



## Don't forget your hometown during holiday gift giving

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Residents of the Grosse Pointes don't have to limit their holiday gift giving to family, friends and charities.

For those who want to buy a gift for their community, the five Pointes and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial have commemorative programs that raise funds while beautifying parks and city streets.

### City of Grosse Pointe

Brian Vick, administrative assistant for the City of Grosse Pointe, said the commemorative brick program has generated an enthusiastic response.

The program, the brainchild of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, thanks people who donate to the city by installing bricks with their names along the walkways at Neff Park.

Engraved bricks cost \$300.

The City also sells \$35 Pewabic tiles. The oval, blue tinged tiles are decorated with the city's logo.

### Grosse Pointe Farms

The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation motto is "Private support for public good."

Along those lines, recent projects have included the gazebo at Pier Park, restoration of the park after the

big storm a few years ago and beautification of traffic islands along Lakeshore.

This year, according to Shane Reeside, the Farms assistant city manager, the foundation is soliciting contributions for the replacement of street signs throughout the Farms. The ornamental street signs will be similar in appearance to those in the City and Shores.

installation, although the foundation will accept donations of a lesser amount which they will apply toward the sign project.

### Grosse Pointe Park

Brian Colter, the Park's city forester, and Jerry Abbs of the beautification commission will help people

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## WEEK AHEAD

### Friday, Dec. 24

Share food and fellowship during a men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will be the featured speaker for this program, sponsored by the Men's Association of Memorial Church. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

### Saturday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

### Sunday, Dec. 26

St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a series of free mini-concerts of this sacred season. Music for trumpet and timpani will be featured at 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 822-2814.

The St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Canfield Center at St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Reservations are requested, but not mandatory. Call (313) 884-2866.

### Tuesday, Jan. 4

Robert Gibbs from the Gibbs Planning Group will present findings and conclusions to the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council of the Hill retail analysis, parking and master plan studies at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library meets at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe, at 7 p.m.

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Photos by Rob Sillars

## Aglow for Christmas

There is probably no better place for enjoying beautifully decorated homes for Christmas than right here in the Pointes. As usual, Pointers created their own thousand points of light along Lakeshore, above, in the Park, below, and throughout the community. Be sure to take a ride this holiday weekend and enjoy the season. Merry Christmas!



## Cancer center at St. John named after Van Elslander

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The new St. John cancer center has been named after one of its largest benefactors.

The announcement came during ground-breaking ceremonies last Friday for what now is the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Named after the family of Art Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores, the facility is scheduled to open in late 2001.

"Cancer touches the lives of almost all of us in one way or another. If not ourselves, then maybe through a friend or family member," said Van Elslander before scooping a shovel of dirt near where the center's entrance will stand.

Van Elslander's donation was a major boost in the hospital's efforts to raise \$10 million in private funds for the center. The three-story, 69,000-square foot facility will cost \$25 million, including medical equipment. So far, donations total \$5.7 mil-



Highlighting ground-breaking ceremonies for the new St. John Health System cancer center, Anthony Tersigni, president and CEO of the health system, announced the facility will be named after the family of Art and Mary Ann Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores. Tersigni, above left, Mary Ann Van Elslander, Reverend Moses Anderson and Art Van Elslander prepare to pick up a shovel and get construction under way.

lion. "I wish to support the fight against this disease in and CEO of Art Van Furniture, said, "My family

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## Y2K: Prepare as if it were a snow storm

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Some people think computer problems will mark the New Year, but not John Jutte.

"I won't lose any sleep over it," said Jutte, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

But to hedge his bets in case the sky falls around him, Jutte plans to "compile a stock of water and canned goods."

Whether predictions come true about how Y2K computer-related shutdowns could send the world into the high-tech dark ages, experts in emergency management advise people to take a series of small but effective precautions in case things go wrong.

Sandy Altschul, head of the Wayne County emergency management team that coordinates the county's handling of major disasters, such as a tornado, doesn't expect anything to go wrong when the clock hits the year 2000.

He said people should channel their concerns about Y2K into stocking up on everyday emergency items.

Advice about how to handle Y2K can be applied to any large problem, from power outages caused by ice storms to major damage from thunderstorms.

Among Altschul's less-dramatic suggestions:

- Check with manufacturers of any essential computer-controlled electronic equipment in your home to see if that equipment may be affected. This includes fire and security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, consumer electronics, garage door openers, electronic locks and any other electronic equipment in which an "embedded chip" may control its operation.
- Stock enough disaster

supplies to last a week for you and your family. Include non-perishable foods, stored water and an ample supply of the prescription and nonprescription medications you use regularly.

- Have extra cash or traveler's checks on hand in case electronic transactions involving ATM cards and credit cards can't be processed.

- Keep your automobile gas tank above half full.

- In case power fails, have a grill on hand. Don't use open flames or charcoal grills indoors.

- Have extra blankets, coats, hats, and gloves to keep warm.

- Don't use gas-fueled appliances, like an oven, to heat the home. Camp stoves and heaters should be used outside in a well-ventilated area. Make sure alternative heating devices have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) seal of approval.

- Don't connect the generator to your home's electrical system. Instead, hook it to what you want to power. Keep a generator in a well-ventilated area, either outside or in a garage with the door open. Don't put a generator inside your home.

- Have plenty of flashlights and batteries. Don't use candles for emergency lighting.

- If your smoke alarms are wired into your home's electrical system, make sure they have battery back-ups.

Joanne Christian, a Farms resident, has her own contingency plan for Y2K, especially if the airlines shut down.

"I'd go to Aruba before New Year's," said Christian. "If computer problems ground the airplanes and I can't get back to the States, oh well."

## POINTER OF INTEREST Marshall Noecker

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms

Age: 84

Family: Wife, Sandra; eight children; 10 grandchildren

Claim to fame: Wrote autobiography

Quote: "Anything the human mind can imagine can be accomplished."

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Marshall Noecker

5 years ago this week



Christmas pairs

Teens were filled with holiday spirit last week at the Christmas Youth Dance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Among the couples were Justin Bosley and Katy Lenz, left, and Justin Sigon and Libby Wagman. Photo by Leah Vartanian. (From the Dec. 22, 1994 Grosse Pointe News.)

New year, new lights in Village

By Jim Stickford  
Staff Writer

Declaring that the City of Grosse Pointe didn't want to interfere with the Village's busiest shopping season, officials have decided to wait until after January to install the pedestrian crossing lights.

The posts were supposed to be installed the weekend after Thanksgiving, said assistant City manager Christine Bremer. The posts had been ordered in April and were set to arrive on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Because the lights will use underground wiring, the work needed to install them won't be unintrusive, said Bremer. In addition heavy trucks to transport and hold up the poles as they are installed will also be needed.

"But after talking with Village merchants we decided not to get in their way," Bremer said. "This is their busiest shopping season of the year. Once the lull of January hits, then we'll put in the pedestrian cross lights."

Bremer said that from what she can tell, the Village's shopping season has been very successful. The recent addition of wider sidewalks and narrower streets meant heavy construction for much of the summer, so it was decided to give the merchants a break during Christmas.

"After we put the pedestrian light posts up, the work in the Village will be pretty much done," Bremer said. "This spring we're going to check on the irrigation system to make

sure that it works and we'll also make sure that all the plantings have budded."

The city, when it put in the new sidewalks, also installed an underground irrigation system to water the new plants and trees planted in the Village as a part of the renovation.

"Something might have been frozen or broken over the winter," Bremer said. "So the City's contracts call for tests in the spring. We also want to make sure the plantings are healthy, so they'll be checked. Aside from that all that's left to be done is install are the decorative brick walls around the parts of the sidewalk indented for cars to park."

"We're pretty much done," Bremer said. "All that's left is a limited list of items."

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Some 120 guests were reported without injury after having escaped a fire at the Al Green Restaurant on East Jefferson at Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park. The structure is a total loss.

Credit for the lack of injuries is due in part to Lansing Pittman, a resident of the 900 block of Three Mile. Pittman, a member of Box 12, a group of amateur fire enthusiasts who cooperate with the Detroit Fire Department, was eating dinner at the restaurant when he saw flames shooting past an open ventilator.

He stood up and announced, "There seems to be a small fire. I suggest we leave."

Shortly after evacuating the dining room, the building's oil tank blew up.

As expected, the city council of the newly established city of Grosse Pointe Farms has elected William Connolly Jr. mayor.

The Farms has recently updated its status from a village to a city.

The job of providing increased parking space at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial is complete.

A hedge has been removed, allowing parking in a large area near the former home's parking garage.

25 years ago this week

In a comeback that would please any sports fan, senior citizens in Grosse Pointe Woods have rallied from certain defeat on their request for a housing complex at Ghesquiere Park.

Members of the Senior Citizens Commission, armed with a feasibility study for the proposed housing complex, convinced the city council to reopen discussion on the matter. The council had tabled last month's request for senior housing.

Douglas Patterson, municipal judge in the City of Grosse

Pointe, writing from Arizona where he has been living in semi-retirement for the past year, tendered his resignation by letter to the city council. Patterson has served the City since 1955, when he was a justice of the peace.

William Kessler, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, has been awarded the Gold Medal by the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The gold medal is the chapter's highest honor.

10 years ago this week

The first city-operated recycling drop-off center in the Grosse Pointes will open in mid-January.

Sheila Ossan, a member of Citizens for Recycling, says Park officials should be applauded "for taking a leadership role."

Neighbors of a farmhouse being considered for expansion

say they don't want the structure turned into condominiums.

Neighbors protested that expanding the building, which sits on a small lot, would be like trying to cram an elephant into a size 4 dress.

5 years ago this week

Life sentences have finally been handed down to two predators who started the car jacking craze with the Feb. 8, 1990 shooting of Benjamin Gravel, a Grosse Pointe resident who was driving home from the Bayview Yacht Club.

Acting on orders from the Michigan Supreme Court, Detroit Recorder's Chief Judge Dalton Roberson has concluded a five-year effort by prosecutors to ensure that Kermit Haynes and Cortez Miller never again have the chance to hunt prey on the streets.

—Brad Lindberg

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## Cancer center

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hopes of one day finding a cure."

The center, to be located behind St. John offices near the corner of Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Woods, will bring cancer care closer to east-side patients.

"When the diagnosis is cancer," said Edmund Brady Jr., chairman of the hospital's board and resident of the Shores, patients want care that is "individual and close to home."

St. John Health System has "seen the demand for cancer care more than double in the past four years," said Anthony Tersigni, the health system's president and CEO.

"Last year," he said, "we saw more than 5,400 new cancer patients. That number continues to grow."

The Van Elslander center will "improve the health status of the community" by giving cancer patients "greater access (to medical care) before their disease progresses," said Tersigni, a Shores resident.

The center will be the health system's "hub for cancer services" for the health system, he added. The center will let St. John continue meeting "the needs of patients in the community where they live and work."

The St. John Health System comprises 10 community hospitals and more than 175 medical offices.

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. That could change.

"In 2002," said William Leaver, St. John interim president and resident of St. Clair Shores, "deaths from cancer are expected to overcome deaths from heart disease."

Tersigni said the cancer center will be part of St. John's "full continuum of care — from prevention to diagnosis and treatment."

### Five-year relative survival rates\* by stage at diagnosis, 1989/1994

Site	All Stages percent	Local percent	Regional percent	Distant percent
Breast (female)	85	97	77	22
Uterine Cervix	70	91	48	11
Colon & Rectum	62	91	66	9
Uterine corpus	84	96	66	27
Esophagus	12	24	12	2
Kidney	61	89	62	18
Larynx	66	83	54	44
Liver	5	15	5	2
Lung & bronchus	14	50	20	2
Melanoma	88	96	59	12
Oral Cavity	53	82	42	20
Ovary	50	95	79	28
Pancreas	4	17	6	1
Prostate	93	100	99	33
Stomach	21	60	21	2
Testis	95	99	98	73
Thyroid	95	100	94	44
Urinary Bladder	62	95	50	13

\*Rates are adjusted for normal life expectancy and are based on cases diagnosed from 1989-1994, followed through 1995. Local: An invasive malignant cancer confined entirely to the organ of origin. Regional: A malignant cancer that 1) has extended beyond the limits of the organ of origin directly into surrounding organs or tissues; 2) involves regional lymph nodes by way of lymphatic system; or 3) has both regional extension and involvement of regional lymph nodes; distant: A malignant cancer that has spread to parts of the body remote from the primary tumor either by direct extension or by discontinuous metastasis to distant organs, tissues, or via the lymphatic system to distant lymph nodes.

Source: NCI, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program, 1998.

On the facility's ground floor, treatment will range from nutrition counseling and spiritual care to linear accelerators and high-dose radiation.

The second floor will focus on adult and pediatric infusion, and medical oncology. Breast and gynecology clinics, plus survivorship and administrative offices round out level three.

Van Elslander's support of the cancer center wasn't an isolated act of generosity. In 1990, his donation saved the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade from being canceled.

Similar actions have earned him the 1993 Greater Detroit Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year and the Detroit News 1997 Michiganian of the Year. In 1998, he and his wife, Mary Ann, received the National Anti-Defamation League American Heritage Award.

Leaver said the cancer center has been in the works for more than a decade, but discussions didn't get serious

until about three years ago.

He said, "I want to keep the momentum going." The Van Elslander Center will be a "vision of what cancer care should be and will be."

Brady said the center represents St. John's "promise to this community (to) continue to fight this deadly disease. With the support of our community, it will be a fight that we hope someday to win."

Elslander said, "There's still a lot to be done to stop this terrible disease."

Other major donors to the center with ties to the Grosse Pointes include the estate of Mary Gauthier Stange for the Meditation Chapel, members of Eastpointe Radiology for the common waiting area, and Ruth and Thomas Russell for the conference center.

### John and Marlene Boll of

## Rotary helps more Pointe police buy thermal cameras

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Public safety officers in the Grosse Pointes will soon have an easier time rousting late-night crooks and fighting fires anytime with the help of a camera that doesn't need light to see.

Like the Farms two weeks ago and as the Park expects to do in the near future, city councils in the Woods and City have approved the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. The units can see through darkness and behind walls.

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Club will pay a hefty portion of each city's camera. In November, Dean Valente, chairman of the Rotary's community affairs committee, offered each of the Pointes a \$5,000 grant toward the purchase of thermal cameras. The grants dropped the cities' cost for the cameras down to no more than \$13,400 each.

Theresa Divirgil, president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, said, "During each Rotary year, the Grosse Pointe Rotary focuses on a community project. Anticipating a successful dinner auction on April 8, 2000, we have committed seed money in the amount of \$5,000 to each of the five Grosse Pointes to purchase thermal imaging cameras."

"Who knows," she continued, "had firemen in Worcester,

Mass. had this type of equipment, perhaps the lives of those firemen would have been saved."

Last March, firefighters at a training exercise in the Farms saw thermal cameras detect the bodies of simulated victims hiding in rooms that were blacked out by dense smoke. In a series of tests, officers using a camera rescued victims in significantly less time than if they were restricted to feeling their way blindly through rooms filled with smoke.

For police, the unit acts like high-tech bird dogs to reveal heat sources, from the latent heat left behind by a footprint, to warm bodies of criminals hiding under bushes at night. The camera can also detect people floating at night in Lake St. Clair.

In the City, Tom Kressbach, city manager, said the purchase was "approved on the basis of about \$10,000 in grant money, including donations from City residents. They city will pay the difference." The donations could reduce the City's cost to less than \$6,000, according to city administrators.

The Woods officials based their purchase, in part, on research compiled by Lt. Dan Jensen and Detective Rick Good of the Farms.

During several meetings and demonstrations of thermal

cameras, officers from the Farms, City and Park "felt the device was a new and critically important piece of equipment," according to the officers' report. "(The camera) will enhance the departments' ability to save lives and property in fire operations and greatly assist in various other police operations, such as tracking fleeing perpetrators."

Firefighters use thermal cameras to keep one step ahead of the flames. The cameras offer fire crews a quicker and less destructive way to detect heat between walls, which fire often uses as a hidden passageway from room to room.

Instead of searching for flames by breaking holes in walls and tearing down ceilings, a camera lets an officer scan a room to see ghostly black and white outlines of flames and hot air.

In the Shores, Daniel Healy, chief of public safety, said, "We have no imminent plans to buy a thermal imaging camera. While not ruling out a future purchase, he added, "There are other pieces of equipment that we need more."

The remaining four Pointes are buying the same brand of camera. The lightweight unit fits in one hand and can detect temperature from minus 25 degrees to 750 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Gifts

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chose a tree as part of the city's "Plant a Living Legacy" program.

Trees may be purchased to honor a birth, death, anniversary or graduation.

All trees cost \$300. A bronze commemorative marker costs an additional \$200.

Applications for trees are available from the public service department at (313) 822-4365.

The Park also sells tiles decorated with community landmarks. One of the most popular scenes is the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

**Grosse Pointe Shores**  
The Shores has "had great success" with its commemorative tree and bench programs, according to Helen Bai, the village's master gardener and chair of the beautification commission.

The programs "benefit the village and people who want memorials for loved ones," said Bai.

Prices vary. For more information, call the Shores village

offices at (313) 881-6565.

### Grosse Pointe Woods

In the Woods, Joe Shock, the city's forester, said the "Adopt a Tree" program "makes a wonderful gift."

Memorial trees to commemorate loved ones have been sponsored throughout the city, "in all the parks, in front of city hall, on traffic islands and along easements," said Shock. "There's always room for a tree."

Species include red oak, little leaf lindens, snowdrift flowering crab, autumn purple ash, and pear. Prices vary from \$181 to \$263. A marker costs \$50.

"The city does not make any money on the trees or marker," said Shock.

The Woods Beautification Advisory Commission also sells \$10 tiles decorated with scenes of special interest. The Ghesquiere Park gazebo, old Cook schoolhouse and churches located in the Woods are popular items.

The commission picks a sig-

nificant structure each year. For 1999, the red, white and green "Happy Holidays" collectible tile features an original pen and ink drawing by Pointer Wilma Urban, features the city municipal offices dressed up for the season.

### Grosse Pointe War Memorial

"It's a lovely tradition," said Maria Esposito of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's annual holiday tribute tree.

For \$10, a light will be placed on the memorial's Christmas tree.

"The idea is to memorialize and honor someone important in your life," said Esposito, the War Memorial's director of life-long learning.

Year-round programs include \$500 tree dedications and putting plaques on benches.

"A tree is a living memorial," said Esposito. "The program goes along with the theme of the War Memorial, which is a living memorial to our veterans."

## Cancer's deadly toll

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Cancer is a group of about 100 diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread isn't controlled, death can result.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that approximately 8.2 million Americans alive today have a history of cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.2 million new cancer patients will be diagnosed in 1999. About 563,100 Americans are expected to die of cancer this

year. The death rate averages more than 1,500 people a day.

Of those deaths, the ACS estimates that about 173,000 will be caused by tobacco use. About 20,000 cancer deaths will be related to excessive alcohol use, often in combination with tobacco use. Cancer cases from tobacco and alcohol are largely preventable.

A recent study by the Harvard Center for Cancer Prevention estimated 185,000 of this year's cancer deaths will be related to nutrition and could also be prevented.

The annual costs for cancer total \$107 billion, including

direct health costs and lost productivity due to premature death. Treatment of breast, lung, and prostate cancers account for over half of the direct medical costs, according to estimates by the National Institutes of Health.

Many cancer deaths could be prevented or delayed by early detection.

The ACS estimated that relative survival for cancers such as breast, colon, prostate, and melanoma would increase from 80 percent to more than 95 percent if all Americans participated in regular cancer screenings.

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# Pointer traces family roots, writes his life story

By Margie Reins Smith  
Assistant Editor

When he was a single father of four, Marshall Noecker began printing what he called "the message of the month" on shirt cardboards. He put them on the refrigerator for the children to ponder.

"With privilege goes responsibility."

"Employment is a noble occupation."

"Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing."

"Learn to accept rejection."

And, "Success is a journey, not a destination."

Noecker wants to tell you about his own journey, the story of his life. Success.

So he wrote his autobiography.

The 84-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident and his wife, Sandra, have eight grown children and 10 grandchildren.

He's obviously proud of them. Asked to rank the greatest achievements of his first 84 years, Noecker said raising eight children is No. 2.

Finding a wonderful wife ranks No. 1.

Noecker was born in North Dakota, in 1915, about 35 years after his grandparents arrived from Germany.

"I became interested in genealogy in the late 1970's," he said, "when Alex Haley wrote 'Roots.'"

The interest inspired him to begin research and eventually to write two books — one about each of his parents' families. "I didn't sell them. They were just written for my family and friends."

His most recent book — a self-published autobiography — is for sale, however. "He Went East and He Done Good" is available for \$24.95 at local bookstores.

"I worked on this one for 1 1/2 years," Noecker said. "I

## POINTER OF INTEREST

wrote it longhand and dictated to my secretaries. I did my own proofreading, a company in Traverse City did the editing and a company in Grand Rapids printed it.

"I looked at Colin Powell's recent book as a model," he said.

"If I sell 2,000 books, I'll get my investment back," Noecker said. "If I sell 5,000, I'll make a nice profit."

Profit was not his motive, however.

Noecker is proud of his past; proud of his achievements; proud of what he learned in the last 80-or-so years; proud of his family. And he wants to share what he learned.

"Anything the human mind can imagine can be accomplished," is one of his philosophical axioms.

It doesn't hurt, however, that he is a self-described Type A personality, a risk-taker, and a hyperactive go-get-'em assertive kind of guy.

"I also have lots of fun," he said. "One of my long suits is: Anything I do should be couched in humor and should be fun."

The book begins with the story of his grandparents' arrival in the Dakota Territory. It tells about his childhood growing up on a farm and attending a rural school. He went to the University of North Dakota and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1938; then he passed the CPA exam.

Noecker remembers when electricity came to North Dakota. He recalls the first time he saw an airplane. He describes his first car; his first job in New York City, where he arrived with \$2.25 in his pocket.

He tells the story of how he met his first wife, Harriet, and came to Detroit to work for the

Kaufmann Window Corp., a manufacturer of aluminum storm windows.

"I decided that aluminum was the metal of the future," he said. "We hit on the idea of selling the tools to make storm windows to other people... our program was exactly the same in principle as today's fast food franchises, but it was a novel idea for the time."

His book tells details of how he helped the small window manufacturer grow into what he describes as "the international aluminum business."

Harriet died in 1961, of cancer. Noecker and their four children carried on with the help of a housekeeper and Dad's strict set of household rules. The children were required to pitch in.

"I wanted to give the children the best life I could, but I think children need to have responsibilities. That's another way of saying they need to have jobs. The boys mowed lawns and shoveled snow to earn money. The girls babysat."

"None of my boys play golf today," Noecker said, with a smile. "They kid me now. They say it's because I made them work too much, too hard."

"My main concern was to teach them that with privileges go responsibilities."

Noecker also devotes several chapters to his foray into politics. He ran for the board of governors of Wayne State University in the early 1960s.

"It was one of the most interesting periods of my life," he said, "totally new for me. I didn't have to work too hard at it, but I did give 90 speeches in 90 days. It was disappointing to lose."

He tells how he met his second wife, Sandra, who had two children; and how they married and had two more.

Noecker said he has been

putting children through college, non-stop, for 35 years. Sometimes three were in school at the same time. Four of the children have earned advanced degrees.

Two sons and a daughter-in-law have joined the family business.

"Recently, my oldest grandchild and my youngest child both earned degrees the same year, from the same college," Noecker said. "They were both students at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. One earned an undergraduate degree; the other got an MBA."

Currently, Noecker owns eight companies and employs several hundred people. The largest is International Extrusions Inc.

"I will never retire," he said. "I'm afraid to, because of the statistics. Social Security statistics say that men who retire at age 65 only live an average of 37 more months."

Noecker has 10 grandchildren. As each child turns 9 years old, he or she looks forward to a trip with Grandpa.

"I take him or her back to North Dakota for a Fourth of July celebration," Noecker said. "So far I've taken six grandchildren back on the trip."

It doesn't hurt to keep in touch with your roots.

In 1984, when he returned to North Dakota for a high school reunion, Noecker was asked to be toastmaster for the event. The evening's program introduced him:

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Photo by Margie Reins Smith  
Marshall Noecker of Grosse Pointe Farms has written several books. He researched his family tree and wrote two books, one about each parent's family. He recently wrote his autobiography, in which he tells about his boyhood in North Dakota, his business successes, his family and his brief political career. "Traveling is one of the most interesting things people can do," he said. Noecker has been to Europe 34 times. He is shown beside a portrait painted several years ago.

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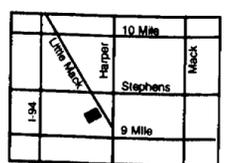
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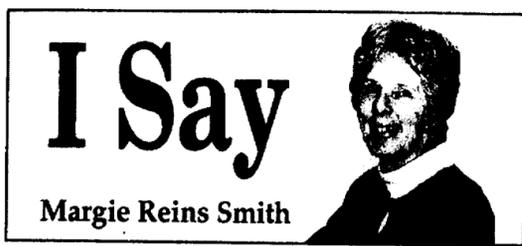
I already have too much.

**Stuff I have a lifetime supply of:**

Golf tees; broken portable telephones; wire coat hangers; flimsy rubber bands; grocery bags (paper and plastic); AOL "upgrade" disks; staples; boxes; old keys to who-knows-what; offers for new credit cards at low, low six-month interest rates; individual packets of mustard and ketchup; used manila envelopes that I really intend to recycle someday; and e-mailed chain letters that threaten imminent disaster if I don't forward them within the next 24 hours to 10 of my nearest and dearest.

**Stuff I have plenty of:** Sweaters, gloves, scarves, stationery, CDs, jewelry, perfume, coffee mugs and fancy soap.

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# I Say

Margie Reins Smith

My small children. Who — by the way — are no longer children and no longer small.

I have a couple dozen precious heirloom ornaments — a collection of crude, wobbly stuff that they crafted from construction paper, Elmer's glue, glitter and colored yarn and decorated with crayons and paints.

I have three tiny plaster hand prints; a few ratty-looking pipe cleaner snowmen; a

googly-eyed angel; some reindeer heads made from clothespins; several intricately folded paper stars; a dozen deteriorating Shrinky Dinks, yards and yards of construction paper chains, and assorted blobs of hardened Play Doh shaped into lord-knows-what and slathered with spray paint and varnish.

Most are signed and dated, and as the MasterCard commercial points out, they're "priceless."

**Stuff I don't have enough of:**

Grandchildren. I ordered one, however, and it looks like I'm going to get him in April. (I just found out — he's a "he.")

**Stuff I need, suddenly:**

- A crib for naps and sleepovers at Grandma's house.
- A rocking chair.
- A swing to hang from the branch of the biggest tree in my back yard.
- A chair-and-a-half, one of those extra-wide plushy overstuffed armchairs so that my grandson can sit next to me and lean on my arm while I read to him, perhaps from "Ickle Bickle Robin" or "The Pokey Little Puppy" or the latest Richard Scarry picture book, where he can point to and name the animals, correct

my telling of the stories and search each page for Lowly the Worm.

• Some help dragging the boxes of Fisher Price people up from my basement. The little people, the barn, the gas station and the house are all packed in cardboard containers, labeled "stuff to save for grandchildren."

• Cherry Jell-o for Jell-o cubes, miniature marshmallows for Rice Krispie treats, some Sesame Street CDs, and a big toy box.

Eventually, I will need another plaster hand print for my collection; some hand-colored construction paper greeting cards that say "To Grandma, with love," and a few colorful versions of whatever has replaced Shrinky Dinks in the fast-cooked-ornament market.

I can't wait.

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# The Op-Ed Page



## GROSSE-POINTE DOGS



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### She's Pointe's 'Tommy Girl'

How did 10-year-old Amanda Marsh, a fifth-grader at St. Paul School, get to be Michigan's Tommy Hilfiger All-American Girl?

Try a fresh American look, charm, a bit of luck and having a good answer to the question of what she likes about living here.



Ken Eatherly

Amanda knew what to say: "I like living in America because here I can follow my religious beliefs."

"I was really proud of her," says her mom. The 51 winners from all the states and the District of Columbia were flown to New York City on Oct. 25, where they had a three-day tour of the city, modeled for Tommy and were featured on the "Today" show. "The girls had a wonderful time," says Kim. "And Mr. Hilfiger was



Tommy Hilfiger model Amanda Marsh likes living in America.

"Our friend Karen Stefani read about how Tommy was launching a new line of children's wear and doing a nationwide search for girls to model the clothes," said Amanda's mom, Kim (Mrs. Ronald) Marsh, of the Farms. "She clipped the item out of the paper and left it by our side door."

They attended the auditions in Greektown's Athenaeum Hotel more out of curiosity than anything else, says Kim. Amanda made the final cut, and had to explain what she liked about America.

"Some of the other girls had flippant answers like, 'boys,'" Kim says. "Amanda asked me what she should say, and I told her to just speak from her heart."

When her turn came,

### Y2K? They're OK

Detroit Edison assures customers they'll have electricity through the New Year, but the Shores has a belt-and-suspenders backup just in case that infamous 2000 bug bites: A 50-kilowatt Kohler generator parked on Lakeshore between Deeplands and Wood Shore Drive.

Big, white and chained to a fire hydrant, the diesel-powered unit is ready to run the

village's sewage lift station. "If we lose 100 percent of our power," says Shores DPW supervisor Brett Smith.

It's not a likely scenario, he says. "There are already two separate Edison lines connected to the station. The generator is a fail-safe in case they both go down."

— And yes, he said, it really works. "We tested it all last week during the rain storm and it did the job," says Brett.

Naturally, everyone is hoping it won't have to.

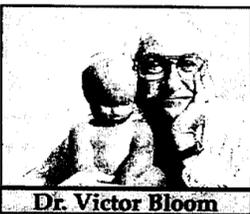
## The tapestry of Christmas

Professor Earl Wendell Count died in 1996 at the age of 97, and his obituary was in the Sunday New York Times. He was an anthropologist who was famous for a book he wrote in 1948 called, "4,000 Years of Christmas." In it, he collected strands of myth and folklore from antiquity and wove them into a tapestry that showed how ancient festivals evolved into the modern celebration we call Christmas.

He traced the "greatest story ever told" from its origins in Babylon, where it moved westward to Greece, Rome and Israel and north from the Mediterranean to northern Europe. Interwoven within the tapestry of early Western Civilization were the early customs that developed into modern Christmas, such as gift-giving, candle lights and St. Nicholas.

The wealthy Babylonians exchanged gifts in an empire that flourished 4,000 years ago. The peoples of pre-Christian Europe believed they could banish evil with decorations of evergreens, which held the promise of renewed life in the dead of winter. The ancient Druids and Aryans used mistletoe in symbolic and magical rituals. Many civilizations utilized the Yule log and danced around bonfires for food and warmth in the bitter cold.

Despite attempts by organized religion to suppress and banish the pagan rites observing the winter solstice, customs and traditions found their way into Christian celebrations. The church fathers succeeded in taking the merriment, the greenery, the lights and the gifts from Saturn, and gave them instead to the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer.



Dr. Victor Bloom

Ultimately, it was the peasantry who identified with His lowly beginnings, and they developed an abiding faith in the divinity of this great rabbi (teacher) who was without sin, and who preached the gospel of the Father with great eloquence and intensity, and who promised everlasting life for all those who would follow Him. Professor Count concluded, "Christmas has become great because men and women have given to it their deepest and most enduring selves." Beneath the spectacle of commercialization and the pressure of last-minute shopping, the never-ending tinkle of bells and echo of carols, there exists a warmth and a glow that radiates and infuses into those with open hearts, and raises anew the hope of real brotherhood and peace.

Christmas has become a time of love and harmony, forgiveness and generosity, which is meant to permeate the rest of the year with goodness and the highest ideals of humanity for people of all faiths.

Interestingly, Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration of a military victory, giving them the precious gift of freedom from persecution and oppression, comes at about the same time, and is also symbolized by lights, not Christmas tree lights, but Menorah candles, one for each of the light days of the festival.

We consider our Western Civilization Judeo-Christian,

because Jesus and almost all of His disciples were Jews and wrote the stories that became the New Testament. In later centuries, rival religious groups staked claim to the word of God and the Catholics won the early battles. Still, there are many other Christian sects and varieties of Jewish experience.

About a decade ago, John Cardinal O'Connor, the New York archbishop, commented that the Holocaust was the Jews' gift to the world. This enigmatic statement was met with an outcry from many New York Jews, who interpreted his statement to mean that the Holocaust was a good thing. He was speaking from a Christian frame of reference when he explained that Jews don't understand the "mystery." That's right; the Jews don't understand the mystery of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

I believe the archbishop was referring to his identity of the martyrdom of the Jews with the martyrdom of Christ. The "gift" he might have been referring to is the Old Testament, which announced the coming of a Messiah, who would free the world of sin and death. Because of His martyrdom on the cross, humankind would no longer suffer only the wrath of God, but receive the grace of His love and compassion as well.

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## Crook-catching cop nabs 2 awards

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

A local police officer has received two awards for using "initiative and action" to solve a pair of crimes.

Officer Gregory Morabito, a five-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety, received earlier this week a letter of commendation and departmental citation for separate arrests within the past few months.

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said Morabito's actions "speak exceptionally well of our officers." Novitke told Morabito the Wood's low crime rate shows "that we expect far and beyond" of the public safety officers, and "you make a difference in the quality of life in the Woods."

The letter of commendation stemmed from an August investigation in which Morabito caught a scam artist

who had bilked at least five elderly Woods residents in fake construction deals.

The departmental citation honored Morabito for developing minor leads into the arrests of two men who had twice stolen items from a local merchant.

"Greg, it's an honor to have you in the department," said Mike Makowski, the Woods director of public safety.



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## Emergency preparedness, are you ready for Y2K?

**Q.** Mr. Hardware, do you think there will be a power outage on the first day of the New Year? Is there anything special we should be doing about it?

This question comes to me about five times a day from customers all over.

**A.** Dear readers, the answer to whether or not there will be a crisis on Jan. 1 will have to wait until Jan. 2. Quite possibly not even until one week into January. I have friends in several fields of expertise and I am getting different predictions from each of them.

Some predict this century will end and the next will begin without a major problem. That is what we all hope for. A general consensus thinks the worst problems could be isolated outages here and there. Some businesses, transportation concerns and rural communities may be out for a little while but they won't be down long. We can fix the problems.

Then some of my other friends make my hair stand on end. No power, no water, sewers backing up. Government intervention, relocation into shelters. Boy, how that makes my skin crawl. This group of friends could be called extremists. But if power and utilities begin to fail they'll be the ones laughing. And we will wish for a few gallons of water, a battery operated radio, or a flashlight with fresh batteries.

So before everyone runs crying Chicken Little, I have found a few simple precautions one can do in case there is an emergency. These could be useful in a January ice storm if there was a loss of power for a day or two. It would be nice to know that you have a little cushion of water and food to get you by during an outage.

These tips are in "A Guide for Emergency Preparedness" from the Macomb County Office of Emergency

Management. They state: "The greatest factor in our favor is the advance warning that we have for dealing with this event." Copies of this document are available at the county building in Mount Clemens and at Gilbert's Pro Hardware in St. Clair Shores. I may have more distribution points in the near future. For more information, call (810) 776-9532.

Please note I have listed only some of what I consider to be the most important precautions. This list is for those of you who haven't done anything but would like to be somewhat prepared. Gather enough supplies to last for three or more days. Don't forget any pets and their food and water requirements. You should also have refills of all important prescriptions any family members might be taking.

A few key items to create an emergency kit are as follows:

- Battery powered radio and

extra batteries.

- Flashlights and more batteries — candles aren't recommended. We like oil lamps because they could be used anytime, burn for quite a while, and produce a large amount of light.
- Packaged food, juices, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, cookies, instant coffee, tea bags and a non-electric can opener.
- At least one gallon of water per person, per day for drinking and cooking. Don't forget some extra for personal hygiene.

Note: a good quick container is to rinse out empty 2-liter pop bottles.

- Disposable eating utensils,

Ask Mr. Hardware



By Blair Gilbert

- First-aid kit and manual.
- Fire extinguisher.
- An extra set of car keys.
- Some extra cash — not your life savings.

residential structure. Now is the time to check the batteries in all your smoke alarms. And as mentioned before, have at least one extra set for a portable radio. Some of us boat owners can hook a 12-volt bulb to our marine batteries. That is if we charged them up this fall. We lit our store last year during a power outage with two batteries and some 12-volt bulbs.

We all hope that there is no reason for all these precautions. If nothing else, this may bring a few of us down to the realization that we have it pretty good right now. Life is good. As a community, a society, a species — we are survivors. And whether there is a problem or not we will continue to meet the challenges of life and win over any obstacle in our path.

I want to wish everyone a very safe and special Christmas. I also want to thank everyone who has supported our hardware store for these past 50 years. It is a pleasure to live and work in this community. Thank you.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21920 Harper, St. Clair Shores 48080; call (810) 776-9532, e-mail blair@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com for a recap of some of my columns.

## Caring for your Christmas poinsettia

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

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

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

Poinsettias are very sensitive to drafts, therefore it should be wrapped in a florists sleeve to protect it from the cold on the way home from the store. It would not take very long in freezing temperatures to kill your poinsettia. Avoid leaving your plant in a cold

vehicle for very long.

At home place your poinsettia in a bright location away from drafts. During the day the temperature should be 65 to 70 degrees

and no colder than 60 at night. Temperature changes from your heat registers can be just as bad as cold drafts from open doors or windows. If your plant is next to a window, try to leave at least four inches between the window and the plant. Damage can occur from the cold window.

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

Fertilizing is not necessary while the plant is in bloom. After the plant loses its flowers you can trim it back to about half its height and fertilize

with a general house-plant food. New leaves will form and it can be grown as a nice house-plant throughout the winter into spring. In late spring after

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

Poinsettias need 10 weeks of short sunlight days in order to flower again. Sunlight needs to be restricted to only eight to 12 hours. Start moving the plant into darkness around Oct. 1 in order for it to be ready for Thanksgiving. More than 12 hours of sunlight a day will increase the length of time needed to flower. One suggestion is to cover the plant with a box between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Whether you keep the poinsettia around during the summer

or just enjoy it during the holidays, poinsettias will brighten up your home this holiday season. Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous plants. This does not mean that it is an edible plant. A few people may develop skin rashes from the milky sap substance called latex formed by the poinsettia.

Ask The Landscaper



By David Soulliere

## Merry Christmas to all

I would like to wish all a very merry Christmas and joyful holiday season.

This year has truly been one to remember. The last season of the century and the beginning of the millennium gives us many fond memories of the past and much to look forward to in the future. I hope everyone has a safe holiday.

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

## Tips on hiring household help: Holidays fuel need

The busy holiday season combined with no free time and a dirty home create a recipe for maid service help. According to American Demographics magazine, by the year 2000, more than 10 million households will hire household help. That's 17 percent of American households. But before you pick up that phone to schedule an appointment, it's important to know whom you are letting into your home.

"Customers want a service they can trust," said Janet Nelson, spokesperson for THE MAIDS International. "Our franchise owners go to great lengths to gain and ensure the trust of their customers. THE MAIDS' owners screen employees during the interview process, do thorough background checks, use a four-person supervised cleaning team, and keep customers' keys computer coded."

THE MAIDS provide the following tips for homeowners to follow before hiring a maid service:

- Bonding: Make sure the company is bonded. Should a theft occur, you need to be protected. Some companies, if they are bonded at all, protect only themselves, not the consumer.
- Insurance: Make sure the company is insured. If a maid slips and falls while cleaning the shower, your home owner's policy might not cover the incident.
- References: Make sure the company is reliable. Ask for references and a work history.
- Screening and hiring: Ask if employees' references are checked and if their residence status is confirmed. A professional company will screen each employee for honesty and dependability.
- Cleaning products and equipment: Some independent housekeepers as well as some

services expect you to supply all cleaning products and equipment. Check out what's included with your house cleaning.

• Guarantee: Make sure the service is backed by a written satisfaction guarantee.

• Taxes: Make sure you don't break any tax laws. If you pay a housekeeper

or maid at least \$1,000 per year, the law requires you to pay Social Security and other taxes on that person. Most maid service companies withhold taxes for their employees, but check to make sure.

For more information about

household employee taxes, call the Internal Revenue Service at (800) 829-1040.

THE MAIDS is one of the oldest and largest professional residential maid services in the nation. They were established in 1979 and serve more than 400 markets in the United States and Canada. For more information about their services, visit THE MAIDS Web site at: www.maids.com.

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## Pet Care

**HOLIDAY PET TIPS:** It's important for your visitors to refrain from squeezing or teasing your pet, especially children. When a child under the age of 12 comes to your home, take the lead by introducing the child to an animal and spell out any restrictions to the child. For example, "This is where my fish live. I am the only one who's allowed to touch the glass."

A leaning Christmas tree is a vulnerable tree. To make it less tempting for your cat, it's a good idea to attach it to the wall with clear fishing line.

A holiday bow around a pet's neck can be dangerous. If you can't resist the idea of putting antlers on your dog, take a snapshot for your holiday card and then take them off right away.

Skip the tinsel. Pets love to eat the shiny tinsel used to decorate for the holidays and often choking or suffocation occurs. Instead, use vinyl garlands and specialty lights to brighten the tree.

— Cleo and Brad Conrad, King Features Syndicate



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If you're not reading columnist Blair "Ask Mr. Hardware" Gilbert regularly in YourHome, our award-winning home and real estate magazine every week in the Grosse Pointe News and Connection newspapers, then you're missing the best how-to column on the eastside!

Mr. hardware and company wish everyone a Merry Christmas. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We wouldn't be here if it weren't for our fast friendly customers. Careful driving, we need you. Life is good! Be safe and sane.

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## Keep safety in mind when holiday decorating

Decorations can be pleasing to look at, as well as beautiful accents in your home for the holiday season when used properly. However, if decorating your home results in accidental fire or personal injury to you or your loved ones it can certainly cast a dark shadow on your holiday merriment. Electrical decorations such as light strings, animated ornaments and figures should be used and displayed with the utmost care.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), more than 1,500 people made emergency room visits last holiday season due to electrical decoration mishaps. Once again this holiday season, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA),

a private, nonprofit fire safety advocate group, is sponsoring its annual "Operation Decoration" campaign, aimed at helping promote holiday decorating safety.

The safety professionals at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions when decorating your home this holiday season:

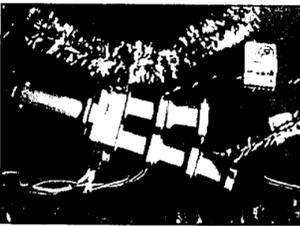
- If purchasing live, cut trees or greens, carefully inspect the needles. If they're brown or break easily, the greenery isn't fresh and poses a greater fire risk. When you take your tree home, put it in a sturdy, non-tip stand and keep it filled with water.

- If your family prefers decorating with artificial trees or greens, purchase those that are flame retardant. The product packaging will indicate if the branches of your artificial tree or greens have been treated with flame retardant material. However, light strings and

other electrical decorations should not be used on artificial trees or greens that have metallic needles, leaves or branch coverings.

- Place your tree or greens at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Also make sure the tree isn't blocking a doorway or other exit route.

- Use light strings and animated or electrical decorations that bear the UL Mark. Electrical light strings and decorations such as candlelights and illuminated ornaments that have been tested by UL bear holographic labels — easily identified by their silver



**Don't overload extension cords — it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.**

base and UL Marks that appear to "float" in the background.

- Before you begin decorating, follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning

installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using. Before plugging in newly purchased electrical decorations, or those you've used during previous holiday seasons, carefully inspect each decoration. Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire.

- Always unplug a light string or electrical decoration

before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Check the instructions to determine which maintenance the manufacturer recommends you perform. Don't attempt to make a repair unless the instructions indicate the proper procedure and equipment for doing so. Decorations may overheat or safety mechanisms may not operate properly if you use replacement parts other than those specified by the manufacturer.

- Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's wire insulation.

- Check the markings on your electrical decorations to determine the maximum number of decorative light strings that may be connected. If the product packaging does not indicate the number of light strings that may be connected, practice this rule of thumb: Do not connect more than three

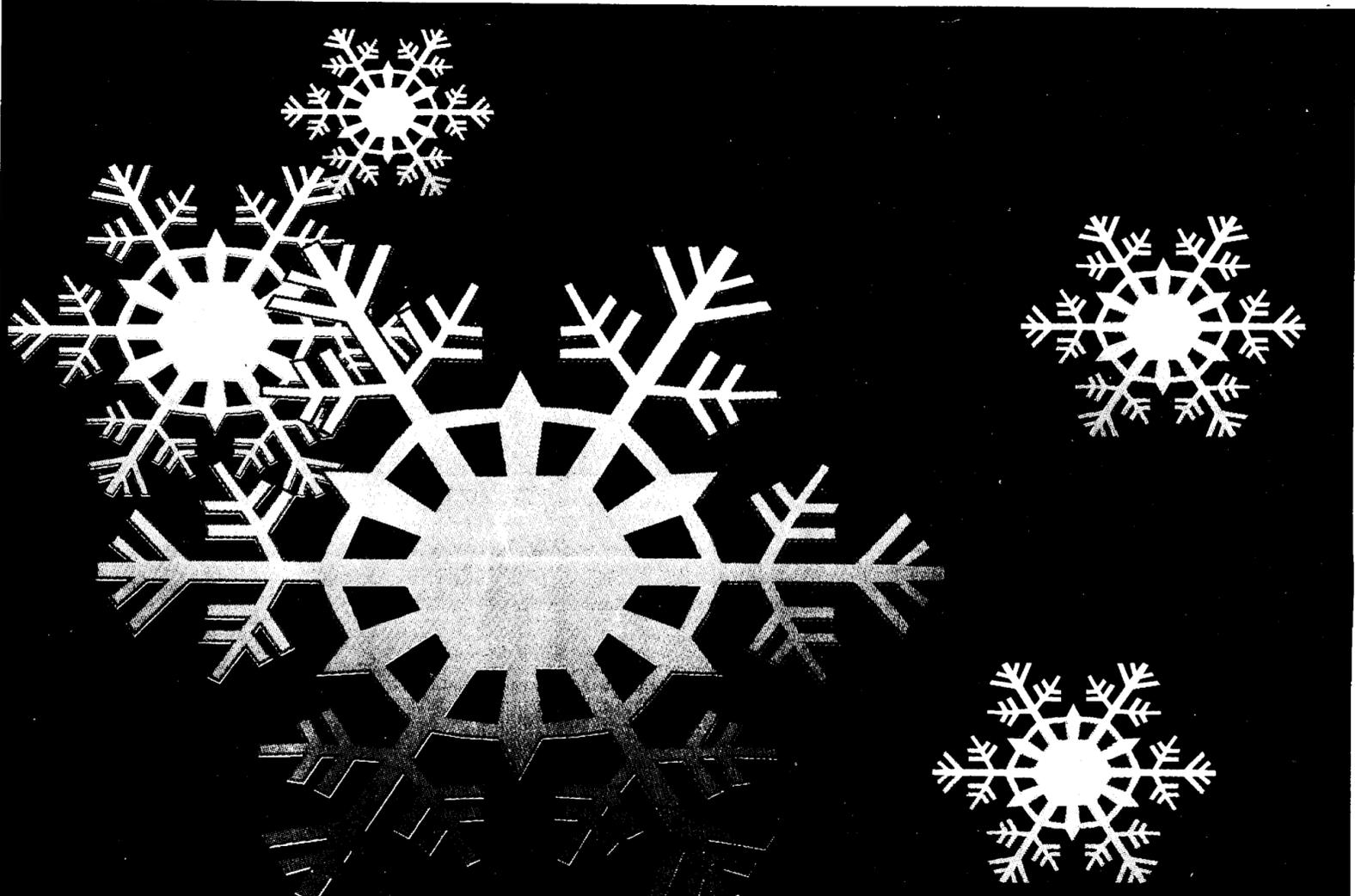
midget (push-in bulbs) light string sets together. Light strings with the screw-in bulbs (C7s and C9s) should have a maximum of 50 bulbs connected together.

- Don't overload extension cords — it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.

- Don't allow children or pets to play with light strings, candle lights or other electrical decorations. These decorations aren't toys and could produce a deadly electric shock if they are misused.

- Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed. Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers that bear the UL Mark.

- Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason.



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## Celebrate a century of decorating with a twist of today

Next to the holiday meal, decorations serve as the centerpiece of many seasonal celebrations for people of all ages, traditions and cultures throughout the United States and Canada.

"Holiday decorations are important because they help us make a special time of the year," says Joan Serena, a decorating and gift-giving expert for Department 56, the maker of fine collectibles and giftware. "It doesn't matter if you live in sunny Key West or snowy Montreal, it's what those decorations mean to you and your family, and the special memories they create."

Of course, decorating to mark a special holiday season isn't new. Historians know that various cultures dating back several thousand years used decorations to celebrate all sorts of seasonal holidays, from the winter solstice to the beginning of the planting season. But it's only been since the 1400s, that people, primarily of Western and Eastern European heritage, have been decorating their homes to celebrate the Christmas season. Since then, decorating for the holidays has been transformed over and over again as people and cultures mixed and borrowed ideas from one another. Especially here in the United States, where the holiday traditions have come together over time to form a style of holiday decorating that reflects the whims, fancies and dreams of North Americans.

But how far have we gone from the Christmas twigs of long ago to magically lit displays of the modern era?

Well, as North Americans approach a new millennium, maybe it doesn't really matter. Our style of holiday decorating doesn't dictate strict adherence to centuries-old traditions. Just the opposite, in fact. In the boiling-pot culture in which North Americans live, it's encouraged to borrow ideas from different cultures, or different times. If you're Irish heritage but want to decorate in a traditional Italian style — well, go for it. Or how about a 1920s art deco Christmas theme? The point of decorating for the holidays in the 1999 is that it's about creating a style that reflects you and your family. "Decorating for the holidays will be especially fun this year. The end of the century offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the past and look to the future," Serena adds. "How about decorating your home to celebrate the turn of the century — the 19th century — in true Victorian style?" Serena asks. "Or, why not incorporate decorations from several different eras — the 1920s, the 1950s and the 1970s, to honor the multiple generations that will be celebrating the holidays under your roof this season?"

To help you discover your holiday decorating style, here are some additional decorating ideas from Department 56 that will make this your best holiday season ever, and help you ring in the new millennium:

### 1900 — simple style

As Americans ushered in a new century, they turned away from the excesses of Victorian decor. Magazines introduced the "White Tree" decorating style that featured white tinsel, pine cones, icicles and angel hair. This simplified style remained popular until World War I. You can revive the 1900s White Tree decorating style this year by wrapping your tree in white: white candle-style lights, white and clear glass bulbs and white tinsel garlands. Or, you can start with a white tree and add glistening white decorations to complete the look. For another authentic 1900s twist, place your tree on a table top instead of the floor.

### 1910 — right on track

Trains have long been part of many holiday traditions. A favorite gift opened by kids, the love is often passed from generation to generation. For a 1910-style addition that's part decoration, part entertainment, set up a small train track around your tree. Don't forget to include an elaborate tree skirt, a signature of the 1910s.



**1920 — festive flowers**

From gangsters to flappers, prohibition to Black Tuesday, Duke Ellington to Babe Ruth, everything and everyone seemed to make a big impact in the 1920s and the holidays were no exception. Huge trees glistened with tinfoil icicles and glass prisms and the large-leaved poinsettia was adopted as the traditional American Christmas flower. Jazz up your holiday poinsettias this year by placing the plants in colored vases and using the Department 56 "Secret Garden Florist" and "Poinsettias For Sale" accessory from The Original Snow Village to create a bookshelf display with floral flair.

### 1930 — lighted villages

American spirit, mostly dampened by the decade of Depression, rose a bit each year for holiday cheer. Many homes displayed Village scenes to provide a make-believe escape from the Great Depression. These Villages continue to brighten holiday

homes today. Even in the time-crunched 1990s, you can create a great holiday escape using lighted Villages. Dress up the fireplace mantel this year with a neighborhood of lighted Villages and beeswax candles.

Try using candles of different heights and elevating several Village houses for a display with more depth. Create the mantel display shown with the Department 56 "Manchester Square" set from The Dickens' Village Series.



### 1940 — in short supply

Holiday decorations, much like everything else in the 1940s, were in short supply. World War II drained the resources to cut and ship live Christmas trees and manufacture ornaments. The shortages encouraged Americans to create their own ornaments made from non-priority war items such as cardboard cutouts decorated with glitter, clear glass balls painted with stripes and tissue paper snowflakes. Simplify your decorating this year and bring back memories of Christmas' past. Trace around your holiday cookie cut-

ters onto cardboard. Then cut out the holiday shapes and add glue and glitter. Tie them together using red and green yarn to create a homemade garland for your banister.

### 1950 — light it up

The fabulous '50s turned out some fabulous fads. Holiday decor reflected the bright lights, fast cars and rock'n roll of the decade. Aluminum trees and bubble lights were popular, as were Styrofoam ball ornaments with sequins, rhinestones, ribbons and miniature beads. Pay tribute to the 1950s with a "light up the road" holiday display. Use a motorcycle tire strung with Christmas lights and topped with a piece of scrap-metal. Add the "Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Shop" with the "1955 Ford Automobiles" and Harley-Davidson accessories from the Department 56 Original Snow Village to complete the look.

### 1960 — out of this world

Decorating in the 1960s moved away from nostalgia to newness. Americans, in the midst of the space race, saw no boundaries, even when it came to holiday decorating. Yard decorations became very popular in the 1960s, as did shiny "ice bulbs" and mylar icicles. Use a shiny, celestial theme this year that celebrates the decade of the first lunar landing. Add tin-stamped stars and blinking lights to your tree and brighten your table with a coordinating centerpiece. Create a base from a galvanized tub spray-painted

with a starry-blue stencil. Add the Department 56 North Pole Series "Weather & Time Observatory" and snowy pine trees for a fun holiday decoration.

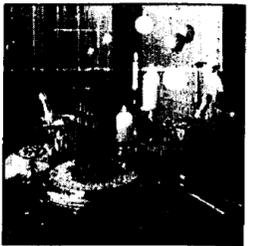
### 1970 — country creations

The traditional Christmas made a comeback in the 1970s. Feelings of nostalgia led to family-oriented celebrations as well as preparations. Homemade decor was very popular, especially the country style with gingham bows, dried flowers, fabric dolls, wooden ornaments and glazed bread dough. For the look of the 1970s, go natural. Create a sunny country centerpiece from a preformed straw wreath topped with a mirror. Then add the "Butter Tub Farmhouse," "Butter Tub Barn" and farm accessories from the Department 56 Dickens' Village Series to add some homespun flair and create a great conversation starter.

### 1980 — The more The merrier

In the 1980s Americans started a collecting craze. We collected sports cards, stamps, autographs, dolls and, for the holidays, ornaments and Village houses. Christmas decorating surged in the '80s, as the early Victorian-era theme of "more is better" re-emerged. Department stores opened "trim-a-home" departments and Christmas retailers across the country enjoyed strong sales. Live by the '80s motto, "the more the merrier" this

season. Instead of just one tree, decorate two. Place candle lights in every window. Display all of your collectible ornaments and Village houses, not just a few special pieces. And don't stop with your front yard; add outdoor lights in the back too.



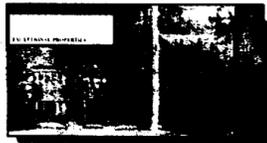
### 1990 — anything goes

As the end of the century approaches, Americans can reflect on the past and look to the future. In fact, many Americans are choosing to celebrate with some of the same traditions their ancestors used decades, even a century ago. For example, in Switzerland, the Christmas tree doesn't get decorated until Christmas Eve, and the parents do all of the decorating. In many other countries, children put their shoes, not stockings, out to collect presents. The French display creches and serve the buche de Noel, or Yule log-shaped cake. And, the Julbuk, a small figurine of a goat, is a common Swedish decoration as are the Christmas bells and

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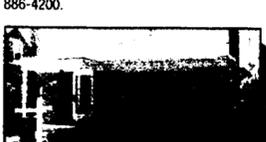
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## Demystifying the 'art' of purchasing art for gifts

With the holiday season upon us, shoppers with a taste for the arts are faced with a familiar question. Whether you're shopping for yourself or a loved one, how do you know what to look for when buying a work of art? Consumers stepping into an art gallery for the first time often feel a mixture of delight and intimidation at the wonderfully strange sculptures and paintings before them. This is especially true for buyers who feel they lack the basic knowledge to recognize the difference between, say, an impressionistic painting and a surrealist one.

Then there's the holiday pressure to find the right work of art that will breathe new life into the recipient's home. After all, the work you decide upon becomes an integral part of a home's interior design, leaving guests with a lasting impression of the owner's taste, personality and esthetic sensibility. So you want to make sure you select just the right work of art. But how?

According to Steve Danko, director of The Jean Stephen Galleries in Minneapolis, the decision-making process varies greatly depending on the buyer. "Some buyers simply fall in love with a work of art the first time they see it — they feel an inexplicable bond with it. Others come back several times, always with new questions about the work," he said.

To help ensure that you'll be happy with your purchase, Danko advises that patrons spend more time learning about the artist, and the medium in which they specialize. "Gaining an awareness of the artist's background allows the potential buyer to appreciate an artist's work at a completely different level. It's easy to visit a gallery and pick up a bio sheet on an artist whose work you find appealing."

To illustrate his point, Danko cites the increased interest in one of the sculptors currently on display at his gallery. Louis von Koelnau, or

"Red" as he is better known, has been sculpting animals and non-objective pieces for over 45 years. Why sculpture? "I can't draw," says Red with a laugh.

Geraldine Diedrich, Red's manager, feels that Red's appeal lies in understanding the intricacy of his art. "Once people discover the technical expertise that goes into Red's sculptures — and the fact that few, if any, sculptors can duplicate it — their appreciation for his work increases dramatically," Diedrich said.

Red specializes in sculpting bears made solely in resin, a modern compound not unlike amber, the fossilized resin of pine trees. Working as a boat builder and taxidermist for 20 years, the artist acquired extensive knowledge about the use and control of the polyresin medium.

Anyone who has seen Red's bears is amazed by the way he uses light to animate them, almost giving each a separate personality. In fact, Red main-

tains that he is actually sculpting human beings. Families, adults, children, in the guise of bears.

Whatever type of bear Red sculpts, his goal is to make it look simple. "The artist should strive to make difficult things look easy, not easy things look difficult," says Red. "If copious explanation is needed, you should be a writer."

If you're planning on entertaining during this holiday season, and want a gift that will "occupy space in an interesting way," you might want to consider one of Red's bears. Diedrich claims that having a bear present when she entertains guarantees that "there will always be one interesting guest."

The Jean Stephen Galleries showcase hand crafted, original works of art. You can visit the gallery at 917 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN.

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Louis von Koelnau specializes in sculpting bears made solely in resin.

## Antiques

**Q.** My parents left me a set of 1950s cherry bedroom furniture. Unfortunately, it was stored too long in a closed room, and the drawers smell moldy. I have tried commercial disinfectants, but nothing has worked. Can you help?

**A.** Try spreading some fresh coffee grounds in the drawers and letting them sit for at least 24 hours. They might absorb the odor.

If that doesn't work, sprinkle the drawers with baking soda, and leave them open for a week. Vacuum and repeat if necessary.

If the smell persists, parch several handfuls of uncooked rice in a shallow pan in the oven. Place the pan and rice in a misty drawer to absorb the odor.

You also can try spreading cat litter or charcoal chips in the drawers. Close the drawers for several days, and repeat until the odor seems to be gone. Then wash the inside of the drawers and let them dry.

Some people solve the problem by placing the drawers outdoors in the shade, then using a fan to blow air through the drawers.

If none of these methods work, you can try varnishing the inside of the drawers to seal in the odor.

Good luck.

**TIP:** When storing dolls, old or new, be sure to remove any sticky tape that might have been used to hold bows or other accessories in place. The glue from the tape eventually would discolor the fabric.

**Q.** I recently learned that the vaseline glass candlesticks that sit on my dining room table get their yellow-green color from uranium. Does this pose a health risk?

**A.** The coloring agent used in making vaseline glass was the stable compound uranium dioxide, not the radioactive element uranium.

Tests to measure the emissions given off by genuine vaseline glass show they are on the same level as TV or microwave-oven emissions.

**Q.** My father purchased a few antique clocks over the years and has left them to me. One is a brass and glass rectangular shelf clock, about 16 1/2 inches high, 9 inches wide, and 5 inches deep. There are plain brass columns at each corner, a single glass column at the center of each side and a curved glass door on the front. The brass decorative crown is fancy. On the face of the clock are the words "Manufactured by the Ansonia Clock Co., New York, United States of America." Can you help me determine age and value?

**A.** The Ansonia Clock Co. was founded in Derby, Conn., in 1850 by Anson G. Phelps, a wealthy New York importer. After two fires and corporate reorganizations, the company moved to Brooklyn in 1880. Your clock is called a "crystal

regulator," and was probably made between 1905 and 1915. (The 1914 Ansonia catalog has 18 pages of crystal regulators.) It was a popular clock style in 19th-century France. If your clock works, it is worth more than \$3,000.

**Q.** My family has some dishes marked "Rose China, Occupied Japan." Who made them?

**A.** In 1946 and 1947, the Noritake Co. Ltd., made china for the U.S. military forces in Japan. The war had caused shortages, and the factory was unable to make china of the same quality as their earlier pieces. The company decided to use the name Rose China rather than mark pieces with their well-known trademark that had been used since 1904. By 1949, dishes were again

marked with the name Noritake.

**Tip:** Don't wax a piece of furniture that has not been cleaned in the past year.

For a free copy of the Kovels' newsletter about antiques and collectibles, filled with information about the world of collecting, write Kovels, P.O. Box 420347, Palm Coast, FL 32142.

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bushes in Australia. It's easy to find information on ethnic holiday traditions at the library or on the Internet.

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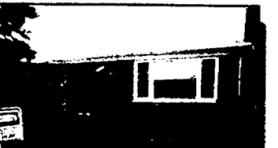
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## The gift of security

Ideas to make home a safer place for everyone

Remember your elderly friends and relatives this holiday season with a gift they will really appreciate. For a little time and money, you can make their home a safer place.

Here are 10 ways to give this gift, which will last all year.

1. Install a deadbolt that uses a key. Doors with windows or with glass beside them can be broken into easily. An intruder simply breaks the glass, reaches through and unlocks the door. The key should always be kept somewhere other than in the lock, but close enough to reach in an emergency.

2. Screws in the strike plate should be at least three inches long, reaching well into the studs on the door frame. Even a deadbolt won't help if the strike plate is ripped out by someone forcing their way in, says Tony Orozco of The Home Depot. "At less than \$1 for the screws, this is probably the most economical home security measure anyone can take."

3. Install door and window alarms. This is easier than it sounds. Many home improvement centers carry alarm units that simply hang on a doorknob. When the door is opened, an alarm sounds. Beyond just a security measure, it lets the hard-of-hearing know that a friend or relative is entering their room.

Self-adhesive window alarm units work much the same way, sounding if an object hits against the glass.

4. Add exterior lighting. Halogen flood lights are economical and shine brightly. Using them with light- and motion-sensitive fixtures will add to the security as well as beauty of the home's exterior.

5. Inside the home, reinforce any wall-mounted banisters. Using longer screws and wall brackets, you can make sure that anyone climbing the stairs will have a sturdy banister to grab onto if they lose their balance.

6. Other areas of the home can be susceptible to dangers of slipping. Area rugs, which are

good for keeping the house warmer in winter, can slide even on carpet. Use non-slip pads underneath to keep them in place.

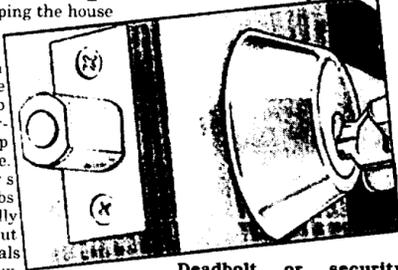
Showers and bathtubs are potentially dangerous, but non-slip decals made for showers will help to give sure footing. Consider using these on vinyl floors as well, near a sink or other water source, where a slippery, wet floor is likely.

7. Scalding water in the bathroom or kitchen can also cause burns. Orozco recommends installing scald-proof faucets as a precaution.

8. For colder climates, where there is likely to be snow or ice, a general winterizing check is a good idea. Make sure the chimney is free of debris that could start a fire and check to make sure the furnace is in good working order and has new filters.

Install new insulation, if necessary, and caulk any draft-causing cracks around doors and windows. As a precaution against ice on driveways, be sure there is a pail of salt or sand and a trowel near an exterior door for any trips outdoors, particularly to the mailbox.

"Also, look around the house for potentially hazardous sidewalks or outside stairs," says Orozco. "Installing a handrail may keep an elderly person



Deadbolt or security locks provide an additional barrier to unwanted intruders and are relatively easy to install.

from slipping on ice."

9. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are a household staple. And, changing the batteries at the twice-yearly time change is becoming a habit. But can the resident hear them? If not, replace either or both units. If your elderly friend or relative is hard of hearing, make the extra effort to choose the loudest alarms.

10. Purchase a cordless phone for the house so the resident can keep it in a pocket. Be sure to preprogram 911 in the speed dial, and embellish the button with bright ink or paint. If they happen to fall or an intruder tries to break in, they can call for help with the touch of a button and relay health information, if necessary, to emergency services.

"The phone will also be handy for a quick call to you or the grandchildren," says Orozco.

## Good Housekeeping

### Gift calendars

In addition to making great presents, Year 2000 calendars are expected to become popular collectibles. Our favorites from the millennial crop:

**FOR THE KITCHEN WALL:** "A Year in the Country," by Matthew Rice (Workman, \$9.95), celebrates the simple life in colorful, primitive-style paintings, with recipes, random musings, and quirky tidbits of information (such as the difference between frogs and toads).

Saluting the graceful ritual of teatime, "The Collectible Teapot and Tea Calendar," by Joni Miller and Martin Brigdale (Workman, \$9.95), combines romantic photographs with literary quotes and intriguing lore about brews, linens, cups and tea etiquette.

Homemakers, cooks, and aspiring apothecaries will be inspired by the bouquets, potpourris, bath potions and recipes in "Herbs by Emelie Tolley and Chris Mead" (Workman, \$9.95). Lush photographs provide 12 months' worth of encouragement for country dreaming.

"Play With Your Food," by Joost Elffers and Saxton Freymann (Joost Elffers Books, \$11.95), gives fruits and vegetables a makeover. Oranges become cats, and mushrooms morph into men in artichoke coats — plus there's a full menagerie of other amusing creatures that add up to a bold and entertaining zoo for anyone's wall.

**NATURAL WONDERS:** by "Earth From Above," by

Yann Arthus-Bertrand (Abrams, \$12.95), the result of a five-year airborne odyssey across six continents, features photos that will take your breath away. From a flock of red ibis in Venezuela to a caravan of camels in Mauritania, this is a unique and spectacular portrait of the world.

"Flowers," by Haruhito Wako and Masato Kawai (Chronicle, \$12.95), explores the concept of a blossom as natural sculpture. Twelve sharply focused portraits of common flowers emphasize the form, balance, and beauty that can be found in a single stem.

"The Lovely Heaven on Earth," (Abbeville, \$12.95), shows off the majesty of the American landscape with scenes of tranquil beauty, each captioned with a thought-provoking quotation from a poet or prophet.

"Garden Bouquets" (Chronicle, \$12.95) showcases flowers grown in backyard gardens. Placed in cans, jars, and other humble containers, the blooms capture the essence of casual elegance.

For kids, "The Magical Mobile, Incredible Cut-Out Butterfly Calendar" (Artisan, \$11.95) from the National Audubon Society promises a year of fun. In addition to transforming into a mobile, it contains puzzles, trivia, crosswords, and drawings to color.

**AMERICANA:** "With Porches" (Golden Turtle Press, \$11.99), you can imagine yourself in shady comfort, sipping an iced drink, watching the cars go by. Photographs of 12 charming porches, verandas, and patios invite you to pass the seasons

with your feet up, enjoying the view.

The car culture is almost as American as apple pie, and "Roadside America," by Lucinda Lewis (Abrams, \$15.95), commemorates the best in automotive design in the 20th century. Vintage locations, including motels, diners, and an amusement park, add to the spirit of fun.

"Highway: America's Endless Dream," by Jeff Brouws (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$11.95), looks at freeway images and roadside remnants of a slower age. Neon-lit gas stations and motels as well as dark, empty stretches of highway evoke the loneliness of the open road.

"Antiques Roadshow" (Workman, \$10.95), from the popular PBS television show, is a full-color picture-a-day calendar showing 365 treasures from the attics of America. Each month spotlights one piece that epitomizes a particular period or type of craftsmanship.

**ANIMAL MAGIC:** William Wegman's super-model weimaraners pose in "Man's Best Friend" (Abrams, \$12.95). Appropriately dressed for the seasons in slickers, golf togs, and ski apparel, they make a year's worth of fashion statements.

And, for those who fancy felines, there's "Dancing with Cats," by Burton Silver and Heather Busch (Chronicle, \$12.95), which features delightful photos of people and their cats, jumping and jiving in graceful tandem. Cats, we're told, are natural dance partners.

—Hearst Communications

## BIA has 2000 home show dates

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) offers the dates of its home and garden shows.

"Our shows provide ideas and inspiration to take homeowners into the new millennium," says Peter Burton, president of the BIA and of Burton Katzman Development in Bingham Farms.

BIA will sponsor the eighth annual Home Improvement Show, Feb. 3 through 6, at the Novi Expo Center; the third annual Macomb Home Improvement Show, Feb. 18 through 20, at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Warren; the 82nd annual GMC Builders Home & Detroit Flower Show, March 23 through 26, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit; the fourth annual Spring Home & Garden Show, April 6 through 9, at the Novi Expo Center; and the eighth annual Fall Remodeling Show, Oct. 12 through 15 at the Novi Expo Center.

The names of the February and April shows at the Novi Expo Center were changed this year to better reflect each shows' offerings. The 2000 shows feature advice, ideas and innovations for the home and garden under one roof. Featured experts and celebrities will share their knowledge to transform homes into castles.

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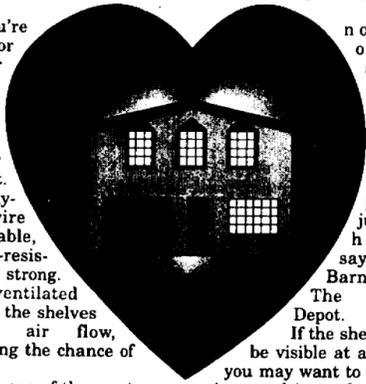
An old Shaker saying tells us to "hold no object which you do not believe to be beautiful or know to be useful." With this in mind, you can attack your closet or pantry with confidence.

First things first. Before you invest in shelving supplies, get out some big black garbage bags and give your closets and pantry a good cleaning. Show no mercy. Beautiful and useful stay, everything else goes. Keep an eye out for charitable donations and recyclables.

Now that the space is empty, measure it completely and head to your local home center, where shelving options abound.

If you're looking for sheer utility, ventilated shelving may be your best bet. The epoxy-coated wire is durable, corrosion-resistant and strong. The ventilated nature of the shelves promotes air flow, diminishing the chance of mildew.

"This is one of the most economical options and it's a project that a beginner can accomplish in just a few hours," says Gene Barnes of The Home Depot. If the shelves will be visible at all times, you may want to consider using wood instead. Seal the



wood by painting it to inhibit moisture, which can cause warping and compromise durability. Decorative metal brackets will support your heavier loads, and molding can add to a more elegant look.

For very long wooden shelves that will hold heavy loads, 3/4 to 1-inch pine is inexpensive and durable. For the strongest shelves, use a harder wood like oak. Supports should be placed every four feet, using L-shaped brackets.

"A high quality bracket made of strong metal is important for sufficient support," says Barnes. When storing your belongings,

be sure to use proper packing materials. Covered plastic bins stack easily and can hold several items. For long-term storage, the plastic bin can prevent rodent or insect infestation. For smaller items, something as simple and inexpensive as a resealable plastic bag or jar can do the trick. Label the contents clearly on the container.

Consider what you'll be using, and how often. Place little-used items in the back or higher up and those which you use frequently within easy reach.

After everything has been replaced, notice the lighting in

the closet. If you can't read the labels or find what's there, you may want to add a higher wattage incandescent light bulb or compact fluorescent bulb to put your belongings in better light.

Finally, if the closet is in a basement or attic area, you will probably need a moisture-inhibiting product. Moth ball cedar blocks also will help to deter pests.

If this closet is the closest thing you'll have to a dressing room, paint the walls a rich color and hang a decorative mirror inside the door. It will turn your nightmare closet into a dream come true.

## Household Help

Does your home make a good impression? Does it make a strong statement to your neighbors and potential buyers? If you want to change the message your home is sending, improving its "curb appeal" is a great place to start, says the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). There are a number of ways to enhance your home's appearance, from smaller tasks, such as weeding and mowing the lawn, to larger projects, such as an exterior remodeling project.

It's well known that potential buyers make up their minds in the first few minutes of seeing a home. How your home presents itself from the road can actually make or break the sale. You can make a world of difference in how your home is perceived by adding a window wall, a Victorian wrap-around porch or completely re-shingling your roof.

To determine what needs to be done to your home, start by taking some time to look at your house in a different light. Sit across the street from your home and look at it like you've never before seen it. Is the lawn unkempt? Is there any landscaping? Does the yard and landscaping look healthy? What about the home itself? Is it proportional? Is the roof sagging or warped? Are the gutters hanging in places? Are they overgrown with weeds and leaves? Does your porch desperately need repairs?

It helps to write down a complete inventory of what is wrong with your home's appearance, then make a list of ways in which you can fix those problems. It could be as simple as adding a flower bed or planting a tree. If your home lacks visual depth, installing a portico over your front door could be the solution. A new deck can also provide a third dimension. A good old-fashioned paint job can give the home a face lift, as will new siding. If the roof looks dull, replacing the shingles can breathe new life into the house.

For almost 35 million Americans, stuffy noses, sneezes and itchy eyes are the rites of passage that come with changing seasons, but the home can become a safe haven for many who suffer from inhaled allergens.

According to the Environmental Protection

Agency, there are proven ways to cut back on the amount of allergens in the home, making your home a refuge for allergy sufferers. The EPA says that while there are a number of causes for indoor air pollution, the primary causes are inadequate ventilation, high temperatures and high humidity levels.

How does a homeowner combat these causes? The federal government recommends:

- Maintaining air conditioner and furnace systems.
- Being aware of inadequate ventilation.
- Installing humidifiers, dehumidifiers and fresh air exchangers.
- Weatherizing the home.
- Cleaning the carpet regularly.

Keeping the indoor air quality

of a home at an optimal level may require installing new equipment that helps regulate the amount of humidity, dust particles and fresh air in a home. Air filtration systems are usually the key to reducing the particles floating in the home's air. There are several types of filter systems, spanning from the basic disposable air filter in most homes to the more sophisticated electronic air filters.

Because it is important to exchange the air in the room five or six times per hour, fresh air exchangers are also useful in reducing allergies. One reason Americans have seen an increase in allergy-related problems is because homes are being built better and more airtight.

Humidifiers can be added to

air systems to monitor the amount of moisture in the air for cooler climates, and dehumidifiers can be added in warmer climates when humidity needs to be removed from the air.

Making sure a home's cooling and heating systems are in tip-top condition is an important step to reducing the number of allergens in a home, but that's not all. The EPA says weatherizing a home by installing storm windows, weather stripping, caulking, and blown-in wall insulation can also help prevent pesky particles from causing havoc for allergy sufferers.

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

## Double the chance of surviving a fire — give a smoke detector

Here's a gift suggestion for that hard-to-buy-for person in your life — a smoke detector. Through November of this year, 177 people died as a result of residential fires. Almost 84 percent of those occurred in residences where there were no or non-working smoke detectors. Statistics indicate that occupants of a house with a smoke detector are more than twice as likely to survive a fire as those without one.

"Smoke detectors provide an early warning which can allow residents to escape before the house is fully engulfed in flames," says Lori White, communications director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan (IIAM).

According to White, smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to ensure

that they are working properly. Under most circumstances it is recommended that batteries be changed annually.

Smoke detectors should be installed on each level of the dwelling. The most important locations are near bedrooms, at the bottom of stairways, in hallways and in the living room. The units should be affixed to the ceiling at least four inches from the point where the ceiling meets the wall.

It is important to practice an escape plan at least twice a year. Also, family members should agree upon a safe place to meet once they are outside a burning structure.

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## Martha Stewart I ain't!

Pity poor Martha this week. What on Earth is someone *that* organized doing to entertain herself during the countdown to the holidays?

If we had followed her lead, we would not be starting our Christmas cards today. Our plum puddings would have been fermenting in the cellar for weeks. We wouldn't have had the opportunity to push, shove and complain at the checkout lines and post offices. Our cars would have sailed in and out of parking spaces, and we would be bored and smug in our homes. Surely the "S" in Martha's last name must stand for Scrooge.

This is all part of the holiday game. We haven't started to bake yet, using the excuse that the grandchildren will want to be a part of this ritual when they arrive this week. They don't have to know that the Pillsbury Dough Boy lent a hand in the preparations. Aren't all cookies cut from a long roll?? Our imagination can be used in the decorating process. Lots and lots of sprinkles will fool 'em every time.

Bet Martha never bought an already-tied bow either. Get a life, woman, some of us just get all snarled up in all that ribbon. Do we think big "M" ever resorted to a colored plastic trash bag when puzzled by the size of a gift? Naw. Improvise is the name of the game, rush hither and yon, pause for a holiday concert, refusal and run. Unfortunately, the only flakes in town aren't of the white and wet kind. Bring on the snow!

Today, we did cards (if there isn't a note included, why bother?), wrapped presents, made some deliveries, visited with friends, watched some lousy football and read the paper. In our book, this is an average weekend before Christmas, and we wouldn't change a thing. We feel the spirit of the season.

I was asked a couple questions about a week ago that bothered me. We were having a small gathering and the bartender we hired asked if we permitted red wine to be served in our home. Another helper asked if we allowed cocktail sauce to be served in our house. Excuse me? I was informed that some people don't want to risk spillage on their carpeting. I explained that we didn't live in a palace and that so far our guests and their comfort have been of more concern to us than our rugs and furnishings. Wonder what Martha's take is on this subject.

And speaking of comfort zones, does any town have it easier than we do as far as our public services are concerned? I can't think of many other places where the sanitation workers come into yards and pick up our trash. Our police and fire departments are extremely cordial and prompt in their responses to our needs. I wonder how many of us are aware that there are ways to show tangible gratitude to those around us who serve us in all seasons and often go beyond the norm. I'm certain that if you call your local police station, they will be happy to explain how and where to send a check. It's a good time of year to express our appreciation.

And so, while Martha S. is out gathering holly in her yard, and milking the goats for her homemade eggnog, we will continue blundering through in our own way. The Loft sends love and good wishes and a glorious, healthy and blessed millennium to each of you.

— Offering from the loft

## Recent legislation is pro-Detroit

By Rep. Andrew C. Richner  
R-Grosse Pointe Park

Some have raised the specter of recent legislative enactments being motivated by anti-Detroit bias. The truth is quite to the contrary.

My childhood memories of Detroit include driving with my parents and grandparents down East Jefferson and passing vibrant neighborhoods and shops full of people on the way to a bustling downtown with a thriving business and shopping district, where we'd find, of course, Santa Claus at Hudson's. But now these are just memories that our children, unfortunately, will never be able to enjoy. The precipitous economic decline of a once great city has seen the population diminish from over two million people in 1960 to no better than one million today.

What has brought about the decline of Detroit? No one can point with certainty to any one factor. But one thing is certain: The social engineering and welfare state philosophies of the past 40 years have totally failed in reviving the city.

That is why I believe that as your representative in state government I have an obligation to work with my colleagues to try to fix the mistakes of the past as we help our urban centers experience the economic resurgence taking place everywhere else in this state.

Last year we started with

revenue sharing and tax reform. While assuring that Detroit would receive no reduction in state tax revenues over the next 10 years (despite protestations from outstate areas experiencing huge increases in population), we insisted that Detroit alleviate one of the biggest impediments to living and working in the city — the Detroit city income tax.

We passed legislation that would cut the tax by a third. Although it does not completely remove the disparity in costs between doing business in city vs. suburbs, at least we have helped turn the city in the right direction.

Detroit school reform was our next priority. Only hardcore militants have objected to our efforts to turn around a school system shockingly deficient in fulfilling its obligations to the children of Detroit. Less than one out of three students graduate from Detroit schools and last year only 239 of 4,300 students passed the high school MEAP test.

Does anyone really think that maintaining the status quo in the name of local control is fair to the 180,000 kids in Detroit schools who were being left behind? Rational leaders in the city like Sen. Virgil Smith (D-Detroit) and Mayor Archer and even the teacher and employee unions who supported the legislation think not.

Residency requirements for city employees has now

been offered as another sacred right for municipal governments to control their populations. But one has to wonder why cities without residency requirements, like the Grosse Pointes, continue to prosper while those with residency requirements, like Detroit, continue to demonstrate that this is a failed policy to stem the tide of economic decline. Clearly there is a cost to our cities that arbitrarily limit their pool of qualified potential employees through residency requirements.

And, philosophically, while it is appropriate to allow a city to require employees who agree to be so bound to live in that city, it is fundamentally wrong to force employees to live where they do not want to live. Moreover, such residency policies are unenforceable, unless the government employs Orwellian-like techniques to monitor its residents with cameras or other residency verification measures.

In fact, Detroit Deputy Mayor Fremantle Hendrix has said the change in the residency policy will have little impact on the city, because most city employees wishing to live elsewhere have already found a way to skirt the residency requirement.

In my view, the state has an obligation to defend individuals against such gross violations of civil rights notwithstanding those who wish to preserve residency requirements by raising the strawman argument of "local control."

Yes, in what has become "de rigueur" in response to any legislative action affecting the City of Detroit, these measures have been met with charges of racism. But is it racist to help change the course of economic decline in the state's largest and most important city? In my heart, I believe not.

Indeed, I believe that it is our moral responsibility to see that no child, no senior citizen, no person less fortunate than ourselves, is left behind.

Andrew Richner represents the citizens of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and the East-side of Detroit in the Michigan State House of Representatives. You can call him toll-free at (888) 254-LAW1.

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## A no-brainer — Model T is named 'Car of the Century'

The 20th century was the Century of the Car. So an international panel of auto journalists and other experts decided to pick the Car of the Century.

At a ceremony in Las Vegas last weekend, the Ford Model T was declared the Car of the Century. The Model T was selected for the significant innovation it represented in its day, as well as its design and its impact on the auto industry, and indeed, society itself.

"The COTC award represents the hard work of many people from all over the world," said Fred van der Vlugt, chairman of the board of the Global Automotive Elections Foundation. "We salute the Ford Model T for winning this award."

The Model T won with 742 points in the final voting. Closest runnerup was the British Mini, which got 617 points. Then came the French Citroen DS, 567 points; the German Volkswagen Beetle, 521 points, and the German Porsche 911, 303 points. Picking the Model T Ford as the Car of the Century was a no-brainer, right? It didn't take a panel of 136 experts to figure that one out.

The Ford Model T put not just America but the whole world on wheels. Henry Ford changed America to market his cars. He made it an everyday necessity by developing mass production techniques that would allow him to bring the price down to where anyone could afford a Ford.

And if that's not enough, he instituted the \$5 day, paying his workers twice what other industrialists paid, to make sure auto workers at least could afford a Ford. He set America on the path to the middle class.

He began to internationalize Ford Motor Co. early, establishing Ford of Canada in 1904 in Windsor. He began building cars in England in

1911, Brazil in 1919, in Germany and Australia in 1925. The Model T put not just Americans on wheels, but to a great extent, the whole world.

The idea of selecting a car of the century was advanced about 10 years ago and quickly developed into a global affair.

Four years ago, a group of more than 100 automotive experts — journalists, museum curators, historians and "observers" — decided to sort through all the thousands of nameplates that have existed to determine which single motor vehicle was the most significant, the most influential, the most memorable: The Car of the Century.

A network of respected individuals and organizations from within the automotive industry was established.

A total of 716 cars were recommended for consideration. From them, the experts came up with list of 100 cars and light trucks. Members of the public all over the world whittled that down to 25.

From that 25, just five finalists were selected: Ford Model



### Autos

By Richard Wright

T, Volkswagen Beetle, Austin/Morris/BMC Mini, Porsche 911 and Citroen DS.

The Car of the Century organization is headquartered in Amsterdam and the jury is heavy in European journalists (83 Europeans, compared with 13 Americans and two Canadians), which could explain the presence of four European cars among the five finalists.

The international jury also voted on a "Gallery of Fame" to honor the people that built the auto industry over the last 100 years. Categories and finalists were:

**ENGINEERS:** Karl Benz, Rudolph Diesel, Henry Ford I, Alec Issigonis and Ferdinand

Porsche.

**DESIGNERS:** Nuccio Bertone, Jean Bugatti, Giorgetto Giugiaro, Battista Pininfarina and Bruno Sacco.

**ENTREPRENEURS:** Giovanni Agnelli Sr., Enzo Ferrari, Henry Ford I, Soichiro Honda and Sergio Pininfarina.

**EXECUTIVES:** Giovanni Agnelli, Jr., Henry Ford II, Lee Iacocca, Bob Lutz, and Ferdinand Piech.

Giorgetto Giugiaro was chosen as the most important Car Designer of the Century. He is best known to Americans as the designer of the Eagle Premier. His best designs were for the Alfa Romeo Alfesud, the original Volkswagen Golf

and Scirocco, Fiat Uno, Lotus Esprit and Lancia Delta.

Better known and a better choice is Ferdinand Porsche, voted the most significant Car Engineer of the Century. He designed not only the Porsche which bears his name, but the Volkswagen, the most popular American car ever built in Germany.

Henry Ford was selected as the Car Entrepreneur of the Century. He was cited for achievement in three disciplines: that of a true motor car pioneer, entrepreneur and industrial visionary. He perfected his ideas for an automobile in 1893, founded his own company in 1903 and introduced the Model T Ford in 1908.

The Model T would become the world's best-selling car because of Ford's major breakthrough through the introduction of a moving assembly line in 1913. It enabled Ford to cut its prices in half and double his workers' pay. After a production run of over 15 million Model T Fords, Ford surprised the world with the advanced Model A and the first inexpensive V-8 car before stepping down in 1945.

Ferdinand Piech was named the Car Executive of the Century. Grandson of Ferdinand Porsche, Piech played significant roles in the Porsche and Audi companies before taking control of Volkswagen group.

Among the car finalists, the Volkswagen Beetle is a selection few American journalists would be likely to disagree with. The VW Beetle was owned by more people around the world — and was a best-seller here in the United States — than any other car in history.

To a lesser extent, most would also agree that Alec Issigonis's Mini, based on his very successful Morris Minor, was a very important and innovative car that influenced generations of small cars to

come.

What is the Citroen DS's claim to fame that would result in it being ranked third in the century? The DS, which still looks modern, was introduced in 1955, a radical change from Citroen's earlier long-running hits, the Traction Avant (front drive) and eccentric little 2CV. It was a futuristic luxury car at a time when luxury cars tended to be very conservative.

There is no question that the Porsche 911 had a powerful influence on design of sports cars, racers and high-performance cars. But I would have put the Chevrolet Corvette in the top five instead of Porsche. The Corvette embodies modern American automotive design, styling, image, performance and attitudes.

The "Engineers" category makes sense, but the rest of them reflect the European bias of the jury. American designers set the style in the '30s, '40s and '50s, but where are Harley Earl, who invented the profession of automotive designer and put General Motors in a leadership position which lasted decades; Gordon Buehrig, who designed classic Cords, Auburns and Duesenbergs; Raymond Loewy, who designed stunning Hupmobiles before World War II and Studebakers after the war; or Howard Darrin, designer of classic Packards and, after World War II, Kaiser-Frazer cars? None is on the list.

In the area of "Entrepreneurs," where is the man who put General Motors together, William Durant, one of the highest rollers of them all?

And for "Executives," why no mention of Alfred P. Sloan, the man who made GM the world's largest automaker and who wrote the text (literally) for modern corporate organization and practice?



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## Christmas giving warms the heart and soul of all

What do you want for Christmas? If you are like many of us, that question is apt to be met with a startled look and an expression that says, "Oh no, Christmas is not that close!"

An unseasonably warm November, not to mention a subconscious tendency to put off what needs to be done to celebrate the holidays adds to the shock that the time has come to get going. Time is no longer fleeting — it's flying. The days are not drifting, they are tumbling by like leaves in the wind.

Too late now to wish you had followed through on those resolutions to get your shopping done early. Too late now to back away from the crowds and compete for those hard-to-find gifts. To late now to envy those conscientious shoppers who have completed their list, wrapped their gifts and are free to enjoy the pre-Christmas activities, concerts, parties and walk through homes decorated for the season.

Next year for sure, you tell yourself, but in your heart you know it will be the same story. For some of us, Christmas has its own season. Until the wreaths and lights and decorations come out in the stores and streets and windows, the spirit of buying and giving lies dormant. These are the enticements that set the mood and "rev" us up to face the crowds. Merchants know this and bring out their best wares to dazzle our eyes and break our budgets.

As we wander through a veritable fairyland of merchandise, we are glad we waited. Such displays of goods were not here in September, when more cautious shoppers were looking. Another thought,

would the gift so wanted at an earlier date still be on a preferred list now? The whims and choices of September may not be those of December. This may be rationalizing, but it provides comfort and solace to those with tired feet and weary bodies resulting from that all-to-familiar Christmas rush.

In your eagerness to get just the right gifts for those very special people in your life, don't push yourself too hard. If you find yourself getting tired, sit on a bench in the mall and watch the other shoppers — think how wonderful it is that so many people are trying so hard to please those they love.

Commercial it may be, but this spirit of buying and giving is a very human expression of the love of one person to another. You watch a young mother, her children clinging to her, their eyes and faces aglow with the wonder of toyland and Santa Claus. They are bursting with excitement.

Santa knows now just what they want him to bring them. You know that mother will do her best to see that they are not disappointed. There will be things she will go without, but their delight on Christmas morning will more than make up for it.

Back to shopping and then time out for lunch or dessert and coffee — have something special, treat yourself and enjoy the day.

It's over. You have something for everyone. You are tired but happy. "It's better to give than receive" — that thought brings



By Marian Trainor

you to the question that sent you off on this mission: "What do you want for Christmas?" You think about it — the possible, the impossible.

Like most people everywhere, you would like to live in a safe, peaceful world, free from the threat of nuclear annihilation. You would like to know that people, wherever they live, have enough to eat. You would wish that those searching for work and a decent living find it. You hope that somehow a way is found to curb crime and make our homes and streets safe.

These are intangibles and in no way an answer to the question, "What do you want," posed by someone who wants to experience the satisfaction of showing their love and appreciation by giving you a gift you will treasure.

Oftentimes older people are reluctant to name their preferences, "I'll like anything you choose," they say.

I remember an aunt who should say that. When she died there were boxes with Christmas gifts still in them,

clearly marked to be returned to the person who had given them to her. No one ever had the pleasure of seeing her enjoy a gift.

"I really don't need anything," is another answer frequently given. That may be true, after many years of living, everything that is needed has already been acquired.

This brings to mind a Christmas story by Joan Anglund, "Somethings for Christmas." A little mouse wants desperately to give his mother something special. "I will give you a penwiper," he tells her. "But I have a penwiper," she says. And so it goes, the little mouse making suggestions, the mother answering, "But I have that."

Finally the little mouse climbs up on his mother's lap saying, "Mother I have nothing to give you but my love." And the Mother answers, "That's just what I wanted for Christmas."

What they fail to appreciate is that those who love them

wanted to show their love by giving them something. Everyone has day-to-day needs. Tell those needs, you will enjoy them more if they carry the tag of love rather than a price tag.

Along with the possible, if sometimes not probable gifts are those that exist only in memory. For those who had the blessings of many Christmases, the season always brings into focus those which were treasured and those, if it were possible, we would like to live again.

Every year, the ghosts of Christmas past rises up like mists on a foggy morning, demanding to live in memory. And every year we welcome them back to their rightful place in our life at this special time.

Those I like to recall are ones like a scene from the "Nutcracker Suite." A tree is set up in the parlor, trimmed and set off with candles blinking and flickering on boughs as green as moss. Mother and dad are setting out a box that hopefully contains a very special doll. What joy the next morning to lift the cover, push aside the tissue and find what had to be a beautiful doll. She was dressed like a princess and had a beautiful porcelain face and black shiny curls. She was a dream come true. Who would not choose to live the joy of that morning again.

The feel of memory fast-for-

wards to another Christmas and a very special gift from an aunt who was like a second mother to me — I was the family she never had. Appropriately her Christmas gift was a cedar chest, a symbol of all that she had never had and never would have.

Cedar chests were an important item in her day. Girls collected linens and silver and stored them in the chest for the day when they would have homes of their own. Prospective mothers filled them with baby clothes, baby blankets and soft baby toys. A few years passed and when the girl of the family was old enough, the cycle began again.

I still have the chest. It no longer serves as a repository for future brides and prospective babies, other times and other customs. I still keep some special treasures in it. I treasure it and remember, with a special feeling, the one who gave it to me to fill with dreams of future joys.

There is a similarity in how young people and older recall Christmases they have known. They are not all remembered, just those which, for one reason or another, were marked by some special gift or event. Otherwise they merge into a collage of traditional celebrations.

Ask an older person about any Christmas they have

See PRIME TIME, page 19A

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

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey. Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print the baby's name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Tuesday, December 21st, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 7, 2000.)

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

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**George C. Christensen, Jr.**

George C. Christensen, Jr. died in his Grosse Pointe Woods home Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999. He was 52.

Mr. Christensen was born in Baltimore and was a graduate of Towson State University in Maryland where he majored in communications and broadcasting. He was an executive producer and director at WDIV-TV and WKBD-TV. He was very involved in his children's sports — ice skating and hockey.

Mr. Christensen is survived by his wife, Tanya; two daughters, Lisa and Lindsay; a son, George III; and a sister, Nancy Reppe.

A memorial Mass for Mr. Christensen will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. Funeral arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Heart Association, Clinton Valley Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, MI 48072-0129.

**George Eversman**

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident George Eversman died in a Denver hospital after contracting a bone marrow disorder. He was 72.

Mr. Eversman, of Edwards, Colo., was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, where he excelled in football and track, and Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War.

Mr. Eversman enjoyed a career in advertising that took him from the mail room to executive vice president of J. Walter Thompson. During his retirement, he became a ski instructor at age 66.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, Mark, David and Matthew; a daughter, Jane Smithers; and a brother, Walter.

**Natalie Schulte Grover**

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Natalie Schulte Grover died in a Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., hospital Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at the age of 57.

Survivors include two brothers, James and David; a sister, Constance Hranchook; and four nieces.

A funeral Mass for Ms. Grover was held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, Dec. 18. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 S. Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach, FL 33447.

**Clark Russell Lawrence**

Former Grosse Pointe South High School teacher and owner



Clark Russell Lawrence



Jason Lynn Meyer

of Grosse Pointe Pre-Kindergarten Clark Russell Lawrence died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at St. John's North Shore in Harrison Township after a battle with brain cancer. He was 66.

Mr. Lawrence, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was born in Crestline, Ohio. He earned a bachelor of science in education from Ohio State University in 1955 and a master of arts in Earth Science from Washington University in 1965. He taught and coached at South for 19 years before owning and being actively involved with Grosse Pointe Pre-Kindergarten from 1982 until his death.

Mr. Lawrence served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Lawrence was a Boy Scout leader, was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and served on several committees at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church where he had been a member since 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Linda Lawrence Hoke; two sons, Keith and Michael; his father, George; his mother, Nellie May; a brother, Douglas; and one grandchild.

A memorial service for Mr. Lawrence was held Monday, Dec. 20 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund, 211 Moross Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or Faith Lutheran Soup Kitchen, 897 Phillip, Detroit, MI 48215, or the American Red Cross.

**Jason Lynn Meyer**

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jason Lynn Meyer died at Children's Hospital in Detroit on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999 at the age of 22.

Mr. Meyer was born in Crown Point, Ind., and was a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. He was involved in the Harper Woods Adaptive Recreational Program, Special Olympics and the Foundation for Exceptional Children. He

enjoyed cars, phones, pictures and music.

Mr. Meyer is survived by his parents, Janice and Lynn Meyer; a sister, Jennifer Paluch; and two brothers, Richard Meyer and John Paluch.

A funeral service for Mr. Meyer was held Saturday, Dec. 18 at Verheyden Funeral Home. Interment is at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, Ind.

**Frank K. Seydler**

Known for his work of making people happy through his music with The Music Makers, former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Frank K. Seydler died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999 at St. John-Bon Secours Senior Community Center in Detroit.

Mr. Seydler, 94, was born in Chicago and received his bachelor of science in mining engineering from the University of Missouri. He was an industrial relations manager of the consumer's product division of Union Carbide Corp.

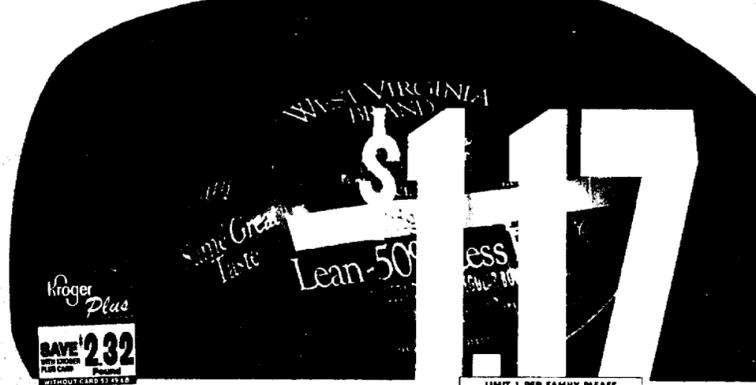
Mr. Seydler was the founder, conductor and director of The Music Makers, a local music group that played for community events, church groups and nursing homes in exchange for donations to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. He was also a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club and was a contributor to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. He also played piano and enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Jean Johnson and Betty-Lee Hepworth; two step-sons, Thomas Johnson and Donald Hepworth; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth.

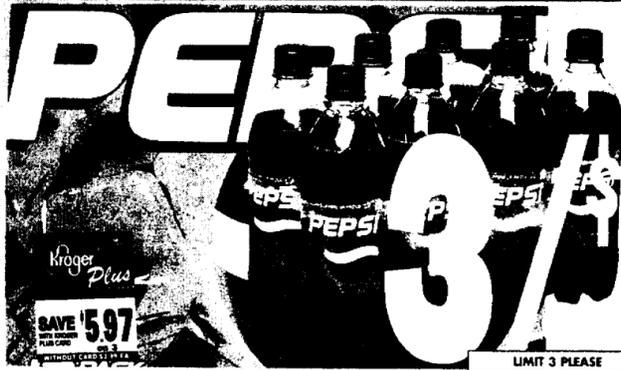
A funeral service for Mr. Seydler was held Sunday, Dec. 12 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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**Internet access is a golden opportunity waiting to be seized**

By Matilda Charles

If you are like most folks over the age of 50, you remember well what it was like before the computer invasion when the personal communicator (PC) was the typewriter. It was a wonderful invention. You could print letters, envelopes, labels, even create diagrams on it, and you didn't need any software or peripherals. And most people didn't even need electricity until IBM saturated the work-a-day world with their Selectrics.

Indeed, at that time, if anyone used the term, "mouse pad," he or she was probably referring to a beatnik's abode where rodents felt at home. Nostalgia aside (and, by the way, the basic meaning of the word, nostalgia, is pain), no matter how much we may yearn for the simpler days of

typewriters, let's face it: You can't connect to the Internet with your old Remington Rand.

I'm told that only 20 percent of the approximately 78 million people over 50 use the Internet. That's a shame, considering all that the Internet offers, whether it's information on finance, health, relationships, travel, retirement, or keeping in touch with friends worldwide.

For most people, the deterrent factor is not so much in mastering the technology that allows us to connect with the Internet, but rather the language: Modems, software, servers, browsers, etc. But help is at hand. Daniel Fingerma, computer maven extraordinaire, wrote "The Internet for the TYPewriter Generation" from Ten Speed Press. The information in the

book can make anyone Internet literate. Ask your bookseller about it.

REMINDER: Let me again urge you to talk to your doctor or health care giver about being vaccinated against pneumococcal bacteria, the often deadly organism that causes most of the cases of potentially fatal pneumonia infections among people over 65. In a recent study, it was found that among groups who were vaccinated, there were 43 percent fewer hospitalizations for pneumonia and influenza infections.

Unlike flu vaccinations which must be administered each year because of changing viral strains, the pneumococcal vaccination need only be given once.

— King Features Syndicate



## NASDAQ hits record while NYSE stocks snooze

Most "stocks.com" had a picnic all last week. The NASDAQ Composite closed Friday at 3,753, up almost 133 points, or 3.7 percent for the week.

For 1999 to date, it is up a surprising 71 percent!

For example, Oracle Corp. (ORCL, about 90 11/16, up 6 11/16 for the week) announced net income for the quarter jumped 40 percent.

CMGI (symbol same as name, about 211 13/16, up 17 3/4) reported it lost \$1.08 per share, much less than the \$1.76 red ink expected by analysts. Everyone celebrated the loss when the company announced a 2-for-1 stock split!

Adobe Systems (ADBE, about 67 1/2, up 4 7/8) surprised Wall Street by reporting it earned \$0.76/share, up 94 percent from year ago levels.

But the Granddaddy of tech stocks, Microsoft (MSFT, about 115 1/4, up 22 for the week) held its formal presentation of the Windows 2000 PC operating system, three years in the making.

No. 2 in market capitaliza-

tion, General Electric (GE, about 151 3/4, up 3/4 last week) was the focus of NYSE news on Friday. GE 1) approved a 3-for-1 stock split; 2) increased its quarterly cash dividend by 17 percent; and 3) announced an increase in its stock repurchase program to \$22 billion from \$17 billion.

But most stocks languished. Barron's (Dec. 20) quoted Wayne Nordberg of KBW Asset Managers: 52 percent of the S&P 500 Index stocks are down for the year and 67 percent of the NASDAQ are down 20 percent from their 1998 highs.

With the bond market posting record high yields this year, little wonder that utility and financial (banks) stocks are off this year.

### Witches push NYSE volume

Last Friday, the NYSE traded 1.35 billion shares, the highest in its history, helped by the expiration of the "triple witching options."

On "Triple Witching Day," 1)

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the options on stocks, 2) the futures contracts and 3) the options on the futures contracts all expire within hours, at or prior to the Friday close.

The stock options trade on one of four exchanges, but the futures contracts and the options on the futures con-

tracts trade only on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Being "short" a contract on expiration day requires "covering that short" by purchase of a like contract.

If you don't cover your short, the exchange will buy you in at any price. Hence the mad

scramble at the last minute, and sometimes wild price fluctuations.

The December contracts were relatively easy to cover, because the DJI, after touching an inter-day new record high around 2:30 p.m., suddenly ran into massive selling pressure, which took the Dow down over 100 points at the close.

The new record high daily volume of 1.35 billion shares was more than traded during the entire year of 1964!

and deposited your \$6.45 in the bank next door.

No question that this \$6.45 was a sale, even without double-entry bookkeeping!

It's not always that simple in today's new era of business. Now it's sometimes difficult to tell when a sale is a sale. Is the above \$6.45 a gross receipt or a net sale?

Here are some questions the SEC is asking the bean-counters: Does the retailer "own" the inventory? Is the retailer at risk from "shrink," pilferage, employee theft, fire and casualty loss and price mark-downs?

Does the retailer actually stock the inventory, or is it shipped from an independent warehouse or fulfillment house?

Or is the retailer only a commission agent, taking the order and cash from the customer, then forwarding the order to the "real retailer" and remitting only the cash received less the agent's commission? The "real retailer" then ships the order from its inventory to the customer.

Does the last paragraph above sound like some Internet sites to you? Many Internet companies book gross revenues, whereas independent travel agencies and direct sellers only book net revenues.

Priceline.com (PCLN, about 56 15/16, off 1 7/16 last week) gets a transaction fee for being the middleman. Some have pointed to it as a gross revenue offender, but without full disclosure, Barron's (Nov. 22) says it's hard to tell.

Internet start-up companies operating at a loss are hard-pressed to show strong revenue growth. But the SEC and the Financial Accounting Standards Board want to be sure a sale is really a sale.

Christmas shopping ends tomorrow night, are you done?

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. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by Comerica Inc., First of Michigan, John M. Rickel, CPA P.C., and Rickel & Baun, P.C. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

### What say the Fed?

Last Tuesday, the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee gathered for its last meeting of 1999. At press-time Monday, bond market pundits were almost unanimous that the Fed would "stand pat" this meeting.

Although most watchers feel that the Fed would like to turn the screw another notch (to higher rates), they all agree that this would be a bad signal at this time, since next week the Fed will be pumping billions of dollars into the money supply to offset all the Y2Kers who will be withdrawing cash from their ATM's at the same time.

As stocks have been going up north, the Treasury long-bond has been going south, down in price and up in yield. After flirting around 6 percent a couple weeks ago, the bellwether bond closed last Friday to yield 6.36 percent, about midway in the 6 1/4 to 6 1/2 percent channel that LTS discussed last Oct. 21.

The economy is still busting its seams, so the Fed seems resolved to hammer interest rates up another 1/4 of 1 percent at its Feb. 1 meeting next year.

### How do you tally sales?

Long ago, at the General Store, you picked out the merchandise you wanted to buy, put it in the basket, took it to the cashier behind the counter near the front door, paid for it in cash and walked it home.

From the merchant's point of view, he had inventory on the shelves, sold some of it to you,

## Year end tax ideas

By Bryon Elson

Here's some end-of-the-year tax strategies to cut down on that IRS tax bill next spring.

Pay some year 2000 higher education bills now. If you, a spouse or a dependent will start a new semester of higher education in the beginning of 2000, you might want to consider paying the tuition expenses before the end of this year. This gives you a chance to take advantage of the HOPE Scholarship Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit.

When possible, pay deductible expenses before Dec. 31. It can also be beneficial to pay state income tax and property tax due in 2000 before the end of '99. This way, you can claim the expense as a deduction on your 1999 return.

If you've sold stock, mutual funds or other assets during 1999, do you have a gain or a loss? If it fits your investment plan, consider selling assets that are currently at a loss. Capital losses can offset capital gains, plus up to \$3,000 of other income.

By donating appreciated property or stock you own to

your favorite charity, you will not pay tax on the gain and can claim the current market value of the stock as a charitable deduction (limited to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income).

Of course, the value of any item you donate to charity before the end of the year can be used as a deduction on your tax return.

If you push your wedding date into the next millennium, you and your future spouse avoid the dreaded "marriage penalty" for another year.

That's when married couples earning the same amount of money and filing jointly pay more tax than if they were taxed as single individuals. It is possible, however, that you and your spouse-to-be could reap a marriage benefit (lower taxes by filing jointly).

In that case, don't delay those nuptials.

Keep receipts for charitable contributions, child care and medical expenses. You can use the receipts for deductions in 2000.

— King Features Syndicate

## Agency wins five Silver Microphones

R.J. Hoffman & Associates, an advertising agency in Grosse Pointe Park, has won five Silver Microphone Awards.

The Silver Microphone honors local and regional radio commercials. This year, more than 40,000 companies were eligible to enter the competition.

Hoffman won for three commercials for National Coney Island titled "Pound Dog wit' Onions," "Big Game Hunter," and "Mad Scientist." Other winners were for C.A. Muer Restaurant titled "Taste of the Northwest" and "Great Alaskan Crab Festival."

In the 10 years the Hoffman agency has been in business, it has won nine Crystal Jade Communicator Awards, seven Silver Microphones, one Addy Award, five Target Awards and one National Marketing Excellence Award.

## Business People



Aldrich

City of Grosse Pointe resident Eric Aldrich has been promoted to vice president, account supervisor at the advertising agency BBDO Detroit.

Aldrich is responsible for the Neon and Dodge Motorsports/NASCAR program at BBDO. He earned his promotion while managing the Universal/Dodge strategic alliance initiative to the Neon and Dodge Motorsports/NASCAR accounts.

He joined BBDO in 1997 and is a graduate of Wayne State University.

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## Bears, bears everywhere

Santa bears and teddy bears join ducks, Dalmatians, moose and Pam Rumon for a stuffed animal drive at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village. All of the animals, except Rumon, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park who works at the gallery, will be donated to children who are victims of crime.

"It's amazing how people have responded," said Charleen Blondy, owner of Posterity. Blondy will collect the stuffed animals for Christmas distribution through Thursday, Dec. 23. "Then we will take them to the Detroit police department's 7th Precinct and have an officer conduct a drawing. The stuffed animals will be disbursed throughout the entire City of Detroit."

She said the animal drive "isn't just a once-a-year project," said Blondy. "We will be happy to act as a collection place for stuffed animals throughout the year." She's planning another drive for spring. For more information, call the gallery at (313) 884-8105.

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## Retirement Open House

Veterinarian James Reaume will retire from private practice on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Clients and friends are invited to stop by the office on Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to bid farewell and enjoy refreshments.



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**Police ask for help finding hit-and-run driver**

Police need help finding a hit-and-run driver who put a 74-year-old man in the hospital with critical injuries.

Based on partial descriptions by witnesses, police are looking for the lone driver of an older model, mid-sized, boxy-shaped car. The car is possibly beige in color, according to Detective James Fox of the City of Grosse Pointe department of public safety.

The hit-and-run took place during a light snow storm on Saturday, Dec. 16, at about 11:35 a.m. The victim was hit while crossing Notre Dame at the alley on the north side of Kercheval in the Village shopping district.

As the victim lay in the street, the driver slowed down, sped up, stopped, then continued at a normal rate of speed toward Mack, said police.

Fox said police have tried unsuccessfully to trace the drivers reported license plate (613FX).

"There have to be other people who saw the accident," said Fox. Police believe there are witnesses who may have more accurate information about the and have assumed other witnesses have already lodged reports. The accident took place during one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

Fox asked anyone with information on the case to call the City police at (313) 886-3200.

**Tall tales, high alcohol level**

A 19-year-old woman with a blood alcohol content of .152 told Grosse Pointe Woods

police she had consumed only one beer 3 1/2 hours before being stopped at 12:58 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Officers had been on the lookout for a car containing "highly intoxicated" people before stopping the driver and her two passengers on westbound Roslyn near Mack.

While the officer questioned the driver (a Woods resident who said she "was coming from her friend's" and going to her friend's) the front seat passenger "jumped out of the car and vomited next to the curb," according to police. The sick passenger was a 19-year-old woman from Ann Arbor.

A backseat passenger told police, "I won't lie. We were at a party. (The driver) was taking us home because we are drunk."

The driver denied knowledge of the car containing alcohol, including a 750 ml bottle of lemon-flavored rum found partially covered by a coat on the front floorboards.

As for a can of beer police removed from her jacket pocket, the driver said, "I don't know where that came from."

The driver needed little guidance how to take a preliminary breath test. The PBT determines the percentage of alcohol in a person's blood. The driver told police she was familiar with the test from having been at Michigan State University.

She failed the PBT with a blood alcohol level of .152 percent.

Police said they got the sick passenger "off the ground" and learned her BAL was .139 percent.

The third passenger, the one who admitted drinking, was a 19-year-old Woods resident. Her BAL was .186 percent.

Police arrested the driver, put her in handcuffs, and took

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her to the police station. Three hours later, she posted bond and was issued an arraignment date of Jan. 5.

Police cited the passengers for being minors in possession of alcohol. They were given Feb. 15 court dates.

Police impounded the driver's 1999 Ford sport utility vehicle.

**Dumb question**

A two-time offender with a blood alcohol level of .14 asked two policemen from Grosse Pointe Woods "if there was something he could do to take care of" being pulled over for drunken driving on Friday, Dec. 17, at 1:03 a.m.

Some things aren't subject to debate. Police arrested the driver and, in accordance with Michigan's new laws against repeat offenders, destroyed his driver's license and license plate.

The arrest took place on southbound Harper near Kenmore after police stopped the man, a 28-year-old bartender living in Harper Woods, for driving with a broken tail-light.

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**Dog neglected?**

The Grosse Pointe Woods animal control officer is following up on the case of an approximately 15-year-old beagle who was found last week tied up behind a garage in the 1900 block of Country Club.

Police found the animal on

Friday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m., chained amid about 20 piles of feces. The dog had no food, and the only water was from by rain that leaked through the rickety roof of its dog house.

**Woods scofflaw**

A 24-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Woods with two outstanding criminal bench warrants and eight driving suspensions had another encounter with the law on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:32 p.m.

Woods police caught her driving a silver 1987 Ford Escort two-door with a broken headlight on Mack near Severn.

The warrants, totaling \$658, concern driving violations in the Woods and St. Clair Shores.

**Kitchen fire**

Officers responded on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 4:26 p.m. to a kitchen fire in a four-unit dwelling in the 1100 block

of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. Officers confined damage to the stove by extinguishing flames with a chemical spray.

**Cars are stolen and damaged**

A 1991 Dodge Spirit four-door was stolen from an alley behind the 1200 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park. The incident took place during the night of Thursday, Dec. 16.

The next night, barking dogs alerted residents of the 1200 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park that something was wrong at 11:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17.

Investigation the next morning revealed that someone had smashed a car window to steal a cellular telephone. A car parked close-by was found to have a damaged door lock, but wasn't entered.

The window of a third vehicle was broken also.

**Growly dog**

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known when their children were young and they will remember each of them. They will remember the joy of celebrating with a first-born, the delight and fun of getting up on Christmas morning and watching children unwrap their gifts, the year the dog tipped over the tree, the hours spent assembling toys and the child played with the box it came in.

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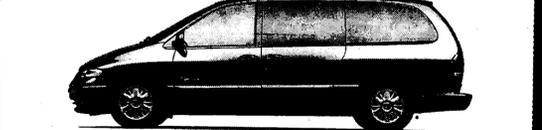
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December 23, 1999

## This is the house that Partners' built

By Bonnie Caprara  
Staff Writer

It was the week before Christmas and it couldn't have been a better time for a housewarming party for Cherise Rushing and her son Dwight.

About 30 people piled into her brand new three-bedroom home, a stone's throw away from the Detroit River, on a Saturday afternoon. Fresh paint and carpet fibers tickled their noses.

These were not just friends of Rushing's — they were partners.

Partners in friendship. Partners in faith. Partners in making Rushing's dream come true.

Most of the people in attendance were members of Grosse Pointe Partners, a group of people from 12 Grosse Pointe area churches who teamed up with Habitat for Humanity-Detroit to raise funds and help build Rushing's new house.

Grosse Pointe Partners is one of several organizations and corporations which have teamed up with Habitat for Humanity-Detroit to meet the challenge of building 50

new homes in the Creekside neighborhood near Jefferson and Chalmers on Detroit's far east side. Rushing's house is the Partners' first project. They hope to build two more houses next year.

The foundation of Grosse Pointe Partners came from an idea from the Lay Theological Academy, a group of five churches that include St. Paul Catholic, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Memorial and Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian. The Lay Theological Academy offers ecumenical programs for the community.

"It's to bring the Catholic community and the Protestant community to mix in the common Christian goal," said Jack Williams, a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity-Detroit.

"Then, one-by-one, our group kept inviting the other churches to join. Joining meant nothing more than saying, 'Yes, we'd be willing to help.'"

Other members of Grosse Pointe Partners include Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic, St. Ambrose Catholic, Grosse Pointe United Methodist, First Christian Reformed, Grosse Pointe Unitarian, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic churches and United

Church of Christ. Since mid-July it had been Mike McBrien's job, as president of Grosse Pointe Partners, to coordinate volunteers from each church that agreed to work on Rushing's house.

"Typically we had more people than we could use," said McBrien, who is a parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church. "We had about 40 or 50 people a weekend. We found different jobs for everyone."

McBrien said he wasn't sure how many people were involved in the project through Grosse Pointe Partners. "Hundreds of hands have touched this house," he said.

"The volunteers from this group have been nothing but fabulous," said Bob Arcand, executive director for Habitat for Humanity-Detroit. "Habitat has its roots in Christianity and working with the churches has been our best asset. Here you've got Catholics and Protestants all working together."

Perhaps the most tireless worker of them all was Rushing herself. Habitat for Humanity homeowners are required to contribute about 400 hours of labor toward their houses.

McBrien estimated that Rushing put in about 800 hours.

"She made building the house much more fun," McBrien said. "I learned how to insulate. I helped Mike put up the cabinets. Putting up the drywall was the biggest thing I learned," Rushing said.

Building is not the only function of Grosse Pointe Partners. Fundraising plays an equally important part. Most of the funds have come through personal appeals. Some have come from selling scrip for grocery stores like Kroger, Farmer Jack and the Village Market. Other funds have come from T-shirt and Habitat for Humanity pin sales.

It's hard to say who benefits most from this project. For Rushing, it's

her first chance to own a home — something that would have ordinarily been an impossibility for the single parent of a 6-year-old son who works as a secretary for the Detroit Police Department.

Through Habitat for Humanity-Detroit, Rushing gets to own a home with a no-interest loan for about the price she would pay in rent for something of less quality that offered no return on her investment. Habitat for Humanity-Detroit also offers an ongoing mentorship to ease the way for successful home ownership.

For McBrien and Williams and the others involved in Grosse Pointe Partners, it was a chance to build a house as well as build friendships.

For the city of Detroit, Rushing's house is one of many being built by Habitat for Humanity-Detroit which is contributing to the tax rolls where vacant lots used to stand. Rushing's house is one of many that is making Creekside a neighborhood again.

In addition to the Grayhaven and Clairpointe developments going up nearby, existing homeowners have been fixing up their homes.

"We provide impetus in that neighborhood so that you'll improve that neighborhood," Williams said.

"There are 60,000 vacant lots in the city of Detroit," Arcand said. "We're just a drop in the bucket, but we're an important drop."

That drop in the bucket came out as a flood of enthusiasm when Habitat for Humanity-Detroit directors recently presented Rushing with a housewarming gift — a Bible, a do-it-yourself home maintenance book and tool box. They marked the occasion with friendship, celebration and prayers.

That Saturday afternoon, one week before Christmas, couldn't have been a more appropriate time for such a celebration.



Cherise and Dwight Rushing, center, celebrate their new home with David Buckler, Jack Williams, Jeff Cook, Dutch Vandenberg, Whitey Vandenberg, Mike McBrien, Cheryl Socini and Scott Norris.

At right, Habitat for Humanity-Detroit board member Bob Arcand, executive director, presents a home maintenance book and tool box to Rushing.



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Steven Gelfand and Holly Perkins

## Perkins-Gelfand

Dennis and Bonnie Perkins of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Holly Perkins, to Dr. Steven Gelfand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gelfand of Cincinnati and Mrs. Sheila Gelfand of Loveland, Ohio. A September wedding is planned.

Perkins attended Hillsdale College and Wayne State University. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is a registered nurse working in the coronary care unit of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Gelfand earned a bachelor of science degree in zoology from Ohio State University and an M.D. degree from the Medical College of Ohio. He is a resident doctor in internal medicine and pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Bad Axe. A July wedding is planned.

Grayr is a student at Wayne State University.

Dominick is a student at the Detroit College of Business and works for General Motors Corp.



Merritt Catherine Meade and John Terence Loughran

## Meade-Loughran

Kenneth G. Meade of Grosse Pointe Park and Jane W. Meade of Detroit have announced the engagement of their daughter, Merritt Catherine Meade, to John Terence Loughran, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Loughran of Greenwich, Conn. A May wedding is planned.

Meade earned a bachelor of arts degree in arts management from Mt. Vernon College.

She is a marketing manager with Where Magazine International in Los Angeles.

Loughran earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Loyola University. He is head coach of water polo and swimming at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.



Robert Chalmers Bamberg IV and Heather Kathleen Heidel

## Heidel-Bamberg

Jack and Patty McCracken of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather Kathleen Heidel, to Robert Chalmers Bamberg IV, son of Robert and Susan Bamberg of Uniontown, Ala. A July wedding is planned.

Heidel earned a degree in communication studies from Kansas University and a degree in elementary education from Auburn University.

Bamberg earned an undergraduate degree in animal dairy science from Auburn University. He is working on a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine.

April wedding is planned.

Choi earned a bachelor's degree in string instruments from Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, and a master's degree in cello and music theory from Eastern Michigan University. She is a musician and teacher of cello and piano; and a performer.

Zimmermann earned a master of arts degree in violin and viola performance from Eastern Michigan University. He is a performer; teacher of violin and viola; and owner of the Novi Music School.



SungHee Choi and Kurt Zimmermann

## Bechtel-Czerkis

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bechtel of Essexville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Bechtel, to



Stephen Czerkis and Pamela Bechtel

Stephen Czerkis, son of Judith Czerkis of Grosse Pointe Woods and John Czerkis of St. Clair Shores. A February wedding is planned.

Bechtel graduated from Central Michigan University and teaches elementary music with Utica Community Schools.

Czerkis graduated from Michigan Technological University. He is an engineer with the Jeep platform of DaimlerChrysler.

## Smith-Tannar

Rex and Shirley Oliver of Rochester Hills, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Gary Smith of Fountain Hills, Ariz., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Smith, to Gregg

Tannar, son of Thomas and Barbara Tannar of Fowlerville. A March wedding is planned.

Smith earned a degree in business from Michigan State University.

Tannar earned a civil engineering degree from Michigan State University. He is a civil engineer.



Gregg Tannar and Suzanne Smith

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James Richard Dominick and Brenda Lynn Grayr

## Grayr-Dominick

George and Anne Grayr of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lynn Grayr, to James Richard Dominick of Warren, son of Gene and Janice Dominick of

## Woman's Club plans meeting

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its bridge luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Alger House. Reservations or cancellations must be made by noon Friday, Dec. 31. Call (313) 881-6375.

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Collection of residential and commercial rubbish regularly scheduled for Friday, December 24, 1999 and Friday, December 31, 1999 will be collected by 11:00 a.m.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 1999

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Council persons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED:**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held November 15, 1999, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting held November 23, 1999, and the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System Meeting held November 29, 1999.
- 2) To hold a special City Council meeting on January 10, 2000 for the purpose of conducting a goal setting session at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

- 1) Approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 54467 through 54691 in the amount of \$566,270.66 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick in the amount of \$2,231.50 for professional services during the month of October, 1999 for the DPW building addition project, #180-044. 3) Approve payment to State of Michigan, Management Services Division in the amount of \$1,305.00 for LEIN mainframe, access and workstation fees for the billing period October 1 through December 31, 1999. 4) Approve payment to EBSCO Subscription Services in the amount of \$6,751.97 for the purchase of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Library. 5) Approve payment to Belle Tire in the amount of \$1,336.78 for the repair and replacement of a transmission in one of the police vehicles. 6) Accept the low bid submitted by Ideal Office Supply in the amount of \$1,165.00 for the purchase of two 4-drawer file cabinets and one 3-drawer file cabinet. 7) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$10,593.97 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of September, 1999. 8) Accept the lowest qualified bid from Weber Tire in the amount of \$1,808.00 for the purchase of 4 tires, including tubes, mounting and service fees for Engine 2. 9) Approve payment in the amount of \$10,891.80 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain principal and installment payment. 10) Approve payment to B-N-S Electric in the amount of \$1,700.00 for the installation and upgrade of emergency circuits in the Police Department, DPW and Fire Department. 11) Accept the low quote submitted by Budget Electric in the amount of \$5,422.00 for the purchase and installation of a standby generator for City Hall.
- 2) Approve the "Right-of-Way Permit and Facility Use Agreement" between the City of Harper Woods and Metrisom, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, to install, maintain and operate in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations, a mobile digital data communications radio network known as Ricochet within City rights-of-way and, further, to authorize the City Manager to execute and Agreement.
- 3) Approve payment of Sussler Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,272.14 for Progress Payment No. 1 and \$31,993.90 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 1999 Pavement Joint and Crack Sealing Project.
- 4) Adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Annual Permit to Work on State Highways.
- 5) Approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement governing ambulance fees between the cities of Harper Woods, Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, Fraser, Roseville and the Charter Township of Harrison, and further, to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- 6) Approve payment in the amount of \$51,480.00 to WCI Contractors, Inc. of Detroit for Progress Payment No. 2 on the Kelly Road Boulevard Improvement Project.
- 7) Approve payment to Florence Cement Company in the amount of \$35,681.71 for Progress Payment No. 5 on the 1999 Concrete Replacement Program.
- 8) Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the status of labor contract negotiations with the various City employee unions.

**Kenneth A. Poynter,**  
Mayor  
**Mickey D. Todd,**  
City Clerk

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott Wilcox

## Schrage-Wilcox

Jeannie Patricia Schrage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Schrage Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Robert Scott Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wilcox of South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 3, 1999, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. Thomas Page and the Rev. David C. Bayne officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The bride wore a sleeveless ivory matte satin gown that featured an embroidered bodice, a square neckline, a Basque waistline and a cathedral-length train. Her shoulder-length satin-edged veil was held in place by a band of pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses and hydrangeas.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Katherine Schrage of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Bridesmaids were Nicole Hart of Lansing, Elizabeth Schrage of Williamston and Patricia Sterba of Troy.

Attendants wore ivory A-line georgette dresses with scooped necklines, Empire bodices and short sleeves. They carried bouquets of lavender and pink roses and lavender hydrangeas.

The best man was Anthony Greatorex of Redondo Beach, Calif.

Groomsmen were Adam Yatooma of Commerce Township, Robert Niesta of Ada and Christopher Lumer of Chandler, Ariz.

Ushers were the bride's brother, Michael Schrage of St. Clair Shores; Brent Baher of Lansing; and Jake Spence of Royal Oak.

The ring bearer was James Daniel Sterba. The flower girl was Megan Sterba.

The mother of the bride wore a long French blue dress and a jacket.

The groom's mother wore a long mint green dress and jacket.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

She is a physician's assistant. The groom graduated from Michigan State University. He is a packaging engineer.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Aruba. They live in Ada.



Dr. and Mrs. David Archille Zink

## Pytlak-Zink

Wendy Marie Pytlak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pytlak of Sterling Heights, married Dr. David Archille Zink, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur Zink of Grosse Pointe Woods, on April 24, 1999, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Monsignor E. Dennis Harrity officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a white gown decorated with embroidery and pearls, and a cathedral-length veil accented with pearls. She carried a bouquet of Lady Di and white roses.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Kimberley Pytlak of Sterling Heights.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Alison Zink Swan of Saugatuck; Kateri Lehr of Owosso; Sarah Nielson of Oxford; and Kristen Sawka of Berkley.

The flower girl was Yvonne Lehr of Owosso.

Attendants wore floor-length navy dresses with Empire bodices and carried bouquets of ocean roses and freesia.

The best man was Dr. Chadwick Dybowski of Warren.

Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Robert A. Zink Jr. of Berkley and Stephen K. Zink of Troy; Kevin Konkal of Maryland and Robert Lufkin of Maine.

Ushers were David C. Swan of Saugatuck and Dr. Gregory Sobol of Warren.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length beige dress with a brocade bodice and a brocade jacket and a wrist corsage of roses.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length cream-colored silk dress and a wrist corsage of roses.

Scripture readers were Molly Zink, Dawn Zink, Kristen Aardema and Michelle

Niemchak. The altar server was Kyle Zink.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University and is a student in the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The groom graduated from Michigan State University and the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is doing a residency at William Beaumont Hospital.

The couple traveled to San Francisco. They live in Warren.



Mr. and Mrs. Chad Eric Babcock

## Kolp-Babcock

Katherine Anne Kolp, daughter of James and Karen Kolp of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Chad Eric Babcock, son of Larry and Clydeene Babcock of Boise, Idaho, on July 30, 1999, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Deacon Richard Shubik officiated at the 5 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a recep-

tion at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride wore a gown that featured a jewel neckline, a Venetian lace bodice, dropped waist and a floor-length silk skirt. She carried a bouquet of mini calla lilies, lisianthes and ivy.

The matron of honor was Michelle L. Kolp of Portage.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Christy Babcock of Boise; Elizabeth Bonnanni of the City of Grosse Pointe; Melanie Canady of Las Vegas; Jennifer Vail of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and Kelly Valka of Harper Woods.

The flower girl was Tess Ann Kolp of Portage.

Attendants wore navy floor-length jewel neck sheaths and carried bouquets of gerbera daisies, lisianthes and ivy.

The best men were Benjamin Bish of Portland and James Stoor of Boise.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Theodore E. Kolp of Portage; Larry Jensen of Boise; Linc Myers of Elgin, Ill.; and Jarred Warrick of Plymouth. Ushers were Keegan Amundson, Glenoy McGlothlin and Jason Speer, all of Boise.

The ring bearer was Ryan Kolp of Portage.

Readers were Barbara Chase, Michael Kleefoss, Karen Dickenson and Benjamin Frilkowski. Nicholas Kuhl was the soloist.

The bride graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in secondary education and Spanish.

The groom graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. He is owner of the Magic Tumble Busses, a gymnastic studio on wheels.

The newlyweds live in Boise.



Mr. and Mrs. John David Brennan

## Connell-Brennan

Kathleen JoAnn Connell, daughter of Dick and Cindy Connell of Grosse Pointe Park, married John David Brennan, son of Michael and Kathleen Brennan of Michigan City, Ind., on July 10, 1999, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The Rev. Bryant W. Dennison Jr. and the Rev. Richard Thomson officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Golf Club.

The bride wore a white silk V-neck dress that featured a box-pleated skirt. She carried a bouquet of white lilies, roses and orchids.

The matron of honor was Danielle Morris of Lake Orion.

Bridesmaids were Joy Gariety of Birmingham; Patti Rozof of Greensburg, Pa.; Stephanie LaFond and Kimberly LaFond, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; Bobbi Jo Connell of Little Rock, Ark.; and the groom's sisters, Kerry Brennan and Colleen Brennan, both of Chicago.

The best man was Rob Beglin of Hamilton, Ohio.

Groomsmen were Bob Miltenberger of Chicago; John Weithers of Michigan City, Ind.; Andy Ward of Chicago; the bride's brother, John Connell of Little Rock; Joe Parent of Cleveland; Mickey Seymour of New York City; and Matt Ramsey of Chicago.

Ring bearers were David Connell and Michael Connell, both of Little Rock.

The mother of the bride wore a three-piece taupe suit and a rose corsage.

The groom's mother wore a champagne colored dress with a beaded wrap and a rose corsage.

The bride graduated from Western Michigan University. She works in advertising sales with Forbes magazine.

The groom graduated from the University of Notre Dame and is the national sales manager with Automotive Industries magazine.

The newlyweds traveled to Bay Harbor and the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# FINAL TWO WEEKS!

## NEW ARRIVALS OF 1999

Grosse Pointe News and The Connection newspapers are planning their 4th annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 1999 babies, please) for publication in this section.

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

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth, and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print the baby's name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Tuesday, December 21st, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 7, 2000.)

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

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinances for second reading and final adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinances are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS OF 1997 TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE/1998.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS OF 1997 TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE 1996 WITH AMENDMENTS.**

**Louise S. Warnke,**  
City Clerk

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## The Babies of 1999

Thank you... and please return no later than December 21st, 1999 • December birth photos accepted until January 7, 2000

## Christ Church Grosse Pointe plans New Year's Eve worship service

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., will celebrate the dawn of the new millennium on Friday, Dec. 31. Children and adults are invited to attend in casual or formal clothes. Light refreshments, coffee and hot mulled cider will be served beginning at 10:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. With candles and bells, the group will enter the church at 11:30 p.m. for a celebration of the new year. Afterward, champagne and lemonade will be served in the Undercroft. The community is welcome and all participants are invited to bring a bell to ring. The Rev. Julia Dempz will preach and coordinate the event. For more information, call the church at (313) 885-4841.

## Christmas Eve worship services planned at Grosse Pointe United

Grosse Pointe United Church will offer two Christmas Eve services, both featuring Christmas music and candlelight. At 5:30 p.m. all church choirs and handbells and trumpets will participate. The 11 p.m. service will feature violins and candlelight.

## K of C blood drive to be Dec. 26

The St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, Dec. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Canfield Center at St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Reservations are requested, but not mandatory. Call (313) 884-2866.

## Friends of Vision

Kay Gee of Grosse Pointe recently helped the Friends of Vision support group expansion for the visually impaired in southeast Michigan.



Gee and Grosse Pointer Michael Patten spoke at a training session for new support group facilitators.

The training sessions were put together by Judy and Howard Gandelot for participants from Pontiac, Dearborn, Detroit, Redford, Southfield, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Friends of Vision hold fundraisers throughout the year to support this and other projects.

The next fundraiser will be a "Visions to Remember" antiques show and sale on Feb. 5 and 6.



## Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and its affiliate, the Grayling Fund, presented \$400,000 in two grants to Detroit 300 Inc., a non-profit organization that is planning activities for the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Detroit.

The grants will support projects marking Detroit's tercentennial in 2001. The funds will be used for the development and publication of a new K-12 curriculum guide on the region's history and for a history book, "Detroit, All Our Yesterdays: An Illustrated History."

At the left is Edsel B. Ford II, chairman of Detroit 300 Inc. Seated is Joseph L. Hudson Jr., chairman of the Community Foundation, and Miriam C. Noland, president of the foundation.

The Community Foundation was founded in 1984 as a permanent community endowment that works to improve the region's quality of life by supporting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. Since its inception, the foundation has distributed more than \$74 million to organizations in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

## St. James Lutheran plans worship service in German

St. James Lutheran Church will hold a worship service in German at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26. College students fluent in German will serve as lecturers and English translations and oral commentaries will be provided. Kaffee and kuchen will be served after the service. St. James Lutheran Church is located at 170 McMillan in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-0511.

## First English Lutheran plans New Year's Eve worship service

First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods, will celebrate the new millennium with a special communion service and dinner on Friday, Dec. 31. The community is invited. The formal candlelight dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a carol sing in the sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. The worship service and communion will begin at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner are \$10 a person. Call the church office at (313) 884-5040 by Monday, Dec. 27.

## Catholic Alumni Club will meet

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit will hold a Christmas Concert and midnight Mass at 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at St. Barbara's Church in Dearborn. CAC is a non-profit organization of single Catholics 21 and older who have earned bachelor's degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information, call Michelle at (313) 582-1371 before 10 p.m.

## First English plans Christmas Eve

First English Ev. Lutheran Church will hold three candlelight worship services on Christmas Eve. Worship will be held at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Communion will be offered at the 11 p.m. service. The church is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### CHRIST CHURCH

960 East Jefferson Avenue • Detroit, Michigan 48207  
(313) 259-6688  
Friday, December 24

Carols with Bells:	5:15 pm
Family Service with Eucharist:	5:30 pm
Carols with Flute, Oboe and Trumpet:	8:45 pm
Festal Eucharist with Choir:	9:00 pm

The Rev. Gary Goldacker, Rector     Dr. Joanne Rickards, Music Director

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### Redeemer United Methodist Church

20571 Vernier Road Harper Woods  
884-2035

Christmas Eve  
7:00 p.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols  
Candlelighting  
Rev. Ron Corl

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### Grosse Pointe Baptist Church

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM  
Sunday School - 9:45 AM for Age 2 - Adult

Candlelight Carols Service  
Christmas Eve - 6:30 p.m.

21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods  
Phone: (313) 881-3343     Web Page: [www.gpbc.org](http://www.gpbc.org)

### St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

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Christmas Eve  
5:00 pm Worship with Communion  
Nursery Care Available  
10:00 pm Special Music  
10:30 pm Candlelight Worship with Communion

December 26 - 10:00 am Worship  
New Years Eve Service - 7:30 pm

Rev. Frederick Harms     Rev. Christopher Frye

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### St. James Lutheran Church

170 McMillan Road  
Grosse Pointe Farms  
884-0511

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m.	A Family Liturgy of Lessons & Carols
10:45 p.m.	Pre-Worship Music
11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday, December 26 - St. Stephen's Day

10:15 a.m.	Christmas Worship in German with parallel English texts
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Friday, December 31  
New Year's Eve

7:30 p.m.	End-of-Year Worship with Holy Communion
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### The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30 a.m. - Ecumenical Men's Friday Breakfast  
5:00 p.m. - Family Service - Rev. Kate Thoresen  
7:30 p.m. - Lessons, Carols & Holy Communion  
Rev. Dr. R. Michael Foley  
10:00 p.m. - Lessons and Carols - Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon

Sunday, December 26

REV. DR. V. BRUCE RIGDON, preaching

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - No Church School Today  
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Crib/Toddler Care  
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Tuesday - Thrift Shop 10:30 - 3:30  
Wednesday - Amazing Grace Seniors 11-3:00  
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9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Worship

**Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30 p.m.  
Rev. John Corrado  
Mr. John Tierney church choirs  
No Service Sunday, December 26th  
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Sunday, December 26 - The First Sunday after Christmas  
8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
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10:00 a.m. Education Hour  
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11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
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6:00 p.m. Holy Liturgy (All English)  
10:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy (Greek and English)  
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Friday, December 24  
Christmas Vespers for Children 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Liturgy  
Matins 7:30 p.m.  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Clergy and Choir  
Saturday, December 25  
Christmas Day Liturgy 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
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Rev. Fr. Constantine Marinos, Priest  
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10:00 p.m. - Reception for college students  
11:00 p.m. - Lessons, Carols, Candles & Communion  
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884-4820  
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Rev. Jack G. Trembath  
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10:15 a.m. Church School  
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Nursery Available)  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00 p.m. Carol Eucharist for Children  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols  
7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon  
10:30 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols  
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist  
Family and Carols

**First English Ev. Lutheran Church**  
Vernier Road at Wedgewood Drive  
Grosse Pointe Woods TU4-5040  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
7:15 p.m. Special Music  
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service  
10:45 p.m. Special Music  
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Rev. Scott Davis, Associate Pastor

**Christmas at St. Clare 1999**  
Christmas Eve Mass Schedule  
Friday, December 24  
4:00 p.m. with Children's Bell Choir  
5:45 p.m. with Children's Choir & Nativity Pageant  
11:30 p.m. Carols followed by Candlelight Midnight Mass with Formal Choir  
Christmas Day Mass Schedule  
Saturday, December 25  
8:00 a.m. with Organ & Cantor  
9:30 a.m. with Contemporary Music Group  
11:00 a.m. with Formal Choir  
Feast of the Holy Family Mass, Sunday, December 26  
with Special Participation by Parish Families  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Mass for the New Millennium, Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 26  
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Bible Classes  
Supervised Nursery  
Christmas Eve Service  
Family Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery Provided  
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Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.  
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Mass on Sunday at 11:15 a.m.  
VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST  
Friday, December 24, 1999  
Opening of the Jubilee Year  
Children's Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.  
FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST  
Saturday, December 25, 1999  
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve  
Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.  
Mass of Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass of Christmas Day at 11:15 a.m.  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
Sunday, December 26, 1999  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at 11:15 a.m.  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Friday, December 31, 1999  
"Crossing the Threshold"  
A service for the turning of the year 2000 beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Mass at 5:00 p.m.  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
WORLD DAY OF PEACE  
Saturday, January 1, 2000  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at 11:15 a.m.  
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Sunday, January 2, 2000  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at 11:15 a.m.  
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Choir of Men and Girls  
Family Holy Eucharist, Rite II 6:00 p.m.\*  
with the Procession of the Creche  
Choir of Men and Girls  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 p.m.  
The Christ Church Chorale and Handbell Choirs  
Festal Holy Eucharist, Rite I 11:00 p.m.  
Carols and Christmas Hymns 10:30 p.m.  
Choir of Men and Boys  
Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:15 a.m.  
Choir of Men  
There will be only one service on Christmas Day  
The First Sunday After Christmas - December 26  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:45 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Christmas Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.\*  
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## Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Middle and High School students can hit the slopes of Pine Knob with the Ski Hi Club, Friday, Jan. 7. Motorcoaches will depart at 4:30 and return at 11:30 p.m. Membership is \$20. Trip fees are \$38; \$50 with ski rental or \$65 with board rental. Snowbunnies, ages 5 to 7 and Snowbirds, ages eight to 14, can have lots of chilly fun at Pine Knob with the Snowbirds Ski Club, Saturday, Jan. 15. Motorcoaches leave at 9 a.m. and return at 4:15 p.m. Memberships are \$125 per family or \$50 per individual. Trip fees are \$43 for skiers and \$46 for snow boarders or \$60 for ski rental and \$76 for board rentals. Songs, crafts and stories are just a few of the surprises awaiting your children, ages four to 10, at Camp Kookaburra, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 24, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$12 per session, \$77 for one day a week or \$125 for two days per week. Sessions will also be offered on Saturdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 per session or \$64 for four sessions. Send your toddler on A Musical Adventure, Tuesdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, from 10:15 to 11

a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$60. Aspiring actors, ages four and five, can test their talents with Tots in the Treehouse, Thursdays, Jan. 13 to Feb. 24, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The fee is \$60. Young artists, ages seven to 10, can explore Drawing and Painting, Tuesdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$62. Preregistration is required for most courses. Call (313) 881-7511.

## Bright nights

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 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. The Brave Little Toaster will be shown at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 29 in the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval. See Winnie-the-Pooh and the Honey Tree and Arthur's New Puppy, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the Woods Branch,

20600 Mack and Thursday, Dec. 30, in the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval. Call (313) 343-2074.

## Assumption offerings

The entire family can partake in learning experiences at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Introduce your children, ages five to 13, to the martial arts with Pee Wee Karate. Classes will be offered Saturdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 9:30 to 11 a.m., beginning Saturday, Jan. 8. The fees are \$30 for one hour or \$45 for one-and-one-half hours. Learn to save lives when St. John Health System offers Adult and Infant CPR classes, Wednesdays, Jan. 5 and Jan. 12, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$10. Preregistration is recommended. Call (810) 779-6111.

## 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 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.

## Antifreeze fest

Learn how to lift weight with your breath, dissolve a mountain of ice and more during the Antifreeze Festival, through Tuesday, Feb. 29, at the Spirit of Ford, 1151 Village in Dearborn. The Festival is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Call (313) 317-7474.

## 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

## By Madeleine Socia

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. Learn about life on the Great Lakes during the Ford Fleet Festival, Tuesday, Dec. 28 through Thursday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children can also explore the hands-on exhibition Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes, 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.

## Strings attached

The curtain has risen on the new season of PuppetArt, Detroit's Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Celebrate Kwanzaa, Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30. Performances will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 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 8 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 Domed 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. All aboard! The Annual Glancy Trains Show will pull into the Museum, Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Amateur conductors can have their model trains appraised by nationally known experts for \$2. Museum patrons may also 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. Celebrate Black History Month with the dynamic exhibit Africa, through Sunday, March 5. 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; \$4 for children ages three to 17. The Cranbrook Planetarium is open on Friday, from 9 to 10 p.m. Call (248) 645-3210.

## Banana muffins — a Christmas morning treat

On Christmas morning, surprise your family with warm, homemade banana nut muffins that can be placed in the oven just moments after you rise.

The recipe for these super quick muffins comes from the Fannie Farmer Cookbook, on loan to me from my friend Jamie Chancey of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The term "quick bread" refers to breads that don't require time to rise or need to be kneaded.

The addition of baking soda or baking powder mixed with moisture in a quick bread will accelerate the rising process. The following recipe is actually a quick bread recipe that Jamie recommended for muffins.



### À LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

**Christmas banana muffins**  
3 ripe bananas, well mashed  
2 eggs, well beaten  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Mash the bananas. In a medium mixing bowl, stir the bananas together with the beaten eggs. Add the sugar, salt, soda and flour; mix well, preferably with a wooden spoon. Stir in the chopped nuts.

Pour the batter into greased cupcake-sized muffin pans, filling each about 2/3 full. You could use paper cupcake liners.

Place the muffins in a preheated 350-degree oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on your oven. Remove muffins from the pan and cool on a rack. This recipe yields about 18 cupcake-size muffins.

I enjoyed making these banana yummys because all of the ingredients are mixed in the same bowl and the

oven time was minimal. Some fresh creamy butter will spread nicely on your hot-from-the-oven muffins.

Fannie Farmer's recipe awarded John Chancey Jr. (who attends Richard Elementary School) a blue ribbon at the 1998 Michigan State Fair in the youth baking division.

Pick up a few bananas and chop some nuts on the night before Christmas. Throw some banana nut muffins together the next morning. The warm delicious aroma traveling from the kitchen will be a sign to early risers that Santa Claus has made his yearly visit.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays and peace to all from A la Annie.

## City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, AND 180

On December 13, 1999, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinances 174, 179, and 180 (the "Ordinances") to become effective on January 1, 2000 which Ordinances provide for the appointment for certain employees of the City empowered to issue citations for violation of ordinance provisions, the re-adoption of the BOCA Property Maintenance Code and certain amendments thereto with respect to required certificates of occupancy, and the re-adoption for requirements relating to downspout disconnection.

On December 13, 1999, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinances 175, 176, 177, and 178 (the "Ordinances"), to become effective on the later of 90 days from December 13, 1999 or 90 days after a certified copy of the ordinances are delivered to the state construction code commission, which Ordinances provide for the adoption of the 1999 BOCA Building Code, the 1999 National Electrical Code, the 1997 International Plumbing Code with its 1998 and 1999 amendments, and the 1998 International Mechanical Code with its 1999 amendments, together with administrative modifications to such codes applicable to the duties and powers of the chief building official appointed thereunder.

This summary of the Ordinances is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinances and any law, regulation, code, or other material adopted by reference in such Ordinances are available for inspection or photocopying at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

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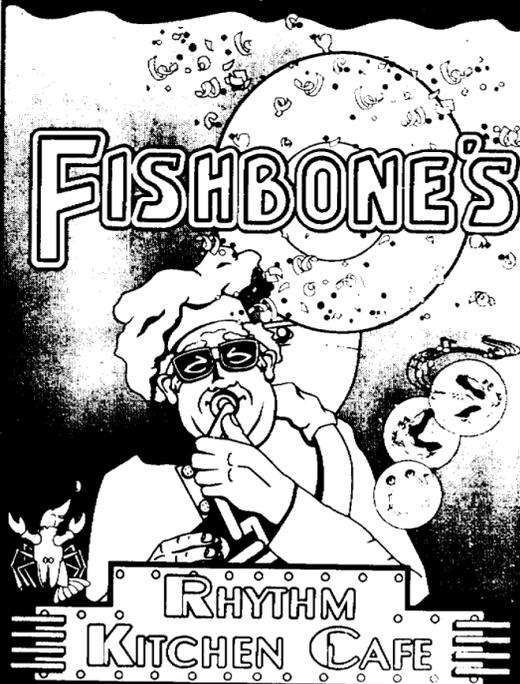
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## Lasers may be used to ease angina pain

By Dr. C. Douglas Lees  
Special Writer

The last decade of the 20th century has yielded a number of important medical advances. Laparoscopic techniques have made a number of surgeries such as gall bladder removal and hernia repair much less invasive, resulting in shorter hospital stays and far less pain for the patient.

Innovative devices known as stents, which are small cage-like structures, are being inserted into blocked arteries to keep them open so blood can flow more freely. And lasers are being used increasingly by



Dr. C. Douglas Lees

surgeons to treat everything from cataracts to symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia, known commonly as enlargement of the prostate gland.

Cardiac surgeons also are using lasers with great success to treat patients

with advanced heart disease. One laser procedure recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration, called transmyocardial revascularization (TMR) allows the surgeon to use a laser to create tiny channels in the heart muscle. This increases oxygen and blood flow to the heart, and helps to reduce the disabling and distressing symptoms of angina pectoris (chest pain), thus improving the patient's overall quality of life.

TMR is proving to be an important advancement in the treatment of angina for high-risk patients who have exhausted all other treatment options. Of the six million people in the United States who are treated for chest pain annually, about 885,000 receive coronary bypass surgery or angioplasty (a procedure that uses a balloon to open up blocked vessels).

Up to 25 percent of these patients might benefit from TMR, since they already have survived a bypass operation and/or angioplasty and are now 5-to-10 years down the road toward severe, progressive coronary artery disease.

In general, these are patients who are too ill or too weak to survive another bypass surgery or coronary angioplasty, and their only treatment option is medication.

It appears that TMR may be more effective than drugs in the long run. That's because while medications make the heart muscle more efficient by triggering it to consume less blood and oxygen, they do not, in and of themselves, increase the blood supply to the heart the way TMR does.

Data shows that TMR is becoming a very viable treatment option. A study recently

published in The New England Journal of Medicine reported that patients who underwent TMR had significantly improved clinical outcomes compared to patients who received medical therapy alone. Other research has shown that patients treated with TMR had significantly less angina, a lower incidence of cardiac-related medical problems and fewer trips back to the hospital, compared to those patients who took medication alone.

TMR requires general anesthesia and a small incision between the ribs in front of the heart. A flexible, fiber optic device known as the Eclipse holmium laser system then is fired by the surgeon in carefully controlled pulses to create an average of 39 tiny channels in the heart muscle. The channels presumably permit fresh oxygenated blood to get from inside the heart cavity into the heart muscle itself, thus providing a new nutrient supply to the heart. Additionally, it's believed that TMR encourages angiogenesis, or growth of new blood vessels, in the area where the channels have been created.

Because the procedure is minimally invasive, patients typically remain in the hospital for just four days, then recuperate at home for about four weeks. Better still, they should find that they'll be able to resume normal activities because their angina should be reduced or eliminated, their exercise tolerance should increase significantly and their episodes of shortness of breath should disappear.

There's another cardiac laser procedure now being investigated that also bears mentioning. This procedure, known as percutaneous transmyocardial revascularization (PTMR) is like TMR in that tiny channels are drilled in the heart muscle.

But PTMR may offer an added benefit: it may allow interventional cardiologists to treat areas in the heart muscle that cannot be reached by angioplasty alone. That's because the laser is delivered to the surgery site by means of a catheter inserted through a small incision in the groin, allowing it to be manipulated into places that cannot be reached through an incision in the chest.

It's not hard to see that with new procedures like TMR, we have come a long way in the treatment of coronary artery disease. This truly is an exciting time in history for medical practitioners and patients alike, and I predict that we are at the dawn of a new age of stunning advances in both surgical procedures and medications — advances that may help us all live longer, healthier lives.

Dr. C. Douglas Lees is a cardiac surgeon on staff at the St. John Cardiovascular Institute.



## Sisters of Bon Secours celebrate 175th

Cardinal Adam Maida celebrated a special Mass on Dec. 4 at St. Paul Catholic Church, honoring the 175th anniversary jubilee of the Sisters of Bon Secours. The Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours began in Paris, France, in 1824. In 1909, they brought their mission of healing, compassion and liberation to the sick, the poor and the dying to Michigan.

From left, are Sister Victoria Segura, M.D.; Sister Lucretia Gottschall; Sister Mary Catherine Rogers; Sister Anne Marie Mack; Maida; Sister Mary Ellen Wagner; Sister Rita Thomas; Sister Elaine Davia; and Sister Anne Lutz.

## Babies

### Charles Fisher Benoit

Sarah and David Benoit of Jacksonville, Fla., are the parents of a son, Charles Fisher Benoit, born Oct. 10, 1999. Maternal grandparents are Walter and Sally Bernard of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Debbie Benoit of Jacksonville.

### Nicholas Anthony Vallan

Shelly and Tony Vallan of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Nicholas Anthony Vallan, born Sept. 30, 1999. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Mike Ballew of St. Clair. Paternal grandparents are Sue and Ron Vallan of

Grosse Pointe Farms. Great-grandparents are Mary Heels of Harper Woods; Bill and Lois Heels of Gaylord; Betty Ballew of St. Clair; and Dominic Vallan of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-great-grandmother is Avis Needom of St. Clair.

### Megan Patricia Matteucci

Mike and Amy Matteucci of Long Beach, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, are the parents of a daughter, Megan Patricia, born July 15, 1999. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Michele Nerone of East Jordan, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are Lorne and Patricia Matteucci of Trail, British Columbia.

Great-grandmother is Louise Nerone of Harrison Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Richard Joseph Maicki III

Rick and Casey Maicki of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, are the parents of a son, Richard Joseph Maicki III, born May 11, 1999. Maternal grandparents are Dan and Pat Steffes of Roseville, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Dr. Henry and Marlene Maicki of West Bloomfield. Great grandparents are Bob and Doris Kelly of Marysville, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Mildred Maicki of Farmington Hills.

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### "By Word of MOUTH"

Dr. Kevin Prush,

Happy Holidays everyone! Let's talk about something I have strong opinions on—the growth of the commodity dental practice. I was reading an article by a Michigan dentist in my Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education newsletter (a mouthful) and what he said rang true to me. He commented how corporate America has been downsizing and how "everything from fast food chains to banks are expecting fewer employees to do more jobs." At some grocery stores, we even scan our own groceries! Well, this trend has definitely reached the health field: Practices are merging and one may notice the abundance of group practices with multiple doctors or dentists. I guess I'm just a traditional guy. My family and I enjoyed the personalized treatment our dentist and his staff gave us! Everything from being addressed by name when I walked in, to those personal check-up calls after an appointment, meant a lot to me. Mind you, some large dental practices still maintain high quality personalized service and I tip my hat to them. Let's hear it for the personalized, quality-service oriented practices! There may be a place and purpose for other types of practices in the profession, but I believe strongly in the relationship-based, non-commodity experience as a patient.

Dr. Kevin Prush: 810-775-2400



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**Friday, Dec. 24**  
**Food & fellowship**

Share food and fellowship during a Men's Ecumenical Friday Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 a.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial 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.

**Sunday, Dec. 26**  
**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 Trumpet and Timpani will be featured on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 11 a.m. The concert will be followed by a religious service. Call (313) 822-2814.

**Friday, Dec. 31**  
**Symphony gala**

Maureen McGovern and Davis Gaines will be among those helping the Detroit Symphony Orchestra welcome the New Year to Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, with A Century of Song, from Vienna to Broadway to Hollywood. Festivities get under way, Thursday, Dec. 30, at 10:45 a.m., followed by coffee and Viennese pastries.

The curtain will rise on Friday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. The 9 p.m. performance will be followed by a Millennium Gala featuring a dessert buffet, champagne

toast and dancing! Tickets range from \$14 to \$125. Reservations are required. Call (313) 576-5111.

**Singles' celebration**

Singles can celebrate the season during a Parents Without Partners' New Year's Eve Hall Party, Friday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$25 or \$30 for PWP members. Call (313) 526-0818.

**Fine art of fun**

The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit, will help you perfect the fine art of having fun this New Year's with A Black & White Beetle Ball, Friday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m. Revelers can enjoy music, dinner, dancing and more. Tickets are \$100 for Scarab members or \$150 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call (313) 831-1250.

**Live & Learn**  
**Courses & adventures**

Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Try a new twist on Pilates exercise with Stott Core Conditioning classes. Level I classes will be offered, Tuesdays, Jan. 11 through Feb. 22, from 6:05 to 7:05 p.m.; Level II courses are scheduled for Mondays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays, Jan. 13 to Feb. 24, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.; Level I & II combine classes are slated for Tuesdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 22 and Wednesdays,

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Jan. 12 to Feb. 23, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The fee is \$140 for each course or \$25 per session for walk-ins. Get in shape for the New Year with Jacki's Aerobic Dancing, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 3 to March 22, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The fee is \$95 or \$76 for seniors. The Veterans' Club will meet, Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration for all new classes can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via Fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone, at (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, Thursday, Dec. 23, from noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy a variety of educational and entertaining programs, offered Sunday, Dec. 26 through Thursday, Dec. 30, from noon to 4 p.m., including free Storybooks Drop-In Workshops and free Drawing in the Gallery Sessions. Traditional African instruments will accompany free Storytelling programs, Sunday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 27, at noon and 2 p.m.

Take in the free video Mandala: World of Mystic Circle, Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. Observe Tibetan Buddhist monks from India's Drepung Loseling Monastery construct a colorful mandala sand painting in the DIA, Monday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

monks will answer questions daily, at 3 p.m. Hear a free storytelling program on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at noon and 2 p.m. Create your own Gingerbread Puppets during free Drop-In Workshops, Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30, from noon to 4 p.m. PuppetArt, the Detroit Puppet Theater, will present free performances of Kolobok, a Russian version of the Gingerbread Man, Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. Listen to the free lecture Symbolism of Mandala Sand Painting, Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. Experience the culture of Tibet during a Performance of Sacred Music and Sacred Dance, Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for DIA members. 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, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. 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 New Year's Eve 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.

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## Blue Devils skaters have an encouraging week

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

It wasn't a perfect week for Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team, but it came pretty close.

"This was the best that we've played as a team," said coach Bob Bopp after the Blue Devils beat Southgate Anderson 4-2 and then lost a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Trenton.

"This was the first time in eight years of playing Trenton that I came out of a game with

them feeling that we were clearly the better team. There is still a long way to go in the season but I think we might look back at this game as the one where our team saw just how good it can be. It can be the turning point where our team believes that it is capable of winning any game it plays."

South jumped out to a 2-0 lead against Trenton. Matt Jarboe opened the scoring at 6:46 of the first period, assisted by Jacques Perreault and Greg

Kelly. Jim Denner, who has been having an outstanding senior year, scored a short-handed goal at 6:25 of the second period.

Denner intercepted a Trenton pass, broke down the ice, made a move on the Trojans' goalie and put the puck into the net.

But 14 seconds later, Trenton scored a power play goal. The Trojans got the tying goal at 9:57 of the second period and won the game with a power-

play goal at 9:15 of the third period.

Freshman Jon Starr played a strong game in goal for South, stopping 22 shots.

"He looked very confident for a freshman," Bopp said. "I think we have something good in goal for the next four years."

While Trenton scored twice on the power play, South never got a chance to use its power play, which has been one of the strengths of the team this year.

"It was a clean game, but you'd think the officials might have found one penalty to call on Trenton," Bopp said.

"We're not happy with the loss, but we're starting to look like a pretty good team. And it isn't one or two players doing the job. We need all 20 of them and they've all been contributing."

In its game with Southgate, South showed patience as it scored three goals in the third period to overcome a 2-1 deficit.

"We knew the game was going well, so we just stayed patient and followed our game plan," Bopp said. "When you get away from that, everybody starts to do things on their own. I was happy to see us continue to do what had been working."

After a scoreless first period, Southgate opened the scoring at 3:11 of the second period. South tied the game at 6:12 on a power play goal by Steve Maxwell, assisted by Joel France.

The Titans regained the lead late in the second period, but Maxwell scored his second goal of the game at 1:56 of the final period to pull South into a 2-2 tie. France and Kelly assisted

on the power-play goal.

Defenstman Lukas Morawski broke the tie at 6:26 and Denner iced the victory with an empty-net goal with a minute remaining. France picked up his third assist of the game on Morawski's goal, while Adam Fishman and Randy Graves set up Denner's insurance tally.

"France and Morawski have been playing well for us all season," Bopp said. "We've been using two defense pairs most of the time so they've seen a lot of ice time. This was one of Joel's best offensive games."

Paul Georgendallis was in goal for South and made 22 saves.

"We've played well all season," Bopp said. "In our losses, it has just been a mistake or two that has hurt us."

## Knights are eager for a break

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

The Christmas break couldn't have come at a better time for University Liggett School's boys hockey team.

"I think we all need a little time to retol," coach Dan Barry said after the Knights closed out the 1999 portion of the schedule with a disappointing 3-3 tie with Orchard Lake St. Mary.

"I think we all had other things on our minds. I thought we were up 4-1 instead of 3-1. That's never happened to me before. Now we're going to take a couple of weeks off. The kids will do some skating, but that's all."

ULS had a 3-1 lead with 1:50 left when St. Mary scored twice within 40 seconds.

"They didn't even get a chance to pull their goalie," Barry said. "It really got ugly for us in a hurry. We all heard that Marysville had beaten this team 10-0 and I think we took it for granted that we had an easy win."

The Knights' line of C.T. Thurber, Ryan Schafer and Charlie Keersmaekers was

dominant for ULS as each collected a goal and two assists. Thurber opened the scoring at 3:18 of the first period and Schafer made it 2-0 with 1:41 left in the opening period.

Keersmaekers scored a power-play goal early in the third period.

Jacob Bondy played in goal for ULS and deserved a better fate.

"He stopped the first shot, which is what you expect of your goalie," Barry said. "We have to do a better job of clearing the rebounds."

Earlier, ULS rolled past Detroit Country Day 8-2, but that wasn't one of the Knights' finest efforts of the season, either.

Country Day jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but ULS came back with eight unanswered goals.

"We got an early enough wakeup call in that game," Barry said. "I think we thought we could walk all over them."

ULS' second line of Nick Maitland, Scott Vallee and Mark Borushko did most of the damage as it accounted for four goals. Maitland scored twice, while his linemates had a goal

apiece.

Keersmaekers also scored a pair of goals for the Knights.

Barry also praised the play of defensemen Jake Wardwell and Tony Bologna and first-year forward Dan Stahl for their efforts against Country Day.

ULS, which is idle until it meets Port Huron on Jan. 5, is 10-4-1.



Charlie Keersmaekers

## South gets a good road victory

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

A year ago, Warren Fitzgerald stunned Grosse Pointe South's basketball team with a 57-49 victory over the Blue Devils.

This year, South made sure it wasn't going to happen again.

"I don't want to say that we took them lightly last year, but our focus this year was that you have to respect all of your opponents," said Blue Devils coach George Petrouleas after his team's 55-48 win over the Spartans.

"The kids played a very solid game. It was a good win on the road for us."

The victory improved South's overall record to 2-1.

The Blue Devils trailed Fitzgerald, which plays a couple of divisions below South in the Macomb Area Conference, by a point after the first quarter but after that, South was in control.

The Blue Devils maintained a double digit lead for most of the second half.

"We played solid defensively for most of the game. We took care of the basketball a lot better than we did in our last game when we had 27 turnovers. We cut those in half," Petrouleas said. "And we put the ball in the basket consistently. We shot 50 percent and distributed the ball well inside."

Petrouleas also pointed out South's domination of the

boards. The Blue Devils outrebounded Fitzgerald 38-11.

"We had a lot of offensive putbacks," he said.

Adam Novak led South with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while John Russell collected 13 points and seven rebounds.

The Blue Devils also had good guard play from Mike Wolking and Brian Berschback and quality minutes from Paul Skorupskas and Anthony Watts.

"Adam Budday came back and did all right for having only three days of practice," Petrouleas said. "It's good to work him back into the lineup."

Budday missed the first two games after breaking a bone in his hand during a preseason scrimmage.



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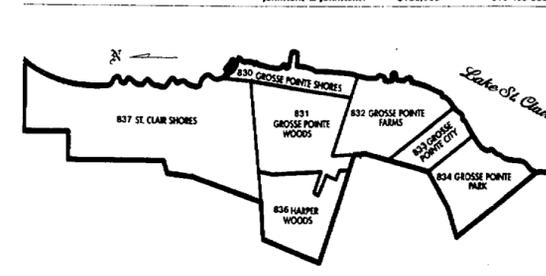
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