

Y2K stop signs back up lights

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Most plans to thwart Y2K power problems have dealt with computer programmers hammering at keyboards to make sure software makes it through the new year.

Of the few visible signs of millennium precautions, public safety departments in Grosse Pointe City, Park and Woods have placed temporary stop signs at major intersections throughout their communities.

The signs have been staged at intersections governed normally by traffic lights. The signs will remain covered by black plastic bags unless Mr. Computer Programmer messed up and the lights go out.

If the ball that drops on New Year's Eve beckons a power loss to traffic signals, public safety officers will quickly unlock the stop signs to prevent confused drivers from making intersections demolition derbies.

In the Farms, Sam Cardella, the deputy director of public safety, had signposts welded to the centers of about 20 old car wheel rims as steady bases.

In a power outage, during the Y2K rollover, ice storms or anytime, stop signs can be attached to the posts within a minutes.

WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year! Grosse Pointe enters the Year 2000.

Sunday, Jan. 2
Music for flute is featured at the 11 a.m. Music Series concert in St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park. The music is followed by a religious service.

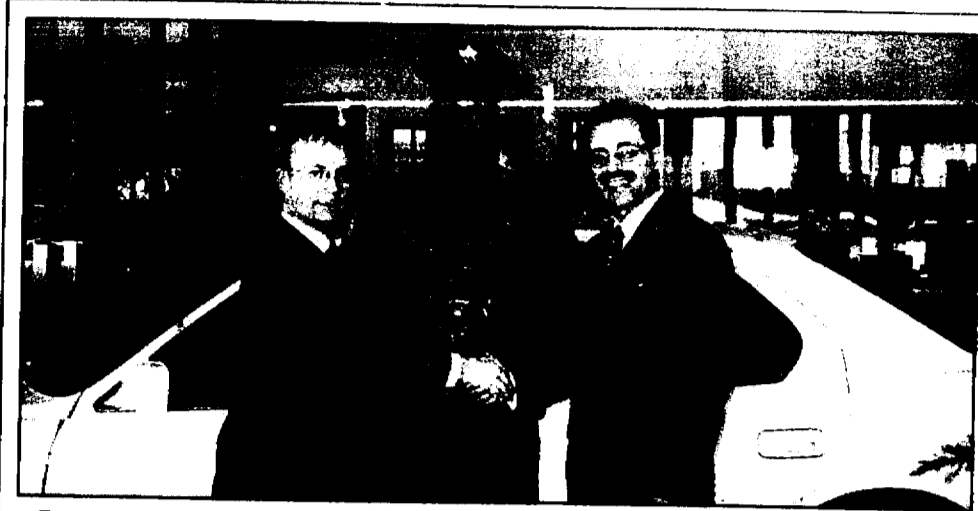
Monday, Jan. 3
Most government offices are closed because of the new year holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 4
The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo. The public is invited to attend.

Robert Gibbs of the Gibbs Planning Group explains his recent retail analysis and parking study report at a special meeting in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial auditorium at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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Barron Meade, general manager of Meade Lexus, left, recently presented three pairs of fatal vision goggles to Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, right, and Deputy DeWayne Hayes. The goggles will be used by the Wayne County Sheriff Department in presentations to demonstrate the life threatening consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Meade Lexus dealer teams up with Wayne County Sheriff

Meade Lexus is committed to making holiday driving safe. The goggles will be used by the Wayne County Sheriff Department in presentations to demonstrate the life threatening consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. on New Year's Eve, one in seven drivers on Michigan roads will be driving with a blood alcohol content exceeding the legal limit. On that holiday alone, 68 percent of driving accidents are alcohol related and every 33 minutes a person will be killed by a drunken driver on Michigan's roads.

As part of its dedication to bringing people home safe for the holidays, Meade Lexus recently presented three pairs of fatal vision goggles to Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano. The goggles will be used by the Wayne County Sheriff Department in presentations to demonstrate the life threatening consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol.

"We are intent in supporting this important program," said Barron Meade, general manager of Meade Lexus. "The work of the Wayne County Sheriff Department in educating people on the dangers of drunken driving is vital. We want to do what we can to help bring people home safe for the holidays."

Fatal vision goggles simulate the impaired vision of a blood alcohol count ranging from .05 to .17, roughly the difference between two and four beers. The goggles will be used in presentations to high school students throughout Wayne County.

"Drunk driving is an absolute concern of ours during the holiday season," said Ficano. "The fatal vision goggles allows the chance to see, with a sober mind, the impairment alcohol creates in vision and judgment. We are thankful for Meade Lexus and their donation, they have contributed to an important community service."

Holiday bomb scare a dud in the Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Frankfurt, Germany." Familiar with the alert, the State police rushed to a Grosse Pointe Park home on Christmas Eve to check out what they thought might be a terrorist bomb dressed up like a Yuletide gift.

Unable to determine the contents of the suspicious package mailed from Europe, the officers played it safe and blew it up.

Instead of a mail bomb, it turned out to be a box of old-world Christmas candy sent to a local family by a well-wisher.

In what became a five hour ordeal that involved evacuating five families from their homes on Christmas Eve, a Federal Express courier on Friday, Dec. 24, delivered a package to a resident of the 1200 block of Whittier.

The package came one day after the FBI issued a well-publicized warning that "the public should be cautious with parcels originating from or bearing Frankfurt, Germany, postal markings or stamps when the sender is unknown or unfamiliar to the recipient."

The warning stemmed from the government receiving "unsubstantiated information that individuals may be planning to send bombs in small parcels to addresses in the United States. The information received indicates that the parcels would be sent from Frankfurt, Germany."

Hiller described the detonation as a "little boom. It got your attention."

He added, "Some people might think this was overkill. But it was done in the best judgment of three agencies. You have to play it safe."



Locker check!

A generous donation by a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe has decked the halls of Richard Elementary School with new lockers during the Christmas break. Pete Huebner donated half of the material and all the labor for the project. "I did it because the school has been very good to us over the years," said Huebner, owner and president of Rayhaven Equipment Co., a large distributor of lockers. Although Huebner went to Maire Elementary, his son attends Richard, as will two younger members of the family. "It is an appropriate way to give something back to the school," said Huebner. The project involves replacing about 330 lockers. Above, from left, Rayhaven employees Ken McLaren, Kevin Moses and Jim Worden install a bank of lockers.

G.P. Woods honors North swim champs

By Brad Lindberg
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When you're the best in the state, the awards keep coming. The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has issued a proclamation honoring the North High School girl's All-American swim team.

Last month, the Norsemen won the girls' state Class A swimming championship. The victory was the first title for girl's swimming in the school's history.

The team captured the state crown by taking first place in six of twelve events. Competing along a well-balanced front, the team had its first diving finalist in more than a decade.

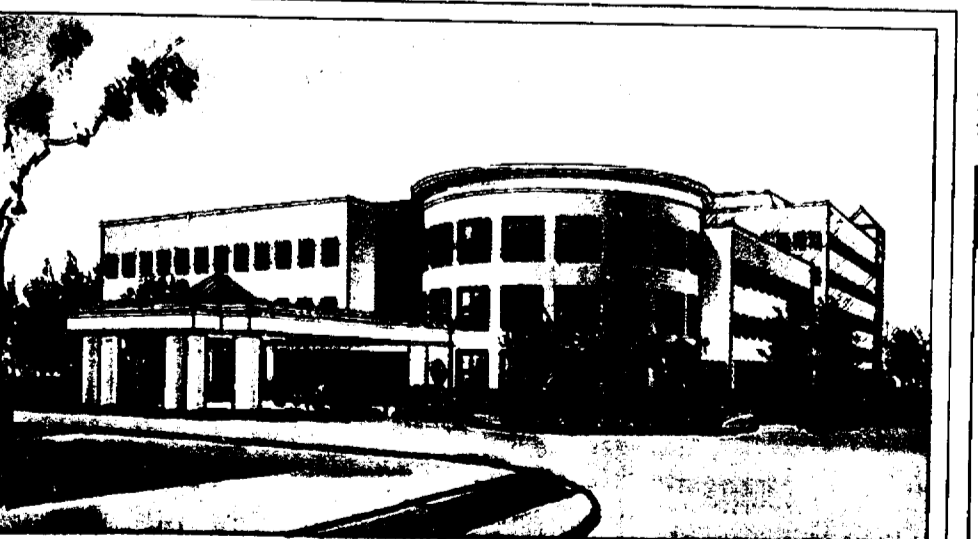
In addition, the team established a Class A and all-class finals record and broke by nearly two seconds the state record in the 400 free-style relay.

The accomplishments launched the team to automatic All-American status.

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke credited the athletes and coaches for putting aside personal ambition for the good of the team.

Members of the swim team include Dianna Anderson, Katie Amaro, Mary Cornille, Melissa Jamerino, Marcia Keat, Lindsey Knost, Stephanie Leaman, Cassy Miller, Kammy Miller, Brit Otrhalek, Carly Piper and Kristen Shelden.

The team is coached by Mike O'Connor and his assistants Greg Johnson, Fred Mihalik and Tom Mulhern.



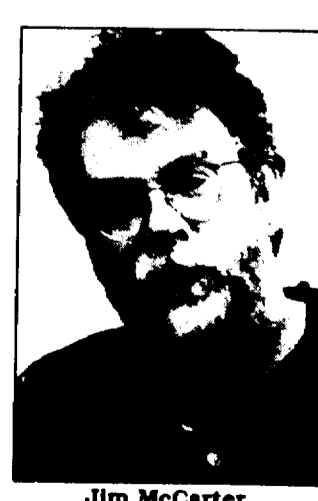
More on St. John cancer center

Above is an artist's rendering of St. John Health System's 69,000-square-foot, three-story, \$25 million Van Elslander Cancer Center, which we did not have room to publish with last week's story on the facility's groundbreaking. The center is expected to be completed in 2001 and will be the eastside's premier cancer treatment facility. The center was named after Shores residents Art and Mary Ann Van Elslander, leading benefactors of the facility, along with John and Marlene Boll, also of the Shores. See related editorial on Page 6A.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Jim McCarter

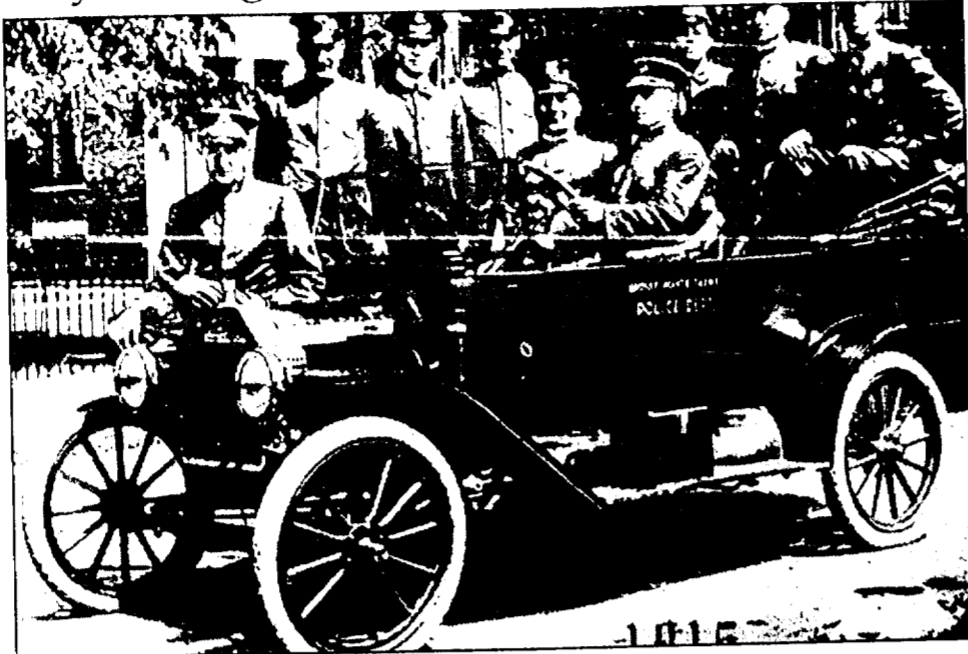
Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 42
Family: Wife, Carolyn, four children, Michael, 11, John, 10, Thomas, 6, and Sarah, 3
Occupation: Publisher, Metro Times
Quote: "There are times I've had to duck around the corner here and there; that's part of the deal. You have to understand that every story has a point of view. There are lots of opinions I don't agree with, but every one of those stories is true."
See story, page 4A



News

yesterday's headlines

25 years ago this week



Historical Farms police Christmas card

Reported to be the first department in metropolitan Detroit to acquire an automobile, the entire Pointe Farms police force posed for this 1915 photograph with their new vehicle. Circulation of the picture with holiday greetings have caused much favorable comment this Christmas season. (From the Dec. 26, 1975 Grosse Pointe News.)

50 years ago this week

■ The first day of the new year will mark a cornerstone ceremony at the Grosse Pointe Methodist Church on Moross between Kercheval and Ridge in the Farms.

The \$153,000 structure will include a sanctuary, social hall, kitchen and an educational unit consisting of 10 classrooms.

■ The Grosse Pointe Woods city council has established a study group to investigate switching the community's status from a village to city.

The action comes on the heels of the Farms becoming a city.

■ A group of teenage Christmas carolers from Detroit have worn out their welcome in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Despite the holiday setting, the singers' purpose was extracting coins from residents after shouting a few bars of raucous music.

City police told the group to "confine their vocal efforts to the big town."

25 years ago this week

■ The normal December snowfall in the Grosse Pointes is 2.5 inches.

This year, however, the area is reeling under a 20-inch blanket of the white stuff. It could have been worse. The month's rainfall of 1.2 inches would have translated into another 12 inches of snow had temperatures been lower.

According to Wendell Baker, superintendent of the Farms water filtration plant, where U.S. Weather gauges are maintained, the Dec. 1-2 snowfall was the heaviest since April 2, 1886, when in a 24-hour period 24.5 inches were dumped on the Detroit area.

■ A general ordinance has been passed in Grosse Pointe Shores to let the village prosecute its own misdemeanor cases.

Why? Because, said village attorney William Killebrew, the Wayne County prosecutor's office is "so snowed under with cases that they will not consider any misdemeanors, only felonies."

■ Friends of Jesse Lowther, recently retired principal of Defer Elementary School, have established a fund in his name to be administered by the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment.

At his request, money donated to the fund will be directed toward a program of outdoor education in Grosse Pointe elementary schools.

about, but said they wouldn't be surprised if she fled to Canada or Lebanon, where she reportedly has drug trafficking connections.

■ Despite bone chilling cold weather, the Village Plaza at Kercheval and St. Clair resounded this week with the voices of the Grosse Pointe Academy Seventh Grade Honors Choir and the Eighth Grade Bell Choir.

■ Rental fees will go up 15 percent next year at Neff Park marina in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The increase is part of a two-step fee hike that began in 1989 to pay for this summer's dredging of the harbor. Dredging will cost \$84,000, not including engineering expenses.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe attorneys Kirstin Frank and Brian Zahra has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to judgeships in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Frank, the Park's municipal judge since 1987, and Zahra, a resident of the Farms, will take the oath of office on Dec. 30.

"This is about the best Christmas present I could ask for," said Zahra.

■ Alexander Dickie's plans to squeeze a final sailboat ride of the season turned into a matter of life and death — for a stray dog.

Dickie, a Park resident, pulled the dog from near the shipping channel in Lake St. Clair. The 9-month old mutt had been chasing ducks.

"He was hungry," Dickie explained.

■ The Grosse Pointe Bruins Bantam AA hockey team has played well recently, winning three of its four league games and advancing to the championship round of a tournament in Chicago.

—Brad Lindberg

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Sadie McLeod

Sadie's occupation: Sock collector.

Beth's occupation: Beth pulls the daily lottery numbers at WDIV, Channel 4.

Residence: City of Grosse Pointe.

Age: 1.

Family: Two adults and three teenagers.

Type of Pointer: Dog/Bichon

Claim to Fame: Sadie has taken the ancient art of sock collecting, and brought it to a new millennium level. With intense perseverance, she will pull the socks off any pair of feet that cross her path. To embellish her collection, Sadie will patiently wait by the dryer for a fresh load of socks, strategically placing her collectibles in safe and hidden places.

If you would like to have your pet considered for Pet Pointer of Interest, submit your pet's photo along with a brief summary telling us why your pet is unique. Send all replies to Pet Pointer of Interest, 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



Photo by Jo Maldonado
Sadie McLeod
with Beth McLeod

10 years ago this week

■ U.S. Marshals have taken possession of the Grosse Pointe Park home of Helen Mary Formanczyk, who was found guilty Sept. 12 in U.S. District Court in Boston for pushing drugs.

Formanczyk, jumped bail last month hours before she was to be sentenced for dealing heroin. Law enforcement officials don't know her where-

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Farms spends much of 1999 planning for the next century

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Farms officials asked themselves a lot of questions in 1999. "What to do with the Hill?" "What to do with the property at the corner of Mack and Moross?" "What to do about the city's sanitary and storm sewer system?" "Should there be special historic districts to preserve the city's architecture?"

business, as well as its parking problems.

Gibbs issued his report in November. He said that given the surrounding population and the available parking spaces, there is room for an additional 25,000 square feet of business, either retail or office, on the Hill. He also presented the Farms council with an option on what it could do to bring different kinds of business.

shop at 87 Kercheval on the grounds that there was insufficient parking.

In May the Farms council adopted a temporary ban on the issuing of permits needed for construction pending a study of the Hill's parking situation. Gibbs was hired in June and given until December to complete his report. He talked with merchants, residents, land owners and business owners about the Hill and how they would like to see it develop.

City planner Brandon Rogers was hired in March to update a land use plan he first wrote for the Farms back in 1972. Rogers turned over his

report to the council in December. He suggested that the city use the land at the corner of Mack and Moross for some sort of public benefit such as a park or senior housing and it should not resell the land for some commercial purpose.

After years of study and pressure from the state and federal governments, the Farms council voted to spend several million dollars to separate the sanitary and storm sewer systems, making it the last Pointe community to do so.

Construction began in the fall and should only take a year. Public works director Joe Leonard said that the council

decided to get the project done quickly, so construction will continue during the winter.

The council also spent the fall considering a proposal to create special historic districts. Under a 1970 state law, local communities can create historic districts within their boundaries to protect buildings and architecture deemed historically important. After the council approved the ordinances needed to create districts, a hearing was held to determine where exactly these historic districts would be.

The Farms council chose several areas in which historic city buildings were located. The

only residential area picked was Beverly Road, a one-block street off of Lakeshore. The street was the Farms' first subdivision and several of its houses were designed in the first two decades of the century by prominent architects.

While there was some opposition, most residents voiced support, saying that their street is protected from overdevelopment. Having to clear changes in the exterior of their property with the Farms' new historic commission was deemed a small price. Plus the tax benefits weren't too shabby either.

Shores has controversial 1999 with yacht club plan, elections

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The normally placid Village of Grosse Pointe Shores was home to a couple of controversies in 1999.

In the beginning of the year a coalition of citizens organized themselves into the group Neighbors against Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE, pronounced nice) in a successful effort to block a plan by the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to expand its facilities.

The idea was to build a new break wall that would allow for the docking of newer and larger boats. Yacht Club officials

said that today's boaters want their boats bigger and the club's docks can't handle them.

The wall was to have been built to also benefit the village. The break wall at Osius Park will need replacing in the next few years and the Yacht Club plan would have resulted in the building of a joint wall at no expense to the taxpayers of the Shores.

But the plan ran into strong opposition from some residents who feared that a new break wall would cause accretion, the collection of soil along the lakeshore.

The matter ended up in fed-

eral court, but was ultimately settled after a special non-binding election was held. A majority of voting residents expressed displeasure with the Shores' plan.

The political fallout from the controversy was surprisingly small. A bloc of "clean slate" candidates — Dr. Robert E. Lee, John M. Rickel and Alan H. Broad, — failed to defeat incumbents Cameron Piggott and Rose Garland Thornton and independent candidate Dr. James M. Cooper, in a May election that saw the highest voter turnout in several years.

A total of 1,230 voters, or

50.09 percent of the registered population turned out for the election.

But that was not the end of controversy in the Shores. A number of residents, many of whom were active in their opposition to the Yacht Club plan, also campaigned against a proposed activities center in Osius park.

Claiming that there is no need for such a building, that it was too large and that it would spoil the view of the lake, opponents of the plan even went so far as to question the tax status of the park, resulting in a ruling that could have the

Village paying property taxes on the park land.

Supporters of the project said that it would give residents a place to hold wedding receptions, provide shelter in the rain, allow local Shores groups to have a place for meetings and allow activities in the park during the winter.

The Village council held a special meeting in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in October to present various options to the public and to answer questions about the project.

The council also commis-

ioned a survey of residents which indicated that just over half of those who mailed back their responses supported the project. This survey was just a prelude to a special advisory election that will be held in February. Based on the responses given in the survey, voters will be asked whether there should be a 5,000-square-foot building in the southeast corner of the park, by Lakeshore and the Yacht Club border. Voters will also be asked whether there should be the regulated use of alcohol in the building.

It takes a Village to make the City — at least during most of 1999

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

It was a quiet year for the City of Grosse Pointe. Not much happened, unless you count the project that repaved the Village's streets and redid the Village's sidewalks.

The facelift was approved in 1998, but construction did not begin until 1999. Construction took months and the final touches won't be complete until the upcoming spring.

The project, which had the

strong support of the Village Association, called for the narrowing of Kercheval and the widening of the sidewalks.

In addition a new irrigation system was put in place to provide water for the new plants and trees that were planted after the sidewalk work was completed.

While the greenery has been planted, experts say that they won't know how well the flowers and trees took root until next spring. The City will also

be installing a new pedestrian crosswalk system. It will use sound to help guide the visually impaired residents who wish to use the Village.

The special poles were ordered last April and arrived after Thanksgiving, but it was decided to wait until after the Christmas shopping season before installing them.

Assistant City manager Christine Bremer said that it was felt that since Christmas was the busiest time of the year, the merchants deserved a break, since the summer construction proved to be such an inconvenience to shoppers.

City residents were also treated to a spirited race for the municipal court. Longtime

judge Stan Kazul retired in 1998, a year before his term expired and the City council appointed Russell Ethridge to fill out his term.

In November Ethridge successfully faced challengers Laura Kellett and Bettie Ball. Ethridge received 804 votes while Kellett and Ball received 386 and 38 respectively.

Council incumbents Peter LaFond, Larry Dowers and

Stephen Sholty were all returned to office with over 700 votes apiece, while challenger Clementine Hinsperger-Rice received only 651 votes.

On the lighter side, the city council had to face the wrath of a resident who lives on Fisher Road. It seems that one Saturday morning, while gone, the City's tree removal contractor took out a tree without informing the property owner.

City officials had to explain that a portion of the tree was in the City's right of way. It is City policy to remove all trees on municipal right-of-ways, if the tree has Dutch elm disease.

The council apologized for not informing the household of the action in advance, but insisted that removing Dutch elm infested trees before they can infect other nearby elms was a sound policy.

Residency a non-issue here

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A new state law eliminating residency requirements for city employees will have little impact on the Grosse Pointes.

Unlike Detroit, which stands to lose a projected \$25 millions in tax revenues as city employees are now allowed to live outside municipal boundaries, the Pointes don't have sweeping residency requirements except in cases for the city manager.

City manager Dale Krajniak is the Park's only employee required to live within the city.

Park public safety officers operate under soft rules that require they live within about a 30-minute drive to work, he said.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, city manager Tom Kressbach said, "We don't require residency in the city charter or any ordinances. The new residency rule doesn't impact us the same way it did other communities."

Although there is no bargaining agreement with public safety officers about living close to the city so they can report quickly in case of emergencies, Kressbach said many city employees live in nearby communities and are available on relatively short notice.

Moving upstream to the Farms, Rich Solak, city manager, said the new law "does not have any applicability to us at all. Our city does not have a residency requirement for employees."

Public safety officers don't have to live within a certain distance from work.

"There used to be a tighter boundary some years ago," said Solak, but the restriction was negotiated to "a fairly broad area."

Shores city manager Mike Kenyon echoed his counterpart in the Farms.

"The Shores doesn't have a residency requirement for any city employee," said Kenyon.

Woods city manager Ted Bidigare is the only employee required to live in town.

He said consideration had been given to making Woods

public safety employees live within a certain distance of the city, but "right now, that's not a requirement."

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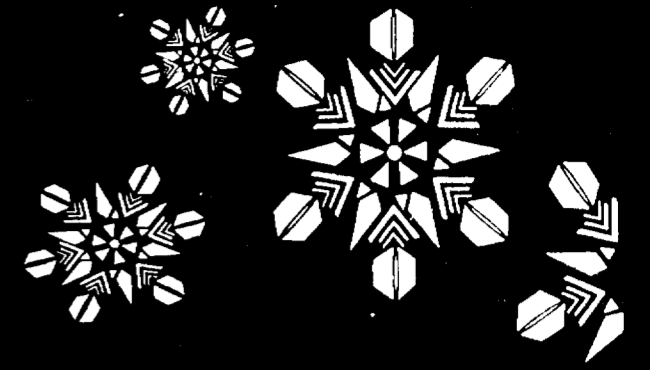
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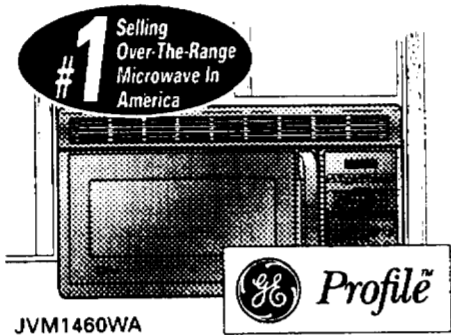
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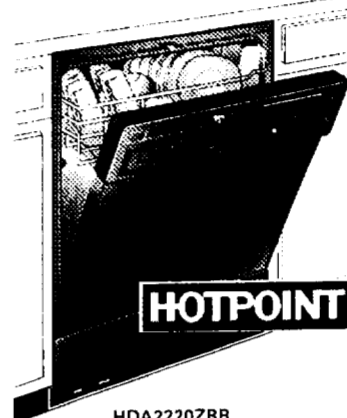
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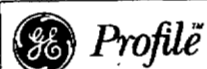
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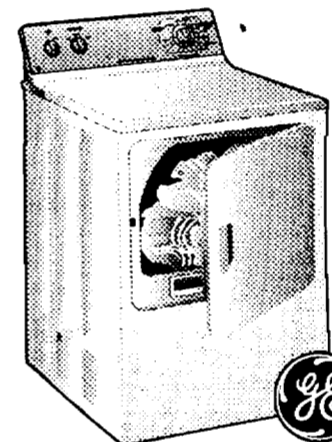
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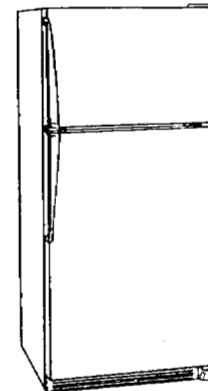
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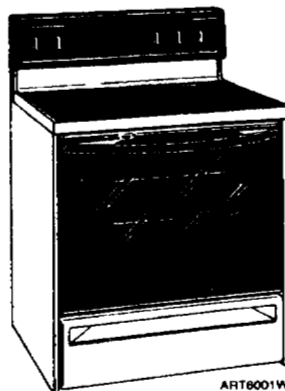
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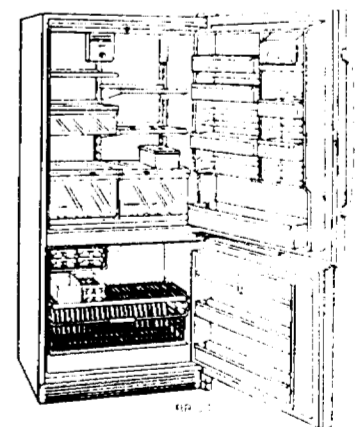


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Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John

The year 1999 ended with good news in the fight against cancer, thanks to Grosse Pointe Shores residents.

Leading the list of top benefactors for the new cancer treatment center planned for the St. John Hospital and Medical Center is the Art Van Elslander family of the Shores.

Van Elslander and his wife, Mary Ann, were on hand recently for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility to be located near the site of the former Woods Theater.

Named in "Art Van's" honor, the three-story, 69,000-square-foot Van Elslander Cancer Center is scheduled to open in late 2001. St. John sought \$10 million in private donations for the center. So far, donations total \$5.7 million.

Other major donors to the center with ties to Grosse Pointe include the estate of

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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 Boli, also of Grosse Pointe Shores, made a donation for the center's garden and labyrinth walkway.

Fellow Shores resident Edmund M. Brady Jr., chairman of St. John Hospital's board, said the cancer 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 to win."

Van Elslander, founder and CEO of Art Van Furniture, said, "My family and I wish to support the fight against this disease in hopes of one day finding a cure."

Van Elslander is also known as the savior of the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade when he contributed the funds necessary in 1990 to keep the parade from being canceled. In 1993, he was named Greater Detroit Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year.

His and others' donations will make possible a much-needed, state-of-the-art cancer facility in the Pointes.

Currently, cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease. But by 2002, deaths by cancer will surpass deaths by heart disease, according to William Leaver, St. John interim president.

Anthony Tersigni, the health system's president and CEO, said the center will be a hub for cancer services and help

meet the healthcare needs of patients near where they live and work.

We agree that the St. John campus, as the eastside's regional healthcare site, is the ideal location for a cancer treatment center, and we thank Van Elslander and fellow donors for making the facility a reality.

With the St. John center under way, however, we question the need of another cancer center planned for Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms. True, those more knowledgeable than we are in healthcare needs apparently granted Cottage the required certificate of need for the regional cancer facility it has planned, but we question the need for the duplication, especially on "The Hill" and abutting residential property.

But we do not wish to end on a negative note, so we echo Leaver's comments concerning the St. John facility: "I want to keep the momentum going. (The Van Elslander Cancer Center) will be a vision of what cancer care should be."

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

Amen.

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Y2K worth a good soak

Why did you put that Y2K doom and gloom, the sky is falling crap on the front page?" a caller complained last week. "That's irresponsible journalism."

Actually, we thought reporter Brad Lindberg's front page story last week, "Y2K: Prepare As if It Were a Snow Storm," was rather conservative compared to the real doom-and-gloom, sky-is-falling predictions in the tabloids and on the Internet.

Basically, the county's head of emergency management, Sandy Atschul, does not expect anything major to happen

locally when the clock strikes midnight New Year's Eve. But just in case, he's suggesting people plan for Y2K as they would a winter storm.

Of course, just when you think it's safe and this Y2K thing is overblown, you see things like stop signs covered in plastic mounted at major stoplight intersections — just in case. You see emergency generators popping up — just in case. And you're told to fill your tub with water on New Year's Eve — just in case.

But should all the "doom and gloom" fail to arrive and the sky remains suspended in place, then at least we can enjoy a good, hot soak in the tub at 12:01!

Farms looks to re-zone

Master plans are to be long-term blueprints of a community to provide uniform zoning and prevent arbitrary change and are to be seldom revised — except in Grosse Pointe Farms.

City planner Brandon Rogers recently presented recommendations to "update" the Farms' land-use plan. It calls for, among other things, increasing the minimum lot size required in lot splits and for taking the city's Mack-Moross property permanently off the tax rolls by rezoning it community service.

First the lot splits. Rogers said the council changed zoning requirements of properties in the Farms as recently as the 1980s.

"To prevent the destruction of one large home to make room for two smaller homes on a lot," Rogers told the current city council, "I suggested that the council require at least 15,000 square feet per lot before allowing a split."

So under the 1980s zoning — itself a revision of the 1972 land-use plan — the minimum lot size is about a third of an acre. To give perspective, a 100-foot-wide by 150-foot-deep lot is 15,000 square feet. That's a pretty decent size lot, especially when compared to the majority of Farms properties on the "M" streets, such as McMillin, Moran, Merriweather and Madison.

"But," Rogers told the council, "There are a number of large lots where that (meeting the minimum 15,000 square feet) is possible, so I've suggested that the lot size requirement be changed to 20,000 square feet."

The increase would make the minimum lot size nearly half an acre — 100 by 200 feet, for example. That's a pretty big lot for a fully developed community with little room for growth, unlike northern Macomb County where farm land is available for building.

Simply, Rogers wants to eliminate lot splits in the Farms.

We have a problem with arbitrarily changing zoning requirements. After all, the possibility of being able to split a larger lot adds to its value. By denying that possibility, the city government, in effect, has not only taken away the property owner's right to develop his land but has also diminished the value of his property. In other words, the city has taken property value without due compensation.

Rogers says the larger lot sizes are necessary to maintain the high quality of life

in the city as well as the high city services. Does that mean the majority of properties in the Farms, as mentioned previously, that are smaller than a half acre detract from the quality of life in the Farms?

Residents of the "M" streets would probably take issue with that line of thinking.

As for the city-purchased Mack-Moross property, what's the rush or need to rezone it to community service?

Is Rogers concerned that this or some future council may decide that the property at a major intersection would best be utilized as commercial, which it is and has always been zoned?

Basically, Rogers is saying that he wants the Mack-Moross property permanently removed from the tax rolls. That, the loss in tax revenue, in itself is a hefty price tag to city taxpayers, not to mention the city's already \$5 million investment in the property.

Why rezone the property before the city council even knows what it wants done with it? Rogers mentions uses such as senior housing or a new police station at the corner, but no one is seriously entertaining such uses at this time.

Before rezoning the property and effectively limiting its use and removing it permanently from the city's tax base, let's first know what we're doing.

Concerning The Hill business district, Rogers supports retail use, stating that the proper mix of office/service and retail brings vitality to the area. He acknowledges, though, that ordinances dictating property use are not practicable for The Hill.

He further points out, correctly, that there is a market demand toward office space and that retailers must be able to compete. "If not," Rogers said, "there's not a lot the Farms can do about it."

Rogers will make a more detailed report at the Farms council's regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 17. We urge property owners to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting and voice their concerns.

Incidentally, retail consultant **Bob Gibbs**, of the Gibbs Planning Group in Birmingham, will provide a more thorough presentation of his recently completed, \$28,000 retail-parking study of The Hill at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m.

We highly recommend that all Hill property owners attend the presentation to learn what others are saying about and planning for their investments.



Letters

Of late agenda

To the Editor:
Thank you for your excellent editorial published in the Dec. 16 issue, titled "War on Detroit" well intentioned or racist?"

No, I do not believe recent Republican Party legislative actions with respect to the Detroit Public School Board takeover, elimination of city residency requirements and the proposal to turn the Detroit water board over to the suburbs is racist per se.

Unfortunately, some of the current Republican legislative agenda seems to be a gross violation of everything the Republican Party I know stands for.

In contrast to the propensities of the Democrats and some others to view government as the answer to all forms of economic and moral "injustice," the Republican Party has consistently proclaimed itself the champion of decentralization and smaller government.

Practically speaking however, in some rare instances smaller government is not always best, i.e., Jim Crow laws in the deep south in the 1950s, and the persistent gross mismanagement and possible black racism in the Detroit Public Schools circa 1999.

With respect to the residency issue and the proposed takeover of the Detroit water board, I am ashamed to call myself a Republican.

The general public interest is in no way compromised by allowing Michigan cities to make their own rules on residency.

As far as the water board is concerned, there has been no credible evidence that any suburb in the Detroit water sys-

tem has been ripped off. In fact, some suburban entities have been known to add a surcharge to the Detroit water rate as a sneaky way to glean more tax revenue.

I am especially disappointed by our State Representative Andrew Richner, who proclaimed in the Dec. 9 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, that he believed the residency matter should be a collective bargaining issue, then he turned right around and voted with the majority to abolish residency.

I truly hope our Republican legislature can get its act together. When a party fails to act on principle, then all we have left is the politics of raw power and borderline tyranny.

**Timothy R. Beck
Detroit**

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It's the Shores, not Livonia

To the Editor:
As someone raised in Grosse Pointe Shores, I was interested to read about the survey on a proposed activities center in Osius Park.

A letter to the editor suggested that a center was needed to attract new residents to the Shores and called the survey "a message" supporting the project. But the message is a mixed one indeed.

While 51 percent of Shores residents surveyed supported some kind of recreation center, 46 percent opposed any kind of

activities building. The project's supporters can hardly claim victory when half those surveyed don't want a center at all.

Does the Shores need an activities center in Osius Park? Livonia may have an activities center, as the letter mentioned, but that doesn't answer the question for this community. Suggesting that the Shores needs a 5,000- to 5,999-square-foot activities building because other communities have centers is like saying that we should turn the Hill into Somerset Mall; what succeeds in Troy may not translate to Kercheval.

And would the center be used to justify future projects? Would Shores residents someday be told that a new or wider road was needed to improve access to the center?

I was not aware that the Shores was having difficulty attracting new residents, or that families with young children are fleeing the Shores for, say, Livonia.

There may be valid arguments for the project, but those who support the center have a lot of persuading to do.

**Marcia McBrien
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Clean up act
To the Editor:
Lately, as I've been walking down Mack Avenue between Aline and Cook Road, I've been sidestepping a lot of dog excrement, either lying on the sidewalk or splattered on the sidewalk.

It sure would be a nicer walk if people would "clean up their act" when walking their dogs in public.

**Bruce Berger
Grosse Pointe Woods**

Schools: 1999 was a good year for Grosse Pointe public schools

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Schools in the Grosse Pointes wrapped up another year of shining MEAP, ACT, SAT and AP scores, stellar graduation rates and awards from students and teams excelling in science, social studies and math.

Some of those kudos, however, came with some controversy.

The Jan. 18 issue of U.S. News and World Report named Grosse Pointe South High School as one of 96 out of 1,300 United States high schools that participated in a 16-page survey.

"We are pleased that U.S. News and World Report has chosen Grosse Pointe South as one example of an outstanding high school," said Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent of schools Suzanne Klein.

Others disputed the validity

of the magazine's findings.

Grosse Pointe North High School principal Caryn Wells told the Grosse Pointe News: "I get hundreds of requests for surveys throughout the year. This was one we simply decided not to participate in."

In a letter to parents, University Liggett School headmaster Matthew Hanly wrote: "The methodology of the project is suspect. Most objectionable to me was there was no way to equate what is done with one's mission. There was no on-site visitation to assess the school's level of success and there was very little asked about extracurricular activities, which are an important part of the educational program."

The South vocal music program continued to put on show stopping performances. For the third year in a row, South's Pointe Singers won the grand championship of the

Showstoppers International Invitational Showchoirs Competition in Orlando on March 20.

The choral group also performed in the Holiday Pops Yuletide concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in December.

However, the program's shining moments suffered a few scratches when its director, Ellen Bowen, received her second suspension during her tenure with the district for calling a student and "asshole" in March.

Bowen also received her fourth written reprimand since 1989 for threatening to "bring a shotgun to rehearsal and take out" students who were not behaving appropriately and for telling a student who was feeling ill that she hoped "the baby comes out all right" who asked to be excused from rehearsal.

She was also issued an

Individual Development Plan by past principal Art Miller after an "investigation has revealed a number of areas of concern which are in need of immediate attention."

The areas of improvement included to cease inappropriate communication directed to, concerning or in the presence of students; limiting practices to no more than three hours a day or 18 hours a week; to cease transporting or permitting transportation of students in a vehicle without written authorization from a parent and to cease discussing the perceived shortcomings and/or work performance of administrators or other staff members.

Bowen refused to sign the IDP on the basis that it inferred that she used racial or ethnic epithets, threats of violence or ridicule of students. However, according to district policy, the IDP remains in effect.

This year's school board elections quietly brought in Linda Farmer from Grosse Pointe Woods and Joan Richardson from Grosse Pointe Park who ran unopposed for two vacant seats left behind by Cynthia Pangborn and John Mills.

Grosse Pointe Public School System director of personnel and labor relations Eugene Washchuk had his busiest recruiting season as he filled 38 vacant professional positions for the 1999-2000 school year.

Specialty positions, like counseling, were especially troublesome to fill.

The district currently has six full-time and three part-time teaching and professional positions vacant.

For the first time in 15 years, Barnes School has opened its doors to children. The former elementary school now houses special education preschool classes for about 70 students,

freeing up much-needed space at Poupard and Richard Elementary schools.

The move occupies seven classrooms on the first floor and the department of student services on the second floor, but required the Department of Community Education to scale back on its office and classroom space in the building.

Two of community education's most popular classes for youngsters, KinderMusic and Gymboree, are still held in the building and are planned on being blended in with the special education preschool curriculum.

Other classes found homes in other buildings although the silversmithing class, which has been offered by community education for over 50 years, is now homeless after a courtesy fire inspection by Grosse Pointe Woods public safety rec-

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Crime

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vigorously. A dose of pepper spray had no effect, so the struggle continued until a second Park officer arrived to help subdue the suspect.

The man was transferred to the Wayne County jail on charges of fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest and obstructing a police officer.

Wrong way drunken driver

A Grosse Pointe Woods patrolman has requested that a man face felony charges for being caught driving while drunk for the third time in 10 years.

On Monday, Dec. 20, at 2:06 a.m., Woods police learned that the man was driving on northbound Mack in the southbound lanes. Police caught up with him as he turned onto westbound Vernier, weaving his blue 1991 Ford van from curb to curb.

Police stopped the suspect, a 30-year-old man from Eastpointe, near Helen. His blood alcohol level was .223 percent. He has been given a court date of Jan. 5, at 10 a.m.

Dodge done in

During the night of Tuesday, Dec. 21, unknown thieves stole a 1996 Dodge van from the 1400 block of Harvard. Detroit police recovered the vehicle the next afternoon in the neighborhood of Conner and Avondale.

Thieves had damaged the van's steering column, took a television and speakers.

'Cat' burglars

Three men stole \$560 worth of electrical products from a store in the 19300 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7:08 p.m.

An employee told police the trio had "scoped out" the store the previous day. They returned to grab an assortment of items before rushing out the door. The trio left the area in a blue or teal Dodge Ram 4-by-4. The truck had tinted windows and an "Arctic Cat" sticker in the rear window.

Fraud warrant

A 24-year-old woman from Grosse Pointe Woods is wanted on retail fraud charges in Roseville.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, at 11 a.m., police stopped her for driving a green 1995 Eagle two-door with an improper license plate. Investigation revealed Roseville police had issued a \$425 warrant for her arrest.

Account drained

When a 29-year-old woman from Novi earlier this month tried to withdraw money from an ATM, she learned her bank account was dry.

It wasn't a computer breakdown. Bank investigators and police suspect someone acquired the victim's identification to tap her account to the tune of about \$15,000.

A review of bank records indicated the thief has made withdrawals at banks in five

southeastern Michigan communities, including \$4,000 from a bank on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods on Dec. 14.

Police described the suspect as a heavyset black woman, 5-foot-8, with medium hair worn in a ponytail.

Drunk and lying

A woman who police found "passed out" in her car as the vehicle crept northward on Mack near Fairholm refused to

take a Breathalyzer test on Saturday, Dec. 25, at 3:20 a.m.

Police came upon her silver 1989 Mercury four-door idling in the left lane of Mack with its emergency flashers blinking. Police awakened the 35-year-old woman, who lives in Hamtramck, by blasting their siren. Jarred awake momentarily, the driver steered vaguely across both lanes of traffic before falling back

unconscious.

Once out of the car, the woman gave police a fake name. She demanded legal council, but didn't try to call a lawyer when given telephone books at the police station, said the arresting officer. Police charged her with drunken driving and giving false information to police. She was released at 11:30 a.m. on \$1,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in

municipal court on Jan. 5, at 8:30 a.m.

Beagle update

In an update of last week's brief about a beagle in the Woods left chained to a leaky doghouse during rainy weather without food or water, the animal's owner has given the city animal control officer permission to enter her property at will to monitor her dog's care.

Jeep damaged

Sometime during the night of Sunday, Dec. 26, unknown person's smashed the steering column of a 1988 Jeep four-door and ripped out the stereo.

The vehicle had been parked unlocked in the area of Bramcaster and Stanhope in the Woods.

—Brad Lindberg



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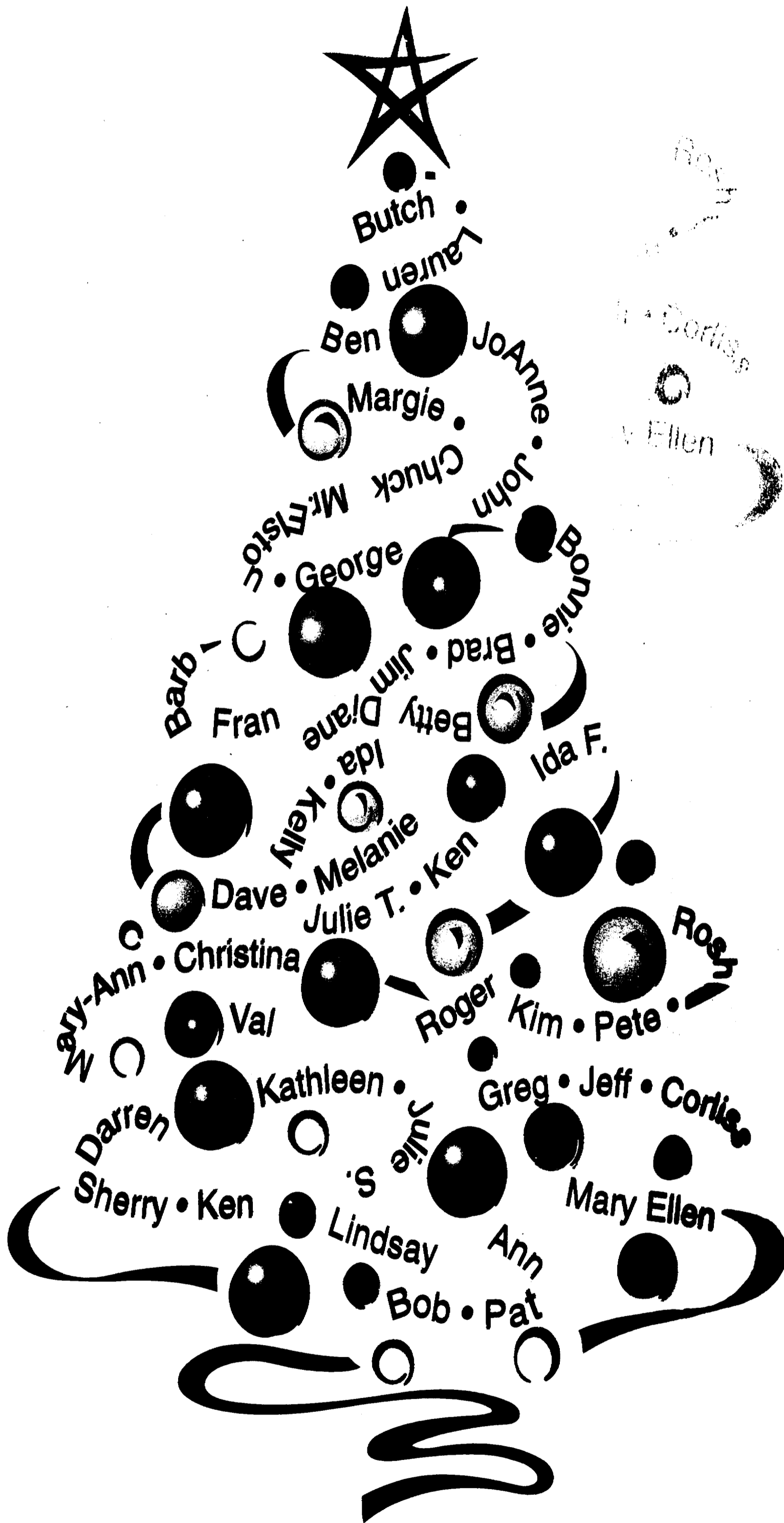
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Mary Rose Derany

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 27, in St. Peter Catholic Church in Harper Woods for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Rose Derany, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, in St. John Hospital in Detroit, from complications from a series of strokes.

Miss Derany, 81, was born in Detroit and was a career government employee, working as an executive secretary for the U.S. Army-Fort Wayne Detroit Ordnance Division and for the Defense Contract Administration Office. She also worked part-time in the University Liggett School library. She enjoyed cooking gourmet dishes for friends and relatives.

An active volunteer, she was a Eucharistic minister at St. Peter Catholic Church and also volunteered her time with Meals on Wheels. She also traveled around the world, visiting South America, Europe, the Pacific Rim region and the Middle East.

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

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

Janet Elizabeth Borthwick

A memorial service will be held in St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at 11 a.m. for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Janet Elizabeth Borthwick, who died on Friday, Dec. 24, 1999.

Mrs. Borthwick, 88, was born in Detroit and worked as a dental assistant and homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her family at their home in Kingsville, Ontario.

Mrs. Borthwick is survived by her husband, Leslie; a daughter, Elizabeth Palen; a brother, Jack Becker; and three grandchildren.

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

Daniel J. Stack III

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 29, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Watervliet for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Daniel J. Stack III, who died of complications from Lou Gehrig's Disease in Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999.

Mr. Stack, 53, was born in Detroit and graduated from Austin Prep High School in 1969. He received his under-

graduate degree from St. Bernard College in Cullman, Ala., in 1969. He later earned a master's degree at Michigan State University.

Mr. Stack was the principal at Colma Elementary School in Watervliet and was active in that community's Lion's Club, Elk's Club and Moose Club. An avid golfer, he also enjoyed bowling.

Mr. Stack is survived by his mother, Margaret M. Stack. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion W. Stack.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Research - Ann Arbor Chapter, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Fred W. Gerow

A private funeral service will be held at a later date for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Fred W. Gerow, who died of complications from lung cancer in his home on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999.

Mr. Gerow, 80, was born in Detroit and received his law degree from Wayne State University. Before joining the bar, he was attached to the Army Tank Automotive Command. During World War II, he earned the rank of major and served with the U.S. Army's First Army, First Corp and saw action at Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge, as well as the famous battle over the bridge at

Remagen.

An active member of the community, Mr. Gerow belonged to the Michigan Society of Automotive Engineers, the Oakland County Bar Association, the State of Michigan Bar Association, the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and the Bayview Yacht Club.

An enthusiastic sailor, Mr. Gerow participated in 29 Mackinac races. He also played golf, tennis and participated in the Free Press Marathon at the age of 68.

Mr. Gerow is survived by his wife, Edythe Gerow; two daughters, Jeanne Pomroy and Lynn Gerow; a son Fred M. Gerow; a brother, George; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, or to St. Pat's Retirement Center, 58 Parsons, Detroit, MI, 48201.

Mildred L. Ream

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mildred L. Ream died at Georgian East Nursing Home on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999. She was 93.

Mrs. Ream was born in Roscoe, Pa., and was a graduate of California State Teacher's College in California,

Pa. She taught elementary school in the Canonsburg, Pa. school district. She was a also a member of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Ream is survived by a daughter, Lynda Wilhelm; two sons Harold and Robert; two sisters Margaret DeSields and Estelle Bartlett; four grandchildren and nine great-grand-

children. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold.

A funeral service for Mrs. Ream was held Tuesday, Dec. 28 at Roscoe Methodist Church in Roscoe, Pa. Interment is at Belle Vernon Cemetery in Belle Vernon, Pa. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Schools

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ommended that it not be held in a room it shared with the special education preschool program.

The move also forced the Grosse Pointe Education Association to move to new offices on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods and Services for Older Citizens to cut back on building space and programs in the building.

Concerns about school safety had the district revise its student code of conduct twice this year.

The first revision came in May to include clearer language on zero-tolerance of tobacco, the use of alcohol detection devices and the possession of toy guns.

The second revision of the student code of conduct, which was implemented in September, was a result of mandates by the state through Public Act 102 signed into law

in July.

The state mandates call for permanent expulsion of a student in sixth grade or above who intentionally hurts or tries to harm a staff member, volunteer or contractor; up to a 180-day suspension for bomb threats or similar actions; allows teachers to suspend any student from a class, subject or activity for up to one day if the student's conduct would merit suspension under board policy and up to a 180-day expulsion of a student in sixth grade or above for assaulting another student.

The new state law also required the district, local law enforcement agencies and the Wayne County prosecutor's office to have guidelines in place for reporting issues regarding school safety between the schools and public safety departments. That agreement was signed on Nov. 30.

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North ends drought against South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor
Grosse Pointe North coach Dave Stavale is feeling a lot better about his basketball team today than he did a couple of weeks ago.

"After the first two games, I was concerned about where we were," Stavale said after the Norsemen evened their record at 2-2 with wins over Marine City and Grosse Pointe South in Macomb Area Conference crossovers.

"I think Dakota is going to be a pretty good team, but this wasn't a great Chippewa Valley team. I didn't like the way we played. We looked inexperienced. There's a big difference between how we played then and how we're playing now."

The change came when North faced Marine City.

"We were off on that Tuesday so I got a chance to watch them play," Stavale said. "They have a couple of good inside players, but I thought we could pressure their guards, so we had a couple of good preparation days."

"We wanted to limit their looks into the post and we made a pretty good team look pretty bad."

The Mariners had only 12 points in the first half and North rolled to a 58-30 victory.

"It's been a long time since we've beaten anybody that badly this early in the season,"

Stavale said. "Their guards had trouble running their offense. We bothered their field of vision."

All of North's guards — K.C. Cleary, Mike Bertelsen, Brandon Bayer, Mike Janis and Rob Higbee — did an excellent job on defense.

The return of Cleary and Bertelsen to the lineup after they had missed games with injuries also gave the Norsemen a boost.

"Having them back picked us up mentally," Stavale said.

North had three double-figure scorers. Higbee led the way with 20 points and also dished out six assists.

"Rob played with a lot of confidence and he made some great inside passes," the coach said.

Bertelsen finished with 13 points and Janis scored 11 off the bench, including a couple of three-point baskets.

Joe Hermann led the rebounding effort with eight.

"Joe is going to be an outstanding player because he cares so much about doing the right things," Stavale said.

North used the performance against Marine City as a springboard for its 51-45 victory over South a few days later.

"We played extremely hard against South and I think that was a carryover from the Marine City game," Stavale said. "We didn't play with the

same tentativeness that we played with in our first two games."

The preparation was also similar.

"It was a great segue from Marine City to South," Stavale said. "Although South is a much better team, we prepared the same way. We felt that pressuring their guards was significant to disrupting their offense."

And that's how North came into the game.

"We played hard, but we didn't play well offensively," said Blue Devils coach George Petrouleas. "And North played harder and smarter at times. We shot 33 percent from the field and we didn't do a good job of taking care of the basketball."

North had 20 turnovers, which is more than Stavale would have liked, but South's mistakes helped negate that.

"George does such a good job of changing defenses," Stavale said. "You know it's coming, but it still gives you problems."

"Their half and three-quarter court traps changed the game's complexion, but fortunately, we kept doing the job on defense."

North had a 13-point lead in the first half, but South battled back and eventually took the lead in the second half. It stayed that close until the final

minute when the Norsemen made four free throws and a basket to secure the victory.

"We were up by three in the second half when we missed a layup and got fouled and missed one of the free throws," Petrouleas said. "If we had made the basket and the free throw, we would have been up by six."

Higbee led North with 13 points, while Bayer scored nine and Cleary added eight. Higbee also had four assists.

Hermann led the Norsemen with seven rebounds, while Bertelsen scored five points and collected six rebounds.

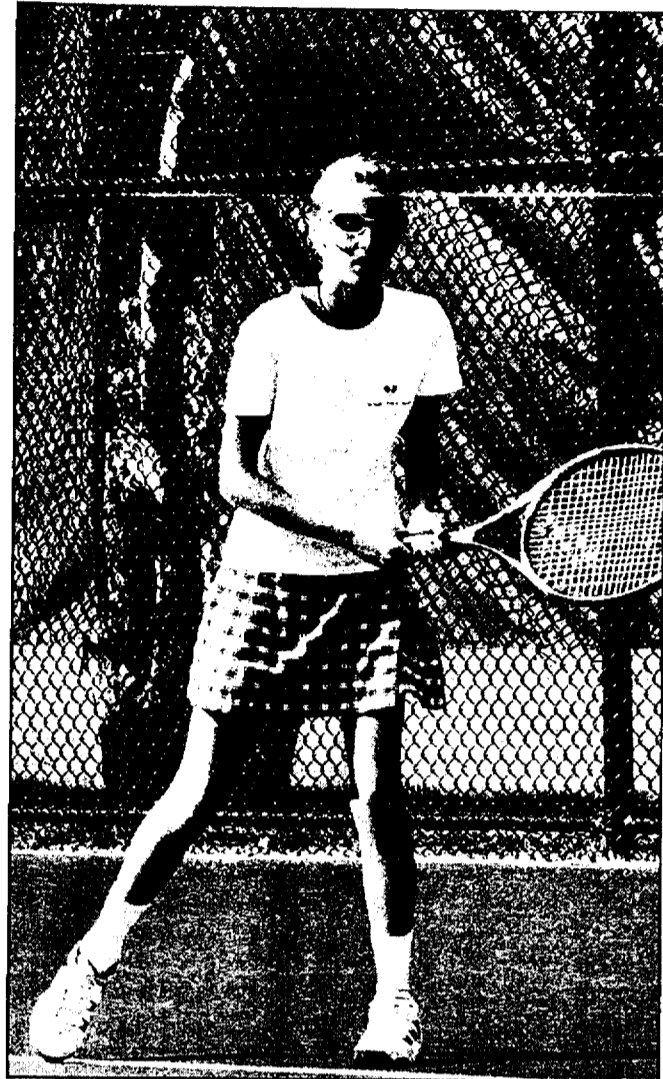
"More important than Mike's stats are the things he does off the ball, both offensively and defensively," Stavale said. "Bayer also had another strong defensive game."

Adam Novak topped South with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Adam Budday finished with 11 points.

"We have to improve our execution," Petrouleas said. "North's kids played hard and aggressively, but we still had too many unforced turnovers."

The victory helped Stavale and his team enjoy the holiday break a little more.

"It made my Christmas a lot better," the coach said. "It was a big win for our kids. We hadn't beaten South in four years."



Grosse Pointe North's Kathryn Barlow made the Division II All-State girls tennis team.

North sophomore on All-State squad

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Making the jump from No. 3 singles to No. 1 didn't hurt Grosse Pointe North sophomore Kathryn Barlow one bit.

In fact, she thrived against the tougher competition.

"Kathryn has a great attitude," said North coach Kris South of Barlow, who was named to the Division II All-State girls tennis team selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association.

"Her determination on the court is excellent. And no matter what situation she has to face, she doesn't get upset."

Barlow, who has been playing tennis since she was 5, arrived on the high school scene with a bang. She made the all-Macomb Area Conference team and was a member of the all-regional team.

Moving up two flights this season didn't affect Barlow's play at all. She just seemed to get better as she repeated her

all-conference and all-regional selections despite meeting tougher competition.

"She knows what she has to do and she just goes out and does it," South said. "She plays every point like it's her last, but she also treats her opponents with respect. If they hit a good shot, she'll compliment them — and then try to beat them on the next point. You see a lot of players with great potential get mad at themselves, but that's not Kathryn."

South said that Barlow's ability to place the ball where she wants is one of her strengths on the court.

"She doesn't have an especially hard shot, but she's very accurate in placing the ball," her coach said. "She has a very strong basic game and she's very consistent."

Barlow, who has a United States Tennis Association ranking, also plays hockey and lacrosse at North while carrying a 3.2 grade-point average.

South comes on fast after slow beginning

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team had the rare feeling of trailing in game last week against Regina but it didn't last for long.

The Blue Devils scored the next 12 goals and rolled past the Saddlelites 12-1 in a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League game.

Regina opened the scoring at 2:34 of the first period when Krissy Kamin slapped a rebound past South goalie Corie D'Angelo. Danielle Brazen and Katie Quinn picked up assists.

Then it was South's turn to mount an offensive charge. Heather Doughty tied the game, assisted by Molly Weaver. The Blue Devils' line of Weaver, Christina Bakalis and Kelly Birg combined to score four more goals before the first period ended.

Birg completed her hat trick at 38 seconds of the second period and Sarah Fox also tallied for South in the second period. Weaver assisted on

both goals.

Annette Champine, Nicki Brown, Sarah Goodnow and Libby Klein did a good job of controlling the puck for South. Leah Schroeder replaced D'Angelo in goal midway through the second period and made several good saves.

The Blue Devils dominated the third period. Bakalis scored from Brown and Lauren O'Brien. Then defenseman Elizabeth Moran, who had two goals, and Klein scored for South before Fox completed the scoring with an unassisted goal on a brilliant individual effort.

Doughty, Goodnow, Cassie Weaver and Brown each picked up assists for South on the goals by Moran and Klein.

Emily and Meghan MacEachern, Diana Mager, Lauren Vallee and Gretchen Torrey also contributed to the victory with excellent passing and playmaking.

South is idle until Jan. 5 when the Blue Devils host Bloomfield Hills at the City Sports Center at 5:30 p.m.

Norsemen gymnasts take third

A fourth-place finish in all-around by Grosse Pointe North's Claire Cadornin helped carry the Norsemen to a third-place at the Troy Athens Invitational gymnastics meet.

Cadornin, who had an all-around score of 32.0, was third on vault (8.5), fourth on floor exercise (8.7) and sixth on balance beam (7.95).

Also placing for North in all-around were Sarah Linebaugh, fifth, 31.5; Christine Victor, sixth, 30.9; and Tracy Dornbrook, eighth, 30.6.

Also winning awards in the individual events were Katie Weathers, fifth on vault (8.5); Victor, 10th on vault (8.3); Kristen Adams, fifth on uneven bars (7.85); Linebaugh, sixth on bars (7.8); Victor, 10th on beam (7.55); Dornbrook, sixth on floor exercise (8.5); Victor, eighth on floor (8.35) and Linebaugh, 10th on floor (8.25).

Aerobics classes begin Jan. 3 at Fitness Firm

The Fitness Firm will begin an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes on Monday, Jan. 3.

Classes will be held at the First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and at the JFK Library in Harper Woods on Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45.

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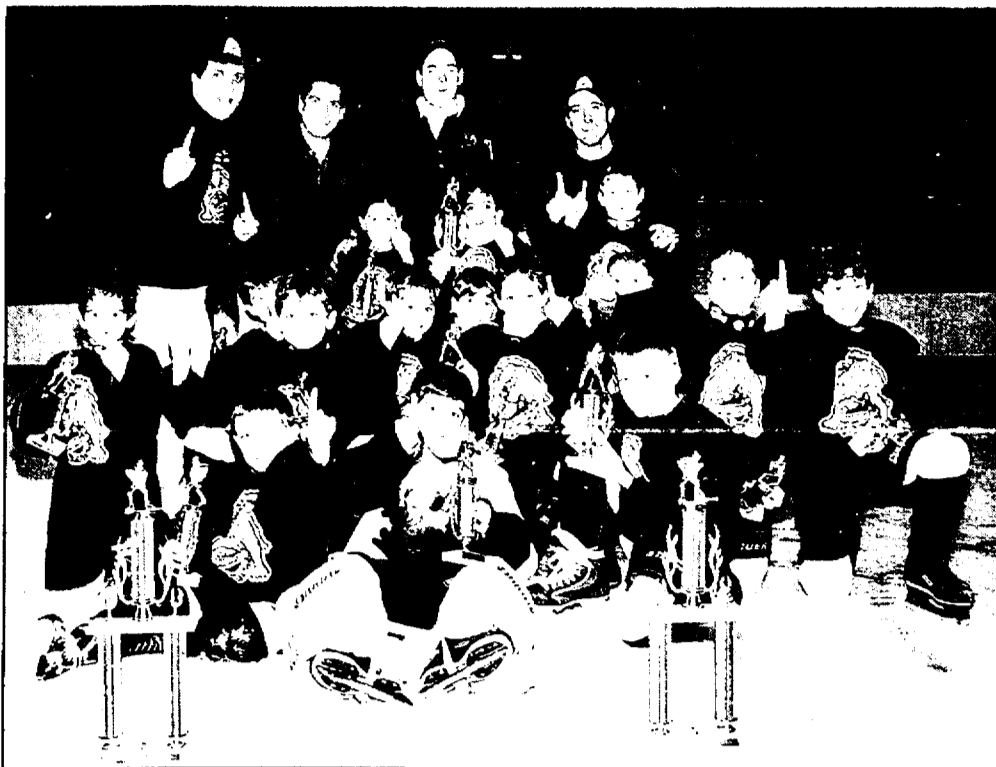
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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite Ice Dogs show the trophies they won at the Thanksgiving Tournament at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. In the front row, from left, are Evan Inger, Mike Rahaim and Colin Mott. In the middle row, from left, are Steven Morris, Alex Hume, Jimmy Tocco, Frank Sorise, Drew Amato, Craig Henderson, Max Steiner, Chris Vens and Paul Dosch. In back, from left, are Matt Lucchese, Sammy Stevenson and Stephen Walworth. The coaches are, from left, Eric Steiner, Tom Amato, Matt Lucchese, and Doug Rahaim.

History repeats for Ice Dogs

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Ice Dogs saw history repeat as they won the Mite Division at the Thanksgiving tournament at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. The Ice Dogs won three of their four games, including a 3-2 overtime win over the Port Huron Flags in the championship game. It was the second straight year that the Ice Dogs had won the tournament championship in overtime. Port Huron jumped ahead 2-0 in the first period, despite being outshot 11-4. Neither team scored in the second period, but Grosse Pointe ended its scoring drought five minutes into the third period when

Chris Vens notched a goal. Three minutes later, Craig Henderson tied the game on a breakaway goal. That ended the scoring until Henderson notched his second goal of the game only 54 seconds into the sudden death overtime. The victory in the title game avenged an opening 2-1 loss to Port Huron on Thanksgiving morning. Grosse Pointe had 21 shots by six different players, but Jimmy Tocco and Henderson carried most of the offensive load. Mike Rahaim made 12 saves for the Ice Dogs and was helped by the alert defensive play of Paul Dosch, Max

Steiner and Henderson. The Ice Dogs bounced back to beat a pair of GPHA house league rivals. They defeated the Bruins 5-1 and the Sharks 6-1. Matt Lucchese scored a hat trick in the game against the shorthanded Bruins. The win over the Sharks featured a hat trick from Tocco and the return of Vens and Frank Sorise. The Ice Dogs also had strong and spirited performances from Stephen Walworth, Steve Morris, Alex Hume, Colin Mott, Drew Amato and first-year players Evan Inger and Sammy Stevenson. The Ice Dogs are coached by Doug Rahaim, Matt Lucchese, Eric Steiner and Tom Amato.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite AA Bulldogs took first place in the Sportsweekend Extravaganza Early Bird tournament in Cleveland. The Bulldogs won all four games and outscored their opponents 22-0. In front, from left, are Lance Lucas, Aaron Cisco, Brady Baetens, Jack Sklarski and James Fish. In the middle row, from left, are Brett Meltzer, Bobby Barrett, Kevin Lynch, Johnny Hackett, Ken Miller and Michael Yanis. In back, from left, are assistant coach John Sklarski, head coach John Hackett and assistant coaches Terry Lucas and Bob Barrett. Not pictured is manager Art Post.



Tourney champs

Our Lady Star of the Sea's fifth and sixth grade girls basketball team won the St. Veronica Holiday Hoopla tournament. In front, from left, are Sarah Gruniewicz, Meg Potthoff, Kelly Rusko, Alexa Bergamo, Danielle Sohrob and Amanda Hanley. In the second row, from left, are Katie Sullivan, Sarah Bolton, Jenna Benko, Natalie Briles, manager Sarah Thomas and Jenny Lechy. In back are coach Warren and coach Margaret Spindler.

St. Clare wins CYO soccer title

St. Clare's varsity boys soccer team capped an undefeated season in the Catholic Youth Organization with a 2-1 victory over previously-unbeaten St. Joan of Arc in the city championship game. St. Joan completed play in the CYO East Division with an 11-0 record and it outscored its opponents 62-4, including a 6-1 margin in two playoff games. St. Clare's team of seventh and eighth graders won the Eastside division title with an 8-0-2 mark and outscored its opponents 39-3. St. Clare never allowed more than one goal in a game. The title game, which was played at night at Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights, lived up to its promise.

Each team took turns forcing the action. The Falcons opened the scoring in the first half. Midfielder Andy Wolking turned a Nick Andrew throw-in from the left side to Anthony DeLaura, who was breaking down the right wing. DeLaura drove the ball across the front of the goal and Chad Murphy knocked it past the diving Charger goalkeeper. Wolking, who was playing despite a broken arm suffered in St. Clare's first playoff game, also earned an assist in the second half by sending Eric Berschback a ball that he steered through the defense and into the net. An apparent third goal by the Falcons — scored by Peter Grimmer after stopper Matt Miller fed him a ball in front of the St. Joan goal — was ruled offside. Late in the match, Brian Bennett took a long pass from Mike Romanelli and cut the St. Clare lead to 2-1 on a hard 30-yard shot to the far post. Charger forwards Francis Vallejo and Mike Kurdziel also peppered the St. Clare goal, but the Falcons' defense, led by Zach LaCroix, Andrew Miller and Peter Wendzinski turned back the St. Joan attack.

Seth Quaranta, the Falcon goalkeeper, made 10 saves, including several outstanding ones to preserve the 2-1 lead. St. Clare coach Steve Miller said that the game was the best junior high soccer match that he had seen in more than a decade of coaching at the school. The Falcons have won three city championships in the last five years. St. Joan coach Tom Ferguson praised the heart of his team and singled out goalkeeper Jeff Bozzel for an exception season. Miller also applauded the dedication of his players, substitutes as well as starters, and said "the championship was one game — it was a season." St. Clare began the playoff with a 3-0 victory over Our Lady of Sorrows an undefeated team of eighth graders that had advanced to the semifinals as seventh graders a year ago, losing to eventual city champion Holy Family. St. Clare's midfielders went to work early on the Sorrows defenders. Jon Maltz took a clearing kick from sweeper LaCroix, beat a defender to the right flat and sent a blistering shot in front of the Sorrows goal. When the goalie was unable to handle the ball cleanly, Grimmer charged in to bury it in the net.

Berschback and Murphy engineered the next goal with a give-and-go play through the middle of the defense that allowed Berschback to deliver a hard cross that DeLaura fired into the net. The Falcons got their final goal when Brian Sullivan broke through the left side of the defense and cracked a shot off the goal post to Grimmer, who scored. St. Clare was then awarded a walkover into the championship game with St. Joan.

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St. Clare's varsity boys soccer team celebrates after winning its third CYO City Championship in five years with a 2-1 victory over St. Joan of Arc. In front, from left, are Brian Sullivan, Kevin Thomas, David Burnett, Tim Wagner, Eric Berschback, captain Seth Quaranta, Pete Grimmer, Matt Miller, Eric Babecki and Chad Murphy. In the middle row, from left, are Dave Dindoffer, Chris Andreovich, Tim Muer, Tom Capobres, captain Andy Wolking, Peter Wendzinski and Anthony DeLaura. In back, from left, are coach Steve Miller, Jon Maltz, Ben Guyon, captains Zach LaCroix and Nick Andrew, Mark Howson and trainer Eric Goldstein.

Mite Bulldogs win in Cleveland

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite AA Bulldogs started the season with a bang by winning the Sportsweekend Extravaganza Early Bird tournament in Cleveland. The Bulldogs played excellent hockey as they outscored their opponents 22-0. After a 7-0 win over Pittsburgh, the Bulldogs beat a team from Buffalo 6-0, then posted a 5-0 win against a Cleveland squad.

In the championship game, the Bulldogs beat another Pittsburgh team 4-0. Goaltenders Aaron Cisco and Brady Baetens were perfect throughout the tournament, while Brett Meltzer, James Fish and Michael Yanis played solid defense, especially in killing off penalties. Forwards Lance Lucas, Kevin Lynch, Johnny Hackett, Ben Miller, Jack Sklarski and Bobby Barrett also played very

well. Each forward contributed to the scoring and backchecked well. "The Bulldogs showed great desire and effort and passed extremely well on their way to the championship," said coach John Hackett. Bob Barrett, John Sklarski and Terry Lucas are Hackett's assistants. The team is managed by Art Post and sponsored by Giffin International.

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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Stars won the Pee Wee Division championship at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink Thanksgiving tournament. In front are William Dorda, left, and Eric Alvarez. In the second row, from left, are Alex Graham, Peter Loy, Tom Mott and William Ethridge. In the third row, from left, are Chris Nowak, Nick Dinverno, Mick Bassett, Ross Mischnick, Alex Alvarez, Paul Sandmair, Kirk Gibson and Evan Wouters. In back, from left, are coaches Scott Mischnick, Julian Alvarez and Mike Sandmair. Not pictured are Billy Conway and Scott Jarboe.

Stars win Pee Wee hockey title

The Grosse Pointe Stars won the Pee Wee championship at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink Thanksgiving hockey tournament with a 4-1 victory over the Port Huron Lightning.

Evan Wouters, Peter Loy, Tom Mott and Ross Mischnick scored the goals for the Stars, while Eric Alvarez and William Dorda played well in goal.

Kirk Gibson, Mick Bassett, Wouters and Nick Dinverno

played solid defense throughout the tournament, while wingers Will Etheridge and Alex Graham also played hard.

The Stars opened the tournament with a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over the Lightning. Mischnick, Loy and Alex Alvarez scored the Grosse Pointe goals.

Later that day, the Stars beat the Rochester Ringnecks

6-4 as Mischnick scored twice and Paul Sandmair, Mott, Chris Nowak and Wouters added a goal apiece.

In the semifinals, the Stars beat the Grosse Pointe Bruins 4-1 on goals by Sandmair, Mischnick, Loy and Gibson.

The Stars are coached by Julian Alvarez, Mike Sandmair and Scott Mischnick. The manager is Chris Dinverno.

Pee Wee Bulldogs are first

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs saw their nine-game shutout streak end in the championship game of the Traverse City Thanksgiving tournament, but that was only a minor disappointment.

The Bulldogs broke a 1-1 tie with a little more than four minutes to go in the championship game with the Jackson Panthers and won the tournament with the 2-1 victory.

Earlier, the Bulldogs beat the Berkley Bears 4-0, defeated the Midland Elks 7-0 and posted 3-0 victories over both the Farmington Hills Flames and Traverse City Pepsi Rangers.

Grosse Pointe outscored its opponents 19-1 and goalie Nick Bassham was named most valuable player for the tournament.

He allowed only goal and posted two of the shutouts. Jon Swint recorded the other two shutouts.

Michael Paglino was the scoring leader with nine points. Grayson Heenan had five, while Josh Halas and Tom MacEachern each had four. Scott Granger, Chad Bazin, Brian Estevez and Joe Mowczan had three points apiece, while Jason Versical, Adam Rock, Ricky Patton and Andrew Sandzik collected two each.

John Day is the head coach, assisted by Craig Bazin, Joe Mowczan and Len MacEachern.

GPAA action

MITE HOUSE
Predators 2, Sharks 2
Goals: Andy McNitt, Rory Deane (Sharks); Sterr 2 (Predators)
Assists: Libby Mathews, Nick Monforton (Sharks); Jason Gay (Predators)
Comments: Michael Palazzolo was strong in goal for the Sharks, while Alex Krebs, Streeter Warren, Tony Casano and Jimmy Mattes were solid defensively. Predators Roger Vanderbusche, Gay and Justin Martin had excellent games.

SQUIRT HOUSE
Senators 8, Coyotes 7
Goals: Robert Kollar 3, Brad Jensen 2, Nathan Kinnear, Michael Walsh, Adam Longo (Senators); Edwin Whitfield 3, Mat Hollerbach 2, Tom Burgess, Matt Peleman (Coyotes)
Assists: Tom Schemanske, Longo, Kollar 2 (Senators); Taylor McCarty, Brian Lockhart, Peleman (Coyotes)
Comments: Longo scored the winner for the Senators to break a tie.

Senators 4, Penguins 4
Goals: Mitch Michels, Nathan Kinnear, Adam Longo, John Silva (Senators); Dino Ruggeri 2, Brian Vens, Alex Clogg (Penguins)
Assists: Michael Walsh, Silva, Michels, Trip Kennedy (Senators); Brian Campbell 3, Clogg, Ruggeri (Penguins)

Thrilling finish gives South the MAC Red girls basketball title

Grosse Pointe South's girls junior varsity basketball team won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship with an exciting finish.

South had to defeat Ford II in the last game of the season on the Falcons' home court to hold off Ford and Utica for the title. South finished 12-2 in the conference to win its fifth league championship in six seasons.

The Blue Devils received several strong individual efforts in their 47-31 victory, including Judy Turnbull's 14 points and 21 rebounds.

Stephanie Ritok scored 16 points and collected five rebounds and four steals, while

Elizabeth Laciura scored 12 points and dished out four assists.

South won several exciting games during the season.

Coach Glen Williams said his team's best efforts came in victories against Farmington Mercy (33-30), at Utica (41-25) and against Eisenhower (38-27).

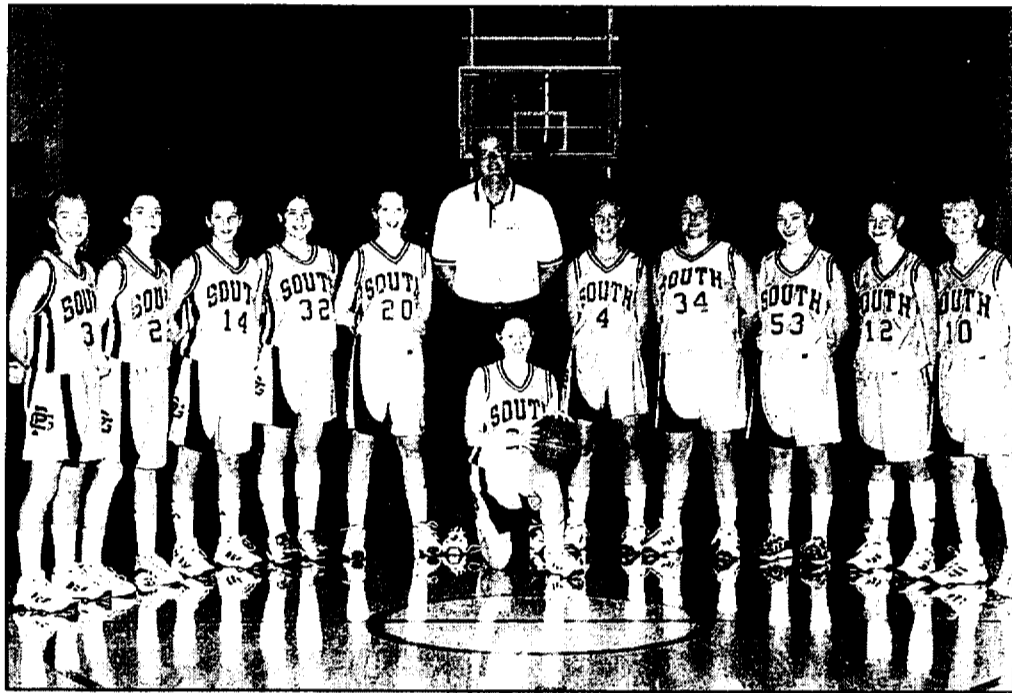
In the Mercy game, Turnbull had 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Lawren Morawski had eight points and six steals. At Utica, Turnbull had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Laciura had 10 points, five rebounds and three steals and Stephanie Sheperd played an

outstanding game at point guard. There were several strong efforts against Eisenhower. Turnbull scored 10 points, Ritok had eight points and six steals and Meggie Schmidt, Jessica Ruble and Meredith Mengel each gave strong efforts.

Elizabeth Dickson and Emily Garlough supplied a strong supporting cast inside throughout the season. Jordan Mitchelson provided valuable help at guard.

Laciura, Shepard and Turnbull served as tri-captains.

South was undefeated on the road en route to an overall 17-3 record.



Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity girls basketball team won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship with a 12-2 record, while finishing 17-3 overall. In front is Stephanie Shepard. Standing, from left, are Meredith Mengel, Jessica Ruble, Stephanie Ritok, Elizabeth Laciura, Elizabeth Dickson, coach Glen Williams, Emily Garlough, Judy Turnbull, Jordan Mitchelson, Lawren Morawski and Meggie Schmidt.



The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs won their division at the Traverse City Thanksgiving tournament with a 2-1 victory over the Jackson Panthers.



On title team

Ryan Symington, a seventh grader at Parcels Middle School, was a member of the Birmingham Blazers '86 soccer team that traveled to England and won the prestigious Portsmouth Inter-Alliance Cup, which is one of the top international youth soccer tournaments in Britain. Symington is a defender for the Blazers, who play in the Little Caesars under-14 premier division. The Blazers won the cup with a 2-0 victory over the English team Castle Royal.



Two titles

Five Grosse Pointers were key members of the St. Clair Shores Saints Bantam AA hockey team that won the Greater Buffalo Invitational and the Troy Turkey Tourney. In the latter tournament, the Saints won the championship game 4-2 over the Troy Sting. From left are forward Anthony Rinaldi, forward Robbie Floyd, defenseman Scott Cederwall, captain-defenseman Jeff Bogen and defenseman Avery Schmidt.

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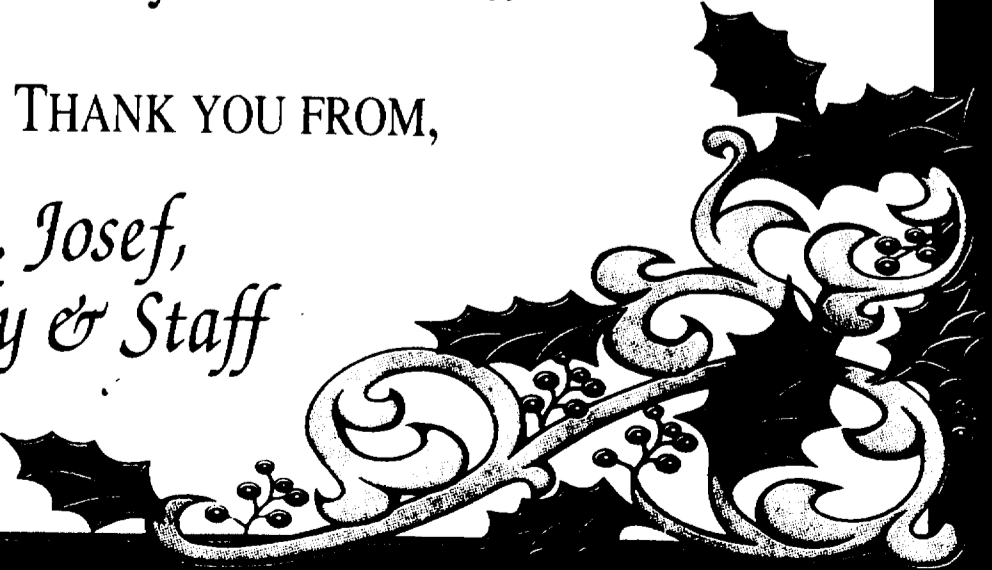
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Go ahead, celebrate Y2K . . . but it's just another number

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

As we head into the last days of 1999, we must ask ourselves "How did we get in this mess?"

The answer is quite interesting. The calendar used by western cultures didn't come into existence until the year 532 A.D. It was proposed by a monk named Denys le Petit, (Dennis the Small), who died in Rome in 540.

The calendar didn't come into general use in the West for another three or four centuries.

Denys attempted to fix the date of Christ's birth. He hit upon Dec. 25, in the Roman year 753. For some reason, chronologists moved the beginning of the Christian era to Saturday, Jan. 1. There is no year zero in the Christian calendar.

But the story doesn't end there. In the last 1,500 years, church scholars have come to believe that Jesus was born several years before the date adopted by Denys. They base this on texts relating to Herod's death.

It gets even more complicated. Because there is no year zero in Denys' calendar, determining leap years in the era before Christ becomes difficult.

Think about it: Because you only have 1 B.C., leap years will occur in odd-number years, such as 1 B.C., 5 B.C. and 9 B.C. These years are no longer divisible by 4, so astronomers use an algebraic notation to avoid errors. They use a year zero, so the preceding years are now 4, 8, 12, etc.

So if leap years mess up the calculations, why not get rid of the leap

years? It turns out that leap years are necessary.

According to the World Almanac and Book of Facts, calendars based on the movements of the sun and moon have been around for thousands of years, but none have been perfect. The Julian calendar was authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C., or the year 709 in the Roman system of measuring years.

The Julian system was adopted because the former calendar listed a year — defined as: the time it takes for

the Earth to complete one rotation around the Sun, — as 365 days. Actually, a year is about 365.24 days long.

That quarter of a day may not seem like a big deal, but after 100 years, the calendar is off by 25 days. If you want to plant your crops around the first of April, for example, by the time you think it's April, you're already a month off.

So based on the calculations of the Greek Sosigenes, Caesar created the Julian Calendar, which includes leap years.

The leap year saga is still unfinished. The Julian system of calculation

So, every 128 years there is an accumulated day in the calendar. Nothing was done about the problem until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII declared that the day after Oct. 4, 1582 would be Oct. 15, 1582.

We lost 10 days, but gained the Gregorian Calendar, which is still in use, more than 400 years later. To correct the errors left by the leap year system, a refinement was added to the calendar. Every three of the four centesimal years (years ending in 00) were made common years, with no leap years. So the years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years.

The year 2000 is a leap year. As the calendar

system stands, leap years are years divisible by four, with the exception of centesimal years, which are leap years only when divisible by 400.

Calendar years tend to date back

to the founding of a system of beliefs, whether civil or religious. The old Roman dating system was supposed to go back to the founding of the city of Rome by Romulus and Remus.

The Christian system is supposed to go back to the year of Christ's birth.

The Moslem calendar's year 1 dates back to the year 622, reflecting the year of the Hijra or the flight of the prophet Mohammed.

After the French Revolution, the new government created a new calendar with 12 months with 30 days each month. September had 35, with 36 during leap years.

Napoleon reinstated the Gregorian Calendar in 1806.

As various European countries created colonies across the world, they spread the Gregorian Calendar system until it has become the predominant calendar system in the world.

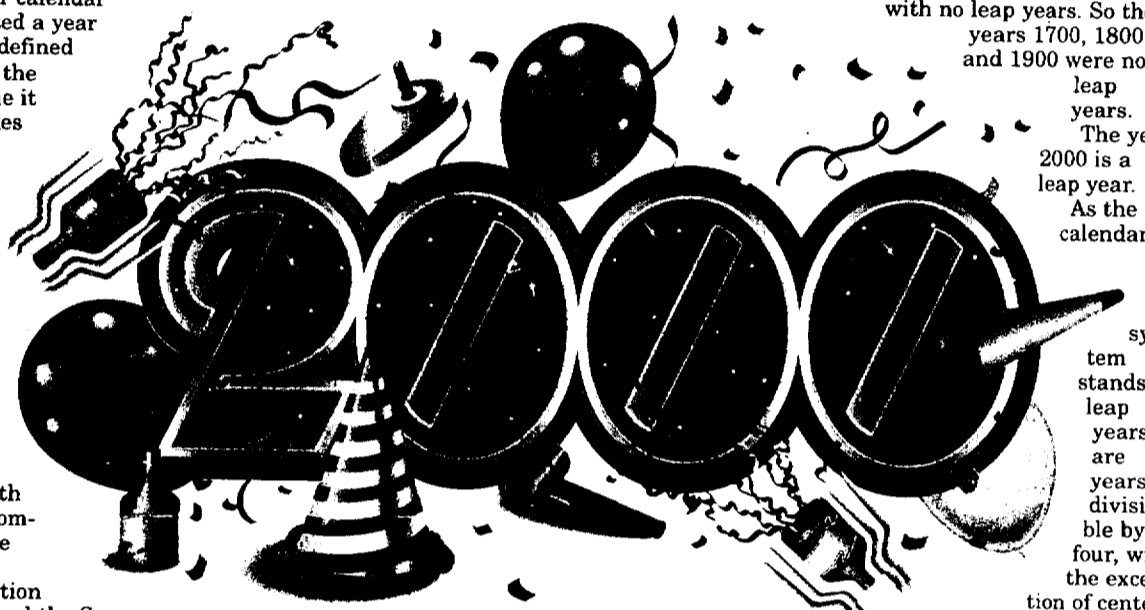
Which brings us back to the year 2000.

It seems that human beings like round numbers. A 50th anniversary is noted, while the 48th anniversary isn't.

We break down time into millenniums (1,000 years), centuries (100 years) and decades (10 years).

So technically — while the new millennium actually begins on Jan. 1, 2001, we're going to celebrate the year 2000 because we like a good party and the year number is just an artificial construct anyway.

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Engagements



Hillary M. Van Gorder and Peter G. Wilhelm

Van Gorder-Wilhelm

Sherry and Mark Van Gorder of Detroit have announced the engagement of their daughter, Hillary M. Van Gorder, to Peter G. Wilhelm, son of Peter and Alexandra Wilhelm of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A July wedding is planned. Van Gorder is a student at Wayne State University and a waitress at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Wilhelm is also a student at Wayne State University and a waiter at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.



Sean S. Cleland and Elizabeth A. Mannino

Mannino-Cleland

Chris and Sharyn Mannino of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth A. Mannino, to Sean S. Cleland, son of Margaret A. McNamee of Harper Woods and Michael J. Cleland of Barton Hills. A June wedding is planned.

Mannino earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Hillsdale College and a teachers' certificate from Wayne State University. She is a teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

Cleland earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and pre-law from Michigan State University and a J.D. degree from the University of

Detroit Mercy School of Law. He is an attorney with Martin, Bacon & Martin.

VanEvery-Huntington

Mr. and Mrs. William D. VanEvery of Harbor Springs have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary L. VanEvery, to John T. Huntington III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Huntington III of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

VanEvery earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Oakland University. She works in material planning and logistics for Ford Motor Co.

Huntington earned a bachelor of arts degree in business



Mary VanEvery and John T. Huntington III

management from Northwood University. He is a new car sales manager with Huntington Ford Inc.

Bon Secours Cottage offers exercise classes

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FlexFIT: This new class could be a great addition to your cardio fitness program. Stretches and flexibility exercises help make everyday movements smooth and comfortable. The program is offered from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$32.

CardioSculpt: This class combines a cardio workout with a strength training segment offered from 6 to 6:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for \$26; from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$35.

CardioFIT: This low-impact, high-energy aerobics class enhances your cardiovascular fitness and includes a strengthening and toning segment. It is offered from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$53; and from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for \$35.

TaiFIT: This class offers a challenging workout that combines current kick boxing techniques with traditional aerobics. It is offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for \$56; and from 10:30 to 11:30

a.m. Saturdays for \$28.

Saturday Aerobics: Reinforce your fitness program with an extra day from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$18.

Tai Chi: This class is for anyone between the ages of 18 and 108. It teaches an ancient Chinese martial art form that blends slow movements into a standing meditation. Tai Chi is offered from 7 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays (beginners) and Fridays (beginners and intermediate). The cost is \$25 for one day; \$49 for two days.

CardioMix: This program offers cross-training rotations which include circuit training, the Reebok Step, the Reebok Slide, high- and low-impact aerobics, the use of individual aerobic equipment, weight training and sculpting. It is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$53.

Step and Sculpt: This ultimate workout uses the Reebok Step to enhance cardiovascular endurance. Weights and tubing also are used. The class is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$35.

Yoga: Learn suppleness and stability from a certified yoga instructor. The program is offered from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$25 for one day weekly; \$49 for two.

Senior Strength and Conditioning Program: This program focuses on safe strengthening of the major muscle groups. The class is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for \$42.

Senior Vigor: This class offers a strength training program which incorporates Nautilus machines and light weights. Class is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. or 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$74; from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$49.

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Breast cancer survivors speak of controlling risks

By the Eastside Community Health Status Advisory Board

The Eastside Community Health Status Advisory Board, an outreach group focusing on health issues in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, offers a message of hope for the new millennium in this final health column of 1999.

This month's topic is a gathering of ideas and insights from local breast cancer survivors. Their responses are heartfelt and meant to help women help themselves by learning accurate information, becoming aware of current statistics, and lessening the burdening fear factor.

"My message to women everywhere, who may or may not face breast cancer in the future, is simple," said Charlene Brender, a CHSAB member and volunteer with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

"Education, prevention measures, treatment centers, support services, research, testimonials, new and improved procedures, media updates, and so much more are all out there for you. If you read, listen, learn, and act, you can help yourself and others to conquer the fears of breast cancer and focus on its defeat." Brender is a 15-year survivor of the disease.

"Early detection is our best hope for a cure. This means annual mammograms and physician check-ups, as well as regular self breast exams," said Bon Secours Cottage Health Services critical care nurse, Kathleen Crook.

"It's also important to remember that breast cancer can strike anyone. Just because it has not affected a family member in the past does not mean you are immune.

"If you are a woman, and getting older, you're at risk. Risk heightens with increased age. Each of us need to be empowered to control our risks in every way possible."

High fat, low nutrition diets are a predominant contributing factor in breast cancer diagnosis.

"You don't have to be a bystander in the fight against the disease. We are all in this together, and everyone can make a difference," said Gloria Kwiatkowski, manager of application systems and programming for the BAKCI.

"All a person needs to do is to choose to. It can be as simple as merely asking a friend or relative, 'Have you done your breast self-exam this month?' or 'When was the last time you've had a mammogram?'"

"At the very least, it will make them stop and think, and hopefully take action. At the very best, it could push them to take the steps that can actually save their lives.

"I'm a living example of such a question," she said. "Nearly five years ago someone urged me to have a mammogram that I kept postponing.

"A cancer was found two years before I would have ever felt it. It offered me a choice of treatment options that put me in control of my own disease. It also gave me a cure rate of 97 percent because my cancer was detected early."

"Cancer is a really good pair of glasses. It shows you

a strict division between the unimportant and the important," said Judy Adams, a senior advertising executive for J. Walter Thompson in Detroit. A member of the local WATCH (Women's Alliance Toward Complete Healing) support group based in the Grosse Pointes, she speaks regularly at area functions about facing her worst fear — and winning.

"I always say there are people who have it worse. I consider myself lucky to have been diagnosed with a cancer that's treatable," said the two-time breast cancer survivor.

In 1995 and again last year, staring down the disease, her attitude and outlook on life are positive, as is her prognosis.

"I've had a good day every day. I'm just so glad to be alive. Every day is a gift," she said. With four sisters and two brothers, there has been no other incidence of cancer in her immediate family.

"I am a seven-year survivor, with a six-year survivor sister, working in a job that continually connects me with survivors, philanthropists, health care practitioners and breast cancer researchers. I see advances in science and human relations that reinforce my hope on a daily basis," said Maureen Meldrum, director of the BAKCI's-East Region Community Outreach Center, which is located in Warren.

"Each of us has the capacity to change a life through simple acts of kindness. And most of us, when given the opportunity, will do so. That's my message of hope," she said.

Current breast cancer statistics indicate nearly 175,000 women are diagnosed with the disease annually in the United States. Roughly 44,000 women will succumb to breast cancer each year. One in eight women face a lifetime risk of the illness.

Prevention measures such as a monthly breast self exam and an annual clinical exam and mammogram for women age 40 and above can reduce the mortality rate of breast cancer by 30 percent.

"By following these simple guidelines, approximately 11,000 lives can be saved each year," Meldrum said. "This is a very compelling argument for routine physicals and checks."

Still a prevailing belief that cancer is hereditary, or that it follows family lines, is completely untrue.

"The fact is that more than 80 percent of people diagnosed with breast cancer have no prior family history of the disease," she said. "It is so important for people to be aware of this because it can make a difference between a life saved or lost because of misinformation."

The Community Health Status Advisory Board is a citizen-driven group appointed by Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. Local health care professionals from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, St. John Hospital, and the BAKCI are represented. The Wayne County Health Department provides leadership and statistical support to the organization.

For more information contact Meldrum at (810) 294-4430.



Charity preview

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center will be one of 11 children's charities to benefit from the Detroit Auto Dealers Association's Charity Preview of the North American International Auto Show on Friday, Jan. 14 at Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center. The other charities are Boy's Hope/Girl's Hope, Barat Family and Child Services, Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, Children's Center, Detroit Institute for Children, Police Athletic League, Judson Center, Easter Seals, March of Dimes and DADA Charitable Foundation.

After the preview, the Assistance League fundraiser will continue with a 2000 Millennium Afterglow at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

From left, are Margot Henel, Geraldine LaCombe and Maura Basile, chairmen of the event. Not shown is chairman Claudia Corrado.

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Know Your Skin

by Dr. Christine Adamick

Eczema, or atopic dermatitis, is common in children as well as adults.

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Don't be blue—cover those drafty windows with plastic

Q. Mr. Hardware, my husband and I just purchased a brick ranch in St. Clair Shores and the bedroom is freezing cold. There are two windows, one on each of the two exterior walls. Both have old aluminum storm windows but they aren't in very good shape. Per your suggestion we added six inches of fiberglass insulation in the attic but that room is still not very comfortable. What can we try now? Blue in St. Clair Shores.

A. Mrs. Blue, you did not tell me about your storm windows being in poor repair. Most heat loss is vertical. Stopping heat from rising doesn't prevent the wind from blowing through your bedroom windows. If your storms are loose or in poor condition take them to a reputable repair shop. It is important that they are fairly tight fitting to create a dead-air-space between them and the prime window.

Dead-air-space can be more efficient at preventing drafts than a medium-quality thermopane window. My better quality thermopanes developed enough leaks that I had to add storms over them. The thermopane glass did its job, but the draft through the window seals was more than I could tolerate.

Now every spring and fall I step back 50 years and change my screens for the storms. It's not all that bad because at least I wash the windows once a year. That's what my wife tells me... "it's not all that bad." Oh, my aching back!

When repairing and sealing up the storms do not make them too airtight. We don't want the wind blowing through them but we do want them to breathe a little. For instance, don't caulk up the vent holes at the bottom rail where the storm rests on the windowsill. If they can't drain, it will trap rain and rot the sill. It will also

not let the air space breathe and frost will form on the storm, hindering vision out that window.

More importantly make the inside window airtight. This will hinder drafts, create a better dead-air-space, and keep the moisture in the house to prevent the storm from fogging. An inexpensive product for this is rope caulk. It comes in a roll made of several small beads of caulk. You can take one bead or several and use them to pack into cracks around a window. The beauty is this stuff never hardens, it's like non-shrinking silly putty. Come spring, or a warm day, one can pull the caulk out and open the window. The more frugal roll it up and save it for another day.

If you don't have storm windows, or if the storms you have are bad and you just don't have the budget to install new, try the plastic window kits. It's not the material; it's the air space

it creates.

They are the most "bang for the buck" for saving heat. Most use a double-sided tape you apply to the perimeter of the window frame or the wall. Then push the clear plastic sheeting onto the tape, starting at the top. Try to install it in a straight line. Then pull down slightly and apply to the bottom tape. Do the sides last and voila, you have an instant inside storm

window that is equal to most thermopane windows. The major inconvenience is that you can't easily open that

for a very large window in my last home. Even though it had a storm window, it was very uncomfortable to sit near. It was also very old and with many problems not easily repaired. After I installed the plastic film I created a triple window that improved the comfort level 100 percent.

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.



Ask Mr. Hardware

By Blair Gilbert

Household Help

Q. Each time I turn on my washing machine in the basement, I hear a loud banging noise coming from the copper pipes. Most of the hot and cold water supply lines are already exposed due to the basement being unfinished. The pipes also sweat a lot during very humid weather. Can you tell me how to stop this noise?

A. Water pipes will create a loud banging noise when water flows through the supply system or stops abruptly. The name for this nuisance is called "water hammer" which causes the slamming noise. The main factor with water hammer is that the pipes can knock against floor joists, studs, or other parts of a home's anatomy.

The best way to eliminate the noise and stop drippy, sweaty pipes is to install pipe hangers and lengths of pipe insulation. Begin by purchasing pipe hangers which have a rubber backing. However, it would be wise to first install the pipe insulation around the copper pipes. Then you can either nail or screw the ends of the hangers into your walls or wood studs. Check to see that all of the pipes are snug and secure to something solid.

Q. Every fall, one particular side of my home's gutters tend to clog more than the other sides. I clear the gutters when they clog up with leaves and debris, but the same thing happens. Can you explain how to remedy this?

A. After you clear the gutters of leaves and other debris, put a garden hose about one foot into the downspout. Turn the water on and see if either the water geysers back up to you or spout out from the downspout (or leaders) overlapped joints. If so, you may have to disassemble the downspout parts and clear any blockage. In the near future, you may want to install mesh leaf guards to prevent the problems you're experiencing.

Q. My bathroom has the conventional two-handed tub and shower faucets. I need to replace the old tub spout with a new flexible shower adapter. This change is necessary for an elderly relative who has to sit in the bathtub with a shower chair. Can you tell me how to do this?

A. Begin by checking underneath the tub spout for an allen head threaded machine bolt. Use the correct allen key wrench to remove the spout. If there isn't any bolt in place, insert a large, slotted screwdriver in the spout's opening and turn counter-clockwise until it comes off the threads.

Upon purchasing your new spout, be sure to get one with an adapter hose outlet. When you install your new spout, use either a shop rag or small piece of rubber with the pipe wrench. Pipe joint compound is recommended over using Teflon tape on the threads of the spout pipe.

The next items you'll need are the flexible shower hose (if not with the new spout), stainless steel or chrome wand holder, and plastic anchors. Install the flexible shower hose to the

adapter hose outlet on the spout with an adjustable wrench. Next, you need to determine the desired height to install the shower head. With the shower head holder in hand, mark the holes on the wall tile. You should use a specific bit to drill the holes in ceramic tile. Install the plastic anchors into the holes and use only a rubber or wooden mallet. Finally, secure the shower head holder to the wall and always use caution not to slam the shower head when hanging it up.

Winter tips

- Use sodium chloride to melt ice and snow on your concrete walks and driveways.
- Try to remove as much snow as possible from your gutter to prevent ice damming.
- Remove any hanging tree limbs or branches which may cause damage to your home's exterior.
- Occasionally check in on your elderly neighbors who may be alone during the long, cold winter months.

— King Features Syndicate

Pet Care

With winter's fury, you must take precautions for your pet's well-being. When you walk your dog on snow and ice, be sure you clean his paws with warm water when you get home to remove any ice and salt pellets. Salt is corrosive and can hurt the delicate pads on your dog's paws.

Be careful with antifreeze which is highly toxic to dogs and cats. Make sure your car isn't leaking any. Better yet, use an antifreeze that isn't toxic to pets. They are a bit more expensive, but at least you'll know you're not poisoning some unsuspecting animal or your own pet.

Before starting your car, bang on the hood. Cats have a tendency to curl up in a car's engine to keep warm on cold nights.

If your dog is an outdoor pet, be sure he has a very well-insulated doghouse that is away from blowing snow and winds. Check his water dish frequently to make sure the water hasn't frozen. On very cold nights, dogs should be inside, not outdoors.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the nation's largest non-profit animal protection organization, is offering a colorful array of gifts and treats to lavish upon that special companion or bestow upon friends and family during the holiday season.

Some of the most popular purchases include HSUS calendars and T-shirts. But this is also the place to find something for your four-legged friends. For the discerning doggie who has everything — how about a slick slicker or a "Snooze" pet bed?

Some of the items in the catalog have been created exclusively for the HSUS, including T-shirts, sweatshirts and cardigan sweaters. Tote bags and mouse pads can be personalized with a photo of a beloved pet.

Items can be purchased over the Internet as well as by phone or mail. To obtain a copy of the catalog, call (800) 486-2630, or visit the web site: www.hsus.org.

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Smart & Simple Decorating

Home furnishing trends for the millennium

By Carol Donayre Bugg, ASID

Twice a year upward of 75,000 buyers, decorators and media people descend upon the small town of High Point, N.C. for the semi-annual International Home Furnishings Market.

There, in the span of nine days, attendees have the opportunity, if not the stamina, to visit 8 million square feet of showrooms, buildings and spaces that house 2,400 furniture and accessory exhibitors. Open exclusively "to the trade," the High Point Market is world renowned as the place to see the latest home fashion trends.

Some new introductions at each High Point Home Furnishings Market become a seasonal fad; others hit the mark and continue to grow in importance. Below are five fashion-forward trends seen at the most recent market that I predict will have staying power.

• **Soft contemporary style** — where the emphasis is on line, shape, texture and finish. This influential style exposes legs on sofas and chairs, and marks tables and legs with curves, flares and round shapes. When it comes to upholstery fabric — rich leather, luxurious texture, and subtle tone-on-tone prints overshadow bold patterns and strong designs.

• **Oriental accents** — gain in importance as a smart and simple complement to both contemporary and traditional styles. Oriental accents include lacquer finishes, chinoiserie designs and bamboo detailing, with motifs of monkeys, drag-onflies and palm trees.

• **Serene and sophisticated sage** — from palest tint to darkest shade, celadon to olive, green is a fashionable associate for today's cafe latte neutrals, and a calming relief for a palette of strong autumnal colors.

Get a helping hand when changing an interior door

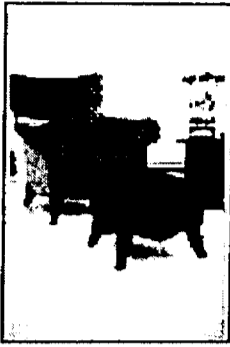
Q. I would like to change a bedroom door, but wonder what's involved. Can you help?

A. It's always good to find a partner when replacing a door, recommends Brian Jordan of The Home Depot. First, remove the old door by taking the pins out of the hinges. Next, use a nail-pulling tool to take the nails out of the frame and remove it.

Use a carpenter's square, level and plumb-bob to make sure the existing frame is square and plumb. Center the pre-hung door and slide it into the frame. Then, nail the lock side of the frame into place, followed by the remainder of the frame. Be sure not to hammer the nails in fully until you have made final adjustments. Finally, add the shims.

Q. Is there an inexpensive way to prevent drafts coming in from underneath my door?

A. A wide piece of masking tape and a rolled-up rug or towel will do in a pinch, but a permanent solution is just as easy and inexpensive, says Carl Roberts of The Home Depot. The amount of space under the door will dictate which kind of insulation to use. If the space is somewhat large, a door bottom with vinyl fins is most effective. Self-adhesive vinyl strips work well for small cracks, but will not last for more than a season. For a true cure, use a weather-stripping that attaches with nails or screws. If an irregular floor is the source of your problem, use a broom fiber vinyl strip. Weather-stripping below a door also helps to keep dirt out, says Roberts.



• **Silver-tone finishes** — are softer than brass; silver, platinum, steel, aluminum and tin are the glamorous new finishes found on everything from lamps to tables, and chests to chairs.

• **"Grande"** scaled home furnishings — the minimalist say "less is more," but only if each piece is grandly scaled. Today's home furnishings are impressive and out to make a statement. A prime example is the mirror with a robust frame, and the larger the dimensions the better. Whether square, round, or oval; hung or leaned against the wall, mirrors are the most potent tool to brighten the life of any room.

Another way to introduce the grande trend to your home is with a handsome floor lamp. The newest lamp bases and shades are statuesque and make a great stand-in for a piece of sculpture.

The good news is that there is a version of each of these trends to suit everyone's taste and budget.

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Prepare your home for Y2K — anyway

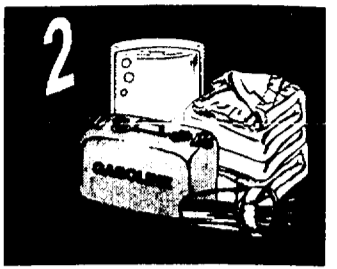
There is a feeling of anticipation in the air as we reach the year 2000. Will it be just another New Year's Day on Jan. 1 or will the alleged Y2K bug cause computer failures and emergency situations? Regardless of what your personal opinion is on the Y2K situation, it is in everyone's best interest to have a few key items on hand, in case of an urgent situation. Taking steps to ensure your family's health and safety is the most important thing that you can do to prepare. The following tips and checklists are provided by the City of St. Louis Park, Minn. to help you get ready for any Y2K-related problems.

Think about what's important: While no one wants computer system problems, don't worry too much about your home computer for now. If it has problems, it is a mere inconvenience. There are more serious matters to attend to.

You should take note of which appliances and items in your home are date-sensitive. Compile important information on each of these items, including the warranty materials, manufacturer, serial numbers and model numbers.

Contact the manufacture to see if the product is Y2K ready or when it will be. Some of these may include:

- Some furnace thermostats and room thermostats.
- Hard wired smoke detectors.
- Security systems.
- Electronic medical devices.
- VCRs and home computers.
- Cell phones, pagers and home answering machines.



The best way to prepare for emergency situations is to consider what will be necessary to handle service interruptions (i.e. electricity and water). It is a good idea to gather items for an emergency kit. Better safe than sorry.

Your kit should include:

- First aid kit.
- Flashlight.
- Battery operated radio or audio system.
- Extra batteries.
- Candles and matches.
- Pillows and blankets.
- Snacks and water.
- Books, a deck of cards and toys for children.

• A notebook or other compilation of emergency information. It should include insurance information, doctor's name and phone number, family member's blood types and special medical conditions.

• Any other special items your family might need in the event of an emergency. The best advice is to prepare as if you are being snowed in during a winter storm or are experiencing a summer storm. Don't spend money on expensive equipment unless you plan future use for it.

The best place for your money is in the bank.

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Detroit Edison offers tips for winter storm preparation

Now is the time to prepare for the arrival of Old Man Winter — who will bring ice and snow storms that can result in unavoidable power outages.

Detroit Edison continually prepares for the aftermath of winter storms that can cut through southeastern Michigan and encourages its customers to prepare as well for the impact of harsh weather.

Detroit Edison offers the following suggestions for coping with power outages while the utility works to restore electric service following a major winter storm:

Before a storm

- Assemble an emergency kit. It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and nonperishable food.
- Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. For safety, always store fuel in a dry place away from the house. Select a small, well-insulated room with a fireplace, wood stove or fuel-burning heater to use as emergency living quarters.
- Ensure your blanket supply is adequate for extended outages and secure a supply of cardboard. In an emergency, blankets and cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss.



Detroit Edison at (800) 477-4747. Use the automated outage reporting system to input outage information and help speed restoration.

- Check fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses when a power outage occurs. If there are none, check to see whether neighbors have power before reporting an outage.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers shut, opening them only when absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-stocked freezer will preserve food for two to three days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen. Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.
- A fuel-burning heater, such as a kerosene heater, requires

an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.

- Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.
- Leave on just one light switch to indicate when power is restored. Turn off or unplug all appliances during an outage because an electrical overload could damage them when power is restored.
- Disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines if using a portable generator. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.
- During low-voltage conditions — when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller — shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged. Listen to local radio stations for updates from Detroit Edison about electric service restoration efforts.

Detroit Edison's free brochure, "Weathering the Storm," is available by calling (800) 477-4747, or by visiting the Detroit Edison web site, <http://www.detroitedison.com>.

In the event of a power outage

Report power outages or downed power lines by calling

Y2K

From page 8B

Financial institutions have implemented systems to combat any Y2K related problems, but you may want to make copies of your financial records in case computers are down.

Don't overdo it with water supplies. Water moves from water towers to your home, by means of gravity. Toilet systems are also run on gravity, not computers.

If you feel that your Y2K questions are not being answered, contact your community offices and clearly state your concerns about the upcoming New Year. Whatever your feelings about Y2K are, it certainly is wise to gather a few emergency items and to evaluate the conditions of some appliances and systems in your home or in our everyday lives. The well being of your loved ones is the key thing to focus on.

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The earliest Dresdens were made in the shapes of animals, musical instruments and churches. A few Santas were made as well.

The silver or gold paper generally was decorated with a couple of bright colors, usually red and green.

The ornaments were the same on each side, because each ornament was made of two pieces of embossed paper glued together. The embossing gave the ornament a three-dimensional look.

Dresdens also were used as table decorations or candy containers.

Although Santa or Father Christmas figures were rare, there were some large examples made to be used as store decorations or window displays. The pressed cardboard figures usually had a fold-out stand at the back.

Q. My parents bought a blown-glass tree ornament for my first Christmas — in 1929. It's a 5 1/4-inch dirigible shaped like a cigar. The silvered glass has an American flag painted on one side and the words "Graf Zeppelin" on the other. There's a spun-glass tail on one end. What is my ornament worth?

A. From about 1900 until the Hindenburg disaster in 1937,

dirigibles were the craze in transportation. Their popularity was reflected in Christmas ornaments.

In 1928, the Germans completed the Graf Zeppelin, which made 590 flights before it was decommissioned in 1937. It made history in 1929 by flying around the world.

The most valuable dirigible ornaments were molded, not free-blown such as yours. Nevertheless, your ornament is worth about \$100.

Q. Five years ago, my mother-in-law gave me a bridal shower gift of 21 coin silver teaspoons and serving spoons. She paid only 10 cents for each spoon. She says they are all English and date before 1850. I love the spoons but can't identify their marks. The marks include "N. Matson," "A. Henderson" and "W.P.&H. Stanton." Some of the spoons have additional small hallmarks of a lion, star and single initials.

A. Your mother-in-law was a great shopper, but your spoons are American. Newell Matson and his partners worked as N. Matson & Co. in Chicago from about 1867 to 1888. A.A. Henderson worked in Philadelphia in the mid-1830s. William P. and Henry Stanton worked in Rochester, N.Y., from about 1826 to 1841. Some 19th-century American silversmiths also used pseudo hallmarks to make the public think the silver was English. The letter mark "D" indicates the amount of silver (900/1000) in the metal used to make the spoons.

Q. We found an old wooden RCA Victor packing crate in our attic. On two sides of the crate there's the familiar picture of the RCA dog, Nipper. He is staring into the speaker of an old gramophone. The crate measures 37 inches by 26 inches by 34 inches. Would the crate interest collectors?

A. Anything that pictures Nipper is collectible. Nipper was a real dog who was born in England. His master, Francis Barraud, painted his picture next to a phonograph and sold the painting to the Gramophone Co. The painting became the trademark of the Victor Talking Machine Co. in 1901. Victor, an American company, was the manufacturer of the Victrola record player. The Radio Corp. of America (RCA) bought Victor in 1929. Your crate would sell for about \$150.

Q. My bronze figure of a naked woman is 15 inches high. It is signed "Andreas." **A.** Andreas worked in France about 1910. He is not a well-known maker.

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Bringing the cabin home: Mural creates deep woods feel

Bobby Clark lives in Rockford, Mich., just outside of Grand Rapids, but he yearns for the wilderness. "I'd rather be in the woods somewhere," he admits. "I'd like to be living in a log cabin in the U.P. or northern Minnesota." His job keeps him away from the woods for now, but he has brought the woods into his living room. Last May, he added a wall-sized view of an autumnal birch forest populated by a group of deer, creating a cabin-like feel. He achieved this transformation by installing a wall mural, a growing alternative to traditional wallpaper.

Clark and his 14-year-old son Robby were shopping at a home improvement center when the idea for the mural hit them. "We were wandering around Menard's looking for a 'manly' wallpaper with an outdoors theme," says Clark. They were having a hard time finding what they wanted, remarking that many of the wallpaper patterns seemed to be targeted at female tastes. Then they found the wall murals.

Both saw three or four examples they especially liked; Clark was taken with a mountain panorama that highlighted an old barn in the fore-

ground, as well as a north-woods landscape that had a river flowing through it. Both of the Clarks noticed the deer mural and agreed that it would look good in their living room. "It looks like a place where my son and I hunt," says Clark, who had noticed similar murals before in professional offices but had never thought of using one in his home. "When we look at it, we say, 'Geez, I'd like to find a buck like that.'"

The Clarks' mural was manufactured by Environmental Graphics, a Hopkins, Minnesota-based company that sells approximately 80 percent of all wall murals purchased in the United States. It is the exclusive national vendor for Sherwin-Williams paint outlets and also supplies national home improvement chains, such as Home Depot and Lowes, wallpaper outlets across the country, and about 30 mail-order catalogs ranging from Cabela's and Rand McNally to Competitive Edge and Fingerhut.

Environmental Graphics' selection, each of which retails for a suggested price of \$99.95, includes more than 20 designs appropriate for home or office.

According to Ted Yoch, president, the company's bestselling products include "World Map" (a favorite in business settings), "Oriental Garden," "River Portage" and "Lake in the Woods," as well as "Deer," the design selected by Clark and his son.

The No. 1 location for wall murals is family rooms, reports Yoch, followed by children's bedrooms and living rooms. The deer mural that Clark installed in the living room of his home creates the illusion that the small space — measuring about 14 feet by 16 feet — is larger than it actually is.

Like many homeowners who make a wall mural the focal point of a room, Clark carried the theme of the mural throughout the rest of the decor. For example, he chose natural wood furniture, selected a lamp with a moose-sculpture base, and added a variety of accessories, such as a plush moose placed on top of the television cabinet.

Other customers complement their wall murals in similar ways. Examples include placing tropical plants in a room featuring Environmental Graphics' "Florida Room" design, which portrays an



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Wood paneling adds to the natural feel of this room.

Everglades-like landscape, or hanging sports memorabilia on the walls of a room in which "Play Ball!" is installed.

It is possible to decorate extensively around the theme of the mural, putting up wood paneling to supplement an outdoor panorama or filling a room with outdoor yard furniture to create a lakeside ambience. In other cases, simple steps such as placing a bowl of seashells in a room featuring an oceanside mural can be an effective decorating technique.

Yoch remembers one customer who created a truly forest-like atmosphere by installing murals on all four walls of a single room. The wall mural dimensions are approximately 8 feet high by 13 feet wide. They are divided into eight panels, so most customers find them easy to install despite their large size. "I was really nervous about

doing it," Clark says, "but it turned out to be no problem."

In his first attempt, the mural did not adhere well because of the vinyl wallboard used in his living room. Clark contacted Environmental Graphics for advice and, after consulting with the company's customer service department, was able to finish the project smoothly. "It worked out great," says Clark, who even trimmed the top of the mural to accommodate a sloped ceiling and used the scraps to extend the design over a doorway.

"It looks how I wanted it to look," Clark adds, noting that he would recommend a wall mural for anyone who longs to be somewhere else but needs to stay at home for work-related or other reasons. "The mural kind of makes us feel like we're out hunting," he says.

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High on the wish lists of both new and veteran homeowners is the addition of a new fireplace. Besides adding a sense of style and ambience to any room, the addition of a fireplace provides another source of heat for those cold winter nights. One of the main stumbling blocks for homeowners is finding an appropriate place in their home to fit a new fireplace. It is now possible to install an energy efficient direct vent fireplace where it's never been possible before. Heat-N-Glo, a division of Hearth Technologies Inc., is now featuring a new model (the CFX-DA) with a draft-assisted design that allows up to 90 feet of venting and eight elbows for even more installation opportunities.

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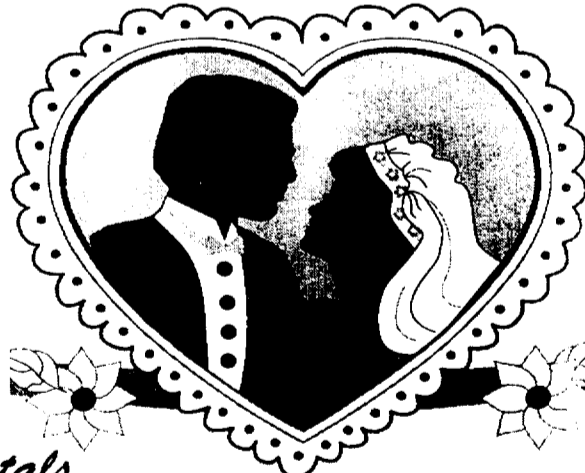
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