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The Norsemen, who suffered their first loss in 24 games, took King into overtime on Beth Biggam's buzzer-beater at the end of regulation. Page 2C.



Photos by Ruth Sillars

Santa comes to town!

With Santa's arrival, an exclusive appearance of the Budweiser Clydesdales and the ribbon-cutting for the memorial clock arch, this year's Village Santa Parade was the best ever.

At just after 11:45 a.m., Santa officially kicked off the Christmas season while guiding his sleigh under the new clock and arch, which was erected in memory of Jerry Valente, longtime businessman and community volunteer.

At the ribbon cutting, below, were, from left, Brian Vick, city administrative assistant; Georgia Valente, widow of Jerry Valente; William C. Randa III, contributor and supporter of the clock arch project and member of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation; Joseph Jennings Jr., city councilman; Mayor Susan Wheeler; Pete LaFond, city councilman; Tom Kressbach, parade grand marshal and retiring longtime city manager; Patrick Peltz, city councilman; Beverly Leinweber, Village Association board member and clock arch supporter; Mike Kramer, Village Association president; and Stephen Sholty, city councilman. Not shown are city councilman Dale Serace, who was out of town, and city councilman Larry Dowers, who was participating in the Turkey Trot.

What a parade! Congratulations to all involved.



Santa

— for pets!

Yes, Fido, there is a Santa Claus! And you can get your picture with Santa (a.k.a. Robert C. Callaway, 85, of the City of Grosse Pointe) on Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Children's Home of Detroit.

Be sure to tell your master to bring a \$5 donation for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, which will also have kittens, cats, puppies and dogs available for adoption.

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Inside YourHome This Week Stephen Safranek leaves Park council

7-year veteran to teach at Ave Maria
By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The year was cast in sullen tones this week when the Grosse Pointe Park city council reluctantly approved the resignation of colleague Stephen Safranek.

Safranek, a seven-year veteran of the council who ran for office at the urging of longtime Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, submitted his resignation with an air of mixed regret and promise.

He thanked Heenan, calling him "a man whom I feel privileged to call my friend."

He added, "The names of those I need to thank are so numerous, that I will leave them all unnamed so none are inadvertently missed."

Safranek resigned so he could focus on his appointment to the new Ave Maria School of Law.

"I have joined with a group of professors and lawyers to build a national law school," he explained. "Because this is a new enterprise, and because it is located in Ann Arbor, I do not have the time to devote to serving as a councilman. The city deserves someone who can devote him or herself to it."

Wearing eyeglasses and a bow tie, Safranek looked as well as lived up to the image of a mild-mannered law professor and solon. Soft-spoken and insightful, Safranek thought before he spoke, made a point.

Heenan said, "He's a lawyer who brings a common-sense approach to many situations. We appreciate his service."

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Hill Christmas tree to be lighted Friday

For some Christmas fun, you might want to stop by the Hill's gazebo and clock at 5 p.m. on Friday Dec. 1, to witness the lighting of the Hill Christmas tree.

The event will be preceded by a story hour at the main branch of the Grosse Pointe public library at the corner of Fisher and Kercheval.

The students at Richard Elementary will make the tree's ornaments, with Johnstone & Johnstone providing the materials.

Members of the St. James Lutheran Church bell choir as well as elements of the church's adult and children's choir will be on hand to serenade the crowd with Christmas music.

So come on out and start off the Christmas season in style.

Free Mack parking Dec. 16 through 27

Customers aren't the only ones who like parking for free.

In a holiday gift to customers, parking will be free on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods from Dec. 16-27.

The arrangement is an annual promotion by the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue.

Lee Meyer, a director of the association and past president, said, "It's a convenience for customers because they don't have to bother with coins or worry about time."

Meyer, owner of This 'N' That for Pets, on Mack, has directed her employees not to occupy the free meters.

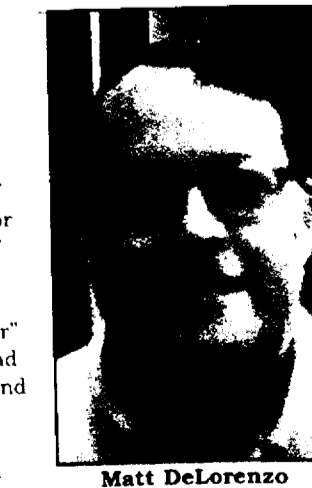
"Employees would be hurting themselves because customers can't park," said Meyer.

She said a similar message has been distributed in the association's newsletter.

Free parking spots will have meters covered by cellophane bags decorated with holiday designs.

POINTER OF INTEREST Matt DeLorenzo

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 46
Family: Wife, Jane; daughter, Amy; and son, Stephen
Occupation: Editor of Road & Track; author of "The New Beetle," "Modern Chrysler Concept Cars" and "Chrysler PT Cruiser"
Quote: "I've always had an interest in cars and did my own maintenance on them."
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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 1
The Hill Association holds its Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Hill gazebo at 5 p.m. Children are invited to help decorate the tree. The ornaments were made by Richard students. Music will be provided by the St. James Lutheran Church's bell and adult and children's choirs.

Sunday, Dec. 3
The Grosse Pointe South Mother's Club hosts a walking tour of five homes in the Grosse Pointes. The tour starts at noon and lasts until 5 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$15, \$18 at the tour. For more information, call (313) 882-4379.

* The Grosse Pointe Park Business & Professional Association hosts its 5th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park. Come on out and enjoy the show.

Monday, Dec. 4
The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. The meeting is open to the public.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library. The public is invited to attend.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
The Grosse Pointe Community Concert Band holds a free winter concert at Parcels Middle School at 8 p.m.
A reception follows the performance. For more information, call (313) 343-2178.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ It's hurry up and wait for Richard Durant, who was the Grosse Pointe's Republican candidate for Congress.

Durant, a captain in the Army during World War II, received a reinduction examination on Oct. 11.

"Since then I haven't heard from the Army," said the resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. Durant thinks he may be deferred because of bad eyesight.

■ Grosse Pointe Township will dissolve into the hands of Grosse Pointe Shores if proposed city charters in the Park and Woods are accepted by voters in special elections Monday, Dec. 11.

A favorable vote will find the Park and Woods joining the City and Farms with individual city governments.

■ The official opening of the new Grosse Pointe Methodist Church building on Moross between Kercheval and Ridge will be held Sunday, Dec. 3.

The opening comes five years after the Methodists, along with present pastor the Rev. High C. White, held their first church service in Grosse Pointe on September 1945 at the old Kerby School.

25 years ago this week

■ Traffic will continue to be monitored on Brys Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Chester Petersen, the Woods city administrator, has urged the department of public safety to beef up speeding enforcement on the street. Officers will also enforce the city's ban on commercial vehicles using Brys as a through street.

■ Police working the midnight shift on Friday, Nov. 21 in Grosse Pointe Park had nothing to do.

The dream shift ended without the department receiving one call or complaint about a crime or suspicious activity. Officers cruising the community in patrol cars monitored radio chatter from adjacent communities, but did not

receive any calls for assistance.

■ When a Grosse Pointe Farms resident awoke to descend the staircase of his Vendome house to see blank walls where a collection of paintings had hung the night before, he thought the artwork had been removed temporarily so a cleaning staff could wash the walls.

He soon learned, however, thieves had broken into the home and made off with 11 paintings worth a total of \$120,000.

10 years ago this week

■ Foes of the expansion of Detroit City Airport are encouraged by recent votes of the Detroit City Council and Planning Commission, which the opponents feel indicate growing dissension regarding the project among city officials.

The Detroit planning commission recommended the city council not move forward on the project.

■ Lt. Skip Fincham of the City of Grosse Pointe department of public safety has been invited to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

He is one of only eight officers from Michigan invited to attend the FBI's 10-week advanced training program. Fincham, a 17-year veteran of the City, started his law enforcement career as a firefighter.

■ Grosse Pointe North High School's girls' swim team swam its best meet of the season to take eighth place in the state finals.

The lady tankers set five school records.

5 years ago this week

■ A year of negotiations has produced a contract for Grosse Pointe librarians.

Salaries range from \$28,000 to \$38,000. Before the library system broke away from the public school system, librarians made between \$34,000 and \$71,000.

Librarians who transferred from the school system will have their salaries reduced by \$5,800 over the life of their contracts.

■ Households in the City of Grosse Pointe are prohibited from owning more than two cats over the age of four months.

The new ordinance comes after residents complained of a neighbor who harbored nearly a dozen strays.

"The odor of urine is so strong we cannot open our windows in the front of our house," said a resident.

■ Scott Collins, a Grosse Pointe North High School graduate attending Oakland University, has won All-American status for track.

Collins won the honors by finishing 17th out of 125 runners in the NCAA Division II championships.

— Brad Lindberg

25 years ago this week



Students portray Thanksgiving story

These modern-day Pilgrims, from left, Bonnie Balcerzak, Eric Hughes, Reinaldo Cordoba and Lynn Hamel, are part of a cast of 27, who, under the direction of their sixth-grade teacher, Theresa Schmidt, reenacted the pilgrim's plight in a slide show called "In Search of a Home." They have settled, at last, in Barnes School and will share their show with students and parents at a special assembly Friday, Nov. 28. (From the Nov. 27, 1975, Grosse Pointe News. Photo by Tom Greenwood.)

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

By Jo Maldonado

In Memory of Ginger Schott

When someone we know dies, a family member, a friend, co-worker or neighbor, we go through a mourning process. People stop by and pay their respects. There's a viewing, a funeral and if you are Jewish, a Shiva. Baskets of food are sent along with cards and messages expressing sincere sympathy. Bereavement, loss, emptiness. The struggle for coping.

But what happens when our pet dies? Someone who shared all those rough and happy times. If you were sad, that soft fur coat was always there to stroke, and that cold, black nose was always there, nudging you with reassurance. Relentlessly, without complaint, always fetching the stick, sitting patiently while you or the kids dressed them, the first one greeting you at the door, always positioning themselves by your side, and without thinking, doing whatever you requested of them. Your best friend, your family — gone.

In memory of Ginger Schott, our Pet Pointer of Interest, who faithfully despite her blindness and failing health, without complaint served by visiting the Georgian East Nursing Home and St. John Hospital until her last days, our sincere sympathies to her best friend, Jane.

If you would like to have your pet considered for Pet Pointer of Interest, submit your pet's photo (no photocopies and photos cannot be returned) along with a brief summary telling us why your pet is unique, include your address and phone number. Send all replies to Pet Pointer of Interest, 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; e-mail at Petpointer@aol.com.



Photo by Jo Maldonado
Ginger Schott

Safranek

From page 1A

ciate him in a personal and political way."

Fellow councilman Dan Clark called Safranek, who switched to Ave Maria from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, a "thinking man's attorney. He is able to penetrate some of the issues we've dealt with like

no one else has."

Reflecting on the seven years since Heenan and Greg Theokas, another park councilman, corralled Safranek for political service, Heenan said to his outgoing colleague, "The city has done well under joint leadership with you here."

The city council will appoint someone to complete Safranek's term, which was due to expire in November, 2001.



Stephen Safranek

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G.P. Woods warns residents about downspout rule

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods lawmakers have delayed passage of a downspout ordinance that will affect property owners throughout the community.

The delay gives city officials time to alert potential violators they will risk a citation for each day their downspouts aren't unplugged from sewer leads.

"We need to let residents know what's going on," said Thomas Fahrner, a Woods city councilman.

Woods mayor Robert Novitke wants residents updated on the pending ordinance before subjecting

uninformed violators to a string of citations.

The Woods city council could have enacted the ordinance last week, but put the matter on hold. The reprieve is temporary, as the measure is ordained by state law.

"We're on a time line with the state," said Novitke, (but) we know the importance of getting this in place, and not just because of the state legislature."

The disconnect mandate is an environmental initiative.

Combined sewer systems, as in the Woods, carry both sewage and storm water in a single pipe to a waste water

treatment facility. When the combined volumes of storm water and sanitary sewage exceed the capacity of the treatment plant, untreated overflow containing raw sewage is discharged into waterways.

In the Woods, that means polluted water from the Milk River Treatment plant spilling into Lake St. Clair.

Downspouts leading directly into the sewer system add to the problem.

Two years ago, Rep. William Callahan (D — St. Clair Shores) introduced legislation requiring Michigan cities with combined sewer systems to disconnect eaves troughs and

roof downspouts from the sewer system. The measure had bipartisan support, including Andrew Richner, the Grosse Pointe's Republican representative and one of the measure's many co-sponsors.

The mandate applies to the Woods because in 1990, rather than separate its sewer system, the city invested \$30 million for a 19-million-gallon water retention basin at the Milk River complex. As big as it is, the basin can't always handle the sudden rush of runoff from large storms.

Disconnecting downspouts from Woods sewers will help reduce the flow of

water to the treatment plant, lessen the likelihood of having to discharge combined sewage overflows, and thereby help keep the lake clean.

"We have a concern with pollution to Lake St. Clair and sewer backups in the city," said Novitke.

The disconnect edict will apply to residential property, schools and churches. Novitke will appoint a five-member appeal board to grant exemptions based on safety and an undue cost of compliance.

Property owners can file appeals within 30 days of being told by city inspectors to disconnect downspouts. As stated in the ordi-

nance, grounds for appeal include:

- Safety, such as if the only place to route water from a disconnected downspout would cause structural damage or icy conditions on a sidewalk or driveway, and

- If disconnecting the downspouts would cost more than \$100.

The matter will reappear before the city council on December 4, when it is expected to pass unanimously.

If approved, Novitke suggested delaying implementation for a month, rather than the customary 20 days, to give people fair warning.

Passive excessive? Floodlights for Patterson ice rink?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Public hearings and a game plan will precede a decision whether to install permanent floodlights around the reflecting pool at Patterson Park, often called the "passive park" in Grosse Pointe Park.

In a debate many city officials and residents believed would never surface but whose time may have come, a decidedly non-unanimous Park recreation commission has recommended ringing the 18,000-square-foot reflecting pool with 10 low-intensity floodlights suspended from poles 20 feet tall.

The lights will allow nighttime ice skating.

City officials, many with a history of preserving the park's natural setting, want more information before approving the project.

The city council has agreed to experiment with temporary lights to determine the benefits or consequences of installing permanent fixtures.

The test period has not been determined, but should take place this winter.

Lou Cerre, chairman of the Park recreation commission, wants Patterson's hours of operation extended from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. from December to March for nighttime family skating.

Terry Soloman, the Park recreation director, said about 75 people ice skate

daily at Patterson Monday through Friday. On weekends, usage jumps to between 300 and 700. She expects the numbers to swell if lights open the rink to evening activities.

As it stands, according to Soloman and others, the rink is underutilized because winter's early sunsets put a premature clamp on park activities.

Residents living near Patterson think Soloman is on target, which is why they oppose lights and the subtle but steady development of a traditionally benign facility such a proposal signals.

"Having lights opens a lot of things that might not be good," said John Palffy, a resident of the 700 block of

Grand Marais, which defines the 22-acre park's northern boundary.

On the other hand, Steve Hathaway, a member of the recreation commission, said, "It's a shame, given the investment in the rink, we don't get more use out of it."

Hathaway's comments were predicted in a 1995 letter to city officials signed by Palffy and three members of a neighborhood coalition called the Patterson Park Preservationists. The organization opposed construction of the park's reflecting pool, which doubles as a skating rink.

The group anticipated the floodlight issue and related developments they contended would erode Patterson's passive character into "a very active park."

"The cost and use of the artificial rink will be used to justify expanded development of the rink and peripheral activities," the letter read. "It is typical of these types of rinks to have lights and loudspeakers for music. Such systems would represent a dramatic departure from park policy."

Cerre said there wouldn't be music during nighttime skating.

Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said, "Five years ago, this council took a position against lights at the rink." He's willing to change his mind, he said, if the community says so.

Ferretting out a course for Patterson, however, is a public matter requiring public comment, Heenan said. In addition to future discussion at city council meetings, he left open the option for a public hearing.

The matter of lights,

Heenan said, should be decided "slowly."

Before approving lights, councilman Greg Theokas wants to know:

- The "exact" days and hours of operation for nighttime skating.

- Is there a deed restriction requiring Patterson to remain a passive park?

- Safety provisions for pedestrians and vehicles using the park.

- Should the entire 22-acre park be open after dusk, or just the skating rink? "If you restrict (nighttime park activities) to skating and people wander off, how do you control that?" Theokas asked.

Patterson Park is located at the foot of Three Mile Drive. The land occupies the former site of the type of sprawling lakeside estate that once defined the Grosse Pointe landscape, but which these days are confined mainly to a stretch of neighboring Windmill Pointe Drive.

In roughly the past 30 years, Patterson has been characterized repeatedly by Park officials as the community's passive park.

On the other hand, Windmill Pointe Park has been the almost uncontested site of large-scale developments.

Windmill's next project calls for expanding the one-story bathhouse into a two-story, year-round activities building complete with exercise facilities, meeting rooms, a gymnasium and glass-walled coffee lounge.

According to Carla Palffy, wife of John Palffy and a member of the Park recreation commission, proponents of nighttime ice skating have recommended the

premature purchase of 20-foot-tall lighting units they've never seen outside a magazine.

"It's jumping the gun to commit to something we haven't seen," she said.

Citing a string of incremental developments at Patterson, which include skating to music played over loudspeakers, Carla Palffy said, "I think we rush to action without looking at the big picture."

Recreation chairman Cerre countered that he and his commissioners have done their homework.

During two years of discussion, the group has focused on buying 10 low-intensity lights that, although mounted on 20-foot poles, are designed to create less glare than lights mounted at ground level.

Hanging from decorative black or bronze poles with a unit price of \$1,432 each, for a total cost of \$16,320 with installation, "the lights will come right down over the rink," said Cerre. "They won't reflect over to Grand Marais."

Larry Haggart, another commission member and lighting proponent, said, "The whole effort was to be especially sensitive, especially to neighbors who live on the periphery of the park."

He added, "We're trying to do what is best for the whole community."

Councilman Dan Clark has opposed lights in the past but, like Heenan, is open to change.

Clark said, "There is without question a creeping, incremental use of the park. Where do you draw the line?"



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Officers talk turkey

Officers of the third platoon of the Grosse Pointe Park department of public safety enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner they cooked themselves.

"Everybody pitched in," said Lt. John Sauber, who carved a turkey raised and donated by dispatcher Josie Hendrix. The meal, which consisted of stuffing, sweet potatoes, eggs and bread, had the feel of a family get-together.

"We work 12-hour shifts," explained officer Scott Taylor, "which means we spend a quarter of our lives together."

Working their way around the kitchen, from left, are PSO Dan Kolar, PSO Scott Taylor (with back to camera), Lt. John Sauber, Sgt. James Vogler and PSO Timothy Brandon. Behind Brandon is PSO Mike Narduzzi.

Bad drivers to face stiffer fines

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The four people arrested last week in Grosse Pointe Woods for violating driving suspensions have come in under the judicial wire.

If convicted, the suspects will face penalties slightly less severe than had they committed the same offenses two weeks from now.

Research, however, by Jack DesRosiers, the Woods assistant city attorney, hasn't found statutory authority for the Woods to extend the pay-back program to suspended drivers.

However, as of Dec. 10, first-time offenders convicted in the Woods of driving

with suspended driver's licenses will be guilty of a misdemeanor and face up to 93 days in jail (an increase from 90 days), a fine no greater than \$500, or both.

Subsequent convictions call for more jail time plus vehicle immobilization.

On Dec. 10, the Woods will enact tougher penalties against people found guilty of driving with a suspended driver's license. The new penalties result from city officials bringing local ordinances in line with state norms.

Woods city councilman Eric Steiner had hoped to increase significantly the financial consequences of driving while suspended. He proposed making suspended drivers pay the cost of their arrest, processing and conviction.

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G.P. Farms author wins National Book Award

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Gloria Whelan has never been to India, but her fictional tale of the fate of a 13-year-old Indian widow recently won her the National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident received the award in New York City on Wednesday, Nov. 15, along with best-selling authors like Ray Bradbury and Joyce Carol Oates who also received National Book Awards that evening for their recent works.

Whelan's book, "Homeless Bird," is about the plight of Koly, the widow of a sickly young husband of an arranged marriage in modern day India.

"I got the idea from a New York Times story on Indian widows who are abandoned by their in-laws and are forced to survive by chanting for food," said Whelan. "I had to think of some way for her to find a new life."

Whelan said she had done most of her research by reading books and memoirs written by Indians and talking to Indian friends.

Whelan's star-studded evening at the National Book Award ceremony at the Marriott Marquis was "great."

"We had dinner with 1,000 people," said Whelan. "Steve Martin was the master of ceremonies and all of the finalists did a reading at the New School."



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gloria Whelan received the National Book Award for Young People's Literature for her most recent book, "Homeless Bird."

Whelan is the author of 21 books for adults and young readers. "Once on This Island" won the 1996 Great Lakes Book Award. She also received an O. Henry Award for a short story published by the University of Illinois Press.

Whelan's next book, "Angel on the Square," is the story of a girl whose mother is a lady in waiting for Empress Alexandria, which begins before the start of the Russian revolution. It will be released by Harper Collins in the fall of 2001.

Michigan red light running death rate third in nation

Michigan's red light running death rate is third in the nation, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The death rate in Michigan resulting from red light running crashes was 3.7 per 100,000 people from 1992-98, just behind Nevada, 3.9; and Arizona, 7.1.

"People tend to be in a hurry," said Leanne Snay, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan (IIAM). "However, such haste can result in needless deaths and injuries when the decision is made to run a red light."

Each year more than 800

people die and an estimated 200,000 are injured in crashes nationwide that involve red light running. Total deaths in such crashes numbered almost 6,000 during 1992-98. More than half of these were pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who were hit by the red light runners. Another 2,779 who died occupied the vehicles that ran the red lights.

Nationally, fatal crashes at traffic signals increased 18 percent between 1992-98, more than three times the rate of increase for all other types of fatal crashes during the same time period.

Detroit had the ninth highest death rate of 6.5

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5. Transfer meat to serving board or platter. Remove bacon and strings. Replace bacon.
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Farms sewer project spurs recall threat

We knew we were not alone in our disgust with the Grosse Pointe Farms' handling of the year-long (and counting) citywide sewer separation project, which has resulted in nearly every street being torn asunder.

But even we may have underestimated the residents' wrath. To wit, following is, verbatim, an unsigned letter both the publisher and editor of this newspaper received last week.

"REPLACE THE ENTIRE G.P. FARMS COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER & INSPECTOR FOR THE HORRIBLE JOB DONE BY THE CITY ON THE SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT.

"OUR lovely City is a wreck because of these people, the city's inaction and the fact that they hired the wrong contractor. Even the supposed new asphalt streets have the ripple effect

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and they don't even notice it and are afraid to complain to the contractor about it. Is your driveway end still a mess? Your sprinklers disconnected? Sidewalk missing? No curbs? Street lights out? Fire hydrant disconnected? Street sign missing? Your walkway to the curb smashed and not replaced? Did they finish your street's sewer separation so late they will not repave your street with new asphalt until next April? Both the G.P. Academy & G.P. High School have problems getting students in/out daily? Your car out of alignment?"

"JOIN US IN RECALLING ALL OF THESE PEOPLE. WATCH FOR OUR ADS AND FLIERS. DO YOU WANT TO BE A CANDIDATE? WE HAVE RAISED \$20,000 FOR THIS CAUSE. (Signed) G.P. Farms residents."

From the beginning, this newspaper supported the Farms' sewer separation project, although it is the last Pointe to do so. Not only is the project mandated by the state, but it is essential to prevent raw sewage and storm water overflows from entering the lake during heavy rainfalls.

But supporting the project does not mean we support ineptitude. And we certainly do understand why Farms residents, including the anonymous letter writers, are hopping mad.


Except for the school board, we cannot remember a recall campaign being launched in the Pointes. Voters here are generally quite respectful and appreciative of their elected city officials. Clearly, circumstances must be dire for them to consider recalling their largely unpaid leaders.

The city's hired leaders, on the other hand, are not elected nor are they unpaid. They serve at the discretion of the city council. Gross negligence is grounds for dismissal at any place of employment and city government is no exception.

We are sure many more residents feel as those who submitted the recall missive. If you would like to "sound off" to city officials but have been reluctant to do so due to possible reprisal, the Grosse Pointe News has decided to waive its signed-letters-only policy in regards to the Farms sewer separation project, roads and leadership.

If you would like to let city officials and fellow residents know how you feel, you can write anonymously (or signed if you wish) to the editor and we will print your letters in coming issues of the Grosse Pointe News. Please indicate, however, what street and 100 block you live in, e.g., 100 block of Mapleton.

Letters may be addressed to Editor, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 and may be mailed, hand-delivered, faxed to (313) 882-1585 or e-mailed to jminnis@grossepointe-news.com

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Offering from the loft

Serious shopping

If black belts were awarded for shopping, these gals would certainly qualify. They are a sisterhood of three who have been planning a special shopping spree for a year.

They work together at a local hair salon and have listened to the stories of their customers' bargains from Florida flea markets over and over again. The great appeal of these venues is the enormous selection of merchandise and a good assortment of copies or "knock-offs" of designer items at affordable prices. Thousands of articles from clothing, jewelry, accessories, Lucite, luggage, shoes, kitchen items, flowers, cosmetics are available under one roof. It is a shopper's paradise — or nightmare.

One day the girls decided it was time to see this Mecca for themselves and their plans were set in motion. Naturally, they were bombarded with advice from their seasoned shopper customers. Each mentor suggested a favorite place to stay and a favorite "stall" in a favorite market, where a special deal could be struck.

Our gals were under a strict time allowance. They all had to work until 3 p.m. on Saturday, but having a vacation mindset in place, they would meet before going to the airport for an early dinner.

One of them began the Saturday at 4 a.m. fixing last-minute casseroles and laundry for her husband and then rushed to the mall for a 6 a.m. sale that was featuring sweaters at 50 percent off. Having accomplished this, she was on time for her weekly breakfast meeting with co-workers at 7:30 and was at the shop for her first appointment at 8:30.

This organized triumvirate met for an early dinner, as planned, and headed for the airport. The flight was blessedly uneventful. They arrived at their motel at 1 a.m. on Sunday.

Despite a scant few hours of sleep and struggling with each other's unfamiliar nocturnal habits, snores, earplugs, etc., they craved coffee at 5:30. None would be available until 7, so the youngest member of the group hit the streets in search of java for her roommates.

Armed with plastic, cash, shopping bags, sensible shoes, aspirin and their shopping endorphins soaring, they were at the first flea mar-

ket when the doors opened at 7. The girls were pumped!

My friends covered three large flea markets in two towns in 10 hours. The rookie shopper learned her lessons well and now has a master's degree in haggling. They met many fellow shoppers along the way, mostly from the East Coast and were given tips about the best places, prices, knock-offs etc.

Some of the girls came by the bargaining naturally, while others considered it rude to question a given price. They had to learn flea market etiquette, or lack of, as it were.

By the time the trip had ended, all manners had been cast aside as one of our ladies was seen chasing a vendor into a parking lot, where she convinced the woman to go back into the building and reopen her shop for one final purchase. Determination counts.

All of this took place in 10 hours, and the ladies were so exhilarated from their shopping they couldn't sleep. What would they do on Monday before their plane left? The flea markets aren't open on Mondays!

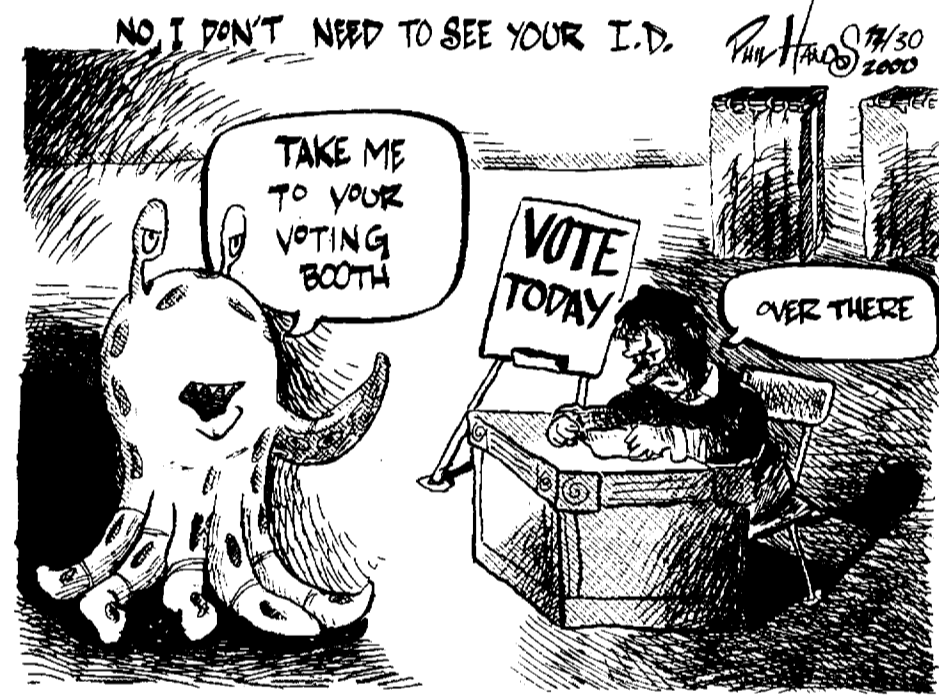
That didn't stop our gals. They found a mall. And in the mall, they found a Dillard's. We don't have a Dillard's in Michigan, said they, and thus rationalized spending full price for a few choice items.

They say some of the laughter was a result of trying to stuff the three of them and their purchases in a two-door rental car without breaking the purchases. On the way to the airport they decided to pick up some fresh produce. One doesn't go to Florida without bringing home grapefruit, oranges and fresh tomatoes.

They had checked three bags when they left Detroit. Collapsible duffels had been packed inside their luggage and 11 bags returned less than 48 hours later.

Knowing them as I do, I believe them when they tell me they laughed from the minute they left home until they returned on Monday night. All three of these gals love life and laughter, and I wish I'd been along for the ride. I've already invited myself on the next trip, but doubt I can keep up with them.

Plans are already being formulated to visit a new venue in Pompano next year. Delray and Stuart are history! Been there, done that, new horizons to conquer. Beware, power shoppers on the loose.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at [HANDSP@kenyon.edu](mailto:HANSDP@kenyon.edu)

Letters

A petition

To the Editor:

The Mack/Moross intersection is the busiest intersection in Grosse Pointe Farms. At this busy entry we now have an opportunity to develop a park that generates a feeling of peace and order, a Garden Park.

We could extend the landscaping that now exists or we could develop a more formal park — a rose garden similar to that at Windsor's Jackson Park, an arboretum, etc.

A few of us remember when our Mack/Moross land was occupied by pheasants and rabbits. More of us remember the cookie-cutter shopping center.

Most of us remember a council member, at a meeting of residents of Hillcrest and Moross, stating that there will be a three-story care facility built on our Mack/Moross property and seven homes on Moross will be demolished — Period! He spoke as a master — not as our elected representative.

Plans were made, money spent, homes demolished and families uprooted. A market survey was made and it was found that perhaps a handful of Grosse Pointe Farms residents might be interested in a care facility. The plans and money were flushed down the toilet and too bad for the ex-residents of Moross.

A city-wide referendum by that council concerning this plan would have saved money and heartache.

Now the Neighborhood Club has a plan to expand.

One of two sites will be chosen — Mack/Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms or Salter Park in Harper Woods. Busy Mack/Moross could not be less qualified and Salter Park more qualified. The busy-bee operation of the Neighborhood Club will have no effect on the streets or homes near Salter Park.

This is from Neighborhood Club's Master Plan: "This facility could include multi-purpose activity/meeting rooms, a competitive pool, warm water pool, gymnasium(s), fitness areas, ice rinks and other recreation spaces."

Salter Park is ideal for these activities. The Neighborhood Club has served many communities and families well over the years. Today a family membership is \$90 and there never has been a residency requirement.

We, the citizens of Grosse Pointe Farms residing on the block of Hillcrest closest to our Mack/Moross property, are typical in the sense that there exists on this block five teachers, a world-class artist, several nurses, several engineers, an accountant, a county prosecutor, a minister, several business owners, a school principal, a retired professor (both architectural and math), a world-class photographer and others, petition our council to provide a city-wide referendum to incorporate our Mack/Moross property into our park system as a Garden Park.

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Of greatness

To the Editor:

In response to the article, "People chime in with comments on new clock in the Village," published in the Nov. 16 issue of the Grosse Pointe News:

C'mon. It is a great tribute to a great man, Jerry Valente. He will be missed by many Grosse Pointers, and all members of the Village Association where he was a tireless worker and supporter.

So what if the structure does not resemble a Parisian or ancient Greek sculpture or edifice. It is a great monument to a great man.

We'll miss you, Jerry — a lot.

John M. Francis
Grosse Pointe Farms

Correction

The letter last week from an out-of-state fifth-grader seeking information about Michigan failed to include a return address. Mail responses to: Mercedes Fretz, Mintz Elementary School (Mrs. Haney), 1510 Heather Lakes Blvd., Brandon, FL 33511.

Michigan — officially

What, another I Say due? Rather than reading my opinions, test your knowledge of Michigan history by naming the state symbols and their meanings.

Below, care of state publications, are Michigan's official state symbols.

State flower:

Apple blossom

In 1897 Michigan legislators, feeling that "a refined sentiment" called for the naming of a state flower, designated the apple blossom. Joint Resolution 10 of that year noted "one of the most fragrant and beautiful

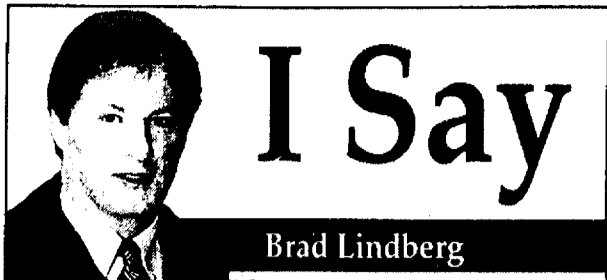
flowered species of apple, the pyrus coronaria, is native to our state."

Legislators also proudly declared that "Michigan apples have gained a worldwide reputation." A century later, Michigan ranks second in the nation in apple production.

State bird: Robin

After the robin (*Turdus migratorius*) was favored in a Michigan Audubon Society contest to choose a state bird, the Michigan legislature made it official.

Proclaiming the poll in which 200,000 votes were cast "widely and generally conducted," House Concurrent Resolution 30 of 1931 designated the robin as Michigan's state bird. Legislators called the robin "the best known and best



loved of all the birds in the State of Michigan."

State tree:

White pine

The towering white pine (*Pinus strobus*) is a symbol of one of Michigan's greatest industries — lumbering.

From 1870 to the early 1900s, Michigan led the nation in lumber production. During those years a transportation network and communities grew across the

state to accommodate the lumber boom. Public Act 7 of 1955 designated the white pine as the state tree.

State stone:

Petoskey stone

The Petoskey stone is actually a fossilized coral (*Hexagonaria pericaratina*) from a coral reef that existed in the northern Lower Peninsula during the Devonian era, 350 million years ago.

Adopted as the state stone by Public Act 89 of 1965, Petoskey stones are often made into jewelry and curios; the stones are also a favorite of collectors of all ages.

State gem:

Chlorastrolite

Chlorastrolite (literally "green star stone") is also known as greenstone or Isle Royale greenstone.

Like the Petoskey stone, chlorastrolite is often crafted into unique jewelry and souvenirs. The gem ranges in color from yellow-green to almost black and when polished shows a turtleback pattern.

Primarily found in the Upper Peninsula, chlorastrolite was adopted as the state gem by Public Act 56 of 1972.

State Fish:

Brook trout

More than twenty years after designating the trout as Michigan's state fish (Public Act 58 of 1965), the Michigan legislature specified one type of trout-brook (*Salvelinus fontinalis*).

Native to Michigan and found throughout the state, the brook trout was adopted as the state fish by Public Act 5 of 1988.

State soil:

Kalkaska sand

Soil is a vital natural resource. First identified as a soil type in 1927, Kalkaska sand is one of more than 500 soils found in the state.

Unique to Michigan, Kalkaska sand covers nearly

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Love and politics

The essence of love is that it is irrational.

My beloved is on a higher plane than all other mortals, higher than all women who have ever lived or ever will live. Our children are smarter and better looking than most, and are contributing to a better world. Their children are extraordinarily healthy, precocious and beautiful, and are the hope of the future.

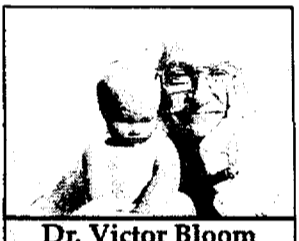
My best friend supports a different party than I do. Still, he is not altogether misguided; he means well. We keep a perspective by keeping a sense of humor. A sense of humor is essential to preserving a love relationship, because love relationships can get highly irrational, even stormy and tumultuous at times, but when the dust settles, we get on with life, nurturing our precious loves.

We are nothing until we love and are loved. For some strange reason, aspects of love infiltrate our politics. We firmly believe that our party is the better one, for ourselves, the nation and the world. The other party is questionable and potentially dangerous.

Somewhere along the line we choose a party affiliation and stick with it. In unity there is strength. In numbers there is strength. Might makes right. Possession is nine-tenths of the law. We want our party to possess the power of the executive, the White House, the Oval Office, be the Commander-in-Chief.

Our party is not only good for the rich, but also for the poor. Our party knows that what is good for the rich is also good for the nation, the economy and the poor. People who are rich build and create things, buy goods and services, and so many are employed and can also earn money to buy the things they want, and so our economy thrives. Our party knows that when Big Government aids the poor, the poor are worse off, so our party is against Big Government.

The other party throws money at problems, not solving them, but creating an ever larger bureaucracy which does nothing but



Dr. Victor Bloom

complicate life needlessly. In order to throw money at problems, they tax us to death, depriving us of our hard-earned money. Our party wants the individuals who have earned the money decide what to do with that money, rather than have Big Government rob us of what is ours.

The other party wants to take advantage and foster the tyranny of the majority, instead of respecting minority rights. They have destroyed standards and our prized meritocracy in order to give advantage to persons who would otherwise be disadvantaged. They think it is fair to take our money and give it to others. They do not like the rich being very rich and think that is why the poor are very poor. They think it is fair to redistribute the wealth.

Our party supports individual initiative and rights. The other party takes away our rights and gives them to others. Our party supports a strong military, to defend our way of life and make us secure, while the other party would make us vulnerable to aggressors and terrorists.

We prefer hawks to doves, while they support the spotted owl. We have confidence in the balance of nature while they are obsessed with global warming and holes in the ozone layer.

They say we are hard-hearted while they are compassionate. They call us Neanderthals, while they are civilized, modern and forward-looking. They call us prudes for maintaining moral standards, while they support situational morality. They maintain that sexual expression should not be hindered and unwanted pregnancies should be freely disposed of.

We tend to think that

every life is precious, even those of the unborn, but they don't think fetuses are persons. On the other hand, we believe in the death penalty, even though a few on death row are really innocent.

We tend to think that gays are not so gay and don't belong in the military. They say it is better not to ask and not to tell. We think gays and minorities are like anyone else, but they think they should be treated special.

How do we come to believe what we believe and feel as we do?

Once we have taken sides, the answers to questions come quickly and naturally. We are right and they are wrong. We are smart and they are dumb. We see the right way and they are misguided.

Our man has character and integrity, is honest and sincere, while their man is a gesticulating robot who has no principles. They think our man is inexperienced and dumb, an empty suit, a spoiled brat and a former drunk. We think their man is a pompous ass, presumptuous, posturing and lecturing, as if we don't know anything.

Our man makes us feel smart. Their man tries to make us feel dumb. Our man is lovable. Their man is hateful and obnoxious. Our man will become presidential and possibly a great leader, while their man will only lead us down the primrose path. Our man takes the high road. Their man takes the low road.

If their man steals the election, our country will go to hell in a hand basket. If our man steals the election, he would have stolen it fair and square.

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by Ben Burns

A frigid epiphany

The Rev. Dr. David Wick, minister at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church on Mack in the Woods, had an epiphany as he walked through the streets of O m s k , Siberia, last year. He was there with his friend and parishioner D a v i d Vlasak on a mission trip when a light went on.

Wick looked at the buildings, the streetcars and the vehicles and it reminded him of home. "It was like Minneapolis in the 1950s," Wick said, in admitting that moment played a role in his decision to heed a call to Riverside Baptist Church near the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi in West St. Paul, the twin city of Minneapolis. "It was 20 below and cold and frosty and crystal clear."

So after 15 years serving a congregation in the Grosse Pointes and after his son has put down roots in Birmingham and coaches some of the best public school athletes in the state at Farmington Hills Harrison, Wick and his wife Pat will be returning to the area of his birth to do God's work.

Wick is not your stereotypical image of a Bible-thumping Baptist minister, although he has been known to lug a big Bible around in his work. He is known within the Grosse Pointe Rotary as a clergyman who can say more in less time than a half dozen of his collared colleagues. And he looks more like a university literature professor with his round, bespectacled face and slightly shaggy mustache.

Dick Allison, Grosse Pointe Rotary's president, calls Wick "one of the most Christian Christians that I know."

While Wick takes his life's work seriously, he does not take himself seriously, exhibiting an impish sense of humor and good cheer.

For example, he converts tried-and-true jokes about religion to his own use. He tells the story about the Catholic lad who goes to the Baptist Church and his Protestant friend is explaining how Baptists worship. As the briefing concludes, the minister steps up to the lectern and looks down at his watch and adjusts it.

"What does that mean," the Catholic youth asks? "Not a darn thing," the Baptist youth replies.

Wick reports that his most famous parishioner at Riverside is one Harold Stassen, 94, who ran for the Republican nomination for president nine times and was governor of Minnesota

when he was 31.

So when the end of January rolls around, the Rev. Wick will be switching flocks. That is when the temperature in International Falls bottoms at 40 below and the hardy folks in Garrison Keillor country — where "the women are strong, the men good-looking and all the children are above average" — are plugging their engine blocks into electrical outlets to keep the oil from turning to frozen sludge.

Take a moment to think about Wick, heading out on a new adventure in the North Country. It isn't Siberia, but it may be the closest thing in the U.S.A. Grosse Pointe's loss will be Minnesota's gain.

From Moscow Our Moscow correspondent, Elena Thomas, daughter of Jim and Adriani Thomas of Grosse Pointe, reports that she spent a weekend trudging through the snow trying to find a Thanksgiving bird that resembled an American turkey.

She and a friend settled on a small French bird, but were saved from a Turkey day sans cranberry, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie by an embassy contact, who gathered up the stray single Americans for a family-style celebration.

Ms. Thomas, who is working on reducing nuclear

arsenals, tells us that the Muscovites happily celebrate American and Russian holidays. For example, they have festivities on Dec. 25 as well as Jan. 7, according to the Old Russian Orthodox Calendar. They mark two New Year's Days — Jan. 1 and Jan. 7. "Give us any reason to celebrate, and we will take it," one of Elena's colleagues said. "It is what Russians do best!"

A reading gift

Kathleen Maslanka, the new executive secretary of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, who replaced the recently retired Sally Giacobbe, is calling on Pointers to take new, unwrapped children's books to any of the library branches as a gift for the less fortunate children of the metro area.

"Make it a family project by involving your children in the selection of the book," she suggests.

The drive is part of the award-winning Detroit Free Press program, "The Gift of Reading." And the books go to Head Start programs, homeless shelters, and projects for the children of addicts and agencies serving Braille-reading youngsters.

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Cars are the candy of this Woods man's eye

By Chip Chapman
Special Writer

"It's great when you can combine your enthusiasm for something with a way to make a living at it," said Matt DeLorenzo.

As Detroit editor of Road & Track magazine, the Woods resident has done just that. "I've always had an interest in cars and did my own maintenance on them. When the opportunity came to work for an automotive magazine, I jumped at the chance."

After more than 20 years, DeLorenzo still enjoys writing about cars. "I like covering auto shows and attend-

ing races. I also like automotive design and the business aspect of the industry," he said. "I like it all."

With a father in the military, DeLorenzo moved around, living in Colorado and Wisconsin before finishing high school in Gurnee, Ill. After graduating from Bradley University, DeLorenzo stayed in town, working as a reporter for the Peoria Journal Star.

He began his career in automotive journalism when a friend asked him to become the executive editor of Automotive Fleet, a trade magazine that was moving its operations to Los

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Angeles. DeLorenzo later worked as a freelance writer in California and eventually became the Los Angeles reporter for Automotive News. He was also that publication's Washington, D.C., reporter before coming to Detroit in 1988.

"This is a great place to watch and write about the automotive business," DeLorenzo said. "California has a dependence on cars, a number of top design studios and the hot rod culture," he said, "but you won't find

much written about cars in the local papers. There, having a car is a marriage of convenience. Here, events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise show how crazy we are about cars. There are a lot of cars in garages here that we don't normally see."

DeLorenzo was the international editor of Automotive News when he joined Autoweek, another Crain's publication, in 1989. In 1998, he moved to Road & Track. That year DeLorenzo found time to author "The New Beetle," a book covering the entire process of creating a modern, more reliable version of one of the world's most well known cars.

"The publisher saw how popular the new Beetle was at the 1998 Detroit auto show and wanted a book to coincide with the car's launch," he said. "I wrote the book over a six-week period."

Working out of his home, DeLorenzo is Road & Track's "eyes and ears" in Detroit. He writes the "Letter from Detroit" column, reviews of cars he has road-tested and news about the Big Three. "I also have the opportunity to work on projects, such as

books," he said.

In addition to "The New Beetle," DeLorenzo has written "Modern Chrysler Concept Cars and Chrysler PT Cruiser" (co-authored with Road & Track's John Lamm).

"I had covered Chrysler quite a bit and knew a lot of the executives there when I proposed 'Modern Chrysler Concept Cars,'" he said. "I've always liked the 'eye candy' aspect of concept cars at auto shows. I see these cars as morale boosters, both inside and outside the company, as well as a way of conditioning the public for future models. My books have been written as though I was doing a straight report about the vehicle. They are about how ideas come about and how they are executed."

He feels that the PT Cruiser shows what is right with Chrysler and why Daimler-Benz was interested in the company.

"It's a risk-taking vehicle that represents innovative thought," DeLorenzo said. "That's the challenge to recapture this spirit."

Although he enjoys all aspects of the industry, DeLorenzo said he particularly likes automotive design. "Designers are interesting people," he said. "Design stirs emotions; it's a form of communication."

A successful car,

DeLorenzo said, is one that can cut across demographic lines. "Universal appeal is important," he said. "The PT Cruiser is a good example. It reminds us of cars that are embedded in our subconscious. It has a familiar look, like a car from the '30s as well as the look of a hot rod. It's a neat car."

DeLorenzo has witnessed the highs and lows of the auto industry since he began his career in the late 1970s.

"When I started as a full-time reporter in Los Angeles, Detroit didn't view foreign cars as a threat," he said. "It was interesting to watch the growth of a company such as Honda, as well as see others, like Daihatsu, come and go."

DeLorenzo believes that factors other than foreign competition contributed to the automotive industry's slump toward the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"There was a lot of technology being tested when the domestic market was down, and there was a steep learning curve," he said. "I think domestic cars have been doing a much better job lately. The quality is much better and cars are lasting longer. I don't think the industry gets credit for this."

After more than two decades writing about cars, DeLorenzo has trouble picking a favorite car.

"My usual answer to that question is 'the one I'm driving,' but it's true," DeLorenzo said. "I've driven just about everything. I had an AMC Gremlin in college. It was cheap and easy to work on. Nowadays, the quality is better, but cars are more difficult to work on. I've owned an Olds Cutlass, Mazda 626, Dodge Omni, Honda Accord and GM Saturn and liked them all. My next car might be a PT Cruiser. I have an affinity for Ferraris. I like the sound of the engine and the gears meshing. You can hear the passion in them."

Among DeLorenzo's other passions are playing golf and spending time with his family.

His wife, Jane, has been the copy editor of each of his books. They met while both were journalism students at Bradley University. The DeLorenzos are active at Star of the Sea, where they attend church and where their children, Amy and Stephen, are students.

As the automotive industry has become more global, DeLorenzo's job has taken him around the world, from road rallies across Europe to auto shows in Geneva, Frankfurt, Paris and Tokyo. But he always appreciates returning home to Grosse Pointe.

"The people here are the best I've encountered," he said. "It's a very family-oriented and tight-knit community."



Matt DeLorenzo took time out for a roadside photo while on a Land Rover trip to Morocco.

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B&Es up, drunk drivers down in Farms

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The latest crime statistics released by the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department show good news for the most part, with one exception. Break-ins are up when compared to last year. Director of public safety Robert Ferber told the Farms City Council at its latest meeting that there have been 17 break-ins so far this year. That compares with eight during the same time period in 1999.

When asked by Mayor Ed Gaffney why there were more B&Es this year, Ferber said that it was mainly due to an increased number of

break-ins of businesses along Maqk.

"Break-ins may be up," said Ferber. "But we've also made some good arrests. We caught the guy who recently broke into the Wooden Nickel. A patrol car caught him in the act. I think these break-ins are drug-related. Just addicts looking for quick cash to buy drugs."

There have been, of course, some break-ins of homes, said Ferber, but a couple of them later turned out to be false.

"I think one crime is too many," Ferber said. "But I'm realistic. There's bound to be some crime in a city like the

Farms. I think we do a good job of keeping the levels down."

Drunk driving offenses are down slightly compared to last year — 20 vs. 25 — said Ferber. But the nature of the driver has changed in recent years.

"In the old days we used to arrest drivers with blood alcohol levels of .22 or .32 all the time," Ferber said.

"That's rare now. The drivers we're arresting now, more often than not, have a blood alcohol level closer to .10 than .20. I think the people we're arresting now are problem drinkers, but don't know it, or don't realize that those four or five

beers have put them over the limit. The laws are so tough that the serious drinkers are getting their licenses pulled after only two convictions.

Ferber also wanted to remind the public that with the holidays coming up, they shouldn't ruin them by drinking and driving.

"There are going to be a lot of holiday celebrations, including during the day," Ferber said. "It's easy to get caught up in the holiday spirit and drink more than you should and then go out and drive. I want to remind people to be careful and be safe."

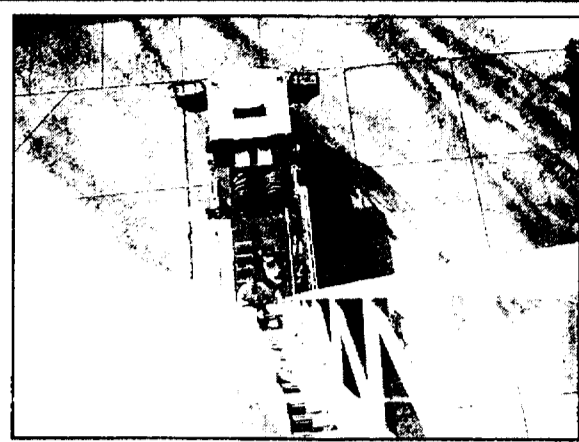


Photo by John Bruno

Ladder has long reach

Cameraman John Bruno, a field training officer with the Grosse Pointe Farms department of public safety, snaps a photo from the tip of the Farms' 100-foot aerial ladder fire truck. Bruno and Mike Scott, a recently-hired public safety officer who is standing at the foot of the ladder, undertook a training session on Thanksgiving morning.

I Say

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a million acres in 29 Upper and Lower Peninsula counties. Designated as the state soil by Public Act 30 of 1990, Kalkaska sand has distinctive layers ranging in color from black to yellowish brown.

Niles fifth-graders.
After discovering that no reptile represented the state, the children approached their state representative and followed the legislative process to its enactment as Public Act 281 of 1995.

Every year, deer hunting adds more than \$400 million to the state's economy. Public Act 15 of 1997, designating the state game mammal, successfully completed the efforts of Zeeland fourth-graders to include the white-tailed deer among Michigan's official state symbols.

lady." In 1865, the state flag changed to display the Michigan coat of arms on one side and the United States coat of arms on the other side.

Today's Michigan flag is a field of blue with the state coat of arms at its center.

State reptile: Painted turtle

Perhaps the most common of turtles, the painted turtle (*Chrysemys picta*) owes its place among Michigan's state symbols to a group of

State game mammal: White-tailed deer

Found in every Michigan county, the white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is an important natural and economic resource.

State wildflower: Dwarf lake iris

Public Act 454 of 1998 designated the dwarf lake iris (*iris lacustris*) as Michigan's official state wildflower. Now endangered, the vibrant purple flower was first discovered in Michigan in 1810.

Native to the state, it grows predominantly along the northern shorelines of Lakes Michigan and Huron.

State coat of arms

At the top of the coat of arms, also adopted by Public Act 209 of 1911, is an eagle holding an olive branch and arrows. An elk and a moose support a shield displaying a man standing on a grassy peninsula.

The following mottos appear on the coat of arms: "E Pluribus Unum" (From Many, One), "Tuebor" (I Will Defend) and "Si Quæris Peninsulam Amœnam Circumspice" (If You Seek a Pleasant Peninsula, Look About You).

State seal

Adopted by Public Act 19 of 1963, the seal is used on many official state documents.

The words "The Great Seal of the State of Michigan, A.D. MDCC-CXXXV" encircle the state coat of arms.

Salt signals winter

Local road crews are getting ready to tackle the slippery slope of winter roads.

In a sign of winter's icy onset, Grosse Pointe Park officials this week approved the purchase of 1,150 tons of road salt for \$30,000.

Morton Salt's low bid of \$26 per ton beat two com-

petitors who were charging up to \$36 per ton.

Dale Krajniak, the Park city manager, said in the unlikely event salt is left over from this winter's applications, it will be stored at a facility in Wayne County for use next year.

— Brad Lindberg

Red lights

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deaths per 100,000 people in red light running crashes for cities with over 200,000 population. It ranked below Phoenix, 10.8; Memphis, 8.0; Mesa, 7.8; Tucson, 7.6; St. Petersburg, 7.6; Birmingham, 7.0; Dallas, 7.0; and Albuquerque, 6.8.

"The best way to protect yourself and others is to drive defensively and to always stop at a red light," said Snay.

The insurance industry executive provides the following safe driving tips:

- Avoid unnecessary stress by allowing plenty of time for travel. Take into

consideration heavy traffic, possible accidents and traffic lights to determine how long it will take you to arrive at your destination on time.

- Be attentive. Some people run red lights because of inattentiveness and distractions.

- Drive defensively. Before moving ahead on a green light, look both ways to make sure that drivers in the other directions have stopped at the red light.

- Never drink and drive.
- Always wear your seat belt.

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Good nutrition brings good health and well-being

Someone once said "Everyone wishes to live a long life. Nobody to be old." But aging is inevitable. It begins at birth. Actually, the aging process is faster in the young than in those who are older. The aging process slows as the years progress.

A clinical pathologist once tried to recall from his experience any patient for whom the burden of years had become so excessively heavy and who had died solely for that reason. The nearest person he could recall was a man of 94 whose life had just seemed to fade away. An autopsy later showed that the man had died of lobar pneumonia of four days standing. The pneumonia — not just those 94 years — had killed the man.

Ninety-four years is not as uncommon as it once was. We have gone beyond the biblical promise of three score years and 10. True it took a long time for the aver-

age to creep up to the biblical right. Back in the Iron Age of Britain life expectancy was a brief 18 years. Two thousand years ago it was 22 years. During the Middle Ages it advanced to 33, in 1789 to 35, in 1836 to 40, in 1900 to 49 and in 1947 to 66. In 1961 it had reached 76.

Recent figures show that if one survives until 65 there is a good chance of at least 12 years more for males and 16 for females. It is more than likely that the authentic limit for mankind is 115 years. However, let it be noted that centenarians are almost common.

If the prospect of a long life is really cheering then the news that man in comparison with other species is a long-lived animal, beat only by the tortoise, will be welcome. There could be a lesson there. Whoever heard of a tortoise frantically racing about? Let the hare work under pressure. The



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

tortoise wins moving at a slow pace.

Beyond the obvious causes that can cut off the added years that modern science has granted us, what can an individual do to guarantee a long life span free of disease? Sleep, exercise, immediate attention to any signs of physical distress (this means not home remedies but consultation with a physician) and involvement in some form of social activity are all important in minimizing the limitations that the aging process can inflict.

As important as these considerations are, there remains still another — good nutrition.

Too many older people fall into the habit of simple meals that are easy to fix but lack vitamins and minerals that are needed to sustain good health. Good nutrition is the cornerstone of preventive medicine.

Adequate diet through the years is an effective means of maintaining health and vigor and minimizing degenerative changes that occur as one grows older.

True, there are some conditions over which individuals have little control, such as air pollution and chemical additives in the food. But, nutrition is one life control over which they can exercise choice. For instance, while older people are more sedentary and require fewer calories, the calories must be of highest quality. Studies have shown that as people age they experience a loss in lean body mass. This loss is usually accompanied by an increase in fat tissue. A good diet will preserve lean body mass and optimum health.

Another factor to consider is the degenerate change that comes. Loss of motor function and loss in bone tis-

sue resulting in fragile, easily fractured bones. It is believed that eating more foods with protein and amino acids can stabilize this age-related decrease in muscle fiber.

There are still many unanswered questions concerning the effectiveness of protein in the diet as a means of warding off disorders that accompany the aging prospect. But the prospect that protein could be a possible answer makes it worthwhile to include in a meal. We do know that protein in the diet is important as people grow older and the efficiency of their kidneys decreases.

Gastrointestinal maladies, the most common being constipation, can be relieved by ingesting high-fiber food.

There are other foods that are important in the diet also, such as fruit, vegetables and whole grains — requirements that have been brought to our attention all of our lives. These are facts that we know and constitute a good diet.

But there is still need for research in areas such as what kind of diet should be followed after an acute illness or ongoing chronic illness. There is a need for services to focus on the socio-

logical factors that affect eating habits. Changes in lifestyle among older people adversely affect their diet. Lower income, the trauma caused by death of a spouse, the fear if one lives in a high crime area of going shopping for food, can cause loss of appetite and result in undernourishment. A study done by the National Council on Aging substantiates this need. Its finding showed that work in this area has too frequently been based on cost of service against the benefits. The study applauded such home delivered and group meal programs but concluded that more should be done in the area of preventive health services.

Pre-retirement nutritional counseling, health screening programs and industrial health services were among those cited. It also pointed out a need to evaluate nutrition services in institutions that care for older people.

Another suggestion was made that would establish rehabilitation models to show the importance of good nutrition for patients, mentally and physically.

Everyone eats to survive. We might as well eat not only to survive but to live out our lives in good health and well-being.

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An orientation tape gives an overview of disease symptoms, diagnosis and

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The video tapes feature actual Alzheimer family members who share their day-to-day experiences as caregivers. They give viewers the opportunity to see, first-hand, how others cope with the real-life difficulties they face.

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Farms considers moves to counter Kerby School traffic

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms traffic safety experts have weighed in on what to do about the automobile traffic around Kerby School, and what can be done to improve pedestrian safety.

The Farms City Council held public hearings on a plan proposed by the Grosse Pointe district in October on a way to reduce the motor traffic around Kerby. The school plan called for creating a curb cut along Kerby where parents could pull their cars in to pick up and drop off their children.

The plan ran into opposition from residents along Kerby who said that such a curb cut would only make traffic on Kerby, a busy

enough street as it is, worse. Residents asked why a curb cut couldn't be built on Beaupre.

They were told that it would cost over \$200,000 to move utility lines on Beaupre out of the way to make room for the curb cut.

Members of the Farms council suggested that before an expensive curb cut be built, they test the premise that having drop-offs and pickups along Kerby would help with the traffic around the school.

To that end, the council voted to allow drop-offs and pickups on Kerby, pending the approval of Hubbell, Roth, the company that advises the Farms on traffic matters, of the plan.

On Monday, Nov. 13, the

council heard Hubbell, Roth's report. They advised against allowing parking along Kerby for drop-offs and pickups without the curb cut.

The street was just too narrow and too busy for such an action.

Director of public safety Robert Ferber said the report was on the conservative side, but he could see why they made that recommendation.

Farms public safety officer Dan Jensen said that while the council will not allow drop-offs along Kerby, they did give the public safety department permission to change parking along Kerby.

"Right now there is parking on Kerby on the side of Kerby opposite from the

school between Kercheval and Beaupre," said Jensen. "From Beaupre to Mack, you can park on Kerby on the school side of the street. We will be changing the parking so that you can park only on one side of the street, the side opposite from the school, from Kercheval to Mack."

Both Ferber and Jensen said that this is the beginning of a solution to the problem of traffic around Kerby School, but that it's not the solution.

The real problem, said Jensen, is that most of the public schools in Grosse Pointe were built to be small neighborhood schools in a time when that was the way schools were built.

That means that they

built very close to residential property. This is good in that residents have a school nearby where their children can walk to.

But that means that there isn't a lot of space for automobile traffic.

Schools built in newer communities have large amounts of land around the building. North High School is an example of a newer school.

"We're all ears for suggestions on how to solve the traffic problem," Jensen said. "We care deeply about child safety, but given the costs involved and the nature of the schools and the neighborhoods they're in, there's only so much you can do. There are always going to be cars and there always

going to be kids walking."

Ferber said there are choices that will have to be made by residents, drivers, parents, the school district and Farms officials on what to do.

Factors affecting these decisions are cost, loss of green space and landscaping, shifting of traffic from one place to another and the limitation of land available for solutions.

"What I might support, the school district might not," said Ferber. "What the district and I might support, neighborhood residents might not because we all have different values and different concerns. Finding a solution that will please everyone will be very difficult."

Catch a thief

A quick-acting resident of Grosse Pointe Park is being credited with helping police arrest a subject suspected of breaking into a house in the 1000 block of Bedford.

The break-in took place during the day on Monday, Nov. 13. The thief entered the house through a rear door. He left with stolen money and jewelry.

Police arrested the suspect after a resident reported a stranger walking through backyards in the area of Devonshire and Charlevoix.

"The alert actions of this concerned resident greatly facilitated this investigation," said Richard Caretti, the Park's director of public safety.

More mad cats

Another stray cat has gone postal in Grosse Pointe Woods.

This time, the victim in a recent wave of kitty rage was a Woods policeman sent to evict the freeloading feline from a basement in the 20000 block of Hollywood.

As the officer reached for the orange-colored cat, the animal bit his outstretched finger. The cat's victory was short-lived, as the officer placed it in a cardboard box and took it to a local veterinarian for safekeeping.

The cat attack was the third in a recent series of similar incidents that, along with the distribution of possum cages and chasing loose dogs, has highlighted the animal control portion of the Woods public safety department's daily routine.

Purse found; money gone

On Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:40 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods man who was walking his dog in the 2000 block of Hampton found a discarded

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purse that had been stolen a couple of hours earlier.

The man reported his discovery to police, who determined the purse had been stolen from a woman patronizing a business in the 20900 block of Mack shortly before 6 p.m.

Witnesses to the theft said they saw an unknown man take the unattended purse and run away through a Mack Avenue alley. Police searched the neighborhood but were unable to find anybody suspicious.

Three warrants

On Thursday, Nov. 11, at about 3 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police stopped a 41-year-old Detroit man who was speeding more than 50 mph on southbound Mack Avenue.

Officers arrested the man upon discovering he had three outstanding warrants, including disorderly conduct charges, in Detroit.

Playstation plucked

During the night of Sunday, Nov. 12-13, someone stole a Sony Playstation 2 from a Jeep parked in the 1400 block of Maryland.

Hair today, gone tomorrow

A woman who registered at a hair salon under an apparently fake name and address skipped out on her bill last week in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Following a two-hour fix-it job on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at about 2 p.m., the woman told a receptionist at a salon on Mack that she would pay for the treatment after getting money from her car.

The woman, who had blond, shoulder-length hair, left the shop but never came

12 suspensions

On Monday, Nov. 13, at about 7 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police came upon a drunken man staggering next to his 1995 Mercedes parked in the 1700 block of Allard.

According to the arresting officer, the man was "very uncooperative from the time of the arrest. (He) continually challenged my instructions."

The man registered a .212 percent blood alcohol level. Upon checking the man's criminal record through a statewide law enforcement database, Woods officers learned he was wanted on two outstanding warrants

back. Woods police tried to trace her name and address but came up empty.

Brys speeders

Grosse Pointe Woods police are monitoring traffic in the 1300 block of Brys Drive following reports of chronic speeders.

In a complaint to police, a resident singled out a unknown male juvenile driving fast in a Pontiac Trans Am.

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Christopher VanHof

Student of the Week is a weekly feature of the Grosse Pointe News in which one high school student is selected based on academic, athletic or community service.



The Student of the Week is awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the Gap from Vyletel Volkswagen/Buick.

Seniors can go for the gold and save

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

While many gold cards only signify token esteem and have no real meaning, there's one that's truly worth its weight.

Seniors 60 and over are eligible for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Gold Card. The card gets seniors into school district-sponsored events free of charge.

"The Gold Card is a perk for all the seniors in the district and to thank them for their support," said district coordinator of volunteer resources Janet Truance. "It's nice for those who don't want to travel out of the district or travel at night to do something."

Currently, about 3,500 out of 10,800 seniors living in the school district hold gold cards. Gold cards may be obtained by calling Truance at (313) 343-2028.

December brings in the beginning of the winter sports season and a bounty of holiday concerts.

Truance warned that high

school plays and concerts are often performed to sell-out crowds. She said advance tickets may be picked up on Posterity: A Gallery at 16847 Kercheval in the Village for Grosse Pointe South High School performances and at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods for Grosse Pointe North High School performances.

Saturday, Dec. 2
South boys varsity hockey v. Pioneer High School, City Sports Center, 7:20 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
North boys freshman basketball v. East Detroit High School, North gym, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
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North girls varsity hockey v. Bloomfield Hills High School, Great Lakes Rink, 3:45 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 8
North boys basketball v. Kalamazoo Central High School, North gym, junior varsity, 5 p.m. and varsity, 6:30 p.m.

South boys basketball v. Hamtramck High School, South gym, junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

South boys freshman basketball v. Grosse Pointe North, South gym, 4 p.m.

South vocal music Holiday Pops concert, North Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11
North girls volleyball v. Cousino High School, North gym, freshmen, 4 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m. and varsity, 7 p.m.

South girls varsity

gymnastics v. Pioneer High School, South gym, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
North boys freshman basketball v. Eastland Junior High, North gym, 4 p.m.

Pierce instrumental music concert, Pierce auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13
North girls volleyball v. Port Huron Northern, North gym, freshmen, 4 p.m.; junior varsity, 5 p.m. and varsity, 6 p.m.

Parcells vocal music concert, Parcells auditorium, 7 p.m.

South boys varsity hockey v. Southgate Anderson High School, City Sports Center, 7:20 p.m.

South girls varsity hockey v. Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, City Sports Center, 5:30 p.m.

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Rings of thanks

The Richard Elementary School fourth-grade parent network planned an after school volunteer project for Richard fourth-graders to make greeting cards and Pilgrim napkin rings to be distributed to seniors receiving home-delivered meals from Services for Older Citizens (SOC) at Thanksgiving time. SOC interfaith volunteer coordinator Sharon Maier also talked to the students about what it's like to grow old and about health problems seniors often experience.

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North and South students will get down to business

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Students at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools will have more than one way of taking care of business...classes that is, beginning next school year.

Stated for the 2001-02 school year are two new business classes, advertising and sports and entertainment marketing.

"We want to provide a wider variety of business classes so students can get an idea of what they want to go into when they go to college," said North business teacher Michelle Davis.

curriculum team researched business colleges and found that more of them are starting to specialize majors in specific areas like advertising and sports and entertainment marketing.

The advertising class will cover client/agency relations and the social responsibilities of advertisers and agencies will teach students how to develop story boards and write radio ads.

"By the end of the class the goal will be to develop an entire advertising campaign," said Davis.

The sports and entertainment marketing class will cover the power athletes have on society and how

they are used as marketing tools, the role of the sports agent and how they market their clients and the responsibilities athletes and teams have to society. The class will also cover ratings, promotional strategies and recreation legal issues.

Davis said, "We're trying to incorporate as much technology as we can in these classes. The kids will use a lot of the programs used in the advertising industry to create their projects."

Davis said there aren't many high schools that offer these classes.

"We might be starting a trend," Davis said.

Gold card

From page 14A

Thursday, Dec. 14

North girls varsity gymnastics v. Rochester High School, North gym, 7 p.m.

South boys varsity swimming v. Chippewa Valley High School, North pool, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15

North boys varsity wrestling v. Henry Ford II High School, North gym, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16

North boys varsity hockey v. Mona Shores High School, St. Clair Shores Arena, 8 p.m.

North girls varsity hockey v. Grosse Pointe South High School, Great Lakes Rink, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

North girls varsity

gymnastics v. Birmingham Groves High School, North gym, 7 p.m.

South girls varsity gymnastics v. Andover High School, South gym, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

North boys freshman basketball v. St. Clair High School, North gym, 4 p.m.

North boys basketball v. Sterling Heights High School, North gym, junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

South boys freshman basketball v. Roseville High School, South gym, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

South girls varsity hockey v. Regina High School, City Sports Center, 5:30 p.m.

South Yule Be Boppin' jazz concert, South auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Thursday, Dec. 21
North holiday vocal music concert, First English Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

North boys basketball v. Grosse Pointe South High School, North gym, junior varsity, 6 p.m.; varsity, 7:30 p.m.

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Crime — Champagne thieves

From page 13A

(driving while license suspended and disorderly conduct). His driver's license had been suspended 12 times since May 1996.

An unknown man and woman seen stealing bottles of champagne ran out of a store in the 20400 block of Mack, jumped in a waiting Jeep and sped away.

Dopey quartet

Four local boys aged 15 and 16 have been turned over to their parents after a policeman caught them smoking marijuana in a shed behind a building in the 1850 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I opened the doors to the shed and the four youths were inside," said the arresting officer. "The odor of marijuana was stronger in the shed."

The four suspects, two each from the Woods and Harper Woods, denied having anything to do with the drug.

The theft took place on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3:09 p.m. The woman was seen hiding champagne in her purse. Her male companion stuffed a bottle down his pants.

According to witnesses, there were two men waiting in the gray 1990 Jeep Sport, which police determined was registered to a Warren man.

Holiday drunk

There are sloppy drunks, sleepy drunks, feisty drunks and happy drunks. But no matter how alcohol changes a person's behavior, when drinkers slide behind the wheels of motor vehicles, they're dangerous drunks. Witness the behavior last

week of a 28-year-old St. Clair Shores man with a blood alcohol level of .14 percent.

On Thursday, Nov. 23, at 3:15 a.m., police found him slumped unconscious over the steering wheel of his car as it sat, running and in gear, near the top of the exit ramp from I-94 to Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods. The man had apparently lodged his foot on the brake before passing out.

The arresting officer said, "I applied several sternal rubs and called in a loud voice in order to wake the subject. (He) awoke slowly."

The man looked up through bleary eyes and nearly fell out of his car. The officer put him through a series of field sobriety tests.

"I told the suspect to recite the alphabet — not sing the alphabet," said the patrolman. The man jumbled his letters, mixed up his numbers and swayed back and forth while failing to stand on one leg.

"No wind was present," said the officer, eliminating meteorological reasons for the man's unsteadiness.

from his car and placed him on the ground. The man was unable to perform field sobriety tests.

Police searched his car and found a nearly empty fifth of vodka in a storage compartment between the front seats.

"Was anyone hurt in the crash?" he slurred.

The drunken driving veteran refused to take a preliminary breath test, which would have determined his blood alcohol content. Therefore, Woods police called municipal judge Lynne Pierce, who signed a search warrant for the man's blood to be drawn at a local hospital.

"While at the hospital, the man was profane, insulting and defiant," said an officer.

A potential four-time offender, the man faces felony drunken driving charges. Felony drunken driving carries a sentence from one to five years in prison.

Dog's last day

A dog with health problems spent the last scheduled day of its life shivering alone and unprotected in sub-zero windchill near a bowl of frozen drinking water.

Grosse Pointe Woods police rescued the animal on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 8:40 a.m.

Officers are investigating animal cruelty charges against the dog's owner, a 42-year-old Woods woman police said has at least one prior complaint regarding her alleged neglect of Bagel, a Beagle living in the 1900 block of Country Club.

Police discovered the dog shivering in 5-degree wind chill next to a backyard fence.

"The doghouse did not have a door or anything to block the elements," said the responding patrolman. Two officers took the animal to the Woods police station, where, according to reports, "Bagel was given food and water, and warmed up."

With a prior complaint against the homeowner in hand, police wouldn't release Bagel to his owner unless "(she) agreed to take care of the problem (until) the city attorney and detec-

tive bureau had a disposition on the report."

At about 2:15 p.m., the woman learned the whereabouts of her pet and called the police station.

She said, according to police, "(Bagel) was due to be put down today due to his medical condition."

Shortly thereafter, the dog was released to its owner.

Robbery at local bank

When the manager of a St. Clair Shores fast food restaurant tried to make a night deposit at a bank in the 20100 block of Mack Grosse Pointe Woods, a robber pushed her back into her car, made like he had a gun, and said, "Give me everything."

The robbery took place on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 6:13 p.m.

The manager handed over the restaurant receipts, plus her wallet, four gold rings each with a half-carat diamond, and two yellow bracelets.

As the robber ran north from the bank parking lot, the victim ran south. She called police from a nearby store.

Officers searched the area but found nothing.

Party smashed

Charges of interfering with police could be lodged against a Grosse Pointe Woods woman and her underage daughter following the police break-up of a drinking party in the 700 block of Roslyn.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, at 1:15 a.m., seven Woods public safety officers converged on the house to find what turned out to be 26 attendees, 19 males and seven underage girls. Most of those in attendance, ranging in age from 17 to 21, would test positive for alcohol consumption.

Party-goers included but were not limited to residents of the five Grosse Pointes. Tests of alcohol consumption resulted in blood alcohol levels ranging from zero to .144 percent. Police issued 16 citations. All seven girls were cited for either drinking or refusing to take a breath test.

Police issued a ticket to the homeowner's 20-year-old male son for hosting an open house party. The host said his parents were out of state.

As police administered preliminary breath tests, the mother of a 20-year-old female drinking suspect drove up in an SUV to take the girl home.

The mother and daughter objected when officers said the girl would be detained for a breath test.

"The (girl) disregarded my requests to wait," said an officer. "She jumped into her mother's vehicle and they drove off."

Meter made

On Saturday, Nov. 25, at about 10 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police discovered someone had stolen the coin box from a parking meter in the Broadstone parking lot.

Drunk taken off GPW roads

A 28-year-old Detroit man caught weaving from lane to lane on Mack near Old Eight Mile Road has been arrested for drunken driving.

Grosse Pointe Woods police made the arrest on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 2:42 a.m. The man thought he was in Hazel Park. He registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent.

Suspended

On Friday, Nov. 24, in Grosse Pointe Woods, four people were arrested in separate incidents for driving with a suspended license.

The arrests occurred on or near Mack between 10:20 a.m. and 6 p.m. Three suspects lived in Detroit, one in Hazel Park. All were pulled over for routine driving infractions, such as having a burned out headlight or expired license plate.

Well done

On the evening of Sunday, Nov. 11, Grosse Pointe Park firefighters rushed to a smoking house in the 1000 block of Devonshire to find the homeowner overcooking food in an attached garage. Officers used heavy-duty fans to clear the home of smoke. See CRIME, page 22A

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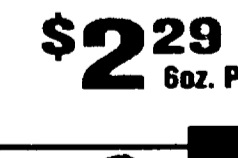





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Mercedes E-Class boosts travel pleasure

We've been on the road for some 300 miles. The windshield wipers — correction, the windshield wiper — has been on for about 280 of those miles.

The route is westbound Interstate 80. It has taken us from the George Washington Bridge which connects Manhattan to Fort Lee, N.J., across the Garden State and into Pennsylvania. We're heading for the Ohio Turnpike and, ultimately, Detroit.

A rest stop in DuBois in central Pennsylvania brings relief from the incessant precipitation as well as a return visit to a tiny donut shop where sugared or glazed donut holes placed obligingly in small, white paper bags, run \$1 a dozen. And bear claws look for all the world like the real McCoy.

Along the route and at the donut shop counter, we've been discussing the virtues of our chariot, a 2001 Mercedes-Benz E-Class sedan, color silver, model sport, with 4.3-liter V-8 engine.

Its alphabet soup features

include BAS, ASR, ESP and ABS. Other technology designed to make travel safer and thereby more fun includes side-curtain air bags that protect both front and back seat passengers. All E-Class sedans have door-mounted side air bags. Tele Aid provides emergency service through a special cellular connection that operates on its own system. The car owner need not purchase a cellular phone or service.

We first experienced the ESP (electronic stability program) in a setting not as dramatic as taking a wet curve at too high a speed. No, it was a steep climb out of an icy McDonald's parking lot back onto a surface street in eastern Ohio. ESP detects an impending spin or slide and brakes one of any of the four wheels. It helps prevent a vehicle from fishtailing in certain driving situations. It is not intended to replace careful driving, warns the owner's manual.

BAS refers to braking assist. With this system, the brakes can sense a panic effort on the part of



Autos
By Jenny King

the driver — a very sudden application of the brakes. The system kind of takes over, braking firmly and bringing the car to a stop faster than most drivers could. Some research has shown that when we brake in panic situations, we tend to not brake hard enough and also to let up a bit after the initial brake application.

ASR refers to the traction control which detects when one rear wheel is spinning faster than the other and applies the brake to that wheel to restore straight-line traction.

Another nifty, and very appropriate, feature on this \$60,000 luxury sedan is a rain sensor that guides the actions of the wiper when you use the intermittent

setting. A light sprinkle gets an occasional sweep of the large, centrally mounted wiper arm. But when you're making your way toward Netcong, New Jersey, and you're passing a big semi that fills the air with spray, the wiper picks up the pace and keeps the glass clear.

Thanksgiving Sunday the roadside rest stops are packed with travelers. There are long lines at McDonald's drive-thrus and long lines for food and restrooms inside. Out on the highway, the pace is friendlier. Mother Nature, never at a loss, gives us patches of green grass beside the road. Those accents run through thickets of brown, red and gold

dried stalks of summertime growth. In the hilly sections of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, clouds have succumbed to gravity and are nestling in small valleys and ravines. Other clouds appear to have been caught in the empty branches of the trees that grow perpendicular to the steep sides of slopes. Still other patches of humidity are here and there in the trees, looking like smoke from fires.

Much of the trip, we drive in and out of fog and clouds, in and out of rain, back to the Midwest from the excitement of the Big Apple and parts of Long Island. Driving didn't seem as treacherous on Manhattan this year. But it took over an hour to cross the George Washington Bridge going into town on Thanksgiving. Mercedes are not such a big deal in Manhattan as one might think. They appear to be everyday transportation for those who live in the endless high-rises. Presumably families coming onto the island to bring their children to the Big Apple Circus at Lincoln Center, to the museums or

to Broadway shows, are driving medium-to-large sport utilities. Bright-yellow Honda Odysseys make up a significant portion of the cab transportation on Manhattan. There are plenty of Lincolns and Jaguars and BMWs.

The E-Class is Mercedes' most popular series in terms of sales. It's available in four-door sedan and five-door station wagon models. Engines include a 3.2-liter V-6 (221 HP) or one of a couple of 4.3-liter V-8s. The standard V-8 develops 275 HP; a high output version for the E55 AMG performance models cranks out 349 HP. 4MATIC all-wheel drive is available on all E320 and E430 models.

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Flu and pneumonia can be prevented this winter season

By Sheryl Stogis, DrPH

Now that the election is over, it's time for older adults in Michigan to focus on another important issue affecting their quality of life — getting their flu and pneumonia shots in order to stay healthy this winter. There are four great reasons why you should strongly consider having your flu and pneumonia shots.

First, you need these shots to stay healthy. Unlike a cold, the flu can cause serious illness and death. Flu and pneumonia are the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and more than 90 percent of those

deaths are persons 65 years of age and older. There are approximately 20,000 deaths in the United States each year due to these diseases.

In Michigan, there were 225 flu or pneumonia deaths per 100,000 residents 65 years of age or older. There were just two flu or pneumonia deaths per 100,000 residents under the age of 50. It is vitally important to have your shots once you reach 50.

Second, having your shots will help you protect your friends and family from the flu. If you get the flu or pneumonia, those who come

in contact with you are at risk of catching it from you.

Third, there should be enough flu vaccine in Michigan for everyone who needs it. There have been conflicting reports in the press regarding the flu vaccine. The vaccine has been delayed a few weeks, but there should be enough vaccine.

Finally, a flu shot is typically free! Medicare pays 100 percent of the cost of the flu shot for those with Medicare Part B coverage. For people not covered by Medicare, health departments often offer free or very low-cost vaccines.

Who should have the flu vaccine? The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu shot for everyone 50 years of age and older, anyone with serious long-term health problems, anyone with a weakened immune system, and people in close contact with these high-risk groups. The risk of hospitalization and death from complications of influenza are greatly reduced if you have a flu shot.

Approximately 40,000 people in the United States die each year due to pneumonia. This is twice the number of flu-related

deaths. The pneumonia vaccine is given year-around and can be given at the same time as the flu shot.

Who should have the pneumonia vaccine? The CDC recommends that all persons aged 65 years and older and those people with weakened immune systems should receive a pneumonia vaccination.

If you are unsure of whether you need to be vaccinated for the flu or pneumonia, ask your doctor or local health department.

The Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) is committed to improving the quality of

health care for Medicare beneficiaries in Michigan. If you or a loved one are on Medicare and have any questions about flu, pneumonia, or any other health concerns, call the Medicare Beneficiary Information Line at (800) 365-5899 or check out our web site at www.mpro.org for further information on flu and pneumonia.

To make sure you can enjoy all that Michigan offers this winter, have your flu and pneumonia vaccinations and stay healthy!

Sheryl Stogis, DrPH is chief executive officer of MPRO.



'Tis the season

Assisted living residents at St. John Senior Community Chuck Bachrach, left, and Dave Anderson raise a glass to toast the change of seasons at a recent wine-and-cheese party at the senior community. Many residents enjoyed the music of the Belgian-American band and dancing in the twilight at the facility, located off Mack on Canyon Street.



Photo by Michael Migliore

Seniors display artwork

Marguerite Blackstone, an assisted living resident of St. John Senior Community, proudly displays the watercolor artwork she created for the facility's third annual community art exhibit.

The works of two dozen of the senior community's resident artists were recently displayed at the Colonial Art Gallery at Doc's Caffe in St. Clair Shore. Local artist Dort Hartemayer volunteers time at the senior community to teach watercolor classes, then arranges to showcase their work at the gallery. The senior community is located at 18300 E. Warren at Canyon, one block west of Mack Avenue.

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Photographing children

Did you know that children are the most photographed of all subjects? After all, what other than a photograph can provide an enduring record of the growth and activities of a child?

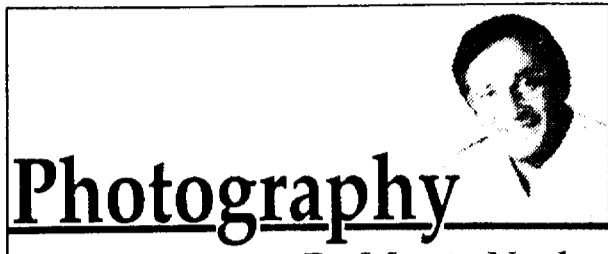
And because these pictures will grow more meaningful as time goes by, you, the photographer, must utilize the utmost care and attention in capturing the precious times of childhood.

Most important is obtaining a child's spirit on film. Some kids are natural "hams" and will respond delightfully in front of the camera. Others are shy and may not react well to posing directions. Stiff, artificial expressions will tend to replace a natural look and it is only after the camera is put away that the child's naturalness returns.

But if a child is enjoying a toy or an activity of their own choosing, he or she will become unaware of the camera and capturing the child's "spirit" will be easy.

So begin by concentrating on candid. The unplanned and the unexpected provide the opportunity for that exceptional photograph of your child.

The objective in candid is



Photography

By Monte Nagler

to capture the fleeting expression and spontaneity of the moment.

If you are shooting in a more controlled, posed environment, let the child "do his or her own thing." Let them assume positions or facial expressions that are a reflection of their own personality.

Here are some specific pointers that will help you to get children pictures with impact. First, it's important to get down on the child's level, even if it means lying down on the floor. Photos looking down on kids simply aren't flattering. Children live in a world of giant adults and huge surroundings.

By getting low, you can obtain the child's perspective and greatly improve your pictures.

Try using a telephoto lens.

A focal length of 100 to 200 mm allows you to keep your distance and will be far less intimidating. In fact, the child may not even know you're there.

If outdoors, shoot on an overcast day. Overcast skies provide the best lighting for people pictures. The lighting is soft and harsh shadows are virtually eliminated. If it is sunny, position yourself so that the sun is behind your subject. You can even use flash as a fill-in to add sparkle to the face.

If indoors, try natural light from a window. You may need a faster film but the results will be very pleasing.

By photographing children properly and well, you'll be able to record the spirit of youth that your family and friends will enjoy for a lifetime.



This delightful little girl in Civita, Italy strikes a charming pose for Monte Nagler's camera. A short telephoto helped Monte "fill the frame" for more impact.

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Tech stocks crash; old old economy stocks down less

What hath the election wrought? Since the close of Tuesday, Nov. 7, election night, the tech-weighted NASDAQ Composite has lost 14.7 percent of its value through last Friday.

But the Old Economy Dow Jones Industrial Index has lost only 4.4 percent for the same period of only 12 trading days covering 2 1/2-plus weeks.

The media pundits kept saying over and over and over that the present bear market has been caused by (take your pick):

- 1) earnings deterioration,
- 2) high interest rates, and
- 3) uncertainty about the

election. Let's start with 1): The earnings deterioration is surprising, the fourth quarter 2000 earnings growth estimates have been lowered by one-third, from 15.6 percent down to 10.7 percent, and we're just going into the second month of the fourth quarter.

Continuing with 2): High interest rates continue because Mr. Greenspan, etc., "stood pat" at their November meeting, and the "soft landing" is proceeding according to Mr. G's plan.

But what if the "soft" become a "landing?"

Mr. G. will certainly lower interest rates in his exercise of monetary policy. But the fiscal stimulation may be missing because of the gridlock in the 2001 Congress, and whoever is the next president.

The uncertainty of the

Let's talk...STOCKS

election (No. 3) is a huge anchor dragging the market down. Untold billions have already been lost because of the Florida fiasco.

LTS leaves this situation to your imagination as to its eventual resolution!

\$5 limit

Brent Snavelly, feature writer for Crain's Detroit Business (Nov. 13), reported that Troy-based Lason Inc. (LSON, about 70 cents per share on the Over The Counter Bulletin board) had been delisted from NASDAQ because its bid price closed below \$5 for 30 consecutive days.

Snavelly further wrote: "Once the stock price dropped below \$5 a share in mid-May, Lason had 90 days to get the price above \$5 a share for 10 consecutive days," which did not happen.

Lason is currently traded on the Over The Counter Bulletin Board, which is not widely published. After quite a search, LTS found Lason's home page on the Internet.

LSON closed last Friday at 70 cents, with the closing market: 70 cents bid and 73 cents offered. The web homepage does not list the number of market-makers or the number of analysts who follow the stock, if any.

Within the financial community, most stocks trading at less than \$5 a share are considered "speculative," and those trading at less than \$1 are called "penny stocks."

Most traders will admit that some speculative stocks make it to the big time, which is called "investment grade."

Many members of Detroit's X-Dividend

Luncheon Club remember that Masco Corp. was a favorite of Griswold Street brokers in the 1960s because it traded back and forth between \$2 and \$5.

The Baker Simmonds brokerage firm, next door to the London Chop House on Congress, was one of the principal market-makers in Masco when it traded Over-the-Counter, long prior to NASDAQ being established.

LTS currently notes that five local stocks, all still listed on NYSE, are trading at less than \$5 a share:

- Champion Enterprises (CHB, about 3.58, off 6 cents last week);
- Collins & Aikman (CKC, about 3.94, off 19 cents);
- Federal Mogul (FMO, about 2.00, off 63 cents);
- Meadowbrook Ins. (MIG, about 4.63, up 7 cents) and
- Rouge (Steel) Industries (ROU, about 2.06, up 6 cents).

Casino players will immediately notice the potential for big percentage payoffs in these low-priced stocks.

If a stock rises from 3 to 4, that's a 33 percent unrealized profit. Of course, if the same stock drops from 3 to 2, there would be a 33 percent unrealized loss.

That's why the Wall Street pros consider these stocks under \$5 a share as "speculative." Most research analysts won't "follow" such stocks, which are excluded from their published stock comparisons.

If you want to "play" these stocks, good luck, and may the stars be with you!

Thanks-giving

Thanks-giving, last week, unofficially opened the "giv-

ing" season. How many charitable requests do you receive each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas? LTS receives many from unheard of organizations, even out-of-state.

Yes, Virginia, there is a simple, tax-deductible method of spreading Christmas cheer locally, or anywhere in the United States. It's called the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

Organized in 1984, the Community Foundation accepts contributions in cash or appreciated securities for their Donor Advised Funds.

This year, five area financial institutions have joined to offer this "tax-smart" giving option to their customers:

- Bank One, Comerica Bank, Merrill Lynch Trust Co., Michigan National Bank and Northern Trust Bank.

Have you ever tried to donate appreciated securities to your favorite charity?

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Just call any of the five financial institutions listed above. Or, if you're shopping in the Village, drop in at the Northern Trust Bank, across Notre Dame from Jacobson's. Ask for Bruce Fralick or Tom Cliff.

Here's all you do to open

your Donor Advised Fund:

- 1) Select its name, which can include your surname;
- 2) Designate your adviser and successor adviser, which can be you, or your family not exceeding two generations;
- 3) Make an initial contribution of appreciated securities or cash. \$10,000 minimum;
- 4) Consider investment choice from five options;
- 5) Recommend distributions to charities of your choice, now or later; and
- 6) Receive quarterly reports.

That's it! Be sure to contact your tax adviser regarding the tax deduction limitations for appreciated stock (not exceeding 30 percent of adjusted gross income).

Additional contributions can be made to the Donor Advised Fund at any time. Your recommended distributions to other charities can be made with full recognition to you, or anonymously if you so prefer.

Isn't it better to give than receive?

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

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

Peter Birkner named advertising manager

Robert G. Edgar, publisher of the Grosse Pointe News and The Connection Newspapers, is pleased to announce the promotion of Peter J. Birkner to the position of advertising manager.

Birkner began his career in advertising in 1982 with the London (Ontario) Free Press.

He has been a sales representative with the Grosse Pointe News and Connection for the past 11 1/2 years.

John Minnis, editor and general manager, said Birkner's appointment was an obvious choice due to his experience, people skills and devotion to the papers' advertising partners.

"I'd like to continue to offer the advertisers of the Grosse Pointe News and The Connection the high quality of service they expect," Birkner said.

He added, "I'm excited about working with the



Peter J. Birkner

sales representatives and advertisers in developing even better ways of showcasing advertisers' products and services."

Birkner, 42, lives in St. Clair Shores with his wife, Jill, and three children, Amanda, Peter and Joey.

Santa Claus to raise money for animals

G.P.P. Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 3

Santa Claus will visit Pointe Park Business and Professional Association will hold its Fifth Annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Several area Brownie troops will be on hand to sing Christmas carols.

Business People



Abundis

Margot Abundis has joined the staff of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Eastside Gynecology and Obstetrics, with offices in Roseville and New Baltimore.

Abundis is an obstetrician-gynecologist who specializes in women's general health and preventive screenings.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed a residency at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit.

Diane McCormack, Ph.D. has been accepted by the National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member.

McCormack is a psychologist with an independent practice on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. She sees patients suffering from anxiety, depression and stress.

She is also a certified Imago marital therapist and Level 2 trained in EMDR for work with trauma, grief and loss.



McCormack



Kezlarian

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park has appointed Courtney Kezlarian as program director of research. Kezlarian will organize the institute's research programs, in particular, the annual research colloquium held each June.

Kezlarian worked previously for the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund where she helped design the fund's 1998 annual report. Kezlarian has a bachelor's degree in human resources from Michigan State University.

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Crime — Just like on the Cops TV show

From page 16A

What started out as a simple traffic stop ended in a car chase that took Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers through the Farms, Detroit, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Woods.

At 1:20 a.m., a Farms patrol car spotted a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass straddling lanes while heading east on Mack. The car then turned without using a traffic signal. When the officer turned on his lights, the driver of the Olds, a 48-year-old Detroit man, took off.

Bummer

The man had been asking patrons for money as they exited various bars. Officers patted the man down and found narcotic paraphernalia.

The suspect then got on I-94 for a brief time. He exited in Harper Woods and was finally stopped in Grosse Pointe Woods when he hit a Harper Woods squad car

and a passing vehicle at the intersection of Mack and Faircourt.

The driver was then transported to St. John Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the collision. While at the hospital, the driver admitted to ingesting both cocaine and heroin. A background check revealed that his license was suspended and there was a statewide warrant issued for his arrest. He had walked away from an electronic tether parole program. The driver was transferred to state custody and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating drugs and driving while license suspended.

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Purse is purloined

A Clinton Township

woman who was shopping at a grocery store in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms reported that her purse was stolen between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. The purse contained her wallet, several charge cards, a debit card and about \$40 in cash.

Stoner left flat

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrol officer spotted a 1988 Pontiac pulled over on the side of Shore Crest Circle at 11 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26. Two men were standing outside the vehicle. When the officer approached the car, the driver, a 29-year-old Warren man, said he had two flat tires. The officer noticed that both left tires were indeed flat, as if the vehicle had run up against the curb, causing damage to the tires and the rims.

The officer also noticed that the driver had anything to drink.

The youth said no, but the officer administered some field sobriety tests just to be safe. The youth failed the tests and blew a .167 on his preliminary breath test (PBT). He was later released on \$100 bond.

The officer also spotted the SUV cross the center line several times.

When the vehicle was pulled over the officer asked the driver if he had anything to drink.

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that the driver had trouble standing. He could also detect the odor of marijuana on the driver, who was arrested and taken to St. John Hospital where blood samples could be taken. The driver was released on \$100 bond, pending the filing of the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating drugs.

High PBT

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrol officer spotted a 2001 Ford Explorer traveling 48 mph while heading north on Lakeshore at 11:34 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24. Unfortunately for the 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms young man driving, the speed limit along that stretch of road is 35 mph.

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incident happened at 2:55 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Carjacking

A 38-year-old Detroit woman reported on Friday, Nov. 24, at 10:30 p.m. that someone stole her car from her while she was attempting to enter a store in the 18600 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The victim told police that around 9:30 p.m. she had parked her car outside the store and had gotten out. As she was approaching the door, the victim said a man came up behind her and placed an object the victim believed was a gun into her back. He told her to give him the keys to her 1997 Catera Cadillac. She did and fled across Mack and ran home, where she called the police. The victim said she never got a good look at the thief. Police are continuing to investigate.

Car keyed

A Chesterfield man reported that his car was "keyed" on Friday, Nov. 24. The vehicle was parked in a lot in the Village. He told police that he had chased off some teenagers earlier that day and believe they may have damaged his car in revenge.

Wallet walked

A City resident reported on Saturday, Nov. 25, that her wallet was missing. She last saw it on Wednesday, Nov. 22, when she was at a business in the 300 block of Fisher in the City.

Taking a bath

A City of Grosse Pointe patrol officer spotted someone inside the Neff Park bathhouse on Friday, Nov. 24, at 4:47 p.m.

The bathhouse was supposed to be closed, but the officer saw through the window that it was occupied. He called for backup and when another squad car arrived, the two officers told the people inside to come out.

Four youths between the ages of 14 and 15 exited the bathhouse via a window because the doors were locked. Two were from the City, one from the Farms and one from the Park.

The officers then entered the bathhouse through the window and found four unopened bottles of fruit coolers and malt liquor.

The youths were taken to the City police headquarters and later released to the custody of their parents.

The matter is now before juvenile authorities. Police say the youths were caught before they were able to open up the bottles of alcohol.

They are attempting to learn where the youths purchased the alcohol.


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**Sign of the times**

The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation is in the midst of putting new, attractive street signs in the city. Here we see assistant city manager Shane Reeside, public works employee Dan Chauvin and Farms Foundation chairman Gregg Berendt inspect a sign recently installed. Foundation officials hope to have the project completed by next summer and are currently seeking donations. Anyone interested should send a contribution to The Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, 90 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236.

There's no place like the Ford House for the holidays

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Before Martha Stewart, dancing Santas and rapid fire music lights, the ultimate Christmas took on a quiet, low key festiveness — especially at the home of Edsel and Eleanor Ford.

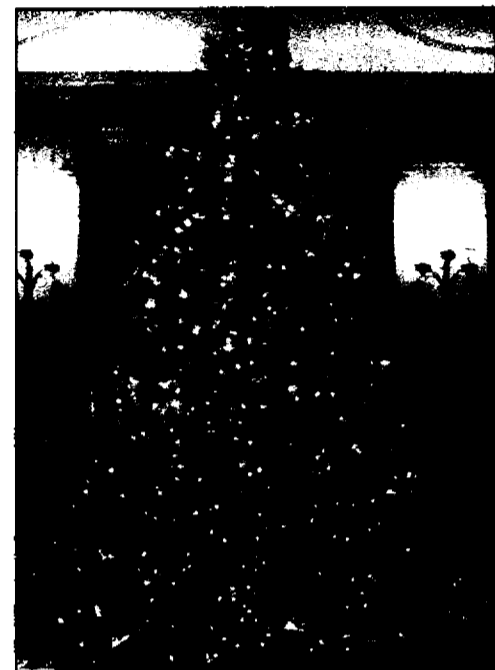
The Ford House has decked its halls and rooms for holiday tours in much the same way the family did since its first Christmas in the house in 1929.

"A lot of these houses have big holiday extravaganzas, but we've

gone for authenticity," said Ann Fitzpatrick, Ford House vice president of external relations.

While it's hard and painstaking to outfit a house full of museum-quality furniture and art work, Eleanor Ford was a commensurate hostess and the holidays were one of tradition and understated splendor.

"These are decorations for every day," said Danila Farnsworth, Ford House docent. "There were a few simple decorations. Mrs. Ford preferred live greens to anything elaborate."



The flocked Christmas tree in the main hall of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, above, is decorated in pink and purple glass ornaments. Eleanor Ford commissioned the designs from Lillian Pierce. They were made at the Ford glass plant in the mid-1950s especially for a party in honor of a modern art exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Although the Fords served a buffet-style dinner Christmas evening, the centerpiece, at the right, reflects Eleanor Ford's preference for fresh greens for the holidays.

The main hall displays the most elaborate and impressive of the holiday decorations. It boasts a large flocked Christmas tree adorned with pink and purple ornaments.

Eleanor Ford had designed by Lillian Pierce and manufactured by the Ford glass plant. The ornaments were commissioned by Eleanor Ford for a party in honor of a modern art exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the mid-1950s.

For that party, the tree was displayed in the gallery where the Fords held their parties. The old English baronial style room was completely transformed. The Oriental rugs were taken out and the hardwood floor was replaced with white shag carpeting. The red velvet curtains were also replaced with white curtains to give the room a more bright and modern look.

For the holiday season, the gallery takes on a more traditional look with poinsettias and a large tree with traditional glass ornaments. A toy train circles the base of the tree.

On Christmas day, the Fords met in the library to exchange gifts. Among the 17th century William and Mary, Queen Anne and Hepplewhite furniture, Eleanor Ford displayed the family tree and gifts which overflowed onto a 1710 card table in the bay. It is the only room in the house to show off white poinsettias. It is also said that Eleanor Ford had wrapping paper designed for her.

Later in the day, the Fords would assemble in the dining room for dinner. While the Queen

Christmas started early in the morning in the library at the Ford House. Decorations in the library and the rest of the house, lower right, were graciously simple.

While Eleanor Ford did not decorate the bedrooms for the Christmas holiday, her collection of Cybis porcelain angels line the bay window sill of her room. One of the angels is at the right.

Holiday tours at the Ford House are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and

from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, through Sunday, Jan. 7.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 60 and older and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free. The Ford House is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Although the Nutcracker Tea and the Traditional Holiday Evening events are sold out, the Ford House features student pianists performing holiday favorites in the solarium from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays in December. The Gallery Shop is also the perfect spot to pick up a distinctive gift for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

For more information, call the Ford House at (313) 884-4222 or visit www.fordhouse.org.

Photos by Susy Benschback



After dinner, the Ford family retreated to the gallery to watch first-run movies. Around 10 p.m., the family would be served chicken sandwiches.

While Eleanor Ford did not decorate the bedrooms for Christmas, there is a display of her collection of 1940s Cybis porcelain angels lined up in the bay window sill.

In addition, the 3/4-scale playhouse is also decorated for the holidays.

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The Pastor's Corner Out of the darkness

By the Rev. Ed Bray
Grosse Pointe United Church

The decorations sit in the dark silence of our basement storage room. They wait for the moment when — again — the light of day breaks through the top of the cardboard boxes that have cradled them for the last 10 1/2 months.

Soon they will brighten the corner of our living room and, as they have done before, help our souls recall the joy of Christmas past while anticipating the hope found in the days to come.

Among those decorations we'll find the manger scene. This particular creche has been part of my life since I was 13 years old.

I remember the day I bought it from the May Company department store in Mentor, Ohio, my hometown.

I had saved money from my allowance and my paper route to buy it. I thought this manger scene was one of the most beautiful I had ever seen. It came from Italy and it cost all of \$10. For a 13-year-old boy in 1963, that was a lot of money.

I'm glad I bought it.

Each year when I unwrap each of the statues, tears flood my eyes because I am also unwrapping memories of the joy these little statues have witnessed over and over again.

Joys like my brother and I getting up at 4 a.m. Christmas Day to see what surprises awaited us under the tree.

Joys like the smell of roast turkey ready to grace our table — don't forget the ham.

Joys like my own son and daughter when they were just toddlers. They tripped their way to the base of the Christmas tree where these little wise men and shepherds have always stood guard. They sat down in wide-eyed amazement as their eyes drank in the color and the dance of the light shining before them.

Joys like the beautiful smile of my now-departed mother when she first saw this amazing little manger scene. How happy its presence in our home seemed to make her at the time.

It is amazing what unwrapping a few little decorations can do.

Your decorations are waiting for you again this year. They're being patient because they know the power they have to move your soul. In their brilliance and their glitter, remember their reason for being. When I unwrap my prize, the smallest statue of all is that of a baby.

He made it happen. The baby Jesus gave the nativity scene meaning. It is the Christ child who heals my pain, restores my memories and renews my soul every time I unwrap my treasure. It does that by simply coming out of the darkness back into the light.

May this Christmas season bless your soul.



Annual Holiday Brass returns

The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings Holiday Brass returns this year for two performances on Saturday, Dec. 2, at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham (8 p.m. start time) and Sunday, Dec. 3, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe (3:30 p.m. start time). The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings Brass will present seasonal works, traditional brass favorites and several arrangements prepared especially for the ensemble. A Holiday sing-along will begin one hour before the beginning of each performance.

Featured works include arrangements of "Clair de Lune" by Debussy and "Alborado del Graioso" by Ravel, as well as "Away in a Manger" and "We Three Kings."

Tickets are \$22; \$18 for students and seniors over 60. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling (248) 559-2095. Programs are sponsored by BDO Seidman, Plunkett & Cooney and Butzel Long.

First United Methodist Church is located at 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham, and Christ Church Grosse Pointe is at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, an ensemble of professional musicians drawn primarily from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras, has become nationally recognized for its 19 years of performances, recordings and educational programs.

'Magnificat' to be presented at First English

The seasonal Music Sunday at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the 11 a.m. service.

The choirs and instrumentalists of the church will honor the 250th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach by performing his "Magnificat."

The famous setting of the Advent text set the standard for centuries of sacred choral music. The community is invited.

First English, served by the Rev. Dr. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor, and the Rev. Bart Beebe, associate pastor, is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. The nursery will be open for children age 3 and under, and a coffee hour will follow the service in the lounge.

Carol-A-Long offered at FELC

The Open Door Series of First English Ev. Lutheran Church sponsors its 20th annual Carol-A-Long on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Once again the Good News Singers and Bell Choirs will assist members of the church and the community in singing and ringing in the Christmas season. A reception with refreshments will follow afterward in the fellowship hall. Music director is Robert Foster and director of Bell Choirs is Christina Judson.

First English is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

St. James Church plans holiday concert

St. James Lutheran Church will present a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m., the second event in its 2000-01 concert series.

The one-hour program will feature a three-harp ensemble joined by flute, cello, French horn and vocalist, playing arrangements of seasonal music.

A free-will offering will be taken and a catered reception will follow. Call (313) 884-0511 or (313) 886-4377 for more information.

Detroit Historical Society plans church tours

Since 1972, the Detroit Historical Society has acquainted metropolitan Detroit with the most fascinating and interesting religious institutions the area has to offer with its annual Historic Church Tour series.

The 2001 series is scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 8, with a tour of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic, Annunciation Roman Catholic, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran and Annunciation Greek Orthodox.

On Feb. 5th, there will be a tour of Cathedral Church of St. Paul-Episcopal, St. John's C.M.E., Little Rock Baptist Church, St. Mathew-St. Joseph Episcopal and Cass Community United Methodist.

The tours are designed to highlight the importance of maintaining and preserving the buildings as visible history. Tours are co-sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan, the Detroit Historical Museums and the Detroit Historical Society.

Each church tour leaves the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot (Kirby at Woodward) at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The price, which includes the guided tour, bus transportation and lunch at one of the churches, is \$18 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$23 for non-members. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a Visa or MasterCard, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour. For more information, call (313) 833-1405.

'Messiah,' Carol-Sing slated

The Advent and Christmas portions of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the 50-voice Festival Choir and 17-piece Chamber Orchestra at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Robert Moncrief, director of music ministries, will conduct the performance with soprano Karen McConachie, mezzo-sopranos Sharon Babcock and Danica Randall, tenor Michael Parr and bass Warren Eich as soloists.

The concert will be the fourth of the 2000-01 season of Music at Memorial. The performance will include a Carol-Sing by the audience and choir. The audience is encouraged to bring scores and join in singing. Attendees will get an opportunity to meet and speak with the performers and soloists at a reception after the concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

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South moms' Holiday Walk to set the mood for Christmas

Tour five festive homes decorated in Yuletide splendor during the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club annual Holiday Walk, Sunday, Dec. 3, from noon-5 p.m.

Homes in the Holiday Walk include:

- One Island Lane, formerly 17700 E. Jefferson, which was once attached as a guest house to the Frederick M. Alger mansion and was known then as "By-Way."

- 15 Lakeside Court, built in 1989. The four-bedroom, 4 1/2-bath, 3,500-square-foot colonial includes an attached garage, an award-winning garden, and rooms with 9-foot ceilings, sculptured crown moldings in the entrance hall, granite counter tops, hardwood floors and a raised-oak paneled library.

- The beautiful English Tudor home at 1009 Bishop, which is known as the Ridley House and was built in 1937. The brick and stone home with a circular brick-paved driveway reminds one of a country cottage. The kitchen has been remodeled to keep the feel of a Tudor home but with modern facilities.

Tickets are \$15 presale, \$18 on the day of the walk. They can be purchased at select area retailers or by calling Mary Brookes at (313) 882-4379. Proceeds benefit the club's Scholarship, Enrichment and Preservation Fund.

Fontbonne honoree: This year's White Christmas Ball, hosted by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, will have a special honorary celebrity chair: award-winning journalist and former WDIV-TV 4 anchorman, former Grosse Pointer **Mort Crim**. He is the author of five inspirational books.

Proceeds from the gala on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, will be used to establish the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Oncology Research Program Endowment. The theme of the ball is "Christmas in the City."

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. An afterglow, complete with dancing to the music of the Simone Vitale Band and an assortment of delectable desserts, follows at 10 p.m.

Key local event committee members include honorary chairman **Maureen McCabe** of Grosse Pointe

Shores and **W. Peter McCabe, MD** (posthumously); and general chairman **Joan Gehrke** of the City of Grosse Pointe. The auxiliary president is **Jean L. Azar** of the Shores. **Sister Jacquie Wetherholt** of Harper Woods is auxiliary director and president of St. John Health System Foundation; and **Leona Liuzzo** of the Woods is senior development officer of Philanthropic Services for SJH&MC.

Tickets for the White Christmas Ball are \$275 a person, and other opportunities for support are available. For more information, call (313) 343-3675, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historic co-chairs: Two local women have been named co-chairmen for the 2000 Detroit Historical Society Ball.

The black-tie event will be Friday, Dec. 1, at the Guardian Building located downtown at 500 Griswold. The co-chairs are **Sharon McMurray** of Royal Oak, and **Sheila Stone** of Huntington Woods. The co-chairs will work with Detroit Historical Society Vice President of Special Events **Kathleen Antonini** of Bloomfield Hills.

Proceeds from the ball will support the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibition and education programs. For more information, contact **Amy Anderson** at (313) 833-1980.

Volunteers extraordinaire: Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Ardis Gardella** devotes 40 hours a week to funding and running a Detroit facility that enables hearing-impaired newborns to get early treatment. She doesn't get paid for it. But this month Gardella received a trophy and a \$1,000 donation for the Holley Ear Institute at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, which she founded and now directs.

Gardella and four other volunteers who have distinguished themselves through their outstanding work with Michigan's children were honored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network at a reception on Nov. 8. Each of the five volunteers was presented with a Caring for Children Angel Award, as part of a program that was initiated by the Blues last year.

Community leaders from across the state comprised



Preparing for the annual Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club annual Holiday Walk, Sunday, Dec. 3, are from left, Connie Winfield, Mary Brookes and M. Cathy Nowosielski.

Among the 200 alumnae attending Dominican High School's 60th anniversary celebration Oct. 7 were **Elizabeth Zatina**, left, (Class of 1974) of Grosse Pointe Park, and **Rhonda Zade-Mitchell** (Class of 1975) of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Saturday, Dec. 2.

the judging panel that screened 59 nominations to select the award recipients. The panel ranked the five finalists to determine a first-place winner (**Marsha Sakwa**) who received a plaque and \$5,000 to donate to the organization she worked with to achieve this recognition. The other four finalists each received a plaque and \$1,000 to donate to the organization with which they worked.

Cold remedy: The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will hold its annual "Coats for the Cold" clothing collection on Saturday, Dec. 2. All types of clean clothing for children or adults will be accepted and forwarded to either the Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Clothing Program or to the Children's Home of Detroit.

Call the Optimist Hotline at (313) 882-7014 before Dec. 1, leaving your name and address. On the morning of Saturday, Dec. 2, put your bags of donated clothing on your front porch. Optimist volunteers will pick them up between noon and 2 p.m. and leave you a receipt.

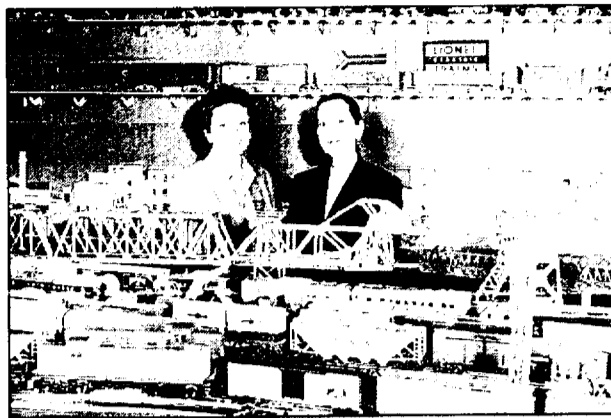
Anyone preferring to drop off their clothing bags may take them to 717 University Place in the City of Grosse Pointe, anytime between Thursday, Nov. 30, and

Soup & toys: The Capuchin Soup Kitchen announces its annual Christmas toy distribution to needy families with children. Individuals, groups and corporations are asked to donate toys to support the Capuchin Christmas Toy Program.

Through the generosity of individuals, churches and businesses, the Capuchin toy program has been able to brighten Christmas day for thousands of needy children. Last year, over 1,200 families were helped with food and toys for their children. Over 6,000 children received a couple of toys and a holiday meal at home last Christmas. The Capuchins are looking for simple, moderately priced new or "gently used" unwrapped toys.

Toy and food distribution will take place at the Capuchin Service Center, 6333 Medbury, Dec. 20 through Dec. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact **Brother Rick Samyn** at (313) 579-2100, ext. 211, or **Mike Welsh** at (313) 579-2100, ext. 209.

Sister, sister: More than 200 people attended Dominican High School's 60th anniversary celebration Oct. 7 at the school located on Detroit's east-



Sharon McMurray of Royal Oak, left, and Sheila Stone of Huntington Woods are the co-chairs for the annual Detroit Historical Society Ball.



Local people involved in planning the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center's (SJH&MC) 47th annual White Christmas Ball fundraiser gather in front of the Van Elslander Cancer Center construction site, on the hospital's campus. From left are **Renee Crim**, **Mort Crim**, the ball's honorary celebrity chair; **John Surprenant**, corporate director of Oncology Services; **Joan Gehrke**, the event's general chair; **Maureen McCabe**, honorary chair; and **Jean Azar**, Fontbonne Auxiliary president. Proceeds from the Dec. 8 event at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, will be used to establish the SJH&MC Oncology Research Program Endowment.

side. The celebration included a special performance of "Late Night Catechism" performed in the 720-seat Dominican Theatre.

The 60th anniversary celebration was especially noteworthy since Dominican faced closure three years ago due to a lack of funds. Strong sup-

port from parents, business leaders and the Adrian Dominican Sisters kept the doors open. Today, Dominican has 225 students who come from Detroit, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe, as well as nearby communities in Oakland and Macomb counties.

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Shoppers use heart-check marks

The American Heart Association has developed a heart-check program that helps consumers identify products that are healthy to eat. The consumers' desire to simplify food decisions makes the heart-check mark of the American Heart Association Food Certification Program a quick and easy tool to use when evaluating the thousands of items available in the typical grocery store.

"I use it as a tool to choose the best heart-healthy foods," explained Gayle Hood, a registered dietitian from DeWitt, Mich. "As a busy mom and a dietitian, I look for the heart-check mark to make sure I'm getting the best nutrition for my family."

The distinctive heart-check mark on a package assures that a product meets the nutritional criteria for heart-health levels of saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people.

Surveys indicate that 69 percent of grocery shoppers recognize the mark without the name and statement and 88 percent find the heart-check mark helpful.

More than 70 manufacturers have signed up to get "checked" into the association's program. Currently, more than 600 products have been certified with the heart-check mark.

"The heart-check mark reinforces our messages that certain foods are good for the heart," says Guy Johnson, Ph.D. and vice-president of nutrition at Kellogg's. "It gives consumers a sense of trust about the health information we provide on our products and it keeps the important messages about heart health and diet in the forefront of the customer's mind."

A heart-healthy diet can lower a person's cholesterol level by as much as 10 to 15 percent. That translates into

a reduced risk for heart disease of 20 to 30 percent.

Products that receive the heart-check mark must meet the American Heart Association's nutritional criteria. A single serving of the food product must be:

- Low fat (less than or equal to 3 grams).
- Low saturated fat (less than or equal to 1 gram).
- Low cholesterol (less than or equal to 20 milligrams).

• It also must have a sodium value of less than or equal to 480 milligrams for individual foods.

• Finally, it must contain at least 10 percent of the daily value of one or more of these nutrients: protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron or dietary fiber.

For a list of certified products and to learn more about heart-healthy eating, visit the AHA web site at www.americanheart.org, or call (800) AHA-USA1.



JLD helps

Think spring. That's what 15 Junior League of Detroit members and 30 students, teachers and parents did in October by weeding, mulching flower beds and planting daffodil bulbs at the Julia Ward Howe Elementary School in Detroit. The students, members of the school science and technology club, got down and dirty planting bulbs with Junior League members. Afterward, the school's principal, Carolyn McKissic, treated the students to lunch at McDonald's. The Junior League of Detroit is a non-profit, volunteer organization of women committed to improving the community. For membership information, call (313) 881-0040, or click on www.jldetroit.org.

Babies

Santo Samuel Scarfone II

William Anthony Scarfone and Kris Ann Scarfone of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Santo Samuel Scarfone II, born Aug. 4, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Art and Mary Ann Van 'Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Samuel and Patricia Scarfone of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Kate Elizabeth Zink

Dawn and Stephen Zink of Auburn Hills are the parents of a daughter, Kate Elizabeth Zink, born Oct. 6, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth Tafel of Rochester Hills.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Nancy Zink of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Great-grandparents are Rita Zink of Clinton Township, E. Kenneth and Grace Goldsworthy of Marquette, Edna Tafel of Saginaw and Daniel Farrell of Winter Springs, Fla.

Kathleen

Winnifred Zink

Molly and Robert Zink Jr. of Huntington Woods are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Winnifred Zink, born Nov. 2, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are the late Mary Winnifred Rhadigan and James and Marilyn Rhadigan of Brighton.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Nancy Zink of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Great-grandparents are Rita Zink of Clinton Township and E. Kenneth and Grace Goldsworthy of Marquette.

Morgan Kate VanDerMaas

Mark and Wendy VanDerMaas of Denver, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Morgan Kate VanDerMaas, born Oct. 23, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are David and Sue Haviland of East Lansing.

Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Mary VanDerMaas of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Great-grandparents are Edith Carriger of East Lansing, Delbert and Dora Haviland of Sun City, Ariz., and Neil and Mary VanDerMaas of Lexington.

Alexandria

Elizabeth Sharifi

Cathy DeRonne Sharifi and Nader Sharifi of Chicago are the parents of a daughter, Alexandria Elizabeth Sharifi, born Nov. 5, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Joan DeRonne of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Paternal grandparents are Manoochehr and Maryann Sharifi of Waukegan, Ill.

Bon Secours Cottage offers nutritional counseling

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers individualized nutritional counseling sessions at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The sessions are conducted by registered dietitians and cover a variety of diets — weight reduction, low cholesterol, diabetes and cardiac.

The fee is \$45 an hour; \$40 for Bon Secours Cottage Seniors Today members.

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Christmas Seals are nearly 100 years old

Still going strong at a young 93 years, Christmas Seals continue as an American holiday tradition.

Begun in 1907 as a means of raising money in the fight against tuberculosis, this American Lung Association campaign presses on. With the new century, medical research now turns its attention to asthma and other chronic lung diseases.

One of the programs funded by this campaign is the new Asthma Action Plan. The program facilitates parents and kids in notifying schools of the asthma management plan in place. "The Plan," available at no cost to participants, includes critical medical and personal information to keep on record at a child's school. Environment and monitoring information is also included.

According to Maryellen Mumy, director of marketing and public relations for the American Lung Association, "It takes everyone working together to ensure the health of an asthmatic child. Communication and knowledge is the key."

According to recent data, 26 million Americans have been diagnosed with asthma during their lifetimes; 8.6 million are under the age of 18. Asthma in itself has

been referred to as an epidemic. It is vitally important that people learn how to manage this disease.

Every dollar donated to the American Lung Association of Michigan through Christmas Seals is used to further the ultimate goal of the association's conquest of lung disease and the promotion of lung health.

To purchase Christmas Seals or to obtain an Asthma Action Plan, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at (800) LUNG-USA or visit online www.alam.org.

Pets can visit Santa Claus

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) and Pointe Pet Supply invite you and your pets to visit Santa.

Families can bring pets to Pointe Pet Supply on Saturday, Dec. 2, 15133 Kercheval, to have a picture taken with St. Nick.

Each framed Polaroid costs \$5 and proceeds will benefit the hundreds of animals at the three MHS shelters this holiday season.

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Merry Christmas —or is it?

By The Community Health Status Advisory Board

The holidays can be a time of either great joy or loneliness. Loneliness is best described as a distressing condition that results from emotional or social isolation.

Lonely people may feel worthless, helpless, powerless, unacceptable or separated from other individuals. They may have low self-esteem and often feel there is no one they can communicate with openly and honestly.

Each year thousands of people experience being home alone for the first time during the holidays. Although reasons may vary, the feeling is the same — loneliness. There are many types of loneliness — emotional, social and spiritual. Your loneliness may stem from all or only one of these.

Loss is probably the most common reason for feeling lonely. Divorce or death of a spouse, child, parent or friend are losses which can contribute to loneliness.

Many times retirement can be a mixed blessing — you now have time to do whatever you like, but you may feel less challenged socially, financially and mentally. Failing health, which can cause loss of certain functions such as mobility, hearing or vision, also may limit social activities and lead to isolation. You should share feelings related to these areas with your physician on your next visit.

It is important to realize, however, that loss is part of living. Allow yourself to grieve, but then plan to help yourself and allow others to help you get back into a social, emotional and spiritual comfort zone.

The following are important tips for combating loneliness:

- Become socially active.
- Become physically active.

Call upon family and friends to assist you in getting back into emotional and social balance. "Word of mouth" is sometimes the best help. Accept invitations from relatives, friends or neighbors to go to dinners or attend activities that allow you to meet new people. Support groups and classes at local hospitals are valuable resources. You may gain satisfaction by joining a volunteer group where you can meet people with similar interests. Participate in activities at your church such as ladies groups, ushers clubs or senior organizations.

Community centers offer assorted activities that range from card playing and crafts to exercise programs. They also arrange and sponsor trips within the city and state. Travel presents another opportunity to meet and associate with new people and enjoy new experiences.

Go back to school. Take an art or other class just for fun. You may even decide to continue with your long-delayed formal education. Enroll in a class to learn more about computers, then meet new people in a chat room or learn to communicate via e-mail with friends or relatives across the country.

Now, please, go out and meet someone new. Sign up

for a class, attend a church group meeting, take a trip, connect by computer, or join an exercise program.

Make it a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The CHSAB is a coalition of community residents and health care professionals working together to improve the region's health status by improving community awareness and involvement in addressing the region's major health issues, with an ultimate goal of the effective utilization of community health care resources. For more information about the board or a meeting schedule, call (734) 727-7037.

Community resources

- Local Churches
- City Community Centers
- City Halls - Commissions and Parks and Recreation Departments
- Public Libraries
- Area Agency on Aging — (313) 222-5330
- Bon Secours Cottage Health Promotion — (810) 779-7900
- St. John Health System — (888) 757-5463
- Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute — 1 (800) 527-6266
- Neighborhood Club — (313) 885-4600
- Pointe Area Assisted Transportation (PAATS) (313) 343-2580
- Services for Older Citizens (SOC) — (313) 882-9600
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial — (313) 881-7511.

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answer is YES.

If you stop and wonder how one can get a cavity under a filling or cap, consider the junction between the filling and tooth wall. This junction is a microscopic gap where saliva, etc. can leak in between once the "seal" breaks down. The "seal" between a filling or cap and a tooth

can break down if the oral hygiene of a patient is not at an acceptable level. Plaque, etc. is acidic in nature and will "hammer" away on the tooth while it sits on the tooth and gum area. Eventually, microleakage may occur and decay will begin under the cap or filling. Prevention is the key. One must keep their teeth and gums clean and in good shape, watch what they eat, and have their teeth cleaned regularly at their dental office.

Dr. Kevin Prush: 810-775-2400

Hospital helps new moms learn what to expect from babies

To help new moms confront feelings of uncertainty and even fear, St. John Health System offers a perinatal program, Mom For Baby, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, St. John Detroit Riverview, St. John Macomb Hospital and St. John River District Hospital.

Expectant moms who deliver at these hospitals receive an information packet with materials that tell them what to expect and reassure them that they're doing what's best for baby. Twenty weeks into their pregnancy, they will receive a phone call from an obstetrics nurse so they can ask questions regarding issues like nutrition, breast feed-

ing, vaginal delivery and C-section. There is no charge for these services.

"The idea is to decrease the expectant mother's anxiety," said Donna Hamama, RN, coordinator of the Mom For Baby program. "Patients really appreciate being able to talk to someone who understands their concerns and can answer their questions."

For more information, call Hamama at (313) 417-3635.

Gift shop hours

The Bon Secours gift shop, located in Bon Secours Hospital, will stay open until 9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Dec. 6 through Dec. 20.



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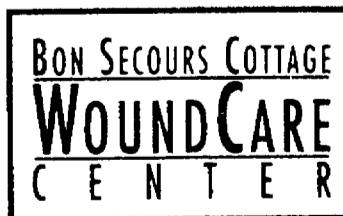
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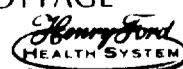
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Serenity prayer gets to heart of recovery

In the concentration camp, Viktor Frankl was prisoner No. 119,104. He spent most of his time in forced labor, laying tracks for Nazi railway lines. At one point, his job was to dig a tunnel for an underground water main. He worked alone. His reward was a coupon worth 12 cigarettes. Instead, he exchanged the token for 12 bowls of soup so he could avoid starving.

Many people assume that the only response to this situation would be misery or insanity. Yet, even in the concentration camp, Frankl felt free. In "Man's Search for Meaning: An Introduction to Logotherapy" (Beacon Press, ed. 4, \$20), Frankl concluded that everything can be taken from us except one thing — "the last of human freedoms — to choose one's own attitude in any given set of circumstances; to choose one's own way."

Another name for this freedom is acceptance. And acceptance is the key to the Serenity Prayer, commonly recited at meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12-step groups:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

If we can understand what this prayer means, then we can better understand what recovery from addiction is about.

As human beings, we have two basic strategies for handling any situation that disturbs us.

One is to change the situation. For example, if we're

chronically short on money, we can trim our expenses or seek a higher-paying job. If we're lonely, we can call a friend.

This is how we usually cope with distress. We try to alter the world outside us. And in many cases, this is powerful and appropriate.

However, circumstances are sometimes beyond our power to change. A sudden, unpredicted expense may undercut our plans to save money. We can call a friend to quell our loneliness, but that person may not be at home.

Hoping we can control every event that comes our way is like hoping we can control the weather.

In such moments, we often forget we have a second option — we can change our response to the situation.

This second option is the one Frankl discovered. While he was in the concentration camp, escape was not feasible. He was powerless over his situation. So he responded by dwelling on thoughts that empowered him.

More specifically, Frankl stayed alive to the beauty of nature. Even the Nazis could not take away sunsets.

He imagined amusing incidents that could take place in the future, allowing himself to laugh. And he remembered the people he loved.

"I understood," he wrote, "how a man who has nothing left in this world may still know bliss, be it only for a brief moment, in the contemplation of his beloved."

It's possible to discover how these two options work in our own lives.

Complete this sentence: "I could be happy only if..."

Typical answers usually include "the right job," "the right relationship," "more money," "a new car," "a child," "a house." All of these have to do with the first option — having the "right" circumstances. All are attempts to change the world outside our heads.

But addiction is one of those situations that we're powerless over and recovery from addiction means looking for serenity elsewhere — in the world inside our heads. It's learning how to dwell on beliefs, attitudes and thoughts that remain true no matter what happens to us.

Veronica Ray, in her book "Choosing Happiness: The Art of Living

Unconditionally" (Hazelden, \$13), makes the same point: "The most important thing to learn about happiness, I believe, is that it is a choice. We always have it available to us; it's within each of us. What we need to remember is that there's always another way of looking at anything."

As the Serenity Prayer reminds us, this means changing what we can, accepting what we can't, and knowing the difference. For people in recovery — for all of us — such knowledge is the heart of serenity.

This article was provided by Hazelden, a non-profit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and services relating to addiction and recovery. For more resources on substance abuse, call Hazelden at (888) 535-9485 or check its web site at www.hazelden.org.

Learn how to prevent ski, snowboard injuries

A program, Preventing Ski and Snowboard Injuries, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at Boyne Country Sports, 19435 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dr. Kenneth R. Cervone, an orthopedic surgeon with Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, will discuss how to avoid injuries as well as what to do should an injury occur.

The free event is sponsored by Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine Program (CHAMP) and Boyne Country Sports/Bavarian Village in Grosse Pointe Woods. Those who attend the program will receive a 10 percent discount on any non-sale items in Boyne Country Sports/Bavarian Village plus a free weekday lift ticket for Boyne Mountain.

For more information or to make reservations, call (810) 779-7900.

Cranberries get a new look

This week's recipe will change the way you look at cranberries — forever. Cranberries are a natural on Thanksgiving Day or any time that a turkey is served. Each year I bake several loaves of cranberry nut bread, much to the delight of those who receive it.

Not too long ago, I was talking cranberries with Grosse Pointe Sue Ritter, when she mentioned this terrific, simple recipe for a dessert using fresh cranberries. The recipe, Nantucket Cranberries, is a snap to prepare and the perfect finale to any holiday meal.

Sauce pan, melt the butter. Remove from heat and stir in the remaining cup of sugar, the eggs, flour and almond extract. Stir together until the mix is very smooth. Pour the batter over the prepared cranberries and bake at 325 until the top of the dish begins to brown.

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



Nantucket Cranberries

- 1 package (12 oz.) fresh cranberries, rinsed and dried
- 1 cup and 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place the cranberries in a greased 9-inch pie dish, preferably glass. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the sugar and the chopped nuts over the cranberries. In a small

Spoon piping hot onto dessert plates and top with homemade whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

The combination of the sugar and the cranberries leaves this delectable dessert tasting tart and sweet at the same time. The baked berries travel well and are easy to reheat. The white and creamy topping (whichever you choose) is a must for this truly festive treat.

Sorry, Mr. Turkey, these Nantucket Cranberries do just fine without you.

Meetings

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers will hold their Christmas fundraiser on Friday, Dec. 8, at the historic Provencal-Weir House at 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Members are to contribute at least one collectable. Most of the funds raised will go to historic preservation. Lisa Gandelot will host the luncheon with co-hostesses Karen Joslyn and Jo Ann Kruger.

NARSAD

Cut down your own Christmas tree and let the proceeds help people in medical need.

On Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 17, grab a saw and cut a tree. Proceeds will go to the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression.

The trees are located at the southwest corner of Dequindre and Dorn, which is about 1.5 miles north of

34 Mile Road. Trees cost between \$20 and \$40 and include Scotch pine, blue spruce and Douglas fir. For more information, call (313) 885-0632.

Colony

Town Club

The Colony Town Club will meet at noon Sunday, Dec. 3, for a luncheon at the Country Club of Detroit. Chairmen are Evelyn Kolodsick, Edith Smith and Dorothy Flom. Guests are welcome. Reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 1. Call (313) 886-6244.

Valparaiso Guild

The Valparaiso University Guild will hold its Christmas tea at noon on Monday, Dec. 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. A collection of doll houses, angels and decorative Christmas trees will be on hand for viewing.

For more information, call (313) 887-6469.

Band presents holiday concert

The Grosse Pointe Concert Band will present its annual winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Parcels Middle School Auditorium.

The band will perform music by Sousa, Mancini, Grainger, Leroy Anderson and an arrangement of holiday music.

Admission is free. A reception will immediately follow the program.

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9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE Guest's Grace Temple on literacy and Anita Liener, Detroit News autowriter. Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:30 PM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)	2:30 PM POINTERS WITH PROST Guest Ernestine Sanders of the Cornerstone Schools. Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:00 PM)
10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN? Guest Tim Perkins of The Lochmoor Club. Duck with Squash and Cherries Jubilee. Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. (Repeated: M-Sun midnight, T/Th/Sat 8:30 PM)	3:00 PM THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE Guests Yue Ming on Beginning Chinese and Mary Ellen Cooper on Ballet
10:30 AM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB Guest Steve Antonioti, Detroit Public Television. Feature of the Club's guest speaker addressing timely business issues. (Repeated: M-Sun 12:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)	3:30 PM POINTS OF HORTICULTURE Topic: Christmas plants Host horticulturist Jim Farquhar shares tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. (Repeated: M-Sun 5:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 6:30 PM)
11:00 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY Guest Betty Rae on angels Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. (Repeated: M-Sun 1:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 9:00 PM)	4:00 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTS Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 8:30 PM)
11:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW Guest Dr. Hareesh Nehra on depression Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. (Repeated: M-Sun 1:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 6:00 PM)	4:30 PM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP Renowned local artist Carol LaChiusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 9:00 PM)
12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT Guest Peter McPherson, President MSU Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. (Repeated: M-Sun 2:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 7:00 PM)	5:00 PM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun. Step/kickboxing. T/Th/Sat. Tone. (Repeated: M-Sun 7:00 AM)
1:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER Topic: GP South Choral with the DSO Host Julia Keim and guests highlight upcoming local, non-profit special events. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:30 PM)	5:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE Hosts Miss Gloria from the Central Library and Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. (T/Th/Sat 5:30 PM only)
1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS Guest Marlene Harle and her doll collection Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 8:00 PM)	

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Position switch doesn't hurt ULS senior's All-State bid

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Some soccer players might be reluctant to move to a new position in their senior season.

Especially when that player made second-team All-State as a junior.

But when University Liggett School coach David Backhurst asked Scott Vallee to move from forward to center-midfield, Vallee accepted the challenge without complaint.

And the story had a happy ending with Vallee being named to the Division IV All-State first team selected by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

He was one of three ULS players earning All-State honors. Sweeper Andrew Byron made the second team and defenseman Andrew Yee received honorable mention.

"We moved Scott to center-midfield after Steve Buhalis got hurt, so he had to learn a new position," Backhurst said. "It was a challenge, but he was the glue of our team with his play and leadership."

Vallee was even more productive at midfield than he was at forward. He scored 21 goals for ULS' state championship team in 1999 and this season he notched 23 goals and had eight assists.

"It's rare that we'd have anyone score 20 goals in consecutive years," Backhurst said. "I think only two others have done it since I've been coaching here."

And that spans nearly 20 seasons.

Vallee was also used occasionally as sweeper for the Knights when Byron was unable to play.

Vallee scored in all but six games this season and had goals in all four of ULS' state tournament victories, including the tying goal with eight minutes remaining in the regional semifinal against Saginaw Valley Lutheran that the Knights won 3-1.

"He has good size, great skills and he's the fastest player on the team," Backhurst said. "His leadership skills are outstanding, too. Scott was the strong vocal leader that everyone looked to."

Vallee has been on the ULS varsity for four seasons.

"He'll be missed next year," Backhurst said.

Vallee hopes to continue his soccer career at Denison College next year.

Byron transferred from Grosse Pointe South at the start of his sophomore season and had to sit out that year because of state eligibility rules.

"You have to be impressed with somebody wanting to play for you so much that he'll give up a year of eligibility," Backhurst said. "That's a big sacrifice."

Byron spent his sophomore year as the team manager.

Byron played marking back last season on the Knights' state championship team, but Backhurst knew that he had a replacement for sweeper Phil Leaman, who graduated.

"Andrew was very fast and had excellent skills, so I knew he could be the sweeper," Backhurst said. "He's very intelligent. He has played a lot of soccer at a high level and his father is a coach."

ULS had a rookie goalkeeper this year so it was important to have a solid defensive corps in front of him.

"Andrew helped Calvin (Ford) a great deal," Backhurst said. "We kept our goals-against average below two (it was 1.8) and we had six shutouts. As a sweeper, Andrew covered a lot of ground."

Byron also used his speed to be an offensive threat.

"He kept teams off-balance with his attacks," Backhurst said. "In our game with Hamtramck, he started a rush about 30 feet in front of our goal, weaved around two or three guys and scored the winning goal. It was one of the most beautiful goals I've seen."

Byron scored two goals and picked up four assists.

Yee has been a starter for three years at ULS and he has been an honorable mention selection on the All-State team for the last two.

"He has been our most dependable marking back," Backhurst said. "He always marks the opposition's best player and usually shuts him down."

Like Byron and Vallee, Yee is one of the fastest players on the team.

"He has good skills, he's very quick and his smooth movements make his speed

deceptive," Backhurst said. "I don't think he weighs 135 pounds but he's a solid tackler."

Backhurst said that Yee saved his best game for last. In a 2-1 loss to Oakland Christian, Yee marked All-Stater Pete Boyce and kept him off the scoresheet except for a goal on a restart.

"Andrew couldn't do anything about that," Backhurst said. "Boyce had only one or two shots all game."

Buhalis, who was a first

team selection last year, would have been a likely repeater this season if he hadn't torn his anterior cruciate ligament while playing indoor soccer last February.

Buhalis had surgery in May and didn't return until the last couple of weeks of the season.

"He didn't do anything to disqualify himself from being an All-Stater except not play in enough games," Backhurst said.

"While he was recovering he was like an assistant

coach and made a big contribution that way. Then he came back and helped us in our playoff run.

In the games he played, Buhalis earned the respect of the opposition.

"Wayne Pirmann (the Oakland Christian coach) told me after the game that No. 4 (Buhalis) was the player on our team that he was most concerned about," Backhurst said.

Buhalis played a defensive midfield position but because of his good bursts of acceleration, he was used of the rush quite a bit.



University Liggett School had four All-State players on this year's boys soccer team. From left are Andrew Yee, Steve Buhalis, Scott Vallee and Andrew Byron. Vallee was a first-team selection, Byron made the second team and Yee received honorable mention. Buhalis was a first-team selection last season who missed most of this year with a knee injury.

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North gives regional foe some king-sized problems

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Sometimes it's best to stick with something tried and true.

That's what Grosse Pointe North girls basketball coach Gary Bennett finally decided to do when preparing to face unbeaten Detroit King in the opening game of the Class A regional at Livonia Ladywood last week.

And it almost paid off in a victory for the Norsemen, who took the Crusaders to overtime before losing 53-48. It was the first defeat in 24 games for North.

"I struggled all weekend with what I should do," Bennett said. "I was worried that they'd score off of our offensive mistakes if we played our usual game."

"I thought about playing a zone. I talked to Ray Ritter about it and Ray agreed with me that if we played zone, we were taking the thing we do best away from us."

Bennett was talking about the pressure full-court man-to-man defense that has been the Norsemen's trademark for years. Ritter was Bennett's high school coach and later coached the girls team with Bennett for several years before retiring to Florida.

The Norsemen gave King everything it wanted and then some. The Crusaders led 14-12 after the first

quarter. King opened up a 24-12 lead with about three minutes left in the first half but North scored the last seven points of the half, capped by Jaime Francis' three-pointer with five seconds remaining, to cut the Crusaders' margin to 24-19 at the break.

Natalie Potthoff, who led the Norsemen with 18 points, on nine-for-10 shooting, made all four of her field-goal attempts in the first quarter.

Jill Bramos caught fire for North midway through the third quarter. She scored eight straight points for the Norsemen as they took a 33-32 lead with 52 seconds left in the period. Her last bucket in the string came after she stole an inbounds pass under the basket.

North came out of the third quarter with a 35-34 lead.

There were five lead changes in the fourth quarter. King's Tishona Gregory scored on a layup with 23.7 seconds left to give the Crusaders a 44-43 lead.

Then after a North turnover, Gregory was fouled and hit both free throws with 15.4 seconds to play.

With less than a second remaining in regulation, Beth Bigham connected on a three-point basket to tie the game at 46-46.

King scored first in over-

time on a pair of free throws by Latosha Pace, but North tied the game on a putback by Kelly Harrell with 1:55 to play.

But North had turnovers on four straight possessions in the final minute and a half. One of those led to a layup by Gregory that put King ahead to stay with 41 seconds left.

"At the end we had some trouble dealing with turnovers," Bennett said. "But we had our chances. I'm a lot happier with our performance tonight than I was last Friday (in the district win over Regina). We played a much better game tonight."

"I was extremely pleased with our effort. Talent-wise we don't come close to King, but team-wise we're just as good."

It's the second time in six years that the Norsemen have lost in overtime to King in the state tournament. North's 1994 squad lost in overtime in the quarterfinals.

Bramos finished with 10 points for North. Francis scored nine and played her usual strong floor game. Gregory led King with 17 points and Pace scored 10.

King defeated host Ladywood in the regional championship game and advanced to the quarterfinals where it played Belleville.

Irish goalie spoils day for Devils

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Bopp wasn't as disappointed as one might expect when he walked out of the arena after the Blue Devils' 2-1 loss to Notre Dame in the championship game of the Big Rapids Invitational.

"I've been coaching for 23 years and I can't remember losing a game and not feeling like we've lost," Bopp said after the Irish's Chris Anderson scored the winning goal with 30 seconds remaining in the fifth overtime period.

"You're disappointed that you lost, but we actually played a great game. We did everything right but just couldn't get anything past Notre Dame's goalie."

The Blue Devils peppered Jeremy Ryan with 40 shots and only beat him once. Kurt Faber scored the only South goal at 2:40 of the second period, assisted by Todd Lorenger and Steve Maxwell.

The South lead was short-lived as Notre Dame tied the game during a power play 1:10 later.

"Notre Dame played a very disciplined game but their goalie won the game for them," Bopp said. "We played as hard as we could and we had some great scoring chances."

"I think we'll learn from this and be a better team because of it."

Goalie Jon Starr made 26 saves, many of them outstanding ones.

South began the tournament with a 6-2 win over the host Big Rapids squad.

The Cardinals opened the scoring at 2:26 of the first period, but South's Rich Giffin tied the game at 4:31. Twenty-three seconds later, Big Rapids scored to take a 2-1 lead.

"The first period was pretty much all Big Rapids," Bopp said. "That's the second game in a row we struggled in the first period."

"In the second period we came out and played a lot more physical. We started taking the body. That gave their defensemen less time to make the play and they made some turnovers."

Big Rapids had only four shots in the second period and had only 19 in the game against Starr.

Tim Vandenboom, who

played a strong game against Big Rapids, tied the game at 6:59 of the second period, then set up Justin Graves to put the Blue Devils ahead 3-2 with 5:20 left in the period.

Faber scored with 2:01 remaining in the second period to give South a two-goal advantage.

The Blue Devils added a pair of third-period goals by Jacques Perreault and Graves.

Maxwell had two assists for South, while Faber, Vandenboom, Giffin and

Lorenger collected one apiece.

"A lot of people played well in both games," Bopp said.

"Lorenger and Maxwell made the all-tournament team. Faber played two real strong games and Marc Kaplan had a strong tournament on defense. Our whole defense played better this week."

"Both games were great team efforts. The whole weekend was a good experience. We gained confidence and experience."



Perfect in tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt Hawkeyes won all four of their games in the recent Troy Thanksgiving tournament. Goalie Brett Johnson recorded his second shutout of the tournament in the Hawkeyes' 8-0 victory in their final game. Jimmy Saros scored three goals and Chase Thornton and Michael Walsh collected two apiece. Michael Balke had the other Hawkeyes goal. Balke, Michael Saleh and Keith Gillum played outstanding defense in front of Johnson. In front, from left, are Saleh, Saros, Johnson, Peter Croce and Mathew Smutek. In the middle row, from left, are Ryan Gillum, Kilian Davis, Cameron Slaughter, Keith Gillum, Michael Balke and Michael Walsh. In back, from left, are assistant coaches Brian Gillum and Steve Walsh, Jozsef Curry-Zolton, Thornton, Will Socia, head coach Bill Balke and assistant coach Brad Eickhorst.

A double win for North skaters

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team doubled its pleasure last weekend in the annual Blue Water tournament.

With victories over the host Port Huron Northern team (6-1) and Wyandotte Roosevelt (6-2), the Norsemen won the tournament for the third year in a row.

"The tournament director joked that maybe they should rename it the Grosse Pointe North tournament," said North coach Scott Lock.

The PHN game doubled as a league game, giving the Norsemen their first victory in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League. North joined the MIHL this year after spending many years in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

"It's a tough league with Catholic Central, Cranbrook, Port Huron Northern and Brother Rice," Lock said. "We won't have many easy games this year. That's good, because we have a pretty stellar team with about 15 kids return-

ing. "We were able to roll four lines and three defensive pairs and most of them are veterans."

Last year North went to the state quarterfinals before losing to Woodhaven.

The one place where the Norsemen are young is in goal where sophomore Colin Chase and freshman Dan Vasquez posted their first varsity wins.

"They're young, but they're both very talented," Lock said.

Chase made 22 saves in

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the certification of revenues and appropriated budgetary expenditure adjustments to the FY 1999-2000 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certifying a General Fund revenue reduction totaling \$33,981,431, certification of Special Revenue totaling \$33,981,431, and certification of Capital Projects revenue of \$8,527,567;
2. Certifying additional revenue in the amount of \$3,326,815; the proposed amendment results in increased revenue to the General Fund totaling \$3,326,815 for Third Circuit Court operations; the additional revenue results from \$2,656,065 from the Family Independence Agency; \$226,375 from the Detroit Employment and Training Department, \$397,000 from the Skillman Foundation, and \$47,375 from the Michigan Justice Training Commission.
3. Certifying a decrease in revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,800,000; the proposed amendment results from a decrease in the State Equity revenue, which was certified at \$24.5 million, but actual revenues were \$22.5 million; in addition, the internal administrative charge to the Friend of the Court for Circuit Court administrative functions has been determined to be \$2.0 million not the budgeted \$4.8 million and should be reduced accordingly;
4. Certifying a revenue reduction in the amount of \$558,181; the proposed amendment is the net result of revenue changes in Fund 101 and Fund 102 which total to a net decrease of \$636,250 in Fund 101 and a \$78,069 increase in Fund 102;

all in accordance with budget adjustment Nos. 00-35-219, 00-35-104, 00-35-105 & 106, and 00-35-123.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Commission Chamber
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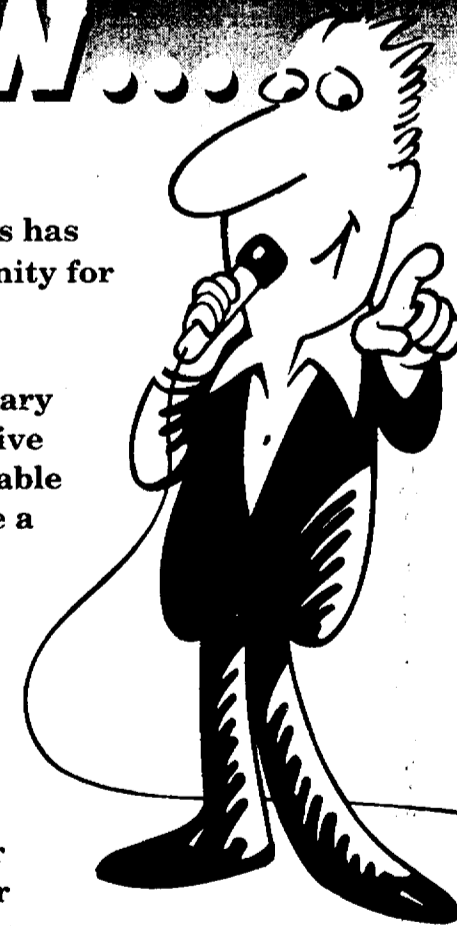
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Salvo '92 wins in first MYSL travel season



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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt AA Bulldogs finished first in the Sylvania (Ohio) Faceoff Tournament by beating the host Sylvania Maple Leafs 5-2 in the title game. In front, from left, are Matt Burton, Michael Thomas, Chris Jay, Brittany Ott, Scotty Maxwell, Alex Davenport and David Driver. In the middle row, from left, are Tony Jacobson, Tim Tabaldo, Sean Martin, Tim Shield, Brady Savage, Evan Skorupski and Michael Zukas. In back, from left, are coaches Jim Davenport, John Jacobson, Bill Shield and Steve Skorupski.

In its first season of playing travel soccer, the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo '92 had a 10-1-1 record and finished first in the under-9 boys First Division of the Michigan Youth Soccer League.

It is the first time that a GPSA boys under-9 travel soccer team has finished first in the MYSL.

The Salvo defeated every team in the league twice, except for an experienced Vardar squad.

The Salvo's finest game was at Vardar. The contest was played in rain, cold wind and sleet, but the Salvo held Vardar to only two goals. At the same time, the Grosse Pointe team attacked the Vardar goal consistently.

The Salvo tied the game late in the second half. It hit the goalposts and crossbar on several occasions, but fell just short of the victory.

The team's only loss came in the rematch with Vardar. That left the Salvo's fate in the hands of third-place Troy, which tied Vardar twice to give the Salvo the

championship by a point. Salvo '92 scored 63 goals and allowed only 14.

Defenders Rory Deane, Alex Mager, Albert Ford and Chris Shirar and goalkeepers Jeff Graves and Andy Vander Schaaf never allowed more than two goals in a game.

Twelve of the 13 players had assists and 11 scored goals.

Brendan Petz, Brian McGhee, Kelly O'Donnell,

Daudlin and Ian Osborn effectively won balls and initiated scoring plays at midfield. The finishing touches often came from assist leader Dan Zukas, goal leader Austen Brooks and from Jarvis Wise, who was second in both goals and assists.

Lee Brooks and Larry Graves are the coaches. Marc Tirikian is the trainer. Lisa Mager is the team manager.

U-9 Mustangs win

The Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs under-9 blue team posted a thrilling 4-3 victory over United F.C. Springboks.

Center forward Molly Andrew started the scoring early in the first half. Emma Hull assisted on the second goal.

Bridget McDevitt followed with another goal after taking a perfect crossing pass from Caitlin Barry. Rae Sklarski, who played goal in the first half, made some good saves and held Springboks to one goal.

Springboks scored first in the second half but the Mustangs' Alexia Diamond converted Sklarski's rebound to make it 4-2.

Hull made several good saves in the second half to preserve the win.

Stephanie Baubie, Alexandra Bracci, Ariana Conti, Kelly Fox, Kate Howard, Molly Onderbeke and Julia Solecki also contributed to the win.

North seeking lacrosse coach

Grosse Pointe North is looking for a boys lacrosse coach for the spring season.

Candidates for the position must apply in writing to athletic director Chris Clark. Application forms may be obtained at North, which is located at 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, or by calling (313) 343-2214.

Dragons' first year is a winning one

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '92 started its travel soccer career in impressive fashion.

The Dragons' first competition came in the Romeo Peachfest tournament and it won the under-9 division by posting a 2-0-1 record and outscoring the opposition 12-1.

The Dragons' balanced offensive attack was led by goal scorers Maggie Tignanelli, Samantha Filippelli, Katherine Bowman, Christine Bedway and Ana Harris.

Tara Bolton, Nikki Capisso, Kathryn Cumpata and Meghan Robinson played aggressively at midfield.

The strongest play might have come from the defense led by Tara Bolton, Nina Pieroni, Hannah Orlicki, Holly Spencer and Julia Zurek.

Bolton and Zurek shared

the goalkeeping and did a good job.

The Dragons then started the regular season well in the Michigan Youth Soccer League's under-9 division. Midway through the year the team had a 5-1-1 record.

The Dragons beat the Michigan Gators twice and also posted wins over the Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs, Sterling-Clinton Cyclones and Vardar.

Bedway, Bowman, Capizzo, Cumpata, Harris, Pieroni and Robinson scored early-season goals.

Filippelli and Tignanelli provided strong support on the field. The defense continued to be outstanding with Spencer, Orlicki, Pieroni, Bolton, Bedway and Zurek leading the way. Bolton and Zurek were solid in goal.

The team is coached by Jim Zurek, Harry Harris and Jim Bolton.



First-year champs

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Dragons '92 finished their first season with a share of the championship in the Michigan Youth Soccer League's top under-9 division. The Dragons posted an 8-1-3 league record and outscored their opponents 31-9. The Dragons also won their division in the Romeo Peachfest tournament. The Dragons were 10-1-4 overall. In front, from left, are Nicholette Capizzo, Hannah Orlicki and Kathryn Cumpata. In the middle row, from left, are Nina Pieroni, Meghan Robinson, Anastacia Harris, Katherine Bowman, Julia Zurek, Holly Spencer, Tara Bolton, Christine Bedway and Maggie Tignanelli. In back, from left, are coaches Harry Harris, Jim Zurek and Jim Bolton. Not pictured is Samantha Filippelli.

North

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the win over Northern, while Vasquez turned back 18 shots in beating Roosevelt.

The two games were as different as night and day.

"We really played well against Northern," Lock said. "They're young, but they're pretty good. We kept coming after them. It was a good hockey game."

He couldn't say the same about the championship game the following night.

"If we had played the same way against Wyandotte as we did against Northern, we'd have scored 15 goals," Lock said. "There were a lot of penalties and the game had no flow at all. We pretty much just went through the motions."

Mike Barger, a senior playing his first season with the Norsemen, led the way against PHN with three goals. Dan Socia, Andy Scarfone and Mike Mueller also tallied for North. Neal Gram collected two assists.

Three-year veteran Alex Chapman scored three goals and had two assists against Roosevelt. Socia, Bob Ritter and Andy Carter each had a goal and an assist for the Norsemen. Chris Barger picked up three assists.

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Gaffney, Council members Kneiser, West, Gandelot, Schonenberg, Danaher and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Leonard, Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Gaffney presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 16, 2000 were approved as submitted.

The Council acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held October 16, 2000 and granted the appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cook, 99 Moran, to construct one story additions on the rear of their residence; granted the appeal of Mr. & Mrs. William Doherty, 30 Kerby Road, to construct a one story addition to the rear of their residence.

The Council approved the Right-of-Way Permit and Facility Use Agreement between the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Metricom, Inc.

The Public Safety Department Report for the month of September 2000 was received by the Council and ordered it placed on file.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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Motorists urged to practice safe driving habits this winter

Snow-covered roads, icy patches and bitter blizzard winds have arrived earlier than normal this year. And with these wintertime hazards, Michigan's automobile and heavy-truck drivers are advised to "share the road" safely and practice safe driving habits.

The safety advisory comes from the Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS), an organization dedicated to improving safety between car and truck drivers on Michigan's roads and highways.

According to Ed Gaffney, project director of the MCTS, there are tips that drivers should remember before they leave their houses and while they are on the roads this winter.

"Most of these suggestions are simple common sense advice, but they are suggestions that we may often take for granted," said Gaffney. The MCTS offers the following tips for Michigan motorists this winter:

- If you must travel in bad winter weather, begin with a "walk around" of your vehicle before leaving your driveway. Check your tires, wipers and fluids, radiator and heating system. This — all the more important in

problems that strand motorists on the side of the road.

- **Slow down.** Increase your following distance substantially in snow and ice to help with braking and to ease visibility problems from spraying snow and ice.

- **Be aware of a truck's large blind spots** and the spray from snow or slush off truck tires. If you can't see the truck driver in his or her mirrors, then the truck driver probably can't see you.

- **Signal your intentions** to change lanes well ahead of time. If a truck is signaling its intention to change lanes, allow it space to do so. Often, the truck driver may have seen a wintertime hazard or is trying to avoid another vehicle.

- **Remember that trucks are heavier** — and especially in winter road conditions — and take longer to safely respond and come to a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.

- **On highway entrance ramps, remember** highway traffic has the right of way; maintain proper speed and use smooth merging techniques. Avoid slowing down in front of a truck at a ramp

snowy and icy conditions.

- **Expect the unexpected.** Try to avoid situations where you have to make a quick move; your car will likely not stop or turn the way you want it to on slippery roads.

- **If your car is equipped** with anti-lock brakes, do not pump the brakes when

attempting to stop. The right way is to "stomp and steer."

- **Look further ahead** in traffic than you normally do. Actions by cars and trucks will alert you quicker to problems and give you a split-second extra time to react safely.

- **Use low-beam head-**

lights for best visibility. Stop often to clean lights — especially taillights.

- **Dress warmly.** Make sure your cell phone is fully charged. Keep a "care package" in your vehicle. Include a snow shovel, a blanket, warm gloves, flashlight and batteries and some non-perishable snacks or food.

The MCTS is funded by a grant from the Michigan Truck Safety Commission through registration fees from the trucking industry. The MCTS provides safety training to commercial drivers and promotes the concept that both car and truck drivers should be courteous and share the road.

Food industry kicks off safe driving campaign

"Friends don't let friends drink and drive." Once again this is the theme of the campaign to encourage partygoers to be more responsible.

Proprietors of taverns, restaurants, party stores and grocers will strongly emphasize this message during the holiday season to prove they care about their customers and to prevent fatal auto accidents.

The campaign is coordinated by the Michigan Food and Beverage Association (MFBA) on behalf of its more than 3,200 members, the food and beverage industry, and various community organizations who participate in this annual safety campaign. It will run through Tuesday, Jan. 2.

"This campaign is a community service of our industry," said MFBA president Ed Deeb. "Our members and give their customers a happy and safe holiday season."

"The holidays are a time for family get-togethers, bright lights and parties. It should not be a time of tragedy and sadness because of a drunk driver," Deeb said.

In 1999, more than 38 percent of nationwide traffic fatalities were alcohol related, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. There were 370 alcohol-related traffic deaths in Michigan in 1999. Nationwide, nearly 16,000 people were killed by drunk

and non-members of MFBA who wish to participate in this holiday season promotion are encouraged to do so. For more information, call MFBA at (810) 979-8392. There is no cost to participate.

A partial list of participating organizations with MFBA includes Pepsi-Cola Co., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Business and Professional Association, The Salvation Army, Detroit Institute of Arts, National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan chapter), Detroit Urban League, St. John Health System, Omni-Care Health Plan, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Eastern Market Merchants Assoc., The Detroit Zoo and Big

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Holiday lighting safety prevents dangerous jolts

Why don't they make a double male electrical connector?

Q. I'm putting up my holiday lights but I cannot plug them in because they are female and so is the receptacle on my house. Why don't they make a double male plug? None of the local stores sell them, so now how do I connect my lights? Dudley of Harper Woods.

A. Dudley, if you use a double male to attach any cord or lights to an electrical outlet you will be leaving a male cord end exposed. It may be in the yard, up in a tree, or in the bushes, but it will be exposed. If someone touches it they can be electrocuted.

So, no, no, no..., you may not have a double male plug. Pull your lights down and reinstall them the right way!

From now on plug in your lights and test them first. Then hang them up with the power off just in case there is a loose or exposed wire. This will prevent you from hanging them up backwards with the male end of the cord exposed. Plus it is easier to repair a dead bulb or two when the lights are on the ground.

Q. Why do some of my cords have one prong bigger than the other? Sparky, St. Clair Shores.

A. The reason one of the prongs is wider is to polarize the electricity feeding an appliance. All new extension cords and appliances are polarized so the chances of an electrical shock are greatly minimized.

The difference between the two prongs is more important at the female end of a cord or a receptacle in the wall. The large or wider slot is for the neutral wire. This is the safer one; if wired correctly will be the same as a ground wire.

Correction notice

In the Nov. 23 issue of YourHome Magazine the featured cover photo of 1027 Kensington in Grosse Pointe Park was listed for sale by Johnstone & Johnstone when it should have read the correct selling agent as Beline Obeid — Prudential Grosse Pointe Real Estate. We apologize for this error.



By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

The little slot is wired to the hot wire. This is the one that will poke or kill you if you touch it and are grounded. It is also the one that is harder for children to stick metal objects in.

So with this in mind, manufacturers of electrical appliances will connect the small prong, "hot," to the switch. When the appliance is turned off it will be relatively safer than without polarizing. In a lamp they will connect the hot wire to the bottom of a light socket. This will make changing light bulbs safer because your finger will have to go to the bottom of the lamp socket to receive a shock.

Always kill the power before working on any electrical items. Working with "hot" wires is best left only for professionals. We don't want to lose any customers to careless wiring accidents. Electricians' rule: Always keep one hand in your back pocket. This way electricity won't pass across your heart. Nice concept eh?

Send your questions to; Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (810) 776-9532; e-mail blair@mrhardware.com; or visit www.mrhardware.com to review other columns.



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Q. I wonder if you can help with some antique furniture we have. Enclosed are pictures of the furniture that we believe is at least 50 years old. If it is of value we are interested in selling it as opposed to just letting it sit in the basement.

There are three pieces in the set and six chairs, one chair has armrests. We cannot figure out the manufacture or age. Please advise. — R.W.

A. R.W., in investigating I was surprised to come upon a duplicate set of your furniture at the newly opened Discovery Shop that benefits The American Cancer Society, located at 110 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. The set on display was a complete set, as yours, in good condition.

Anita Sandercott, manager of the Discovery Shop, said several customers also commented on being familiar with the set on display and said they at one time owned furniture exactly like it, all commenting it came with six chairs



Antique's Ambience

By Diane Morelli

— only one was armed. Sandercott appraised the set as 1930s Mediterranean style and priced it for a quick sale at \$1,500. It did sell quickly and Sandercott said similar furniture would be given a "price to sell" anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

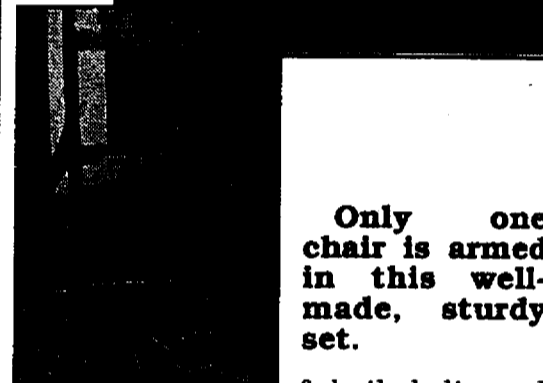
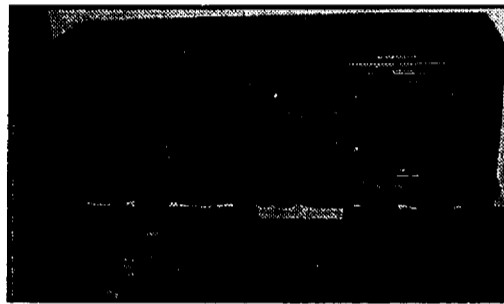
At the shop I noticed the dovetailing of a drawer to be uniform, machine-cut which dates it as less than 100 years old.

The book "Know Your Antiques," by Ralph and Terry Kovel, gives tips on furniture construction to age a piece. The Kovel's point out that wood shrinks slightly in one direction, and a round table top



This leafed table, left, boasts six turned legs.

The side cabinet, below, has two deep drawers appropriately called bottle drawers. The display cabinet, right, has a "blind door" of solid wood.



Only one chair is armed in this well-made, sturdy set.

should become oval after 40 years.

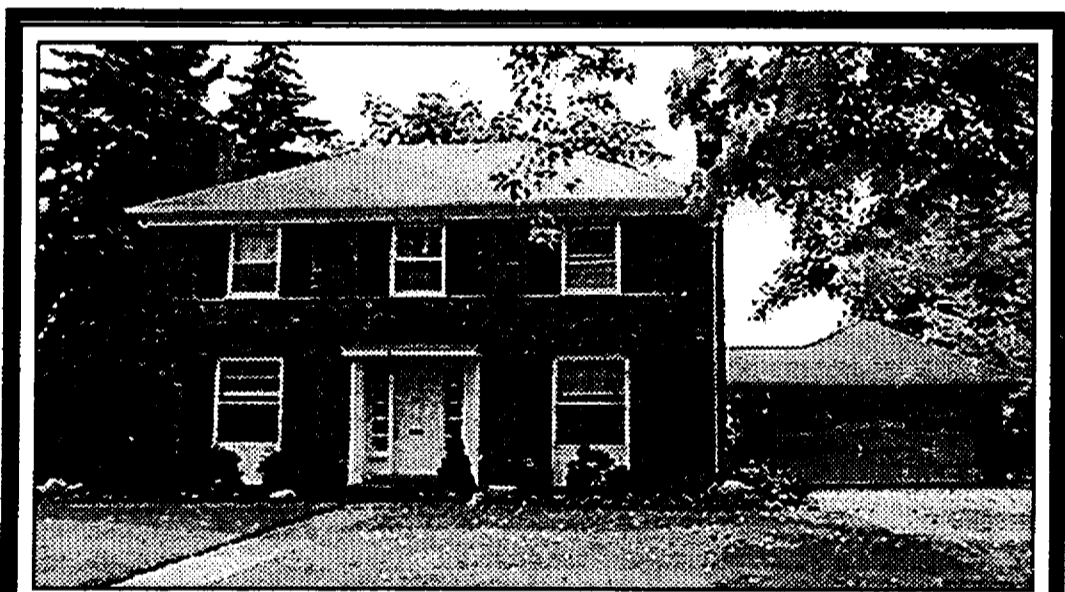
You can also measure the round ball detailed in William and Mary-style furniture to determine its aged shrinkage.

The furniture on display was well cared for by its previous owners. I particularly liked the richness of its worn wood finishes.

Kovel's book also offers hints on care of furniture: "Wooden furniture should be washed with a gentle soap and a minimum amount of water. After the old layers of dirt are removed, a good wax polish will give it the best care. To keep the wood from drying out, first feed the furniture about once a month, and when the wood is no longer 'hungry,' twice a year. Mix equal parts

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Pet Care

By Sam Mazzotta
First-time pets

Q. I'd like to surprise my 6-year-old son with a new pet for his birthday. What's the best type of pet for a child? What pets should I avoid?

A. For a child as young as your son, a small, contained pet such as a hamster or a goldfish is your best bet. Both types are easy to care for, while still teaching your son responsibility.

Avoid high-maintenance pets like dogs, unless you have experience with them and are willing to shoulder much of their care. Children often beg for a new puppy or kitten because they're cute and cuddly, but they don't

know how much time it takes to properly care for and train these animals.

Visit your local pet store for information on small pets like hamsters, guinea pigs, frogs and fish. Pick up some reading material about the pet you choose — all creatures have special dietary needs, and require clean cages or aquariums.

Once your son shows that he is responsible by taking good care of a smaller pet, you can talk with him about adopting a larger animal, like a kitten.

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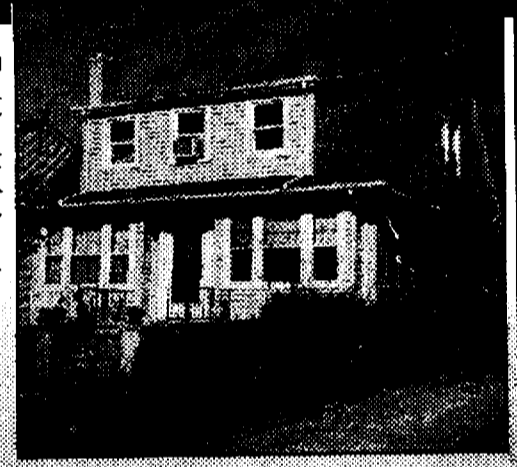
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Detroit Edison offers winter storm tips

With winter winds upon southeastern Michigan, Detroit Edison recommends that its customers prepare for winter storms and the unavoidable power outages they may bring.

But before customers call the utility to restore electric service, they should check fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses when a power outage occurs. If your electrical system is intact, determine the extent of the outage by checking to see whether neighbors also have a problem.

Report power outages and downed power lines by calling Detroit Edison on (800) 477-4747.

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

What to do before a storm

Assemble an emergency kit that is easily accessible. It should include a battery powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food. In addition, keep a corded or cell phone on hand because a cordless telephone needs electricity to operate. 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. Check to see if 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.

What to do during a storm

• Stay at least 10 feet away from a downed power line and anything with which it's in contact, especially metal fences. Treat every downed power line as live.

• Don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food for two 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 kerosene — 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.

• Turn off or unplug all appliances to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

• If using a portable generator, disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines. 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.

Customers may request copies of Detroit Edison's brochures, "Weathering the Storm," and "Safely Operating a Portable Generator," by calling (800) 477-4747, or by visiting the web site, <http://www.detroitedison.com>.



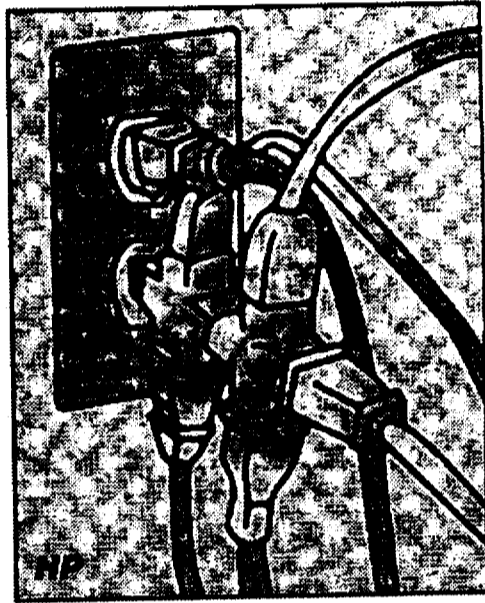
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Top 10 reasons to call an electrician

Unless your home was built quite recently, it's likely that the electrical system already needs some upgrading or repair. New electrical codes are making homes safer, and it's important to keep up with the changes. And with technology accelerating at an ever-faster pace, the need for power grows every day. Older homes are especially hard-pressed to keep up with today's electrical demands. The symptoms are obvious, but are often overlooked or ignored. Here's what to look for:



- "System interruptus" puts you in the dark. If electrical circuit-breakers trip often, or fuses blow frequently, your circuits are drawing more current than they can safely provide. This may also indicate a dangerous fault on one or more circuits.

- The lights flicker and wane. Does your hair dryer give the vanity lamp a moment's pause? When the refrigerator or air conditioner comes on, do the ceiling lights dim? Many motor-driven appliances draw lots of current and should be wired on dedicated circuits. If smaller appliances also cause problems, consider adding a 20-amp line to service them.

- There's an octopus at many outlets. If plug-strips and multi-receptacle add-ons are strangling your outlets, your electrical system is working beyond capacity. Additional circuits with duplex receptacles are needed to restore order — and safety.

- Rug bumps mess up the carpet. If your living room looks like a snake farm with wires running under the rugs and furniture, a dangerous condition exists, and you definitely need more outlets. If some of those wires are extension cords, the outlets you have are too far apart. Both signs usually indicate that additional outlets are required throughout the house.

- Three into two won't go. Many older homes have outlets that won't accept three-prong grounded plugs. This is a bigger problem than not being able to plug in the microwave oven — it could indicate that your electrical wiring system is not fully grounded, and you're not completely safe.

- The old standards just don't apply. When you remove an outlet or switch cover, do you find bits of black rubber in the box? Are the wires covered in cloth instead of plastic? If you have an older home

and the answers are yes, it means the insulation on the wires is antiquated and dangerously deficient for today's electrical needs.

- You get a warm, tingly feeling all over. Are outlets, switches or other electrical-system surfaces warm to the touch? Do you see any blackening nearby on the switch plate or wall, switch terminals or wire ends? Does a switch or outlet give a mild shock? The problem could simply be too much demand on the circuit, or something far more complicated and dangerous. If your home was built or wired during the period from 1965 to 1975, it may even have aluminum wiring. If it does, have it checked regularly.

- It's not safe to go near the water. Wet locations such as kitchens, baths and utility rooms, as well as grounded areas like your basement or garage, now require outlets protected by ground fault circuit interrupters or GFCIs. Easy retrofit installation will make your home code-compliant — and safe. If GFCIs have already been installed near sinks and dishwashers, test their reset buttons to be sure they're working properly.

- Rust is slowly taking over. If you begin to notice rust or moisture on or under your home's main service panel, it's a sign that something's going wrong. Deterioration at the panel threatens the main wiring connections within, and could indicate similar problems throughout your electrical system.

- It's not getting better — just older. If your home is more than 25 years old, and you've never upgraded your electrical service, you may be living with an inadequate and possibly hazardous wiring system. For your family's safety and your own peace of mind, have an electrician inspect it and, if necessary, bring it up to today's code standards.



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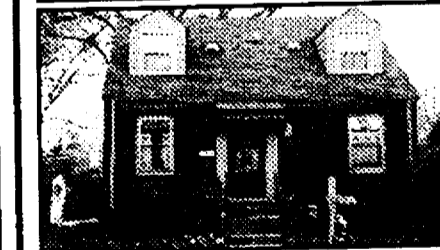
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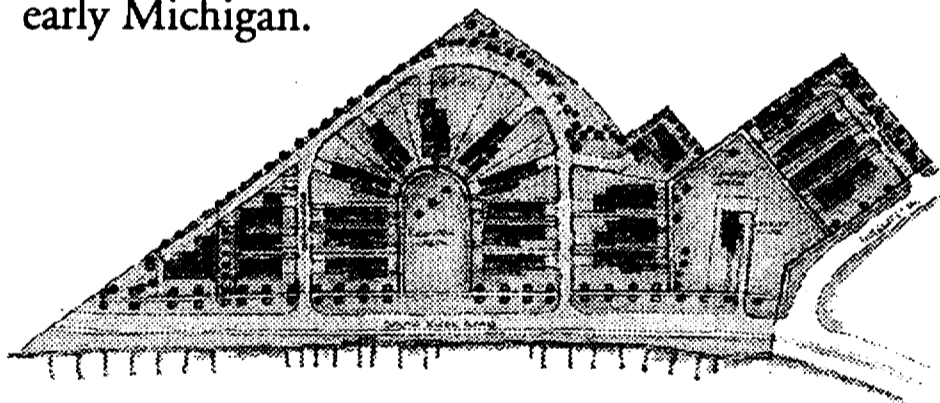


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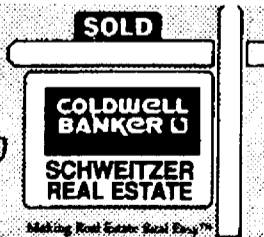
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Home maintenance guides

Q. I'm looking for a guide to fall maintenance. Besides checking my furnace, what do I need to do to get ready for winter? — Jane L., Monroe, La.

A. Most reputable home repair books offer checklists, guides and schedules for year-round maintenance. The best guide is one that offers instructions for most procedures, so flip through a few of these guides at your local bookstore before settling on one or two.

Winter preparation emphasizes checking and repairing any area of the house where heat might escape, as well as preparing for cold-related problems like frozen pipes. Such a complete check could take a full weekend or more, so do it efficiently by starting from the top of the house and working downward.

- Inspect the roof for loose shingles, deterioration or leaks.
- Check the chimney for damage like broken masonry, or a rusted or damaged spark arrestor. Remove rust with a wire brush and tighten any connecting screws.
- Clean out and check gutters and downspouts for leaks or damage.
- Look for loose siding or trim (that might blow away in a wind-storm) and repair.
- Caulk and patch exterior cracks and window and door frames.
- Clean and degrease outside

concrete surfaces, like the driveway and patio.

Inside the house:

- Check attic insulation; replace older (more than 20 years) insulating material.
 - Spray foam sealant into small openings between the attic and living area. Spaces around ventilation ducts, plumbing vents, and ceiling light fixtures are prime examples.
 - Inspect heating ducts for damage and clear debris from floor registers.
 - Get your fireplace ready: Open the damper, clean the screen and doors, and make needed adjustments or repairs. Have a professional inspect and clean the inside of the chimney.
 - Clear lint from the dryer duct (built-up lint can cause a fire); inspect the washing machine's water supply hoses and clean the filters.
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Preregistration with payment is required no later than Friday, Dec. 1, to St. Clair Shores Community Education.

For more information or to register, call (810) 285-8880.

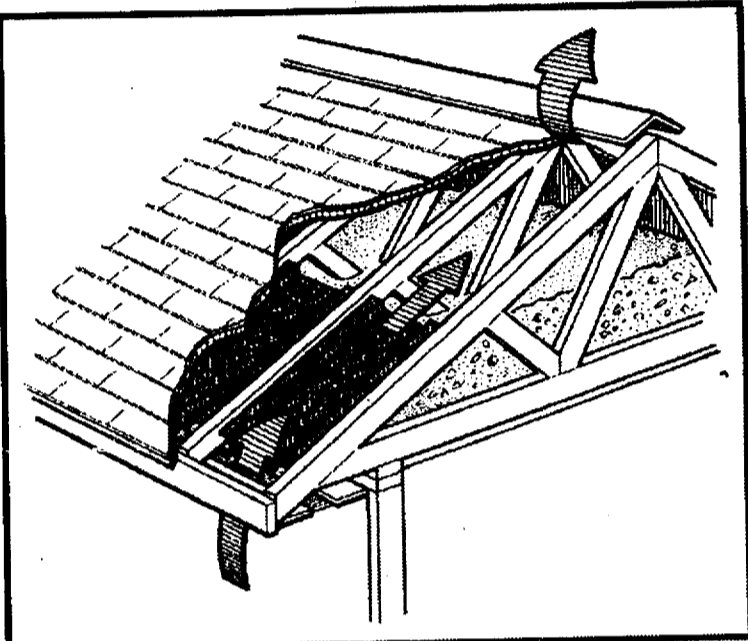
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Give your attic a breath of fresh air

While people know it's important to seal drafts in the living area of their home for winter comfort, many don't know it's just as important to keep their attic breathing freely to keep a home warm.



A poorly ventilated attic can create numerous winter-time problems that can reduce the effectiveness of insulation, cause roof damage, and create rotting in roof trusses and other timbers.

Good attic ventilation is as important as enough insulation.

Although winter may seem cold and dry, unseen moisture is constantly escaping from your home's living spaces. This moisture can condense in your attic insulation, reducing the ability of the insulation to keep heat in the home where it belongs. Venting the moist air out of the attic keeps the insulation dry and the home warm.

If an attic is not properly vented, heat escaping from the home is trapped and can increase the air temperature in the attic to begin melting snow on the roof. This melting snow will refreeze again when it reaches the eaves, causing ice dams. These ice dams, if severe enough, may cause this melting snow to back up under the shingles. Many times so much water backs up that it drips through the roof deck into the attic insulation. Enough moisture buildup in the insulation will eventually damage interior ceiling and wall surfaces. In addition, moisture from condensation and ice dams can accelerate damage to the structural wood materials in the roof and walls.

Improving your attic ventilation is as easy as one, two, three:

1. Install continuous ridge venting along the roof peak. This is where the hot air is exhausted from the attic. The ridge vent should be durable and weather resistant. If it's impractical to install ridge vents, several traditional roof vents (roof louvers) should be installed as near the ridge as possible.

2. Install continuous soffit ventilation strips under the eaves. These soffit vents allow fresh, cool-

er air to enter the attic. Because air will be drawn in the soffit vents, make sure they have a fine mesh screen to prevent insects from entering. Soffit vents should be made of aluminum or plastic to prevent rusting.

3. From inside the attic, install attic ventilation channels between the rafters to maintain an unobstructed air channel over the insulation. Without these ventilation channels, a good flow of air up and out the ridge vent won't occur. These vents also prevent wind-blown insulation from plugging or blocking the air flow from the soffits. Ventilation channels traditionally have been made of cardboard or foam, but are being replaced by more durable and easily installed rigid plastic products. ProVents, from ADO Products in Minneapolis, are made from black recycled plastic and cost less than \$2 each.

Improving a home's attic ventilation system, particularly in homes older than 10 years, is one of the simplest and most important tasks a homeowner can do to optimize energy efficiency of the home and prevent long-term moisture problems. Ask your local building material retailer for more information on ventilation and insulation products. For information on ProVent from ADO Products, call (800) 666-8191.

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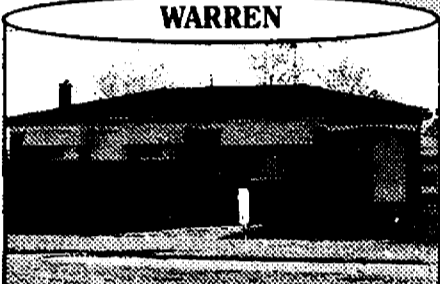
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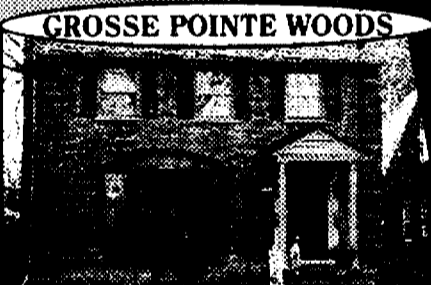
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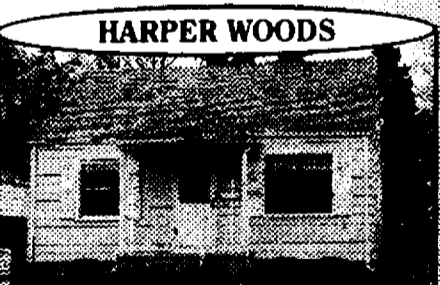
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Antiques and Collecting

Recorded music today comes on tapes or CDs. A few years ago it was on plastic or wax records.

In the 1880s, the music often came from metal discs made with holes that could activate the right notes on a machine. The disc music box was popular from 1895 to 1905, when the phonograph captured the market. Popular brands included the Regina, Kalliope, Polyphon and Symphonion. Discs varied in size from 11 inches to 26 inches in diameter.

A working example of any of these large music boxes is expensive. Recently a Kalliope Panorama was offered at an auction for more than \$20,000. The machine plays a 25-1/4-inch disc. The bottom half of the machine has a panorama of a racetrack. As the music plays, horses race. It was originally made to be used in taverns so the patrons could bet on the results of the race.

Q. My aunt collects what she calls "jadite" kitchen glassware. All the pieces are light green. She has pitchers, canisters, spice sets, salt and pepper shakers, mixing bowls, baking dishes and storage containers that she calls "leftovers." Can you tell me who made this glassware and if it is related to jade glass?

A. Jade glass and jadite kitchenware are not related—except that their names are both based on the famous jade stone. Real jade can be one of two minerals: nephrite or jadeite (note the spelling). It is found in many colors, including green, lavender, white, red-brown

and yellow. Jade glass is a term used today to refer to an art glass created by Frederick Carder a century ago. The McKee Glass Co. of Jeannette, Pa., introduced a line of opaque "jade glass" kitchenware and dinnerware in 1930. The line was made in several colors that were based on the various shades of real jade. McKee called the line's green-colored dishes "Skokie green" or "Jade green." Jeannette Glass Co., McKee's rival in the same town, introduced its own line of opaque kitchenware in 1932 and called its green dishes "Jadite." Other companies, including Anchor-Hocking, made similar glassware, sometimes spelling it "jad-ite" or "jade-ite." Today's collectors refer to all opaque, green glass kitchen and dinnerware as jadite.

Q. My parents bought a second-hand reel lawn mower sometime during the 1920s or '30s. The words "Pennsylvania, patented Sept. 1877" are cast into the side. It is rusty, but much of the original green paint still shows. Would collectors be interested in this mower?

A. Old lawn mowers are collectible. But the patent date on your mower does not indicate its age. Mowers were made for decades using the same patented design. If your mower, including the handle, is all iron, it is an antique and would sell for up to \$1,000. If the handle is wooden, the mower was made in the 1920s or later and would sell for about \$50.

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Home Tips

- Catch mice by using a gumdrop or cotton ball in the trap, not just cheese. (Tie the cotton to the trigger with string.) The gumdrop lasts longer, and mice like using the cotton for their nests. — Art J., Waterville, Maine.

- Weak or broken plant stems can be "splinted" using popsicle sticks or chopsticks. Secure them with thread or thin twine. I also wrap onion skin around broken houseplant limbs and tie it with twine. The skin is free of bacteria, strong and light, which will help the plant heal. Take the "bandage" off after a few days, and the break should be mended. — Carol C., Center Point, Ala.

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Darkow said that nationwide studies by the Environmental Protection Agency have recently concluded that airborne particles smaller than 2.5 microns from diesel exhaust, power plants and other sources are responsible for serious lung disease.

"Ordinary electronic or micro-fiber pleated media air cleaners do an excellent job of capturing relatively large particles such as pollen and other allergens," said Darkow. "The Aprilaire Model 5000 is designed to capture nearly all of the very smallest particles that are a health concern, in addition to capturing those larger particles."

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"The end result is the removal and permanent entrapment of allergens such as pollen and spores, disease-causing agents like bacteria, and pollution such as soot from diesel engines and power plants," said Darkow.

Figure 1 - High Efficiency Whole House Air Cleaners

Particle Size (microns)	Particle Types of Specified Size						Efficiency*		
	Tobacco Smoke	Respirable Dust	Bacteria	Pet Dander	Fungi	Pollen	Aprilaire Electronic Air Cleaner	Plate Type Electronic Air Cleaners	Micro-fiber Pleated Media
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0.5	■	■	■	■			95%	81%	NA
1.0	■	■	■	■	■		98%	92%	70%
2.0	■	■	■	■	■		98.5%	94%	NA
5.0			■	■	■		>99.5%	**	92%
10.0			■	■	■		>99.9%	**	99%

* Based on 0.35 micron size
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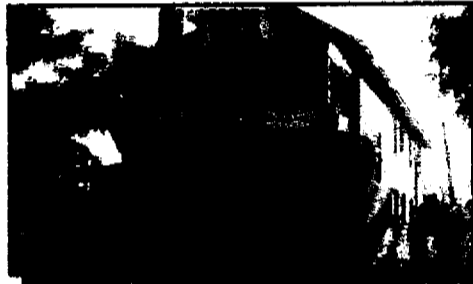
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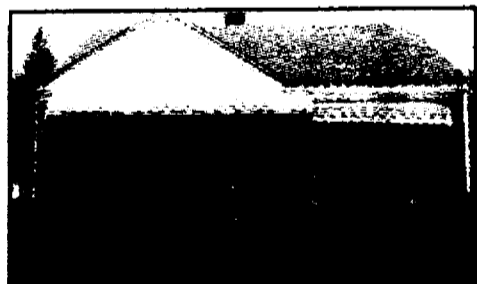
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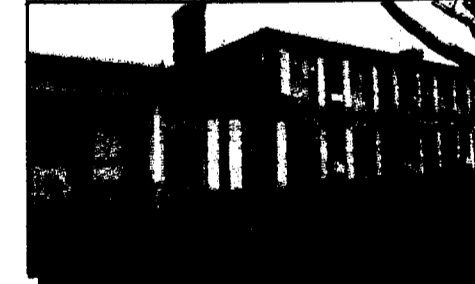
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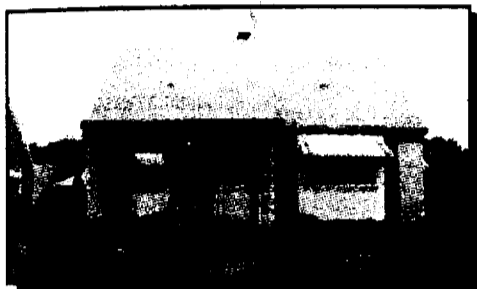


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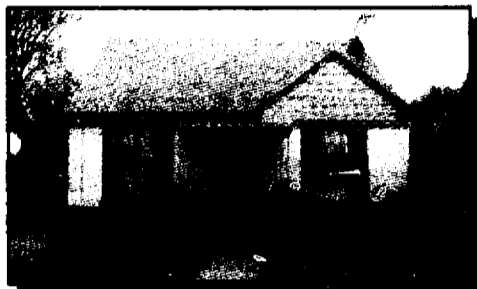
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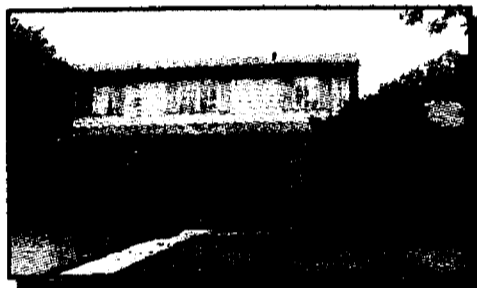
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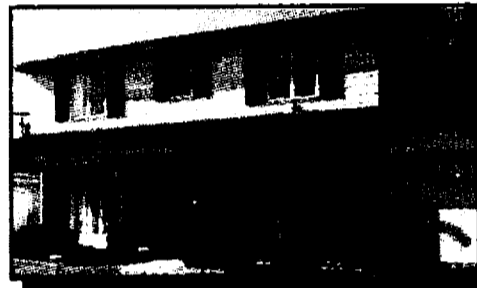
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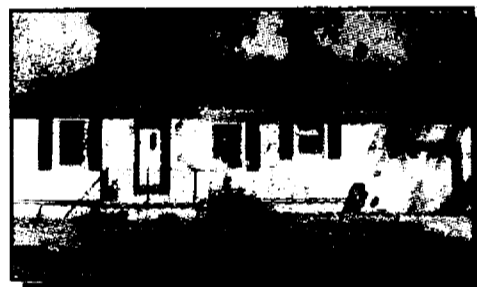
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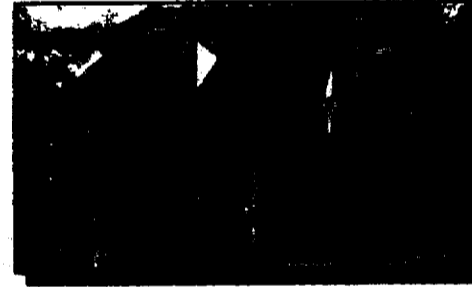
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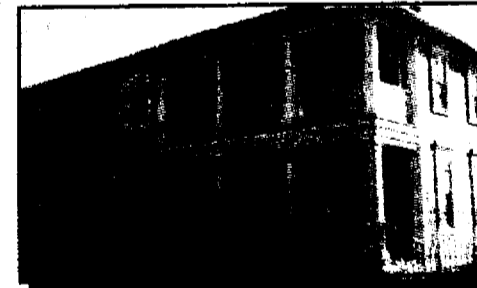
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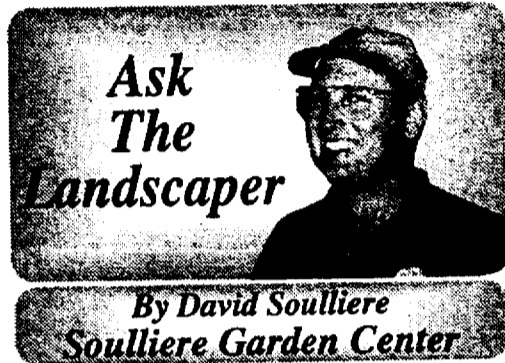
Christmas tree preferences have changed

A fresh-cut Christmas tree is truly the symbol of a traditional Christmas. The fragrance of your tree fills the home with wonderful memories. For the true Christmas enthusiast searching for just the right tree is just as fun as opening presents on Christmas.

There are many types of evergreens available for Christmas trees including Scotch pine, white pine, spruce, Douglas fir, Concolor fir, Fraser fir and balsam. Other climate zones may offer different evergreens.

Michigan is the Christmas tree capital of the United States and we have the luxury of many choices of fine trees. Some trees are more popular than other trees and our taste for trees has changed over the years.

The Scotch pine used to be the tree of choice for most shoppers. Even though the majority of trees sold are Scotch pine, in our area the trend has moved toward fir trees. Prices on fresh-cut trees have not changed much in the past 10 years. Many consumers have moved away from the less expensive pine tree and are buying the



By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

more expensive fir trees which have a more uniform shape and are softer to the touch. In the past, 90 percent of the trees sold were Scotch pines, they now account for about 20 percent of the sales in our area.

Pine trees have been used as Christmas trees for many years. These trees are known for their good needle retention and stiff branches for easy decorating. Scotch pine needles are medium lengths at about 1 to 2 inches long. White pines are longer about 2 to 3 inches long. Pine trees retain their last three years of needle growth.

All pines shed their oldest needles in the fall. If you see brown needles inside the tree it is natural. Most Christmas tree growers

use a shaker to help remove these needles from the inside of the tree before it gets to the tree lot.

Spruce trees are great for decorating because they have stiff branches and usually have a little more room between the branches. The needles are short, only about 1-inch long, and picky. Needle retention isn't as good on spruce as it is on the other evergreen types. Spruce tree buyers will have to put up with more dropping needles and a shorter indoor tree stay, but ornaments hang nicely on the tree and spruce trees have a nice fragrance. You will find most tree lots have either white spruce or Colorado spruce. The Colorado spruce has a little longer needle and will last a bit longer, and these trees have a blue-green color.

Fir trees have been growing in popularity. Firs naturally grow straight so you don't have to fight to get it to stay standing once you get it inside. Included in the fir tree family is the Concolor fir with its bluish color and longer needles. The Douglas fir has a wonderful fragrance and is soft to the touch. Douglas fir trees are popular trees

because of their good needle retention and dense branch structure. The branches are not as strong as other trees but you will not get picked decorating a Douglas fir tree. The Cadillac of Christmas trees is the Fraser fir. You get the soft needles of the fir but stiffer upright branching similar to the spruce tree. Every year more and more Fraser firs are sold.

Even though this is one of the more expensive trees, if you select a Fraser fir this year you will probably be buying this type of tree every year.

A few simple steps can ensure that you have a safe and long-lasting tree. First give your tree a fresh cut before bringing it into the house. Many of your tree lots will do this for you at no charge. If you are not setting up the tree right away then leave the tree in a bucket of water, until you are ready to do so. Choose a tree that is not losing green needles in the lot. The branches should be flexible and the needles should not pull out easily. Plenty of fresh water is the key to

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Food editor's questions and answers

Q. I want my family to eat more vegetarian meals, but I worry we won't get enough protein.

A. Don't worry. It's true that most plant protein, unlike animal protein, is low in one or more of the nine essential amino acids. But you won't come up short just because you don't get the full quota at each meal. The truth is, even adults who eat no animal products at all can still easily get plenty of protein, as long as they consume sufficient calories and a variety of plant foods — grains, fruits, vegetables, legumes, seeds and nuts — throughout the day.

Q. I've seen something in the freezer case at the local supermarket that looks like ravioli, only they're called pierogi. What are they? How do I serve them?

A. The half-moon-shaped goodies you've seen are a delicious Polish specialty that, like ravioli, are filled with a mixture of potato and cheese, or a blend of other ingredients such as mushrooms, onions, sauerkraut or ground meat. But you can find unusual varieties, too: I recently sampled a delicious Mexican-inspired pierogi filled with potato, cheese and jalapeño chiles. Like ravioli, you cook pierogi in boiling water until tender.

Q. Butternut squash comes in such an awkward shape. Is there an easy way to peel and cut it?

A. Shaped like a bowling pin, butternut squash can be a difficult vegetable to slice and dice until you get the hang of it. First, use a chef's knife to cut off the top of the bottom ends of the squash. Then cut the squash in two, at the point that the narrow part (neck) meets the rounded bottom. Cut the bottom in half and, with a spoon,

scoop out the seeds from both halves. Using a sharp, swivel-blade Y-shaped vegetable peeler, remove the peel from the two bottom halves and neck. No peeler? Place the bottom halves cut side down; cut into 1 1/2- to 2-inch-wide slices, then cut away the tough skin from each slice. Repeat with the neck of the squash. Finally, dice, slice or cut the squash flesh into chunks, as recipe directs. (Some squashes, such as acorn and Hubbard, can be even more difficult to peel. Simply cut into pieces and bake or roast with skin on.)

Q. What should I look for when buying Belgian endive? Some are greenish, others are almost pure white. Is one preferable?

A. Most definitely the white. Farmers grow this small, oval-shaped vegetable — also called French endive — in complete darkness to keep it from turning green. Supermarkets store it in boxes for the same reason. Suppliers take these precautions because when endive turns green, this already slightly bitter vegetable becomes unpleasantly so. To store endive at home, wrap it with a sheet of paper towel to absorb any moisture, then place it in a loosely tied plastic bag in the crisper compartment of the refrigerator for up to one week.

Q. I love making nut brittles and caramels during the holidays, but I hate chipping the hardened candy from the thermometer and saucepan afterward. Do you have any suggestions?

A. Place the thermometer in the candy-coated saucepan, fill with water, and heat to boiling. After boiling for a few minutes, the water will dissolve the sugar. When you pour out the water, the saucepan and thermometer should be candy-free.

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keeping the tree fresh throughout the holiday season.

A Christmas tree will absorb a lot of water the first few days that it is brought into warmer temperatures. Make sure you check the water level daily and add more water as necessary. A tablespoon of bleach in your tree water will keep any bacteria from growing in the water.

Whatever type of tree you choose will be perfect since Mother Nature cannot grow a bad tree. Those lit-

tle imperfections or crooks in the tree let you know it did not come out of a box. Nothing can beat the smell of a fresh-cut Christmas tree in your house.

Happy holidays from your friends at Soulliere Garden Center.

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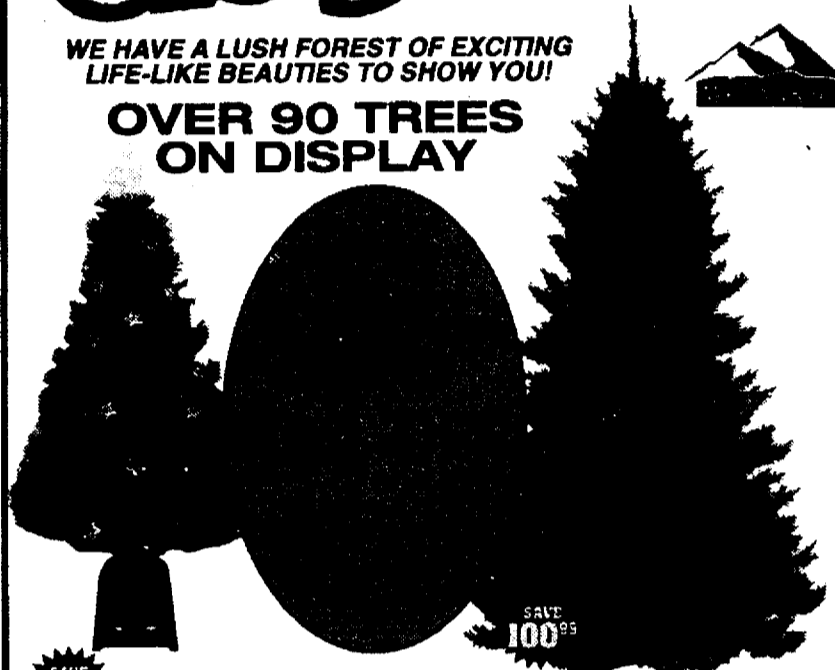
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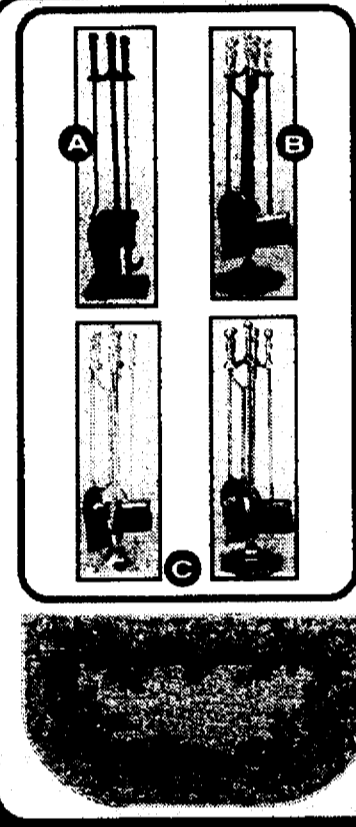
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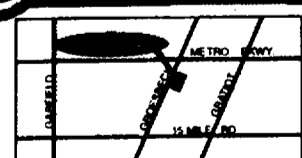
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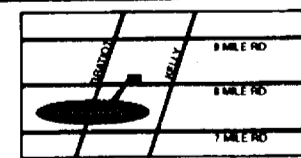
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According to the Water Quality and Waste Management Department at North Carolina State University, tap water may come into contact with many different substances on its way to your home, leaving signs that may be evident to the human senses. These substances may not only give your drinking water a foul taste and odor, but they are unsightly additions to the fixtures in your home. According to the water experts at Lime-A-Way, white build-up known as lime is also an indicator you may have a problem with your water.

While not all water contaminants are noticeably evident, it is possible to use your senses to identify certain substances in your water. Paying attention to the appearance, taste and smell of your water is the first step to improving its quality.

Experts at the treatment system for household water supplies at North Dakota State University offer the following tips to detect water problems:

- **Eyeing up the problem:** If your water has an unusual appearance, either discoloration or a cloudy, foggy look, there may be a large number of organic or inorganic particles present in the supply. A foggy appearance may be common to homes that receive surface water from lakes, streams or ponds. If your water is reddish or

yellowish when drawn from the tap, it's likely that it contains iron.

- **Nose out the H₂O invaders:** Smells emanating from your water are also very good indicators of its content. A rotten-egg smell is a sign that there may be hydrogen sulfide gas present in the water. An excessively strong chlorine smell may be a result of normal chlorination of public or private well sources.

- **Tasting the waters:** Unusual tasting water is also a sign that there may be more than H₂O running from the faucet. A metallic taste can indicate a high concentration of iron, manganese or possibly other metals. Metals present in a water supply may also produce soda-like or salty water.

- **Stained sinks and scale formed fixtures:** Human senses are not the only indicators of a foreign presence in your water. Household fixtures can also signal the presence of water impurities. White build-up known as lime present on sink fixtures and bathtubs may be caused by hard water. Hard water contains calcium and manganese, which contribute to the formation of this unattractive film. This build-up can be devastating to your bathroom fixtures by leaving shower heads and covering kitchenware with unsightly lime deposits.

- **Clearing water contaminants:** Now that you can recognize various water contaminants, there are many solutions to help improve water quality, and in turn, taste and smell. One of the easiest solutions is the use of a filter. To help remove excess chlorine, the EPA suggests using an activated carbon filter. For iron removal and other mineral particles, there are filters

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Treating hard water in your home can be achieved by installing a water softener. Softeners replace calcium and manganese with sodium. If an expensive water softener is not in your budget right now, you don't have to continue living with the stains it creates. This persistent lime build-up can be removed by using a product such as Lime-A-Way to your stained fixtures. Lime-A-Way is available at your favorite retailers.

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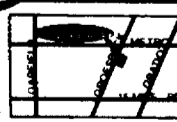
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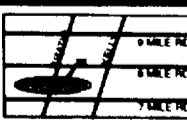
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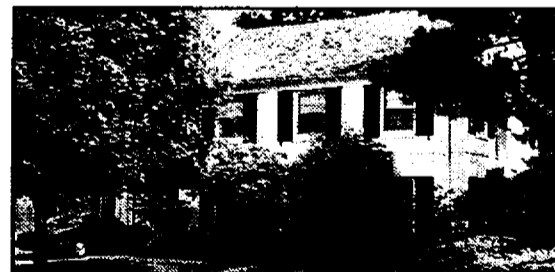
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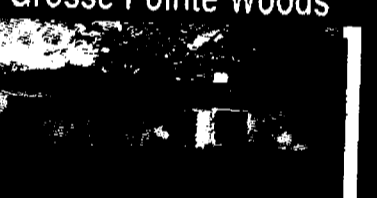







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