

Hill-area residents still oppose building

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

With the hopes that a new broom sweeps clean, a group of Grosse Pointe Farms residents is asking the new city council to rescind or ask for modifications of the past council's approval of variances for a new building to be built at 120 Kercheval.

"It is painfully obvious that the previous council could not care less about the will of the public," said Farms resident Greg Wheeler. "On Sept. 17, the previous council, four of which are no longer seated, passed a site plan based on a parking exception over the objections and concerns of the majority of the citizens present at that meeting."

A petition containing 214 signatures presented to the council cites concerns about the lack of parking on the Hill. The petition contends that the developers of the 120 Kercheval project said they had leases for 65 spaces in the Cottage Hospital parking garage. But, in fact, they only have a letter of intent to lease the parking spaces. The petition also states that the alleged five-year parking lease with its two five-year options is insufficient to comply with the city parking ordinance requirements.

Ed Russell, one of the co-developers of the building contended the petition's claims are erroneous.

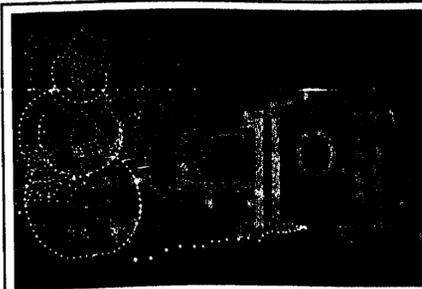
"We have never gone before council and told them we had any kind of lease or had any kind of negotiations with Cottage for those spots," Russell said. "It's erroneous and casts a delusional thought that we're doing something wrong."

Wheeler is also part of a group of Radnor Circle residents who have already been asked by the council to meet with the 120 Kercheval developers to come to a consensus over site plan modifications and to address concerns about building elevation, windows, landscaping and parking. The council is expected to revisit the issue in January.

Wheeler claimed Russell had not yet contacted the Radnor Circle residents about their input on site plan modifications.

Russell said he has been in the process of working with engineers and architects and will be coming up with a drawing of the proposed building so the neighbors can understand and visualize it. He plans on meeting with the Radnor neighbors soon.

Farms mayor Ed Gaffney said the council would study the petition.



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Boulevard of lights

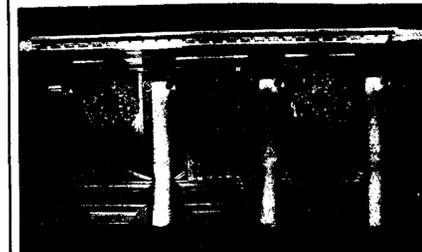
If the Sept. 11 evil-doers thought Americans would hide their lights under a basket, they were hugely mistaken. The Christmas lights seem especially bright this holiday season.

We are showcasing Lakeshore homes this year, though there are just as magnificently decorated homes throughout the Pointes, tried for several years to get a good picture of this spectacularly decorated house and have finally succeeded.

Below, middle, could easily be mistaken for a glimpse over the hedges of the White House, but actually the stately Georgian style home is in the 400 block of Lakeshore, where it proudly displays our flag.

At the bottom, is the home in the 700 block of Lakeshore with the life-size crèche, not to mention the trumpeting angels at the rooftop and a thousand points of light throughout.

While driving around looking at the awesome light displays, don't miss the home at Whittier and Jefferson and another home in the 1300 block of Kensington. There are too many to mention, so take your time. Half the fun is the searching. Merry Christmas!



Pointes, suburbs reluctantly levy WCCC tax hike

Richner seeks legislative fix

By Brad Lindberg
and **Bonnie Caprara**
Staff Writers

A controversial tax hike has been handed down to property owners in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Grosse Pointe Woods city officials agreed begrudgingly this week to start collecting a 10-year, 150 percent millage increase on behalf of Wayne County Community College.

Members of the city council are hopeful that legislation being drawn in Lansing will allow disgruntled communities to withdraw from the tax obligation.

The City of Grosse Pointe was the first of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities Monday night to pass a resolution seeking to opt out of levying the tax, said Richner.

City voters rejected the 10-year millage increase by a 7-1 margin on Nov. 6. The new 1.5 levy added to the existing 1 mill levy will raise approximately \$792,000 for WCCC in the City alone — \$377.14 for the average City household. The Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods city councils are expected to discuss a similar resolution in January.

The tax increase, which raised the college millage from 1 mill to 2.5 mills, is expected to generate more than \$87.5 million each year. In 2002, Woods property owners are forecast to account for more than \$1.03 million of the total — the seventh highest of Wayne County's 36 cities and townships, excluding Detroit.

"Many of us oppose this millage enhancement," said Woods Mayor Robert Novitke. "There are many people supporting a House bill to undo the increase. Until that's done, the only thing before us is to spread (the increase) on the taxes as we are required to do."

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, said the proposed legislation, sponsored by William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, has bipartisan backing.

"This crosses party lines," Richner said. "It's an issue of what's right vs. what's egregious."

The legislation would allow voters in a school district to opt out of paying for a community college they don't use. Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods students comprise less than 1 percent of WCCC's student body. On the other hand, Richner said about 500 eastside students attend Macomb Community College.

"We want the state to allow us which community college we choose," said City of Grosse Pointe city manager Mike Overton. "Our population doesn't attend WCCC, it attends Macomb."

Richner also criticized WCCC's spending level of about \$17,000 per student, nearly twice the state average.

"It is extravagance beyond pale," Richner said. "I'm working on an amendment that would provide that the legislation apply if spending at a school is at least 1-1/2 times the state average."

In November, Woods voters led the way in a resounding show of eastside suburban disfavor by turning down the county-wide tax proposal by a nearly 8:1 margin.

The Woods' 4,133 "no" votes totaled more ballots cast in any of the other individual Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Despite losing the suburbs, the measure cruised through Detroit to squeak by overall. The millage passed by 2,829 votes out of nearly 280,000 votes cast.

The skewed vote resulted, Richner and many others have said, from an inordinately low suburban turnout. Many suburban communities, such as Grosse Pointe Shores, had to schedule a special, one-issue election to accommodate the millage vote. Detroit, however, added the college issue to the regularly scheduled and heavily attended mayoral election.

"Our concern is the way the millage was put to the voters in an election where not all the communities had an election," Richner said.

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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 21
Cross-town rivals Grosse Pointe North and South high schools face each other in a set of basketball games at South.
The junior varsity teams play at 6:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas!

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Harper Woods Lions Club seeks help for the holidays

The tragedy of Sept. 11 started an outpouring of charity for the victims in Washington, D.C., and New York, but don't forget charity is also needed at home.

The Harper Woods Lions Club held its usual fundraisers and its Goodfellows paper sales. They rallied their members to obtain as many donations as possible.

They still fell a bit short when it came time to fund their holiday activities.

More than 70 families received holiday food and gift baskets, which contained a holiday feast, some food stock for the weeks of winter ahead and certificates to buy the children of the family warm clothes.

A well known Lions member and advocate, John Bruneel, said that instead of cutting back on giving, the club dug into other funds that were slated for future projects and the day to day business of the club.

"Before Sep. 11, we usually had no problem collecting enough to fund the drive," Bruneel said he doesn't begrudge those in New York in any way, but he hopes the community can offer a little bit of help to the Lions in the club's time of need.

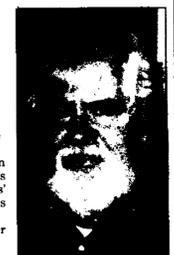
The Lions are asking those that are able to make a donation to help recover losses that were made by helping the needy of Harper Woods.

Bruneel said those wishing to help should make checks payable to the Harper Woods Lions Club Foundation or The Harper Woods Goodfellows, 19635 Eastwood Drive, Harper Woods 48225.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Ken Ginger

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Age: 56
Family: Wife, Martha; daughters Sara, 23, Beth, 21 and Erin, 17
Occupation: Industrial technology teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School; part-time volunteer Santa Claus
Quote: "I'd like to pass on skills and techniques as well as the 'life lessons' I've learned. I hope kids will not have to make my same mistakes over again."



Ken Ginger

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■ Robert B. Edgar, owner-editor of the Grosse Pointe News, fell victim to the community's notorious cat burglar while staying overnight at the Buhl residence in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Upon dressing for morning, Edgar realized his wallet had been stripped of "moola," as he called it. Other items were missing throughout the house, leading the host, guests and Farms police to conclude the "Cat" had been on the prowl. Police traced footprints to an unlocked kitchen window.

■ The congregation of St. Michael's Episcopal Chapel in Grosse Pointe Woods has voted to separate from Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

■ Completion of a large addition to New Kerby School, coupled with total occupancy of the building, has produced a traffic and pupil safety problem.

Members of the Kerby PTA have asked Grosse Pointe Farms police commanders to assign three officers to guard schoolchildren going to and from the building.

25 years ago this week

■ A consultant has been hired to review zoning ordi-

nances and multiple dwelling standards in Grosse Pointe Woods. The goal is to update zoning laws and make proposals toward a master plan.

■ Four local police officers have been honored for meritorious service at the annual Presidential Ball of Grosse Pointe Lodge No. 102, Fraternal Order of Police.

The officers are Farms Cpl. Ronald Wooten, Harper Woods Sgt. Paul Turril and patrolman Lawrence Rice, and Grosse Pointe Shores officer Gary Mitchell.

■ With the help of federal funds, the City of Grosse Pointe has hired its first meter maid.

10 years ago this week

■ A bill that would provide a procedure for secession of a specific area of Detroit has been introduced in the state Legislature by Rep. William Bryant Jr. of Grosse Pointe.

If the measure is approved as written, a secessionist group on Detroit's east side could break away from Detroit and create its own city in as little as 74 days.

■ Two members of the United States Coast Guard, both residents of Grosse Pointe Park, have been rec-

ognized for heroic efforts to contain a fire and damage resulting from the explosion of the tanker ship Jupiter in Bay City last September.

Capt. Tom Daley, commanding officer of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Detroit, received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Lt. Cmdr. Jim Spitzer, executive officer of Daley's unit, received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal.

■ Boaters who dock their craft at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms will pay higher fees next year.

In the small harbor, fees for owners of 19-foot boats (the smallest in the marina) have gone up from \$1165 to \$190. In the large harbor, it will cost \$775 to moor a 34-foot boat.

5 years ago this week

■ A second phase of renovations to city hall in Grosse Pointe Park will last about six months. Construction will take place on the first floor.

■ Work is nearing completion on a \$1 million water main at Jefferson and Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe.

50 years ago this week



Another Christmas comes to Pointes

Christmas means carols and these youngsters from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church have been practicing for the festive season. They will sing on Christmas Eve at a special candlelight service in the church. From left are Madison Morrison, Don Lockwood, Joseph Washburn, Harold Quackenbush, John Jakle, Don Worley and Robert Johnson. (Photo by Fred Rannels. From the Dec. 20, 1951 Grosse Pointe News.)

■ Grosse Pointe North and South will unveil their girls hockey teams this weekend when the crosstown rivals take the ice

against each other. "The original plan was to have a combined North and South team, but there was so much interest at both

schools were able to have separate teams," said Bill Fox, head coach of the South squad.

— Brad Lindberg

What WCCC really offers to eastsiders

Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

According to Alex DePetro, dean of educational technology, the debate over the benefits of Wayne County Community College to eastside residents has been going on largely without knowledge of all the school has to offer to residents of the east side of the county.

"The perception of Wayne over the years hasn't been the best," DePetro admits.

"But over the last five or six years we've stabilized and we are in a position now where we can start doing more for this side of town."

DePetro, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, said WCCC knows full well that most of their students aren't going to be around full-time or for a degree. Most plan on going to a four year college.

That realization has served as a direction for the college to take.

"Our focus has been on classes that directly transfer to the colleges that students in this area are most interested in attending," DePetro said.

Wayne County students pay \$54 per credit hour, which brings the cost of a three-credit course like English 110 to \$162.

Latest documents from WCCC clearly show that the University of Michigan,

Michigan State, Eastern Michigan and other schools are guaranteed to take WCCC courses for degree requirements, courses in a major or minor, or at least as electives.

"Where they have direct transfer," DePetro said, "you've saved \$350 to \$400 on one class."

The process to start taking these courses is a simple one. A one- to two-hour trip to Lutheran East to do paperwork and take an entrance exam is all that is required, DePetro explained.

From there, DePetro said students would be free to come into the center to be face to face with the instructor or to stay home and get the courses live through their computers.

This system provides a solution to one of the principal problems of Internet courses, according to DePetro.

The streaming audio provides interactivity and participation that give the course structure. It makes students responsible for being at the course or not.

Office hours would also use the streaming audio link, allowing students to talk to their professor from work or at a library in the middle of the day instead of missing out on driving across town to miss the

actual person in a room. "We're on the leading edge of technology with the streaming audio and the E-learning interactive courses," DePetro said.

The classes offered through the center will include the general education courses, a savings through transfer credit and will also cover the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certification.

"That system is offered at \$10,000 to \$12,000 elsewhere and here we have it for \$6,000 to \$7,000.

DePetro also says that while the class listings are limited right now, it truly is an on-demand system. If a group of at least six or seven students are serious about taking a class, the college would be willing to offer it through the Lutheran East campus.

These courses would have a professor in the classroom at Lutheran East for those who prefer a face to face environment for learning, DePetro explained.

The next cycle of courses will begin in January with three courses offered just from the business department already and DePetro's promise that any other courses there is demand for could easily be added to the schedule.

One of the greatest benefits to the system being set

up on demand, DePetro said, is "students that live in Wayne county can take those classes over the summer where it fits their schedule and still work to pay for school."

They can even take e-learning classes from their campus as long as they can get on the Internet.

The brochures claim savings of thousands of dollars to students who take advantage of what WCCC has to offer.

DePetro said that the math is simple, but people just have to take advantage of it.

WCCC

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"If this is going to be put to voters, it should be put to all the voters on an equal basis."

He added, "I support community colleges, but spending should be reasonable and in line with the mission of the institution."

WCCC officials said the extra revenue will be used to modernize facilities, including building a performing arts center at a campus downriver. In addition, programs to boost suburban enrollment, such as a high-tech curriculum, will be expanded.

"I see absolutely no demand for a performing arts center," Richner said. "That doesn't seem to be part of the mission of a community college. It's more extravagance."

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2 charged with statutory rape following party

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

An unsupervised house party led two men to be arrested and arraigned last week on charges of statutory rape.

Richard Schott, 19, of Hazel Park and a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, was charged Dec. 13 with four counts of third-degree sexual conduct with two 15-year-old girls who attended an unsupervised party at his mother and stepfather's home on Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe during the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 2.

Schott's friend, William

Tyree, 18, of Grosse Pointe Park and a South senior, was charged with one count of third-degree sexual conduct for having sex with one of the two girls.

According to Duggan, Schott was left in charge to supervise his younger sister, a sophomore at South, while his mother and stepfather spent a week vacationing in Cancun. Instead of dispersing the 70 to 80 people who showed up to a party hosted by his sister, Schott and Tyree joined the revelers.

Schott's mother said she did not leave her daughter home alone and did not ask her son to check up on her in her absence.

Wayne County prosecutor Mike Duggan in a press conference said, "Somewhere around midnight, we believe Mr. Tyree had sex with a 15-year-old girl on the couch in the middle of the party. That young woman had been drinking and smoking marijuana."

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Patricia Leonard identified the girl as being a Grosse Pointe North High School student.

"Subsequently, we believe Mr. Schott had sex with the same individual and then somewhere around 4 in the morning, he began pursuing another 15-year-old girl and engaged in three separate

sex acts up until 6 o'clock in the morning with the second victim," Duggan said.

"I don't know if we'd be able to make a case for forcible rape on the second victim, but there was no question she felt pressured into having sex."

The investigation began Monday, Dec. 3, after Schott's second victim, a South student, reported the events to her school counselor, who notified the other victim's parents and the City public safety department.

The state considers any sexual contact with a youth age 15 or younger to be non-consensual.

"This is a classic example



Richard Schott



William Tyree

Underage parties prevalent here

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

According to many, the situation which set the stage for the statutory rape of two 15-year-old Grosse Pointe girls is commonplace among local youth and oblivious to parents.

"The description of the party we got should scare every parent that is out there," said Wayne County prosecutor Mike Duggan of a party that took place at a Lincoln home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The homeowner's daughter, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, reportedly held an open house party Saturday, Dec. 1-2, where her son, Richard Schott, 19, and his friend, William Tyree, 18, were accused of having sexual contact with two 15-year-old girls.

"There was beer and alcohol being out there openly," Duggan said. "There was marijuana set out in bowls like we would set out peanuts and M&Ms for the people who were there. We've got too many parents who are in a state of denial. Parents have no idea what is going on."

City of Grosse Pointe police Lt. Jim Fox said, "It wasn't out in bowls, but it was available."

"I hear of about one to four open house parties of a 100 or more kids every weekend," said Mark Craig of Our Greatest Gift Foundation and a City of

Grosse Pointe resident. "It's like a non-issue."

The foundation released a six-month study of drug and alcohol use by youth in the Pointes earlier this month. Part of the summary of that report read: "There is a perception by our young people that in this community, on a weekend, there is nothing else to do except go to a party, drink and get high."

"Another perception expressed by our young people is if you get caught, there really are no consequences from law enforcement, the school and, in many cases, the parents."

Grosse Pointe South High School interim principal Al Diver strongly disagreed that the schools take a light view of drug and alcohol use by minors.

"We have clearly spelled-out consequences," Diver said. "We have given students in-school separations on suspicion of drug use or possession, even of paraphernalia. We've administered Breathalyzers at school dances. We probably don't catch a significant enough number to counter that perception."

City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russel Ethridge echoed the admission of not catching enough underage violators.

"In general, we only see a couple of open house party violations in our city, maybe five a year," Ethridge said. "With minors in possession of alcohol, we see too many.

We see a lot of kids who go over to Canada, where many of them can drink legally, and the police are charging them with possession by consumption. What gets prosecuted isn't a reflection of the community."

South's Diver added that kids generally don't use or get access to drugs and alcohol at school, but that it's done off-campus on the weekends and evenings.

South has a parent network group which meets monthly to discuss parenting issues. Of the over 1,500 students at South, 120 parents are on an e-mail list and about 15 to 20 parents show up for meetings.

"The challenge is getting parents to attend," said parent network spokesperson Alane Meyer. "These are the types of issues that need to be addressed, but no one wants to talk about them."

In addition to parents feeling more comfortable calling each other to track who their kids are seeing and where they're going, Meyer suggested that parents talk to and ask hard questions to their kids.

"You don't assume there's parental supervision when they go out," Meyer said. "You call. You check. You don't take the word of an adolescent."

At the Dec. 1-2 party, assistant Wayne County prosecutor Patricia Leonard said, 10 girls spent the night at the house.

Fox said: "Most of the chil-

dren had lied to their parents is what we got from the interviews. Most parents were under the impression that there was parental supervision at this house at that time and there wasn't."

"Parents who go out of town and leave their teenagers need to have a responsible neighbor or friend who checks up on them," Duggan said. "You can't tell yourself 'my kid won't do that.' The reality is, there is so much (peer) pressure that parents who are out of town are creating an atmosphere for what happened here to happen again."

"Unfortunately, most parental irresponsibility isn't criminally charged. Our reports say this is the third party in the past month at this house while the parents were out of town."

The Lincoln homeowner said she did not leave her South sophomore daughter alone for the week and did not ask her son to check in on her daughter in her absence.

"My daughter was staying at her father's that week," she said. "No one was supposed to be here."

The homeowner's ex-husband could not be reached for comment at press time.

The homeowner also said she had no prior knowledge a party would take place or that other parties had taken place in her house in her absence.

"This is the first I've heard about it," she said.

Woods may double occupancy fee

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The cost of a certificate of occupancy could be doubled in Grosse Pointe Woods.

If approved, the increase from \$75 to \$150 would be the first in 10 years.

The matter was placed on the city council agenda only after "extensive discussion," Council member Patti Chylinski said. "The fee hasn't changed since 1992."

Gene Tutag, head of the Woods building department, suggested the \$150 rate is based on the cost of conducting home inspections. He said \$150 is the "break-even point."

Mayor Robert Novitke said, "This cost is not designed to (make a) profit."

Councilman Allen Dickinson said, "We are not allowed by state law to recover more than our proven costs."

To charge more than a service costs would constitute a tax.

Nancy Velek, a Woods resident and 2001 president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, objected to the increased cost for a certificate of occupancy.

"It's outrageous to go that high," Velek said. "I don't feel there's good justification for it at this time."

Certificates of occupancy for a single family dwelling cost \$65 in Grosse Pointe City, Park and Harper Woods. The Farms charges

\$75. There is no fee in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Tutag said it takes from 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours to inspect a home as part of the selling process. Additional work occurs behind the scenes in the form of paperwork, filing and issuing certificates of occupancy.

"It may seem like a little time here and a little time there, but it adds up," Tutag said.

City administrator Ted Bidigare indicated there might be some leeway. He said administrators will have reviewed the cost totals in time for more dis-

ussion on the matter next year.

The public will have a chance to address the proposal at the next Woods city council meeting Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Velek said, "I hope the voters will respond."



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A classroom, not North Pole, is this Santa's workshop

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Ken Ginger of Grosse Pointe Woods could be a celebrity impersonator. In fact, he could probably play the double for any one of several celebrities.

"I've been told I look like Kenny Rogers," he said.

"A shop clerk in Glen Arbor once started saying how much I looked like . . .

"I assumed she would say 'Kenny Rogers.'"

"The Skipper on Gilligan's Island," she said. "The role Ginger really warms up to, however, is Santa Claus."

He looks the part. Last year he played Santa for preschoolers in Grosse Pointe South High School's child care class. He has promised a repeat performance this year.

On other days he teaches industrial technology at South. This semester he has about 125 students in five classes, including mechanical drafting, architectural drafting, construction technology and small engine repair.

Ginger grew up on Detroit's east side and graduated from Jackson Junior High School and Cass Tech, where he majored in product design.

"I worked for a year after high school," Ginger said. "I

worked on prototypes for the first Mustang and Charger. But all my friends went to college and I heard about the good times they were having. I decided to go to college."

He went to Michigan State University, where he majored in civil engineering, then switched to history. He graduated in 1968 with a major in history and minors in economics and teaching. He also got a teacher's certificate.

The Detroit school system hired him right away.

"I was a contract substitute for a year at Burroughs Junior High School," he said. "Then I taught wood-working in Harper Woods for three years and got another degree in industrial arts from Eastern Michigan University. In 1974, I was hired at South."

In 1979, he resigned from South and went to work for a friend in the construction business. Industrial arts students were fewer during the 1980s, he said. "Graduation requirements got so stringent that kids didn't have room for electives."

Ginger soon formed his own company, Ginger Bread Homes. The firm designed and built residential homes and did renovations and additions to existing homes,

POINTER OF INTEREST



Although he has been mistaken for Kenny Rogers and the Skipper on "Gilligan's Island," Ken Ginger is an industrial arts teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School.

mostly in the Grosse Pointes.

By 1994, he was back teaching at South. Today's students of mechanical and architectural drafting learn to use CAD (computer aided design).

"They learn to draw using traditional tools and techniques, the way mechanical drafting has been done for hundreds of years," Ginger said. "After a few weeks on the drawing boards, they begin to use CADKEY 19, the same 3D solids modeling program that is being used by many industries. After a few weeks, the kids are drawing complex multi-part assemblies and begin to design products."

Students in the small engine repair classes learn the mechanics of lawnmower-type engines and how to maintain them.

They take apart and rebuild single cylinder engines.

"In construction technology, they learn carpentry, how a house is built, how foundations are made, how to frame a shed suitable for

sale to a customer."

Ginger's students built a fort that was featured at the Grosse Pointe Academy's annual Action Auction. The Academy paid for the materials; the students did the work; and the Academy benefited from the auction of the finished product.

"I try to keep kids on the right track. These days there are so many distractions and pressures for things like sex at an early age and for using bad language. I try to show them alternatives. I emphasize respect for each other. I teach the good old ways and the good old days."

He recently received an encouraging e-mail from a student he taught in the late 1970s.

"I thought you might get a kick out of seeing how one of South High's biggest hooligans turned out," wrote CW3 Brian K. McFadden, who is now an attack pilot with the United States Army stationed in Korea.

"You were one of the few teachers I have remembered throughout my life and I

appreciate your efforts in trying to keep me out of trouble. Your efforts did pay off eventually."

It's letters like this that Ginger lives for. "I try to live by the Golden Rule," he said. "Treat people the way you'd like to be treated. I've been blessed in how others have dealt with me."

Ginger played Santa for the first time a few years ago in a play produced by his church, Knox Presbyterian.

"I played a department store Santa. South's child care class teacher asked me to put on the Santa suit for her class."

Success. Goodbye Kenny Rogers. Goodbye Skipper.

Ginger likes seeing houses and construction projects in the area that he has worked on. "It's a nice feeling of accomplishment to drive down a street and see something I've worked on."

He has also built homes in Maine and worked on homes in Illinois. For the last six years he accompanied a group of young people from his church to eastern Kentucky, where they spent 10 days working on a construction project. And about 11 years ago, he went to Costa Rica with a similar group of people to build a church.

He built a house for his family, a Dutch Colonial on 2 1/2 acres near 24 Mile and Van Dyke. When they

moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, they bought a house about half the size of the one he built.

Ginger's wife, Martha, teaches fifth grade at University Liggett School.

"We were childhood sweethearts," he said. "We've known each other since we were 12 or 13 years old. We married in 1968."

The Gingers have three daughters. Sara, 23, teaches in the Detroit schools. Beth, 21, is a student at Eastern Michigan University and will probably major in education. Erin, 17, is a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School. "She is musical," Ginger said. "She is looking toward a career in vocal music performance, possibly music education."

"I'm going to teach until I drop," he said. "My mission in life is to pass on the skills and techniques I have accumulated as well as the life lessons I've learned, hoping the kids will learn from others so that they don't have to make the same mistakes over again. I wonder if we as a people will ever get wise enough to do that."

"As for the Santa thing, little kids do seem to pay special attention to me all year long," Ginger said.

"I notice their wide-eyed stares. Parents have told me how suddenly their kids calm down when they see me in a restaurant."

Woods honors Catlin

The month of January 2002 has been declared George B. Catlin Month in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The designation honors the city attorney who retired recently after counseling the Woods for 35 years.

Catlin spent many of those years working with mayor Robert Novitke, who began serving on the city council in 1977 before being elected mayor in 1990.

"I have been totally

impressed with the services you've rendered this community," Novitke told Catlin this week.

Catlin's successful career drew attention from Wayne County's top official, executive Edward McNamara.

In a proclamation recognizing Catlin, McNamara wrote of his "distinguished contributions and dedicated service."

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Lochmoor crash case now in Wayne County Circuit Court

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The driver accused in last summer's deadly car crash in Grosse Pointe Woods has been arraigned on murder charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Anthony Miles Pierno, 18, of Grosse Pointe Woods, faces three counts of second-degree murder stemming from the late-night, single-car wreck of July 30 that killed three teenage passengers.

Pierno, who was 17 at the time, was driving a sports utility vehicle at more than 70 mph when it jumped the median on eastbound Lochmoor approaching Fairway. The SUV hit a number of trees and broke apart.

Pierno, who escaped the crash unharmed, has also

been charged with fleeing the scene.

Circuit Judge Maggie Drake entered a plea of not guilty on Pierno's behalf. He remains free on \$7,500 bond.

Drake scheduled a pretrial conference for Feb. 8, at which Michael Williams, assistant Wayne County prosecutor, expects to present up to five witnesses. Pierno's attorney, Neil Fink, will call "five to 10 witnesses, depending on evidentiary matters," he said.

During a hearing last month in Woods Municipal Court, a Michigan State Police accident reconstruction expert testified Pierno's 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe showed no signs of stopping when it went off the road at 73 mph.

Killed at the scene were Pierno's friends, Anthony

Antonelli, 18, of the Woods; Brett Bentley Crawford, 19, of the Farms and her friend from California, Marianne Akre, 18. A fourth passenger, Antum Mnatsakanov, now 19 and a Woods resident, has recovered from injuries.

Mnatsakanov has told police that moments after the crash, he saw Pierno run away.

Drake said the second-degree murder charges reflect the defendant's "wanton and willful disregard" for those who died, not premeditation.

Pierno, wearing a dark suit in Drake's nearly vacant courtroom, sat quietly and complied respectfully with the judge's instructions during the less than 15-minute arraignment.

Attorneys for the prosecution and defense have until Jan. 25 to file motions.

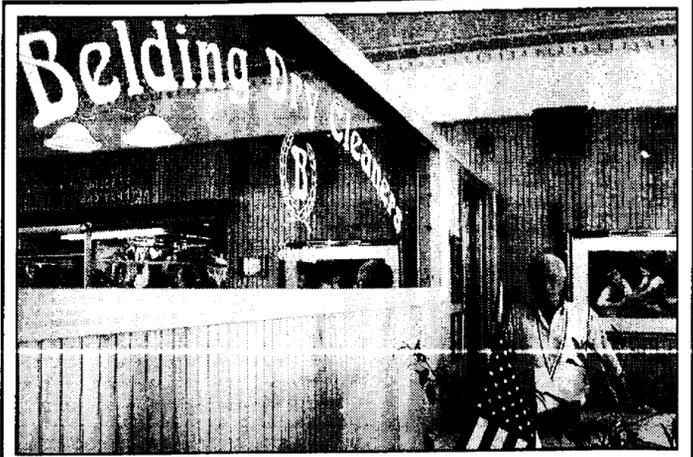


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Belding is beautification winner

A preservation project at Belding Dry Cleaners has earned the company a Grosse Pointe Park beautification award. Founded in 1929 as the first dry cleaners in the Grosse Pointes, Belding has been owned by Fred Habeka for 25 years. Habeka directed the renovations to preserve the company's original feel. "I wanted the same flavor of when the building was built in 1929," Habeka said. The remodeling project included stripping and refinishing the building's original, solid oak doors. "The glass is original," Habeka said. "It's really something." Construction "totally gutted the lobby," he added, while retaining the original leaf-pattern molding around the ceiling.

Sept. 11 prompts local arms race

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

From machine guns to riot shields, a local public safety armory is being loaded with firepower to deal with the types of threats that were unthinkable until Sept. 11.

Part of a nearly \$25,000 purchase by the Grosse Pointe Woods department of public safety includes military-style AR-15A3 rifles. The automatic weapons are essentially short-barreled M-16s used by United States special forces, including paratroopers, who require small, high-powered firearms to fight in close quarters.

As indicated by a shopping list of the new equipment, Woods officers deployed on quasi-assault

missions will don special operations body armor. Their helmets will be fitted with military-grade Kevlar face shields. Grasping a riot shield in one hand, an officer might hold new a gas detection device in the other.

Instead of an AR-15, an officer might be issued a tear gas gun with 90 chances — the number of \$30 gas canisters ordered — to smoke out the bad guys.

Mike Makowski, the Woods director of public safety, requested the equipment "in light of the recent tragedies in New York and Washington D.C., and in order to upgrade emergency preparedness."

In case of injuries, city officials have authorized the purchase of an extra three-

month supply of ambulance medical equipment. In addition, there will be \$800 worth of extra drinking water, food and blankets for employees. Special training will cost \$5,000.

Ted Bidigare, the Woods city administrator, said the outlays won't cause other programs or services to be trimmed or eliminated.

Makowski said, "The purchase will provide officers and paramedics with better personal protective equipment and training needed for response to critical emergencies where there is an immediate danger to lives."

Future weaponry and training, if any, might be paid with the help of a new federal block grant program supported by Michigan's junior senator, Debbie

Stabenow. "If we are serious about providing a strong line of defense in our homeland security effort," Stabenow said, "we have to provide assistance to already overburdened local law enforcement and emergency response personnel."

Congress will address the proposed Homeland Security Block Grant Act after the holidays.

The bill would make \$3 billion available to state and local governments. Some 70 percent of the money would be reserved for cities and counties nationwide. Funds could be used for additional security, law enforcement, fire response and "emergency resources."

Grant recipients would have to provide 10 percent matching funds.

"This legislation would help give local and state governments the resources they need to provide the kind of security we all expect and need," Stabenow said.

Bidigare, intrigued by the possibility of block grants, said, "If there are federal funds available, we'll keep track of costs related to the events of Sept. 11. If there is a grant that we believe we qualify for, we'll make an application."

Woods officials have spent years putting aside money for a new fire truck. They had planned to close the deal next year. In light of the type of crisis witnessed Sept. 11, however, a heavier-duty, more versatile rescue vehicle may be in order.

Bidigare said he is also considering outfitting the public safety department with its own jaws of life. The machine can be operated by hand, yet is powerful enough to pry apart heavy beams to pull victims from a car crash or building collapse.

The Woods currently borrows a jaws of life from another community according to a mutual aid agreement among the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

GPW starts alley repairs

Money left over from street repairs in Grosse Pointe Woods will allow for an additional alley to be repaved on the east side of Mack south of Anita.

Cliff Maison, the Woods comptroller and acting city administrator, said work will begin "immediately" and last about two weeks.

The \$12,500 project will be paid from about \$43,000 remaining from an \$80,000 account earmarked for alley replacement. Engineering expenses could bring the project's cost to more than \$28,000.

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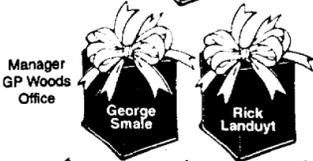
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Response on privacy

After reading the lead education story, "State demands public school students' files," and the editorial, "Students' privacy rights in jeopardy," printed in the Dec. 13 issue of the Grosse Pointe News encouraging me to write our representative in Lansing protesting the violation of students' privacy rights, I began to reach for my sharpest pencil. But something did not sit right with me.

The protestations of the board of education and those made in the Grosse Pointe News about student privacy and the unconstitutionality of the state of Michigan's request to provide it with information, did not ring true with my professional experience in handling requests for information protected by federal Privacy and Freedom of Information laws, which have been in place for 25 years.

I doubted that the state of Michigan, behind such a rich federal and state statutory and jurisprudential history, would attempt to acquire information or create a system of records that would violate any student's privacy.

So, before reaching for my pencil, I reached to that wonderful Al Gore invention, the Internet, to determine what the state of Michigan was saying about the Michigan Educational Information System (MEIS) and the

Opinion

Single Student Record Database.

The MEIS Data and Access Management Policy, found at www.michigan.gov/documents/MEISDataManagPol1878 indicated that any information gathered would be subject to Privacy, Freedom of Information Act and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Furthermore, data would be filed for all students and educational personnel by specially issued individual identification numbers not student names to ensure more accurate data tracking making it virtually impossible for an individual to be easily identified.

Yes, there were limited opportunities for access to the information, but the steps necessary to acquire it are quite secure, at least as secure as a person's medical record.

The Center for Educational Policy Information's website at <http://michigan.gov/cepi> was most instructive. It advised me that the database would collect information previously acquired from 15 paper forms (sounds cost efficient) and that not all the questions being asked were expected to be answered for each and every

student.

For instance, some of the information was to be provided only for students who were in special education programs, adult education, homeless students or at-risk programs.

The purpose of collecting the data was to assist policy makers, educators and parents in making better decisions about our children's education. That's not a bad idea, really.

If Proposal A leveled the funding field for education then why not level the data collection field and make everyone report the same data so we can really know what we're talking about when we decide what a colossal failure in school funding the voters of Michigan created?

As for the reports of disciplinary actions, that apparently was added to comply with a federal law. Yet, much was made at the school board meeting of how kids mess up and grow up and we shouldn't hold it against them forever by putting such information in a database where it could be uncovered. From what I could determine, it is unlikely such disciplinary actions will ever be discovered through that database.

Adolescent misdeeds can be uncovered in a number of other ways. For instance, just read last weekend's news and editorial accounts in the papers with a national distribution, chronicling our children's most recent missteps with drugs, alcohol and sex.

Though it was reported that some board members felt the MEIS could affect a student's college or job application, I am far more concerned that a Grosse Pointe address on a college or job application will have a far more discriminatory effect than the material provided to the state. And a person's address, in this context, is not a private matter.

I personally think it would be a serious mistake and waste of precious school district funds to spend further time on this issue and accuse Big Brother of watching us. Grosse Pointers don't need to appear any more parochial than they already do and the larger metropolitan community is beginning to wonder who is watching our children!

The school district attorney has already spoken: the request is legal and constitutional — drop it! Sure, inform the parents but make sure you give them accurate information not intended to inflame.

If we want to spend time, money and effort in this community, the board of education had better hire a PR firm to assist in polishing an increasingly tarnished image brought about by the recent antics of the students who attend our schools.

Chris Kaczanowski
Grosse Pointe Shores

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Offering from the loft

Behold and give thanks

The holidays are certainly going to have a different flavor for many of us across the world this year. Each of us has been affected by the events that have taken place globally and in our personal lives.

It is a time when we may need additional amounts of strength and faith in order to carry out routine tasks. For some of us there will be empty places at our tables, perhaps a gentle reminder to feed another hungry mouth somewhere.

Those who try to fill the gaps will succeed, because they will be putting forth extra effort with their love. At our house, a new grand-dog, Georgie, a 3-month-old yellow Lab, has already lifted the mood each time she bounds through the door.

There are family members who are relocating, a difficult time, especially for the young, but reality reminds them they are blessed to have jobs and warm hearths when so many have nothing.

Human beings are amazingly resilient creatures, and we have certainly seen hundreds of examples since Sept. 11. Divorce, death, illness and this monstrous war have all impacted our lives these past few months. Yet we have never before witnessed such unity, courage, generosity and unconditional outpouring of love for our fellow man.

This is the spirit of Christmas and an attitude we must try to embrace each day of our lives. May God bless you and your families this holiday season and throughout the coming year.



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Letters

Response

To the Editor:

In the letter, "Armed forces," published in the Dec. 13 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, the letter writer got one thing partially right: The Marine Corps does train its men and women to take seriously their role as war fighters.

Our mission is simple: Make Marines and win battles. Each day from recruit training onward, it drives everything we do.

I can't speak for the young sailor the letter writer refers to in his letter, but I can speak from my own experience of serving alongside the U.S. Navy.

As a member of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I was aboard the "USS Harpers Ferry" on Sept. 11, two days from the completion of an arduous six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf. There wasn't a man or woman, Marine or sailor, on that ship who wasn't prepared for what followed that day, and wouldn't have gladly turned around and steamed right back to the Middle East.

I don't know what the letter writer may have read about training in the armed forces, but I can offer one explanation as to why it may not accomplish all it should.

We are still recovering from the reduction of funding and size imposed over the last 10 years. The number of personnel and availability of reliable equipment has been reduced, but the demands on remaining personnel and equipment have remained unchanged or increased.

As compensation fails to keep pace with the level of sacrifice, the number of recruits and personnel who stay beyond an initial commitment decreases. Services are forced to weigh the value of training versus staffing goals for installations and deployments.

Though the Marine Corps has actually lengthened its recruit training in recent years, it has been forced to shorten its follow-on training required before Marines move on the operating forces. Other services have made similar sacrifices. We adjust and do more with less, as our country has asked us to.

Now an operations and plans officer, I watch as Marines jump at the opportunity to go halfway around the world for a chance to affect the war on terrorism, forgoing Christmas plans and leaving families behind, all because they possess a level of loyalty, dedication and patriotism only talked about outside the armed

forces.

The letter writer incorrectly extrapolates the image of a military "surprised when the alarm goes off" from the comments of a young sailor. The Marine Corps is ready when the nation is least ready (always has been), and our sister services are not far behind.

If he has any doubt, I invite him out here to Camp Pendleton, Naval Station San Diego, or Edwards Air Force Base, or down to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to observe the level of preparedness. If he still has any doubt, I suggest he go to the nearest recruiting station and sign up.

Captain D.N. Wolfe
U.S. Marine Corps

Election reform

To the Editor:

Our representative, Andrew Richner, equates election reform with eliminating the ability to vote a straight party ticket.

His reasoning in support of his vote on the bill to end straight party voting is that if voters are required to mark each name on partisan ballots, they will then be more likely to vote for the non-partisan positions and the proposals.

This sounds like strange election reform to me. Right now, voters can mark each

name on the ballot if they choose. They can also split their vote, and many do.

Voters also have the option of voting for all candidates on the partisan portion of the ballot by voting a straight ticket for any party of their choice on the ballot. This does not in any way interfere with voting the rest of the ballot — people who are prepared to vote on non-partisan offices and proposals will do so.

I don't see how making voters take the time to mark their ballot for each partisan candidate will influence them to vote the rest of the ballot if they choose, for various reasons, to not do so.

I believe that all sections of the ballot are important and should be voted, including non-partisan offices and proposals, and would hope that voters would inform themselves before marking their ballots and take the time to vote all sections of the ballot.

However, I do not see how taking away the ability to vote a straight party ticket will ensure that this happens. I think that, on the contrary, all voters, of all parties, would resent having to take additional time to vote on the legislature's assumption that they are not smart enough to see the entire ballot.

Mr. Richner does not

think that convenience should stand in the way of "reform." Since when is convenience a bad thing? And since when is reform equated with requiring that a voter take more time to vote if that voter wishes to vote a straight ticket?

As it turns out this bill was placed on a very rapid fast track, and rushed through the Senate and House; final approval was on Dec. 11. I wonder how many voters will accept this action as in their best interests?

Ann Kondak
Grosse Pointe Woods

Gift of sight

To the Editor:

As three of 267 volunteer ophthalmologists here in Michigan, we are compelled to tell you about the greatest gift you can give a loved one — the gift of sight!

One call to the National Eye Care Project (NECP), a public service program sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., could mean the difference between sight and blindness for you or someone you love.

The program is designed for, but not limited to, financially disadvantaged seniors. All U.S. citizens or legal residents age 65 and

over, who have not seen an ophthalmologist in the last three years or longer, are eligible for the NECP.

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The best part is, there is no cost to the patient. As volunteers for the NECP, we have agreed to accept Medicare or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full, with no out-of-pocket expense to the patient. Those persons without insurance of any kind, including Medicare, receive care at no charge.

Here in Michigan, 9,346 have called the NECP's Helpline, with 6,210 patients referred to a volunteer in their area.

I urge you to take advantage of this amazing program — and give the gift of sight this holiday season.

James W. Klein, M.D.
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Metropolitan Eye Center
St. Clair Shore

A gift for... someday

'Tis the season of giving. But I say, as a parent, sometimes you have to take advantage of a chance to bestow a valuable gift on your child that would definitely never appear on their Santa list.

In fact, the little darling may not even know enough to want said item or experience. Yet, life has taught mom and dad that it will come in mighty handy ... someday.

Such an opportunity presented itself when the invitation to Dance Court appeared in my mail one morning last summer.

Dance Court was founded nine years ago by Grosse Pointe Farms residents Ann Brink and Susan Goodnow to "create a setting in which boys and girls may learn basic etiquette, traditional ballroom dancing and have the opportunity to mature socially under capable supervision."

This inclusive program,

which invites all sixth-grade students attending school in the Grosse Pointes to attend five-week fall or winter sessions at the Grosse Pointe Club, attracts more than 100 youngsters annually.

The lessons culminate in a dinner dance at the Country Club of Detroit, where parents can peek over the balcony and watch as gawky pre-teens turn into little ladies and gentlemen.

Who could resist investing in the promise of such a priceless transformation? As I listened to my son Will slurp his cereal across the breakfast table, this program became an in-the-nick-of-time necessity.

Enrolling him also offered me an overwhelming feeling of relief.

I would no longer be a voice in the wilderness! I now had hard evidence that at least a few other folks in this Beavis and Butthead culture believe as I do—that good manners still matter—and it never hurts to know how to traverse polished parquet without crippling your date.

Several of my friends openly marveled at my abil-



ity to get my 11-year-old to forsake his usual uniform of baggy T-shirts and jeans for a starched, button-down collar, tie, khakis and blue blazer. However, I assured them that it was amazingly easy—once I removed the element of choice.

That's not to say that I didn't experience a bit of trepidation when I picked Will up after the first session. But it soon faded in the glow of the shining smile that greeted me as he jumped into the car.

"Wow, those coffee sandwiches were really great!" he gushed.

I didn't have the heart to tell him that the bite-size goodies were usually served at tea time. Nor did I ask just how many he consumed

— though from his contented expression, my guess would be between 18 and 22. The way to a boy's head and heart is definitely via his stomach and these people clearly knew their business. I was delighted to see my decision validated.

At the grand finale dinner/dance there were more nervous giggles among the parents overlooking the ballroom than there were at the tables below.

Such a pretty sight—all those lovely girls, swathed in taffeta and velvet, perched atop dangerously high heels and their dashing escorts in virtually interchangeable ensembles right out of the windows of Hickey's/Walton-Pierce.

I must confess that I

winned slightly when I noticed Will scrutinizing his prospective partner's dance card with the intensity of a customs agent. And I couldn't help but empathize with the poor girls. They were left to peer over his hunched head and shoulders in search of a friendly face while Will stared down at his feet as if each dance was a life or death trek through a musical mine field.

Most of all, I beamed with pride, tempered only by disappointment in the fact that I neglected to bring a video camera.

As the evening drew to a close after a mere 45 minutes of box-stepping, Will rolled graciously through the receiving line then made a dash for the door. Mopping his brow, my big, burly boy—who has been known to pitch six innings, then top it off with four hours of roller hockey and a swim—huffed in exhaustion.

"My arms hurt," he groaned, slumping into the backseat. "I've been holding up those girls all night!"

To tell the truth, Will will probably never be Fred Astaire and I doubt he is

ready for dinner with the Queen.

Still, I now harbor the hope that someday when he is faced with a particularly complicated place setting while having lunch with his new boss, he won't be too intimidated to eat.

Then, too, someday, when that cute bridesmaid at his best friend's wedding catches his eye, he won't be afraid to ask her to dance.

Someday, it may dawn on him that all of those pleases and thank yous and courtesies genuinely do make this world a kinder, easier place to live.

And someday, when confronted with his own children's lists of Christmas wishes, he may recall that many of the best, most enduring gifts—like character and confidence—can't be found neatly wrapped under the tree.

Perhaps he will realize that it is not as important to give children just what they want as it is to love them enough to provide the things that you know they will really need ... someday.

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The Op-Ed Page



"I HOPE THEY DON'T USE THIS IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS CARD NEXT YEAR!!"

Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

Many roots of Christmas

The following was first published for Christmas 1999.

Professor Earl Wendell Count died in 1996 at the age of 97, and his obituary was in the Sunday New York Times. He was an anthropologist who was famous for a book he wrote that came out in 1948 called, "4,000 Years of Christmas."

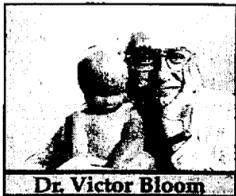
In it, he collected strands of myth and folklore from antiquity and wove them into a tapestry that showed how ancient festivals evolved into the modern celebration we call Christmas.

He traced the greatest story ever told from its origins in Babylon, where it moved westward to Greece, Rome and Israel and north from the Mediterranean to northern Europe.

Interwoven within the tapestry of early Western Civilization were the early customs that developed into modern Christmas, such as gift giving, candle lights and St. Nicholas.

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

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



Dr. Victor Bloom

Nazareth, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer.

Ultimately, it was the peasantry who identified with His lowly beginnings, and they developed an abiding faith in the divinity of this great rabbi (teacher) who was without sin and who preached the gospel of the Father with great eloquence and intensity, and who promised everlasting life for all those who would follow Him.

Professor Count concluded that "Christmas has become great because men and women have given to it their deepest and most enduring selves."

Beneath the spectacle of commercialization and the pressure of last-minute shopping, the never-ending tinkle of bells and echo of carols, there exist a warmth and a glow that radiate and infuse into those with open hearts and raise anew the hope of real brotherhood and peace.

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

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

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

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

That's right; the Jews don't understand the mystery of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. I believe the archbishop was referring to his identity of the martyrdom of the Jews with the martyrdom of Christ.

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

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by Ben Burns

Centenarian I

Erna Kendrick has lived through 18 presidents and two world wars, watched television as man first stepped on the moon and witnessed women getting the right to vote and the privilege of fighting in combat.

Better known to her family as "Gretma," a contraction of great-grandmother, Erna will celebrate turning 100 on Dec. 21 with a party and reception on Saturday in the dining room of the De Serrano Apartments, a St. John's independent living center in Roseville, according to her granddaughter Karen Kendrick-Hands of the Park.

Erna remembers New York City when there were more horses than autos and vaudeville before George Burns and Gracie Allen.

"She is an amazing lady," said Karen. "Like the Energizer Bunny, she takes a licking and keeps on ticking, or was that Timex? She is feisty, spunky and alert, overcoming macular degeneration, a profound hearing loss and dependence on a walker."

She had a total hip replacement at age 97, a broken arm last February and was forced from her long-time home at the Whittier last year when it closed its doors.

"Through all this, her glass has been half full and she concludes every encounter with: 'have fun,'" Kendrick-Hands said.

Gretma vowed to stick around when her only son, Karen's dad, died three years ago, because she wanted to be a factor in raising her two great grandsons, Philip Hands (the Grosse Pointe News editorial cartoonist) and Stephen Hands, a teenage expert on regional transportation needs.

Gretma pumps iron (lifts weights) daily, drinks lots of V-8 juice and uses a special reader to memorize poetry for her repertoire so she always has something new to say to apartment residents, Karen said.

Thirteen relatives, including a great-great-grandchild, will come from as far as California for the party at De Serrano, 17255 Common Road, between Gratiot and Groesbeck on the north side.



Ben Burns

Centenarian II

Harold Fisher, the centenarian Harper Woods architect who has designed more than 500 churches in his 81-year career, was honored recently at the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C., as the nation's oldest worker by Green Thumb, a non-profit.

Fisher and his wife, Maria, who live in Grosse Pointe Woods, have nine children, ages 39 to 73; 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, according to a feature in the Detroit Free Press by Daniel Fricker.

Fisher reportedly doesn't eat bacon or beef, gave up smoking at age 60, joined a health club at 75 and stopped drinking three

Press power

Farms resident John Selden read in the Detroit Free Press about Sylvan Lake holding up a proposed five-city recreational trail in Oakland County, partially because of the cost—\$40,000.

So he volunteered to foot the bill for completion of the Clinton River Trail in a town he had never been in, according to Bill Laitner's story.

Last year, Selden bought Grass Island in the Detroit River to preserve it from development, and he owns 45 acres west of Ann Arbor that is lying fallow, Laitner reported.

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Library approves building committee by 6-1 vote

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

The library building committee will be handpicked and not open to public scrutiny.

The committee was approved by the Grosse Pointe library board at its Dec. 17 meeting in a 6-1 vote.

The dissenting vote was cast by trustee Laura Bartell.

Bartell read from a prepared statement that outlined her three reasons for opposing the committee proposed by library director Vickey Bloom.

"I must reluctantly oppose the composition of this building committee," Bartell

began.

Bartell listed as her first reason the fact that the Park and Woods projects are two large, separate projects that will be on two different building schedules and potentially designed by two different architects. Negotiations for the purchase of the intended property for the Park branch have not concluded.

Bartell reasoned, secondly, "I believe that the method by which this committee was selected was procedurally flawed."

Bartell said she was prepared to discuss a prescription for the type of public representation on the committee and a definition of its responsibilities. Bartell said she did not expect to be presented with an action item containing a listing of specific "hand-picked" individuals even before the role of the committee has been defined.

Bartell said she would like the board to solicit candidates for committee participation through public advertisement. They would be screened and interviewed by trustees.

According to Bartell,

Bloom denied her request for public advertisement by citing project time constraints. Bartell said she had been requesting board discussion and decisions for a building committee "for at least the past seven months."

"It seems to me that it's somewhat disingenuous of the board to refuse to create a building committee in less than one month and then suddenly decide that there's insufficient time to do it the correct way," Bartell said.

"No one has worked harder than I have for public participation, but by public participation, I have always meant a meaningful opportunity for members of the public to get involved, even if they are not the president of the Friends or happen to know a trustee."

Bartell argued that the municipalities and school board procedurally select members for publicly represented committees through public advertisement.

As a third reason, Bartell registered disagreement over the kind of representation Bloom chose.

Bartell said because the

construction of the Woods branch will be the largest capital project in the history of the library and largely serving the largest Pointe community, there ought to be more representation by Woods residents. Bloom selected only one Woods resident as a non-library staff, non-trustee member.

Citing that the financing for branch construction is based on taxes paid to the libraries from the five Grosse Pointes and a portion of Harper Woods, Bartell said, "Taxation without representation is contrary to our democratic values since the inception of this country."

Trustee Dave Bergeron disagreed with Bartell, saying, "Just because it's not your way, Mrs. Bartell, that does not mean it's not the right way."

Bergeron opined that Bloom took adequate care in choosing knowledgeable members from the community, saying that she "did a pretty good job."

Trustee Harvey Weaver turned to the public audience and said, "I don't mean to offend anybody, but as

you can see from our public attendance, we have a pretty apathetic group of people" There were eight in the public audience.

Weaver said the formation and selection of the committee is "fine."

Library board president John Bruce stated that membership of public committees should be based on experience. He said his selection to serve on various committees has usually not been as a result of responding to public advertisement. He explained that committee members are chosen because of their "special knowledge and expertise."

Bruce said he trusts that Bloom chose members based on their experience and knowledge.

Bartell requested that her dissenting statement be attached to the minutes. Weaver suggested that the facts cited in her statement be checked for accuracy if they are attached to the public record. Bruce said because the statement is an opinion, the board is not required to fact-check the statement for the record.

During public comments,

Doris Cook, Friends of the Library board liaison, asked the board to explain the role of the building committee in selecting an architect.

Bruce responded that the board will select the architect. The building committee will be informed about how the board made its decision after the selection. The details will likely be determined at the first building committee meeting in January.

Cook followed up by inquiring into the possibility of the committee fulfilling a screening role for architect candidates.

Bartell said the committee's role should have been determined previously, including its expected involvement in contracting an architect. She suggested the board designate the screening process to the committee, with the board making the final decision.

Bartell also expressed concern over the board's plan not to have the building committee subject to the Open Meetings Act. Bruce said the board had been advised by legal counsel that this is not necessary.



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H.W. library offers amnesty for charity

Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

Library fines have a way of piling up while you aren't looking.

They come back to haunt you like the ghost of Christmas future, but this year in Harper Woods a little charity can make delinquent library patrons feel like saints.

Library director Dale Parus set up partnerships with the Gleaner's Community Food Bank and Orchards Children's Services. He hopes that the move will underscore that "The library wants to be a good neighbor," he said.

According to Parus, his selection of Gleaner's and Orchards was influenced by

the fact that they serve the local community.

"We have good neighbors here in Harper Woods," Parus said, and the library staff wants to help them any way they can.

The library will accept non-perishable foods, new or lightly used linens and blankets and toiletry items up to the Jan. 5 deadline for the

program. Each donated item will waive \$2.50 of overdue fines, up to a \$10 maximum.

Of course, Parus said, you don't have to have fines to donate.

Donations can be dropped off at the circulation desk of the library. For more information about the program or on what is needed most, call (313) 343-2575.

Park wants DOT bus stop to hit the road

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The Golden Rule has a dark side that awakens when others do unto you in ways you don't like.

Officials in Grosse Pointe Park, sensing that Detroit Department of Transportation officials aren't responding to complaints about conditions at a Detroit-owned bus turnaround located off Wayburn at Jefferson, are considering a permanent solution to the problem.

"Block Wayburn so DOT can't access the turnaround," said Park councilman Greg Theokas. "If they're (transportation administrators) intransi-

gent, we don't owe them anything. Why should we have a perpetual eyesore because of someone who's intransigent, hard to get a hold of or high-bound?"

Sandra Bomar-Parker, director of the Detroit Department of Transportation, was aware of general concerns about the bus stop, but hasn't been contacted by Park officials.

"Not having called me, I don't know why they want to start a fight," Bomar-Parker said.

The issue came up recently when Pete Wordon, who lives on Wayburn, asked if DOT crews could be made to spruce up the turnaround. Wordon admitted his vision of a comfort station for bus drivers and riders might be

out of reach.

"I don't think that's going to happen," Wordon said.

"I don't think so, either," agreed Park mayor Palmer Heenan.

The turnaround marks the eastern terminus of the timeworn transit route along East Jefferson from downtown Detroit to the city limits. Buses routinely lay-over at the site according to their schedule. Before buses came of age, trolleys ran the same route in the same manner. The iron rails on which the streetcars rolled are visible between cracks in the pavement leading to the bus stop.

Although DOT drivers have restroom facilities at

the location, Park officials are concerned the bus stop's appearance has lagged behind a general effort to upgrade the area.

The city has been renewing lower Jefferson, most recently with a three-phase renovation of city hall. A clock tower has been built at a landscaped pocket park on Jefferson across from the municipal complex. On Maryland at Jefferson, one block away from the bus stop, the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and Keep Michigan Beautiful have established headquarters. In addition, St. Ambrose Church is building a large community center.

"They (DOT officials) couldn't care less what Grosse Pointe Park and St. Ambrose are doing to improve that area," Theokas said.

Ideas to relocate the turnaround have stalled.

Daniel Clark, a Park councilman and member of St. Ambrose, said church leaders have tried to buy the property used for the bus stop.

"DOT is not anxious to sell," Clark said. "But hope springs eternal, and we will continue to express interest."

Another plan involved moving the turnaround to the former Mission Valley commercial property on East Jefferson.

"The owner of that property wants a huge amount (of money) for it," Clark said.

Whatever is done with the bus stop will have to please DOT officials, "and they're happy where it is," Clark said.

"Close it off," Theokas said.

"They could make a U-turn at Maryland and head back downtown," Heenan said.

Dale Krajniak, city manager, said, "I'll meet with Detroit transportation officials to explore options as to possible relocation or joint improvement efforts."

"If we're getting the turnaround or cold shoulder, do what you have to do," Theokas said. "This is business."

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Making the news at Harper Woods' WKAS

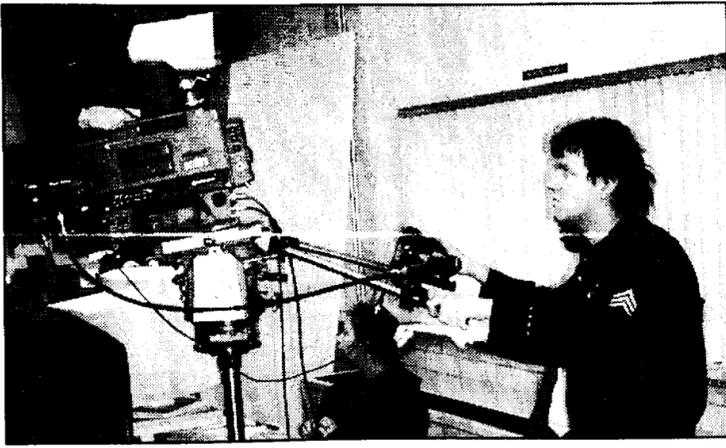
Jason Sweeney
Staff Writer

Normally teens have to do something bad to "make the news." But Harper Woods High School students are making good news while they write, report and produce the news.

Jan Boback, media specialist for the schools, started a media club three years ago with Ken Jenzen, Andrew Sewick and Steve Smitka. The technology was limited to a camcorder strapped onto a cart with a small sound and video mixer.

Three years later, the effort has grown into a 22-member class and an even larger club, using two professional-grade cameras and mixers, several remote digital camcorders and a new digital editing system.

Under the title of WKAS,



Senior Jeff Mogle can often be seen manning one of the two cameras in the studio during the taping of the show, which airs twice weekly.

(a combination of the three founding members initials

after the standard W) news, features and entertainment are broadcast twice a week throughout the middle and high schools.

Bobak explained that the class is one that is both creative and experience-based.

"Students are evaluated on performance and consistency," she said, "but the main goal is to show the students all the opportunities of the media."

Every student gets a chance to edit, produce, anchor, write and tape shows. The round-robin method allows students to help teach each other and learn from each other, said Bobak.

Students with a particular interest or talent are also allowed to find their niche at the station.

Darren Noel, a senior transfer from Westland agreed that the class is a good opportunity. He had been attending the William D. Ford Career Technical Center as part of his studies last year with hopes of

becoming a professional cameraman.

Noel admitted the program isn't quite as technical in Harper Woods, but he said, "I've learned some things here that I didn't there."

Kristin Kidd, an outgoing and inquisitive student, hosts her own program. "Kidd's Korner" features interviews and segments ranging from school tradition to dance etiquette and movie reviews.

Jason Murphy is usually seen reporting the sports, but he has also taken on the alter ego of "Harper Woods Man."

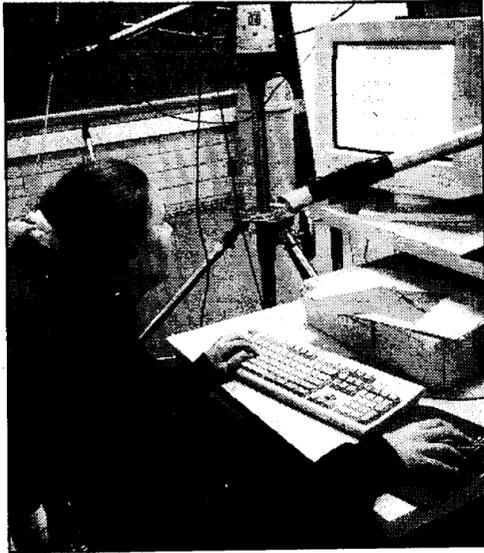
As the hero, he flies around the school catching criminals and advising others to make good choices.

Despite the pending graduation of the three founding members, the future of WKAS is bright. Interest in the class remains high and Bobak said that by the end of the year many others will have the skills to be the "go-to" people.



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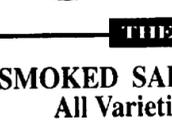
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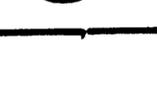
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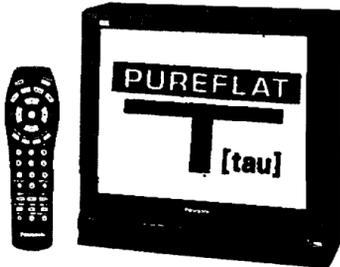
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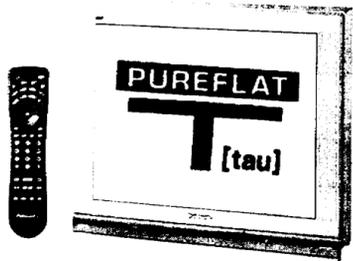
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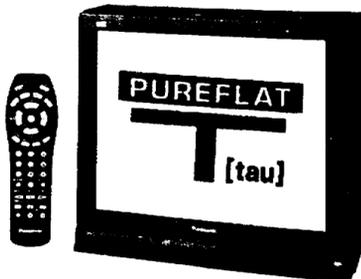


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City keeps eye on traffic with speed trailer

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

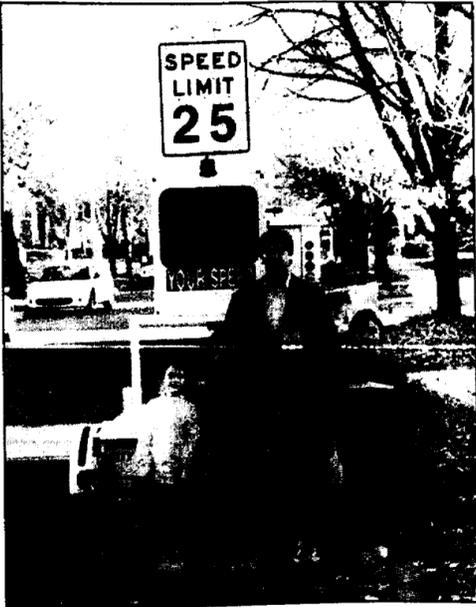
The City of Grosse Pointe's newest traffic safety device is not only a visual reminder to slow down, but acts as a set of eyes for the public safety department.

The City's new speed trailer, which has been in place for about a month, also doubles as a traffic counter. It records the number and types of vehicles that pass by as well as the time of day.

"It's all computer generated," said City public safety director Al Fincham. "We can download the data into our computers for traffic safety studies."

The city council approved the purchase of the \$11,000 trailer this past summer partly in response to traffic safety issues brought forth by residents in the 700 block of Rivard between Charlevoix and Goethe. The residents approached the council in August with their concerns about traffic volume and speeding.

"It's a great first effort," said Rivard resident Amy Taylor. "We appreciate the



City of Grosse Pointe city council person Patrick Petz stands in front of a recently approved speed trailer on Rivard with residents Abby Sohn, Natalie Sohn and Katie Klas, back row; and Anna Klas and Margaret Sohn, front row.

effort of the chief for getting that through."

Taylor said that the speed trailer has helped with the speeding problem "a bit," but she was also interested in getting information from the trailer's counter.

"We still need a long-term solution, not just immediate enforcement," Taylor said. Fincham said he believed

the trailer has helped in cutting back on speed in the area and freeing up his staff.

However, he said, "This by no means will mean we'll discontinue having an officer available to protect the residents."

Fincham said the speed trailer has and will be used in other parts of the City as well.

New Shores phone system will reach out and touch everyone

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores will soon be able to reach out and touch everyone.

The Shores purchased a voice message system that will almost instantaneously and simultaneously contact its residents by phone to inform them about village events and emergencies.

The computer and phone technology, provided by Touch Communications, is a scaled-down version of programs used for mass market political and advertising campaigns that can reach up to 600,000 prerecorded phone messages in an hour.

InTouch president and Shores resident John Mills said his company's program has been scaled down and made more affordable for use by smaller users like municipalities and school districts. The Shores has about 1,070 registered phone numbers in its system.

The village will be able to record a message and use the Internet to transfer the message and the village's database of phone numbers to a main computer system to send the calls immediately or at a programmed date and time. The system can be

City to have new water billing cycle

Some residents in the City of Grosse Pointe will soon see a change in their water and sewer billing cycle.

Sometime after the first of the year, the City will divide its quarterly billing cycle over a period of three months instead of billing all of its residents at the same time.

The first third of the City residents on the new billing cycle will start out with a one-month water bill at the time of the change and the second third of the residents will start out the new billing cycle with a two-month bill. The last third of the residents on the new billing cycle will see no change in the period of billing.

- Bonnie Caprara

Ruth Elizabeth Knisely Brundle

Ruth Elizabeth Knisely Brundle, 91, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died of heart failure on Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at the St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Brundle graduated from the Detroit Teachers College in 1928.

She was an active member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Detroit Review Club. She was also a lifetime member of Alpha Sigma Tau, Theta Chapter.

Mrs. Brundle enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening and reading.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Ann Brundle, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Frederick Brundle.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Dec. 14, at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Obituaries



Ruth Lois Campbell Gmeiner

Mrs. Gmeiner, 89, of St. Clair Shores, died of coronary artery disease on Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at the St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

Born in Detroit in March of 1912, Ruth Lois Campbell attended Eastern High School and the University of Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Harvey Campbell, president of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and his wife Mabel Thosteson.

Ruth married Wilfred D. "Toot" Gmeiner and enjoyed years of sailing with her husband and three children,

Nancy Fife Gibson, Frank "Skip" Gmeiner and the late Douglas Gmeiner. The Detroit Yacht Club was the hub of her activity including the bowling, golf and swimming leagues. In addition, she devoted many years of service to the Harper Hospital Auxiliary, serving as its president.

She will be remembered for her loyalty to her friends and family, her love of music and theater and her sense of enthusiasm.

She is survived by two of her children, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Dec. 17, at the Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or The Detroit News Goodfellows Fund.

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Ruth Lois Campbell Gmeiner

Even in her final days, Ruth Gmeiner displayed her sense of humor and quick wit. "When I visited her on Thanksgiving Day I didn't even want to leave the nursing home because we were both laughing so hard," said her grandson Brian Fife.



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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2001

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Gaffney, Mayor Pro-Tem Kneiser, Council members Therese Joseph, Charles S. "Terry" Davis III, Louis Theros, James C. Farquhar and Frances L. Schonenberg.

Those absent were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. William T. Burgess, City Attorney; Richard G. Solak, City Manager; Shane L. Reeside, City Clerk; John Modzinski, City Controller; Joseph T. Leonard, Director of Public Service; Robert K. Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Gaffney presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 12, 2001 were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the Site Plan Review submitted by Steve & Sandra Gillespie, owners of 85 Kercheval Avenue, for the construction of a two-story addition on the rear of their building.

The Council acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 12, 2001 and further, granted the appeal of William & Lisa Ford for a lot split of their property known as 226 Provencal Road.

The matter pertaining to Vendome Court/Kerby School was withdrawn.

The Council accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2001.

The Council adopted a resolution to prepare and publish a notice and agenda for City Council Meetings on or before the close of business 7 days prior to the next scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council adopted the following Schedule of Council Meetings for the Calendar Year 2002:

January 7, 2002	April 8, 2002	June 24, 2002*	October 7, 2002
January 21, 2002*	April 22, 2002*	July 8, 2002	October 21, 2002*
February 11, 2002	May 6, 2002	August 12, 2002	November 11, 2002
March 11, 2002	May 20, 2002*	September 9, 2002	December 9, 2002
March 25, 2002*	June 10, 2002	September 23, 2002*	

*Indicates Work Session or Additional Council Meeting, as needed, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Council received the Public Safety Department Report for the month of October, 2001, and ordered it placed on file.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following temporary adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of real property.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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Volkswagen Jetta a good fit in Grosse Pointe

I had not really noticed until I got one myself to test-drive, but the Volkswagen Jetta seems to be an extremely popular car among Grosse Pointers. And that makes a lot of sense.

version, which spewed smoke from its exhaust, was hard to start, had sluggish pickup and you could hear coming from a block away. The diesel Jetta is easy to start and has a different

German touring car. The Jetta's front independent MacPherson strut and rear torsion beam axle configuration soaks up road bumps, but the car felt firmly planted on the road at all times.

The Jetta's power-assisted, rack-and-pinion steering is smooth and responsive. The Jetta's 15-incher wheel contribute to its excellent handling. Most of the Jetta's small-car competitors run on 14-inch tires.

Front and rear brakes in the Jetta are discs and an anti-lock braking system is standard on all Jettas. Supportive, adjustable driver seat

The Jetta interior has VW's firm seats that provide good support on long trips. The instrument cluster's lighting at night is the eye-catching cool blue used in the VW Beetle. Side airbags are standard in all Jettas.

The Jetta isn't cheap. Suggested base retail prices, which start at \$17,400 for the GL, are more than most compacts. Base price of the turbodiesel Jetta is \$18,695.

sound than a gasoline engine, but does not sound as if it is shaking itself apart. Its exhaust is not visible and its performance, boosted by a turbocharger, is in a normal range.

This is pretty negative praise, in effect, lauding the diesel for not being as bad as it used to be. But on the positive side is its fuel economy — 34 city/45 highway, according to the EPA — which puts it in range of the gasoline/electric hybrids now offered by Toyota and Honda.

And the VW diesel is a strong, efficient, precision powerplant that with minimal care will still be running long after you become tired of the vehicle.

Now a word about the Jetta. The 2002 Volkswagen Jetta combines compact size with the premium feel of a higher-priced European car. It also offers unusual variety for a small car, a choice of four engines: a 1.8-liter 180-horsepower turbocharged four, the 1.9-liter 90-hp turbodiesel four, a 2.0-liter 115-hp four, and a 2.8-liter 174-hp V-6.

This front-wheel-drive sedan has the road feel of a

Autos

By Richard Wright



Everywhere I went — running errands in the Village or on the Hill — I saw Jettas, often looking like the one I had, which was finished in bright "Tornado Red." In fact, the VW Jetta is the best-selling European car in the United States, far surpassing the Beetle and VW's basic Golf.

Like many Pointers, the Jetta is conservative, sensible and laden with good value. The Jetta is not cheap, but for what you get, it is not expensive either. What you get is a crisp, nice-looking sedan with plenty of room, good performance and solid quality.

Our test vehicle was powered by a 1.9-liter four-cylinder turbodiesel mated to a five-speed stick shift. Let me give a plug here for diesel cars. They have not been popular in the United States for 20 years, but during that time, huge improvements have been made. So much so that in Europe, where automobile fuel does not cost less than water, about 45 percent of new car sales are diesels.

The modern VW diesel (the only one available in the United States in VW Jetta, Beetle and Golf models) is a far cry from the old



The sleek and curvy Volkswagen Jetta is a European sport sedan in a small-car package.

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Veteran speaker brings reality of war home to Pointe students

By Madeleine Socia
Staff Writer

As those who know Grosse Pointe Farms resident Frank Sladen Jr. will readily attest, the dapper, octogenarian educator is the very epitome of a gentleman.

It is almost ironic to hear him relate the brutal duties of a soldier's life. Yet watching Sladen captivate a group of fidgety fifth-graders gathered in the library of Grosse Pointe Wood's Mason Elementary School on Oct. 26, revealed him to be an ideal spokesperson for the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's veteran's speakers program.

In the fall of 2000, the War Memorial launched the speakers service as part of its Living History Program, an ongoing educational facet of its Veteran's Legacy Project. To date, some 10 men and women who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm/Desert Shield have volunteered to share their experiences with civics and social studies students in area schools in an effort to promote patriotism.

According to Teri L. Carroll, community relations director for the War Memorial, "The idea is to create an understanding of what is important in life, service to country and service to community."

As a World War II veteran, former headmaster of the Liggett School, past Grosse Pointe Board of Education member and current president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Board of Directors, Sladen is uniquely qualified to offer students a vivid picture of war without glorifying conflict as a viable resolution to the differences among people.

"This is our way of showing the community that we have not forgotten," said Sladen in commenting on the Living History program. "That is what we are asking our young people to do...remember that there are people who have sacrificed their youth so that you can be where you are."

"He is awesome!" says Grosse Pointe Shores resident Karen Listwan, a fifth-grade teacher at Mason who has invited

Sladen to speak to her class for the last two years. "It is breathtaking to watch. He does a beautiful job grabbing and keeping their attention. He speaks to them not as children, but as fellow citizens, in terms that they can understand."

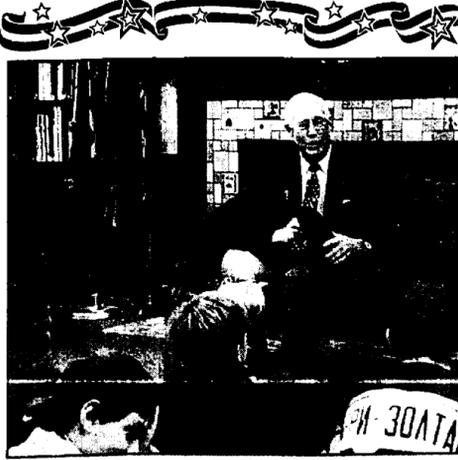
Sladen tells the students seated on the floor before him how he planned to follow in his father's footsteps and become a doctor upon graduating from Yale University in 1942. However, after watching most of his friends leave to serve their country, he chose to ignore the exemption granted him because of his pursuit of a medical degree and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943.

Sladen eventually became a squad leader in Company G of the 2nd Battalion, 398th Regiment, 100th Infantry Division.

By the late fall of 1944, he was on patrol near the front lines of the German defense in the Vosges Mountains of France when his lieutenant stepped on a schue mine. As he reached to help his fallen comrade, Sladen triggered another schue mine. That single step cost him his right foot, which was severed an inch or two above the ankle.

The wave of concern and wonder washes across the faces of his listeners, and some are visibly jarred when he removes his prosthesis and reveals what the mine left behind. Tempered by Sladen's kindly manner, this unique fusion of history and reality makes an indelible impact well beyond the power of words.

Speaking as a teacher and a mother, Listwan notes, "To do something like that in



Grosse Pointe Farms World War II veteran Frank Sladen Jr., holding his prosthetic leg, offers students a unique fusion of reality and history as a veteran speaker of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Living History program.

Students' questions ranged from wondering what time he had to get up in the morning to asking, with the point-blank directness of

front of first-graders may not be totally appropriate, but fifth-graders are heading off to middle school. They think they know it all. Having a visual like that is riveting. It caught their attention and gave them an appreciation of what these veterans have gone through."

Sladen's honesty opened the door to a frank, animated discussion.

Said Sladen, "I want them to understand how to live a civil life that recognizes the dignity of people, no matter what their color, no matter what their religion."

In view of the events of Sept. 11, Listwan feels it is especially urgent that students gain an awareness of what being a veteran means.

"It's nice to have a living, breathing human being illustrating that war is not just picking up a gun and going off to shoot the bad guys."

To request a presentation by a veteran, call the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Becky Johnson at (313) 881-7511.

Kerby offers sweet relief

Students in Patricia Blazinski's fifth-grade class at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms generated more than \$780 for American Red Cross Sept. 11 relief programs during a recent two-day bake sale. Tables were laden with 25-cent and 50-cent items, a few \$6 cakes and a very active cash donation basket. Many parents sent large bills instructing their children to donate the change after they purchased their treats. Pictured here are students Welling French, Brian Jakub, Joe Zampardo, Grace Gormley and Dana Hanrahan.



Remember those who serve with a Red Cross Gift

Send a little holiday cheer to the men and women dedicated to protecting our nation. The American Red Cross has launched a new website, www.4troops.com, where the public can quickly, easily and securely order a gift to be sent to service personnel stationed around the world.

There are four gifts available: three types of candy and a special "United We Stand" T-shirt. The cost of each gift is \$25, which includes postage and handling. Gifts can be mailed to particular soldiers or can be delivered to at-large personnel in countries such as Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kosovo, Bosnia and Diego Garcia.

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Net proceeds of approximately \$10 for each gift will benefit the Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) program of the

Red Cross. While the Red Cross is mandated by Congress to act as a liaison between United States families and their loved ones in the military, the organization does not receive any government financial assistance. AFES services include relaying emergency messages 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as well as offering one-on-one counseling, financial support and other assistance to military families. Michigan residents can access the service by calling (313) 833-8816.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross also has a satellite office at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County. The Selfridge satellite office is open weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Selfridge-based military and their families may call the office at (810) 307-4285.



All American Christmas

Jeanene Adams decided to show her true colors this Christmas. The City of Grosse Pointe transferred her passion for the Fourth of July to the Yuletide season, creating this truly patriotic Christmas tree and Uncle Sam. Adams hand-crafted all of her red, white and blue ornaments, including the flag-filled wreath that greets guests at her front door.

Johnstone & Johnstone says thanks for Red Cross pin money donations

By Madeleine Socia
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Farms-based Realtor Johnstone & Johnstone salutes the community for its assistance in generating more than \$11,000 in proceeds from the sales of beaded flag pins which was recently donated to American Red Cross Sept. 11 relief efforts.

"We would like to thank the community for buying the pins and helping us to make them," said associate broker/manager Mary Lou Ferrante. "They not only embraced the pins, they embraced the spirit."

Johnstone and Johnstone

agent Lydia Taylor was inspired to launch this fundraiser after seeing similar items at a craft show in September. The agency donated all of the materials to ensure that 100 percent of the proceeds would go directly to those in need. Agents joined members of the community in giving of their free time to string the red, white and blue plastic beads onto safety pins in a U.S. flag pattern.

Hundreds of orders were taken for the \$10 pins, some from as far away as Florida and Colorado.

Perpetuating the theme, Johnstone and Johnstone

agent Donna O'Keefe made 150 enlarged pin-kits so that Girl Scouts from Richard Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms could fashion them into decorations for the Hill Association's patriotic gazebo Christmas tree.

Ferrante noted that the project had an uplifting effect on all who participated. "People got rejuvenated," she said. "It made them feel that they had something to do with helping."

Pins are still available and make great stocking-stuffers! For more information, call (313) 884-0600.



Photo by Melissa Walsh

Richard makes a difference

Richard Elementary School's Student Council presented a check for \$3,600 to the American Red Cross on Oct. 24 at a school assembly. Accepting the check was Park resident Neil G. Bristol, vice chair of the Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter. "You helped make a difference in other people's lives and you ought to feel very good about that," Bristol told Richard students, who raised the sum by collecting returnables and coins. "You're some of the good people out there... when you see people like the American Red Cross doing good things, I want you to remember that." Bristol then talked with students about how the money they raised will be used to help people.

Pictured left to right are: Alex Piku, Johnny Hackett, Neil Bristol, Emily Fennell, Tesha Kondrate, and student council teacher advisor Linda Piaseckey. Richard's student council is gathered behind them.

Editor's Note:

The Patriot's Page will appear periodically in the Grosse Pointe News to honor and acknowledge those who serve our community and nation during these troubled times.

If you have a news item that you would like to submit, please forward it to: "Patriot's Page," c/o Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or e-mail msocia@grossepointenews.com.

On the town

A drunken 16-year-old girl from Grosse Pointe Woods spent the early hours of Friday, Dec. 14, driving over trash cans and bags set out for morning pickup in the 600 through 1000 blocks of North Oxford.

Police caught up with the girl at 2:55 a.m. She was alone in a black 1995 Jeep four-door dragging a trash bin pinned beneath the vehicle. Police searching the Jeep's console turned up a pipe containing suspected marijuana residue.

About 45 minutes after being taken into custody, the girl registered a 14 percent blood alcohol content. She was released to her mother.

Friday, Dec. 14, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. According to police, the wallet contained \$120 cash and other items.

Tools taken

On the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 15, a man arriving home after spending a day out of town discovered someone had stolen equipment and tools from his garage in the 1900 block of Lennon in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He said the stolen items were a gray air compressor made by Cambell House, and \$1,000 worth of Craftsman tools inscribed with the initials "T/F."

Caprice caper

A gray, 1989 Chevrolet Caprice four-door was reported stolen from an employee parking lot near Mack and Moross on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 6:18 p.m. The owner, a woman from St. Clair Shores, had parked the car at about 9 a.m.

The day the music died

Someone broke into the Grosse Pointe Woods home of a musically minded youth last week and stole a \$5,000 Rolland keyboard and Fender Statocaster bass guitar valued at \$1,000. The victim also reported missing a \$680 RCA digital camera.

The theft took place in the 1600 block of Hollywood sometime on Monday, Dec. 10.

Police watching near North

Police are giving special attention to the area of Hidden Lane and Wedgewood near Grosse Pointe North High School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Police said numerous students have been hanging around the neighborhood, which includes two vacant houses. Neighbors have complained about the students (joined by non-students, residents claim) standing around eating and smoking during the lunch hour.

Gym theft

A male student returned from wrestling practice at Grosse Pointe North High School and discovered someone had stolen his wallet from a gym locker.

The theft took place on

Suspect kicked out of town

On Friday, Dec. 14, at 5:20 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police responded to a report of a man with a beige cat trying to steal cases of beer from a store in the 20400 block of Mack.

An officer discovered the man — the cat had apparently been dropped off in a waiting Jeep driven by an unknown woman — on the sidewalk propping himself up with a walker. The man said he was homeless and gave an address on Ashland in Detroit as his last known residence.

The man was wanted on "several warrants," according to a police investigation. While en route to the Woods police station, an officer suspected the man was carrying narcotics. At the station, he was only partially finger printed, police said, "due to the fact he is missing all fingers and thumb on his right hand."

Because other jurisdictions wouldn't pick up the man on the outstanding warrants, Woods police took him to the city limits and let him go.

Attempted B&E

Sometime during the night of Friday, Dec. 14, someone tried to pry open a window at a business in the 15100 block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. The attempt failed, police said, and no entry was made.

Car vandals

Vandals damaged cars in municipal parking lots on two consecutive days last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, between 1:30 and 3 p.m., someone scratched the back of a 2000 BMW parked at Mack and Somerset. The

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next day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., an unknown vandal scratched the driver side door of a 2000 Chevrolet Camaro parked in the 15100 block of Jefferson.

Garage ripoff

During the night of Monday, Dec. 10, someone entered an unlocked garage in the 700 block of Pemberton and stole a Craftsman snow blower, lawn edger, weed trimmer and chainsaw. No suspects have been reported.

— Brad Lindberg

Walked off with walker

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman parked in a municipal parking lot in the Village had her aluminum walker taken from her car Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12.

Smashed

A resident in the 500 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe found the window of his 2001 Escort shattered Thursday morning, Dec. 13.

The car was last seen undamaged at the back of the house around 10 p.m. the night before.

No objects were found to have been thrown through the window and there was no damage to other parts of the car.

Medics revive man

A Grosse Pointe Farms man has Farms paramedics to thank for seeing him to his 79th birthday this past weekend.

Farms medics were called to a Farms restaurant around 9 p.m. in the 18600 block of Mack the evening of Sunday, Dec. 9, to respond to a patron who appeared to be choking. When medics arrived, Lt. Jack Patterson said, "His heart stopped. There was no pulse. He didn't have a shockable rhythm."

Farms paramedics were able to revive the man with intravenous drugs and continuous CPR within 10 minutes of their 19-minute run. They took him to St. John Hospital and Medical Center, where he was listed in fair condition at press time.

— Bonnie Caprara

No-go moped

A student at a Grosse Pointe Farms high school who parked his moped on the side of the gym returned to find the bike knocked down and damaged on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

A parking lot attendant noticed damage to the front fender, handlebars and the ignition switch at 12:05 p.m. The student reported that vandals had slashed the seat of the moped and let air out of the tires in the past, but said he did not have problems with anyone at school.

Nothing's sacred

A church on Grosse Pointe Boulevard reported two thefts to the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department last week.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, a church employee left her purse behind her desk

Car problems

Dec. 11 was not a good night for parking in Harper Woods.

A 1996 Buick parked in a lot in the 19200 block of Rockcastle had its driver's side lock and steering column destroyed by a would-be thief. The owner of the vehicle reported nothing missing from the locked vehicle but will have to pay for the repairs.

The 21200 block of Kingsville was the scene of another attempted car theft in the early morning hours of Dec. 11. The owner of a 1995 Oldsmobile awoke to find the car's rear window smashed and the steering column tampered with. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

Woods patrol car arrived.

— Jason Sweeney

Five arrested

Three Grosse Pointe South teenage girls and a Grosse Pointe Farms girl were arrested by St. Clair Shores police last week for under-age drinking. They were attending a party in which police found beer cans at the house.

Some 20 party-goers left a home in the 21900 block of Edgewood in St. Clair Shores late Dec. 14 just as police were arriving. Five were arrested and charged with under-age drinking.

The party was called to a halt by the hostess' aunt, who came home when called by a neighbor. The hostess was 17 and was also charged.

Arrested were two 17-year-olds and an 18-year-old from Grosse Pointe Farms and a 17-year-old from the City of Grosse Pointe. Blood alcohol levels of the teens ranged from .030 to .073 percent. They were kept in the St. Clair Shores holding facilities until their blood alcohol dropped to .02 percent.

— Ann Fouty

Stereo theft

The owner of a 1999 Jeep watched from his home in the 19200 block of Woodcrest as two men broke into his car and stole the CD player and radio.

The man immediately contacted the police at 7:55 a.m., but the efficient criminals escaped the scene in a Ford Taurus before a Harper

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Where did traditional year-end rally get lost?

New York Stock Exchange volume last week totaled 6.7 billion shares, or 1.3 billion per day, up 10.7 percent from the same week a year ago.

NASDAQ adjusted volume last week totaled 9.5 billion shares, or about 1.9 billion per day.

Because each trade is reported twice — by the buying broker and the selling broker — reported volume is divided by 2 to get the actual trading volume.

Last week's NASDAQ volume trailed year-ago levels by 12.9 percent.

The overall market drifted lower last week with the Dow giving back 238 points, or 2.4 percent, to close below 10,000 again at 9,811.

The NASDAQ Composite also retreated 68 points, or

3.3 percent, to close below 2,000 at 1,953.

Last Monday, the NASDAQ had its annual rebalancing.

The Fame Information Service expected many former high-flying telecoms and dot-coms to disappear, replaced, in part, by biotech.

These tossed-out stocks will be further trashed by the selling from the "look-alike" QQQ funds. The newly added stocks will get a nice upward pop.

'Liar's poker'

In February 1986, LTS' eldest daughter was hired by Henry Kaufman, Salomon Brothers' economist, to leave Citicorp (New York City) and join his research department.

"Liar's Poker," the book, was written by a former Salomon bond salesman Michael Lewis and published in 1989 by W.W. Norton & Co. Ltd. shortly

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after the era of "Wall Street," the movie.

LTS has been rereading this entertaining book, which traces the career of Michael Lewis from his hiring by Salomon in London in winter 1984, his training class of 127 geeks in New York during spring 1985 and through his resignation in 1988.

The mid-1980s were a wild time for bond traders, as government, corporate and consumer debt ballooned under then Fed Chairman Paul Volcker.

In bonds, Salomon Brothers dominated Wall Street under chairman John Gutfreund, crowned by BusinessWeek as the "King of Wall Street."

Salomon's trading floor covered most of its 41st floor.

At any given moment, billions of dollars were being risked by bond traders.

Chairman Gutfreund, a former bond trader, liked to wander around the floor, often visiting John Meriwether, fellow board member and the firm's No. 1 bond trader.

That day in 1986, according to Lewis, Gutfreund walked out onto the trading floor straight to Meriwether and said, "One hand, one million dollars and no tears."

One hand, what? "Liar's Poker!" In this game each player holds a dollar bill — similar to another game called, "I Doubt It?"

After agreeing on the amount of the bet, "each player tries to fool the other about (the number of identical numbers) in the serial

number on his dollar bill." The first bidder says, "Three sixes," meaning that all players, including himself, must have at least three sixes on his dollar bill.

Moving clockwise, the next bidder has two choices: He can bid higher (the same quantity of a higher number), "three sevens," or more of any number, "four fives."

The bidding continues until all players agree to challenge the last bid.

Then all players reveal their serial numbers and determine who is bluffing.

The players caught bluffing must pay the bet to the challenger. Hence, the name, "Liar's Poker."

Meriwether, the best bond trader on the floor, replied to Gutfreund, "No, John, if we're going to play for those kind of numbers, I'd rather play for real money — \$10 million no tears!"

Gutfreund declined. In fact, he smiled his own brand of forced smile and said, "You're crazy!" (LTS' note: Both Gutfreund and Meriwether later denied that the above ever took place, but the "story" sold a lot of books.)

In February 1988, Kaufman resigned from Salomon, followed the next day by LTS' eldest daughter.

Stock market contest

The annual Stock Market Contest of the X-Dividend Luncheon Club closed on Friday, Dec. 7, with the winners announced at the club's gala Christmas luncheon last week at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Members attending the June 13 luncheon at the Country Club of Detroit wagered on the usual five stockmarket-related categories, forecasting prices six months into the future.

The five categories were: 1) the DJI closing level; 2) the yield on the Treasury 5-3/8 percent Bonds due Feb. 15, 2031 (the "long bond"); and the closing prices on three stocks: 3) Comeria; 4) General Motors; and 5) Masco.

Remember, last June, three months before Sept. 11, the economy was winding down, but many analysts insisted we weren't in a recession yet!

By mid-June, the Fed had

cut short-term interest rates many times.

Economists said it would take three to six months for the cuts to work their way through the economy to turn it around.

Skeptics said they saw no effect from the Fed's many cuts to date.

But at the June luncheon, many of the tired and retired stock brokers in the club were still optimistic about stock prices in December and voted their wagers accordingly.

The consensus of the 26 contestants had the DJI at 12,308 on Dec. 7, even though the Dow was actually only 10,977 on June 8.

They forecast the three stocks higher too: Comeria at 58 in December vs. 56.90 in June, GM at 60.21 vs. 59.10 and Masco at 28.32 vs. 24.68.

Now the winners! Ed Funk, a retired Merrill Lynch stockbroker from Troy, was a double-winner. He bet the Dow to be 9,923 vs. actual 10,049, and Comeria at 54.10 vs. 54.02. How much closer can you get?

The club's eldest member, Jack Roney of Grosse Pointe Farms, won the "long bond" yield bet of 5.60 percent vs. 5.61 actual. He is retired from — you guessed it — Roney & Co.!

Jerry Kelly, the club's president and another Roney retiree, won the GM contest with a bet of 51 vs. 51.59 actual.

Two winners split the Masco prize with identical bets. Wade Sloane, from Roney, and Bill O'Donoghue of Grosse Pointe Park, an A.G. Edwards retiree (formerly Watling Lerchen), both bet 23 vs. 23.42 actual.

Several losing members grumbled that Greenspan had let them down; 11 interest rate cuts and who knows when the upturn will start?

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A poinsettia by any other name...

I did a little Internet searching the other day, trying to find out what Grosse Pointe area stores were doing online during the holidays. Pickings were slim as I used several search engines, using such terms as Grosse Pointe AND holidays, Christmas, Hanukkah and other terms associated with this time of year.

The first item to pop up in my Google (www.google.com) search was Moehring Woods Flowers, located at 20923 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. The website not only provides pictures of the arrangements available by holiday event, it also lets you pay online with just about any credit card known to man. They also have a toll-free number and an e-mail address.

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



It's one of the most, if not the most, sophisticated websites I've found in the Grosse Pointes. You do have to take a few minutes to create an account in your name, but once that's done, off you go shopping.

The site provides everything you need to shop for flowers online. All the other websites that Google produced were community organizations and events, no businesses.

A Yahoo search

(www.yahoo.com), using the same criteria, brought me to Robusto's Martini Lounge and Wine Bar. I believe that this is the restaurant/bar that opened on Mack Avenue just north of Pointe Plaza. They had a lot of information about the place but of course you can't buy a martini over the Internet. At least I haven't found a way yet. (Still looking!)

Oh, by the way, they are going to have celebrity bartenders coming soon. I wonder if that's local celebs or nationally known folks. I'd like to see Tom Cruise do his tricks behind the bar like in the movie, "Cocktail."

The Ask search engine (www.ask.com or www.askjeeves.com) was my next stop. Don't ask me how, but the first item listed by my search was The Age Online (www.theage.com), which provides news, sport and business daily updates from (are you ready?) Melbourne, Australia.

The second response in my Ask search was the Grosse Pointe Business Connection Networking Group (www.businessconnection.net). Their opening line said, "The Grosse Pointe Business Connection is an energetic group of professionals who meet for the purpose of helping each other get more business. We give leads, refer to others

the services and products that our members represent, offer suggestions and provide encouragement. Still, nothing on Ask.com remotely connected to the holidays.

I must admit, I was getting discouraged. However, I still had an Internet search engine to go. Next stop? Lycos.com.

"Holiday fines optional in Grosse Pointe Woods" was the first item that popped up. Thinking it might have something to do with the bags that have been placed over the parking meters on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods for the holidays (free parking!), I clicked on the hotlink to the story. Sorry. All I got was that annoying "This page cannot be displayed" message.

Why doesn't some wise Internet geek put together a message a little less harsh? You know, something like, "We are deeply sorry that we cannot connect you to the website you desire. Please accept our humble apology. We won't let it happen again. Happy holidays!"

Bah, humbug. That has as much chance of getting on the Internet as I have of getting a Porsche Carrera for Christmas. Well, I might get a plastic one to glue together.

From our house to your house, happy holidays! May all your hard drives be 40 gigabytes, your computer cable-ready and your glitches be small ones. And, no, I don't mean the kids.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mmaurer@bizserve.com.

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Dohan, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, was a principal shareholder in the Detroit law firm of O'Rourke and Dohan until 1993, when he founded his own firm in Grosse Pointe Woods: Dohan is a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. He has a Master of Laws in Taxation from Wayne State University Law School.

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Although a courtroom experience may be an anxious occurrence for most of us, Attorney Robert Elsey does his utmost to put his clients at ease whenever possible. Contact Attorney Robert R. Elsey for an appointment or more information. His knowledge of the law and his commitment to your best interests assure you that you have made a wise choice. Robert R. Elsey wishes the area's families and businesses a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

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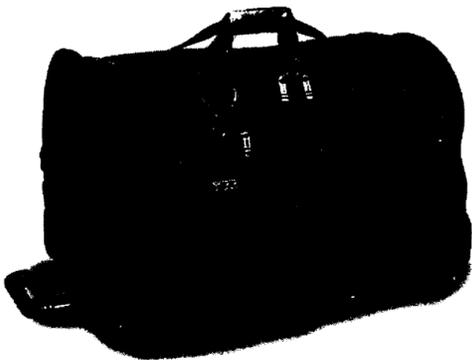
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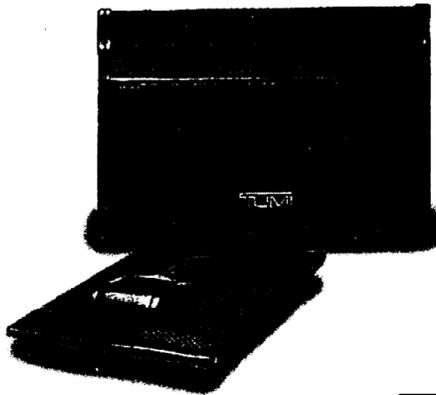
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City man recalls early days of Korean War

By Chip Chapman
Special Writer

After more than two years in Japan following World War II, Robert Marantic returned to the United States or what the military called the "zone of interior," he said, with one year remaining on his three-year enlistment.

His plane landed at Midway Airport in his hometown of Chicago on June 24, 1950.

"The following morning I remembered reading the *Chicago Daily Tribune* at my Aunt Frances' home," he said. "The headline, in big black letters, read, 'North Koreans Invade South Korea.' My aunt said, 'You are lucky you got out of there in time.'"

Marantic's luck ran out four days later when a telegram reached his aunt's home. It read: "Your leave canceled. Proceed this station by expeditious means. You are alerted for overseas duty."

Marantic had enlisted in the army in January 1948, had basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and was on a boat, "getting sick with a lot of other people, headed for Japan," he recalled.

A member of the criminal investigation section of the military police, Marantic was stationed in Kokura on the island of Kyushu.

Kokura was considered the primary target for the second atomic bomb on Aug. 9, 1945. It had the largest munitions facility for the Japanese during World War II. It was also the site of the Mitsubishi Steel and Arms Works and one of the largest shipbuilding and naval cen-

ters in Japan. Because of heavy cloud cover and haze from earlier bombings over Kokura, the secondary target city—Nagasaki—was selected.

"A lot of the old buildings looked brand new there. The area had not been blasted out much," he said. "The Japanese people were well behaved. There were no confrontations at all. They were just humble, humble people."

Marantic remembered being in the Tokyo-Yokohama area in 1948. "The railroad stations were all bombed out by our B-29s. Men and women, 60 to 70 years old, with picks were rebuilding the rail beds. Some of the rails had been twisted up like pretzels."

He also recalled witnessing the reverence of the Japanese people toward Gen. Douglas MacArthur: "Gen. Ego, I call him, took over the Diyci Building. I happened to be walking by one day and he came out of the building with his olive drab Cadillac waiting for him on the street. The Japanese who were sweeping the streets at the time dropped their brooms and bowed to MacArthur."

After his leave in Chicago was cut short by the outbreak of war in Korea, Marantic found himself aboard a Boeing Stratocaster heading to Seattle.

"We took the northern route to Japan through Alaska," he said. "We stopped at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage for refueling. It was too foggy to leave, so we stayed there a couple of days."



Robert Marantic, left, enjoys a drink at the piano in the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. In the center is film star Marlene Dietrich.

The next stop before Tokyo was the Aleutian island of Shemya, about 1,500 miles west of Anchorage.

"We were barely able to land because of the fog," he said. The next stop was Haneda airfield near Tokyo, about a seven-hour flight from Shemya.

"About halfway there, I was looking out the window and the whole side of the fuselage was covered with oil," he said. The engine that was leaking oil was shut down.

"As soon as that happened, it felt like we were standing still. We were at the point of no

return, so we kept going. We made it, I guess with an angel on board with us."

Marantic arrived in Japan and headed by ship to Pusan, South Korea.

"We worked our way north toward the Pusan Perimeter," he said.

Most of the equipment, he said, was World War II hand-me-downs, from weapons to tanks. "They could not bring a lot of the equipment over from Japan, such as artillery, trucks and small tanks. They just weren't workable. It was junk, basically."

Marantic was a private when he first reached Korea.

"I spent a good number of months as a scout, working ahead of our group," he said. "I was up to 500 yards ahead of my group, all by myself, getting the feel of things."

Marantic carried a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle), which weighed about 20 pounds unloaded, a cartridge belt, a bayonet, a radio, canteen and about 40 additional pounds of equipment.

His commanding general was Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, Commander of the 24th Infantry Division, who was captured Aug. 25, 1950, by the North Koreans and held for three years.

"I remember back in

Kokura, I would see Gen. Dean," Marantic said. "He was always pleasant and would call me by name when I saw him."

While in South Korea, Marantic was a member of the 5th Regimental Combat Team.

"The armored experts in Washington also stated that Korea was unsuitable for tank warfare," Marantic said. However, on June 25, 1950, "when the North Koreans invaded South Korea, the North Koreans had 500 T-34 Russian tanks, which at the close of World War II was the finest tank in service," he said. "They were even better than the German tanks. We had our 2.36mm bazookas that would, at best, penetrate a layer or two of paint on those tanks."

Most "experts" thought the war wouldn't last very long; they were broadcasting "home by Christmas" to the troops. "I knew better," Marantic said. By the time the winter of 1950 came, "we had no winter clothing. The chill factor sometimes reached 40 below."

Marantic was pulled out of South Korea.

"We went all the way around South Korea for the invasion of North Korea," he said. "We made an amphibious landing at Wonsan, North Korea. There was very little resistance from the enemy. It was possible they knew we were coming. That was my opinion."

Marantic was part of the 10th or X Corps while fighting in North Korea. "We also had an American raider

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company with a South Korean battalion at our disposal," he said.

His outfit advanced to Hamhung, North Korea.

"We took over part of the city and on the second night we took over a North Korean dentist's home," Marantic said. "He had a wife and two daughters, both under 10 years of age. They were very hospitable to us. I had received from relatives in Chicago a couple of whole chickens in cans, which I shared with them and the other soldiers living in the house."

"The unit I was with reached 22 miles south of the Yalu River (the border between China and North Korea)," he said. "We started seeing what we were told were Chinese volunteers here and there, but no big force. We were told the Chinese wouldn't dare come into the conflict. Wrong! More and more Chinese started pushing in. I got to the point where you couldn't see the landscape. All you could see were Chinese coming."

Prepared for the climate, the Chinese wore heavy quilted cotton uniforms, which were very warm except when wet.

"We started one of our many retrograde movements," Marantic said. "We had to fire some of our automatic weapons periodically to keep them working."

Marantic's unit was the last group to exit Hungnam, North Korea's largest seaport, aboard a Liberty ship.

"We even had North Korean citizens begging to come on board, which some we took," he said. "A very short distance from Hungnam harbor our great Navy, which had wired the whole port, blew everything up."

Marantic went south to rejoin his unit in Pusan, then returned to the United States in 1951 after 14 months.

"My battalion commander told me that, at 21, I was the youngest master sergeant in the entire Korean peninsula," Marantic said. "I was

offered a battlefield commission in Korea. However, I was told by my senior, 'you have pushed your luck a little much. Get the hell out of here. Your commission will follow you, paperwork included.'"

He reported to 5th Army headquarters in Chicago.

"I had a 30-day leave and had an administrative job with the 5th Army at Navy Pier for four months before attending the advanced infantry training course school at Fort Benning, Ga.," Marantic said. "Upon completion of this school in 1952, I was assigned to the 10th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan., as a company executive officer."

The training program didn't hold much excitement for Marantic and he was able to pull some strings to obtain another job.

"At that time they were assigning bachelor officers to Berlin," he said. "The duty was great. I learned a lot. People were very nice—no animosities that I encountered."

Even though he was far away from Korea, Marantic was not out of danger.

"Being a young, experienced Korean-combat man, they decided to shift all of us young officers to Trieste, Italy, where we faced a threat across the border from Yugoslavia's Tito," he said. "We were in defensive positions in the mountains. It was winter and we were experiencing this wicked weather. We were dug in foxholes. There were small fire exchanges with the Yugoslavs at the time but not a lot."

With his enlistment period expired, Marantic resigned from the military as a company commander in Trieste with Company F, 6th Infantry Regiment with the rank of Captain.

After the war, Marantic was a special agent for Continental Casualty before coming to Detroit in 1954. His sister and her husband were living on Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park. Marantic later married Carol Larsen, who lived

across the fence from his sister.

In Detroit, Marantic worked for Todd Steel Corp. in Highland Park. He later worked in chemical industrial sales for DuBois Chemical Co., based in Cincinnati.

Reflecting on the Korean War, Marantic does not give Presidents Truman and

Eisenhower high marks for their handling of the conflict.

"President Harry Truman was scared to death to go beyond the 38th Parallel, but he did it," Marantic said. "We had the atomic bomb and MacArthur wanted to use it, to bomb these power plants north of the Yalu River and these Chinese

troop concentrations that were coming over by the thousands. The Soviets did have the atom bomb, compliments of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, however, they didn't have a delivery system for it in 1952."

Marantic feels that although fighting ended under Eisenhower, the pres-

ident left more than 8,100 U.S. servicemen unaccounted for, as POWs or MIAs.

"He acted out of political expediency," Marantic said. "He just wanted the shooting to stop. He never brought up the issue of missing servicemen during negotiations. The GIs who never came home are the real heroes."

What makes a photograph dynamic?

I'm often asked by students and photography friends "what makes a picture good? What separates the dynamic photograph from the ho-hum snapshot?"

First is impact, sometimes difficult to describe but so important in the formulation of a good photograph. You might say that if a picture arouses feelings and emotions of joy, appreciation, excitement, even anger or sorrow, then that photograph most assuredly will have impact.

Begin by selecting subject matter that is either unusual or is treated in an unusual way. Use a unique camera angle or perhaps a different lens. Place the subject in an unusual environment or try special filtration. Try shooting on a day with fog or mist or dramatic cloud patterns.

Pay attention to good composition. Place the elements of your picture in the viewfinder in the strongest way possible. Try to express on film what you see and feel when taking your shot. Fill the frame for added impact and watch backgrounds for distracting objects.

A good picture will hold the viewer's attention and will keep him or her thinking about the image. It will also stir up imagination. A good photograph will often have a story to tell that will



What makes this picture good? Strong composition, good lighting, proper depth-of-field and an interesting subject. Monte Nagler took this picture, of course, in Venice, Italy.

have meaning and substance.

How best to put meaning in your shot is to photograph those subjects that capture your own interest. If your own feelings become part of your photograph, you most certainly will produce a fine

picture, one that will have more impact for others to enjoy.

Not only should a photograph say something worthwhile, but it should say it well. The picture must be well focused and have proper exposure.

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Art Deco Society hosts gala

Detroit's historic Masonic Temple will be the scene of a New Year's Eve gala recalling the glitz and glamour of the 1940s.

"Dancing at the Twelve O'clock Ball" will be hosted by the Detroit Area Art Deco Society in honor of its 15th anniversary.

Crooner Paul King, known for his appearances on television and radio, along with the 15-piece swing band, the Rhythm Society Orchestra, will provide live musical entertainment. More than 500 people are expected to attend.

The event will take place

in the Temple's Crystal Ballroom. The sounds of Count Basie, Harry James and Glenn Miller will fill the air, as some of the Midwest's best dancers take to the 6,000-square-foot dance floor.

Other highlights of the evening will include a sit-down dinner, a tour of the Masonic Temple, a complimentary swing dance lesson and a champagne toast at midnight.

The Masonic Temple opened in 1926 and recently completed a \$5 million restoration. Detroit architect George Mason designed

the building in the Gothic revival style.

It is the largest Masonic Temple in the world, containing more than 1,000 rooms, two theaters, two ballrooms and a chapel.

"Many people have only been in the theater and are not aware of the many beautiful rooms in the building," said event organizer Taylor Holland of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Detroit Area Art Deco Society is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1986 by a group of collectors and enthusiasts interested in the decorative objects,

architecture, preservation and style of the art deco period.

Guests are encouraged to wear vintage ballroom or black tie attire.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve ball are \$130 a person for dinner, dancing and Temple tour and must be purchased in advance. A dance-only ticket can be purchased for \$95 in advance or \$110 at the door. All tickets include drinks, dessert and a champagne toast at midnight.

Valet parking and coat check will be included with prepaid admission.

The party will run from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., with dinner from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests must be 21 or older. All advance tickets will be held at the door.

Tickets can be ordered through the Detroit Area Art Deco Society at (248) 582-DECO (3326).

The Masonic Temple is located at 500 Temple in Detroit.



Hospice Ball

The Women's Committee for Hospice Care held a party recently to thank committee members and honorees. The Grand Night for Hospice Ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Ritz-Carlton. Some 500 guests are expected to attend the event, which will include cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing to the Jerry Ross Band. Proceeds support non-profit hospices in the tri-county area. Tickets to the black-tie event range from \$300 to \$500 and may be purchased until Tuesday, Jan. 15.

From left, are Jinny Runkle, co-chairman and auction chairman; Elaine Schweitzer of Grosse Pointe Farms, chairman of the event; and Carol Lynch, co-chairman. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 769-4790.



Holly Berry Boutique

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Metropolitan Detroit recently presented Christmas at the Townsend and the Holly Berry Boutique, a benefit supporting the Salvation Army.

Some of the Grosse Pointers who attended are shown standing, from left: Dale Austin, Mado Lic, Diane Schoenith, Stephanie Germack and Susan Lichtenstein. Seated, from left, are Chrissie Zoufal and Susie Lambrecht.



Breakfast with Santa

Since his reindeer were resting for their big night, men and women from the U.S. Coast Guard's St. Clair Shores station helped Santa make his way to Andiamo's restaurant for the recent Grosse Pointe Newcomer's Club breakfast. The Grosse Pointe Newcomer's Club is a nonprofit social organization for married couples new to the Pointes. For membership information, call Mike and Beth Kelly at (313) 882-2505.



Photo Courtesy of Eastland Center

Holiday spirit

Rockettes Jennifer Locane, left, and Gretchen Gh, spent time with 13-year-old Jennifer Hardin and her mother, Wendy Spreder, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The visits to St. John Hospital's pediatric ward, coordinated through Eastland Center, were designed to raise holiday spirits and was a big success in Hardin's case.



Project HOPE

Project HOPE's annual holiday luncheon and boutique was held Nov. 30. The proceeds will support the 43-year-old organization's mission of helping people, communities and nations develop skills and knowledge to help themselves through training and health education. Among the Pointers who attended, from left, are Meg Laurie of the City of Grosse Pointe, Lynne Girard Dewey of Grosse Pointe Park, Gloria Clark of Grosse Pointe Shores and Danielle DeFauw of Grosse Pointe Park.

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10:00 a.m. Worship

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10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship with
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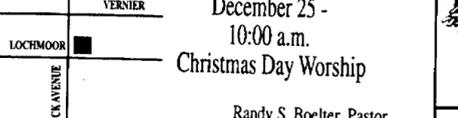
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December 23 - 10:45 a.m.
Children's Christmas Worship Program

December 24 -
5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship Services

December 25 -
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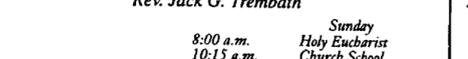
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7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon
10:30 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon

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10:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service &
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Part of the lot is owned by our congregation and part is owned by the Farmer Jack Food Emporium.

At this location, God fills the physical needs of His children at Farmer Jack while simultaneously nourishing the souls of His people at our church.

The presence of His peace and good will are essential for the well-being of all who come to our parking lot — either to be fed physically, spiritually or both.

Some days God's peace and good will are not too abundant in the parking lot or anywhere else.

That is what we face while traveling to shop and worship in a sin-filled world.

To satisfy the commandment to love God and love one another, we all need God's Divine strength to become patient and peaceful people who forgive, share and place the needs of others before our own, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

The strength to exhibit good will to others is worked in our hearts and minds by Jesus.

Forgiving our impatience with others and imparting the strength to live in harmony with God and others is the true gift that God gives at Christmas through Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior.

God wants us to trust Him and submit to His greater plan just like Mary, who after being visited by the angel declared, "Let it be to me according to Your Word."

The miracle of Christmas is that God gives us the power to do the same through His Son.

Jesus alone can give us this gift because as God and man, He is the only one who submitted perfectly to His Father's will.

Through God's word, His Holy Spirit strengthens us to respond with faith and to demonstrate good will in our lives.

We invite you to come to our parking lot. There you will have the unique opportunity not only to shop for food but to worship with us and nourish your soul.

As you do, you will discover the power to live at peace with others this busy Christmas season.

G.P. United plans a special Christmas Eve

The Christmas Eve service at Grosse Pointe United Church begins at 8 p.m. at the church, 240 Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The service will include candlelight, song, the handbell choir and solos and duets by Tamara Lehev Whitty, music director, and Marie Brown.

The Rev. Eddie A. Bray Jr. and the Rev. Scott T. Davis will officiate.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Trevis Edward Gillow

Dold-Gillow

Robyn Marie Dold, daughter of Douglas and Elaine

Dold of Grosse Pointe Park, married Trevis Edward Gillow, son of Keith and Vonna Gillow of Traverse City, on Sept. 8, 2001, at St. James Parish.

The Rev. Wurm officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Golf Club.

The bride wore a princess-style oyster silk duchess satin gown with a chapel-length train.

Her chapel-length single layer tulle veil was held in place by a crystal and pearl encrusted tiara. She carried two dozen magenta roses.

The maids of honor were the bride's sisters, Allison Dold and Lisa Dold, both of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Tracie Volpe of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Bridesmaids were Kristi Tyler of Kalamazoo; Betsy

Housey of the City of Grosse Pointe; Mindy Wilkening of Traverse City; and Autumn Gillow, Summer Gillow and Heather Gillow, all of Traverse City.

Kendall Volpe of the City of Grosse Pointe was the flower girl.

Attendants wore black matte satin two-piece strapless dresses with A-line skirts.

They carried bouquets of brightly colored roses and green hydrangeas.

The best men were Darin Ehrenberger and Steve Bell, both of Traverse City.

Groomsmen were Eric Breitaup of Traverse City, Steve Tyler of Kalamazoo, Mike White of St. Clair Shores, John Harding of St. Clair Shores, Eric Douglass of Grand Rapids, Ryan Douglass of Traverse City and Charlie Lindholm of Grand Rapids.

The ring bearer was Kaden Gillow of Traverse City.

The bride's mother wore a sage skirt with a matching beaded jacket and carried a long-stemmed rose wrapped in satin ribbon.

The groom's mother wore a taupe skirt and top with a matching taupe and silver jacket and carried a long-stemmed rose wrapped in satin ribbon.

The bride's personal attendant was Jennifer Wysocki of Tennessee. A string quartet played.

The bride attended Western Michigan University.

She is a guest service director with Impres Salon Spa in Traverse City.

The groom attended Western Michigan University and is an associate vice president of investments with Raymond James & Associates in Traverse City.

The couple traveled to Maui, Hawaii. They live in Traverse City.

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GROSSE POINTE UNITED CHURCH

240 Chalfonte at Lothrop • 884-3075

DECEMBER 23
10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Rev. Eddie A. Bray, Pastor

Rev. Scott Davis, Associate Pastor



Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church

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9:30 a.m. - Music Sunday
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

CHRISTMAS

4:00 p.m. - Service for Families with young Children
8:00 p.m. - Lessons, Carols, Candles
11:00 p.m. - Lessons, Carols, Candles & Communion

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SATURDAY, December 22
5:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, December 23

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:15 & 11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II
(Crib and toddler care available 9:00 - 12:30)

Christmas at Christ Church

DECEMBER 24

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Candlelight Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 p.m.
The Christ Church Chorale
Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite I 11:00 p.m.
Preceded at 10:30 by Charpentier's Midnight Mass
The Choir of Men and Boys

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:15 a.m.
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Saturday, December 22, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 22
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23, 2001
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 11:15 a.m.

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Monday, December 24, 2001
Children's Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 29
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30, 2001
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 11:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2001
Mass on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2002
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 5
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 6, 2002
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 11:15 a.m.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church is located at 15020 Hampton Road between Wayburn and Maryland, one block north of Jefferson, just west of the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. Telephone: (313) 822-2814. e-mail: stambrose@home.com

What Christmas Means to Me

By Mary Baker Eddy
Originally published in
The Ladies Home Journal,
December 7, 1907

"Christmas to me is the reminder of God's great gift, His spiritual idea, man and the universe, - a gift which so transcends mortal, material, sensual giving that the merriment, mad ambition, rivalry, and ritual of our common Christmas seem a human mockery in mimicry of the real worship in commemoration of Christ's coming."

"I love to observe Christmas in quietude, humility, benevolence, charity, letting good will towards man, eloquent silence, prayer, and praise express my conception of Truth's appearing."

The complete article, along with other writings on Christmas by Mary Baker Eddy, is available in the Christian Science Reading Room.

First Church of Christ, Scientist (the Christian Science Church) 282 Chalfonte Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, next to the Brownell Middle School

Weekly Church Schedule

Sunday Service at 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School at 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting is at 8:00 P.M.

A Children's Room is provided on Sunday and Wednesday.

Christian Science Reading Room

Looking for a quiet place to study and pray? A public Christian Science Reading Room is at 106 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms (across from Rite Aid on the Hill). All are invited to come and study the Bible, use our reference materials, Christian Science literature, or just pray. The lesson-sermons for Sunday Services are available for study or purchase.

Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Women face alcohol risks, study says

Women who drink may find their quality of life impaired.

As people begin to celebrate the holidays with champagne, punch and the traditional eggnog, many may not realize the future consequences of their alcohol consumption, especially if they only overindulge on occasion.

But in the United States, nearly one out of 12 adults will experience the debilitating effects of alcohol dependency and alcohol abuse. And for these men and women, their drinking behaviors will have a profound influence on their quality of life and their ability to perform even the simplest daily tasks.

A recent study conducted by Washington University and the University of Michigan School of Public Health revealed that although a woman is less likely to become an alcoholic, someone who is greatly dependent on alcohol, the consequences of alcohol consumption are much more severe in women than men.

The study followed women and men after a 15-year

period to look at the long-term effects of alcohol. And what the study revealed about women and alcohol use was very important, says Kyle Grazier, DRPH, associate professor, health management and policy, U-M School of Public Health.

"Women who had reported drinking heavily 20 years ago, and even those who reported they stopped drinking heavily in the past five years were both greatly compromised by the long-term effects of alcohol," says Grazier.

Later in life the women experienced difficulty climbing stairs, walking a few blocks around the neighborhood, carrying groceries and taking care of family members.

Many also developed other physical disorders that forced them to either decrease the amount of time they spent at work or at social activities with family and friends.

Overall, women were more physically incapacitated when compared to the men in the study.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse

and Alcoholism, women are also more susceptible than men to alcohol-related organ damage.

A woman will develop alcohol-induced liver disease, particularly cirrhosis and hepatitis, over a shorter period of time and after consuming less alcohol than a man. Alcohol can also be linked to increasing a woman's risk of developing certain types of brain damage, heart disease and breast cancer.

In addition, the institute reports that women who consume alcohol have a greater chance of being involved in a fatal alcohol-related crash, even though they are less likely than men to get behind the wheel after drinking.

"We have direct evidence that alcohol plays a very significant role in the brain's ability to think quickly, make decisions and respond to sudden movements," says Grazier. "So, when someone who's been drinking gets behind the wheel of a car, the consequences can be dire."

Still many people tend to focus on what's perceived to

be the positive effects of alcohol, stress-reliever and mood elevator, instead of its consequences.

In fact, Grazier says that in many cases alcohol does the exact opposite — it increases anxiety levels and acts as a mood depressant.

Although more than 10 million people in America are believed to be alcoholics, with many more having alcohol-related problems, recognizing who has a problem can be difficult because not all people experience the same physical and mental symptoms of alcohol.

But if alcohol does begin to make a noticeable impact on someone's life, affecting his or her ability to work or just to function on a daily basis, it's important to seek professional medical assistance or guidance from an alcohol treatment specialist, advises Grazier.

"If someone can no longer function at the same levels they did prior to drinking, mentally or socially, it's a sign that alcohol is taking its toll," says Grazier.

For more information, visit the website www.med.umich.edu.

Tips for safe and healthy holidays

By Ruth Herman
Special Writer

For many, the holidays are a busy time filled with family gatherings, office parties, shopping and cooking. Along with all this activity often comes a heavy dose of overindulgence. We eat too much, drink too much, and overburden ourselves with obligations.

However, with a little planning and forethought, you can keep your holidays healthy and safe.

'Tis the season to be sneezin'

It's no coincidence that the amount of colds and flu increases this time of year. When the temperature dives, we huddle indoors for warmth. With all this "togetherness" we're exposed to more bacteria and viruses.

The best tip for decreasing the spread of illness is to wash your hands with warm water and soap. Simply rinsing your hands with water will not kill the germs; it will just transfer some of them to the hand towel. If you have a cold or the flu, you should wash your hands every time you sneeze or blow your nose. If possible, stay home in the early stages of a cold or flu. And if you are ill, definitely avoid visiting nursing homes, hospitals or anyone with a weakened immune system.

To ensure that your own immune system is working optimally, get plenty of sleep and eat well-balanced meals regularly.

Hidden holiday dangers

If your holiday party includes young children, make sure at least one adult is in charge of supervising the little ones at all times. The following are potential dangers during the holidays according to WebMD Medical News:

- The poinsettia plant is not deadly, but its sap is irritating and may cause vomiting if swallowed.
- The entire holly plant is toxic. Because its leaves are sharp, children tend not to chew on them. The berries, however, can cause severe stomach problems if ingested.
- Poison experts assume live mistletoe is toxic based on a single case of a woman who suffered liver injury after drinking mistletoe tea. Stick with imitation mistletoe.
- Even small amounts of alcohol are dangerous to children. Clean up all glasses and bottles before going to bed to protect children who wake up early the next morning.
- Overnight guests should keep their prescription medications out of children's reach during their entire stay.

Food safety tips

Favorite holiday foods, if not prepared or served properly, can cause discomfort and even serious illness. Follow these food safety tips:

Turkey: Like chicken, turkey can harbor the salmonella bacteria. The safest way to defrost a frozen turkey is in the refrigerator, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Allow 24 hours of defrosting for every five pounds of meat.

Even if your turkey has a "pop-up" thermometer, it's wise to check the temperature with a meat thermometer. It should read 180 degrees in the inner thigh.

Eggnog: If you make eggnog with raw eggs, gradually heat (don't boil — it will scald) the egg-milk mixture to 160 degrees or until it coats a metal spoon.

Buffets: The secret to a safe buffet is to keep the hot foods hot and the cold foods cold. It's difficult to maintain the proper temperature of foods that are high in protein. So, to be safe, keep the buffet open only for one to two hours. Then reduce the food selections to non-perishable items. As a guest, make wise food choices when visiting the buffet table. If you're not sure how long the food has been out, avoid things like shrimp, meats and gravies.

To avoid packing on the annual holiday pounds, take these simple steps. Don't go to a party hungry. Eat healthy foods at home to tame your appetite. And don't stand near the dessert table if you're watching calories.

If you're hosting a party, provide some low-fat food selections and a sugar-free dessert for guests with diabetes.

Drinking and driving don't mix

One in three adults prefers a non-alcoholic beverage, according to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. As a host, offer plenty of non-alcoholic beverages like sparkling water and fancy fruit drinks. Plus, have some exotic coffees brewing to fill the air with tempting aromas. Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party ends. Your final obligation as a concerned host is to see that your guests who have been drinking don't drive.

Finally, every time you get into a vehicle, wear your lap-shoulder belts properly — not placed behind your shoulders. And make sure children are properly belted and in the back seat. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the reduction in fatalities with correct use of seat belts is estimated at 43 percent, with a 50 percent reduction in severe injuries.

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State men more glum after Sept. 11, survey finds

More than 200,000 Michigan men believe the future is dimmer because of the tragic events of Sept. 11. A new survey released by MIDNET, a group of premier Michigan hospitals, shows that the terrorist attacks and the resulting war on terrorism, coupled with the declining economy, are the main reasons some Michigan men take a dim view of the future.

Of the men who are pessimistic about the future, 44 percent say they are pessimistic because of recent world events and 12 percent cite a declining economy.

Michigan men who see the future as being dim share certain characteristics.

These men are likely to be non-smokers older than 40 who don't exercise, don't sleep well and are less interested in sex. Their health is fair and they work hard to keep it that way. These men visit the doctor more than four times a year vs. more than two times a year for those who see a bright future.

They are also more likely to take vitamins for their health. The terrorist attacks have left them sad and grumpy but have not driven them to alcohol. Only 48 percent of men who believe the future is dim drink alcohol, as opposed to 52 percent who do not.

Unfortunately, a lot of

these men have nothing to do but think about the nation's troubles — 50 percent of them are unemployed and only six percent are retired.

These men are also more likely to be divorced or separated with no children at home. The survey shows that although fewer college-educated men are affected, concern about world events is spread across the income spectrum. Almost the same percentage of men with incomes from \$30,000 - \$45,000 a year (9 percent) and men with incomes from \$75,000 - \$100,000 a year

(10 percent) say they believe the future is dimmer because of the World Trade Center and Pentagon incidents.

The survey was conducted among 1,865 Michigan males between the ages of 18 and 99, from Oct. 15 to Nov. 7. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percent.

Local hospitals in Southeast Michigan that commissioned the report include Oakwood Healthcare System, St. John Health System and the Beaumont Hospitals.

Hernias can be cured only through surgery

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. I have had a slight bulge in the front of my stomach for years. I am now 80. I showed it to my doctor, and he said it was a ventral hernia.

He says nothing short of surgery will get rid of it, but he is not pressuring me to have an operation. What would you recommend? — L.J.

A. Regardless of their location, all hernias are the same. They are bulges of inner tissues, and sometimes organs, through a weakness in a wall that ought to keep them in place.

Ventral hernias are bulges in the middle of the abdomen, usually between the bottom of the breastbone and the navel.

The danger of a hernia arises when tissues in the bulge twist, cutting off the blood supply. That's a strangulated hernia, and it is a major emergency.

The tissues and organs die if their blood supply is not restored. That, in turn, can contaminate the abdominal cavity with hordes of bacteria.

The resulting infection endangers life. I'm dragging my feet in answering your question. You are 80. The possibility of you facing a strangulated hernia is small. But it is not zero.

If you can comfortably live with the slim possibility of having a strangulated hernia, then you could not be faulted for turning down surgery.

On the other hand, if you want total assurance that nothing bad will occur, then have the surgery. Surgery is the only cure for a hernia.

I'm sending you the Hernia Health Letter, which deals more with the commoner groin hernias. Nevertheless, it can help you make up your mind.

Readers who would like to order a copy can do so by writing: Dr. Donohue, HL 36-3W, Box 536475, Orlando, Fla. 32853-6475. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped (57 cents), No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$3. Allow four weeks for delivery.

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Holidays more stressful

With the holiday season upon us, most Americans look forward to joyful festivities shared by family and friends. Along with these festivities comes the inevitable — stress.

The acts of terrorism on Sept. 11 have added yet another dimension to the stress of the holiday season this year.

"I think with the changes in the world events in recent months, we're going to probably have a more introspective view of 'should we be enjoying the things that we've enjoyed in past years?'" says Paul Quinlan, D.O., clinical assistant professor

of psychiatry at the U-M Health System.

The symptoms of stress can include:

- Physical: fatigue, insomnia, abdominal cramps, muscle aches and pain.
- Mental: decreased concentration, confusion, loss of sense of humor and indecisiveness.
- Emotional: anxiety, nervousness, depression, worry, anger and short temper or impatience.
- Behavioral: nervous habits, fidgeting, increased eating or smoking, excessive drinking, crying and yelling, or even throwing things or hitting.

Memories of Christmases past

Christmas has always been an exciting, wondrous holiday for me — from when I was a little girl anxiously awaiting Santa Claus to today as a grandmother.

Presents are just a small part of Christmas. It's the whole aura: the beautiful Christmas carols; the vivid colors of crimson, green, gold and silver that are everywhere; the colorful lights outside and on Christmas trees; the gatherings of family and friends; and the delicious cookies and candy that are there for visitors in so many homes.

It doesn't make any difference what is going on in the rest of the world, in your home it's Christmas and it's special.

So imagine the fun I had at Christmas when my seven children were young. I remember an early time when we had only two children.

My husband had put the tree up, and after the children had gone off for their naps, I put on the lights and the ornaments. When 2-year-old Char came down from his nap and saw the tree, his eyes got as big as saucers and all he could say was, "Oh, oh, oh." Then he started to sing, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

I was as delighted as he was thrilled.

I recall a less exciting and more humorous time when all the children were still home. The youngest was 2 years old. There were no presents under the tree because Santa had not yet come. But when gifts came from out-of-town relatives, we put them under the tree. Janice, our baby, stood it as long as she could, but three nights later when everybody was sound asleep, she climbed out of her crib and came downstairs.

One by one, she opened each present to see what was inside. Having satisfied her curiosity, she returned to bed.

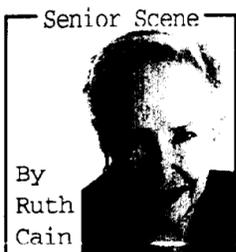
The next morning, we came downstairs to a living room strewn with ribbons and paper and gifts.

We had to try to determine which gift was for which child. Janice said not a word during all of this, but sat with a happy look on her face.

A frustrating Christmas that has probably been experienced by all parents came when my husband and I purchased small desks for two of our children. The box said some assembly was required.

On Christmas Eve, after we had sent the last child back to bed, saying that it wasn't Christmas yet, we began assembling the desks.

We worked exhaustively



BY
Ruth
Cain

Senior Scene
putting those desks together. The first one assembled obviously wasn't right. By the time we had both desks completed — and hoping that the screws left over were not vital — it was close to 1:30 a.m.

We staggered off to bed knowing that 6 a.m. was the latest possible time that we could possibly expect to sleep. Never again, we vowed, would we purchase anything that wasn't in its final state.

I can't remember any child who was particularly upset to find out there was no Santa. Janice came to me when she was 5 because her brothers had been teasing her, saying there wasn't a real Santa.

When she asked me if it was true and I had to tell her yes, she thought a minute and then asked if her father and I had eaten the cookies and drank the milk.

"Yes," I said.
"How about the Easter Bunny and the Tooth

Fairy," she asked.

"Same," I replied.

She turned and walked away and I wasn't sure what her reaction was.

I found out later that day when she continued to speak of Santa. She preferred the fantasy.

After my children were grown, or at least teenagers, grandchildren had come along who had to be surprised and delighted on Christmas morning.

Today, my youngest grandchild is 10 and the others are teenagers who, of course, would much prefer money instead of presents from a grandmother who admittedly doesn't understand teenage tastes.

But I continue to enjoy Christmas. I listen to the beautiful carols and admire my own and others' colorful decorations. And I say a prayer of thanksgiving that I have much to enjoy when so many in the world would be thrilled with a piece of bread, clean water and warm clothing, people who would be happier if the sounds of guns, bombs and people killing one another were forever stilled.

I wish you readers and your loved ones a peaceful and happy Christmas. I thank those kind folks who have told me how much they enjoy my columns. I love writing the column and I'm thrilled when my efforts give people pleasure.

Frequent nosebleeds require checkups

By Matilda Charles

We tend to think that nosebleeds are most common in children. The fact is, the older we get, the more likely we are to experience nosebleeds because the aging process causes the mucous membranes inside the nose to thin. Also, certain medications that act as blood thinners can cause bleeding of the already thin nose lining.

The editors of the December 2001 issue of the University of California Berkeley Wellness Letter say that most nosebleeds are harmless and stop on their own. One way to cut down on their frequency is to apply petroleum jelly just inside the nostrils once or twice a day to moisturize them. A saline spray made up of one-quarter teaspoon of salt dissolved in a cup of water can help if you have to spend time in a dry environment, such as a plane cabin. But it's best to check with your doctor to be sure it's safe for you to use.

And, of course, always check with your doctor if the nosebleeds occur frequently, are difficult to stop or leave

you feeling faint and weak. This could indicate something more serious is going on.

Reader mail: Maureen L. says her mother is 85 and the quality of her life has been severely compromised since she developed arthritis of the hip. She asks if a patient is ever too old for hip replacement surgery.

Answer: According to a study by researchers at the Mayo Clinic, and reported on at the 68th annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons earlier this year, total hip arthroplasty procedures (THA), which involve replacing the entire hip, were done on 66 patients ranging in age from 90 to 104. Follow-up studies showed that almost 95 percent had little or no pain, and 71 percent were able to walk. Other studies showed that overall, THA can be reliable, durable and safe.

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Red Cross provides holiday safety tips

This holiday season should be a joyous time of year, but statistics show it can also be a dangerous one. Many home fires each December are caused by holiday candles or by Christmas trees catching fire.

"The American Red Cross is synonymous with keeping families safe," said Ann Barnes, co-director of Emergency Services for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. Many of these fires cause injuries and significant property damage and can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, December, January and February are the peak months for home fire deaths and December is the peak month for candle fires. As families turn to alternative

heating sources out of necessity or to avoid the rising cost of oil and gas, there is an increased risk of accidental fires in the home. Overloaded circuits, increased smoking at holiday functions and cooking more than usual can also contribute to incidents of increased home fires during the holidays.

The American Red Cross recommends the following safety tips for a joyous holiday season:

- Keep Christmas trees fresh — Place your tree away from heat sources and exits; water it daily. Make sure your artificial tree is fire-retardant.

- Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials — Avoid using candles during parties. Check ashtrays, upholstery and trash cans for smoldering cigarette butts after any holiday party.

- Inspect fireplaces and wood stoves — Have your chimney connections and flues inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary prior to the start of the heating season. Burn only wood — never burn paper, including discarded gift wrap, or pine boughs. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

- Get your furry friends a special gift — Pet First Aid, developed by the Red Cross and the Humane Society of the United States, is an important guide to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to the emergency needs of their pets. Contact your local Red Cross to purchase a copy, or ask for Pet First Aid at your local bookstore.

- Enroll in a first aid, CPR and AED course — Although these tips can help prevent an emergency, it is

also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise. To enroll, call your local Red Cross, or log onto the website listed below.

The Red Cross works in the community to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters — big or small. All Red Cross assistance is free and is provided through the generous contributions of the American people who donate their time and money to Red Cross efforts.

If you would like to make a contribution, call (313) 833-2664 or log onto the website www.semredcross.org.



BG choir carols

Equipped with Santa hats and lyric sheets, members of the Bishop Gallagher Catholic High School choir visited the residents of the Belmont nursing home in Harper Woods, Dec. 14.

The carolers brought the cheer of classic holiday tunes and religious songs along with their smiling faces to brighten the seniors' days.

Correction

An article about SOC's new board of directors on page 8B last week should have said that Joyce

Stedman is currently the secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club. She has been a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for the last 12 years.

Prepare kids to escape home fires

Protecting your children often means helping them when they're most vulnerable.

For many parents in Michigan, "love in action" should involve teaching their youngsters how to escape home fires.

Last year, 37 children under age 10 died due to fire, representing 22.4 percent of all fire deaths — the most for any age group.

As a result, they should be given special instructions to avoid fire dangers, says Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

"Once a fire starts, a person has about three minutes to escape the overwhelming effects of smoke, poisonous gases or superheated air. On such short notice, residents of a household — and especially children — need to be prepared and even rehearsed to act fast in this terrifying situation," Miller says, offering the following guidelines:

- Develop a fire escape plan and conduct evacuation drills in the home. Exit drills should include use of the primary escape route and meeting at a designated safe area.

- Emphasize the importance of children escaping on their own and the danger of trying to hide from a fire. Stress getting out fast and

staying out.

- Teach children how to phone the local fire department.

- Arrange for infants and children to sleep in a bedroom next to parents or older youngsters.

- Teach children the stop, drop, roll and cool procedure to extinguish flames and lessen burn injuries if their clothes catch fire.

In this event, youngsters should: stop immediately where they are. Drop to the ground.

Roll over and over and over, covering their face and mouth with their hands. (This will prevent flames from burning their face and smoke from entering their lungs.)

Roll over and over until the flames are extinguished. Cool the burn with cool water for 10 to 15 minutes. Get help from a grown-up, and if needed, see a doctor.

- Be aware of children and pets playing near your Christmas tree. The tree could be knocked over, resulting in injury, fire or other damage.

Smoke detectors are your best protection in a home fire, Miller says. Install them on every level of your home and especially outside every sleeping area.

Test smoke detectors monthly by pushing their test buttons, and install new

batteries twice a year when you change your clocks for daylight-saving time.

"Tragically, last year 75 percent of fatal home fires occurred in homes without detectors or with ones that failed," Miller said.

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Give presents of mind for Christmas

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

OK, Santa, it's C-Day minus five, the toy stores are stripped of anything resembling fun and you still don't have presents for little Max and Katy. You're thinking you might as well put the reindeer out to pasture and resign yourself to oblivion.

Fear not. In the wake of Harry Potter, the perfect gift is a good book.

I had my own ideas but figured by now you've had enough of my opinion. So I asked our Youth Services librarians, the Fab Four, for their ideas.

You may know Gloria Forsyth as Miss Gloria from Central Library's story times or from her cable show which runs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

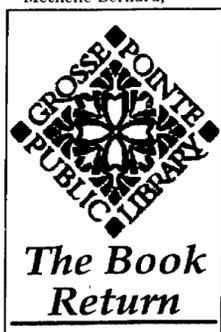
Miss Gloria's seasonal choices include "Dragon's Merry Christmas," an early reader by Dav Pilkey, "Olive, the Other Reindeer" by Otto Siebold, and Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," illustrated by Susan Jeffers.

"Kipper's A to Z" by Mike Inkpen, "Goodnight Piggy Wiggy" by Christyan and Diane (no kidding) Fox and David Kirk's "Little Miss Spider" also made her list.

Among new books, she likes Rosemary Wells' "Bunny Party," Martin Waddell's "Webster J. Duck" and Grosse Pointe's own Devin Scillian's timely "A is for America."

Her favorite picture book for holiday giving this year is the story, she says, of "an adorable and imaginative little pig, 'Olivia Saves the

Circus' by Ian Falconer." Mechelle Bernard,



The Book Return

Central's delightful new children's librarian, who started the popular book discussion group, recommends a cartload of books popular with children in grade school and older. She advises parents to preview the books before giving them to children.

For starters, she says Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree" is for all ages.

Mary Pope Osborne's "Magic Tree House," Dav Pilkey's "Captain Underpants" and Barbara Park's "Junie B. Jones" are series books that younger readers love.

Enjoyable Newbery Award winners for middle grades include Louis Sachar's "Holes," Christopher Paul Curtis' "Bud Not Buddy" and Jean Craighead George's "Julie of the Wolves."

Some popular series for this group are "Redwall" by Brian Jacques, "The Golden Compass" by Phillip Pullman and Lemony Snicket's "A Series of

Unfortunate Events."

Finally, for teens she selects some modern classics and series: Golding's "The Lord of the Flies," Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, currently a hot holiday film, Douglas Adams' "A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," S.E. Hinton's "The Outsiders" and Meg Cabot's popular "The Princess Diaries."

John Clepton, the Park branch's head librarian and specialist in all things Irish — especially music — just happens to be the Youth Services Librarian at the Park as well.

He chose three favorite picture books no child should miss.

In Virginia Lee Burton's "Katy and the Big Snow," a town's stalwart bulldozer saves the day for firefighters and everyone else by doubling as a snowplow in a blizzard.

Chris Van Allsburg's Caldecott Award winning Christmas classic, "The Polar Express," is the story of a boy's magical train ride to the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

In John's final choice, Devin Scillian makes a second list with his earlier picture book, "Fiblestax," a highly imaginative tale of where words come from.

Our warm-hearted and knowledgeable new children's librarian at the Woods branch, Jane Marsden, sent her list with full descriptions and comments.

Seconding Miss Gloria about Falconer's "Olivia," Jane says, "These books have been all the talk of

reviewers and Woods Branch staff lately. They're a riot."

She loves funny books for the young crowd, like Andrew Clements' "Double Trouble in Walla-Walla," the George and Martha series by "the late, great James Marshall," the sheep books by Ann Arbor's Nancy Shaw ("rollicking") and Rosemary Wells' Max and Ruby stories, including Miss Gloria's choice, "Bunny Party."

Wells also illustrates Susan Jeffers' McDuff series about a charming Westie. "McDuff's New Friend" is an original Santa story.

For older readers she agrees with Mechelle that Magic Tree House books are great.

She wants to check out the Michigan Chillers series by Jonathan Rand, but they're so popular she never sees them. A sample title is "Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit."

Her highest recommendation to her childhood favorites: E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web" and "Stuart Little" as well as the entire Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder. "They don't get any better than these."

Hear! Hear! They had more ideas than I had room.

For a complete list check out our Web page: www.gp.lib.mi.us; then look under the Youth Page heading for Gift Books and Children's Bookgroup, which also includes student book reviews.

Questions or comments? Find me at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us.

Hot hors d'oeuvres can be frozen in advance

It's the week before Christmas and all through the house, there's hustle and bustle, and nothing to serve unexpected company who stop by with holiday cheer.

There is now. This week's feature is two super-easy

Crab meat Wedges

6 English muffins
1 5-oz. jar Kraft Old English Cheese Spread (room temperature) or Kraft Cheese Bacon Spread
1/2 cup butter (1 stick) at room temperature
1 teaspoon mayonnaise

1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt

Dash of garlic salt (or powder)

1 teaspoon dried parsley

1 4-oz. can crab meat, drained (or tiny shrimp)

Halve the muffins and place open side up on a baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine the cheese, butter, mayonnaise, season salt, garlic salt and parsley. Blend until smooth. Stir in the crab meat. Spread the mix evenly over the muffin halves, cover and place in the freezer for 1 hour. Remove from freezer and cut each muffin half into 8 small wedges. Place the wedges in an airtight container and freeze until you wish to bake them. Bake the crab meat wedges (cheese side up) on a baking sheet at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Serve hot.

There you have it. Two tasty appetizers that were a snap to prepare to have on hand when your friends stop by during the next few weeks.

Most of us don't have time for anything more complicated. From each recipe you can bake as few or many pieces as you need. Keep remaining pieces frozen. These would be a terrific choice for Santa's plate. Thanks Dot. Seasons Greetings. Eat well.

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouicau-Scheriff



make-ahead appetizers that you store in the freezer and bake to order.

The recipes are from The Farley's Favorites, a cookbook assembled by Dot Farley of Hooksett, N.H.

Spicy Sausage Cheese Rounds

1 1-pound package Jimmy Dean Hot Sausage

10 oz. Cheddar cheese

2 cups Bisquick

Cook, crumble and drain the sausage. In a medium pot, melt the cheese over low heat.

When the cheese is completely melted, stir in the meat and the Bisquick.

Remove from heat, cool for a few minutes and shape into 1-inch balls. Store in an airtight container in the freezer until you wish to bake them.

Place the frozen rounds on a baking sheet and cook at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Serve hot.

Photo by Brad Lindberg

New home for G.P. Artists Association

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month for the grand opening of the new Community Art Center.

The organization's Christmas party followed at the new Art Center.

The building opened to the membership for the first time and featured a debut of member artwork.

The facility is located at 1005 Maryland on the corner of Jefferson, across from the city hall and police station in Grosse Pointe Park.

The opening represented a culmination of what the GPAA has been doing to launch itself into the 21st century.

Last year, GPAA opened its membership to include non-Grosse Pointe residents.

The move increased membership by 15 percent and broadened the influence within the community with a membership over 200 strong.

Other developments included moving the annual Festival of the Arts to the Hill.

The GPAA has informative meetings on the first Monday of the month. The meetings are open to the public.

The GPAA welcomes volunteers, in-kind contributions and tax-deductible donations.

At this time, the organization needs building supplies,



furniture and appliances to outfit its new home. If you've ever considered getting involved, now is an excellent time. Contact Dick Vogel at (313) 886-2110.

The Grosse Pointe Artist Association's headquarters has opened at Maryland and Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. In the foreground, Dick and Janet Vogel, the association's president and a board member, respectively, admire the art collection with drop-in patron Charles Trowbridge, an artist and former resident of the Farms.

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<p>9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS A half-hour aerobic exercise class. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:00 PM)</p> <p>9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE <i>Holiday Spirit</i> Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:30 PM, M/W/T/Sun 9:30 PM)</p> <p>10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN? <i>Guest Bob Budson</i> Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. (Repeated: M-Sun midnight, T/Th/Sat 8:30 PM)</p> <p>10:30 AM INSIDE ART <i>Singer, Harvey Thompson</i> (Repeated: M-Sun 12:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)</p> <p>11:00 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY <i>Guest Swami Krishnapada</i> 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)</p> <p>11:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW <i>Guest Mary Natschke, RN - Healing Arts Center</i> Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. (Repeated: M-Sun 1:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 6:00 PM)</p> <p>12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT <i>Guest Robert L. Reynolds, "The Next Economy"</i> Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. (Repeated: M-Sun 2:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 7:00 PM)</p> <p>1:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER <i>Guest Bonnie Delsener, Holiday Wines</i> 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)</p> <p>1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS <i>The House of Tom Rusinow</i> Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 8:00 PM)</p>	<p>2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER <i>Guest Stuart Best, Probate</i> 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 6:00 PM)</p> <p>2:30 PM POINTERS WITH PROST <i>Guest Doug Hartz, Lake Clean Up</i> Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:00 PM)</p> <p>3:00 PM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL <i>The Jukes & Grosse Pointe Theatre</i> 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)</p> <p>3:30 PM POINTS OF HORTICULTURE <i>Indoor Plants</i> 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)</p> <p>4:00 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTES Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of educational topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:00 AM, M/F/Sun 8:30 PM)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>5:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE Hosts Miss Gloria from the Central Library and Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. (T/Th/Sat 5:30 PM only)</p>
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* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call: 313.881.7511.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Light cruise
Cruise aboard land-bound ships through a whimsical world of illuminated holiday displays during the St. Clair Shores' Parade Council's sixth annual Nautical Nights of Lights, through Monday, Dec. 31, at Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Don't miss the Grand Finale Fireworks on New Year's Eve. Hop aboard Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$2, children ages 3 and under enter free. Proceeds benefit the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade. Call (586) 773-3624.

Friday, Dec. 21

Food & fellowship
Share good food and fellowship during the Men's Friday Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 a.m., at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Bruce V. Rigdon of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, will be the featured speaker. The fee is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Monday, Dec. 31

New Year's run
Get a head-start on your New Year's celebration by registering for the 32nd annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at Jefferson and East Grand Boulevard in Detroit, Monday, Dec. 31. Participants will gather at 3 p.m., at the United States Marine Corps Training Center (Brodhead Armory), 7600 E. Jefferson in Detroit. The race will begin at 3:30 p.m., at the mainland entrance of the Belle Isle Bridge and ends at the Armory. Routes include a one-mile children's fun run/walk; an open one-mile walk; a four-mile run and a four-mile walk. Join in the fun of a post-race reception at the Armory featuring food, beverages, T-shirts and an awards ceremony. Early registration packets are available at the Armory. Register on-line at

www.Active.com. The fees are \$12 for children, ages 12 and under, and \$20 for adults. Proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and the Fireman and Police Family Funds. Call (313) 886-5560.

Mark Your Calendar... Friday, Jan. 11

Celebrate success
Join the volunteers of the Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center at a Celebration Gala, Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr. in Grosse Pointe Farms, marking their 38th year of successfully supporting quality behavioral health-care and substance abuse treatment services for the east side of Detroit, the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and Harper Woods. The event is an ideal afterglow destination for those attending the Detroit Auto Dealers Association's North American International Auto Show Charity Preview on that same night. Tickets to this elegant, black tie optional, evening of dining and dancing are \$85. Reservations are required. Proceeds benefit Children's Services of the Northeast Guidance Center. Call (313) 884-8691.

All that jazz

Jazz guitarist Tim Bowman and his band will headline A Jazzy Afterglow benefiting Barat Child and Family Services, a division of Matrix Human Services, Friday, Jan. 11, at the International Banquet & Conference Center of the Athenaeum Suite Hotel, 400 Monroe in Detroit. Festivities include a 5 to 7 p.m. VIP hors d'oeuvres reception, 5 to 9:15 p.m. VIP Shuttle Service to the Detroit Auto Dealers Association's North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, dinner at 9:15 p.m. and entertainment commencing at 10:30 p.m. Tickets for this black tie affair are \$125 or \$175 per person. Reservations are required. Call (313) 963-3330.

Live & Learn War Memorial Update

Enhance your mind, body

and spirit by partaking in the courses and adventures offered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Develop balance and flexibility with Yang Style Tai Chi, Mondays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., or Tuesdays, Jan. 8 through Feb. 26, from 7:35 to 8:35 p.m. The fees are \$60 or \$48 for seniors. Increase your stamina and strength with Hatha Yoga, Mondays, Jan. 7 through Feb. 25, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m., for continuing students, or 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., for beginners. Classes will also be offered, Thursdays, Jan. 10 through Feb. 28, from 7:35 to 9:05 p.m., for beginners. The fee is \$70. Explore the traditional principles of drawing with Working From the Figure, Wednesdays, Jan. 9 through Feb. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$90. Polish your posture with The Feldenkrais Method, Thursdays, Jan. 10 through Feb. 21, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. or Fridays, Jan. 11 through Feb. 22, from 9 to 10 a.m. The fee is \$70. Preregister using your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638, e-Mail: www.warmemorial.org, or call (313) 881-7511.

Art of learning

Take advantage of an exciting selection of free Drop-in Workshops at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Design your own Bookmarks, Thursdays, Jan. 3 through Jan. 31, from noon to 3 p.m. Piece together creative Postcards, Fridays, Jan. 4 through Jan. 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Discover The Art of the Doodle, Sundays, Jan. 6 through Jan. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. Participate in the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. Sharpen your artistic skills with a Figure Drawing class for adults, Saturdays, Jan. 12 through Jan. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$120 or \$96 for DIA members. Preregistration is required for the class. Call (313) 833-4249.

Pointe's past

Experience Grosse Pointe's past with a free, guided tour of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House, c. 1823, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, Saturday, Jan. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Guests can learn about 19th Century life in Grosse Pointe, view an exhibit of historic photographs and visit the newly renovated Log Cabin, c. 1840, on the property. In addition, they can purchase videos featuring Grosse Pointe history and related publications and products. Call (313) 884-7010.

Farmhouse museum

Step back into the daily life of a mid-19th century farm family living in Erin Township, now St. Clair Shores, with a tour of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum, located directly behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library. Listed in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites, this farmhouse is owned by the City of St. Clair Shores and operated by the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission. The house is open for tours Wednesday and Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call (586) 771-9020.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of one of "America's Castles," all decked out for the Yuletide season during Holiday Tours at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Tours will be offered on the hour, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. The Tea Room is open for

lunch, Tuesday through Saturday, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 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.

Assumption offerings

A full schedule of classes and events await you at The Assumption Cultural Center. Reach a new state of well-being and cardiovascular fitness by signing up for Kalosomatics exercise programs, which combine aerobics with walking, running, stretching, elements of yoga and kickboxing. The Winter Session will run from Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Saturday, March 2. Fees are \$52 for two-day sessions, \$74 for three-day sessions and \$94 for four-day sessions. There is a 25% discount for seniors. Parents who sign up for a Kalo class can take advantage of free Kiddie Kalo/Baby Sitting, Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Non-registered parents pay \$1 for Kiddie Kalo. The 17-station Nautilus weight training room is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$50 for two days per week, \$70 for three days per week or \$4 for drop-in users. Kalo Exercise/Nautilus combo weekly workouts are \$78 for two sessions, \$106 for three sessions or \$124 for four sessions. Register today for January classes including, Golf, Tae Kwon Do Karate, Yoga, Tennis, Guitar, Adult Conversational Greek, Smart Women Finish First and Watercolors. Macomb County Community College offers a wide variety of ways to expand your horizons at their Assumption Cultural Center campus. To register for MCC programs, call (586) 498-4000. Preregistration is required for most Assumption courses. Call (586) 779-6111.

Exhibitions & Shows

At the DIA
From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the galleries and exhibitions of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The playthings of the baby boomer generation are the focus of photographer David Levinthal's vivid exhibition Small Wonder: Worlds in a Box, running through Sunday, Feb. 3. The events of late 16th and 17th century England and the beauty of nature are reflected in the exhibition Garden Imagery in English Embroidery, open through Sunday, March, 10. America's oldest cultural traditions are celebrated in the exhibition Dance of the Forest Spirits: A Set of Native American Masks, through May 2002. 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.

Stage & Screen

DSO notes
Welcome 2002 at the The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Home For the Holidays Gala at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, Monday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m. This benefit black-tie evening, sponsored by Daimler Chrysler, includes cafe table seating for a concert of Viennese favorites conducted by Neeme Jarvi, dinner, dessert and post-concert dancing on stage to the big band jazz sounds of the Keith Saxton Band. Tickets are \$1,000 or \$1,500. Reservations are required. Call (313) 576-5100.

Family Features

War Memorial for kids
The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers

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a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Register today for January classes. Activities can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Fun flicks

Junior cinema buffs can take in a wide variety of fun flicks during the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries' free Winter Film Festival, through Wednesday, Jan. 23. Preschoolers can enjoy The Frog Prince, at 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Branch, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods or at the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Grade school and middle school audiences can take in The Incredible Journey, Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 343-2074.

South information

Parents of eighth-grade students who plan to attend Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard in Grosse Pointe Farms, in the Fall of 2002 are invited to explore the ninth-grade curriculum during an Information Night, Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., in the South Gymnasium. Call (313) 432-3513.

Artful opportunities

Aspiring artists, ages 5 to 8, accompanied by an adult, can indulge their talents with a full schedule of classes at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Dragons, dinosaurs and lions are just a few of the Fantastic Animals and Fabulous Beasts you can fashion during a Clayworks class, Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Pinch it, Roll it, Coil it! during a Clayworks class, Saturday, Jan. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore a variety of techniques during a Printmaking class, Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Brush up on your skills during a Painting Class, Saturday, Jan. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. Preregistration is required. Call (313) 833-4249.

Indoor playtime

The Family Center invites area preschoolers and their parents to come out of the cold and enjoy indoor Playtime programs, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield in Harper Woods, or Wednesdays, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. The free sessions will run through April 2002. Call (313) 343-6711.

Super science

Tour the new, improved Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in Detroit. Take a trip through the heavens in the Center's new Digital Dome Planetarium. Hands-on laboratory exhibits focus on motion, life sciences, matter and energy, waves and vibrations. Now showing in the Center's IMAX Theatre are Journey into Amazing Caves and Dolphins. Make plans now to see the award-winning Everest which returns to the

IMAX Dome, Saturday, Jan. 5 and runs Saturdays and Sundays, at noon, 2 and 4 p.m., through Sunday, Jan. 27. The Museum is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children. IMAX Theatre tickets are an additional \$2. Call (313) 577-8400.

Assumption opportunities

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter on the Grosse Pointe Woods/St. Clair Shores border, offers your children and teens enlightening opportunities. Bring those grades up with Kumon Math and Reading, Wednesdays, from 3:45 to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$80 per month plus \$50 for registration. Register today for January classes including Preparing to Babysit, Golf and Pee Wee Karate. Preregistration is required. Call (586) 779-6111.

Zoo news

Experience the animals and more at the Detroit Zoo, at Ten Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Through Thursday, Feb. 28, join in Wild Winter festivities including storytelling, tree decorating, ice carving and the sweet sounds of seasonal choirs. View members of the Henry Ford Community College Ice Carving Club at work, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or take in free animal themed documentaries in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, Saturday, Jan. 5. On Sunday, Jan. 6, September Productions presents Hats Off to Animals, an interactive storytelling experience, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. or 2 to 2:45 p.m. Chill out with the polar bears, arctic foxes, seals and snowy owls at the Zoo's new 4.2 acre Arctic Ring of Life exhibit. Visitors can catch the underwater action with a trip through the Polar Passage, a unique 70-ft. long clear tunnel to catch all the exciting underwater action. Take a ride on the wild side and get an animals eye-view of life on the Wild Adventure Simulator. Tickets are \$4. Along with visits to the other great animals, guests can see the spectacular \$6-million National Amphibian Conservation Center dedicated to the conservation, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of amphibian life. Make your visit even better with a Zoo Clue 2001 Kit, featuring a camera, refreshments, sunscreen and an educational packet that will turn your youngster into a nature detective. The purchase of each \$12.50 kit benefits the creation of a hands-on Detroit Discovery Museum for children. They can be purchased by mail at Detroit Discovery Museum, 19678 Harper Ave., Suite 101, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Zoo admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children, ages 2 to 12. Parking is \$4 for cars and vans. Call (248) 398-0903.

Cool cars

View a collection representing three decades of automotive design, includ-

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Last week's puzzle solved



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- Lustrous black
 - Beet variety
 - Brace insert
 - Start of a Latin 101 trio
 - Doggie
 - Daddy's son
 - What can - for you?
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 - Old Olds
 - Wield a shovel
 - Treasury-related
 - Debonair
 - Adam's third son
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 - 68 Group of whales
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 - 30 Bring up
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 - 45 Moist
 - 46 Mideast airline
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 - 52 Lingerie item
 - 53 Sweet potato

DO YOU ...

want to be in the metro calendar? Then fill out this form send it to 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236, or fax to (313) 882-1585, by 3 p.m. Friday.

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Date _____
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Questions? Call _____
Contact Person _____

Family Features, from page 9B
ing a 1904 Runabout, a 1933 Stutz Monte Carlo and a 1949 Buick Roadmaster Rivera, at the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood in Dearborn, through Feb. 2002. The Hall of Fame is open daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee is \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors ages 62 and up and \$3 for children ages 5 to 12. Call (313) 240-4000.

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A marionette ballet version of Cinderella will entertain children and adults alike through Monday, Dec. 31, at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, 25 E. Grand River in Detroit. Opening on Saturday, Jan. 5 and running through Saturday, Jan. 26, will be the Russian folk tale Firebird. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are requested. Call (313) 961-7777.

History alive

Celebrate the holidays at The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn, through Tuesday, Jan. 1. Hop on the Holiday Express in the Museum where you can view a 640-square foot model train display, hear tall tales told by Holiday Time Travelers and even visit with Santa aboard the DT&I Caboose, through Friday, Dec. 21 and Monday,

Dec. 24. By day, Greenfield Village comes alive with the sights and sounds of an American Christmas. Visitors can experience Christmas customs of days gone by, tour a life-size gun-berbreed house and shop a turn-of-the-century market for holiday decorations and greens. During the 12 Nights of Christmas, through Saturday, Dec. 22, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., tour Greenfield Village by candlelight, visiting buildings decked out in Yuletide finery, caroling or catching a sleigh ride, weather permitting. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

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The Adventures of the Frog Prince will be the featured presentation at the Anderson Theater in Henry Ford Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, through Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Patrons can also travel through the past 100 years via the special exhibit Your Place in Time: 20th Century America and tour the museum's Communications, Lighting, Transportation and Domestic Arts exhibitions. The Museum is open daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Village is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 1. Admission to the Museum ranges from \$7.50 to \$12.50. Admission to the Village ranges from \$8.50 to \$14. Children under the age of 5 and members are admitted free. Showing in the

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of nautical art, can be viewed through January 2002, at Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Members of the Detroit Lodge #7 of the International Shipmasters Association will join former members of the Ford Fleet to talk about Life on the Great Lakes during the Ford Fleet Festival, Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children can also explore the hands-on exhibition Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes, along with permanent exhibitions featuring the doomed ship Edmund Fitzgerald and a freighter pilothouse. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, ages 12 to 18. Call (313) 852-4051.

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Native Americans in Detroit. Detroit's 300th Birthday is the inspiration for the special exhibition 300 Who Dared, through December 2001. Youngsters can expand their knowledge of the toys, games, transportation, office materials and home life of the past through the hands-on experience of the I Discover exhibit. The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The suggested admission is \$4.50 for adults or \$2.25 for seniors, children ages 12 and under enter free. Call (313) 853-1805.

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Notre Dame's buzzer-beater edges the Blue Devils

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and Notre Dame got into the holiday spirit last week. They both tried to prove that it was better to give than to receive. "We handed it to them five times and they handed it to us five times and we took the last handoff," said Notre Dame coach Don Sicko after the Irish pulled out a 42-41 victory over David Drwenke's

tip-in of a missed free throw with less than a second remaining. "It was a typical early-season game, our second and our first. Both teams are going to get a lot better. But what you saw tonight was a lot of hard-fought play, kids selling out on both sides." Drwenke's tip-in of Brian Biggs' missed free throw was the sixth lead change of the fourth quarter. South had taken a 41-40 lead on a

layup by Brett Fragel with 3.8 seconds remaining. "You have to box out," South coach George Petrouleas said of Drwenke's rebound. "We didn't and it cost us." Sicko said that when he called a timeout after Fragel's basket, he had a twofold purpose in mind. "We wanted to set a screen for Brian and release him up the floor," Sicko said. "That way he could get to the paint area for a shot or dump the ball off."

"I also wanted to convince the kids that 3.8 seconds was plenty of time for them to get a shot off. They don't realize just how much time that is." Sicko held his breath for a moment when the blocking foul was called, sending Biggs to the free throw line. "It was close," he said. "It could have been a charge."

The game was a tight throughout. South's biggest lead was a 14-9 advantage early in the second quarter after a pair of free throws by John Hancock.

Two turnovers by the Blue Devils in the final minute of the first half led to a pair of baskets by Biggs — one of them a three-pointer — and a 21-18 halftime lead for the Irish.

Notre Dame maintained its slim lead throughout the third quarter and when Biggs scored on a layup in the first 10 seconds of the fourth quarter, the Irish had their biggest lead of the game, 32-27.

South answered with an 8-0 run, ignited by a three-point play by Dan Buckley

and capped by Buckley's jumper with 4:33 to play. In between, the Blue Devils got a three-point basket from Stu Boynton. A tip-in by Notre Dame's Marvin Hertenbee with 21 seconds left gave the Irish a 40-39 lead, but Fragel erased that with his bucket. Biggs led all scorers with 21 points and Drwenke finished with eight points.

Buckley had 13 points and five rebounds for South, while Tom Jahnke finished with eight points and Hancock added seven. Fragel also had five rebounds.

Notre Dame didn't fare as well in its next outing, losing 65-46 to Romeo.

The Irish trailed 29-27 at halftime but the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 10 points after three quarters. "They shot the ball very well," Sicko said. "This game told us that there are some things we need to work on before our next one. We will get better with each game, but right now we need to work a little harder."

Biggs led Notre Dame with 16 points. South dropped its second straight game last Friday, losing a non-leaguer to Plymouth Salem, 55-41.

"We're still trying to find our identity," Petrouleas said. "We had some major breakdowns again. Salem shot well and capitalized on our mistakes."

Salem scored the first six points and never trailed, although South tied the game at 8-8 on a basket by Hancock in the final minute of the first quarter. The peri-

od ended with the Rocks' holding an 11-8 lead on Kevin Savitske's three-pointer with 3.8 seconds to go. Salem increased its lead to 22-22 at halftime. South used a 9-0 run late in the third quarter to tie the game at 36-all with 1:11 remaining on Hancock's two free throws, but Salem got a three-point play from All-State candidate Dave Hoskins and a basket from Pat Abraham in the final minute to take a 41-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We didn't come to play tonight," Petrouleas said. "If we would have had the same effort as we did against

Notre Dame, it might have been a different story. "We didn't do a very good job around the basket and we didn't do a good job in the transition game." Abraham led Salem with 19 points and Hoskins finished with 14. Jahnke had a team-high 12 points for South, one more than Hancock. Fragel finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

Notre Dame, 2-1, hosts Windsor St. Brennan on Friday, while South has a home game against Grosse Pointe North on the same night.

— Bob St. John also contributed to this story.

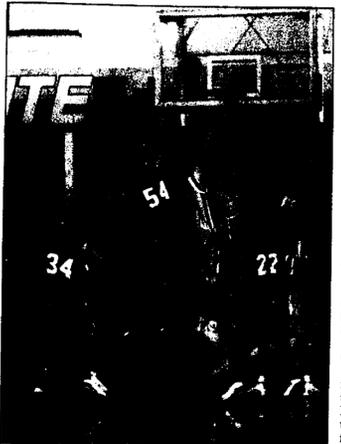


Photo by Dr. Richard Denlip
 Notre Dame's David Drwenke tips in a missed free throw as time expires to give the Irish a 42-41 victory over Grosse Pointe South.

Norsemen showing championship form

By Chuck Klonke
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team is finally looking like the squad that won the state Division II championship a year ago.

"We had a good week. Now we just have to continue to play like this," said coach Scott Lock after the Norsemen beat perennial state powers Cranbrook Kingswood and Trenton before losing 4-2 to New Trier, Ill.

"We should have had a tie against New Trier but we had a goal disallowed. We played well in all three games. That's the thing I'm most happy about." Lock had been waiting for his senior line of Roger

Horrie, Chris Barger and Neal Gram to have a breakout game and it came in the 5-0 win over Cranbrook. Horrie, Barger and Gram each collected a goal and two assists.

"We've been hoping for more offense from them," Lock said. "They're a very talented line." Andy Scarfone and Eric Touhey also scored for North, which led 2-0 after the first period and scored three more goals in the second period.

Colin Chase turned back 15 shots to record his second shutout of the season. "He kept us in the game early with some big saves,"

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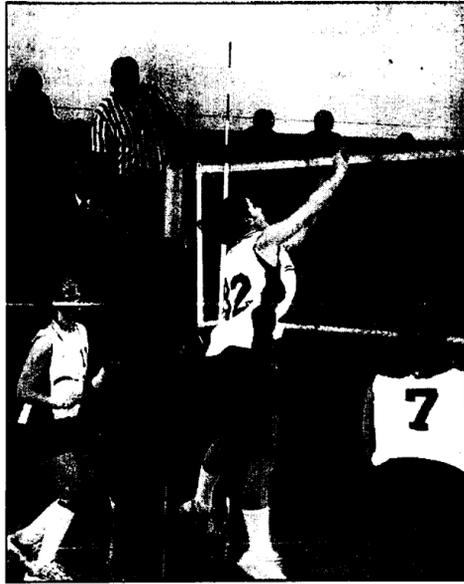


Photo by Henry DePuys
Harper Woods senior Sarah Mazzone, center, played well in a non-league loss to Lakeview.

Pioneers let lead slip away in non-league loss to Lakeview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

A young, inexperienced Harper Woods girls volleyball team continued its season last week, losing non-league matches to Ferndale and Lakeview.

"I loved the intensity the girls played with in both of our matches," head coach Liza Rogers said. "I'm enthusiastic about the rest of the season after watching the girls play hard on every point against Ferndale and Lakeview."

The visiting Pioneers had a case of the opening night jitters against Ferndale, but they came back two nights later to host Lakeview.

"Of course we would have liked to win and we were very close to getting a win over Lakeview," Rogers said. "They made the plays down the stretch and we didn't, but that will change after the girls get a few matches under their belt."

The Pioneers dropped the first game to the Huskies 15-8, but rallied to take the second game 15-11.

They had a 10-4 lead in game three, but failed to get another point, falling 15-10.

"This was a learning experience for our kids," Rogers said. "Next time they won't let the lead slip away."

Leading the Pioneers were seniors Katie Rhodes, Kristin Vespa, Sarah Mazzone, Lindsay Vranesich

and Lyndsay McDonough, plus junior Jenny Hill.

The Harper Woods volleyball team fell to 1-3-2 overall.

Coming up for the Pioneers is a two-week break before hosting Clintondale on Monday, Jan. 7.

"We will work hard during the holidays and get ready for Clintondale," Rogers said. "We can make a lot of progress during the next couple of weeks."

Basketball

Four players scored in double figures, helping the Harper Woods boys basketball team blow out Detroit Westside Christian Academy 60-36 last week.

Senior James Douglas led the way with 21 points (he also had nine rebounds and six steals), followed by sophomore Bruce Mosley with 14, senior Marcus Morrison with 10 and sophomore James Bailey with 10.

"We're not where we want to be, but we're getting there," head coach Loren Ristovski said. "Everyone is getting comfortable with each other on the court and we won't be a cohesive team until after the first of the year."

The host Pioneers looked cohesive against Westside Christian, leading 17-8 after the first quarter and 39-19

South battles back to tie De La Salle

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There are good ties and bad ties in hockey.

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team had one of the good ones last week when it skated to a 2-2 deadlock with Warren De La Salle in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

"It was only a tie but it felt like a win because we came back from a two-goal deficit in the third period," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp. "I think this has to be a confidence builder for our team."

Bopp stressed improvement on defense after South's 4-3 loss to Southgate Anderson earlier in the week, but the Pilots still scored on their first shot at 3:12 of the first period.

The Blue Devils settled down defensively and there was no more scoring until De La Salle took a 2-0 lead at 2:11 of the third period.

That could have been a

back-breaker because De La Salle has been playing well and earlier in the week it beat Trenton, but 27 seconds after the Pilots took a two-goal lead, South got a goal from Rich Giffin, assisted by Remy Fromm and Anthony Swancoat.

"That was really a big goal for us," Bopp said. "It felt good to come back right after they had scored. We've had that done to us a few times this year."

Bopp called a timeout with 39 seconds remaining and 12 seconds later the Blue Devils tied the game on a goal by Justin Graves with Bobby Danforth and Mike Hackett assisting.

De La Salle outshot South 24-16 but Andrew Scavone played a strong game in goal.

"I've been really happy with him this year," Bopp said. "He's made some tremendous saves. He made some good saves on 2-on-1s in this game."

"He's such a hard worker in practice, too. That rubs off on the other players."

In South's loss to Anderson, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Fromm's goal from Giffin and Rob Porter at 9:16 of the first period. The Blue Devils had another good scoring opportunity at the start of the second period but the Titans' goalie made an excellent save and Anderson came back to score with the period only 54 seconds old.

Anderson added two power play goals at 8:47 and 10:17 of the second period to

take a 3-1 lead into the final period.

"We wanted to come out and play hard in the third period," Bopp said. "This was a game we thought we could win."

Jacques Perreault scored four minutes into the third period, assisted by Giffin and Danforth, to cut the deficit to 3-2 but six seconds later Southgate answered with a goal to go back up by two.

"We made a mistake in not picking up one of their players after the faceoff and they took advantage of it," Bopp said. "That goal was really a setback for us because we had worked so hard to cut the lead to 3-2. You can't work that hard and fall asleep and let them score six seconds later."

But to South's credit, it did regroup and got an unassisted power-play goal from Porter with 2:23 left in the game.

The Blue Devils had some chances to tie the game, but the Titans' goalie again came up with some key saves.

"We have to play better defensively," Bopp said. "We've been giving up a lot of goals because of mistakes we've made in not playing solid positional hockey. We've been trying to make things happen offensively and by doing that we've given up a lot of 2-on-1 rushes."

"We went into the De La Salle game with a plan to play better defensively and we did. We have to continue

to work hard and try to string some victories together."

The loss and tie left South with a 2-1-1 record in the league. The Blue Devils play Friday at Ann Arbor Huron in their last game before making their annual trip to Midland on Jan. 4-5.

North

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Lock said. Lock was pleased with the effort by the entire North squad.

"It was a great team effort for the whole game," Lock said. "Cranbrook is a team that's known for outworking teams. We worked at least as hard as they did, if not harder. I was really happy to see that."

Lock saw some of the same a couple of nights later in a 7-2 win at Trenton.

"We beat them in every aspect of the game," Lock said. "That's another team that works hard, especially at home, and I thought we outworked them, too."

Scarfone gave North a 1-0 lead in the first period but the Trojans tied the game with two seconds left in the period.

The Norsemen recovered from that momentary setback and took control of the second period with three goals, including two by Horrie — one on a power play and the other short-handed. Sophomore John Dallas also tallied his first varsity goal.

"It was good to see (Dallas) score because our checking line was really working hard," Lock said. Trenton got a power-play goal with 40 seconds left in the second period but North pulled away with third-period goals from Mike Mueller, David Neveux and Patrick Hogan.

"It was another good team effort," Lock said. "We got scoring from all four lines. The defense was strong, especially in moving the puck out of our zone. And Colin played well again when we needed him."

It was less than 24 hours later when North met New Trier, which won its division championship in Illinois last year.

"I thought we were ready, but I don't think our kids realized how quick New Trier was," Lock said. "It took us a while to get used to it and by that time we were down 3-0."

North carried the play for much of the second and third periods and cut the lead to 3-2 on goals by Mueller and Tony Mendez.

In between the two goals, the Norsemen had one disallowed.

"The goal judge turned the light on but the officials said they never saw it go in," Lock said. "They have the final say and you have to live with it."

After Mendez scored his first varsity goal in the third period, North applied some heavy pressure but couldn't get the equalizer.

New Trier scored an empty-net goal with 40 seconds left.

"I'd rather play a game like that and lose than to beat somebody 10-0," Lock said. "We played hard and we learned from that game. It's going to help us down the road."

"New Trier is a good team — they beat Catholic Central 5-2 the night before — and we played two very good periods against them."

North's next action is this weekend in the High School Hockey Showcase in Trenton. The Norsemen play Negaunee at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and they face Livonia Churchill at 12:50 p.m. on Saturday.

"There should be some excellent hockey," Lock said. "They're bringing in 18 of the best teams in the state."

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Knights get their first hoops victory

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's nothing like a victory to boost the confidence of a high school basketball team.

Last week, University Liggett School got that shot of self esteem with a 64-49 victory over Lutheran Northwest.

"We needed a victory," said Dean Ristovski, who is in his first season as coach of the Knights. "These kids haven't won many games the last couple of years. They need something to build their confidence."

Although ULS didn't play badly in its first two non-league games with South Lake and Oakland Christian, the Knights didn't have a victory to show for their efforts.

It was a different story against Northwest.

"We did a good job of keeping our composure when they made a run at us," Ristovski said.

ULS jumped out to a 7-0 lead and held a 19-10 advantage after the first quarter. Northwest cut the margin to 32-28 at halftime and got within a point late in the third quarter.

"Then we just turned it on and went on an 8-2 run," Ristovski said. "We got some good defensive pressure from our guards, Barre Mackie and Anthony Walker."

ULS had good scoring balance. Thomas Greer led the way with 22 points, but

Charles Lowe had 12 and Leythton Williams added 10 points.

"We don't have any superstars so we have to play a team game," Ristovski said. "The kids have bought into it and getting a victory like this is going to help."

"We're still a young team. We only have one senior (Lowe) so they're learning. We're trying to get them to shoot more and attack the basket. I thought we played well defensively against Northwest. One of our goals was to hold them to 25 points in the first half. They scored 28, but some of those came on late free throws."

Eagles beat Urban Lutheran on the road

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

It wasn't pretty, but a win is a win.

"We didn't play particularly well, but came away with a win on the road against an up-and-coming team," head coach Gary Gutenkunst said, following his Lutheran East boys basketball team's 47-42 win over host Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"We had too many turnovers and didn't rebound well for a second straight game, but still controlled the play for the most part," Gutenkunst said.

The Eagles maintained a 10-point lead throughout the second half before Urban Lutheran made a late run.

Junior Chris Gibson and senior Adam Crawford each scored nine points to pace the Eagles.

Wrestling

Head coach John Widmer wanted his Lutheran East wrestling team to get a taste of what tough competition is all about.

He got that and then some last week as his Eagles lost 66-12 to host Notre Dame and 32-16 to Birmingham Brother Rice.

"A lot has changed during the past 15 years," Widmer said. "Notre Dame was in our shoes back in the early

Wrestling

The Harper Woods wrestling team dropped its double dual meet last week, losing 37-30 to Port Huron Northern and 58-17 to Roseville.

"Both teams were very good, but we had the Northern match won and couldn't get a win in our final four matches," head coach Adam Schihl said.

"We had a flu bug go through our team because several of our wrestlers were sick during the matches and we were three kids short because they were at home sick."

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South spikers have height and hunger

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team has two things going for it as it gets ready for the start of the Macomb Area Conference White Division season.

"We're a big team and if teams can't match us up front, they'll be in trouble," said coach Kevin Nugent.

"I like our work ethic, too. The girls are all very hungry. The last few years have been disappointing to them. They see this year as an opportunity to win all the time, not just once in a while."

Nugent's squad is led by senior tri-captains Jen O'Brien, Liz Laciura and Andrea Palmer.

"They're a real solid nucleus," Nugent said.

Judy Turnbull, Amanda Hammel and Samantha Martinez are three other returning seniors who add experience, while foreign exchange student Cora Granist is a welcome addition to the squad. Junior Caroline DiVirgil is also a

key member of the South team along with sophomores Liz Ridgway and Julianna Burrows.

Nugent has four juniors who will be counted on to step up when needed and will get ready for a larger role next season. They are Jacqueline Whelan, Jaci Till and Megan Linne.

Last week South hosted a quadrangular meet with Regina, University Liggett School and Sterling Heights and the Blue Devils won all three matches.

South got the meet rolling with a 15-7, 15-1 win over ULS. O'Brien served 10 straight points in the first game. Turnbull had a strong performance in the second game.

The Blue Devils suffered their only loss in the first game with Sterling Heights, 7-15, but came back to win the match 15-3, 15-11.

"They had a good middle hitter and we did a better job of picking her up and blocking her in the second game," Nugent said. "In the last match we managed to

keep her in the back row most of the time."

Ridgway and Palmer each had several blocks in the second game. South trailed 5-1 in the third game but DiVirgil served eight straight points to give the Blue Devils a 10-5 lead.

South capped the day's work with a 15-10, 15-9 win over Regina.

"Once again we did a good job of blocking their middle hitters and Liz Laciura had a really strong game," Nugent said. "She was pounding the ball from the back row. At one point, she had four straight kills from the back."

Palmer had a strong serving match, finishing with 10 points. Burrows played well in all three matches.

Earlier, South finished fourth in an 11-team tournament hosted by Troy Athens.

"We started slowly but we won our last four matches," Nugent said. "We beat (Livonia) Ladywood in our last match."

The Blue Devils finished 5-4-1 for the day.

"It was a long day but it gave us a chance to look at everybody and to look at different combinations," Nugent said.

Turnbull had an outstanding tournament, winning most valuable player honors for her team.

"She certainly earned the MVP," Nugent said. "She was phenomenal."

South is idle until Jan. 7, when it opens the MAC White season against defending division champion Anchor Bay.

Pioneers -

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pound class), Steve Orjada (215 pounds) and Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) won both of their matches to pace the Pioneers.

"These were a couple of tough matches for our kids, but I wouldn't want it any other way," Schiell said. "These matches will pay off down the stretch."



Photo by Rosh Sillars
Notre Dame's Mike Vance, left, and Derek Johnston are the Fightin' Irish's top swimmers.

Notre Dame grapplers blast Rice, Lutheran East

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Notre Dame's wrestling team blasted Birmingham Brother Rice last week, winning 66-18.

"It was great to see the kids wrestle so well against a solid team like Brother Rice," head coach Gordie Fooks said. "Our guys wanted to beat them and they took it right at Brother Rice and never looked back."

The Fightin' Irish also beat city rival Lutheran East 68-12.

The squad was led by Ian Naud (119-pound class), Dan Hughes (130 pounds), Steve Chauvin (140 pounds), Chris Grey (125 pounds), Kyle Smith (171 pounds), Brian Headaphol (160 pounds), Victor Fields (275 pounds) and Brian Shea (125 pounds).

In other recent action, Fooks' squad beat Sterling Heights Stevenson in the consolation match of the Notre Dame Tournament. Notre Dame lost to Waterford Mott in the semifinals.

"Our kids were close, but Mott was able to edge past us," Fooks said. "The matches allow our wrestlers to improve, which is what we want."

The Notre Dame wrestling team is 1-0 in the Catholic League and 6-1 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is the Plymouth Salem Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Hockey

The Notre Dame hockey team made it two-for-two in league play last week, beat-

ing Orchard Lake St. Mary 5-2.

Head coach Kevin McKay knew the Eaglets would be one of the teams competing for the Michigan Prep Hockey League (MPHL) title, so this was a huge victory for the Fightin' Irish.

Seniors Doug Langlois, Evan Topor, Joel Maltese, Pat Lipa, Anthony Arnone and Padraic Timmons came through with solid performances, as did junior Mike Maltese, junior Chris Anderson and junior Pat Irwin.

In other action, Notre Dame defeated Allen Park Cabrini, improving to 9-1 overall.

Next for the Fightin' Irish is the Lansing Showcase on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 and 22, at the Summit in Lansing.

Swimming

The Notre Dame swim team dropped its first two meets of the season last week, losing 106-66 to Auburn Hills Avondale and 104-60 to University Liggett School.

"The kids worked hard and lost some very close races in both meets," head coach Rick Johnston said. "The scores were deceiving because our kids were right there in the end of nearly every event."

The Fightin' Irish were led by Derek Johnston, who won the 200- and 500-freestyles in both meets.

The Irish drop to 0-2 overall.

Upcoming for the Notre Dame swim team is a home meet today, Thursday, Dec. 20, against Chippewa Valley.

South girls stay undefeated in hockey

It looks like it's going to be a close contest whenever the girls hockey teams from Cranbrook Kingswood and Grosse Pointe South get together.

South won 8-7 in the championship game of the University Liggett School tournament. Last week the two met in a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League game and the Blue Devils held on for a 3-2 victory.

The victory over the Cranes, along with a 9-4 penalty-filled win against Livonia Ladywood, improved South's record to 8-0 overall and 6-0 in league play.

South started slowly against Cranbrook and most of the first period was played in the neutral zone.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring during the first minute of the second period. Phoebe Zimmerman came off the bench, took a pass from Sarah Parker, deked two defenders, skated around the Cranes' goalie and slipped the puck into the net. Nettie Champine also assisted.

South kept the pressure on and scored again with 3:20 left in the period when Cassie Weaver deflected Parker's pass past the Cranbrook netminder.

South bows to Shorians

It was all or nothing for Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team last week.

The Blue Devils got four victories — all by falls — in a 45-36 loss to Lake Shore in a Macomb Area Conference Blue Division match.

"We had our opportunities but we failed to capitalize on them," said South coach Larry Carr. "The kids wrestled hard."

Joe Pawlowski (103 pounds), Steve Pawlowski (145), Will Poirier (152) and Tom Card (171) each pinned their opponents. South also won two matches on voids.

East

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"The competition was good for our kids and it will help them become better wrestlers."

East's Chris Jurczak (130-pound class), Dexter Shorter (140 pounds) and Joe Solomon (275 pounds) wrestled well for the Eagles.

The Lutheran East wrestling team fell to 2-4 overall.

Next for the Eagles is the Macomb County Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 and 22, at Macomb Community College South Campus.



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Saddlelites make tournament semis

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Regina's volleyball team went from rags to riches in the span of four days last week.

First, the Saddlelites dropped three matches in a quad setup at Grosse Pointe South, then came back to compete in the semifinals of the Allen Park Tournament.

"I'm proud of the girls for bouncing back with a great tournament run after playing poorly in the quad match," head coach Paul MacDonald said. "It shows the girls have a lot of character."

In the quad match, the Saddlelites lost 15-6, 5-15, 6-15 to Sterling Heights; 15-17, 15-8, 10-15 to University Liggett School; and 9-15, 9-15 to Grosse Pointe South.

Erin Kenney had 13 kills and 13 digs, while Lauren Gay had 29 kills and 14 blocks (12 solo). Erika Barnes chipped in with 17 digs.

The Saddlelites opened the tournament with a 15-9, 10-15 split with Lutheran Westland, but came back to

defeat Plymouth-Canton 15-11, 15-4.

Regina went on to win the pool, beating Melvindale 15-5, 15-11 and host Allen Park 15-12, 15-2.

In the first game against Allen Park, the Saddlelites trailed 12-4, but junior Michelle Bittner served 11 consecutive points, including four aces, to lift her team to victory.

"I've seen comebacks before, but this had to be one of the best," MacDonald said. "It's incredible for one girl to serve that many points in a row, but Michelle did it. It was a testament to the girls for improving their serving during the time between the quad match and the tournament."

Regina's day ended with a 12-15, 7-15 loss to Jackson in the semifinals.

Junior Shenna Maison had 18 kills in the five matches, while senior Courtney Bixman had 21 kills and 17 digs.

Rose Pochmara added 42 assists and Barnes served at a 94 percent clip, plus had three aces and 16 digs.

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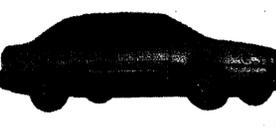
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Feeding birds in winter

At Wild Birds Unlimited, we are commonly asked what foods birds need in the colder months as opposed to the warmer times of the year. The dietary needs of adult birds do not change when winter approaches. However, the amount of food that birds need in order to survive dramatically increases as the temperature lowers.

It is interesting to note that birds eat more food in proportion to their body weight than most other vertebrate animals and that smaller birds eat more food in proportion to body weight than larger birds. A black-capped chickadee will eat an average of 150 sunflower seeds per day during the warmer times of year with that number rising to 250 seeds per day once colder weather sets in. A good comparison is to think of how your appetite spikes when you spend time camping in cooler months. Being outside all day, whether you are a human or a bird, demands an increase in food supply in order for you to maintain your usual metabolic rate.

The proteins, carbohydrates and fats found in sunflower, niger, millet and safflower seeds will be sufficient to properly nourish your winter feeder visitors that regularly eat these seeds. Insect-eating birds will want to consume a substitute in the form of suet and will also relish peanuts out of the shell, a food very high in fat and protein as we all know!

Prior to a storm or a drop in temperature, you will notice a literal flurry of activity at the feeders as birds eat more, storing the extra food in their crop. This food is used slowly in order to maintain body temperature. This technique of food storing is a strategy that birds use before they retire for the evening. Keeping feeders filled during the winter will help your feeder visitors to get the quantity that they need in order to survive.

It is important that the food that you offer to your birds does not get wet as this may lead to mold growth, which would be obviously harmful to birds. Commercial weather guards over tube feeders are helpful in this regard. Wooden bird feeders have built-in protection in the form of the roof, but an occasional cleaning of the sides where seed is dispensed is advisable when there is a snow or ice build up.

Equally important to birds in the winter is a water source. They will eat snow and find the occasional puddle when we have a sunny,



warmer day. But the consistent supply of water at a birdbath with a heater is important to them and very enjoyable for you. One of my most memorable sights at the heated bath that I use was the ring of brightly colored house finches that lined the rim of the entire bowl, taking turns dipping their heads for a drink.

Commercial heaters or de-icers are available to be added to plastic birdbaths. The better heaters/de-icers are thermostatically controlled and have an automatic shut off in the event that the bath runs dry. Manufacturers do not advise that these heaters be used with concrete or ceramic baths, as there is a chance of these baths cracking. Birdbaths that have a heating mechanism inside of the bowl are very easy to use and have extended warranties.

Another feeding question that is often posed to us involves the concept of constantly providing seed for birds throughout the winter. Many people believe that if they start to feed the birds at this time of the year, and then leave for weeks or months on a vacation, the birds will suffer because they have become dependent on their feeding station.

Birds have evolved successfully by having a large number of feeding spots that they frequent. This allows them to know where other feeding opportunities are once they have depleted the source of natural foods that are available in one place. Your feeder is no exception to this strategy of being just one of many stops for your feathered friends. Once you return from vacation, the birds will be checking out your yard and will notice that the feeders are filled, returning their cheery presence to your yard.

Don't let a vacation plan stop you from enjoying the birds in your yard. Fill the feeders with loads of their favorite seed and suet and sit back and enjoy the show!

Rosann Kovalcik is a certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods; (313) 881-1410.

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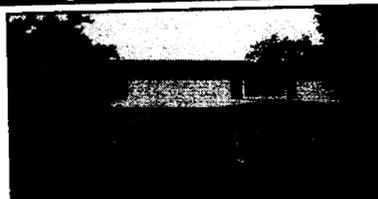
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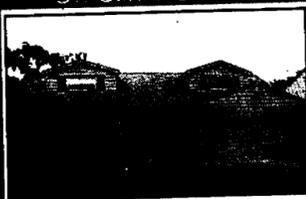
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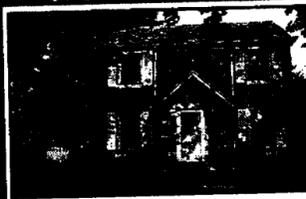
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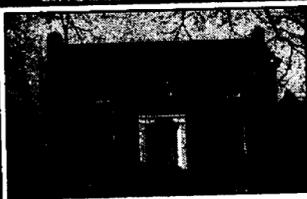
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\$375,000 GREAT FAMILY HOME!!! Center entrance Colonial. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. Family room. Large kitchen. Fireplaces in living room and recreation room. Two car garage. Short distance to schools and shopping in the Grosse Pointe Village.

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\$125,000 FANTASTIC VALUE!!! Three bedrooms, one bath, spacious living room, nice kitchen and eating area. Two bedrooms on first floor, one bedroom upstairs. Fenced yard with deck. Newer features: furnace with central air, hot water heater, tear off roof, new garage door.

3886 BRADY
DURHAM



\$120,000 TWO BLOCKS WEST of Mack in East English Village. Large kitchen, dining room. Two bedrooms, one bathroom, brick paver patio, fireplace in living room. Expansion potential on second floor. Gas forced air furnace. New windows, hardwood floors.

1788 VICTORIA
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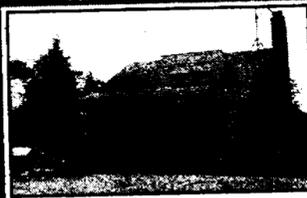
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\$225,000 COLONIAL WITH THREE BEDROOMS, one full and two half baths. First floor laundry room. Large family room, dining room, and large kitchen opens to family room. Nice neighborhood.

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	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed	Points	15 Yr. Fixed	Points	1 Yr. ARM	Points	Other Progs
A Perfect Mortgage Co.	(248) 203-7790	6.875	0	6.25	0	5.375	0	JB
Aabco Mortgage	(800) 731-0001	7.125	0	6.625	0	5.75	0	JB/V/F
Afford Mortgage Corp.	(248) 987-8274	7.025	0	7.125	0	6.125	0	JB/V/F
American Capital Services Inc.	(800) 321-7210	7	0	6.625	0	6.125	0	JB/V/F
American Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	6.5	2.25	6	2.25	NR	NR	JB
Apex Financial Group Inc.	(248) 273-4000	6.75	2	6.125	2	6	0	JB/V/F
Approved Mortgage Inc.	(734) 455-6584	7.125	0	6.75	0	4.75	0	JB/V/F
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Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(888) LOAN-999	6.75	2	6.25	2	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Benchmark Financial	(810) 463-2255	6.875	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	J
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	6.625	2	6.125	2	4.75	2	JB/V/F
Charter Lending	(734) 285-1900	6.625	2	5.875	2	5.625	2	JB/F
Cherie Mortgages	(800) 267-3482	6.875	2	6.25	2	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Citizens Bank	(800) 999-8949	6.875	2	6.25	2.25	4	1	JV/F
Comerica	(800) 292-1300	7	1.75	6.5	1.625	5.625	1	JB/V/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	(313) 274-1000	6.75	2	6.125	2	5.75	2	JB
Countywide Home Loans	(248) 390-2070	6.75	1.875	6.375	1.375	4.5	1	JB/V/F
Credit Union ONE	(248) 544-1442	6.625	2	6.125	2	4.75	2	J
Dearborn Fed. Credit Union	(313) 323-6301	6.625	2	6.125	2	4.75	2	JB
Dearborn Federal Savings	(313) 585-3100	7.25	0	6.75	0	4.75	2	JB
Debit Mortgage Corp.	(810) 283-6000	7.125	0	6.625	0	5.25	0	JB
E-MortgageDirect	(248) 548-5626	6.75	2	6.125	2	5.25	1	JB/V/F
East-West Mortgage Co.	(800) 844-1015	7.25	0	6.625	0	5.75	0	JB/V
eRefi.com	eRefi.com	6.375	3	6.375	1	NR	NR	JV/F
Equity National Mortgage	(800) 251-6104	7.25	0	6.75	0	6.25	0	JB/V/F
Financial One	(248) 967-3663	7	0	6.375	0	6.375	0	JB
Financial Services Golden Rule	(800) 784-1624	6.75	0	6.25	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7357	6.625	2	6.125	2	5.75	2	JB/V/F
First Equity Residential Mort.	(800) 557-0270	6.75	1.875	6.375	1.375	5.25	1	JB/V/F
First Federal of Michigan	(800) DIAL-FFM	6.625	2	6	2	6.125	2	JV/F
First International Inc.	(248) 256-1584	7	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Flagstar Bank FSB	(800) 72-FIRST	7.125	0	6.625	0	5.375	0	JB/V/F
Franklin Mortgage Group	(313) 383-8000	7	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 888-4622	6.5	3	5.875	3	4.75	3	JB/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 283-4755	6.875	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Great American Mortgage Co.	(248) 723-4740	6.875	0	6.25	0	4.875	0	JB/V/F
Griffin One Mortgage	(248) 698-4700	6.875	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Guardian Mortgage	(248) 649-4225	7.125	1	6.5	1.25	NR	NR	JB/V/F
Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	6.875	0	6.5	0	7	0	JB
Huntington Mortgage Co.	(800) 538-1812	6.75	2	6.25	2	5	0	JB/V/F
Integrity Mortgage	(248) 416-7575	6.875	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	6.375	3	5.75	3	5.125	3.5	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	6.625	2	6	2	5.25	2	JB
Keybank Savings Bank	(800) 425-4200	6.875	0	6.375	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	7	0	6.5	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Metro Finance	(866) METRO-33	6.875	0.375	6.375	0.5	6	0.875	JB/V/F
Mortgage Specialist Inc.	(248) 280-9696	6.75	2	6.25	2	NR	NR	JB
National City Bank	(810) 825-0825	6.75	2.25	6.125	2	4.125	2.125	JB/BI
National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	6.875	3	6.375	3	6.25	3	JB/V/F
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-6262	6.75	2	6.125	2	NR	NR	JB/V/F
Old Woodland Mortgage	(248) 482-4755	6.875	2	6.375	2	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Paramount Bank	(800) 421-BANK	6.75	2	6.25	2	NR	NR	JB/V/F
Planet Financial LLC	(248) 203-9199	7	0	6.5	0	5.5	0	JB
ProFirst Mortgage Corp.	(800) 443-4122	7.125	0	6.5	0	5.25	0	JB/V/F
Savings Mortgage	(800) 559-0924	6.875	0	6.375	0	4.375	0	J
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-8888	6.5	3	6	3	4.25	3	JB/V
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	6.75	2	6.25	2	5	0	B
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-900	6.875	2	6.125	2	4.75	3	JB/V/F
Sterling Capital Group	(248) 421-4645	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	JB/V/F
TCF Bank	(800) 993-4214	6.625	1.875	6.25	2	NR	NR	JB/V
Total Mortgage Corp.	(734) 421-9030	6.625	1.5	6.25	1.5	6.25	1.5	JB/V/F
Universal Home Lending	(800) 771-3008	6.75	2	6.25	2	5.25	1	JB/V/F
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Average of Rates and Points		6.81	1.30	6.28	1.27	5.34	0.80	

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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton - mcreport.com

Gift ideas for gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts

The holidays are here and we are looking forward to sharing time with friends and family. There are many tasks to accomplish before Christmas. One of the toughest is finding the perfect gift for that hard to shop for person on your shopping list. Those who seem to have everything or always exchange presents after the holidays top the list of the hardest folks to buy for. Don't worry — the perfect gift for everyone is out there.

Look past the traditional gift selections to hobbies or activities that person may be involved in throughout the year. Gardening and getting back to nature continues to grow in popularity. We seem to travel through our lives at hyper speed. The need to unwind and relax at times is more important than ever. Many people have found gardening or just spending more time outdoors to be the answer.

There are many forms of gardening aside from the traditional vegetable garden. Flower gardening can add color, attract birds to the yard or supply you with fresh cut flowers for your table. Gifts for gardeners include hand pruners, flower garden books, vases or planters. Our climate makes it impractical to give outdoor plants as a gift, but you can give a gift certificate so that he or she can pick out new plants for the garden come spring.

Water gardening is a great hobby — sitting next to the gentle sound of running water is extremely



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By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

soothing. Pond accessories like statuary, water spitters, pond books, and even pond kits make great gifts. There are fountains and self-contained waterfalls for those who want the sound of the water without a pond.

Even if the person on your list isn't a hardcore gardener, most everyone enjoys spending relaxing time in your own back yard. Bird feeders make perfect gifts for the bird watcher. Wind chimes offer soothing sounds, and garden ornaments will give their yard personality. And remember, the perfect gift for the person who really wants to relax in the yard is a hammock!

Happy holidays from your friends at Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center.

David Soulliere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Soulliere Landscaping and Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, between Nine and 10 Mile. Phone (586) 776-2811 or go to www.michigangardens.com on the Internet for further information. E-mail at soulliereg@cs.com.

Household Help

By Samantha Mazzotta

There is a special place in the hearts of do-it-yourselfers around Christmas time — and that place is the holiday specials section at the local home improvement store.

For under \$20, gift-hunters can find several items that their do-it-yourselfers need, and they can even do their ordering over the Internet. The Workforce 43-piece tool set includes nearly all the basic tools required for home projects, and it makes a great gift for new homeowners. Add on the Stud Seeker electronic stud sensor to locate wall studs. The 3-in-1 screwdriver is a very convenient tool around the house. I already own one of these, and it stays within

reach to deal with small repairs — like loose cabinet handles, etc. The tool stores 12 bits inside the handle and features a reversible ratchet driver.

Look outside the \$20 range and you'll find power tools, starting with the Cordless Pivot Screwdriver by Black & Decker. It's also an around-the-house convenience, as long as you keep it charged.

If price isn't a big factor, consider some of the larger goodies out there. Portable table saws are extremely popular with the weekend project folks; they range from around \$100 to \$350.

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Creating new laundry centers makes easier lifestyle

Laundry centers are not just for basements anymore. Now washers and dryers are making their way slowly up the stairs, as small rooms off kitchens or mud rooms or all the way to the second floor, as full-size laundry rooms or spaces as small as a spare closet.

With stackable washer/dryer units that can fit easily into a space no larger than a bedroom closet, a convenient laundry center should be high on every homeowner's wish list.

If an upstairs remodeling project is in the works, be sure to ask your contractor about installing a second floor laundry center. A separate place for a side-by-side washer and dryer can be made from as little as 20 square feet of space. It's not necessary to have a separate room for the units; often waist-high walls can be used to conceal units from the rest of a room.

And don't forget to factor in counter space for folding laundry and storage space for laundry detergents. There are ironing boards that can be concealed behind closet doors, as well as folding clothes racks.

But if no major remodeling project is planned, a second floor laundry can easily be created using unused closet space and installing a stackable laundry unit. Just keep in mind the following before you begin the project.

The washer and dryer both



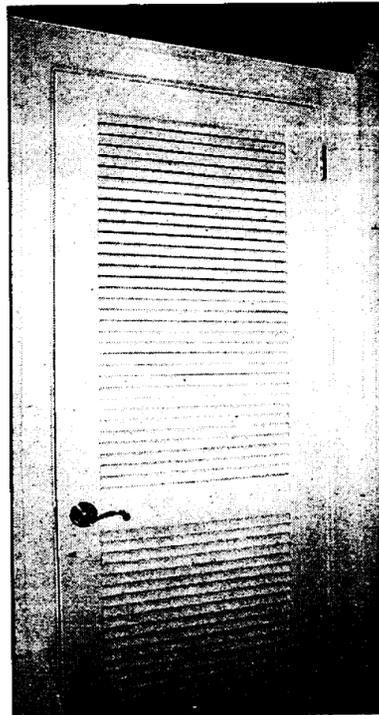
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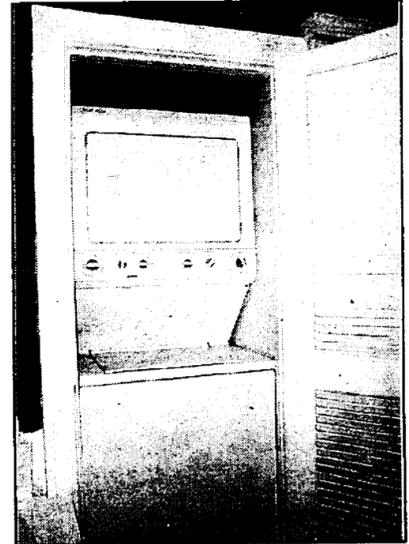
require electricity from independent circuits, with most dryers needing a 220-volt power line. Make sure to check the manufacturer's specifications before you purchase your unit. The dryer must also be vented to the outside, but if the unit is not placed against an outside wall, it may be possible to run a vent line up through the attic space. Make sure you check local building codes.

If possible, place the unit against a wall already carrying hot and cold water lines. This will significantly lower installation costs. Also, even if your city does not require a laundry unit to be placed on a "wet area," meaning a shower pan and tile and drain configuration, it is a good idea to do so anyway. Slope the tile towards a drain to prevent accidental overflow.

Still not convinced? Think about it as you haul those laundry baskets up and down the basement stairs. Then give Fremont Design a call. We'll be happy to assist you



in designing your new laundry center.



When is a closet not a closet? When it's a laundry center.

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Paw's Corner

By Samantha Mazzotta

Q. This Thanksgiving, we had a large number of people over for the day. Our golden retriever, Sally, is a well-behaved dog, so we let her mingle. But she acted horribly! She growled at some of the adults and frightened the kids. Why was she so bad?

A. Sally wasn't being "bad" — she was stressed out!

Golden retrievers are naturally sociable dogs, but they are dogs nonetheless — and your home is her territory. Try to visualize Sally's point of view: You're two feet high, wandering through a suddenly unfamiliar landscape of legs, tennis shoes, loafers and spike heels. A thousand strange smells assault your sensitive nose. Hands big and small pat you all over, some not so gently. And now a toddler is tugging on your ears — ouch! You don't want to bite a human — after all, mom and dad will punish you — but at the same

time, this is your home! Hey — someone's standing on your sleeping rug! And the couch is completely filled with humans! That's it, I'm putting my paw down!

And Sally starts barking, jumping, growling and — basically — acting like a dog.

The best solution is to limit your dog's interaction during big get-togethers. Keep her in a quiet room, or in her kennel cage (preferably placed out of common areas) with lots of toys, food and water. Stop in to visit with her every hour or so. And if the party isn't too crowded, bring her out for a short period of time to say hello.

With Christmas around the corner, you'll probably be under stress yourself. Keep in mind that Sally will be a bit anxious from all the excitement. Schedule some quiet time to play with your dog. She'll be a lot calmer, which will minimize her anxiety.

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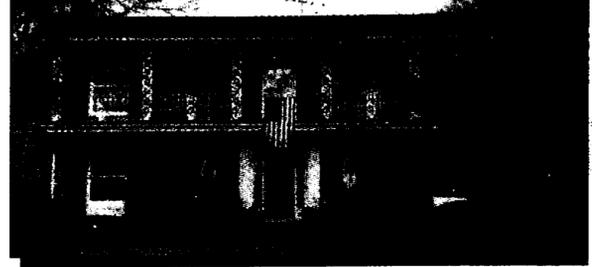
Lochmoor, Grosse Pointe Woods
 Handsome Colonial offers four bedrooms, three full, two half baths, updated kitchen with eating area, four fireplaces, bonus pub room accessible from family room and library; all beautifully decorated. Three car garage and a large lot. \$779,000

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Deck the halls in this perfect four bedroom Colonial. Fabulous updates including new kitchen, hardwood floors and new powder room. Professionally decorated. Three car garage, secluded yard and a premier location near the lake. \$749,000

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Sit by the fire this winter! Four fireplaces in this lovely five bedroom Colonial. Paneled library brought in from a Lakeshore estate, hardwood and parquet floors. \$699,000 or lease \$3,000 per month.

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Everything you desire can be found in this four bedroom, three and one half bath Colonial. Family room library, new kitchen in 1999. Professionally decorated within the past two years along with extensive renovations. \$350,000

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Historic waterfront estate offers a glimpse of life in another era. This Queen Ann style residence has over 250 feet of sublime Lake St. Clair frontage. The inground pool with waterfall and pool house overlooks the sweeping rear lawn and natural lagoon.

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Private, Peaceful and Perfect! Beautiful five bedroom Colonial situated on a quiet cul-de-sac. Master bedroom suite with new bath and dressing room, newer kitchen and fabulous family room with wet bar. \$739,000

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Instantly appealing Cape Cod overlooks Lochmoor Golf Course and has a very open concept. Three bedrooms, library with built in bookshelves, family room and finished recreation room. Brick paver walkways, patio with hot tub. \$599,000

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Mt. Vernon Colonial near the lake and Farms pier has been completely updated. This four bedroom, three and one half bath home has an abundance of extra rooms and a most flexible floor plan. A great value at \$395,000
<http://www.ftrmedia.com/AHZW26MG.htm>

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Professionally decorated beauty! Master bedroom with private bath, multiple fireplaces, Mutschler kitchen, first floor laundry and sprinkler system. Prime Shores location. \$675,000

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Mack Avenue, Detroit
 Newly remodeled building in convenient location offers reception area, two offices and conference room. Lower level has carpeted offices, storage rooms and lavatory. \$180,000. Also for lease \$1,350/month, triple net.

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All the most wanted features can be found in this renovated brick ranch. Beautiful hardwood floors, six panel solid core doors, custom kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, two full baths. Recent price adjustment makes this an attractive buy. \$465,000

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Holiday goodie! Newer white Mutschler kitchen with Corian counters, large family room with fireplace, wet bar and bookshelves. Large master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet plus separate dressing room with wall to wall closets. \$689,000

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This wooded parcel of land is one of the largest available in the Grosse Pointes. On a hill top location in the Farms, the entire parcel is available for \$1,350,000 or can be split into two parcels at \$800,000 each.

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Very special three bedroom ranch with one and one half baths. Updates in 2000 include all new windows, waterproofing, aluminum trim, interior and exterior painting and hardwood floors. Immediate occupancy. \$279,000

GROSSE POINTE CITY



This charming Cape Cod has been updated and filled with surprises! Incredible great room, newer kitchen, two natural fireplaces, new carpeting and interior paint. Immediate occupancy. \$259,500

GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Completely renovated three bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial with a new kitchen/family room addition including quality appliances, all hardwood floors, new carpeting in upstairs bedrooms and the wished for first floor laundry. \$259,000

GROSSE POINTE CITY



Walking distance to the Village. Three bedroom house has been totally redone: new kitchen, windows, bathrooms, roof and floors. The open floor plan gives this home a very spacious feeling. \$239,000

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Delightfully pleasant bungalow has three bedrooms and one and one half baths and is located on a great street. Updated kitchen with breakfast nook, newer roof and furnace, basement with wet bar. \$184,900

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Unique English terrace offers spacious kitchen with white cabinets, wet bar and desk. Bay window in living room and many recent updates. \$399,900

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GROSSE POINTE PARK



Recapture the past in this five bedroom center entrance Colonial. Leaded glass and oak floors throughout, Spanish tile roof, copper gutters and a two and one half car garage. \$429,000

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Charming English Tudor is loaded with potential and offers beautiful plaster moldings, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, cozy den and attached garage. Call for additional details. \$275,000

GROSSE POINTE SHORES



Situated in a park-like setting. Three bedrooms, two full baths, large kitchen with eating space, family room and three fireplaces. Finished basement, new tear off roof and attached two car garage. \$399,000

GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Updates galore in this three bedroom brick Cape Cod. Updated kitchen, windows, furnace, central air, roof, shutters and landscaping. Finished basement and a double lot. \$195,000

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Take advantage of this opportunity. Major improvements in the past three years include tear off roof, new furnace, central air and a new two car garage. Waiting for your personal touch. \$209,000

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Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park
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Jefferson, Harrison Township
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Invite wildlife into your yard for the holidays

Winter is a tough time of the year for many wildlife. They have less food and fewer daylight hours to look — so why not help them out and have fun in the process. Rosann Kovalcik, certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited at 20485 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, says, "In order to maintain a high body temperature of 101 to 112 degrees, a bird must eat much more rapidly than we humans do." She also says that birds often gorge themselves on seeds at the end of the day, especially in the winter months. These birds are storing food to help maintain their body temperature through the night.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) provides information and assistance not only to homeowners, but also to schools, businesses and community groups that are interested in creating wildlife and environmentally friendly landscapes.

The NWF established the Backyard Wildlife Habitat program to encourage people to plan their landscape with the needs of wildlife in mind by providing the four essential elements for survival: food, water, shelter and a place to raise young. By replacing traditional landscapes with a variety of native plants, individuals can create a wonderful haven for people and wildlife.

Starting a backyard wildlife habitat project is not difficult when applying the following steps:

1. Assess your yard or garden space. The first thing you need to do is identify the habitat elements that already exist in your yard or garden space. You may already be providing some habitat for wildlife!

2. Provide the four basic elements. All species have four basic requirements for survival. These are food, water, cover and places to raise young.

3. Practice resource conservation in your own backyard. Conserving resources will not only help the wildlife in your own yard but will help improve your community's environment.

4. Certify your backyard. Become certified in the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program.

With over 29,000 certified sites in the program, the National Wildlife Federation provides information and assistance not only to homeowners, but also to schools, businesses, and community groups that are interested in creating wildlife and environmentally friendly landscapes. For more information, visit the website www.nwf.org/habitats.

Pine-tastic Pinecone Feeders

Suggested materials:

- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 cup pure rendered suet
- 2 1/2 cups coarse yellow corn meal
- 1 bag bird seed
- 1 box of raisins
- 1 roll of ribbon

Mix together peanut butter, suet, corn meal, 1/2 cup of bird seed and 1/2 cup of raisins. Stuff the mixture into pine cone. Roll pine cone in additional bird seed and hang from tree with string or ribbon.



Birdy Bagels

Suggested materials:

- 1 bag of plain bagels
- 1 jar of plain peanut butter
- 1 bag of bird seed
- 1 roll of ribbon

Split bagels in half and let harden overnight. Spread peanut butter over both sides of each bagel slice. Sprinkle with bird seed. Tie ribbon through bagel hole and hang throughout your backyard.



White Wonder Bread

Suggested materials:

- cookie cutters (stars, animals, etc.)
- 1 loaf of white bread
- 1 roll of ribbon

Use cookie cutters to punch shape out of bread. Poke a hole at the top of your shape for hanging. Let harden (left out bread will stale quickly). Use ribbon or string to hang your ornaments outside around your yard.



Decorate your tree with wildlife ornaments: Ga Ga Over Garland

Suggested materials:

- 1 roll of twine
- tapestry needles
- 2 bags of popped popcorn
- 3 bags of raw peanuts (in shells)
- 5 apples (cut into chunks)
- 2 bunches of grapes
- 2 bags of cranberries
- 4 oranges
- nandina berries

Using the tapestry needles, string items together alternating between popcorn, apple chunks, grapes, cranberries, raw peanuts and anything else you want to include. Drape your garland around your favorite evergreen tree or shrub. You can attach orange segments and nandina berries with red ribbon as highlights on your tree. Redecorate as needed.



Groovey Grapefruit Feeders

Suggested materials:

- 1 grapefruit
- 2 pounds of suet
- 1 bag of bird seed
- 1 roll of string or ribbon

Cut grapefruit in half and hollow out. Poke three holes in the edge of the grapefruit you are going to stuff. Tie string or ribbon through the holes leaving a foot or more for hanging purposes. Stuff suet into the hollowed out grapefruit half. Sprinkle bird seed on suet. Place in freezer to harden and hang in yard.



Muffin Madness

Suggested materials:

- 1 muffin tin
- 2 pounds of suet
- 1 pack of pipe cleaners
- 1 bag of bird seed

Place suet stuffing into muffin tin. Sprinkle bird seed on top of each "muffin." Stick one pipe cleaner in each muffin to act as a hanger. Place the muffin tin in the freezer to harden. Once hardened you can hang suet muffins from trees in your yard. Note: Weather must be below freezing to hang suet muffins using pipe cleaners.





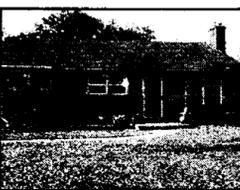
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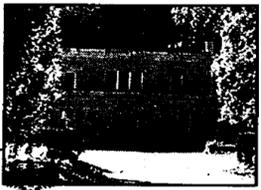
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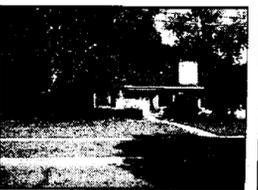
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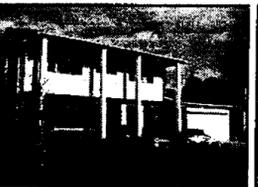
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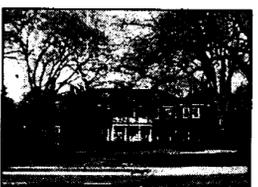
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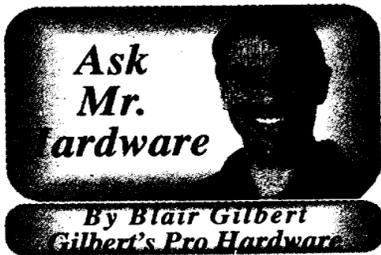
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Centipede invasion may be caused by moisture

Q. Our house has been invaded by centipedes despite basement waterproofing, bimonthly professional extermination and a dehumidifier in the basement. Although the extermination works temporarily, there are always corpses in the basement and then soon after, live ones arrive in the basement and on the first floor.

Do you have any suggestions on how to finally get rid of these pests, or should we just move? — Gressed out in Grosse Pointe.

A. If you have loads of centipedes, you may have a hidden moisture problem. Centipedes prefer to locate in dark, damp loca-



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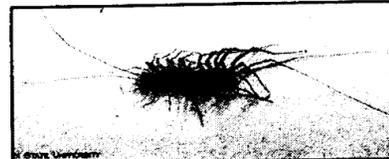
tions. Finding the habitat is going to provide the source of your dilemma. If your dehumidifier is pulling over a gallon of water a day, there could be a damp area you are missing. The breeding locale could be

hidden under the furnace, under shelving, built-in cupboards, or even behind wall paneling.

If you have been "pest controlling" in the basement, try addressing the problem from outside the house.

You may find the source of centipedes in a crawl space adjacent to the basement, in wood chips alongside the building, under a woodpile or broken concrete. Other nesting areas include cracks in cement walks and stoops, slab sheds and compost piles.

To rid your abode of the pests, start by removing any organic debris and mulch from around the



house and try to keep this area as dry as possible. Caulk and seal up all cracks in the foundation and freeze-board around the home. The freeze-board is the lowest trim of wood or aluminum siding where it meets the foundation. Use pest control poisons on the foundation wall and the first foot or so of ground around the home. Residual insecticides available to homeowners include trigger spray "home pest control" and boric acid dust.

Centipedes should not be controlled with pesticides away from the dwelling. Centipedes feed on small insects, insect larvae, and on spiders. Consequently they are beneficial, though most homeowners consider them a nuisance.

Centipedes are poisonous, but their bite is seldom worse than a wasp sting. If you are at all allergic to bee or insect bites get medical attention immediately after being bitten by a centipede.

Mr. Hardware and company want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We would not be here if it were not for our fast, friendly customers — see you next year!

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GP Board of Realtors selects new officers

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors installed their new officers and presented two prestigious awards to acknowledge contributions by their members.

More than 150 members and guests attended the event held Dec. 5 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors' newly elected officers are: president Bill Van Deweghe, Prudential Grosse Pointe Real Estate; president elect Lewis Gazoul of the City of Grosse Pointe, Jim Saros Agency; secretary Anne Marie DeRosier of Grosse Pointe Park, Century 21 Associates; and treasurer James Stickney of Detroit, Johnstone & Johnstone. Outgoing president is Nancy I. Velek of Grosse Pointe Woods, who will serve this year as vice president.

Newly installed members of the board of directors are John Cotzias of Grosse Pointe Park, Re/Max in the Pointes; Myrna Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms, Bolton-

Johnston Associates; Carla Butterly of the City of Grosse Pointe, Bolton-Johnston Associates; Cheryl Gauss, Johnstone & Johnstone; Vicky Colwell, Higbie Maxon Agney Inc.; and John "Skip" Moss, Tappan & Associates.

Marilyn Stanitzke of Grosse Pointe Farms, Higbie Maxon Agney, received the prestigious Frederick G. Scully Award for her lifetime achievements in the real estate arena. Stanitzke was recognized for her leadership with the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, serving on and chairing many committees, as well as her many other achievements in the community. She has been a Realtor for more than 25 years, and has been an agent with Higbie Maxon Agney for more than 20 years. Her husband, Don, and her son, Steve, from Atlanta, Ga., were in attendance.

Also honored at the event was Stevie Miller of the City of Grosse Pointe who received the

Community Services award for her long-time involvement with the community services committee and their many projects for the community. Her other activities in the community were also highlighted in the presentation.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., installed the new officers and board members, commenting that from this point forward, they become public citizens and representatives of the real estate profession.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors was founded in 1986 to serve the needs of Realtors in the Grosse Pointe community. The Board now represents more than 360 real estate agents in the Grosse Pointe area who are members of the National Association of Realtors and agree to abide by the national Code of Ethics and Professional Standards.

For more information, call (313) 882-8000, or visit the board's website at www.gpbr.com.

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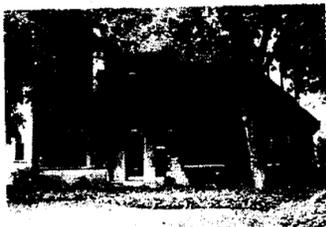
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