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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 10

A holiday concert featuring soloists from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Company takes place at 7:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (313) 881-3343.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Christmas bake sale. Items for purchase include cookies, bread and candy. The sale begins at 10 a.m. and lasts three hours. For more information, call (313) 886-2363.

Monday, Dec. 13

The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Park city hall, 16116 E. Jefferson. The public is invited to attend.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

The Grosse Pointe Community Band holds a free Christmas concert, beginning at 8 p.m. in Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 343-2178.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Grosse Pointe South High School's band and orchestra present their "Yule Be Bopping" Christmas jazz concert. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the South auditorium. It features holiday classics by the jazz lab class and the South High School Jazz band.

Tickets are available at the door only and are \$5. Seniors and students pay \$3.

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Woods plans for 50th anniversary

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Plans call for a parade, party and look into the future. "It will be a grand celebration," said Allen Dickinson, a Woods councilman and chairman of the city's anniversary committee. The event will take place on Sept. 17, 2000.

A parade is the major thrust of the celebration," said Dickinson. The parade will start at North High School, head down Vernier to Mack

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Hark the herald choirs sing!
The Grosse Pointe South High School choir will be performing in their annual Holiday Concert Friday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center. Featured will be the Pointe Singers, above, with selections from the Holiday Pope Yuletide concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall Dec. 16-20. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, call (313) 895-2834.



Women Realtors' benefit
On Friday, Dec. 3, the Grosse Pointe chapter of the Women's Council of REALTORS held its annual Christmas Tree Auction and Luncheon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. WCR, a subsidiary of the National Association of REALTORS, is a community of real estate professionals creating career opportunities, promoting success strategies and inspiring leadership and individual achievement. The proceeds from the Christmas tree auction benefit Genesis House III, a shelter for women and children, as well as WCR's real estate education scholarship program. Pictured at the event, from left, are Judy Sieber, president, 2000; Helen Campbell, president, 1999; Fran Johnson, treasurer, 2000; Anne Marie DeRostler, vice-president, membership, 1999; and Vicky Colwell, president-elect, 2001. Below are some of the Christmas trees donated for sale at the auction.



HOLIDAY SHOPPERS SHOWCASE

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

N'hood Club's ice arena hopes melting away

By Darren Donaldson
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club received the feasibility study on the proposed two-surface ice arena to be built on the site where Salter Park now resides. It was not the news it had hoped for.

Plante & Moran took the last four months to investigate whether a project of this type could succeed.

Based on its study, the auditing firm believes that receipts would out-pace disbursements on an annual basis, but the debt on the construction loan could not be covered by the remaining difference.

Many factors were explored in coming to this conclusion. The demand analysis for such a facility resulted in the following conclusions:

- The construction of a facility like this is viewed as important or very important by a majority of residents.
- The largest user group would be youth ages 4-12.
- Several factors, with several hockey rink users, are looking at new options in light of these results.
- The only way we could get this done, at this point, would be through governmental and philanthropic support," he said.
- But he admitted the Neighborhood Club could only raise between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million, well short of the construction costs which would need to be nearly entirely covered.
- One thing that was surprising to Bruce was the lack of definite commitment from local hockey and figure skating organizations.
- "Without their firm commitment, the feasibility study could not take into account the funds they could generate," he said.
- Beaten but not broken, Bruce intends to forge ahead and pursue other options, including a possible recreation center offering a wider variety of activities, such as gymnastics, inline skating and indoor soccer.

While these predictions could vary widely, especially if a tenant committed to the facility in the future, the ability to handle the loan payments on construction costs would still

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Maj. Thomas Rose

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Age: 33

Family: Single

Occupation: Officer, United States Marine Corps

Quote: "If you take care of your people, they will take care of you."

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Maj. Thomas Rose

50 years ago this week



Cub Scouts of Den 4 put on show

Den 4, the largest in Grosse Pointe's Cub Scout Pack 156, put over a real show stopper last Monday night, Dec. 5, at Christ Church where the pack holds its monthly meetings. The Den 4 Cubs, under the direction of den mother Mrs. Virginia Swartz and Mrs. Betty Runnells, performed as hula dancers surrounded by stage settings designed and built by the boys. The occasion was the first skit night of the pack's winter program. Three dens each month will stage a skit as part of the interesting club program. From left, the Cubbers are Dennis Ingram, Bobby Swartz, Tommy Ketzler, Mike McCarron, Fred "Clipper" Runnells, Charles McCarron, Bruce Thompson, Mike Collins, Peter Wade and Todd Hill. Photo by Fred Runnells. (From the Dec. 8, 1949 Grosse Pointe News.)

Woods

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and end up in a reception at Ghesquiere Park where big band music will share the stage with modern music.

"We hope to have exhibits highlighting the technology of the future," said Dickinson.

Parade participants will

include school marching bands, antique cars and fire trucks.

Councilwoman Patricia Chylinski said the city is trying to recruit the Briefcase Brigade, a mainstay of the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade.

She said the celebration will be "memorable for years to come. There will be music, food

and local talent."

City officials have capped the cost of the celebration at \$20,000.

Chylinski said residents and Woods organizations wanting to be in the parade should contact the city offices at (313) 343-2440.

Ice arena

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In Plante & Moran's conclusion, it suggested that due to the socioeconomic level of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods area, it may be beneficial to explore the opportunities of a multipurpose community recreational center.

Although disappointed by the outcome to this point,

Bruce was very pleased with the cooperation that took place between the communities.

"I couldn't speak more highly of how the Harper Woods administration and council allowed and encouraged our efforts in this endeavor," he said.

Over the next few months,

the Neighborhood Club will continue to explore more feasible recreational development alternatives.

Bruce concluded by saying that anyone interested in offering suggestions or who is willing to work with the Neighborhood Club on this initiative should contact him at (313) 885-4600.

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Shirley Johnson, a member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, introduced architectural plans of a proposed combined auditorium and gymnasium to members of the Dad's Club during the club's annual Football Bust.

"We, the Board of Education, are putting the problem right in your laps. If you want this new building for your children, then get busy and work for it," said Johnson.

The facility has been proposed as part of the school expansion program to be voted on when the Board of Education asks authorization of a bond issue in February.

The Grosse Pointe High School marching band will perform during the fourth annual Men's Night in the Village shopping district on Monday, Dec. 12, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The band, which has performed at the University of Michigan football stadium and has been invited to play for the Detroit Lions at Briggs Stadium, "has agreed to let the local male population see its maneuvers and hear its stirring music."

A bill is being considered in Congress to provide for a new post office building in each congressional district throughout the nation.

The bill, if passed, gives hope to proponents of improved post office facilities for the Grosse Pointes.

Two Grosse Pointe tennis players won the United States Lawn Tennis Association national indoor doubles championship in the 12 and under class in Port Washington, N.Y.

Anna VanWallegham of the Woods and Susan Mascarin of the Shores defeated a team from Oklahoma in the finals, 6-4, 6-1.

Students are making the most of a last-minute holiday as a heavy snow has caused school to be canceled.

10 years ago this week

An arrest of a career felon in Harper Woods has closed the book on 24 home burglaries in Grosse Pointe Park during the last three years.

U.S. marshals have posted an international lookout for a 60-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Park.

Helen Mary Formanczyk jumped bail in Boston Nov. 28 when she was scheduled to be sentenced for heroin trafficking. She had been found guilty in U.S. District Court in Boston Sept. 12 of possession with intent to distribute at least 1,000 grams of heroin, which carries a maximum 10-year sentence.

The city of Grosse Pointe Park has paid the former owners of the Esquire Theater \$435,000 to complete the purchase of the Esquire Theater on Jefferson.

The acquisition has been cited by city officials as a key part of the Jefferson Avenue business district revitalization because it eliminated a heavy demand for limited parking space.

5 years ago this week

While the number of school-age children in the five Grosse Pointes and one-third of Harper Woods — the area comprising the local school district — has increased by about 500 students, the overall population shows a decrease of approximately 2,000 residents.

The figures are the result of the school system's mail-in census in September of 1993.

A random public opinion poll of 300 of the district's registered voters shows the Grosse Pointe public school system has been rated A and B overall.

The scientific sampling shows 70 percent of respondents think the district's teachers are good or excellent.

The Grosse Pointe North High School girl's basketball team lost in overtime to Detroit King 52-49 in the state Class A quarterfinals game. The defeat ended the best season in North's history.

The King Crusaders had been ranked No. 1 in the state in Class A for nearly the entire season.

—Brad Lindberg

South choir to perform for Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will meet at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Tuesday, Dec. 14, lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.

The talented Grosse Pointe South High School chorus will present this year's holiday

entertainment, alternating annually with the talented Grosse Pointe North High School's chorus.

For more information, call Ken Maleitzke at (313) 343-6476 or Peter Consiglia at (810) 773-0519.

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Farms council receives report on future of Hill

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

After eight months and nearly \$30,000 in fees, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council heard retail consultant Bob Gibbs' draft report of the Hill's future.

Gibbs told the council he examined the Hill's current situation, predicted what the situation would be five years in the future, as well as what the Farms can do to encourage retail businesses and the area's upgrade potential.

His conclusion was that given the amount of disposable income available of Farms and Pointes residents, there is room for an additional 35,000 square feet of retail space, or about 50 percent of the already 70,000 square feet of retail space currently on the Hill.

"The question people asked over and over again was that if retail is viable on the Hill, why isn't it here," Gibbs said. "I don't think that's an accurate view of the Hill's potential."

Gibbs said that when he asked residents and customers if there was a parking problem on the Hill, he was told yes. He feels that given the number of spots available, there really isn't a parking shortage, that's just the perception.

Gibbs looked at the number of parking spots within 300 feet of stores and businesses on the Hill. He then compared the number of employees who work in the area and the hours they worked and concluded that there was a surplus of about 108 parking spots. He included parking spots available from the Cottage Hospital parking deck.

The hospital makes spots available on the deck's third and top levels for monthly fees. Gibbs also said that the Farms can do more to promote the best use of parking currently available.

This includes making signs regulating parking easier to see and understand. He also suggests that the city enforce parking regulations more zealously. This includes raising penalties for those who are caught using expired meters.

"All too often employees think that it's easier to risk a ticket than to use the municipal lot," said Gibbs. "By raising the cost of tickets and enforcing the rules on a more regular basis, this should free up spots in front of stores."

He also suggested that the city look into building an additional parking deck, but warned it would be an expensive solution.

"You might want to think about raising the hourly cost of using the meters to \$1 an hour," Gibbs said. "This proves unpopular for about six months and you have to be prepared to get a lot of hate mail. But it also eliminates employees from parking right in front of stores and feeding the

Boulevard unpaved till spring

Grosse Pointe Farms contractors recently milled off the top layer of asphalt along Grosse Pointe Blvd., between Handy and Lewiston, in anticipation of sewer construction to take place in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, once the sewer lines are in, the street's repavement won't be complete until next May.

"Asphalt plants don't start production until about May 1," said Farms director of public service Joe Leonard. "We milled off the first level of asphalt along the portion of Grosse Pointe Boulevard that will have sewer separation construction. We had hoped to have started construction by now, but we ran into trouble. The old footings of the old mansions on Newberry have caused us unexpected delays."

— Jim Stickford

meters. This frees up parking for potential customers. There's always a place to park on the street."

Gibbs said that his polls showed that people want more stores with a quality selection. He added that everyone he talked with wanted an ice cream parlor. He said that there is room on the Hill for more restaurants and if someone gets the right menu with the right prices, he should be very successful.

Gibbs also talked about the future. He presented several scenarios based on different actions taken by the city council.

If the Farms maintains the status quo, he predicted by the year 2005, retail would be virtually gone from the Hill. It would basically be a business district. He said that in an even longer term view, the pendulum would swing back and in 15 years, there would be more retail as businesses left the area because there was no retail base to attract them.

Gibbs also presented a variety of scenarios based on the council changing zoning laws. These changes included allowing everyone to have a two-story building, everyone having a three-story building, allowing additional stories to buildings on the condition of having a mix of retail and a scenario where expansion is allowed on a first-come, first-serve basis until such time as there is no longer a surplus parking situation.

Right now Gibbs calculates

that there is room for an additional 25,000 square feet of expansion before the parking is gone. He urged the council to develop some sort of plan to handle the situation. He also said that the Farms needs housing diversity. The city's population is aging and unless there is some sort of move to get multi-family dwellings and senior housing, the council could find itself with a city that has an older population that can't move out and younger families can't move in.

He also suggested coordinating actions with the Village. He noted both districts draw from the same pool of shoppers and they could benefit from working together. He said that with some improved recruiting efforts the Farms should be able to get retail stores in the Hill.

"This is a very well-run city," Gibbs said. "I talked with business owners and when I said 'I come from city government and I'm here to help you,' they said they didn't really need help. That's not the reaction I usually get. The infrastructure is well-maintained and aside from some minor nitpicks, the area is in great shape."

Gibbs said that there would be a meeting sometime in January to answer questions. He and city officials would sit down with the public and talk about the report and what it means to the city's future. At this time, the meeting has yet to be scheduled, but it was agreed to take place sometime in January.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Student pianists play at Ford House

Not all the twinkling is coming from the Christmas decorations adorning the Ford House this holiday season. Grosse Pointe Park resident and Grosse Pointe South High School senior Sarah Gibson and Grosse Pointe Woods resident and De La Salle Collegiate High School sophomore Tom Kean will be playing Christmas favorites at the piano for visitors in the Activities Center while guests wait for tours Saturday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 18 from 1-3 p.m. The Ford House is open for tours Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. and is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

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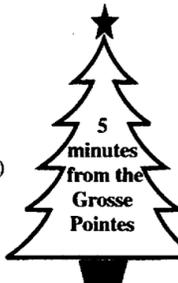


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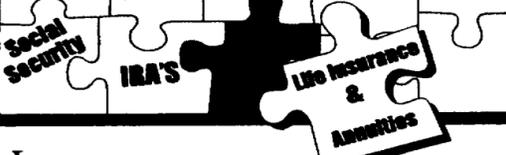
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Grosse Pointe Marine honors Corps values

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

He serves in the ranks of a few good men and belongs to a breed in which uncommon valor is a common virtue.

He honors those who have come before him and serves proudly as an example to those who will follow.

But the way he tells it, he's just another Marine.

Recently promoted to the rank of major, Thomas Rose of Grosse Pointe Woods is the officer in charge of Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens.

He credits his success to the family that raised him and the soldiers with whom he carries out the Corps' mission of enforcing the political policy of the United States.

A veteran of Desert Storm and service in Somalia, he likes the American military's new role as peace keepers. But if necessary, he said the Marine's hard won reputation as the nation's fast moving fighting force still stands.

Rose is part of an engineering unit.

"We build things and we blow them up," he said.

"They are our toys," he said while walking through a compound of heavy duty construction equipment.

"Our function is to support the wing in war with engineering assets."

A combat engineer "by trade," Rose said the unit does "everything for the wing except fly the planes."

POINTER OF INTEREST

If a runway needs to be built, the 472nd can do it. If a bridge needs to be built, it's done. The unit has generators, water purifiers and mobile cranes that can pick up 50,000 pound loads.

Rose and the 20 men in his unit have served all over the world. The experience has given the men insight into how lucky they are to be Americans.

Sgt. Jenkins, the 472nd's training chief, said, "Americans take things for granted that people in some other countries don't have."

Rose agreed with another one of his men, Sgt. Wiggins, who said, "Look at basic democracy. We have our rights. Not every country has the rights we have. It's nice to be on this side of the fence. It's nice to see the other side, but your heart goes out to them. You wish there was something you could do for them."

The military is changing from being strictly a fighting force.

Jenkins said, "It's more of a peace-keeping force now. We're out to help the people. But we're still a mobile force of readiness. We can go anywhere, anytime. That's why people look for the Marines."

Wiggins added, "It's nice to know that we're not thought of just as a force that will harm people, but we can help people. It's gratifying to be able to look back and say, 'Yeah, you've done a good deed.'"

Standing among his crew, Rose said, "I have the best job. They make life easy for me."

Rose was born in Grosse Pointe. He lost his father at a young age and was raised by his uncle, John Rose, a resident of the Woods and principal in the Chippewa Valley School System.

"I wouldn't be here without his support," said Maj. Rose. "He was a role model."

While in school at Grosse

Pointe North, Rose worked construction and was a life-guard at Lake Front Park. Upon graduation, he was a little bewildered by life's options. But two things were certain: he wanted to go to college and he had to pay for it on his own.

He enrolled at Eastern Michigan University so he could be close to home — not to have someone do his laundry on weekends, but to retain his part-time job at a local gasoline station.

"I worked at the Amoco station at Mack and Moross," he said. He and his former employer, Rick Gram, are friends to this day.

"Rick was a major influence in my life," said Rose. "He has great character and values. He puts his employees first."

Rose has put Gram's example to work in the Corps.

"If you take care of your people, they will take care of you," said Rose.

During Rose's freshman year in college, he wanted to be a fighter pilot. Impressed by the "character and charisma" of a Marine recruiting officer, Rose signed up and looked forward to being at the stick of an F-18. Although bad eyesight disqualified him for the cockpit, he stayed with the Corps.

Basic training at Quantico, Va., was difficult, "but it changed me in a positive way," said Rose. "It's all a matter of attitude."

Basic was physically demanding, something Rose enjoyed. His nine-mile lunchtime jog around Selfridge reminds him that "I'm not getting any younger," he said.

When Rollerblading, he makes sure to wear his wrist braces. Being "government property," he doesn't want to fall and break any bones.

During the Gulf War, Rose commanded a HAWK anti-aircraft missile battery on the east coast of Saudi Arabia near



photo by Brad Lindberg
Members of U.S. Marine Corps Wing Support Squadron 472 gather with their officer in charge, Maj. Thomas Rose, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens.

In the first row, from left, Sgt. Rolan, Sgt. Dove, Staff Sgt. Forge, Gunnery Sgt. Petterson, Gunnery Sgt. Jenkins, Middle row, from left, Gunnery Sgt. Vega, Sgt. Hackman, Staff Sgt. Wiggins, Sgt. Everts, Corp. Hawes. In the back row, sitting on the Hummer, is Maj. Thomas Rose of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dhahran.

"My job was to sit at a radar scope and watch a screen for 12 hours a day," he said. Rose and his men guarded an air base that was home to more than 200 aircraft.

It's a maxim of warfare that if you have the enemy in range, you are in range of the enemy.

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Toys for Tots '99

Maj. Thomas Rose and US Marines throughout the country are campaigning during the holiday season for the Toys for Tots program.

"Last year in the Detroit area, the Marines distributed 200,000 toys to children in the Detroit area," said Rose.

The campaign lasts until Dec. 22.

Started in 1947 by a reserve major in the Marine Corps, Toys for Tots Program is one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable efforts. Over the past 50 years, Marines have distributed more than 231 million toys to 116 million needy children throughout the country.

Gifts have to be unwrapped so the toys can be separated by age and gender.

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Parking not a problem on the Hill

It's a great time to be in business on the Hill, according to retail consultant Bob Gibbs.

Concluding an eight-month, nearly \$30,000 study, Gibbs told the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council at its Monday night meeting that there is a shortage of commercial square footage and a surplus of parking in the Hill business district.

He said the Hill can support the construction of an additional 25,000 square feet of commercial space without running into a parking shortage.

This should be good news for Neville Pack, owner of the Optical Library building, and developer Richard Russell, whose plans to raze the Hill property and build a new, two-story structure were put on hold earlier this year when the Farms

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council placed a moratorium on business expansion on the Hill, citing a need to study "the parking problem."

In fact, Gibbs said there is no parking problem on the Hill, only a perception that there is a parking shortage. He said better signage to the municipal lots and parking deck are needed, as well as vigorous efforts to keep street parking turning over.

He suggested raising meter parking to \$1 an hour and further increasing fines and ticketing. He admitted that these measures really anger shoppers, but said it would make street parking always available.

Gibbs believes the Hill could double its

retail offerings, including two more restaurants, two more women's apparel shops, a designer sporting goods/wear store and an ice cream parlor.

He pointed out that Grosse Pointers are extremely loyal, according to a 100-sample phone poll he conducted, and that they would shop locally rather than anywhere else. He figured nearly \$1.5 million in retail spending was leaking outside the Hill due to lack of stores.

Given current trends, he said, retail and dining would completely disappear from the Hill within five years, to be replaced by "high quality office." He said the retail and dining "ambiance" attracts offices, which then squeeze out retail.

Offices then leave when the "ambiance" is gone, Gibbs said, only to be replaced in turn by retail.

He said the retail-office-retail cycle was occurring in Naples, Fla., until he was called into to fix it. Now Naples has a dynamic, booming retail district, Gibbs said.

He said many have said, "If retail on the Hill was in such demand, it would be here already." But that's not true, Gibbs said, failing to state why.

While painting a rosy picture, Gibbs left the future of the Hill in the Farms council's lap. He will present a more detailed report at a public hearing in January.

We and others question some of Gibbs' conclusions, but we will address them at a later date.

In the meantime, since Gibbs has stated emphatically that there is no parking shortage on the Hill and that there is a shortage of commercial square-footage, we call on the council to immediately lift the moratorium on business expansion on the Hill and allow the sale and development of the Optical Library site.

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N'hood Club short on rink plan

We received disappointing news this week concerning the multipurpose ice activity center the Neighborhood Club is considering at Salter Park in Harper Woods. First, the demand for ice time is not what it was thought to be and, second, the club needs \$5 million up front to make it an economic reality.

Those conclusions were made in a feasibility study conducted by Plante & Moran for the Neighborhood Club under a grant from the Earl-Beth Foundation.

In July, the Harper Woods City Council voted to allow Salter Park, located on Harper, east of Moross, to be leased for a minimal fee to the Neighborhood Club to develop the proposed multipurpose ice activity center.

The focus of the Plante & Moran study was to determine the feasibility of developing a \$7.5 million to \$9 million, 75,516-square-foot facility that would offer recreation activities for all ages with the primary focus on hockey, figure skating and open skating. Other proposed uses include gymnasium space; social, teen and senior-adult activities; meeting space, concessions and the Harper Woods recreation department offices.

In the past, we've favored the Neighborhood Club ice-rink plan because it was billed to be self-supporting, not requiring tax dollars. But now we find there's a rather hefty price tag attached, according to John Bruce, executive director of the non-profit center located in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The Plante & Moran study concluded that the Neighborhood Club could not own and operate the multipurpose ice activity center as currently proposed," Bruce said in a prepared statement. "... although the study projected annual revenues of \$275,000, this amount was not sufficient to offset the annual debt service projected

at \$700,000. In order for this project to be financially feasible, approximately \$5 million of governmental and/or philanthropic support would need to be generated to reduce the annual debt service."

"Governmental support"? We don't like the sound of that.

We originally liked the Neighborhood Club's plan because we thought it would be self-supporting, not requiring taxpayer subsidies. Now we find the proposed facility is looking at a \$425,000 a year shortfall. That's a pretty big deficit. To prevent this, the Neighborhood Club needs \$5 million to reduce the amount of principal financed.

Further, it seems that the perception that ice time is in short supply in the Pointes and Harper Woods is false. In fact, according to the Plante & Moran study, the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association is satisfied with the existing facilities available.

The surprising lack of demand with less-than-expected user revenue and the higher-than-expected cost of money to the Neighborhood Club have jeopardized, if not doomed, the ice activities center plan.

However, Bruce said his board has committed the next six months to finding the necessary support to make the ice activity center a reality. If it doesn't come to fruition in that time, the Neighborhood will throw in the towel.

We commend Bruce, the Neighborhood Club board and Plante & Moran for presenting real costs, not just wishful thinking. They discovered activities centers are not the self-supporting money-makers they're purported to be. But, rather, they require public bonding for construction and, often, ongoing taxpayers' subsidies.

We wish the Neighborhood Club luck, and we still support the ice activity center concept in Harper Woods, but not with tax dollars.

Gore a 'new Nixon'? No!

There are some extraordinarily bright Washington correspondents who write about national politics. But, unfortunately, there are some smart alegs who often misjudge candidates.

For instance, Joe Klein of the New Yorker magazine's political staff is recognized as a good writer who seldom errs in his profiles and other pieces on Washington political characters.

Yet in a recent piece he co-authored with Jane Meyer, Klein told intimate details of Vice President Al Gore's campaign for the presidency and wound up saying an unnamed former Gore adviser had called him "the new Nixon."

Whether Klein or his co-author Meyer simply picked up this jarring note to express some surprise to the readers or whether they (he or she) really thought that the current vice president is the "new Nixon," nobody but the writers know.

At any rate, it was a poor comparison. Gore is no Nixon and doesn't pretend to be. And the authors of the piece simply closed with that identification of Gore as "the new Nixon" without offering any further reason for offering that comparison.

In our book, Gore is about as far from "a new Nixon" as any political campaigner for the presidency or any other high office in the land.

Furthermore, Gore comes from an old political family in his home state; in fact, his late father was a veteran U.S. senator from Tennessee.

There was a good deal of other criticism of Gore's campaign in the New Yorker piece, and it wound up making a comparison of Gore with Gary Davis, the governor of California.

The piece claimed that Davis was almost an afterthought in the 1998 campaign against two millionaires, a businessman and a popular congressman.

Yet Davis won, in part, one of his media consultants said, because he was more experienced than his competitors. In fact, the piece claims Davis won despite his rather "fusty image."

But it turned out that Davis found the most important thing he had going for him was his "experience." A media consultant to the Davis campaign said that "experience was his most important asset."

Well, Gore has the experience he earned after seven years in the vice presidency and as a Tennessee congressman before that.

We think he can stack up that respectable experience against both his Democratic and GOP opponents, whatever their credentials.



Letters

Questions left unanswered

To the Editor:

Recent stories in the newspapers and on television about the possible taxation of our park and all other parks in the state that restrict usage to "residents and their guests only," were informative, but left several important questions unanswered.

The articles indicate that the individual who filed the complaint against us has denied his intention was to cause our park to be taxed. There was no indication whether he now plans to withdraw his complaint.

This same individual was recently listed by the special interest group NYCE (Neighbors concerned about Yacht Club Expansion) as a "director" in their August newsletter. Several other individuals listed by NYCE as "supporters," in the pleadings of their lawsuit against our village, have complained vehemently in letters to the editor about plans for a community activities building in our park.

One of their big complaints about the activities building has been the issue of "outsiders" coming into the park. Then we have a complaint filed against us with the State Tax Commission concerning our park being "...restricted as to its use by the general public." Which way would they prefer it to be?

Most people believe Grosse Pointe is a great place to live and be proud of. If others are unhappy living here, instead of stirring up problems for the rest of us, why don't they sim-

ply move somewhere else? There are plenty of buyers for property along the lake.

Cynthia Tech
Grosse Pointe Shores

Hails yacht club

To the Editor:

For many months now we have been hearing and reading about the ongoing attacks against the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club by a small group of Pointe residents from the City, Farms and Shores who call themselves Neighbors concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE).

Unfortunately, very little has been said in defense of this unique institution that has played such an important role in the history, spirit and fabric of our beautiful community.

My wife and I are not members of the GPYC, but as longtime residents of the Pointes our families, like many others, have certainly enjoyed the benefits of living in close proximity to this outstanding club. A private facility that has opened its doors, without hesitation, to countless civic, school, family and local club functions over so many decades.

How many weddings, high school reunions, prayer breakfasts, and service club functions have we all been able to attend conveniently because of the Yacht Club's landmark location right here in our own community? How many other private clubs, in Grosse Pointe or anywhere else, are so welcoming to outsiders? Some bitter detractors complain "they let anyone in." We applaud them for their civic-minded generosity.

This unique club, rated No. 1 in the nation, enhances the value of all the Grosse Pointes. Hopefully, those individuals who are publicly attacking the

club, in the press and elsewhere, will stop to consider the potential negative impact of their actions on all of their other neighbors.

George M. Mudie
Grosse Pointe Shores
Past President
Sociable Scoundrels

Happy holidays from a 911 dispatcher

To the Editor:

With the upcoming holidays many may be traveling more than usual. Please don't dial 911 for: Road reports, directions to your destination, weather reports or to find out if your flight is on time. These are all too common of calls that tie up an emergency line.

Please be advised that when you use your cellular phone you will more than likely reach the Michigan State Police or a county sheriff department. You will not reach your local police department because 911 cellular doesn't have the enhance feature, which means, we don't know where you're calling from.

If you find it necessary to use 911, please stay calm, we're here to help you. To render assistance may mean that we'll have to transfer your call to the proper jurisdiction, or to ask questions. When you call 911 we ask that you know where you are; if you're on the expressway please know which one and what direction you're traveling.

Also, please remember that Michigan can become cold in the winter, be sure to pack your winter survivor kit in your cars — a warm blanket, flashlight, gloves, hats, etc.

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Visit from St. Nick

of variegated fruit confections moving rhythmically through their cerebrums.

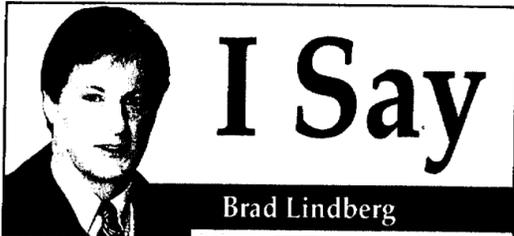
My marital partner and I, attired in our nocturnal head coverings, were about to take slumberous advantage of the hibernal darkness when upon the avenaceous exterior portion of the grounds there ascended such a cacophony of dissonance that I felt compelled to arise with alacrity from my place of repose for the purpose of ascertaining the precise source thereof.

Hastening to the casement, I forthwith opened the barrier sealing this fenestration noting thereupon that the lunar brilliance without, reflected as it was on the surface of a recent crystalline precipitation, might be said to rival that of the solar meridian itself — thus permitting my incredulous optical sensory organs to behold a miniature airborne runnered conveyance drawn by eight diminutive specimens of the genus "rangifer," piloted by a minuscule, aged chauffeur so ebullient and nimble that it became instantly apparent to me that he was indeed our anticipated caller, with his ungulate motive power traveling at what may possibly have

been more vertiginous velocity than patriotic alar predators, he vociferated loudly, expelled breath musically through contracted labia, and addressed each of the octet by his or her respective cognomen — "Now Dasher, now Dancer..." et al — guiding them to the uppermost level of our abode, through which structure I could readily distinguish the concatenations of each of the 32 cloven pedal extremities.

As I retracted my cranium from its erstwhile location, and was performing a 180-degree pivot, our distinguished visitor achieved, with utmost celerity and via a downward leap, entry by way of the smoke passage.

He was clad entirely in animal pelts soiled by the ebon residue from the oxidations of



I Say

Brad Lindberg

carboniferous fuels which had accumulated on the walls thereof.

His resemblance to a street vendor I attributed largely to the plethora of assorted playthings which he bore dorsally in a commodious cloth receptacle.

His orbs were scintillant with reflected luminosity, while his submaxillary dermal indentations gave every evidence of engaging amiability, the capillar of his molar regions and nasal appurtenance were engorged with blood which suffused the subcutaneous layers, the former approximating the coloration of albion's floral emblem, the latter that of the "Prunus Avium," or sweet cherry.

His amusing suband supralabials resembled nothing so

much as a common loop knot, and their ambient hirsute facial adornment appeared like small, tubular and columnar crystals of frozen water.

Clenched firmly between his incisors was a smoking piece whose gray fumes, forming a tenuous ellipse about his occiput, were suggestive of a decorative seasonal circlet of holly.

His visage was wider than it was high, and when he waxed audibly mirthful, his corpulent abdominal region undulated in the manner of gelatinous fruit syrup in a hemispherical container.

He was, in short, neither more nor less than an obese, jocund, multigenarian gnome, the optical perception of whom rendered me visibly frolicsome despite every effort to refrain from so being.

By rapidly lowering and then elevating one eyelid and rotating his head slightly to one side, he indicated that trepidation on my part was groundless.

Without utterance and with dispatch, he commenced filling the aforementioned appended hosiery with various of the aforementioned articles of merchandise extracted from his

forementioned previously dorsally transported cloth receptacle.

Upon completion of the task, he executed an abrupt about-face, placed a single manual digit in lateral juxtaposition to his olfactory organ, inclined his cranium forward in a gesture of leave-taking, and forthwith effected his egress by renegotiating (in reverse) the smoke passage.

He then propelled himself in a short vector onto his conveyance, directed a musical expulsion of air through his contracted oral sphincter to the antlered quadrupeds of burden, and proceeded to soar aloft in a movement hither to observable chiefly among the seed-bearing portions of a common weed.

But I overheard his parting exclamation, audible immediately prior to his vehiculation beyond the limits of visibility:

"Ecstatic Yuletide to the planetary constituency, and to that self-same assemblage, my sincerest wishes for a salubriously beneficial and gratifyingly pleasurable period between sunset and dawn."

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Man wants everyone to light up

ST. CLAIR SHORES — His jacket reads: "Let There Be Lights."

Bill Stewart would like to see lights, lots of little white lights twinkling on homes along Jefferson from 14 Mile to the south Grosse Pointe City limits from now through March.

"My dream is to see all neighborhoods light up the dark," Stewart said. "As each Christmas and New Year's holiday approaches more homes are getting involved and others are adding lights to what they already use. Sadly, all of this display is ended, two weeks after the new year begins."

Stewart began his campaign a year ago, asking his neighbors to keep up their white lights during the dark months of January, February and

March. He sees several benefits from lights being displayed during winter months, including the warmth and security the lights can provide. It would be good for business because people would feel like getting out of the house, Stewart said.

Continuing to let the little white lights shine would not only light up dark corners in neighborhoods, but would make the winter months go fast. "Before you know it, winter would be over," he said.

"Since white lights are used everywhere, indoors and out, all year round, they are cross-cultural and cannot be accused of extending and making the

holidays too commercial," Stewart said.

Leaving the lights on would become infectious, he said. Lighting up a home will lead to one home after another turning on lights, until streets from the north end to the south end and from the lake west would shine with white lights from December through March.

Leaving a porch light on is his alternative to those who would rather not turn on low-wattage strings of lights. It would serve the same purpose — to "let there be lights."

FYI columnist Ken Eatherly is on vacation. He can be reached at kenfyi@home.com

Another school shooting

In April, two students killed 13 others before turning the weapons on themselves. It was in Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. There were some school shootings before and some after. The latest is from a small town in Oklahoma, a shooting perpetrated by a 13-year-old.

The unfolding history of school shootings seems to point unmistakably to a copycat trend. Not surprising, since there was a raft of suicides after Marilyn Monroe's. Many people are right on the edge, and a certain timely publicity can push them over it. Perhaps school shootings have become fashionable. One can only wonder what the next trend will be.

School shootings constitute a rare anomaly. They happen less often than train or plane crashes or getting hit by lightning. But they do happen. I don't believe it is possible to prevent them by education or security guards.

While the populace is considering the fact that the government will be spending more money to ensure that everyone is covered by medical insurance, psychiatry is relegated to its own category, where benefits are limited.

The reasons for this are as longstanding as they are vacuous. Psychiatrists through their national organizations and lobbyists have been pushing for parity with all other medical specialties. The fact that more and more research has found that many psychiatric conditions are neurochemical, pushes our understanding of mental conditions in the direction of the physical (biochemical), in contrast to the "functional" (bad habits). These conditions require psychotherapy along with medication for optimal results. But, presently, medical insurance plans shortchange psychiatric services.

Further complicating the problem is the lack of a state hospital system for the mentally ill, and especially the lack of adequate inpatient



Dr. Victor Bloom

facilities for children and adolescents.

The State of Michigan used to fund such state agencies liberally, and many children were successfully treated in long-term facilities (residential treatment) by a team of mental care specialists: psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, recreational therapists, psychiatric nurses and attendants. The average stay was over six months.

Where has the money gone that was "saved" by emptying the state hospitals? Now that we have a state surplus, what consideration is given to enlarging our facilities for the treatment of mentally disturbed children, at the very least?

Forty years ago, children were not killing children at the rate they are today. At that time, movies and video games were not so violent, and parents were more parental. Children were taught, in effect, not to do anything major without getting the parents' permission.

But now kids are making up their own minds and doing what they please. Many parents do not realize that children need lots of protection against bad influences and guidance to do what is right.

They used to be taught respect for their teachers and fellow students. Teachers have quite a time nowadays, controlling classes and being able to teach in a receptive environment, what with many parents being advocates for their offsprings' misbehavior in school.

Parents nowadays have quite a job shielding kids from

values emanating from media sources, such as movies, television and video games. The content of much media productions carry the message, "Anything goes."

The whole trend of modern parenting is that the child should have "freedom" to do what he or she likes. And occasionally a child "likes" to use people for target practice, likes to take his "15 minutes of fame," likes to feel his power.

We don't like to think that children are capable of murder, preferring to think they are "innocent." Many kids get worldly pretty fast, and with the added freedom of our times, they feel free to test limits to the max, to see what they can get away with.

Given millions of children in the country, and millions of firearms, the chance for accessibility and consequent tragedy increases exponentially. When we include the fact that every human being is in a delicate balance between primitive instincts and civilized controls, it should not be surprising that unexpected tragic consequences ensue — it is a matter of great probability.

Given this obvious fact, more than ever we need to outreach to disturbed children, preferably before they start using people for target practice. A strong state mental health system will not be the whole answer, but it seems a necessary beginning to get out of our paralyzed inaction and be more effective against the pressing problem of untreated mental illness.

Dr. Bloom is clinical associate professor of psychiatry, Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and on the editorial board of the Wayne County Medical Society. He welcomes comments at his e-mail address, vbloom@compuserve.com, and visits to his website, www.factotem.com/vbloom.

Park man wins big

It was the best morning he had in a long time.

No wonder. When Anthony Abraham saw the winning lottery numbers in the morning newspaper, he thought he'd won \$5,000.

He was so excited that he didn't change out of his pajamas before rushing to his car, grabbing the ticket and running "to the store to find how much the ticket was worth," said Abraham, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "When the clerk told me it was worth \$150,000 I was completely stunned. My wife and I were in awe."

Abraham, owner of the Finish Craft Construction company, said he plans to use part of his winnings to make home improvements. He'll save the rest.

Abraham, who plays the Big Game regularly, bought his winning ticket at the Wine Basket Party Shoppe on Warren in Detroit.

"I usually buy \$5 worth of tickets for a drawing," he said. But on the day he won, "something told me to buy \$10." The winning ticket was from the second set of wagers.

'Swing' into the holidays

Grosse Pointe's popular 18-piece orchestra the Gentlemen of Swing, under the direction of Mel Stander, will present its 11th annual free Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores.

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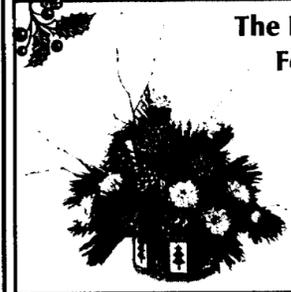
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Angels in our midst

Such a great time of year with spirits high, I love it. So many wonderful people in our lives in this community, people I want to know more about in the future. These are the thoughtful souls who make our days brighter with their kind words or gestures. They all have names; the sad part is that we seldom take the time to learn them.

Some of these angels in our midst are the sweet lady in the parking lot behind Kroger, who always thanks us for shopping there, takes back wayward carts and wishes us a good day.

One with a name is Dick Krausmann, who has been helping Maire school children cross the street at Kercheval and Cadieux in front of his service station for decades.

On any given day, we can bump into Gail Marentette or Arlene Hendrie as they stroll our streets, picking up trash on their rounds. They have been performing this service quietly for decades in all kinds of weather.

Angels come in all guises, from the Salvation Army corps ringing their bells in the Village, to the Goodfellows in the streets once again making wishes come true for the less fortunate among us. Many organizations offer us the opportunity to help others just by purchasing their greeting cards.

Let us not forget the sturdy souls who stand watch in their huts in the parking lots on the Hill and in the Village. Like the U.S. mail, they are there with a kind word in all kinds of weather. Speaking of mail carriers, they deserve special thanks for their constancy and good humor despite the avalanche of catalogs they've been hauling. The UPS people have a huge amount of merchandise to deliver this season and continue to be helpful and courteous as always.

We are grateful to a friend, who, for several years, has driven upstate to bring fresh trees to a number of his friends. We've never had a bad one, and though we used to enjoy picking out a tree, after the children were grown it became a chore often put off until a cold rainy day. We don't miss that ritual.

Another person I would like to acknowledge is a young pharmacist who came to my rescue last month. I was in need of an antibiotic to fight a nasty bug, but the prescription was called in too late for a delivery. The night was cold and raw; I was homesick and no family member was available to run to the drugstore. The young man dropped off my medication on his way home that night. He has Christmas in his heart all year. Thanks, Rob.

There are many of you out there who make a difference in someone's life every day. Bless you for your many kindnesses to so many. Let us hope the only Y2K bug will be that your good deeds are contagious and we all get a good dose!

— Offering from the loft

From page 6A

Where does one find answers to the above? I don't mean to be flippant, but the following are the answers:

- For road conditions — listen to the radio for traffic/road reports.
- Direction to destination — call your destination and ask for directions.
- Weather reports — listen to the radio, watch TV or read the weather report in the paper. Weather will also provide insight on how the road conditions will be.
- Flight time — call the airline.

Margaret Potter
Grosse Pointe Woods

Viable learning

To the Editor:

In response to the letter published in the Dec. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Going to the dogs," it is unfortunate that learning to care for and take care of animals is not respected as "real learning."

Each day newscasts report of the horrendous abuse toward animals and the ignorance of people who do not respect these creatures who do not have a voice. We as teachers have a

responsibility to teach respect for all living things.

With regards to curriculum, vertebrate animals is one of the current science units in the school curriculum and this is simply an enriching experience for young children.

I fully support and commend this outstanding Ferry Elementary School teacher!

J. Costa
Mason Elementary
School Teacher
Grosse Pointe Park

A lesson in responsibility

To the Editor:

In reading the letter to the editor published in the Dec. 2 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Going to the dogs," I felt I would like to respond to several of the comments that were made. In my opinion, teaching children responsibility of pets is not "wasted time."

As a former teacher with a master's degree, it is instilled in us as educators to provide children with instruction that is both meaningful and applicable. In that Mrs. Sullivan and the entire fifth-grade class at Ferry Elementary were studying animals and doing an

extensive research project on the subject, I offered to give them a "hands on" lesson regarding animal responsibility. The lesson was much more effective as opposed to having the children sit at their desks and complete a worksheet.

Mrs. Sullivan is an extremely dedicated, competent and creative teacher. In fact she had the children follow a map to get to my house, where the lesson was to be taught, to teach a corresponding lesson in map reading and following directions — a student had designed the map.

I am just grateful that she is a part of my child's education process. In allowing me to teach the children about being responsible pet owners, she realizes that this will transfer into other areas of their lives where responsibility is a factor.

Incidentally, it was my idea

that the children go outside for the lesson and take advantage of the beautiful sunshine that we were blessed with that day. Also, if this had been a plug for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, I would have included the phone number for our program.

In my opinion, this lesson was not only instruction at its best, but also a lesson in which the children were actively involved in the learning process, thereby retaining the information.

I hope the letter writer re-evaluates their thinking on how and where "real" learning takes place. If Mrs. Sullivan is involved, you can be sure learning is taking place!

Debi Ruggeri
Volunteer for Grosse
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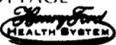
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amazon.com finds its Toy Quest with Woods girl



By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer



From a 6-year-old's point of view, the only thing better than playing with toys is designing them.

At least Paige Kozak that's the perspective from a Grosse Pointe Woods girl and Our Lady Star of the Sea School first-grader Paige Kozak.

Kozak was one of 40 finalists chosen in amazon.com's Toy

Quest contest. She was one of thousands of children who submitted drawings and descriptions of toy ideas who hoped to have manufactured and sold by the Internet retailer. Kozak was one of 20 finalists in the 8-and-under category.

Kozak's entry, the Scrolliesaurus, was a take-off of an art assignment at school.

"In our class we were drawing scrolls and I wanted to make a dinosaur with scrolls," said Kozak. "The real Scrollie toy would be made out of a rubbery plastic."

The scrolled legs and tail are

designed to wrap around fingers, pencils, doorknobs or any other attachable object.

Kozak and her mother, Kathy, traveled to New York City on Saturday, Dec. 4 for a finalist celebration and to present a model and a three-minute presentation of her Scrolliesaurus to be considered for manufacturing. Toy Quest judges included Jeff Bezos, founder of amazon.com; Richard Levy, inventor of the Furby; Lonnie Johnson, inventor of the Super Soaker and Olympic figure skating gold medalist Katarina Witt. The celebration party was complete with velcro wall jumping,

human bowling and carnival games.

If the Scrolliesaurus catches on, Kozak already has plans for an Octoscrollie, a Uniscrollie and a Squirrellyscrollie.

In addition to the all-expense paid trip to New York City, Kozak won a \$500 amazon.com gift certificate which she plans on spending on gifts for Toys for Tots, her "big sister" at school and her brother, Graham.

"I think I'll keep the rest for me," said Kozak, who hadn't thought of how she wanted to spend her mad money.

Farms councilwoman to statewide committee

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms councilwoman Fran Schonenberg will be using her expertise in waste management to advise Gov. John Engler on solid waste importation issues.

Earlier this year Engler signed executive order 1999-3, establishing Dec. 1, 1999, as the deadline for the task force's report. But that deadline was not met and Engler, when he appointed Schonenberg and five others to the committee, created a new deadline of Dec. 1, 2000, for the task force's report.

The task force has been assigned the job of studying solid waste disposal. It will also encourage the passage of

federal legislation to allow Michigan control of solid waste importation.

In a statement announcing the task force appointments, Engler stated that currently about 12 percent of the solid waste disposed of in Michigan comes from out-of-state.

"Michigan needs to have the ability to regulate the importation of solid wastes to ensure adequate landfill capacity is available to its citizens," Engler said. "This task force will work with the Michigan congressional delegation and other members of Congress to effect the needed change in federal legislation."

Engler also pointed out that given the fact that Michigan

has a finite amount of landfill available for solid waste disposal, this control is vital to protect state natural resources.

Schonenberg has a long history of environmental action. She helped lead the fight for regular recycling in the Pointes and serves on the Wayne County Solid Waste Implementation Committee, which has been given the job of updating the county's solid waste plan.

"In October I was called to Lansing by the governor's representatives in charge of finding people to serve on the committee," Schonenberg said. "There was a fair list of people being considered for the position. I was recommended to the

search committee by someone else and they talked to me about my credentials."

Schonenberg was secretary of the Statewide Recycling Coalition, in addition to her efforts in the Pointes and her work on behalf of the county.

"The governor gets to appoint six members to the task force," said Schonenberg. "The Speaker of the house and the leader of the state senate get to appoint two members each, for a total of 10 members. The appointment is new, so we haven't had time to get together yet."

Schonenberg said she looks forward to meeting with her colleagues and helping study the problem of solid waste and coming up with some solutions.

Farms public safety no longer in the dark

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council has just approved spending \$18,000 for the purchase of a thermal imaging to be used by the public safety department's fire fighters.

Lt. Jack Patterson of the public safety department said that thermal imaging picks up heat signatures and can be used to detect where fires are in situations where there is smoke but no visible flame.

into a building and can smell smoke, but can't see a fire, it's very frustrating. These thermal imagers are so sensitive that they can see the heat residue in the shape of a hand print left after you've placed you hand on a wall."

With the thermal imaging, said Patterson, firefighters can literally "see" the fire through solid walls. The unit is slightly larger than a hand held video camera and is made by Bullard.

"There is a wireless antenna that broadcasts a signal so that the person watching the monitor sees the same picture that the person holding the imager sees. That can be very important when you enter a room filled with smoke. You might not be able to see the imager's picture, but the person at the monitor can."

The imager will also be used for training, Patterson said. Instructors can monitor to see how officers do in scenarios where smoke charges are set off and they must rescue the "victims" in the smoke-

filled room.

Patterson said that Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe has helped with funding for the imager by donating \$5,000 toward the purchase of the device. The Farms council approved paying \$13,000 to cover the remaining expenses in purchasing an imager. The organization is making similar donations of \$5,000 to the other Pointes so that they too may purchase thermal imagers.

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Catherine H. Andries

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A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 4 at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills for Bloomfield Hills resident Catherine "Kate" H. Andries. Mrs. Andries, 89, died of congestive heart failure at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999.

Mrs. Andries was a graduate of Marygrove College and was a former social worker for Catholic Social Services and a medical social worker at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Mrs. Andries is survived by three daughters, Peggy Godfrey, Mary Kay Dalsaso and Katy Yaklin; two sons, Ed and Hank; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward.

Funeral arrangements were

handled by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Wayne County Catholic Social Services, 9851 Hamilton, Detroit, MI 48202.

Walter Burns

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Walter Burns died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at Bon Secours Hospital. He was 88.

Mr. Burns was born in Detroit and was a graduate of University of Detroit. He was the former owner of Eades Machine Products.

Mr. Burns was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and a 36-year member of the Gowanin Country Club. He enjoyed golf and bowling.

Mr. Burns is survived by his wife, Elaine; two sons, James and Richard; a sister, Lucy Piasecki; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass for Mr. Burns was celebrated Monday, Dec. 6 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Martha C. Erke

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods for former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Martha C. Erke. Mrs. Erke died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, in Boca

Community Hospital in Boca Raton, Fla.

Mrs. Erke, 79, was born in Detroit. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Club, Eastern Star, Harper Woods Lodge Auxiliary Club, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and enjoyed her family.

Mrs. Erke is survived by two daughters, Linda Black and Mary Reno; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Mary Acres Kerr

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Acres Kerr, of East Lansing, died Monday, Dec. 6, 1999. She was 98.

Mrs. Kerr was born in Wheeling, W. Va., and was a member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, King's Daughters, Eastern Star and was active in her women's society.

Mrs. Kerr is survived by her daughter, Mary Patricia Craite; a son, William; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William.

A funeral service will be held for Mrs. Kerr Thursday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. at Perry Baptist Church in Perry. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Nelson-House Funeral Home in Perry.

Joan Nester Leone

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Joan Nester Leone at St.



Joan Nester Leone

Paul Catholic Church Thursday, Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Leone, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1999 at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. She was 75.

Mrs. Leone was born in Detroit and attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart and the Lone Mountain School in San Francisco. She was also a graduate of Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston and the University of Detroit. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a storekeeper.

Mrs. Leone was a member of the Milk Fund and the Bon Secours Assistance League, and was a patron of the Grosse Pointe Symphony.

She enjoyed needlepoint, crossword puzzles and playing piano.

Survivors include her hus-

band, A. Gerard; six daughters, Mary Cantwell, Cynthia Pickford, Denise Cleary, Melinda Campbell, Joan Bayer and Alicia Peters; a son, Thomas; a sister, Constance Griffith; and 18 grandchildren.

Interment will be at Mount Elliott Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the USO, the Sarah Fisher Home or St. Paul Catholic Church.

Charles J. Young

Charles J. Young died in his Grosse Pointe Woods home on Friday, Dec. 3, 1999.

Mr. Young, 85, was a traffic

Handling System in Detroit. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and enjoyed sports, horses, his family and church.

Mr. Young was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor; his sister, Edna; and two brothers, Alfred and Edward.

A funeral service for Mr. Young was held Tuesday, Dec. 7 at First Bethany United Church of Christ in St. Clair Shores.

Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe.

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We must restore skilled nursing care

By Sen. Spence Abraham

Unless Congress acts, an increasing number of Medicare recipients may soon find themselves unable to continue receiving care in skilled nursing facilities. I am cosponsoring the Medicare Beneficiary Access to Quality Nursing Home Care Act with Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) because I am convinced that Medicare patients need protection from ill-conceived cost-cutting measures being implemented by the Clinton administration.

The problem? Unauthorized reimbursement cuts by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) are making it increasingly difficult for people at these facilities who rely on Medicare to get the full range of treatment they need. When that happens, these patients must return to hospitals, which are more expensive and may still not have the capacity to give them needed care.

When Congress worked with the president to craft and pass the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, it included a number of desperately needed cost-saving measures to ensure that Medicare did not go bankrupt. At the time, Medicare was projected to be bankrupt by 2001 with annual costs rising at three times the rate of inflation.

However, the Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees the administration of Medicare, has far exceeded the scope of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and gone beyond the intent of Congress in scaling back health care provider reimbursements.

Driven by a philosophy that the federal government knows best how to handle your health care decisions, HCFA has uni-

formly adopted policies that limit Medicare beneficiary choice, obstruct critically needed market-based reforms, and relentlessly pursued a strategy of reducing payments to providers as the prime method to reduce outlays.

But "Washington knows best" strategies don't work. Health care providers will bear costs that cannot be overlooked or undervalued simply because HCFA wishes to declare it so.

This problem has been especially prevalent in the area of skilled nursing facility care. The recently implemented Prospective Payment System (PPS) fails to account for the full range of services required by most Medicare beneficiaries provided care in these facilities.

As a result, beneficiaries are increasingly being denied access to lower-cost skilled

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The joy of aerial photography

By Monte Nagler
Special Writer

Everyone who has been in an airplane knows how different and exciting things look from the air. Cars become toys, buildings are miniaturized, roads and rivers cut fascinating patterns through field and forest. Views from the air are dramatically different and are easier to capture on film than you might think.

Commercial airliners are the most common means of aerial photography. Select a window seat either in front of or well behind the wing. Set your camera's focusing ring at infinity and the shutter speed at 1/500 second or faster.

Because depth-of-field in aerial photography is normally insignificant, the wide aperture you'll be using won't matter. Don't brace the camera against the window or you'll pick up the plane's vibrations.

Use a skylight or UV filter to cut through haze. Be careful in

the use of a polarizer, however, when shooting from an airliner.

The filter may interact with the polarizing characteristics of the plastic window material and result in out-of-focus color bands in your picture.

With black and white film, use a yellow filter. Because contrast is reduced in aerial photography, the yellow filter will put "snap" back into your negatives.

With your camera ready, listen for the pilot to identify such famous landmarks as the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and well known cities. Such locations will photograph well from the air.

Other good subjects are dramatic sunsets, cloud formations, snowcapped mountains, and patterns in plowed farmlands and checkerboard fields. Look for abstract shots, too, that will make your friends guess what your photo really is.

Light planes and helicopters can give you greater control over direction and elevation. They can bring you closer to the subject or give you the special angle you may want. You'll be more flexible in time of day, too.

Late afternoon or early morning will produce shadows and textures not obtainable in bright, mid-day sunlight.

Some of the best aerial shots can be taken from a hot air balloon.

If the opportunity ever presents itself to fly in one, don't pass it up. The view is clear, there are no vibrations, and the perspective is excellent.

One further word on airliners: when flying commercially, never allow your film to pass directly through x-ray devices. Use a lead-lined protective bag or request a visual inspection of your film.

So let your photography take off and soar...into the air, that is!



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The hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping

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The weeks before Christmas are down to days, and now you find yourself scurrying around trying to get the right gift for friends and relatives.

Bundling up against the relentless December winds, you set off determined that victory will be yours and you will return laden both with packages and the Christmas spirit.

Despite this sudden burst of adrenalin and moral courage, there are precautions to follow. Precautions, if you are to remain hale and hearty and ready to greet Santa Claus on Christmas.

For all its possibilities as the year's most wonderful holiday, the preparations leading up to Christmas have some built-in stresses.

This is particularly true for older shoppers. When you were 25 you could shop all day, go to

a party at night and get up the next day ready to go.

Now, you get tired trying to get something for everyone on your list.

If you are shopping the malls, it is better to go early in the morning and return before the crowd gathers. You will arrive at the stores fresh and alert and have less trouble making decisions about your purchases.

Everyone has had the experience of being so worn out that they had trouble making up their minds.

Getting out early is a good rule to follow on other counts. Merchandise is neatly folded and displayed — you know this is a plus if you have ever dug into a pile of items which has been rooted through until it was a jumbled mess.

All you can do is reach in and hope you come up with what you are looking for.

Eating wisely is another precautionary measure to ward off the mid-shopping letdown. You won't go far on a coffee and



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

doughnut breakfast.

The addition of a glass of orange juice and a dish of cereal will get you farther along on the completion of your appointed tasks.

It takes stamina to walk the malls and endure standing in line to purchase an article that has already taken more time than you had planned. If you are like most shoppers, you begin to resent standing in lines.

You take no comfort in the fact that you are not at the end as you shift packages around to avoid dropping them. You sym-

pathize with the lone clerk who must do whatever it takes to complete each sale, run the credit cards, verify checks and make change.

If there is any mercy she has a helper to put the purchases in bags. If no help is available, the clerk must do that too.

All the while the clerk will be answering questions about whether the merchandise comes in a different color, size, if it is marked down or will be discontinued next week.

Then there is the battle of the boxes. No way will a size 40 robe fit into that box meant for

a medium-sized sweater. But that's the only size box available.

Forget it, you didn't want the purchase anyway. You give up your place in line to someone more patient and persevering.

Yes, Virginia, there once was service with a smile. That was when salespeople actually came out from behind a counter to help you find what you wanted. Your purchase was neatly folded in tissue paper and placed into a real, honest-to-goodness box. You were not handed one of those folded puzzles that take the dexterity of a pianist to assemble without tearing.

Even more astonishing — you could have the purchase sent to your door. In those days you didn't run back and forth to the car to deposit purchases in the trunk.

You didn't have to juggle the pile as you walked from store to store.

One more thing, if you ran

out of cash and didn't dare charge another item or write a check, you could use something called layaway. This is all true. It wasn't made up. So what happened? Progress I guess.

There is an unwritten rule which goes along with progress — you can't go back. This brings us to the realization that the only way to endure the new and improved shopper's world is to fortify the body with the kind of food that results in stamina and endurance.

Prudent shoppers, who have not waited for a sudden splurge of energy and heaven-sent inspiration to do their shopping, will be spared most of the last minute shopper's ordeal.

But they cannot know that wonderful sense of accomplishment that comes from battling the odds and knowing that once again, as in other years, victory is yours. You have something for everyone on your list. Merry Christmas to all!

High blood pressure may be linked to osteoporosis

By Matilda Charles

The effects of osteoporosis appear to be rather well known. The bones become brittle and are easily broken. Women may also lose height because of bone loss. (There's very good reason for the common use of the term, "little old lady".) And while osteoporosis was once considered an inevitable occurrence in older women, we now know it's preventable. We also know that prevention should start as early as the teenage years with exercise (especially weight bearing routines), an adequate intake of calcium, a reduction in the use of salt, a diet lower in saturated fats and higher in fiber, and, of course, no smoking. We can now add a new one to the list: controlling high blood pressure.

According to a new study reported in *Lancet*, the British medical journal, there's evidence that high blood pressure levels may contribute to bone density loss. The report followed up on a study of nearly 4,000 elderly women in the United States and Britain which showed that the higher their blood pressure, the more severe and the faster their loss of bone minerals.

The lead researcher, Dr. Francesco P. Cappuccio of St. George's Hospital Medical School in London, explained, "We think if you have high blood pressure, you lose more calcium in your urine." He also says that bone density loss in

people with high blood pressure can start in one's youth. Therefore, getting one's blood pressure under control right from the start should be included in the list of preventative measures cited above to help reduce the threat of osteoporosis.

There's another study out showing that loss of sleep can contribute to problems with the aging process. Young people who are sleep deprived show changes in metabolism and hormone function resembling changes found in the normal aging process. Older folks

who had been sleep deprived over the years may have more severe age-related disorders. Moral of the story: Sleep not only knits up the raveled sleeve of care, as Shakespeare said, it also helps keep you from unraveling at any age.

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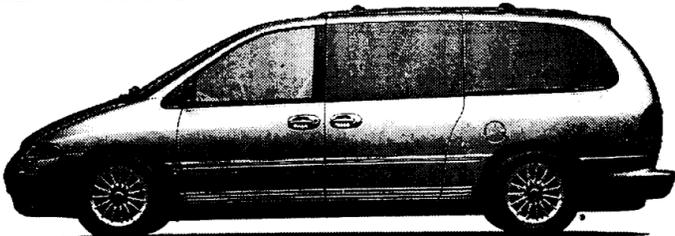


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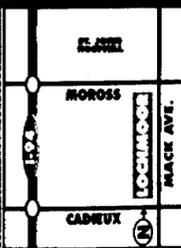
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Redesigned 2000 Buick LeSabre is more than skin deep

I've always been a sucker for big Buicks. And the all-new 2000 Buick LeSabre sedan is no exception. I wasn't real clear on what General Motors intended to accomplish with its redesigned

with a powerful straight eight engine. I asked my father, Uncle Al's older brother, why we didn't have a fancy car like that Buick. Did Uncle Al make more money that he could

taste. I was just an automobile passenger in those days, but when I became an automobile driver a few years later, the image of that long, sleek, powerful Buick stuck in my mind as a symbol of, if not "the good life," "a good life."

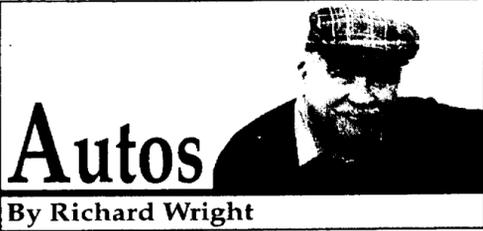
With time, the image faded, pushed aside by the excitement of unusual new designs from Studebaker, Hudson, Nash and Kaiser Frazer, then the imported cars that began showing up on our streets, then by the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s.

The first Buick I owned was a '78 Regal. I loved it. But it was not a long, low, luxurious sedan, it was an A-body coupe with a V-8 engine. It was not the car my uncle owned.

I enjoyed driving full-sized Buicks in my journalistic efforts and noticed a few winters ago that a four-door LeSabre sedan with antilock braking and traction control was the best car for driving in



The 2000 Buick LeSabre doesn't look so different, but under its skin it is.



Autos

By Richard Wright

LeSabre. The LeSabre was already the best-selling full-size car in the United States.

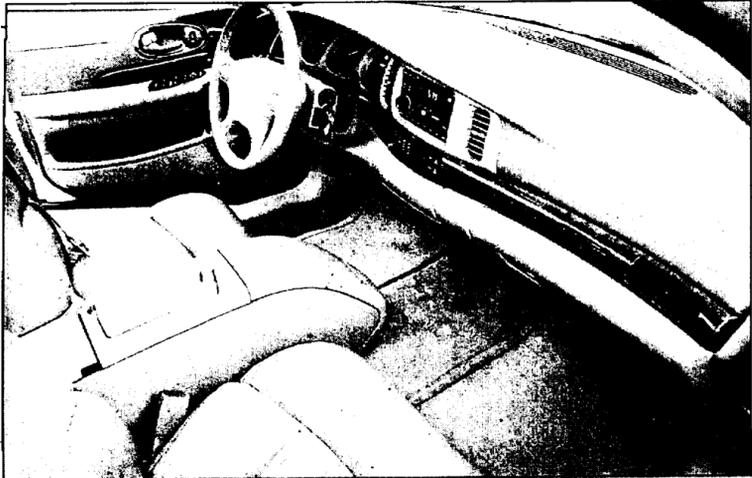
This begs the question: Why change it?

When I was a kid, way back in prehistoric times before I began driving, Uncle Al bought a new '41 Buick. It was a beauty, long, low, chromed,

afford a so clearly superior car to our '40 Dodge?

"Buick's a car for show-offs," Dad said gruffly. "Our Dodge is a more sensible car."

Uncle Al had owned an elegant Nash before buying the Buick, a fact which convinced dad that his brother was a man of no rational automotive



The LeSabre's interior's most distinctive feature is an instrument panel that wraps neatly into the door design.

snow, better than my own four-wheel-drive Toyota, which I loved.

How does the new LeSabre stack up with this positive heritage Buick has for me? Well, we don't get much snow here anymore (knock on wood), so maybe drivability in snow and ice shouldn't be a big factor, but the LeSabre does just fine in nice weather, too.

The 2000 LeSabre is designed to strengthen LeSabre's position as a strong-selling premium sedan. "The main feature of the 2000 LeSabre is not its innovations and improvements, but the overall package designed to continue the winning formula," said Joseph J. Fitzsimmons Jr., LeSabre brand manager.

Though it looks a lot like a '99, this car has undergone an extensive transformation, riding on a new platform with mildly tweaked sheet metal and an entirely reworked cabin. Better ride, steering and seats, plus side airbags and integrated seatbelts, make it an even better value. The 2000 Buick LeSabre appears to have met its



The LeSabre's comfortable "catcher's mitt" high-retention front seats are equipped with self-aligning head restraints.

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 - Make sure there are extra blankets and heavy clothes available.
 - Be aware of potential fire and carbon monoxide hazards if you plan to use an emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
- In a vehicle:
 - Have the following emergency supplies in your auto: Shovel, blankets, windshield scraper, container of sand, battery booster cables, tow chain or rope, flashlight, battery-operated radio, first-aid kit and high-energy snacks.
- Outside:
 - Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, push-

ing a car, or walking in deep snow. Sweating could lead to chill and hypothermia.

- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight warm clothing in layers. Wear wool hat and mittens.
- Keep your clothes dry. Change wet socks and clothing quickly to prevent loss of body heat.

During a winter storm

- At home:
 - To save heat, close off unneeded rooms, cover windows at night and stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.
 - Maintain adequate food and water intake. Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat.
- If stranded in a vehicle:
 - Attach a cloth to your antenna to attract attention and then remain in the vehicle.
 - Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat. However, open the window

slightly for fresh air and make sure that the exhaust pipe isn't blocked.

- Get attention by turning on the dome light and emergency flashers when running the engine.
- Exercise by moving arms, legs, fingers and toes to keep blood circulating and to keep warm.

• If stranded outside:

- Try to stay dry and cover all exposed parts of the body.

— Prepare a wind-break or snow cave for protection from the wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention.

— Do not eat snow. It will lower your body temperature. Melt it first.

Listen for NOAA Weather Radio or local radio, television and cable stations for the latest updates on hazardous winter weather. To insure a continuous flow of weather information, make sure the NOAA Weather Radio, or another radio or television, has a battery backup.

Autos

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designers' goals — keep the good stuff and improve the rest. Buick should be applauded for acting on customer input and coming up with a very appealing overall package.

The 2000 LeSabre has a modern interior with comfortable room for six, a very roomy trunk and a torquey and economical 3800 Series II V-6 engine and a stronger body structure.

With styling that is timeless rather than gimmicky, the LeSabre was designed to attract buyers who want an upscale, roomy, comfortable and safe car that looks good and is a good value, Fitzsimmons said.

Fitzsimmons pointed out that the LeSabre won the "Family Car of the Year" award from Family Circle magazine in 1998 and in recent years has received honors for quality (J.D. Power), safety (Kiplinger's magazine) and value (IntelliChoice, Strategic Vision and Car Guide).

Among improvements in the 2000 LeSabre are side air bags, better ride and handling and more luggage capacity, including in the Limited model, a pass-through between the trunk and rear seating for hauling long items. There is more stowage in the passenger compartment, new inset door handles, larger gauges and larger outside rear-view mirrors that are hinged so they will fold if bumped.

The 2000 LeSabre has a more substantial body structure, the latest generation of the unusually strong architecture that earlier won praise in

the Riviera in 1995 and Park Avenue in 1997.

LeSabre's safety-cage construction combined with four air bags, balanced chassis design, energy absorbing surfaces and new anti-lock extra-capacity four-wheel disc brakes, emphasize LeSabre's attention to safety — a key concern among LeSabre buyers, Fitzsimmons said.

Among other new safety features on LeSabres are high-retention front seats with self-aligning head restraints. In a rear impact, the new seat system is designed to absorb energy and "pocket" a properly positioned occupant's pelvis and lower back into the seat. The self-aligning head restraint, built into each front seat back, uses the rearward movement of the occupant's upper torso in an accident to rotate the head restraint closer to the occupant's head. This simple mechanical device can reduce head motion in certain rear impacts, reducing the potential for a "whiplash" injury.

The LeSabre's 3.8-liter Series II V-6 is mated to a smooth four-speed automatic transmission. This engine is still rated at 205 horsepower at 5,200 rpm, but its 230 foot-pounds of torque now peaks at a more usable 3,700 rpm instead of up at 4,000, making the car a sprightlier performer.

And the V-6 meets federal 2001 low-emission vehicle standards. EPA mileage estimates for the automatic V-6, the only configuration available, are 19 mpg city/30 mpg highway.

The 2000 LeSabre is offered as a four-door sedan in two series, Custom and Limited. Sticker prices start at \$23,865

for the Custom, \$28,155 for the Limited.

All new LeSabres are equipped with such standard features as air conditioning, remote keyless entry, Solar-Ray tinted glass, automatic leveling suspension and AM/FM stereo radio. To that list, Limited adds such features as automatic ComforTemp dual climate controls, fresh air filtration system designed to screen out pollen, Concert Sound II speaker system and aluminum wheels.

A driver information center is standard on Limited models, optional on Custom; it provides such information as fuel used, miles per gallon and tire pressure.

Among new options are a 12-disc CD changer mounted in the trunk, an "astrorof," convenience console with writing surface, rain-sensing windshield wipers and a three-channel universal garage door opener.

An optional Gran Touring Package includes a firmer suspension, rear anti-roll bar, 3.05 axle ratio, 16-inch aluminum wheels with P225/60R16 Touring tires, magnetic variable-effort power steering, specific steering ratio and leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Also offered at extra cost is full-range traction control, using both torque reduction and front brake applications to help avoid wheel spinning on slippery roads.

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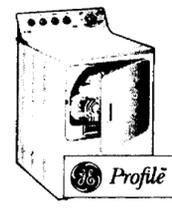


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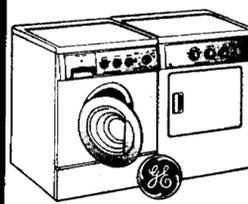
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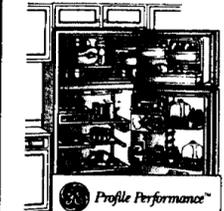
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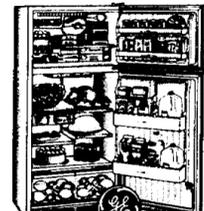
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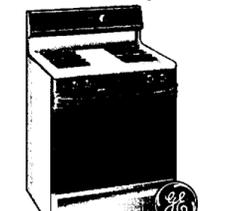
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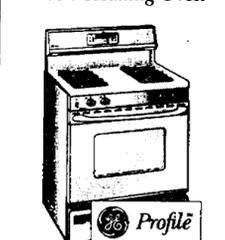
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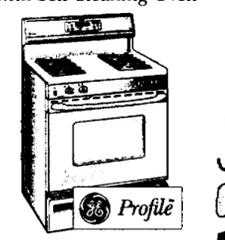
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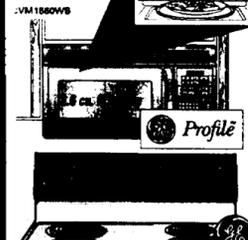
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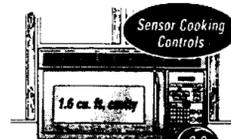
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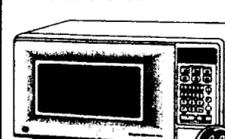
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Local author and illustrator share new book with ULS kids



By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The opening lines had them in giggles.

They were fascinated with the artist's colors and squiggles.

That's how it went that December day.

When Ken Malecke and Dominic Pangborn came by ULS' way.

Author Ken Malecke and illustrator Dominic Pangborn visited second-, third- and fourth-graders at University Liggett School Thursday, Dec. 2 to talk about their new book, "Crazy, Crazy Aunt Oopsisie Daisy."

Malecke, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, got the idea for the book from a poem he had written about his aunt, a colorful and eccentric woman

he spent time with as a child at her Fruitport home. Written in a fanciful Dr. Seuss inspired rhyme, the story is written from the perspective of Malecke as a child.

"My aunt, as you can tell, was a pretty goofy lady," Malecke told the students at ULS. "When I was young, we'd do something crazy like go in the yard and dig up things like bugs and dirt and cook them. We didn't eat them of course."

"As we got older, my parents had reservations about us visiting. What they didn't tell us was that she had Alzheimer's."

Malecke enlisted the help of his friend and Grosse Pointe Shores graphic designer and artist Pangborn to illustrate the book. Pangborn, whose design work includes the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores crest, logos for Detroit Edison

and Mich Con and his designer scarves and ties, painted his illustrations in a whimsical watercolor style acrylic.

"I wanted this to have a lasting quality," said Pangborn. "I didn't want it to be a passing trend. Both Ken and I wanted this book to be something they would buy and treasure."

The students took to Malecke and Pangborn as enthusiastically as they did to the book. Questions ranged from what Malecke's aunt was really like to how long it took to paint the pictures to how long Malecke and Pangborn had been friends.

Malecke and Pangborn were invited to the school by Connie Parnell's fourth-grade class after a field trip at Pangborn's Detroit studio and gallery earlier in the fall.

"I've been buying his scarves for a while," said Parnell. "When I saw his gallery, I thought my kids would love it."

Parnell's fourth-graders got to experiment with three-dimensional and animated computer designs and made dry sculpture designs in the studio. It was there where they saw the proofs of "Daisy" and decided to invite the author and illustrator to the school.

"Daisy" is Malecke's first book. He hopes to include another 10 in a series about his aunt.

"Crazy, Crazy Aunt Oopsisie Daisy" is available at Border's in the Village, the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham or by calling Pangborn Design at (313) 259-3400.

Schools get ready for Y2K

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is Y2K compliant — as near as it can be.

District manager of technology Jim Frantz said the district is in fairly good shape for the year 2000 rollover.

"We have an awful lot of problems that are relatively simple to solve," said Frantz. "We have about 1,000 computers that have a rollover problem. We handle this rather easily and make sure the computers are not on when the date changes and we're all set."

Frantz said that major data processing applications like the accounting and payroll system the district uses through the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency, the SchoolNet student information database and productivity applications like Windows 95 and Office 97 are all Y2K compliant.

In a report issued to the board of education, he said that there were about 100 older computers that the district may have a problem with, but said the problems those computers have may be able to be fixed by a free software patch.

The district has about 2,800 computers.

"We have a number of devices that have a date on it that are not Y2K compliant," said Frantz. "What it means is that they're going to report a wrong date, but it's not going to affect the fax machine. The faxes are still going to be sent and received."

Frantz said there are only three buildings in the district with computerized energy management systems and have been upgraded by the vendor. Most other buildings still use mechanical and electrical controls. Vendors of newly installed elevators were also contacted to verify Y2K compliance.

As a back-up measure, Frantz said the district technology staff will work during the holiday vacation to make sure computers are shut off and will run hard copies of attendance sheets and other information that might be needed for day-to-day operations when schools reopen on Jan. 3. He said the district will be on a heightened security status for virus problems.

"Some people would have you think that Y2K is this big problem and that all sorts of terrible things are going to happen — our cars are going to crash, our planes are going to crash, the lights will go out," said Frantz. "It's not that bad."

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Nursing care

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nursing facilities and are forced to continue care in higher-cost hospitals where they also may not be able to get the

most appropriate level of rehabilitative care. S. 1500, introduced by Sen. Hatch, attempts to address the over-reaching of HCFA directly and swiftly.

First, it would provide for

payment "add-ons" for the provision of additional treatment in the care of the medically complex patient.

Second, it restores one percentage point of the reductions to the annual inflation adjuster mandated by the 1997 Balanced Budget Act. Although

the inflation adjustment reduction was directly written in the budget act's language, its revision provides Congress the most direct and simplest way to counteract the excesses of HCFA.

Even HCFA has recognized PPS flaws and is undertaking

a review of this system. But that review will not be completed until next year.

Our skilled nursing facilities need these restorations now in order to continue to provide our Medicare beneficiaries continued and uninterrupted care.

That is why I fully support

this legislation, am cosponsoring it, and call on my colleagues to do the same as soon as possible.

Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) is a member of the Budget Committee.

Crime

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saw a possible suspect heading across Kercheval toward Mack. Another jogger recovered several pieces of jewelry in a wool cap on the south side of Mack and Yorkshire.

Auto thefts

Three cars were stolen last week in Grosse Pointe Park, with another damaged in a failed attempt to pry off the ignition column.

In the first incident, which took place on Friday, Dec. 3, at 8:27 a.m., a year-2000 Pontiac Montana van was left running in the 700 block of Barrington. The next thing the owner saw was the van being driven toward Jefferson.

Police responded to find the thief had left behind a 1990 Pontiac reported stolen from Warren on Nov. 30, for the van.

The next night, a 2000 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from behind a residence in the 800

block of Beaconsfield.

Police recovered the vehicle stripped in the 700 block of Eastlawn in Detroit the following day.

In the third incident, a Jeep Cherokee was stolen sometime after 10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. Park police recovered the vehicle on Manistique near Avondale in Detroit. The Jeep's ignition and dash had been damaged.

During the night of Monday, Nov. 29, thieves tried unsuccessfully to steal a Chrysler parked in the 1200 block of Bishop

Drunken driver flips a truck

A 20-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods with a blood alcohol content of .115 percent has admitted being behind the wheel of a pickup truck last week when it flipped

rounding a corner in Grosse

Pointe Woods.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 3:18 a.m., Woods police arrived in the 19700 block of Wedgewood, just north of Cook, to find a black 1999 Chevrolet S-10 laying on its side. Two uninjured men, one who police said was "noticeably intoxicated," stood nearby.

The sober man told police he had been driving. He lost control, he claimed, because he couldn't work the truck's manual transmission.

Police said the man's "scenario was flawed" because it didn't account for damage to a nearby 300 pound rock and tree that indicated fresh contact with a vehicle.

Repeat offender in traffic crash

A 56-year-old man from Harper Woods has wrapped up his driving career in the 20th century with another arrest.

The suspect, who Grosse

Pointe Woods police categorized as a repeat offender for

drunken driving, was arrested in the early hours of Sunday, Dec. 5, after downing a string of mixed drinks at a private club in Grosse Pointe. He told police he had "blacked out" before being injured slightly in a traffic crash at 2:05 a.m. while driving on westbound Vernier near Helen.

Because the man suffered bleeding from the mouth from the accident, he was taken to a local hospital for a blood test rather than being given a preliminary breath test to determine the amount of alcohol in his blood.

In accordance with Michigan's new repeat offender laws, the man's license plate was destroyed. He was released to his son seven hours after his arrest.

Jewelry cleaners

A maid service has been implicated in the theft of more

than \$3,200 in jewelry from a house in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, at 9:02 a.m., a resident of the 1500 block of Oxford reported the missing jewels to police. She discovered the apparent theft after employees of a park cleaning service had completed a job. The resident said a similar incident with the same cleaning company took place in July.

Rocked 'n' rolled

Someone picked up a 75-pound decorative boulder from a front lawn in the 1100 block of Berkshire and threw it against the side quarter panel of a car parked close by. Park police believe the vandalism occurred during the night of Dec. 2-3.

—Brad Lindberg

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Woods sends governor pro-residency message

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A Grosse Pointe city council has come out against proposed state legislation that would quash local residency requirements for city workers.

The Woods council has included Gov. John Engler on a list of Michigan officials who will receive this week a proclamation against legislation the council said would burden local governments with state bureaucracy.

The legislation is "one of the biggest dangers to home rule," said Robert Novitke, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods upon the council voting unanimously to condemn Senate Bill 198. "When you have the state deciding what you can and cannot do, you have problems."

The bill would prohibit public employers, from Lansing to local school districts, from forcing employees to live within city boundaries or a specific geographic area. In the Woods, only the city administrator is required to live in the community.

Proponents of the legislation said residency requirements violate the right of employees to live where they please. In addition, the bill would replace a statewide patchwork of local residency requirements with a uniform standard.

Opponents said the state's "one size fits all" approach doesn't infringe on the rights of individual workers, yet restricts the ability of municipalities to conduct business the way they please.

Separate versions of the bill have passed the Senate and House by wide margins.

"The Senate version prohibits residency requirements across the board," said Andrew

Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park. He prefers the less sweeping House legislation which serves a city's right to mandate residency.

"In the House bill, Richner, residency requirements are prohibited in (city) charters or ordinances. But if the city negotiates an agreement with a union, the parties should be bound to it. The House bill preserves the right of contract."

The Legislature is expected to reconcile the two bills this week in time for a final vote before the holiday recess.

If the final draft "doesn't look like the House bill, I'm not supporting it," he said.



A smashing success

Nearly 300 seniors and guests attended the sixth annual October Music Fest at St. John Senior Community. It was the largest group ever to attend the popular music extravaganza, which featured performances by five area groups.

Guests were entertained by: Opera Lite, Oktober, Elan Ensemble, Al Winters and Swing Street and Pleasant Moments Vintage Dancers. Michael O'Brien performed Irish folk songs in the residential dining room, where guests enjoyed refreshments prepared by the center's food service department.

The program was funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council.

Guests also toured the center, which provides a continuum of care that includes residential living, assisted living and skilled nursing care. A subsidiary of St. John Health System, the center features aspects of the Eden Alternative concept with pets, visits by children, gardening and more. For more information about St. John Senior Community, call (313) 343-8265.

Pointer

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Dhahran was nicknamed "Scud magnet" because of the number of ballistic missiles Saddam Hussein launched at the city.

"I never felt in any danger. We were very well armed," said Rose. He spent the war carrying an M-16 rifle and wearing a Colt .45 strapped to his waist. "Every Marine, no matter what rank, is a trained rifleman," he said.

Nevertheless, incoming fire has the right of way.

When Patriot missiles lifted off to defeat a Scud attack, "it sounded like the Fourth of July," said Rose.

When a Scud landed nearby, "we reported it landed in the sea. We didn't want the Iraqis to know they had hit so close," said Rose.

For American soldiers, one of the worst things about being in the Gulf War was the food.

The standard field ration of U.S. forces is the MRE, or "Meal, Ready-to-Eat."

A successor of the C-rations of World War II, MREs have a shelf life of five years and, according to columnist Jack Anderson, "a flavor to match."

After a few days of continuous consumption, MREs are hard to swallow. Rose lived off them for five months.

"MRE stands for 'Meal Rejected by the Enemy,'" he said.

The food comes in sealed packages like something NASA created during Project Mercury. Although MREs haven't flown in space, their world-wide reputation is secure. During the Gulf War, England's Manchester Guardian reported the going rate of exchange among the allies was three MREs for one French field meal.

Whether stationed in Central America, Okinawa, on board ship, or especially in a combat zone, a soldier's strongest link with home is the mail.

"Mail call is very emotional. I get choked up thinking about it," said Rose.

At sea, "when you'd hear the helicopter come, people's attitude would skyrocket. On the other hand, you didn't want to get too excited because if there's nothing for you, it's a letdown."

Despite the physical hardship, long hours, frequent and far-flung deployments, Rose has a home in the Corps.

The Marine tradition "is overwhelming at times," he said. "The sense of duty puts aside the material things in life — big houses, expensive cars, bigger houses and more expensive cars."

He honors those who have served before him.

"When you look at our veterans of World War II who are dying at more than 1,000 a day, you realize that some of the (younger) people today have their values out of whack," he

said.

Rose said, "The Marines don't offer recruits all the cash bonuses and other benefits of the other branches of the armed services."

Sgt. Tannen, a recruiter stationed at Selfridge, pointed to a towel

hung above the door to his office. The "crying towel" is pinned with a baby's nipple.

"We don't cater to recruits who come in and say they want this or that," said

Tannen. "Either you want to be a Marine, or you hit the crying towel."

Rose said, "We don't want someone who comes in and asks, 'What are you going to do for me?'"

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Broad year-end stock market rally in passing gear

The stock market last week felt like the Concorde taking off at full throttle.

The ascent was so rapid and so steep that one's stomach rattled in one's boots, but all the while one felt a little light-headed.

Earlier in November, LTS talked about the usual year-end seasonal rally (see LTS, Nov. 11).

Trading last Friday approached 1 billion shares on the NYSE and 765 million on NASDAQ (the reported volume divided by 2). Floor activity resembled a feeding frenzy at the zoo.

Last Friday night, champagne was flowing in Manhattan, out on Long Island, out in Westchester County and over in New Jersey.

The jobs report, issued early Friday morning, was modestly favorable: 234,000 new jobs were created in November (Christmas retailers?), national unemployment held steady at 4.1 percent and hourly wages only crept up by 0.1 percent.

Last Friday, it was a horse

race from the opening bell. Ninety minutes later, the DJI stood at 11,300, up 261 points.

It meandered up and down and around that level all day, closing at 11,286, up 247 for the day and up 297 for the week, or 2.7 percent. The other market indices all followed suit. It was celebration week. Can't you see this "wealth effect" spilling out over Fifth and Madison avenues and all the malls of America.

Early reports of Christmas retail sales show sizable gains. The S&P 500 Index gained 16.68 points last week, to close at 1433.30, up 1.2 percent.

The NASDAQ Composite rose 72.82 points for the week, closing at 3,520.63, up 2.1 percent. Remember, it was only Nov. 11 when it broke the magic 3,000 level.

The NASDAQ Index is calculated like the S&P 500 Index. It is market-capitalization weighted, unlike the Dow, which is price weighted.

We all know that Microsoft Corp. (MSFT, about 96 1/8, up 5 points last week on volume of 142 million shares) is the No. 1 U.S. company, by market-capitalization.

Recently MSFT was invited to join the DJI, and it accepted being one of those 30 stocks. At that time, it was also invited to list on the NYSE, since all DJI stocks had previously been listed on NYSE.



By Joseph Mengden

Let's talk...STOCKS

But MSFT said, No thanks, we got where we are by being traded on NASDAQ, and that's where we stay (maybe, not quite those exact words).

The Russell 200 Index (of small-cap stocks) posted a 5.64 point gain last week, to close at 464.58, up 1.2 percent. Not much spill-over from the Big Dance, but at least it was a plus number.

B.C. (Before Computers), it was impossible to track the ebb and flow of monies in and out and around the various investment alternatives.

During the late 1960s, we knew that money was shifting out of the "Nifty Fifty" growth stocks, because their prices were declining. Now A.C. (After Computers), the statisticians can record the flow of monies in and out of stocks, mutual funds, bonds, mortgages and money market funds.

Investor's Business Daily calculates the buying strength of a particular stock by recording the number of shares and price of each trade on an "up-tick."

Not only is a ton of new money coming into investments each and every day from U.S. investors, but also from abroad.

During each of the two past months, \$40 billion was tucked into money market funds, awaiting transfer into stocks

someday, a very bullish indicator.

Better to give

Along with the Christmas cards in the mail, did you notice an increase in charitable requests?

Fortunately in this era of capital gains, there are more funds available for giving. But for the same dollar value to the recipient, there are good, better and best gifts, from the donor's point of view.

LTS recommends gifts of appreciated stock shares or mutual fund shares to a recognized professional charity. LTS' tax adviser suggests you double-check that the gifted stock has been owned for a year or more.

Don't sell the shares yourself, and make a gift of the cash proceeds, because of the capital gains on the shares sold at a profit, and the resultant capital gains taxes will be yours!

Instead, gift the actual shares of stock, or mutual fund, not cash. You won't incur any capital gains taxes (there was no sale), and the donor's (your) cost is transferred to the charity and becomes their cost.

The charity is a tax-exempt organization and does not pay any taxes.

Sounds complicated? It isn't. Every recognized professional charity has an existing pro-

cedure to handle stock gifts.

Last year, LTS donated some stock to the Bon Secours Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Bon Secours-Cottage hospital group.

LTS phoned the hospital and asked for the foundation office. They gave LTS the name of their brokerage firm, and the name of their account representative and phone number.

They then asked my name and address, and how many shares of what stock I was giving, so they could track my gift on their brokerage statement. A very nice letter arrived later, thanking me for the unsolicited gift.

The broker at their stock firm asked my name and address; the name of my brokerage firm and how many shares of what stock they could expect to be transferred in.

The broker then gave me their firm account number at

the Depository Trust Co. in New York. LTS then called LTS' broker, giving them the above information. That's all!

Gifts of appreciated stock avoid all capital gains taxes on the gift.

And the donor is entitled to a Charitable Gift deduction from this year's federal income taxes in the amount of the market price at time of transfer.

As they say, "It's better to give than to receive."

Hurry, only 15 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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Ways to safeguard business property

By taking some simple steps, small business owners can reduce the

chance of property loss and injury, whether from age-old risks like fire or new ones like computer viruses.

Steve Lindsay, a loss-control manager with Citizens insurance Company of America, which insures thousands of small businesses, offers the following tips:

Protecting computers

- It's best not to leave a laptop computer in your car anytime, but never in cold weather because freezing can damage it.

- If you must leave a laptop in your car, put it in the trunk or at least cover it so thieves can't see it.

Deterring losses from theft and robbery

- Minimize the money in the cash registers and put excess cash in a safe. Vary the time you make bank deposits and alternate your route to the bank. Also, brighten the outside of the business. Burglars like darkness, and good exterior lighting deters them. Never schedule an employee to work alone.

Reducing the chance of fires and injuries

- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are essential—and inexpensive to install and maintain. Keep fire extinguishers in readily accessible places and train employees how to use them.

- Store cleaners, solvents and flammables away from furnaces, compressors and other sources of ignition. Have your furnace and air ducts inspected annually.

- Post emergency numbers for the fire department, ambulance and police.

- Keep exits clear and unlocked whenever the building is open. Keep your parking lot, sidewalk and stairs clear of snow and ice.

Besides taking these steps, you should be prepared in case of an emergency, Lindsay said.

"Develop specific plans for emergencies such as a tornado, fire, medical emergency or crime. Even a simple plan can make a big difference in a crisis."

Business People



Crenshaw

Kerry Crenshaw and Fritz Damm, attorneys with the Detroit law firm Clark Hill, returned recently from Amsterdam where they attended the Legal Network International Fall 1999 meeting.

Crenshaw, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, is chairman of Clark Hill's business practice group. He represents clients in matters involving but not limited to securities, finance and mergers.

Prior to joining Clark Hill in 1984, Crenshaw was associate general counsel of Republic Steel Corp., where he was involved in securities and financial transactions.

Damm, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, is a business lawyer who has devoted much of his career to representing clients in all areas of transportation issues.

He is second vice president of the Transportation Lawyers Association and past chairman of the North American Trucking Industrial Relations Association.



Damm



Campbell

David Campbell has been named president and CEO of Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York.

Campbell, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, is the former president and CEO of the Detroit Medical Center.

He served most recently as a senior health care consultant for The Leadership Group.

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Champagne tight for 2000

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Revelers hoping to ride into the year 2000 on a wave of high-end champagne may have missed the boat.

As the world prepares for New Year's celebrations, demand for premium bubbly has soared amid talk of a champagne shortage.

"The top brands are almost gone," said Kelly Solomon, who works at the family-owned Village Wine Shop in Grosse Pointe Park.

The shortage stems from decisions made by champagne producers in the mid-1990s, according to Neil Bell, owner of Village Food Market in the City.

"You can't just make a bottle of champagne," he said. "The grapes for the current vintage of Dom Perignon were grown four or five years ago."

During the years in between, "the Pacific rim countries came alive with usage," said Bell. In what he called a "gray market," as opposed to a black

market, he explained, "some champagne that was sold to Asia when its economy was strong is being resold to western countries at higher prices."

Jerry Stocking, owner of Jerry's Club Party Store in the Farms, said, "Some premium champagnes have been stockpiled."

When available, champagne prices have gone up dramatically. He knows of \$169 bottles of Roederer Cristal, which he called a "super premium" champagne, being sold for \$300. On the other hand, the price of Korbel has stayed the same at \$17.

Some of the local supply has been acquired by Detroit's gambling casinos, according to Mark Scher, owner of Viviano Wine Importers in Detroit. He said most of his company's champagne orders were filled in the third quarter of the year.

Daisy Romero, a spokeswoman for the MGM Grand Detroit Casino, said she hasn't heard of any stockpiling, but acknowledged that her employ-

er's wine sellers are brimming.

Calling 1999 a banner year for champagne, Jean-Louis Carbonnier, director of the New York-based Champagne Wines Information Bureau, advised consumers in June to stock up.

"If you have a particular bottle in mind for your millennial celebration," said Carbonnier, whose organization represents growers based in La Champagne, France, the cradle of champagne wines, "buy it early and keep it in your cellar until the big night."

Champagnes made from grapes grown somewhere other than the Champagne region of France are called sparkling wines.

"We've been trying to buy Dom Perignon, but can't get any," said Kelly Solomon. At least not at reasonable prices.

Solomon's father, Bill, who has operated the wine shop for 55 years, recently turned down a distributor's offer of a case of Dom Perignon for \$1,200. The store has sold out of Moët Chandon, another top brand, but has been allotted 1 1/2 cases of Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, from France.

"That's better than not getting any at all," said Bill Solomon. Looking on the bright side, he added, "Clicquot is better than Dom Perignon in taste and style."

Like Solomon, Bell said he has been "put on allocation." Bell has a supply of Dom Perignon and expects a delivery of Moët this week.

"Detroit is the third largest market for Moët," he said, "which gives the vendors some clout."

Bonnie Delsener, a Park resident who this month will teach a class in champagne



Inviting gift for shoppers

Metered parking is free in Grosse Pointe Woods from Sunday, Dec. 12, through Sunday, Dec. 26. The treat is given by the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue along with the Woods. Wrapping a meter is Antoinette DiClemente, president of the association and Kenneth Poulos, owner of Application Technology Group, who donated the funds to purchase the Christmas wrap.



Photo by Brad Lindberg
John DeWald, left, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, discusses champagne with Neil Bell, owner of the Village Food Market.

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tasting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, doesn't think the shortage is unusual.

"The champagnes in short supply are the 'tete deux ceave,' the top of the line champagnes from the prestige houses," she said. "Just like everything else, when you want the best there are limited quantities."

The hard-to-find champagnes cost more than \$100 per bottle.

"Most people are looking for things in the \$20 to \$45 range," said Delsener. "There are lots of those available."

Although demand has been high, the rush is yet to come.

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These gifts keep on giving

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

They're the gifts that keep on giving — quality keepsakes sold by community groups and cultural institutions.

Museums, hospitals and nonprofit groups use sales from their gift shops as an adjunct to fundraising efforts.

Here's a rundown of groups either headquartered in the Grosse Pointes or of proven interest to local residents that offer a wide selection of unique items in their gift shops.



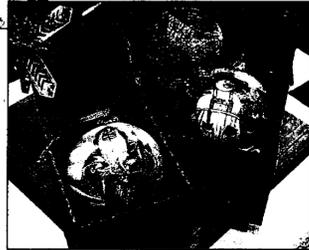
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Betty Dunwoodie, Kenneth Chapin and Jackie Molosh, above, show off Christmas gifts at the Cottage Hospital gift shop. Hand-blown glass ornaments from China celebrate the millennium at the Detroit Institute of Arts gift shop, at the right.

Is it a bird, a golf ball, or both? At the lower right is an ornament featured at the Bon Secours Hospital gift shop.

Below, Dossin Great Lakes Museum offers a tile that commemorates the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Items for sale at Detroit Historical Museum gift shop, below, include a glass Titanic Christmas tree ornament. The popular decoration comes complete with an iceberg.



G.P. Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society is selling two video documentaries about the history of the Pointes: "Recollections of the Past: 1650-1900," and "The Past as Prologue: 1900 — Present."

"The videos trace the development of Grosse Pointe from the first explorers to the present," said Jean Dudenhoff, society curator. The videos sell as a package for \$20.

The society also sells both volumes of "Tonnancour" for \$40 each.

"The books are a compendium of essays about Grosse Pointe," said Dudenhoff, who contributed articles to both volumes. Vintage photographs and essays by local writers contribute to the books' intimate look at life along the banks of Lake St. Clair.

In a chapter titled, "The Vanishing Mansion," former Grosse Pointer Neil Shine described the razing of mansions:

"With stakes and cord, the acres will be cut up into neat parcels to await the builders of the trim and functional colonials and ranches. And a lavish, elegant age, which moved in with bravado and dignity, will have bowed out."

Other articles by John Polacek, curator of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, tell about the yachts of the auto barons.

Volume two has a chapter on the Pointe's gasoline stations written by Farms resident Michael Mengden.

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society resource center is located at 381 Kercheval. The resource center is open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Bon Secours Hospital

Last year, the gift shop at Bon Secours Hospital generated about \$160,000 for hospital equipment, according to Flo Kliber, a manager at the shop.

Kliber, a Park resident, is one of about 200 members of the all-volunteer Assistance League of Bon Secours Hospital.

The gift shop is outfitted like a regular retail store. It carries everything from children's clothing, including lines from the House of Hatten ("They're noted for their smocking detail," said Kliber), to desk sets for the office.

The store's many Christmas items include Santa Claus riding a wooden tyrannosaurus Rex (\$37). The dinosaur is carrying a teddy bear.

The store has lamps, throw blankets, bookends, framed art, stuffed animals and handbags.

"We have some really cool pillows," said Kliber. The pillows contain slogans: "Behind every successful man is a delighted mother-in-law," "If at first you don't succeed, do it the way your mother told you," and "A man's place is on his boat."

"All profits from everything we sell go to the hospital," said Kliber.

The shop is open Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; weekends from noon-4 p.m.

Cottage Hospital

The hottest seller at the gift shop in the lobby of Cottage Hospital is "Stranger in the Woods," a book by wildlife photographers Sam and Jean Stuck.

"We just got the book and have already sold quite a few," said Betty Dunwoodie of the Farms, a volunteer at the gift shop. "The color pictures are beautiful."

The book tells the story of a family of white-tailed deer who wander in and out of the author's back yard. The story of how the deer interact with other wildlife (and the family snowman) will please adults and children.

Another popular item is a dancing Santa. Clap your hands, and Santa gyrates, his rosy cheeks light up and "White Christmas" plays.

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Gifts

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"We've had to reorder it because it's been such a popular item," said store manager Ruthie Schoeler of St. Clair Shores.

A special section of the store features items made by the volunteers, such as cabled sweaters for children and an adult's colorful Christmas vest showing Santa waving good night as he and his reindeer fly away over the roof tops.

"People call us their secret Christmas shop," said Schoeler.

Pauline Kramer, Cottage's director of volunteer services, said funds raised from the gift shop recently helped Cottage buy ultrasound equipment.

The Cottage gift shop is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Humane Society

"Any of the Michigan Humane Society retail items would be a 'purr'fect gift for the pet lover on your holiday list," said Lisa Acho, the society's assistant manager.

The society's gift catalog includes things for people and pets. Selections range from dog biscuit mix (\$7.50), to a \$47 black and ash heavy-weight cotton jacket with the MHS logo.

In between, "we have dog and cat photo albums," said Heather Moukalian, an MHS administrator and resident of the Woods.

Need a tie? The society has a reversible cotton tie. One side features cats with fish and mice, while the other has dogs and bones. The society also sells Christmas stockings (for animals), watches (for people), and children's books about ducklings, otters, pandas, penguins and prairie dogs. The society also has six designs of Christmas cards.

"Harvey's Compleat Traveler in the Village has the cards on the spot," said Moukalian.

"It is heartwarming to know that the proceeds (from retail sales) benefit the 50,000 homeless animals sheltered yearly at the society," said Acho.

To order gifts, calling the society at 313/871-1197.

Detroit Historical Society

"The profits from our gift shop help support the museum," said Richard Strowger, executive director of the DHS and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. "We have a wide variety of items that are very attractive for Christmas. For the most part they have a relation to Detroit's history."

He said the museum gift shop has "all kinds of books that are well researched and presented. They are things we

want to be identified with."

The society's "Days of Detroit" calendar is a hot seller. The calendar contains paintings of Detroit culled from artist Robert Thom's "History of Michigan Series." Images include the great fire of 1805 and the production of B-24 Liberator bombers during World War II. Each day has an entry about what happened on that date in Detroit history.

But the shop has a lot more, including reproductions of old fashioned jewelry that look back at the fashions of an earlier time.

Among the museum's special glass Christmas ornaments, popular items include the Titanic, complete with iceberg, and ornament shaped like Michigan.

The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward, near the Detroit Institute of Arts. The DHM is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 833-1805 for information.

Dossin Museum

"People like lighthouses, freighters, motor boats and sailing vessels," said John Polacek, overlooking the inventory of books, videos, art prints and other memorabilia at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum gift shop on Belle Isle. Polacek is the museum's curator.

Among the Dossin's many nautical gifts, "we have a tile commemorating finding the anchor of the Edmund Fitzgerald," he said. The anchor was lost in the Detroit River in 1973, the year before the boat sank in Lake Superior with all hands.

In July 1992, divers recovered the 12,260-pound anchor. Mal Sillars, a former Grosse Pointe resident and meteorologist at WDIV-TV, took part in the operation.

The \$25 commemorative tile is colored various shades of blue and has a design of the ship.

Among other gifts, the museum has a \$10 freighter calendar and the video "More Boblo Memories." The shop has hard-to-find items, such as stock certificates for the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company. The certificates cost \$3 and are illustrated with one of the company's steamers making its way through choppy water.

The Dossin is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 852-4051.

Detroit Institute of Arts

The Detroit Institute of Arts gift shop offers a choice selection of art related items,

including reproductions from the museum's collection.

For the holidays, the DIA is offering hand-blown glass ornaments (\$20) from China.

"We carry them only at Christmas," said Michele Shoha, the museum's retail store manager. "We have new styles every year." The round ornaments are about 2 1/2 inches in diameter and have a 1/4-inch hole in the bottom through which artists paint Christmas scenes inside.

The artists "use a little paint brush that has a hook in it," explained Shoha. Images of Santa, angels and animals are painted in a process that takes up to two days.

"No two designs are the same," said Shoha. "The new ones for the millennium have sparkles."

Another special item is an ornament derived from the museum's permanent collection.

The original "Ananacia Tory Angel," a 1430 creation by Fra Angelico, is on loan to the Louvre, but shoppers can hang a reproduction on their Christmas tree for \$40.

The gift shop at the museum is open during regular museum hours, Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

Holiday cards benefit metro Detroit charities

Mariners Inn

Mariners Inn offers a card that is blank inside, but features a reproduction of an icon by Michigan artist Diane Plaskon Koory designed especially for Mariners Inn. Proceeds from the cards go to further the work of Mariners Inn in returning homeless men to their families and to the community as responsible citizens. Cards are sold in packs of 10 for \$15.

For more information, call

Lois Ann Hernquist at (313) 343-9835.

Michigan Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society publishes a holiday catalog full of gift items and greeting cards. Cards are \$13.50 for a set of 20 and all proceeds go toward helping homeless animals. To order a gift catalog or holiday cards, call (248) 852-7420.

Detroit Historical Society

The Detroit Historical Society offers a full-color wall calendar, "2000 Days of Detroit," featuring an event in Detroit's history for each day of the year.

Proceeds go to the Detroit Historical Society, the major source of funding for the Detroit Historical Museums,

which include the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne and Historic Moross House.

The calendar is \$11.95 (\$9.95 for DHS members) and is available at many metro Detroit stores and museums, including Grosse Pointe's Borders Books and Music and Barnes & Noble Booksellers. It's also available by mail. Call (313) 833-7937.



'A Christmas Contest'

Grosse Pointe Family Theatre (a theatrical collaboration of Treehouse Players youth theater and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial) will present "A Christmas Contest," an original Christmas musical, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, in the Fries Auditorium of the War Memorial.

The cast is made up of young people from grade school through high school and production is the result of a two-month workshop offered at the War Memorial.

The performance will include an original script and original music, staging, sets and costumes. The story takes place at the North Pole and involves Santa's disappearance. The play is designed for audiences age 5 and older.

Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and are available at the War Memorial or by calling Donna Lockhart at (313) 824-0705.





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Meetings

Farm, Garden Association

The Grand Marais branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will meet for its annual Christmas party at noon Monday, Dec. 13, at the home of Adrienne Gregory. Co-hostesses will be Martha Nyboer and Lois Sheridan.

G.P. Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre members invite the public to the group's annual membership meeting and family Christmas party at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at GPT headquarters, 315 Fisher.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be guests; Kelly Smith will be at the piano; and there will be food, music, cookie decorating and a puppet-making workshop for children, presented by Catherine Kamulski. Guests and members are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the Gleaners Foundation.

Herb Society

The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the home of Marty Vorhees. The program, "Spice up your Holidays," will be presented by Sandra Jackson and Mary Glasco. For more information, call (313) 884-9072.

Louisa St. Clair

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore. Hostesses will be Mrs. Perry L. TeWalt and Mrs. Kenneth M. Wheeler. The program, "Seedlings," will be presented by Susan Bresler. The cost for lunch is \$12. An optional tour of the house (\$6) will follow lunch and the program. For reservations, call Mary Ellen Benson, Barbara Doerr or Delores Littlefield.

Detroit Garden Center

The Detroit Garden Center will hold its annual Christmas open house, "A Dickens of a Christmas," from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12.

Historic Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick house and headquarters for the center, will be decorated in a Victorian theme by local garden clubs. Golightly agriculture students, under the direction of instructor Ellen Moro, will present demonstrations on making wreaths and centerpieces and will discuss Victorian customs such as the mistletoe kissing ball. The center is at 1460 E. Jefferson. For more information, call (313) 259-6363.

NAWBO

The National Association of Women Business Owners holds free monthly networking meetings from 7:55 to 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Borders Books and Music in the Village. The next meeting will be Dec. 14. There is a charge for breakfast treats, but no reservation is necessary. Park behind the store and enter by the rear door. For more information, call Sherry Day at (313) 886-8110.

Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais chapter of Questers will meet on Friday, Dec. 10, for lunch and a tour of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit. Call (313) 882-6824.

Detroit Review Club

The Detroit Review Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting to honor its past presidents at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale. Entertainment will be by Gordon Russ. Call Sarah Barger at (810) 293-4177.



Fair Lane gala

Cynthia and Edsel B. Ford II are honorary chairmen of the 12th annual Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane gala, a black-tie dinner dance to raise funds for preservation, restoration, landscaping and educational programs of the estate, a National Historic Landmark. The event will be held on April 15 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

The committee will showcase the estate, home to Henry and Clara Ford for more than 30 years, to highlight Ford's selection as businessman of the century by Fortune magazine and his inclusion by Time magazine and other publications as one of the most influential people of the 20th century.

From left, are Bruce and Edwina Simpson, chairmen of the gala; Cynthia Ford, honorary chairman; and Catherine and Daniel Ponder, vice chairmen.



Mariners Inn trustees

The board of trustees of Mariners Inn, a shelter and treatment center in Detroit's Cass Corridor, has elected Norah M. Williams of Grosse Pointe Woods as president. Williams succeeds Grosse Pointe Farms resident Allen Ledyard as president of the board.

Gathering at a recent Mariners Inn fundraiser: from left, are Grosse Pointers Katherine Anslow, board member; Dr. Jack Williams; Norah Williams, president; Polly Ledyard; and Allen Ledyard, outgoing president.

'Tree for Life' will benefit American Cancer Society

Hundreds of hand-made ornaments will decorate the "Tree for Life" at the Discovery Shop, 19595 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Sale of the ornaments will support American Cancer Society services to cancer patients and their families.

In addition to the unique "Tree for Life" ornaments, the shop features its own fundraising Christmas cards. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

One-of-a-kind angels, stars, snowflakes and porcelain dolls as well as wreaths hand-crafted in tating, bobbin lace, embroidery, porcelain and quilting, were donated by needle artists as close as southeastern Michigan and as far away as New Zealand, England and Denmark. Each ornament carries a gift tag and legend with the donor's country or state of origin.

Ornaments are priced from \$2 for tiny tatted snowflakes to \$25 for ornate, beaded glass globes, to \$35 for an elaborate bobbin lace star tree-topper. Last year's sales raised more than \$1,200 for the ACS.

Unsold ornaments will be donated to the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center to brighten holiday celebrations for the patients.

In 1997, Grosse Pointe needle artist Kathy Kirchner and her family received much welcomed services from the Karmanos Cancer Institute

during her mother's long illness. Over the past two years, in a thanksgiving labor of love, Kirchner has organized her world network of lacers and crafts people to solicit donations of their work to support the "Tree for Life."

Many donations arrived with poignant notes from cancer-surviving artists and others whose families have experienced cancer or who have received support from cancer organizations around the world.

With just a few word-of-mouth messages through craft guilds and a few lines on the Internet, beautiful pieces have come from people all over the world who want to say thank you.

Crafters wishing to contribute may reach Kirchner at (313) 881-4674.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Discovery Shop is one of 150 shops nationwide operated by volunteers as a fund-raising project for the American Cancer Society. The society provides education, skilled nursing, home health care and physical therapy services to cancer patients and their families.

For information about volunteering or about the Discovery Shop, call manager Anita Sandercott at (313) 881-6458.



Radio auction

The ninth annual WJR Radio Auction, a benefit for The Children's Center, will be held on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10 and 11. The live, on-the-air auction will feature more than 80 items. The entire list is available on WJR's web site at www.wjr.net.

From 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, you can tune into WJR-AM 760 to bid on items. Out-of-towners can make advance bids by calling (313) 831-5535, ext. 1125 or 1126 before Dec. 10.

Items up for bid include a pair of baby male llamas, a box suite at the Comerica Park home opener; a BMW Z-3 lease; Detroit Tigers' Fantasy Camp; autographed sports memorabilia; and more.

Among the Grosse Pointers who have volunteered their services for the fundraiser are Louise TeWalt, Ruth Zinn, Michael and Diane Marston, Sharon Mertz and Ed Deeb. From left, are Paul W. Smith, host of the WJR morning show; Ed Deeb, president of the Eastern Market Merchants' Association; Sal Ciaramitaro; and Ronnie Higgs, volunteer.



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Babies

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Correction

The "TLC — Together Let's Cope with tender loving care" story on page 1B of the Nov. 25, 1999 Grosse Pointe News should have identified St. John neonatologist as Dr. John Adams. The phone number to call for more information about the TLC program is (313) 343-3868.



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The Pastor's Corner

A spiritual look at Y2K

By the Rev. David H. Wick
Grosse Pointe Baptist Church

There has been a lot of nonsense promulgated about the potential for disaster at the turn of the millennium. Some of it is being done by devious individuals who hope to profit by stirring up panic... for example: a man who wrongly insists that the computer problems "can't be fixed" and that all computer programmers are "heading for the hills," and who is not coincidentally selling survivalist materials.

Some of it is being promulgated by otherwise responsible people who are inadequately informed, like the woman Y2K "expert" I heard tell a local civic group that the FAA is not ready for Y2K — when an hour before I had heard a news report stating that the FAA had just completed a full scale Y2K test of the air traffic control system, and the system had performed flawlessly.

I'm not worried about a Y2K collapse, although I can't claim to be an expert, mostly because I think there is reliable evidence that all of the potential problems in crucial systems have been addressed. Some people might panic unnecessarily, but I don't think even that is likely to have a very large effect.

There is a spiritual angle to the Y2K question, an angle in which I am supposed to have some expertise. What does the Bible say about the end of the second millennium?

Is the world coming to an end?
Is the Lord coming back?
Will this Christmas be our last one on Earth?
Some of the speculation on the significance of the millennium starts with 2 Peter 3:8 which states that "one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

This passage is then compared with Bishop James Ussher's chronology, based on a literal reading of the genealogies in Genesis, which placed the year of creation at 4004 B.C.

According to that chronology, we are coming to the end of the sixth millennium since creation. Since the Lord made the world in six days and rested on the seventh, it is not much of a stretch to speculate that the seventh millennium will be a millennial day of rest for the whole world, coinciding with the return of Christ to earth and His one thousand year reign as predicted in the Revelation 20:2-4.

There are problems with this apparently neat scenario at each point. For instance, 2 Peter 3:8 is not meant to be a precise measurement of how God experiences time, but a statement that He doesn't experience time like we do. Unlike us, His patience is inexhaustible, and He can accomplish whatever He wants in no time at all.

Bishop Ussher's chronology, although it used to appear in the margins of the Authorized Version after 1701, is not inspired. It is just one man's opinion, and in fact it is doubtful that the ancient Hebrews viewed the Genesis genealogies as an unbroken chronology.

There is no biblical reason for believing that world history will run for six millennial "days" before it is followed by the millennial reign of Christ. Although I personally expect a literal millennial reign, some scholars with a very high view of the absolute truth of Scripture (Calvin among them) have felt that the idea of the millennial reign of Christ was never meant to be taken literally, but is symbolic of the coming reign of Christ for all eternity.

In the final analysis, the year 2000 is just an arbitrary date. Since Jesus was probably born in 4 B.C., the third millennium since His birth already began in 1997.

Jesus taught clearly that He is coming back, but "no man knows the day or the hour" (Mark 13:32). Regardless of the date, we need to be prepared to meet Him. "Watch and pray," He warned us, "for you know not when the time is."

Local pastor named vicar

The Rev. Joseph McCormick, pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco parish in Grosse Pointe Park, has been named vicar for Augustinian parishes in the midwest by the Provincial Superior Very Reverend Robert Prevost, OSA.

McCormick will serve while he is St. Clare's pastor.

As vicar, McCormick will plan and direct meetings of the Augustinian pastors which are held three times a year in the Chicago area.



The Rev. Joseph McCormick

DeHaven Chorale will perform at St. Mary's Church, Greektown

The DeHaven Chorale will sing Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown.

The performance at St. Mary's Church has been a tradition since 1985 and was established by conductor Frederic DeHaven. "St. Mary's Church is a beautiful church with wonderful acoustics for a baroque performance such as the Messiah," DeHaven said. "It is also an attractive place in the city of Detroit for a great Christmas experience with the restaurants and the festive atmosphere in Greektown."

Tickets are \$15 and \$10 and will be available at the door.

First English Lutheran Church plans seasonal music service

First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present its annual concert of seasonal music at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 12, at the church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

First English choirs and instrumentalists will perform new and traditional music of the Advent season. Nursery care will be provided for children 3 and younger and a reception will follow the service. Music director is Robert Foster.

Bell choirs director is Christina Judson. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.



Cooky Mart

The Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Cooky Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Guests will get a chance to select their own cookies for \$7 a pound. Breads, candy and a light lunch will also be available for purchase. This year's chairmen are Jean Buhler, at the left, and Noelle Decker. For more information, call (313) 885-5507.

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♥ J 8 4
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♣ A Q J 6

♠ K 3
♥ 10 6 3 2
♦ K 7 6
♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ Q 10 8 7 4 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ K 3

W L E D D 5

— W. B. C.

Fifty years ago no one would have bet a plugged nickel on my ability. Twenty-five years after that there were few willing to wager in my favor. Somewhere in time, that changed. Obviously it didn't come all at once, but opportunities and occurrences (many I can remember) had a positive effect and I was most fortunate. You just begin to recognize advancement and it is thrilling.

Many have asked the endless questions. When will I? How can I? What must I do?

The single most significant edict is elementary. God gave you a brain. I implore you to use it at the table. Then evaluation, intention, estimation, concentration, communication and action become much more productive, but only if you also remember this is a partnership game.

Here is the problem that you should succeed at if you are thinking. Fortunately you'll have the advantage of seeing four hands. You're sitting East with this thirteen:

- ♠ K 3
- ♥ 10 6 3 2
- ♦ K 7 6
- ♣ 10 9 5 2

The bidding was straightforward.

S	W	N	E
1S	---	2C	---
2S	---	4S	P.O.

One table was playing three spades, making four. The remaining seven were playing the spade game, yet the contract can be defeated if South wins the diamond ace and takes the trump finesse at trick 2, losing to your king.

If you're imbued with that since-the-beginning-of-time horrible bromide: "I must return my partner's opening lead," you'll get what you deserve for not thinking. Sometimes you should return it, but it's far from the right play a good many times.

Let's consider your dilemma. Declarer has a minimum opener and six spades. Clubs look dangerous because if partner has the king, it's repeatably finessable. Even worse, if declarer has the king, he immediately gets red suit discards after trumps are drawn. If partner has the diamond queen, you have a second winner, but you'll not find more as the Dummy has a doubleton.

Conclusion: at trick 3, you play your heart deuce and hope. Congratulations! You were the only pair to defeat the contract, winning a spade, diamond and two hearts. The credit goes to your thinking process.

Note: Declarer can never be beat if at trick 2 she plays the spade ace and clubs for red suit discards, as East can't ruff in time with his king.

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Talking to your doctor about alcoholism

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra:

My husband has had a drinking problem for years. He tells me he drinks by choice because he enjoys wine. I know he's an alcoholic. He drinks four or five huge glasses of wine every night and on weekends, he drinks much more. I think he's having blackouts, because when I refer back to a conversation we've had or a call from the kids, he'll sometimes give me a blank look like he doesn't know what I'm talking about. He's lost interest in most of the things we used to enjoy and will only socialize with other people who are heavy drinkers. He refuses to get together with our friends who rarely drink.

He's not abusive, but he has mood swings and is distant and withdrawn. Our children have left the nest, and I feel I've lost my husband to alcohol. Life has become lonely and sad for me.

I read a book about alcoholism and it suggested asking the alcoholic to see his doctor. I finally talked my husband into getting a complete physical. I was so dismayed when he came home reporting a clean bill of health. Now he throws this in my face every time I ask him to slow down on his drinking. I feel like I have nowhere to turn, and I find myself yelling at our doctor over and over again in my own head. Could you give me some help?

— At the

End of My Rope

Dear End of My Rope,

Before you tar and feather your doctor, consider his or her limitations when it comes to assessing and treating chemical dependency.

First of all, many doctors received limited training in the field of addictions when they were in medical school. This lack of education has been called the "4-2-1 Rule." In four years of medical school, most doctors get two hours of training on the number one problem in America.

Secondly, doctors depend on the alcoholic to accurately report his relationship with alcohol. We know that alcoholics minimize and deny drinking problems and as a result, doctors are making assessments based on inaccurate information supplied by the patient.

According to a study published in 1992 in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol, doctors who had special training in addictions failed to identify 65 to 84 percent of their patients with alcohol-related problems. Families are often frustrated when their alcoholic loved one comes home with a glowing report of physical health from the family practitioner,

but alcoholism is easily overlooked.

In some cases, doctors fear that questions about alcohol use will offend their patients; therefore, they gloss over the issue of how much a patient drinks or ignore it completely. Other times, an illness caused by the toxic effects of alcohol is treated but the alcoholism is not.

For instance, chronic alcoholism can cause certain heart problems. Arrhythmias, or abnormalities in cardiac rhythm, have been associated with acute alcohol consumption. A doctor may prescribe heart medication for a patient with arrhythmia without assessing the patient for alcoholism.

While books often suggest sending alcoholics to a doctor for help, we think this advice is unfinished. We'd say, if you're going to send an alcoholic to a doctor, call the American Society of Addiction Medicine and ask for a referral to a doctor in your home area who is a certified addictionist. You can do this by calling ASAM at (301) 656-3920 and asking for the membership assistant, or by sending e-mail to asam.org.

If the alcoholic will only agree to see your family physician, call ahead of time and talk to the doctor. Share your concerns about the alcoholism and give clear examples of the problem. Then ask if you could send the doctor a copy of "The Physicians' Guide to Helping Patients with Alcohol Problems," published by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The 12-page pamphlet explains how to assess for alcohol problems and it can be downloaded and printed off the Internet by logging on to <http://silk.nih.gov/niaaa1/publication/physicn.htm>. Or call (301) 443-3860 and ask for publication number NIH Pub. No 95-3769 and they will send you a copy at no charge.

In the meantime, we suggest you attend Al-Anon or Families Anonymous meetings. You'll find them in the telephone book or by calling a local church. Since your husband just visited the doctor, you probably won't convince him to go again soon. We suggest a family intervention. Learn about intervention before you dismiss the idea. Check out the audio/video program "Take Charge" from the Grosse Pointe public library or any Grosse Pointe church.

Jeff Jay is director of program development for Brighton Hospital and the president of the Terry McGovern Foundation in Washington, D.C. Debra Erickson Jay is an interventionist and the managing director of "Take Charge! America." Take Charge is available at all Grosse Pointe churches and public libraries. Send questions to Jeff Jay, c/o Brighton Hospital, Dept. GP, 12851 East Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116; (810) 227-1211. The Jays live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nancy Proffit: An artist for all seasons

I would like to share a few thoughts about the recent loss of someone who was a vital force in the art world of Grosse Pointe, its surrounding communities and beyond.

Nancy Proffit, who passed away suddenly last month while on a painting holiday in Spain, was an exceptional artist and an exceptional person.

Her thoughtful, creative spirit was appreciated by people who were fortunate enough to know her — briefly or in depth — because her radiance touched everyone with whom she came in contact.

Nancy was active in many spheres. In her own studio, which she shared with fellow artist Bette Prudden, Nancy produced paintings and sculpture of superb quality. She also spent a great deal of time teaching. She worked with beginners and veterans, children and seniors. She especially cherished her experiences with children and possessed a special gift for nourishing the creative minds of youngsters.

She was an active member of numerous arts organizations including the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Grosse Pointe Arts Council, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Michigan Watercolor Society and The Wayne County Council of the Arts.

Nancy's cheerful manner, positive attitude and thoughtful, creative mind made her a jewel whose sparkle will be sorely missed.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is about to establish Detroit's newest holiday tradition, the Holiday Pops Yuletide Celebration, a two-hour theatrical production of family entertainment.

What guarantees to make this especially memorable for Grosse Pointers is that the award-winning Pointe Singers of Grosse Pointe



South High School will be among the stars of the show.

Similar extravaganzas are being presented by symphony orchestras of various cities around the country with the help of professional actors, singers and dancers. What makes the Detroit experience unique is the involvement of local, non-professional talent, i.e.: Ellen Bowen's wonderfully talented Pointe Singers. The Holiday Pops will include audience sing-alongs, costumed singers and dancers, an appearance by Santa in his sleigh, a troupe of tap-dancing Santas, puppets, and re-tellings of favorite Yuletide tales — all set to a lush symphonic backdrop.

Eight performances are scheduled between Thursday, Dec. 16 and Monday, Dec. 20, at Orchestra Hall. Call (313) 576-5111.

AmbleSide Gallery, 375 Fisher, will host a book signing on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Nationally renowned wildlife photographers Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick will sign their photographic fantasy "Stranger in the Woods," which Bob Taibert, the late Detroit Free Press columnist, called "an unforgettable modern fable that children of all ages will love and share." Books are available at Village Toys, the League Shop and AmbleSide Gallery. Call (313) 885-8999.

Visit the Maniscalco Gallery, 17329 Mack, during its "Holiday Salon" on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. An evening of poetry, music and monologues is planned. Admission is free. Call (313) 886-2993.

Adults will also get a chance to enjoy a traditional holiday evening at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. On Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., a performance by the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, dinner, and a special Ford House tour are planned. Admission is \$38. Call (313) 884-4222.

Family entertainment can be found during a funny holiday show "A Christmas Contest," put on by the Grosse Pointe Family Theater Company. Performances will be on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the War Memorial. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for students. Call (313) 881-7511.

Tuesday Musicale's fourth concert of "Holiday Music" will be at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10. Call (810) 771-3378.

Next time you happen to be wandering down Kercheval through the Village, don't miss the GPAC's Window on the Arts (courtesy of Damman Hardware) just a few windows down from Borders Books. The window features works by local artists, announces coming community arts and cultural events and reminds the public of the tremendous talent that abounds at our very doorstep. Displays change monthly. If you have any suggestions for the window send them to the GPAC, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

— Tom Mayshark
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"By Word of MOUTH"
Dr. Kevin Prush,

Whereas I was not a fan of the movie "There is Something about Mary", I had to laugh at the part where Matt Dillon gets his front teeth capped so he can have a huge smile. The visual results were hilarious. The profession of dentistry strives to attain much better results than those referenced above! A lot of work goes into making a cap/crown. The tooth must be shaped by your dentist, a duplication of your bite is taken, an impression of your shaped tooth is taken, and a temporary cap is then made to be temporarily cemented while the cap is being made. Each of these steps have details to them and is accomplished in a single appointment. You must return for a second appointment approximately 2-3 weeks later in order to receive your cap. Your dentist incurs an expense immediately when he or she sends the "case" to their favorite lab technician to help with the fabrication of the cap. Different labs are better at different procedures and that is why I use more than one lab technician. A cap is an excellent, strong restoration which is esthetic at the same time! Please keep in mind that a cap is not "permanent"...it will not last forever and at some point in your life the cap will need to be replaced due to normal wear and tear.

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DSO musicians shine as baroque soloists

It was an illuminating experience last weekend when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra digressed from its usual range of programming to present a concert of all baroque music. Judging by the near capacity size of the audience and the quality of the performances, it should happen more often.

All the more remarkable then, that this was not even a blockbuster Mass or Oratorio with giant choir and expanded orchestra. Rather, Music Director Neeme Jarvi led a team of credible baroque proportions made up of two wonderful sopranos and a scaled-down orchestra of strings, winds, brass and harpsichord with first chair players in solo roles.

Bach and Handel are known to have produced most of their greatest works with no more resources than this — plus a small chorus. Moreover, the selections on this program illustrated the remarkable diversity of richly expressive styles and forms that flowed from those composers' pens.

Soprano Christine Brandes and DSO trumpeter Ramon Parcells opened with Handel's soaring aria "Let The Bright Seraphim" from the opera "Samson." It is actually a duet for voice and trumpet in

which two melodic lines intertwine and echo each other.

With beautifully modulated support from the DSO strings, the two carried it off with spectacular effect. In true operatic tradition, which was only being established three centuries ago by works like this, the aria has been a crowd pleaser since its first performance.

What a way to open a concert.

Mezzo soprano Marietta Simpson followed with a crowning example of Bach's Cantata artistry, "With Joyful Heart" from Cantata 200. This, of course, was written for church performance but reflects clearly the composer's adoption of Italian operatic styles that were emerging in his day, to which he brought his genius for complex interweaving of the vocal and the orchestral parts.

Simpson's creamy voice made the aria both devotional and dramatic with impeccable grace. Jarvi led the strings with careful restraint to provide an elegantly traced rendering of one of music's most lovely accompaniments.

What had been barely noticeable in the arias became boldly apparent in the performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. Jarvi and the musicians

brought out the lyrical qualities and romanticism that are to be found, especially in Bach's music. This was not a traditionalist approach and it raises objections by so-called purists. On the other hand, it is highly persuasive that Johann Sebastian had a romantic side and it does make beautiful music.

State of the Arts



By Alex Suzyk

Bach probably acquired the concerto concept from the work of Vivaldi and he carried it to a brilliant new level. Featuring a solo line with an instrument, as opera did with the voice, was a new idea. And in this work he heralded a format that has become a major feature of performance.

This concerto featured several soloists, a tradition in the baroque era. Concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert, flutist Philip Dikeman, trumpeter Parcells

and harpsichordist Robert Conway played solos and as a chamber ensemble in between orchestral segments.

High points of the exuberant performance were a moving duet by violin and flute in the second movement, affetoso, and a quartet where they were joined by bassist Bob Gladstone and cellist Marcy Chanteaux.

Especially interesting and impressive was the emergence of Conway on the harpsichord in an unaccompanied solo. Bach's biographers report that he composed this concerto shortly after being sent by his aristocratic employer to purchase a new harpsichord. It suggests that he gave the instrument this prominence in the concerto in recognition of its addition to the court's musical resources.

Conway's performance in the balanced resonance of Orchestra Hall provided one of the best opportunities to appreciate the expressive powers of this instrument. Notwithstanding its lack of dynamic variation, the agility of the keyboard and capacity for counterpoint, density of notes and harmony give it a subtle power that Conway made amply evident.

It is interesting to speculate as to the impetus that this early concerto solo might

have provided for what soon became a convention. That is, for a concerto soloist to have an unaccompanied cadenza as a regular part of every concerto performance.

Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" presented yet another mode of the baroque repertory. It has the drama of opera with a poignantly sorrowful story of the suffering of Mary witnessing the crucifixion. Its structure is more traditionally Italianate with emphasis on the solo arias and duets of the two sopranos and discrete accompaniment as distinguished from the complex interweaving of parts in the Bach Cantata.

The impact was powerful nonetheless and deeply affecting, especially in the moving performance by the two singers and Jarvi's expert reserve with the orchestra.

In the duet "O Quam Triste" (O how sad) the music embodies the sentiment which was overwhelmingly projected by the superbly blending voices. In contrast, "Fac ut ardeat cor meum" (Make by heart burn) throbs with aroused religious passion for the love of Christ. And the final duet prayer to Mary floated through the hall like voices of angels.

Concluding with Suite No.

2 from Handel's Water Music, Jarvi brought the concert to a lively and cheerful, even toe tapping, conclusion. The music danced with vitality as indeed most of the movements are based on dance forms of the era. The orchestra made the hall ring with King George I's celebratory music.

Continuing his distinctive custom of making the old and familiar seem new, Jarvi gave an encore of Boccherini's well-known minuet and it was a most refreshing new look. Muted violins played the melody with delicacy, accompanied by carefully modulated pizzicato on the rest of the strings. The audience was so hushed even a deep breath could be heard evoking one of Baroque music's most endearing qualities — perfect serenity.

The DSO goes into its holiday mode now with festive concerts tonight, tomorrow and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. This will be followed by Yuletide Pops on evenings and some matinees from Thursday, Dec. 16 to 20.

The Nutcracker Ballet is also ongoing at the Detroit Opera House from Dec. 9 to 19.

Call (313) 576-5111.

Family features by Madeleine Socia

Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. See the Grosse Pointe Family Theatre Company's production of the original play *A Christmas Contest*, Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Treat your favorite furry friend to a photo-op with Santa Paws, Saturday, Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$5 per Polaroid fee benefits the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society. Keep your young dancers, ages five and up, on their toes with a Classical Ballet Workshop. Classes will be offered Mondays through Fridays, Dec. 13 to March 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, Dec. 18 to March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$72 for one hour, \$117 for two hours or \$157 for three hours per week. Preregistration is required for most courses. Call (313) 881-7511.

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Board a freighter or paddle wheel motor coach and cruise through glowing displays during Nautical Nights of Lights in Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, through Saturday, Jan. 1. Tours run Monday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 6 to 10 p.m., except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tickets are \$2. Proceeds benefit community programs. Call (810) 774-1740.

Fun flicks

Students can take in their favorite flicks for free during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Winter Film Festival. A Very Merry Cricket and Mickey's Christmas Carol will be shown at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 15 in the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval. See Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the Woods Branch, 20600 Mack and Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval. Call (313) 343-2074.

American Girl tea

Young readers can share their love for their favorite characters during a free American Girl Tea Party, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m., in the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025

Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Festivities include refreshments, prizes and dolls available for viewing. Reservations are required. Call (313) 343-2074.

Trial test

Improve your high school student's scores when the Princeton Review offers free, practice SAT and ACT Tests, Monday, Dec. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (800) 2-REVIEW.

Tea for tots

Youngsters can partake in an old fashioned tea party, Play House tour and a visit with Santa during Nutcracker Teas at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Festivities will be offered on Tuesday, Dec. 14 through Thursday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

Santa sing-along

The award-winning Pointe Singers of Grosse Pointe South High School will headline the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Peace on Earth Concert in Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. Even Santa will get in on the act! Tickets range from \$8 to \$31. Call (313) 576-5111.

Watts of animals

Illuminated animal sculptures, ice carvings, costumed characters, live entertainment and pictures with Santa await your family during the Wild Lights festivities at The Detroit Zoo, on 10 Mile at Woodward in Royal Oak, through Sunday, Jan. 2. This display of more than 400,000 lights will be open Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$1 discount for Detroit Zoological Society members. Call (248) 541-5835.

Lots to learn

Learn as you play, enjoy live entertainment and watch the stars come out at the Children's Museum of the Detroit Public Schools, 67 E. Kirby in Detroit. Students, ages four to 12, can partake in a Holiday Storytelling Fest and get their pictures taken with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 18, from

noon to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$3. Planetarium demonstrations will be offered on Saturdays, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call (313) 873-8100.

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.

Sailor art

Folk Art of the Great Lakes, an exhibition of works created by sailors, is the newest attraction at Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Children can also see a display marking the Centennial of Mail Service on the Detroit River, along with permanent exhibitions featuring the doomed ship Edmund Fitzgerald and a freighter pilothouse. The Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, ages 12 to 18. Call (313) 852-4501.

The Nutcracker

The Lo-Ru School of Dance will bring the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* to life on the stage of Schaublin Auditorium in Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors and college students and \$4 for kindergarten through high school students. Call (810) 777-3660.

Strings attached

The curtain has risen on the new season of PuppetArt, Detroit's Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Christmas in the Russian Tradition will delight audiences, Saturday, Dec. 11 through Tuesday, Dec. 28. Performances will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. Call (313) 961-7777.

Science fun

The Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit, offers entertaining and educational family fun. The Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab features hands-on exhibits integrated with more than 40 Internet-connected computers. Other exciting exhibits include the Singing Bowl, Magnetic Tornado, Jumping Ring, Bike Wheel Gyroscope, Jacob's Ladder and Laser Wave-Guide. Now showing in the Center's IMAX Dome Theatre, on a rotating hourly basis, are the exciting films, *Mysteries of Egypt*, *Whales*, *Tropical Rainforest* and *Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun*. Screenings will be offered Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Detroit Science Center is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and

Sunday, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Admission to the exhibitions, demonstrations and laser show is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children, ages 3 to 17. Admission to the IMAX Domes Theatre is an additional \$4. Call (313) 577-8400.

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. Toy Train Family Workshops will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The fee is \$5. Discover Christmas in Other Lands during a Family Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$5. Advanced registration is required for all workshops. Call (313) 833-9720. Tune in to On the Air: Michigan Radio and Television Broadcasting 1920 - 2000. 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. The suggested admission is \$3 for adults or \$1.50 for seniors, children ages 12 and under

enter free. Call (313) 833-1805.

Cranbrook experience

The wonders of nature engage the imagination in the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The traveling exhibit *Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World*, an interactive exhibit featuring 21 components, awaits you through Sunday, Jan. 2. On long term display are the new exhibits, *Every Rock Has a Story*, *The Kinetic Machine*, *Reading Objects and Life Lab*. The Institute is open Sunday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages three to 17. The Cranbrook Planetarium is open on Friday, from 9 to 10 p.m. Call (248) 645-3210.

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Get a free gift of a Grosse Pointe Year Book when you drop off a new toy for the Toys For Tots program at the offices of the little Blue Book, 15324 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park, through Thursday, Dec. 16. Donations will be accepted Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 882-0702.

Mariners benefit

Past residents of Mariners Inn, a shelter and treatment center in Detroit's Cass Corridor, will raise their voices in a program of inspirational music during a benefit Christmas Concert, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., in St. John's Episcopal Church, 50 E. Fisher Freeway at Woodward in Detroit. The evening will include a dessert reception during the intermission. Tickets are \$10. Call (313) 962-9446.

Friday, Dec. 10

Food & fellowship
Share food and fellowship during a Men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Harry Cook, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will be the featured speaker for this program, sponsored by the Men's Association of Memorial Church. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Super sing-along

Sing-along with a distinguished gathering of musicians, including soloists from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Company, during a Christmas Concert, Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$5. Call (313) 881-3343.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Sumptuous sweets
Discover a sumptuous selection of sweets, including cookies, breads and candy, to sample or present as presents, during the United Methodist Cookie Mart, Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms. Cookies are \$7 per pound. Call (313) 886-2363.

Garden Center celebration

Get great gifts for all of those green thumbs on your holiday list during the Detroit Garden Center's Open House, Saturday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 12, from noon to 4 p.m., in the historic Moross House, 1460 E. Jefferson in Detroit. The entry fee is \$1. Call (313) 259-6363.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Elegant affair
See the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores, decked out in its holiday splendor and share a seasonal feast, accompanied by the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, during A Traditional Holiday Affair. Tickets are \$38. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

Heavenly music

Detroit harpist Leda Nagy will join the 16-voice group Musicke Maykers in creating heavenly sounds during a Holiday Concert, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m., in Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Free-will donations will be accepted. Call (313) 822-3456.

Swing time

The Gentlemen of Swing will offer their own special harmonies during a free Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m., in the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 779-6111.

Seeing red

You'll be seeing red...and a rainbow of vibrant blooms during the 12th Annual Pointsettia Soiree benefit for Belle Isle's Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Sunday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Conservatory is accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Tickets are \$40. Reservations are required. Call (313) 852-4064.

Sacred season

St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park, is hosting a series of free Mini Concerts in celebration of this sacred season. Music for Guitar and Flute will be featured on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. The concert will be followed by a religious service.

Call (313) 822-2814.

Monday, Dec. 13

Roman holiday
Have a religious experience via Rome, The Vatican and Their Churches, a 35 mm slide travelogue presented by the Grosse Pointe Cinema League, Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$4 for adults or \$2 for students. Call (810) 774-5471.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Strike up the band
Let the music of the season warm your heart during a free Grosse Pointe Community Band Winter concert, Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m., in Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 343-2178.

Friday, Dec. 17

Musical meditation
Music for Advent and Christmas will fill St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, during a free Music For Meditation concert by David Wagner Friday, Dec. 17, at noon. Call (313) 885-8855.

Food & fellowship

Share food and fellowship during a Men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The Rev. Richard Lanning of Calvin East United Presbyterian Church, will be the featured speaker for this program, sponsored by the Men's Association of Memorial Church. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Open house

Partake in good food, great entertainment and friendship during The Neighborhood Open House luncheon/concert, Friday, Dec. 17, at 12:30 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$6. Reservations are required. Call (810) 778-6156.

Judelaire's perform

The talented voices of the Judelaire's will present religious and contemporary music during a Christmas Choral Show at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow the show. Free-will donations will be accepted. Call (313) 527-7600.

Wonderous welcome

The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus will offer A Holiday Welcome during its 37th annual Christmas Concert, Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m., in Lake Shore High School, 22980 13 Mile in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$5. Call (810) 558-9516.

Concert Band to perform Dec. 14

The Grosse Pointe Community Concert Band will present its annual winter concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Parcels Middle School Auditorium. The free concert will feature music by Mozart, Hindemith, Vaughan Williams and Sousa, and will include an audience sing-along. A reception will follow.

G.P. Symphony has web page

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra and the Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association have a new web site at <http://www.gpsymphony.org/>. Information on the site includes concert schedules, musical programs, women's fundraisers, membership and an invitation to Christmas concerts.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Singles mingle
Eastside singles are invited to mingle during a Parents Without Partners' Saturday Night Dance, Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$12 or \$10 for PWP members. Call (313) 526-0818.

Fondue fun

Make reservations by Thursday, Dec. 16, to indulge in your favorite carols and delicious chocolate fondue during The Single Way Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m., in a member's home. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for teens and children. Call (810) 776-5535.

Sunday, Dec. 19

Contemplative Christmas
Contemplate the wonders of the season during a Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4:30 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Call (313) 885-4841.

Live & Learn

Courses & adventures
Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Women can make two great investments in their good health on Monday, Dec. 20. The Mobile Detection Unit of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be offering Mammograms at the War Memorial from 9:20 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Women between 40 and 49 should have a physician's prescription. Insurance may cover the tests. Medicare and Medicaid are billed at \$115. Uninsured women will be billed \$73. Osteoporosis Testing through the Mobile DEXA Bone Density Detection Unit of the Bone Loss Prevention Center will also be on hand from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. A physician's prescription is preferred for insurance purposes. Reservations are required. Call (313) 881-7511.

Art appreciation

Develop a greater appreciation for art of all kinds through courses and experiences offered at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Take in the free video Romare Bearden: Visual Jazz, through Friday, Dec. 31. Make your own Folk Art Toys during a free Drop-In Workshop, Thursdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. Register now for a Survey of World Art Part II Adult Class, running Saturdays, Dec. 11 to March 4, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The fee is \$85. Drums of Many Cultures is the title of a free Drop-In Workshop, offered at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11. On Sunday, Dec. 12, take part in two free Drop-In Workshops and two free Gallery tours.

by Madeleine Socia

Guests can fashion their own boxes, cards and envelopes with Creative Paper Work, from noon to 4 p.m. Experience Drawing in the Galleries, from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy a Rare Book Tour at 1 p.m. Explore the Bob Thompson Exhibit at 2 p.m. Preregistration is required for most courses. Call (313) 833-4249.

Alzheimer's aid

Families and friends dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's or related dementia can share knowledge and concerns during free Alzheimer's Association Support Groups, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m. or the first and third Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Henry Ford Continuing Care-Belmont, 19840 Harper in Harper Woods. Call (313) 640-3379.

Ford House experiences

Experience the Yuletide grandeur of a bygone era with a visit to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Guided Holiday Tours will be offered, on the hour, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The final tours on Christmas and New Years Eves will begin at 3 p.m. The Tea Room will be open for lunch, Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children. Grounds admission is \$3. Call (313) 884-4222.

On Stage & Screen

DSO notes
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will accompany the Ballet Internationale in that Christmas classic The Nutcracker, through Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit. The curtain will rise Thursday and Friday, at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$14 to \$60. The DSO's Pops Series returns to Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, when the Pointe Singers of Grosse Pointe South High School join in the sing-a-long fun of a Holiday Pops Yuletide Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 16 through Monday, Dec. 20. Performances will be offered on Monday and Thursday, at 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$18 to \$68. Call (313) 576-5111.

Simon & Nelson

The comic visions of two great playwrights grace the stage of Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit. Widen your grin with Neil Simon's Laughter on the 23rd Floor, through Saturday, Dec. 11. Richard Nelson's satiric comedy Some Americans Abroad, runs through Saturday, Feb. 5. Performances will be offered, in rotating repertory, Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. and select Wednesdays and Sundays, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$11 to \$18. Call (313) 577-2972.

Politics & passions

A father's political intrigue, a mother's search and a son's revelations tear apart a family in A Fair Country, Wayne State University's Studio Theatre's second production of the season, through Saturday, Dec. 18. Performances will be offered Thursday through Saturday, at 8 p.m. The Studio Theatre is

located on the lower level of the Hilberry Theatre. Tickets are \$8. Call (313) 577-2972.

Fabulous flutes

The fabulous flutes of the 20-member WestMinster Consort will echo in the eaves of historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort in Detroit, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m., during a benefit concert. Tickets are \$50 for Benefactors, \$25 for Patrons, \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Call (313) 961-4533.

Tragic romance

The tragic romance of Romeo and Juliet comes to life on the stage of Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 12. Performances will be offered on Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Call (313) 577-2960.

History & music

History and music come together when the Rackham Symphony Choir presents Handel's Messiah in historic Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 438 St. Antoine in Detroit, Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call (313) 341-3466.

Exhibitions & Shows

At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the beauty and majesty of the galleries and exhibitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching From the Morgan Library, New York, can be seen through Sunday, Jan. 2. Take in more than 70 paintings and drawings by African-American artist Bob Thompson through Sunday, Jan. 2. Get a unique peek into the DIA Research Library's Rare Book Collection by viewing the special exhibition, What Is A Rare Book, through Sunday, Jan. 9. The 19th century fascination with romance is explored through The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age, through Sunday, Feb. 13. Several new acquisitions are featured in Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection, through Sunday, March 5. Running through Sunday, March 26, is the dynamic photographic display Robert Frank: The Americans. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

Art of giving

Perfect the art of giving with works from more than 100 artists offered during the Earthly Treasures Holiday Show and Sale, through Friday, Dec. 31, in Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. Call (313) 822-0954.

Abstracts & photos

Recognize the achievements of area artists during the Annual Scarab Club Gold Medal Show and The Best of the Best Scarab Members All Media Show, through Monday, Jan. 31. The gallery will be open Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. Call (313) 831-1250.

Last week's puzzle solved



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- 11 Eve's grandson
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A LA ANNIE
By Annie Roulcau-Scherff



There's no place like home for the holidays as we enter the new millennium. Celebrations are not always parties. Sometimes they're just grabbing a night with your family and turning

dinner into something special. Irish potatoes will indeed turn a meal into something your family will ask for again. With minimal prep time and virtually no work, you won't mind the task at all.

- Irish potatoes**
- 1 large package (32 oz) frozen hash browns
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 2 sticks of butter (one softened, one melted)
 - 1 medium onion, finely chopped
 - 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 - 1/2 cup dry white wine

1 cup sour cream
2 cups corn flakes

In a large mixing bowl, stir together the hash browns with the softened butter, soup, onion, cheese, wine and sour cream. (Make sure to break up the clumps of frozen potatoes.) Spread mixture into a greased 9- by 13-inch baking dish. Using your hands, crush and sprinkle the corn flakes (a handful at a time) over the potatoes. Drizzle the melted butter over the corn flakes.

Place baking dish into a preheated 350-degree oven and bake potatoes for 35 to 45 minutes or until flakes become golden brown. If

there is more than one dish in the oven you will have to increase your baking time. Serve potatoes right from the oven.

Irish potatoes are a terrific side dish for dinner or brunch. The "middle of the road" ingredients (such as potato and cheese) make this buffet item delightfully appealing to a wide range of palates. Don't skip on the corn flakes.

This delicious potato recipe was pulled from my sister's "International Dining Cookbook." Irish potatoes will consume little of your time, travel well and be welcomed wherever they are served.

St. John Hospital will hold volunteer orientation Jan. 14

Those who genuinely love people and can spare at least a few hours of time each week may want to consider becoming a volunteer at St. John Hospital.

Volunteers are required to attend a series of two orientations before beginning their assignments.

The first four-hour general orientation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14.

The second orientation, which deals with providing patient care, will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Both classes will be held at the hospital, 22101



calendar of events

Jacobson's

Holiday Hours. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 15 through Saturday, December 18, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Santa's in Town. Visit Santa in our Children's Shop and mail a letter to his North Pole headquarters. Saturday, December 11, from noon to 5 p.m.

John Wagner Book Signing. Meet pilot and photographer John Wagner as he signs copies of his book, *Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Photographic Perspective*. Saturday, December 11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. In Stationery.

Orrefors Signing Event. Saturday, December 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In China, Crystal, Silver.

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Champion Knights place four on All-State tennis team

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

Selection to this year's Division IV All-State girls tennis team might only be the beginning for four University Liggett School players.

That's because all four of them are underclassmen, so they'll have a chance to repeat their honor next season.

And there is more to the group than just the ability to play tennis well.

"Our team grade-point average is 3.66," said coach Chuck Wright, who guided the team to its sixth straight state championship. "We have 12 girls who are highly motivated."

That motivation is also apparent on the court where singles players Lauren Ealba and Julie Megler and the doubles team of Katie Maurer and Nayla Kazzi performed at a level high enough to earn them spots on the All-State team selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

It's quite an accomplishment to be All-State in one sport, but Ealba is also an All-State soccer player and holds the ULS record for goals in a season with 36 as a freshman last spring.

"This fall, Ealba played No. 1 singles for the Knights and posted a 17-9 record."

"That's a record she compiled playing against the best singles players in the state," Wright said. "We schedule many of the top teams in the state, so Lauren never has an easy match."

"She was our most improved player this year. She went from No. 3 singles as a freshman to being competitive against the best No. 1s in the state."

Among Ealba's victories was a win over Port Huron Northern's Allison DeGrow.

"Lauren plays year-round, but she's not a full-time player," Wright said. "She'd be an even greater tennis player if she devoted all of her time to tennis, but she loves soccer, too, and I would never encourage her to give that up."

Ealba's biggest improvement in her game came in volleying. Wright said that her ground strokes have always been excellent.

Ealba advanced to the semi-final round of the state tournament before losing.

Megler played No. 2 singles for the Knights, was a captain and one of the team's Most Valuable Players.

She played No. 1 singles last

year, but accepted the move to No. 2 without complaint and compiled a solid 18-9 record against some tough competition.

"Julie handled the change with maturity," Wright said. "That's an example of our close knit team this year. None of the girls worried about personal agendas."

"Lauren and Julie both want to be No. 1, which makes for a good situation. Especially since they both like each other."

Megler's leadership as one of the veterans on the team was also a key to the Knights' success this season.

"Julie is so good with people," Wright said. "She's a natural leader. She just seems to pull everyone together with her ideas."

Megler is a year-round player and it shows in her form.

"Julie hits the ball so well," Wright said. "Her ground strokes are terrific. And she has perfect form."

Megler had several outstanding matches, including a win against a strong player from Okemos.

She won the No. 2 singles fight at the state finals, coming back from a 0-2 deficit in the first set to win 6-3, 6-3 against a North Muskegon player, who also was an All-State selection.

Wright is hoping that Megler will have an even better senior year after surgery to correct a medical problem that caused her to have severe headaches.

"A couple of Julie's losses came in matches when she had

real bad headaches," Wright said.

The play of the No. 1 doubles team was outstanding because it was the first season that Maurer and Kazzi had played together.

Kazzi, another natural athlete who has the ability to be All-State in soccer, played on last year's No. 1 doubles team as a freshman and team up with Allison Ricci to win a state championship.

With Ricci graduated, Wright had to find a doubles partner for Kazzi and finally settled on Maurer, who played third doubles a year ago.

"They had to learn to play together as the season went on," Wright said. "I didn't know if it would work, but they meshed at the Traverse City tournament when they won two matches and they just kept getting better all year."

"Katie's ability to play No. 1 doubles allowed us to use Amy Silverston at No. 4 sin-

gles, where she did a great job."

Maurer and Kazzi lost in the state championship match at first singles, but not before they posted a key semifinal victory against ULS' closest rival, North Muskegon.

"They lost the first set 6-2 and were down 5-4 in the third set and everyone there was rooting against them, but they showed so much composure in coming back to win," Wright said.

Maurer was also a captain, along with Silverston.

"Katie loves bringing people together, too," Wright said. "We had three great captains this year."

There aren't many doubles teams in the state with a high grade-point average like the Maurer's 4.0 and Kazzi's 3.8.

"They're very perceptive," Wright said. "If you tell them something, they'll question why, but when you explain it to them, they understand."



These four University Liggett School tennis players made the Division IV girls All-State team selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. From left, are Katie Maurer, Nayla Kazzi, Julie Megler and Lauren Ealba.

South girls are first in ULS tournament

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team rolled to a pair of victories as the Blue Devils defended their championship in the University Liggett School Tournament.

South, which defeated Grosse Pointe North 11-0 in the semifinals, beat Cranbrook Kingswood 7-3 in the championship game.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring late in the first period with goals by Christina Bakalis and Sarah Fox.

Bakalis took a pass from Molly

Weaver and beat the Cranes' goalie with a perfectly placed shot as she crossed in front of the goal crease.

Fox displayed strong skating and puck handling from the center position as she scored the first of her three goals after taking a pass from Cassie Weaver.

Lauren Schmale scored for Cranbrook in the second period on a quick wrist shot on a rebound after goalie Corie

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South skaters are deadly on the power play against Wyandotte

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It doesn't matter who scores when Grosse Pointe South's No. 1 line of Adam Fishman, Jim Denner and Randy Graves is on the ice.

The important thing is that one of them does. And that's often what happens.

"That line has been playing really well together," said coach Bob Bopp after the Blue Devils' 4-1 victory over Wyandotte-Roosevelt last Saturday.

"They're so unselfish. They don't care who scores. The important thing for them is that it's a goal for South. That's all that matters."

Fishman and Graves each tallied twice for the Blue Devils, who improved to 3-1-1 with the victory, while Denner had three assists, Fishman two and Graves one.

Fishman's first goal, which gave South a 2-0 lead at 9:23 of the first period came on an outstanding individual effort.

"It was a goal for the high-light films," Bopp said. "He went end to end, skated to the opposite wing and put the puck in the top corner. It's unusual to have a goal like that because most of the ones that line scores are a result of their good passing."

Graves opened the scoring at 4:17 of the first period. Wyandotte scored its only goal of the game with 55 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Fishman scored his second power play goal of the game at 3:11 of the second period and Graves capped the scoring, also on the power play, at 8:39 of the third.

South has scored six power play goals in its last two games.

"We've been playing well on the power play," Bopp said. "We've had a lot of chances."

Lorenger also picked up two assists against Wyandotte.

It was a fine all-around effort by the Blue Devils, who

held Wyandotte to only 14 shots, while goalie Paul Georgandellis turned back 13 of them.

"We got another good defensive game, despite having only three healthy defensemen," Bopp said. "Charley Starr and Todd Lorenger have played great while carrying an extra load because of the defensemen who have been hurt."

"I was pleased with how well we played because Wyandotte has a good team this year. They beat (Riverview-Gabriel) Richard 4-1, but we played so well that I never felt we were in danger of losing."

Earlier, the Blue Devils had to settle for a 4-4 tie with Gabriel Richard, despite outplaying the Pioneers.

"That was disappointing because I felt that we were the better team and should have won," Bopp said. "We played well enough to win, but we made two mistakes in the second period and they scored on both of them."

"The thing I was happy to see was that we came right back and scored twice within a minute to regain our two-goal lead."

Graves opened the scoring at 10:10 of the first period, assisted by Lorenger and Starr on the power play. Steve Maxwell made it 2-0 at 2:40 of the second period on another power play goal that was assisted by Jacques Perreault.

"It was nice to see Maxwell score," Bopp said. "He has worked very hard this year and has been a very solid player for us."

Richard came back to score

at 7:58 of the second period and the Pioneers got the tying goal only 13 seconds later. But H.J. Richardson put South back on top with an unassisted goal at 9:02 and Graves notched his second of the game on the power play with Fishman collecting the assist.

Richard then tied the game with two power play goals in the third period, the final one coming at 10:10.

"We just haven't been able to spend a lot of time working on our penalty killing. It's not that bad, it's just that we've spent so much time on the power

play. But we worked on it, penalty kill between the Richard and Wyandotte game, and it improved," Bopp said. "Jon Starr played in goal for South in the Richard contest and made 22 saves. The Blue Devils had 32 shots on the Pioneers' netminder, who made several outstanding saves."

"Except for the first period of the game at Big Rapids, we played well all year," Bopp said. "We're 3-1-1, but it's important we're 2-0 in the league."

South plays in the University Liggett School tournament this weekend.



Champion Grosse Pointe South had four players named to the all-tournament team for the University Liggett School girls hockey tournament. From left are goalie Corie D'Angelo, Cassie Weaver, Sarah Fox and Lauren Vallee. South beat Cranbrook Kingswood 7-3 in the title game.

North skaters show their dedication

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls hockey coach Tim Van Eckoute found out one thing about his team last weekend.

It's a dedicated group.

"We had lost two games in 24 hours at the ULS tournament but after the second game, all the kids said, 'Coach, we're skating tonight, aren't we,'" Van Eckoute said.

"We have ice time on Saturday night, and practice was optional, but I never thought they'd want to skate after playing four games last week. That shows the dedication they have. It was good to see them get a win on Monday."

Van Eckoute was talking about the Norsemen's 2-0 victory over ULS.

The game featured shutout goaltending by Ginger Hubbell, who stopped all 15 ULS shots. North also received outstanding defensive play from Jen

Ryan, Colleen Brennan, Christina Ventimiglia and Allison Scarfone.

Alyssa Simon scored both North goals, while Kathleen Rappa and Ryan collected assists.

Kristen Simon, Amy Holloway, Jen Boutin and Kathryn Barlow also kept pressure on the Knights' net throughout the game. North outshot ULS 25-15.

Kim Shortreed played a strong game in goal for the Knights.

"I'm really proud of their dedication," Van Eckoute said. "Our captains — Kristen Simon, Jen Ryan, Allison Scarfone and Ginger Hubbell — have done a great job of rallying the team together."

Earlier last week, North played a 3-3 tie with Regina.

Scarfone scored the tying goal with about three minutes

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D'Angelo made a good save on Claire O'Connell's shot.

Fox and Heather Doughty answered with South goals in the second period. Bakalis, Fox, Elizabeth Moran and Emily MacEachern collected assists.

Moran, Lauren Vallee and Meghan MacEachern worked hard defensively to overcome Cranbrook's size and speed.

Meghan MacEachern made an outstanding play when she blocked a rebound after D'Angelo made the initial save. Cassie Weaver also did a good job of penalty killing.

South completed the scoring with third-period goals from Nicki Brown and Fox. Molly Weaver assisted on Fox's goal.

Schmale and O'Connell countered with goals for Cranbrook.

Three of South's younger players — Katie MacMillan, Jenny Gerow and goalie Leah Schroeder — got a chance to play and showed promise for the future.

Diana Mager, Kelly Birg and Lauren O'Brien also had strong games against the physical Cranbrook squad.

In the game against North, Bakalis and Gretchen Torrey each scored the first of their three goals early in the first period.

Fox, Doughty, Birg, Molly Weaver, Sarah Goodenow and Brown had strong offensive games for South, while Libby Klein, Moran, Vallee and O'Brien turned in excellent defensive work. Klein and Moran, especially, did a good job of knocking the opposing forwards off the puck.

North's Alison Scarfone and Kristen Simon led several offensive charges against D'Angelo, who played the first two periods before giving way to Schroeder in the third period.

In the other semifinal game, Cranbrook beat host ULS 10-3. ULS defeated North 6-3 in the consolation game.



The Pointe Girls Soccer Association under-10 Mustangs won their division with a 12-0 record for the fall season. In front are Beth Ansaldi, left, and Kimberly Smiley. In the second row, from left, are Megan DeBoer, Mackenzie Nihem, Emily McLaughlin, Regan Wedenoja, Chelsea Detrick and Anna Cunningham. In back, from left, are coaches Didi DeBoer and Joe Malachino, Amanda Brandeis, Betsy Graney, Britt Wedenoja, Stephanie Garbarino, Christine Klein and coach Stu Dow.

Mustangs have a perfect season

The Pointe Girls Soccer Association under-10 Mustangs won their division with a 12-0 record.

The Mustangs posted nine shutouts in the 12 games, thanks to outstanding defense and fine goaltending.

In a 4-0 victory over USL United, the Mustangs had two goals from Anna Cunningham and one apiece from Kimberly Smiley and Mackenzie Nihem. Regan Wedenoja and

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University Liggett Middle School's football team won all of its games against Metro Conference opponents on the way to posting a 5-1 overall record. In front, from left, are Michael Stefani, Tommy Russell, Kris Terry, James Perry and Michael Knope. In the second row, from left, are Kirk Gibson, Antonio Evangelista, Lee Papas, Jason Gula, P.J. Janutol and Jack Wood. In the third row, from left, are Joey Cobb, Weston Stanford, coaches Zac Hubbell, Bruce Pelto and Gerry Evangelista, Nate Fredrick and Cameron Ducsay. In back, from left, are A.J. Staniszewski, Randy Langford, Robby Burkhart and Matt Reynaert.

ULS Middle School football team posts best mark in years

University Liggett Middle School's football team posted its best record in a decade when the squad won five of its six games.

The Knights opened and closed their season with victories over Cranbrook by 14-6 and 29-14 scores. They also beat Harper Woods 30-0, Hamtramck 36-12 and Clarenceville 14-6.

The win over Clarenceville was the school's first against the Trojans.

The only blemish on the ULS record was a 34-30 loss to Detroit Country Day.

The offensive effort was led

by the blocking of A.J. Staniszewski, Randy Langford, P.J. Janutol, Cameron Ducsay, Jack Wood, Jason Gula and Weston Stanford.

Matt Reynaert, Joey Cobb and Tommy Russell powered the running game, while Antonio Evangelista ran the offense successfully through the air and on the ground.

The receiving corps consisted of Stanford, Kirk Gibson, Mike Knope, Robby Burkhart, Michael Stefani and James Perry.

Reynaert scored 14 touchdowns and was 17 for 20 on extra-point kicks. Cobb added six rushing touchdowns.

Evangelista completed 68 percent of his passes with six touchdowns and only one interception.

Linebackers Janutol, Reynaert, Stanford, Ducsay, Gula and Staniszewski led a defense that dominated throughout the season.

The defensive line was anchored by Kris Terry, Langford, Nate Fredrick, Cobb and Lee Papas. Burkhart, Russell, Gibson, Evangelista, Perry, Knope and Stefani made up a solid secondary.

Zac Hubbell, Gerry Evangelista and Bruce Pelto

coached the team.

"This team was the easiest group of young men to coach because they got better each week," Hubbell said. "We received great leadership from our eighth graders and that set the tone for the season. They came to play every game and answered every challenge presented."

Pelto predicted a good future for the school's football program.

"With the success of this group, our high school program should continue to challenge for league and state championships," he said.

Baratta, Dan Socia, Neal Gram and Brad Case scored North's goals against Trenton

Norsemen stun Brother Rice, then bow to Trenton

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

When Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team is playing its game, the Norsemen are tough to beat.

That was apparent last week when North beat Brother Rice 6-4 in a Michigan Metro Hockey League contest.

But it also works the other way as the Norsemen learned when they traveled to Trenton and dropped a 7-4 decision to the Trojans.

"We never played our game at all," coach Scott Lock said of the Trenton contest. "We had a long bus ride and it seemed like we never woke up."

"Against Brother Rice we really played well. We were able to roll four lines and we moved the puck well as a team."

Joe Baratta led the way against the Warriors with two

goals and two assists, while David Neveux and Mike Kasprzak each had a goal and two assists for North.

Roger Horrie and P.J. Mallon scored the other North goals against Brother Rice.

"We played hard and we dominated a good portion of the game," Lock said. "We played with a lot of emotion."

A.J. Kedich was in goal and made several excellent saves to keep the Warriors at bay.

Lock said that the turning point in the Trenton game came after the Trojans took a 1-0 lead and then took a penalty.

"Instead of us getting a power play goal that would have changed the momentum, they scored a shorthanded goal to go up 2-0," he said. "It seemed like after that we were playing catch up. We'd score a goal and they'd come right

back within a minute and score one of their own."

"We didn't dominate this game like we have some others, either. We let them carry the play. It was almost as if we were intimidated by them."

Playing at Trenton is always difficult, especially for a young team like North has this year. The Trojans have won eight state championships and have been runners-up five times since the state tournament started in 1975.

"It'll be a good experience for our kids," Lock said. "We're trying to play as tough a schedule as we can. That's why we had Trenton and Brother Rice in the same week. I think our schedule will be as tough as any in the state."



Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team celebrates after winning the recent Blue Water Holiday Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Port Huron Northern in the championship game. It was the second straight year that the Norsemen have won the tournament in Port Huron.

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Stephanie Garbarino also played well.

Megan DeBoer and Cunningham each tallied a pair of goals in a 5-0 win over the Troy Lazars. Smiley scored the other Mustang goal.

In their next outing, the Mustangs overpowered the Berkley Storm 12-0.

Amanda Brandeis, Cunningham, DeBoer and Christine Klein each scored two goals, while Emily McLaughlin, Nihem and Smiley added one apiece.

McLaughlin tallied twice in a 4-0 victory over a strong Rochester Thunder team. Brandeis and Cunningham each scored once.

Grosse Pointe's Beth Ansaldi had an outstanding game in goal, turning away several good scoring chances by the Thunder.

A rematch with the Berkley Storm resulted in a 9-0 victory for the Mustangs. Brandeis, McLaughlin and Chelsea Detrick each scored three goals.

Several Mustangs played well in an 8-0 victory over the San Marino Panthers.

Cunningham scored two goals, while Britt Wedenoja, McLaughlin, Klein, Detrick, DeBoer and Brandeis each tallied one.

Betsy Graney, in her first game back after an injury, was outstanding in goal.

The Troy Lazars made it closer in a rematch, but still dropped a 2-0 decision to the Mustangs, who got both goals from Cunningham.

Ansaldi and Smiley played well in goal to share the shutout.

The Mustangs wrapped up the outdoor season with a 3-2 win over the Windsor Eastside Kickers.

Windsor opened the scoring but Cunningham quickly countered for the Mustangs. The Kickers regained the lead, but midway through the second half Cunningham tied the game.

With time running out, Ansaldi made an outstanding save, then made a strong punt upfield to Cunningham, who scored the winning goal.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 14-171 OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS' CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MINORS.

THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS ORDAINS

Section 1 Sec. 14-171 Amendment. Section 14-171 of the City of Harper Woods' Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14-171 Penalties for violation
Any person who shall violate this article shall be liable for a civil infraction fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

Section 2 Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the section listed above are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4 Severability. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, it being the intent of the Council of the City of Harper Woods that this ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof.

Section 5 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after enactment as provided by the City Charter.

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Dragons '87 do well in Little Caesars Premier soccer league

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '87 won their first two games in the Little Caesars Premier League under-13 division.

They opened with a 3-1 victory over Livonia United.

Jordan McIlroy opened the scoring with an early penalty kick. Andrea Savage scored after picking up a loose ball in the goal box and McIlroy put the game out of reach with her second goal of the game on a hard shot from the 18-yard line to the left post.

Casey Scavone and Allison Jones did a good job in goal. Megan Warren was a force at sweeper and Lauren Jesnig, Kelly Ritter and Caroline Hartman played well defensively. Chrissie Keersmaekers and Erin Deane had good games at midfield.

The Dragons followed that effort with a 3-1 victory against the Royal Oak Ambush.

McIlroy scored the Dragons' only goal of the first half that ended in a 1-1 tie. Early in the second half, Savage broke the deadlock and Becky Goosens scored an insurance goal on a fine individual effort.

Lisa Kulpa, Erica Coates, Laura Nicholl, Kelly Roney and Brook Ziehr also played well for the Dragons.

The Dragons continued their strong play with a 5-2 win over the Saginaw Strikers and a 1-1 tie with the Northville Sting.

McIlroy scored four goals against the Strikers, while Goosens had the other one.

McIlroy's first goal was unassisted as she hit the far post from 25 yards out. Goosens got the second goal when she picked up a loose ball in front of the net and scored at the near post.

McIlroy's second of the game came after a perfect pass from Goosens. Megan Warren set up the next goal by drawing the defense toward her and hitting the open McIlroy. The final goal came on a breakaway by McIlroy.

Coates, Deane, Hartmann, Jesnig, Kulpa, Nicholl, Roney, Scavone and Ziehr played strong all-around games. Jones had an outstanding game in goal, making several excellent saves by coming out of the net to challenge the shooter.

1979 North team honored at Friday's game

Members of the 1979 Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team will be honored during halftime ceremonies at the Norsemen's game Friday against Chippewa Valley.

"Fourteen of the 15 players on that team have confirmed that they would be there," said Glen Williams, one of the players who led North to its first berth in the state quarterfinals with a thrilling 39-37 win over Highland Park in the regional title game.

Also, coach Ray Ritter, who now lives in Florida, is expected to attend the reunion.

Goosens scored the only goal against the Sting on a perfect shot to the far post. She had excellent support from Ritter and Keersmaekers. Jones was outstanding in goal again.

UNDER-12

The season was a learning experience for the White Dragons '88.

Andrea Atsalakis improved her goaltending skills, while Jane Singelyn and Martha Dwaihy showed a determination to learn to play defense.

Kelly Rusko has developed good offensive skills, while Aja Jovanovski's conscientiousness enabled her to improve her field play. Samantha Carr's increased confidence was reflected in her valuable defensive play.

Laura Bodien, Meghan Carey, Stephanie Griffin, Jessie Grosso, Katie Petz and Anne Roney have also shown improvement throughout the season.

UNDER-11

The Dragons '89 beat the Troy San Marino Panthers 4-2 as Marion Schmidt scored two goals and Lindsay Krall and Sydney McIlroy added one apiece.

Aimee O'Brien, Becky Scholtes and Elizabeth Lightbody also helped trigger the offensive attack.

The Panthers' strategy in double-teaming Kara Trowell was fruitless as she collected two assists. C.J. Jacobs was solid on defense, while Sarah Hughes and Ellen Palmer kept the pressure on by moving the ball forward.

Dana Steinbrink made her debut in goal and made two outstanding saves.

Earlier, the Dragons lost a tough 2-1 decision to Troy Elite.

The Elite opened the scoring but Trowell scored the tying goal. Troy tallied the winning goal with about two minutes remaining.

The Dragons had strong offensive pressure from Schmidt, Christina Schucker, Maria Simcina and Emily Cumpata.

UNDER-10

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '90 lost only one of their first eight games in the under-10 First Division of the Michigan Youth Soccer League.

The Dragons outscored their opponents 38-8 in posting a 6-1-1 mark.

The only defeat was a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to the L.A. Dynamite. Neither team had many scoring chances in a defensive and physical first half that ended in a scoreless tie.

Late in the game, a controversial foul was called against the Dragons in the penalty box and the Dynamite converted the penalty kick for the game's only goal. The referee who made the call was the second referee of the game. The first left at halftime because of her inexperience in officiating a select game.

A foot injury to defender

Katherine Zurek forced her and Kaitlin Graves to switch positions, with Zurek playing in goal and Graves moving to fullback.

Kate Brennan, Kelly DeFauw, Graves and Sara McPharlin played outstanding defense in shutting down the Dynamite forwards. Anna Basse, Alyssa Carr, Allison Everett, Jackie Farber and Olivia Stander played strong games at forward and midfield.

The Dragons rebounded from the defeat with an 11-1 victory over the Clarkston Shadows.

Clarkston scored the first goal of the game in the first 10 minutes of the contest, but it was all Grosse Pointe after that as the Dragons peppered the Shadows' goalie with more than 20 quality shots on goal.

DeFauw scored three goals, while Carr and Stander picked up two apiece. Also scoring were Shauna Davisson, Everett, Graves and Ashley Zappetell. Basse had four assists and Everett picked up three. Farber, Graves, Stander and Zappetell each collected one assist.

Brennan and McPharlin helped limit Clarkston to three quality chances. Zurek and Stander shared the goalkeeping.

The Dragons edged Southfield Vardar 2-1 under rainy, wet conditions.

Both teams had difficulty maintaining possession of the ball because of the weather and the strong defensive play of each team.

Farber scored the game's first goal midway through the first half on a give-and-go with Brennan. Farber dribbled between two Vardar defenders and blasted the ball past the diving goalie.

The second half produced several scoring chances for the Dragons, but the score remained 1-0 until Vardar tied the game with fewer than nine minutes left. Graves blocked the initial shot, but the Dragons couldn't clear the rebound.

With less than two minutes remaining, DeFauw moved to center. She made a long run up the middle of the field and slipped the ball past the goalie on a perfectly placed shot.

Graves and Zurek combined

North

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remaining in the third period to cap a comeback from a 2-0 deficit.

Alyssa Simon and Boutin also tallied for the Norsemen, while Katie Quinn, Kristi Kamin and Natalie Rostowicz scored the Regina goals.

Scarfone, Alyssa Simon, Rappa and Holloway had North's assists. Danielle Brazen assisted on two of Regina's goals.

"We outshot them 31-13," Van Eckoute said. "We played a great game on both ends of the ice, while their defense played well and their goalie made some big saves."

chances in the second half.

The Under-10 White Dragons is a newly-formed team with an emphasis on developing players.

Although the team started out 1-4, it was competitive in most games.

After an opening 10-0 loss to the United FC Mavericks, the White Dragons regrouped and lost 1-0 to the PGSA Mustangs.

The White Dragons' next game was against the Birmingham Bloomfield Soccer Club Rulers. The Dragons led 2-0 at halftime on Katie Orlicki's goal off a free kick and Elizabeth Steinkamp's hard shot off a nice feed from Shelby Sharples.

Beth Ponkowski scored an insurance goal, assisted by Erin Michaux, in the second half of the Dragons' 3-1 victory.

The Troy Youth Soccer League Flames spoiled the home opener by defeating the White Dragons 3-0. The Dragons held the Flames scoreless in the second half.

The St. Clair Shores Spitfires nipped the White Dragons 2-1. The Spitfires scored both of their goals in the first half.

The White Dragons scored early in the second half when Michaux took a pass from Sharples and went between two defenders to score.

In addition to offensive balance, the team benefited from outstanding goaltending performances by Laura Favier, Elizabeth Hawkins and Catherine Adamo.

Emma Mawby has had several scoring opportunities from her midfield position and has also helped on defense. Chelsea Smialek and Jesse Stevens showed good speed and aggressiveness in containing opponents on defense and in creating offensive opportunities. Raleigh Dettinger and Meredith Quinlan showed great tenacity on both sides of the ball.

UNDER-9

The White Dragons '91 played well against many under-10 teams.

Christine Jarboe, Gabriela Jones, Alexa Lucchese and Cassie Schmitz have been the leading scorers, while Victoria Grant, Katelyn Lynch, Kathryn Repicky and Sara Stencel have been the key play-makers.

Kathryn Carey, Lauren Jacob and Stephanie Schucker have led a strong defensive effort.

GPHA Leafs reach finals of tournament

Goalie Michael Wolcott posted back-to-back shutouts to lead the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Maple Leafs into the championship game of the sixth annual City Sports Center Thanksgiving tournament.

The Maple Leafs were led on offense by Geoff Osgood, who scored the game-winning goal in the semifinals and also had a career-first hat trick during the tournament.

Line Maghielse did a good job attacking the net, while first-year starter Jonathan Austin also played well.

Sam Hull was a standout defensively and scored three goals. The Maple Leafs also got fine defensive work from Chad Simmons and Brendan Mitchell.

MITE DIVISION

Sharks 5, Whalers 2
Goals: Andy McNitt 3, Doug Johnston, Streeter Warren (Sharks); David Clem, Emma Hull (Whalers).
Assists: Nick Monforton, Alex Krebs, John LaVasco 2, Warren, Libby Mathews, Rory Deane (Sharks); Sean Sullivan, Kevin McCarthy, Daniel Gerow, Samuel Spicer (Whalers).

Comments: Tony Casano, Jimmy Mattes and Matt Tallinger were strong defensively for the Sharks, while Michael Ignagni won his first game in goal. Eric Rodgers, Davis Logan and Sarah Gilbride played well for the Whalers.



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RECEPTIONIST/ secretary for law office in Grosse Pointe Woods. Knowledge of Word/ Perfect helpful. Hours/ salary negotiable. 313-882-1470

SECRETARY for Sales Department for CNC machine tool builder. Facility borders Warren. Duties include typing, sales quotes/ orders, shippers, invoices. Prepare monthly reports, take notes at weekly meetings. Handle customer phone calls. Microsoft Word, Excel a must. Position requires experienced self starter. Full benefits package. Salary based on experience. Send resume to Cellular Concepts Co. Attention: Kathy Goodman, 20580 Hoover Rd. Detroit, Michigan 48205. Fax 313-776-5303

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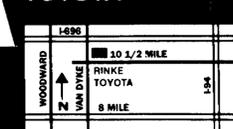
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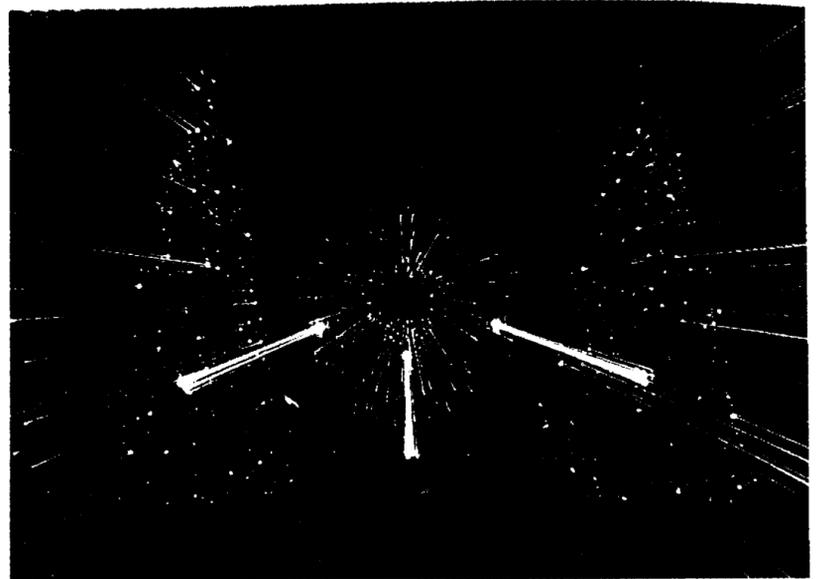
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Windsor Photographer Ed Goodfellow captures some of Windsor's popular landmarks using different effects. Above, a diffraction filter and 50/135 zoom lens jazzes up the Christmas display at Hiram Walker's. Please see Page 14 for more Christmas photos.

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Christmas wish list...

From Hungarian food to Lazy Boys and heart monitors to jacuzzis, Windsor is the place to find all kinds of unique gifts to give at Christmas and ways to celebrate the season.

National Sports, located at Devonshire Mall, can expect a good deal of American customers looking for deals on hockey equipment, says sales associate Sherri Bissonnette. "Apparently, the prices on equipment here really offers a savings versus buying in the States."

And, what better accessory than a Red Wings hockey jersey. "We sell lots of Red Wings clothing," says Bissonnette. "They're always popular."

The most sought-after paraphernalia at National Sports doesn't belong to a sports team, it's any merchandise with the word "Pokemon" on it. "This year, we have Pokemon hats, touques (recently sold out), cards, books and even water bottles," says Bissonnette. "It has been incredible."

Nike running suits should also move well, she adds.

The Columbia Sportswear store finds fleece is what its shoppers are looking for, says saleswoman Jessie Kelly. "Fleece pullovers, full zip-ups, jackets—they are comfortable and warm and they look really nice."

Columbia Sportswear also offers a "three-in-one" jacket. The jacket includes a lining which can be removed and worn separately from the shell during the spring or fall. The shell can be worn on its own. Worn together, the lining and the shell are an especially warm combination. The three-in-one come in a variety of styles and materials, and range in price from \$129 (CDN) to \$500.

The Running Factory offers the right gift for the health conscious person on your Christmas list. Heart monitors are great stocking stuffers, says owner Gary Belanger.

"We have several different models. They act as your own personal 'coach' telling you when your heart rate is too high or too low during exercise," he says. Unlike a coach, the monitors don't yell, they beep when you are out of your target heart rate range.

Celebrate season with unique gifts



Eric Emery, of National Sports wears a Red Wing Jersey, one of the many Nike and Starter outfits the Devonshire Mall carries. The Bauer Vapor 8's are lightweight professional skates which run around \$549 (Cdn.)

Dean Gougoulas owns Images IV where he consults with clients and is able to offer a solution to just about any hair loss problem.

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The Polar company manufactures one particular monitor which can actually conduct a fitness test, says Belanger. "You take the test while sitting or lying at rest. The monitor takes into account age, weight, sex, etc. and computes an index, gauging your health."

Reflective wear is another top seller for Belanger at Christmas. "It's particularly good at this time of year, when you have little light in the morning or at night when you're out exercising. The outfits are not only safe, they typically come in materials that wick moisture away from your skin, and are warm and wind resistant."

For a unique gift, put some Birkenstocks under the tree. These versatile sandals are good for everything from lounging around the house to wearing out as casual wear, says Belanger.

Some great gifts won't necessarily fit under the tree. For instance, a Lazy Boy sofa from Coulter's Furniture. With one of the largest selections of Lazy Boys in Ontario, Coulter's is the place to find right chair to help you perfect the art of relaxation, says sales associate Dorothy Taylor.

Her U.S. clients (a good percentage of Coulter's customers come from the across the border) also are partial to the store's bedroom suites. "At Christmas, parents come in to select bedroom furniture for their children, or to find a great gift for themselves." The store does delivery twice weekly to the U.S.

"We also have parents buying their children computer desks," says Taylor.

Coulter's finds curio cabinets are also a good seller during the holidays, she adds. "They're great to keep your collectables in."

Jones' Fine Furniture also enjoys a strong U.S. clientele, says salesman Dan

Debroe. "They can't get close to the value that we offer—we feature excellent quality at a large discount due to the exchange rate."

Leather furniture tends to be popular, he notes. "It's puncture proof, stain resistant and long-lasting." He cautions buyers to check that the frame is sturdy however, "or it doesn't matter how nice the leather is."

Accessories are also strong sellers—from lamps to pictures and plate racks. "The Classic Interiors store operates out of our showroom. They offer many unique items."

Then, there's the handyman—or woman—who prefer to make their own furniture. Check out Cashway for great home building materials, says manager Don Hastings. "We sell a lot of power tools, remodelling materials, flooring, kitchen cupboards, and jacuzzi tubs," he says. "We've had people arrange for dry-wall to be delivered for Christmas."

In fact, it's not unusual for people to decide to give themselves the present of a home renovation. When it comes to the right tools, cordless tools are big sellers. "They're great for around the house—they don't really get heavy duty use."

For U.S. customers, Hastings notes that windows and doors are particularly good deals. "They're a bargain over here."

So much for home improvement, when it comes to personal improvement, American shoppers are increasingly choosing services in Windsor. For example, the Windsor Laser Eye Institute finds the majority of its clients come from the U.S., says Sandra Koljivrat, its marketing and education coordinator.

"The attraction is the technical advancements here and the experience of our doctors. Dr. Fouad Tayfour, who started this institute, was the first doctor in North America to perform this



Strolling gypsy duo Rudy Chicco on guitar and Anthony Balog on violin join Blue Danube owner/chef Sam Popadic in welcoming guests to the authentic Hungarian cuisine restaurant before undergoing a facelift on its facade this summer.

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surgery," she says.

Or, check out Images IV, which provides hair analysis and replacement services. Dean Gougoulas, owner, says that U.S. customers enjoy the savings available through their strong dollar. "Beyond that, they appreciate what we can do for them."

Still stuck for gift ideas? Make it simple. Go to Ticket Wicket Travel and pick up a gift certificate. "We offer a variety of denominations and they can be used for anything from a weekend in Vegas to the downpayment on a cruise," says associate Karyn Anderson.

"They're great when you can't think of anything else and want something really fabulous."

After entertaining family and friends,

perhaps the best gift is a night out for a great meal. The Blue Danube Restaurant features authentic Hungarian delicacies such as goulash in a kettle, chicken paprikash and wiener schnitzel, says owner Sam Popadic.

The restaurant recently underwent a significant makeover to augment its excellent menu.

"To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we expanded and remodelled," says Popadic. "And, we have special menus during December, as well as evening specials."

The Blue Danube offers both traditional and novelty items, as well as vegetarian plates for those who so choose. Popadic's suggestion: try the gargantuan Transylvanian wood platter for two. And don't forget to bring an extra appetite.

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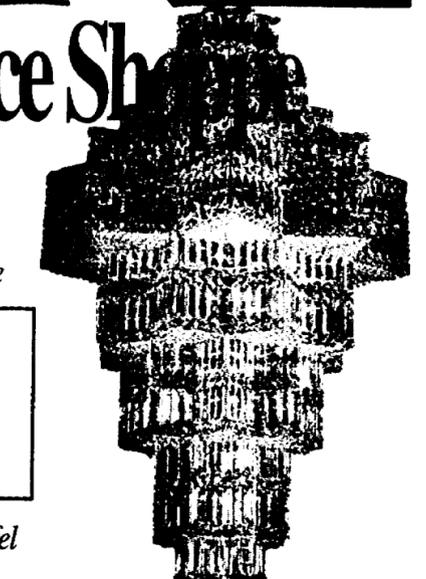
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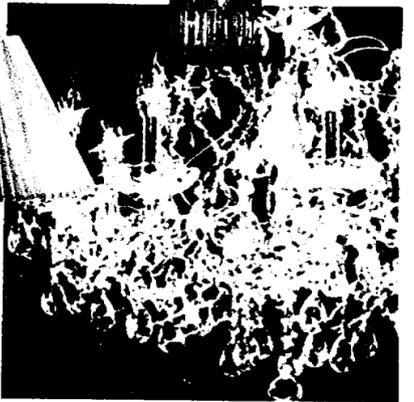
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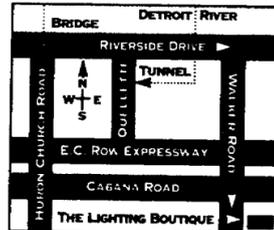
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But Darrin Kivell and his small staff of craftsmen at Maple City Billiards produce 300 such tables each year - often with custom poker tables, air hockey tables, foosball tables, dart board covers, lights and accessories to match.

Whether refurbishing a late 1800s billiard table or building one of their own in 1999, the craftsmen at Maple City Billiards give every piece they touch the attention of an artist. No computerized cutting programs are pumping out the side rails here. Each and every one is cut, shaped, sanded and finished by hand.

"It's an art. You can't get this kind of quality commercially," says Kivell, who honed his skills under the watchful eye of his father Reg. "I grew up doing it."

Reg started the business 26 years ago, working out of a small 575 square foot shop. His father doubled the size of the shop 10 years ago, and when Darrin took over five years ago, decided it was time to grow again. He moved the workshop to a rural spot just outside Tilbury, next to his home, and is now considering expanding again.

"We don't ever want to be huge, but we need more storage space for materials," explains Kivell. Given that Italian-honed slate arrives by the shipping container full, with several varieties of wood, which is purchased unplaned straight from the mill, must be stored, it's easy to see the need for space. "We moved to this shop two years ago and now we have to add on again."

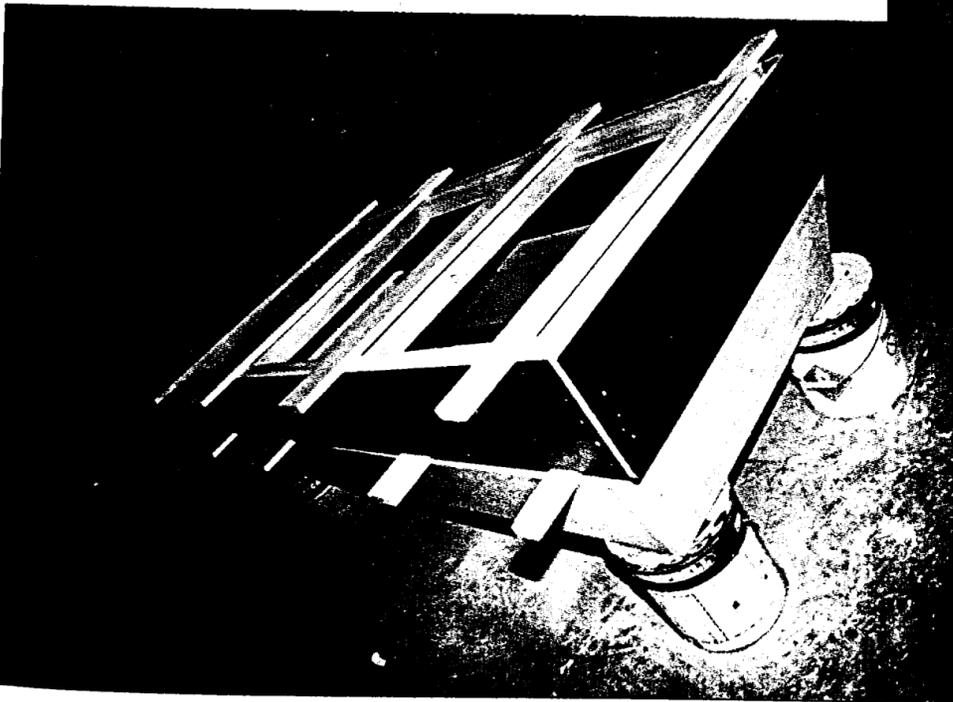
It's an impressive growth pattern given the fact Maple City Billiards almost never advertises its services. But when you see the workmanship... well, it simply speaks for itself.

PLEASE SEE 10



Left to right, The showroom for Maple City Billiards, located at 2441 Dougall Avenue, also has a number of custom made hockey and soccer tables on display. Taking pride in the fact that they are not a factory, Maple City Billiards completes the building of each table from start to finish and does so by order only. Above, Darrin Kivell, owner of Maple City Billiards, can be seen putting the finishing touches on a rail for a future pool table.

Nancy Papak



Labour of love

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"No one competes with our finish," Kivell says in a manner that is not boastful, but completely certain.

"It's all done by hand, with three coats of finish, and we sand it by hand between coats."

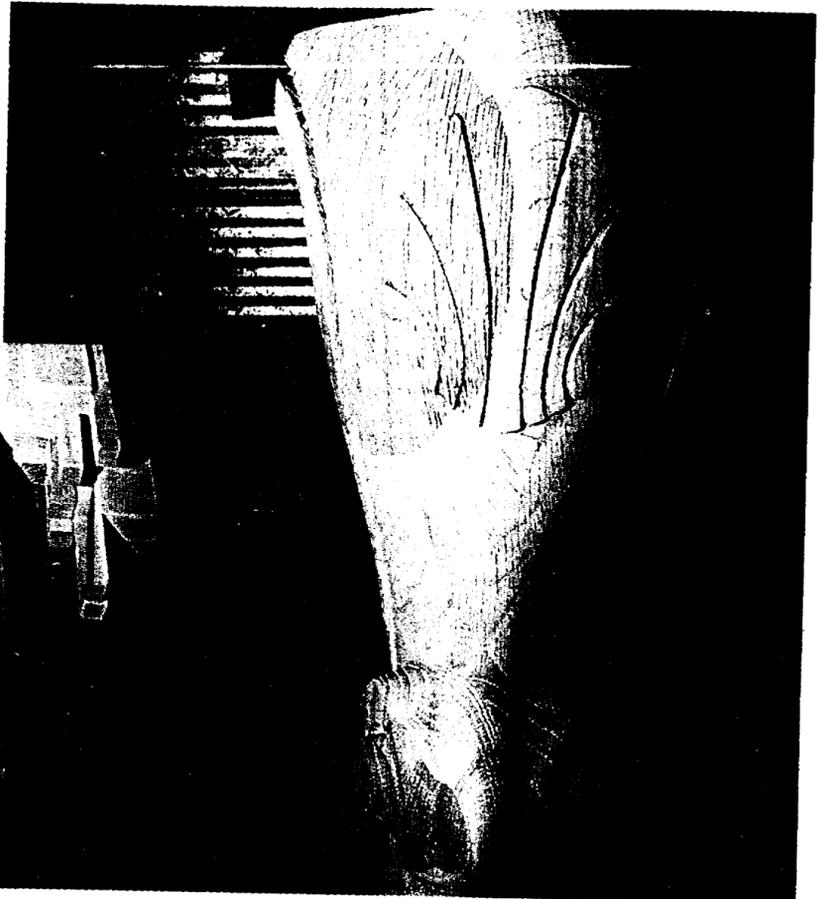
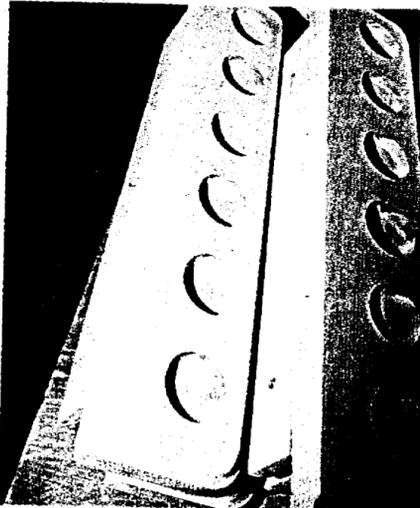
Almost all Maple City Billiards' work is referral business, or jobs generated by word of mouth. They can provide single pieces for games rooms, or design the room in its entirety.

Kivell personally works with interior designers or the clients themselves to come up with a look that fits the home. Rustic to modern, he accommodates it all... just don't ask him to "cut corners" on anything.

"We don't cut corners" Kivell states - again a straight statement of fact. "I won't have my name on it if it's not the best."

Oddly enough, the best might just mean spending 85 hours hand crafting a table before taking a crowbar or rocks from the driveway to it, "aging" the table

From left: Maple City also manufactures a number of pool table accessories and can customize these items to match existing tables. Pictured are a number of cue racks under construction. Right: A variety of leg styles are available to choose from when custom ordering your table from Maple City Billiards.



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Workmanship and service key to success

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just right to fit with a customer's antiqued decor before the finish coats are applied. Such special requests are received, and accommodated, on a regular basis.

Choose from 32 felt colours for the top, 12 styles of legs, woods like cherry, oak, walnut, maple and Honduras mahogany, or any custom wood you'd like them to use. There are also countless stain colours, a variety of pocket styles and projects to match a wide range of budgets.

Whatever the request, if it belongs in a games room and it's made of wood, Maple City Billiards will build it.

Complete rooms including a billiard table, air hockey and foosball, as well as a custom light to match the table, start at about \$6,000. Special requests and extra custom items have brought many projects into the range of \$25,000.

"We strive for customer service and satisfaction. Without that you have nothing," Kivell says. "Our staff is all highly trained and focused on their work. They take pride in it and our reputation speaks for itself."

Patience is a large part of that. Not every woodworker, even the better ones, have the patience required to create work that will be treasured for a lifetime. But Kivell counts himself fortunate to have found like-minded, and skilled, woodworkers for his staff. Like the 100 year-old tables he and his staff sometimes refurbish for clients, it's easy to imagine one of their tables receiving the same loving care 100 years in the future.

"A woodworker is only as good as his imagination. That's what it boils down to, because you can do any-

thing with wood," Kivell explains. But timing is important, and while Maple City is already booked for orders right until Christmas, tables can usually be delivered in three to four weeks from the time they're ordered. And in the infrequent instance when a problem arises after delivery, it's addressed promptly.

Drawing on an example, Kivell recalls one client who had invited several friends over to enjoy his brand new billiard table one Friday night but was having some problems. The owner called Kivell, who determined that it was quite likely a section of the slate had been cracked during delivery. Packing up some tools and a replacement piece of slate he drove to the client's home, replaced the slate and had them back playing within two hours.

"Where else is someone going to get that kind of service?," Kivell asks. "Service like that goes a long way to building your name, and we always accommodate the customer."

Maple City Billiards is also an entirely family-run operation. Kivell owns the company and runs the workshop. His sister Bonnie runs the showroom in Windsor and his mother Joan in Chatham.

"We're going to be around a long time," Kivell predicts. "My son Matthew already shows a lot of interest at age 10. He's always out here in the shop building things. Maybe one day he'll take over the business from me like I did from my father."

Maple City Billiards' Windsor showroom is located at 2441 Dougall Road in the Darwin Plaza. Their Chatham showroom is located at 556 Bloomfield Rd. in Chatham.



Customers can choose from several different options when purchasing a table from Maple City Billiards and may also choose to design their own table from scratch.

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Grandfather clocks offer great way to watch 1999 tick away

BY KAREN PATON-EVANS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

When the clock strikes midnight on December 31 1999, it will be a moment for all to remember and cherish forever. What better way to ring in the future than with a timeless special edition grandfather clock created just for the grand event.

Hentschel Clock Company of Waterloo, Ontario is crafting 100 of these elegant clocks and no more. Samuel Cerveni of A. B.'s Watch & Clock Shop says 86 of the limited edition clocks have already been sold.

The millennium clock is handcrafted in solid cherry with a sculpted crown and base accented in West African pomele veneer and sycamore and wain-gay inlays.

The finish is hand-rubbed, bringing warmth and lustre to the hand-carved wood turnings, finial and three-quarter columns. Each nickel plated dial face features a calendar, milled brass numerals and a moon phase plate. The dials are individually numbered and etched with "2000 Millennium Edition."

The mechanical movements are constructed by one of the

world's best timekeeping engineers, Hermle of Germany. A brass plate bearing your name and your personal message will mark the clock as a future family heirloom. A certificate of authenticity is presented with each clock so generations to come will know they have inherited a very special and valuable time piece.

The millennium clock boasts 16 hammers, 12 of which enable it to chime the complicated and beautiful melodies of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony "Ode to Joy" and Schubert's "Ave Maria".

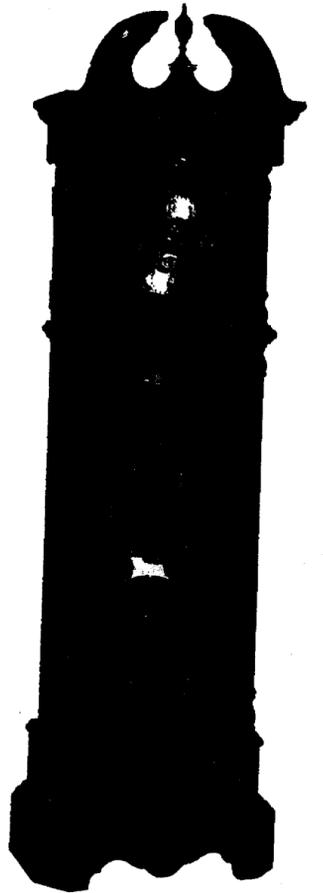
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It also plays the traditional Westminster chime. The clock chimes on the hour, but the tunes can be conveniently silenced with an automatic night shut off.

The cherry wood millennium clock retails for \$10,000 CDN or approximately \$5000 US. The clock is also available in an

oak cabinet with different styling for \$7500 CDN or \$3750 US. Each millennium clock is built upon order. Such beauty and quality cannot be rushed; it takes four to five weeks to build one clock, so Christmas shoppers should place their orders with A. B.'s Watch & Clock Shop immediately.

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The 'streets are alive' with savings for U.S. shoppers

By KAREN PATON-EVANS

Even though the average US rate of exchange has hovered above 40 percent for the past year, many Americans still have not figured out just how much they can save by coming to Canada to shop for everything from food to furs.

The City Centre Business Association, comprised of downtown Windsor's retailers, restaurateurs, hoteliers and professionals, is spreading the word that the border city

The CCBA's "Clue In To It" campaign is targeting potential customers in Michigan and Ohio through strategic advertising.

is a real bargain for US visitors. The CCBA's "Clue In To It" campaign is targeting potential customers in Michigan and Ohio through strategic advertising placement in publications and on billboards throughout both states.

The ads inform readers that "Your American Dollar Goes So Much Further" in Windsor's downtown area.

The CCBA is also reaching out to more than 4.5 million US viewers through a

cooperative ad program currently aired on CBS Channel 62. The commercials illustrate that "The Streets Are Alive" by showcasing 18 City Centre co-op partners, including Lazare's Furs, Plunkett's Bistro-Bar, the Radisson Riverfront Hotel and the City Centre Revitalization Task

Force.

Experienced Americans enjoying tremendous savings in Windsor's downtown eateries, boutiques, pubs and theatres usually return often. Visitors from

Saginaw, Lansing and Toledo find the drive of two hours or less ideal for a day of shopping and sight-seeing. Others take advantage of bargain accommodations and extend their stay.

The CCBA is hoping to convert more people through a new marketing initiative intended to demonstrate that Americans can get a lot more for their money by shopping, staying and playing in Windsor than when they do the same things in the US.

Celebrating Christmas cheer can be contagious

STORY BY KAREN PATON-EVANS
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

In this season of goodwill toward all men, women and children, community occasions that bring people together are as plentiful as light bulbs on a Christmas tree.

Take the time to meet old and new friends in your own neighbourhood and around Essex County. But remember, the spirit of Christmas is highly contagious. So wrap yourself up in your brightest smile and spread your holiday cheer to everyone you meet.

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Tues.-Sat. till Dec. 18: A Windsor Winter at Windsor's Community Museum. See how our forefathers played, travelled and kept warm during the coldest months of the year at the turn of the 19th century. Free admission. 253-1812.

Dec. 10-11, 17 and 18: Rebel Without a Claus. The Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre is hosting the hilarious adult improv show with a holiday spin. 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 each. 253-7729.

Dec. 12: Windsor Community Orchestra's Family Christmas Concert. Dancers from the Janice Brode School of Dance and Santa Claus are the stars of this toe-tapping evening at the Caboto Club. 7 p.m. Free admission. 253-2000, ext. 2790.

Dec. 18, 19: Windsor Symphony Orchestra will fill the Chrysler Theatre with Sleigh Bells and Sugar Plums. The annual Family Holiday Celebration starts Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 19, 2:30 p.m.. 252-6579 or 1-800-387-9181.

Dec. 19: The Harps are sharing holiday music played upon harps with its Celtic Christmas. 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18/16 or \$15/\$13. 253-7729.

Dec. 31: Welcome 2000 and Riverfront Celebration. Ring in the new millennium at the free, non-alcohol family event. Entertainment will be provided on super-screens showing continuous live performances and music videos, footage of significant moments in history and messages and well wishes from local celebrities and citizens. The grand finale will be a Midnight Spectacular which promises to be unforgettable. Civic Terrace in the City Centre. 977-1709.

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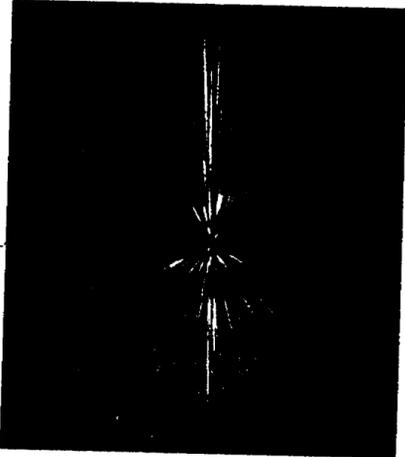
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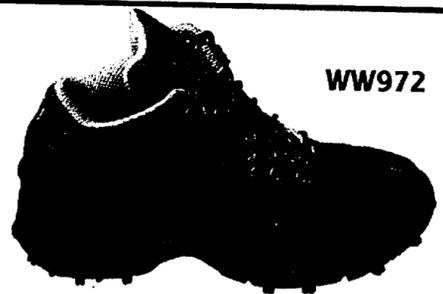
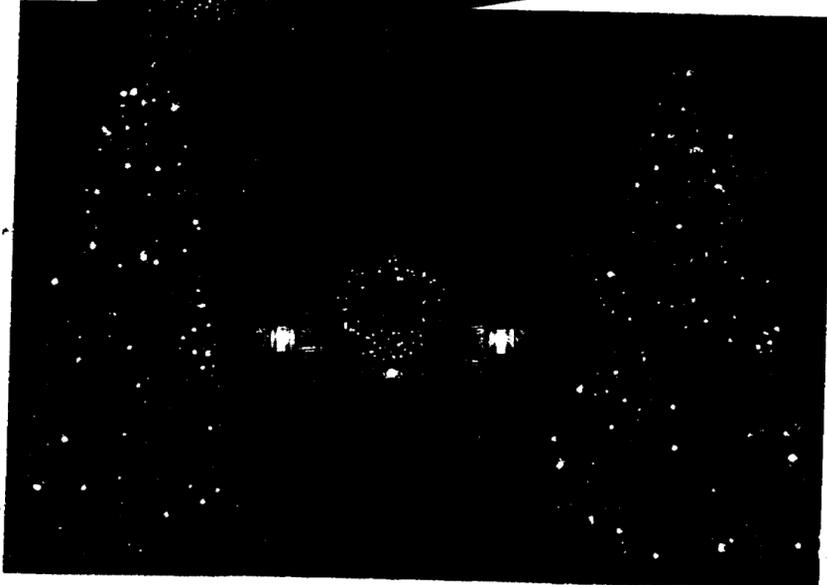
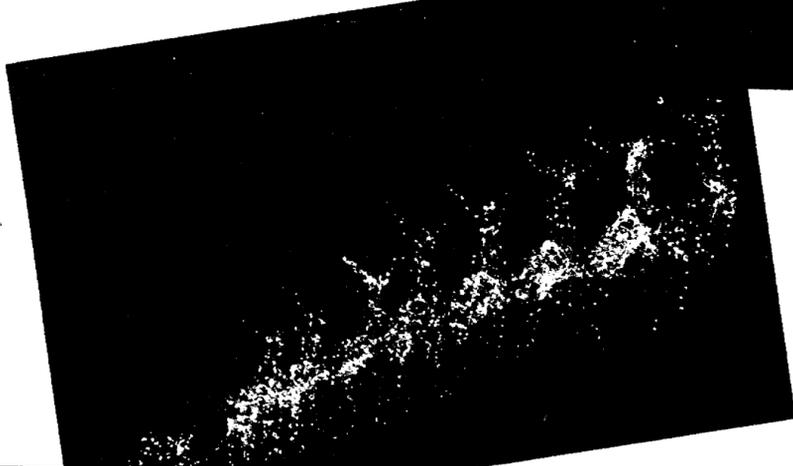
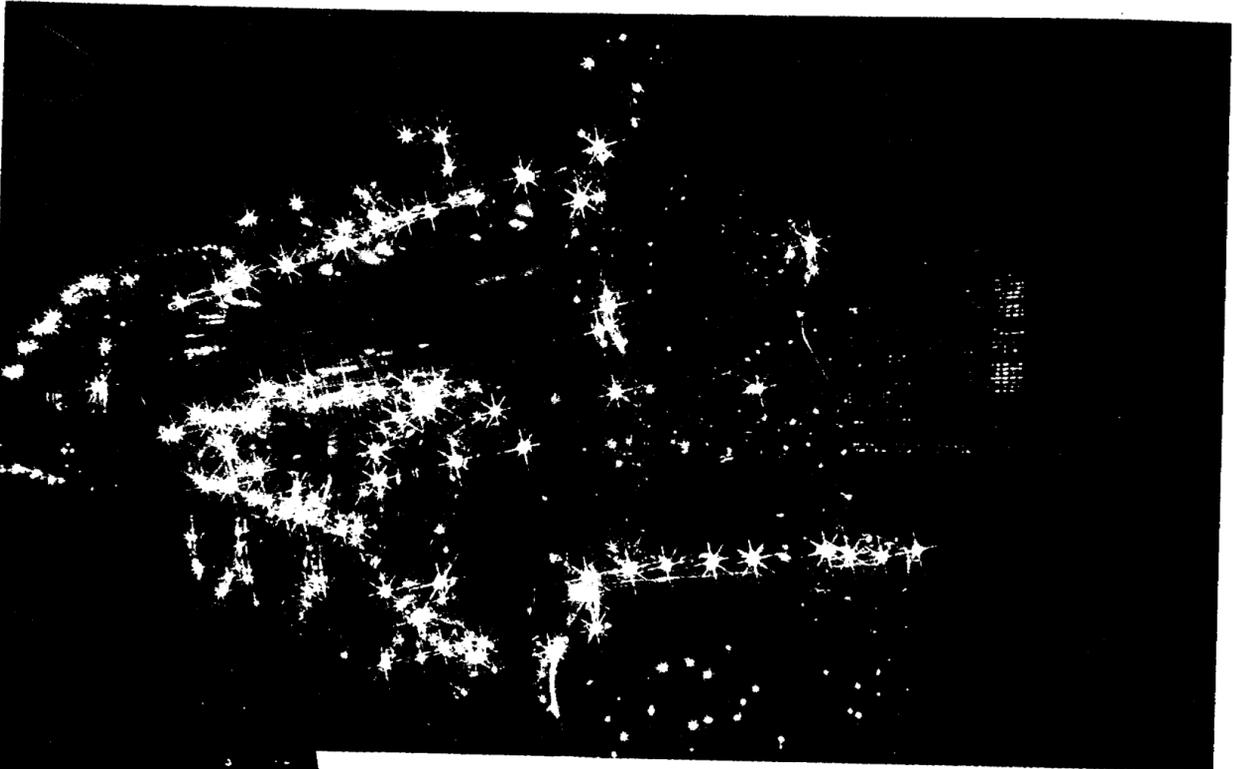
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Catch the glitter of the season



Photographer Ed Goodfellow captures some of Windsor's finest sights at Christmas. Clockwise, A zoom lens creates this stylized tree image; The Spirit of Windsor comes alive with the use of a star filter; Santa and his reindeer light up the sky with help from diffraction and star filters; and a diffraction filter is used on this Christmas display at Hiram Walker's main office on Riverside Drive.



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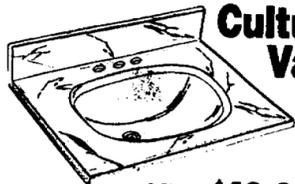
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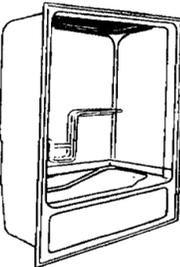
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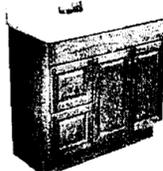
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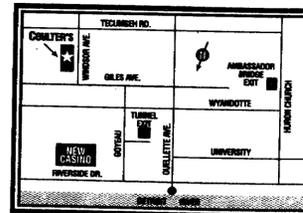


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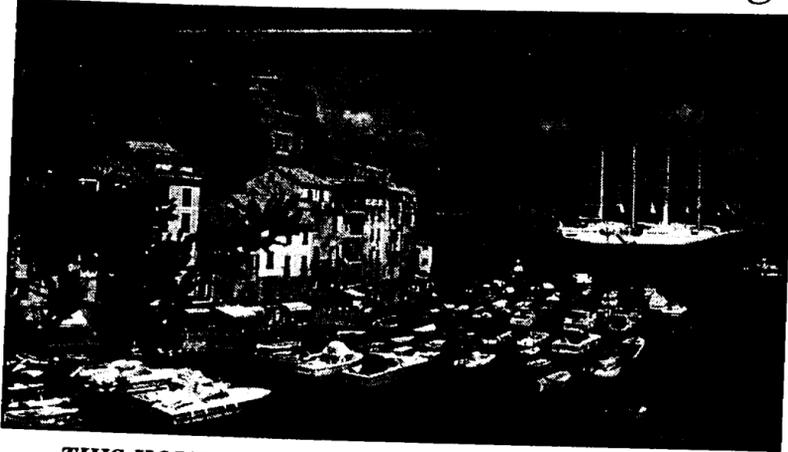
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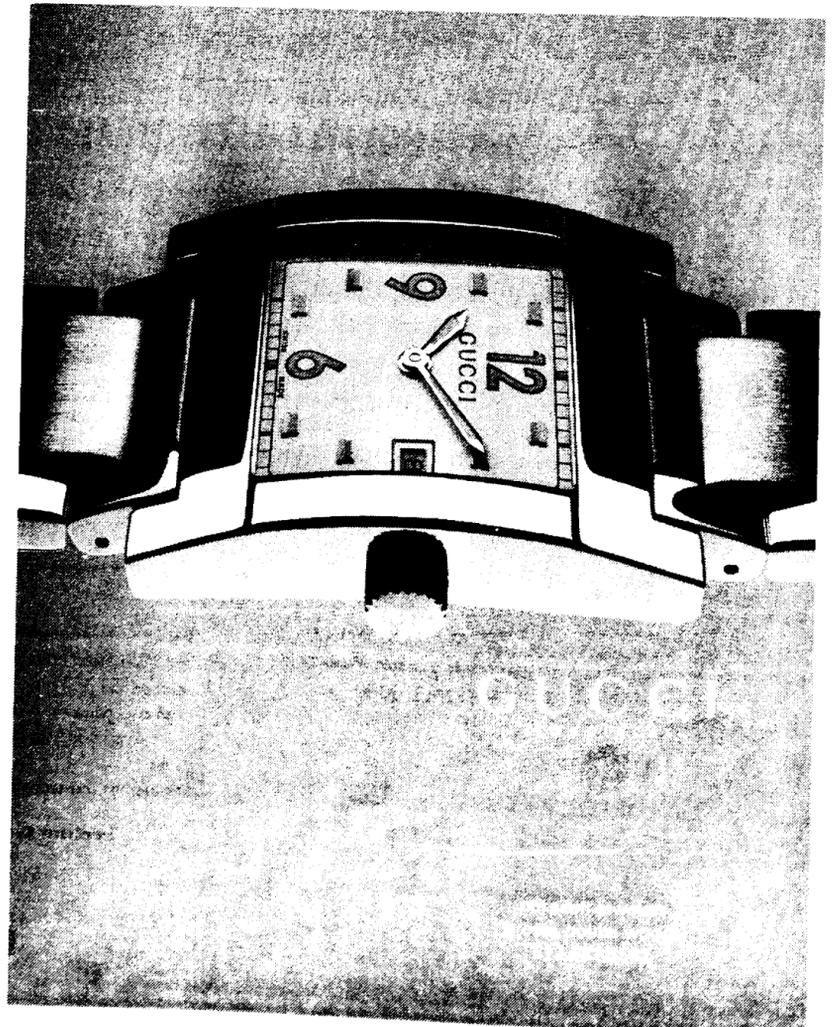
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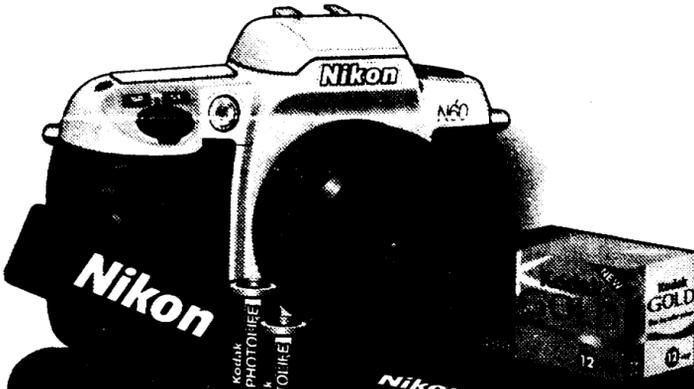
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This holiday season, you can build up your immune system. Some of the best known immune system supporters are vitamin C, zinc and the herb echinacea.

Think Zinc. Since it isn't easy to get even the minimum daily value of zinc from your diet, a zinc supplement could help. Nutrition Now is a Vancouver, Washington-based company that specializes in supplements to ease you through the cold season. Nutrition Now's Zinc Cold King lozenges come in handy especially when you feel the first tickle of a sore throat. Each tablet has 15mg of zinc along with vitamins C and A, and because it is a lozenge it enters the system quickly. Zinc King is available in two flavors, raspberry and orange.

Flower Power. Since the 1900's, Echinacea (or purple coneflower) has been used to encourage the body's own immune-system response. When you think you might be catching a cold, that's the

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For more information about natural cold-season products, call Nutrition Now, Inc., at 1-800-929-0418.

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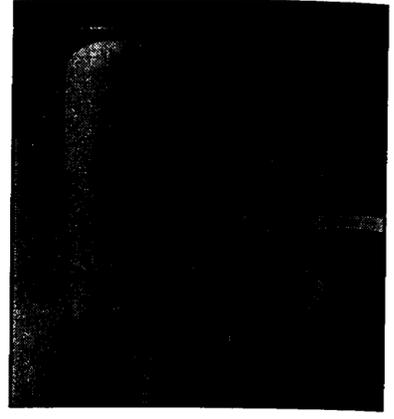
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The No. 1 maker of home water-filtration systems, Brita Products Co. offers several useful and affordable products for everyone on your list. You can count on Brita for the person who already has everything, including too much lead and chlorine in his or her tap water.

Perhaps the freshest gift idea this season is Brita's Ultra Faucet Filter System. It attaches easily to standard faucets and provides fresher, healthier water at a fraction of the cost of bottled water. It has a compact, streamlined shape and offers a choice between filtered and unfiltered water at the flip of a switch. An indicator light even lets you know when it is time to change the filter.

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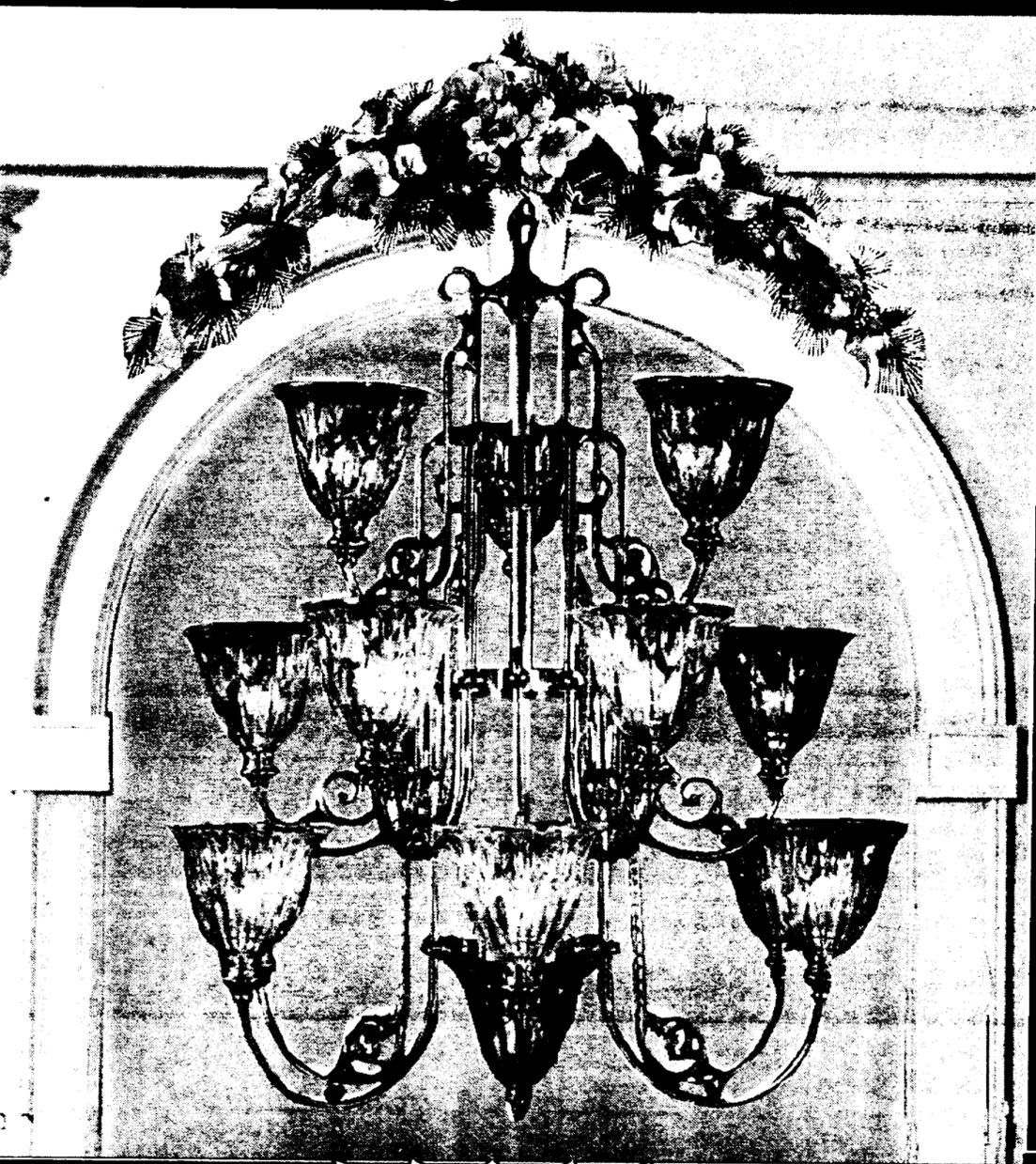
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Along with the stress of tackling these holiday chores are the financial pressures, long distances, health concerns and conflicts with in-laws that can keep some families and loved ones apart. This can lead to additional stress, as well as negative feelings like anger, frustration, sadness, fatigue, loneliness or even resentment.

While it is not uncommon to feel stressed or a little blue during the busy holiday season, following are a few tips to help make the holidays a little brighter.

- Plan ahead as much as possible.
- Keep reasonable expectations.
- Accept that there only is so much you can do, given time constraints and financial considerations.
- Try to maintain a positive outlook.
- Get involved by helping others who are in need.
- Don't get caught up trying to please everyone.
- Be more forgiving and tolerant — many people may be feeling the same way you feel.
- Even with the best planning, be prepared for setbacks.
- Make time for yourself to have fun.
- Remember what really counts — a little compassion, love and understanding can be the best cure for handling holiday stress.



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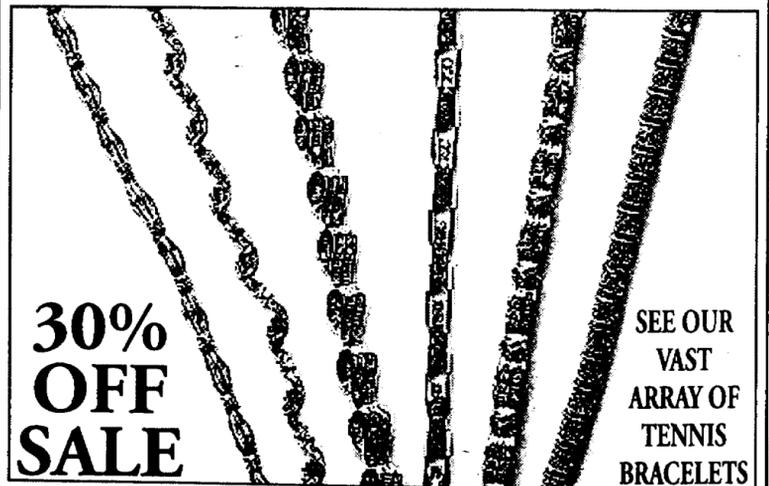
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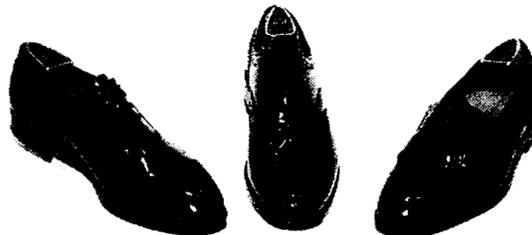
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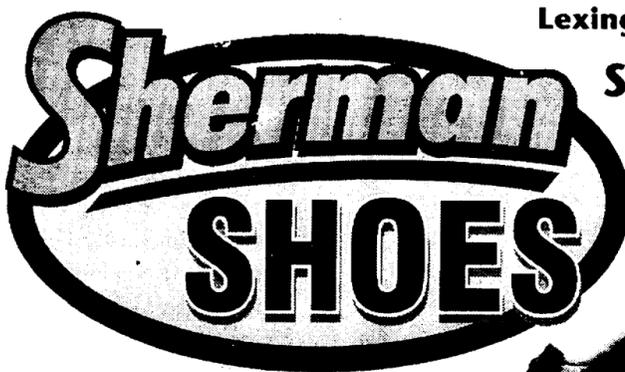
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(NAPS)-With all the day-to-day hustle and bustle, it sometimes seems impossible for parents and kids to get beyond the necessary conversations of-"Did you brush your teeth?" and, "Is your homework done?" Famed toy experts Joanne and Stephanie Oppenheim, both busy parents themselves, understand the challenges and the importance of finding playtime with children. As a result, they've developed a "Top 10" list of toys to help busy moms and dads bond with their kids.

The Oppenheims, co-founders of the independent research organization The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, believe that finding playful ways to connect with your kids is more than just fun. "After a long day at school and work, it's nice for parents and children to have a way to unwind," says Stephanie Oppenheim. "A board game that's quick and easy or a craft project creates great opportunities to play and learn together."

Top 10 Together List

The Oppenheims' top 10 toy picks to help moms and dads bond with their children are:

1. **Goodnight Moon Game** (Briarpatch)-Scenes from this classic book are now used for a board game that's a great choice for developing language and visual skills. Children take turns picking and matching cards with pictures on their lotto-style playing boards. For children ages 2 1/2 to 6.

2. **Feltkids Interactive Books** (Learning Curve)-Great books with movable felt figures for expanding your child's language and original storytelling skills.

3. **Geosafari Talking Globe Jr.** (Educational Insights)-Parents can help kids ages seven and up learn the names of states, capitals, countries and other details with this easy-to-read, interactive globe.

4. **National Geographic: My World Quilt** (Curiosity Kit)-Kids can create their own quilt by drawing pictures onto preprinted panels with headings such as "This is my family." The panels

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6. **Lego Mindstorms** (Lego)-This interactive toy integrates computers, robotics and construction sets allowing kids to build their own programmable robots. This toy is one of the most significant breakthroughs in children's computing-it's truly a 21st century plaything. For children ages eleven and up.

7. **Rokenbok Expandable RC Building System** (Rokenbok)-An open-ended system for multiple players that features remote control trucks that load and unload marbles from a motorized conveyor belt, and up and down ramps. For children ages six and up.

8. **SuperZoom Balls** (Curiosity Kits)-Family science projects just got better with crystals that change into solid, bounceable materials in just three minutes when water is added. For children ages six and up.

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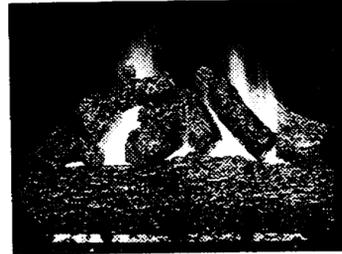
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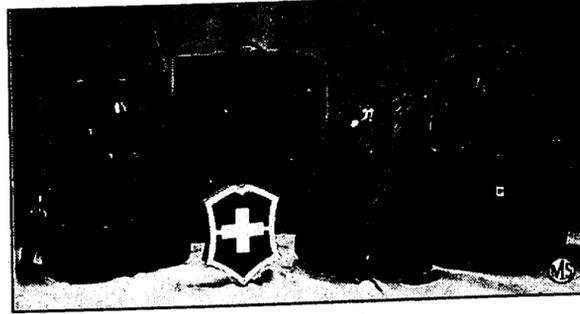
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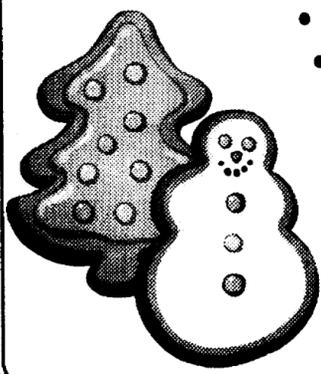
New Year's Eve quickly is approaching. As the clock is about to strike midnight, most people ring in the coming year with a glass of champagne or sparkling wine.

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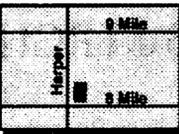
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SPOTLIGHT

Sweet Potatoes

(NAPS)-Once upon a time, sweet potatoes were a ho-hum holiday dish. Several generations of Americans had only eaten sweet potatoes in a casserole covered with marshmallows. But today, in everything from burritos to soups to salads, are in the spotlight. Included in the popular Sugarbusters® diet, they contain virtually no fat. Plus, the Center For Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) listed the sweet potato as the #1 vegetable in nutrition. See what the buzz is all about with this imaginative recipe.



1/3 cup chopped pitted dates
In a saucepan, cook sweet potatoes for 8 to 10 minutes in boiling water until tender. Do not overcook. Drain and toss with lemon juice; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, orange rind, orange juice, honey, ginger, nutmeg, and salt to taste. Stir in warm sweet potatoes, pecans, celery and dates, tossing gently. Serve immediately or cover and chill.

Makes 6 servings.

For a free Louisiana sweet potato Trim & Terrific recipe brochure by cookbook author Holly Clegg, call the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission at 1-800-522-4742 or write to P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550.

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HONOR YOUR HUNGER:

Tips for Eating Wisely

by Evelyn Tribole

(NAPS)-Eating wisely is a life-long approach to nutrition, not just a New Year's Resolution. Each year around the holidays, I see healthy eating intentions backfire. People try and outsmart the cheese log by starving themselves before the big family dinner or party. But in the end, this meal-skipping strategy only drives their bodies into a near-panic state, causing overeating at the holiday gathering. No matter the season, your body still has a fundamental requirement for energy and needs to be fed at least every five hours during the day.

As a practicing nutritionist, I gently remind my clients to eat smart, no matter the season. Whether you are looking to lose weight, increase your energy level or maintain a fitness program, I encourage everyone to take a simple, rational approach to nutrition. These straightforward tips will keep you healthy year-round:

- Follow the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid, the nutrition gold standard for more than six years. You don't need to memorize the pyramid in detail, just remember the different food categories and the "six, five, four, three" serving rule—a minimum of six servings of grains, breads and cereals; five servings from fruits and vegetables; four ounces of protein-rich foods; and three servings of lowfat milk, cheese or calcium-rich foods. Apply this simple rule to your diet consistently and you will have an eating plan for success.

- Ignore miracle diets and promises. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is—you just can't burn extra fat while you sleep or watch television. The recent high-protein diet fads are particularly misleading and contradict the principles of the Food Guide Pyramid. Remember, you need at least six servings from the grain group (carbohydrates) in order to power your mental activities and to produce glycogen—the energy source your muscles use during exercise.

- Don't forget that a calorie is a calorie. Calories eaten in excess can result in weight gain regardless of the source. A recent study demonstrated that no one type of food by itself can make you fat, only excess calories will. Similarly, no one type of food increases the ability of your body to eliminate fat, only eating fewer calories and exercising more can cause weight loss.

- Stay active. You need to be physically active for at least 30 minutes almost every day to keep fit—even something as simple as walking counts. If you are exercising at a moderate or vigorous level, such as running or hiking for more than an hour, make sure that your body has enough fuel. The preferred fuel for muscles is carbohydrates. You burn 45 grams of carbohydrates—equivalent to three slices of bread—during a two-mile run. Evelyn Tribole, M.S., R.D. is a nationally recognized nutritionist, contributing editor to SHAPE Magazine and author of five health books including Stealth Health.

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Also included are suggestions and menu offerings from Chanukah, New Year's Day, Festa di Natale and La Fiesta de Los Trez Reyer Magos. All are perfect for family gatherings just as Riunite is ideal for everyone's holiday entertainment schedule.

Each menu, prepared by Riunite's food experts, is accompanied by a complete description of the holiday, its historical origins, its purpose and the suggested Riunite wines to go with the foods.

Copies of Good Times, Good Wines are available to consumers, free of charge, at their local wine shop or liquor store. No purchases

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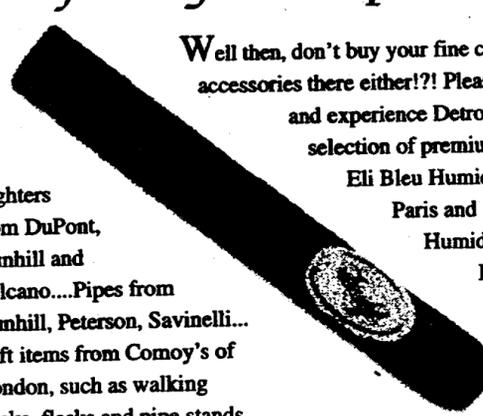
The Riunite collection offers a wine to go with every type of food, providing a pleasant framework for nuances of tastes and ingredients. The classics continue to gain in popularity. The wines include Lambrusco, Bianco, Rosato, Lancellota D'Or, Blush and a recent addition, Merlot. Other best-selling Riunite wines include raspberry and peach fruit wines and a sparkling spumante. These latter wines make wonderful bases for holiday punch bowl creations.

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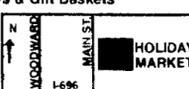
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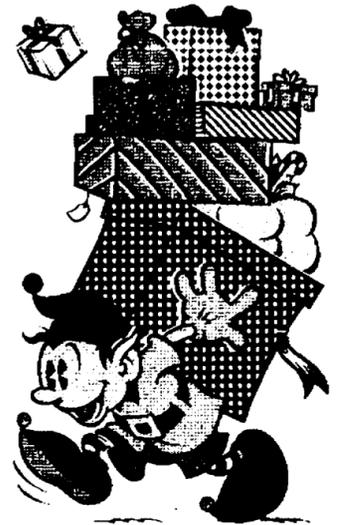
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(MS) — Stressing out about coming up with ideas for clever stocking stuffers or grab-bag gifts to give this year? If you are looking for presents for friends and family who happen to be fans of hand-held games, don't worry about finding yourself short on cash or giving the same old standby gifts. While your family decorates the tree and ices the cookies, spruce up that familiar Game Boy with a rainbow of colors and extra accessories that will make you the coolest elf in Santa's workshop.



You may have noticed that the new Game Boy Color hand-held units now come in cheery holiday-ornament colors of berry, teal, dandelion, kiwi and purple. But why stop colorizing with the Game Boy Color itself? Thanks to NYKO Technologies, these lively portables may be decorated as colorfully as the tree in the living room. Anyone who is an avid Game Boy lover would appreciate several of the new game accessories that can be mixed and matched to color-coordinate with the hand-held unit.

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In a typical Christmas tree lot, you'll find several tree varieties, and of course, they come in all shapes and sizes. Some are easy to hang ornaments on (like the Noble Fir, Balsam and Fraser Fir), and others are much fuller and denser (like the Plantation Douglas Fir and Grand Fir), better lending themselves to decorating with garland or rope-type decorations. It's a personal preference as to which one better suits your needs.

Choose a tree that doesn't have any brown or broken branches. If the tree is tied or wrapped up, open it up so that you can see what it will

look like in your home. "Spin" the tree around so that you can see all sides of the tree, checking to ensure that there aren't a lot of dead needles on the branches. After you select your tree, ask the tree-lot operator if it can be tied or wrapped for ease of transporting it home on your car roof or in the trunk.

Always place the tree on your car roof or in the trunk with the butt pointing towards the front of the car to minimize needle loss or stress on the branches. Make sure you secure the tree well to keep it from falling off and causing possible dangerous situations for other drivers.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

A dry Christmas tree can ignite and go up in flames in as little as 30 seconds. The most obvious way to avoid a fire is to keep open flames far from your tree. To safeguard it from sparks, don't operate a fireplace in the same room. Place the tree away from heat sources and air ducts/vents to minimize drying out. Always turn off tree lights at bedtime and when you are away from home.

Position electrical light cords and extensions so that no one can trip over them. To prevent trees from tipping over, use a stand that will support the tree well and keep it balanced. Tighten the tree-stand screws into the trunk securely, distribute ornaments evenly and keep extension cords out of high traffic areas.

Always cut off 1 inch to 3 inches of the butt of the tree to create a fresh cut just before you place the tree in a stand. Add water immediately to prevent a seal from forming that will prevent the ready absorption of water.

Keep THE Tree Well Watered

To reduce safety hazards and to keep trees looking their best, keep them well hydrated. The average Christmas tree "drinks" between 2 pints and 1 gallon of water per day. On the first day, it may draw more than a full gallon! A common cause of tree "dry out" and premature needle loss simply is allowing the tree to run out of water. When this happens, the tree forms a seal that chokes it off from drawing any addi-

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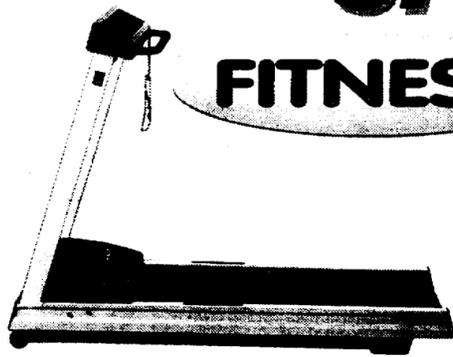
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The holidays are a time of celebration and happiness — a time when family and friends gather to share in the joy of the season. To make this time special, people should plan activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Whether it's decorating 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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Owner of 50 outlet centers nationwide, Prime Retail offers the following tips that will help ensure successful shopping this holiday season:

- Shopping starts at home: come prepared — Before you leave the house, make a list to bring with you. Include all family members and friends you plan to exchange gifts with, in addition to special recipients like teachers, mailpersons,

beauticians or co-workers. It may help to call the center's customer service or management offices and request a list of stores, hours and amenities prior to your visit.

- Establish a realistic budget — Determine a spending limit for each person on your holiday list. Consider setting aside a portion of the budget for some freedom of choice for when you encounter a great gift item that isn't on your list.

- Shop for out-of-season merchandise — The majority of the merchandise carried in outlet centers is first-quality and in-season. However, shopping during the holiday season for fall or summer goods will present the opportunity to find these items at an even deeper discount.

- Put your name on store mailing lists — Many outlet stores have customer mailing lists at the register. By placing your name on these lists, you'll receive early notification of

special holiday sales and promotions.

- Consider gift certificates — Everyone has someone on his or her list who is difficult to shop for. Consider either a center-wide gift certificate, available at center-management offices, or a merchant-specific gift certificate that can be purchased directly from the store.

- Shop on a full stomach and when well-rested — Hunger and fatigue can impair judgement and reduce patience. If you are not able to eat a full meal prior to your holiday excursion, pack a snack for energy or stop by the center's food court or eatery.

- Utilize amenities when shopping with children — There are many centers that are child-friendly for those parents who enjoy bringing their children with them when they holiday shop. Visit customer-service booths where many centers offer complimentary stroller rental and

can direct parents to other amenities like playgrounds and food courts.

- Plan an entire day: outlet shopping is worth the trip — Outlets are a viable alternative to regional malls and offer consumers true one-stop shopping. Most outlet centers house stores that offer gifts for men, women and children, as well as the office and home. By traveling that extra mile to visit an outlet center, many shoppers find that they are able to purchase most of their list within one trip.

The holidays are an opportunity to gather with family, friends and loved ones and share special moments while creating memories that last a lifetime. They represent a time to reflect upon the past, take joy in the present and renew hope for the future. To some, the holidays mean gathering around the table for a festive feast, while to children, the holidays mean, well, what else — gifts!



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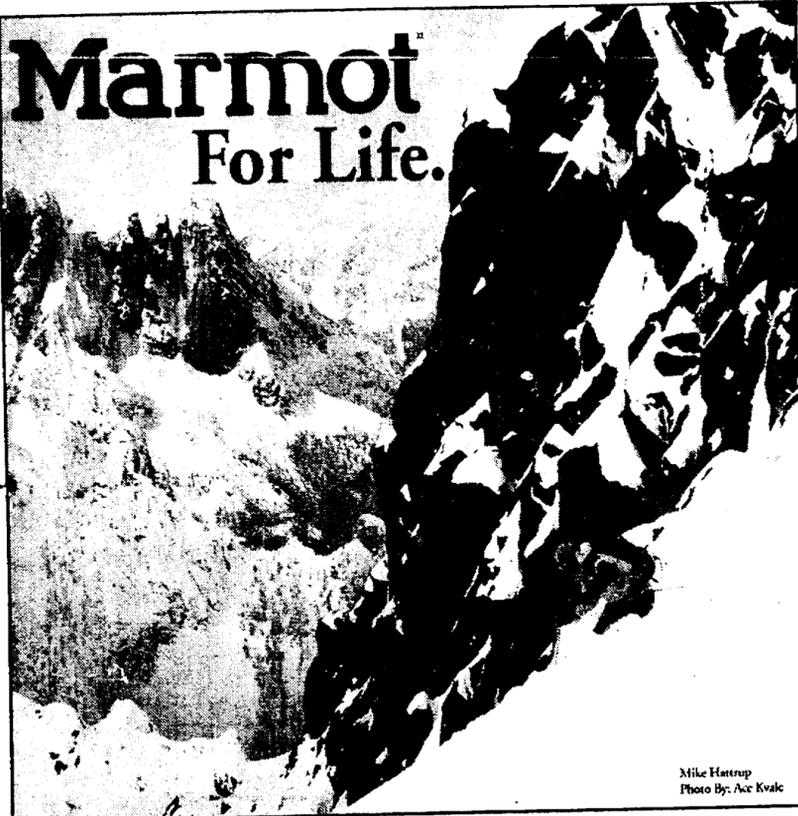
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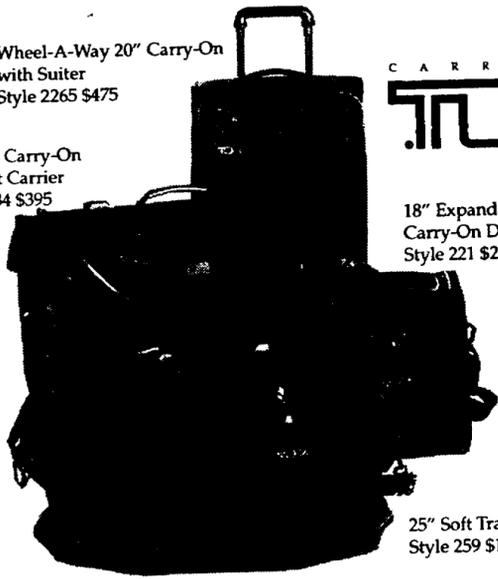
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Janet Bailey, food expert and author of *Keeping Food Fresh: How To Choose And Store Everything You Eat* suggests making large batches of cookie dough ahead of time and freezing portions in ZIPLOC® Brand Slide-Loc® bags. Then when special occasions pop up, you can thaw the dough and bake your cookies in minutes with no fuss.

"Bags are perfect for freezing and thawing cookie dough, and with these bags, you can actually hear the bags zip close to know food freshness is securely locked in," Bailey said. "Once the bag is tightly sealed, be sure to complete the label with the date and contents-cookie dough may be kept in the freezer at 0 degrees Fahrenheit for up to 12 months."

Other tips for delicious, picture-perfect cookies include:

- To keep baked cookies fresh, store cookies in a tightly sealed plastic bag at room temperature for one week, or store in a bag in the freezer at 0 degrees for nine to 12 months.
- Fill bags with frosting or icing and squeeze to a bottom corner of the bag. Gently snip off a small piece of the corner and squeeze downward to decorate your favorite cookies, cakes or brownies.
- For a one-step process without the mess, fill bags with nuts and lightly crush for dessert toppings.
- Cookies make fun, visual table toppers, no matter what the occasion. Consider themed cookies decorated for: Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Day, Super Bowl/Football Parties, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter,



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1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon extract

Beat butter and powdered sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy. Mix in flour and salt; mix vanilla and lemon extract. Refrigerate dough until very firm, about four hours. Divide the dough into three equal parts. Roll 1/3 of the dough on well floured surface into three equal rectangular shapes (12 X 6 inches). Score dough with sharp knife crosswise and lengthwise in halves to make four rectangles, or cut into shapes with three inch cookie cutter. Place dough on greased cookie sheet and refrigerate. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake cookies at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes, or until barely beginning to brown. Cool on pans on wire rack. Cut large rectangles into 6 X 3 inch bars with sharp knife while still warm.

EXPRESS Special Thanks

While there need not be a particular occasion to give gifts to all the special people in your life, there is no time like the holiday season to shower loved ones with presents — and no better time to thank the people who mean the most.

According to Robyn Freedman Spizman, author of "The Thank You Book" (Longstreet Press), "'Thank you' is the ultimate expression of appreciation that acknowledges someone's thoughtfulness ... This immediate reciprocation validates and acknowledges the goodness that life has to offer."

While a thank-you card always is nice, there are many different ways to express special thanks, Spizman says. The following clever suggestions, courtesy of "The Thank You Book," are ideal for the holiday season.

- **Homemade thanks** — Make homemade chocolate-chip cookies and add a note to a tin of them that says, "To one of the smartest cookies I know, thanks always."
- **Thank-you gift-wraps** — Make your thanks memorable with a special gift-wrap, like a box in a box. The search for the gift is half the fun!

There are many ways to write a thank-you note, but what is the best way to truly express your thanks? The following tips are courtesy of Robyn Freedman Spizman, author of "The Thank You Book" (Longstreet Press).

HOW TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR A GIFT

- Make the thank-you note specific in its thanks, and describe the gift or act of kindness.
- Express how you felt when you received it.
- Let the person know that not only is his or her gift appreciated, but that he or she is, too.



Why Don't You ...

As you're checking off your holiday gift list this season, why not take a moment to consider the people who are part of your everyday life — the doorman, the hairdresser, the bus driver ...

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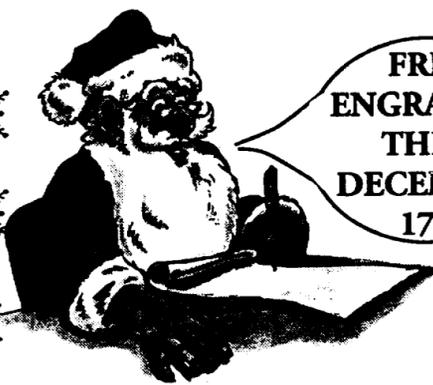
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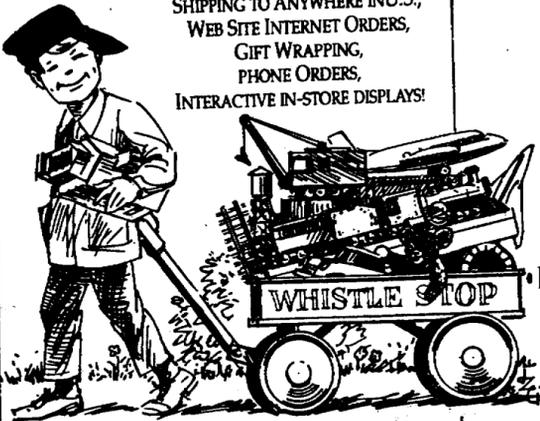
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by Steve Capellini
(NAPS)-As demands on our time increase, so does our desire to escape from the stresses of daily life-especially during the holidays. Some people seek relief by visiting destination spas. As a licensed massage therapist, I've been fortunate enough to work at some of the world's most luxurious spas. One of my favorite ways to help my clients liberate from daily tension and enhance their moods is with an aromatherapy treatment.

Aromatherapy is the use of fragrant essential oils from plants, flowers, roots and other sources to enhance physical and mental well-being. But you don't have to go to a spa to enjoy aromatherapy.

Try my combination of aromatherapy and other spa treatments for relaxation, refreshment or even to spark romance.

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Romance

To create a romantic mood, I suggest couples exchange massages. Before you start, make your environment as comfortable as possible. Light a Simple Escapes Sensual Rose candle, dim the lights and play a CD of your favorite love songs. Complement the candle's fragrance with a bouquet of roses and use rose scented massage oil.

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HOW TO Plan a Party with Style

Between Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve and "no occasion" get-togethers with family and friends, this certainly is the season for parties. And, a well-planned party makes the celebration all the more festive.

Making a guest list, determining a budget, planning the menu ... all these details can make your head spin. According to the NACE Catering Research Institute, the best way to plan any party, whether large or small, is to begin with the basics — list-making and organizing.

The following party-planning tips, courtesy of the NACE Catering Research Institute, will help you make your next soiree a success.

Determine the following

1. Date

2. Time

3. Location:

- Evaluate space needs — home; rented location; restaurant; hotel

- Inventive venues — art gallery; museum; theater; outdoor theme park; ice-skating rink; barn; yacht; pier; double-decker bus; train; ferry; hot-air balloon

4. Type of party — brunch; lunch; cocktails; dinner; dessert

5. Guest list

6. Equipment needs — glasses; dishes; linens; serving pieces; trays; bar equipment; bar table; chairs

7. Form of invitation — phone call or mail

8. Budget — include costs for invitations; liquor; food; rentals; staff; music or entertainment; flowers/decorations

9. Music or entertainment — consider: taped background music; hired musicians/band; string quartet; strolling guitarist; pianist; harpist; jukebox; disc jockey; caricaturists; palm readers; mime; magician

Once the background work has been laid out, your plans will progress easily. On the day (or evening) of the party, prepare to grace your guests with style.

- Allow yourself enough time for party preparation so that you are ready when the guests arrive.

- Always strive to make guests comfortable:

1. Offer guests a drink upon arrival.

2. Stimulate conversation between guests by making introductions.

3. Keep guests mingling.

4. Don't spend all of your time in the kitchen.

5. Clean up after your guests have left.

TOAST THE HOLIDAYS

Drinks from Coast to Coast

(MS) — Celebrate the spirit of the holidays with festive winter beverages. No matter which holiday you celebrate — from Hanukkah to Christmas to Kwanzaa to New Year's Eve — try ushering in the season with a bevy of drinks served coast to coast throughout the United States. The following tasty drink recipes are courtesy of Hilton Hotels.

Hilton San Francisco's Christmas Yule Eggnog

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8 ounces eggnog
1 ounce blended whiskey
1 ounce rum
Add blended whiskey and rum to eggnog and serve.

Hilton Anchorage Cinnamon Toast

Anchorage, Alaska

1 ounce Captain Morgan's Original Spiced Rum
6 ounces hot apple cider
Sugar & Cinnamon
Add Captain Morgan's Rum to hot apple cider. Garnish with sugar and cinnamon.

Millennium Hilton Cosmillennium martini

New York, N.Y.

1 1/2 ounces Absolut Citron
1/2 ounce Chambord
Juice from a quarter of a lime
Candy stick
Raspberry skewer

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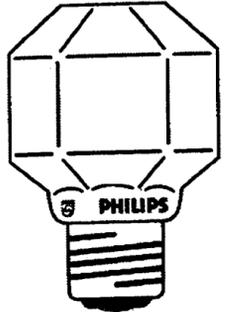
It can be intimidating to act as host, especially around the holidays, but with the right tools, your party can be the event of the year. To help you plan your party, Philips and lifestyle expert Katie Brown have created a free brochure, "How to Have a Ball at Home," which provides tips on how to throw a successful New Year's Eve bash.

• Nearly 70 percent of consumers agree that the lighting in a home has a direct effect on the mood of a party.* An excellent way to create a soft look and feel in a room is to place lights at various levels, both the height of the fixtures and the wattage of the bulbs. Philips provides consumers with several "dim-mable" light bulb options including the Philips Dimmable compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) or its Halogená halogen bulb.

• It's the little things that count — pick one color and carry it throughout the party so that your New Year's celebration looks impressive. Begin with the invitations and extend it all the way through to the party favors.

• Personalize your party by covering your dining table with a colored cloth (reflective of your color theme) with clear, see-through pockets all over it. Insert black-and-white pictures of various events that occurred throughout the past year.

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two separate locations. To add a twist to the ordinary, offer a variety of drinks, each named for a person who helped shape the past millennium. For example, you can try The Einstein, The Columbus, The Queen Mary or The Abe Lincoln.

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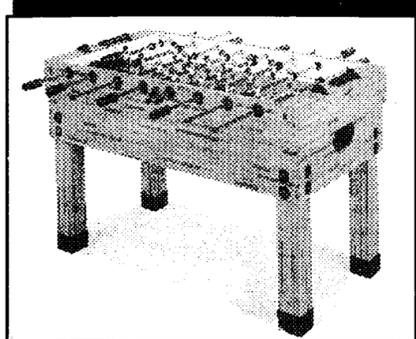
To receive a copy of the free brochure, which includes additional party-planning tips, call the Philips Consumer Information Network at 1-800-555-0050 or visit the Web site at www.lighting.philips.com/nam. To purchase your own Halogená 2000 light bulb, visit The Home Depot.

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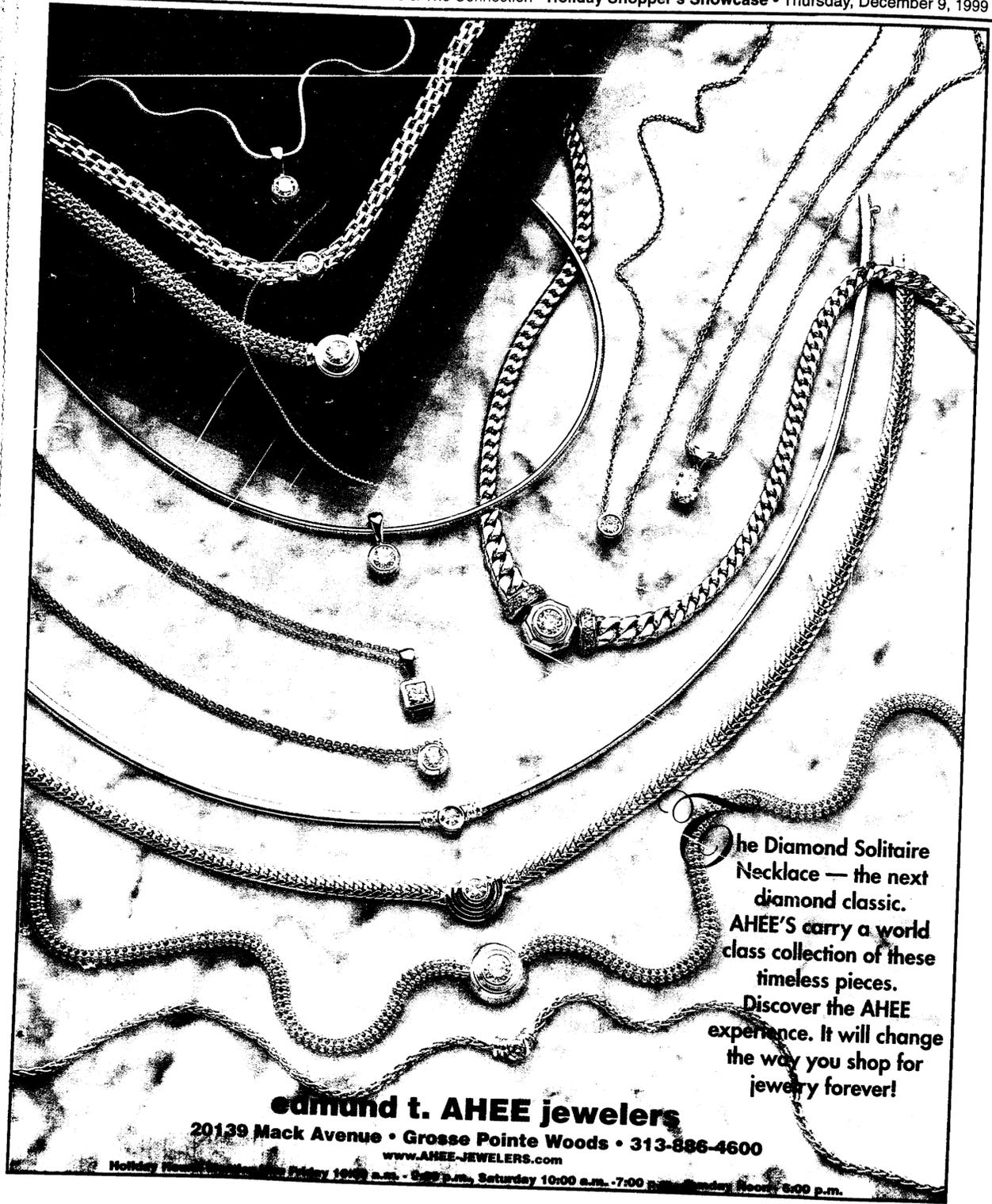
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The perfect Christmas tree is a real tree

A fresh cut Christmas tree is truly the symbol of a traditional Christmas. The fragrance of your tree fills the home with wonderful memories. For the true Christmas enthusiast searching for just the right tree is just as much fun as opening presents on Christmas.

There are many types of evergreens available for Christmas trees including scotch pine, white pine, spruce, Douglas fir, concolor fir, Fraser fir and balsam. Other climate zones may offer different evergreens. Michigan is the Christmas tree capital of the United States and we have the luxury of many choices of fine trees.

Some trees are more popular than other trees and our taste for trees has changed over the years. The scotch pine used to be the tree of choice for most shoppers. Even though the majority of trees sold are scotch pine, in our area the trend is moving toward fir trees.

Prices on fresh cut trees have not changed much in the past 10 years. Many consumers have moved away from the less expensive pine tree and are buying the more expensive fir trees which have a more uniform shape and are softer to the touch. In the past, 90 percent of the trees sold were scotch pines, they now account for about 30 percent of the sales in our area.

Pine trees have been used as Christmas trees for many years. These trees are known for their good needle retention and stiff branches for easy decorating. Scotch pine needles are medium lengths at about 1 to 2 inches long. White pines are longer, about 2 to 3 inches long. Pine trees retain their last three years of needle growth. All pines shed their oldest needles in the fall. If you see brown needles inside the



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By David Soulliere

tree it is natural. Most Christmas tree growers use a shaker to help remove these needles from the inside of the tree before it gets to the tree lot.

Spruce trees are great for decorating because they have stiff branches and usually have a little more room between the branches. The needles are short, only about 1-inch long, and picky. Needle retention isn't as good on spruce as it is on the other evergreen types. Spruce-tree buyers will have to put up with more dropping needles and a shorter indoor tree stay, but ornaments hang nicely on the tree and spruce trees have a nice fragrance.

You will find most tree lots have either white spruce or Colorado spruce. The Colorado spruce has a little longer needle and will last a bit longer, and these trees have a blue-green color.

Fir trees have been growing in popularity. Firs naturally grow straight so you don't have to fight to get it to stay standing once you get it inside. Included in the fir-tree family is the concolor fir with its bluish color and longer needles.

The Douglas fir has a wonderful fragrance and is soft to the touch. Douglas fir trees are popular trees because of their good needle retention and dense branch structure. The branches are not as

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ON THE COVER...

19811 WEDGEWOOD GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Attractive four bedroom, two and one half bath custom built one owner home conveniently located close to Star of the Sea and University Liggett. Great floor plan features: two story entry foyer, spacious country kitchen, natural fireplace in family room, master bedroom with private bath and convenient attached garage. Just a short walk away from the Hunt Club, you will be sure to enjoy the beautifully landscaped yard this home has to offer. Available for immediate occupancy the opportunity to purchase this spectacular family home won't last long. Don't delay - call today for additional information.

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755 PEMBERTON GROSSE POINTE PARK

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1341 AUDUBON GROSSE POINTE PARK

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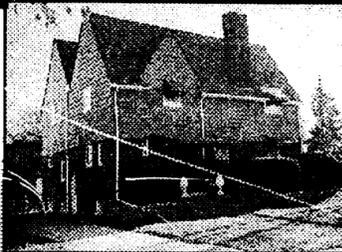
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Smart & Simple Decorating

Make every day a holiday at home

By Carol Donayre Bugg, ASID

This year, when sprucing up your home for the holidays, plan on incorporating a few ideas that will continue to bring you pleasure, even after the celebrating is over. What more compelling motivation could you have to complete overdue decorating projects than a Christmas deadline? The added incentive is realizing that this type of holiday decorating will bring you joy every day year round.

If your home suffers from any of the following challenges (C), try my simple solutions (S) for an instant and lasting reward:

C. Do you have an unsightly spot on your wall-to-wall carpet, but are not ready to replace it?

S. Cover the soiled area with an attractive patterned area rug. For extra panache, place the rug on the diagonal.

C. Are your dining room chairs marred with nicks and scratches?

S. While replacing them with upholstered chairs is not an option, invest in a lovely new textured fabric to slipcover the old chairs.

C. Do your rooms suffer from a lack of proper lighting?

S. Add a great-looking lamp or two, and in particular, one of the handsome new floor lamps, that in addition to brightening up the space will also free up your tabletop.

C. Speaking of tables, are your guests always searching for a place to rest their drink?

S. Small accent tables or a nest of tables will relieve that situation and make everyone feel more at ease.



C. Are you short on chairs when you are entertaining?

S. Be on the cutting edge of the trend toward unmatched furniture and introduce interesting odd chairs that can be used to expand a conversational grouping, or be pulled up to a dining table when additional seating is needed.

If you answered yes to any of the above challenges you still have time to solve the problem and have your home decorated in time for the holidays.

My wish for you this season is that your decorating endeavors, as well as the holiday message of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," is not stored away with the Christmas ornaments, but instead becomes a permanent part of your daily life.

Carol Donayre Bugg, ASID is the director of design for Decorating Den Interiors (DDI) and author of "Smart & Simple Decorating" (published by Time/Life). For more "Smart & Simple Decorating" ideas log onto decoratingden.com.

Home Tips

IS IT SAFE? — Recently, we installed a new Formica countertop in our kitchen. To preserve it and make it shine, we were told to cover it with a thin layer of automobile wax rubbed in, and then wiped down with white vinegar. Do you recommend this? Joan G., Bradenton Beach, Fla.

EDITOR'S REPLY: I recommend this method highly. It works! Also, do be careful when cutting up vegetables, slicing and dicing. Always use a cutting board so that you don't scratch the Formica.

OUT, DARN SPOT — For ink stains on hands or clothes, just spray a little hair spray and wipe with a damp cloth. It may have to be done twice, but it works. Hope

this helps someone. Peggie Jo R., Mount Juliet, Tenn.

SCRUNCHY HOLDER — An easy, neat way to store hair scrunchies is on a round belt hanger. They're all visible and in one place. Olivia D., Albany.

CHECK IT OUT — When painting a room, dip a white blotter in the paint. Later, when shopping for curtains, drapery or whatever, you will have a good match. Rita V., Germantown, Md.

Share your special Home Tip with our readers. Send it to Diane Eckert, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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strong as other trees but you will not get picked decorating a Douglas fir tree.

The Cadillac of Christmas trees is the Fraser fir. You get the soft needles of the fir but stiffer upright branching similar to the spruce tree. Every year more and more Fraser firs are sold. Even though this is one of the more expensive trees, if you select a Fraser fir this year you will probably be buying this type of tree every year.

A few simple steps can ensure that you have a safe and long lasting tree. First, give your tree a fresh cut before bringing it into the house. Many of your tree lots will do this for you at no charge. If you are not setting up the tree right away then leave the tree in a bucket of water, until you are ready to do so.

Choose a tree that is not losing green needles in the lot. The branches should be flexible and

the needles should not pull out easily. Plenty of fresh water is the key to keeping the tree fresh throughout the holiday season. A Christmas tree will absorb a lot of water the first few days that it is brought into warmer temperatures. Make sure you check the water level daily and add more water as necessary. A tablespoon of bleach in your tree water will keep any bacteria from growing in the water.

Whatever type of tree you choose will be perfect since Mother Nature cannot grow a bad tree. Those little imperfections or crooks in the tree let you know it did not come out of a box. Nothing can beat the smell of a fresh cut Christmas tree in your house.

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

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Avoid tragedy, be safe with holiday lights

The twinkling of decorative lights is an important part of the holiday season, but even more important is that those lights — both interior and exterior — be safety checked prior to installation.

Claudia Gabay, Detroit Edison's corporate lighting consultant, said safety should be the No. 1 priority when using seasonal lighting.

"The hustle and bustle of the holiday season shouldn't prevent people from checking their decorative lights and other trimmings for safety hazards," said Gabay. "Just because your lights worked effectively last year doesn't mean that everything will be OK this year. A few minutes spent checking cords for potential hazards can possibly prevent a fire or worse."

Every year, tragedy strikes during the holiday season because of house fires that start because of faulty or damaged electrical cords and improper use of electrical outlets and electrical decorations.

Lights should be thrown away if they have frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation. To reduce the possibility of electrical shock or fires, check for an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label before stringing lights and setting up other decorations.



Gabay warned that some light sets and other decorations might be stamped with bogus UL labels and not designed properly for safe operation. If you are suspicious about a low price on light sets, compare the UL label with another on a name brand set.

Home decorators also should make sure lights are used as the manufacturers intended them to be — for example, indoor lights for indoor use only.

Gabay noted that homeowners can use a simple "touch test" to determine if a light set is potentially dangerous.

"If indoor lights are too hot to the touch, I wouldn't use them," she said.

After the safety checks are completed, you can decorate your home knowing that seasonal lighting is an inexpensive way to put a sparkle on the holidays. Most lights cost from less than one cent to 7.5 cents per string to operate for six hours, depending on the wattage. For lights that blink on and off, the cost is halved.

Detroit Edison, the largest electric utility in the state, offers the following tips so everyone can enjoy safer holidays:

Indoor lighting

- Do not overload electrical cir-

cuits.

- Use not more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.

- Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in.

- Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes.

- Turn off decorative lights before you go to bed or before leaving home.

Outdoor lighting

- Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.

- Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.

- Do not run lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

Document neighborhood winter bird life

People in Michigan watch birds year-round. When winter weather comes, many prefer to sit indoors and look out the window at their bird feeding stations rather than bundling up and braving the elements.

This is the 23rd annual Winter Bird Feeding Survey, a joint effort of the Michigan Audubon Society (MAS) Research Committee and the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

To join the survey, send your name, mailing address and telephone number, to the MAS Feeder Survey, Kalamazoo Nature Center, P.O. Box 127, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49004-0127, or call (616) 381-9738 or e-mail radams@naturecenter.org. The survey is funded through the

generosity of participants. A \$5 contribution (or more) is essential to its continuation.

In 1998-99, 707 people participated in the survey, with at least one from each of Michigan's 83 counties. However, more watchers are needed, especially from the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. These statewide observations give an overview of the health of bird populations in Michigan.

Last winter participants tallied 216,238 birds of 145 species. A summary of last year's results is included along with a table showing the number of participants by county.



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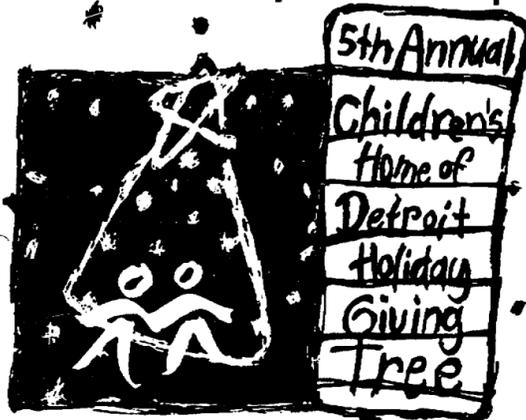
Beautiful Lochmoor Blvd. is the setting for this all brick ranch. Marble faced fireplace in the spacious living room - a wide archway opens into the well sized formal dining room with a full wall of windows to view the back yard. The family room offers a wet bar cathedral ceiling and door to the patio. A full bath is accessible to this area which could allow for use as a bedroom suite. There are two large bedrooms with full ceramic baths. The library features built in cabinetry/bookcases and door to the patio. New oak flooring is in the foyer and kitchen with bayed dining nook. The many updates include shingles, thermopane windows thru-out, landscaping with paver brick walk, insulation and new components for the efficient HWBB heat. \$443,900.



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Wood heat fires still pose danger to residents

Although fires resulting from wood heating are less frequent these days, they still represent a serious danger to Michigan residents. In 1998, three people died and another 11 were injured as a result of wood heating blazes. Wood heating fires increased steadily from the late 1970s to 1983, when the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division reported 2,708 wood stove and fireplace incidents and over 3,400 fires originating in chimneys. Since that time, these fires have decreased significantly. In 1998, there were 308 fires resulting from wood-stove and fireplace heating and 479 originating in chimneys.

"The lower incidence of these blazes is due in part to consumers becoming more knowledgeable about proper equipment installation and operation, as well as a decreased reliance upon wood for home heating during recent years," says Leanne Snay, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan (IIAM).

The nature of wood-heating fires has changed drastically. In the late 1970s, when homeowners were just rediscovering wood as an energy source, improperly installed systems were the lead-

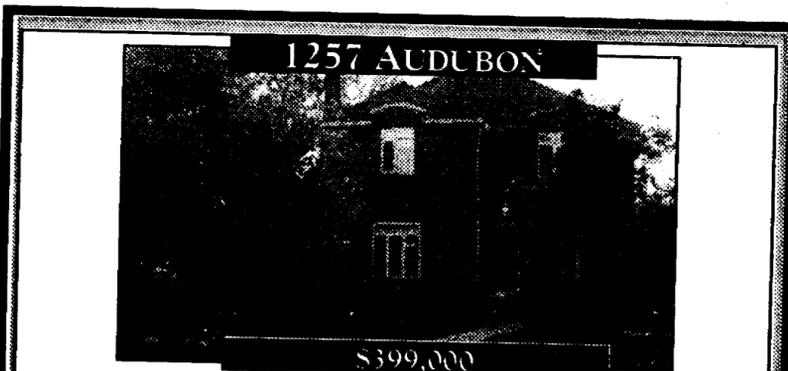
ing cause of these fires. Currently, inadequate maintenance leads to most wood-heating accidents.

Creosote build-up is responsible for many chimney fires. Dark in color and with an unpleasant odor, creosote is a by-product of wood burning that coats the interior of pipes and chimneys. If heavy deposits become very hot, they burst into flames. Use of unseasoned wood produces more creosote. Each year before a wood stove is put into use, the chimney flue should be thoroughly cleaned.

For wood-burning safety, follow these recommended guidelines:

- Buy only equipment approved by a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make certain the system is installed according to authorized standards.
- Learn and follow general rules for operation/maintenance.
- Regularly inspect the chimney and stovepipes for deficiencies and creosote build-up.
- Check stoves for cracks or faulty legs and hinges.
- Keep a fire extinguisher available that is suitable for wood or coal blazes.

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SPECTACULAR, brick Colonial in the Heart of the Park. Great room with cathedral ceiling, recessed lighting, skylights and sliding glass doors to the deck. Gourmet kitchen, renovated baths and a finished basement. Purchaser of 1257 Audubon has first option to purchase adjacent lot (50' x 157') at \$129,900.

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Mortgage Rates as of December 3, 1999

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
A & D Financial	(313) 255-7200	7.75	2	7.5	2	5.5	2	JBN/VF
Able Mortgage Group	(248) 932-4040	NR		NR		NR		JBN/V
Abbot Mortgage	(800) 731-0001	7.875	0	7.6	0	6.875	1	JBN/VF
Aequi-Mutual Mortgage Corp.	(248) 269-9888	7.375	2	6.875	2	6.125	2	J/B
Allied Mortgage Capital Corp.	(888) 854-2828	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.25	2	JBN/VF
American Capital Services Inc.	(231) 922-9800	NR		NR		NR		JBN/VF
American Finance & Investment	(800) 862-3462	7.375	1.825	7.125	1.25	6.825	0.875	JBN/VF
Ameripus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	7.25	2.25	6.875	2	6.5	0	J/B
Apex Financial Group Inc.	(248) 273-4000	7.375	2	6.875	2	5.5	2	JBN/VF
Approved Mortgage Inc.	(734) 455-5091	7.75	0	7.375	0	6.875	0	JBN/VF
Arden Mortgage Co.	(248) 256-2842	7.875	0	7.5	0	6.75	0	JBN/V
Bank One	(800) 583-4636	7.6	1.9	7.15	1.9	6.75	0.9	JBN/VF
Banking Mortgage	(248) 223-9954	7.375	2	6.875	2	7.125	1	JBN/VF
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	7.25	3	6.75	3	6	2	J/B/F
Cascade Financial	(800) 994-9696	7.375	2	7	2	5.25	2	J/B
Charter Bank	(734) 285-1900	7.375	2	7	2	6.875	2	J/B/F
Chase Mortgage	(248) 649-1280	NR		NR		NR		JBN/VF
Citizens Bank	(800) 999-6949	7.625	2	7.25	2	5.875	1	JV/F
Comstock	(800) 292-1300	7.625	2	7.25	2.125	6.625	1	JBN/VF
Community Bank of Dearborn	(313) 274-1000	7.625	2	7.25	2	6.125	2	J/B
Community Federal Credit Union	(734) 483-1200	7.5	2	7	2	6.5	1	J/B
Countrywide Home Loans	(248) 262-8580	7.625	1.75	7.25	1.625	6.5	1	JV/F
Crown Union ONE	(248) 544-1462	7.625	2	7.375	2	5.125	2	J/B
Dearborn Fed. Credit Union	(313) 322-8300	7.75	2	7.25	2	5.25	2	J/B
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 565-3100	7.5	2	7.25	2	6.25	2	J/B
DMR Financial Services Inc.	(800) 367-1562	7.625	2	7.25	2	6.625	2	JBN/VF
Dynasty Financial Group	(800) LOW-RATE	7.375	2.5	6.875	2.5	6.5	2	J/B
Executec Mortgage Corp.	(248) 855-8800	5	2	7	2	5.75	2	J/B
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 251-5100	6	1	6.25	1	5.5	1	JBN/VF
First Independence Nat'l Bank	(800) 292-7357	7.375	2	7	2	5.5	2	JBN/VF
First National Bank	(800) 258-1500	7.5	2	7.25	2	6.5	2	J/B
1st National Financial	(800) 261-0202	8	0	7.625	0	6.625	2	JBN/VF
Gallop Bank FSB	(800) 792-7757	7.625	2	7.125	2	6.25	2	JBN/VF
Gallatin Mortgage Co.	(734) 994-1202	NR		NR		NR		J/B
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 804-5144	7.375	3	6.875	3	6.25	0	JBN/VF
Great American Mortgage Co.	(800) 240-9448	7.5	2	7.125	2	6	0	JBN/VF
Great Lakes National Bank	(800) 334-5253	7.5	2	7	2	6.5	2	JBN/VF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	7.375	2	6.875	2	5.75	2	JBN/VF
Guardian Mortgage	(248) 642-7500	7.375	2	6.875	2.25	NR		JBN/VF
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	7.25	2	7	2	NR		J
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-6625	7.5	0	7.25	0	5.875	1	J/B
Home Owner Financial Services	(800) 737-4495	7.375	2	7.125	2	7	2	J/B
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 538-1812	7.375	2	6.875	2	6.25	2	JBN/VF
International Mortgage Inc.	(248) 540-7676	7.75	0	7.25	0	6.5	0	J/B
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	7	3.625	6.5	3.75	5.25	3.25	J/B
John Adams Mortgage Co.	(800) 239-9109	7.875	1	7.5	1	6.625	1	J/B
Kellum Mortgage	(800) 875-2593	7.625	2	7.25	2	5.75	2	J/B
Keystone Mortgage	(800) 403-8821	7.25	2	7	2	5.75	2	J/B
Macomb Savings Bank	(800) 929-9259	7.875	0	7.5	0	6.25	0	JBN/VF
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 447-2270	7.875	0	7.625	0	5.875	1	J/B
Mentor Financial	(877) 362-5626	7.5	2	7	2	6.125	2	JBN/VF
Michigan Mortgage Lenders	(800) 435-6652	7.5	2	7.125	2	5.75	2	JBN/V
Milestones Mortgage Corp.	(888) 278-1777	7.25	2	6.875	2	5.875	0	J/B
MoneyHouse Mort - Ann Arbor	(888) 913-9678	NR		NR		NR		J/B
Monument Mortgage Inc.	(800) 987-7662	7.5	1	7.125	1	6.75	0	JV/F
Mortgage Warehouse	(800) 931-7757	NR		NR		NR		J/B
National City Mortgage Services	(810) 825-0825	7.5	2	7.125	2	6.25	1.5	JBN/VF
National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	6.75	3	6.375	3	4.625	3	J/B
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-8262	7.75	2	7.25	2	NR		JBN/VF
Norwest Mortgage Corp.	(800) 721-7271	NR		NR		NR		JBN/VF
Peoples State Bank	(810) 979-4545	7.75	2	7.125	2	NR		J/B
Pioneer Mortgage	(248) 344-1544	7.375	2	7	2	5.75	2	J/B
Planet Financial Inc.	(248) 203-9199	NR		NR		NR		J/B
Quality Mortgage Corp.	(810) 254-8150	7.375	2	7	1.875	5.75	2	J/B
Real Funding Mortgage Corp.	(888) 955-FUND	7.125	2	6.75	2	5.875	1	J/B
Republic Bancorp Mortgage	(800) 758-0753	7.5	2	7.125	2	5.625	2	JV/F
Rick Financial	(800) 731-ROCK	NR		NR		NR		J/F
Rock Home Loans @ Mich. Nat'l	(800) 713-2119	NR		NR		NR		J/F
Ross Mortgage Corp.	(800) 521-5362	7.375	2	7.125	2	6.25	1	JV/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	7.25	3	6.875	3	5.75	2	JV/F
Source One Mortgage Corp.	(248) 389-4500	7.625	2	7.125	2	6	1	JBN/VB/I
St. Clair Mortgage Corp.	(248) 280-0088	8	0	7.625	0	7	0	JBN/VF
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-2005	8.125	0	7.75	0	6.75	0	J/B
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-800	7.375	2	7	2	5.125	2	JBN/VF
Superior Financial Services	(248) 848-1260	7.375	2	7.125	2	6	2	J/B
Washington Mortgage Company	(888) 927-4266	7.375	2	7.125	2	6	2	J/B
World Wide Financial	(248) 647-1199	7.75	2	7.375	2	6.25	1	J/B
York Financial Inc.	(248) 865-9100	7.75	0	7.5	0	6.5	0	J/B
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Precautions and tips for holiday toy safety

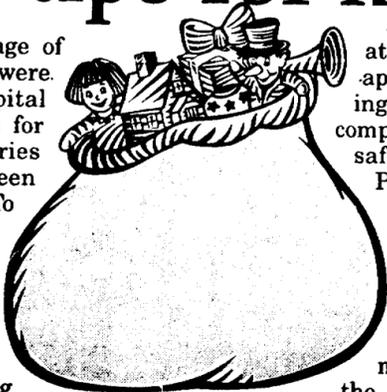
One of the best things about the holiday season is the smiles on the faces of tiny tots when they see the year's new toys. Toys are introduced to children when they are infants and are a large part of their lives into adolescence. There's nothing better than getting a new game, stuffed animal, doll or truck for the holidays, but choosing toys must be done with care.

In addition to stressing the importance of holiday decorating and fire safety through its Operation Decoration campaign, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reminds children and adults alike that toys can pose safety risks if they are misused.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

(CPSC), an average of 144,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries each year between 1993 and 1997. To play it safe this holiday season, and all year long, the safety experts at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions for toy safety:

- When shopping for toys, especially electrical toys, look for markings that indicate the product has been tested for safety by an independent, third-party product safety and certification organization, such as UL. If you spot a UL Mark on a toy, it means that samples of that toy have been tested, (dropped, pulled, tugged



at, and generally torn apart) by UL engineering staff and found to comply with appropriate safety requirements.

Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturer's recommended age specification.

- Before children play with a new toy, read the manufacturer's warning markings, and, if applicable, the use and care booklet. Make sure you and your children understand the proper way to play with the toy.
- Immediately discard plastic packaging and gift-wrapping — these materials can pose a suffocation hazard. Initially and periodically inspect toys for cracks, breaks, ripped seams, etc. Parts from damaged toys can break off and become a choke hazard. Sharp edges can cause dangerous cuts or other abrasions. If a toy requires assembly, make sure a responsible adult assembles the product by completely following

the manufacturer's instructions.

- Keep deflated and broken balloons away from small children. Infants and toddlers can easily get them caught in their throats and suffocate. Electric toys can become a shock hazard if they're misused. Remember, water and electricity never mix. Never allow your children to use electric toys near water.

Be alert. Watch television news-casts and scan newspapers and consumer magazines for information on toy or other household product recalls.

Whenever possible, complete and return product warranty and registration forms to the manufacturer. If a product is recalled, the manufacturer can use these forms to contact you directly.

- In the event of an emergency, make sure you have telephone numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department and poison control center posted near every phone in your home.

Remember that the holiday season is a time for sharing. By sharing Operation Decoration's safety messages with your family, you and your family can enjoy a safer and happier holiday season. For more information, call (800) 473-4766.

Bright ideas on how to have a ball at home on New Year's Eve

Do you know where you're celebrating this New Year's Eve? Seven of 10 consumers plan to ring in the millennium at home this year, according to a survey conducted by Caravan Opinion Research Corporation International.

It can be intimidating to host such a millennium celebration, but with the right tools your party can be the event of the year. Following are party planning tips on how to have a ball at home as you watch the special lighted ball drop over Times Square.

- Nearly 70 percent of us agree that the lighting in a home has a direct effect on the mood of a party. An excellent way to create soft look throughout a room is to place lights at different heights and varying wattages.

- Did you ever wonder why everyone congregates in the kitchen at a party? It's the light. People tend to gather in places where the light level is bright enough to see the person with whom they're speaking. To prevent guests from hanging out in the kitchen all night, be sure to create enough pockets of light around the party to encourage mingling.

- It's the little things that count. Pick one color and carry it through the party to give your



New Year's celebration an impressive flair. Begin with the invitations and extend it all the way through to the party favors.

- Light projected through a Christmas tree or at a poinsettia dur-

ing the holiday season can soften any room with unusual shapes and shadows. Place a spotlight behind the tree or plant and aim the light toward the ceiling to create interesting shadows around the room.

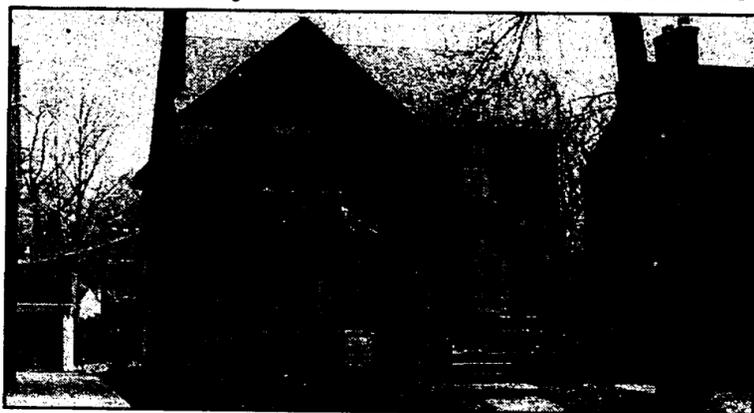
- Keep the lights on the highest setting near the buffet table so your guests can see what they're putting on their plates, then dim the lights in the living room to create a lounge-like look.

- Add a twist to ordinary appetizers by offering a variety of hors d'oeuvres, each named for a person who helped shape the millennium. For example, try "The Einstein" and "The Babe Ruth."

- To keep the party circulating, place drinks and snacks in at least two separate locations. Offer food and drinks shortly after guests arrive, and make sure these refreshments are readily available at all times.

For additional tips, call Philips Lighting at (800) 555-0050 or visit your local Home Depot.

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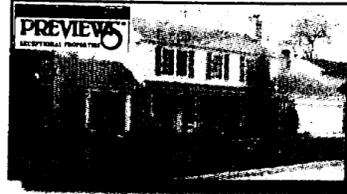
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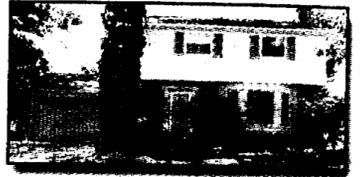
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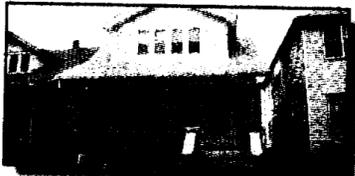
GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$309,900
EXTRAORDINARY FARMS COLONIAL. Professionally decorated with updates galore: kitchen, one half bath, foyer floor, freshly painted, window treatments, partially finished basement, wrought iron fence, back porch awning. 371 MCKINLEY. (313) 886-4200.



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A PLEASURE TO SHOW. All rooms are tastefully done, ceramic in kitchen, dining room, both baths and family room. Deck with hot tub will stay. 10 x 8 cedar closet in basement. (GPN-GF-70LAB) (313) 886-5800.



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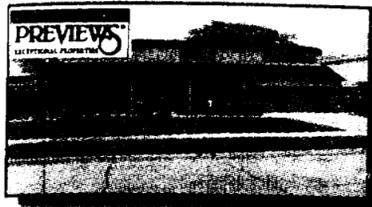
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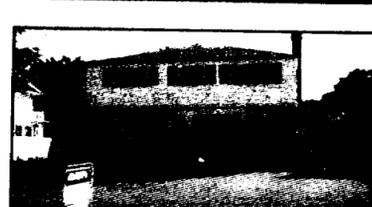
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$249,900
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Snowthrowers

The easy way to get rid of snow

There comes a time when every homeowner says, "That's it! I'm not going to go through another winter of shoveling." If that homeowner happens to be you, or if you have a loved one whose frustration with shoveling has come to a peak, this finally may be the holiday season to consider buying a new snowthrower.

Here is a quick look at what the smart shopper needs to know about snowthrowers:

- Pick the right-sized machine for your property. If you have an extra long or wide driveway, three or more car lengths, you need a powerful two-stage snowthrower. Two-stage snowthrowers get rid of snow in two steps. First, an auger drum breaks up heavy or packed snow. Then an impeller blade behind the auger throws the snow, sometimes as much as 40 feet. These heavy-duty machines tend to be more powerful, with eight horsepower or higher engines, and are self-propelled with reversing transmissions. Expect to pay \$900 or more.

- If your driveway is a manageable two-car lengths, stick with a smaller but powerful single-stage snowthrower. A single-stage thrower has a rotor system that scoops up the snow and throws it at the same time.

Snowthrower manufacturer Toro has a patented Power Curve rotor system. It's the only machine that removes snow right down to your driveway or sidewalk, for a sharp, "freshly shoveled" look. In the past, these snowthrowers tended to have smaller engines. But recently, the horsepower has been increasing. Many have up to 6.5 horsepower engines.

A higher-end single stage snowthrower comes close to matching a two stage, both in performance and in throwing distance. Prices range from \$400 to \$850.

- Find one that is easy to start. You don't want to be stuck yanking on a cord in the freezing cold. Toro puts a GTS, or Guaranteed



To Start engine on several of its single stage snowthrowers. If it doesn't fire up on the first or second pull for five years the manufacturer will fix it for free. Also look for the option of an electric start. They are more expensive, but you won't ever have to pull on a cord again.

- Find out how far it actually throws snow. Snow should be thrown at least 30 feet. That may seem like a long distance, but if you have to overshoot a parked car or a section of driveway you've already cleared, you'll need it.

Here are some tips on staying safe as you plunge into snow-removal this season:

- Take it easy — especially when you are shoveling; it's easy to over do it. Don't scoop up more than you can handle. Take a break if you get tired.

- Wear clothing in layers and be careful not to overheat.

- Be familiar with where you are snowthrowing. Make sure only snow is in your path. Rocks and other debris can easily become dangerous projectiles.

- Keep a broom handle handy for unclogging your snowthrower. Make sure the engine has stopped running and knock the snow loose with the handle. Never use your hand to clear the rotors or chute.

Following these tips will ensure that your holiday season is filled with fun, safety and clean driveways!

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Antiques

Q. My grandmother has offered me her white chenille bedspread. When was chenille popular?

A. Chenille is a cotton fabric with a surface of raised, tufted patterns.

"Chenille" is the French word for "caterpillar."

The fuzzy fabric was first made as a home craft in Georgia about 100 years ago. Women stitched loops of thread through the back of a muslin sheet. After the fabric was washed, the loops were cut to create the tuft.

By the 1930s and '40s, chenille was at its peak of popularity. By that time, it was made by machine and was used to make bedspreads, rugs and bathrobes.

The best chenille spreads were white with colored tufts.

Be sure to thank your grandmother for her gift. Chenille is popular again.

Q. A set of dishes I inherited are marked "Limoges China Co. U.S.A." I thought Limoges was made in France. My dishes have gold trim and an "H" monogram.

A. Limoges is a city in France

where porcelain has been made since the late 1700s. Hoping to make china of the same quality, the Sebring family founded a pottery in eastern Ohio in 1899 and marked its china "Limoges."

In 1904, the Ohio pottery was renamed the "Limoges China Co." After Haviland & Co. and the city of Limoges, France, filed a lawsuit in the 1930s, the Ohio company changed its name to American Limoges China Inc. It closed in 1958.

The pottery's dinnerware was made of soft paste that was creamy white and heavy. French Limoges dinnerware is purer white, translucent and lightweight.

The mark on your plate was used by the Ohio company from 1910 to 1930. Collectors refer to your dishes' pattern as "Socialite." It was made with various monograms.

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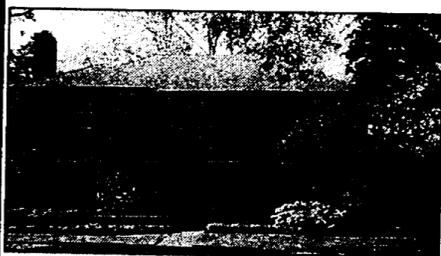
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This is the third year that Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have teamed up for their annual Operation Decoration holiday safety campaign.

According to the NFPA, cooking has been the leading cause of home fires since 1990 and more than one-third of all home-fire deaths in the United States happen during the winter months.

Safer holiday entertaining

Although it is easy to become absorbed in the excitement that accompanies entertaining, it is important to always keep safety in mind. UL and the NFPA offer these fire-safety tips to follow while entertaining and cooking during the holidays and any time of the year:

- Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use. Periodically check on food being cooked in an oven, microwave or on the stove.

- Use caution when using electrical appliances. Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet. Check appliances for frayed or cracked cords and make sure to have them repaired by a professional technician if needed. Never stand on or near water when using electrical appliances.

- Keep young children at least three feet away from kitchen appliances when cooking. If you allow older children to cook, supervise them closely and teach them safe cooking practices.

- Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources.

- Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove.

- Keep the stove-top clean and clear. Store combustible materials away from heat sources.

- Save operating instructions for rarely-used appliances and reread them before each use.

Safer home heating

While home heating is usually a necessity during the colder months, home fires should not be a consequence. The following tips and precautions are offered when heating your home:

- Select heating equipment that bears the UL Mark. The UL Mark on a product means that UL engi-



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neers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards.

- Install and maintain heating equipment correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire and building codes. Have local building or certified maintenance and repair technicians check and clean your heating system once a year.

- Keep all portable heaters and space heaters at least 36 inches from combustible materials, including furniture, bedding, clothing and pets.

- Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Supervise children at all times.

- If you have an electric space

heater, check for frayed or split wires or overheating. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before operating.

- If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer.

- When refueling, always turn off the heater and let it cool down completely before adding fuel. Wipe up any spills promptly.

- Store the kerosene away from heat or open flame in a container approved by the local fire department, and be sure it is clearly marked with the correct name of the fuel (i.e., kerosene).

- Have your chimney inspected by a professional heating technician prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary.

- Always protect your home and your family by using a sturdy fireplace screen when using your fireplace.

- Remember to burn only wood — never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite your roof or a neighboring home.

- Do not burn fires in your fireplace if the area around the fireplace and mantel are decorated with stockings or other combustible decorations.

For more information, call (800) 473-4766.

Tricks and tips

Get the hang of wallpapering around tight spots

Hanging wallpaper around sinks and pipes requires careful cutting into the body of the wallpaper strips. You'll need to hold the strip so the patterns match and then cut from the edge closest to the fixture.

If possible, cut along a pattern line to hide the slit. At the end of the slit, cut an opening to fit around the fixture, cutting as close as possible to the fixture without damaging it.

On wall-mounted sinks, tuck the small ends of wallpaper overlaps behind the sink rather than cutting flush with the edge of the sink. This technique will provide a more professional and finished look, according to the experts at The Home Depot.

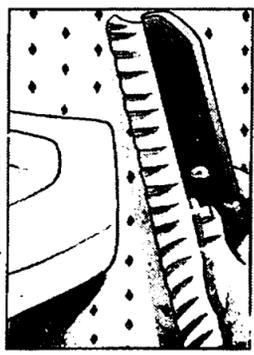
Be sure to use the type of wallpaper that is best suited for the specific area in which it will be used. Washable wallpaper can be cleaned with mild soap and water and a sponge. Scrubbable wallpaper is durable enough to be scrubbed more frequently with a soft brush.



Brush the wallpaper strip up to the edge of the sink. Cut horizontal slits in the wallpaper, leaving 2 1/4 inches overlap on the top and the bottom of the sink.



Trim the wallpaper around the side of the sink, leaving a slight overlap. Be careful not to scratch the sink fixture.



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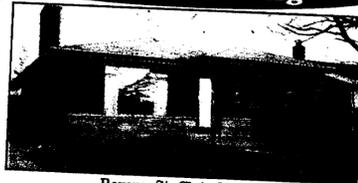
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