.

According to the planner's scope of work outlined in a letter to the city, the current study is in an effort to "enhance retail" on the Hill.

As we have opined in the past on this page, we believe current business "mix" on the Hill is sufficient and market driven. To try to "force" more retail on the Hill, we believe, will only result in unoccupied storefronts. After all, if there were demand by retailers to move to the Hill, they'd be here already.

These items and more face the new mayor and city council. And we wish them wisdom and godspeed in resolving them.

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The mother of all rec centers?

Imagine:

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- A climbing wall
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- \$13 million guesstimated construction cost.

No, these are not the amenities of a planned four-star hotel downtown to serve casino patrons, nor are they plans for a swanky new vacation resort in Harbor Springs.

Actually, they are the plans for Grosse Pointe Farms' proposed community center at Mack and Moross. Rather, these are "options" for the Farms City Council to consider. No final determination has been made yet as to the use of the property, which formerly consisted of retail stores and private homes that were purchased by the Farms at a cost of about \$5 million.

The super-center plans were drawn up by Kate Beebe and architect William Kessler, who were hired by the city council to develop a plan for the site.

Last year, the Farms council commissioned an anonymous telephone survey of households throughout all the Pointes to determine if there was support for a recreation center. The firm conducting the survey did not indicate who the survey was for or why. Basically, it asked Pointe residents what types of recreation they liked — and they liked myriad offerings — carte blanche, of course.

The architects' plans had also included ice rinks, but since it appears the Neighborhood Club is going to build its own rinks at Harper and Moross in Harper Woods — at no cost to taxpayers — the planned rinks were discarded.

Kessler said the architects researched community centers around the country and found they were becoming very popular.

Training school for child killer?

A child of 13 is convicted of murder in Michigan but the issue raises a storm of protest over perhaps the youngest person ever to be convicted of such a crime as an adult.

Nathaniel Abraham, now 13, will be sentenced Dec. 14 by a family court judge. At a minimum he is likely to face detention in a juvenile center until he is 21. If the judge decides to sentence him as an adult, he faces the possibility of up to life in prison.

Oakland County prosecutors, who charged Abraham with first degree murder in the death of Ronnie Greene Jr. and regarded the second-degree murder verdict as a victory, said they want Family Court Judge Eugene Moore to offer Abraham a chance at rehabilitation.

They have proposed that the boy be ordered into a juvenile facility until he is 21, when his progress would be reviewed and he could be released or sent to an adult facility, which we feel is a good compromise.

What will be the effect of the treatment meted out to Abraham? We don't know, but we're afraid the experts really don't know either.

He said that while the \$13 million price tag sounded like a lot, it's not compared to what other communities are spending. He pointed out that Canton Township has an excellent community center and that Dearborn is building a \$37 million facility, complete with a fine arts performing center.

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? But let's take a closer look. First, Canton Township is a rapidly expanding community with plenty of room for residential and commercial growth — that goes hand in hand with a growing tax base. Dearborn is hardly Grosse Pointe Farms. With a population of 85,192, Dearborn is nearly two times larger than all the Pointes combined.

Further, the \$13 million construction tab does not include annual operating costs, an ongoing, never-ending burden to taxpayers.

Realizing this, Farms Mayor Edward Gaffney points out that it would require a partnership of all the Pointe communities and Harper Woods to pull off this grandiose (our word) plan.

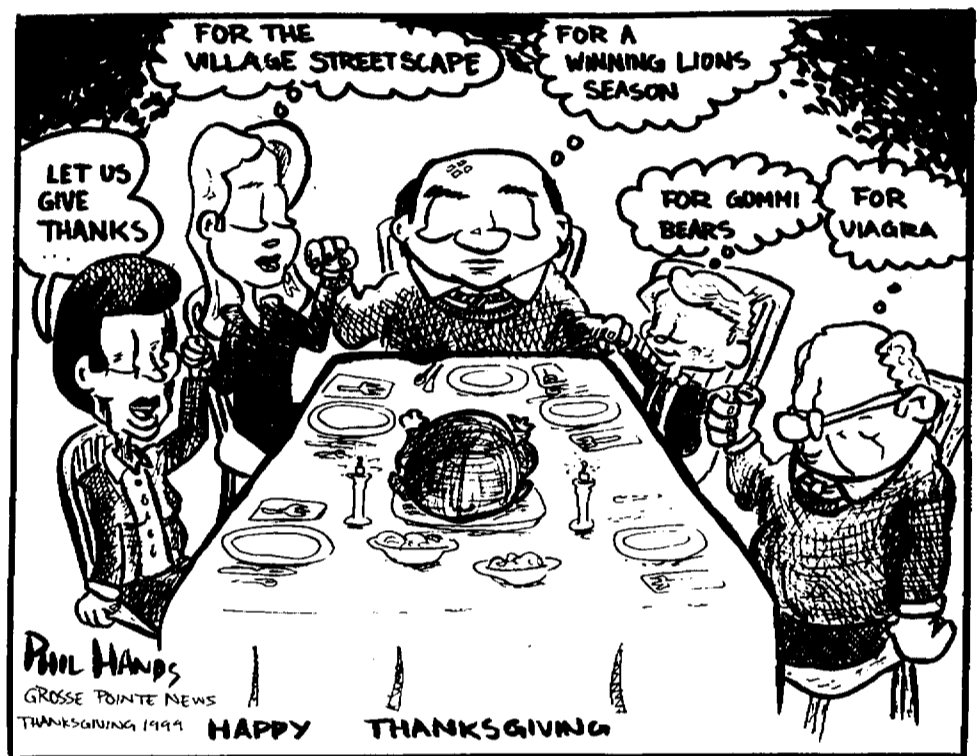
But Pointe-wide cooperation seems unlikely. In the past, all the Pointes couldn't agree on a common forer to fight Dutch elm disease or a unified paramedic response system.

We're not convinced there is need or demand for a recreation center of this scope. As stated, the earlier survey was obviously designed to be a mandate to justify building an all-serving recreation center. No mention was made by those conducting the survey of location, cost-maintenance and who would foot the bill.

We're not sure what the best use of the Mack-Moross property is. But we do know the proper use is probably not to be the mother of all community centers.

It's time for cooler heads to weigh in, take a breather, and come up with something that makes sense. Grosse Pointe Farms has a wonderful opportunity to utilize this property with a project that would not only serve residents but make a positive contribution to all the Pointes.

We wish you luck.



Letters

Interesting articles

To Jim Stickford:

This letter concerns your article, "Farms man holds a fundraiser for candidate George W. Bush," published in the Sept. 23 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. This was an excellently written article, and it's nice to see our community pitching in to help out.

Also, this article is what I like to see appear in the Grosse Pointe News. There are too many articles concerning people's opinions that are irrelevant to many of our lives. With out-of-date topics not pertaining to what is going on in Grosse Pointe, many people, as well as I, have lost interest in reading the paper. As time goes on, there tend to be more personal opinion articles rather than articles letting people know what's happening, yet nothing seems to be done about publishing more community news.

First of all, I am writing you about my opinion on your article concerning a fundraiser for the Bush Campaign. Many people talk about putting events like these together, but most do not carry out their thoughts, unlike David Easlick Jr. Your article states that "While Easlick has been involved in politics in the past, he has not been an active participant for the past few years," it is great that he actually put his thoughts down on paper, and did something about it. I guess in order for people to follow through with strong ideas, they have to have will power, determination and the right connections to make the event happen.

This is exactly the type of article I find interesting to read while skimming the headlines of the paper. I'm not positive whether they don't know about these types of articles, or

whether they don't find it interesting to write about, but none of the other columnists seem to care much about what is going on in our community.

Of about 25 articles I previewed, only around five of them were concerning weekly news in Grosse Pointe. Something should definitely be said to the editor about this. Nothing is going to change, but that's a completely different story. If you keep your articles based on local weekly news, I'm sure you'll gain a group of readers for each column written. Once others start to catch on, or if something is said to them, they too will realize the importance of what's going on

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locally, concerning Grosse Pointe.

I realize that writing articles based solely on Grosse Pointe can be difficult, with all other columnists searching for topics also, but if looked upon hard enough, there's news in everything. For example, local churches holding food drives, or more the type of article such as the weekly Pointer of Interest column. The more the article relates to our community, the more popular the paper will be. This, gradually, will also attract not only older readers, but teens and children as well.

Maybe also include a children's section, such as the Yak's Corner which appears in the Detroit Free Press. I know when that first came out not only I, but also all my friends became excited to hear the new Yak came. We would also reply to the address given, trying to give the best answer to the weekly questions they asked (for the best ones would be

published in next week's Yak). The editors may not want to see a children's section added to the Grosse Pointe News, but I don't see how they could not want more locally based articles.

Columnists who have written articles pertaining to news other than in Grosse Pointe aren't taking the time needed to find an article people are looking to read, but rather finding topics concerning their interests.

I am impressed with your choice of topics, and urge you to pass them on to other writers.

If the paper continues to print personal interest articles, I feel it might start to lose readers, rather than what is wanted — to gain readers.

Again, thank you for taking my opinion into account, and keep up the good work.

Matt Lampkin

Grosse Pointe Farms

Community commitment

To the Editor:

My two sons and I enjoyed "family skating" time Sunday evening at the wonderful new University Liggett School (ULS) McCann Ice Arena.

For the first time in almost 30 years, community skating at the rink has been made available through a mutual agreement between the school and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendance the first evening was near 75 and I'm sure it will continue to climb each week.

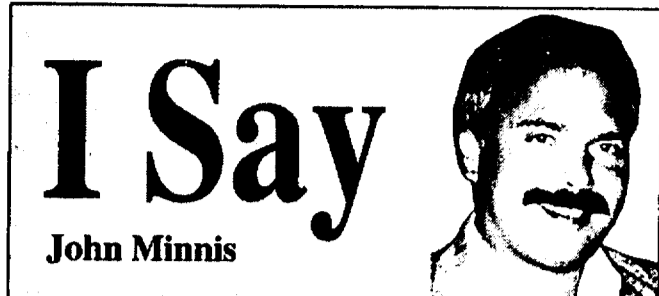
Thank you to ULS officials and families for your fine example of commitment to the community. This display of teamwork should serve as another reminder of Grosse Pointe working together to be the best.

K.S. Kurtz
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thankful for what? All of it!

Bah humbug! Another Thanksgiving. But what's there to be thankful for? Sure, we live in one of the most beautiful, most well-off communities in the world, but it's flawed. We have one of the best public school systems in the country but that's not enough. Clearly 1 percent of the students don't graduate and 5 percent don't go to college. We do well on our MEAPs, but so what? What do they mean, anyway? Our teachers are among the best and most educated and dedicated. But, hey, at those

salaries, they better be. Our parks are the jewels of the lake. But why not, they're not open to the public. We only allow those who are paying for them — Pointe residents — to get in. In fact, they're so exclusive, they're tax liabilities. Our tree-lined streets are joys to stroll down, but the cities are tardy to vacuum the leaves for us, and some don't even go into our garages and yards to retrieve the trash. Our houses are beautiful and are the best investments we will ever make. But their costs are economically discriminating, making us the butt of the liberal media and their attempts to paint us as snobbish and uncaring. Sure, we donate heavily in time and money to charities and to support the cultural gems of the city, but, heck, we're just trying to assuage our consciences.



I Say

John Minnis

We have many good, conscientious citizens who volunteer their time to school boards, city councils, advisory boards and committees. But we knock them down and invent nonexistent conspiracies because they attempt to look after the best interests of all residents, not just ours personally. We're fortunate to have several quaint business districts right in the community so we can enjoy some local shopping, do a little business and enjoy a

meal without going across town. But we complain when beautification projects are messy and inconvenient. We grumble about lack of parking, but yell bloody murder when we get a parking ticket because we over-stayed our curbside parking space instead of parking in a long-term lot to begin with. We enjoy many beautiful churches, but we complain bitterly when a church builds a new sanctuary, obstructing our views and eliminating the "green space" we have come to consider as our own. We earn some of the highest incomes in the world, but we are disgruntled because so much of it goes to taxes to support and protect our affluent nation. Besides, all that money goes to line politicians' pockets anyway. We have probably the most democratic republic in the world. There are no bloody coups and every person gets a vote. But only a minority of registered voters turn out at the polls. No wonder politicians are no good and don't do what we think they should. We can pick up and move or travel anywhere we want. We can cross state lines without having our papers checked. But we complain when we're held up by construction to make our roads passable. We can fly anywhere in the world, but pity the poor boarding gate attendant when our plane's late. Worse, when we get there, we have to wait for our luggage. We enjoy freedom of speech unrivaled in the world, but we use it to spread filth and lies, and woe to the purveyor of speech who says something we disagree with. We all favor free speech — as long as we agree with the message. We all agree we should be thankful, but we just can't get past our pettiness. But when we stifle our belly-aching, we realize that this is a pretty good community and country to live in and, in an unguarded moment, we are thankful. Happy Thanksgiving!

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One-name lady has last word

Led by music maestro **Frederic DeHaven** with soprano **Elizabeth Parcels**, tenor **Michael Gallant** and bass **James Gray III**, the Christ Church and DeHaven chorales sang a glorious cantata in Sunday's all-Bach concert at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. The orchestra followed brilliantly in the Brandenburg Concerto IV with violinist **Connie Markwick** and flutists **Laura Larson** and **Sharon Sparrow**. After the applause died down at the intermission, word spread through the audience that another celebrity was present: the famous opera and theater-going "Louise," who makes a point of appearing on opening nights at the Michigan Opera Theatre in costume appropriate to the performance. Tonight she was elegantly attired in a multicolored ensemble that mirrored the variety of Johann Sebastian's works. The evening's choral and orchestral program concluded with Bach's Magnificat in D with soprano **Julie Rose** and mezzo-soprano **Tamara Lehue Whitty** supported by Gallant and Gray and earning a rousing ovation from those present. How was it? FYI finally asked the diminutive raven-haired lady whose entire life appears wrapped up in attending musical events and who never offers interviewers anything but her first name. "It was very good," she said.



Ken Eatherly

Seems too good to be true, but they do it anyway. Just stop by and ask for a "Monthly Rose Card." One time per month it allows the holder to come in, pick any rose on display in the store and take it home. They'll even wrap it for you. You've got to love folks like this. **Bhutanese oops** In the 11/11 item on **Dick and Julie Scott's** Bhutanese guest the "Mongolian Barbecue" mentioned is actually the **Mongolian Grill**. Also, FYI has learned the Scott's sons **Dan** and **Ken** also accompanied them on their first trip to Bhutan.

Mercedes 300 SE on Mack. **LADYBUG**, green VW beetle on Jefferson in the Park. **SCROOGE**, silver-gray Lincoln town car on Moross and Mack. **CIGRLVR**, black Jeep Cherokee smoking along on Kercheval in the Park. **ICE CAT**, dark blue Chevy 4X4 on Jefferson. **PAINTING**, Ford pickup with "Paint Revival Co." sign and ladders, spotted on Cadieux near Mack. **BYDRYWL**, plastered on a Dodge 2500 4X4 on Mack near Vernier.

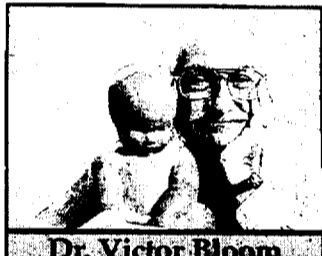
Toy Village, try & top this!

Washington Road's **Pam (Mrs. Robert) Gladstone** relates an anecdote too precious not to share with FYI readers: "Last Christmas (after the presents were opened) we were all sitting around at our home with my siblings, just watching our granddaughter, Adira, who was 8 months old then. My husband finally commented, 'At last, a toy we can all play with.'"

Got a good one for FYI? Call Ken Eatherly at (313) 822-4091, or e-mail him at kenfyi@home.com

Thanksgiving at end of millennium

This coming Thanksgiving is the next to the last of the 20th century. We have much to be thankful for. Watching the PBS series on the history of New York City (my home town) I was reminded over and over of the greatness of our country, and how thankful I am to be living in America at this place, in this time.



Dr. Victor Bloom

The story of America is, in large part, Manifest Destiny and immigration. My parents were among the millions who came to Ellis Island to seek a better life. They came from small villages as in the movie, "Fiddler on the Roof." Like Tevye's children, my mother was one of five sisters, and her father thought she would have a better life in America. Imagine a father sending his daughter to a far off land, probably never to see her again. Where would I be without him?

It took WWII to convince most everybody that prejudice is wrong. I am thankful that we won WWII and that we got through the Cold War, brinkmanship and the balance of terror without having had a nuclear holocaust. I am thankful that we learned some lessons from the two great world wars and that many nations are now seeking ways to establish an enduring peace. I am thankful there is a United Nations which has an international view and which promotes human rights and world peace.

I am thankful that I was born in America, a child of immigrants, in the land of opportunity. I am thankful that I enjoyed the benefits of the New York Public School System, being taught by dedicated, professional teachers who kept me and my classmates to high standards, which included "self-control" exercises each day and the Palmer Method of penmanship. I am thankful that my sixth grade teacher, Mrs. McLoughlin, called me "the class scientist." She gave me the impression that she thought I could be a doctor if I wanted to, and if I worked hard.

I did want to and I did work hard. Junior High School (seventh through ninth grades) was a brand-new building in 1940. I took a long look at that building and considered the classrooms full of typewriters and the shop full of power machinery and I thought I knew what a million dollars

was. I am thankful that in these intermediate grades I was taught algebra, English literature and science, among other courses. My French teacher was so keen on pronunciation that on first hearing, Frenchmen thought I was French. Not for long, though. I am thankful that from junior high school I was admitted to the competitive and prestigious Bronx High School of Science, where I learned the philosophy and value of science and the scientific method, and was stimulated on every side to intellectual and personal development, from both teachers and fellow students. We were all preparing for college. Most everybody in my class obtained higher professional degrees and academic positions. I feel grateful to have been among them.

I am thankful that in New York, goals were set high— we were given a vision of opportunity and success. Shortly before I was born, I have learned recently, the Empire State Building was completed. It became a dominant and optimistic symbol in a time that was otherwise depressed and discouraged. It was built in 13 months, a marvel of planning, architecture and engineering. It was a symbol of our country eventually rising out of its miserable condition.

I am thankful for all the school trips we took. We went to the top of the Empire State Building and beheld our city. From the Statue of Liberty we could see the amazing and awe-inspiring skyline. We went to the Museum of Natural History and the Hayden Planetarium. We went to the Bronx Zoo and the Bronx Botanical Gardens. We went to Radio City Music Hall and saw first-run movies and a magnificent stage shows. We went to classical symphonic concerts by Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra, which were free. We went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art.

During this time the New York Yankees played baseball in the Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. The Yankees always won. They won every game, then every pennant, then every World Series— or so it seemed. I was thankful for that, and for seeing Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig play.

I am thankful that the University of Michigan accepted me as an undergraduate and as a medical student. I am thankful that I graduated from such a prestigious medical school. I am thankful for the excellent internship I experienced at Sinai Hospital of Detroit. I am thankful that I received my psychiatric training at the internationally famous Lafayette Clinic. I am thankful that the department of psychiatry invited me to be a faculty member.

I am especially thankful to have ended up in Grosse Pointe, which has accepted this Bronx boy graciously. After the Bronx, Grosse Pointe is like heaven.

I am thankful for the abundance of food, for the relative absence of disease, for the quality of medical care. I am thankful that America has endorsed, upheld and utilized the principles and theories of Sigmund Freud more than any other nation. I appreciate the philosophy in this country, that the unique individual is important, not just the welfare of the group as a whole. Not only is the individual important, but he/she should be helped to realize his/her full potential.

I am thankful for motor cars and bicycles and garage doors that open magically. I appreciate interstate highways. I am thankful for indoor plumbing with hot and cold running water. I am thankful for radios, television, refrigerators, washing machines, dispose-alls and dishwashers. I am thankful for central heating and air-conditioning. These are some of my thoughts as I approach another Thanksgiving Day. We all have much to be thankful for. This is the time to think about it and express it, while feasting on turkey, cranberry sauce and stuffing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Dr. Bloom is clinical associate professor of psychiatry, Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Playing tag with Pointe plates

The latest selection of home-grown license plates seen around town: **XQQME**, on an unapologetically red BMW M3 in back of **Buster Willy's** pizza parlor in the Village. **SAMEYAM**, egg-green SUV on Mack in the Woods. **BEHAPPY**, gray Mercury Mountaineer sailing gaily up The Hill. **SPUNKIE**, red Cherokee seen outside **Lucy's** on Kercheval. **LIFT**, robin's egg-blue

End of the dead ends?

"Dead End" may tell it like it is for streets that don't go all the way through in some of the Pointes, but the Farms seems to have found a way to say it that's just a little bit nicer. On Warner Road between Lake Shore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard a cul-de-sac is marked "Road Ends," and on Deming Lane off G.P. Boulevard, the sign merely states "No Outlet."

Furniture is the cat's meow

The tiny five-drawer early American reproduction chest priced at just \$2,710 might be tempting, but the hottest item in the window of **D.J. Kennedy** on The Hill has got to be the gold-striped kitty bed with matching satin cushion: yours for only \$198.

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Support local businesses

To the Editor:

I would like to urge all to make a point of shopping in our Village shopping area. The major renovations that have taken place there took much longer than expected and I am certain that at times, business was practically non-existent due to poor access to stores.

This situation hurt many of the local merchants over the summer and fall season. However, the streets and sidewalks that were virtually inaccessible during construction, are now open and just a few finishing touches are all that remain to be done.

The area is just lovely and provides us all with unique shopping opportunities and places to relax with friends and family. The anchor stores,

Jacobson's and Damman's offer personal service, a wide variety of merchandise and beautiful surroundings. There are great places to have lunch or dinner or simply relax over a special cup of coffee and dessert. The selection of specialty stores is so unique to our area, and they all need our support.

It will be a traumatic and tremendous loss to our community if any of the merchants go out of business simply because their neighbors failed to do business there.

Go to the Village and take some time to shop and enjoy the ambience and luxury of our safe, customer oriented community.

Bonnie E. Levitan
Grosse Pointe Farms

Giving & giving thanks

Few words encompass such a broad spectrum as the word "giving." The dictionary uses three inches in an attempt to clarify this tiny verb. No interpretation can be definitive because the word can run the gamut from the acts of bestowing, inflicting, permitting, distributing and sacrificing through conceding, to name a few.

At this time of year, we are particularly mindful of the various ways in which we are able to give. We stretch ourselves beyond the routine holiday shopping for our families. Those of us who are able go the extra mile to help those less fortunate. The Golden Rule has renewed poignance and we become less selfish. Smiles are offered more easily and music and church infuse us with the holiday spirit.

The majority of us are fortunate to be blessed with an abundance of loving family and friends, good health, comfortable homes, food on our tables and the everyday things we take for granted. Our mail boxes, radios, newspapers and televisions are constantly reminding us of the multitudes whose lives are not so fortunate. We respond with generosity exceeding past gifts.

We assemble food baskets for the hungry and purchase clothing and toys for those in need. We volunteer through our schools, clubs, churches and other organizations.

Just as important are the ways in which we relate to those closest to us. It is a wonderful thing that we can reach out to faceless strangers, but the little gifts we offer to friends and family members by our involvement with them and their needs can also have a positive impact.

Examples surround us daily. A young mother is ill, a neighbor cares for her child. A friend brings a hot meal when flu hits the homemaker. Errands are run, rides provided to appointments, dogs are walked, children are tutored. These tiny acts symbolize love, respect and caring and can be a part of our daily routine.

We don't need a holiday or an inspirational sermon to remind us to think of others. How difficult is it to return a shopping cart instead of blocking a parking space? How much time does it take to hold open a door or lift a bag of groceries into a car for someone?

Tangible gifts of material goods alone cannot compare with the experience of sharing our time, a smile, a gesture or kind word. Just as there ought not be a seasonal time frame to our giving, it is good to pause and give thanks for our families and the life and opportunities available to us in this community.

While we are ever mindful of the goodness that surrounds us, let us not forget those who have personal struggles and health concerns and will continue to need our prayers and assistance. A blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours.

— Offering from the loft

React to survey

To the Editor:

What a marvelous opportunity we residents have to participate in the democratic process regarding the proposed Grosse Pointe Shores "activity building."

Every voter and/or taxpayer has the opportunity to fill out and return the excellent community survey developed by the "ad hoc survey committee."

Let's be sure our village council has the benefit of a very large and truly representative public response to the survey. You and I and each of our neighbors need to fill out that survey and get it returned by the Nov. 27 deadline.

Care to be an involved citizen — this is the village we all share and call "home."

Please be sure your village council has your response to the survey. It's your civic duty!

Margery Caldwell
Grosse Pointe Shores

Supports activities building

To the Editor:

I received a four-page questionnaire from the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores seeking guidance on a proposed activities building for our park. As in every community, there are many different opinions on any given subject. Our village trustees have wisely chosen to conduct a thorough and profes-

sional survey of our residents on their desires.

This proposal for an activities building and approval of it is very important to me as a mother, grandmother and long-time active member of the Grosse Pointe community.

I ask my neighbors and friends to consider three things:

1. Our young people need an activities center for 12 months not just for the two or three month summer program we have now.

2. We need a safe and secure place for meeting and for fun where our youth can participate in wholesome, supervised activities.

3. Ever since the tragic events of Columbine High School and other like tragedies, we as consenting adults cannot be complacent.

Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods already have permanent structures in their parks. Why shouldn't we?

I urge my friends and neighbors to support this much needed and worthwhile activities building. Responding to the survey is the first and most important step.

Sallie Spitzley
Grosse Pointe Shores

Earning respect

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe News was very gracious to publish a letter to the editor authored by Ellen Bowen titled "A challenge for excellence" in its Nov. 11 issue, particularly in light of a disparaging opening paragraph directed at the Grosse Pointe News. The accusation of the Grosse Pointe News, among others, writing "slanderous articles" is quite ironic.

I have observed the Grosse Pointe News to be a good friend of Mrs. Bowen's, the Grosse Pointe South High School music program and her boosters organization; providing advanced publicity of choral events, excellent media coverage of awards recognition, and the inclusion of many representative letters from supporters in this forum.

Mrs. Bowen's letter, followed by a letter from her boosters

organization are indicative of the favorable "share of media" received in our community.

More importantly, however, the inclusion of Bowen's letter demonstrates your commitment to readers for the opportunity to express a contrary point of view. I respect Mrs. Bowen's right to express her opinion in this forum. However, Bowen's disrespect for you and the publishing of an opinion of another reader, expressing a point of view inconsistent with her agenda, was totally inappropriate.

While I may not necessarily agree with the content of every article I read in the Grosse Pointe News, I applaud your writers' commitment to editorial balance and responsible journalism.

In reporting on the controversy surrounding Ellen Bowen which involved my family, I did not necessarily agree with everything that was written on the matter. However, your reporter, Bonnie Caprara, conscientiously researched the issues and filed an objective story based in large part on the factual information contained in Bowen's personnel records at the administration office and obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

To characterize news articles which were based on factual records as slanderous is not only misleading to readers but untruthful as well.

Mrs. Bowen quite often states that she doesn't need to be loved, just respected. Perhaps the respect that she

desperately longs for will be forthcoming when she learns to be respectful of others and their rights.

Hal Augustine
Grosse Pointe Park

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

To the many people who voiced their support of the Historic Districts Ordinance approved by the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council on Nov. 15, my sincere thanks.

This legislation, which has the potential to protect our most significant historical and architectural local landmarks, was the result of the collaboration of many people over the last 12 years: The members of the Grosse Pointe Farms Historical Advisory Commission, the board of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council (especially Lisa Gandelot who spearheaded this effort many years ago), the city administration and staff, and the many people who wrote letters of support or appeared at city council meetings.

You believe, as I do, that this ordinance may be one of the most important tools to ensure the beauty, the history and the economic vitality of this community into the future. Thank you for all you did to make it a reality.

Tish Colett
Grosse Pointe Farms

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From soup to shirts

After working at St. Leo's soup kitchen as part of their community service program, the eighth-graders at the Grosse Pointe Academy put together a clothing drive for soup kitchen patrons who were in need of warmer clothes for the fall and winter months and collected 40-50 bags of clothes and other items of need. Pictured are Academy eighth-graders Rose Urbiel, Betsy Alandt, Margaret Leahy, Alexandra Leheta, Brad Detwiler and Mark Grignon.



Poupard service squad scares up funds for UNICEF

The Poupard Elementary School service squad raised over \$100 during Halloween for UNICEF. Service squad members Hannah Guilford, Betsy Graney, Christin Cardani and Mercedes Malcom show off the newly designed UNICEF collection box.

'What if?' — Talking to kids about violence in school

Question: I have a 10-year-old daughter who is very afraid to go to school. I have tried to shield her from TV and newspaper reports of violent crime in schools, but the news is everywhere. She truly fears a shooting or other violent crime. What can I do to reassure her — and myself?

she tell? Who does she know she can trust? She might feel better if she has a plan of action in mind.

Bryan: And teach her to be wary of rumors. Don't start them yourself and instruct her to always go to a trusted adult if she knows of a dangerous person or situation.

school with peer counseling or mentoring programs. If there isn't one at her school, find out how you could get one started.

Linda: I also think it's important for parents to build strong bonds with their children and teach by example how to manage conflict, both in the family and in the world.

Linda: I've always thought the hardest part of being a parent is facing down those questions you have no answer for. And this is definitely one of them.

Linda: Along those same lines, exercise your authority as an adult to filter what she hears and sees. Remind her that most people are trustworthy and helpful. Usually, schools are safe places to be.

Bryan: Maybe it's also time to turn off the TV. The sad events won't go away, but children don't have to dwell on them. Remind them of all they have to look forward to and to celebrate.

Bryan: Yes, it is. It would be unrealistic and untrue for you to give your daughter a guarantee on her safety. But you do need to put things in perspective for her. While it seems there is a new story of school violence on TV every day, cases like that of the Littleton, Colo., shooting are still very rare.

Bryan: A lot of communities today are working together to prevent violence. Knowing that might give her hope.

Linda: You might introduce her to adults who work with kids to help them solve problems and manage their anger.

Share a question about your child's learning and get a free parent guide to maximizing our kids' education. You can respond to this and other questions at www.michiganlearning.org. Or write to Bryan and Linda at Michigan Learning 321 N. Pine, Lansing, MI 48933.

Linda: In fact, last March the U.S. Department of Education reported that incidents of violent crime in schools are rare. In fact, only 10 percent of public schools experienced any serious violent crimes during the 1996-97 school year, and the rates are falling. So you may try telling her the situation may not be as bad as it seems.

Bryan: But a 10-year-old probably needs more than statistics to help her feel secure at school. Try not to panic yourself when you hear about violence or threats of violence. She's looking to you for stability and assurance that someone is in control.

Linda: That will help, especially if you get specific. Talk with her about what she can do to help prevent violence. What would she do if she heard a threat at school? Who would

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AAA survey says 1.5 million plan Thanksgiving holiday trip

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganders — 16 percent of the population — will travel during the 1999 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan, up from 1.3 million last year. According to an auto club survey, 75 percent of all travelers will drive to their final destination. Forty percent of those traveling will be heading to a destination within Michigan.

Popular destinations outside of Michigan include Illinois (16 percent), Ohio (11 percent) and New York (11 percent).

Eighty percent of travelers intend to visit with relatives during their journey, however, only 55 percent plan to stay with relatives.

The average trip will include four travelers and last five days. Thanksgiving weekend is traditionally one of the busiest

travel periods of the year, says AAA, prompting heavier-than-normal traffic volumes.

"Holiday travelers heading to airports should be prepared for crowds and travel lightly," says Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan Travel Vendor Relations director.

According to Dickens, some airlines may limit the size and number of carry-on items, especially during heavy travel periods when planes are at full capacity.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport handles as many as 105,000 persons per day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and 110,000 the Sunday following. This represents a substantial increase from the normal traffic pattern of 80,000 daily passengers. AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two hours

before domestic flights and three hours before international flights.

The following are more suggestions offered by AAA Michigan for smooth holiday travel:

- Expect heavy congestion in front of the terminals around curb-fronts. Curbs will be reserved for active loading and unloading only.
- Drivers dropping off or picking up passengers will not be allowed to wait. Park in short-term parking and meet your party in the baggage claim area.
- Call the airport parking hotline at (800) 642-1978 for information on availability and rates.
- New security measures

may mean more hand-searches of checked and carry-on baggage, which may cause slowdowns at check-in and screening check points.

- All passengers are required to have photo identification.
- This is true regardless of the type of ticket issued (paper or electronic). International travelers will be required to present a valid passport, and possibly a visa, for themselves and their children.
- Wrap gifts after you arrive at your destination. Security personnel may request that gifts be unwrapped at screening check points.
- Stay calm in lines and during inspections. Don't make jokes or take actions that may

be construed as threatening.

The 102-hour Thanksgiving Day holiday (6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, to midnight Sunday, Nov. 28) is traditionally a time for family travel.

But the holiday also falls at the end of the firearm deer hunting season, which means hunters will take advantage of the long holiday weekend. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), during the 16-day firearm deer season (Nov. 15 through 30), nearly 750,000 hunters will spend tens of millions of hours hunting white-tailed deer.

A large deer herd, combined with large numbers of cars on the road, creates a high probability for collisions.

In 1998, 65,397 deer-vehicle crashes were reported. Four

people were killed as a result of these crashes and another 2,381 were injured.

Michigan motorists will find gasoline plentiful during the holiday weekend, paying an average 25 cents more per gallon than last year at this time. The statewide average for self-serve, no-lead regular (as of Nov. 8) is \$1.285 per gallon.

During the 1998 Thanksgiving holiday period, 22 persons died in 19 fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 20 deaths in 1997. Restraints were not used by 11 (61.1 percent) of the victims who had them available. Eight, or 42.1 percent of the fatal crashes, were alcohol- or drug-related.

AAA Michigan urges all motorists to avoid alcohol, buckle up, be well rested and drive defensively.

Postal Service to collect letters to Santa at parade

For the third consecutive year, letter carriers, clerks and customer advocates of the Grosse Pointe branch of the U.S. Postal Service will collect letters to Santa along the parade route of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 26.

"This is definitely a time of the year our employees enjoy," says Linda Butler, customer advocate for the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods post offices. "I want to remind everyone to

make sure they include a return address and proper postage on their mail pieces."

It begins at Grosse Pointe South High School's track and goes down Fisher to Kercheval to Cadiux and loops back to South High School.

The parade starts at South High School's parking lot, proceeds to Kercheval via Fisher and ends up in the Village. Butler will serve as Santa's helper and answer all letters collected.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan Wayne County CODE NO. 12-03 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 350

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, ORDINANCE NO. 192, CODE NO. 12-03, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND GENERAL WELFARE IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, THE CONSERVATION OF PROPERTY VALUES IN THE CITY, ITS CHARACTER AS A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, AND THE GENERAL TREND THEREIN OF BUILDING AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENTS; TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS IN THE CITY; TO REGULATE THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES THEREIN AND TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF TRADES AND BUSINESSES, AND THE LOCATION OF STRUCTURES DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC USES; TO REGULATE AND LIMIT THE HEIGHT, AREA, BULK AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE AND DETERMINE THE AREA OF YARDS, AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHICH MAY BE HOUSED IN DWELLINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF APPEALS AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE."

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms Ordains:

Section 1. **Site Plan Review in Certain Districts.** For the interim period of time set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance, (a) any site plan review under Section 1511 of the Zoning Ordinance, Code No. 12.03, Ordinance No. 192, as amended, requested for (i) the erection of any structure located in a B-1, B-2 or O-1 district for which off-street parking in a public parking facility would be required under Section 1504 of the Zoning Ordinance, or (ii) any alteration, expansion or change of use of any structure located in a B-1, B-2 or O-1 district for which additional off-street parking in a public parking facility would be required under Section 1504 of the Zoning Ordinance, or (b) any request for issuance of a demolition permit for any structure located in a B-1, B-2 or O-1 district, shall be deferred pending completion of a comprehensive study of potential future parking requirements and parking availability within the applicable district(s). The City Council may, in its discretion, undertake a site plan review or approve the issuance of a demolition permit notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentences in any individual case where the City Council determines that unusual practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship would result from deferral of the review or permit issuance and that such review or permit issuance (i) is in the general interest of public safety, comfort, convenience or protection values, and (ii) will not impair the general effect and intent of this Ordinance.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance is declared necessary to preserve and protect public health, safety and welfare and shall take immediate effect on December 6, 1999.

Section 3. **Interim Regulations: Expiration.** The provisions of this Ordinance are enacted as an interim measure for the purpose of providing an opportunity to review and consider the sufficiency of available parking within certain business and commercial districts within the City in order to preserve and enhance the character of such districts. Absent the timely enactment of an ordinance extending the duration of the applicability of the provisions of this Ordinance, such provisions shall without further action, expire automatically on March 5, 2000.

Section 4. **Severability.** If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Shane L. Reeside
City Clerk

ENACTED: November 15, 1999
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Five departments chase three men in G.P. Woods

Three men led police from five local departments on a chase in Grosse Pointe Woods during the early hours of Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The incident unfolded at 12:57 a.m., as a Woods patrolman tried to pull over a 1986 Oldsmobile four-door being driven suspiciously on eastbound Vernier near Helen.

The driver disregarded the police cruiser's flashing emergency lights and made a quick left turn from the right hand lane of Vernier into the oncoming lanes of Mack.

Officers from the Shores, Farms, Park and Harper Woods responded to a call for backup.

Near Hawthorne, the three subjects bailed out of car and scattered among the homes. Police set up a perimeter from Vernier to Hollywood, and from Canton to Mack.

At 1:11 a.m., Farms police found one subject, a 16-year-old male from Detroit, hiding under a car parked in a driveway in the 2000 block of Anita. He possessed a 15 1/2-inch screw driver and narrow blade chisel.

While Woods officers in the 2000 block of Hawthorne searched west toward Helen,

Farms police swept east to capture another subject hiding in a side yard.

The second subject turned out to be a 17-year-old man from Detroit who had been driving the vehicle. The third subject has not been found.

Upon recovering the abandoned Oldsmobile, Woods police said it "had a broken steering column and was running without keys."

Police break up would-be party

A drunken driver from Grosse Pointe Park who was speeding to a soiree with co-workers at a topless bar on Eight Mile in Detroit was stopped by Woods police on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 10:02 p.m.

The suspect, a 27-year-old man, admitted drinking at a local bar before being caught squealing the tires of his white 1997 GMC pickup as he hurriedly made the turn from northbound Mack to westbound Vernier.

According to the arresting officer, the suspect's "speech and actions were slow and stuporous."

The suspect failed three times to recite the alphabet,

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had trouble counting and said he couldn't remember his telephone number.

A test revealed his blood alcohol level was .210 percent. As a result, the man found himself going to jail, not the bar.

Police confiscated the man's driver's license, issued him a temporary license and released him after posting \$100 bail.

North student gets three days

A 15-year-old male student was issued a three-day suspension from Grosse Pointe North High School following an investigation by police and school officials into his possession of controlled substances.

On Friday, Nov. 19, at 10:25, a hall monitor saw the Woods resident passing money between two other subjects. A check of the boy's pockets turned up a pack of cigarettes, one cigar and three 100 mg tablet of Zolof.

A local pharmacist described the drug as an antidepressant similar to Prozac.

According to the Grosse

Goose is cracked, but not cooked

A 28-year-old woman is being investigated for breaking the tail of a ceramic goose that was displayed on the front porch of a house in the 2300 block of Anita in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bad pair in GPW

A 31-year-old woman from Detroit was arrested and her 21-year-old male companion issued a ticket for traffic infractions in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 12:53 p.m.

Police stopped the woman as she drove on Mack near Broadstone with a broken brake light.

Her troubles doubled when investigation revealed her driver's license had been suspended.

Her male passenger entered the picture by having open bottles of beer and gin.

The woman paid \$100 bond and was released shortly after 2 p.m.

Garage thieves nearly caught

A woman from Grosse Pointe Woods knows first-hand about

thefts from garages. On Saturday, Nov. 20, at 10:33 a.m., the woman looked out the window of her home in the 2000 block of Vernier to see two men stuffing commercial grade lawn equipment from her garage into the trunk of their car.

According to police, the woman "yelled out the window and the subjects drove (away) on northbound Helen with the trunk open and lawn equipment hanging out."

Police determined the perpetrators had broken into the locked garage before taking off in a white four-door car of unknown make or model.

Bad driver has drug warrant

A 43-year-old man from Detroit who was stopped for driving on northbound Harper near Allard with a broken rear window was found to have a stolen license tab. He was also wanted in Detroit on drug charges.

While searching the man's car, the arresting officer from Grosse Pointe Woods found "what I believe to be a pipe used to smoke crack cocaine."

—Brad Lindberg

White House Year 2000 calendar marks 200th anniversary

The second president of the United States, John Adams, and his wife Abigail, became the first residents of the White House in November 1800. Since that time, every president and his family have lived in the White House.

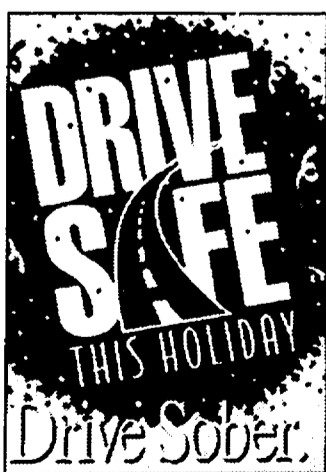
In honor of this 200th anniversary, the White House Historical Association in cooperation with WRE/AMI, has developed a commemorative Year 2000 calendar.

The calendar features original paintings by 14 American artists from the 13 original states and the District of Columbia as well as extensive educational information about the White House. This historical tribute to the White House reflects the individual styles and interpretations of these artists from various parts of America.

The purpose of the commemorative calendar is twofold: To heighten the public's awareness of the significance of the house at this special time in its history and to use proceeds from the sale of the calendar to acquire a gift for the White House from the Adams era.


The calendar sells for \$12.95 plus \$3 for handling and shipping. To order, call (800) 555-2451.

The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. All proceeds from the sale of publications and other products are used to fund acquisition of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent White House collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission.



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Memories bring gratitude on Thanksgiving Day

In the litany of holidays, Thanksgiving is very special. It brings together families who have not gathered together for many months. It marks the beginning of the busiest season of the year, when shoppers become mesmerized by beguiling wares, sonorous carols and Christmas decorations.

But for all its gaiety and glory Christmas is exhausting — not so Thanksgiving.

Guests arrive refreshed and vigorous after the leisurely days of summer and the quiet tranquility of fall. They are excited to see one another and are eager to share what they have experienced since the last time they were together.

The house is fragrant and warm as food is prepared for a festive feast. The rich aroma of browning turkey is enhanced by dressing enriched with butter and oysters, spicy pumpkin pie and baking rolls. This is not the time to count calories but to enjoy in relaxed indulgence the goodness laid out on the table. Thanksgiving is more than delicious food, it is the joy that comes from family and friends assembled together.

More than any other age group, older family members experience a special feeling of gratitude for this very special day. Age has its advantage. One of them is the ability to see loved ones in a special way.

Vaccine available to fight pneumococcal disease

By Matilda Charles

"Pneutrialize" pneumonia! The best way to fight disease is to prevent it. That's something with which we can probably all concur. However, the sad statistics tell us that it's obvious that many seniors in the population don't agree at least when it comes to reducing the risk of contracting pneumococcal disease.

This disease is blamed for killing an estimated 40,000 persons a year, which is a tragedy compounded by the fact that it is almost totally avoidable. And unlike viral pneumonia, for which no vac-

cine yet exists, there is an effective deterrent to pneumococcal pneumonia.

Surgeon General David Satcher has launched a campaign called Pneutrialize Pneumonia. It's aimed at everyone, but mostly at those who are most at risk, including people with chronic conditions (diabetes, etc.) or with impaired immune systems, or who are 65 and older.

Walter Orenstein, M.D., director, National Immunization Program for the Centers for Disease Control

See VACCINE, page 15A



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

Older people can go back and forth in time. They have a perspective born of years of association and see not only the person of today but understand and appreciate what made the person so.

For instance, a self-confident person who has brought pride and honor to the family is seen against a collage of early successes, nurtured by an interest in books and a fixed focus on what he wanted to be when he grew up.

He is the toddler, wrapped against winter's cold, waddling along as he held confidently to

daddy's hand on their daily walks. He is the eager student ready to compete in school sports and proud of a letter he earned. There is remembered sadness when he left home for college, the empty place at the table with an untouched shiny plate.

To others our daughter is a young woman on her own, at ease in her profession, a caring and loving wife and mother looking to the welfare of her family and her home.

This picture doesn't stand alone, there is the tiny pink bundle with kittens on the

blanket who looks up with the bluest eyes and heart-melting smile, reaching with tiny fingers. Daughters are special. In the collage of memory we see them playing at being grown-ups, dressing dolls, setting out tea-time dishes or scolding their make-believe children.

They are there dressed for kindergarten in a new dress with flouncy skirt, hair curled and bouncy, held back with bright ribbons, glad to go, yet uncertain.

We see them, still feminine but adjusting to a different mode of family life. In our memories we see them dashing and dodging down a basketball court, determined to make a basket. We miss her as we missed her brother when she leaves home for college but we worry more.

We want to protect her, but we know that she wants independence and no longer needs the same concern she once did.

A mother relives some of her life through a daughter, both

the little and important happenings, the excitement of parties and proms, the thrill of planning a wedding, settling the home and the anticipation of the first baby.

There is pride when a daughter graduates from college and advances into a profession. There is wonder and perhaps envy that this accomplishment, if she so chooses, can be just a part of her life. She can also have the home and family which were her mother's whole life.

These are long thoughts and can only be inspired by long years of living.

Out of the breadth of memories, older members of the family appreciate those that are theirs alone.

In this time and place, it no longer matters so much that children are no longer the whole world. They are strong, independent individuals and we are thankful on this special day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan
Wayne County

CODE NO. 12-03 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 349

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, ORDINANCE NO. 192, CODE NO. 12-03, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PROVIDE FOR, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND GENERAL WELFARE IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, THE CONSERVATION OF PROPERTY VALUES IN THE CITY, ITS CHARACTER AS A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, AND THE GENERAL TREND THEREIN OF BUILDING AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENTS; TO ESTABLISH DISTRICTS IN THE CITY; TO REGULATE THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES THEREIN AND TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF TRADES AND BUSINESSES, AND THE LOCATION OF STRUCTURES DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC USES; TO REGULATE AND LIMIT THE HEIGHT, AREA, BULK AND LOCATION OF STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE AND DETERMINE THE AREA OF YARDS, AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO LIMIT AND RESTRICT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHICH MAY BE HOUSED IN DWELLINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF APPEALS AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE."

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms Ordains:

Section 1. Schedule of Regulations. For the interim period of time set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance, all regulations, restrictions and requirements pertaining to parcels located within the R-1-AAA residential district boundaries as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, Code No. 12-03, Ordinance No. 192, as previously amended (including without limitation minimum lot area, minimum lot width, maximum building height, minimum structure setbacks and maximum lot coverage of all buildings on such parcels), shall be extended and made fully applicable to all parcels located within the R-1-AA residential district boundaries, except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance. Such regulations, restrictions and requirements also shall continue to apply to all parcels located within the R-1-AAA residential district boundaries.

Section 2. Savings Clause. The provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance shall not be deemed to apply to any building construction, alteration or addition to any parcel within the R-1-AA residential district in respect of which, as of the Effective Date of this Ordinance, (a) a building permit has been issued in compliance with the regulations for the R-1-AA residential district or in compliance with a duly-approved variance from such regulations, or (b) written application for a building permit has been submitted to the City's Building Department and such application conforms to the regulations for the R-1-AA residential district as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance is declared necessary to preserve and protect public health, safety and welfare and shall take immediate effect on November 22, 1999.

Section 4. Interim Regulations Expiration. The provisions of this Ordinance are enacted as an interim measure for the purpose of providing an opportunity to review and consider the propriety of more restrictive density and building restrictions in certain residential districts within the City in order to preserve and enhance the character of such districts. Absent the timely enactment of an ordinance extending the duration of the applicability of the provisions of this Ordinance, such provisions shall, without further action, expire automatically on February 20, 2000.

Section 5. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Enacted: November 15, 1999
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Shane L. Reeside
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Get your pet's pictures taken with Santa Paws

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Pets like Christmas, too. To prove it, watch how much fun your dog, cat, bird or reptile — and you — have being photographed with Santa Paws.

For a \$5 donation, pet owners can have a color photo of their pets taken with Santa Paws, the animal counterpart to Santa Claus.

The event is a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and will take place at the Children's Home of Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 4 and 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Pet adoptions will also be available on those dates from

noon to 3 p.m., at the same location.

In addition to the photo session, the Children's Home will host animal adoptions on Saturday, Nov. 27, from noon to 3 p.m.

A modest fee will cover the cost of vaccinations and sterilizations.

"The animal adoption society placed nearly 800 animals last year," said Debbie Liedel.

Liedel will be wearing two hats at the Santa Paws event. She is vice president of the adoption society and director of community relations at the Children's Home.

"The event will help serve the missions of both organiza-

tions by raising awareness within the community on issues relevant to child and animal protection, and education," she said.

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society is a foster home-based animal adoption organization that serves the Grosse Pointes and nearby communities. The nonprofit outfit does not practice euthanasia.

The Children's Home of Detroit was established in 1836. It is Michigan's oldest provider of residential services for children aged 6-17 who have emotional problems.

The home, located in Grosse Pointe Woods, has served more

than 15,000 children and families in need of specialized services.

The partnership between the home and Grosse Pointe pet owners extends beyond photo shoots and adoption sessions.

As part of the home's volunteer Canine Companion Club, dog owners take their pets to the home to play with the grateful children.

During afternoon get-togethers, local golden retrievers Chelsea, Coach, Cassidy and Casey have wowed the kids with boundless energy and unconditional friendship.

The Children's Home of Detroit is located at 900 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.



Santa Paws and a friend raise money for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society at the Children's Home of Detroit. For a \$5 donation, families can have their pets' picture taken with Santa. The event takes place Saturday, Dec. 4 and 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. Money raised will go toward the animal adoption society.

Safe driving hints for the Thanksgiving holiday

Car crashes involving alcohol are higher during the five-day Thanksgiving holiday — Wednesday through Sunday — than any average five-day period, according to 1997 and 1998 crash statistics for the seven-county southeast Michigan region released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

While there were fewer total crashes during the five-day Thanksgiving weekend in 1997 than during an average five-day period in 1997, the number of alcohol-related crashes jumped to nearly 6.5 percent during Thanksgiving weekend, up from 4 percent during an average five-day period.

In addition, fatal crashes doubled during the Thanksgiving holiday compared to an average five-day period in 1997.

The story is similar when analyzing 1998 crash data. Alcohol-related crashes during the five-day Thanksgiving holiday were 5.4 percent of total crashes, a full percent higher than an average five-day peri-

od in 1998.

Fatal crashes increased nearly 43 percent during the Thanksgiving holiday compared to an average five-day period in 1998.

"We're releasing these statistics as a reminder to everyone that the combination of drinking and driving can be deadly, especially around the holidays," says Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director.

"Our awareness is usually heightened during the Christmas and New Year season. We want everyone in southeast Michigan to realize

that we need to be alert during the Thanksgiving holiday, too," he added.

"Tie One on for Safety," a holiday (Nov. 1 through Jan. 1) awareness campaign created by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD; www.madd.org) focuses on driving sober during the holiday season and throughout the year.

MADD encourages everyone to tie a red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicle to serve as a reminder to drive sober and for others to do the same.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's

(NHTSA) "Operation America Buckles Up Children Mobilization" is the law enforcement and public education effort focusing on the high-travel time of the Thanksgiving holidays.

The NHTSA web site — www.nhtsa.dot.gov — has a variety of materials available to states and communities that address impaired driving issues.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of governmental units serving 4.8 million people in the seven-county region of southeast Michigan.

Youth

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School teacher Vicki Granger. "I've taught in schools where there's been a strong student structure where students were involved in things, including disciplinary issues," she said.

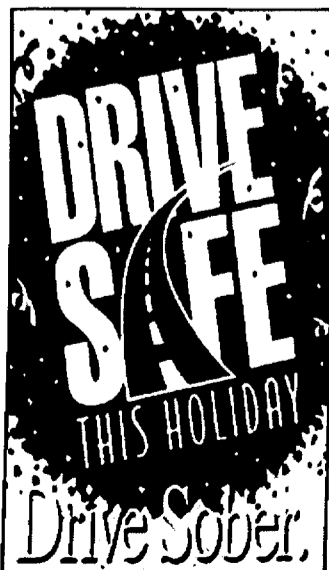
"I know there are models that can work," she continued. "The challenge is to go back to the Youth Summit to investigate what kinds of decision-making models have worked in other communities.

"We all know it's ingrained in parents to say, 'Look, just move over. Just let me do it. It will only take me two minutes because it will take you a half-hour.' We constantly have to remind ourselves not to do that. We all know letting go is a good thing, but it's very difficult as adults to do that."

Bruce told the audience at the town meeting, "What I heard and I hope you heard, is that students continue to caution us.

"The solution is going to require a lot higher level of dialogue and involvement than we're used to. I suggest to you, as it was for me, this has been a major learning process.

"It's a new way of thinking. It's a new way of trying to respond to the young people who have taken the courage to articulate how they would like us to respond."



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Elizabeth Grant

City of Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth Grant died at Bon Secours Hospital on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999. She was 96.

Miss Grant was born in Mount Clemens and was a fashion designer. She is survived by a niece, Carol Lounberry, and a nephew, Kurt Katzenmeyer. She was predeceased by a sister, Adele Foley.

A memorial service for Miss Grant will be held at St. Philomena Church in Detroit at a later date. Cremation took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Vernor Morris

City of Grosse Pointe resident Vernor Morris died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999. He was 93.

Mr. Morris was born in Gary, Ind., was a 1932 graduate of Bowdoin College and was an account executive with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

Mr. Morris was a deacon of the Grosse Pointe United Church. He served as president of the Bowdoin chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity and



Vernor Morris

the Central Iowa Mineral Society. He was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, where he was active in its golf league and Music Makers orchestra, and the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Alumni Bridge Marathon. He enjoyed golf, playing banjo and collecting minerals.

Survivors include his daughter, Edith Croake; two brothers, David and John; and two granddaughters. He was predeceased by his wife, Edith; and son, Frank.

A private service will be held at a later date. Interment will

be at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Frank V. Morris Scholarship Fund, Washtenaw Community College Foundation, Student Center Building — Room 207, 4800 E. Huron Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0978.

Marguerite Virginia Motney

Marguerite "Chickie" Virginia Motney died Saturday, Nov. 20, 1999 in her Grosse Pointe Woods home at the age of 71.

Mrs. Motney was born in Detroit. She is survived by her husband, Fred; two daughters, Lenore Graves and Diane Wilkey; a son, Fred; a sister, Phyllis Haberek; a brother, Franklin Macro; her mother, Mary Rose Macro; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Motney was held at Christ Church-Detroit on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999 in her Grosse Pointe Woods home at the age of 71. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Karamanos Cancer Institute.

Useful winter driving tips

Last winter, parts of Michigan experienced the worst storms in many years. Record snowfall and very cold air turned some of the enjoyment of the season to tragedy.

"Last winter will be remembered for significant winter weather around the New Year's holiday," says Darin Figurskey of the National Weather Service and member of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (MCSWA).

Most memorable was the blizzard on Jan. 2, which brought heavy snow and wind gusts as high as 65 mph to many areas of Michigan. In southern lower Michigan, snowfall totals around a foot were common, with a few locations receiving up to two feet of snow.

Many roads remained impassable for days, and some schools were closed for up to two weeks after the storm.

In parts of lower Michigan, this was the most significant snowstorm in 20 years, since the blizzard of 1978. Lake-effect snow was prevalent in the wake of the winter storm, and very cold air moving over Lake Superior through Jan. 4 resulted in a final snowfall total of 31 inches in Marquette. The very cold air was also responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in southeast Michigan.

For the entire winter, 10 storms produced double-digit snowfalls across upper Michigan. Just prior to New Year's Day, bands of lake-effect snow plagued northern lower Michigan with whiteout conditions. During the early afternoon of Dec. 31, those condi-

tions contributed to a 100-car pileup on I-75 in Crawford County, which resulted in one death and seven injuries.

Due to the accident, northbound I-75 was closed for several hours.

Finally, in addition to the snow, a pair of significant ice storms affected upper Michigan on Jan. 23, and another late winter event on April 4 in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Ice accumulations were up to a half-inch thick and power outages lasted three days at some locations.

According to the MCSWA, no matter what the winter weather hazard — from extreme cold and snow to ice and wind — everyone in Michigan should be prepared for winter's dangers. Winter storms can immobilize a region, disrupt utilities and even cause flooding. The MCSWA offers the following tips:

- Use caution and common sense when driving in the winter. Vehicles cannot stop as fast on icy and snowy roads.

- Watch for scattered slippery spots, especially on overpasses, bridges and underpasses.

- Keep a shovel, warm blankets, bags of sand or cat litter in the trunk which can be used in case of emergency.

- If your vehicle does become stuck and you are unable to free it, run the engine and heater for only short periods of time and with the window partially rolled down. Make sure the end of the exhaust pipe is unobstructed.

- Stay in your vehicle in case of emergency.

- Keep the gas tank and

windshield washer reservoir full.

- Make sure wiper blades and snow tires are in good condition prior to the start of the winter season.

- Clear snow and ice from windows, mirrors, hood, roof, headlights, taillights and trunk. Use low-beam headlights in snow and fog.

- When applying the brakes on either snow or ice, avoid locking the brakes. This allows you to maintain steering control of the vehicle while obtaining maximum braking efficiency. On vehicles equipped with anti-lock brakes, do not pump the brake pedal — apply steady pressure.

- Motorists who change lanes or merge on icy or snowy roads should proceed with caution. Watch out for other drivers.

- Always wear your safety belt.

- If you see a large plume of snow or yellow flashing lights, stay back — it is probably a snowplow clearing the road.

- Keep telephone numbers for local tow service and/or roadside assistance in case your vehicle becomes disabled or stuck in the snow.

Vaccine

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(CDC), says, "We have safe and effective vaccines to prevent suffering and death. A dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine can prevent complications and thousands of deaths from pneumococcal disease each year among persons 65 or older. My message to all older Americans is, don't wait for your doctor to recommend the vaccinations. Be pro-active and ask for the shots. It's your health and it's your life."

Seniors interested in receiving the pneumococcal vaccine are urged to call their local health care providers.

No brain drain

As readers of this column know, scientists have discovered that the brain is able to generate new brain cells throughout our lives, contradicting the long-held belief that we have a finite number of these neurons, and once they're gone, they're gone.

The most recent study shows that brain cells can regenerate in even deeper areas of the brain than had been expected, and they don't necessarily stay there. It seems these cells have the ability to move into areas that control the higher cognitive functions.

This discovery can have exciting applications in the treatment of various brain disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

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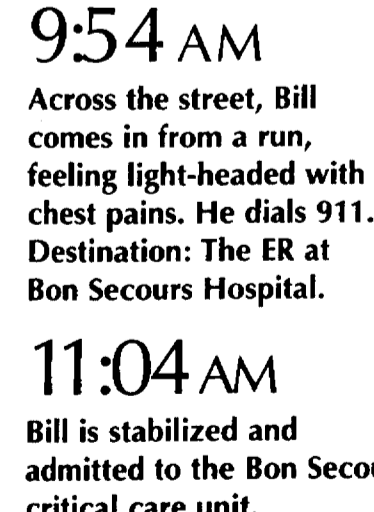
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DANNECKER Arthur Jr.
November 15, 1999 Age 79. Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. Survived by Kay, wife of 55 years; Son- Steven C., Grosse Pointe Woods; Daughter Jill A. Martin, Port Orange Florida; Sister- Joyce Swart, Grosse Pointe; Brother- Donald, Ocala, Florida. Four grandchildren. Mr. Dannecker was born in Detroit, was Vice President of advertising and public relations for Westfield companies of Westfield Center, Ohio. Was President of own consulting firm Benchmark Management Services, Inc. Former Councilman of Daytona Beach Shores. Presidents Club of Ohio 4-H. Hall of Fame at Ohio State University. Avid golfer who played over seven hundred courses around the world. Served on the Board of Governors for the World Series of Golf, at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.




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Chevy Astro — stayin' alive in hot-selling minivan market

When minivans were a hot new item back in the '80s, Chevrolet weighed in with the Astro, the most conventional of a conventional bunch. I liked it best then. I still do.

When Chevrolet introduced its radically styled Lumina minivan (at the same time as the Pontiac Trans Sport and Oldsmobile Silhouette), Chevy wisely continued the Astro. GM's pointy-nosed minis didn't loosen Chrysler Corp.'s grip on the minivan market. The old-fashioned rear-drive (or all-wheel drive) Astro has kept Chevrolet alive in that hot-selling market.

The 2000 Chevrolet Astro comes into this model year with only a few modest innovations. It still pretty much looks like and feels like the original. And that's not bad.

Our test vehicle was a 2000 Chevrolet Astro minivan with all-wheel drive, made in Baltimore. What do they know about automobiles in Baltimore? Well, they've got building this one down pat.

With the Astro you don't get the curves and fashionable rounded contours of the Chrysler minivans or the Ford Windstar. The Astro is old-

fashioned, no doubt about it, an early '80s design. Models that have been around a long time can deliver impressive value. The Astro does.

This is a no-nonsense hard-working van with a conventionally boxy shape, a practical carrier that can be equipped to suit just about any family, trimmed in any of three levels.

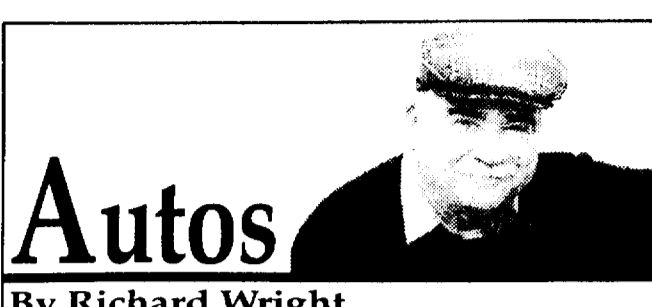
Depending on configuration, Astros can seat up to eight passengers and haul as much as three tons. Taller than its rivals, Astros are more truck-like. You have to climb up into them, a consideration if you transport old folks or old dogs.

But once you're seated up in the driver's seat, the Astro delivers a pleasant highway ride with very adequate handling.

A 190-horsepower, 4.3-liter V-6 is standard, providing power through a smooth-shifting, four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission to drive the rear wheels.

The Astro is available as a rear-drive or all-wheel drive passenger van or cargo van in three trim levels, base, LS Max and LT.

The Astro Cargo Van is available in base trim only and pro-



By Richard Wright

vides an impressive combination of size, capacity and dependability.

This versatile van is ideal for cost-conscious fleet managers, small business owners and tradespeople. No other midsize cargo van can carry more than he Astro, Chevrolet claims.

The LS Astro Max Package provides a number of standard features, including power door locks and windows, overhead roof console and chrome-clad steel.

The lower-priced rear-drive van is recommended for hauling heavy loads. A tow/haul mode on the transmission holds revs longer when Astro is laden with cargo or a trailer. All-wheel-drive costs more and delivers improved wet-pavement traction.

tank is standard. Dual depowered airbags and antilock brakes are standard. Headlights that automatically activate in low-light situations have been added.

Chevrolet said typical Astro buyers are 34 to 54 years of age, with median income of \$50,000 and are predominantly married college graduates with children.

EPA mileage estimates for the Astro (automatic transmission is standard) are 15 mpg city/19 mpg highway.

Vans are very popular, particularly minivans, and sport-utilities have become a staple in the American automotive market, far surpassing the station wagon in popularity.

And if the level of road rage is indeed higher now than it

used to be, I think these larger vehicles contribute by blocking the vision of drivers behind them and in parking lots and structures.

In case you are behind a driver and can't contribute to the level of rage by blocking vision, a flash-to-pass feature has been added this year.

Flashing to pass, a normal element of driving in Europe, incites rage in the U.S. but we don't have slow lanes and fast lanes here any more, so there is no real reason to flash.

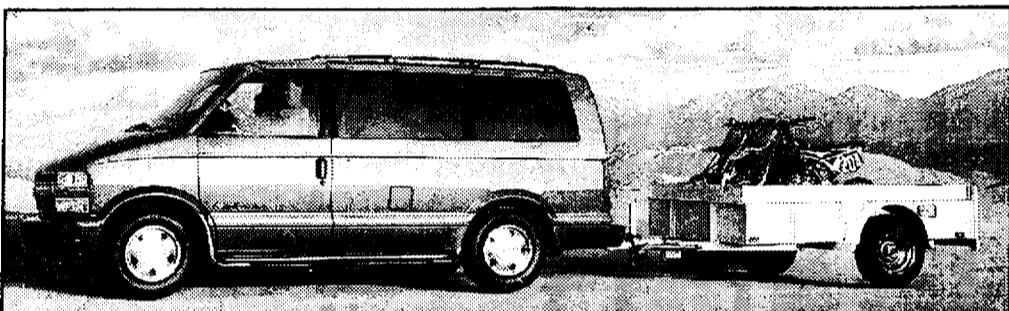
The Astro continues to be a rational choice for the minivan buyer with its base price of \$20,860 for the RWD cargo van; \$23,260 for the AWD cargo van; \$22,207 for the RWD passenger van and \$24,507 for the AWD passenger van.



The 2000 Chevrolet Astro minivan is largely unchanged in appearance since its introduction in 1985.



This Astro is outfitted with equipment for the disabled.



This Astro is pulling a trailer, using a tow/haul mode on the transmission which holds revs longer when laden with cargo or a trailer.

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G.P. Shop owners say minimum wage increase will hurt

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Small-business owners are worried about the prospect of an increase in the minimum wage.

A spot check of local shop keepers showed they hope President Bill Clinton will carry out his threat to veto a recently approved bill to increase the minimum wage by \$1.

A legislated wage increase, said business representatives, could cause anything from bankruptcies to the laying off of inexperienced workers, mainly teenagers who are trying to get a toehold in the job market.

"An increase in the minimum wage could put some of us out of business," said Cheri Musial, owner of Pointe Pet's

Supply and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business and Professional Association.

Last week, Senate Republicans passed legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.15 in increments over 28 months. The Republican bill differed from an earlier Democratic proposal, which the GOP defeated, that would have kicked in the \$1 raise in only half the time.

According to a study by Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation, the Democratic plan would raise federal taxes \$1.7 billion over the next five years, while the Republican counterproposal contains \$18.4 billion in tax relief during the same period.

If the Republican measure makes its way through the

House, it faces an immovable object in the form of Clinton. Promising to veto the legislation "in its current form," the president has gone on record calling the measure's tax provisions a "cynical tool to advance special interest tax breaks."

Supporting the Republican proposal, Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.), said, "We have found a solution to increasing the minimum wage and providing tax relief to small-business owners."

Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, criticized Abraham's position: "He wants to give tax breaks to wealthy Americans but is asking working families to wait three years for one buck."

According to the Economic Policy Institute, 420,386 peo-

ple in Michigan, or 10.5 percent of the work force, earn minimum wage.

Musial, who has among her staff three part-time employees with little work experience, looks forward to Clinton's veto.

"If I had to pay (workers) \$6-something an hour," said Musial, "I'd want somebody on my staff with more skills and experience."

"Uh, oh," said an apprehensive Kyle Hall, a part-time employee of Musial. For young people like Hall, a student at South High School who had no work record before Musial hired him seven months ago, an increase in the minimum wage could mean losing his job.

The same goes for employees of Botanica, a flower shop in the Farms owned by Greg Glendenning.

Glendenning said he'd counteract an increase in the minimum wage by replacing three of his part-time workers, all of whom are students with little experience and limited skills, "with one adult who is more capable of doing many things."

Glendenning's concerns hit home with one of his part-time employees, Laura Martin, a Woods resident. She and her classmates have discussed the minimum wage in a political science class at the University of Michigan Dearborn.

"I've heard that a lot of jobs will be lost" if the minimum wage goes up, said Martin.

According to "Sense and Nonsense on the Minimum Wage," an analysis of the effects of minimum wage on employment by economics professors from the University of Chicago and Texas A&M, employment among men and women aged 15-19 fell 6.7 percent and 5.4 percent, respectively, after the minimum wage was increased in 1990-91.

"The damage done to teenagers is twofold," according to an analysis of minimum wage legislation by Matthew Kibbe, a fellow at the Center for the Study of Market Processes at George Mason

University.

"First, they lose income immediately (due to layoffs). Second, because minimum-wage legislation has rendered them unemployable, teenagers cannot gain the experience and skills that would make them employable at higher wages later.

"If there were no floor price on labor," Kibbe continued, "teenagers could offer to work for a lower price until they had gained the training, experience and skills they needed to command a higher wage."

Jeannie Soulliere, manager of Speedi Photo in the Woods, juggles the schedules of 22 employees, 18 of whom work part time while attending high school or college. To lure good workers in a strong economy, she pays more than minimum wage.

She bases wages "on performance," she explained. Still, she said, "It's hard to keep people. I don't lose my staff to new jobs, but to graduation from school or when they move into their careers."

She added, "I'd like to hire older people because they'd be

more permanent, but they're hard to find."

For many young people, a guaranteed minimum wage is a way of life.

But for a generation of Americans who entered the work force before the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 established the first national minimum wage of 25 cents an hour, a guaranteed wage unrelated to job performance is a baffling luxury.

Hazel Schwartz was born in 1911. Long retired from operating a drug store in Detroit with her late husband, she helps out these days at The Dried Flower in the Woods.

In 1929, as a high school graduate on the eve of the Great Depression, she earned 20 cents an hour as a soda jerk with the Vernor's Company at the foot of Woodward in Detroit. The prospect of a guaranteed income was as fanciful as an episode of Flash Gordon.

She remembers the days when "you didn't worry about how much money you were making," she said. "You were just tickled to death to have a job."



Woods awards forthcoming

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission met recently at its 25th annual Beautification Awards Program. Business and residential awards will be presented for significant beautification efforts throughout 1999. Members include (front row, from left): Mary Beth Nicholson, recording secretary; Kim Sorget, vice chairperson; Jacki Rump, chairperson; Carol Sauter, corresponding secretary; James Kedich, treasurer; (back row, from left) Bonnie Fleming; Marge Kingsley; Angelo DiClemente; Catherine White; Mayor Robert E. Novitke; Michael Zolk; Marie Thomas; Janette Duster; Thomas Fahner, council representative; Kathleen Brown, DPW representative and Fred Orth. Members Heather Simmet and Aaron Druckner are not pictured.

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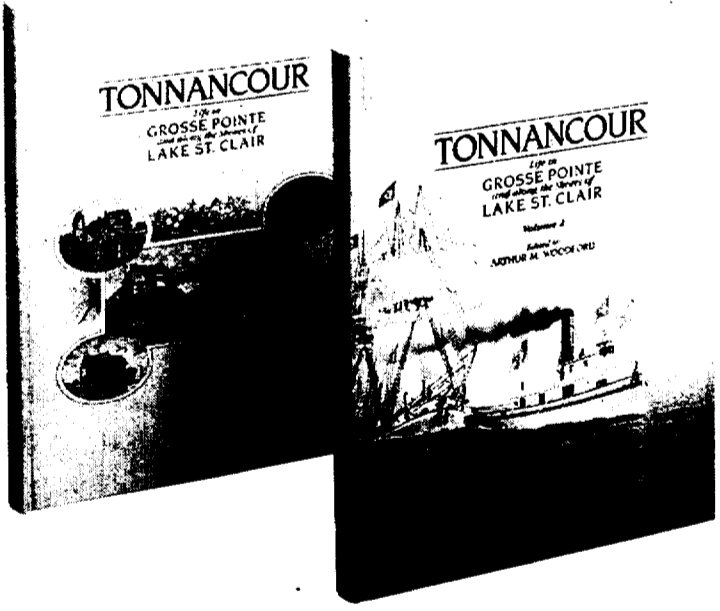
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Greenspan raises rates for third time

On Nov. 16, the Fed raised two key interest rates.

The federal funds rate (charged on overnight loans between banks) was increased 1/4 of 1 percent to 5 1/2 percent, and the discount rate (charged by the Fed on loans to its member banks) was boosted to 5 percent, from 4 3/4 percent.

The Fed's next meeting is Dec. 21, then Feb. 1.



By Joseph Mengden

Giving thanks

The year-end holiday season officially begins on Thanksgiving Day and continues through Y2K Day, formerly known as New Year's Day.

The holiday shopping season, of course, began immediately after Labor Day, interrupted only by the four-week detour through the ghosts and goblins of Halloween.

This former eve of the holy day, All Saints Day, now ranks as the nation's No. 2 retailing event (second only to Christmas), exceeding Easter and Mother's Day, dollarwise.

Have you noticed an increase in your catalog mail this year? LTS and Mrs. LTS do not prohibit our banks, credit card issuers and other retailers from selling our name and address to other merchants.

LTS was home the other day when our over-burdened mailperson struggled up our path with one box and two arms full of catalogs and junk mail.

LTS inquired if any other person on the mail route received more waste paper than we did? "Why, you get more mail deliveries, by far, than anyone on my route." In researching last week's

article about United Parcel Service, LTS realized that there's been a quiet revolution in America's delivery system of products and services.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, our federal government carefully nurtured and developed the Postal Service to assure the prompt delivery of personal letters and business bills.

Meanwhile, the transportation and delivery of packages, crates and bulk items were deliberately left to others, including American Express and Wells Fargo (remember the "Music Man"?).

Then came the invention of the railroad, telegraph, telephone and airplane.

The dissemination of information was reduced from weeks to days, and now, with the Internet, is instantaneous! And e-mail does not need a 33-cent stamp.

Last week, LTS sent an e-mail to our cousin in California, announcing the birth of our seventh grandchild, Amalia Elise Bunker, daughter of Melissa Mengden Bunker and Frank Bunker, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

In former times, this announcement would have added revenues to Western Union, AT&T or the post office.

The Internet also opens a whole new shopping experience.

A couple of weeks ago, we were watching one of the old movies on TCM (Turner Classic Movies, Channel 66 in Grosse Pointe). The announcer mentioned some of the other movies in which the female lead starred.

So LTS turned on the PC, jumped on the Internet, click one for "Entertainment," click two for "Movies," click three for "Name of Movie."

A couple of seconds later, LTS was enrolling at Amazon.com with name, address and credit card infor-

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mation. The whole purchase took about five minutes. The VHS cassette of the movie, which cost \$15.12, including postage, arrived three days later.

LTS has not yet experienced "electronic banking," but intends to start soon. Imagine paying bills without writing checks, without paying 33 cents postage to mail the check across town in five-days-plus, only to find out you were charged a \$15 late payment fee by the vendor.

No wonder then that First Class mail has declined as a percentage of total mail movements, and will continue to decline in the future.

With Federal Express and other over-night delivery companies capturing most of the envelope mail business, and UPS grabbing the package business from the Internet, will the post office be relegated to just peddling newspapers and catalogs?

Hey bub, fill 'er up!

It was September 1941 in Houston. LTS was a high school senior, who would graduate at age 17.

Back then, Texas had only 11

grades. When the South finally got into step, one class had to retake a year.

Eventually, there was one very small graduating class, only those who skipped-ahead a year, and those who flunked-back one year.

LTS and his best friend, George, usually double-dated to the Saturday night football dances.

George's dad had a company car, which none of his kids were permitted to drive.

So George always volunteered 50 cents for the gas, which, at 10 cents a gallon, was more than needed, since the cars got about 10 mpg back then.

After the dance, we'd all go out to the South Main Street Drive-In, which came complete with short-skirted car-hops, jukeboxes that played for 5 cents a record, and a movie screen out back that featured "Felix the Cat."

Cokes were 5 cents, hamburgers 15 cents, and malts 10 cents. Tips were 5 to 10 cents, depending on the service and the conversation.

In 1965, LTS motored from Detroit to the Grand Canyon in a 1964 Pontiac Bonneville seven-passenger station wagon

(the rear seat faced the rear). It weighed-in at over three tons, and with six kids, a dog, the zippered luggage carrier on top, and hauling a two-wheel pop-up trailer, the Bonnie V-8 got 7.5 mpg at 65 mph. Premium gas cost 35 cents a gallon in 1965.

Now, LTS has a four-door computerized V-8 that sips gas — 26 mpg at 65 mph and 24 mpg at 75 mph. But premium gas now sells for \$1.40 to \$1.60 a gallon.

Midweek, last week, crude oil traded above \$26/bbl, another three-year record high.

With production curtailed at least until March 2000, there is talk in the Oil Patch that crude could go up to \$30/bbl

this winter. Thirty-dollar crude would push regular gas to about \$1.50/gallon and premium to \$1.80.

At 8 mpg, the cost of driving those monster SUVs is going north!

Hurry, only 29 shopping days until Christmas!

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. He is also a member of the Financial Analysts Society of Detroit Inc.

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Village parking is free during holidays

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Merchants in the Village are excited about a free parking program that will extend through the holiday shopping season.

From Nov. 26-28, and Dec. 10-26, parking will be free in all municipal parking lots in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe. The policy includes the parking deck behind Jacobson's, but not on-street metered parking.

"This is a thank-you to our customers for supporting local businesses," said Beverly Leinweber, who serves on the board of the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

"It's great for the customers," said Christie Hickcox, general manager of Borders Books and Music.

Susan Wheeler, mayor of the City, said, "We view it as a thank you to the great cooperation and terrific patience (by merchants and their patrons) during the recent streetscape improvement project."

Last spring, the City began the first upgrade of the Village in 25 years. The \$1.3 million project began with the replacement of underground utilities and has yielded wider sidewalks and simplified traffic patterns.

Decorative brickwork, old-fashioned streetlights, new trees and flower boxes are part of a package to make the hometown shopping district more attractive and accessible to shoppers who are looking for an alternative to the commotion of malls.

"With the new streetscape, the Village looks so nice and new," said Kate Cherry, a resident of the City who attended the Village Christmas tree lighting ceremony earlier this week.

Cherry shops frequently in the Village. "The free parking program will complement the Village's new look," she said.

Last weekend, Wheeler met with members of the Village Association.

"A couple of merchants said their bottom lines were going straight up," said Wheeler. "They reported having a lot more traffic and enthusiasm. They're optimistic going into the Christmas season."

Although the parking promotion is limited to municipal lots, parking will remain free on Kercheval until new parking meters are installed as the streetscape project nears completion.

"We hope everyone will do all of their shopping in the Village," added Wheeler.

Business People



Metz

Virginia Metz has been elected chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. She has also been named chair of the Local Rules Advisory Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Metz, an attorney with the law firm of Vercurryse Metz & Murray, which is located in Bingham Farms, is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

She is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.



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Independent contractor versus employee — a big difference

One of the IRS's pet peeves is misclassification of employees as independent contractors. That's because employment taxes are the federal government's cash cow.

It's been estimated that Uncle Sam has lost as much as 20 billion in tax revenues as a result of independent-contractor status being claimed incorrectly.

John Rickel, a certified public accountant with offices in the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, said, "If employee social security, Medicare and federal unemployment taxes, as well as withholding taxes, are not paid by the employer, the recipient typically claims deductions that largely offset income."

"Both the federal and state employment and part of the income taxes are lost to the governmental units."

To prevent the loss of valuable tax dollars, the government imposes severe penalties on those who misclassify.

Therefore, says the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, be forewarned.

Make sure you understand how the IRS determines whether a worker is an employee or an outside contractor, and follow its guidance carefully.

Misclassifications can be costly

If the IRS decides that your independent contractor is really an employee under the tax laws, assessments include the federal income tax, as well as Social Security, Medicare, and federal unemployment taxes, that should have been paid all

along, in addition to interest and penalties.

"State costs follow, as well," added Rickel.

Should the business prove unable to pay the assessment, "responsible persons" including corporate officers and shareholders, can be — and are — held personally liable.

Rickel said, "Where a business is losing money, this assessment can put a responsible person out of business — and taxes are not discharged in bankruptcy."

Keep in mind, too, that when you are required to reclassify an independent contractor as an employee, you can face consequences in the area of employee benefits.

IRS' determining factors

There are 20 different factors the IRS uses to determine whether a worker is an independent contractor or an employee.

Generally speaking, the more control an employer exerts, the more likely it is that the IRS will consider that person an employee.

For example, the government will likely view your independent contractor as an employee if:

- Your company controls the job by instructing when, where, hours worked and how it is performed.

- Your company provides the tools and materials.

The independent contractor can't produce evidence of any significant investment of time or money spent setting up a business.

"Nor can other significant customers," added Rickel.

- Your company pays the person at regular intervals — hourly, weekly, or monthly.

- The independent contractor cannot directly realize a profit or suffer a loss as a result of his or her services.

Protecting yourself

If your company is using independent contractors, there are several things you can do to minimize your exposure to employee reclassification, with all its resulting assessments.

First, prepare written independent contractor agreements that clearly describe the terms of the arrangements.

Within these agreements, address as many of the IRS's 20 worker classification factors as possible.

Because you want to illustrate that the independent contractor is not subject to the same control you would have over an employee, your written agreement also should include a provision requiring the contractor to have responsibility for hiring, firing, and directly compensating his or her workers.

In addition, Rickel said, "you should provide insurance coverage for the contractor, and 'also insured' coverage for you at your work site."

Your contract also should require the contractor to provide all necessary tools and equipment.

You also might include a clause in your agreement stating that you have no intention of retaining the contractor for

long-term employment.

In terms of your working relationship, instructions given to independent contractors about when, where, how, and in what sequence to perform the job should be general in nature.

Whenever possible, any necessary instructions should be given as recommendations, not mandates.

Have the independent contractors submit invoices to the company for payment and then keep copies of these invoices on file.

It's also important that you not assume responsibility for paying the contractor's business or travel expenses or provide health or insurance benefits of any kind.

What Congress has done to protect you

Determining a worker's status can be somewhat arbitrary — and the consequences of misclassification potentially devastating, particularly for a small business.

As a result, Congress enacted Internal Revenue Code Section 530 to preclude the IRS

from penalizing for erroneous classifications as long as the employer consistently and in good faith classified them as independent contractors.

To qualify for Section 530, you must have:

- Not treated the worker as an employee in the past.

- Consistently treated the worker as an independent contractor on all returns filed (including Form 1099).

- A reasonable basis (reliance on authority, prior IRS audit, or a long-standing industry

practice) for treating the worker as an independent contractor.

- Not treated anyone else holding a substantially similar

position as an employee.

One more place to turn

The IRS offers a program called the Classification Settlement Program to help businesses and IRS examiners resolve worker classification issues as 50011 as a dispute occurs and to ensure that Section 530 relief is properly applied.

Examiners are authorized to offer settlements to qualifying businesses.

To avoid this situation, CPAs point out that it's best to check annually the extent to which your independent contractors continue to meet IRS requirements as specified in Revenue Ruling 87-41.



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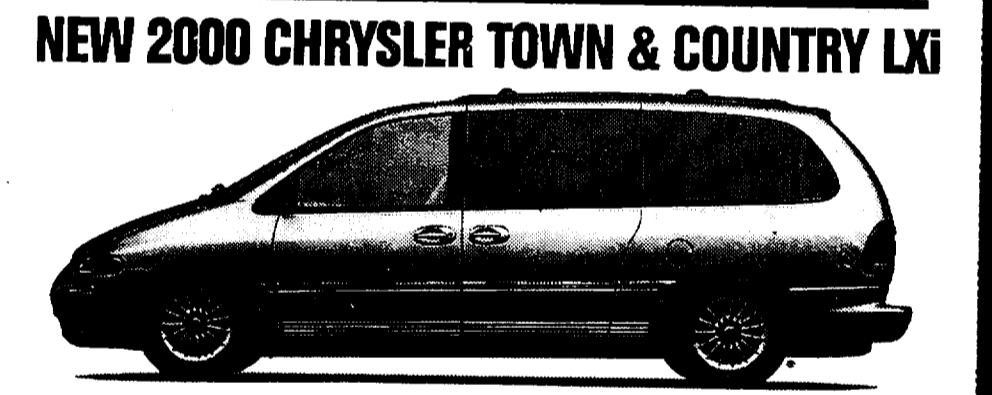
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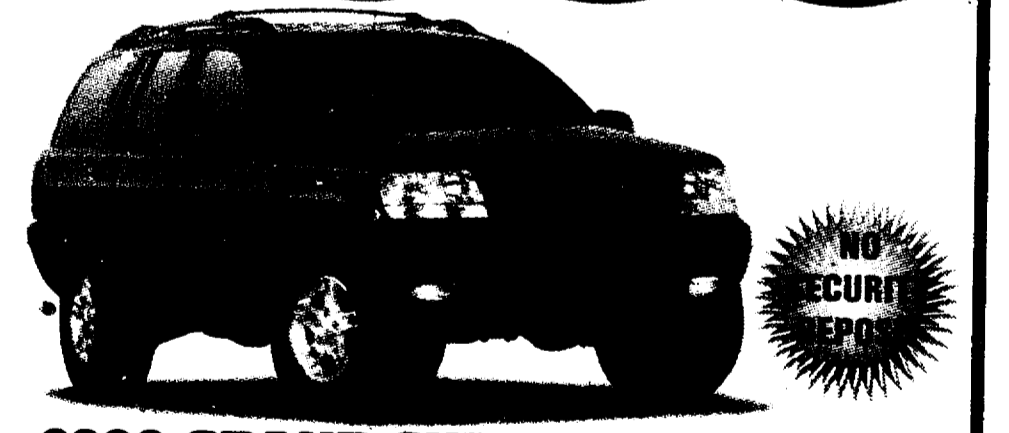
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TLC — Together Let's Cope with tender loving care

By Madeleine Socia
Special Writer

To most moms and dads, TLC stands for tender loving care, the kind of intimate attention they dream of showering on their child from the moment he or she enters this world.

But for more than 1,200 families whose infants require the services of St. John Health System's Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or Special Care Nursery each year, the acronym has been redefined as Together Let's Cope.

Since 1986, the hospital-administered support group, comprised of volunteer parents of NICU alumni, has fulfilled a commitment to "family focused" care by improving the quality of life for those reeling in the wake of their infant's premature birth, physical anomalies or illness.

TLC volunteer director Elaine Sikorski of Grosse Pointe Woods had three premature babies who were treated in St. John's NICU. "You don't know what it is like to have a premature or sick child until you have had one," Sikorski said. "It's like your dreams have all been broken. You have been picturing this healthy, bouncy baby that you are going to take home. But when you leave the hospital, you leave your baby behind. To see another parent, and know that they survived this, means so much."

TLC was conceived in 1984 by two mothers who became friends while their daughters were in St. John's NICU. Realizing the benefits of mutual support, they organized a group of parents who shared their experience and lobbied the hospital for two years for formal affiliation.

While the hospital provides the basic operating budget, the program is also partially funded through foundations and private donations.

The first parent-to-parent organization to reach out to families experiencing a NICU crisis was founded 25 years ago at the University of Utah Medical Center.

St. John's TLC program was a local pioneer in its field and remains one of only a handful of similar organizations in metropolitan Detroit. Though it most often serves the families of children born at St. John's, it also welcomes families whose infants were transferred from, or treated in, other area hospitals.

According to St. John neonatologist Dr. Donald Adams, survival rates in NICUs have risen in recent years because of technological and medical breakthroughs and quality care. Programs like TLC can be a

contributing factor to these positive prospects.

"I think the emotional well-being of the family is extremely important to the baby," Adams said. "Having parents discuss their life experiences can stimulate the types of questions they need to ask us and alleviate fears."

TLC program coordinator Laurie Jensen of Grosse Pointe Farms reports that approximately 40 percent of NICU families access some form of TLC services annually. Most learn about the group through the information in their admission package. Others are introduced by way of bedside visits from TLC volunteers who tour the unit each Thursday evening, pushing the TLC lending library of informational and inspirational reference books and videos.

Currently, the TLC program has about 40 volunteers who give, on

average, four hours each month to the program. In order to participate in the program, men and women must complete 12 hours of specialized training.

"They are all very compassionate people," Jensen said. "When I ask them why they are volunteering, the vast majority say that they just want to give back to the NICU/SCN because they are so grateful that their baby survived. Their children may still have problems, but these are values-oriented individuals. They love their child no matter what. And they want to reinforce that for other people."

As a nurse who worked in St. John's NICU for 21 years, and the mother of a NICU alumnae, Jensen offers a unique perspective on the ordeal families must face.

"Having been touched by what they go through opened my eyes," she recalled. "Not all of our cases are emergencies. Some of the moms have been on bed-rest for extended periods, so they have had time to think and worry. But you are never really prepared for it. People don't realize just how overwhelming it is to walk in and see your baby attached to all these wires. It's devastating. You feel cheated and angry and fearful. Many parents have babies in the NICU for weeks or months."

Jensen compared the impact to the grieving process. "Essentially, you are grieving the loss of having this perfect child. At first there is disbelief, almost like an out-of-body experience. You feel like it isn't really happening.

"Then, depending on the severity of the condition or the potential for problems, you feel anger.

"Then you get to the point where you accept it and can work within the realm you have to work within." Many parents, grandparents and siblings take comfort and courage from discussion group meetings held within the NICU on the first and third Thursdays of each month. This program allows them to air their concerns and questions with TLC volunteers and a NICU nurse in an empathetic environment.

"They have questions about breast feeding," Jensen said. "They have technical questions that the nurses can answer. They have questions about what to expect when they leave the hospital. They have questions about what to do about the rest of their children at home when they are running back and forth to the hospital. They also talk about relationships with their spouses. Parents don't always see eye-to-eye. Men tend to cope differently with grief. Frequently, the mother will think that the father is not being sensitive or caring enough."

Guilt is another disturbing side effect. "It's a natural thing," Jensen said. "Even when, intellectually, you know that you didn't do anything to cause the premature labor or anomaly, emotionally, you still feel you could have prevented it."

"We validate their feelings. We can say, 'No, you're not crazy. Yes, it is OK to feel that way. No, you didn't cause it but I know that you feel that way anyway.'"

"It's that empathy that really adds to the process."

The fact that extended families and friends often unwittingly inflict feelings of isolation, or ask insensitive questions and make comments, is another common complaint. To avoid these hurtful problems Jensen advises making expressions of con-

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Elaine Sikorski of Grosse Pointe Woods is volunteer director for St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Together Lets Cope (TLC) program.

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Tina Maria Ricci, daughter of Roger and Sandra Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Daniel Thomas Zintsmaster Jr., son of Daniel Zintsmaster of Key West, Fla., and Sally Zintsmaster of Angola, Ind., on Nov. 21, 1998, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Key West.

The Rev. McGrath officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception on the beach and at the Paradise Hyatt.

The bride wore a white silk gown trimmed in satin that featured a sleeveless bodice and a mini-train. She carried a presentation bouquet of white Casablanca lilies, dendrobium orchids and roses in shades of off-white, champagne and ivory.

The matron of honor was Seraphina Kamen of Birmingham.

Bridesmaids were Liza Sayre of Charlotte; the groom's sister, Megan Zintsmaster of Angola; Renee Cueter of Ann Arbor; Dondra Haesler-Elie of Bloomfield Hills; Marie Lafata-Caradonna of Rochester Hills and Julie Hielscher of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants wore floor-length cocoa brown chiffon sheaths and carried bouquets of lilies, orchids and roses.

The best man was John Matouk of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Matt Zintsmaster of Key West; the bride's brother, Dino Ricci of Grosse Pointe Woods; Tim McCrackin of Pittsburgh; Phil Chrysler of Brighton; Paul Dalzell of Foxboro, Mass.; and Steve Nigg of Los Angeles.

The mother of the bride wore a cocoa brown knit suit.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length cocoa and black sheath.

Scripture readers were Lisa Lyonnais, Mike Sayre, Janie Schroeder and Brad Byarski. Presentation of the gifts were

by the bride's and groom's parents.

The bride is a loan officer with Gehrke Mortgage Corp. in Eastpointe.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from Northwood University. He is an executive with Remtech Co.

The newlyweds traveled to San Jose, Liberia and Ishita, Costa Rica. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walton

Dickinson-Walton

Susan Dickinson, daughter of Allen and Corinne Dickinson of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Robert Walton, son of Erlen and Jackie Walton of Farmington Hills, on May 15, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak.

The Rev. Russell officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Lochmoor Club.

The bride wore an off-the-shoulder tissue taffeta gown that featured long sleeves, pearl beading at the neckline, a full skirt and a cathedral-length train. She carried a bouquet of light pink Anna roses and hot pink freesia.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Ann Dickinson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Carrie Nurmi of Harper Woods; the groom's stepmother, Jackie Walton of Farmington Hills; Donna Brook of Haslett; and Connie Green of Lansing.

The flowergirl was the groom's daughter, Katelyn Walton of Commerce Township.

Attendants wore navy blue suits and carried Colonial free-form bouquets of freesia and Gerber daisies in bright colors. The flowergirl carried a basket of pink and ivory roses and wore a matching crown of flowers in her hair.

The best man was the groom's father, Erlen Walton of Farmington Hills.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, John Walton of Farmington Hills; Dwight Leski of Denver; Mark Davis of Grosse Ile; and David Nurmi of Harper Woods.

The mother of the bride wore a beige dress with silk jacket trimmed in satin and a wrist corsage of pink baby roses.

The bride's uncle, Walter Toepel gave a special reading.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Wayne State University. She is director of client services with Spar Marketing Force in Rochester Hills.

The groom attended Oakland Community College. He is director of operations with Spar Marketing Force.

The couple traveled to Hawaii. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Youngblood-Walker

Kristen Anne Youngblood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Park, married Richard David Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch Walker of Scituate, Mass., on Aug. 21, 1999, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. Brian Manning and



Mr. and Mrs. Richard David Walker

the Rev. John Sullivan officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride wore a full-length white silk shantung gown that featured a scooped neckline, embroidered bodice, dropped waist, a hem banded with white silk and a chapel-length silk organza train. Her fingertip-length silk organza veil was banded in silk organza and she carried a nosegay of white hydrangeas, roses, stephanotis, lilies and light blue delphiniums.

The maid and matron of honor were the bride's sisters, Courtney Cross Youngblood of Chicago and Lindsay Louisell Youngblood of Grosse Pointe Park.

Bridesmaids were Mary Carolyn Maycock of Washington, D.C.; Terrell Semple Burke of Denver; Mary Elizabeth Simpson of Atlanta; Pamela Crawford Paulmann of Westport, Conn.; and the groom's sister, Katharine Marie Walker of Scituate.

Attendants wore floor-length periwinkle blue chiffon dresses and carried nosegays of lavender and blue hydrangeas, roses and delphiniums.

The best men were the groom's brothers, John

Murdoch Walker III of Boxford, Mass., and Kevin Reynolds Walker of Boston.

Groomsmen were Laurence Jay Rodman of Coppell, Texas; Robert John Lee of Alexandria, Va.; Mathew Seery Herney of Boston; Scott Stevenson Stikeleather of Canton, Mass.; and Alex Miguel Zimny of Wellesley, Mass.

The mother of the bride wore a tea-length sage green silk crepe dress with a matching silk chiffon scarf. She carried a single, long-stemmed white rose.

The groom's mother wore a tea-length blue floral chiffon dress and carried a single long-stemmed white rose.

The organist was David Wagner. The trumpeter was William Beger. Soloist was Marie Brown. Scripture readers were Rachel Christina Freeman and Martin Guillermo Zimny, both of Chicago; and Olivene Louisell Lutfy of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Boston College. She is an account supervisor at Bronner, Slosberg Humphrey Inc. in Boston.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. He is the general manager of Surfside Realty Trust in Boston.

The newlyweds traveled to Lake Como and the Amalfi Coast in Italy. They live in Newton, Mass.

Groustra-Tribick

Vicki Groustra, daughter of John and Kathy Groustra of Lexington, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, married Adrian Tribick, son of Ken Tribick of Atlanta, and Patricia Galliano, on Sept. 4, 1999, at the bride's parents home.

The Rev. Ed Bray of Grosse Pointe United Church of Christ

officiated at the 4:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride wore a white silk organza gown and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The matron of honor was Ellen Groustra of Boston. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Tribick and Natalie Tribick, both of Atlanta; Noelle Paskewitz of Atlanta; Toni Schoenith and Elizabeth Kraft, both Grosse Pointers.

Attendants wore cornflower blue dresses similar to the bride's gown.

The best man was the groom's father, Ken Tribick.

Groomsmen were Scott Gay, Bryon Egge, Stan Deese, Mark Baily, Steven Glude and John Thelen, all of Atlanta.

The mother of the bride wore a dress similar to the bride's dress. She carried a long-stemmed rose.

The groom's mother wore a suit.

Readers were the bride's brothers, Peter Groustra and Tim Groustra.

The bride is a designer and producer of web graphics for autotrader.com, a used car web site.

The groom is marketing coordinator with Crawford Communications.

The newlyweds traveled to Seaside, Fla. They live in Woodstock, Ga.



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This tabloid will be published January 27, 2000. Your child's picture, along with other 1999 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

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The Babies of 1999

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South's Mother's Club plans tour of 5 local homes

The 1999 Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club's annual Holiday Walk will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. The tour will feature five festive Grosse Pointe homes decorated for the holidays. The tour is self-directed, with participants driving from home to home, in any order. The event will include a raffle of 10 "Uncle Nick" dolls from Mary Beth Designs. Raffle tickets may be purchased the day of the walk.

Proceeds from the annual event will go to the scholarship and enrichment fund for Grosse Pointe South High School students.

Tickets are \$15 before Dec. 5; \$18 on the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased at The Fruit Tree, the Pointe Pedlar, Cavanaugh's Office Supplies, Blue Bay Fish Market, Hickey's and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call Karen Cassetta at (313) 881-1556.

Toys for Tots: Andiamo restaurants will help the Marine Corps Reserve collect Toys for Tots at Trattoria Andiamo in Grosse Pointe Woods and Andiamo Lakefront Bistro on Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, as well as its other four restaurants. Patrons are invited to deposit unwrapped new toys in the restaurants' collection boxes.

"We're hosting a large party from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Andiamo Italia Banquet Center in Warren for everyone who donates a toy," said Joe Vicari, Andiamo owner.

Honored: Fifteen members of the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services medical staff were honored at a Grand Autumn Ball in October.

Among the presenters and those honored were Michael FitzSimons, chairman of the BSCHS board of directors; Dr. Nabil T. Tawile; David M. Hempstead, president of the BSCHS joint venture committee; Dr. Jae S. Kim; Dr. Roberto Barreto; Dr. Lacey Walke; Dr. James Boutros; Dr. Magdy Hanna; Dr. David E. Bryner; Dr. William R. Fulgenzi; Dr. John H. Williams; Dr. Max L. Gardner; Dr. N.B. Chari; Dr. Daniel Megler; Dr. Dan G. Guyer; Dr. Jan Eric Lehman; Dr. Enrique Romero and Rick Van Lith, BSCHS chief executive officer.

Guests at the black tie ball enjoyed dinner prepared by the Whitney restaurant and



Parcells Holiday Bazaar

Parcells Middle School will hold its 24th annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the school, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. More than 125 exhibitors will display handmade craft items and refreshments will be for sale. Proceeds from the event will support Parcells PTO projects.

A \$3 early bird ticket allows shoppers to enter at 9 a.m., one hour before general admission. A limited number of early bird tickets are available at Parcells from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 3.

General admission tickets are \$2. Budget shopper tickets are \$1 and allow shoppers to enter after noon.

Chairmen of the bazaar are shown, from left: Linda Walton, Daria Cooper and Mary Kay Rewalt.



Harvesting Hope

Barat Child and Family Services presented its first "Harvesting Hope" event Oct. 28. About 40 guests helped raise funds for the non-profit agency that has provided help and direction to disadvantaged girls and young women in the metropolitan Detroit area for nearly 75 years.

The Friends of Barat presented \$1,000 gift certificates for Barat House programs. From left, are Betty Brooks, board of directors chairman; Marilyn Magretta, Friends of Barat treasurer; Leah Shelton, Barat House assistant program director; Velda Garcia-Stamp, Redirection Now! program coordinator; Claire McIntosh, Friends of Barat president; and Pam Cuthbert, Barat Child and Family Services executive director.



Five Grosse Pointe Park homes will be featured on the Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club Holiday Walk, slated for Sunday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From left, are Chris Keelan, co-chairman of the walk; Anne La Perriere, student artist for the Holiday Walk's publicity poster; and Karen Cassetta, co-chairman.

danced to the music of band-leader Lester Lanin. The event also celebrated the first year of the Bon Secours Cottage joint venture, the 80th anniversary of the founding of Cottage Hospital, the 90th anniversary of the Sisters of Bon Secours' arrival in Michigan; and the 175th

anniversary of the Sisters' founding in Paris.

Proceeds from the Grand Autumn Ball have been designated for the Bon Secours Cottage Cancer Program.

Golden days: The Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club Rescue Service, a non-profit club, provides foster homes

and new homes for homeless retrievers. The group will participate in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 26.

All participants must be preregistered. (Sorry, too late for this year's parade.) For more information, call Ro Arabia at (313) 885-3647.

— Margie Reins Smith

Concert

The Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club and the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club will hold their annual holiday concert and tea at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Performing Arts Center of Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Admission is free and the community is invited. Choirs from both high schools will perform. Pointsettias and holiday cookies will be available for purchase after the concert. Chairmen of this year's tea are Cathy Leverenz, at the left, and JoVona Cisco.



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The Pastor's Corner

Thanksgiving

By a member of the Christian Science Church

Traditionally Thanksgiving is a season to give thanks to God for a bountiful autumn harvest which will provide for us through the winter. But that doesn't stop us from thanking God all year 'round.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands... Enter into his gates with thanksgiving," coaxed one of the authors of Psalms.

Why is gratitude important? What about someone stuck behind a wall of depression and lack? Is gratitude tied to the number of things you have — or don't have?

Most people can confirm a lesson from daily life: an attitude of joy shifts thought away from problems, and opens it to the possibilities of good in one's life. Fresh insight and renewed activity result. So gratitude is practical. It lets us use the good in our lives when we recognize its spiritual source.

The healings in Jesus' ministry include several that show the results of being thankful independently of material wealth or lack.

At one point he fed a multitude of people with only "five loaves and two fishes" (John 6:1-14). In this instance, Jesus gave thanks to God even before he saw the evidence of the food they so urgently needed. He grasped the goodness of God so clearly that he could use this knowledge to feed thousands. For him, gratitude wasn't tied down to the possessions he had.

"Are we really grateful for the good already received?" wrote Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, in her book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," page 3.

"Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks."

Gratitude can be expressed in a calm sense of the presence of God in our lives during times of turmoil. Gratitude can bring a quiet assurance to decision-making, a release from depression, a receptivity to thoughts which can even heal us from illness. It can awaken us to avenues that improve relationships or employment.

Who hasn't felt relief when gratitude replaces complaining?

Let's always entertain a "gratitude attitude." Then let's look for the harvest of good in our lives.

'Coping with the holidays' offered by Kaul Funeral Homes

Beginning on Saturday, Dec. 4, Kaul Funeral Homes will present its 11th annual "Tree of Remembrance" program. This special holiday program gives participants a chance to recognize and pay tribute to a family member or friend. Persons interested may come to any of the Kaul Funeral Homes between noon and 7 p.m., Dec. 4 through Dec. 11, to place an inscription in memory of their loved ones on an individual Christmas ornament provided by Kaul.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. the formal dedication of the "Tree of Remembrance" with all ornaments will be on display. The service will take place at the Clinton Township Senior Center, 40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township. The program is also free. For further information, call any of the Kaul Funeral Homes: Roseville Chapel — (810) 775-1911; St. Clair Shores Chapel — (810) 775-2424; or the Clinton Township



Greens of Christmas

Christ Church Grosse Pointe will hold its annual Greens of Christmas party and auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the church's undercroft. Benefits from the auction will go to the Christ Church Christian Education program and outreach.

Items to be auctioned include a Chuck Bigelow painting, a boat, the use of a vacation home in Italy, jewelry and several gourmet dinners. Tickets are \$30. The church's annual Greens of Christmas sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Decorative items and wreaths will be for sale.

From left, in the front row, are Susan Heinen and Patty Fox, co-chairmen of the event; Tina Dalby and Sally Whims. In the back is Suzie Decker.

World AIDS Day will be Dec. 1

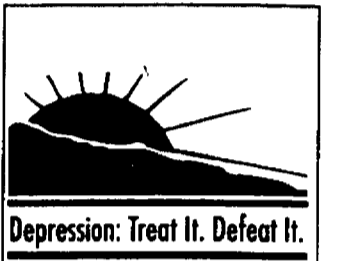
"A Day of Remembrance" service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier in Harper Woods.

The service is planned for the community on World AIDS Day, to enable those who have lost a loved one to AIDS to find support and recognition in their grief. The community is invited. For more information, call (313) 884-2035.

Babies

Catherine Jacqueline Troost

Edward and Jessica Troost of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Catherine Jacqueline Troost, born Oct. 27, 1999. Maternal grandparents are David and Karen Wandrie of Detroit. Paternal grandparents are Maureen Troost of Redford and the late Richard Troost. Great-grandparents are Bud and Helen Klensk of Mount Pleasant and Otto and Elizabeth Wandrie of Springhill, Fla.



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Laparoscopic surgery

By Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli
Special Writer

Nov. 21 marked the 10th anniversary of the first laparoscopic gall bladder procedure performed in Michigan. Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli, director of laparo-endoscopic surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, the surgeon who performed that surgery, assisted by Dr. Larry Lloyd, chief of surgery, recently talked about the benefits of minimally invasive procedures through the last decade.

Q: What is laparoscopic surgery and what are its advantages?

A: It's a procedure performed using special instruments and a video camera known as a laparoscope that projects pictures from inside the patient to a video monitor, which is similar to playing a Nintendo game. Many abdominal laparoscopic surgeries can be performed through just a few tiny puncture-like incisions instead of the traditional 12-inch incision. As a result, there is usually a lot less pain for the patient, a shorter hospital stay, much better cosmetic outcome and decreased chance of complications, which includes pneumonia and wound infection. Patients also can usually return to work much faster.



Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli

Q: What has been the experience using this laparoscopic technique at St. John in the last decade?

A: Surgeons have performed more than 4,000 gallbladder operations and 2,000 inguinal hernia repairs, along with hundreds of hiatal hernia repairs for heartburn, appendectomies, splenectomies, adrenal gland removals, colon resections and highly selective vagotomy for ulcer disease. Recently, the laparoscopic technique has been used for nephrectomy, which is the surgical removal of a kidney from a live donor for transplant. Using the laparoscope and just three small incisions and a three-inch bikini-line incision, we have been able to free the kidney from its blood vessels and ureter and remove it in more than 20 cases since the first live donor laparoscopic nephrectomy was performed in southeast Michigan at St. John in December 1998.

Q: How did this work?

A: The first one was done on a man from Georgia who donated a kidney to his 58-year-old father. The donor needed one pain pill following surgery, was back to eating doughnuts the next morning and went home the next day. Just three days after surgery, the patient had no tenderness, no lapse of energy and no other side effects. He said that the arthroscopic surgery he once had on his knee hurt a lot more than the laparoscopic kidney removal procedure.

Q: What other kinds of surgeries can be done this way?

A: Virtually every surgical procedure done in the abdomen can be done laparoscopically, including removal of spleen and liver cysts as well as cryosurgical (freezing) procedures to treat liver cancer. Lumbar fusion can also be done for back pain and some types of coronary bypasses are now being done laparoscopically. Diagnostic laparoscopic techniques are commonly used, too.

Q: Will surgeons eventually stop operating using traditional methods?

A: Probably not. Some types of surgeries will still need to be done traditionally. Also, not all surgeons are skilled in the use of the laparoscope, while others simply favor traditional techniques. It's a matter of choice on the surgeon's part and type of surgery involved. For example, the removal of the gallbladder laparoscopically is the standard of care now, with some cases still needing to be done the open way.

Q: Who would be a good candidate for this type of surgery?

A: Probably 98 percent of patients would be considered good candidates for abdominal laparoscopic surgery. But there are exceptions. Anyone who has had multiple abdominal surgeries or who experiences uncontrollable bleeding during surgery wouldn't be a good candidate. But for the most part, the technique can be used successfully on a wide range of people, including those who are obese.

Q: Do many patients need to be convinced to have their surgeries this way?

A: Not at all, although in the early days, many people — including other physicians — were skeptical about the idea of removing or repairing an organ that way. But now, people frequently ask to have their gall bladder removed or hernia repaired this way. In large part, that's due to the media and Internet. People are becoming more well informed, researching their conditions before coming in for surgery and consequently are a lot more knowledgeable about their options.

Q: In addition to going on-line, how can people learn more about laparoscopic surgery?

A: St. John Hospital and Medical Center is having a "Laparoscopy Week" celebration Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon in the hospital's main lobby. Displays will be set up showing how the procedure is done, and surgical residents will be demonstrating the technique. Everyone who comes will have a chance to try their hand at using an actual laparoscope.

Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli is a Grosse Pointer.

Babysitting class offered

Based on the premise that better sitters today make better parents tomorrow, Bon Secours Cottage Health Services will offer one-day SafeSitter courses for 11- to 13-year-olds from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18. The cost is \$20.

SafeSitter is an instructional program designed for adolescents. BSCHS, a certified SafeSitter site, uses only authorized instructors for student training. The program covers topics which include baby sitting as a job, how to be a successful sitter, a system approach to accident management, basic child care essentials, child safety and choking rescue instructions. Each participant receives a SafeSitter manual to use as reference material on the job.

The course takes place in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux, in the City of Grosse Pointe. Participants can bring lunches or purchase meals in the hospi-

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Correction

Dr. E.W. Schervish, right, in the above photo from last week's Features front (Page 1B) was misidentified as Dr. Robert R. DiLoreto. The article also should have pointed out that Dr. Schervish was Farms Mayor Ed Gaffney's prostate surgeon, who was referred by Dr. DiLoreto. Dr. Schervish specializes in urologic cancer surgery. Both doctors are members of the Michigan Institute of Urology. We apologize for the error and hope it does not diminish the importance of the message the article was meant to convey.

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TLC

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cern sincere and simple.
"Some people, because they don't know what to say, don't say anything at all," she said. "But it's good to make contact. You can be supportive without offering suggestions or observations. Don't say something like 'It was meant to be' or 'that's God's will.'"
"No matter how well-meaning, it is not what you want to hear when your baby is very sick or has died. Instead you might say, 'I know you are going through a lot and please let me know if I can do anything for you.'"
TLC phone support, which matches parents with a TLC alum whose own baby had a similar diagnosis, begins in the hospital and follows the infants and their families home. Though the unit offers pre-discharge overnight trial runs to enable parents to learn to care for their children's special medical requirements, there is still a tremendous need for emotional encouragement.
"What helped me most was that the TLC volunteer who called me had a daughter with many of the same things that my son Alex had, severe prematurity and underdeveloped lungs," Sikorski said, when recalling the benefits of this adventure in mentoring.
"It helped me to know that her daughter was doing fine. Many parents feel that they are not adequately fit to care for their child, compared to those terrific doctors and nurses who have been caring for them in the NICU. We continue with telephone support for as long as they need it after discharge so they don't have to

feel that they are all on their own.
"For babies who aren't as ill, parents may want one or two calls. For very, very premature babies, the calls may last six to eight months. We let them decide by always asking if they want us to call again."
Kind words are key, but the fact that "seeing is believing" is not lost on the TLC volunteers. To this end, they raised funds through the sale of cookbooks to mount a large, colorful display in the unit featuring the smiling faces of NICU alumni. This proof that progress is possible offers a daily dose of hope to families looking for the light at the end of a long, dark tunnel.
Though modern medicine provides many NICU/SCN success stories, not all babies survive. TLC recognizes the loss with bereavement support overseen by a mother who has shared this experience. When an infant dies, families receive spiritual and emotional support information, including a toy lamb or bear and a plaster cast of their child's footprints. The TLC administrator and volunteers offer words of condolence and encouragement in the form of cards and phone calls over an extended period. They may also refer families to other grief support groups in their respective neighborhoods.
Long after a family's crisis period ends, the TLC office tracks and utilizes their experiences to improve the NICU/SCN's policy and practice for the benefit of future patients through customer satisfaction surveys. In addition, volunteers interact with medical managers from the NICU

by serving on a parent advisory board to explore opportunities for increased parental involvement in decision making councils at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.
The Board also provides a mechanism for relaying parental concerns and suggestions to the appropriate pediatric councils within the hospital. In addition, TLC acts as a clearing-house for new ideas related to the development of family focused programs.
The TLC office facilitates ongoing communication with its "graduate" families through a quarterly newsletter, bi-annual parties for TLC program participants and a reunion every two years in the NICU area for its esteemed alumni.
"Our alumni group started because the nurses and doctors wanted to see how the children had grown through the years," Sikorski said. "Even though they try not to attach themselves, many times they do because they are human. The staff remembers how sick these children were and they get a thrill out of seeing them well."
The NICU/SCN staff and parents appreciate the role that TLC volunteers play in these happy endings.
"There are not enough words to describe how much our volunteer parents strengthen us," said Gayle Novack, NICU/SCN clinical nursing manager. "They provide a unique and precious service and we are most grateful to them."
If you have experienced an NICU crisis and are interested in offering your time and talent to the TLC program, call

Pumpkin chocolate chip cookies are a hit



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

If you are in search of a new cookie idea this holiday season, look no further. If time is something that you don't seem to have in abundance, this is your cookie. This week's feature, pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, was given to me by Zoe Darin of Lake Orion.
The cookies were quite easy to assemble and bake, and possess a wonderful pumpkin flavor that surrounds the ever so popular chocolate chip. Unlike many cookies that may double in size as they bake, these tasty morsels expand ever so slightly, holding the size and shape that you choose to make them.
Zoe recommends using Libby brand canned pumpkin for her recipe.

Peter Peter

Pumpkin cookies
1 cup sugar
1 cup Crisco shortening
1 egg
1 cup canned Libby pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour

1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together the sugar and the shortening using an electric mixer. Add the egg, vanilla, and the pumpkin, continuing to mix well. In a separate bowl toss together all of the dry ingredients. Using a wooden spoon, stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture and stir until well

blended. Add the chocolate chips.
Using a tablespoon as a measure, drop the cookie dough onto a greased baking sheet about an inch apart and bake at 350 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes.

Bake cookies one baking sheet at a time, on the oven's center rack. I kept my cookies in the oven slightly longer, until they were a bit darker than golden brown. The extra oven time gave these cake-like wonders a crispy outer shell.

Make sure to cool your cookies on a wire rack so they don't become soggy on the bottom. Store in an airtight container so they stay fresher longer.

My gal pal Madeline Huddock of Grosse Pointe (who attends kindergarten at Maire School) gave my holiday treasures a raving review.

Thanks to Zoe for a pumpkin recipe that I'm sure Peter Peter would approve of. Happy Thanksgiving to all and may your day be a culinary delight.

Engagements



Robert Donald Galeota Jr. and Katherine Ann McDonald

McDonald-Galeota

Beatrice McDonald of New Orleans, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Ann McDonald, to Robert Donald Galeota Jr., son of Irene and Robert Galeota of Grosse Pointe Park. A December wedding is planned.
McDonald earned a bachelor of arts degree from William Tyndale College and is currently enrolled in the graduate degree program at Walsh College. She works for the YTK Team at PVS Chemicals Inc.
Galeota earned a master's certificate from the Florida Maritime Institute, Merchant Marine. He is vice president of his family's business, Pointe Energy Ltd. of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lee-Karcher Maniere-York

Gerald and Toni Lee of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Traci Renee Lee, to Alan Arnold Karcher, son of Arnold and Pauline Karcher of Richmond. A May wedding is planned.
Lee graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and the Academy of Health Careers. She is a pharmacy technician at Bon Secours Hospital.
Karcher graduated from East Detroit High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northern Michigan University.

He is a risk manager with the Detroit Medical Center.



Traci Renee Lee and Alan Arnold Karcher

Marlene and John York of Grosse Pointe Woods and Robert Maniere of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced



Suzanne Maniere and Jeff York

the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Maniere, to Jeff York, son of Barbara York of Lomira, Wis., and Richard Normand of Green Bay, Wis. An April wedding is planned.
Maniere earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Michigan. She works in production for J. Walter Thompson Advertising Co. in Chicago.
York earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in illustration from the American Academy of Art in Chicago. He is group creative director/senior partner with J. Walter Thompson in Chicago.

Meetings

Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club will hold its annual Holiday Ball beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The evening will include cocktails, dinner and dancing. Chairmen are Werner and Michelle Ihrig.

The club will also host a breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Crew's Inn. Chairmen are James and Vicki Clevenger.

Membership is open to any couple new to the Grosse Pointes within the last five years. For information, call (313) 884-6616.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its bridge luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Alger House. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m.; bridge will follow. Reservations or cancellations must be made by noon, Friday, Nov. 26. Call (313) 882-3322 or (313) 884-5190.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. The program will be a philanthropic workshop, "Stocking Stuffers," with Peri Craig. The hostess will be Doris Woerner; co-host-

ess, Lucille Grenzke. Members should bring their filled gift bags to the meeting.

The group will hold its annual Christmas cocktail party at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at the home of Murray and Pauline Thomas. Co-hostesses will be Sue Auch and Doris Kostakis.

Friends of the War Memorial

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will hold its annual tree trimming party beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Friends is an adult volunteer group that supports the center's mission to provide enrichment activities to the community. For more information, call Maria Esposito at

Delta Gamma alums

The Grosse Pointe Alumnae Association of Delta Gamma sorority held its annual Christmas auction on Nov. 11 at the home of Ann Watkins.

During the month of November Ann Baxter of Grosse Pointe Park arranged for DG members to conduct vision screenings on children in the Grosse Pointe preschools.

DG alums will hold a holiday cocktail party in December and a book discussion in February. All meetings are open to DGs living in the Pointes and surrounding areas. For more information, call Barb Stephens at (313) 882-4143.

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Welcome Santa!

Welcome the jolly old elf himself to Grosse Pointe during the 21st annual Santa Claus Parade, Friday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m. More than 100 bands, floats and marching units will leave from the parking lot of Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms, move north on Fisher Road then head West on Kercheval to the Village shopping district. Call (313) 886-7474.

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DIA experience

Treat the entire family to a cultural adventure during Hudson's First Friday programs in the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Activities include and Insider's View of the DIA collections, a World Music Series program, Drawing in the Galleries and a chance to view an Artist at Work. The Apple, a touching story of a man denounced in his Teheran

neighborhood for keeping his daughters locked at home, can be viewed in the Detroit Film Theatre at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Recommended admission to the Museum is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children. Detroit Film Theatre tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$4.50 for students and seniors. Call (313) 833-7900.

Author! Author!

Grosse Pointe authors Dominic Pangborn and Ken Malecki will be signing copies of their new children's book Crazy, Crazy Aunt Oopsisie Daisy, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Borders Books, 17141 Kercheval. Call (313) 885-1188.

Watts of animals

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History alive

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, bring history to life. The Museum's new \$15 million IMAX Theatre is now showing the film The Magic of Flight. Screenings will be offered daily, beginning at 9 a.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and children, ages five through 12 and \$6 for children ages four and under. Traditions of the Season, including the sights, sounds and flavors of the holidays, will be celebrated throughout the Village and Museum, through Sunday, Jan. 2. The Museum and Village are open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except

Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$11.50 for seniors and \$6.25 for children ages five to 12. Call (313) 271-1620.

Strings attached

The curtain has risen on the new season of PuppetArt, 2000. Author David Carson Detroit's Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit, with Jack Surrell and Bob Maxwell to discuss the history of broadcasting in the Motor City, Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit, see African American Portraits of Courage and Remember Downtown Hudson's at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward in Detroit.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., take in clips from the

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The fee is \$3. Tune in to On the Air: Michigan Radio and Television Broadcasting 1920-2000. Author David Carson will join radio personalities Grand River in Detroit, with Jack Surrell and Bob Maxwell to discuss the history of broadcasting in the Motor City, Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.

See a Salute to Tiger Stadium, through Tuesday, Jan. 4. Youngsters can expand their knowledge of the toys, games, transportation, office materials and home life of the past through the hands-on experiences of the I Discover exhibit. The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Kathleen Stevenson



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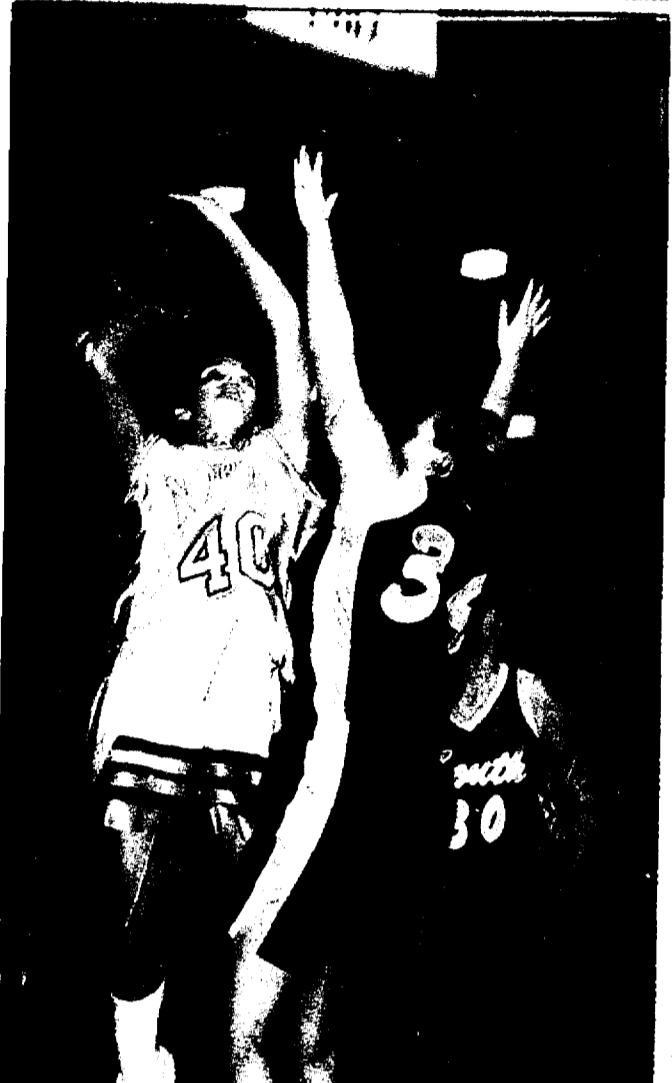
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Team effort carries North to first state swimming crown

Grosse Pointe North's first state swimming championship was truly a team effort. Knowing they were in a battle with four other teams to win the Class A state championship last weekend at Oakland



Lauren Bramos of Grosse Pointe North is guarded closely by Grosse Pointe South's Ashley Elrod as she takes a shot during last week's district tournament game between the two teams.

University, the Norsemen put individual accomplishments behind team goals and won the state title with 188 points to 182 for runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy, the defending Class A champion.

Since relays are a major part of any state swimming championship, North had to advance to the finals in all three relay events.

"In order to strengthen (our) position in the finals, both Mary Cornillie and Melissa Jamerino gave up one of their two individual events to swim on three relay teams," said North coach Mike O'Connor, who was also honored as Class A Coach of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

Each swimmer is limited to four events per meet so if Cornillie and Jamerino swam on all three relays, they could only swim one individual event.

"Jamerino's selfless decision to swim the relays when she was a favorite to attain All-State and possible All-American recognition in the 100-yard freestyle was indicative of the great team spirit that came into play during the meet," O'Connor said.

North began the finals with a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay as the team of Marcia Keat, Lindsey Knost, Jamerino and Cornillie set a varsity record of 1:48.78 and earned All-State and All-American status.

Carly Piper then won the first of her two individual state championships with a 1:50.68 effort in the 200 freestyle. That was also a varsity record and she too, earned All-State and All-American honors.

Keat won the consolation heat in the 200 individual medley, finishing seventh overall, but her time of 2:09.87 was the sixth best in the meet and qualified her for All-American consideration.

Jamerino was third in the 50 freestyle by eight-hundredths of a second with a varsity record time of 24.09, and she also earned All-State and All-American consideration.

North had its first diving finalist in 12 years when Dianna Anderson finished 12th with 324.60 points.

Kanmy Miller won the 100 butterfly in 57.52, also setting a varsity record. She also qualified for All-American consideration and made the All-State team.

North had no finalists in the 100 freestyle, but Cornillie was an alternate with a preliminary time of 54.34.

"At this point, North was in danger of falling 42 points behind Mercy, making a comeback all but impossible," O'Connor said.

"The tide turned when sophomore Stephanie Leaman came

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South captures Class A district basketball title with victories over North and Regina

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Ashley Elrod seems determined to keep playing high school basketball as long as she can.

The Grosse Pointe South senior turned in two of the best games of her high school career last week to play a key role in the Blue Devils' Class A district championship with wins over Grosse Pointe North (45-43) and Regina (52-50).

"Ashley carried us when we needed it," said coach Peggy Van Eckoute. "The game against Regina was probably the best of her career. She was getting knocked down and beaten up and she kept coming back."

"If she keeps playing at that level, it gives us a chance against Utica."

Elrod, who had 15 points and 10 rebounds against North, scored 17 points and collected eight rebounds in the Regina game.

The whole South team raised its play during the district. "They stepped up to a different level," Van Eckoute said of the Blue Devils' performance last week. "Against North, they felt that they had a game taken away from them (a one-point North victory early in the season) and they were on a mission."

"They just wanted the Regina game. They knew they had to win that to get a district championship."

Neither game was easy.

Regina led by five points with about 2 1/2 minutes left, but then Scarlett O'Keefe, who had been in foul trouble all night, took over and scored eight of her 12 points, including the winning basket on a five-foot, turnaround jumper at the buzzer.

The Saddlelites led by a point at halftime, but South held a three-point lead going into the final period.

"We thought about putting Scarlett back into the game with about 4 minutes left, but we were holding our own at the time, so we waited another minute or so," Van Eckoute said.

With 22 seconds remaining, South got the ball and called a timeout to set up the final play.

"We decided to go for the last shot," Van Eckoute said. "We wanted them to start making a move to the basket with eight seconds left. We told Beth (Howson) to penetrate and if she couldn't go in for the layup, to get the ball to Scarlett."

"She did that, but I was afraid that when Scarlett moved into position for the shot, the buzzer was going to go off, but she got it away."

South's strategy was to pressure Regina's guards because of their inexperience.

"At first I wasn't going to press, but after watching last year's

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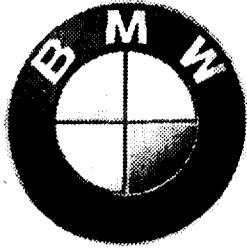
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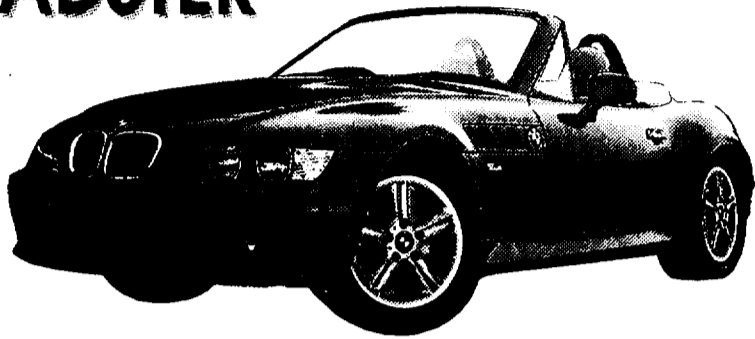
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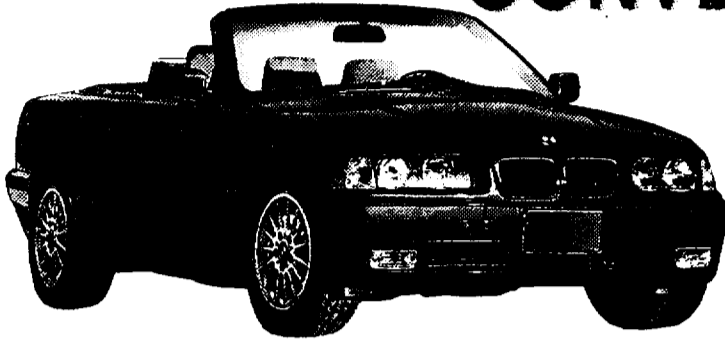


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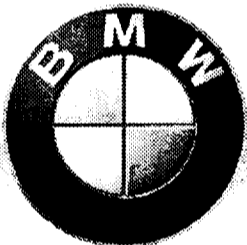
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Ordinance No. 348
CODE NO. 12-05
HISTORIC DISTRICTS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE DESIGNATION OF ONE OR MORE HISTORIC DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY, TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF RESOURCES HAVING HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, TO ESTABLISH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXTERIOR RENOVATION OF DESIGNATED HISTORIC STRUCTURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose of Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

- (a) Safeguard the heritage of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms by preserving one or more historic districts in the City which reflect elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, engineering or archaeological history;
- (b) Stabilize and improve property values in each designated district and the surrounding areas;
- (c) Foster civic beauty;
- (d) Strengthen the local economy;
- (e) Promote the use of historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of the City and of the State of Michigan;
- (f) Encourage adaptive reuse of designated structures whose existence is threatened; and
- (g) Permit the utilization of tax incentives in connection with the renovation of designated structures.

Section 2. Certain Definitions. As used in this Ordinance:

- (a) "Act" means the Michigan local historic districts act, Act 169 of the Public Acts of 1970, as amended.
- (b) "Alter" and "alteration" mean work that changes the detail of a resource but does not change the basic size or shape of such resource.
- (c) "Certificate of Appropriateness" means the written approval of a permit application for work that is appropriate and that does not adversely affect a resource.
- (d) "Commission" means the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission, established pursuant to Section 6 of this Ordinance.
- (e) "Committee" means a Historic District Study Committee appointed by the City Council, pursuant to Section 11 of this Ordinance.
- (f) "Demolition" means the razing or destruction (whether in its entirety or in part) of a resource and includes, but is not limited to, demolition by neglect.
- (g) "Demolition by neglect" means neglect in maintaining, repairing or securing a resource that results in deterioration of an exterior feature of the resource or the loss of structural integrity of the resource.
- (h) "Denial" means the written rejection of a permit application for work that would be inappropriate and would adversely affect a resource.
- (i) "Historic District" means an area, or group of areas not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that contains one resource or a group of resources that are related by history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture.
- (j) "Historic preservation" means the identification, evaluation, establishment and protection of resources significant in history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture.
- (k) "Historic resource" means a publicly or privately owned building, structure, site, object, feature or open space that is significant in the history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, of the State of Michigan, or of the United States.
- (l) "Notice to Proceed" means written permission to issue a permit for work, pursuant to a finding under Section 7 of this Ordinance, which work otherwise would adversely affect a resource.
- (m) "Open space" means undeveloped land, a naturally landscaped area or a man-made landscaped area that provides a connective link or a buffer between other resources.
- (n) "Ordinary maintenance" means keeping a resource unimpaired and in good condition through ongoing minor intervention, undertaken from time to time, pertaining to its exterior condition. "Ordinary maintenance" does not change the external appearance of the resource, except through the elimination of usual and expected effects of weathering, age and use. "Ordinary maintenance" does not constitute "work" for purposes of this Ordinance.
- (o) "Proposed Historic District" means an area, or group of areas not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that has delineated boundaries and that is under review by a Committee for the purpose of making a recommendation as to whether it should be established as a Historic District or added to an established Historic District.
- (p) "Repair" means to restore a decayed or damaged resource to a good or sound condition by any process. A repair that changes the external appearance of a resource constitutes "work" for purposes of this Ordinance.
- (q) "Resource" means one or more publicly or privately owned historic or non-historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, features or open spaces located within a Historic District.
- (r) "Review Board" means the state historic preservation review board of the Michigan Historical Commission within the Michigan Department of State, or any successor state agency delegated similar responsibilities.
- (s) "Work" means construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation or demolition of a resource.

Section 3. Boundaries. The boundaries of a Historic District shall be established by separate ordinance or by an amendment to this Ordinance, in each case following completion of the requirements set forth in Section 11 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Tax Abatements or Credits. By enactment of this Ordinance, the City intends that all persons undertaking appropriate measures to preserve any resource within a designated Historic District, and who would otherwise qualify for tax abatements or credits allowed under existing or future state or federal legislation, be entitled to participate in such abatements and/or credits to the fullest extent of such legislation.

Section 5. Requirement to Obtain Permit for Certain Work. Prior to commencement of any work (including any construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation or demolition) at a resource within any designated Historic District within the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, the owner of such resource must submit an application (in addition to any other building permit applications or license applications required by other ordinances or laws), according to the procedures set forth in this Ordinance, to ensure that such work will comply with requirements set forth in this Ordinance; provided that the requirements of this Ordinance pertaining to work at a resource apply only to (a) work that would affect the exterior appearance of the resource when viewed from the street or other public property, or (b) work that would diminish the structural integrity of the resource.

Section 6. Historic District Commission.

- (a) **Establishment.** In order to execute the purposes declared in this Ordinance and to administer certain procedures as set forth in this Ordinance, there is hereby established a commission to be called the Grosse Pointe Farms Historic District Commission.
- (b) **Membership, Term, Appointments, Vacancies, Removals.** The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. Each member of the Commission shall reside in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms. Members shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of office of three (3) years, except that two (2) of the initial members shall be appointed for a term of office of one (1) year and two (2) of the initial members shall be appointed for a term of office of two (2) years. Members of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment after their terms expire. A vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission for any reason shall be filled by the City Council within sixty (60) calendar days of the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve for the remaining portion of the applicable term. At least one member of the Commission shall be appointed from a list of citizens submitted by a duly organized and existing local preservation society. Additionally, at least one member of the Commission shall be a graduate of an accredited school of architecture who has two years of architectural experience or who is an architect duly registered in the State of Michigan, if a person with such qualifications resides in the City and is available for appointment and willing to accept such appointment. A majority of the members of the Commission shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. Any member or members of the Commission may be removed by vote of the City Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest or malfeasance in office. The City Council shall issue a written notice to any member being considered for removal indicating the time, date and place for consideration by the Council, along with a specification of grounds upon which removal is being considered. At the time and place set, said member shall have an opportunity to be heard and may be represented by counsel. Decisions by the City Council regarding the removal of any member shall be final. A member's absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Commission shall automatically operate to vacate the seat of such member, unless the absence is excused by the Commission by resolution setting forth such excuse.
- (c) **Duties and Powers.**

- (i) It shall be the duty of the Commission to review all plans for the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation or demolition of resources in any Historic District. Such plans shall be approved by the Commission before a permit for such activity can be granted. In reviewing the plans, the Commission shall follow the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings, as set forth in 36 CFR Part 67, as modified or supplemented from time to time. The Commission also shall consider all of the following:
 - (A) The historical or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area;
 - (B) The relationship of any exterior architectural features of such resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area;
 - (C) The general compatibility of the exterior design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used; and
 - (D) Any other factor, including aesthetics, that the Commission finds relevant.
 - (ii) The Commission shall review and act upon only exterior features of a resource visible from the street or other public property, and shall not review or act upon interior arrangements unless interior work will cause visible changes to the exterior of the resource or would diminish the structural integrity of the resource.
 - (iii) The Commission may delegate the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for specified minor classes of work to its staff, to the Building Department or to another authority approved by the City Council. The Commission shall provide to said delegated authorities specific written standards for the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness under this subsection. Following the issuance of one or more Certificates of Appropriateness, said delegated authorities shall appear before the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting and the Commission shall review the Certificates of Appropriateness so issued. Such reviews are to serve the purpose of keeping the Commission informed as to what Certificates of Appropriateness for minor work have been issued since the last Commission meeting. On at least a quarterly basis, the Commission shall review the Certificates of Appropriateness, if any, issued by the aforesaid delegated authority to determine whether or not the delegated responsibilities should be continued.
 - (iv) In case of an application for work affecting the exterior appearance of a resource or for the alteration, moving or demolition of a resource, which the Commission deems so valuable to the City that the loss thereof would adversely affect the public interest of the City and its residents, the Commission shall endeavor to negotiate with the owner of the resource an economically feasible plan for preservation of such resource.
 - (v) If all efforts by the Commission to preserve a resource fail, or if it is determined by the City Council that public ownership is most suitable, the City Council, if considered to be in the public interest, may acquire the resource using public funds, public or private gifts or grants. Such an acquisition shall be based upon the recommendation of the Commission. The Commission is responsible for maintaining publicly owned resources using its own funds, if not specifically designated for other purposes, or public funds committed for that use by the City Council. Upon recommendation of the Commission and the approval of the City Council, the City may sell resources acquired under this subsection with protective easements included in the property transfer documents, if appropriate.
- (d) Officers; Quorum; Notice of Meetings; Records and Reports.**
- (i) The Commission shall elect from its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson whose terms of office shall be fixed by the Commission. The Chairperson shall preside over the Commission and shall have the right to vote. The Vice-Chairperson shall, in the case of the absence or disability of the Chairperson, perform the duties of the Chairperson.
 - (ii) One member of the Commission shall serve as its Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all resolutions, proceedings and actions of the Commission and submit written reports regularly to the City Council.
 - (iii) At least four (4) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business. Subject to the provisions set forth in this Ordinance, the Commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business which shall provide for the time and place of holding regular meetings. The Commission shall provide for the calling of special meetings by the Chairperson or by at least two members of the Commission. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public in conformity with the Michigan open meetings act, as amended, and any person or his or her duly constituted representative shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any matter relevant to the issue(s) before the Commission prior to issuance of its decision.
 - (iv) Public notice of the time, date and place of meetings shall be given in the manner required by the Michigan open meetings act, as amended. Each notice shall contain the business address and telephone number of the Commission. The notice must be posted at the principal office of the Commission, in addition to any other location deemed appropriate by the City Council, and may also be given on cable television or other similar medium. A meeting agenda shall be a part of the notice and shall include a listing of each permit application to be reviewed or considered by the Commission. Nothing in this subsection shall bar the Commission from meeting in an emergency session should there occur a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public when two-thirds of the Commission members decide that delay would be detrimental to efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.
 - (v) The Commission shall keep a record, which shall be open to public view, of its resolutions, proceedings and actions. The concurring affirmative vote of four members shall constitute approval of plans before it for review or for adoption of any resolution, motion or other action of the Commission.
 - (vi) The Commission shall submit a written annual report to the City Council of the general activities of the Commission and shall submit such special reports as may be requested by the City Council from time to time.
 - (vii) Documents and records prepared or maintained by the Commission shall be subject to the Michigan freedom of information act.

Section 7. Procedure for Review of Plans to Construct, Alter, Repair, Demolish, Etc.

- (a) **Filing of Application; Fees.** Application for a permit to construct, alter, repair, move, add to, excavate or demolish any resource in a Historic District, shall be made to the Building Department. The Building Department shall determine whether the resource or any portion thereof is located within a Historic District. Plans shall be submitted together with the permit application, in such detail and covering such matters as may be required by the Building Department, minimally showing all exterior elevations and facades of the structure in question and also showing its relation to adjacent structures. A fee, in an amount established by resolution of the City Council, shall be charged to the applicant in connection with processing a permit application and shall be paid prior to consideration of the application by the Commission. Upon the filing of such application, the Building Department shall immediately determine the zoning classification of the parcel, and if it is determined to be located within a residential zoning district and for work on a new or existing residence or a new or existing residential accessory structure, the Building Department shall immediately notify the Commission of the receipt of such application and shall transmit it together with accompanying plans and other relevant information to the Commission. If the parcel is determined to be within any zoning classification other than residential or for consideration of any kind of request other than work on a new or existing residence or new or existing residential accessory structure, then additional processing requirements for site plan review must be completed and approved prior to review by the Commission. The City Council (acting pursuant to its site plan review procedures) may, however, at any time during its review, refer such application to the Commission for the Commission's preliminary review. Upon preliminary approval of the required site plan, the Building Department shall immediately notify the Commission of the application and shall transmit the application to the Commission for its review.
- (b) **Restrictions on Issuance of Permits.** Except with respect to minor classes of work delegated to the Building Department by the Commission, the Building Department shall not issue a permit and no proposed work shall proceed until the Commission has acted on the application by issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness or a Notice to Proceed.
- (c) **Action Upon Application.** The Commission shall meet within thirty-five (35) days after a completed application has been received by the Building Department, and shall review the plans according to the duties and powers specified in this section and in Section 6 of this Ordinance.
 - (i) **Approval of Application.** If the Commission approves such plans, it shall issue a Certificate of Appropriateness which is to be signed by the Chairperson, attached to the application for a building permit and immediately transmitted to the Building Department. The Chairperson shall also stamp all prints submitted to the Commission signifying its approval. After the Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued and the building permit granted to the applicant, the Building Department shall, from time to time, inspect the work approved by such certificate and shall take such action as is necessary to ensure compliance with the approved plan.
 - (ii) **Denial of Application.** If the Commission disapproves of such plans, it shall state its reasons for doing so and shall transmit a record of such action and reasons therefor, in writing, to the Building Department.

Department and to the applicant. The Commission may advise what it thinks is proper if it disapproves of the plan submitted. The applicant, if he or she so desires, may make modifications to his or her plan and shall have the right to resubmit the application at any time after so doing. The denial of the application shall also include a notice to the applicant of his or her rights of appeal to the City Council, the State Historic Preservation Review Board of the Michigan Historical Commission and to the Circuit Court. The Commission's denial of an application shall be binding upon the Building Department.

- (iii) **Failure to Take Timely Action.** The failure of the Commission to approve or disapprove of such plans within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of a completed application for permit, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the Commission, in writing, shall be deemed to constitute approval, and the Building Department shall proceed to process the application without regard to a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- (d) **Ordinary Maintenance and Prior Permit Work.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance of a resource within a Historic District, or to prevent work on any resource under a permit issued by the Building Department or another duly delegated authority before the effective date of this Ordinance.
- (e) **Notice to Proceed.** Work within a Historic District shall be permitted through the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Commission, if any of the following conditions prevail and if the proposed work can be demonstrated by a finding of the Commission to be necessary to substantially improve or correct any of the following:
 - (i) The resource constitutes a hazard to the safety of the public, to the occupants of a structure or to the occupants of nearby properties;
 - (ii) The resource is a deterrent to a major improvement program which will be of substantial benefit to the community, and the applicant proposing the work has obtained all necessary planning and zoning approvals, financing and environmental clearances;
 - (iii) Retention of the resource would cause undue financial hardship to the owner when a governmental action, an act of God or other events beyond the owner's control created the hardship, and all feasible alternatives to eliminate the financial hardship, which may include offering the resource for sale at its fair market value or moving the resource to a vacant site within the Historic District, have been attempted and exhausted by the owner; or
 - (iv) Retention of the resource would not be in the interests of the community as a whole.

Section 8. Demolition by Neglect. Upon a finding by the Commission that a historic resource, either in a Historic District or in a Proposed Historic District, which is subject to Commission review pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 hereof or otherwise, is threatened by demolition by neglect, the Commission may do either of the following:

- (a) Require the owner of the resource to repair all conditions contributing to demolition by neglect; or
- (b) If the owner does not make the required repairs within a reasonable time, the Commission or its agents, with the concurrence of the City Council, may enter the property and make such repairs as are necessary to prevent further demolition by neglect. The costs of the work shall be charged to the owner and may be levied by City of Grosse Pointe Farms as a special assessment against the property. The Commission or its agents may enter the property for purposes of this section upon obtaining an order from the Circuit Court.

Section 9. Appeals.

(a) **Appeals Regarding Permit Applications.**

- (i) **Appeal to the City Council or to the Review Board.** A permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered by the Commission pursuant to Section 7 or Section 13 of this Ordinance may appeal such decision, at such applicant's election, either to the City Council under subparagraph (A) below or to the Review Board under subparagraph (B) below. A permit applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Commission is not required to submit an appeal to the City Council, but instead may elect to appeal directly to the Review Board under subparagraph (B) below (and thereafter may appeal a decision of the Review Board to the circuit court). In the event, however, that the applicant elects to appeal to the City Council under subparagraph (A) below, a further appeal may be taken to the Review Board under subparagraph (B) below and, pursuant to the Act, such further appeal to the Review Board must be exhausted before an appeal can be filed in the circuit court.

(A) An appeal by a permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered by the Commission pursuant to Section 7 or Section 13 of this Ordinance may be submitted to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing and must be filed with the City Clerk within sixty (60) days after the decision of the Commission is furnished to the applicant. The City Council shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing on the appeal and the City Clerk (or a person designated by the City Clerk) shall cause notice of the public hearing to be sent, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, to all persons to whom real property within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the premises in question is assessed, and to the occupants of dwellings within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the premises in question, such notice to be sent via first-class mail. The applicant shall pay a charge for such mailing in an amount approved by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may, following consideration of such appeal, affirm, reverse or modify the decisions or actions of the Commission, and may order the Commission to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness or a Notice to Proceed.

(B) An appeal by a permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered by the Commission pursuant to Section 7 or Section 13 of this Ordinance, or an appeal by a permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered by the City Council pursuant to an appeal under subparagraph (A) above, may be submitted to the Review Board. Such appeal must be filed within sixty (60) days after the decision of the Commission (or, if applicable, the decision of the City Council on appeal) is furnished to the applicant. The appellant may submit all or part of the appellant's evidence and arguments in written form. The Review Board shall consider and act upon such appeal in accordance with its own established procedures and in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

(ii) **Appeal to the Circuit Court.**

- (A) **Permit Applicants.** A permit applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Review Board may appeal such decision to the circuit court. A permit applicant may not appeal to the circuit court without first exhausting the right to appeal to the Review Board under subsection 9(a)(i)(B) above. An intermediate appeal to the City Council under subsection 9(a)(i)(A) above does not satisfy the applicant's obligation to exhaust administrative remedies before initiating an appeal to the circuit court.
- (B) **Other Parties.** Any citizen aggrieved by a decision of the Review Board, or any duly organized historic preservation organization in the City aggrieved by a decision of the Review Board, or any owner of a resource within a Historic District aggrieved by a decision of the Review Board, or the City (if aggrieved by a decision of the Review Board) may appeal such decision to the circuit court.

(b) **Other Appeals.**

- (i) **Appeal to the City Council.** Any citizen aggrieved by a decision of the Commission or the Building Department, or any duly organized historic preservation organization in the City aggrieved by a decision of the Commission or the Building Department, or any owner of a resource located within a Historic District aggrieved by a decision of the Commission or the Building Department, may appeal such decision to the City Council (except that a permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered by the Commission pursuant to Section 7 or Section 13 of this Ordinance may proceed in accordance with subsection 9(a) above). Appeals must be in writing and must be filed with the City Clerk within sixty (60) days after the decision of the Commission or the Building Department is furnished to the aggrieved party. If the appeal relates to specific premises, the City Council shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing on the appeal and the City Clerk (or a person designated by the City Clerk) shall cause notice of the public hearing to be sent, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, to all persons to whom real property within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the premises in question is assessed, and to the occupants of dwellings within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the premises in question, such notice to be sent via first-class mail. The party initiating the appeal shall pay a charge for such mailing in an amount approved by resolution of the City Council. The City Council may, following consideration of such appeal, affirm, reverse or modify the decisions or actions of the Commission and/or the Building Department.
- (ii) **Appeal to the Circuit Court.** Any party aggrieved by a decision of the City Council pursuant to subsection 9(b)(i) above may appeal the decision to the circuit court.

Section 10. Failure to Obtain a Permit; Restoration Orders. When work has been done upon a historic resource without a permit, and the Commission finds that the work does not qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission, with the concurrence of the City Council, may require an owner to restore the resource to the condition the resource was in before the inappropriate work was performed or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply with the restoration or modification requirement within a reasonable time specified by the Commission, the Commission may seek an order from the circuit court to require the owner to restore the resource to its former condition or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply or cannot comply with the order of the court, the Commission or its agents may enter the property and conduct work necessary to restore the resource to its former condition or modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness in accordance with the court's order. The cost of the work shall be charged to the owner and may be levied by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms as a special assessment against the property. When acting pursuant to said order of the circuit court, the Commission or its agents may enter a property for purposes of this section.

Section 11. Establishment, Amendment or Elimination of a Historic District.

- (a) **Appointment of Historic District Study Committee.** Before establishing, amending, adding properties to, removing properties from or eliminating any Historic District, the City Council shall appoint a Historic District Study Committee. The Committee shall contain a majority of persons who have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation, and shall contain representation from one or more duly organized local historic preservation organizations.

(b) **Duties of the Historic District Study Committee.** The Committee shall undertake each of the various activities authorized and required by the Act, including the following:

- (i) Completion of a photographic inventory of resources within each Proposed Historic District following procedures established or approved by the Bureau of History of the Michigan Department of State;
- (ii) Completion of basic research of each Proposed Historic District and the historic resources located within that district;
- (iii) Determination of the total number of historic and nonhistoric resources within a Proposed Historic District and the percentage of historic resources of that total. In evaluating the significance of historic resources, the Committee shall be guided by the selection criteria for evaluation issued by the United States secretary of the Interior for inclusion of resources in the National Register of Historic Places and criteria established or approved by the Bureau of History of the Michigan Department of State, if any;
- (iv) Preparation of a preliminary report that addresses at a minimum all of the following:
 - (A) The charge of the Committee;
 - (B) The composition of the Committee membership;
 - (C) The proposed Historic District(s) studied;
 - (D) The boundaries for each Proposed Historic District (both in writing and shown on suitable maps);
 - (E) The history of each Proposed Historic District; and
 - (F) The historical significance (relative to the evaluation criteria) of each Proposed Historic District as a whole, the historical significance (relative to the evaluation criteria) of a sufficient number of individual resources within each district to fully represent the variety of resources found within such district;
- (v) Transmittal of copies of the preliminary report for review and recommendations to the City Council, to the Bureau of History of the Michigan Department of State, to the Michigan Historical Commission and to the Review Board;
- (vi) Holding of a public hearing, not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the transmittal of the preliminary report, in conformity with the requirements of the Michigan open meetings act. Notice will be published of the time, date and place of the hearing, and written notice thereof shall be mailed by first-class mail not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing to the owners of properties within any Proposed Historic District, as listed on the tax rolls of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms; and
- (vii) Preparation and submission to the City Council, as soon as practicable following such public hearing, of a final report with the Committee's recommendation to the City Council.

The City Council shall consider and act upon the recommendations of the Committee according to the procedures established by the Act and as set forth in this Ordinance. Any activities or actions taken by a Committee duly appointed by the City Council prior to the enactment of this Ordinance shall be deemed authorized under and in conformity with this Ordinance. The Committee shall ensure that all writings prepared, owned, used, in possession of or retained by the Committee in the performance of any official function (including any preliminary or final reports as described above) shall be made available to the public.

(c) **Removal of Properties from Historic District or Elimination of Historic District.** If considering amendment of a Historic District to remove one or more properties or resources therefrom or if considering the elimination of a Historic District, the Committee shall follow the procedures established by the Act and as referenced in subsection (b) above for issuing a preliminary report, holding a public hearing and issuing a final report and recommendation to the City Council. The removal of properties or resources from a Historic District or the elimination of a Historic District shall be based upon one or more of the following findings:

1. The Historic District, or a particular resource therein, has lost those physical characteristics that enabled establishment of the District; or
2. The Historic District, or a particular resource therein, was not significant in the way previously defined; or
3. The Historic District was established pursuant to defective procedures; or
4. The Historic District or the continued inclusion of one or more resources therein is contrary to the interests of the community as a whole.

Section 12. Historic Review Fee. If a property owner in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms reasonably believes his or her property to be of historic value and significance, a Committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon written request by such property owner, evaluate the proposed resource to determine if it would meet the requirements for designation as a historic resource or inclusion within a Historic District under the provisions of this Ordinance. Said evaluation shall not commence until the property owner has paid in full a fee in an amount established by resolution of the City Council from time to time in order to defray the expenses of the Committee in connection with such review.

Section 13. Demolition Applications; Fees.

- (a) **Resources in a Historic District.** The procedures applicable to proposed demolition of a resource located in a Historic District are set forth in Section 7 of this Ordinance.
- (b) **Structures in a Proposed Historic District.** If a property owner proposes to demolish any structure in a Proposed Historic District, a permit therefor shall not be issued until the earlier of (i) the date on which the Commission issues a written decision under this section approving the issuance of a demolition permit or (ii) sixty (60) days after the filing of the permit application. The applicant shall be required to pay a fee in an amount established by resolution of the City Council from time to time in order to defray the expenses of the Commission in connection with a review of the potential historical significance of the resource. Such review shall be undertaken by the Commission as soon as practicable following receipt of the demolition permit application, and in any event within sixty (60) days after the filing of the application. Following such review, the Commission may either (a) issue a written decision approving the issuance of a demolition permit, based upon a finding that the resource either would not qualify for designation as a historic resource or would otherwise meet the criteria for issuance of a Notice to Proceed, or (b) submit a recommendation to the City Council that the resource be designated for inclusion within a Historic District or a Proposed Historic District, in which event, pending action on such recommendation by the City Council, no demolition permit shall be issued.
- (c) **Other Structures.** For all structures other than those located within a Historic District or a Proposed Historic District, the Building Department, upon receiving a demolition permit application, shall make a tentative determination whether the structure(s) in question would meet the criteria of a historic resource. If the Building Department determines that such criteria are not satisfied, then, subject to the applicant's compliance with any other applicable ordinances, a demolition permit may be issued forthwith. If the Building Department determines that the structure might be deemed a historic resource, then the Building Department shall immediately refer the matter to the Commission, in which event the procedures established in subsection 13(b) above shall be followed.

Section 14. Proposed Historic Districts; Emergency Moratorium. Upon receipt of substantial evidence showing the presence of historic, architectural, archeological, engineering or cultural significance of a Proposed Historic District, the City Council may adopt a resolution requiring that all applications for permits within the Proposed Historic District be referred to the Commission as prescribed in Section 7 of this Ordinance, in which event the Commission shall review permit applications with the same powers that would apply if the Proposed Historic District were an established Historic District. Such procedures may continue in the Proposed Historic District for not more than one year (or for a shorter period of time designated by the City Council), or until such time as the City Council approves or rejects the establishment of the Historic District by ordinance, whichever occurs first. If the City Council determines that pending work will cause irreparable harm to resources located within an established Historic District or a Proposed Historic District, the City Council may by resolution declare an emergency moratorium of all such work for a period not to exceed six months. The City Council may extend the emergency moratorium for an additional period not to exceed six months upon finding that the threat of irreparable harm to resources is still present. Any pending permit application concerning a resource subject to an emergency moratorium may be summarily denied.

Section 15. Amendments. Any amendment to this Ordinance may be made from time to time by the City Council, provided that prior to the adoption of any amendments establishing, modifying or eliminating one or more Historic Districts, a study committee, appointed pursuant to the provisions hereof, makes the study reports and recommendations required by the Act and by Section 11 of this Ordinance.

Section 16. Acceptance of Gifts, Grants or Bequests. The City may accept gifts, grants or bequests from the State or Federal government for historic restoration purposes or historic purposes; it may accept public or private gifts, grants or bequests for said purposes, provided that such gifts, grants or bequests are not used for the purpose of paying any fees or expenses arising out of any litigation. The Commission shall administer on behalf of the City said gifts, grants or bequests for the purposes herein provided. The City Treasurer shall be custodian of funds of the Commission, and authorized expenditures shall be certified by the City Treasurer and by the Secretary or other officer designated by said Commission. The Commission shall annually report to the City Council any money it shall receive or expend.

Section 17. Violations; Penalties. Any person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution or agency of government that violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a civil violation and may be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation or offense. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate infraction under this Ordinance. The penalties established herein shall not limit or reduce any penalties applicable under the Act (which provides for a civil violation and a fine of not more than \$5,000). Any person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution or agency of government that violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance may be ordered to pay the costs to restore or replicate a resource unlawfully constructed, added to, altered, repaired, moved, excavated or demolished. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative, and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

Section 18. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance will not be affected thereby.

Section 19. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its enactment or upon its publication, whichever is later.

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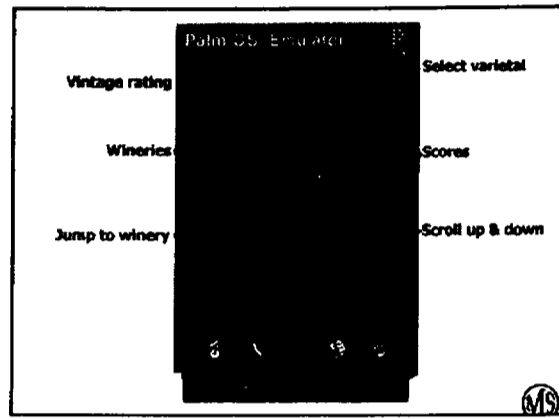
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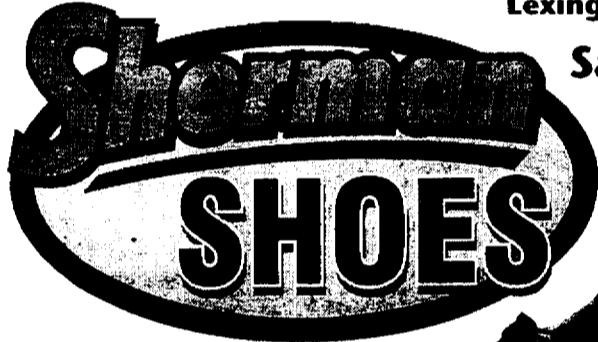
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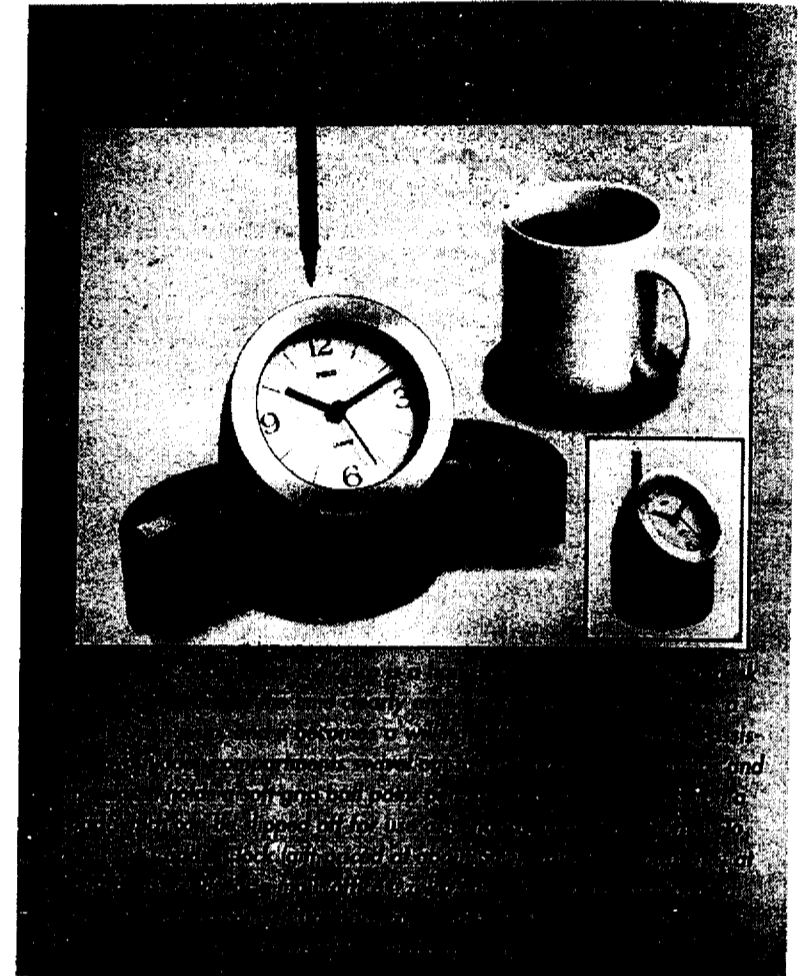
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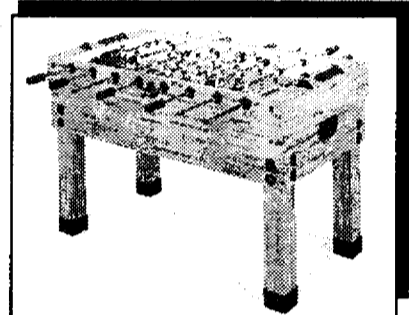
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When entertaining, a table filled with scrumptious treats is a good start, but how about really dressing up the table with an exquisite, homemade centerpiece. A floral and candle centerpiece is easy to make, looks beautiful and definitely will light up the holiday table. Centerpiece decorations courtesy of "Good Housekeeping: Christmas Joys" (Hearst Books), by the editors of Good Housekeeping.

Floral and Candle Centerpiece

The bright purple-pink and red of the anemones in this grouping are deftly highlighted by the light green of the limes and the warm brown tones of the

cinnamon sticks.

- Block of oasis
- Pillar candles
- Cinnamon sticks
- Oval platter
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- Pine cones
- Limes

1. Submerge oasis in water until saturated. Allow to drain, then cut into 3-inch squares.
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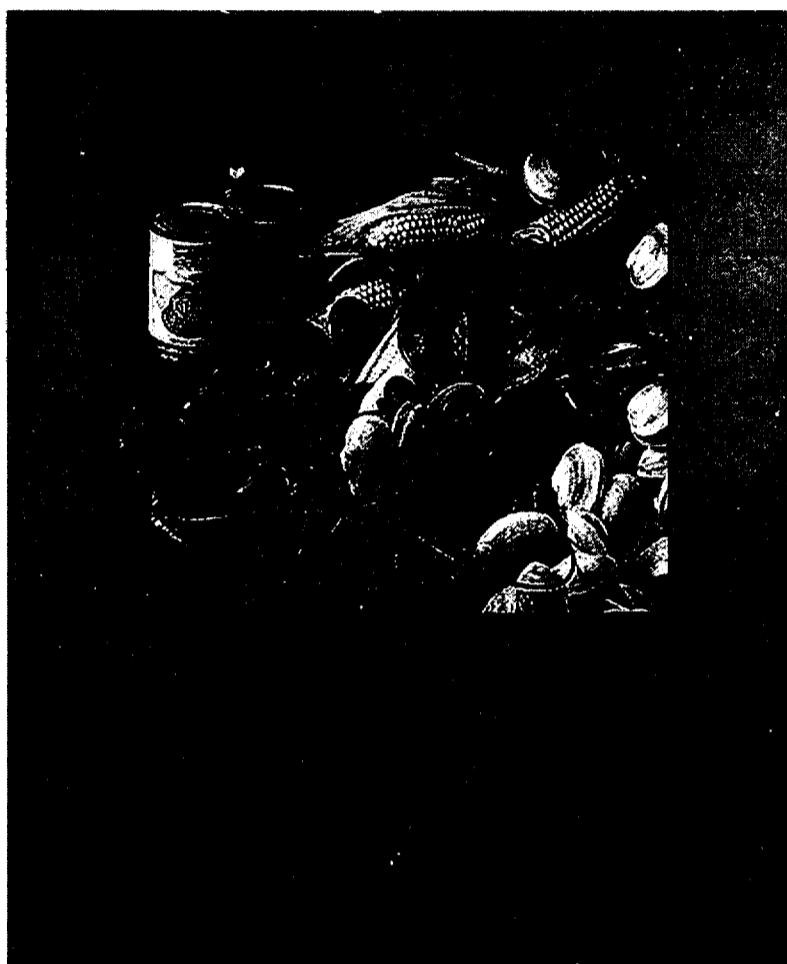
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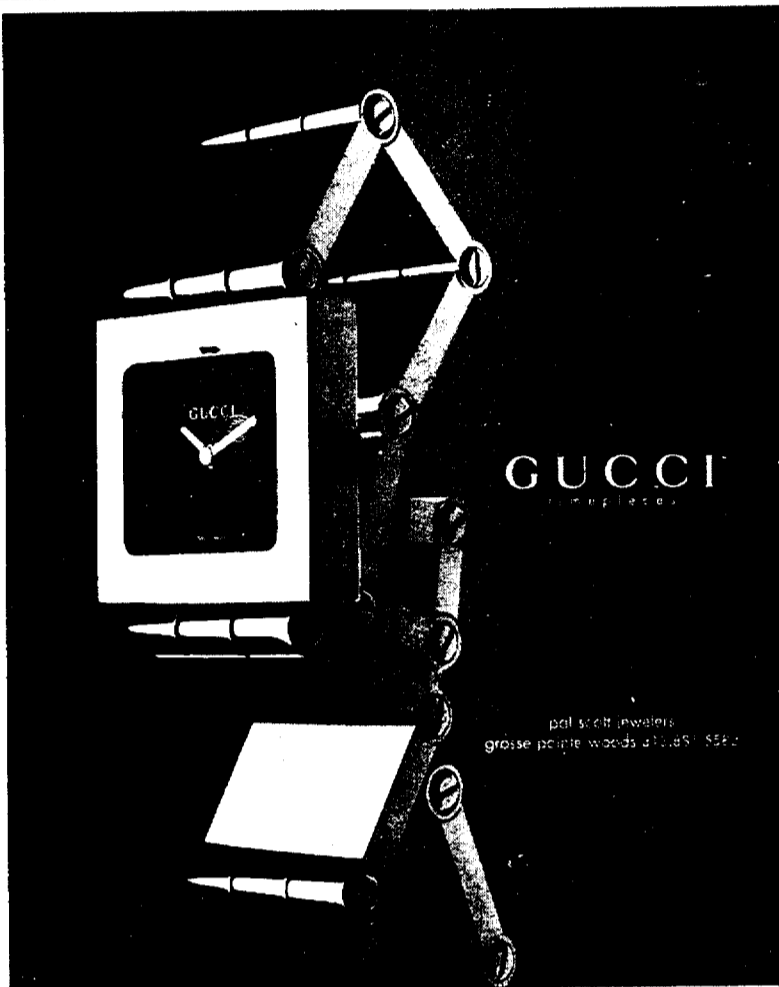
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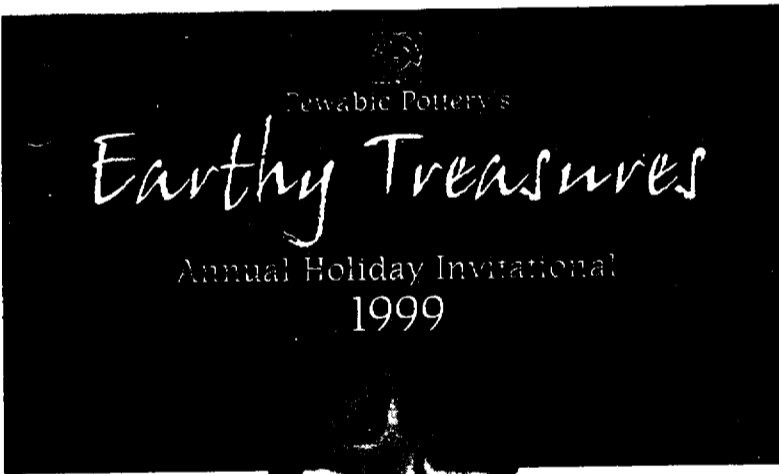
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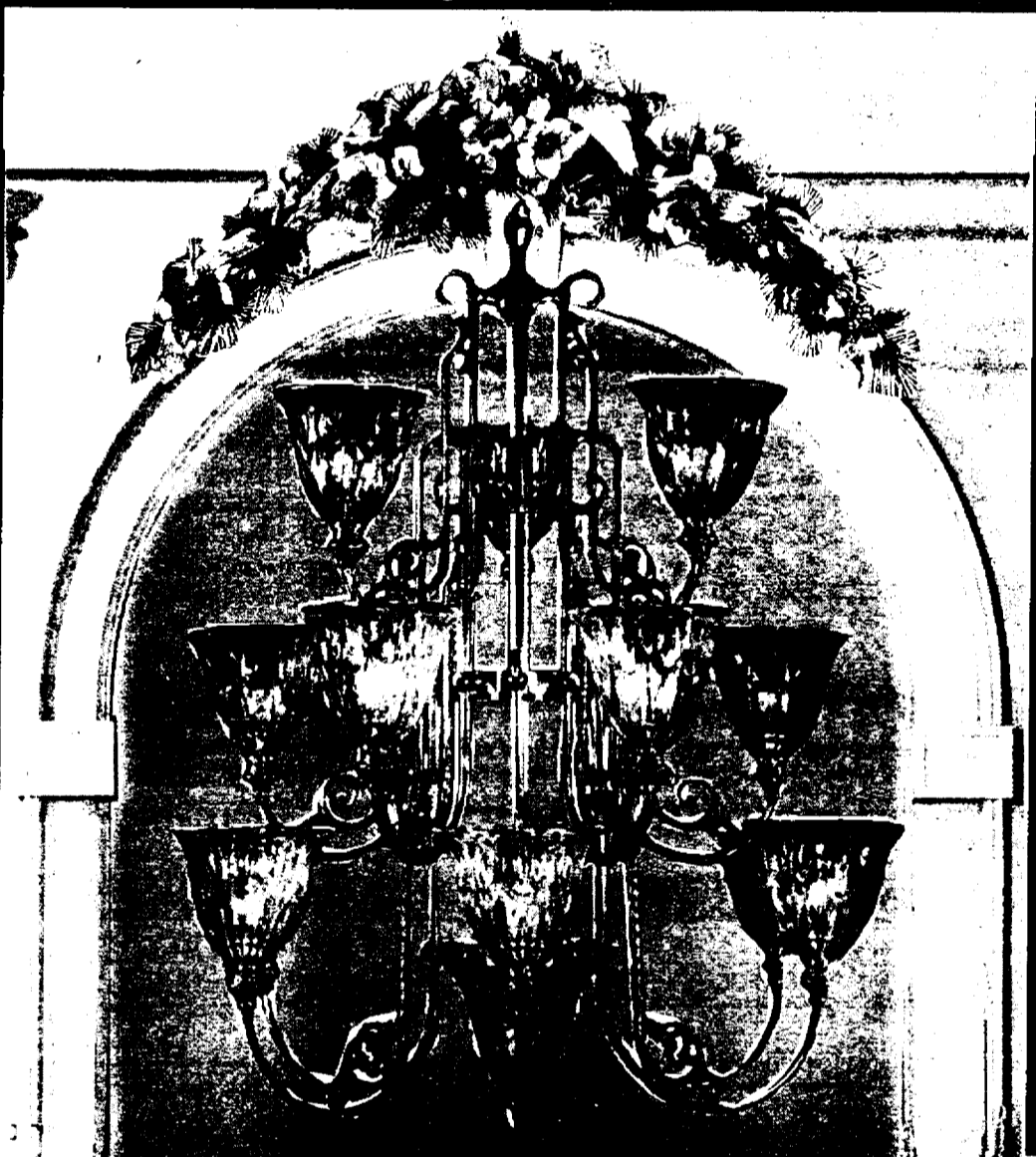
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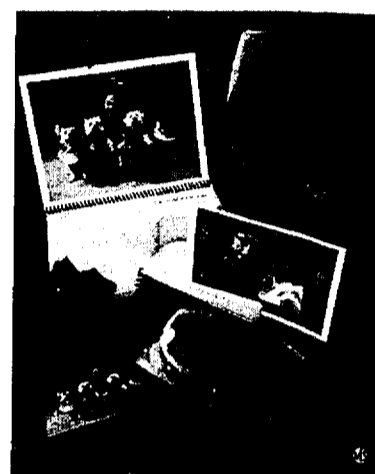
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(MS) — Looking for a way to personalize your holiday gifts? Kinko's offers easy-to-create, personalized gifts with up-to-the-minute technology and around-the-corner convenience.

The company's photo calendars are a personalized gift that will be cherished well into the new millennium. With several options to choose from, you are sure to find a style for everyone on your list. Kinko's photo-a-month deluxe calendar showcases 12 photos you pick and comes in a festive gift box. Or, pick your favorite photo and surround it with a decorative calendar frame for a fun option. Frame styles include Year 2000, All Star Sports, Vintage Lilac and Fern Fossils. To make a big impression, you can create a poster-size calendar to be mounted or laminated.

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Holiday Hairdos

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"Topping off holiday's glamorous and romantic looks, hairstyles are either long and softly tousled, or exotically braided, knotted and adorned with flowers, strands of colorful beads, or rows of mini claws. Straight and super-shiny hair still is popular with the young set, but fashionably clasped with a jeweled silver barrette, bobby pin or a thin, wire-wrapped headband. For a sophisticated look, hair is sleekly twisted low at the nape or piled high on the head," says New York photo hairstylist, Roberto Gonzalez. "It's important that hair be simple and pretty, yet a little offbeat, even playful. It also should complement a woman's face, body and age," he adds.

For instant holiday hair drama, Gonzalez suggests being imaginative and experimenting with hair jewelry that can be both decorative and functional.

Plastic butterflies have been on the fashion scene for a while; now it's precious hair ornaments like marcasite, crystal, rhinestone and semi-precious stone-encrusted sterling silver that are making the cut on the high-fashion magazine pages and worn by Hollywood celebrities, reports National Jeweler, the fine-jewelry trade journal.



According to the Silver Information Center, following fashion's prevalent romantic theme, hearts, flowers, stars and dragonflies are popular hair-jewelry motifs on the holiday party circuit. Exotic as well as estate-inspired, vintage looks in combs, barrettes, pins and hair sticks are directional.

Shopping Tip: When shopping for hair accessories for yourself or as a special holiday stocking stuffer, remember, precious hair jewelry doesn't necessarily mean expensive. The Silver Information Center reports that prices of sterling-silver hair ornaments are comparable to costume hair jewelry, starting as low as \$10. Unlike costume, silver has a perceived value and is a precious metal. Don't be fooled by other white-colored metals. To be assured you are buying real silver, look for the ".925" or "sterling" mark stamped on the piece.



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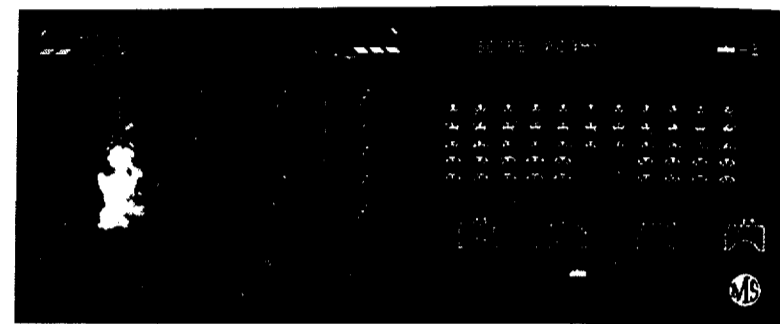
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(MS) — Are you having a hard time figuring out what to buy your children, friends and family this holiday season? Do you have video-game enthusiasts on your gift list, but don't have a clue about today's coolest games? The trendy new trip to the past, "Space Invaders," may be the ideal gift.

Those nasty aliens that first appeared in the '70s and '80s are back and ready to invade some of today's most popular video-game platforms, including the PC, PlayStation™, Nintendo® 64 and Game Boy® Color game consoles.

The game, from Activision, has gone through a transformation for its 21st birthday. Your nostalgic friends and family will recognize the classic shoot-and-dodge game play from days spent at their favorite arcade. Now, with 3-D environments and a variety of new multi-functional weapons including infrared laser beams, swarm missiles and neutron blasts, this truly is a cutting-edge game.

Children of all ages will love the 13 new breeds of alien attackers and be captivated by the multiple missions found on the 10 3-D-enhanced plan-

ets. However, parents will be happy to see that it still is the family-friendly game it always was.

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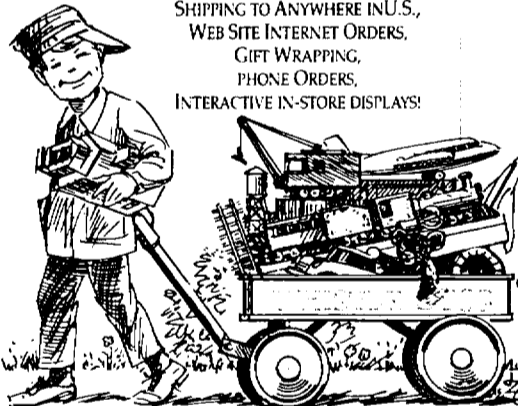
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"Retailers across the country are stocking more platinum jewelry than ever before," says Laurie Hudson, president of Platinum Guild International USA (PGI-USA), the U.S. marketing arm of the world's platinum-mining industry. Most jewelers have prepared for the annual holiday busy season by making sure that they have an ample supply of platinum jewelry in their showcases. However, shoppers are encouraged to visit their jeweler early, says Hudson, for the best selection.

For more information about precious platinum jewelry and a free "Platinum Buyer's Guide," write to PGI-USA, 620 Newport Center Drive, Suite 800, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660 or visit the Web site at www.preciousplatinum.com.

Nothing says "Happy Holidays" better than the gift of precious platinum. Whether it's a stunning bangle or a pair of sleek earrings, a piece of platinum jewelry is one of the year's hottest gifts.

This season, new platinum jewelry styles — from both American and European manufacturers — abound. One of the most noted designs at the industry's summer trade shows was the platinum neck chain. Simple, heavier than gold, and available in a range of machine or handmade styles, the platinum neck chain is one of the easiest places to begin a platinum-jewelry wardrobe. For those who want to collect platinum without giving up their yellow-gold jewelry, there are many

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Dog Books to Bark About *this* Holiday Season

If you are looking for something special to give the dog people on your holiday list — those who carry pictures of their pups in their wallets, schedule their days around their dogs, and talk about their canine kids as if they were human children — go fetch "Cooking with Dogs" and "Island Dog" (Two Dog Press).

A literary treat, "Cooking with Dogs" is filled with tasty morsels and meditations on the karma, comfort and companionship of canines. Author Karen Dowell, whose Labrador retrievers inspired many of the pieces in this award-winning book, smiles when she says the book is not a cookbook. "You won't find recipes for poodles with noodles or beef-flavored biscuits. It's a collection of vignettes and illustrations all about life with dogs — and for my dogs, at least, life begins in the kitchen."

Dowell playfully explores topics that dog owners definitely will relate to —

from drool and dog hair to quirky obsessions and phobias to the art of cooking around a tail-thumping audience. Her more serious insights into dog "motherhood" and the keen canine sense for emotional tension in

a day in the life of one dog with an urge to explore. This gentle tale, brought to life through images, not words, is sure to delight dog lovers of all ages. With an adventurous canine as your guide, you will wander and

Her work, in which dogs frequently appear running, playing or just being good companions, is on display in several private and permanent collections, including the New York City Library, State of Hawaii and the White House Ornament Collection. You'll find "Island Dog" is a panoramic work of art in the shape of a book and a picturesque reminder of the simple pleasures of island living and the uncomplicated needs of a happy dog.

Both books are available in bookstores and on the Internet through online stores, like www.amazon.com. These fun and frisky dog books make perfect gifts for a friend, relative or anyone who loves dogs. To order directly from the publisher, call toll free (888) 310-2DOG or visit the Web site at www.twodogpress.com.

A portion of the proceeds from these and other Two Dog Press books and gifts are donated to dog charities.



families are balanced with whimsical musing on what it would be like if dogs could fly or if they carried cellular phones. Seasoned with 35 beautiful color illustrations by eight different artists, the book is a glowing tribute to the special bond between people and their four-legged best friends.

In much the same spirit, "Island Dog," by Rebecca Goodale, illustrates

swim along an island-studded coast in search of new friends and great smells, before returning to a charming lighthouse home and caring family. The vivid colors and imagery beg you to create your own stories about this carefree island dog.

Goodale, a book artist, has been making limited-edition and one-of-a-kind books for more than 10 years.



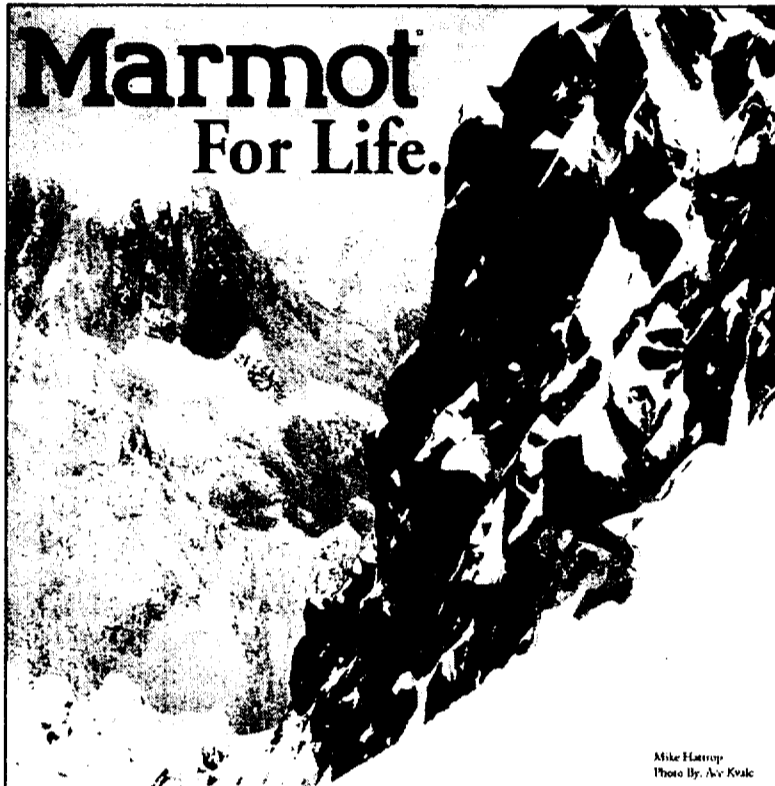
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Whether you're buying a gift for your friend, relative, baby sitter or hairstylist, Essentiel Elements has something special for everyone on your list this holiday season. The company's versatile lifestyle products are made from the purest therapeutic ingredients for daily balance and well-being and continue to give even after the holidays are over.

To help you enhance the holiday season for the special people in your life, Essentiel Elements offers the following suggestions.

- Avoid being caught off guard. Keep small gift items on hand during the holiday season when surprise visits from friends and relatives are more frequent. An AromaSensory Candle from Essentiel Elements makes an ideal gift for almost anyone. Pure essential oils enlighten the senses through four different therapeutic blends. If surprise visits turn out to be less frequent this holiday season, either treat yourself to a present or save them for upcoming occasions.

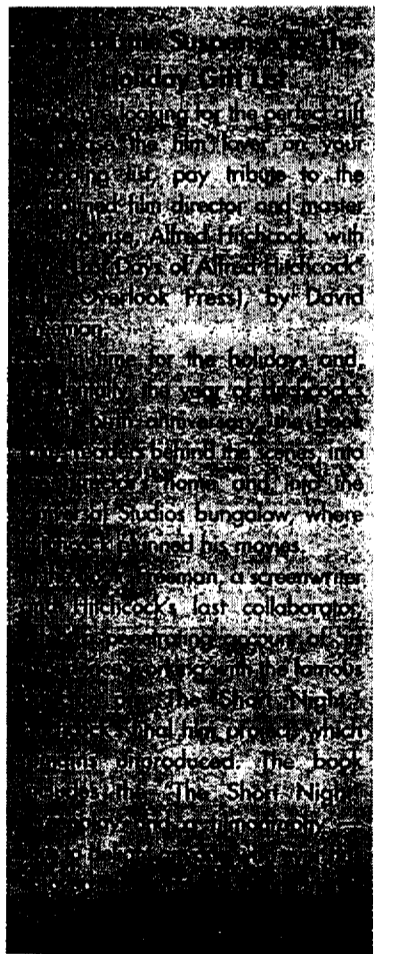
- Take luxury to another level. If someone on your list likes to indulge in the finer things in life, try pairing the unexpected. For example, a jar of caviar can be combined with Essentiel Elements' Bath Beads, which come packaged inside of a caviar tin for the

ultimate gift of decadence. The receiver can slip into a purely luxurious bath of guiltless pleasure while each bath bead infuses therapeutic-grade essential oils to soften the skin and enhance the mood. A teaspoon of caviar certainly will top off the experience.

- Never arrive empty-handed. The holiday season brings with it endless parties. Whether it's an intimate dinner party at a friend's or a cocktail party at a neighbor's, always bring a small gift for the hostess. Opt for something other than the traditional wine, flowers or desserts by giving an indulgent gift of bath salts.

- Don't neglect yourself. Once the holiday shopping frenzy winds down, take a few minutes to treat yourself to an at-home spa experience with Essentiel Elements' Essentiel Gift Collection. This perfect pick-me-up includes a travel-size Body Lotion, Essential Oil and Shower Gel, and plush washcloth.

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In anticipation of company, the house was adorned with more holiday cheer than Vanderbilt's visitors ever had imagined. Joyous laughter rang through the great rooms of the house. Children scampered around the banquet hall's towering 40-foot Christmas tree, festooned with candles and glittering ornaments. Gifts were piled

around its base, while oranges mounded on nearby tabletops perfumed the air.

In later years, those present recounted how Vanderbilt, dressed in black tie and tails, and his wife Edith, in an exquisite velvet gown, welcomed the estate's employees and their families to their annual Christmas party. For the staff, visiting the house was the social event of the year. Families traveled by ox team, mules and on foot to attend.

Today, more than a century later, guests still look forward to glimpses of the Christmas season at America's largest home, and what it was like for the Vanderbilts that first December. Open daily for tours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day), the estate also accepts reservations for Candlelight Christmas Evenings, held at night.

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The game lets girls have a blast engaging in fun, new ways to explore their personality and inner selves through compatibility charts, karmic make-overs, daily fortunes and a cosmic journal. Teens can assess their spiritual well-being through astrological readings, a dream dictionary, numerological forecasts and other psychic sciences.

As a virtual editor, girls can express themselves by creating their very own teen magazine where they bring their self-exploration, fashion and beauty ideas to life.

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Girls can create a whole new look with instant on-screen virtual make-overs, by trying on everything from different shades of hair color to face art to daring hairstyles using their own on-screen face. In the Make-Me-Over section, they can tap into their beauty know-how to give make-up advice to girlfriends.

As the magazine's editor-in-chief, girls can write articles, including music and movie reviews, generate personalized horoscopes, customize and take personality quizzes, and dazzle their friends with printouts and e-mails of their creations.

A CD-ROM for Windows 95/98, "Teen Digital Diva II: Cosmic Guide and Journal" is available at retail outlets throughout the United States and Canada, and carries a suggested retail price of \$29.99. For more information, visit the Activision Web site at www.activision.com.

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Tired of the high-pressure sales and perfume clouds of department-store beauty departments? This year, treat yourself to the ultimate in holiday convenience: shopping from the comfort of your own home. Web sites like eve.com (www.eve.com) offer an assortment of cosmetics, fragrance, skin-care, hair-care and bath products to rival any high-end boutique. You don't have to sacrifice personalized service, either — eve.com greets customers by name, and provides all the product information, makeup advice and even beauty-industry gossip that shoppers need to find just the look they're searching for.

For men who find beauty shopping a baffling, intimidating experience, the site offers a permanent escape from the crowded maze of glass-topped counters, mirrors and sample sprayers of a department store. Not sure what to get that special someone? The site's gift section has all the answers, with personalized advice and suggestions from a customer gift advisor just a toll-free call away. One popular choice is the "Year of Beauty" gift package. Each month, eve.com will send the lucky recipient a gift that has been hand-selected from customer favorites, wrapped in signature eve.com paper. It's a 12-month subscription to beauty and pampering.

"I wanted to buy my wife really nice perfume, but I wasn't sure what she'd like, or what was popular with other women. The eve.com site gave me a lot of great choices, and a beauty specialist there helped me make the perfect selection," says one satisfied customer. "It was nice not to have to deal with pushy salespeople, and I found something my wife really loved."

Both shipping and gift-wrapping are free for shoppers on eve.com this holiday season. Choose from the site's stylish selection of gift wrap, and create a personalized message that arrives as a handwritten gift card. The site also offers free, postage-paid returns. Orders arrive quickly with eve.com's expedited shipping — a boon for last-minute shoppers.

Of course, online beauty shopping isn't only a seasonal phenomenon. Every day of the year, women from coast to coast who have had a hard time finding what they're looking for in local beauty shops can browse the site's more than 60 prestigious beauty brands, from Elizabeth Arden to Benefit. More than just an online catalog, eve.com recreates the personalized service and expert advice of a prestige boutique, and lets visitors use a personal beauty profile stored at the site to receive personalized product recommendations and product samples. The site also features "The Secret Is Out" content series, in which celebrity makeup artists like Vincent Longo reveal their beauty secrets online.

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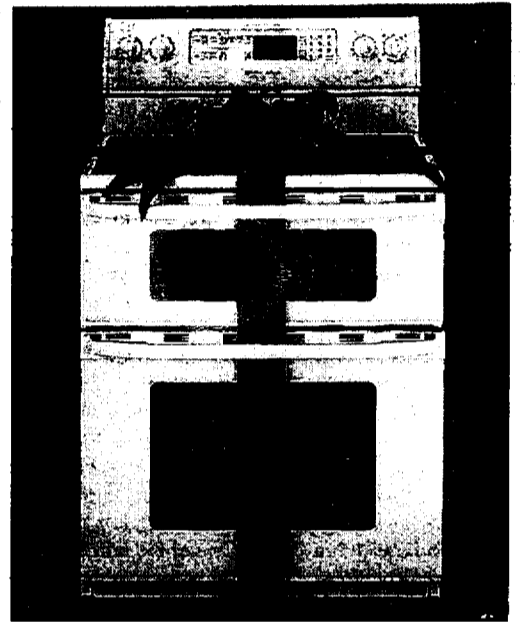
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(MS) — With the holidays fast approaching, those "to do" lists seem endless: shopping, greeting cards and, of course, entertaining. Juggling daily schedules with Christmas parties and family visits



unfortunately makes holiday dinners less festive and more stressful. However, with the Maytag Gemini range — a completely new kind of appliance that features two ovens in the space of a conventional range — the holiday season finally can be a breeze, filled with great food and plenty of time to spend with loved ones.

With the countless dishes that are prepared for a holiday meal, there never has been a single range that can get everything properly prepared and on the table for a complete, hot meal — until the Maytag Gemini. Its double ovens allow for better meal management and convenience, especially during the holidays when time is particularly tight. With a family-size turkey in the lower oven and homemade pumpkin pie in the upper oven, waiting for dinner to arrive at the table will be the least of your family's holiday concerns. And, the range's top oven has an automatic setting of 170 F, making it easy to keep meals warm for holiday-dinner latecomers.

The range also helps take the guesswork out of preparing holiday meals. With a scrolling control that walks through every step of the cooking process, you can precisely set different temperatures for different foods in each of the ovens. Automatic prompts when entering cooking commands allow for customization of clock options like reminder "beeps" to alert

busy cooks when baking time is completed.

When entertaining guests, presentation is key. Appetizers need to look appealing and the gingerbread cookies simply cannot be burnt. With the Gemini, there is no sacrifice of taste, texture or appearance when

preparing two distinct dishes. Because the range allows you precision in meal preparation, there will be no more relying on in-between temperatures that don't cook food thoroughly.

The range not only takes the guesswork out of making unforgettable holiday meals, but also the confusion of what to give family and friends as gifts. "Twin" ovens that provide the benefits of double-wall ovens without the cost of kitchen remodeling can mean extra money for the holidays. The average cost of remodeling a kitchen to install double-wall ovens is more than \$5,000 — which can keep you from fulfilling other holiday wishes. And, with all the Gemini range provides — more cooking capacity, easy meal preparation and the ability to accommodate everyone's dinner-time requests — it's a present that will last through the years and be especially cherished during the holiday season.

The range retails for \$1,399 and is available in white, black and brushed chrome. Along with the range, Maytag provides a handy cooking guide which features tips on meal planning, preparation and entertaining. The guide also offers information on the range and menus for weekdays, weekends, special get-togethers and holidays.

For more information, call 1-877-GEMINI2.

Don't Get Wrapped Up in the Stress of Holiday Gift-Giving

The holidays are a time of celebration and happiness — a time when family and friends gather to share in the joy of the season. To make this time special, people should plan activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Whether it's decorating the house or wrapping presents, this quality time can make the season brighter.

The Christmas tree becomes the heart of the home during the holidays, and it can bring the family closer, too. Selecting a tree can be a group activity. Mom, dad and the children can search for the perfect tree together, and once they get it home, they all can help decorate it. The family even can start an annual tradition by having everyone make an ornament, whether with construction paper and crayons, felt and glitter, or needle and thread. Not only is it heartwarming to have a tree covered with homemade decorations, but it also will bring fun memories to mind every time the family looks at the tree.

If putting up a tree isn't possible, people still can fill their home with the holiday spirit. Poinsettias and plants trimmed with lights and bows can add a festive flair to every room of the house. They can decorate their home together, or each person can have a particular area to decorate. Either way, the family will be working together.

Another integral part of the holidays is sending out Christmas cards. While mom usually ends up writing all the cards herself, that's not the way it has to be. She can divide the list among the family, so everyone has some cards to write out. Not only can it be fun to write personal messages to friends and relatives, but it can be touching for those receiving the cards, too. Grandparents will love to open a card and see that it's signed by their grandchildren.

It seems that homes always are full

during the holidays, whether people are hosting out-of-town guests or entertaining neighbors who just stop by. While it gets hectic, it also can be a lot of fun. People see loved ones they haven't seen in a while, and they reminisce about old times. And, they're making more wonderful memories as they do so.

While entertaining brings the family together, so does preparing for the get-together. Everyone can do his or her part to make the gathering special. From making cookies together to shoveling the driveway to making up the spare room for guests, the family can have fun before the party even starts. For an added treat, the family can arrange to take breaks together from the household chores with a nice winter warm-up, like hot chocolate or tea.

One of the hardest things during the holiday season is shopping for gifts. While everyone may go to the store together, they usually go off on their own once they get there. To make gift-giving more of a family activity, the family can sit down together before the holidays and come up with ideas of what they want to get grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. They'll be gifts that truly come from the entire family.

Once all the presents have been bought, the family can wrap them together. The little ones even can make their own wrapping paper with crayons and markers, or they can make their own card for the family to sign. Everyone from the gifters to the gifted will appreciate beautifully wrapped packages that have that extra-special touch.

However people prepare for the holidays, there are wonderful opportunities to spend time with the ones they love the most.



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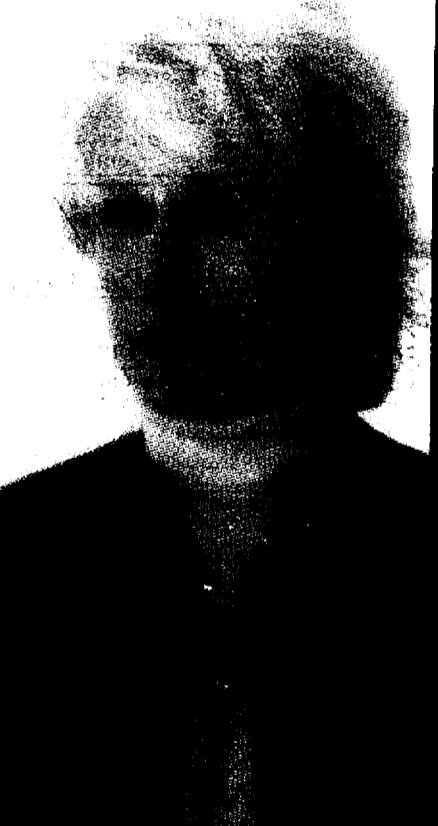
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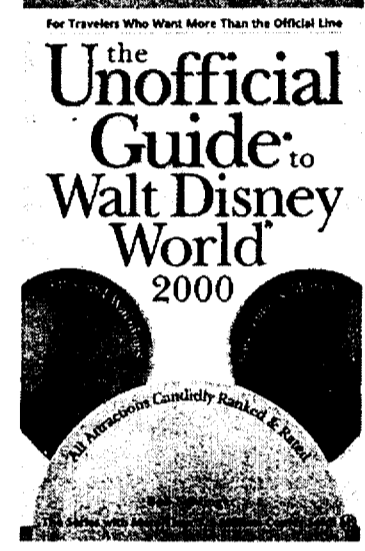
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(MS) — Planning a trip this holiday season is the most challenging it has been in a decade. A century. A millennium! According to Mike Spring, publisher, Frommer's® Travel Guides (IDG Books Worldwide), if you haven't booked a holiday trip yet, chances are you will be ringing in the new year at home.

"Ushering in the new millennium is such a monumental event that you probably needed to start booking a couple of years in advance, let alone a few months," Spring says. "That event alone will impact holiday travel this season like we never have seen."

So, if you are looking to get away during the holidays, perhaps it's best to celebrate the new millennium after January 1. Regarding winter travel, the balmy destinations still rule. Florida, California, Hawaii and Las Vegas remain the top domestic destinations for a winter escape. And, moving up on that list is New York City.

"The city is magical all year-round, but especially during the holidays," Spring says. "It's being described as the centerpiece for celebrating the new millennium. Even without that event, crime has been on the decline and traditionally seedier areas, like Times Square, are getting a face lift and becoming tourist-friendly."

More Americans are traveling with their children, so destinations that offer entertainment draws, like Walt Disney World and Disneyland, or natural spectacles, like Yosemite and other

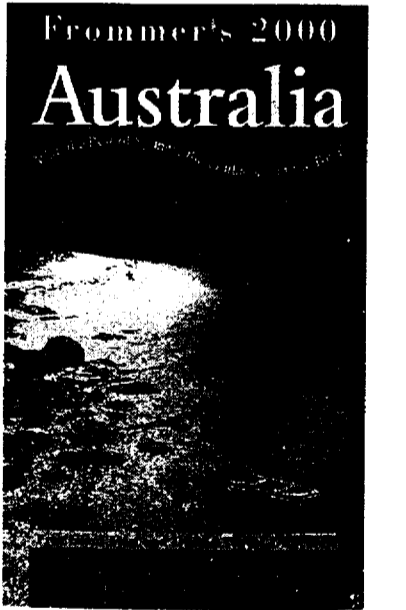
national parks, are on the rise for travel during the holidays and the new year. The national parks have continuing appeal as more and more people plan active, outdoor vacations later in the year.

Overseas travel, particularly European travel, remains hot. Rome is planning an extravagant, year-long millennium celebration, and the city is expecting 26 million visitors, including 3.5 million Americans to travel there throughout 2000.

The opening of the Atlantis, Paradise Island resort in the Bahamas in 1997 brought a renaissance to Nassau tourism. The resort now is beginning to rival Walt Disney World as a mega-attraction. It's one of the hottest sites for all travelers in the Caribbean. However, when it comes to navigating those islands, cruises still are the best way to go. Cruise vacations continue to outpace all other types of travel, stimulated by the attractiveness of new megaships.

The other hot trend in the new year will be a journey down under for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Thousands of Americans are planning to venture to Australia for the first Olympics in the new millennium. Travel to that region alone from America is expected to increase by 29 percent.

"Between the Olympics and the millennium," says Spring, "it's going to be an exciting year for travel."



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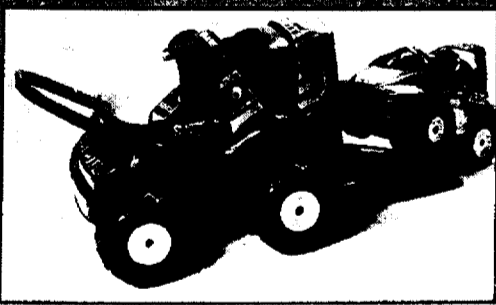


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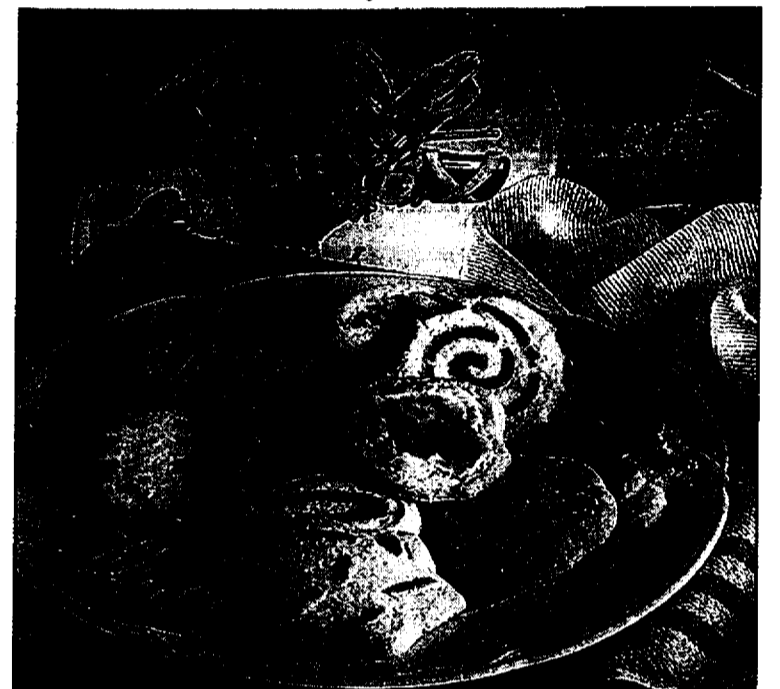


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Why not make the holidays picture-perfect with a homemade, fresh-baked batch of decorative cookies. Perfect as a party dish or even as a gift, homemade cookies are sure to warm the hearts — and the appetites — of everyone, whatever the occasion.

The following festive recipe, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Cookies" (Periplus Editions), is deliciously fun to make — it happens to be a great holiday activity for children, too!

Paintbox Cookies

Makes about 36

Preparation time: 25 minutes

plus 1 hour refrigeration

Total cooking time: 12 minutes

per baking sheet

Buy a variety of different-sized paintbrushes and the cookies become your canvas.

1 1/4 cups unsalted butter, at room temperature

1 1/2 cups sugar

2 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

4 egg yolks

Red, blue, green and yellow food coloring

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Brush two baking sheets with melted butter.

2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat well. Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into the mixture and combine. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about one hour, or until firm. If it becomes too hard, leave at room temperature for about 20 minutes.

3. Place each egg yolk in a separate bowl. Add a teaspoon of water and beat well with a fork. Add a few drops of a different food color to each one.

4. Divide the dough in half; keep half refrigerated and roll out the other half between two sheets of waxed paper to about 1/8- to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out shapes and use enough to fill the prepared baking sheets. Use small paintbrushes to paint the cookies, adding a little extra water to the food colorings to create a more translucent effect. Allow the "paint" to dry before baking.

5. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly colored. Cool on a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining mixture, preparing the baking sheets as instructed in step 1.

Pearls Make

Holiday Shopping Easy

The holidays are a time for family and friends, office parties, and romantic snuggles by the fire. Unfortunately, the approach of the holidays also means it is time once again to spend endless hours in the mall searching for the perfect gift for each person on your list.

Holiday shopping is bound to drive even the most seasoned shopper crazy, and often, choosing a gift can seem like mission impossible. Fortunately, there is one simple solution when selecting gifts for the women in your life — jewelry. What woman wouldn't appreciate and adore a gift of fine jewelry, especially Japanese Akoya cultured pearl jewelry.

Available in a wide range of styles and prices, cultured pearls can be affordable or extravagant, classic or ultra-modern. A gift of cultured pearls is sure to delight any woman, from the fashion-forward hipster to the classic minimalist, and with a little advice and knowledge, shopping for pearls can be easy and even enjoyable.

For a thoughtful gift for the hard-working career woman who does it all, a classic strand of cultured pearls will do the trick. A cultured pearl strand is a "must have" in every woman's jewelry wardrobe and can be worn with everything from a business suit to a cocktail dress to jeans.

What better way to start the fine jewelry collection of a teen-age daughter or niece than with simple Akoya cultured pearl earrings. Cultured pearl studs will take a young woman through the most important events in her life, from her prom night to her first job interview to her wedding day. Pearl earrings are a gift that constantly will remind its recipient of the day they were bestowed upon her.

Chances are, your mother or grandmother already has a much-treasured strand of Akoya cultured pearls. A matching bracelet or brooch is the perfect gift to show her how much you love and cherish her.

For men, buying for a wife or girlfriend probably is the hardest mission of all. You want to get her something that shows her how much you care, something feminine and fashionable, and most importantly, something she

won't want to return. Dramatic cultured pearl-drop earrings or a modern multi-strand collar are gifts she will cherish for many years.

According to the Cultured Pearl Information Center in New York, while cultured pearl jewelry is the perfect holiday gift, it is best to be knowledgeable about cultured pearls before buying them. You always should buy from a reputable jeweler whom you trust.

By knowing what quality factors cultured pearls are judged by, you can be sure you are getting the best quality that your budget will allow. The most important factors are:

1. Luster — Luster refers to a combination of surface shine and a deep, almost 3-D glow emanating from within the heart of the pearl. To judge luster, look at your reflection in the surface of the pearl. The clearer and crisper the reflection, the better the luster and more valuable the pearl. Any pearl that looks too dull or chalky indicates a lower-quality pearl.

2. Surface — Because cultured pearls are created by nature, it is rare to find a pearl that is completely free of any surface blemishes, like pits, spots or small bumps. Still, the fewer the blemishes on a pearl, the more valuable it is.

3. Shape — The rounder and more symmetrical a pearl, the more valuable it is. However, baroque pearls, which are irregular in shape and often cost less, can be very beautiful.

4. Color — Akoya cultured pearls come in a variety of colors from silver/white to cream to rose. While color of a pearl is really a matter of preference, usually rose or silver/white pearls tend to look best on fair skins, while cream and gold-toned pearls flatter darker complexions.

5. Size — Cultured pearls are measured by their diameter in millimeters. Akoya cultured pearls from Japan range from 2 millimeters up to 10 millimeters. Other factors being equal, the larger the pearl, the more valuable it is.

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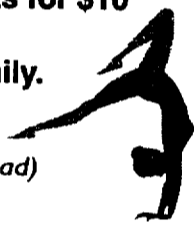
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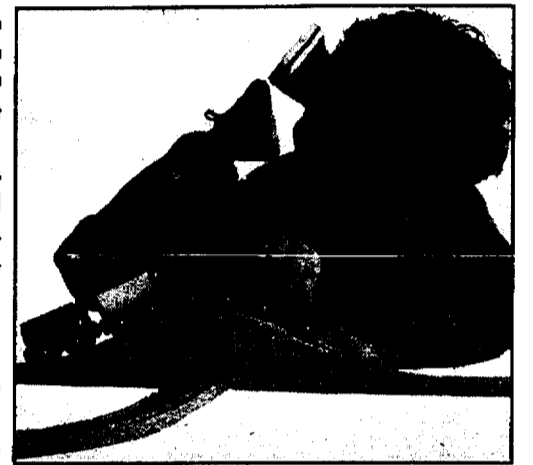
Why the short attention span with this seemingly stimulating toy? BRIO Corp. — a toy company recognized by early-childhood specialists for its commitment to play value, quality and fun — asked CIVITAS Initiative, a national organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, to comment on choosing toys.

"The answer is simple," says Leslie Mitchel Bond, CIVITAS child-development specialist and graduate of the Erikson Institute. "With toys, a good rule of thumb is, the simpler, the better," she says.

According to Bond, "It is the work of children to explore. They are scientists by nature, in constant pursuit of figuring out how things work. As with scientists, this discovery process is made more interesting to them when the toys are open-ended."

"The most important thing about play is allowing children to initiate their own activity," says Dr. Bruce Perry, a child psychiatrist and developmental neurobiologist at Baylor College of Medicine.

The more opportunities children have to build on their innate curiosity and desire to explore through play, the more they are encouraged to become active learners. A toy whose design allows children to "learn by doing" helps them to feel more in control of their environment; it literally makes children feel good about themselves. And, when children feel happy and engaged, they will play with the same toy for longer periods of time.



A wooden railway set from BRIO is one example of an open-ended, "learn by doing" toy. According to Peter Reynolds, president of BRIO Corp., "all of BRIO's toys are designed to grow with the child, offering simple pleasures when the child is the youngest, and more complex interactions as he or she matures."

While not all toys can or should remain interesting for a child over a period of several years, CIVITAS child-development experts suggest you ask yourself the following questions when looking for a toy.

- Does this toy encourage my child to use his or her imagination?
- Can more than one child at a time play with this toy?
- Will my child interact with the toy, or will the toy interact with my child?

Given our technologically advanced society, we are inclined to seek out things that do more. However, when looking for toys, that is exactly the opposite of what children need. To put it simply, the more a toy does, the less children do, and therefore, the less they learn.

The power of play should not be underestimated. Creative, open-ended play with simple toys sets the stage for children to problem-solve, initiate cause and effect, and focus on a task. These are skills that will help them get their best start in the world, long before they even enter kindergarten.

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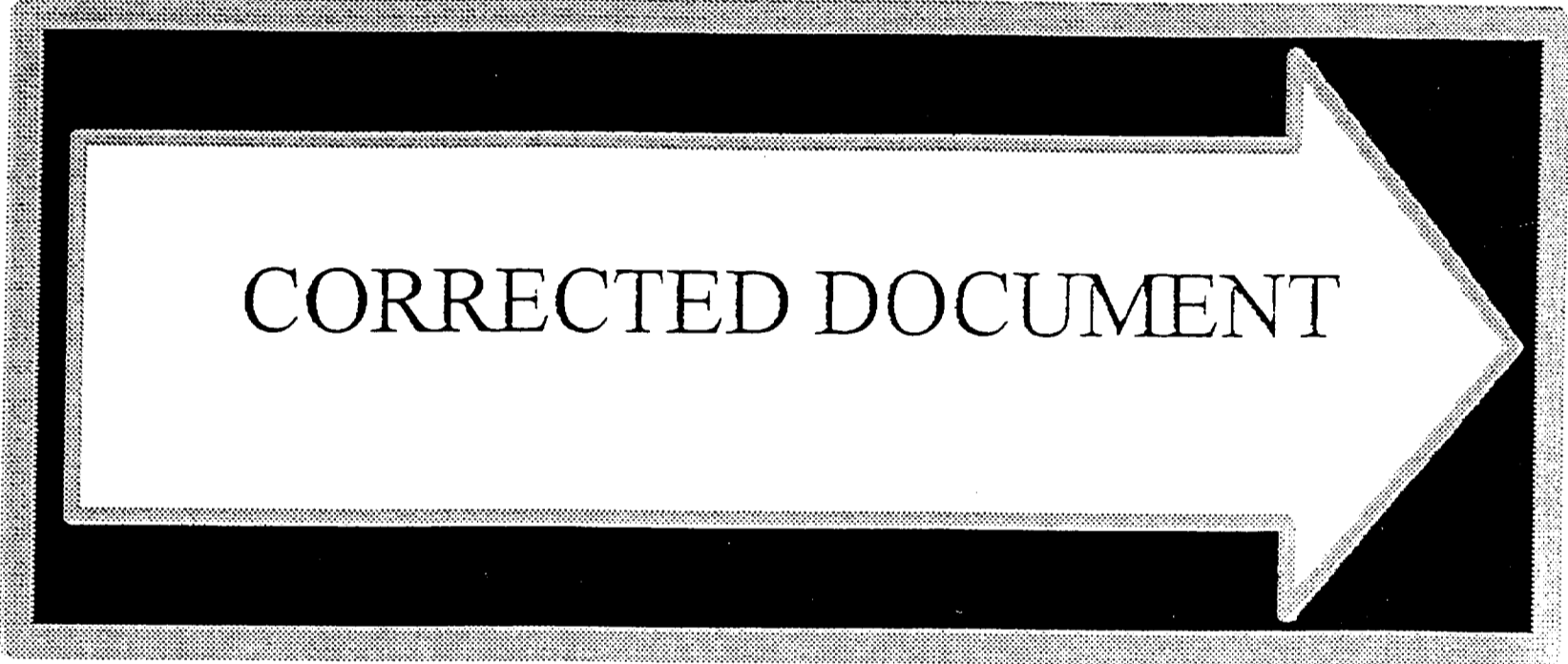
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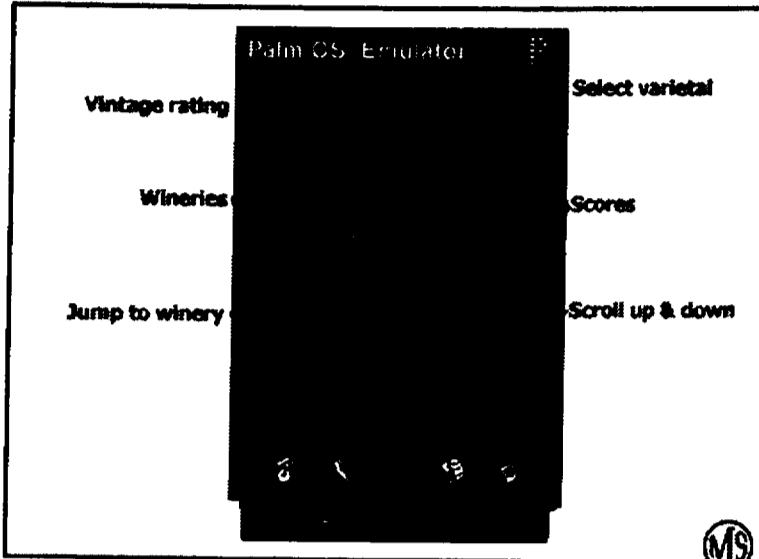
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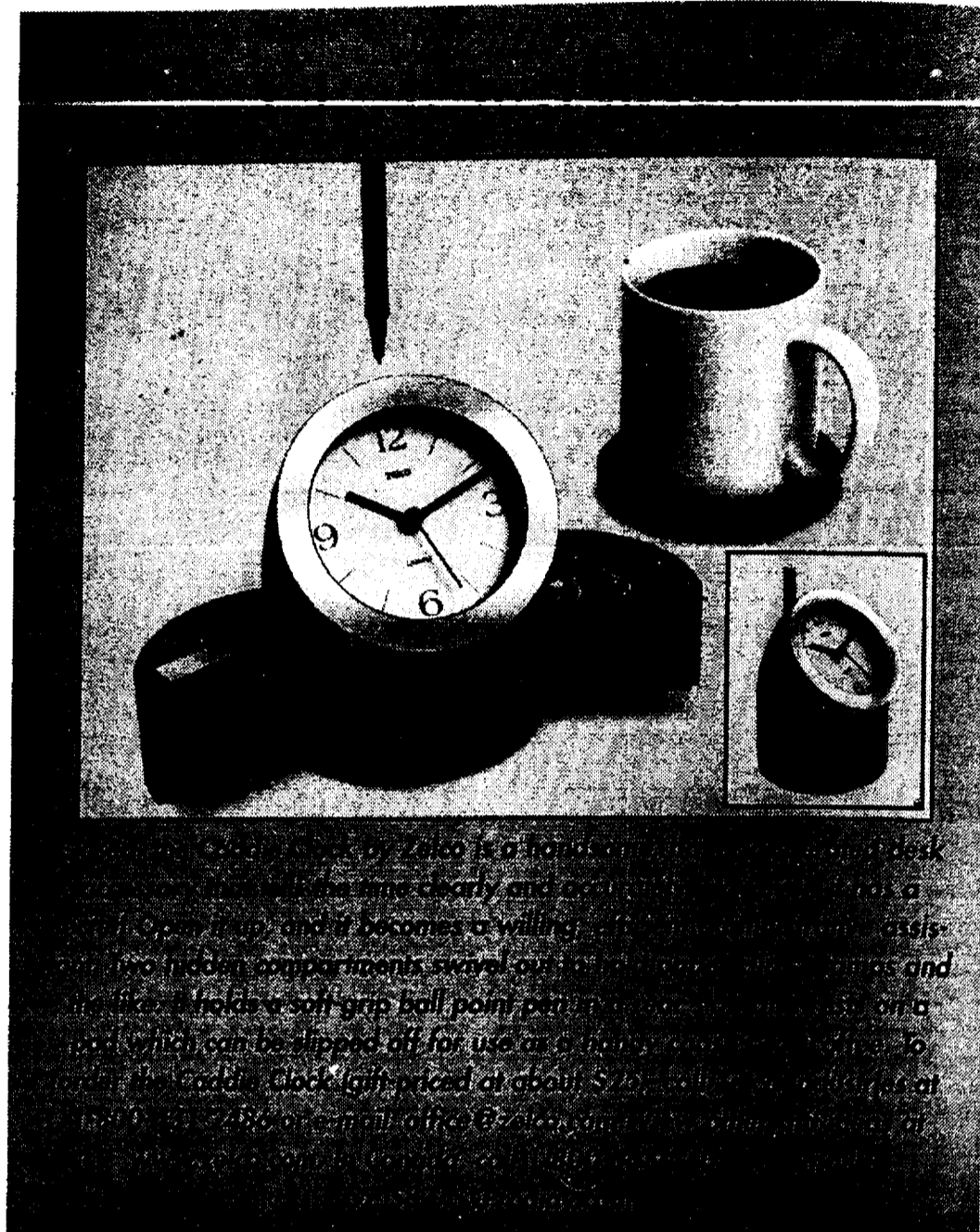
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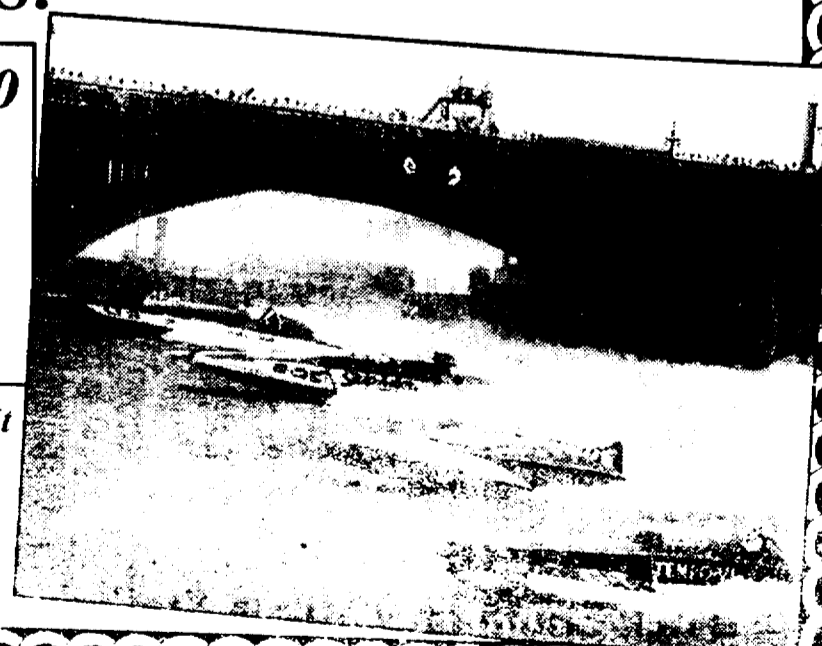
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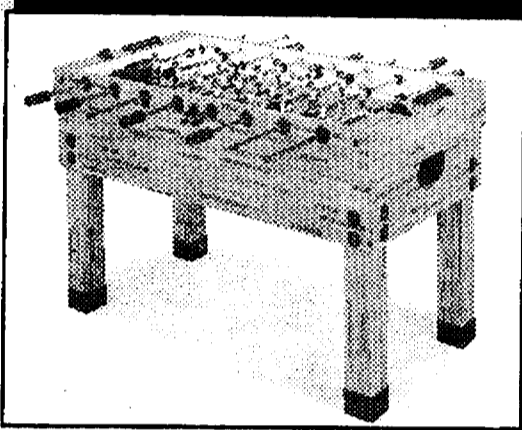
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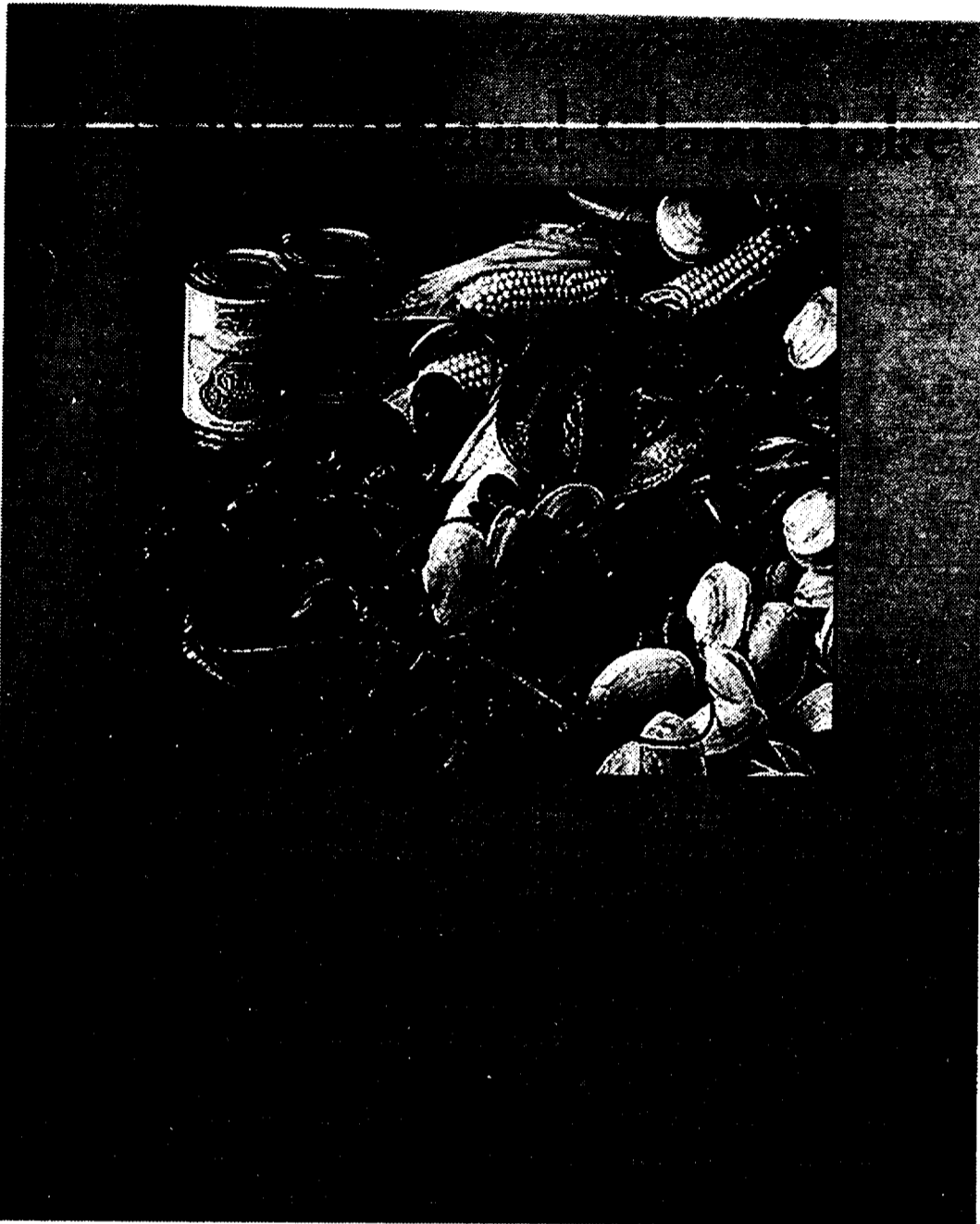
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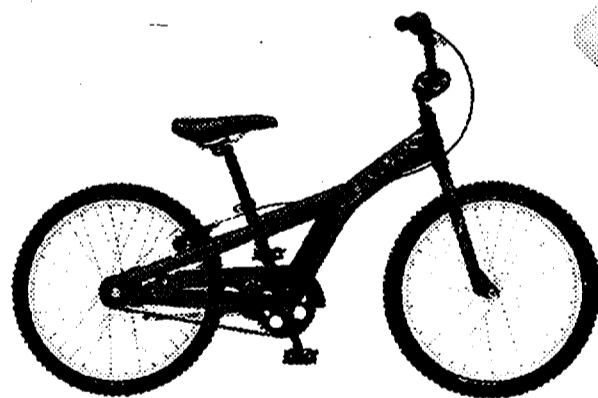
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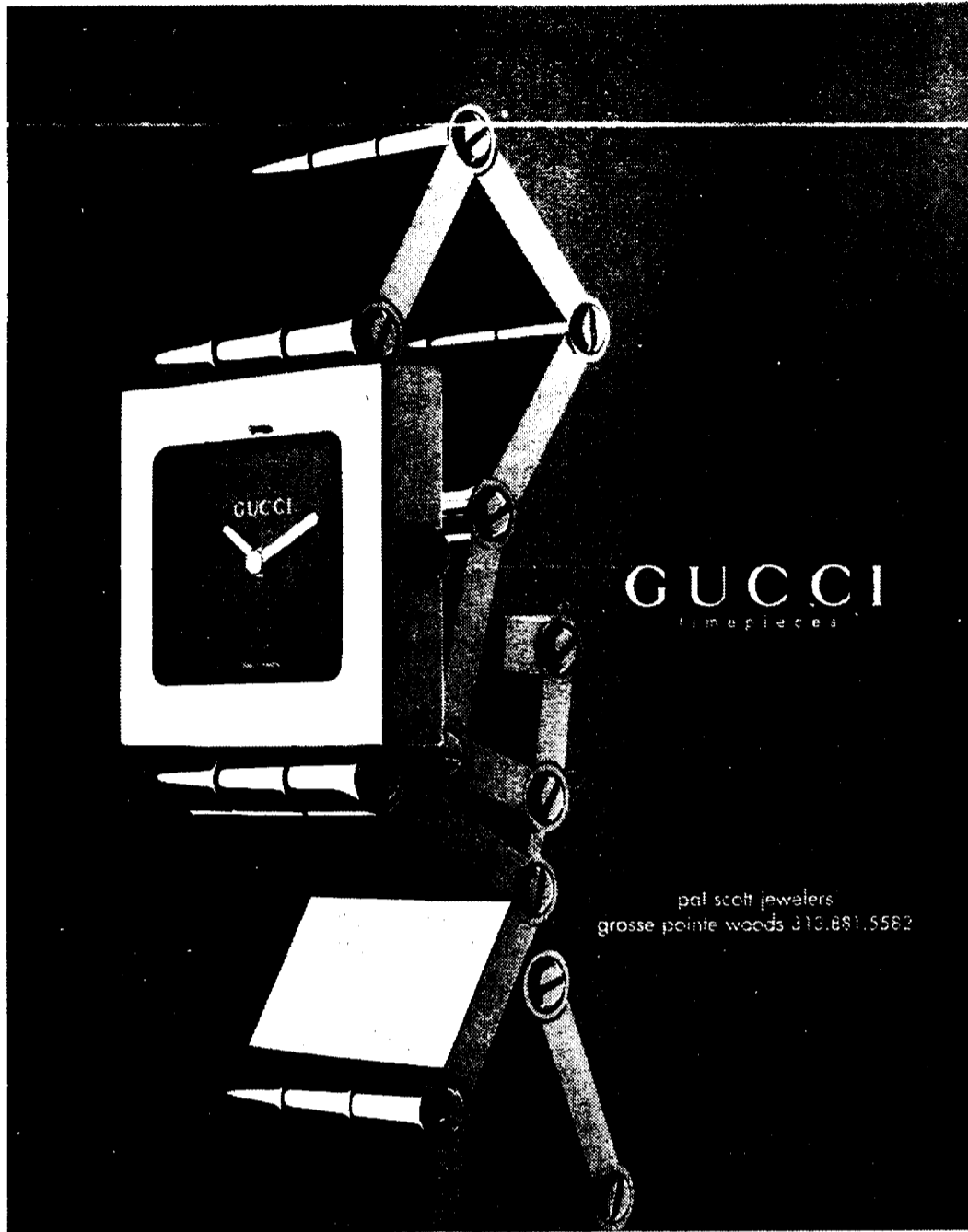
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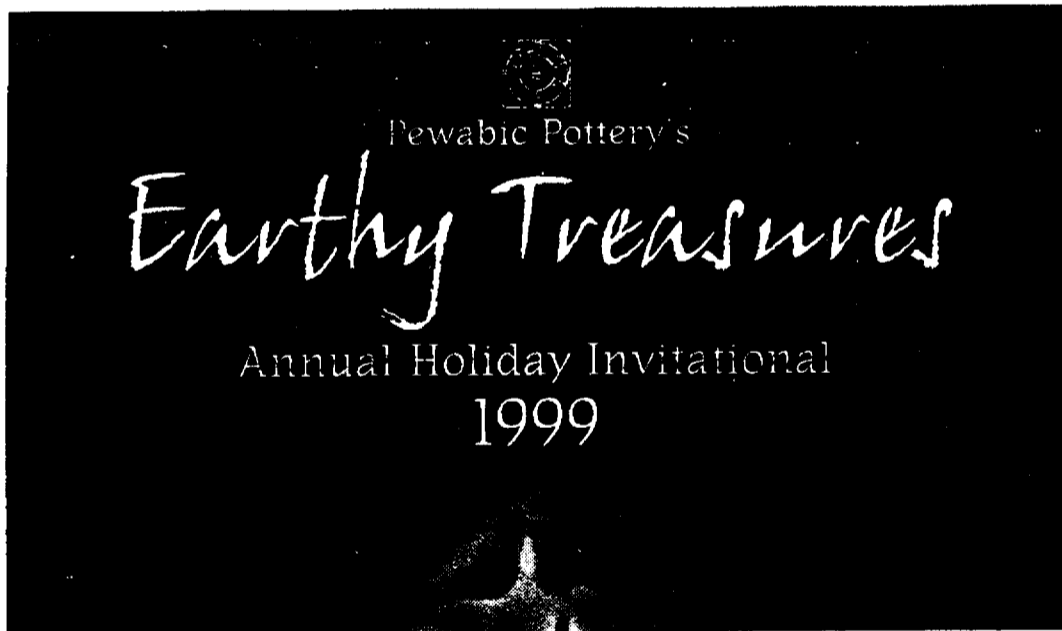
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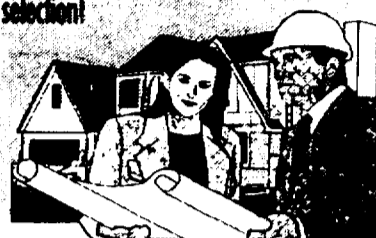
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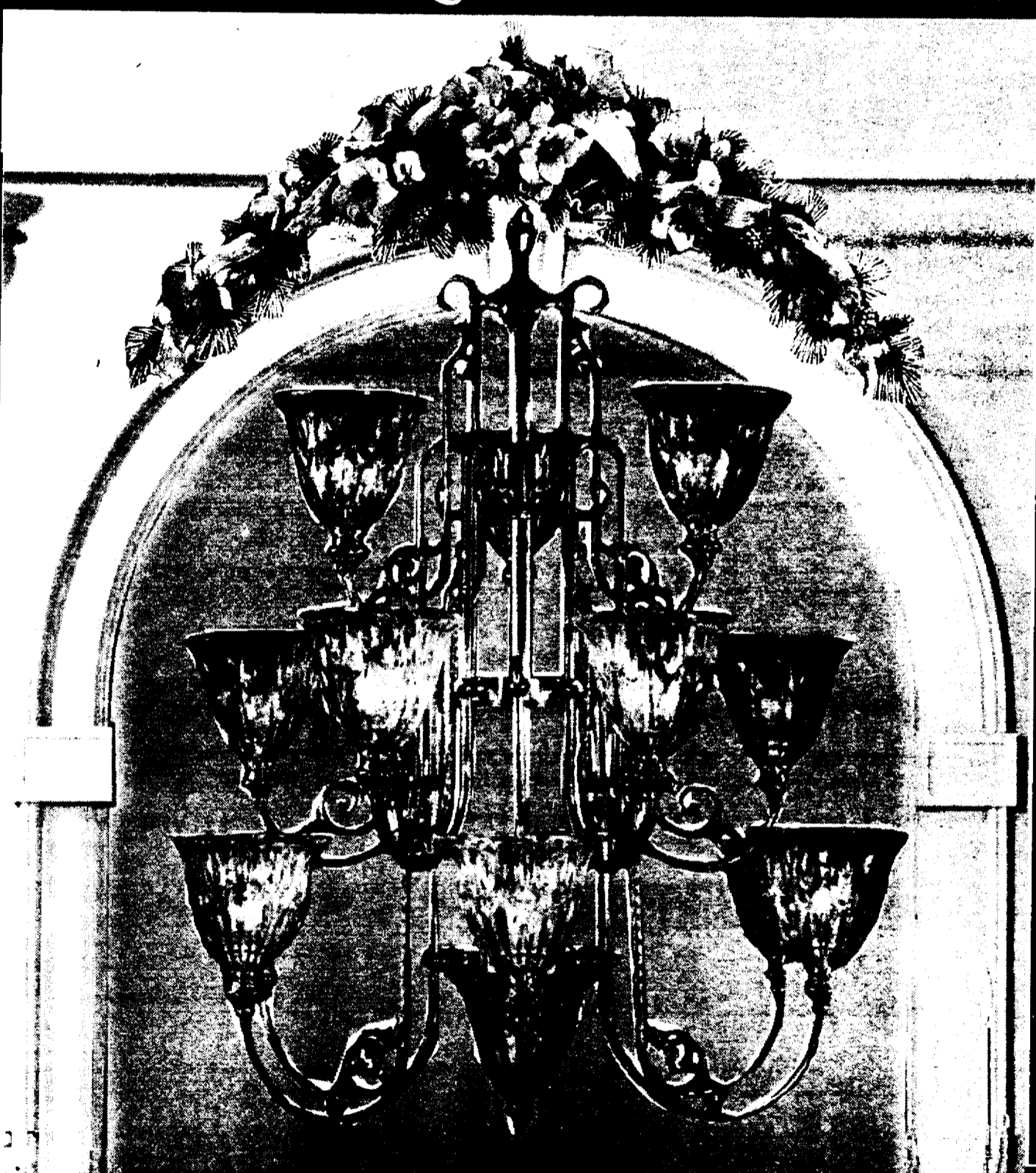
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"Topping off holiday's glamorous and romantic looks, hairstyles are either long and softly tousled, or exotically braided, knotted and adorned with flowers, strands of colorful beads, or rows of mini claws. Straight and super-shiny hair still is popular with the young set, but fashionably clasped with a jeweled silver barrette, bobby pin or a thin, wire-wrapped headband. For a sophisticated look, hair is sleekly twisted low at the nape or piled high on the head," says New York photo hairstylist, Roberto Gonzalez. "It's important that hair be simple and pretty, yet a little offbeat, even playful. It also should complement a woman's face, body and age," he adds.

For instant holiday hair drama, Gonzalez suggests being imaginative and experimenting with hair jewelry that can be both decorative and functional.

Plastic butterflies have been on the fashion scene for a while; now it's precious hair ornaments like marcasite, crystal, rhinestone and semi-precious stone-encrusted sterling silver that are making the cut on the high-fashion magazine pages and worn by Hollywood celebrities, reports National Jeweler, the fine-jewelry trade journal.



According to the Silver Information Center, following fashion's prevalent romantic theme, hearts, flowers, stars and dragonflies are popular hair-jewelry motifs on the holiday party circuit. Exotic as well as estate-inspired, vintage looks in combs, barrettes, pins and hair sticks are directional.

Shopping Tip: When shopping for hair accessories for yourself or as a special holiday stocking stuffer, remember, precious hair jewelry doesn't necessarily mean expensive. The Silver Information Center reports that prices of sterling-silver hair ornaments are comparable to costume hair jewelry, starting as low as \$10. Unlike costume, silver has a perceived value and is a precious metal. Don't be fooled by other white-colored metals. To be assured you are buying real silver, look for the ".925" or "sterling" mark stamped on the piece.



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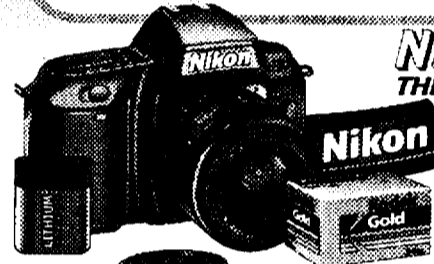
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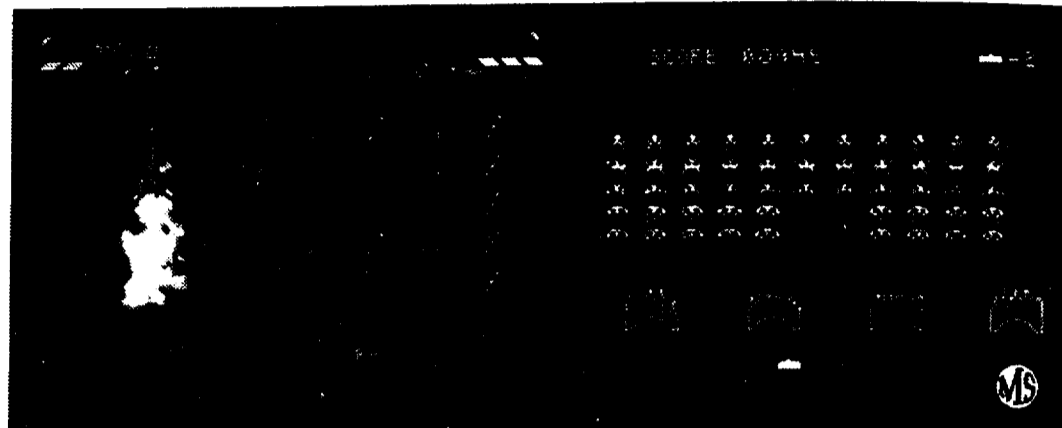
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(MS) — Are you having a hard time figuring out what to buy your children, friends and family this holiday season? Do you have video-game enthusiasts on your gift list, but don't have a clue about today's coolest games? The trendy new trip to the past, "Space Invaders," may be the ideal gift.

Those nasty aliens that first appeared in the '70s and '80s are back and ready to invade some of today's most popular video-game platforms, including the PC, PlayStation™, Nintendo® 64 and Game Boy® Color game consoles.

The game, from Activision, has gone through a transformation for its 21st birthday. Your nostalgic friends and family will recognize the classic shoot-and-dodge game play from days spent at their favorite arcade. Now, with 3-D environments and a variety of new multi-functional weapons including infrared laser beams, swarm missiles and neutron blasts, this truly is a cutting-edge game.

Children of all ages will love the 13 new breeds of alien attackers and be captivated by the multiple missions found on the 10 3-D-enhanced plan-

ets. However, parents will be happy to see that it still is the family-friendly game it always was.

Everyone will revel in the new puzzle aspect of the game. Players can go back time and time again to challenge themselves to get through all of the levels with the fewest shots. Some of the levels can be done in as few as six blasts.

Fans of the original arcade game will be happy to know that the classic "Space Invaders" is hidden among the 100 new levels. You must play to find the treasure.

You can forget about any silent nights when you are in cooperative play mode, which allows two players to fight toward one goal — annihilating the aliens. The trick is to see who can get the most points.

"Space Invaders" is available at all major retail outlets nationwide for \$39.95 for PC, PlayStation and Game Boy Color game-console systems, and \$49.95 for the Nintendo 64 version.

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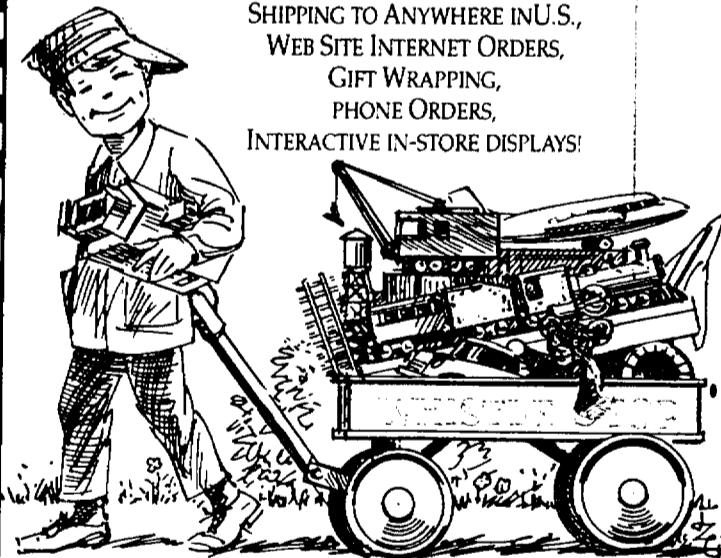
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Hudson, president of Platinum Guild International USA (PGI-USA), the U.S. marketing arm of the world's platinum-mining industry. Most jewelers have prepared for the annual holiday busy season by making sure that they have an ample supply of platinum jewelry in their showcases. However, shoppers are encouraged to visit their jeweler early, says Hudson, for the best selection.

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# Dog Books to Bark About *this* Holiday Season

If you are looking for something special to give the dog people on your holiday list — those who carry pictures of their pups in their wallets, schedule their days around their dogs, and talk about their canine kids as if they were human children — go fetch "Cooking with Dogs" and "Island Dog" (Two Dog Press).

A literary treat, "Cooking with Dogs" is filled with tasty morsels and meditations on the karma, comfort and companionship of canines. Author Karen Dowell, whose Labrador retrievers inspired many of the pieces in this award-winning book, smiles when she says the book is not a cookbook. "You won't find recipes for poodles with noodles or beef-flavored biscuits. It's a collection of vignettes and illustrations all about life with dogs — and for my dogs, at least, life begins in the kitchen."

Dowell playfully explores topics that dog owners definitely will relate to —

from drool and dog hair to quirky obsessions and phobias to the art of cooking around a tail-thumping audience. Her more serious insights into dog "motherhood" and the keen canine sense for emotional tension in

a day in the life of one dog with an urge to explore. This gentle tale, brought to life through images, not words, is sure to delight dog lovers of all ages. With an adventurous canine as your guide, you will wander and

Her work, in which dogs frequently appear running, playing or just being good companions, is on display in several private and permanent collections, including the New York City Library, State of Hawaii and the White House Ornament Collection. You'll find "Island Dog" is a panoramic work of art in the shape of a book and a picturesque reminder of the simple pleasures of island living and the uncomplicated needs of a happy dog.

Both books are available in bookstores and on the Internet through online stores, like [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). These fun and frisky dog books make perfect gifts for a friend, relative or anyone who loves dogs. To order directly from the publisher, call toll free (888) 310-2DOG or visit the Web site at [www.twodogpress.com](http://www.twodogpress.com).

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families are balanced with whimsical musing on what it would be like if dogs could fly or if they carried cellular phones. Seasoned with 35 beautiful color illustrations by eight different artists, the book is a glowing tribute to the special bond between people and their four-legged best friends.

In much the same spirit, "Island Dog," by Rebecca Goodale, illustrates

swim along an island-studded coast in search of new friends and great smells, before returning to a charming lighthouse home and caring family. The vivid colors and imagery beg you to create your own stories about this carefree island dog.

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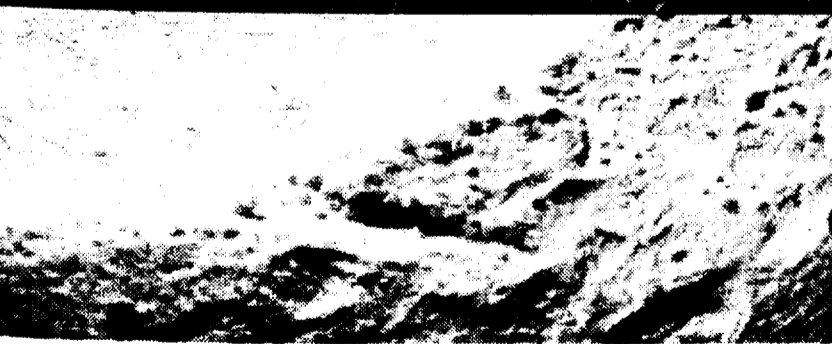


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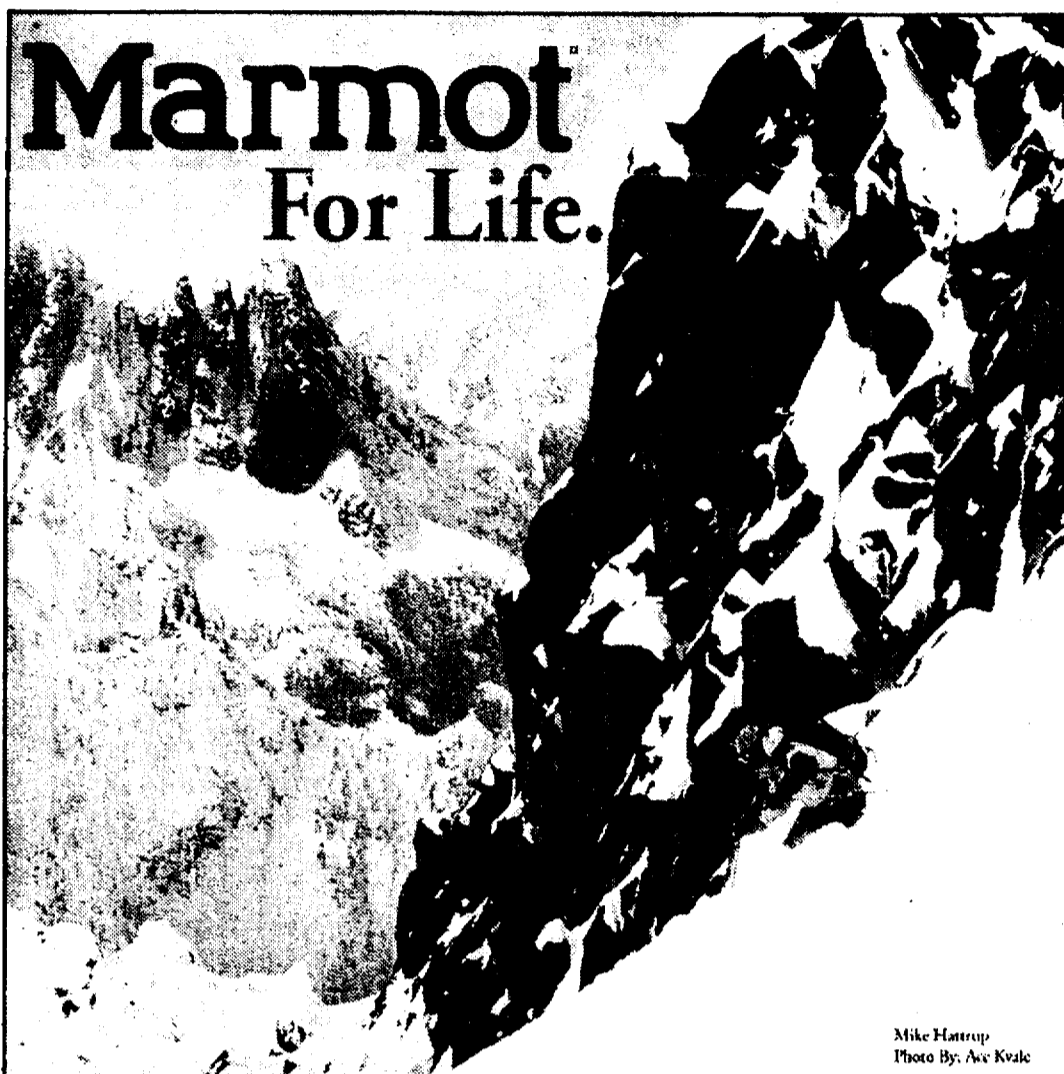
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- Never arrive empty-handed. The holiday season brings with it endless parties. Whether it's an intimate dinner party at a friend's or a cocktail party at a neighbor's, always bring a small gift for the hostess. Opt for something other than the traditional wine, flowers or desserts by giving an indulgent gift of bath salts.

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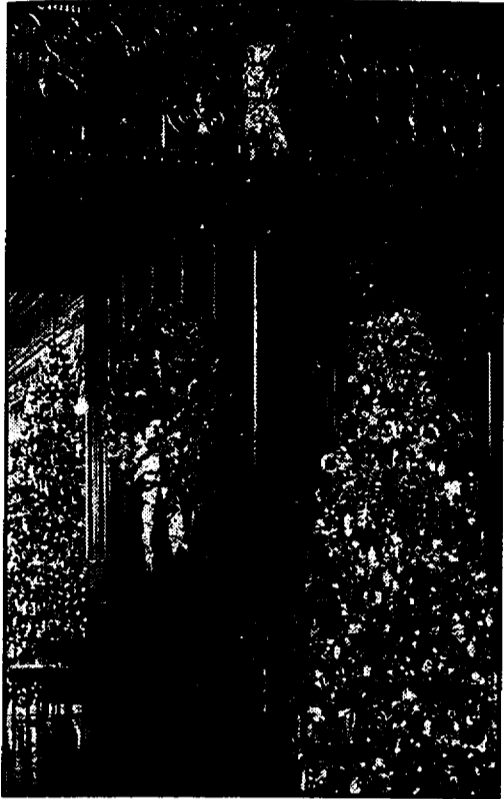
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Just in time for the holidays and, incidentally, the year of Hitchcock's 100th birth anniversary, the book takes readers behind the scenes, into the director's home and into the Universal Studios bungalow where Hitchcock planned his movies.

In the book, Freeman, a screenwriter and Hitchcock's last collaborator, offers a penetrating account of his experience working with the famous director on "The Short Night," Hitchcock's final film project, which remains unproduced. The book includes the "The Short Night" screenplay and a filmography — sure to delight anyone who ever has enjoyed the work of the master of suspense.

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Tired of the high-pressure sales and perfume clouds of department-store beauty departments? This year, treat yourself to the ultimate in holiday convenience: shopping from the comfort of your own home. Web sites like eve.com (www.eve.com) offer an assortment of cosmetics, fragrance, skin-care, hair-care and bath products to rival any high-end boutique. You don't have to sacrifice personalized service, either — eve.com greets customers by name, and provides all the product information, makeup advice and even beauty-industry gossip that shoppers need to find just the look they're searching for.

For men who find beauty shopping a baffling, intimidating experience, the site offers a permanent escape from the crowded maze of glass-topped counters, mirrors and sample sprayers of a department store. Not sure what to get that special someone? The site's gift section has all the answers, with personalized advice and suggestions from a customer gift advisor just a toll-free call away. One popular choice is the "Year of Beauty" gift package. Each month, eve.com will send the lucky recipient a gift that has been hand-selected from customer favorites, wrapped in signature eve.com paper. It's a 12-month subscription to beauty and pampering.

"I wanted to buy my wife really nice perfume, but I wasn't sure what she'd like, or what was popular with other women. The eve.com site gave me a lot of great choices, and a beauty specialist there helped me make the perfect selection," says one satisfied customer. "It was nice not to have to deal with pushy salespeople, and I found something my wife really loved."

Both shipping and gift-wrapping are free for shoppers on eve.com this holiday season. Choose from the site's stylish selection of gift wrap, and create a personalized message that arrives as a handwritten gift card. The site also offers free, postage-paid returns. Orders arrive quickly with eve.com's expedited shipping — a boon for last-minute shoppers.

Of course, online beauty shopping isn't only a seasonal phenomenon. Every day of the year, women from coast to coast who have had a hard time finding what they're looking for in local beauty shops can browse the site's more than 60 prestigious beauty brands, from Elizabeth Arden to Benefit. More than just an online catalog, eve.com recreates the personalized service and expert advice of a prestige boutique, and lets visitors use a personal beauty profile stored at the site to receive personalized product recommendations and product samples. The site also features "The Secret Is Out" content series, in which celebrity makeup artists like Vincent Longo reveal their beauty secrets online.

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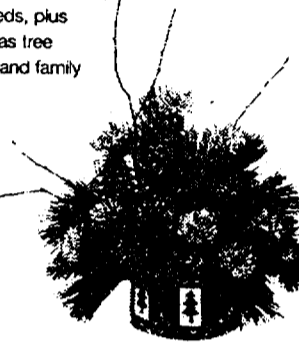
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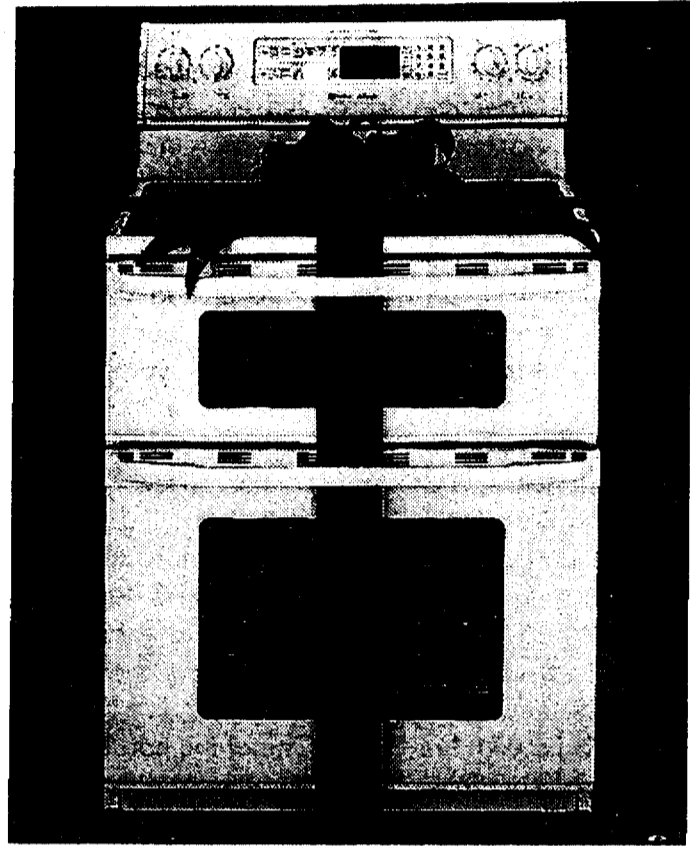
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(MS) — With the holidays fast approaching, those "to do" lists seem endless: shopping, greeting cards and, of course, entertaining. Juggling daily schedules with Christmas parties and family visits



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The range retails for \$1,399 and is available in white, black and brushed chrome. Along with the range, Maytag provides a handy cooking guide which features tips on meal planning, preparation and entertaining. The guide also offers information on the range and menus for weekdays, weekends, special get-togethers and holidays.

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## Don't Get Wrapped Up in the Stress of Holiday Gift-Giving

The holidays are a time of celebration and happiness — a time when family and friends gather to share in the joy of the season. To make this time special, people should plan activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Whether it's decorating the house or wrapping presents, this quality time can make the season brighter.

The Christmas tree becomes the heart of the home during the holidays, and it can bring the family closer, too. Selecting a tree can be a group activity. Mom, dad and the children can search for the perfect tree together, and once they get it home, they all can help decorate it. The family even can start an annual tradition by having everyone make an ornament, whether with construction paper and crayons, felt and glitter, or needle and thread. Not only is it heartwarming to have a tree covered with homemade decorations, but it also will bring fun memories to mind every time the family looks at the tree.

If putting up a tree isn't possible, people still can fill their home with the holiday spirit. Poinsettias and plants trimmed with lights and bows can add a festive flair to every room of the house. They can decorate their home together, or each person can have a particular area to decorate. Either way, the family will be working together.

Another integral part of the holidays is sending out Christmas cards. While mom usually ends up writing all the cards herself, that's not the way it has to be. She can divide the list among the family, so everyone has some cards to write out. Not only can it be fun to write personal messages to friends and relatives, but it can be touching for those receiving the cards, too. Grandparents will love to open a card and see that it's signed by their grandchildren.

It seems that homes always are full

during the holidays, whether people are hosting out-of-town guests or entertaining neighbors who just stop by. While it gets hectic, it also can be a lot of fun. People see loved ones they haven't seen in a while, and they reminisce about old times. And, they're making more wonderful memories as they do so.

While entertaining brings the family together, so does preparing for the get-together. Everyone can do his or her part to make the gathering special. From making cookies together to shoveling the driveway to making up the spare room for guests, the family can have fun before the party even starts. For an added treat, the family can arrange to take breaks together from the household chores with a nice winter warm-up, like hot chocolate or tea.

One of the hardest things during the holiday season is shopping for gifts. While everyone may go to the store together, they usually go off on their own once they get there. To make gift-giving more of a family activity, the family can sit down together before the holidays and come up with ideas of what they want to get grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. They'll be gifts that truly come from the entire family.

Once all the presents have been bought, the family can wrap them together. The little ones even can make their own wrapping paper with crayons and markers, or they can make their own card for the family to sign. Everyone from the gifters to the gifted will appreciate beautifully wrapped packages that have that extra-special touch.

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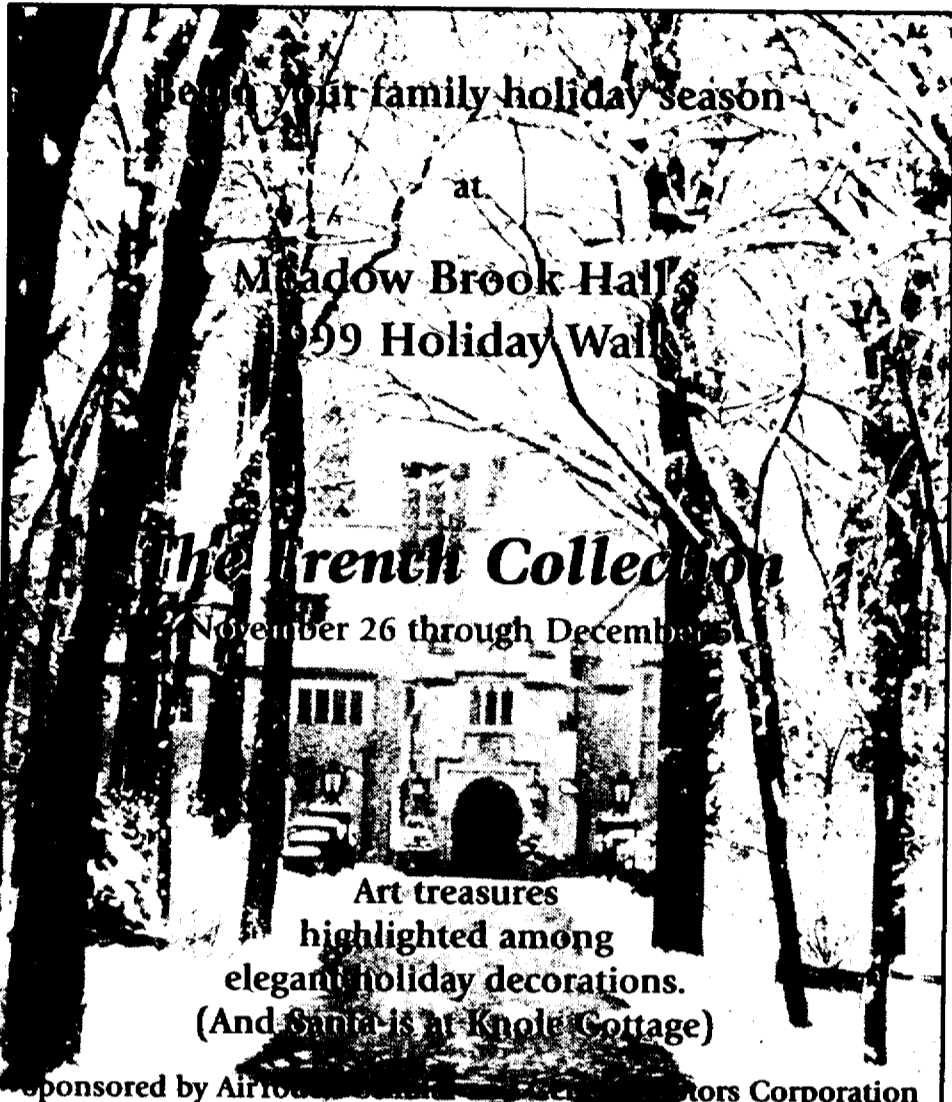
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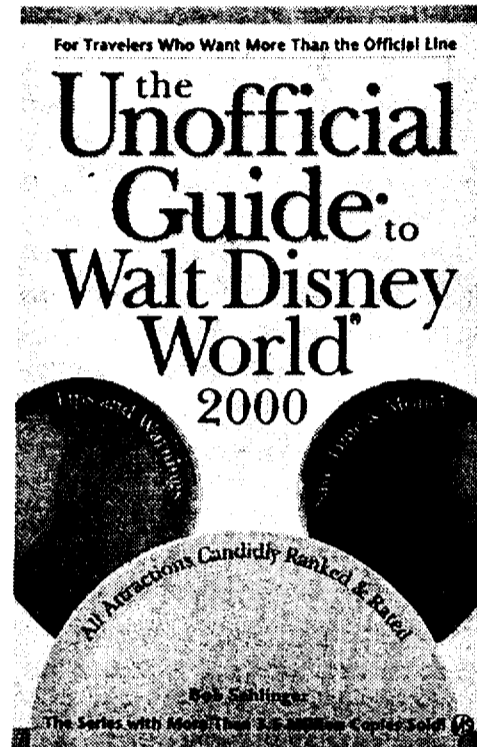
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Ready or not Santa's on his way. His arrival is scheduled for Friday, November 26 at the end of the twenty third annual Santa Parade, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Village Merchant's Association. This year's parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of Grosse Pointe South High School and proceed up Kercheval and down Kercheval to the village. Over 10,000 people are expected to be in attendance.



## Millennium Madness Makes for Challenging Holiday Travel



(MS) — Planning a trip this holiday season is the most challenging it has been in a decade. A century. A millennium! According to Mike Spring, publisher, Frommer's® Travel Guides (IDG Books Worldwide), if you haven't booked a holiday trip yet, chances are you will be ringing in the new year at home.

"Ushering in the new millennium is such a monumental event that you probably needed to start booking a couple of years in advance, let alone a few months," Spring says. "That event alone will impact holiday travel this season like we never have seen."

So, if you are looking to get away during the holidays, perhaps it's best to celebrate the new millennium after January 1. Regarding winter travel, the balmy destinations still rule. Florida, California, Hawaii and Las Vegas remain the top domestic destinations for a winter escape. And, moving up on that list is New York City.

"The city is magical all year-round, but especially during the holidays," Spring says. "It's being described as the centerpiece for celebrating the new millennium. Even without that event, crime has been on the decline and traditionally seedier areas, like Times Square, are getting a face lift and becoming tourist-friendly."

More Americans are traveling with their children, so destinations that offer entertainment draws, like Walt Disney World and Disneyland, or natural spectacles, like Yosemite and other

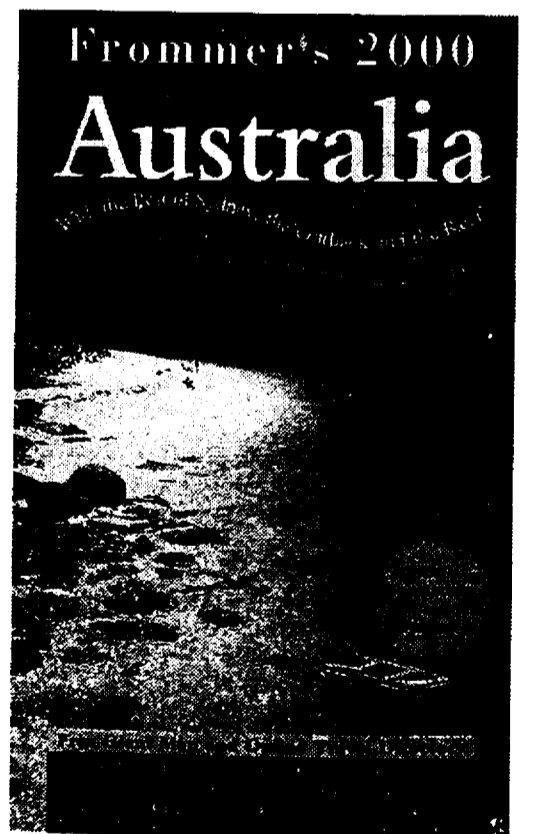
national parks, are on the rise for travel during the holidays and the new year. The national parks have continuing appeal as more and more people plan active, outdoor vacations later in the year.

Overseas travel, particularly European travel, remains hot. Rome is planning an extravagant, year-long millennium celebration, and the city is expecting 26 million visitors, including 3.5 million Americans to travel there throughout 2000.

The opening of the Atlantis, Paradise Island resort in the Bahamas in 1997 brought a renaissance to Nassau tourism. The resort now is beginning to rival Walt Disney World as a mega-attraction. It's one of the hottest sites for all travelers in the Caribbean. However, when it comes to navigating those islands, cruises still are the best way to go. Cruise vacations continue to outpace all other types of travel, stimulated by the attractiveness of new megaships.

The other hot trend in the new year will be a journey down under for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Thousands of Americans are planning to venture to Australia for the first Olympics in the new millennium. Travel to that region alone from America is expected to increase by 29 percent.

"Between the Olympics and the millennium," says Spring, "it's going to be an exciting year for travel."



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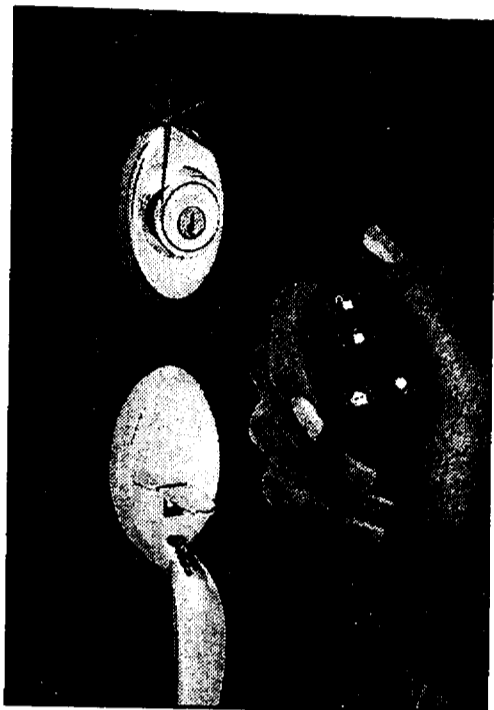
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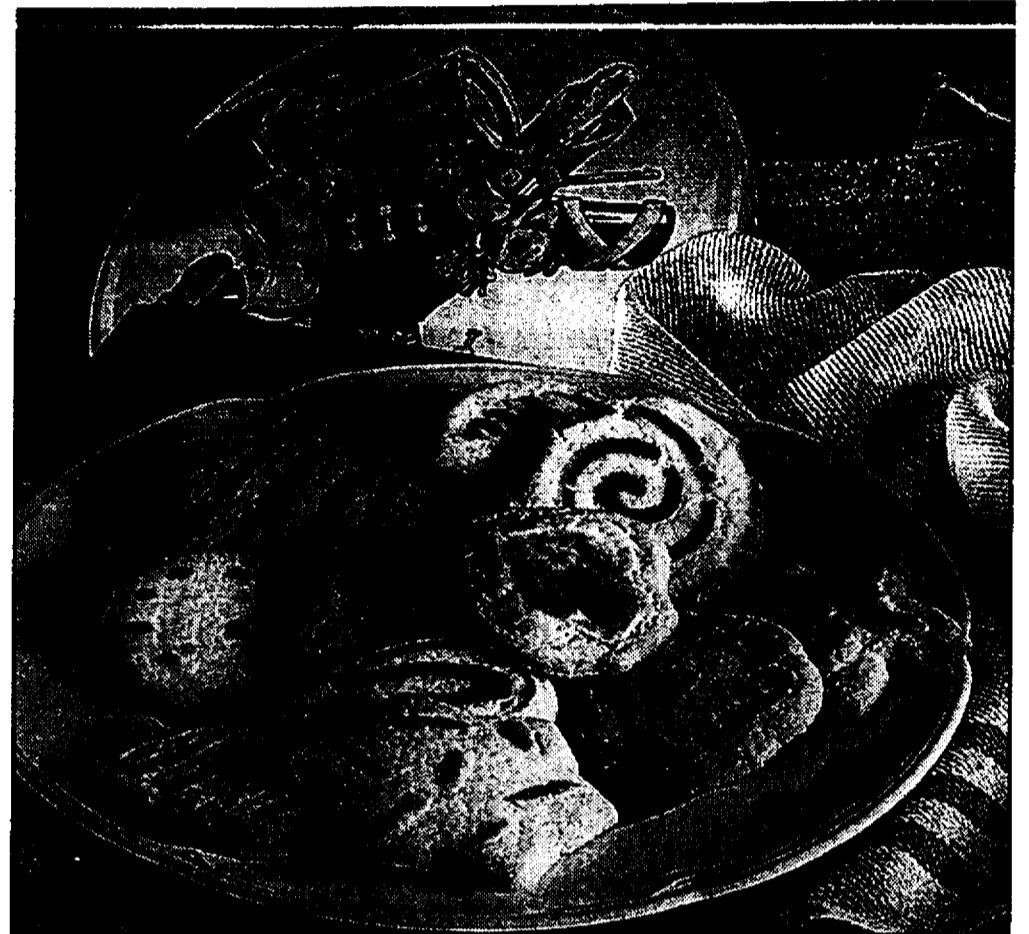
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Whether hosting a festive holiday get-together or attending someone else's seasonal soiree, having food to share with others is essential for successful entertaining.

Perhaps you have been searching for the perfect little gift to give to someone special. What could be better than giving — or receiving — something homemade? And, better still, something that is deliciously edible?

Why not make the holidays picture-perfect with a homemade, fresh-baked batch of decorative cookies. Perfect as a party dish or even as a gift, homemade cookies are sure to warm the hearts — and the appetites — of everyone, whatever the occasion.

The following festive recipe, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Cookies" (Periplus Editions), is deliciously fun to make — it happens to be a great holiday activity for children, too!

**Paintbox Cookies  
Makes about 36**

**Preparation time: 25 minutes  
plus 1 hour refrigeration  
Total cooking time: 12 minutes  
per baking sheet**

Buy a variety of different-sized paintbrushes and the cookies become your canvas.

- 1 1/4 cups unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs

- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 egg yolks
- Red, blue, green and yellow food coloring

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Brush two baking sheets with melted butter.

2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat well. Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into the mixture and combine. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about one hour, or until firm. If it becomes too hard, leave at room temperature for about 20 minutes.

3. Place each egg yolk in a separate bowl. Add a teaspoon of water and beat well with a fork. Add a few drops of a different food color to each one.

4. Divide the dough in half; keep half refrigerated and roll out the other half between two sheets of waxed paper to about 1/8- to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out shapes and use enough to fill the prepared baking sheets. Use small paintbrushes to paint the cookies, adding a little extra water to the food colorings to create a more translucent effect. Allow the "paint" to dry before baking.

5. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly colored. Cool on a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining mixture, preparing the baking sheets as instructed in step 1.

## Pearls Make Holiday Shopping Easy

The holidays are a time for family and friends, office parties, and romantic snuggles by the fire. Unfortunately, the approach of the holidays also means it is time once again to spend endless hours in the mall searching for the perfect gift for each person on your list.

Holiday shopping is bound to drive even the most seasoned shopper crazy, and often, choosing a gift can seem like mission impossible. Fortunately, there is one simple solution when selecting gifts for the women in your life — jewelry. What woman wouldn't appreciate and adore a gift of fine jewelry, especially Japanese Akoya cultured pearl jewelry.

Available in a wide range of styles and prices, cultured pearls can be affordable or extravagant, classic or ultra-modern. A gift of cultured pearls is sure to delight any woman, from the fashion-forward hipster to the classic minimalist, and with a little advice and knowledge, shopping for pearls can be easy and even enjoyable.

For a thoughtful gift for the hard-working career woman who does it all, a classic strand of cultured pearls will do the trick. A cultured pearl strand is a "must have" in every woman's jewelry wardrobe and can be worn with everything from a business suit to a cocktail dress to jeans.

What better way to start the fine jewelry collection of a teen-age daughter or niece than with simple Akoya cultured pearl earrings. Cultured pearl studs will take a young woman through the most important events in her life, from her prom night to her first job interview to her wedding day. Pearl earrings are a gift that constantly will remind its recipient of the day they were bestowed upon her.

Chances are, your mother or grandmother already has a much-treasured strand of Akoya cultured pearls. A matching bracelet or brooch is the perfect gift to show her how much you love and cherish her.

For men, buying for a wife or girlfriend probably is the hardest mission of all. You want to get her something that shows her how much you care, something feminine and fashionable, and most importantly, something she

won't want to return. Dramatic cultured pearl-drop earrings or a modern multi-strand collar are gifts she will cherish for many years.

According to the Cultured Pearl Information Center in New York, while cultured pearl jewelry is the perfect holiday gift, it is best to be knowledgeable about cultured pearls before buying them. You always should buy from a reputable jeweler whom you trust.

By knowing what quality factors cultured pearls are judged by, you can be sure you are getting the best quality that your budget will allow. The most important factors are:

**1. Luster** — Luster refers to a combination of surface shine and a deep, almost 3-D glow emanating from within the heart of the pearl. To judge luster, look at your reflection in the surface of the pearl. The clearer and crisper the reflection, the better the luster and more valuable the pearl. Any pearl that looks too dull or chalky indicates a lower-quality pearl.

**2. Surface** — Because cultured pearls are created by nature, it is rare to find a pearl that is completely free of any surface blemishes, like pits, spots or small bumps. Still, the fewer the blemishes on a pearl, the more valuable it is.

**3. Shape** — The rounder and more symmetrical a pearl, the more valuable it is. However, baroque pearls, which are irregular in shape and often cost less, can be very beautiful.

**4. Color** — Akoya cultured pearls come in a variety of colors from silver/white to cream to rose. While color of a pearl is really a matter of preference, usually rose or silver/white pearls tend to look best on fair skins, while cream and gold-toned pearls flatter darker complexions.

**5. Size** — Cultured pearls are measured by their diameter in millimeters. Akoya cultured pearls from Japan range from 2 millimeters up to 10 millimeters. Other factors being equal, the larger the pearl, the more valuable it is.

Akoya cultured pearl jewelry is the simple solution to finding the perfect gift for Christmas and, around the holidays, information about cultured pearls can be easy and enjoyable.

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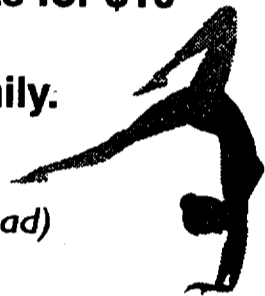
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Why the short attention span with this seemingly stimulating toy? BRIO Corp. — a toy company recognized by early-childhood specialists for its commitment to play value, quality and fun — asked CIVITAS Initiative, a national organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, to comment on choosing toys.

"The answer is simple," says Leslie Mitchel Bond, CIVITAS child-development specialist and graduate of the Erikson Institute. "With toys, a good rule of thumb is, the simpler, the better," she says.

According to Bond, "It is the work of children to explore. They are scientists by nature, in constant pursuit of figuring out how things work. As with scientists, this discovery process is made more interesting to them when the toys are open-ended."

"The most important thing about play is allowing children to initiate their own activity," says Dr. Bruce Perry, a child psychiatrist and developmental neurobiologist at Baylor College of Medicine.

The more opportunities children have to build on their innate curiosity and desire to explore through play, the more they are encouraged to become active learners. A toy whose design allows children to "learn by doing" helps them to feel more in control of their environment; it literally makes children feel good about themselves. And, when children feel happy and engaged, they will play with the same toy for longer periods of time.

A wooden railway set from BRIO is one example of an open-ended, "learn by doing" toy. According to Peter Reynolds, president of BRIO Corp., "all of BRIO's toys are designed to grow with the child, offering simple pleasures when the child is the youngest, and more complex interactions as he or she matures."

While not all toys can or should remain interesting for a child over a period of several years, CIVITAS child-development experts suggest you ask yourself the following questions when looking for a toy.

- Does this toy encourage my child to use his or her imagination?
- Can more than one child at a time play with this toy?
- Will my child interact with the toy, or will the toy interact with my child?

Given our technologically advanced society, we are inclined to seek out things that do more. However, when looking for toys, that is exactly the opposite of what children need. To put it simply, the more a toy does, the less children do, and therefore, the less they learn.

The power of play should not be underestimated. Creative, open-ended play with simple toys sets the stage for children to problem-solve, initiate cause and effect, and focus on a task. These are skills that will help them get their best start in the world, long before they even enter kindergarten.

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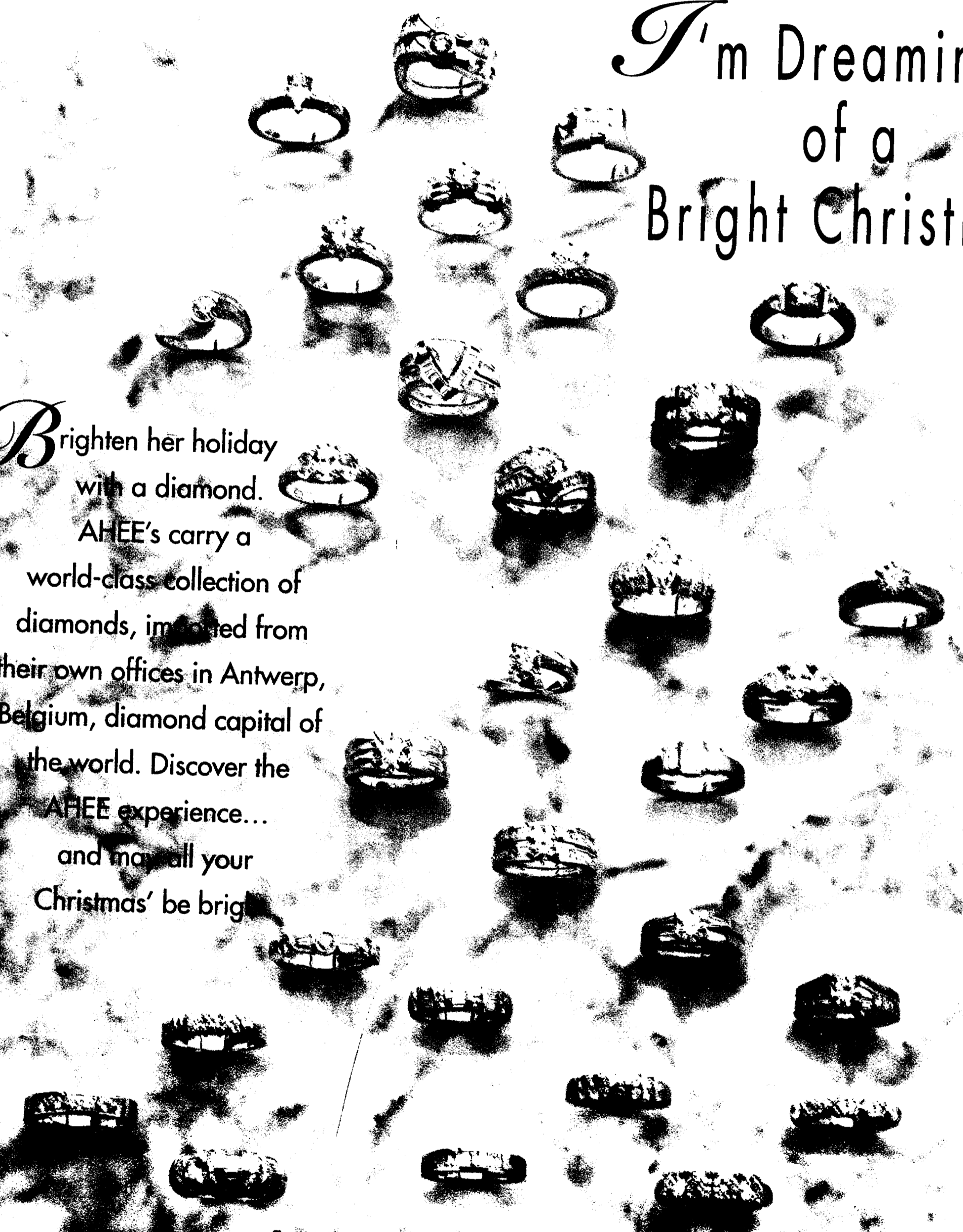
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# Prepare and keep your holiday turkey safely

There are a few basic steps one must follow in preparing a safe holiday dinner. The following guidelines, tested and approved by Michigan State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are highly recommended according to Sheryl Leonard, Home Economist at Macomb County MSU Extension.

Taking safety precautions from the farm to the table is essential. If food isn't purchased, prepped, prepared, served and stored properly any individual could get food poisoning — with elderly, young children, immune-deficient and pregnant women being more susceptible.

USDA offers the following "turkey basics" to help reduce food-borne illness:

## Storing the turkey

Whether you purchase a fresh or frozen turkey is a matter of personal preference. Buy a fresh turkey no more than two days ahead of the big meal and make sure you have adequate storage space in the refrigerator. If a frozen turkey is the choice, you

can safely defrost it in the refrigerator, allowing 24 hours for every five pounds. Check that the original bag is not broken, to prevent raw juices from coming in contact with other foods. Also, the turkey can be thawed in cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. Cook immediately. Never defrost on the kitchen counter.

## Safe cooking

For safety and doneness, the internal temperature of the turkey must reach 180 degrees



Fahrenheit in the thigh. Set the oven temperature to 325 degrees.

Use a meat thermometer to be sure the correct internal temperature is reached and to prevent overcooking. A meat thermometer should be used even in turkeys that have "pop-up" temperature indicators to ensure a safe temperature of 180 degrees.

## To stuff or not to stuff

The safest way to cook the stuffing is separate from the turkey. But whether the stuffing is cooked inside or outside of the turkey, it

must reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees. If the turkey is stuffed, mix ingredients just prior to filling the cavity. Stuff loosely to help ensure safe, even cooking. Remember, the turkey must reach 180 degrees, while the stuffing must cook to at least 165 degrees.

## Safe handling of leftovers

Cut leftover turkey into small pieces, or slice. Refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers within two hours of cooking. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within three to four days, and gravy within one to two days. Gravy should be reheated to a boil and leftovers, if heated, should be thoroughly reheated to 165 degrees.

For more information, call the Macomb County Food Hotline at (810) 469-5060, or reach USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline toll-free at: (800) 535-4555. Additional food safety information is available on the web at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>.

## Approximate cooking times

| Size of Turkey Unstuffed | Cooking Time | Size of Turkey Stuffed | Cooking Time |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 8 to 12 pounds           | 2 to 3 hours | 8 to 12 pounds         | 3 hours      |
| 12 to 14 pounds          | 3 hours      | 12 to 14 pounds        | 3 to 4 hours |
| 14 to 18 pounds          | 3 to 4 hours | 14 to 18 pounds        | 4 hours      |
| 18 to 20 pounds          | 4 hours      | 18 to 20 pounds        | 4 hours      |
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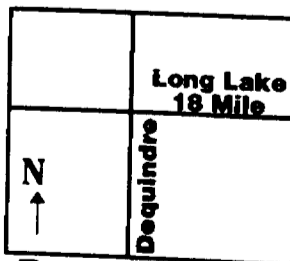
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The Boston-Edison Historic District, located one mile north of the New Center Area, is listed in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan and National Registers of Historic Places. Its 930 homes lie within the area bounded by

West Boston Boulevard, Woodward Avenue, Edison Avenue and Linwood Avenue, making it the largest residential historic district in Detroit.

Many familiar names from Detroit's past resided in Boston-Edison, including Henry Ford I, James Couzens, Horace Rackham, S.S. Kresge, Clarence Burton and Maestro Ossip Gabrilowitsch.

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## Antiques

Rookwood Pottery is probably the most famous company making art pottery in America in the 20th century. The pottery was founded in 1880 by Maria Longworth Nichols who saw some pottery at the Centennial Fair and started to make her own in Cincinnati.

The Rookwood Pottery produced many vases as well as dinnerware, figurines, bookends and tiles. Business managers, potters, a glaze chemist and decorators were hired. Rookwood was expensive, well made and artistically decorated from the beginning and won many prizes for the work. It continued to be a world-renowned pottery until it closed in 1941.

All types of Rookwood pottery are collected today. Most prized are pieces by famous decorators like Albert Valentien, Carl Schmidt, Kataro Shirayamadani and Matthew Daly.

Rookwood has always been clearly marked with the initials of the factory and the artist. The famous RP and flame mark even dates the piece. After 1900, the Roman numeral for the year was included. The most expensive Rookwood piece ever sold at auction was \$198,000 for a vase by Shirayamadani decorated with an

electroplated fish swimming under a sea-green glaze. Average vases made in the 1920s to 1940s sell today for hundreds of dollars.

**Q.** I collect plates decorated with a calendar and an ad for a business. When were the first advertising calendar plates made?

**A.** The oldest plate we have heard about is for the year 1877. It was by J.W. Harrison of Liverpool, England. Most of the plates made in the United States date after 1906. Plates dating from the 1930s are common. Those made in the 1940s are scarce.

**Q.** We just found a copy of the first issue of Mad magazine. It says "First Issue, the New Mad" on the cover. It is dated July 1955. Is it of value?

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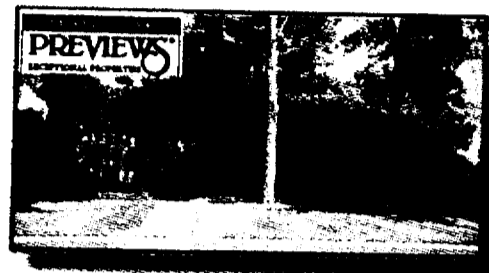
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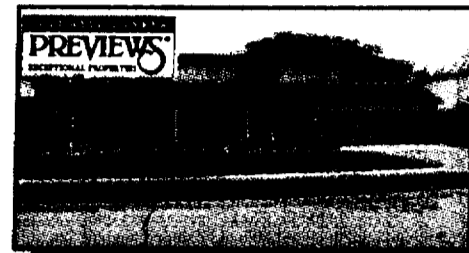
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$2,100,000**  
MAGNIFICENT LANDMARK HOME. Two story English Tudor. Old European look with renovated master bedroom and bath, four additional bedrooms, three baths, Mutschler gourmet kitchen. Beautifully landscaped. (GPN-H-38KEN) (313) 885-2000



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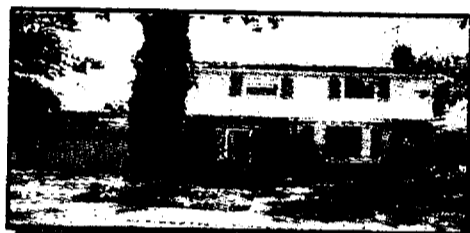
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$525,000**  
BEAUTIFUL FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL. Spacious with first floor den or library plus family room. Updated kitchen, neutral decor throughout. Master bedroom 16.5 x 18.0 with bath. (GPN-GW-56BRI) (313) 886-4200.



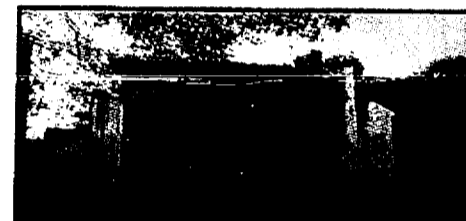
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$485,000**  
CENTER ENTRANCE COLONIAL. In prime Woods location this spacious home features a large remodel kitchen, family room w/natural fireplace, master bedroom w/full bath, finished basement and more. (GPN-GW-79PEA). (313) 886-4200



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$309,000**  
EXTRAORDINARY FARMS COLONIAL. Professionally decorated w/updates galore: kitchen, one half bath, foyer floor, freshly painted, window treatments, par. fin. basement, rot iron fence, back porch awning. (GPN-GW-71MCK) (313) 886-4200.



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$285,000**  
A PLEASURE TO SHOW. All rooms are tastefully done, ceramic in kitchen, dining room, both baths and family room. Deck w/hot tub will stay. 10 x 8 cedar closet in basement. (GPN-GF-70LAB) (313) 886-5800.



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$285,000**  
WONDERFUL COLONIAL. This is a lovingly cared for one owner home with loads of character: hardwood floors, six panel doors, landscaping, lrg L.R. & D.R., very open and spacious. (GPN-H-17MCM). (313) 885-2000.



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$274,000**  
CHARMING ENGLISH TUDOR. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, formal dining room. Master bedroom has it's own private bath. Spacious room sizes. Large lot w/mature trees and deck. Home warranty. (GPN-GW-42KER) (313) 886-4200.



**GROSSE POINTE PARK \$142,000**  
NICE BRICK BUNGALOW. In quiet park area. Large rooms, hardwood floors, needs some TLC, great opportunity for first time buyers to be near schools and shops. (GPN-GF-25LAK) (313) 886-5800.



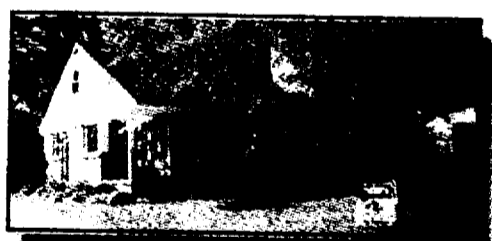
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$349,900**  
ENGLISH TUDOR DESIGN Private center entrance, four bedrooms, two bath home w/ formal dining room, NFP in living room, w/adjoining den, new windows, hardwood floors, CAC, extra storage, large yard and three and one half garage. (GPN-H-33HAW)(313) 885-2000



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$271,900**  
CLASSIC WOODS COLONIAL. Featuring spacious bedrooms, family room with gas fireplace, formal dining room, living room with natural fireplace and a finished basement. An exceptional home! (GPN-GW-73SEV) (313) 886-4200.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$269,900**  
BEAUTIFUL PRISTINE COLONIAL. Newer: kitchen with nook, furnace, central air, hot water tank, landscaping, driveway and carpet. First floor lavatory and finished basement with wet bar. (GPN-GW-84SEV)(313) 886-4200.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$159,900**  
SHARP FAMILY BUNGALOW. With double lot, natural fireplace, master suite, dream garage and many updates including windows, furnace, central air and electric! (GPN-GF-19ROS).(313) 886-5800.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$152,000**  
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW. Clean, neat bungalow perfect for first time buyers. Excellent location, potential for third bedroom on second floor, hardwood floors, paneled family room. (GPN-H-10ROS). (313) 885-2000.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$149,900**  
MOVE RIGHT IN. to this three bedroom two bath brick bungalow with finished basement. Garage parking for three cars. Grosse Pointe schools. Lakefront park. (GPN-GW-51LAN). (313) 886-4200.



**HARPER WOODS \$149,000**  
BEAUTIFUL UPDATED BUNGALOW. Grosse Pointe schools! New kitchen, finished basement with full bath, carpet and glass block windows. Natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Must see! (GPN-GW-84HUN). (313) 886-4200.

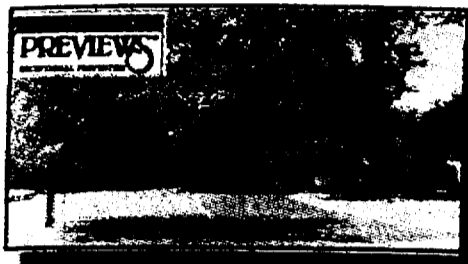
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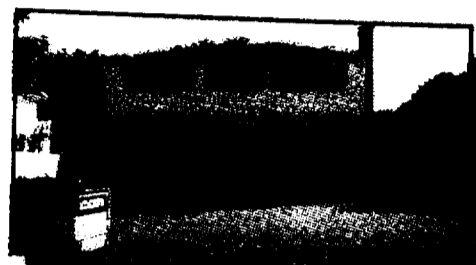
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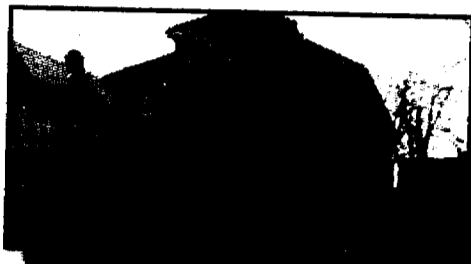
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**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$665,000**  
LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION. Ideal home on one of G.P. Farms finest streets-walk to Lake and Country Club of Detroit. Outstanding three bedroom, two and one half baths. Brick ranch featuring foyer. Family room w/NFP. (GPN-H-75COU). (313) 885-2000.



**GROSSE POINTE \$234,000**  
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**GROSSE POINTE \$338,000**  
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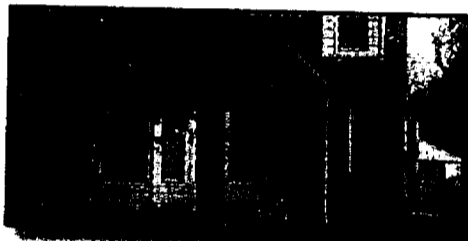
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$319,000**  
ESTATE PROPERTY WITH. Tons of potential. Master bedroom, cozy den, bar, Florida room, HWF under carpet, rec room, bathroom, bar, fireplace in basement. To be sold "as is" condition. (GPNGH-02-Lex) (313)885-2000.



**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$269,900**  
COZY BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL. Its a ten! New roof, new kitchen garden window, new kitchen floor, new driveway and two car garage. Family room w/skylights, newer furnace and air, new carpeting. (GPN-H-59MTV) (313) 885-2000.



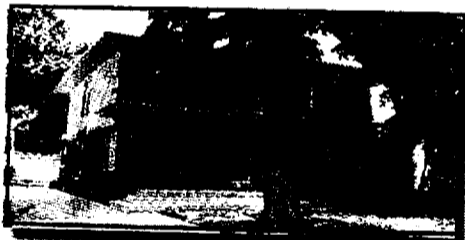
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$259,900**  
EASY CARE FREE. Living! Three bedroom ranch, updated kitchen with eating space, NFP in living room, heated Florida room, covered walkway to garage, sprinklers. (GPN-H-40BEL) (313) 885-2000.



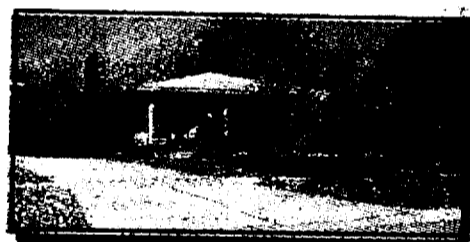
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$165,000**  
INVESTORS OPPORTUNITY RARE. Fixer upper conveniently located near schools and shopping, three bedrooms, w/NFP, living room and kitchen have bay window, two car garage. (GPN-GF-78KER) (313) 886-5800.



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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP. Spacious brick Colonial with numerous updates. Den and one and one half baths. Large finished recreation room. Large custom cedar deck. (GPN-GW-36MAR) (313) 886-4200



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$249,900**  
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**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$180,000**  
GORGEOUS RANCH IN wonderful area. Numerous updates and open floor plan combines with a finished basement with full bath to offer great living space. (GPN-GF-82NEW) (313) 886-5800.



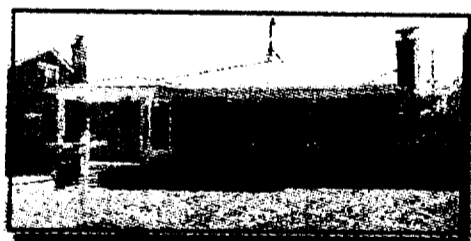
**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$179,900**  
MUST SEE INSIDE. Beautiful new kitchen, freshly painted, refinished HWF, full bath, bedroom, family room in basement lots of built in storage, all appliances inc. (GPN-GF-16BOU) (313) 886-5800.



**GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$176,900**  
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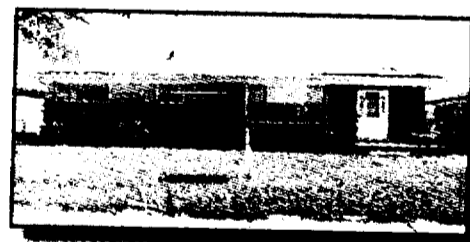
**HARPER WOODS \$125,900**  
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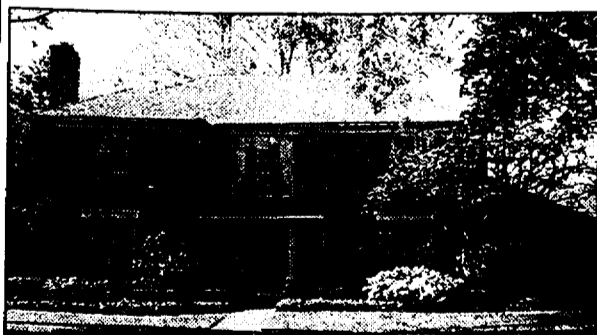
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