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INSIDE

■ Farms police and the FBI are investigating a robbery last week at the Bank One at Mack and Moross. A security camera photographed the robber while he waited in line for a teller. Page 3A.

■ There was a bit of a controversy at the recent Grosse Pointe Lions Club Jungle Bell race when the first-place was not given to the man who won the race, because he's won it during the past three years. Some thought giving him the prize would discourage others from participating. Fortunately, cooler heads ultimately prevailed. Page 3A.

■ As the final acts in the city's 50th birthday celebration, Grosse Pointe Woods officials will open a 30-year-old time capsule and seal another. The latter won't be opened until 2025. The event takes place on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Page 4A.

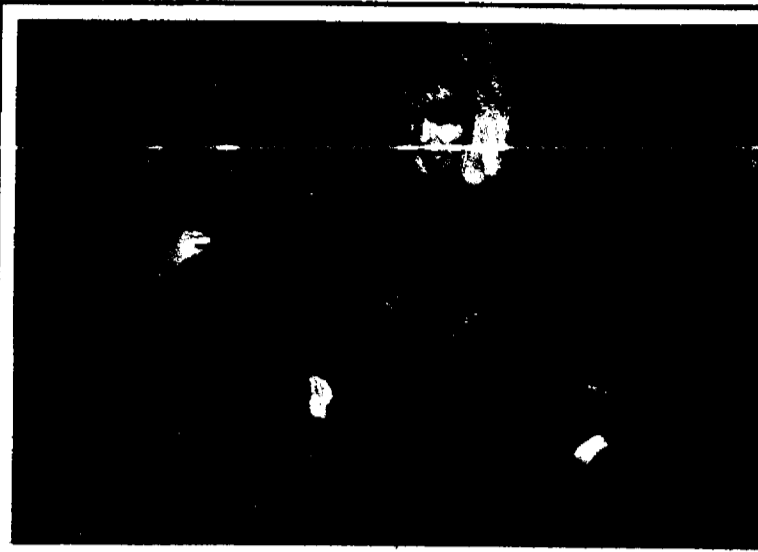
■ Fed up with Al Gore and post-election campaigning? The grassroots group, Frustrated Americans, is using the Internet to rally support for an anti-Gore protest on Dec. 12, the day the Electoral College is scheduled to meet. Page 15A.

■ Office personnel in the Grosse Pointe Public School System have been working without a contract since July 1 and, they say, they have not been offered salary increases and benefits in line with teachers. Page 12A.

■ Students at Brownell Middle School locked up the year 2000 and threw away the key until September 2058, the school's 100-year anniversary. Page 13A.

■ South's girls hockey team won the University Liggett School Invitational with an 8-0 victory over North in the championship game.

The boys hockey teams from North and South also each won a pair of games. The Norsemen defeated Birmingham Brother Rice and University of Detroit Jesuit, while the Blue Devils posted victories over Wyandotte Roosevelt and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Page 10C.



Photos by Robb Sillars

Ornamental festivities

Above, Donna O'Keefe of Johnstone & Johnstone Realty, organizes a group of children assisting in decorating the Hill's Christmas tree before the Hill Association's tree lighting ceremony on Friday, Dec. 1.

Left, Nicole Stratelak displays one of over 100 ornaments she and her fellow Richard Elementary School fourth-graders decorated for the Hill Christmas tree. Supplied with acrylic balls and paint provided by Johnstone & Johnstone, the fourth-graders put in a real effort to make the faux marble ornaments.



'Amahl,' Detroit's 'newest' tradition, to visit Music Hall

In what is hoped will become Detroit's newest holiday tradition, five performances of Gian Carlo Menotti's moving opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," will be presented Dec. 8-11 at Detroit's intimately elegant and elaborately refurbished Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

There will be four free student performances at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 11, and one public performance on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., with tickets priced at \$15 for the performance and \$75 for the performance and an afterglow with the cast. Tickets are available at the Music Hall Box Office (313) 962-2366.

Written in English, the opera tells the story of a little boy, the gift of the Magi and the miracle of giving. It will be performed under the auspices of the Rackham Symphony Choir and its music director, Suzanne Acton of Grosse Pointe, and will feature the Rackham Symphony Choir, the Detroit Chamber Winds and the Wayne State Department of Dance.

Starring in the production will be soprano Mary Callaghan Lynch, well known to metro audiences for her numerous roles with Michigan Opera Theatre (most recently in MOT's incandescent and powerful "Peter Grimes") as well as for her many other performances ranging from opera to musical comedy to church soloist. Callaghan Lynch is also oper-

atic voice coach for Aretha Franklin.

Conducting the Detroit Chamber Winds will be Acton, who, in addition to being Rackham's music director and conductor, is MOT assistant music director and chorus master. Acton has conducted productions for MOT and Dayton Opera, and has served as coach and accompanist for the St. Louis Opera Theater and the San Diego Opera.

Directing will be music critic, organizer, lecturer and university instructor John Guinn, also of Grosse Pointe. Known primarily for his many years as classical music critic for the Detroit Free Press, Guinn enjoyed a great success in November directing "Amahl," also starring Lynch, as a fundraiser for the immaculate Heart of Mary Retirement Fund.

It was that production that inspired the upcoming production at Music Hall, and the hope that it will join the Thanksgiving Day Parade, "The Nutcracker" and the other wonderful annual offerings which occur in Detroit at the holiday season.

Additionally, the production returns opera to Music Hall, the phenomenon which began in 1971 and is viewed by many as the first dawning light of the renaissance of Detroit and which will further the vision of Music Hall chairman Elliott Hall that Music Hall become the Carnegie Hall of Detroit.



MOT veteran Mary Callaghan Lynch, center, plays "Mother" in Music Hall's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," along with Adam Brown, left, and Dennis Strach as "Amahl."

Two Names You Can Trust



G.P. schools join proposed joint recreation agency

By Bonnie Caprara and Darren Donaldson
Staff Writers

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has pledged the support of the Grosse Pointe Public School System to join a proposed eight-body joint commission to look into forming an intergovernmental agency to serve the recreational needs of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The board's Monday, Dec. 4, meeting was Neighborhood Club executive director John Bruce's second stop in sharing the highlights of the Neighborhood Club-sponsored master recreation plan with the municipalities and school districts of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods and to call for representation on a joint commission.

"The Neighborhood Club, in realizing the need for recreational needs among recreation providers, wants to create a cooperative mechanism for affordable, non-duplicating, full range leisure and recreation activities," said Bruce. "Much of the available space is used to capacity. Not including the lakefront parks, Grosse Pointe has a 60 percent deficiency in land available for recreational activities."

Aside from forming an intergovernmental agency to share in the cost of providing such activities, Bruce mentioned the plan's recommendation that the school district also consider a voted bond issue for field improvements — a recommendation that was also made by the district's athletic steering committee in April 1999. Bruce also made a brief mention of the construction of an area activities center to be built at Mack and Moross or at Salter Park in Harper Woods.

Three other immediate priorities an intergovernmental agency would tackle would be providing activities and services for seniors, and special needs children.

Board president Jack

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Neighborhood Club
executive director

Ryan, who threw the district's support to participation in looking into the formation of an intergovernmental agency said, "We've been frustrated because we've been one of the few agencies that serve all of those bodies."

Bruce said that the joint commission to form such an intergovernmental agency would meet in February 2001. Bruce will meet with the Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores councils and the Harper Woods School District within the next two weeks and with the Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods city councils in January.

Harper Woods said it would participate in the joint commission at its Monday, Nov. 20, meeting.

While some Harper Woods citizens expressed trepidation about the plan, Candice Cheolas, recreational director of Harper Woods, has thrown her support behind the effort.

"I think that it is a great opportunity for the communities and the school systems," she said. "Our six cities combined have a smaller population than Livonia or St. Clair Shores. It's difficult to develop the programs and facilities we need being individuals. I think we can do a lot more."

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 8

A lecture and slide show at 7 p.m. on a ruby expedition to Azad Kashmir is offered by Joseph DuBois at 5 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-4800.

The Grosse Pointe South Choirs hold their Holiday Pops Concert at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier on the Grosse Pointe North High School campus. Tickets, \$12 for the main floor and \$10 for balcony, are available at the door only. Tickets for students and senior citizens are \$8. For more information, call (313) 343-2140.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Santa Claus makes an appearance at the Border's Bookstore in the Village from 2-4 p.m. He will also be available to children from noon - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Monday, Dec. 11

The Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in the Park city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson. The public is invited to attend.

The Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Farms city hall, 90 Kerby. The meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at noon in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Entertainment is provided by the Grosse Pointe North Choral Group.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

William Kendall

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

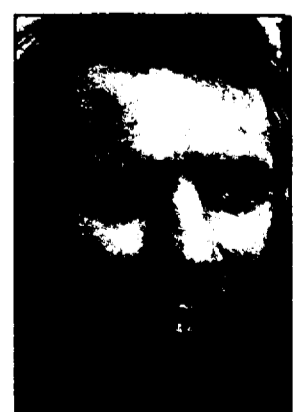
Age: 46

Family: Divorced; 3 children: Warren, 13; Sean, 11; Renee, 9

Occupation: Architect

Quote: "It's exciting to be in an older community that cares enough to revitalize itself."

See story, page 11A



William Kendall

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Merchants on Christmas Street (otherwise known as Kercheval) in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe have completed plans for their fifth annual observance of Men's Night.

Most stores on Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff are participating in the event, which has been designed to make Christmas shopping for the male more fun than fury.

The idea was born four years ago and has been such a success that it has been repeated annually by popular demand.

■ Since the start of the school year, the public school administration has been considering precautions to be taken for the protection of schoolchildren under the existing international situation.

In cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense, the school system has decided to institute practice air raid drills "in the event of an incident."

■ Seven Grosse Pointe churches will sponsor a joint "get together" for all ninth through 12th grade youth in the Grosse Pointe area on New Year's Eve.

The program will be held at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and consist of group singing, movies, games, devotional services and, after midnight,

square and ballroom dancing.

25 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's request for a liquor license has been denied.

Before a standing room crowd in the Grosse Pointe Farms at city hall, the city council voted unanimously against the community center's request.

■ Members of the Grosse Pointe Youth Service Division are pursuing the idea of an eastern district branch of the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

The idea is an effort to obtain better service from an improved court, and having the eastside community in mind when presiding over cases.

■ Officer Dennis Van Dale and Sgt. Duncan MacEachern of the City of Grosse Pointe police have left for Denver to bring an accused robber to trial.

The suspect skipped out on \$10,000 bond on a charge of attempting to rob \$21,000 from a store in the Village. Police broke up the robbery, captured the two suspects (one of whom has been convicted), and recovered the money.

10 years ago this week

■ A suspect has been arrested in the fatal beating of Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Samarjian, 75, during the robbery of his Detroit book store.

Samarjian died of head injuries at Detroit Receiving Hospital shortly after the 10:15 a.m. attack and robbery at his Book Limited store at 4708 Cass Avenue near West Forest. Police have a 47-year-old Detroit man in custody.

■ Former school board president Jon Gandelot has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of board member Frederick Adams. The board has also passed a resolution honoring Adams, who served as board secretary.

■ A lawsuit has been filed challenging the rezoning from residential to commercial status a house next to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The suit contends the Grosse Pointe Farms city council's approval of the property for commercial use violates a 1941 deed restriction stating the property can be used only for residential purposes.

War Memorial officials want to use the former home for community programs.

5 years ago this week

■ The question of whether the Grosse Pointe school administration should stay or go has been settled, for now.

Despite the administration's wishes to move out of its 90-year-old quarters at 39 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe, a number of factors make that desire unattainable at this time.

School superintendent Ed Shine said state funding is limited, as is the prospect of

50 years ago this week



Sneak peek at project

Mrs. William Clay Ford, left, and Mrs. Ford Baily peer into the window of one of the unfinished buildings of the new Protestant Children's home being built on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 7, 1950 Grosse Pointe News.)

community willingness to pay for new offices.

■ Grosse Pointe public school officials are ready to embark on a \$12 million technology improvement program.

The five-year plan promises to put five computers in each school room, link the computers in a network, and provide access to the Internet. Voters in June approved the plan.

■ Tom Fowler, the hockey coach at University Liggett School, has been inducted into the St. Lawrence University hockey Hall of Fame.

Fowler, who was an All-American lacrosse goalie at Lawrence, coached ULS to the Michigan Class B-C-D championship in 1990. He has been named state coach of the year in hockey (1990) and lacrosse (1993).

— Brad Lindberg

Farms wraps up road work for the year

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The sewer separation project that has inconvenienced so many people in Grosse Pointe Farms for the past year is nearing completion, said public works director Joe Leonard. And those parts of the project that aren't complete now should be completed next spring.

"The project status, as of this week, should have all the underground installation of all storm sewers and all water mains, including fire hydrants, 100 percent complete," Leonard said. "That doesn't mean that all the road work is completed. But starting around September we stopped contractors from milling down roads that we were afraid couldn't be restored before the winter weather put an end to construction."

Last year a number of busy roads, including Grosse Pointe Boulevard, were milled in the late fall in anticipation of work being done during the next spring. Surface material milled would also be used to fill in the slit trenches. This proved to be very unpopular with Farms residents.

In order to avoid similar problems this year, roads that were dug up for the purpose of laying down a separate storm sewer line did not have the entire road milled down. So once the line was installed, the trench was covered with an asphalt layer that should give drivers a good hard surface to drive over this winter, Leonard said.

Next spring those roads will be milled down all at once, said Leonard. Once the roads have had the road bed repaired, a permanent layer of asphalt will be put down. He can't say which roads will be fixed first; that will depend on which ones can be put in order fast enough.

But Leonard expects that it should be only six weeks between the time the roads are milled and the last street is asphalted.

"Hopefully that time period won't be more than a month," said Leonard. "The amount of time that will take will depend on how fast the prep work is done and we can't tell that until we actually mill the streets and see how bad the road beds are."

Additional construction that will have to be completed next spring, said Leonard, includes much of the restoration work such as fixing curbs and repairing lawns that were damaged when pipes were installed.

"We will be restoring sod that was adjacent to areas where we had to dig up pipes," said Leonard. "That includes some lawns and areas between the curb and the sidewalk where the city maintains a right-of-way. A lot of those areas are above pipes and had to be dug up. Part of that restoration also includes putting in new lawn sprinkler heads where appropriate."

But overall, the project is completed, Leonard said. Once the asphalt plants start producing the asphalt needed to complete the project next May, the Farms can proceed with its completion.

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Bank robbed in Farms

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

At 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, two men robbed the Mack and Moross branch of Bank One of an undisclosed sum of money.

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department detective Michael McCarthy said that according to witnesses there were two suspects. The suspect who approached a teller was described as a black male, in his 30s. He had a "stocky" build and was wearing what was described as a white and dark colored flannel jacket and a dark knit stocking cap.

The suspect slipped the teller a note and implied that he had a weapon, said McCarthy. The suspect demanded that the teller give him all the money at the teller's station. Once the

money was handed over, the suspect left the bank.

He was joined by a second man, said McCarthy. This suspect was described as being a black male, standing about five-feet-nine-inches tall. He weighed about 150 pounds and had short hair. He wore a light brown jacket that went below the waist. It might have been a "powder" jacket like the type worn by construction workers.

"The two suspects appeared to have left the crime scene on foot," McCarthy said. "They took off in an unknown direction. We are asking that anyone who might have seen something unusual at the time of the robbery contact the Farms detective bureau at (313) 885-2100."

No injuries were reported,

said McCarthy. The actual robbery took only about a minute and the majority of customers didn't even know a robbery was taking place.

"We've interviewed the customers who were in the bank at the time of the robbery," McCarthy said. "We are working with the bank's security division and the FBI to determine if there have been other bank robberies in the area that match this pattern. This is a federal bank so the FBI has jurisdiction."

McCarthy said that this is the first bank robbery in the past several years. The last robbery occurred on the Hill and the suspect was caught after witnesses were able to tell police the kind of car he used after exiting the bank.



The suspect who approached a teller of the Bank One branch at Moross and Mack was captured on the bank's security camera, above, and is described as a black male, in his 30s. He had a "stocky" build and was wearing what was described as a white and dark colored flannel jacket and a dark knit stocking cap.

Lions Club's Jingle Bell race ends a la Bush-Gore

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

All's well that ends well. A controversy over who would be the winner of the third annual Lions Club Jingle Bell run on Friday, Nov. 24, ended happily on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Jonathan Sieber of St. Clair Shores won the race for the third year in a row, with a time of nine minutes, 22 seconds. But some viewed this victory as "unfair" and asked that it be set aside — which it was for two days.

John Sarvis of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club said that normally he would have been in charge of the race. But he had to be in Florida because of the illness of a relative. As a result, Robert Kitchen was left in charge.

"This is the third year we've sponsored the race," said Kitchen. "We must have had 600 or 700 people in the South gym during the morning of the race. There were some people there who urged me not to award the \$100 prize to Mr. Sieber because they felt that after winning the race for three years straight, it was discouraging to others who might want to enter. I don't know what possessed me to

go along with that. It goes against what I believe. The decision was made on the fly and was a complete misjudgment."

Later that day, Kitchen said he had time to think about what he did and he said he felt bad for Sieber. On Sunday, Nov. 26, he received a number of e-mails from members of the running community, complaining about the actions.

"I talked with Mr. Sieber, who was a complete gentleman about the whole thing," said Kitchen. "He accepted our apology and we gave him a \$200 award for finishing first. He then asked us what our favorite charity was and he agreed to donate the entire \$200 to Leader Dog for the Blind of Michigan."

Kitchen added that despite the running community's decision not to award the prize to Sieber had nothing to do with his living in St. Clair Shores.

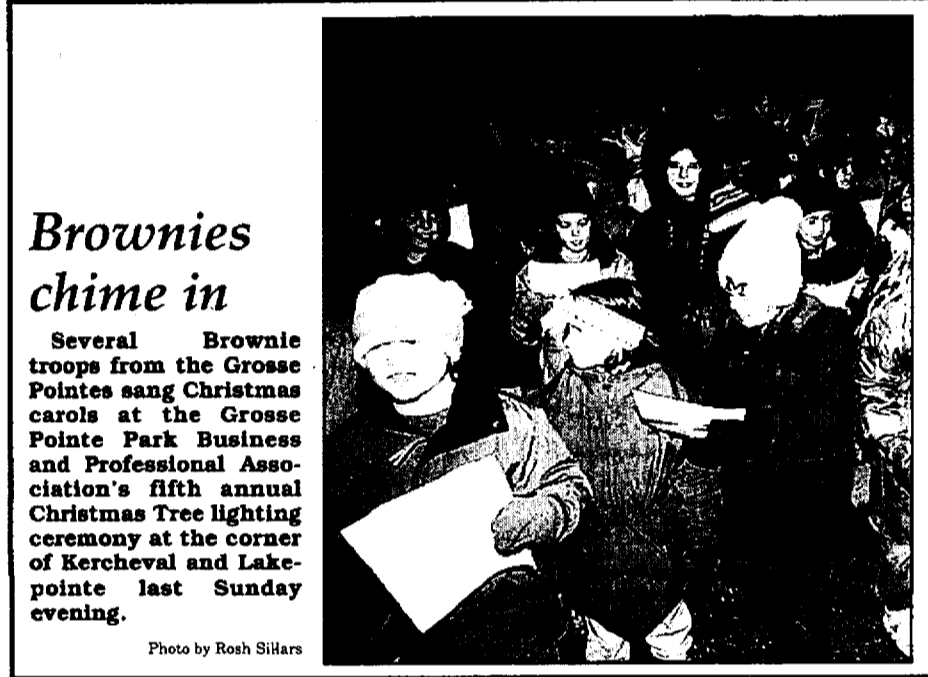
As for Sieber, he's not holding a grudge. He said it was one of those unfortunate things that happens.

"I think the people who got mad got mad not because of the money but because of the principle that

who finishes with the fastest time wins," said Sieber. "I think some thought there was a problem with a runner such as myself, who is very serious about the sport, winning three years a row in what they perceive as a low-key race. I believe there were 512 entrants in the latest run, so that shows that this isn't a small race."

Sieber said that he spoke with Kitchen about what happened and what can be done to repair the damage done to the run's reputation within the running community. Coaches who don't think that the run will be fair can encourage their runners not to participate, which would be a shame.

"We strive very hard to work for charities we believe are of a benefit to the community," Sarvis said. "This doesn't help our cause and this is a blemish on our record. But we all make mistakes and all we can say is that we are sorry. I hope Mr. Sieber enters the race again next year and tries to win again. He's been a gentleman about the whole thing and for that we are grateful."



Brownies chime in

Several Brownie troops from the Grosse Pointes sang Christmas carols at the Grosse Pointe Park Business and Professional Association's fifth annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe last Sunday evening.

Photo by Rosh Siliars

82 'Littleleaf Lindens' planted this fall in Woods

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Even in winter, cool shade is a hot topic for members of a local tree commission.

As part of its fall tree planting program, the Grosse Pointe Woods tree commission planted 82 Littleleaf Lindens this year.

Lindens grow to about 50 to 70 feet tall with a spread of 35 to 50 feet. The trees tolerate pollution and make good street trees in residential landscapes.

Residents receiving a tree will be sent a letter outlining follow-up suggestions for tree care.

The number of plantings could rise this month when Joe Shock, the Woods city forester, provides the commission with a year-end wrap-up of plantings.

Since the fall tree planting program began in 1976, more than 2,500 plantings have helped keep the "woods" in Grosse Pointe Woods. The tree commission chooses the type of trees to be planted and the planting

location. There is no charge to residents.

In other news, members of the commission have plans to locate identification markers near trees along the walking path at Lake Front Park.

The markers will be placed in the ground and contain information about the trees they designate.

The plan is a less expensive alternative to the interpretive trail markers used by the Stoney Creek Metro Park Nature Center.

The miniature signs will cost about \$55 each. On a motion by Jack Donahue, chairman of the tree commission, colleagues agreed unanimously to set aside \$500 of the commission's nearly \$2,000 bank account for the markers.

The markers will help people walking along the Lake Front path, which is lighted and open year-round, identify the park's many types of trees.

"We want to make sure we have a good variety of trees

along the walking path," said Allen Dickinson, a Woods city council's representative on the tree commission.

On a related topic, the Woods' application for nomination as a Tree City USA for the year 2000 is nearly complete. Along with the application, Donahue will include a copy of the Woods 50th anniversary celebration booklet and a letter written by commission member George Martin on how to grow a tree from a seed.

To qualify as a Tree City, which is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, communities must have the following:

- A tree department or commission;
- A tree care ordinance;
- A forestry program; and
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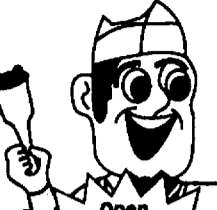
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Slam dunk for Bush in the courts

It was a complete rout for President-elect George W. Bush this week at both the Florida Circuit Court and U.S. Supreme Court levels.

One would think that would have been the end of it, but Vice President Al Gore and his Democratic Party will go out as sore losers, trying every legal slight-of-hand their paid lawyers and mouthpieces can muster.

It's hard to believe it has already been more than four weeks since we voted, but by this time next week, it should finally be over and Bush and

Opinion

his transition team can begin their abbreviated efforts to assume the presidency in 2001.

It is interesting that in a political debate such as this, both sides are claiming to be taking the "high road," the righteous path. Gore supporters claim their man is the popular-vote winner and should become president. They claim Gore would be the winner in Florida, too, if the votes were only counted "properly."

And just as the Gore campaign uses "fuzzy math" to count the "uncounted"

votes in his favor, the Florida Supreme Court — with seven Democrat-appointed justices — used "fuzzy reasoning" in allowing hand recounts in the first place. And the U.S. Supreme said as much Monday when it set aside the Florida high court's earlier ruling.

But our hats go off to Florida Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls, who in a superbly worded opinion rejected all the Gore attorneys' arguments. Sauls pointed out that the ballots themselves were not proof that irreg-

ularities occurred in the voting process. And since there is no evidence that the Florida voting process was flawed, then there is no reason to prescribe the "remedy," namely manually counting ballots.

Now both Sauls' and the U.S. Supreme Court's actions will go before the Florida Supreme Court. While most judicial pundits warn that it is dangerous to attempt to predict what a court will do, many say it will be difficult for the Florida court to find fault with Judge Sauls' precise legal ruling.

We hope they are right. The American people have been put through enough embarrassment over this mess. Bush has been certified the winner of Florida's electoral votes, which makes him the president-elect.

Some still hold out hope that Gore will bow out gracefully. That opportunity is long past.

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Joint recreation commission?

We support the Neighborhood Club. In fact, the Grosse Pointe News sponsors both winter and summer sports teams at the Neighborhood Club. Further, we like John Bruce, the Neighborhood Club's charismatic executive director. But we're not too sure about supporting his proposed joint commission on recreation.

Bruce is calling for an eight-body recreation commission to serve the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and the two public school districts serving those cities. He has already gained the so-far-non-financial support of the Harper Woods City Council and the Grosse Pointe school board. He will be visiting the remaining city councils and school board between now and sometime in January.

Those supporting the joint recreation plan point out that there is a shortage of both outdoor and indoor recreation facilities in the Pointes and Harper Woods. Further, they point out that each city, school district and organization is too small on its own to bring the economies of scale larger communities, such as St. Clair Shores and Livonia, can in providing recreation facilities.

Consequently, they want to join forces under a unifying recreation commission and master plan.

That sounds good, but remember, the Neighborhood Club, as far as we know, has no additional land or funds that it can bring to the table. So while Bruce's plan seems all well and good, who pays?

There has already been talk of using public land, either Salter Park in

Harper Woods or the Mack and Moross property in Grosse Pointe Farms, for the location of an activities center that will serve all six cities, including offerings for senior citizens, teens and special needs children.

Again, who will pay? And since we all agree that land is scarce in the six communities, why should a community give up a limited resource to the control of others? And, most likely, tax free?

We doubt the participating cities and the two school districts will wish to donate some of their stretched tax dollars to support a facility that they don't own. Where would this joint recreation commission get its funding? Would it seek to impose its own tax, such as the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority?

Further, do we need to build another activities building in the Pointes? Many of the cities have or are planning to building their own activities buildings.

And, as we have opined in the past, we don't think an activities facility run at taxpayer expense is the proper use for the Mack-Moross corner, probably one of the choicest commercial intersections in the Pointes.

We can't blame the Neighborhood Club for coveting the Mack-Moross property, since the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, after spending millions of dollars to buy the land, hasn't a clue what to do with it.

We aren't dead set against Bruce's plan, but we remain to be convinced it makes sense fiscally and geographically.

Heisman headed for recount?

Once again, the State of Florida is involved in a national controversy. But this one has nothing to do with who will lead the country.

This one has to do with who has best led his college football team this season.

The Downtown Athletic Club of New York announced the players invited to the Heisman Trophy ceremony this Saturday. The four finalists are Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke, Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, Purdue quarterback Drew Brees and Texas Christian running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

Comparing the quarterbacks is not that difficult.

Weinke threw for 4,167 yards and 33 touchdowns, with just 11 interceptions. Heupel went for 3,392 yards and 20 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions. Brees threw for 3,393 yards and 24 touchdowns, with 12 interceptions.

The numbers for Weinke and Heupel came in 12 games while Brees played in 11.

Tomlinson ran for 2,158 yards and 22 touchdowns, averaging 5.8 yards a carry and 196.2 yards a game — impressive numbers.

There are many who believe that Weinke should not be eligible to win, merely because he is almost old enough (28) to run for president of the United States.

Weinke left Florida State to pursue a baseball career but returned to college with eligibility remaining.

He does deserve the Heisman, age notwithstanding.

The criteria for this award are oh-so-debatable. Really, what does "outstanding college football player of the year" mean?

Is it the player who is most valuable to his team?

Is it the player who has the best numbers?

Is it the player who plays for the best team?

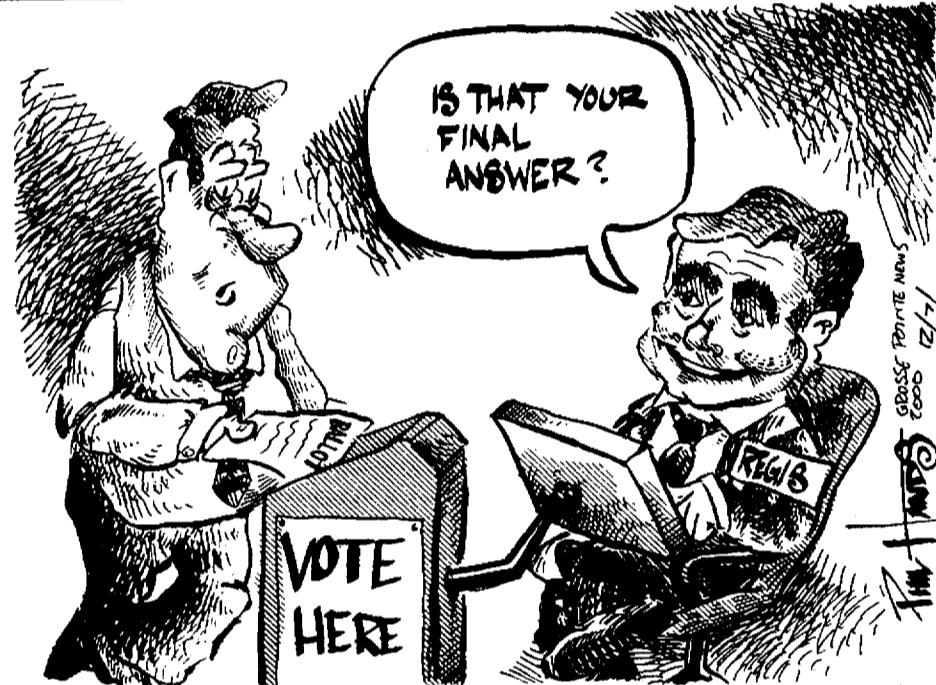
It's all pretty arbitrary. But it appears to come down to Weinke, whose Florida State Seminoles are No. 2 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings, and Heupel, whose Oklahoma Sooners are first in the BCS.

It's too bad they can't vote after the Orange Bowl, in which Weinke and Heupel will face off in the national championship game.

But Weinke does have the edge in quarterback rating with 163.1 compared to Heupel's 139.2.

You could say Weinke is the beneficiary of the Florida State system and its great offensive players.

We say just give him the trophy and maybe Heupel, Brees and Tomlinson can take it up with the Supreme Court.



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at HANDSP@kenyon.edu.

Letters

'Anonymous' contractor pats self on back

To the Editor:

Please accept this letter as my response to your "Opinion" in the Grosse Pointe News dated Nov. 30. Your comment, "Our lovely city is a wreck because of these people," offends us. The hard-working city officials, employees of the contractor and engineering firm have worked very hard on your behalf to coordinate this project to run as smooth as possible.

The contractor so happens to be my family and myself, who have been in the underground business for 60-plus years and have been residents of Grosse Pointe for 20-plus years. This company successfully completed the Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores sewer separation projects under budget and ahead of schedule with satisfied residents and city officials. We have installed underground utilities all over the state of Michigan and are regarded as one of the best with recommendations from the governor and Senate.

This is the first time we have encountered a few residents who are uninformed regarding the necessity and magnitude of this type of project. A public hearing was scheduled for the residents to meet with the contractor's president to express concerns regarding this project, but no one attended.

This project is required by law to eliminate the raw sewage overflows into the lake that occur during heavy storm events. We are sure that the majority of the residents understand the impact this project will have in protecting our lakes for many future generations to come.

Construction of approximately 80,000 lineal feet of storm sewer pipe at depths of 5 to 25 feet and including

road restoration inherently causes disruption and inconvenience. Despite the magnitude of this project, it will be substantially completed approximately one year ahead of schedule and under budget due only to the people you criticize.

Thank you for allowing me to take this time to respectfully reply.

The Contractor

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Stand up for beliefs

To the Editor:

I was disappointed in the Grosse Pointe News' decision to encourage unsigned letters of criticism about the sewer separation project in Grosse Pointe Farms. Justifying this decision based on citizens' fear of reprisal is ludicrous.

I regularly attend Grosse Pointe Farms council meetings and express ideas, comments, and criticisms that I am sure have annoyed city officials and council members. There have never been any reprisals and I have always been treated with courtesy and respect.

Our street (Handy Road) was one of the first ones milled and was unpaved for eight months. We were unhappy and complained, but I must admit I did not have the foresight to anticipate the problems and register any concerns to the council. Also, I do not recall any suggestions from members of the "Anonymous Recall Committee."

I cannot remember the

name of the great American who said, "Hindsight is your last view of something that has already passed you by." (It might have been me.)

I believe the Grosse Pointe News could serve the community better by encouraging citizens to attend council meetings, encourage qualified candidates to run for the council, and to remind the voters that four council seats are up for election in November. This is a more democratic way of handling dissatisfaction with elected officials.

Ideas, comments and criticisms that are worthwhile should be acknowledged by the author.

Thomas R. Handy Road
Grosse Pointe Farms

A lot more than 2-cents worth

To the Editor:

In response to your editorial and citizen criticism of management, or lack thereof, of the ongoing sewage separation project in Grosse Pointe Farms, let us take note that "one man's meat is another's poison."

A cliché, perhaps; however "the project" has contributed to the bottom line of several local businesses: Car washes, window washers, lawn sprinkler services and auto repair shops have done very well.

While waiting for my car to return from a road test following replacement of ball joints, rack-and-pinion and its second wheel alignment in six months, the manager of the service station declared that business was terrific as a result of the damage caused by torn up and often unmarked road

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The Stickford Files

Dec. 7, is a date that has lived in infamy for the past 59 years. And that seems to be about the length of time Al Gore and George W. Bush started arguing about who was going to be the next president.

They say truth is stranger than fiction. Whoever "they" are, I've got to give them credit. In this instance "they" are right. On election day I spent my evening at the Detroit bureau of the Associated Press.

No, I wasn't working on getting election results, I was taking down girls high school basketball scores. Hey, somebody has to do it,

even on election night. Now normally when I'm at the bureau and taking down scores, there are maybe two or three other people there.

On election night, as you can imagine, there were two or three dozen people there. It was crowded, busy and chaotic. There were four televisions on. Each tuned into a different major network.

Now one would think that working at AP on election night would give you the advantage in getting election information first. But the operative word is working. We didn't have time to stop what we were doing and check on the latest results on the wire, we were too busy putting the latest results on the wire to do that. Got it? (Yes, I know I was inputting girls basketball scores, but remember there are no small stories, just small reporters.)

So at about 2 a.m.

I Say

Jim Stickford



Wednesday morning, I had completed my task and was getting ready to go home. I looked up at a nearby television screen and saw the words "too close to call" flashing in front of Tom Brokaw.

My response was to say, "Man, this sucks." (You can tell words are my business from that statement.) Oh, naive boy. If I had only known what was to come. Because as I write this column, it's been almost a month since the election.

Each day brings new

developments which all boil down to "I'm not quitting; feel free to if you want, my opponent."

I've noticed two things through all of this. One is that everyone I've talked to has been very calm about the whole thing. We don't know who our next president is, but that's no reason to panic. Either Americans have started becoming English and have perfected the art of the stiff upper lip and have become very patient, or we've become supremely indifferent. I

think it's a little from column A and a little from column B.

Honestly, there aren't big issues dividing the nation. This is reflected in a Senate that's split 50-50 between Republicans and Democrats, provided the recounts occurring in Senate races don't change the mix. The House of Representatives is almost split down the middle. The Republicans enjoy, if that's the right word, a very small numerical advantage.

Even the presidential race boils down to at most a 1,000 vote difference in Florida. Who have thank it? This is quite different from the 1980s or the 1960s.

The second thing I've noticed is that media pundits love to talk and write about this stuff. Just because we don't care doesn't mean that they have to be indifferent.

I think longtime New York Times columnist Russell

Baker put it best when he wrote that to be a member of the Washington columnist club, all you had to do was write columns that showed you were better qualified than the president of the United States to run the country.

My reaction to the ocean of ink splashed on the op-ed pages and to the bytes of bandwidth coming from my cable television is simple. I want those people to SHUT UP!

Yes, we'd like to know who are next president is. Yes, we'd like to see this finished. But you guys don't have anything to do with the process. You're observers. At some point, why don't you write about puppies, or apple pie or motherhood. Let the people who are actually doing things get on with the job at hand. This story isn't about you.

But that's just me and I could be wrong.

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The Op-Ed Page



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Marriage and divorce

Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage? Not necessarily. There's lots of love that doesn't end up in marriage.

Love occurs before marriage and outside of the marriage bond. It is well known that since the '60s, half of all marriages end in divorce. And roughly 60 percent of all second marriages don't last.

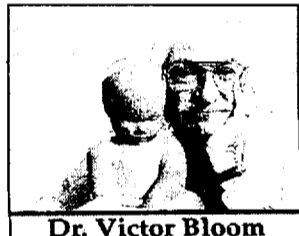
A lot has been written and discussed about this trend, which is considered unfortunate by most. In some cases, however, love has been found to be better the second time around.

Psychotherapists, marriage counselors and pastoral counselors have been trying to understand the phenomenon of "failed" marriages and "broken" homes and have gained much experience working with troubled couples.

There is a growing consensus that a good, stable and enduring marriage occurs when a couple is well-suited, well matched, compatible, with similar backgrounds and beliefs. They are first and foremost good friends, which is the prerequisite to being good lovers and good parents. They are comfortable with closeness, affection and intimacy. They can also be separate persons, inter-dependent instead of "co-dependent."

Good marriage partners are good at conflict resolution, interpersonal relationships and communication. They are sensitive to each other's feelings and needs, considering the other's feelings and needs on a par with their own. Basically, they are kind and considerate to each other, fostering each other's growth and feelings of security and belonging. The spouse is the most important person in the world.

When there are children, the man has great love for the mother of his children, and the woman has great love for the father of her children. Parenting becomes the highest priority and shared responsibility for parenting is a strong and growing bond. Still, they respect the other person's interests and involve



Dr. Victor Bloom

ments outside the immediate family.

Good partners understand that everyone comes into a marriage with "baggage." This baggage consists of idiosyncratic quirks from the past, and a whole host of friends and relatives, some of which are regarded as obnoxious and boring, while others are truly positive additions to the new family.

Optimally, despite everyday problems and misunderstandings, even to the point of feeling alone and unloved at times, the romantic couple puts problems and differences aside and enjoys intimacy.

Such happily married people are upbeat, good-humored, outgoing and warmhearted. They are naturally generous because their emotional cups runneth over. They often are the envy of others.

For many reasons, such ideal marriages are rare. Even in enduring marriages, the love, affection and romance are commonly lost as time goes by. As the old lady carrying groceries in Woody Allen's classic, "Annie Hall," said to the distraught lover who has just been rejected by Diane Keaton: "Love fades!" Love fades? Horrors. It is truly horrible when love fades, and the great writers have said over and over again in great literature, nothing is so painful as a loveless marriage. Anger, frustration and depression abound. Life seems not worth living. It is a living hell from which there seems to be no respite. Marriage vows become insignificant and forgotten. Such people may be resigned to a painful existence or seek consolation elsewhere.

If love is found elsewhere, there are extramarital affairs, some of which lead to divorce, while most do

not. Affairs are symptomatic of a sick marriage.

Sick marriages may go from bad to worse or respond to professional counseling.

Psychotherapists and counselors may help a troubled couple understand the basis of their pain, which may come from genuine incompatibility or from emotional conditions that are amenable to medication and/or psychotherapy.

Open and honest discussion of problems with a professional helps the couple understand the roots of their difficulties, so that with insight, adjustments can be made to each other which make married life more livable. Often the improved relationship means that separation and divorce can be avoided. Divorce can be a very painful process, especially on the children.

Sometimes marital therapy becomes divorce therapy, and the counselor may be able to help the couple accomplish a compatible divorce, even though they did not have a compatible marriage.

A compatible divorce is one in which reason, fairness and practicality win out over impulses to inflict pain and be destructive. There are divorce lawyers who have a reputation for seeking a fair division of assets and mutually acceptable provisions for child custody and visitation. These should be sought out, rather than divorce lawyers known to want to fight it out in court. Bitter and extended court battles are very painful and destructive, especially to the children, and they are very expensive, usually much more expensive than psychological counseling.

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Dr. Dib: Name that student!

Michael Dib knows names, at least 500 of them. And he plans to memorize another 118 before Brownell Middle School in the Farms breaks for Christmas.

He is operating on the philosophy that the most important thing you have is your name.



Ben Burns

Dib, 42, is the new principal at Brownell this year. And he startled his customers (the students) by immediately beginning to call them by their given names. Of course, he did know three of them before school started because they had been at Maire Elementary, where he had been principal before taking on the Brownell job. And he knew all 364 students there by name. But that left 615 to learn when he got to Brownell. He had hoped to know them all by Dec. 1, an arbitrary deadline, but fell short.

So before and after school you will find Dib out front along Chalfonte greeting and speaking to his students. He has even been known to help a youngster load a heavy musical instrument into a car as her mother picked her up. In addition, you will find him roaming the halls during the day and in the lunchroom at noon. He tries to get to every room in his building each day. "By being visible you get to know the students," Dib said.

Dib has been in the Grosse Pointe system since 1981-82. He taught a year before that in Fraser, where he grew up. He and his wife, Nancy, and their daughters Kristen and Alison still live in that city. Dib did tours of duty at Poupard, Richard and Mason as an upper elementary teacher before getting to Maire five years ago. When asked where he went to college, his reply was, "everywhere." It turns out he did stints at U-M Dearborn, Oakland University, Western Michigan and Saginaw Valley on his way to being educated.

Dib was a little nervous about being interviewed. "This was not my idea," he said. "I don't want to seem arrogant." He's right. One of his sixth-graders, Sara Crandall, 11, daughter of Rob and Sheila Crandall of the Farms, turned him in. "He knew my name by the middle of September," she said. "He's funny and stuff. He has 35 ties and wears a different one every day and the kids think that's cool. And he went to Camp

Howell with the sixth-graders and he was a lot of fun there. He also wrote everyone a note on their report cards. Mine said, 'Sara, Keep up the good work. Thanks for being at Brownell.'

That's a line that Dib also uses after school when he is bidding the students goodbye. They laugh and ask him why he is thanking them for being at school.

"Because if it weren't for you students being here, I would be out of a job," he responds.

So from Sara Crandall and the other 617 lucky middle schoolers: "Keep up the good work, Mr. Dib. Thanks for being at Brownell."

your wall, you might want to check out the Maniscalco Gallery on Mack just north of Cadieux.

Robert Maniscalco opened "Mini Series" last Friday. It is an exhibition of paintings of 25 Metro area artists including many less than 12 inches by 12 inches. The show runs through Jan. 5.

Maniscalco was the fellow who played Joseph in the manger scene float in the annual Thanksgiving Parade last year and this. In 1999, he reportedly tossed bubble gum cigars and called out, "It's a boy." This year he was better behaved.

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surfaces. That's my two cents worth, but actually it cost approximately \$700. But let's be thankful for colder weather. At least I won't have to spend part of next weekend cleaning tar from the quarter panels of my car.

Real estate agent with office on the Hill who drives G.P. Farms streets daily

Relieved

To the Editor: Thank you for the anonymous opportunity to participate in the controversy you are attempting to stir up about the sewer reparation project.

For many years, I lived in the Park and had to endure its sewer reparation project which seemed to go on forever — two to three years, actually.

I shuddered when I realized that my new address was in the Farms. But what a relief! Here it is, just a year later and the job is done and Cloverly Road is smooth as a skating rink.

Cloverly Road Resident

Hopes lessons are learned

To the Editor: When my street was milled in the fall of 1999, I was pleasantly surprised that the sewer separation project was under way. Nine months and two shredded tires later, the street looked pretty much the same, except that by summer the dirt became more noticeable. Every time a truck rolled by the dust kicked up like a scene from the "Streets of Laredo" and again it was time to wipe off the front door and clean the windows. The targeted repaving date came and went. A month later, when the resurfacing truck eventually made its way to my block, it was 9 p.m., when most people are home. Residents were either blocked in or blocked out. I didn't complain at the time; I was just

glad that my street was done. I also knew that other streets were (or still are) in worse shape.

I know that the sewer system had to be separated, but why did the Farms wait so long when they knew the state mandate was coming? The other Pointes seemed to be aware of what needed to be done before finding themselves behind the eight ball. The resurfacing of Kercheval a few years back now seems like a waste of time and money since so much of the road has been dug up due to the sewer project. I don't know what the next city project is or when it is scheduled, but I hope some lessons are learned from the current one.

Mapleton Road resident

Are Farms residents being taken?

To the Editor: For three months my neighbors and I have had our street torn up for the drain separation project. Don't get me wrong, I understand the need and concern for the environment and support it fully.

I've watched the project from start to finish on Moran Road and several of my business neighbors and I know the project could have been completed in much less time and at a far greater less cost.

For several days in the

last weeks before the road was finally paved, and mind you three times on each day, blacktop would be laid in sections after the street was swept. Before the black top was completed, another crew with spray cans would outline an area to be gouged out and later picked up by another crew to be used somewhere else.

Nothing was done to the pavement other than what was just stated; laying of blacktop over and over again to be picked up again by another crew a day or so later, weeks on end. The cost of the materials, operating the machines and labor surely cost more than having the entire concrete road picked up, drain tile laid and new concrete poured.

Recalling all of the city managers I do not believe would resolve the problem at this late date. I do believe, however, that the company hired should not be paid until matters such as those mentioned above are looked into.

I am not an engineer but surely if the process used was actually cheaper and needed, why wasn't a wider street like Grosse Pointe Boulevard with larger estates used where there wouldn't have been the safety factors involved nor as many traffic interruptions?

I say safety factors because after a trench was dug and tile laid followed by a rain storm, there were large holes left by the drain-

ing of the rain water. The holes were so large that children could fall into the holes.

I called the person in charge of the project at city hall to inform him of the hazard and let him know of the danger to children. Two hours later as I was still watching, that person in charge drove past the drainage holes looking out the truck window. I could have fit into those holes but he couldn't have seen how deep they were because he drove by without getting out of his truck.

The holes were filled in hours later. I never received any response nor did I from another safety concern that I called in.

I also said traffic interruptions. We never knew when we left our home how, if and where we were going to get back onto our property. My wife jokingly stated that we would have to be lifted by helicopter the way they were going.

During that same three-month period several streets were begun and completed while ours was torn up. My docile neighbor next door stated that the whole block would march on city hall had the street behind ours, one of the last torn up, been paved before ours.

We are in the information age, however the need for communication hasn't reached city hall yet. Perhaps they are feeling this need now the hard way.

Unfortunately we are paying for it head over heels.

I'm positive that the city wouldn't have received this much concern had its residents received some response from its inquiries.

We lost our peace and tranquility for three months, that same peace and tranquility guaranteed by our Constitution. That loss permeated our very lives each time we stepped out our front door. In fact we didn't have to step out our door as the daily noise and pounding from adjacent streets on top of ours, continued many times from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for over the three-month-plus period.

City hall better think long and twice before they ask for any additional millage in the near future, especially by this administration.

Moran Road Resident

Bouquets, not brickbats

Dear members of the Council:

As a former member of the council, I am aware that there are always more bricks than bouquets thrown in connection with any project, public or private, and I'm sure this is the case with the massive sewer project just winding up in the eastern end of our city. I am just as convinced that, considering the scope of the project, many more bouquets than brickbats are in order for the conduct of the

project.

As a retiree, and one somewhat familiar with heavy construction, I have watched for numerous hours and at various locations the conduct of the contractor's staff, especially the teams doing the street excavations and pipe installation. They are at this moment just finishing the work in my block.

In sum, I have nothing but praise for the manner in which the work was performed and in the cooperation of the various construction teams with the desires of the public for minimum inconvenience during the project. Ric-Man deserves our thanks for the conduct of the job and in finishing it several months ahead of the projected schedule.

**Robert T. Herdegen Jr.
Merriweather Road
Grosse Pointe Farms**

Disappointed

To the Editor: When our street had the trench dug for the sewer, the water was also shut off each day around 7 a.m. until around 6 to 7 p.m. for a period of two weeks. It is difficult to do without water for that much time a day.

I complained to the contractor employees, who referred me to the Farms offices. The Farms official did not directly answer the question but basically

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blamed the contractor. In other words, each blamed the other and no one took any responsibility or attempted to offer an answer or resolution to my problem of getting water.

Days later I ran into Farms councilmember on the Hill while shopping. I explained the above to the councilmember, who did not seem to care one bit and did the same as the city employee, referred me to the contractor and back to the city administration.

The disappointment I have with our city right now is a lot more than I can put in words. No one seems to help or point me, the taxpayer, in the right direction.

We need a council and employees who answer questions and do things for the people they represent. I do not need special treatment but common respect and straight answers.

Mapleton Road
Resident

A danger to car, limb

I'm an employee on the Hill, and I can testify that the sewer separation project is dangerous, both to your car and life.

My car is nearly brand new, but thanks to the huge pot holes on Kercheval and Ridge Road, it now has rattles, squeaks and misaligned tires.

But even more serious are the times I was almost flattened by front-end loaders back out of side streets and nearly rolling right over the top of me. It is beyond me why portable detour signs were not used to reroute traffic — and pedestrians — away from dangerous construction areas.

It also seems there was no logic as to why and when the streets were torn up. Some streets were milled and then left all winter and summer. Others seemed to be paved and then torn up all over again. And why they waited until school was back in ses-

sion to work on Grosse Pointe Boulevard at Fisher Road is anyone's guess.

It just seems to me that far more thought could have gone into the project to prevent damage to car and limb!

Hill employee

Alpha Mu thanks you!

To the Editor:

The members of Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Mu Chapter, recently held its annual Fashion Show and Tea at Talbot's in the City of Grosse Pointe. We successfully raised over \$850 for scholarships that will be awarded to students who graduate next spring from North and South High Schools and who intend to enter the field of education.

We would like to thank Talbot's and the many area merchants who contributed merchandise for our door prizes. Their generosity helps to make possible the awarding of these scholarships to Grosse Pointe students.

Jackie Cocquyt
Member, Alpha Mu Chapter

Accept the score

To the Editor:

We have a legally declared president of our country and that is George Bush! Why is Al Gore unable to accept defeat?

Joe Lieberman questioned, in his talk (just after George Bush was declared our president), "what are we teaching our children?" Mr. Gore and Mr. Lieberman you are teaching America's children that they do not have to accept the final score of any contest, game or even a school test. They should protest until the results are the way they want them. A dangerous teaching of poor sportsmanship and, worse, poor leadership.

An outright protest of

guidelines, rules and legal mandates. This protesting is causing chaos in our country. It is time to stop this embarrassment to the American people and to the world. The Gore/Lieberman team is making a mockery of democracy.

It is unfortunate Mr. Gore is out of a job but that's not any reason to discredit the presidency of George Bush.

Please let your congressman know it is over. Ask them to let Mr. Gore know the election by the American people has declared a legal winner of the presidency.

Mr. Bush needs to get on with the job before him, leading our country and pulling everyone together for the good of the United States of America.

Paul and
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Eastpointe

Thanks good Samaritan

To the Editor:

To the lovely man who saw a package from Jacobson's lying in the street, swerved his car to avoid driving over it, then parked his car, retrieved the package, and took it to Jacobson's office — a most heartfelt thanks.

I am most grateful for your kind deed.

Olive K. Bruckman
Detroit

Commends staff

To the Editor:

I felt it was important that I write and clarify information provided in the article "Brownell students find success and options," written by Bonnie Caprara in the Oct. 26, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

Brownell staff have worked diligently to develop the school's proactive discipline approach and the programs that have been implemented this year to increase student respect and responsibility. This is truly a team effort that is successful because of the dedication

and flexibility of the entire Brownell staff.

Last summer a team of teachers, administrators and special education staff met for three days to explore current discipline strategies and develop a more proactive approach to behavior management.

Participants in this Proactive Discipline Task Force included; Kirsten Bacher, Deb Ciaramitaro, Susan Dempsey, Mike Dib, Judy Ignagni, Sandra LeMoine, Mary Lightbody, Maureen Rembisz, Dona Reynolds, John Shafer, Bill Taylor and myself.

Brownell teachers have embraced the recommendations from this committee and utilize the Student Success Plan and proactive discipline strategies daily with their students.

While the "options room" is an important part of this plan, it is teachers who create a classroom environment where options become acceptable and discussion of solutions is encouraged.

Only with cooperation, flexibility and a deep respect for students can discipline become a positive teaching tool rather than a form of embarrassment and punishment.

I commend the entire Brownell staff for their efforts, and thank them for their willingness to go the extra mile for students.

Susan M. Fell,
MSW Social Worker

Deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday



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PET POINTER OF INTEREST

By Jo Maldonado

Dudley Weber

Owner's occupation: President, Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Dudley's occupation: Family member.

Residence: City of Grosse Pointe.

Age: 2 to 3 years.

Type of Pointer: Terrier of multiple mix.

Family: Dudley lives with two human adults and teens.



Photo by Jo Maldonado

Dudley Weber

Claim to Fame: Traveling the streets of Detroit, lost and confused, with his faithful companion, a black lab mix, Dudley had no idea where what he called "home" was. All he knew was that his companion was by his side and somehow the two managed to survive the cold elements. Then tragedy struck, and his buddy was hit and killed by a car. Dudley faithfully continued to sit by his side. Days passed, and a terrified Dudley ran from the traps of the Anti-Cruelty Society. Finally, one day when he returned to sit by the side of his old companion, a trap door closed, and Dudley found himself to be amongst those who would ultimately find him his new home.

Now, within the warm and homey confines of the Weber home, Dudley has toys, blankets and all the food he can eat. With great allegiance, he sits by his new best friend's side, Mark, and sighs with great relief and appreciation. His loyalty is no surprise to us!

Favorite pastime: Guarding the family against squirrels.

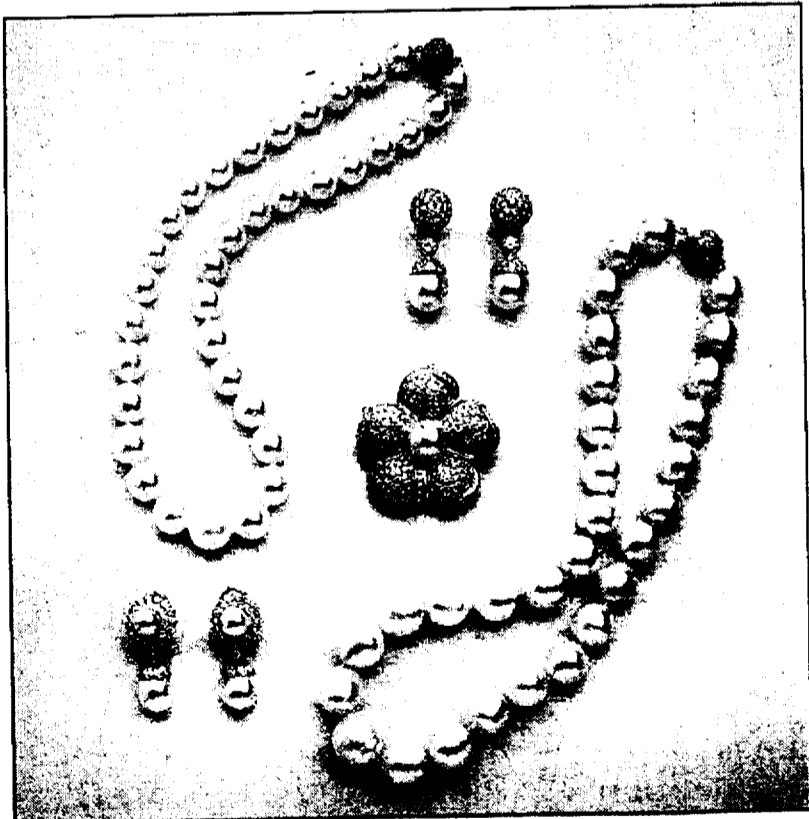
Future plans and aspirations: Dudley plans to ride as "First Mate" on boating excursions this summer.

FYI: Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society is a volunteer group that handles animal rescue, cruelty investigations, sheltering operations, humane education and pet adoptions. Adoption hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday at 13569 Joseph Campau in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 891-7188.

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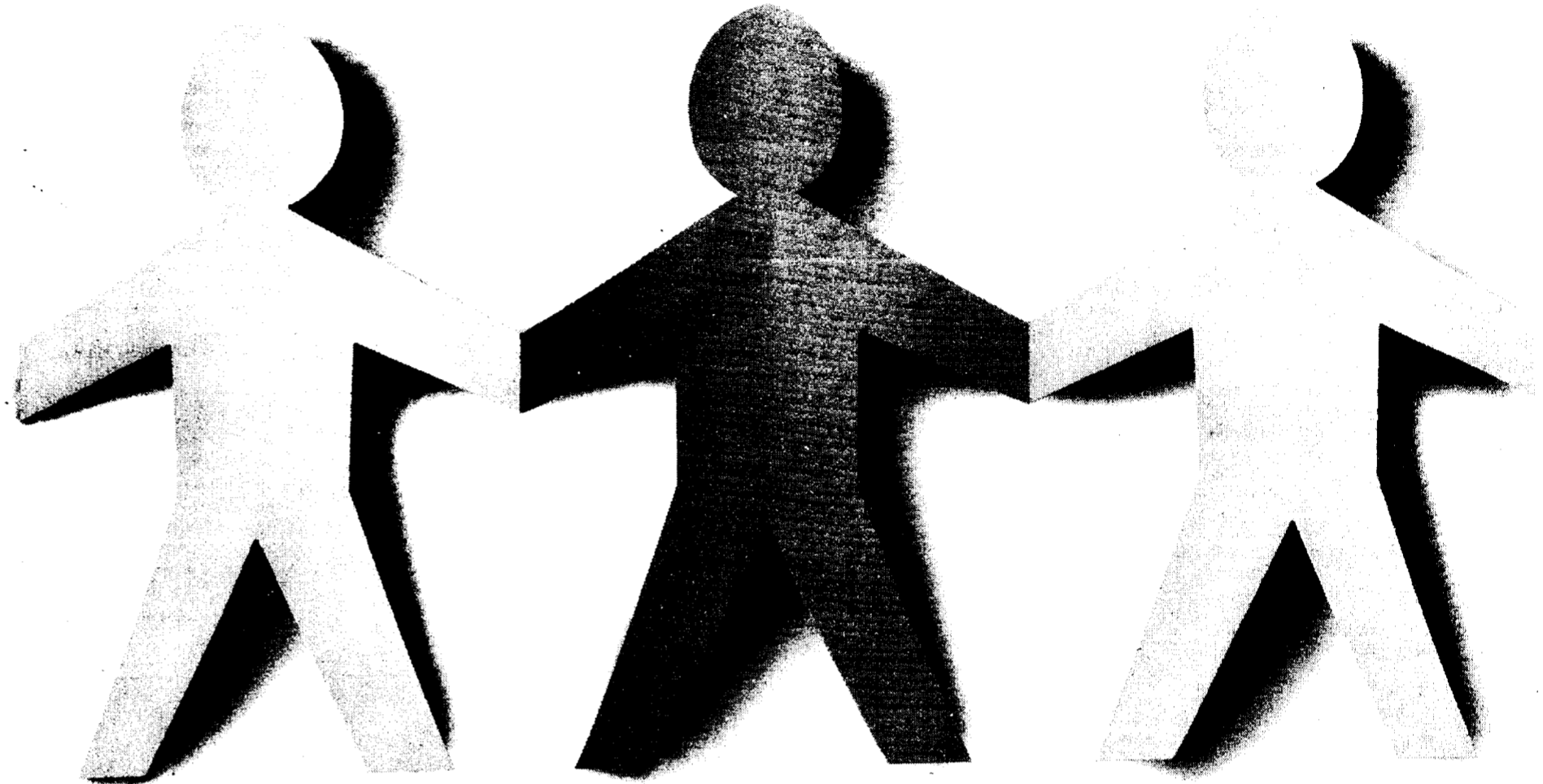
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Local architect helps his church build addition

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Architect William Kendall recently completed a volunteer job. It was a five-year, full-time position.

He was chairman of the committee that oversaw the design and construction of a 32,000-square-foot, \$9 million addition to Christ Church Grosse Pointe. The completed building was dedicated in October.

"I think I was extremely well-compensated," Kendall said. "I helped the church. I lent my expertise. It was a once-in-a-lifetime project for me."

"People ask me what I'm going to do now that we've completed the building. I say... I'm NOT going to Disney World."

Kendall was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Park, attended Trombly Elementary School and Pierce Middle School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

He enrolled in the University of North Carolina's brand-new architectural program.

"I always wanted to be an architect," he said. "I remember when I was 9 or 10 years old, I was re-drawing the house plans I found in my mother's House and Garden magazines. I was convinced I'd be another Frank Lloyd Wright."

"My dad was a businessman, a math major. My interest in art came from my mom. She was into architecture and architectural history. She drew; she painted."

Kendall went to work for Albert Kahn's firm in Detroit.

He moved on to the University of Illinois, where he spent two years earning a master's degree in architecture.

"After that, I went to Europe. While I was in England, I found out that my mother was ill, so I came home and took care of her until she passed away."

"Then I worked for several smaller architectural firms."

Kendall's first solo project, a dental office near 13 Mile and Harper, was designed in the mid-1980s while he was working for DeWulf Associates in St. Clair Shores.

In 1986, Kendall decided he wanted to work on his own. He has an office on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms and has designed renovations for many Grosse Pointe residences, including houses on Cameron Place, Harbor Hill and Three Mile. He worked on the renovation of a home designed by Harold Zook in Hinsdale, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

He also designed the interior of the former Ambleside Gallery on Fisher in Grosse Pointe Farms and did extensive renovations on his own Federal-style home in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I made my garage into a family room; renovated my kitchen; and cut a new corridor from the dining room to the kitchen."

"My policy is to advise and argue, but not to force designs on people. My job is to help my clients realize their dreams."

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's recently completed addition started out as a dream in 1994. Kendall, a lifelong member of the church, agreed to serve as chairman of the architectural committee after members began to talk about a capital campaign to finance the dream.

"The church hired a nationally recognized capital campaign adviser. He did a survey and said we probably could not raise more than \$1.5 million," Kendall said.

"We had already put together a \$6 million plan."

"He thought it wouldn't work. But the expert underestimated the love and support this community has for reinvesting in itself and in architecture. We raised \$6

POINTER OF INTEREST



Photo by Margie Reins Smith

William Kendall was chairman of the Christ Church Architectural Committee and the Construction Oversight Committee during the building of a new \$9 million, 32,000-square-foot addition. He volunteered his time and expertise for five years. The building was dedicated in October.

million in about a year."

The architectural firm Neuman-Smith & Associates was hired by the church and Kendall served as chairman of the church's Architectural Committee, then of the Construction Oversight Committee. Other committee members were Elaine Yates, the Rev. Julia Dempz, John McCormick and Candace Sweeney.

"I learned so much while working on this project," Kendall said. "I learned about working with some new materials — like stone and slate and the creative use of drywall. I learned about myself and how to work with other people."

"I learned about digital photography. I used digital photographs to document

the work and show progress. I also used digital images to see how something would look beforehand — for instance, how the existing sculpture of geese would look in a new location; and how high to put the sconces at the entrance to the new building.

"I also learned about love by working with these committee members. The committee still meets every week."

Kendall said he also learned that he's a better "idea" person than one who produces technical drawings.

If he were to change careers, he would consider a job where he could use his new knowledge of digital photography — perhaps some survey work, he said, or realizing his dream of writing a book.

"It would be a photographic essay," he said.

Kendall's favorite architectural style is arts and crafts.

"It started in Europe in

the 1880s," he said, "and lasted until 1920 or 1930. I like the totality of the designs, from structure to the fabrics. It marries disciplines of textiles, art, interior design, furniture, even details like flatware and china and glassware."

Kendall said he has lived other places — North Carolina and Chicago — but he's always drawn back to Michigan.

"I'm comfortable here. It's exciting to be part of an older community like Grosse Pointe," he said.

"Grosse Pointe needs revitalization of its infrastructure and its buildings," Kendall said, "but it's exciting to be in an older community that cares enough to revitalize itself."

The Christ Church project was done right, he said. Church members cared enough to reinvest in (the church) and its architecture.

"This building will be here for the whole community for the next 100 years."

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 78, Subdivisions, Article II, Site Plan Review, Section 78-53, of the 1997 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the a review of the site plan for George Kouciter Jewelers, 19815 Mack Avenue. The subject file folder is open for public review at the City Clerk's office. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Louise Warnke,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/07/00

CITY OF Harper Woods, MICHIGAN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2000

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present except Councilman Eisengruber.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Richard A. Eisengruber from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 16, 2000, and the minutes of the Library Board meetings held August 31, and September 21, 2000; and the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held October 23, 2000.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2001 Budget.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2001 Budget.
- 5) To add to the agenda a request for a liquor license transfer at 19840 Kelly.
- 6) To hold a Public Hearing on November 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.
- 7) To add to the agenda a request for a liquor license transfer at 19840 Kelly Road.
- 8) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 57772 through 58040 in the amount of \$1,077,946.79 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller; and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Approve payment to the Library Cooperative of Macomb in the amount of \$8,639.57 for the Automated System Services from October 2, 2000 through December 31, 2000, for the purchase of 2 printers, a monitor, various databases and supplies. 3) Approve payment to Children's Home of Detroit in the amount of \$9,992.00 for our City's proportionate share of the funding of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Youth Assistance Program for the fiscal year 2000/2001. 4) Approve payment to Wayne County Revenue & Tax Analysis Division in the amount of \$3,090.00 for the prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of August, 2000. 5) Approve payment to Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,640.00 for professional services for the period September 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 for the Kelly Road Improvement Project. 6) Accept the low bid submitted by American Locker Security Systems in the amount of \$2,873.00 for the purchase of a 4-tier evidence locker for the police department. 7) Authorize payment to the homeowner at 19123 Woodcrest, in the amount of \$1,350.00 for the repairs that were made to the City sewer line on September 21, 2000. 8) Approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance Office in the amount of \$3,085.27 for services to be rendered during the months of October, November and December 2000. 9) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$17,316.88 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of August 2000. 10) Approve payment to National Industrial Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,170.00 for the televising and cleaning of sanitary sewer lines. 11) Authorize payment to the home owner at 19349 Washtenaw, in the amount of \$1,800.00 for repairs that were made to the City sewer line on October 19, 2000. 12) Approve payment to Caloia General Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$4,570.00 for the repair of the water service in the Fire Department's shower room. 13) Approve payment to Guardian Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the excavation and repair of the sanitary sewer tap at 20703 Fleetwood.
- 2) To Adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2001: General Fund 17.99; Mills Refuse Fund 2.00 Mills; Library Fund .96 Mills; Debt Services Fund 2.50 Mills Total 23.45 Mills.
- 3) To Approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2001 Budget as presented.
- 4) That in accordance with chapter 27, Article V, Sections 27-120 and 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances, a rate of \$180.00 per residential equivalent unit is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2000.
- 5) To approve the proposal by Detroit Edison in the amount of \$209,965 to own, operate and maintain the currently City owned streetlights on Harper Avenue including the repair, replacement and/or installation of the streetlights and constructing a multiple circuit system.
- 6) To accept the low bid submitted by Marine City Nursery Co. for the purchase of 150 trees in the amount of \$20,850.00.
- 7) To adopt the resolution authorizing entry into an Interlocal Agreement establishing the Local Energy Aggregation Project.
- 8) To approve the proposal in the amount of \$6,500 submitted by the City Engineer for the preparation of plans, specification and bid documents for a storage building at Johnston Park.
- 9) That the request from Fran Restaurants, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1999 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 19840 Kelly Road, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225, Wayne County, from R J L - Kelly Corporation be considered for approval and further it is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

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Poupard homecoming

It was "homecoming" at Poupard Elementary School when former students returned during Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, to share some of their favorite books with classes in the library. Above, Nicole Bustillo, Grosse Pointe North student and Poupard alumnus, reads to Mary Marie Berschback's kindergarten class. The program was coordinated by Anne Maurer, elementary library media specialist and Colleen Carrick, GPN English teacher. Other high school students who revisited their elementary school were Pat Brown, Katie Greer, Andrea Sheridan, Michael Ash, Bridget Finn, Sarah St. John and Amanda Murray.



Big kids, little kids and big books

Big kids and little kids got together at Trombly Elementary School during Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, when English students from Grosse Pointe South High School visited to share favorite stories with classes in the library. Pictured are Andrew Lockhart, Taylor Grown, Katie Ball and Jimmy Schwartz, front row; and Spencer Martin, Yuliya Alehina, Jennifer Chung and William Daudin, back row.

Student of the Week

Megan Shapiro

School: Grosse Pointe South High School
Grade: 12



Megan Shapiro

Megan Shapiro is a member of South's girls varsity basketball and soccer teams and was nominated South Scholar-Athlete in soccer and was named The Detroit News Young Athlete of the Week for basketball. Her basketball coach, Peggy VanEckoute, described her as, "the backbone of our team and the spark plug that ignited us." She's a leader off the court and field as well, serving as Student Association secretary, co-chair of the homecoming pep assembly and president of Safe Rides.

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.



Pay, benefits stall office personnel talks

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Office personnel in the Grosse Pointe Public School System are not only frustrated about working without a contract since July 1, but because they say they are not being offered salary increases and a benefits package in line with teachers in the Grosse Pointe public schools.

"We are not being offered the same kind of percentage pay rate increases as the teachers," said Sharon Bullock, president of the 85-member Grosse Pointe Association of Office Personnel (GPAOP).

While Bullock would not disclose the pay rate increases offered by the district for the next four years, she said they were under those offered to the teachers. In a contract ratified in November by the Grosse

Pointe Board of Education, Grosse Pointe public school teachers will receive a 4.3 percent pay increase in the 2000-01 school year, a 3.9 percent pay increase in the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years and a 3.6 percent pay increase in the 2003-04 school year.

Bullock also claimed that office personnel in the Grosse Pointe public schools were among the lowest paid out of office personnel in six other districts with similar size and money spent per pupil: Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Hills, Troy, Center Line, Birmingham and Livonia.

"Those six other districts' starting salaries are \$2 an hour higher than ours," said Bullock.

Currently, Class A office personnel, mostly clerks, receive a starting wage of \$8.74 an hour. Wages for the

secretaries to the superintendent of schools and high school principals top out at \$17.98 an hour.

Bullock also said that fringe benefits were another sticking issue in contract talks. While she would not say what members were asking for or what the district was offering, office personnel currently receive Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Master Medical coverage, \$25,000 in accidental death and dismemberment coverage and 60 percent coverage in long-term disability.

District director of personnel and labor relations Eugene Washchuk said it would be inappropriate to discuss the details of the office personnel contract talks at this point, but did say that the district had not met often with the GPAOP, partly out of their request to

hold off talks until the teacher's union, the Grosse Pointe Education Association, settled their contract.

Two other unions representing employees in the Grosse Pointe public schools are also working without contracts. The board is expected to approve a contract for the members of the district's administrator's union, the Grosse Pointe Administrators Association, at its Monday, Dec. 11, meeting.

Nancy Salassa, president of the classroom assistants' union, the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association, said, "We're moving a little slow, but steady. Hopefully in the next few weeks we'll see some action."

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Brownell locks up the year 2000

School plans vault opening for 100-year celebration

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

To lock something up and throw away the key isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Students at Brownell Middle School did just that on Thursday, Nov. 30, after filling up the school's Millennium vault with mementoes of their work and favorite things.

Science teacher William Leleszi suggested filling a time capsule of mementoes and newsworthy items of the year 2000. Building engineer Ted Reaume, who was put to task to find an appropriate storage spot, decided an unused phone booth would make a perfect and bigger place not just for a time capsule, but to create walk-in vault complete with a lock-tight steel door.

One by one, students from each advisory made their class' contribution to the vault. Included are autographed pictures of advisory classes, magazines, newspapers, autobiographical student essays, student predictions for the future, lists of

favorite TV shows and activities, compact discs of favorite music, a Brownell yearbook, a Millennium Barbie doll, a copy of Mitch Albom's "Tuesdays With Morrie," a scooter, Pokémon cards, a Harry Potter book and plenty of articles on the uncertainty of the presidential election. Reaume, who was appointed the vault guard, safely tucked each piece into the vault.

The ceremony was broadcast to each class in the building, a first time ever production at Brownell. A videotape of the broadcast was also placed in the vault.

After the ceremony, the vault was sealed shut. It is scheduled to be opened for the school's 100-year anniversary in September 2058, when most of the Brownell students will be between 69 and 71 years old.

"It will be interesting to see if any of those things will be worth anything in 2058," said principal Mike Dib.

"I hope they have a machine that will play the videotape," said Leleszi.



Photo by Bonnie Caprara
Brownell principal Mike Dib, seventh-grader Brendan Howe, science teacher William Leleszi, assistant principal John Shafer and building engineer Ted Reaume stand before the open Brownell vault one last time on Thursday, Nov. 30. The vault is not scheduled to open again until Brownell's 100-year anniversary in September 2058.



Author visits the Academy

Children's author Debra Frasier made a visit to The Grosse Pointe Academy on Oct. 23 and 24. Frasier, the author and illustrator of the best-selling and award-winning picture book, "On the Day You Were Born," and illustrator of "The Animal That Drank Up Sound," spoke with fourth- and fifth-grade students about writing and illustrating books and how she got started in the business.



That's Italian!

Grosse Pointe North High School students Jeffrey Bolton, Elena Taranta (teacher), Laurie Brescoll, Steen Pecoraro, Charles Gaidica and Bradley Van-Sickle, top row; and Nicholas Bommarito, Lauren Colaluca and Kristen Brownski, bottom row, were rewarded at the Italian Cultural Center's Recognition on Sunday, Nov. 12, for outstanding achievement in Italian Studies.

Santa Claus is coming to St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco School and its PTO are holding a Children's Christmas Festival Sunday, Dec. 10, in the church social hall from 2 to 5 p.m.

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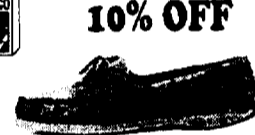
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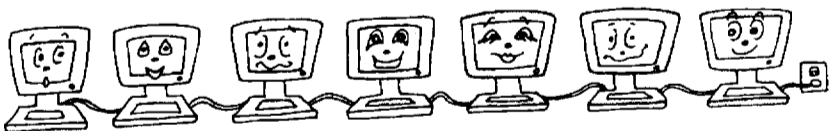
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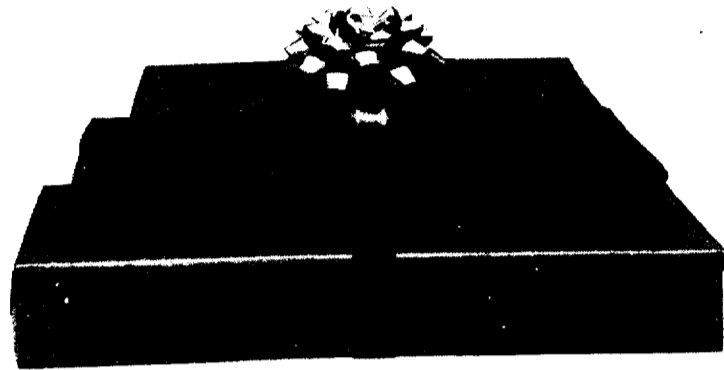


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Using the Internet, group wants Al to give it up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A trio of Californians who want Al Gore to knock it off are appealing nationwide for a protest Dec. 12, the day the Electoral College is scheduled to pick a new president.

To the cry of "Give it up, Al," the Orange County-based Frustrated Americans are also encouraging fed-up voters to e-mail the Vice President (at the address: vicepresident@whitehouse.gov), "Place state-manship above personal ambitions and concede the election."

Members of the fledgling group are as frustrated as their counterparts in 1960 when Kennedy edged Nixon in a close presidential election.

Unlike their predecessors a generation ago, however, today's group can do more about its election hangover than grouse among friends.

"Our story has been picked up online, posted by our readers to message boards and forwarded to mass distribution lists," said Amy Von Kaenel of Orange County. "We have had a few inquiries with print publications as well. This is a grassroots effort at its best, all thanks to the Internet."

The group is selling "Give It Up Al" t-shirts it hopes people will wear on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The shirts can be viewed on the Internet at www.cafepress.com/GiveItUpAl.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Bush/Cheney privately

funded transition committee.

Von Kaenel and her three friends, a coterie she described as being "just average Republican citizens," bring to mind another grassroots campaign driven by Sue Brown of Grosse Pointe Park.

Brown was the eastside Detroit coordinator for the Million Mom March, an organization that lived up to its name last spring with a demonstration in Washington, D.C. for "common sense" firearm legislation.

"The Million Mom March's primary success can be attributed to the fact we have all used e-mail to our advantage," said Brown. She still communicates with fellow coordinators and mem-

bers through email, which is how von Kaenel participated in this story.

Likewise, Von Kaenel said, "Our e-mail has reached millions of readers. Whether or not our message reaches Al Gore directly is questionable. Based on the e-mails I've received, however, this coordinated effort has helped others feel they can affect change. Let's hope we are right."

Tom McCleary, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club and resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, is unfamiliar with the Frustrated Americans, but is frustrated anyway.

"The consensus of most people is Gore should have given it up a long time ago," said McCleary. "It's gotten out of hand. It should have

been over when they had one recount in line with Florida law and the vote was certified. That should have been it."

According to McCleary, the post-presidential election wrangling has had a few positives.

"The closeness of the race has stirred interest in politics among younger people," he said.

According to a prepared statement by Mark Stier, Frustrated's spokesman, "With the spotlight on select Florida counties, millions of other Americans' opinions are dwarfed. Fortunately, powerful communication tools such as the Internet make it possible for those geographically removed from the controversy to communicate directly with the Vice President."

Von Kaenel said, "Both candidates entered the campaign understanding how voting in our country works.

Laws and regulations exist to guide troubled elections." McCleary said, "I have big hangups with trying to resolve everything in court when you have a system approved by the legislature and the law of the land."

He added, "It seems to be another case of the sue-happy generation."

"Meanwhile," said Von Kaenel, "the Middle East is in turmoil, the stock market is plunging, we have a potential recession looming and the President-elect must transition to his new role with rapid speed."

She added, "Al Gore picked a poor time to throw a national tantrum."

McCleary said, "It's an interesting time."

Amy von Kaenel can be contacted by email at: FrustratedAmericans@home.com.

G.P. Woods skating to take a holiday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The popular Sunday ice skating sessions for Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests will not take place on Dec. 24 and 31, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Following time off for the holiday season, the family ice skating program will

resume at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena on Cook Road on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. through March 25, 2001.

This is the program's second year.

"It's fantastic," said Patricia Chylinski, a member of the Woods city council and fan of ice skating.

Chylinski said novice skaters can steady themselves with portable support frames.

"They're like walkers," she said, "so everyone from tots to pops can skate."

Chylinski's 4-year-old daughter, Jackie, uses the walkers.

"She thinks she's Kristi

Yamaguchi," said Chylinski.

Sorry, Jackie, no triple salchows. Skating must be "conducted with control and safety in mind," according to the rules.

Skaters must be Woods residents and guests. Current Woods park passes are required to enter the ice arena.

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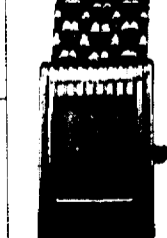
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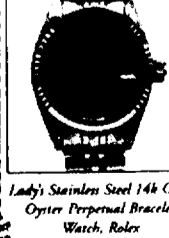
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Grosse Pointe Park beautification award winners

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Barbara Miller and her friends could write a gazette on the state of home improvement in Grosse Pointe Park.

Each year, Miller and her cohorts divvy the town into five territories. They drive, walk, jog and bicycle through the community eving candidates for the city's annual beautification award.

Miller chairs the Park Beautification Commission. The group keeps tabs on home improvement projects. Last month, 29 homeowners and three businesses were invited to receive the city's beautification award.

To qualify for the award, a property enhancement or landscaping project must be visible from the street.

"Backyards don't count," said Miller. Winning projects ranged from flower beds to new siding.

"Works in progress usually don't get awards until they're finished," Miller added.

In addition to recognizing outstanding home improvements, the beautification awards are one of the com-



mission's efforts to promote the continued upgrade of property in Grosse Pointe Park.

"By giving these awards," said Miller, a former member of the Park city council who has served on the beautification commission for 10 years, "we're encouraging residents not just to maintain, but to enhance and

beautify their property. That's a benefit to the entire city. It keeps property values up and makes the Park a pleasant place to live."

The beautification award ceremony took place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park. Winners received a photo of their property and a

framed plaque honoring their successful efforts.

People who haven't won a beautification award shouldn't be discouraged.

"We also do a holiday decoration award," said Miller. The commission judges Halloween and Christmas decorations.

Commissioners usually scout the neighborhoods at

night, which gives an edge to candidates who decorate with lights.

"If there is someone who wants their winter holiday decorations considered for an award, they should keep their holiday lights on in the evening," said Miller.

Residential award winners include:

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More than entertainment, video still holds its own

A new dimension was added to television when VCRs came on the market. The "boob tube" became an adjunct to a machine that allowed viewers to decide what they would watch and when.

The television set, all by itself, provided many hours of entertainment. It kept people in touch with local and global news. There were movies missed at the local theaters that could be watched for free. True, they were interrupted by commercials, which were sometimes annoying when they cut into the best parts. But sometimes the commercials were more entertaining than the movies.

For other viewers, public television provided special programs, featuring symphony orchestras, operas and great individual artists. The soaps, which many peo-

ple deplore, have a following; statistics show that millions of people watch them and they live in all regions of the nation — rural and urban. Professors, doctors, stockbrokers, writers and politicians are among the fans.

The soaps are not the province of lonely, older people sitting at home. Radio soaps provided an outlet for yesterday's mothers. They were great to listen to while washing dishes, clothes, floors and kids — never mind that radio soaps were filled with stock characters involved in improbable happenings.

In contrast, television soaps are sometimes too realistic as they deal with recognizable people wrestling with the world. Watching the soaps is a form of visual daydreaming. We may not live in the never-



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

never land but for a half hour, we can visit soap opera characters, their perfectly appointed homes, wearing beautiful gowns, having stimulating conversations and highly charged lives.

For excitement, we can watch "The Other World," where violence is featured; they get pretty rough but we hang in because we know that justice will prevail and that the bad guys will get their due.

Even the most loyal fan wouldn't argue that soaps are educational. This has increased the province of the VCR.

Even with all the available entertainment, including soaps and travelogues, there are times when twirling the dial fails to turn up a program of interest. At those times a VCR is a bonus. In most households it has become an integral component of the television set.

Proof is seen by the proliferation of video stores, where we can pick and choose from hundreds of titles, concerts, plays and how-to tapes. Local libraries also lend videos.

"Home video brings the whole world into your living room at your convenience," says Ronald Gross, author of the "Listening Learner." Gross says you can have informative lectures at the touch of a button. You can study the basis of bass fishing, cake decoration or puppy training. You can become acquainted with the works of Van Gogh, sit in on a university-level course on 20th century American history, learn about gardening, golf, opera and works from international artists.

The push for something more than entertainment began with Jane Fonda. Her first workout tape, in 1982,

sold a million copies. Follow-up copies reached the two million mark.

"Learning about video is ideal for older viewers," says Gross. "Older people like to think about what they're learning." The opportunity to learn at their own pace and be able to repeat and review can be a real advantage through the use of videotapes.

Video stores are probably not the best places to look for video workshops. Video stores primarily carry entertainment tapes. That leaves bookstores, mail and telephone order houses, the public library and specialty outlets; such as golf shops for golf videos or garden supply stores for gardening tapes.

Today there are DVDs, laser discs and the Internet but the VCR still holds its own.

Seniors need not suffer depression

By Matilda Charles
Many older people may be needlessly suffering from depression because they don't know they have it and, therefore, they don't know they can do something about it.

that can be effective in treating depression for people of all ages, including the elderly.

But before treatment can begin, you have to know you have the "treatable" condition. Depression symptoms for which one should seek medical attention include: Prolonged feelings of sadness; a change in appetite (less or greater); a change in sleeping patterns (too little or too much); and a lack of interest in activities you used to love.

Weiner urges people who have symptoms of depression "not to miss out on some of the best years of your life. See your family physician or seek a therapist for a professional diagnosis or ask a family member to assist you in finding professional help."

Music has charms to soothe the savage breast — so goes the old saying. It may do more than that for older folks with heart problems.

There appears to be a consensus growing among doctors who treat the elderly that listening to music — especially classical or, as one doctor put it, "good pop stuff from Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, the Gershwins, etc.," — helps stabilize the heart-beat.

You can e-mail Matilda Charles at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Dr. Myron Weiner, professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, says: "Older folks with emotional disorders seek treatment less often than younger folks."

According to Weiner, the overriding reason for that seems to be "that elders in our society grew up with the attitude that feeling depressed is a normal state when you get older."

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This tabloid will be published January 25, 2001. Your child's picture, along with other 2000 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

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Your picture must be received in our office no later than Tuesday, December 19th, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 5, 2001.)

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Freda Billner
Freda Billner, of Clinton Township, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at St. Joseph East Hospital in Clinton Township. She was 88.

Mrs. Billner, a 48-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, was born in Wyandotte and was a graduate of Southeastern High School in Detroit. She was a homemaker, a bookkeeper for Young's Mens Wear and a precinct election worker. She was a member of the Catholic Kolping Society, the Carpathia Club, the German-American Cultural Center and the Grosse Pointe Seniors. She enjoyed knitting and sewing.

Mrs. Billner is survived by a daughter, Barbara (Donald) VanHove of Port Austin; a son, Robert (Dorothy) of Saratoga, Calif.; a sister, Mildred Thomas of Rochester; a brother, Robert Tapler of Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, and a son, Frank.

A funeral service for Mrs. Billner was held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at St. Michael Church in Sterling Heights. Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Funeral arrangements were handled by Wm. Sullivan & Son in Utica.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Catholic Kolping Society or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Mary Jordan Herrington
Mary Jordan Herrington died of complications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at her daughter's home in Grosse Pointe Park on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000. She was 88.

Mrs. Herrington was born on Aug. 1, 1912, in Louisville, Ky. She was a graduate of Anchorage High School and attended the University of Kentucky where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. In 1931, Mrs. Herrington married Lewis Butler Herrington Jr. and lived in Louisville and Chicago before moving to Lexington, Ky., in 1965. After retiring as an administrator at

Eastern State Hospital, she worked for Bluegrass Tours. In 1991, she moved to live with her daughter in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mrs. Herrington was a member of the Louisville Younger Woman's Club and a 63-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution where she served in the John Marshall chapter in Louisville and the Louisa St. Clair chapter in Detroit.

Mrs. Herrington is survived by her daughter, Susie (G.M.) Scheiwe, and four grandchildren, Anne Koenig Elias, Brent Scheiwe, Kent Scheiwe and Meredith Scheiwe.

A graveside service for Mrs. Herrington was held at Richmond Cemetery in Richmond, Ky.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Columba Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Lilian E. Marick
Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lilian E. Marick died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. She was 90.

Mrs. Marick was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and was a graduate of Washington High School in Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

Mrs. Marick was a housewife and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Tenmin Club. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and travel.

Mrs. Marick is survived by two daughters, Lilian "Dee" Boardman and Catherine E. Slagle; two sons, Louis R. and Thomas F.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Louis, in September 1984.

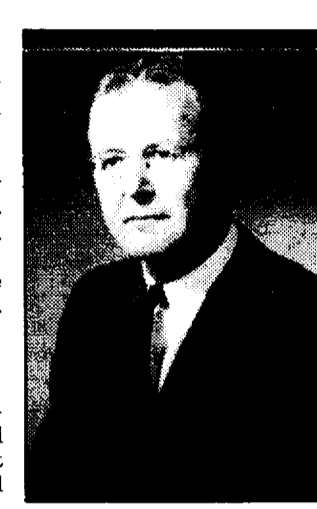
A private family service will be held. Burial will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Alice Moody
A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Verheyden Funeral Home for Alice Moody. Miss Moody died in her Grosse Pointe Park home on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000. She was 89. Miss Moody was a legal

secretary for the law firm of Clark Hill for many years.

Survivors include two nieces, Cathy Kegler of Grosse Pointe Woods and Barbara Spang of Apple Valley, Calif.; a nephew, Howard of Sun City, Fla.; a great-niece, Katie Kegler; and a great-nephew, Michael Kegler.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.



Ray Nigro

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ray Nigro died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2000. He was 90.

Mr. Nigro was born in Calumet and was a graduate of Detroit's Northern High School and the Detroit Institute of Technology. He was president and CEO of United Ventures, Inc. and Federated Mortgage Investors.

Mr. Nigro was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club and The Players and enjoyed yachting throughout the Great Lakes.

Mr. Nigro is survived by two daughters, Maggie (Harry) Echlin of Grosse Pointe Farms and Mary (Vic) Dhoooge of San Diego, Calif.; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife and childhood sweetheart Florence; four sisters, Mary Klebba, Modesta Poshak, Inez Cook and Marie Worth; and two brothers, Don and John Diero.

A memorial service for Mr. Nigro was held Monday,

Dec. 4, at St. Michael Episcopal Church. Interment is at St. Michael's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.



Annette Ramsey Perry

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Grosse Pointe Park resident Annette Ramsey Perry died Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, of complications of cancer at Bon Secours Hospital. She was 75.

Mrs. Perry was born in Detroit and was a secretary with Parke Davis and Alma Products. She was a member of Gilda's Club and enjoyed dancing, piano and travel.

Mrs. Perry is survived by her husband, Jay.

Florence K. Rogers
Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Florence K. Rogers, of Clinton Township, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, of heart failure at St. Joseph Hospital West in Clinton Township. She was 90.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Baltimore, Md., and was a 1927 graduate of Eastern High School in Detroit and a 1929 graduate of Detroit Teachers College. She was a retired Detroit Public Schools teacher and enjoyed gardening and reading.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by three nieces, Catherine

Price, Pauline Roszkowski and Theresa Ruggiro; and three nephews, Richard, Thomas and Robert Clevio. She was predeceased by her husband, Fred.

A funeral service for Mrs. Rogers will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Michael's Episcopal Church.



Peter F. Sullivan Jr.

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Peter F. Sullivan Jr., 52, died of complications of cancer in his Grosse Pointe Park home on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000.

Mr. Sullivan held a master's degree in criminology and a law degree from University of Detroit-Mercy. He was a presentence specialist and a veteran probation officer with the U.S. District Court in Detroit for 22 years and was instrumental in the formation of a new program for employment of parolees with major Detroit corporations and institutions.

Mr. Sullivan was active in community charitable works, particularly with the St. Vincent de Paul Society where he organized a sale of long-accumulated art objects and paintings that had been in storage and with the

Capuchin Monastery where he worked on their Sock Hop and other functions.

Mr. Sullivan is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, Mary and Ann; and two sons, Peter and Brian. Also surviving are his mother, Mary Ann (Herman) Teske; and three sisters, Susan (John) Sutkus, Kathleen (Craig) Smith and Jill (Claran Phibbs).

A memorial Mass for Mr. Sullivan was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 5, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadioux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or the Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mount Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Jane H. Yost
Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jane H. Yost (nee Howarth), of Chatham, Mass., died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000. She was 77.

Mrs. Yost was born in Detroit and was the wife of the late William Bowman Hibbard and later George Carter Yost. She is survived by a son, John Winslow Hibbard of Centerville, Mass.; a daughter, Ann Bowman Hibbard of Centerville; and two grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held.

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Understanding contrast

Contrast can be defined as the range of tonal values in a scene. As a photographer, you need some knowledge of contrast because it will help you get better photographs.

On a bright, sunny day, tones can be found from very black to very bright. On the other hand, a misty or overcast day will produce softer tones, often resembling pastels in color prints or soft grays in black and white. You might say that high contrast days will produce bold, dramatic shots while low contrast days will result in soft, almost muted pictures.

Use of contrast can be effective in expressing yourself through your photography and can have a considerable effect in the success or failure of your shot.

It is important to understand that your eyes see differently than film. Human eyes see details in bright highlights while at the same time they pick out minute texture in the deepest shadows.

We would expect to see the same details in our photographs, but unfortunately, film is more restricting and can't "see" the same way we

Photography

By Monte Nagler

can. Its tonal range is much more limiting and therefore some tones are always lost in a photograph. But usually, loss of detail in the darkest and lightest parts of a photograph goes unnoticed as long as middle tones appear acceptable to our eyes.

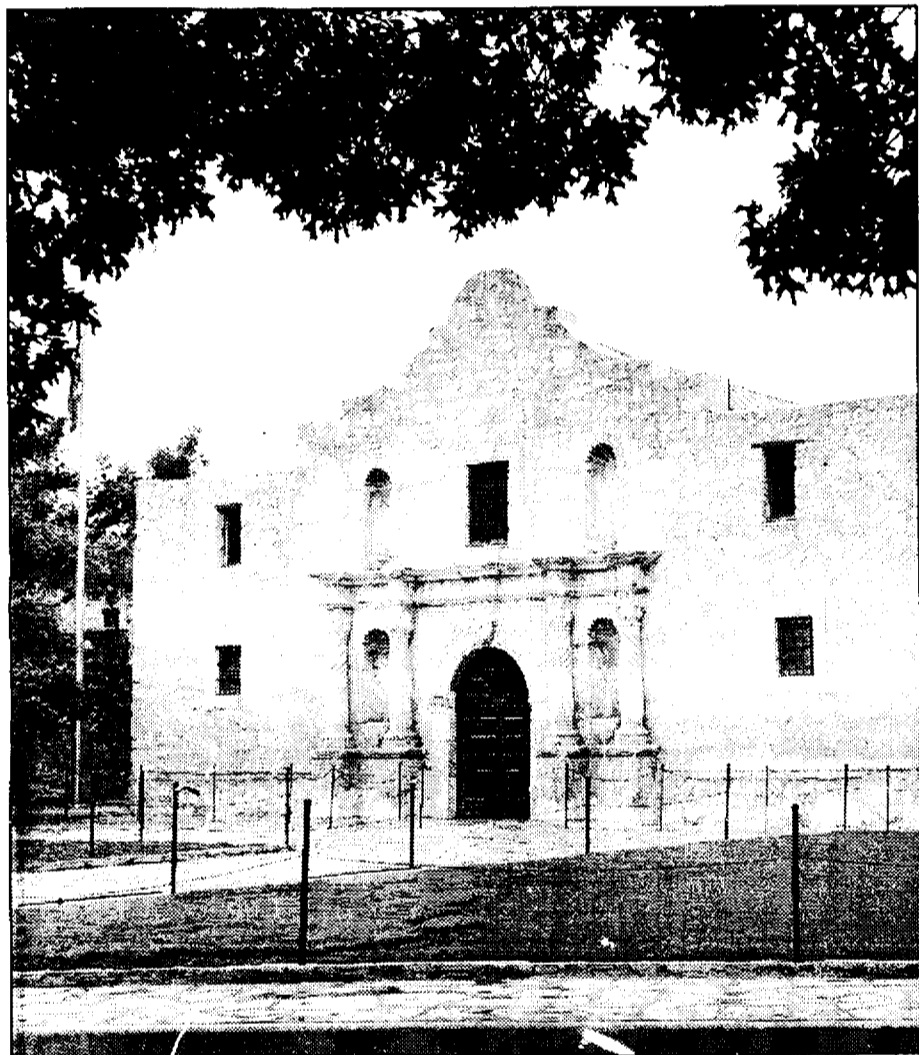
Are you at the mercy of lighting conditions? Do you have to accept whatever contrast may be recorded on your film? Not necessarily. You do have some control over contrast if you shoot black and white film and do your own developing. If the original scene is too narrow

in its tone and you desire more contrast in your finished print, simply overdevelop the film to expand the contrast range. Just the

opposite, if you photographed on a high contrast day and you want to reduce contrast in your print, then you underdevelop the negatives. Of course, the black and white printer has the added flexibility of multi-contrast filters and developer dilution to increase or decrease contrast.

With color film, the developing procedure is designed to give average contrast. With color, you need to rely on the original scene and its lighting conditions and accept the resulting contrast.

So get out of the shadows and into the highlights with a better understanding of contrast and how it can help you to improve your photographs.



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Partied out

The lights went out on an open house party last week and the hostess is soon to follow.

Four Grosse Pointe Woods police crashed the party on Friday, Dec. 1, at 10:54 p.m., in the 1800 block of Brys. Of the dozen people in attendance, 10 were male and most were under the legal drinking age.

"The party was terminated," said a policeman.

The 21-year-old hostess had rented the property two days prior. Officers issued five citations for either drinking or refusing to take a breath test.

The landlord was upset when notified of the new tenant's actions.

According to police, the landlord said, "That's all I needed to know." The tenant will be evicted, the landlord said, "ASAP."

the suspect walking in an alley carrying a pry bar and hook knife.

He also possessed cash in the same amount and denominations of a robbery in the 20900 block of Mack that would be reported the following day.

Thermal imaging camera

Officers in Grosse Pointe Park pulled out their thermal imaging camera last week to discover a possible house fire was a malfunctioning light socket.

The camera detects heat and saves time by letting officers investigate the source and spread of fires by seeing through walls instead of smashing open holes with axes.

The Park incident took place in the 1400 block of Three Mile on Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:55 p.m.

Suspect found

A 26-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods found with tools and a wad of cash is being investigated for at least two breaking-and-enterings that took place last week at businesses on Mack Avenue.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, at 10:20 p.m., officers investigating a break-in in the 20100 block of Mack found

A one-man crime wave?

Officers investigating the break-ins of at least three Grosse Pointe Park businesses last week caught a troublesome suspect who has been relegated to the county jail.

The action took place during the early morning of Wednesday, Nov. 29. At 3:22

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Judge called in

A 43-year-old man from Hazel Park who Grosse Pointe Woods police caught running a red light on Vernier and Mack is being investigated for drunken driving.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, at about 1 a.m., a Woods patrolman stopped the man after he ran into a utility pole on Vernier east of Mack. Officers took the man to a local hospital for minor injuries from the crash.

Detecting the odor of alcohol, police wanted to administer a breath test. When the subject refused, Woods municipal Judge Lynn Pierce signed a search warrant that allowed hospital employees to test the man's blood. Results are pending.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6:11 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer stopped the woman as she drove on southbound Mack near Littlestone.

Officers disproved the woman's claim that she lacked a driver's license and identification because her purse had been stolen recently from work. Officers contacted the woman's alleged employer, who said he never heard of the woman. The woman eventually gave her real name, which allowed officers to determine she had been suspended three times.

Lying to police

A 21-year-old Detroit woman driving a car with a burned-out taillight has been charged with driving while suspended and giving false information to police.

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Car thieves

Thieves failed last week in what police said were two attempts to steal vehicles in Grosse Pointe Park.

Following the night of Sunday, Nov. 26, residents in the 700 block of Pemberton and 500 block of Lakepointe reported their vehicles' driver-side windows broken and the steering columns damaged.

Vandalism

On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 3, a resident of the 1700 block of Broadstone woke up to discover someone had shattered a side window of his van. The vehicle had been parked in the street overnight.

One stop nets two arrests

A drunken woman driving on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods with a burned out

headlight led to the arrest of herself and her passenger on Friday, Dec. 1, at 9:30 p.m.

The driver, a 33-year-old Detroit woman, was found to have a blood alcohol content of .155 percent. She was wanted on an outstanding \$100 warrant from Southfield for retail fraud. The passenger, another 33-year-old Detroit woman, was wanted on a \$74 warrant in Detroit.

Southfield police picked up their prisoner shortly after 11 p.m.

— Brad Lindberg

OUILS in the Shores

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers were kept busy last week by four arrests all dealing with the same crime — drunk driving.

The first incident took place on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 2:26 a.m. A patrol officer spotted a 2000 Ford Explorer traveling south on Lakeshore and weaving across the road.

When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he asked the driver, a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, if he had been drinking. He replied, "a couple of drinks, hours ago." Nonetheless the officer smelled the odor of alcohol and the driver failed his field sobriety tests. He blew a .210 on his preliminary breath test (PBT). He is now free on \$100 bond.

The second incident took place at 9:11 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. A patrol officer spotted a 1997 Dodge van traveling at speeds of between 50 and 60 mph while traveling east on Vernier. When the officer finally pulled the vehicle over, the driver, a 34-year-old Warren man, didn't appear to speak English. The officer could smell alcohol and the driver appeared to have wet his pants.

The driver was unable to perform any field tests and blew a .210 on his PBT. He

was freed on \$180 bond. The third incident took place at 12:56 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. A Shores officer spotted a car turning onto Lakeshore from Vernier. After completing the turn, the driver, a 35-year-old Detroit man, got out of his car and approached a nearby vehicle as if to ask directions. When that car sped off, the officer saw the driver crouch down and proceed to urinate on the roadway.

After witnessing this, the officer pulled the vehicle over and asked the driver if he had been drinking. The driver had no license, failed his field sobriety tests and had a half-empty 40-ounce bottle of Old Milwaukee in his front seat. He also blew a .12 on his PBT.

A background check revealed that the driver was wanted in Detroit for a variety of misdemeanor charges and had his license suspended 12 times. He was turned over to Detroit police and his bond was set at \$1,050.

The final incident took place 3:15 a.m. when a patrol officer spotted a 1998 Chevrolet heading north on Lakeshore with expired plates. The officer pulled the vehicle over and asked the driver, a 19-year-old Eastpointe man, if he had anything to drink. The driver admitted to having been drinking in Canada earlier that evening. He blew a .125 on his PBT. He was also cited for having no proof of insurance. He is free on \$100 bond.

Vandals strike

Grosse Pointe Farms and City of Grosse Pointe residents reported numerous acts of vandalism that took place late during the evening of Saturday, Dec. 2, or early in the morning of Sunday, Dec. 3. A resident of the 300 block of Mary in the Farms reported hearing a noise at 11:30 p.m. on

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Crime

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Saturday. When he went to investigate, he discovered that someone smashed the front storm door window to his home. Several residents along the 300 and 400 blocks of McKinley reported that windows of vehicles parked outside were smashed late Saturday or early Sunday. A similar incident took place at Moran, near Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

City officials received several reports during that time period as well. But they don't believe it was the same vandal or vandals that struck in the Farms because they believe a BB gun was used to shoot out store windows along Kercheval as well as car windows of vehicles parked in the 300 and 900 blocks of Rivard and the 500 block of Neff.

Loitering doesn't pay

A Grosse Pointe Farms patrol officer spotted several teens loitering at the corner of Williams and Stephens at 8:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. He also saw several empty beer cans near the youths.

When he questioned them, they told him they were just waiting for a friend.

Unfortunately for the group, the officer had a previous encounter with one of the youths over underage drinking. He gave that youth a PBT and he blew a .10. Another youth blew a .06. The other five youths appeared not to have been drinking. All seven youths were from Grosse Pointe Farms or Grosse Pointe Park. In addition to drinking charges being filed, police also cited the youths for illegal possession of tobacco products.

Late larceny

A resident of the 400 block of Shelbourne heard a noise coming from a nearby garage early during the morning of Friday, Dec. 1. She contacted a neighbor who heard the same noise, but did not see anyone outside. The next day it was discovered that both residents had their garages broken into, with several small items, including some Christmas gifts, missing.

Stolen car

A Farms patrol officer spotted a 1990 Oldsmobile traveling east on Mack with expired plates at 6:13 a.m.

on Wednesday, Nov. 29. When he pulled the vehicle over, the driver, a 39-year-old Detroit woman, slurred her speech and could not produce a driver's license as it had been suspended. She claimed not to know who her passenger, a 22-year-old Mount Clemens woman, was.

The officer discovered that the car had been reported stolen in Detroit. He also spotted several syringes and paraphernalia used to inject heroin and smoke crack cocaine in the car.

The driver was arrested pending the filing of felony charges associated with car theft and illegal possession

of narcotic gear. The passenger was released.

Bad luck

A Detroit man reported that while he was attempting to exit the parking lot of a restaurant in the 18800 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, a silver Ford Windstar drove up behind his car and blocked it from exiting the lot.

A man wearing a black ski mask approached the driver. His hand was in his coat, as if to indicate he had a gun. Unfortunately for the masked man, the person he was approaching was an off-

duty police officer, who proceeded to pull his service weapon out.

The masked man ran east toward Moross and the driver of the van quickly followed.

No injuries were reported and the officer said the masked man's jacket had the phrase "Phat Farm" written on the front.

Bah, Humbug

A resident of the 300 block of Cloverly returned home on Nov. 28 to find that during the past four days someone cut down Christmas lights that were hung up on the home.

The lights were found on the lawn. A resident of the 600 block of Lakeland in the City of Grosse Pointe reported a similar incident. This one took place between late Saturday, Dec. 2 and early Sunday, Dec. 3.

Stolen plate

A Grosse Pointe Farms woman reported that between late Tuesday, Nov. 28 and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, someone stole her license plate from her car. She left the vehicle in the care of a gas station at the corner of Neff and Mack.

— Jim Stickford

MCC offering degree-credit courses at Assumption

Macomb Community College will offer the following spring 2001 semester classes to be held at the Assumption Cultural Center, Marter Road in St. Clair Shores, beginning the week of Thursday, Jan. 11:

- Introduction to Mythology (HUM 175), Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
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- Principles of Sociology (SOC 101), Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Admitted students may register by telephone from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Dec. 22; from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27, through Friday, Dec. 29; and at varied times on Wednesday, Jan. 3, through

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Make no mistake, Audi wagon is entry-level luxury

"Hey, nice car," said a co-worker as I approached the 2001 Audi A4 1.8T Avant Quattro Wagon I was evaluating. "You got a Saturn?"

I was startled by this misidentification, but upon further reflection I had to admit it kind of looked like a Saturn wagon. It might have been the color, which was sort of a peach-cranberry-melon shade, not very Germanic Audi calls it India Red.

They are nothing alike, of course.

From the rear, all small

Our test vehicle was a 2001 Audi A4 Avant Quattro all-wheel drive unit with a powerful 1.8T engine, rated at 170 horsepower, up from 150 last year.

Also new for 2001 is a new four-year/50,000-mile limited warranty and no-charge scheduled maintenance, a 12-year limited warranty against corrosion perforation and 24-hour Roadside Assistance for four years. This warranty protection is offered on all 2001 Audis.



Autos
By Richard Wright

texture and appearance of the seat upholstery and the color and type of genuine wood or aluminum trim.

Our test vehicle had an Onyx Ambition interior. I enjoyed driving it, but was not motivated to try to exalt my station in life.

Other extra-cost options included the India Red exterior finish (\$460), cold-weather package of heated front seats and driver's door lock (\$440), a convenience package of power glass sunroof, Homelink remote transmitter and auto dimming inside and outside mirrors (\$1,200) and 10-spoke sport alloy wheels and 16-inch high-performance tires (\$750).

The base vehicle price was \$26,740. As equipped, our test car stickered out at \$30,115.

A little steep for a car that looks like a Saturn?

Keep in mind that the four-rings of Audi is a world-class luxury nameplate, holding its own nicely against BMW 3-Series, Saab 9-3 and Volvo V40.

Another trait the Audi and the Saturn have in common is that each has a cult following. Saturn owners are fiercely proud of their make and so are Audi owners.

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The A4 is simply safe, fun and well-designed and well-built, one of the best entry-level luxury sedans on the market.

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Rear shot of 2001 Audi A4 1.8T Avant Quattro Wagon.

wagons probably look alike, but from the front this was clearly an Audi, identifiable by the four connected rings of that marque.

Those four rings were the symbol of Auto Union, created in 1932 by the merger of four German makes, the Wanderer, the Horch, the Audi and the DKW.

The Saturn, of course, is an entry-level compact car and the Audi A4 Avant Wagon is an entry-level luxury car.

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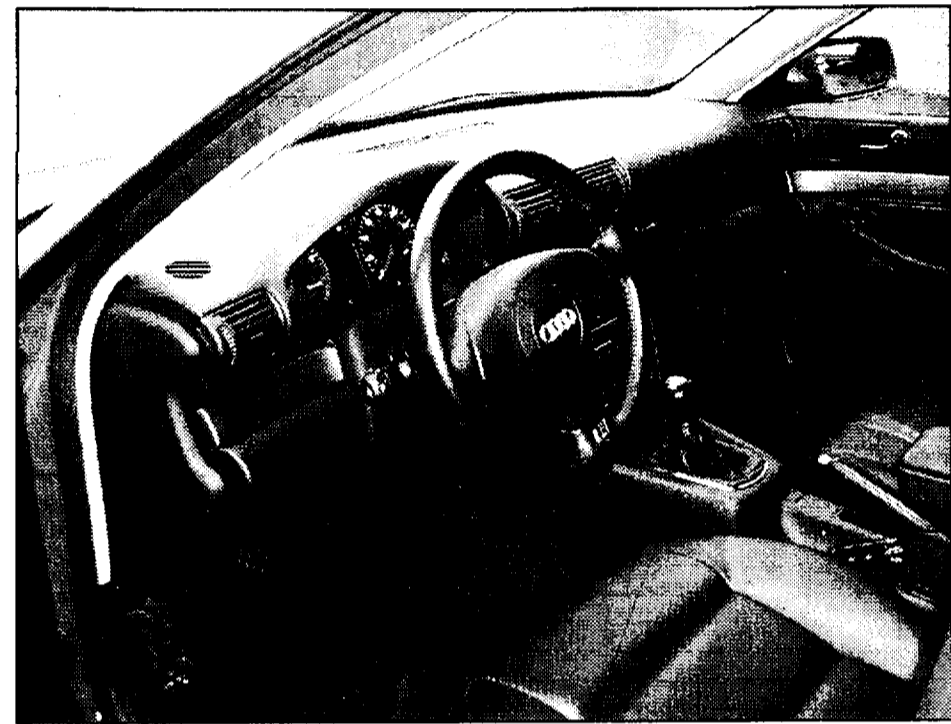
This Audi A4 is sleek, sophisticated, small and safe. The A4 has scored well in government crash testing.

For 2001, four versions are available: the A4 1.8T Sedan and 1.8T Avant Wagon, and the A4 2.8 Sedan and 2.8 Avant

ordered with a five-speed manual or a five-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission. Audi's Quattro all-wheel-drive system is standard on Avant wagons and optional on the sedans.

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Heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Be sure to use products approved by an independent testing organization, such as Underwriters Laboratories, and only for the use intended (exterior or interior). Closely follow all manufacturer's installation and operations instructions.

Seal leaks that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located. Look for air

leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out and the heat in. With severe wind chill, a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.

Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

When the mercury drops

A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

If you're away

Set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.

Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough

to prevent freezing, or shut off and drain the water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.

If your pipes freeze

Don't take chances. If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber. If you detect that your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shut-off valve is and how to open and close it.

Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame. Water damage is preferable to fire damage. You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with the warm air from a hair dryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.

Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water because you could be electrocuted.

Potential car hose failure

A car's engine generates enough heat to destroy itself.

The cooling system, however, protects against damage by circulating liquid coolant that will keep the engine within the correct operating range.

The coolant circulates from the radiator to the engine and back to the radiator through a series of rubber hoses that are designed to withstand high temperatures and flexing.

If any of the hoses fail, especially the radiator hoses, the system will lose coolant, and overheating will result even when the ambient temperature drops below the freezing mark.

To avoid being stranded in rush-hour traffic or on the open highway, the Gates Rubber Co. recommends that the coolant hose be inspected before every seasonal driving change.

Until recently, the most common method of checking engine coolant hose was to visually inspect its outside cover for signs of wear, or "ballooning" under pressure.

This method is no longer considered completely reliable in light of research that proves most hoses fail from the inside out.

these cracks and attacks the hose reinforcement as it wicks along the length of the hose.

The condition eventually results in a pinhole leak or a burst hose at failure.

ECD is not peculiar to any one automotive manufacturer, but is evident in almost all cooling system hoses. The most severe damage occurs where the temperature is hottest and air is present with the coolant, which is why upper radiator hoses tend to fail first.

Like oxidation, ECD is accelerated by driving habits that increase the heat history of the coolant hose. Therefore, engine hoses that are subjected to any extended amount of stop-and-go, or engine idle, show earlier and more severe electrochemical damage.

The 'squeeze test'

The best way to check coolant hose for the effects of ECD is to squeeze the hose near the clamps or connectors using the following procedures recommended by Gates:

1. Make sure the engine is cool.
2. Use fingers and thumb

to check for weakness, not the whole hand.

3. Squeeze near the connectors. ECD occurs within two inches of the ends of the hose — not in the middle.

4. Check for any difference in the feel between the middle and ends of the hose. "Gaps," or "channels," can be felt along the length of the hose tube where it has been weakened by ECD.

5. If the ends are soft and feel mushy, chances are the hose is under attack by ECD. To avoid breakdowns, replacement is recommended.

Replace four-year-old hoses

A replacement interval of four years for all coolant carrying hoses — especially the upper radiator, bypass and heater hoses — can help prevent unexpected failure from ECD.

Earlier hose replacement is recommended for fleet vehicles such as taxis, police cars and delivery vans that are subject to significant stop-and-go driving and the resulting high engine and coolant temperatures.

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It's tax-loss time; government doesn't need your taxes

December is tax-loss time for individuals, just as October was for most mutual funds. You'll be receiving your November brokerage statements in the next few days. Look them over carefully.

Some brokers have revised their monthly statements to permit the inclusion of cost data for each security listing.

If so, and you have provided the missing cost data for "older" holdings, the monthly statement shows your estimated unrealized capital gain or loss for each item.

Tax preparers usually advise investors to set up file folders for each investment, retaining purchase confirmations, advisories of stock splits, etc. The preservation of these important tax records is essential to good investment management.

Many investors with larger portfolios utilize professional money managers for securities safekeeping, record-keeping and investment advice. The fees for these services are tax-deductible.

Now is the time to begin preparing your personal balance sheet, which is a listing of all you own, less all you owe. The net difference is your personal equity, also known as net worth.

The category of assets, called "investments," lists your stocks and bonds, all valued at recent market prices. This is where investment advisers calculate your asset allocation percentages.

What do you think is a reasonable stock/bond ratio at this stage of the economic cycle? Has the recent nine-year bull market in equities caused your stocks to represent a 90 percent asset allocation?

But back to our topic, which is "tax-loss sales." Have you realized any capital gains this year from sale of securities, including cash tender offers? Have any of your bonds matured or been called, resulting in capital gains?

The biggest source of capital gains for most investors is the involuntary gains you incur through ownership of equity mutual funds.

Some aggressive, high-growth and technology mutual funds have lost considerable value this year to date. But they must distribute all their capital gains realized Nov. 1, 1999, through Oct. 31, 2000, to you as a capital gain divi-

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dend this month. If your fund pays a special \$5 per share capital gains dividend, the market price of the fund will decrease a like amount on the "ex-dividend" date.

What your fund manager did was give you back some of your own money, plus a tax bill, even though you had previously signed up for their automatic plan to reinvest all dividends into new shares at net asset value (without a sales load commission).

Now add up your realized gains, separating the short-term ones from the long-term ones, because the short-term ones are taxed as "ordinary income," with federal tax brackets up to 39.6 percent (plus state and city income taxes, if any).

Then, look over your portfolio to find items that have unrealized losses (based on current market value vs. your cost).

Your goal is to find loss candidates, in amounts which aggregate your realized capital gains, plus \$3,000. Be sure to review this procedure with your tax adviser before actually selling the loss items. Remember, the federal

budget surplus means the government doesn't need your capital gains taxes this year!

Another tech wreck

The NASDAQ Composite dropped 259.09, or 8.9 percent, to close at 2,645.29 last week, easily shattering the sacrosanct technical support level of 3,000.

Since Nov. 7, Election Day, the NASDAQ has sunk 806 points, or 23.4 percent, over four consecutive loss weeks on near-record volume.

Unlike the Old Economy stocks, the Internet stocks often have a majority of their shares still held by insiders and their start-up friends. Most of the non-insider shares are now freely tradable and, with costs of pennies per share, can now be sold at huge profits, even at these so-called "depressed" prices.

Last Friday's NASDAQ close of 2,645 is 47.6 percent below its all-time high of 5,049 last March 10, and presently equals the level of fall 1999.

Feature writer Kenneth N. Gilpin of the New York Times (Dec. 3) interviewed

Steven Milunovich, technology strategist of Merrill Lynch last week.

Gilpin quoted Milunovich, "I wouldn't have money invested in technology I couldn't afford to lose. Things will probably get worse before they get better, because the fundamentals are worsening. ... A technology downturn may be more than the nine months we have had. But it is probably not going to last for five years."

U-Scan

Remember the filling station and the attendant who serviced your car?

Now it's a do-it-yourself gas station, with credit card receipts.

What do you most dislike about shopping? The checkout time? The unending wait to pay, etc., etc.?

Want to see a big change? Drive out East Jefferson/Lakeshore to St. Clair Shores. Turn left on Marter Road to the new Super Kroger's in that strip mall.

You'll be amazed at the interior layout and wider aisles. But instead of the 1-15 item fast checkout lanes, you'll see the "U-Scan" Express checkout area with eight automated self-service terminals.

Slide your selected item across the "U-Scan," which reads the bar code and posts the sale on a screen. Put that item into your carry-out

bag, and repeat with all other items.

When done, push the "Total" button, and pay the cashier as you depart. LTS even checked himself out!

Who manufactures "U-Scan" and is its stock traded? Optical Robotics trades on the NASDAQ National Market (OPMD), about 29.25, up 1.19 last week.

LTS first read about OPMD in Investor's Digest (September 2000).

Its "U-Scan" Express automated self-service checkout system is being installed in selected Wal-Mart, Kroger and Meijer stores.

OPMD's nine-month 2000 revenues totaled \$48.4 million on deliveries of 469 systems, up from \$22.8 million on 224 systems for same period in 1999. Nine-month 2000 net earnings were \$1.8 million, or 0.13 per diluted share.

Check it out yourself, but remember, LTS does not recommend specific stocks, but merely reports on investment news of interest.

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By Joseph Mengden

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services gets top grade in backpack collection

Students at St. Juliana Elementary School, located in Detroit at Harper and Chalmers, started the school year off right, with new backpacks filled with school supplies.

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services employees, volunteers and medical staff were called upon to donate backpacks, filled with school supplies, to the students. The goal was to collect 100 backpacks.

Going over and above all expectations, a total of 174 packs were collected, which means that virtually every student in the school, from first through eighth grade, will receive one.

"The response from employees and volunteers was amazing," said Kathy Langan, Bon Secours Cottage Organizational Effectiveness, who coordinated the project. "Every person I spoke to responded positively. Not only did our employees donate the backpacks, but their family members often got involved, too. Some people felt a strong link to St. Juliana's — many grew up near the

school and attended St. Juliana's, or their parents did."

The Cottage Hospital Emergency Center donated 21 packs. Bon Secours Cottage Volunteer Services provided 20, and Human Resources came up with a total of 19.

Off-site locations, physician offices and nursing units also provided large numbers of packs, responding enthusiastically and collecting far more than was expected.

"People were so generous," said Langan. "They even bought extra supplies, which will be donated to the school."

Each backpack was filled with an identical supply of goods — things like pencils, paper, rulers, markers and glue sticks.

"The backpacks mean a huge financial savings for each family," explained Langan. "And the students will begin their studies with the supplies they need, in a backpack they can feel proud to carry."

The packs were distributed on the first day of

school by Bon Secours Cottage's school nurse, Lisa Ostosh, R.N. Bon Secours Cottage Health Services has a presence at St. Juliana's through the school nurse program.

Ostosh works to improve the health status of children in the school and their

access to health care, which results in increased attendance.

She also provides basic treatment and first aid, gives referrals for sick or injured students and follows up with patients on student health issues.

Business People



Krull

Four Grosse Pointe residents have been honored with the Distinguished Career Award for exemplary contributions to the medical profession. All are physicians affiliated with the Henry Ford Health System.

Distinguished Career Awards honor individuals who exhibit leadership in patient care, education and scientific achievement.

The recipients are: Dr. Edward A. Krull, a resident of City of Grosse Pointe; Dr. Robert M. O'Bryan, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe; Dr. David Mitchell, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Dr. Richard D. Nichols of Grosse Pointe Park.

The doctors received the award at the 50th anniversary of the Henry Ford Medical Association, the alumni group for Henry Ford Hospital physicians and scientists.

At Adult Well-Being Services in Detroit, community volunteer Elaine Yates of Grosse Pointe Farms and St. John Health System employee Timothy Grajewski of Grosse Pointe Woods have been named to the board of directors.



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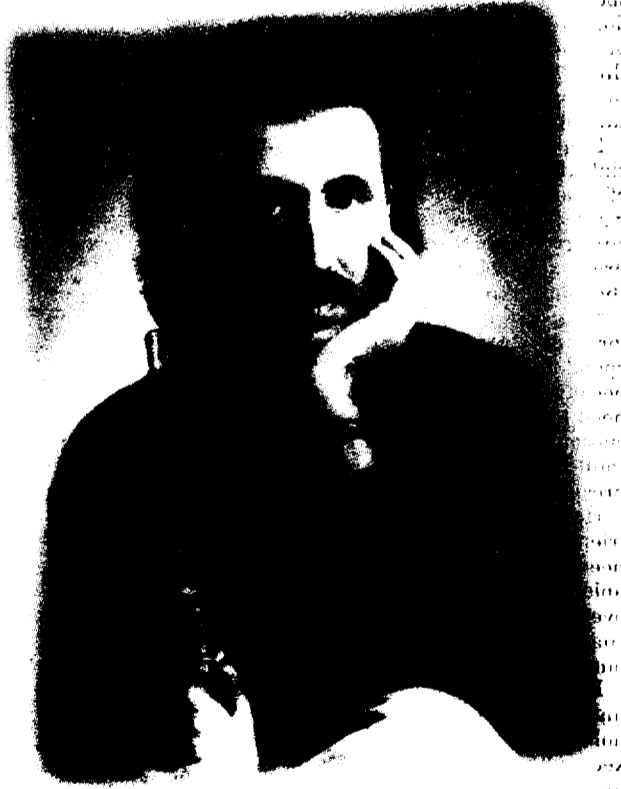
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Making the most of automated payments

By **Lori Z. Bahnmueller**
Have you ever wished your bills would pay themselves?

With automated bill payments, your wish is your financial institution's command.

Automated bill payments — also called direct payments — are a quick, safe, and convenient method of paying everything from insurance premiums to utility bills.

By authorizing direct electronic debits from your checking account, you pay bills without a single check changing hands.

Not sure you're ready to go electronic?

Everybody's Money Magazine offers the following primer about automated payments and how they can work for you.

Who offers automated payments?
Companies you owe a

fixed amount typically offer automated payments: utilities, insurers, and mortgage companies. Auto loans, charitable donations and mutual fund contributions are other common uses for automated payments.

"Having a fixed amount is important," said Cary Whaley, assistant director of network product for the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA), the non-profit trade association that governs electronic payments. "Automated payments haven't penetrated as much in the telecom and credit card industries because the payments are too variable."

There are exceptions, so ask each company you do business with if direct payment is available.

How do automated payments work?
To initiate direct pay-

ments, you provide the company with a voided share draft or check and sign an authorization agreement. The agreement states the amount and frequency of payments and the date — chosen by the company or designated by you — for withdrawal. The company will notify you when the first payment will be deducted. Thereafter, on the specified date, the company's financial institution electronically transfers the funds through NACHA's Automated Clear House (ACH) Network, which processes all electronic payments.

The ACH system debits that amount from your checking account and simultaneously credits payment to the company's account.

Why sign up for automatic payment?
• You can save money.

According to PSA Global, a research consulting firm in Tampa, Fla., the average consumer who writes between 10 and 15 checks a month could save \$40 to \$60 a year on postage alone.

Of course, your savings will depend on how many payments you automate.

Some mortgage and insurance companies offer reduced premiums or lower interest rates for using direct payment.

• You'll likely have more privacy by using direct payments.

According to NACHA, as many as 10 people handle a check from the time it's written until the funds finally are transferred. Those people can see your name and signature, address, phone number, and perhaps your Social Security number.

With automated payments, the transaction passes electronically from your financial institution to the

receiving institution only. The transaction is encrypted, preventing any tampering in the transfer.

• There's the convenience factor.

If you're forgetful, on vacation, or just in a rush, you still pay your bills, and on a certain date.

How do I keep track of automated payments?

The date and payment amount of each transaction, along with the payee name, will appear on your monthly share draft/checking account statement from your credit union or bank.

Like a canceled check, that statement serves as proof of the transaction.

You should receive a printed bill at least 10 days before a scheduled payment date if the company is a regulated utility or if the bill exceeds the range you authorized.

For fixed payments, a company should state in the authorization agreement if it will stop mailing a printed bill.

amount. You have 60 days to notify the financial institution in person. You may also be required to sign a written confirmation that the payment is unauthorized. With proper notification, your financial institution should credit you for unauthorized or incorrect payments.

Is it right for you?

In 1999, almost 2 billion consumer bills were paid automatically by direct payment, saving consumers more than \$600 million on postage costs alone, NACHA reports.

If you're comfortable with electronic commerce and with the payment schedule, take advantage of the convenience and safety direct payments can offer.

Lori Z. Bahnmueller is vice president of association services for the Michigan Credit Union League.

Post traumatic spending disorder

By **Lori Z. Bahnmueller**
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you look.

When Bing Crosby first crooned this holiday favorite in 1949, it's unlikely he was waxing lyrical over falling leaves and jack-o-lanterns.

Still, there I was shopping for candy bar miniatures for trick-or-treaters when two aisles of Christmas decorations confronted me with garland and bows, ornaments and candy-filled plastic stockings.

Holiday anxiety soon followed.

Before reaching the soup and sauces aisle, I'd abandoned my grocery list and begun scribbling gift ideas in the margin.

With prosperity and hope in the air, retailers and credit card issuers are out with a vengeance this year, enticing consumers to spend, spend, spend.

According to the National Center for Financial Education (NCFE), credit card issuers are planning to spend more than \$150 million on advertising, special promotions, and appeals this coming holiday season to encourage more credit card spending.

Employing sappy commercials that confuse generosity of heart with generosity of wallet, they'll lure consumers to overspend, overdraft, and overextend all in the name of holiday spirit.

"It seems especially hard for consumers not to overspend during the holidays because of an emotional need to express love, appreciation and friendship," said Paul Richard, executive vice president of NCFE.

He continued, "But true friends also understand the need to stay within reasonable limits, especially when overspending creates debts that will haunt you throughout the New Year."

Richard shares the following tried-and-true tips with holiday shoppers to help keep a lid on holiday spending and reduce credit use:

• Create a written plan for holiday spending and gift giving a month or two in advance.

• Include possible gifts, dollar amounts and alternative choices.

• Establish spending limits for each person on your list and start looking for bargains early.

• If it has been a challenging year financially, shrink your holiday gift list.

• Separate shopping trips when comparing prices, quality, value, etc.) from spending trips (when making a purchase), and resist using cash, credit cards or checkbook on the shopping trips.

• Wait for sales. Increased food and energy costs this year could bite into holiday sales, so sales

and clearances could come earlier than usual.

• Watch the advertising and sale flyers for items you intend to purchase.

• Spend cash and avoid using credit cards.

• Charge cards tend to promote indiscriminate spending.

Credit card users often say they had no idea how much they spent on the holidays until the credit card bills arrive in January or February of the next year.

• Make more of your gifts at home. A freshly baked loaf of bread, cookies, desserts, etc. are always appreciated.

Also art, crafts, needlework or a collage of photographs.

Instead of giving money, especially to younger children, give U.S. Savings bonds.

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To learn more from Richard about how to stop the holiday shopping madness, the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) invites you to visit him online at <http://www.cuvillage.com> on Dec. 5, at 1 p.m.

for a free, hour-long chat dubbed "Wise Holiday Spending."

Consumers participating in the online chat can ask questions and gain immediate online responses.

To sign up for the chat, go to <http://www.cuvillage.com>, select the credit union in your area from the drop down box listed under

"Members' Marketplace" and click on the chat promotion in the center of the page.

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Local printer to 'Tie one on for safety'

Program supports safe, sober driving

Support the Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaign for safe and sober driving by picking up a red ribbon at one of 40 participating American Speedy Printing Centers in metropolitan Detroit.

"American Speedy's support of MADD is a natural extension of the program we sponsor on an ongoing basis," said Don Girodat, president of the Detroit Co-op of American Speedy Printing Centers.

Girodat lives in Grosse Pointe Park. He owns two Speedies in St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe.

The campaign is part of MADD's annual "Tie one on for safety — red ribbon campaign."

The initiative runs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

More than 500,000 red ribbons were distributed last year.

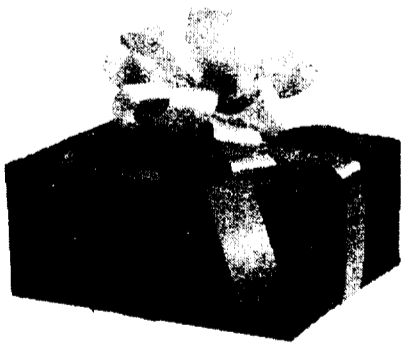
Supporters are urged to "tie one on" their vehicles as a pledge not to drink and drive — through the holiday season and beyond.

"We welcome neighborhood associations, community organizations, businesses, schools and individuals to pick up red ribbons at American Speedy Printing Centers," said Girodat.

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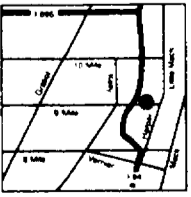
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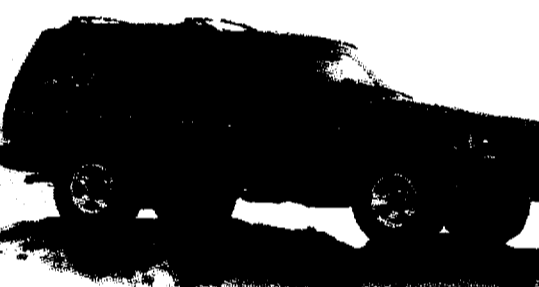
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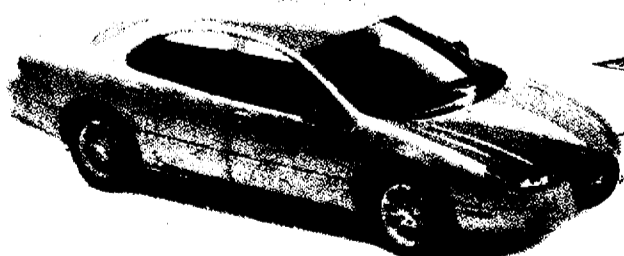
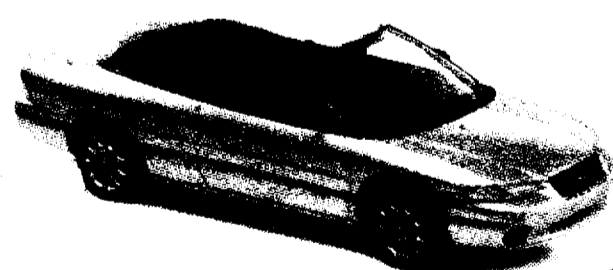
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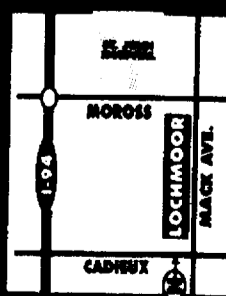
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Myth and reality in the American West



By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Heading west through the North American plains, the Rocky Mountains rise over a landscape of wildflowers and rivers. The breeze and running water carry seductive invitations from the Great Divide.

Looking west to the horizon, dusty gray and dull blue hues makes the distant Rockies appear more like an impending storm than America's purple mountain majesty.

The West's exotic frontier grew from the volcanic discards of primordial foundries. Massive canyons expose rocks and minerals of bright yellow and deep red. Fractured crags thrust upward with the appeal of a supplicant's outstretched hands. Elsewhere, the desert's nothingness serves as a foil to forests of lushness and resource.

To an adolescent nation charmed with Manifest Destiny, this Western wonderland symbolized the seemingly insurmountable barriers over which the American spirit would rise.

From explorers and settlers of past centuries to people living now, the American West represents

the underlying promise of an Eden reclaimed, a bounty untapped, a destiny pre-ordained and a coming of age.

While the themes are mythic, the transformation isn't mystical. You can go home again after experiencing the Western Rockies. But who would want to?

The wide open spaces are right down the road.

Past the hills of the Cheyenne to the mountains of the Crow, through the Comanche's grassy fields to the Navajo's maze of canyons, the American West forms an amphitheater of new beginnings and endless possibilities.

And it's only an hour's drive away.

"The American West: Out of Myth, into Reality" will be on display at the Toledo Museum of Art through Sunday, Dec. 31.

The traveling exhibition is a visual history lesson that lets modern-day explorers and would-be frontiersmen see the West as it was, as much of it still is, and as some of our country's greatest artists wanted it to be.

In the 1800s, a young and cocky America struggled for its place in the world of nations. The Monroe Doctrine and Manifest Destiny engineered a national resolve that the pioneer spirit sent into overdrive.

west of the 1800s was a remarkable experience that shaped the lives of Americans to follow.

"Even today, the West has a strong element of national identity," said Peter Hassrick, who spent three years organizing "The American West" exhibition. Hassrick teaches art history at the University of Oklahoma, where he is also director of the Charles M. Russell Center for the Study of Art of the American West.

Looking at the West through the window of the exhibition's artwork, Hassrick said, "What a remarkable experience it was — and still is today in our appreciation seen from great distances of hindsight. But how remarkable it must have been, and how astonishing it really is today."

Western art was produced from about 1820 to 1920. The subject was the region west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean.

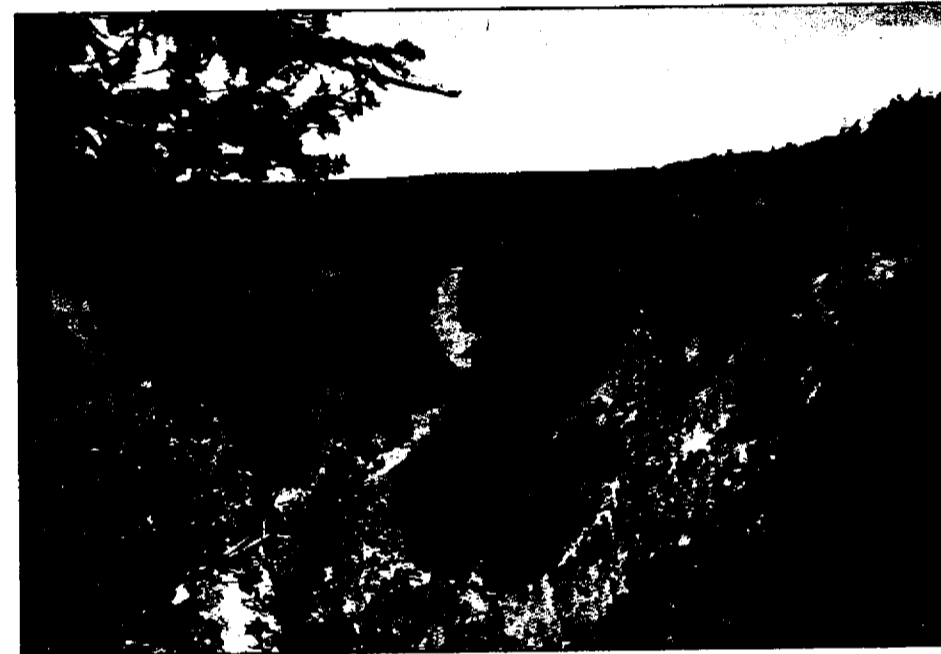
Western art is filled with symbols of the American myths of progress, purity and masculinity. The paintings and bronze sculptures in Toledo convey scenes of wagon trains and Indian attacks, prairie women looking soulful as they

Taming the unspoiled

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Above, the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River as it appears in an 1893 watercolor by American artist Thomas Moran. Below, in a photograph taken 100 years later, the same scene under partial cloud cover. Moran wrote, "The business of a great painter should be the representation of great scenes of nature."



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Weddings



Lt. and Mrs. Christopher Placidus Cannon

Ritter-Cannon

Elisabeth Lynn Ritter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Ritter of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Lt. Christopher Placidus Cannon, son of Drs. Walter and Irene Cannon of Palo Alto, Calif., on Oct. 21, 2000, at the Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel.

The Rev. John Markham officiated at the noon ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore a vintage gown from 1945 that had

been worn by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Angela Crea. The dress featured an ivory satin bodice decorated with lace and pearl beading; and a long train.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Michele Ritter of Washington, D.C.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Kristin Ritter of Grosse Pointe Farms; and the groom's sisters, Dr. Annatina Cannon-Mangham of Birmingham, England and Barbara Cannon of Palo Alto.

Attendants wore floor-length navy blue georgette dresses and carried bouquets of heather, blue delphiniums and caspia.

The best man was the groom's brother, Lukas Cannon-Fleming of Portland, Ore.

Groomsmen were Christopher Carman of Columbia, Mo., Sam Hariri of Columbus, Ohio, and Alexander Kleinberg of San Francisco.

Ushers were Dr. Charles Mangham of Birmingham, England, Bill Blocker of Florida, and Joel Hefferman of Virginia.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length lavender crepe dress and matching jacket and a corsage of roses and heather.

The groom's mother wore

a floor-length two-piece slate blue georgette dress and a corsage of white roses and heather.

Scripture readers were Diane Crea of Santa Monica, Calif., and Andree Cannon-Fleming of Portland, Ore.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University and juris doctor degree from Georgetown University. She is an attorney with Lathan & Watkins Attorneys-at-Law in San Diego, Calif.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree from Harvard University. He is a first lieutenant and a pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps.

The couple lives in San Diego.

Gray-Dominick

Brenda Lynn Gray, daughter of George and Anne Gray of Grosse Pointe Woods, married James Richard Dominick, son of Dr.



Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Dominick

Gene and Janice Dominick of Bad Axe, on July 1, 2000 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Monsignor Ricardo Bass officiated at the 1 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Hillcrest Banquet & Convention Center.

The bride wore a white satin gown that featured a sweetheart neckline, a bodice embroidered with lace and appliques, short

sleeves and an A-line skirt. Her headpiece was a crown of white silk flowers and pearls and she carried a bouquet of white lisanthus and lavender sweet pea roses.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, JuliAnne Gray of St. Clair shores.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Mary Dominick of Bad Axe; Sylvia Ghrair of St. Clair Shores; Jeanette Deeb of Royal Oak; and Lori Bondy of Eastpointe.

Flower girls were Tory Rudy of Dublin, Ohio, and Lydia Jarjosa of Utica.

Attendants wore floor-length lavender satin dresses and carried bouquets of lavender sweet peas, purple lisanthus and white mini roses.

The best man was the groom's brother, Joseph Dominick of Warren.

Groomsmen were Matthew Ludlow of Grosse Pointe Park, Steven Canup of Warren, Gerald Smith of Saginaw, and John Smith of Midland.

The ring bearer was John Esse of Sterling Heights.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length mint green crepe dress that featured a lace bodice and a bolero jacket; and a wrist corsage of white cattelya roses.

The groom's mother wore a two-piece periwinkle blue crepe dress and a corsage of white cattelya roses.

The soloist was Eileen Turzak of St. Clair Shores. Readers were Janice Fitch, Morris Esse and Connie Dominick.

The bride is a junior at Wayne State University, majoring in journalism. She works for The Detroit News.

The groom is a student at Davenport University and will graduate this month with a major in business administration. He is a vehicle designer at General Motors Corp.

The newlyweds went on a cruise to the western Caribbean. They live in Madison Heights.

Babies

Brandon Joseph Michalak

Heather and Brian Michalak of Warsaw, Ind., are the parents of a son, Brandon Joseph Michalak, born Nov. 24, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Cher Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Jan Michalak of Grosse Pointe Woods. Maternal great-grandparents are Joseph and Dorothy Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Leigh Margaret Barlow

James and Carol Barlow of Brookfield, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Leigh Margaret Barlow, born Oct. 6, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Kathleen Lareau of Brookfield. Paternal grandparents are Evelyn Barlow of Grosse

Pointe Park and the late J. Lee Barlow.

Nathan Alexander Buysse

Shelly Lasure and Brian Buysse of Harper Woods are the parents of a son, Nathan Alexander Buysse, born Oct. 28, 2000. Grandparents are Bill and Cher Lasure of Harper Woods and James and Barbara Buysse of Troy. Great-grandmothers are Diane Crippin of Grosse Pointe Farms and Esther Mathis of Warren.

Abigail Maria Guevara

Mary and Tristan Guevara of Grosse Pointe

Farms are the parents of a daughter, Abigail Maria Guevara, born Oct. 23, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Darlene and Tom Lapp of Harrison Township. Paternal grandparents are Rosa and Walter Guevara of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Nicholas Charles Guevara

Walter and Kerri Guevara of Birmingham are the parents of a son, Nicholas Charles Guevara, born Oct. 9, 2000. Maternal grandparents are Lori and Dick Blackwell of Highland Beach, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Rosa and Walter Guevara of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Andrew Renato Staricco and Marcella Cristina Staricco

Andrew and Bernie Staricco of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of twins, a son and daughter, Andrew Renato Staricco and Marcella Cristina Staricco, born Feb. 15, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are Concetta Marrocco of Fraser, and the late Elvidio Marrocco.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Lou Staricco of Grosse Pointe Shores and the late Renato Staricco.

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Newcomers' Alumni Club

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers' Alumni Club met Oct. 27 at the Dakota Inn for an Octoberfest party. Mary Kay and Mason Ferry, at the right, were among those who attended.

New officers are: Shirley Kennedy and Ed Boss, presidents; Mary and Bill Harbert, vice-presidents; Dick and Betsy Boynton, secretaries; Liz and Glenn Peters, treasurers; Joan and Nick Piccione, membership chairmen; Mary and Ron Rayl, social chairmen; Ginger Barr and Ron Mor-ketter, assistant social chairmen. Past presidents are Beth and Tom Gibney.

The next event will be a Christmas brunch on Sunday, Dec. 10. Guests are welcome and should contact Jean or Art Johnson, party chairmen, at (313) 821-1118.

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West

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cross virgin territory under the protection of menfolk. There are buckaroos, trappers, buffalo hunters and gunfighters joining the struggle to survive.

"These paintings are loaded with clues to their meaning," said Nadine Smith, community liaison for the Toledo Art Museum. When looking at the artwork, she added, "Think of yourself as a detective."

Buffalo skulls bleached white in the prairie grass signal the fate of the Native American culture. Railroad trains represent progress entering a new world.

"As you look at these works of art," said Smith, "you see man encountering a new land, a new beginning. It is almost a second exploration."

In another bad omen for Indians, many of the landscape paintings juxtapose a tranquil setting with impending storm clouds.

Richard Burke, a museum docent, explained, "While things may appear peaceful and calm, there is a storm brewing for this land."

Smith said, "In the process of exploration, man encounters struggle and conflict. These works of art are a visual documentation of how he deals with that."

The exhibit runs the gamut. In more than 120 paintings and sculptures borrowed from nearly 70 sites, including the National Gallery of Art and a diplomatic reception room at the U.S. Department of State, artists include headliners like Frederick Remington, Charles Russell, Thomas Moran and Albert Bierstadt. More modern images were created by Georgia O'Keefe and N.C. Wyeth.

Exhibits range from one of Bierstadt's pocket-sized sketchbooks to Thomas Hill's seemingly life-size 6-by-10-foot painting of Yosemite Valley. Almost lost within Hill's huge landscape, a handful of tourists ride horseback up a narrow trail. They will disappear soon, engulfed by tall trees and boulders the size of houses. The view frames Yosemite's waterfalls and silver thread of the river that carved the cliff-lined valley 3,200 feet below.

"Hill, and others like him, are showing that within the scope of nature, man's place is very small," said Smith.

Hassrick said, "There's a lot of myth (in Western art), a lot of stereotyping, sad and tragic interpretation, and some enlightening and self-enhancing perspective. It's a mixed thing of good and bad. Appreciate it accordingly."

Fanny Palmer's 1868 lithograph "Across the Continent, Westward the Course of Empire Takes its Way," has a little of everything. Mainly, however, it takes an unashamedly positive stance on Western progress.

"The key word is 'Empire,'" said Burke during one of the Toledo Museum's Friday night tours. Published by Currier and Ives, Palmer's image presents a vast, inviting vista of westward expansion — moving the bower across the continent.

A railroad train, the "New York to San Francisco Express," departs a log-cabin settlement and heads like an arrow onto a verdant plain.

"A train is almost always a symbol of Western romantic progress," said Burke.

The painting centers around what Burke called the "mark of civilization — a schoolhouse."

To the side of the image, a plume of smoke from the departing locomotive chokes two Native Americans.

"You can bring progress, but at what cost?" said Smith. "In order for one civilization to take hold, flourish and survive, another has to die. That was the gist of the American west."

She continued, "Progress can be good. On the other hand, someone has to give up something. If they're not willing to give it up, many times it's snatched from them."

A beneficiary of Western landscape painting appears to be the American national parks system.

"There are strong arguments on both sides," said Hassrick. "Thomas Moran was considered by many to be the father of the national parks. He preserved vistas of Yellowstone in such a pristine and beautiful way that Americans appreciated them even more as artwork than seeing it themselves."

In the 1860s, Abraham Lincoln set aside Yosemite as the first park area.

"I have a feeling that the strange power and pizzazz of the big paintings Albert Bierstadt brought back from Yosemite in 1863 were instrumental in Lincoln's determination that this was a fabulous and important area," said Hassrick.

Yet the artists were often sent west by railroad men who wanted the untamed

landscape portrayed as a Garden of Eden, a bower from which man fell and to which he aspires.

"The railroaders wanted to fill their trains with tourists," said Hassrick.

"Go west, young man," said Smith, echoing Horace Greeley. "Men were seduced by the unbridled sensuousness of the West. When you are in a city, there are restraints. When you're out West, you make your own rules."

Hassrick said, "Tourists overwhelmed Yellowstone and Yosemite. You see what's happened to those parks today."

He thinks Bierstadt, Moran and others helped preserve and exploit the West.

"They were preservationists," said Hassrick, who has written a biography of Charles Russell. "But also, these guys were just human beings trying to make a living. You could also say they were milking this potential for their own pocketbooks. These guys were artists, but they were also entrepreneurs."

Nature has been called "the clothing worn by God."

If so, the Western artists dressed the Almighty in splendor. By doing so, they didn't always paint a landscape as they saw it.

"Artists come to artistic conventions built into their system," said Hassrick.

"They read nature looking for elements of the picturesque. Their construct is compromised because they're selecting things that will be more beautiful and picturesque."

Competing with European artists for dramatic images of alpine grandeur, Bierstadt and other Western painters invented "constructs" of different natural elements, real and plausible.

"Moran said his paintings are fact filtered through an artistic temperament," said Hassrick. "When he went west, he would do a myriad of small sketches of the things he saw. When he came back to his studio, he filtered those facts through his temperament to create a grand panorama."

In Moran's "Lower Falls of the Yellowstone," which he painted more than once and signed "TYM" for Thomas "Yellowstone" Moran, the artist didn't assemble the canyon's features in exactly the same order he collected them.

"Moran was trying to create the power and essence of the falls," said Hassrick.

Fabricating landscapes in the name of dramatic license fits in with the mythic legacy of the American West.

In addition to a desire for exotic locations and income, other, more intimate allure enticed Western artists to head west and endure the frontier's harsh lifestyle.

"The West was a sort of refuge, a place where you could find yourself," said Hassrick. "That's what



In the face of westward expansion, Native American culture dwindles until Charles Deas' "A Solitary Indian" waits for the final squally blast from a storm that will push him into the abyss. The Indian sits alone, precariously. One moccasin has already been lost over the cliff. A storm is coming. The painting predicted accurately that it wasn't long for the native culture.

— "A Solitary Indian, Seated on the Edge of a Bold Precipice," 1847. Autry Museum of Western Heritage, Los Angeles.

drove Charles Russell as a 15-year-old kid. He went West to find himself. He wanted to be a man. Where was he going to prove he was a man? Montana. The same with Frederick Remington. Georgia O'Keefe was trying to escape the boys back in Manhattan to find her own place as a woman."

Hassrick said, "The west has a draw for artists pulling them to self-discovery, to transcend a mundane potential life to find a new, transcendent self."

The Toledo Museum of Art is located at 2445

Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. The Museum is open Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

General admission is free. Admission to "The American West" is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students with ID, \$14 for families and free after 5 p.m. on Friday.

Toledo is the "American West" exhibition's last stop before being disbanded. Call (419) 255-8000.



Classical Music League

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League will hold its annual Christmas musicale and champagne brunch at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

From left, are Nancy Milewski, Gene Kleemann and Jeannette Szulec, chairmen of the event. Honorary chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sucek of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Stringtime quartet of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra will perform after the brunch. The event will also include a holiday boutique and silent auction.

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the Almighty. No mere Santa he!

Sitting before the ashen hearth
of our spirits, we are waiting,

Contemplating the embers of life past,
Wondering about warmth of Advent to be.

We wait for something large enough
To reshape the whole of our life again.

Advent is four weeks — almost —
Til the busyness and cluttered mess
Of the mass of Christ appearing
On our horizon brings light and life.

God's act transforms the ordinary.
We wait for a long time each year,
But we know for whom we wait longingly
With those who wait for him.

It's not yet Christmas. Therefore
We keep on waiting in Advent's mode,
Blessed are those servants whom
The Lord shall find waiting - again.



Council of Catholic Women

The 2000-01 board members of the Council of Catholic Women of St. Paul Catholic Church are, standing, from left: Rita Trefzer, Dorothy Kotz, Peggy Gerlach, (Bishop Leonard Blair), Marge Kahn and Sister Ruthanne Serfib. Seated, from left, are Gert McSorley, Betty Nienstedt, Irene Gracey, Bea Scanlan and Rosemary D'Hooghe.

Bach's 'Magnificat' will be performed in G.P. United Methodist's new sanctuary

Two performances of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Magnificat" will be presented by the Madonna

University Chorale, directed by David Wagner, and the Emerald Sinfonietta, conducted by Felix Resnick.

The Grosse Pointe performance will be the first in Grosse Pointe United Methodist's new sanctuary.



Annual cookie sale

The women of Grosse Pointe Methodist Church will hold their annual Christmas Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The sale offers a chance to select your own cookies for \$7 a pound. Breads, candy and a light lunch will also be available to purchase. Chairmen are Jean Buhler and Noelle Decker. For more information, call (313) 885-5507.

The "Magnificat" was composed to be performed first at vespers on Christmas Day 1723 at the Church of St. Nicholas in Leipzig.

There will be two performances of the Baroque masterpiece, one at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms; and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Mother House Chapel on the campus of Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The Emerald Sinfonietta is a Grosse Pointe-based organization. Tickets for the performances are \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Group discounts and gift certificates are also available.

Call (313) 438-0780. For more information, log on to <http://esinfonietta.homestead.com>.

St. Paul K of C to hold blood drive Dec. 17

The St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Canfield Center in St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Appointments are requested, but not necessary. Call (313) 884-2866 for an appointment.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church plans evensong, organ recital

A choral evensong and organ recital will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Performers include the church choir and organist Michael Brooks.

Brooks will present the recital as a tribute to the late Robert Hawksley, his godfather and mentor and the organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

The program will include music by Bach, Franck, Karg-Elert, Peeters, Sowerby and Willan. The recital will be the first using the new console recently installed in the church.

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Party pate pampers picky palates

Pate (pah-Tay) is a general term used to describe seasoned ground meat preparations. Pate can either be smooth and spreadable or coarse-textured, like a country pate. You can find a variety of pates available, ready to serve, at gourmet shops or even at the grocery store. A pate may include any type of meat, fish or vegetable and is usually served as an appetizer, warm or chilled.

This week's feature, Country Chicken Pate, is a simple recipe for creating a pate at home to serve to your guests during the holidays.

Country Chicken Pate

- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 4 oz. chicken livers
- 2 tablespoons port or other sweet wine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Dash of ground cinnamon
- Dash of ground allspice
- 1 tablespoon low-fat sour cream
- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 (8 oz.) block low-fat cream cheese, cubed and softened



À LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Melt the butter in a small no-stick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and the garlic and saute for about 4 minutes. Add the chicken livers and cook for about 2 minutes or until the livers lose their pink color. Add the port and cook for another 3 minutes, until most of the liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat and cool.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place the chicken liver mixture, salt, pepper, thyme, nutmeg, cinnamon, and allspice in a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the mixing bowl often.

Add the sour cream, chicken and cream cheese and process until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the mixing bowl often. Spread the mixture into a greased 8- by 4-inch loaf pan and bake for 1 hour at 325 degrees or until a thermometer reads 170 degrees. Remove from oven, cool, cover and chill for at least 8 hours. Serve

at room temperature.

If you don't have a thermometer, a thoroughly cooked pate will be pulled away from the edge of the baking pan and have a very dense texture.

After one hour in a 325-degree oven, my thermometer (placed in the middle of the pate) read nearly 180 degrees.

Country chicken pate can be served thinly sliced on crackers, party rye, or sliced baguette bread. You can also place a hunk of pate on a serving platter, surround it with chopped red onion, crackers and a small dish of mustard. A fancy serving knife will invite your guest to cut their own slices of pate and garnish them if they wish.

A lover of pate, I found this recipe mid-summer in "Cooking Light" and immediately thought of the holiday season. Not a lover of liver, I was drawn to this particular recipe because it calls for only a small amount of actual chicken livers. (The bulk of the recipe consists of chicken breast.) You'll find chicken livers right next to the chicken at the grocery store.

After passing out samples to all my buddies at Champ's, I'm declaring this terrific recipe for country chicken pate a "must" for your 2000 holiday party.

Pointer re-creates 'A Wonderful Life'

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

There are those who wax nostalgic over listening to radio plays and there are those who were lucky enough to have sat in the audience of a live broadcast.

Anyone old enough to remember or too young to have had the chance will be able to re-create that experience when City of Grosse Pointe resident Marty Buffalini brings his pseudo radio show version of "It's a Wonderful Life" to the Second City on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10.

This is the first time Second City has run "It's a Wonderful Life." The show was put on at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium in 1998.

Based on the movie of the

scripts in hand."

"It's really interesting to hear the different voices coming from each actor," Buffalini said.

"What else is really neat is that we do 90 percent of our sound effects live," added Buffalini. "We have a table set up on the side with all the props we need. We use a 3/4 scale door on wheels for opening and closing noises. We use a phone with a button we can press to make it ring."

Buffalini pulls it all together like an orchestra conductor, with a script on the stand and silently signaling actors to speak louder, softer and faster and to cue sound effects.

Buffalini's cast of 13, many of them familiar with

Show time on both days is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students and may be purchased by calling the Second City box office at (313) 965-2222, at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visiting Ticketmaster online at www.ticketmaster.com

Meetings

Fox Creek

Questers

The Fox Creek Questers No. 216 will hold its annual Christmas meeting and luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. The meeting will include a tour of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Instead of a gift exchange, members will make donations to the Quester scholarship fund for students in historic preservation. Hostess is Helen Priest; co-hostess is Betty Reas.

Solo

Grosse Pointe Solo, an ecumenical social organization for mature single adults, will hold its annual Christmas party beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at a member's home. To make a reservation, call (313) 821-1505 or (313) 343-0650.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook in Grosse Pointe Woods. Registration is at 11:30 a.m., luncheon will be at noon; the meeting and program will follow. Entertainment will be by the Good News Singers, a barbershop quartet.

Women interested in AAUW membership are welcome. Reservations are \$25 and must be made by Friday, Dec. 8. Call Effie Ambler at (313) 331-9046.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet on Thursday, Dec. 14, at a private Grosse Pointe club. Local pianist Lynne Rochet will provide holiday music, with a sing-along. For more information or to make a reservation, call Nancy at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia at (313) 884-4101 by Monday, Dec. 11.

Players celebrate 75th anniversary of historic theater

The Players Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson in Detroit, will turn 75 years old on Sunday, Dec. 10. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the gentlemen's amateur theater club was built in 1925, designed by architect William E. Kapp and decorated by Players' members — stone

sculptor Corrado Parducci and muralist Paul Honore.

The club was founded in 1911 and the historic theater building was designated a Michigan Historic Site in 1967.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Playhouse, Players from around the country will get

together on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Playhouse for the 526th "Frolic," a traditional theatrical entertainment by members, as well as a dinner.

At midnight, Players will toast the Playhouse, also known as "The Beautiful Lady."

The Playhouse is a 16th century English Renaissance style building,

one of the first major structures in the nation to use cinder block laid in ashlar on its interior walls, to create the appearance of cut stone.

It has been used continually as a playhouse and members of The Players Club have preserved the edifice as it was in 1925. Members recently landscaped the grounds to re-

create the appearance of the building during its first season.

The Players Club is a non-profit organization and shares the stage of the historic building with the Fine Arts Theatre and Theatre Arts theatrical groups.

For more information about the club, call (313) 274-6344 or (313) 259-3385.

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9:00 AM **VITALITY PLUS**
A half-hour aerobic exercise class. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:00 PM)

9:30 AM **POSITIVELY POSITIVE**
Guest Joe Weaver, local television personality. 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)

10:00 AM **WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN?**
Guest Chuck Gaidica, WDIV meteorologist, preparing Middle Eastern dishes. Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. (Repeated: M-Sun midnight, T/Th/Sat 8:30 PM)

10:30 AM **JOHANNA GILBERT INTERVIEWS**
Guest Father Allen Duston, the Vatican Museum. Interviews with local celebrities about theatrical, musical and spiritual events. (Repeated: M-Sun 12:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

11:00 AM **OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY**
Guest Ron Kosloff on healthy eating practices. 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)

11:30 AM **THE S.O.C. SHOW**
Guest Mike Ellis on home health care. Host Fran Schonberg 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)

12:00 PM **THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT**
Guest Dr. Doris Kearns Goodwin, Presidential Historian. Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. (Repeated: M-Sun 2:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 7:00 PM)

1:00 PM **THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER**
Guest Phillip Tannan on the Coast 2 Coast for the Cure race. 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)

1:30 PM **CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS**
Guest Allison Robb and her Christmas spoons and crystal. Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 8:00 PM)

2:00 PM **THE LEGAL INSIDER**
Guests William Monaghan on trusts and wills. Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

2:30 PM **POINTERS WITH PROST**
Guest Barbara Rowlands of the Father Pat Jackson House and Nita Wilson of the CYO. Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:00 PM)

3:00 PM **THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE**
Guest archivist Bill LeFevre. Bunny Brooks hosts an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. (Repeated: M-Sun 5:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 8:00 PM)

3:30 PM **POINTES OF HORTICULTURE**
Guest Gordon Farquhar growing Poinsettias. 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)

4:00 PM **YOUNG VIEW POINTES**
Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 8:30 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)

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)

5:30 PM **MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE**
Hosts Miss Gloria from the Central Library and Mrs. Paula, the Merry Music Maker, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. (T/Th/Sat 5:30 PM only)

* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call, 313.881.7511.

Be the **LIFE** of the Party

During this holiday season... be a responsible party host. See that your guests have a good time and arrive home safely. First A Friend, Then A Host

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Thursday, Dec. 7

Safe slopes

Ensure your safety on the slopes by attending Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine Program's Preventing Ski & Snowboard Injuries program, Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., at Boyne Country Sports/Bavarian Village, 19435 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. There is no charge for this event and attendees will receive a discount on store merchandise and a free weekday lift ticket for Boyne Mountain. Call (810) 779-7900.

Friday, Dec. 8

Religious repast

Nourish your body and spirit by partaking in a Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 a.m., at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Daniel Kirchbaum, director of The Conference for Community & Justice, will be the featured speaker. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Encore!

The Detroit Concert Choir will sing in the holidays with selections from China, Germany, France, Russia and more during a Christmas Around the World concert, Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The program will encore, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., in Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 882-0118.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Classical brunch

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League invites you to a Champagne Holiday Brunch concert, Saturday, Dec. 9, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Advanced reservations are \$40, Patron tickets are \$50 and Benefactor tickets are \$100. Call (313) 886-5160.

Beacon bazaar

Check off all the names on your gift list during the Holiday Bazaar at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield in Harper Woods, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults or free for children ages 12 and

under. Call (313) 526-5830.

Greens & gifts

Load up on gifts, greens, baked and gourmet goodies, wrapping and more from the Holiday Boutique at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit Christ Church ministries. Call (313) 885-4841.

Jazzy dinner

Join the Friends of the Detroit Public Library for An Elegant Evening of Jazz and Class, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., in the main library, 5201 Woodward in Detroit. This benefit for the Children's Library includes a champagne reception and buffet dinner accompanied by the cool jazz sounds of Charles and Gwen Scales and Friends, followed by more music and dancing. Tickets are \$100. Call (313) 833-4042.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Handel's masterpiece

The Festival Choir and Orchestra of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will give voice to the Advent and Nativity portions of Handel's Messiah Part I, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Call (313) 882-5330.

Literary tour

The Detroit Historical Society will welcome you to a Sunday Stroll through the John K. King Rare Book Room, 901 W. Lafayette in Detroit, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 or \$5 for DHS members. Reservations are required. Call (313) 833-4727.

Tour & auction

Tour four area homes trimmed for the holidays then make your bid on a beautiful quilt during a Home Tour and Quilt Auction, Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 6 p.m., at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 for seniors. Proceeds benefit the St. Paul's organ and barrier free funds. Call (313) 881-6670.

Up beat

Enter the holiday season



As You Like It

William Shakespeare's romantic comedy "As You Like It" plays at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre through Saturday, Dec. 16. From left, are Trisha Miller as Rosalind and Dallas Henry as Orlando. For tickets or information, call (313) 577-2972.

on an upbeat note by attending a free Gentlemen of Swing Concert, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 779-6111.

Bach's Magnificat

The Emerald Sinfonietta and the Madonna University Choral will team their talents to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Bach's death with a performance of The Magnificat in D, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m., in Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$15 for seniors and students. Call (313) 438-0780.

Poinsettia party

Have a blooming wonderful time at the Belle Isle Botanical Society's Poinsettia Soiree, Sunday, Dec. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. This fund-raiser for restoration and maintenance of the conservatory will include a buffet dinner, live entertainment and a holiday raffle amidst the splendor of seasonal flowers. Tickets are \$40. Reservations are required. Call (313) 852-4064.

Monday, Dec. 11

Michigan Christmas

The wonders of nature and the artistry of man combine to create Steve Sobel's Michigan Christmas Spectacular during a Grosse Pointe Cinema League 35 mm slide show, Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets are \$4 for adults or \$2 for students. Call (810) 774-9471.

Friday, Dec. 15

Holiday voices

The Judelairens will harmonize during a Christmas Fanfare, Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., in Christ The King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Refreshments will follow the show. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Call (313) 884-5090.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Candles & carols

Refresh your spirit for the holidays by attending a Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons & Carols for Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m., in Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Call

Gift of life

Give the gift of life when the St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council holds a Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive, Sunday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Canfield Center of St. Paul's Elementary School, 170 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. Call (313) 884-2866.

Live & Learn

Enhance your mind, body and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Have your pup's picture taken with Old St. Nick during a Santa Paws photo opportunity, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$5 per portrait. Learn to preserve your past with Creative Memories, Monday, Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$20. Delight in a Hometown Christmas at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre in Marshall, Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fee is \$56. Hear the holiday harmonies of the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus and the East Pointe Show Chorus during A Christmas Dinner Concert, Thursday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$26 for dinner and the concert or \$11 for the concert only. Pre-register for classes using your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638, e-mail: www.warmemorial.org, or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Senior fun 'n' games

From ballroom and line dancing lessons to computer education, card tournaments, luncheons and more, the St. Clair Shores Senior Activities Center, 20000 Stephens in St. Clair Shores, offers a full calendar of fun. Make your reservation today for upcoming Tour Company Trips including Christmas at the Opryland Hotel. The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Detroit's Fox Theatre, Arizona and Marco Island. Dates and fees vary. The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m. and Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m. Call (810) 445-0996.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of an Auto Baron Christmas with a visit to one of "America's Castles," the Edsel & Eleanor Ford

House, 1100 Lake Shore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Revel in Traditional Holiday Evenings, featuring a tour, sumptuous supper and live entertainment by the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, Sundays, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. Tickets are \$40. Local student pianists will be performing in the Activities Center Solarium, Saturdays, through Dec. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. Holiday tours will be offered through Sunday, Jan. 7, except Christmas and New Year's Days. Tours will be offered, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoons. The final tours on Christmas and New Year's Eves will begin at 3 p.m. The Tea Room is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Grounds admission is \$5. Annual Passes are available for \$18. Call (313) 884-4222.

Politically incorrect David Mamet's dramatic exploration of sexual harassment and politics, Oleanna, will be offered in Wayne State University's Studio Theatre, in the basement of the Hilberry Theatre, Thursday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$6 to \$8. Call (313) 577-2972.

Literary views

Seniors can share their literary views during a free Book Club at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita in Harper Woods, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 2 to 3 p.m. Call (810) 778-8674.

On Stage & Screen

DSO notes

Lend your voice to a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Pops concert celebration of the Traditions of the Season with a holiday carol sing-a-long at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, Thursday, Dec. 7 through Sunday, Dec. 10. Performances will be offered Thursday, at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$100. Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers will be featured during the DSO's Yuletide Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 14 through Tuesday, Dec. 19. The curtain will rise Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$75. The DSO welcomes you to Christmas with the Canadian Brass, Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$19 to \$75. Call (313) 576-5146.

Terrific trio

Applaud a trio of terrific theatrical experiences at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass in Detroit. Comic Steve Martin's award-winning play Picasso at the Lapin Agile can be seen through Saturday, Dec. 9. William Shakespeare's As You Like It will delight romantics through Saturday, Dec. 16. Running through Thursday, Feb. 22, is Nobel Prize-winning playwright Luigi Pirandello's highly literate classic Six Characters in Search of an Author. Performances will be offered in rotating repertory. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$7 to \$18. Call (313) 577-2972.

The Nutcracker

Treat your family to visions of sugar plum fairies with a performance of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker by The Ballet Internationale, Thursday, Dec. 7 through Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$6 to \$8. Call (313) 577-2972.

Miracle on stage

The Miracle Worker, an inspiring story of teacher Annie Sullivan's struggle to open the world to a young Helen Keller, comes to life at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 10. The curtain will rise Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. Call (313) 577-2960.

Exhibitions & Shows

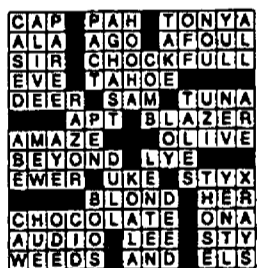
At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the exquisite majesty of the galleries and exhibitions of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Opening Wednesday, Dec. 13 and running through Sunday, March 11, is Little Treasures: Northern European and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. The revolutionary spirit of the 1960s is the inspiration for Pop Art: Prints and Multiples from the DIA Collection, on view through Thursday, Dec. 21. The DIA traces Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Running through that same date, is The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection. Experience ancient universal themes through the video installation by Bill Viola, through Sunday, Jan. 7. During that same period, take in the photographic exhibition Small Wonder: Worlds In A Box. Explore the medium of photography with a Decade of Acquisitions 1990 to 2000: Photographs, through Sunday, March 4. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

Pewabic galleries

Earthly Treasures, the Annual Holiday Invitational, is on display in the Pewabic Gallery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 31. The Gallery will be open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Friday, Dec. 29 and from noon to 4 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 24. Call (313) 822-0954.

Last week's puzzle solved



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Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Learn to build your own Graham Cracker House, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$35 per house for one adult and one child and \$10 for each additional adult. Keep your aspiring dancers on their toes with a Classical Ballet Workshop, Monday through Friday, Dec. 11 to March 16, from 4 to 6:45 p.m. or Saturdays, Dec. 16 to March 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$72 for one hour per week, \$117 for two hours per week or \$157 for three hours per week. Put your aspiring driver behind the wheel with Segment II Driver Education, Monday, Dec. 11, Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$35. Make plans to attend a Christmas Middle School Dance, Friday, Dec. 15, at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and must be purchased in advance with a War Memorial I.D. Pre-registration for all new classes can be charged to your MasterCard or Visa, via fax

at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Holiday magic
The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, will create magical moments that your child will remember for a lifetime during Nutcracker Teas, featuring dainty sandwiches, delightful desserts and a visit with Santa in the Ford Playhouse. Programs will be offered Monday through Friday, through Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$9. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

Bright idea
Board a land-bound freighter or paddle boat for a cruise through a shimmering wonderland during the 5th annual Nautical Nights of Lights, through Sunday, Dec. 31, at Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tours will be offered Sunday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. Displays will be closed Christmas Eve with fireworks at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$2, children ages 3 and under enter free. Proceeds benefit the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade and other communi-

ty organizations. Call (810) 445-5350.

Show time!
Delight in the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir's annual Holiday Pops Concert, Friday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center of Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$12 for the main floor, \$10 for the balcony or \$8 for student and senior balcony seats. Call (313) 343-2140.

Manger scene
Introduce your children to the true meaning of Christmas during a free Living Nativity pageant, Sunday, Dec. 17, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-5090.

Winter flicks
Your youngster can enjoy hours of entertainment during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Winter Film Festival 2000/2001. Santa Claus is Coming to Town, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Woods Branch, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods and the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. On

Wednesday, Dec. 13, see Mary Kate & Ashley - The Case of the Mystery Cruise and The Magic School Bus - Busasaurus, at 4 p.m., in the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 343-2074.

Curtain up
The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Very Quiet Cricket will leap onto the Youthstage Stage, 15600 J. L. Hudson Drive in Southfield, Saturday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call (248) 557-7528.

Performing puppets
Parents and children alike can wonder at performances of the mythic play Firebirds, Saturdays, at 2 p.m., at the PuppetArt/Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Call (313) 961-7777.

Zoo news
Ice carvings, live musical entertainment, story telling, visits with Santa and more await your family during Wild Winter festivities at the Detroit Zoo, at Ten Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, through Wednesday, Feb. 23. Be the first kid on your block to visit the new

\$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center. This state-of-the-art village, dedicated to the conservation, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of amphibian life, houses a host of amazing animals including Japanese giant salamanders, hellbenders, emperor newts and darting poison frogs. Tour Cultural Reflections, an exhibition of Native American art of the Arctic region, now in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, through Sunday, Dec. 31. The Zoo is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Zoo admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and students, ages 2 to 12. Call (248) 388-0903.

History alive
The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, bring history to life. Travel through the past 100 years via the special exhibit Your Place in Time: 20th-Century America. Revel in the sights and sounds of a multi-cultural holiday celebration during Traditions of the Season, through Monday, Jan. 1. Patrons can also tour the museum's Communications,

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PGSA Mustangs '88 finish an unbeaten season

Andrea Caralis scored off a corner kick from Liz Galea with 10 minutes remaining in the game to give the Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs '88 a 2-1 victory over Novi in a battle of unbeaten Michigan Premier Soccer League under-13 teams.

The Mustangs trailed 1-0 at halftime but put on heavy pressure in the second half and tied the game on a goal by Lisa Repicky from Alyse Venticinque.

Margie Scholtes, Kristen Jost, Jae March and Liz Cohan controlled the midfield and created opportunities for forwards Leeza Kossak, Jenna Benko, Caralis, Claire Cunningham and Liz Baxter.

Once Caralis put the Mustangs ahead, it was up to the defense led by Jennie Bohannon, Katie O'Connell, Jeannie Taylor and Margie

Scholtes and goalie Alexandria Fortune to preserve the slim lead.

The Mustangs wrapped up the season with a 2-0 shutout of Fenton.

Kossak scored early off a good pass from Benko and O'Connell tallied her first goal of the season to provide some late insurance.

The Mustangs finished the season with a 9-0-1 record and 13 of the 17 girls on the team scored at least one goal.

Repicky scored two first-half goals, the first on a pass from Baxter and the second on a scramble created by Galea's corner kick to lead the Mustangs '88 to a 4-0 win over the Plymouth Lightning.

The Mustangs added two more goals in the second half. The first was by Venticinque on a sharp pass from Jost. Kossak closed

out the scoring on a pass from Caralis after Bohannon's interception of a clearing pass.

The Mustangs received shutout goaltending from the trio of Fortune, Taylor and Scholtes.

Another strong defensive effort highlighted the Mustangs' 2-0 win over the Flint Arrows.

Baxter notched her first goal of the season after a crossing pass from Repicky. The Mustangs carried the play the rest of the first half with Venticinque hitting the side post and March driving a shot just over the crossbar.

In the second half, Cunningham scored after taking Kossak's crossing pass.

The defensive corps is led by O'Connell, Meghan Potthoff, Bohannon, Taylor and Galea. The Mustangs also have a solid transition

game because of midfielders Benko, Cohan, Caralis, Scholtes, Jost and March.

The Mustangs had a lot tougher time beating the Troy Pride the second time around after posting a 5-0 victory in the first meeting.

The game was scoreless until the 75th minute when Repicky got behind the Troy defense. Her shot was blocked by the Pride goalie but the rebound came to Cunningham, who scored to give the Mustangs a 1-0 victory.

The defense and midfield held off a last-minute flurry by the Pride to preserve Fortune's shutout.

UNDER-10

A strong finish carried the Mustangs '91 into third place in the under-10 division of the Michigan Youth Soccer League Premier Division.

Among the highlights of

year.

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South swimmers set six school records

Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming team went into the state Class A meet with high goals and it achieved many of them.

South moved up a place in the final state standings to eighth this season.

The Blue Devils also set six varsity records and received one All-American award.

"All the hard work this season paid off," said coach Jim Bellanca. "We had some great swimmers and many personal bests."

"We're looking forward to next year. Many of our top swimmers will be back and the prospects of incoming freshmen look good."

Three members of the

South squad qualified for the state meet in individual events.

Sophomore Molly O'Loughlin was seventh in the 50-yard freestyle (24.32) and 16th in the 100 freestyle (54.44). She also led off two relays and her splits in each broke school records.

O'Loughlin broke her own 50 freestyle school record with a split of 23.89 in the 200 freestyle relay. She broke the 100 freestyle record with a split of 53.02 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Junior Lindsay Rodin was eighth in the 200 freestyle (1:54.35) and ninth in the

100 butterfly (58.93), breaking school records in each event.

Junior Allison Clark was 19th in the 500 freestyle in 5:20.42.

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Andrew Seavone was in goal for South and made 22 saves.

South will play in this weekend's University Liggett School Invitational. The Blue Devils meet Notre Dame, which beat them 2-1 in five overtimes at a tournament in Big Rapids, in the first game at 5 p.m. Friday.

The team has never had a real choreographer for our floor routines before," Whiteley said. "Kara has great grace and technique and she passes that on to us. She also exposes us to lots of

dance skills that we've never seen before."

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South gymnasts are ready to start

Grosse Pointe South's gymnastics team is looking forward to another record-breaking season.

Last year the team scored a record 131.8 points in a meet, well over the 116 it needed to qualify for the Class A state regional meet.

The Blue Devils were second in the Great Lakes Gymnastics League. Among the returning medalists are Allison Bukowski, Katie Girolamo, Margaret Batten and Heather Whiteley.

"We have a great team returning for us this year," said new coach Kelly Young. "There is a lot of talent on this team and I'm looking forward to a great season for all of the girls."

The team was surprised when former coach Jill Mattes resigned last spring, but when she was replaced by Young, a former Gym America gymnast and Level 9 state finalist, the squad formed an attachment with its new coach.

Young has six years of coaching experience and she has competed in Michigan, Florida, Illinois and Ohio.

"I think that this will be a great season," said Girolamo. "Kelly really knows what she's doing. It's going to be different, but with all of the changes come changes for the better."

Among the changes are new equipment and dance teacher/choreographer Kara Berns. Berns has more than 30 years of dance experience and is an instructor at the Angela Kennedy School of

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2000

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

ROLL CALL: All Council persons were present except Councilman Szymanski.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 6, 2000, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held October 25, 2000; the Board of Canvasses meeting held November 8, 2000; and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held November 8, 2000.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the City's Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the City's Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.
- 5) To add to the agenda the proposed contract from the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Harper Avenue Reconstruction Project.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To adopt the following resolution re: The Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club Recreation Master Plan.
- 2) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 5804 through 58178 in the amount of \$444,790.58 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick in the amount of \$10,937.00 for professional services during the month of October, 2000 for the following projects: Guardrail Replacement, #180-038; Beaconfield Resurfacing, #180-045; 2000 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-048; Emergency Cleaning of Sewers, #180-050; Office Bldg. - 20844 Harper, #180-053 and Hampton Avenue Vacation Project, #180-055. 3) Approve payment to EBSCO Subscription Services in the amount of \$6,930.99 for the purchase of magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the Library. 4) Accept the bid submitted by ASC Mastrotek in the amount of \$19,318.12 for the purchase of confined space rescue equipment, and further, that competitive bidding be waived due to the technical and specialized nature and the close integration with their existing equipment. 5) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$16,996.80 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of September, 2000.
- 3) That approve payment in the amount of \$79,513.63 to Ajax Paving Industries Inc., for Progress Payment No. 3 on the Beaconfield Resurfacing Project.
- 4) That approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund for the City's 2000 fiscal year.
- 5) That the part of Hampton Road lying between Eight Mile Road and Harper Avenue within the recorded plat of Dalby and Campbell Mack Park subdivision, as recorded in Liber 52, of plats, page 22, Wayne County Records subject to receipt and approval by the City Attorney of a Reciprocal Easement Agreement between the adjoining property owners.
- 6) To approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (Project No. STP 0082 (246); IM 0082 (158); BH 0182 (309); NH 0182 (306); Job Number 49941; 47056; 50778; 50739; Contract Number 00-5508) for the Harper Avenue Reconstruction Project, and further, to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
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Coyotes 5, Cougars 2
Goals: Gianluca Scerri 5 (Coyotes).
Assists: Daniel Kubacki, Eddie Surmont (Coyotes).
Comments: Sean Hulway of the Coyotes played a strong all-around game. The Cougars played well as a team, despite the defeat.

Tigers 2, Panthers 0
Goals: Ryan Berns, Justin Kirk (Tigers).
Assists: Alex Williams, Sam Wittmer (Tigers).
Comments: The Tigers got good defensive play from Jack O'Neil and Trevor Duncan. The Panthers got outstanding offensive work from Matthew Clune, Norm Bird and Jake Capuno provided good defensive play.

Tigers 6, Raiders 2
Goals: Justin Kirk 5, Drew Black (Tigers); Charlotte Socia 2 (Raiders).
Assists: Katie Case 2, Sam Wittmer 2, Black, Kirk (Tigers); Daniel McCallum (Raiders).
Comments: The Tigers overcame a two-goal deficit. Alex Williams and Case were outstanding on defense. Socia and McCallum were strong on both ends of the field for the Raiders.

Rockers 2, Vikings 1
Goals: Scott Dirkson, Henry Fildes (Rockers); Claire Boyle (Vikings).
Comments: The Rockers had fine goaltending from Kirk Dettloff, Danny French, Fildes and Allyson Webb. Teammates Alexander Carabulea, Scott Adelson and Anna Tomovski put up a formidable defensive wall. Among the standouts for the Vikings were Jo-Jo Srebernak and Martin Voelker.

UNDER-10
Wimbledon 1, Liverpool 0
Goal: Craig Henderson (Wimbledon).
Assist: Jimmy Tocco (Wimbledon).
Comments: Both teams played well defensively. Michael Koski and Lenny Han-Voth were strong in goal for Wimbledon. Liverpool's standouts were Michael Duker in goal, Alex Allor on defense and Joe Youngblood on offense.

Blackburn Rovers 7, Arsenal 1
Goals: Justin Grobbel, Ivan Moshchuk 2, R.J. Vandebroek, Colin Bayer 2, Nicholas Rutsak (Blackburn); Ben Kelly (Arsenal).
Assists: Eric Rogers 2, Jay Trewin (Arsenal); Joseph Landers (Wimbledon).
Assists: Trewin, Matt Snella, Rogers, Ben Kelly (Arsenal); Drew Tech (Wimbledon).
Comments: Wimbledon's Peter Duman did a good job in goal and

Jacob Makowski played his best all-around game. Kelly was outstanding on defense. He also took a turn in goal and shared a strong effort with Daniel Dickson.

Aston Villa 4, Stoke City 1
Goals: Billy Mestdagh 2, Monty Swift, Alex Atsalakis (Aston Villa).
Assists: Jessica Bashara, Ben Rossi (Aston Villa).
Comments: Elliott Parcels and Peter Reik did a good job of defensive clearing for Aston Villa, whose midfield players did a good job in crossing passes. Stoke City had good games from Brian Agacinski and Bobby Sullivan.

Aston Villa 5, Coventry 0
Goals: Billy Mestdagh 4, Monty Swift (Aston Villa).
Assists: Drew Brownell, Joseph Hessburg, Peter McMillan, Alex Atsalakis (Aston Villa).
Comments: McMillan and Atsalakis shared the shutout with

defensive help from Celeste Bens and Jessica Bashara. Coventry's Emily Lynch, Molly Lynch, John Beckius and Daniel Fischer had good scoring chances.

Aston Villa 3, Leeds 0
Goals: Joseph Hessburg, Billy Mestdagh, Ben Rossi (Aston Villa).
Assists: Mestdagh 2, Jessica Bashara, Sarha Siwak (Aston Villa).
Comments: Kurt Hollerbach and Peter Reik combined for the shutout with defensive support from Bashara, Elliott Parcels and Peter McMillan. Leeds had excellent midfield play from Will Broman, Danny Victorson and Spencer Ray.

UNDER-12
Jaguars 3, St. Clair Shores 1
Goals: Chris Bill, Mike Pampalona, Brady Savage (Jaguars).
Assists: John Vinson, Cara Miserendino, Karl Tech (Jaguars).
Comments: Alex Keller and Monique Squiers combined in goal for the victory. Billy Stinsons, Eric Jorgenson, Danny Surmont and Andrew Redzinski played an aggressive defense that created several opportunities for the offense. Kyle Dettloff, Matt Kehler, Brian Colson, Heidi Hint and Brian Schmitz kept the pressure on the St. Clair Shores squad.

Rebels 3, Wolves 1
Goals: Jeff Moore, Reed Minney, Gillian Seaman (Rebels); Sam Dauphinas (Wolves).
Comments: The Rebels had strong goalkeeping from Garrett Kidd and Austin Abessimo, aggressive defense by Erin Thornton, Michael Pogue and Blake Bowman and offensive pressure from Matthew Bruno and Michael Willemain. The Wolves had good goalkeeping from Gabe Moss and excellent defense from Deanna Koskoulas and Carrie Fisk.

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A triumphant debut for South wrestler

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Evan Polek's Grosse Pointe South wrestling debut was brief but effective.

Polek, who transferred from Grosse Pointe North, won all three of his matches on falls as he took first place in the 215-pound weight class at the Lutheran East Invitational.

"He wrestled less than two minutes," said coach Larry Carr. "He got his pins in 35, 45 and 45 seconds."

South, which finished eighth in the 12-team field, also had a runner-up in Mark Carrier at 135 pounds.

Carrier won two of his three matches.

"He was injured most of last year," Carr said.

Another strong performance came from Steve Pawlowski, who was third at 140 pounds. Pawlowski's only loss was in overtime to the eventual runner-up in the weight class.

"He wrestled well," the coach said.

South also had fifth-place finishes from Kevin Backman at 119 pounds, Joe Stelmark at 189 and heavy-weight Will Dickinson.

"We should be better this year," Carr said. "Potentially, we have some pretty good kids."



The four all-tournament team members from Grosse Pointe South hold the championship trophy the Blue Devils won last weekend at the University Liggett School Invitational. From left are Heather Doughty, Corie D'Angelo, Elizabeth Moran and Cassie Weaver.

Bulldogs start strong in league

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt A Bulldogs travel hockey team has hit the ice running to start the season.

The Bulldogs have won 13 of their 14 games in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League and have outscored their opponents 50-10.

Overall, the Bulldogs are 19-3-2. That mark includes a fine showing in a Squirt AA tournament where the Bulldogs defeated the eventual tourney champion 1-0 in an early-round game.

Coach John Hackett said, "The Bulldogs have played typical Bulldog hockey — great team defense and goaltending, unselfish team play and tremendous hustle."

The goaltending has been shared by Aaron Cisco and Chris Hancock. They have posted eight shutouts so far.

The defense corps is made up of Nick Jost, Kevin MacConnachie, James Fish, Billy Daudlin and Brett Meltzer. The forward lines consist of Bobby Barrett, Lance Lucas and Johnny Hackett and Ben Miller, Joey Pytel and Jack Sklarski.

"The defense has been extremely tough to beat while all of the forwards have contributed with scoring and backchecking," coach Hackett said.

He is assisted by Bob Barrett, Terry Lucas, John Sklarski and Dan Daudlin. Mark and Diana Miller are the managers of the team that is sponsored by Don Giffin of Giffin International.

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they're being counted on to solidify the defense for four years.

The Blue Devils also had good defensive efforts from Caitlin Cory, Katie McMillan, Jenny Gerow, Amelia Altavener and Lauren O'Brien.

Goalie Corie D'Angelo recorded her second straight shutout.

South advanced to the championship game with a 3-0 semifinal win against Cranbrook Kingswood in a tight defensive struggle that featured a lot of neutral zone play.

Each team had excellent scoring opportunities. D'Angelo made good saves on the Cranes' Amy Meisner, Christina Hammond and Lauren Anderson early in the contest to keep the game scoreless.

South scored late in the first period on a breakaway by Doughty. Weaver and Klein scored the other Blue Devils goals.

South dominated the all-tournament team with four players chosen, including Moran, who was honored for her outstanding play on defense, and D'Angelo. Forwards Doughty and Weaver were also selected for the team.

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time, there will also be a junior varsity squad.

"Girls to watch this year include Bukowski, Whiteley and last year's state qualifier, Batten," Young said.

"Freshman Melissa Loveley has already demonstrated tremendous talent as well."

This year's captains are senior Girolamo and Monica Loveley and juniors Lauren Sullivan and Whiteley.

South has its first home meet on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

GPHA roundup

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Sabres 6, Hurricanes 5
Goals: Cordon 3, Ballew 2, Remillet (Sabres); Matt Lucchese 4, Jake Jaskolski (Hurricanes).

Assists: Wegler, Remillet, Like, Decker, Graham (Sabres); Lucchese, Jaskolski (Hurricanes).

Ice Bears 3, Rockets 2
Goals: Davies 2, Callert (Ice Bears); James Palmer, Eric Sandmair (Rockets).

Assists: G. Griffin, Leamon, Capp (Ice Bears); Sandmair, Palmer, Alex Dane (Rockets).

Comments: Sandmair scored his eighth goal in four games for the Ice Bears, who got strong defensive play from Bill McCaughey.

Ice Dogs 3, Sharks 2
Goals: Nick Curishdull 2, Brian Auty (Ice Dogs); Joel Gilpin, Cory Torres (Sharks).

Assists: Drew Amato, Chris Ferriole (Ice Dogs); Eric Allison, Jeff Hall (Sharks).

Comments: The Ice Dogs broke a scoreless tie in the final seconds of the first period. The Sharks tied the game with a power-play goal in the second period.

Blue Max 5, Cobras 2
Goals: Joe Durfee-Smith 3, Jason Gay, Eric Rogers 2, Alex Marshall, Robert Brown, Nick Sterr (Blue Max); Brandon Budny, Chris Vens (Cobras).

Assists: Sterr, Brown, Doug Johnston, Matthew Hales, Marshall 2 (Blue Max); Kevin Orzechowski, Jake Chrumka, Warren Streiter (Cobras).

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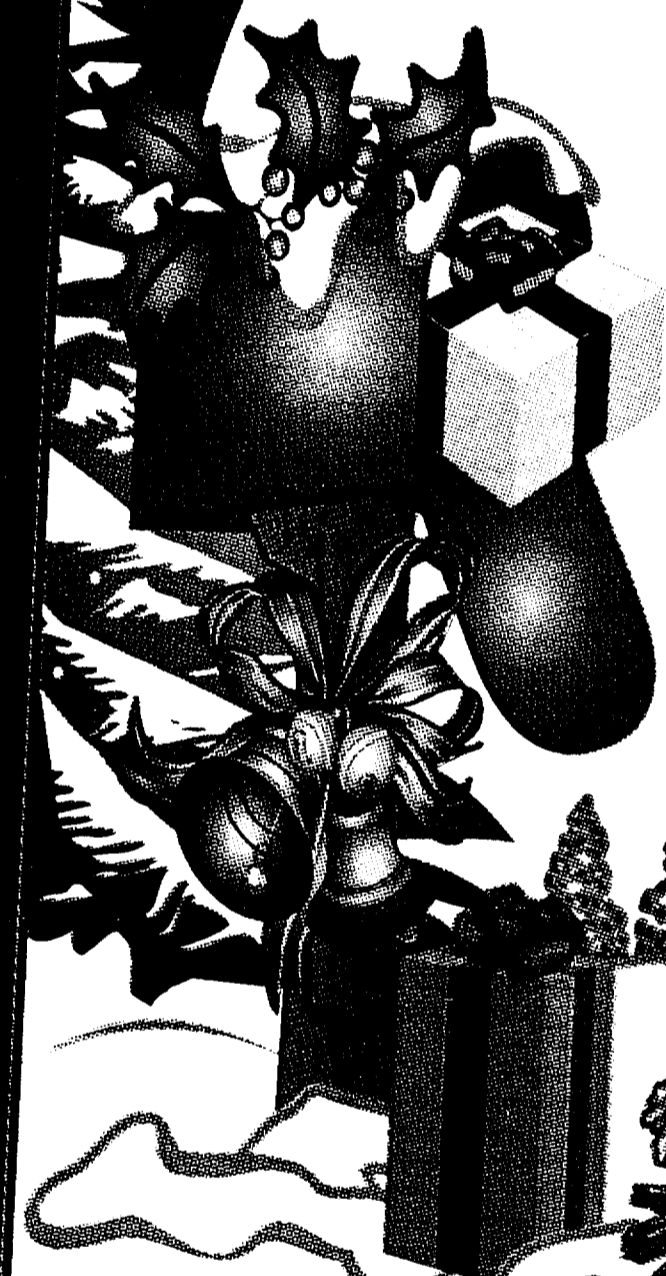
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New black belts

Four students at the Grosse Pointe Academy of Tae Kwon Do earned their first-degree black belts after a long day of endurance testing, sparring and board-breaking. From left, are Michael Mason, Troy (T.J.) Mason, Jake Jaskolski and Sean Foley. Jaskolski, 7, started at the academy 3 1/2 years ago and is the youngest student in the school's history to earn a black belt. The testing was officiated by guest master Larry Lucas, a member of the 1998 United States team and a bronze medalist in that year's world championships.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



2nd
EDITION

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Men take note: gifts that every woman wants

Gentlemen, let me ask you a question: Did your gift last December light up her eyes, leave her speechless, make her do a little dance? If not, read on, for here are a few things to help you spend that little bundle you've been hiding in your sock drawer for this occasion. Not the one for the bass boat, the one for her "big" gift this holiday.

When faced with the looming eve of

gift-giving, most guys make a beeline for the jewelry store, where eager salespeople await to tell them what to purchase. Here is a tip or two to help you choose the right gift for her. First lesson: diamonds. It's practically a sure thing, as diamonds are the number one favorite stone for women to wear.

If you haven't bought a diamond for her since the engagement ring, the next

thing to look for would be a pair of diamond solitaire earrings. The simple, elegant look of a sole diamond at each earlobe never goes out of style. Look to see that the stones match in size and fire, and don't contain many inclusions you can see at a glance. Normally, you can pick up a quality pair with a total weight of one-quarter carat for around \$200. With diamonds, of course, the bigger the better.

Did you ever wonder why that special woman of yours has so many purses and handbags? The reason is very simple: They like them, a whole lot. Say she's said that she would really love a new navy blue, black or daring red handbag. Don't just run out and get her the first bag you see; shop for the best.

After all, a classic designer handbag will last for years and be in style the whole time, too. Look at the gorgeous ones by Coach, Kate Spade, Prada, Gucci and if it's in your budget, the out-

standing Hermes products. She'll be absolutely amazed at your good taste.

Have you been eyeing a nice sweater or scarf that you think is just right for her? Check out the luxuriant and warm pashmina wool stoles, made from the fine hair of Andean goats. These incredibly durable fashions are as soft as cashmere and one of the hottest fashion trends. She will love a piece in one of the trendy winter colors, like deep Burgundy red or autumn gold.

Perhaps though, she is the keepsake type of person, in which case you have a bevy of fine gifts to fill that spot in her cabinet. A piece of fine crystal will go with any decor, but choose among those who have proven long-term value and admiration. Fine gift and jewelry stores carry the best names, like Lalique, Baccarat, Kosta Boda, Orrefors and Swarovski. You're likely to find just the perfect piece, such as a favorite animal, flower or sentiment, guaranteed to have her thinking of you every time she sees it.

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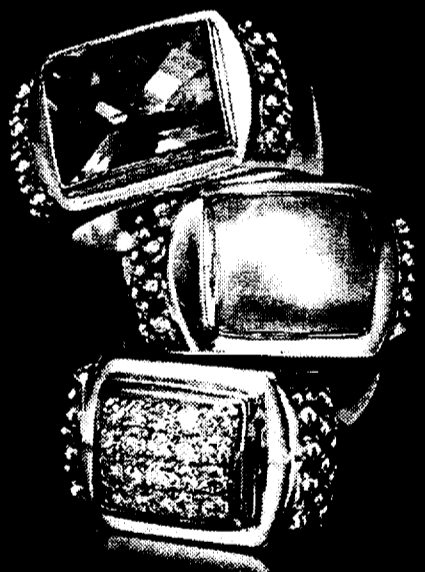
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Creative Centerpieces can be Quick and Easy

One thing for certain, there will be millions of tables laden with the best fare that the in-house chefs can prepare this holiday season.

And a perfect way to enhance the presentation of a holiday feast is a creative and eye-catching centerpiece.

True, one can always have something made up by their local florist or order one online, but that is the expensive route. With a little bit of time and very little investment, though, a pretty centerpiece can be ready for the table well before the turkey is done. In fact, even the kids can have fun putting one together.

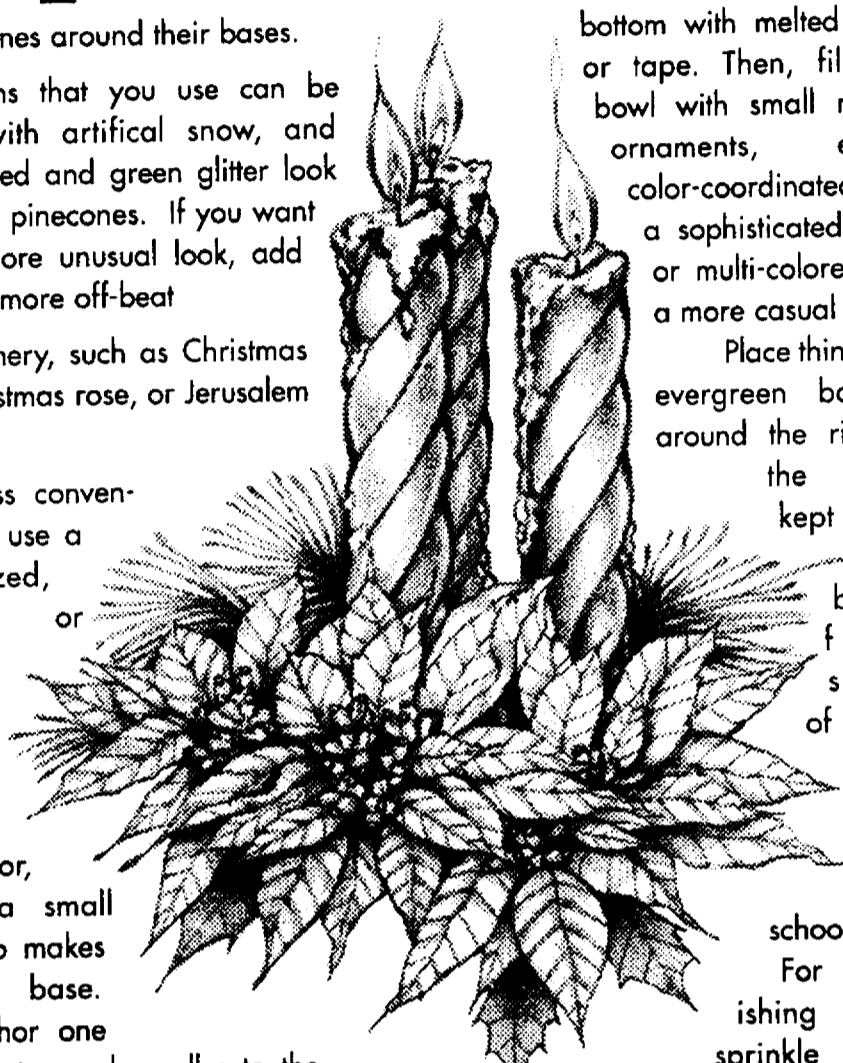
For traditional look, start with a small basket with low sides, or even a small serving tray or plate. Place winter greens such as mistletoe, holly, ivy, or small fir boughs around the edge. To keep them together (and from falling onto the table), use green or red twist-ties. Choose three to four candles of varying height for the center, and add

some pinecones around their bases.

The greens that you use can be "flocked" with artificial snow, and touches of red and green glitter look great on the pinecones. If you want a slightly more unusual look, add some of the more off-beat

winter greenery, such as Christmas cactus, Christmas rose, or Jerusalem cherry.

For a less conventional look, use a medium-sized, decorative or clear glass bowl, preferably set on a small mirror, although a small wreath also makes a great base. Firmly anchor one or two tall, tapered candles to the



bottom with melted wax or tape. Then, fill the bowl with small round ornaments, either color-coordinated for a sophisticated look or multi-colored for a more casual style.

Place thin fir or evergreen boughs around the rim of the bowl, kept in place by a few spots of washable

school glue. For a finishing touch, sprinkle some

sparkling glitter or confetti directly onto the tablecloth around the bowl.

A simple cornucopia can be made using heavy-stock paper in green or red, available at most craft stores. Simply roll into a cone, and decorate the outside with glitter, foil, or even the fronts of old Christmas cards. It can be placed on a tray or in a basket, but a base isn't really necessary. Fill it with ornaments, or winter fruits like pears, apples and oranges.

Finally, a few additional tips on making a great centerpiece:

Make sure that your centerpiece and candles aren't too tall, as this could obscure your guests view of each other at the table.

Don't use heavily scented candles; you want the guests to smell your wonderful food, not the centerpiece.

Increase the size of the centerpiece through illusion by setting it on a mirror. Remember to keep any dried foliage well away from the candle flames.

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What to bring to that Holiday Party

The first holiday season of the new century is promising to be a busy one, and you may be stuck with an invitation and no appropriate gift to offer the host at the door. A bottle of wine remains one of the favorite choices, as it can be opened to the enjoyment of all the guests or saved for the hosts to pop at a holiday feast.

But if you're one of those who rarely buys a bottle of vino throughout the year, the selection can be more than confusing. Whites, reds, blush wines... how can you tell a crowd-pleaser? Simply look at the following list and price guide, derived from expert opinions, and you'll never again show up at the door with a bottle destined for under the sink.

Is this a very casual affair, one where you don't feel the need to break the bank for a good bottle? These wines, priced from about \$7 to \$10, will provide a great quaff at good value.

1998 Stony Hollow Chardonnay

Nicely balanced fruit, light oak and a dry, lingering finish are this wine's hallmarks.

1998 Concha Y Toro Merlot Valle Central is one of the better values from Chile, and one of their better wines, period. This fine dry red can be drunk alone or with food.

1998 Columbia Riesling Cellarmaster's Reserve is a real bargain in a lighter, sweet wine; the guests will wish you had brought two.

So, the party is one where you will wear a tie and jacket? Try one of these selections in the \$12 to \$20 range.

1997 Sterling Cabernet Sauvignon is a lush, somewhat spicy dry red from a name that is consistent with fine California wines.

1998 Kenwood Sauvignon Blanc even pleases those who normally prefer sweet wines. Fruity yet crisp, it has a very balanced finish.

1997 Murphy-Goode Liar's Dice Zinfandel is a generous wine with soft

tannins and lots of berry flavors.

Feel like this may be the occasion to really impress your host? You'll long remember the look on their face when presented with one of these wines in the \$100 range.

1996 Opus One is the epitome of Cabernet Sauvignon. Begun in 1979 as a joint effort between Robert Mondavi and Baron Phillippe de Rothschild, it is

recognized as the finest wine of California.

Cuvee Dom Perignon Champagne remains one, the best sparkling wines made. It is said that its inventor, the monk Dom Perignon, cried out, "I am drinking stars!" upon his first sip. You'll surely look like a star yourself when you bring a bottle of this sublime champagne to a holiday gathering.

Eggnog: it's not just for drinking anymore

Are you one of those who just can't get enough eggnog every holiday season? The problem is, one can only chug a certain amount of nog at one time. But leave it to creative chefs, who have enabled us nog-lovers to not only drink our favorite, but to eat it, too.

A quick and tasty fruit dip is made using just one cup of eggnog, two cups of miniature marshmallows, and nutmeg to taste. Simply combine the ingredients, and microwave on high for about two minutes, or until the marshmallows are almost melted, with a quick stir halfway through the cooking time. Then, whisk it well until creamy, and serve with slices of apple, pears and oranges.

For eggnog rice pudding, start with four cups of packaged rice pudding mix, one cup of eggnog, one-third cup of seedless raisins, one-half teaspoon of rum extract, and nutmeg to taste. Let the raisins soak up the rum while you blend the pudding mix and eggnog, then follow the package directions for the rice pudding. Add the raisins last, and chill well. This recipe also tastes great with

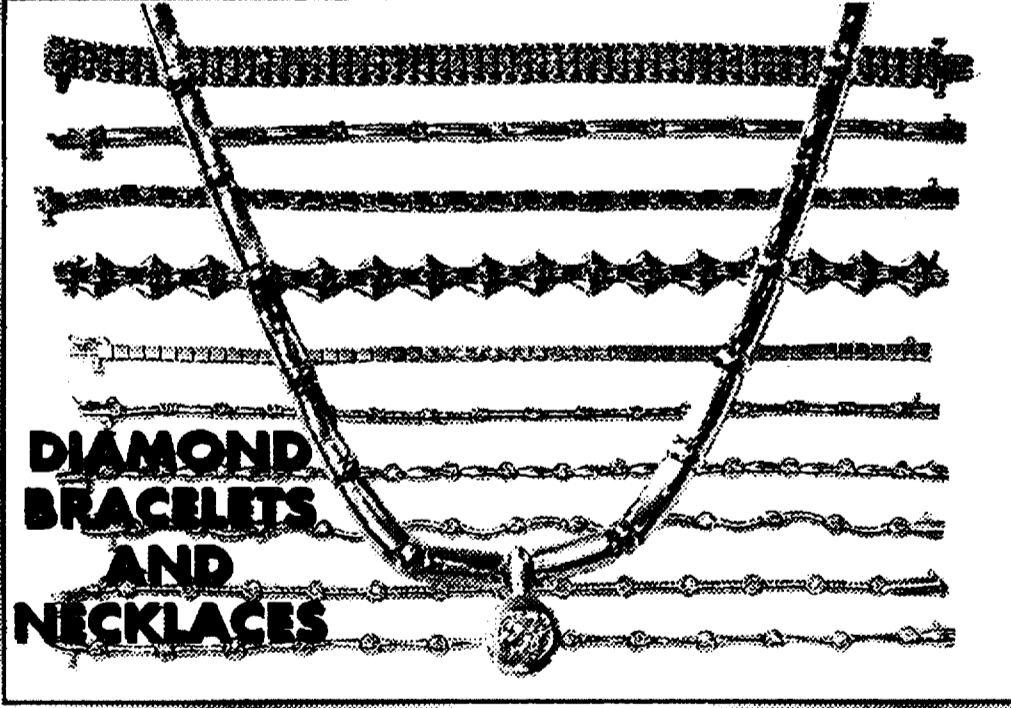
cherries substituted for the raisins.

Ready for a slightly more challenging eggnog creation? Bring along this eggnog molded salad to a holiday potluck, and watch it disappear. You will need:

- 1 tsp. unflavored gelatin
- 6 ounces of lemon gelatin powder
- 1/4 cup of water
- 16 ounces of sliced pears
- 3/4 cup of eggnog
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 10 ounces of sliced oranges, cherries--your option

Drain the pears and set aside, but keep the juice. Combine unflavored gelatin and water, and set it aside as well. Then, add enough water to the pear juice until you have 2 cups of liquid, and bring it to a boil in a medium saucepan. Remove that from the stove, and stir in your gelatin mixture and the lemon gelatin until dissolved, and let it cool for 20 minutes. Then, blend in the sour cream and eggnog, and chill until it is almost set. Add the pears and your other fruit choice, and pour into an oiled salad mold. Chill until firm, and enjoy.

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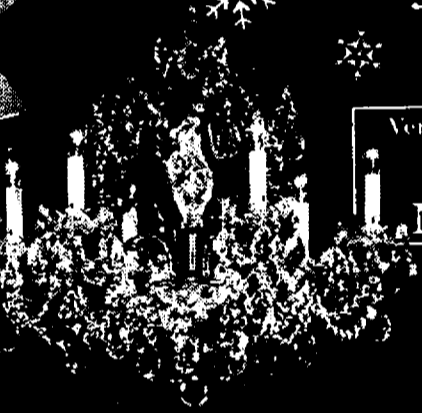
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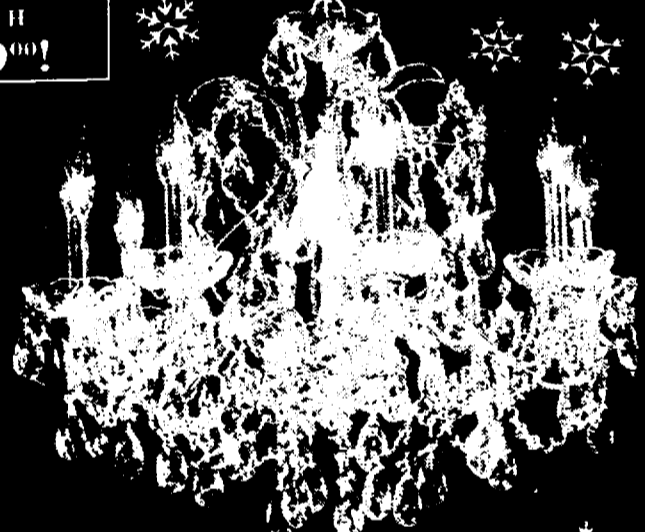
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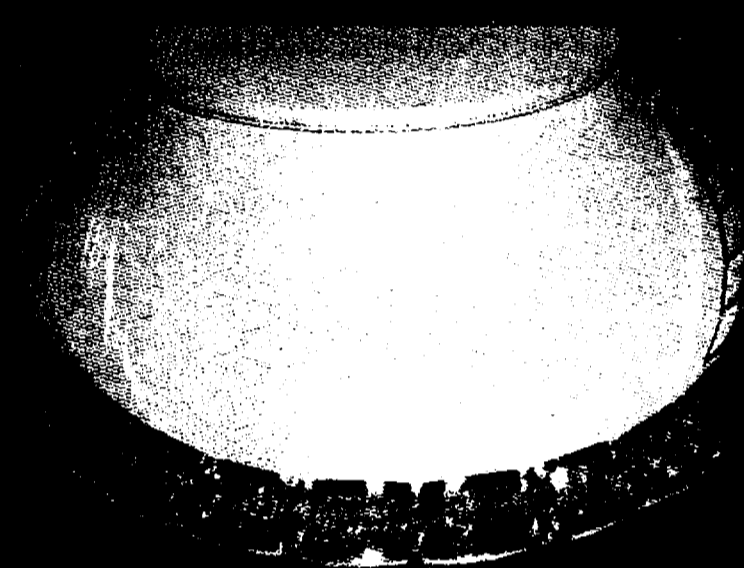
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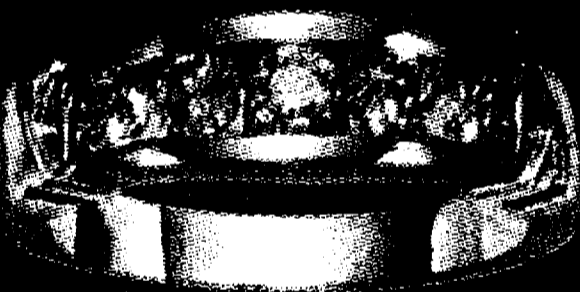


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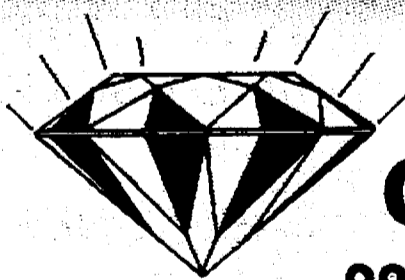
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So begin the words to "The Wassail Song", which if you listen closely, is pretty much the same as the old Christmas standard, "Here We Come A-Caroling". That's no surprise, really, as the custom of marching through the neighborhood while belting out Christmas tunes began around a large bowl of steaming wassail.

Just what is wassail? Well, it's sweet, warm, and can deliver a powerful kick. After that, how it's made is pretty much up to you. Start with a base of red wine or ale, add sugar, fruit, and even bread, and heat it up. Now you're ready to wassail!

The tradition of wassail, and wassailing, is centuries old; it is even mentioned in the epic Beowulf. When gathered in the great hall, stout warriors of old would pass a bowl brimming with warm

mead and cry out "Wassail!" meaning, literally, "to your health". The drinker would then reply "Drink hail!", take a draught, and pass on the bowl. As you may have guessed, the wassail bowl was the predecessor of the modern "loving cup."

There are three ways to wassail, and all involve good friends and revelry. Like the knights of yore, you can wassail in the hall, that is, your home. Be sure to provide enough, or invite friends to bring along their favorite ingredients. One ingredient that seems constant through wassail recipes is the addition of roasted apples, which float to the top and are known as "lambswool."

The apple plays a large part in wassail lore, as another style of wassailing is the wassail in the orchard. In a ritual that dates back to more pagan times, the revelers would gather around apple trees, singing an homage to the fruit and its addition to their drink. In keeping

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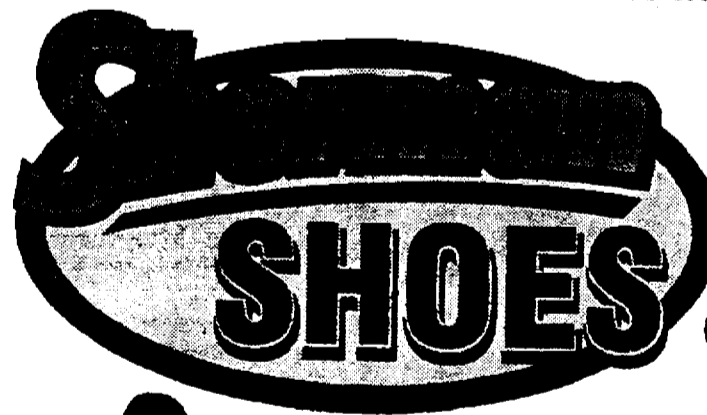


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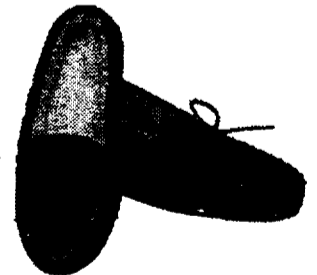
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with the sharing, generous spirit of the custom, they would pour wassail around all the trees of the orchard.

If you plan on wassailing around your block, be careful. The local constables may not be as forgiving of people toting fortified beverages in public as they were centuries ago. Back then, the was-

sail bowl was carried from house to house amid carols and dancing. It was the duty of the homeowners to refill the bowl to see the wassailers on, and by the end of the night, it must have been a strange brew indeed. Put a little wassail into your Christmas this year, and as "The Wassail Song" states,

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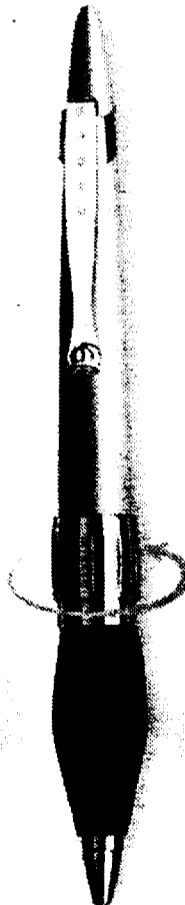
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



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Ask any jeweler, and they'll gladly back up the statistics: More diamonds are sold in December than any other month of the year. All of that holiday gift-giving and the warm sentiments that abound make it the time for diamond jewelry, especially engagement rings. Besides, many of those future grooms-to-be can take advantage of holiday sale prices.

Decades ago, The American Gem Society put forth "The Four C's" as a guide to diamond buying. This standard of what to look for in a diamond over one-sixth of a carat (.15ct.) is still a must to determine the size and quality of diamond you will purchase. It has been adapted universally as a pricing mechanism for fine-cut stones.

The first "C" stands for carat weight. Diamonds are weighed by the point, with 100 points equaling one carat, like 100 pennies equals one dollar. Thus, a half-carat diamond weighs fifty points,

or .50ct. The larger the diamond crystal, the rarer it is, which is why one .50ct diamond costs more than two .25ct. diamonds put together.

The second "C" refers to the cut of the diamond, or the shape and precision which the stone has been cut. Certain cuts of diamond do indeed cost more, due to the difficulty of achieving the shape from the rough crystal. The marquise cut, for example, may cost 20% more than a round gem of similar quality.

Diamond cutting technology is at its zenith these days, with cutters producing maximum fire from their stones. The most popular cuts these days include the square Princess and Radiant, the elongated Marquis and the traditional pear and round shapes. Modern designs often include the triangular Trillion-cut diamonds. A properly-cut diamond should show sparkle when turned and tipped, with no areas going dark or unlively.

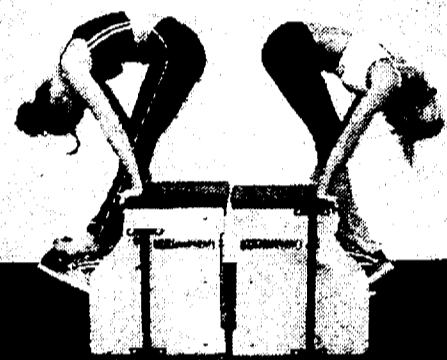
The third "C" stands for color, of which

the finest diamonds have none. The color grading you will encounter in stores ranges from "D" color (absolutely colorless) to "Z" (dark yellow). The coloring comes from the presence of nitrogen when the diamonds formed in volcanic pipes. The higher the color, the rarer and the greater the price. Because these gradations of color are so subtle, an "F" or "G" colored stone will be undistinguishable from colorless by the untrained eye.

Finally, the last "C" stands for clarity, often the most misunderstood concept. Close to 100% of all diamonds have an internal flaw of some sort, but in most fine jewelry and engagement rings, they are never visible to the naked eye. They can easily be seen under magnification, but how often will she ever show her stone under those circumstances?

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Minidisc players have been slow catching on, but so were DVDs. This

expect from a CD player and often recording capabilities. Sony, Sharp and JVC have competitively priced models with the major benefit being the less expensive recording than on a CD unit. Portable and light, minidisc players start at around \$125.

Some of the electronic elite live for the sole purpose of improving the sound of their environment. After their home is completely set with the requisite woofers,

sub-woofers and such, they start on their cars. But this being the year 2000, it's time to put our computers on wheels, too.

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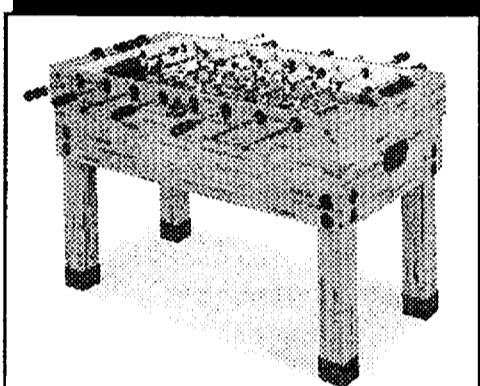
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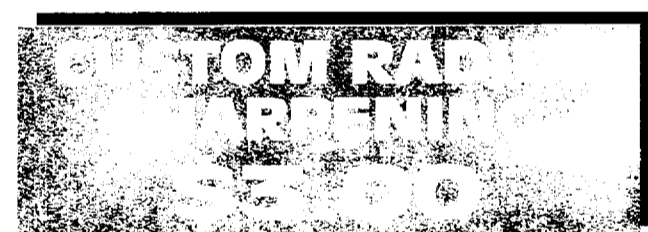


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All of us have suffered from the syndrome known as SSS (Shopping Stress Syndrome) at one time or another. It usually attacks around the twenty-first of December, or whenever they start announcing, "Only five days 'til Christmas." During this frenzy, a trip to the mall is like a walk through a minefield, laden with items out-of-stock and a multitude of shoppers as desperate as you are.

But when the shopping gets tough, the tough shoppers take a break, wherever they can find it. Here are some things the

veterans of many holiday campaigns can pass along from the trenches.

A great general once said that an army "marches on its stomach." Pay heed to those words. You can't expect to eat breakfast at nine and then shop until three without turning into a mall-beast. Stop for lunch, one that you don't eat standing up. Sit and relax for 30 minutes or so, and eat something nutritious.

While you may feel that caffeine is the only thing that is going to get you through the day, it may actually make you far more tense and irritable. Sure, rest a bit on a bench with a cappuccino with lots of chocolate sprinkles, but make it a decaf.

As you passed, and maybe purchased, all those wonderful aroma therapy products, did you stop to think how much you could use one right now? Retrace your steps to that store, and head for the lavender sachets. Breathe deeply. Read the labels on the other stress-reducing products. When fully relaxed, pick up a

couple for yourself when you get home. You deserve it.

Does your mall have one of those fancy stores full of high-tech goodies solely designed for comfort. If so, it's a good bet that they offer a massage chair to try out. Go ahead, plop down (although there may be a line of shoppers just like you) and close your eyes. For a few minutes, take advantage of the manufacturers' largesse and sample

their stress-relieving wares.

In most malls and large shopping centers, various local service organizations and charities will have holiday booths or stands. Take a moment to visit one and talk to the people who are volunteering their time. Make a contribution, and then rest a moment and watch others do the same. This will put all of it into perspective and make the final shopping hours seem even easier.



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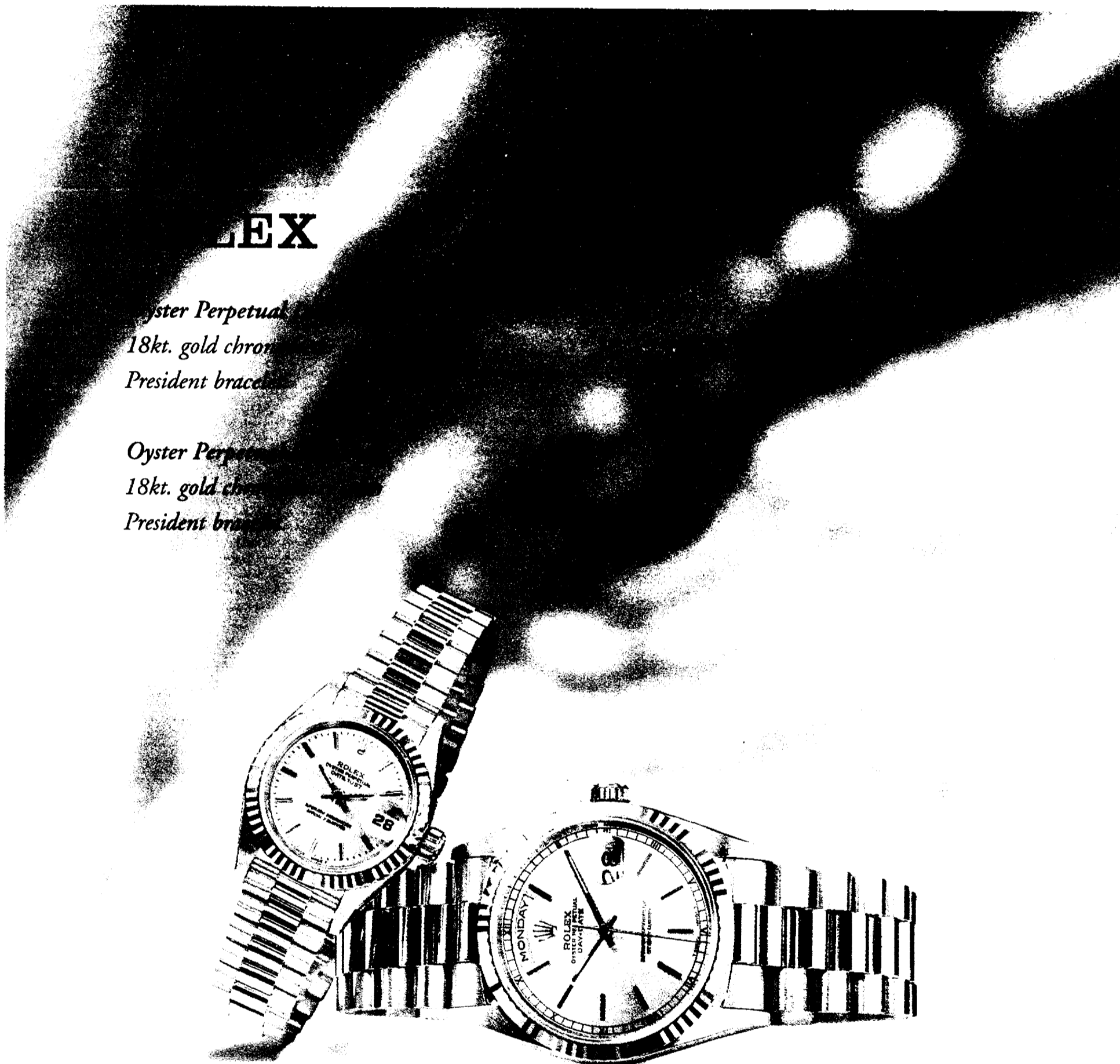
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How to make your Christmas last all year

Some folks so love the Christmas holiday that they refuse to accept that it "comes but once a year". As collectors of Christmas memorabilia, they've found a way to keep the spirit of the season going all year long.

There are number of ways to start a Christmas collection, and in doing so, perhaps start a family tradition to be enjoyed by all. Here are a few of the more popular Christmas collectibles:

Ornaments are a top favorite, and many collectors end up having three or four Christmas trees each year to hold them all. The hand-made, antique ornaments from Germany are especially sought after. These delicate ornaments are often found depicting old-world Santas, fruits, birds and fish. Even ones in perfect condition can be found at reasonable prices, from five to thirty dollars.

The modern ornaments are very popular, too, with some of the top designers releasing their limited editions in July. Look for the terrific styles by names like Christopher Radko, Swarovski, and

Margaret Furlong.

Christmas cards are easy to acquire and even easier to store. Beautiful antique cards can usually be purchased for under ten dollars, but prices for rare Victorian-era cards can run into the hundreds. Collectors often fill albums with their favorite cards, making a wonderful conversation piece to be enjoyed by family and guests over the holidays.

Snowdomes are a delight to collect, as well as to shake and watch. Plus, they make an eye-catching display when used for holiday decorating. These affordable collectibles come in a wide variety of themes, and can be found in sizes from a full twenty inches tall to miniatures of just one inch.

For those with a good amount of space for decorating, Christmas villages provide a lot of collecting enjoyment. While perhaps a bit pricier than other Christmas collectibles, these lovely items have shown an increase in value over the years. Look for the many styles of villages by companies such as Dept. 56

and Lefton.

Now, where does one go to find these treasures? It's a lot of fun to pick flea markets and estate sales for them. A horde of them, though, can be found on internet auction sites like eBay and auc-

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Following their victory, the Maccabees returned to the holy temple in Jerusalem to find it had been defiled and nearly destroyed. Only a small amount of oil was found to light but one lamp, and it was no more than enough for one night. Miraculously, the lamp stayed lit for eight straight days, enough time to procure enough oil to relight the temple. Thus, Hanukkah lasts for eight days, and a candle is lit each night in the traditional Menorah.

Gifts are given during Hanukkah, though often they are simple and more

in keeping with Jewish custom. Children receive gelt, chocolate coins covered in gold foil, and play the Dradel game. The Dradel is a four-sided wooden top with a Hebrew symbol on each side, and the player wins or loses depending on what shows on top when the Dradel stops.

Hanukkah is a special time for family get-togethers, which usually means that some of the tastiest dishes and sweets are prepared over the eight days. As oil features so prominently in the Hanukkah story, many foods are deep-fried or at least sauteed in cooking oil. Grebenes, or cracklings, are a very popular side dish at Hanukkah. To prepare, use the fatty skin of a chicken, duck or goose, and slice into small pieces and cook over a low heat. As the fat melts, add sliced onions and apples to the mixture, and continue to cook until a golden brown.

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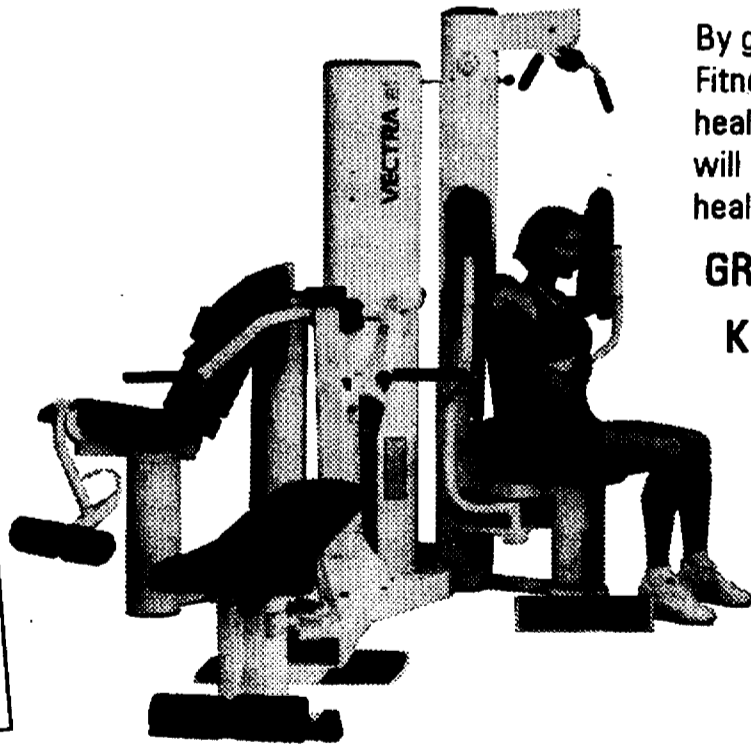
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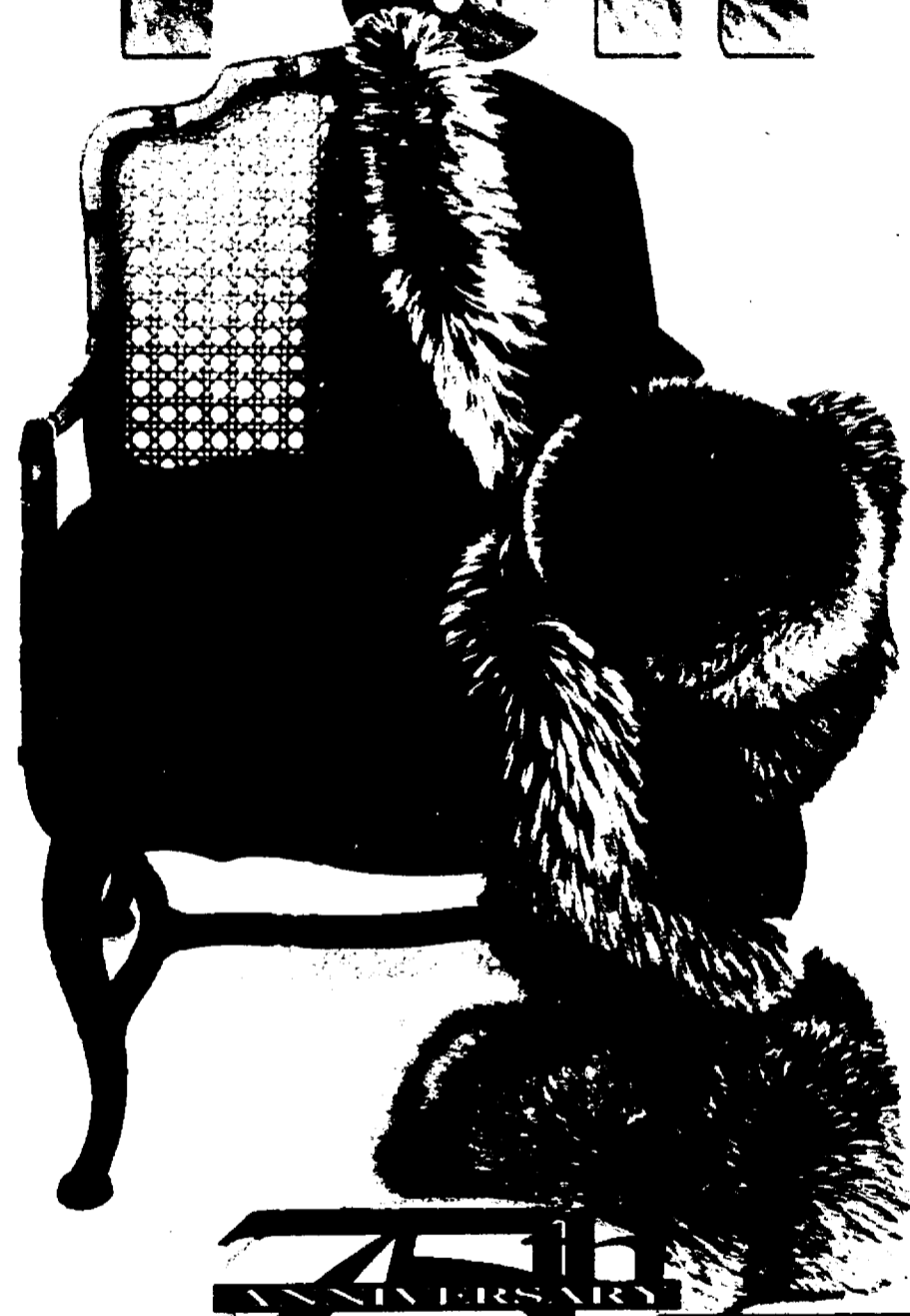
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Unusual Christmas customs from around the world

What does a witch on a broomstick have to do with Christmas? If you're a child living in Italy, she's known as La Befana, and you wait for her to drop the gifts down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

While Christmas customs in other lands may seem unusual to us, remember that most of them were celebrating the holiday long before we were in North America. And lately, our Christmas practices have spread to parts of the world where it was unknown just decades ago.

For instance, the Japanese use December 25th to visit relatives and plan family get-togethers. Children wear bright kimonos and wait for Uncle Chimney to bring gifts, and everyone enjoys munching on the now-traditional strawberry shortcake. Special kinds of sushi and sashimi are prepared for the day along with mochi, a sweet rice cake.

In northern Alaska, the Eskimos celebrate Christmas as a community. Gathering at a central site such as a school gymnasium, they engage in traditional games like leg wrestling, high kicks, and stick pull. An incredible feast is served, full of savory items like

Beluga whale, caribou, walrus and polar bear. For dessert, the tradition calls for fried raisin doughnuts. As there are no fir trees there, a large artificial tree is decorated by the children.

In Mexico, the favored holiday dish is mole poblano, a roasted turkey with a chile and chocolate sauce. The legend states that the recipe dates back to the Aztecs. As a side dish, tamales dulces are served, consisting of cherries, pineapple, raisins and corn flour steamed in corn husks. In Oaxaca, a contest is held where artisans carve Christmas and biblical scenes out of

radishes, with cash prizes awarded for best of show.

In Sweden, the Christmas season begins early and ends late. December 13 is St. Lucia's Day, and children celebrate by wearing white gowns and a wreath headdress decorated with lighted candles. After serving their parents breakfast in bed, they participate in public pageants. Twenty days after Christmas comes Julgrans plundering, a party where children gather around the Christmas tree for one last song and dance, and finish by throwing the tree out a door or window.

One of the friendliest of customs comes from Newfoundland, when during the

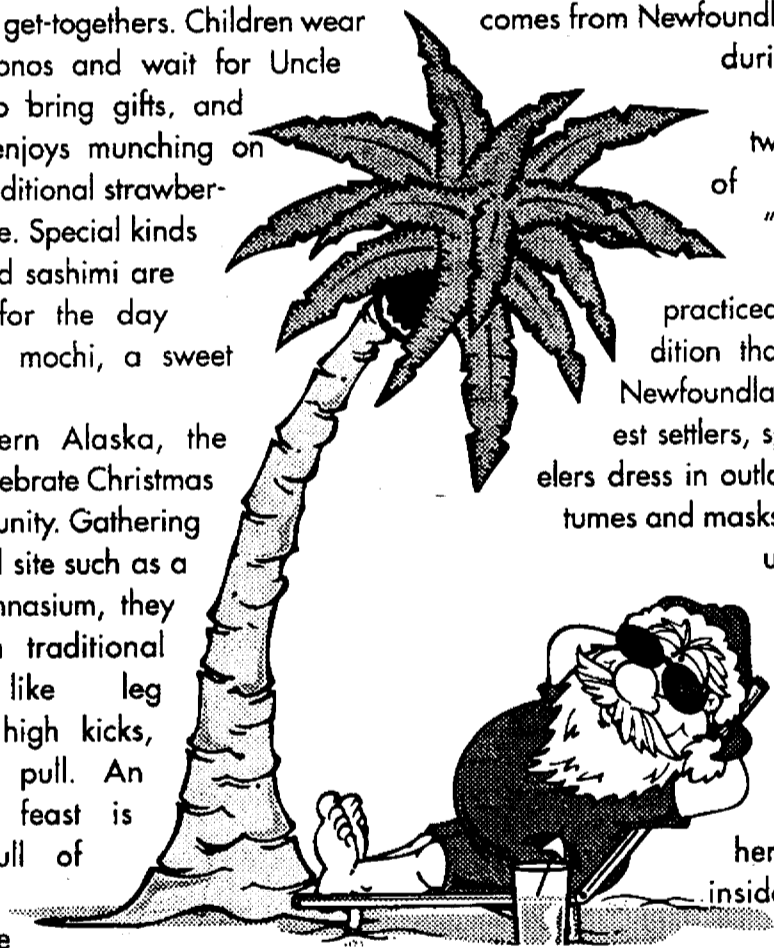
twelve days of Christmas "mummering" is

practiced. In a tradition that dates to Newfoundland's earliest settlers, spirited revelers dress in outlandish costumes and masks and show

up on friend's doorsteps with the cry, "Any mummies allowed here?" Once inside, the mummies

are served cakes and wine, and their hosts attempt to guess who they are. Once identified, the mummies unmask themselves, but stay masked if no one guesses their identity. Often, mummies carry musical instruments, and songs and dances follow them from house to house.

In Spain, Santa doesn't visit at all; instead it's the Three Wise Men who deliver the goods to the children. Unlike their counterparts in other lands, Spanish children must be patient, as the Wise Men don't fill their shoes until the eve of the Epiphany, on January 5th!



Online Shopping: more are doing it, and safely, too!

If you're a member of the "online population," the odds are you've made a purchase over that medium in the last 90 days. In fact, the vast majority of online subscribers have at least done some window shopping on the Internet. And if you're a senior, you belong to the fastest growing demographic of those who shop in cyberspace. As we begin to shop for this year's holiday season, rest assured that even more is being done this year to protect you while you shop from the comfort of your home.

In fact, such notable Internet names as Microsoft, AT&T and America Online met in late spring to ensure that a set of global standards are being put into place to monitor and preside over Internet dealings. After a 1999 holiday season that left some online shoppers in the lurch, these giants want to make sure that the average consumer feels safe while shopping on the Web.

The Internet rulers met and proposed a model of guidelines that all companies doing cyber-business will be forced to

adopt. It includes the use of a third-party, objective arbiter for the online resolution of consumer complaints. In other words, the playing field will be leveled for both the consumers and for online sellers.

While the suggested protection measures may take a bit of time to put in place, online shopping remains a quick and convenient way to find and send gifts for this year's holidays. If you're still a bit anxious, the Better Business Bureau and PC Magazine have some hints that will certainly make you shop more securely.

Always check the company's refund and return policies beforehand. Check if there is a difference whether you make the exchange or return versus the recipient of the gift.

Look at the site's "welcome" page. Does the seller offer links to other sites, or offer the BBBOnline or VeriSign logos? If the logo is not "clickable," says PC Magazine, it may be pirated.

If you're asked to supply your Social

Security number or personal information, or if they ask for a credit card number before you make a purchase, log off. There are better sites where you can probably obtain the same merchandise.

Try to learn how long the site has operated. For many established retailers (landsend.com, for example), you don't have to worry. But for a new "cyber-mall," you may want to take a closer look. Check consumer agencies that post

online (the BBB or Usenet.com) to see if there are complaints.

Remember, your rights as a consumer are the same while shopping online as they are for mail-order purchases. In other words, a company must either tell you when that item will be shipped, ship it within 30 days of the order or give you an option for shipping if it is back-ordered. Any non-compliance to these rules gives you the right to a refund.



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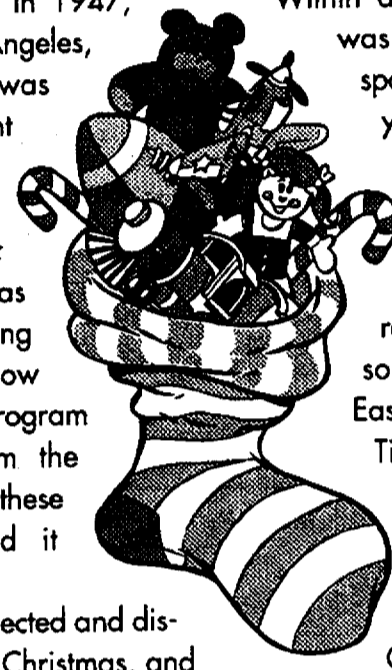
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His fledgling group collected and distributed 5,000 toys that Christmas, and the resulting publicity and praise lead the US Marine Corps to officially adopt the program in 1948 and move it nationwide. That year it also caught the

eye of Walt Disney, who provided a lasting gift by designing the Toys for Tots train logo which is still in use today. Within a few years, the program was attracting celebrity spokespersons. In the early years, such stars as Frank Sinatra, John Wayne and Bob Hope all pitched in for the sake of children and Christmas. More recently, notable spokespersons have included Clint Eastwood, Nancy Reagan and Tim Allen.

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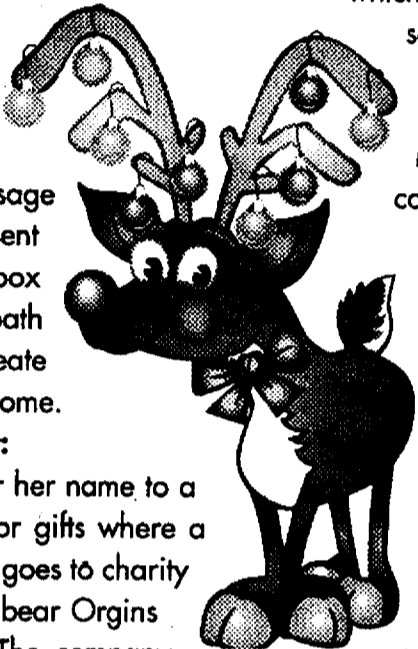
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Give a gift certificate to a local day spa. Choose a relaxing service like a massage or body treatment. Present the certificate in a box filled with relaxing bath products to help recreate the spa experience at home.

For the philanthropist:

Donate a gift in his or her name to a local charity; or look for gifts where a portion of the proceeds goes to charity like the stuffed panda bear Orgins is selling this season. The company



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For the Insomniac:

Give the gift of a good night's sleep. Wrap up a cozy blanket, a sleep mask, a soothing CD and aromatherapy sleep-enhancing products.

For the Dog Lover:

Put together a gift basket complete with gourmet dog biscuits, colorful water and food bowls, a designer pet collar and luxury grooming products.

Over 50 years and 50 million toys

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donations. Last year, the program broke all previous records by distributing over 13 million toys to nearly six million children in the U.S., Puerto Rico and American Samoa.

As Toys for Tots enters a new century, the Marine Corps is hoping that the previous records continue to fall and that more generous people will help a child have a merry Christmas. It's so easy to do and means so much to each community.

Local campaigns begin in October and end on December 22, and are run through the area Marine Reserve Unit. During that time, check to see which local businesses have drop-boxes for the

program, or call your local Marine Reserve Unit to find out. The toy that you donate must be new and unwrapped; otherwise the choice is open. Coordinators and volunteer staff then collect the toys, sort them by age and gender, and share them with local social service agencies, churches and other charitable organizations.

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Putting a little of that Victorian essence into your own Christmas is easy and very rewarding, as family and friends are certain to delight in the joys of Christmases past. Whether it's food, games, or crafts, children and adults can find a Victorian pastime to make the day a bit merrier.

Nowadays, we usually reserve the game of bobbing for apples for Halloween, but it was actually a Christmas parlor game during Victoria's reign. Musical chairs was also a popular parlor game, and if you haven't played it since childhood, try it again during a

family gathering. Here, children have the advantage by being smaller and quicker than their parents!

The Victorians also enjoyed a game of "Pelham", where a deck of cards is laid out face-down on a table. Each player turns two cards up, shows them around, and places them face-down again. As cards are turned up, players try to remember where a number or royal card lies, and collect them in pairs, with the winner holding the most pairs at the end.

A game of "Up Jenkins" is great for all

ages as well, with the players seated around a table with a stack of pennies in the middle. One player takes one coin, and everyone puts their hands under the table. The penny is passed, and by watching facial expressions, the players take turns guessing who is holding the coin, and a correct guess wins the penny.

The main dish of a Victorian Christmas dinner was the roast goose; in fact office workers saved a few shillings a week in a fund at work to be able to purchase one for their families. No meal was complete, however, until the plum pudding was served. Usually boiled in a bag or cloth mold for five to ten hours, it can be made authentically in your own

kitchen. A recipe from the Godey's Lady's Book of December, 1860, carries these instructions:

"The crumbs of a small loaf, half a pound each of sugar, currants, raisins, and beef suet shred, two ounces of candied peel, three drops of essence of lemon, three eggs, a little nutmeg, a tablespoon of flour. Butter the mould, and boil them for five hours. Serve with brandy-sauce."

As beef suet, may not be readily available at your supermarket, Mrs. Godey would likely approve the use of shortening instead.

Actually, if you even send a Christmas card this year, you are carrying a Victorian ritual.

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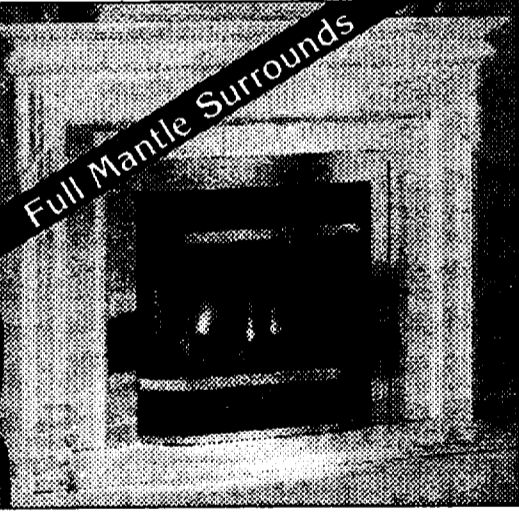
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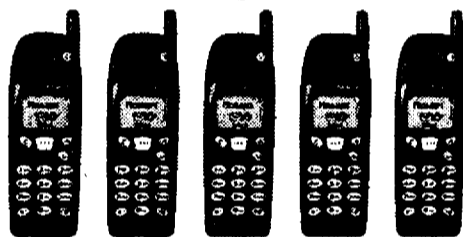


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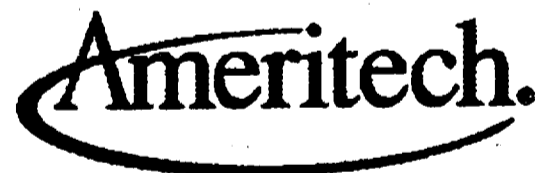
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Stuffers that really fit a stocking for adults

At the bottom of most of our holiday shopping lists are the words "stocking stuffers." Usually, they are the small, inexpensive gifts to round out (or even out) our gift-giving. Kids are generally the lucky recipients, as their stockings are easily packed with the traditional candies, small toys and an apple or orange if Santa is feeling health-conscious. Adults, on the other hand, often get the short end of the sock.

Frankly, there is no good reason that a grown-up shouldn't have their Christmas stocking crammed full of goodies as well. Following are some inexpensive ideas that will have any adult's face beaming right along with the children's on Christmas morn.

For men's gifts, slip some of these into his stocking after you've put out the milk and cookies for Kris Kringle.

Guys like to pamper themselves, too, so drop in some small, travel-size bottles of men's body products, like moisturizers, shaving lotion and after-shave sam-

ples. Fragrant soaps, like sandalwood, are also pleasers.

Grooming tools are great and can be found in nice compact sets that include clippers, combs, files, etc. These items are always in need and so often misplaced.

A monogrammed keychain makes a useful and personal gift. Most large department stores not only carry them, but do the engraving for a minimal charge.

You can always have a special message engraved, too.

No golfer can have enough golf balls or tees. Help him get a head start on the upcoming season with these items wrapped in a new golf towel. If bass

fishing is more his game, throw in some assorted new lures to replace those lost to snags over the year.

A regular-size stocking can hold an abundant amount of gift certificates. Coupons for pizza at his favorite sports pub, a car wash or movie passes will surely be appreciated.

Find a small photo of his family, friends or a memorable moment. Put it in a nice wooden or brass frame to keep on his desk at work.

If you're in cold weather country, a new fleece headband or cap will help him survive comfortably until spring.

Now it's the men's turn to shop, and don't worry, you're going to enjoy the experience of slipping these goodies into her stocking after you've assembled the

children's bikes.

Don't even think about anything else until you've found a selection of small soaps, lotions and bath salts. There, now you've got the basics.

Pick an assortment of small, votive-size candles in her favorite colors and scents, and maybe a little potpourri oil as well.

Purchase a pedicure or nail grooming set, and a pack of new emory boards. After all, you're likely to get something similar from her.

For a gift certificate for her, drop by her regular hair salon or the club where she works out. It shows her that yes, you do notice!

Find a cassette of soothing earth sounds or mood-enhancing music that she can listen to while soaking in those new bath salts with the scented candles aglow.

Don't forget about a single-use camera, so you two can take pictures of each other as you empty your stockings at the hearth.





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For many, this is one of the few times of the year when they go to church.

Often they are drawn by the mystical magnetism of carols and other traditional music, with the vibrations and overtones of a pipe organ penetrating deep into their souls.

If you should meet John Brombaugh of Eugene, Ore., you would come to appreciate through him the glory and appropriateness of that instrument for worship. He is regarded as one

of the world's premier organ builders.

At 61, Brombaugh has built organs that can be found in 27 states as well as in Europe and Canada. That number also includes the organ in his home congregation, Central Lutheran.

He is a fierce proponent of the tracker-action organ in which the air from the bellows is released mechanically instead of electrically into the pipes to create the desired sound. To him the tracker action, which dates from the Middle Ages, helps produce a special timbre which can imitate the pure and clear voice of a pre-adolescent youngster.

The Bible reminds us in the second chapter of Luke in the New Testament that, at the birth of Jesus, the choir of angels sang the original Gloria --

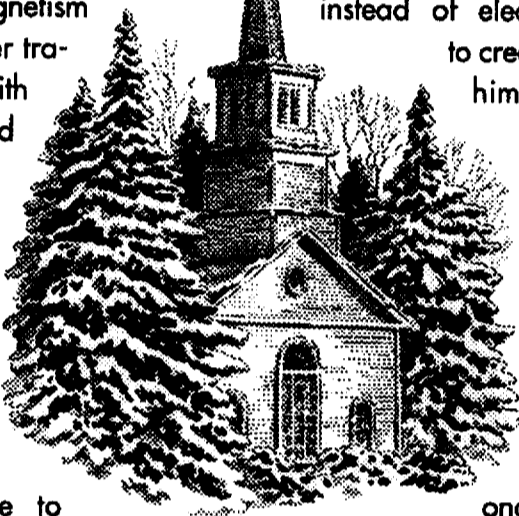
"Glory to God in the Highest." As a result, Christmas is traditionally surrounded by music -- vocal, instrumental and, particularly, organ music.

Today Brombaugh and other organ builders are dedicating their talents and craft toward deepening the worship experience for church-goers, not just at Christmas but throughout the year. And they would remind us of the Bible's

words to "sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God -- with thankful hearts."

The Bible -- it's always relevant.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker is president of the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023. His radio commentary, "The Open Book," is heard on stations nationwide. For more information, phone 1-800-322-4253.



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Don't panic. There are still plenty of shopping days left this holiday season. But before venturing out to tackle your gift list, resolve to shop smarter and healthier this year. Instead of resorting to such expected gifts as neckties, perfumes and fruitcakes, consider buying something that will make a lasting — and healthy — impression on your friends and family.

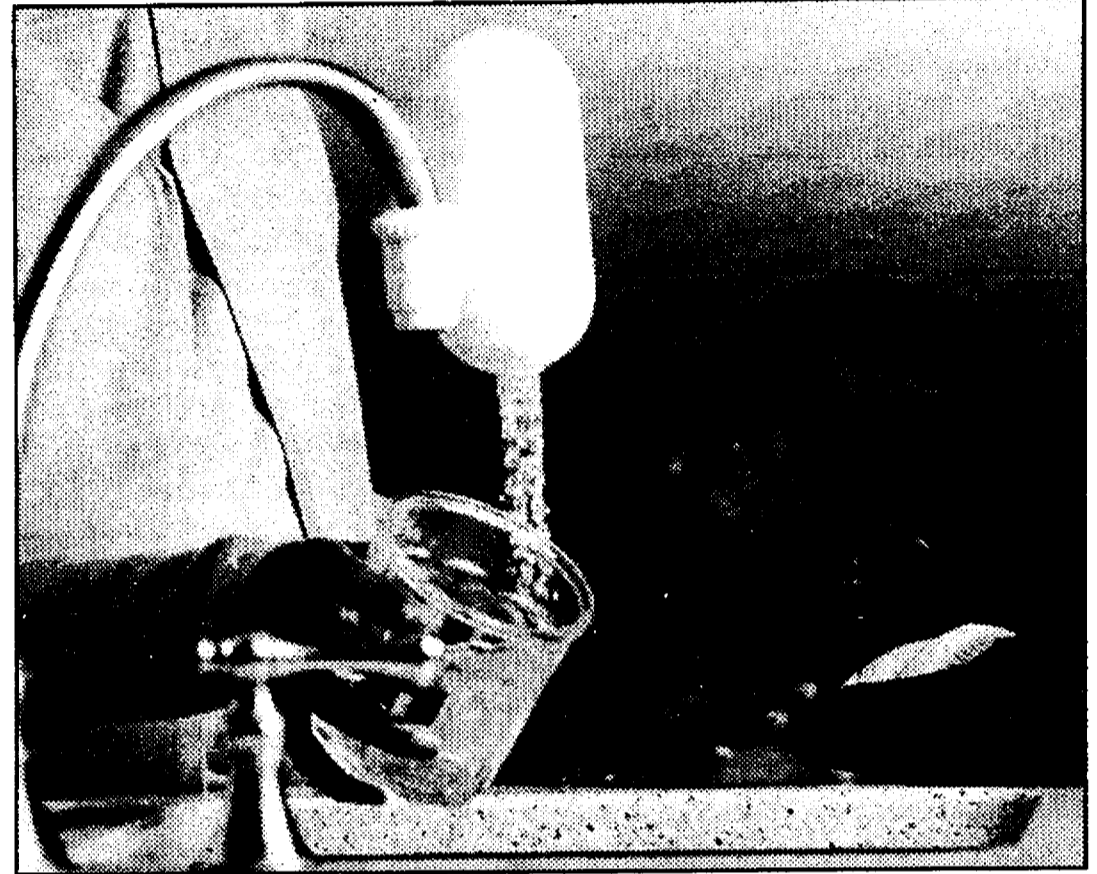
More and more people are evaluating their lifestyle. Give them an enjoyable way to improve their health and well-being. What better way to show people you care than by giving them a gift that pays off into the future?

Here are a few gift ideas within different price ranges that will help your loved ones have a healthier New Year, and help ensure the gift you buy won't wind up in the closet.

1. Water filter. Whether it's a water filter pitcher or a faucet mount that attaches right to the tap, a good water filter will do more than simply improve the

taste and smell of tap water. It will also improve water quality by reducing potentially harmful tap water contaminants. PUR Water Purification products offer a clean, tasty way to improve your health. Filter installation requires no tools, takes only a few minutes and works on all standard faucets. Plus, the Automatic Safety Monitor Gauge monitors usage and automatically shuts off when the filter needs replacement. To find a store near you, visit www.purwater.com. About \$15 to \$50.

2. Health club membership. A good workout may be the world's best stress buster. Many health clubs include complimentary sessions with a personal trainer for new members. Others offer one-on-one appointments with nutritional experts and massage therapists on an a la carte basis. Be sure to tour clubs near the recipient's home or work to find the best and most convenient facility. If you can't afford to give an annual membership, consider picking up the initia-



tion fee or inquire about a trial membership. About \$35 to \$45/month, plus initiation fee.

3. State or county park pass. Tell someone to "take a hike" — in a nice way — this holiday season. What better way to enjoy nature and get into shape than to go hiking or canoeing in one of our country's beautiful state or county parks?

Give the nature-lovers on your gift list a year-long pass that will allow them to escape from the business of everyday life to the wonders of the great outdoors. Contact your state Department of Natural Resources or County offices, or visit a nearby park office to purchase a pass for the upcoming year. About \$20 to \$50.

4. Health and fitness magazine sub-

scription. Give a gift of monthly inspiration and motivation for the continued well-being of a loved one. There are a number of health and fitness magazines for both men and women. Scan a newsstand to get a sense of the most popular and appropriate titles, such as Shape, SELF and Men's Health, or visit their web sites for detailed subscription information.

Magazines can provide helpful insight and useful information on diet and nutrition, equipment and training techniques. About \$15 to \$25.

5. Cookbook. For most people, the hardest part of any wellness program is

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The Yule Log is easier than it looks

Starting around the twelfth century, it became a Christmas tradition to fetch inside a log of enormous proportions, one that would barely fit into the great hearths of yore. On Christmas Eve, the log would be doused with salt, oil, wine and other spirits, and set ablaze. The Yule log would then hopefully burn until the feast of the Epiphany on January 6. A good burn meant protection, as well as prosperity, for the family in the coming year.

Unfortunately, few homes today have a fireplace of sufficient size to carry out the Yule log ritual successfully. Instead, the Yule log tradition lives on in the form of a delicious dessert that is a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach. Also known by its French name, *Buche de Noel*, it is surprisingly easy to make whether you're a pastry chef or a "baker out of the box". And making it look like an actual tree limb is fun and simple, too.

You may use a packaged cake mix,

either white or chocolate. If you prefer to bake from scratch, here's what you'll need:

- 1/4 cup of sugar, plus 2 tablespoons
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa

Beat the sugar and egg yolks together

until light and fluffy, then add the chocolate and blend. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy, add the cream of tartar, and gradually beat in the additional 2 tablespoons of sugar until the mix makes stiff peaks. With a large spatula, slowly and gradually fold the beaten egg whites into your chocolate mixture.

Pour it all into a 17x12 inch sheet pan lined with foil or other non-stick material. Bake for 16 minutes in an oven preheated to 350 degrees. When done, dust with the cocoa powder and allow to cool.

Now, gently slide the cake from the pan, and spread with your favorite frosting. Then, gently roll the cake into a log form.

Cut a two-inch section from one end diagonally, and place it on top. That's going to be the knot in the log.

Frost as you would any cake, with your choice of flavors, though chocolate gives a more "woody" look. Then, to texture it like a tree, run a fork along the frosting the length of the cake, and carve small circles in the frosting on the knot. Decorate with marzipan leaves, or even some small elf figures.

Great healthy gift ideas for this holiday season

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learning to eat healthier. A cookbook is a great gift idea to help guide people toward better cooking and eating habits.

And it makes your shopping easy too — just stop by your local bookstore or

log onto the Internet to place an order at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com. If you order online, remember to allow two to three weeks for delivery. About \$15 to \$50.

If you're still unsure what to get the people on your list this holiday season,

consider a gift certificate to an athletic or health store in their area. A gift certificate is guaranteed to please even the person on your list who is hardest to shop for. He or she can pick out the running shoes, equipment or vitamins needed to jump start their fitness plans.

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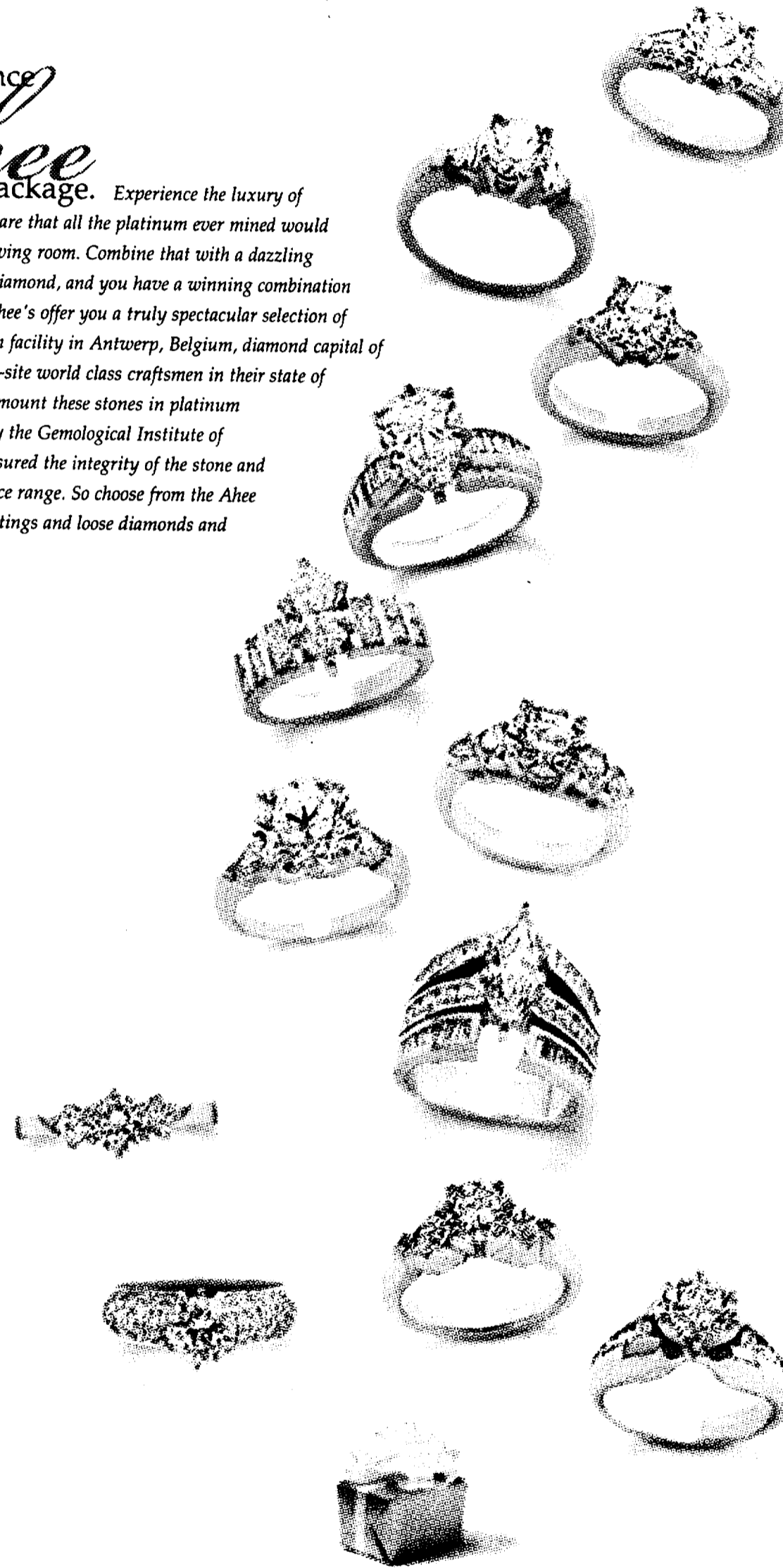
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Best way to remove ice from a new sidewalk

Q. Mr. Hardware, what ice melter won't ruin my new brick porch and cement sidewalk? Joe Safety of St. Clair Shores.

A. Joe, most ice melters, if used in high enough concentration, can damage concrete. Do not worry about your bricks as they are usually tougher than most concrete. A call to the brick yard won't hurt. My brick laying friends use everything to melt ice on their patios.

Do not leave piles of ice melter on your walkways. Spread a light, even coat on the slippery areas. Less is more, as long as safety isn't a concern. Less is also more environmentally correct, considering run-off eventually makes its way to the lake.

Some products are milder and safer for cement, but there is a tradeoff. Some won't melt ice below certain temperatures. They may make ice less slippery like a layer of sand. Then when the temperature rises during the day or when the sun comes out, it will melt the ice.

Here is a short list of popular products used to reduce the dangers of slippery ice:

- Sand: The anti-slip product that is by far the safest for the cement. Enough sand can make those icy spots safe without any damage to your new concrete. Its drawback is that it can be messy and it doesn't have any melting properties.

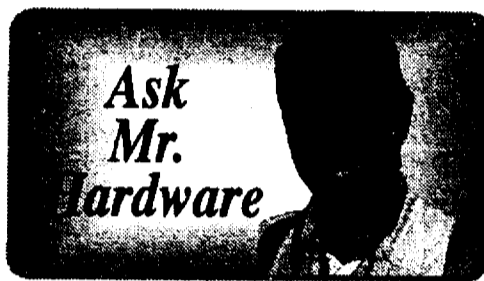
- Fertilizer (ammonium sulfate) is a high-nitrogen fertilizer and one of the most corrosive for concrete. It only melts ice down to 20 degrees or so. One benefit is fertilizing the lawn and adjacent greenery for the spring.

- Pellets (potassium chloride, magnesium chloride and others) are all less corrosive to concrete and other areas such as carpeting and auto interiors. They will melt ice down to 15 degrees or colder. It is moderately priced and is packaged by many different manufacturers.

- Calcium chloride is by far one of the best of the ice melters. It melts ice down below zero degrees and is gentle to cement and carpeting. However, it is one of the most expensive of all the products available.

- Salt, sodium chloride, is the cheapest of the ice melters and moderately used the best "bang for the buck" that will melt ice down to 15 degrees. Its main drawback is its damage to plants, grass and carpeting.

Occasionally some of my cus-



By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

tomers have experienced some concrete "scaling." Scaling is when chips flake off the finish of the cement. They vary from the size of a raisin to the size of a quarter. This damage is usually due to the freeze thaw cycle of water during the winter. The water penetrates into voids and cracks in the cement. Then when it freezes, it expands, pushing the particles of the cement apart.

This process of scaling is enhanced when an ice melter is used because water (with a chemical dissolved in it) expands up to twice as much as pure water. The best way to prevent this is to make sure any concrete you have installed, is air-entrained. Air-entrained cement has air pockets trapped in it allowing it to absorb some expansion of freezing moisture without flaking.

Most of us don't have the luxury to change our cement. Just weigh the cost of the melter against the liability of someone falling. Let us just hope we don't need much melter this year.

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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What are the top 10 collectibles in the country?

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Recently, an antiques shop that specializes in Americana offered a huge advertising sign shaped like a 14-foot bottle, a piece that would interest many collectors. The wooden sign hung above the Old El Rankin Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1915. It pictured a bottle of J.T.S. Brown Bourbon. It was said that the whiskey broker had mob connections, so it was not surprising that the sign had pictures of three men, one reputed to be Al Capone. The fanciful story added to the glamour and importance of the unusual collectible that was offered for sale at \$6,800.

Q. I cleaned out my mother's house and found a box filled with plastic doll furniture. Some of the pieces are too big to be used in a doll house. There's a large dining-room suite, a living-room sectional sofa and a set of nursery furniture, including a crib, playpen and Bathinette. All the pieces are marked "Ideal." Did Ideal make a huge doll house to hold this furniture? Is plastic doll-house furniture from the '50s collectible?

A. The Ideal Toy Co. started making small, plastic doll furniture in 1947. Early room sets came with kits to make a floor and walls for a room. The pieces could also be used in the inexpensive metal doll houses produced by several toy companies after the war. Your larger furniture is from Ideal's Young Decorator series, made from 1950 to 1952. It was sized for a 6-inch doll, not for a doll house. Each room set came with a floor plan on which a child could arrange the furniture. Ideal's plastic doll furniture, both small and large, is popular with collectors. The nursery Bathinette alone sells for \$55.

Q. My father was a ham-radio operator from 1920 to 1953. He routinely exchanged "calling" postcards with the other amateur radio operators he reached. The cards list the date, time and frequency of the radio contact. I have inherited 200 of these postcards, but I can no longer store them. Can you think of anyone who would be interested in them?

A. First, check with other family members. One of your father's other children or grandchildren might be happy to take the postcards off your hands. Some of the most interesting could make a good wall display. If that is not an option, call a local historical society or an amateur radio club. If there aren't any or they're not interested, you could contact one of the other hundreds of amateur radio clubs in the country. You might even try Internet chat rooms and online auctions. Or you could place an ad in one of the publications geared to ham-radio operators. Someone would love to own the postcards.

Q. My husband's mother gave him a figural clock that she won as a punchboard-game prize during the 1930s. The figures surrounding the circular clock face are Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and George Washington. Roosevelt's hands are steering a ship's wheel. The clock is about 12 1/2 inches tall. It looks like bronze, but it's lightweight. Is it valuable?

A. Your clock is one of about a dozen styles of cast-metal Roosevelt clocks made as punchboard-game prizes or giveaways during the 1930s. Your clock is titled "Steersmen of U.S.A." FDR is at the helm of the ship of state. Others show Roosevelt in similar poses or with members of his cabinet. Your clock is worth about \$150 today.

Q. My antique clock has a case that is made of cast iron. The grapes and grapevines remind me of the iron garden furniture that's popular today. The clock case is painted red and gold. The clock is marked "American Clock Company." It is dated 1850.

A. Iron clock cases were first made about 1850. Many were made by C.N. Muller of New York. He made cases for many companies, including American, Waterbury and Jerome. A working clock like yours is worth about \$500.

Tip: Clean chrome with a commercial chrome cleaner or an acidic cleaner. Rinse, then rub it to a shine with a dry cloth.

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| Executec Mortgage Corp. | (248) 855-8800 | 7.125 | 2 | 6.75 | 2 | 6.125 | 2 | JB |
| Financial Services Golden Rule | (800) 784-1074 | 7.375 | 0 | 7.125 | 0 | 7 | 0 | JBN/F |
| First Equity Residential Mort. | (800) 557-0270 | 7.125 | 1.875 | 6.75 | 1.875 | 6.625 | 2 | JBN |
| First International Inc. | (248) 258-1584 | 7.5 | 0 | 7.125 | 0 | 7 | 0 | JB |
| Gallatin Mortgage Co. | (734) 994-1202 | 7 | 2 | 6.625 | 2 | 7 | 2 | JB |
| Golden Rule Mortgage | (800) 785-4755 | 6.875 | 2 | 6.5 | 1.75 | 6.25 | 1 | JBN/F |
| Group One Mortgage | (734) 953-4000 | 7.25 | 2 | 6.875 | 2 | 6.125 | 2 | JBN/F |
| Home Federal Savings Bank | (313) 873-3310 | 7.25 | 2 | 7 | 2 | NR | | J |
| Huntington Mortgage Co. | (800) 538-1812 | 7.125 | 2 | 6.875 | 2 | 6.75 | 1.625 | JBN/F |
| JMC Mortgage Corp. | (248) 489-4020 | 6.625 | 3.875 | 6.375 | 3.25 | 7 | 3 | JB |
| Keystone Mortgage | (966) KEY-FREE | 6.875 | 2 | 6.75 | 2.5 | 7 | 2 | JB |
| Mackinac Savings Bank | (800) 829-9259 | 7.5 | 0 | 7.25 | 0 | 7.625 | 0 | JBN/F |
| Manufacturers | (810) 777-1000 | 7 | 1.75 | 6.625 | 1.75 | 6.5 | 1.75 | JB |
| Metro Finance | (248) 538-7820 | 7.25 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 1 | JBF |
| Mortgage Specialist Inc. | (248) 280-9696 | 7.25 | 2 | 6.75 | 2 | NR | | JB |
| National Future Mortgage | (800) 291-7900 | 6.625 | 3 | 6.125 | 3 | 6.875 | 3 | |
| Old Kent Mortgage Company | (810) 226-1254 | 7.25 | 2 | 6.875 | 2 | 6.5 | 2 | JBN/F |
| Peoples State Bank / Universal | (810) 979-4545 | 7.125 | 2 | 6.875 | 1.75 | NR | | JB |
| Planet Financial Inc. | (248) 203-9199 | 7.375 | 0 | 7.125 | 0 | 7.625 | 0 | JB |
| Realiti Funding Mortgage Corp. | (248) 553-8900 | 7.625 | 0 | 7.375 | 0 | 7.375 | 1 | JB |
| Rock Financial | (800) 731-ROCK | 7.25 | 2 | 7 | 1.875 | 6.5 | 2 | JF |
| Ross Mortgage Corp. | (800) 521-5362 | 7.125 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7.125 | 1 | JV/F |
| St. Clair Mortgage Corp. | (248) 280-0088 | 7.125 | 2 | 6.625 | 2 | 6.5 | 2 | JBN/F |
| Standard Federal Bank | (800) HOME-800 | 7.25 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 5.75 | 2 | JBN/F |
| Total Mortgage Corp. | (734) 421-9030 | 7.5 | 1.5 | 7 | 1.5 | 6.375 | 1.5 | JBN/F |
| Average of Rates and Points | | 7.24 | 1.46 | 6.91 | 1.42 | 6.83 | 1.36 | |

Rates subject to change without notice. Rates and points based on a \$150,000 loan with 20% down.
Key - NR = Not Reported / J = Jumbo / B = Balloon / V = VA Loan / F = FHA Loan / BI = Bi-weekly
Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton - mcreport.com

Beline's Best Buys

1000 HOLLYWOOD • GROSSE POINTE WOODS



\$349,000
 FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL. Move-in-condition. Newer vinyl windows. Recent tear off. Marble foyer. One year home warranty.

21375 GOETHE • GROSSE POINTE WOODS



\$445,000
 A 1996 HOME READY TO MOVE INTO! Features first floor master suite with adjoining bath, first floor laundry room, large great room with cathedral ceiling. A home for the holidays!

19750 E. KINGS COURT • GROSSE POINTE WOODS



\$239,000
 MOVE IN READY! Cozy three bedroom, one and one half bath ranch with attached two car garage. Hardwood floors. Multiple fireplaces. Gas forced air and central air conditioning. Sprinkler system. Garden room looks at professionally landscaped property, all appliances included. Near shopping.

462 SHELBOURNE CT. • GROSSE POINTE FARMS



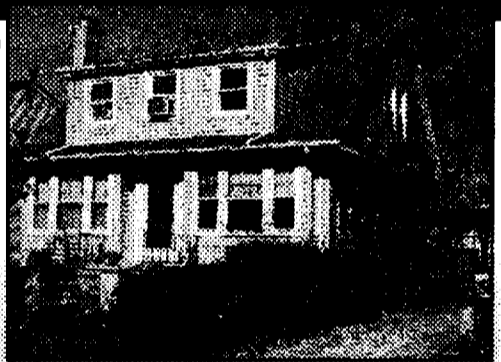
\$275,000
 METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOM RANCH. Spacious living. Garden room overlooks generous backyard with large trees. Professionally finished paneled basement with full bath. Home warranty included.

1828 LOCHMOOR • GROSSE POINTE WOODS



\$175,000
 OUTSTANDING VALUE! Two bedroom ranch in Grosse Pointe Woods. Very close to restaurants, shopping, transportation. Move in before the end of this year.

1748 ANITA • GROSSE POINTE WOODS



\$175,000
 STARTER HOME. Move right in! Three bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood floors and two-tiered deck. Nicely decorated.

20935 LANCASTER • HARPER WOODS



\$116,000
 A HANDY MAN'S DREAM! Grosse Pointe Schools - east of I-94, hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, one car attached garage.

21111 HUNT CLUB • HARPER WOODS



\$140,000
 EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. Grosse Pointe Schools. East of I-94. Land Contract terms available. Brick bungalow. Three bedrooms.

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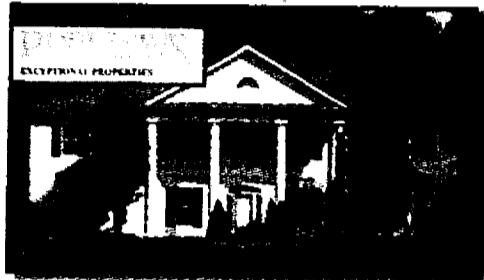
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$1,775,000
GRAND WILLIAMSBURG COLONIAL. Location and privacy best describes this Grand Williamsburg Colonial along beautiful Lakeshore Drive. Reinke designed and Kelet built in 1995. (GPN-H-90LAK) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$1,549,000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL. Five bedroom Colonial with unobstructed views of Lake St. Clair. Many updates include complete painting of interior, refinished hardwood floors and painted exterior. Newer furnaces and air conditioning units. (GPN-GW-99LAK) (313) 886-4200.



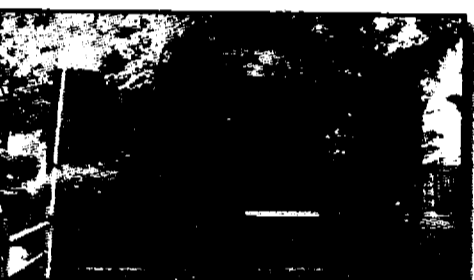
GROSSE POINTE SHORES \$1,300,000
DISTINCTIVE COLONIAL, located minutes from Lake St. Clair. This charming home features five bedrooms, full and three half baths, updated Mutschler kitchen with center island, Gaggenaw and sub-zero appliances, professionally finished basement. (GPN-GW-62WEB) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$439,500
SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL. Center entrance with many recent updates, kitchen '95, stripped roof September '00, new windows two years, finished basement, with half bath. Two natural fireplaces, circular driveway and home warranty. (GPN-GW-79PEA) (313) 886-4200.



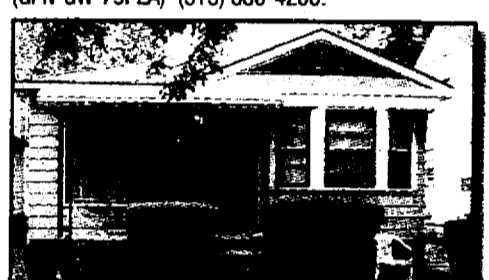
DETROIT \$130,900
LARGE FAMILY HOME. Enjoy spacious living in this four bedroom English Tudor. Perfect for large family, updated kitchen with nook, hardwood floors, natural fireplace, leaded glass windows and formal dining room. (GPN-GW-20CQU) (313) 886-4200.



DETROIT \$102,900
WONDERFUL SPACIOUS BUNGALOW. Great four bedroom home for the family. Beautiful family room, second floor wood balcony and deck, kitchen with bay window. Updated bathroom, finished basement. Two and one half car garage. (GPN-GW-70KIN) (313) 886-4200.



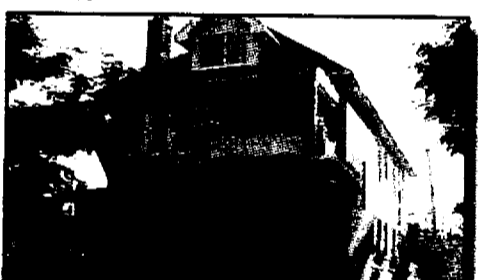
DETROIT \$90,000
READY TO MOVE INTO. Celebrate the holidays in your new home. Great kitchen work with oak cabinets and a bay window. Freshly painted throughout. Remodeled bath, master bedroom with walk-in closet. (GPN-GW-00PEE) (313) 886-4200.



DETROIT \$79,900
GREAT STARTER RANCH! Hardwood floors, new hot water heater in '96. Finished basement with wet bar and half bath. Kitchen appliances included, one year home warranty. (GPN-GW-06EAS) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$289,000
CHARMING ENGLISH TUDOR with beautiful hardwood floors, leaded glass windows and pewabic fireplace, nice courtyard between house and garage with new fencing. (GPN-H-00BED) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK \$199,900
EXCELLENT INVESTMENT PROPERTY. Two unit income, nicely kept up, mostly new windows, updated kitchens, aluminum trim, natural fireplaces, off-street parking. (GPN-H-07BEA) (313) 885-2000.



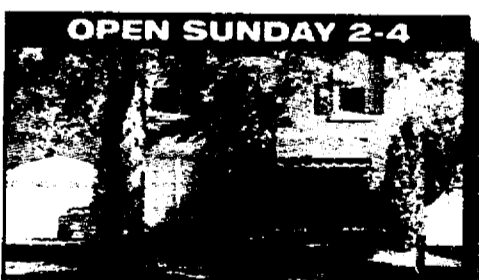
GROSSE POINTE PARK \$114,500
AFFORDABLE GROSSE POINTE. Many updates including windows, roof, furnace, etc., finished basement, large eat-in kitchen with newer cabinets and counter tops, living room has hardwood floors and plaster accent moldings. (GPN-GW-31WAY) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$485,000
DETACHED CONDO - MUST SEE! Custom kitchen with built-ins and granite counters. Hardwood floors, formal dining, den and first floor laundry. Finished basement with half bath, lots of storage. Quarterly association fee \$550. (GPN-GW-90MOR) (313) 886-4200.



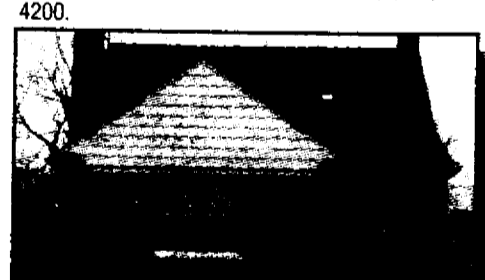
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$223,000
SELLER FINANCING! WOW! Seller will contribute \$2000 toward buyer mortgage costs or points. That makes this lovely home with new kitchen, family room, central air, more affordable! (GPN-GW-72LOC) (313) 886-4200.



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GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$210,000
WONDERFUL BRICK COLONIAL that offers three bedrooms and one and one half baths. Lovely living room with fireplace. Family room and large deck for extra entertaining. 1454 HOLLYWOOD (313) 885-2000.



PRICE REDUCED
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$179,000
RALPH LAUREN DECOR. Four bedrooms, central air conditioning, hardwood floors, fenced yard, recreation room, one half bath in basement. Two car garage, fireplace, newer kitchen and water heater. (GPN-H-36ANI) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$179,900
ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOW. Just west of Mack, three bedrooms plus Florida room, full bath on main floor, half bath on second floor plus half bath in basement, private back yard. (GPN-H-17STA) (313) 885-2000.

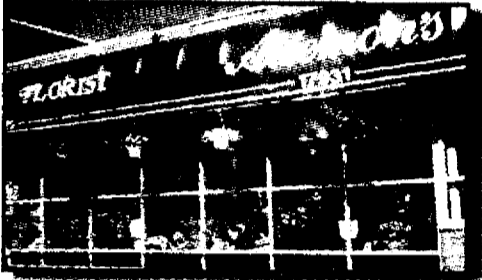
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NEAR GROSSE POINTE BORDER \$595,000
FLORIST AND GARDEN CENTER is fully operational and includes business and building along with three adjacent properties (two homes and one lot). Plenty of parking. (GPN-H-31WAR) (313) 885-2000.



DETROIT \$144,900
OUTSTANDING THREE BEDROOM COLONIAL. This beautifully decorated home is in wonderful St. John area! Features include: black marble natural fireplace in living room, coved ceilings, updated kitchen with corian counters, all appliances stay and more. (GPN-GW-26HIL) (313) 886-4200.



DETROIT \$139,900
BEAUTIFUL THREE BEDROOM COLONIAL. This home is on one of East English Village's most desirable streets, large living room has a natural fireplace, foyer has built in desk, refinished hardwood floors in most rooms and neutral decor throughout. (GPN-GW-28BIS) (313) 886-4200.



DETROIT \$129,900
CHARMING ENGLISH STONE COTTAGE. Just what you've been looking for, three bedrooms two full baths and a two and one half car garage. New kitchen, living room with natural fireplace. Finished basement. (GPN-GW-00YOR) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE \$310,000
THE ATTRACTIVE COLONIAL. Has been completely redone. Recent updates include new decorating throughout, hot water heater, new carpeting, spacious room sizes. (GPN-H-98RIV) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$355,000
WALK TO LAKE. Darling Farm Colonial on prestigious circle, newer: roof, furnace, central air conditioning, windows and hot water heater. Updated kitchen breakfast nook. (GPN-H-57RAD) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$239,000
CLASSIC ENGLISH TUDOR STYLE Cape Cod. Updated kitchen with ceramic tile floor and breakfast nook. Updated bath, refinished hardwood floors, newer landscaping and brick patio. (GPN-H-17MOR) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$221,000
WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL. Great opportunity for Grosse Pointe residence. Unusual offering of three bedrooms and two full baths upstairs. Powder room, family room and eat-in kitchen. (GPN-H-25MOR) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$355,000
LOVELY BRICK COLONIAL. Just perfect for that growing family and entertaining. This home boasts a welcoming foyer that leads to a huge country style eat-in kitchen. (GPN-H-85RIV) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$253,500
WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL. Fantastic home featuring newer furnace and central air '98 newer kitchen opens to extra large family room, big yard, hardwood floors, and two car garage. (GPN-H-28LIT) (313) 885-2000.



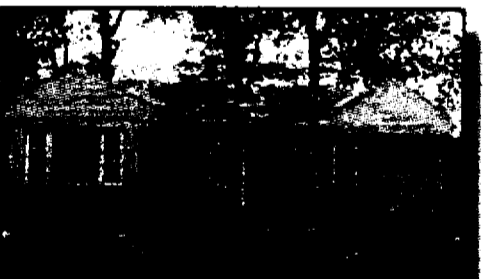
GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$240,000
LOCATION! CHARM! SPACE! Surprising bright and open layout! Three bedrooms, one and one half bath, brand new broiler, newer kitchen, garage, roof, siding, refinished hardwood floors. First floor den with closet. (GPN-GW-98HOL) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$233,000
NICE COLONIAL. With large family room. Hardwood under carpeting, spacious fenced yard with deck. Great floor plan and large rooms. Wonderful family home. (GPN-H-76LIT) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$149,900
DELIGHTFUL STARTER! Brick ranch. Immediate occupancy all appliances included. One year home warranty. Many updates! Must see! (GPN-GW-99HOL) (313) 886-4200.



HARPER WOODS \$137,000
GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS. With attached garage, three bedrooms, bright living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen with eating space and door to patio, attractive front porch. (GPN-H-96HAW) (313) 885-2000.



HARPER WOODS \$49,500
HARPER WOODS CO-OP. Vernier just west of Harper, ranch CO-OP with basement, newer central air, alarm, large patio with new privacy fence, new roof. (GPN-GW-90VER) (313) 886-4200.



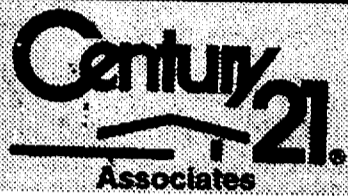
HARRISON TOWNSHIP \$449,000
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STARTER OR EMPTY NESTERS. This freshly painted three bedroom brick home has a bright and open kitchen, updated bath and new neutral carpeting through-out. Quick possession!! 10026488.

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



GREAT HOUSE WITH GREAT FLOOR PLAN! This brick Colonial boasts three bedrooms, new kitchen with oak cabinets, updated bath, beautiful family room with natural fireplace, deck and a finished basement. G33-RO-14. \$249,900

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ST. CLAIR SHORES



LAKESHORE VILLAGE CONDO. New furnace, central air, kitchen cabinets, appliances including stackable washer/dryer and windows. Close to fine dining, churches and shopping. 10029342.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK



READY TO MOVE INTO! Terrific floor plan and space for everyone! Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, new kitchen with new appliances, and newer roof. Call for more details. G36-MA-12. \$179,000

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS



TRULY A MUST SEE! Surprise! The charm on the outside is matched on the inside with beautiful space and amenities! Family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling, IKEA kitchen and much more! G33-AN-16. \$198,500

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DETROIT



INVESTORS SPECIAL! This seller will look at all offers for this brick two family home. Two stoves, refrigerators and new gas/water furnace, two fireplaces, excellent opportunity!! 10021860

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GROSSE POINTE PARK



THIS IS IT! Spacious home on an oversized corner lot in great location. Spectacular entrance, fully renovated throughout, 3-4 bedrooms with separate baths, hardwood floors, marble foyer, and a four car garage. G33-CA-10 \$399,000

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CANTON TOWNSHIP



CANTON TOWNSHIP BUILDER'S MODEL This 1997 three bedroom home has it all!! Ceramic tile in all baths, island kitchen with many cabinets, breakfast nook with doorwall to deck. A must see!! 10028760. \$236,900.

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Coupon Corner

Cookies, cakes, pies and other sweet treats are a big part of holiday baking. To ensure the best results from your time and efforts, check your baking pans to see if they need to be replaced. If pans are warped, scarred or blackened, your desserts are more likely to stick and crumble.

- Save 25 cents on any 12-oz. bag of M&M's Chocolate Mini Baking Bits in Semi-Sweet or Milk Chocolate flavors. Expires April 15, 2001.
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- Save 75 cents on any one package of Nestle Treasures, any variety. Expires Dec. 31.
- Pillsbury offers a 75-cents-off coupon on any one package of Ready to Bake! Cookies. Expires Jan. 31, 2001.
- Smuckers has a 25-cents-off coupon on any 12- or 18-oz. jar of jam, jelly or preserves in any flavor. Expires Feb. 12, 2001.
- Save 55 cents on any two Pillsbury dessert baking mixes or frostings. Expires Jan. 31, 2001.
- Reddi Whip offers a 55-cents-off coupon on any can of whipped cream topping. Expires Jan. 12, 2001.
- Save 55 cents on any package of Sunsweet Dates. Expires Feb. 11, 2001.
- Egglund's offers a 35-cents-off coupon on its fresh eggs, which are lower in saturated fats and higher in vitamins than regular eggs. Expires March 31, 2001.
- Splenda, a new type of artificial sweetener, has a 75-cents-off coupon on any one granular box and a 55-cents-off coupon on any box of individual packets. Coupons expire March 31, 2001.
- Save \$1 on any two cans of Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk. Expires March 31, 2001.
- Daisy offers a 30-cents-off coupon on any variety of its sour cream. Expires Jan. 31, 2001.
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- Karo has a 20-cents-off coupon on any variety of its corn syrup. Expires March 31, 2001.
- Save 40 cents on any package of I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!

margarine sticks. Expires Feb. 28.

- Save 40 cents on any two packages of Pillsbury Crescent Rolls, 25 cents on one package of Grands Crescent Rolls and 35 cents on one package of Pillsbury Pie Crusts. Coupons expire Dec. 31.
- Philadelphia Cream Cheese offers a 30-cents-off coupon on any two packages, any variety. Expires Jan. 31, 2001.
- Save 50 cents on any 5-lb.-or-larger package of White Lily flour or cornmeal mix. Expires Feb. 15, 2001.
- Salt Sense offers 55 cents off two boxes of its reduced-sodium product. Expires Feb. 12, 2001.
- Save 40 cents on any 8-oz.-or-larger size of ReaLemon or ReaLime juices from concentrate. Expires March 31, 2001.
- StarKist offers a 50-cents-off coupon on its new line of tuna packed in a vacuum-sealed pouch. The tuna does not need to be drained and can be poured directly in recipes. Expires March 12, 2001.
- Reese offers a 30-cents-off coupon on any product such as artichoke hearts or olives. Expires Dec. 31.
- Save 55 cents on any package of Athenos hummus, which can be spread on pita bread or used as a vegetable dip. Expires Jan. 31, 2001.
- Save 55 cents on two 4.5-oz.-or-larger packages of Chex Mix, Bugles or Gardetto's Snack Mixes. Expires Jan. 7, 2001.
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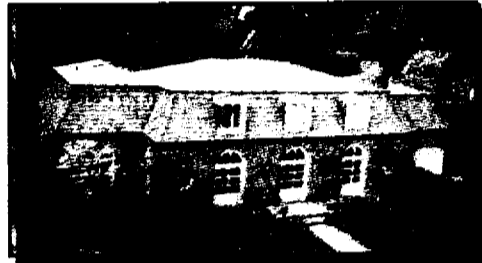
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Grosse Pointe Farms



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Grosse Pointe Farms



Breathtaking views of Lake St. Clair from most rooms in this impeccable five bedroom Colonial. Five full baths, two lavs, fabulous kitchen, five piece crown moldings, granite and marble counters and the list goes on and on... Call for all the wonderful extras. \$1,995,000.

Grosse Pointe Park



The gracious French Normandy style architecture makes this one of the most admired homes in the area! The inside is as thrilling as the exterior with a dramatic step-down living room with barrel ceiling and a fireplace, gourmet kitchen, central air throughout.

Grosse Pointe Woods



The ultimate in style, sophistication and lifestyle conveniences. A secluded end location and superior construction in this three bedroom, two and one half bath condominium. Elevator to all floors, large family room and a finished lower level. \$649,900.

Grosse Pointe Farms



A wonderful combination of historical elegance complimented by contemporary convenience. Inviting entrance hall with fireplace and double doors leading to a spectacular living room. Kitchen with cherry cabinetry. Four bedrooms, three and one half baths and a family room.

Grosse Pointe Woods



The dazzling new kitchen with French oak cabinetry, new appliances and granite counters will take your breath away! Then there's a new bathroom with Roman tub and steam shower plus a fantastic list of other glamorous features to tempt you! Call soon!

Grosse Pointe Farms



Handsome three bedroom Colonial only one half block from the Lake. Natural fireplace, paneled library, gleaming white kitchen, two and one half baths and a screened porch. Front sprinklers and central air conditioning. \$599,900.

Grosse Pointe Shores



Wonderful open floor plan in this stunning four bedroom residence just a stone's throw from the lake. This home sparkles throughout and offers both a cozy library with fireplace and a family room filled with natural light.

Grosse Pointe Shores



One floor living at its finest on Lakeshore in this renovated two bedroom, two bath home, third bedroom as a dressing room. Stunning new sunroom with heat and central air. State of the art kitchen, baths and Andersen windows! <http://tours.ipixmedia.com/ATD79CAB.htm>

Grosse Pointe Woods



Gracious and stately pillared Colonial located on a prime cul-de-sac! The lovely home has a grand two story entrance, marble floors, a large paneled family room, a cozy library and a first floor laundry room. \$592,000.

Grosse Pointe Park



All the fine old world craftsmanship has been preserved in this home. The living room has stunning wood accents, beamed ceiling, random pegged oak floor and an outstanding fireplace. Master bedroom with fireplace! <http://tours.ipixmedia.com/A8S6KY2R.htm>

Grosse Pointe



This stunningly decorated showplace is in the most meticulous condition. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, den and Florida room. Pride of ownership in every detail. \$599,000 <http://tours.bamboo.com/usa/mi/11000811.htm>

Grosse Pointe Park



Numerous recent major improvements in this four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial. Great room, library, recreation room, gas forced air and central air conditioning in this wonderful home. Hardwood floors! \$484,000.

Grosse Pointe Woods



One of the finest locations! This lovely five bedroom, four and one half bath home has a second floor activities room with a wet bar, first floor library with fireplace and a family room too. Now \$899,000

Grosse Pointe Shores




Sprawling and spacious four bedroom ranch just off Lakeshore Drive. The kitchen has been remodeled and has Corian counters and a ceramic tile floor. The master bedroom bath has a sunken tub, and the master bedroom opens to a serene patio with beautiful perennial gardens. \$629,900.

82 Kercheval, on the Hill
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| <p>\$649,000 GROSSE PTE SHORES Spacious colonial with first floor master bedroom, dressing room, bath and laundry room. Large kitchen/great room combination with doorwall to family room. Finished basement with bath and shower. Great storage throughout. QS#11002740 (313) 882-0087</p> | <p>\$649,000 GROSSE POINTE FARMS Location!! Two blocks to Lake Shore Road, Lake St. Clair and the Farms Pier. Attractive old Farms colonial. Multiple bedrooms, baths and family room. Library/den. Hardwood floors. Leaded glass windows. The old time flavor! QS#11002523 (313) 882-0087</p> | <p>\$615,000 GROSSE PTE WOODS Built in 1951, rebuilt in 2000. Spectacular Colonial overlooking Lochmoor Country Club. Elaborate finish detail and custom decorating. Gourmet "Kraft Maid" kitchen w/built-ins, granite counters. Master suite w/huge walk in closet. Third floor loft with half bath. QS#11002642 (313) 882-0087</p> | <p>\$482,900 SHELBY TWP. Majestic Colonial in pristine move in condition on Somerset Lake. 3,657 sq. ft plus walk out basement. Two story foyer with hardwood floors. Deck overlooking lake. For a virtual tour log on to www.prudgp.com. QS#11001765 (313) 882-0087</p> | <p>\$498,500 GROSSE PTE CITY Classic English Tudor features five bedrooms, huge family room, many details and built-ins, including chestnut paneling, butlers pantry, new roof, updated baths central air and much more. QS#11002014 (313) 882-0087</p> | | | |
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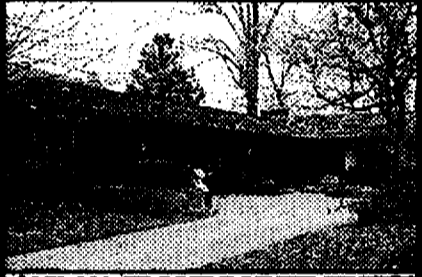
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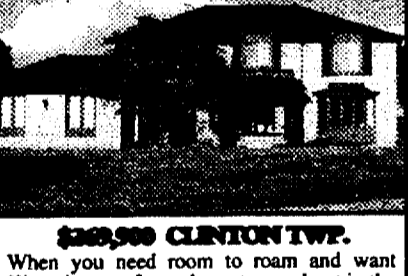
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\$149,900 FARM HAVEN
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Good Housekeeping

Holiday tricks of the trade

Want to make your holiday meals memorable and fuss-free? Read these tips from Good Housekeeping's food stylists.

1. How do you keep things organized?

William Smith, food stylist in New York City: I always prepare at least one recipe that I can make ahead — things such as casseroles and stews can be elegant and a nice change from the traditional roast.

Anne Disrude, food stylist for Three Festive Feasts: Having a place for everything helps me keep things straight. If it's cold outside, I use my deck as extra refrigerator space for covered platters of food and bottles of wine.

2. What are your favorite do-ahead tips?

Karen Tack, food stylist specializing in cakes and cookies: Setting the table ahead of time gets me in a festive mood, and it's one less thing to do the day of the party.

Smith: Dice vegetables, mash potatoes, and mince herbs at least the day before and refrigerate them in self-sealing plastic bags.

3. Can you share a recipe for an hors d'oeuvre that's ultra simple?

Smith: My Green Pea Crostini takes five minutes, max! I saute minced shallots or garlic with bacon, then throw them in a food processor with thawed frozen peas and olive oil and serve on toast.

Tack: For a great twist on shrimp cocktail, I toss cooked shrimp with fresh lime juice and

zest, chopped cilantro, and a shot of vodka. Serve with a fruit salsa.

Disrude: I like to keep things light before a big holiday meal: bowls of shaved fennel — which can be eaten with fingers — roasted almonds and olives are just right.

4. What are some easy, elegant serving ideas?

Smith: Use items found around your home to decorate your table: branches of pine off a tree, beautifully colored leaves, acorns.

Tack: I have many cake stands, which I use instead of platters to create a layered look, placing olives and the like in smaller dishes on different tiers.

5. Do you have any general sanity-saving advice?

Smith: You don't have to make everything from scratch; supplement your menu with freshly made purchased food, then take time for yourself before your guests arrive. I make sure to relax for at least an hour to recharge my batteries.

Tack: Have guests help with as much as possible. It eases stress and people like to help, they just need to be told what to do. Ask them to serve, put ice and water in glasses, and kids are great at cleaning veggies!

Disrude: Have people help themselves from a buffet and then sit down — this eases clutter on the dinner table. Also, get used to the idea that room temperature is OK! (Just don't leave food out for more than two hours.)

— Hearst Communications

Home Tips

• Keeping our two small children from getting at the presents under the tree is tough! To solve this, my husband found an old wooden playpen at a garage sale. He painted the bars in bright Christmas colors, set the tree up in the center of the playpen, and we placed the gifts inside. It looks beautiful, and our twins can't get in! — Judy L., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

• I've found a couple of great alternatives for kindling. Oranges ripen here in Florida about the same time that the weather begins to cool down. We save the orange peels and dry them outside (or in a 150 degree Fahrenheit oven), and then add them to our kindling when we have a fire. They burn much longer than newspaper. We

also toss in a couple of corn chips when we have them; just two or three burn brightly and help the fire get going! — James A., Oviedo, Fla.

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Christmas tree decorating tips from the experts

Did you ever wonder why those beautiful Christmas trees in store windows, magazines and floor displays looked so much different than your tree at home? Did you ever examine these exquisite trees for ideas and when you tried them at home it just didn't look the same?

There is a trick (or two) of the trade in decorating Christmas trees and Midwest of Cannon Falls, a Minnesota-based leader in the gift-ware industry, is willing to reveal some of their top secrets to you. With 13 showrooms across the United States and one in Hong Kong, these experts have holiday trimming down to a science:

Selecting a tree

Remember it will have a visual impact and be the focal point of your room throughout the holiday season. The size of your tree will partially be determined by how much space you have in your room, but also keep in mind these factors to enhance showing off your ornament collection. The more branch tips on the tree, the more ornaments you can hang. If you want an informal look, choose a tree with long needles and upswept branches.

For a formal appearance, select a tree with short needles and hori-

zontal or down-swept branches. If you are purchasing an artificial tree you should take storage into consideration and choose a tree that allows you to store it with the lights attached.

Lighting the tree

A general rule of thumb is to use one strand of lights per foot of tree. Of course the simplest way is to purchase a pre-lit tree that is hinged for easy storage. But if you are starting from scratch, remember the lights should be strung throughout the tree, not stretched



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over the tips of the branches. Tuck your lights around the trunk, weave them in and out of the length of the branches to give the tree depth. Keeping the amount of lights uniform throughout the tree is important.

Adding garland

There are several ways to place garland on a tree. The most traditional is to swag your garland, beginning on the bottom, at the back of the tree. Swag the garland from tip to tip, using 12- to 20-inch swags,

depending on the width of the tree and then twist the garland on each tip. The swags should become smaller as you go up the tree.

Other styles are to double swag the garland with one row falling lower than the other or to spiral the garland at an angle on the tree. There are also many types of garland to choose from.

Midwest of Cannon Falls suggests everything from traditional berry or gold leaf garland to elegant vintage blown glass beads and stretches your imagination with designs of fish, sporting equipment or gum-ball garland.

Using filler

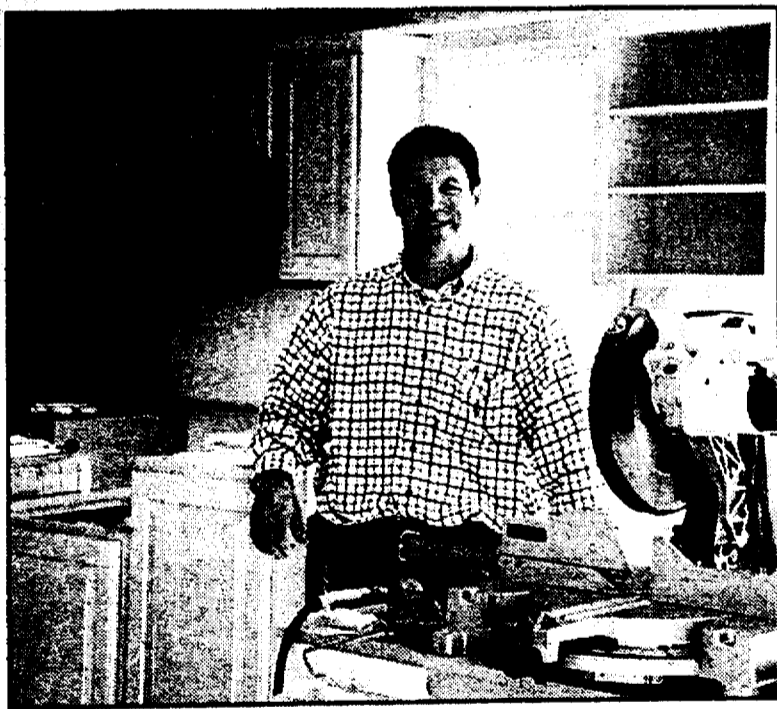
Filling the spaces inside the tree creates an enchanting look from the inside out. This is the step that many household tree decorators don't know about. Filling inside spaces adds interest and complements the overall mood of the tree. You can use ornaments, ribbon, garland, fruit, toys, mirrors, small gifts, cards or pine cones, whatever fits your theme.

Theming your tree

To make a strong statement, it is important to choose a dominant subject or color for your tree. Most

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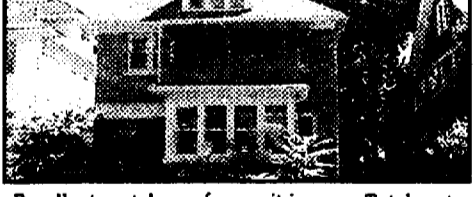
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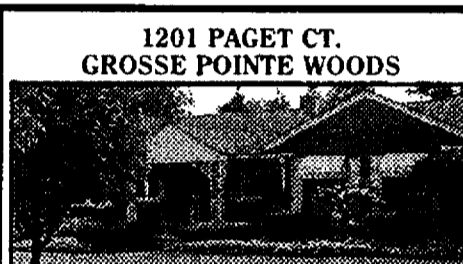
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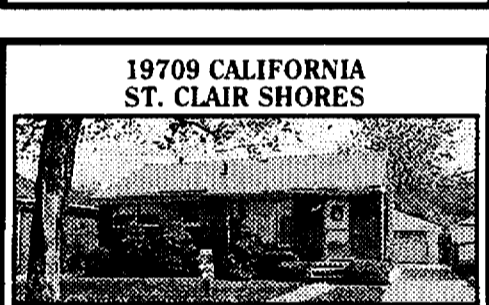
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**3936 KENSINGTON
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Large three bedroom brick Colonial situated on a huge 60' X 162' lot. Many updates including new dimensional roof on house and two car garage. Copper plumbing updates and electrical updates. Remodeled kitchen with new cabinets.



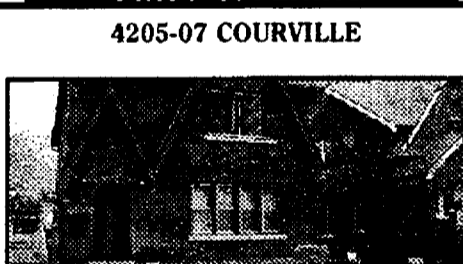
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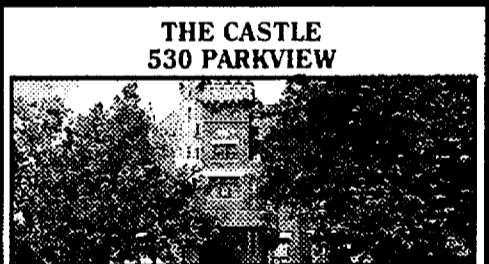
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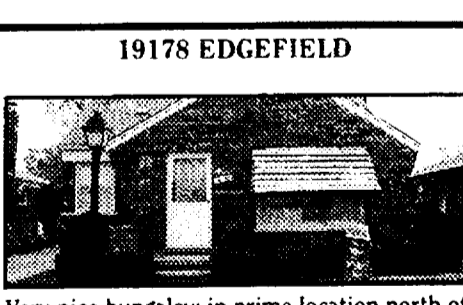
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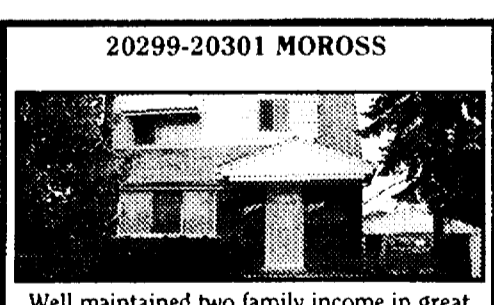
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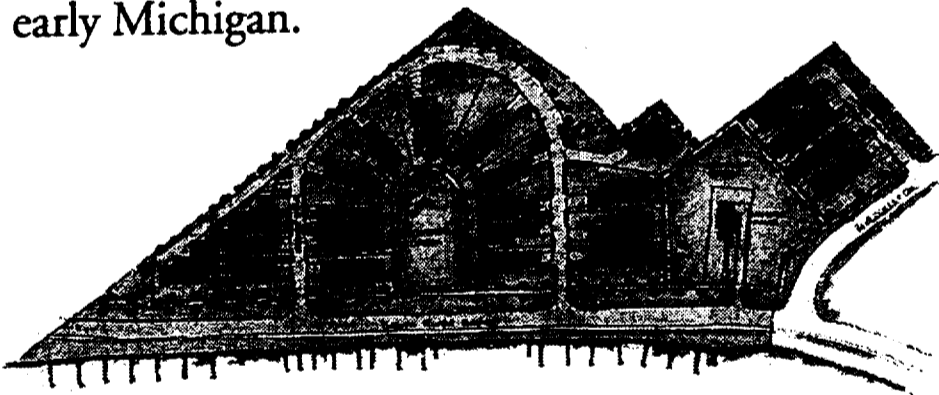


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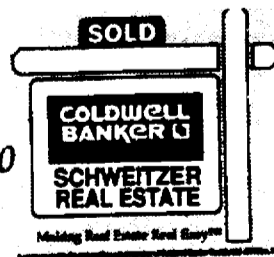
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Decorating

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trees look best with a balance of texture, shape, size and color but this should be tied together with one element being dominant. For example, if your existing ornament collection has no theme, you can create one by introducing a significant quantity of one color or shape.

Design

Repetition establishes design and can help create the theme of your tree. Using different shapes in the same color or repeating the same texture in different colors also works. Midwest of Cannon Falls makes choosing ornaments easy by categorizing their products into themes that can mix and match with each other, such as the antique look of Christmas past blending with the nostalgic toys of Santa and friends.

The key is to keep your theme in a basic motif — outdoors and nature, angelic and romantic, folk art and handcrafted, Western and Southwest, antique glass and heirlooms, nostalgic and family, etc.

Hanging ornaments

First you must determine how many ornaments you will need for the size of your tree. Chris Tkachuck, visual manager for Midwest of Cannon Falls says it's not an exact science, but she uses a rough formula to achieve the look she likes for her displays which is approximately 40 ornaments per foot of tree. For example if you are decorating a 7-foot tree you will need about 280 ornaments.

She also notes that you will establish symmetry to your tree by hanging the largest quantity of ornaments first, then the next largest and so forth. Be sure ornaments are suspended and hang freely so they are not touching other branches. Shiny finishes should be hung before matte or soft finishes, and bright colors before muted colors.

Each size, shape, texture and color should be distributed over the entire tree. Larger ornaments should be placed on the lower part of the tree for balance.

For dramatic effects you can cluster several ornaments, combining different colors, sizes or shapes in one bunch, bound together with ribbon or a bow. These can be placed symmetrically throughout the tree or joined and placed as a swag spiraling the tree.

"A faithful decorating staple I always use, especially with glass ornaments, is our green coated ornament hooks. We have two different lengths so I get an assortment of height when placing ornaments which adds dimension," says Tkachuck.

Dare to be different

One reason display trees grab

our attention is because they dare to be different. Midwest of Cannon Falls has used actual wood chairs, footballs and sports equipment, garden rakes with vegetables, bouquets of dried flowers and fancy hats blended into the branches of their trees. Adding bold new ideas makes the tree fun and it is certain to create conversation. If you want to decorate your tree with ornaments your children have made throughout the year, be imaginative by adding stuffed animals with Christmas ribbon, train sets, favorite storybooks and rocking horses. Fill in with ornaments that complement your child's interests. Make the entire tree your children's story with their personal belongings. They'll love it!

Another interesting way to highlight favorite or heirloom ornaments is to use motion. Midwest of Cannon Falls notes that their number one selling item for the past several years has been the Ornamotion motor, designed to move ornaments up and down or in a circular pattern. You can also add magic to your tree with the liquid motion of bubble lites.

First appearing in the early 1940s, these colorful fluid lamps have again become a sentimental favorite, reintroduced in a variety of colors and styles. Balanced throughout the tree, motion can add an exciting new dimension to tree decorating.

The tree skirt

Covering the base of your tree can be as thoughtful a process as choosing your tree. After all, the tree skirt doesn't just cover the base of the tree, it is spread out as an invitation for all those gifts to entice us until Christmas day. For a uniform look, Midwest of Cannon Falls offers tree skirts with matching stockings to hang on the fireplace. Many homes use a traditional tree skirt handed down from family to family.

If you don't have an heirloom, or can't find a tree skirt that fits your theme, use your imagination. Try a favorite quilt or throw, a poodle skirt for a retro theme, colorful rugs or Christmas towels, fabric that ties in with your ornament color scheme or favorite wrapping paper. A children's tree skirt could be pages from a coloring book the children colored and taped together. Let your imagination soar.

Topping the tree

A tradition in many homes is the final tree decoration step — lifting the youngest child up to place a special star, finial, bow or angel on top of the tree. This crowning touch creates memories and makes the statement that the tree is completed for another season of family celebration.

For more information, log on to Midwest of Cannon Falls' web site at www.midwestofcannonfalls.com.

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Gift ideas for the great outdoor enthusiast

Christmas will soon be here. Do you have your shopping list finished or are you still trying to make one? This season think beyond the traditional gifts of ties and slippers. More people than ever before are enjoying the great outdoors. Just being outdoors gardening, bird feeding, barbecuing or relaxing helps us unwind from our busy schedules. Give a gift related to a hobby or activity that those you love enjoy.

There are so many choices for the gardener. Tools are always needed to do the tasks at hand easier and quicker. Pruners, shears, loppers and saws help to maintain the plants we love and even take down the plants we love less. Shovels, rakes, hoes and watering accessories are great gifts for those gardeners just starting out.

After you get past the basics you can expand to gardening books, sundials, birdbaths, wind chimes, signs, flags and much more. Gardening books range from the "how-to" right through to water gardening and perennial guides. Most gardening books include great photos to inspire and show example.

Is there a bird feeder in your yard? A new or additional feeder could make a great gift. Bird feed-



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By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

ers come in many types and styles. There are feeders that attract only certain birds and others that keep

squirrels from stealing the food. You can even buy a feeder just to feed the squirrels. Around here I don't think the squirrels have too much trouble finding food since there are so many of them. Most of us would rather buy a baffle or dome to keep away the squirrels.

If the hobby of your outdoor enthusiast is outdoors relaxation you can find a great gift for them too. Great bargains on patio furniture can be found this time of year. The selection may be limited to the stock on-hand. Benches, chaise

lounges and umbrellas are just the right garden "tool" for those people who really know how to enjoy the outdoors.

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Play it safe with high-tech or simple toys this holiday

For most adults, the holidays symbolize festive parties, delicious food and spending time with loved ones. For children, the entire season has another meaning — toys. Whether it's the latest high-tech video game or something as simple and timeless as a stuffed animal, nothing puts a smile on a child's face faster than a freshly unwrapped plaything.

In addition to stressing the importance of holiday decorating and fire safety through its Operation Decoration campaign, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), in cooperation with the National Fire Protection

Association (NFPA), is working for a safer world by reminding children and adults that toys can pose certain safety risks.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), over 143,000 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries in 1999 alone. To play it safe this holiday season, and all year long, the safety professionals at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions for toy safety:

- Whenever possible, complete and return product warranty and registration forms to the manufacturer. If a product is recalled, the

manufacturer can use these forms to contact you directly.

- In the event of an emergency, make sure you have telephone numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department and poison control center posted near every phone in your home.

Remember that the holiday season is a time for sharing. By sharing Operation Decoration's safety messages with your family, you and your family can enjoy a safer and happier holiday season.

For more information, visit UL's web site at www.ul.com or the NFPA's web site at www.nfpa.org.

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Decorated table tops add warmth and whimsy

No matter how you slice it, a table setting becomes the focal point of every gathering with family and friends. Whether it's a traditional holiday dinner or a buffet of hot cider and cookies, the table is where traditions take hold. Beautifully decorated tables can transform even the simplest gatherings into memorable moments, according to decorating experts.

"One of the hottest ideas in holiday entertaining is to create 'tablescapes' atop your table — by combining themed collectibles with special menu touches," says Charles Riley, interior designer, Hearst Magazines.

Recognizing the importance of holiday table traditions, Department 56, a leading manufacturer of lighted villages, giftware and home decorative products, offers suggestions for bringing holiday tables to life. Decorating tips and menu suggestions are included in Tablescapes, a special section inserted into holiday issues of *Classic American Homes*, *Country Living*, *Good Housekeeping*, *House Beautiful*, *Redbook* and *Victoria* magazines.

"We've filled the Tablescapes custom publication with a variety of holiday table top themes for decorating and entertaining, from Santa's North Pole Series candy mine to Elvis' Christmas decorated Graceland mansion," says Pam Schechtman, director of consumer communications for Department

56.

Tablescapes offers the following decorating tips and themes to turn an ordinary gathering into a cherished holiday memory:

- **Elegant brunch** — create an elegant holiday brunch with homemade fruit focaccia and simmering hot cider on a table adorned with the "Silver Bells Christmas Shop," part of The Original Snow Village Collection. Your guests will lean closer to peek into the festive shop, while a warm glow casts across the table from the shop's outdoor lighted tree lot and lamppost.

- **Tea at the North Pole** — as children and the young at heart sample delightful confections at your afternoon tea, have them discover colorful sweets nestled among the illuminated "Sweet Rock Candy Company" North Pole Series cottage, a glowing miniature rock candy mine. Place candy cane fences and peppermint trees among the tea dishes. And for an additional surprise, include a couple of Santa's elves atop a mountain of sugarcubes.

- **Elves and Elvis** — start a new family tradition and celebrate a rock n' roll Christmas. Top the table with "Elvis Presley's Graceland" special edition gift set by Department 56, complete with reproductions of the original Christmas lawn ornaments Elvis displayed. Scatter the famous wrought iron front gates with musical notes, Elvis' playful pink



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Cadillac Fleetwood sedan, and two sets of twinkling Mylar trees among the place settings. Complete the mood by filling the room with strains of "Love Me Tender" and "Blue Christmas."

- **Remembrances of Christmas past** — add a unique twist to a classic tale with a tablescape inspired by "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. As the smells of roast turkey with chestnut stuffing fill the room, invite your guests to join Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Past as they peek through the lighted window of

"Fezziwig's Ballroom," from Dickens' Village Series. Inside, three gaily dressed dancing couples whirl to a fiddle.

- **Victorian England traditions** — at the close of a special evening, rekindle a Victorian tradition by inviting your guests to snuff out candles with stylish extinguishers. Sculpted designs from Candle Crown Collections feature Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit with Tiny Tim, and other colorful characters inspired by "A Christmas Carol," "The Nutcracker" and "Alice in Wonderland." As an upscale party favor for very special guests, place a Candle Crown extinguisher at each place setting, and offer them as take home gifts.

To learn more about Tablescapes, Department 56 or to locate the nearest retailer, visit www.department56.com or call (800) 548-8696.

Household Help

Stringing up the lights

All right, it's that time of year again — the time when you crawl up to the attic, search through a dozen dusty boxes, and finally pull out a giant clump of tangled wire and light bulbs. It's time to put up the Christmas lights — both outside and on the tree.

There's no easy way to untangle a badly packed set of lights. Time, patience, and lots of floor space — away from high-traffic areas — are required. But this year, you can make changes that can save you hours of detangling and setup time.

Put away the staple gun for a moment. A quick search of the Internet will turn up several Christmas lighting options that will make your tree look better, minimize damage to your home's woodwork, and let you store lights quickly after the season.

Removable light tracks are quickly catching on, because they allow you to set up and remove displays from the eaves and windows with minimal damage (and no staples through your thumb). EZUpFastTrax.com sells a patented track mounting system for outdoor lights; the tracks are snapped on and off permanently set, clear buttons along the eaves. Lights can stay attached to the track for easy storage.

A similar product is Window Wonder (window-wonder.com), which uses plastic rods that can be trimmed to fit any size window frame. Lights snap into the rods, and the entire frame can be removed and stored for next year.

Both products allow you to use your own lights.

If you're brave enough to step up into the world of light design, Internet research is critical. ChristmasCave.com is a good first step. The site offers light control

systems that combine remote switches and other hardware with computer software. But it also has information on important factors like electrical interfaces and required voltage for your front-yard art — so you don't brown-out the neighborhood.

Just a few ideas to shave some time off your Christmas decorating. With any luck, the lights will all be up by New Year's!

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Detroit Edison offers winter energy saving tips

The secret to staying warm and cozy this winter is to keep the cold air out and warm air in, and tips from Detroit Edison will help keep that heating bill as low as possible.

The first clue that there's work to be done around the home is a drafty breeze that comes through openings around doors and windows.

"You want to think about your house as an envelope," said Jerry Goetz, Detroit Edison's residential heating and cooling specialist. "You have to seal the flap for the envelope to be secure. Caulking is the glue that seals it and maintains a comfortable temperature inside your house."

Cold air can penetrate your home around door and window frames, exhaust fans or any other place where wires or pipes enter. If your home does have a draft, remove cracked caulk and replace it with new caulk, and fit weather stripping into the cracks around windows and doors.

An open chimney also will pull warm air from a room, said Goetz, and suggested that fireplace dampers and glass fireplace doors should be closed when fireplaces are not in use.

Insulation also reduces energy use and increases comfort. Two overlooked places worth insulating are where the foundation meets the floor joists, as well as the side-walls of crawl spaces. Not only will insulation reduce air infiltration

and heat loss, but it also will prevent water pipes in crawl spaces from freezing.

When it comes to warmth, regular maintenance of the home heating system will help keep it running more efficiently and save money in the long run. Goetz said furnace filters work best when free of dust and dirt. Check, clean or replace filters monthly and you will use less energy.

Goetz offered these additional tips to save money on your energy bill:

- Lower your thermostat at night or when leaving the house for several hours. Depending on the size and efficiency of your furnace, you can save between 3 percent and 7 percent by dialing down five to 10 degrees from the standard temperature setting for five or more hours. Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures. When humidity is kept at a proper level — about 35 percent at 70 degrees — windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

- Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

For more information, call Detroit Edison's Heating and Cooling Information Center at (800) 833-2786.

Pet Care

By Samantha Mazzotta

A shopping list for your pet's Christmas

I caught Dodge making out his wish list today.

All morning I watched him making his way slowly around the house, staring with wide, longing eyes at things like the half-empty bag of cat treats on the counter, the frayed ball-and-string toy on the living room floor, and the ragged catnip sock just under the bed.

OK, maybe he was just bored and hungry, but Christmas is coming, and I'm still wondering what his big present will be.

I won't be getting him one of those \$100 automatic litter-scooping boxes. Not that it isn't a brilliant invention; but until they invent a litter-scooping robot that

also disposes of the "results" for me, I'm not buying.

No, this year it will be the traditional Christmas. A new string toy, lots of cat treats, and a real catnip ball to replace that funky sock. Dodge will also get a few bites of turkey dinner — he doesn't go for the canned stuff.

What he doesn't know is that he'll also be getting a gift certificate for his annual veterinary exam, and I've already scheduled him for his yearly shots. Catnip and turkey are fine gifts, but caring for your pet's health — though he or she probably won't appreciate it — will ensure many happy Christmases to come.

Send your pet tips and questions to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

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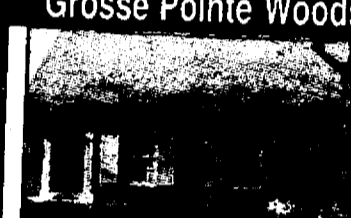
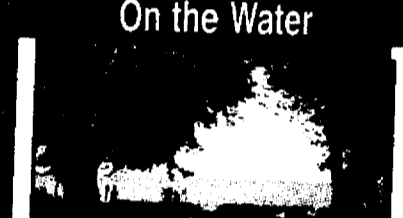




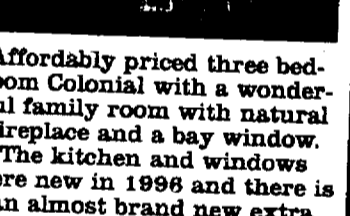
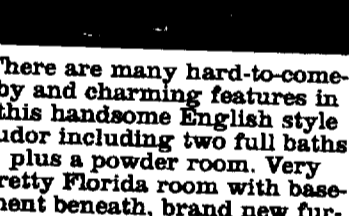
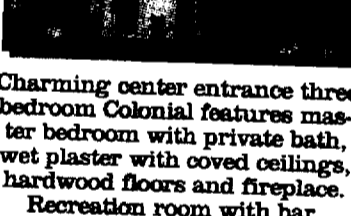
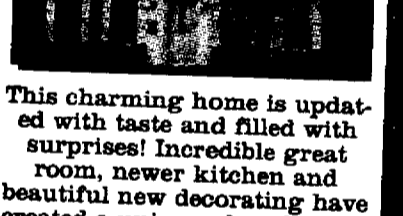
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