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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 12

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The Judelaire show choir sings a selection of seasonal favorites at 7 p.m. in Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20328 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-5090.

Sunday, Dec. 14

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club's Gentlemen on Swing holds its ninth annual free Christmas concert from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores.

Monday, Dec. 15

The City of Grosse Pointe Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 17147 Maumee.

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Trustees meet at 10 a.m. in the Village offices, 795 Lakeshore.

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Woods to honor 20-year volunteer

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

At a time when most people are well into retirement, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Irene Sutton took on the challenge of creating the city's first senior citizens advisory commission, something that the Woods council decided was worth noting.

Sutton, who turned 89 on Dec. 3, will be honored at the

Jan. 5 Woods council meeting for her 20 years of service on the senior commission. The city will present her with a special proclamation acknowledging her time and



Sutton

efforts contributed to the community and those endeavors that have benefited the senior citizens of our community.

"Irene has truly made a commitment to the Woods," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "She represents the spirit of volunteerism that makes the Woods a great place to live."

Sutton said she was asked by See SUTTON, page 2A



'Snow White' to be presented

Grosse Pointe Children's Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Above, Colleen Thompson of St. Clair Shores plays Snow White, along with Paul Culos of Harper Woods playing the prince.

For tickets, call the War Memorial (313) 881-7511.

St. Clair Shores rejection of fishing pier forces Woods to ponder next move

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

St. Clair Shores' rejection of Grosse Pointe Woods' plan for building several new boat wells and a fishing pier at Lake Front Park have sent Woods officials back to the drawing board.

"I think we will have to try to see what we can do to address the objections of St. Clair Shores residents and officials," said Woods Mayor Robert Novitke. "I, along with City Administrator Peter Thomas and two other council members, want to sit down with our counterparts in St. Clair Shores to see what can be done to make our proposals for a new fishing pier and new boat wells pass muster with the Shores council."

Two of Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park improvement projects were rejected by the St. Clair Shores City Council

at its Dec. 1 council meeting. The two proposals are part of an ongoing park improvement project initiated by the Woods after city voters approved a \$3.95 million bond in 1996.

Earlier this year, the Woods council approved a number of projects for the park, including the water slide, a new pool filtration system and the fishing pier and new boat wells for the marina.

But because the park is located within the borders of St. Clair Shores, it is subject to that city's ordinances. The proposed fishing pier, which would be located near the entrance of Milk River where the marina is located, and the additional boat wells require the approval of the St. Clair Shores city council before construction can begin.

At the Dec. 1 meeting, residents who live near the park expressed concerns that 16

additional boat wells and a fishing pier would create congestion along Milk River and add to the pollution problem. The mouth of Milk River is also used by St. Clair residents to access a canal system located near the park.

In the face of residential opposition to the Woods proposals, the St. Clair Shores council voted unanimously to reject both requests. The Shores council noted that the city's own water resource advisory committee failed to recommend approval of the fishing pier.

"If we can't come to some sort of agreement with the St. Clair Shores council, we on the Woods council will have to sit down and figure out a second step," Novitke said. "If we came to the conclusion that we couldn't go forward with these

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Photo by Margie Reina Smith

Electricity Nights

Fifth-graders held two "Electricity Nights" Nov. 24 and 25 at Ferry Elementary School. Students prepared short demonstrations for their parents, showing what they learned about electricity in their science classes.

Demonstrating the importance of safety when working with electricity are, from left: Caroline Hartmann, Maria Felpaugh and Jenny McGraw.



Yacht club planned expansion all wet to Shores resident

Village to discuss matter at Dec. 16 meeting at 10 a.m.

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

An ambitious plan to expand the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Lakeshore in the Shores has at least one property owner frustrated over unanswered questions about how the expansion will affect her property on Lakeshore.

The plan, according to Shores homeowner Mary Anne LaHood, will expand onto property she owns beyond the shoreline south of the Yacht Club. Documents obtained by the Grosse Pointe News reveal that LaHood owns lake bottom that extends from the shoreline out to the U.S. harbor line.

LaHood said that representatives from the yacht club have approached her and asked her to "name her price" for the land. She also said that she has been offered another house on Lakeshore as compensation for the property.

"This (property) is a very sentimental thing to me," she said. "I don't like to be pushed around."

"If (the expansion will) blanket me with a parking lot and marina,"

LaHood also accuses representatives of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores of trying to strong-arm her to sell the land, and saying that it could exercise the eminent domain process to take the property.

The Shores has the right to take private property if it is put to public use, said LaHood's attorney, William Beach, which he does not believe is the case with the yacht club expansion.

Village Manager Michael Kenyon said that he and LaHood had a conversation about the expansion and did say the Village has taken property before.

"This is a very emotional issue," Kenyon said. "We are taking this very slow."

At issue are the rights LaHood claims to the land. Tom Graf, title analyst for the state's Department of Environmental Quality, said even though LaHood pays taxes on the property, that is

generally not strong enough to keep the yacht club from expanding. LaHood has also provided the DEQ with a land deed recorded in the City of Detroit's Land Office in 1805, which she claims entitles her to ownership. Graf has seen a copy of that deed and said the agency "will look very hard at that" once the yacht club applies for the necessary permits for the expansion.

Until then, "there is nothing for me to react to," Graf said.

John Monahan, village trustee for nine years, said he supports LaHood in her desire to block the expansion southward. He would hate to see the village ignore the property rights of a resident in the name of the yacht club's expansion.

"This equates to an annexation of LaHood's property," Monahan said. "... My opinion is this equates to a condemnation of her property rights."

"Is the council telling us that nobody's lakefront property is sacred?"

Monahan added that he is not seeking a confrontation with other village trustees, but views his support of LaHood as a "moral obligation."

Beach said representatives from the yacht club suggested the Village has the right to eminent domain because the Shores is requiring the yacht club to provide for an emergency access route within the planned expansion area. But, he said, that would still be a private road contained within private property, criteria that does not meet with that type of action.

Ralph Houghton, general counsel for the Shores, said he had not heard of the suggestion of using eminent domain to acquire the property from LaHood.

Very few specifics have been disclosed about the planned expansion. An artist's rendition in the October issue of the yacht club's Grosse Pointe newsletter reveals a greatly expanded version of the present yacht club.

LaHood, a member of the club, said the plan calls for 70 new boat wells to accommodate boats larger than 50 feet, a claim that yacht club General

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Marlene Boll

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Family: Husband, John; children: John, Lora and Kristine

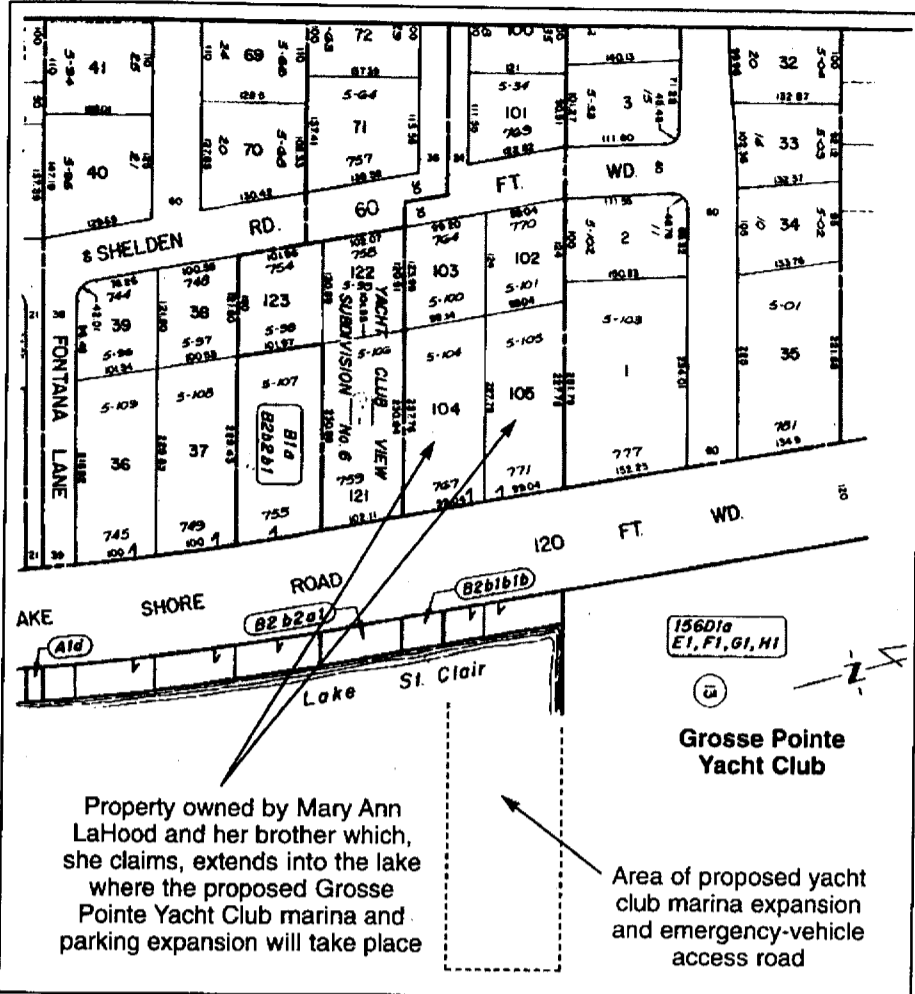
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Marlene Boll



Park council ends year on high note

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

As 1997 comes to a close, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council got ready for 1998.

The council first considered a rough draft of a franchise agreement with Mich-Con and also passed an ordinance defining the new boundaries of the city's flood plain.

The council has been pondering some sort of franchise agreement with Mich-Con for the past two months. Mich-Con representatives have asked for an agreement because state law requires the company to have one. The old agreement expired several years ago and was never renewed.

In September, the last time Mich-Con representatives were before the council, Mayor Palmer Heenan asked city attorney Herold Mac Deason to find out what kinds of agreements other Michigan municipalities had with Mich-Con.

Monday Deason presented the council with a copy of the Grand Rapids franchise agreement, which he said was considered by several other city attorneys he spoke with as the best model of such an agreement.

This agreement would be for 10 years and it would be non-exclusive, meaning other companies could enter into similar agreements with the Park. Deason did not recommend that the council adopt a franchise fee as part of the

agreement because the cost would just be passed on to natural gas consumers in the Park.

Deason did say that the council should consider charging a one-time processing fee to cover the city's expenses in researching the agreement. He likened it to the fee charged residents when they ask for a building variance.

The agreement, at the council's request, also calls for Mich-Con to notify the city when they are going to perform repairs or regular maintenance on Mich-Con equipment. City manager Dale Krajniak said that Mich-Con was doing some routine maintenance work on some equipment near a school this year and the work was

done on the first day of school. A couple days' notice would have really helped the city and residents sending their kids to school plan accordingly and helped prevent traffic problems.

The council approved the agreement in concept and it should be ready for official approval in January 1998.

The council also approved a newly revised flood plain for residents who live between Jefferson and the lake. Deason said that federal regulations required the city do so as part of the process for eliminating flood insurance requirements for residents.

The new flood plain adopted

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Yacht club

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Manager Jack Sullivan denies. LaHood also questions the expense of this expansion and just how the yacht club will absorb the costs.

"I'm concerned about how they are going to pay for this," she said. "What benefits are Shores residents (going to receive)."

She also promised litigation if the Shores tries to force her hand.

"I am going to sue the Shores for so much money it would make their head spin," she said.

Sullivan said all of the plans are for modernizing the yacht club because its current wells do not meet today's standards. He said the emergency-vehicle access route is necessary. The club serves as a drop-off site for the U.S. Coast Guard and the route would expedite transport to area hospitals, he said.

Sullivan added that there are no cost estimates and any costs would be absorbed by the club, recently ranked as the No. 1 club of its kind by Business Week.

Houghton said the Shores is working with representatives of the yacht club to also improve the Shores' municipal marina when the expansion plans are started. He said the Shores is looking to enhance its marina for its residents — plans that may include increasing fairway lanes (boat thoroughfares), among others.

Kenyon said the tentative expansion plans were first revealed to the village council last month privately in executive session, following the regular trustee meeting. He added that there are legal issues that have to be studied before any of these plans are finally resolved.

There is also a question of how far beyond the shoreline LaHood's property extends. The 1997 property tax receipt said the property extends to the U.S. harbor line.

According to Dan Cowton of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the harbor line varies from location to location. It could extend to the farthest tip of the yacht club or all the way out to the freighter channel in the middle of the lake.

LaHood said she has been told that the village board of trustees will discuss the expansion at its next board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m.

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Dancing is just one small part of the life of this Grosse Pointe Shores woman

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Those who have compared our life to a dream were right... We are sleeping, wake, and waking sleep.

Michel de Montaigne
Essays [1580]

There was yet another show to perform later that day. But Radio City Rockette Marlene Boll and four other dancers from the troupe were without a ride to the fairgrounds. That was until John was able to convince his four service buddies to get out of his car so he could have the privilege of driving the dancers to the show. Not an easy task, but one accomplished and it was the first step to a partnership that has lasted 43 years.

"We dated for a couple of months until John was shipped to the West Coast," Marlene said. "We were married in 1954."

Marlene, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores with husband John for 24 years, has lived a storied life.

Growing up in Roselle, N.J., she dreamed of becoming a ballet dancer. She started dancing school at age 6 and was teaching a young girl's dance company at age 14. After a little seasoning, she got her break when the world famous Rockettes asked her to join their ranks.

She found herself living in New York, touring the East Coast in a glamorous dance group in the heyday of the Golden Age of entertainment. Life was good. Who knew it would only get better?

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"We have been pretty fortunate," she says. "We have worked hard and really feel like we've been blessed."

After Marlene and John were married, Marlene left the troupe to come to Michigan. They settled in Roseville, where Marlene started teaching dance again out of their home. As a private instructor,

lives.

"(My personal motto is) enjoy what you do, give freely to yourself and others, stay focused and pursue your dreams," Marlene said.

Working as a team, the couple learned the ins and outs of charity from their church. In order to pursue so many charitable endeavors, rules of orga-

'We have been pretty fortunate. We have worked hard and really feel like we've been blessed.'

Marlene Boll

she taught toe, tap and ballet until the couple moved to Clinton Township.

There, with the urging of a Lakeview school principal, she formed the Lakeview Huskies, a 24-girl precision dance team. She worked with that group through the 1960s into the 70s.

"It kept me busy," she says with a laugh.

But it is the volunteer work that has kept the couple vital throughout the years. With the enormous success of John's construction company, the two decided that it is what they could do for others that really made a difference in their

nization have to be observed.

"It all blossomed out from there," John said.

The groups the couple have lent their time and support are considerable. It started with the Barbara Karamanos Cancer Institute, and has extended to Bible studies with the Christian Businessmen Organization and a fellowship Marlene led with the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.

They have worked with St. John Health System and the Detroit Symphony. They worked for the completion of the Detroit Opera Theater, established a private family foundation and were integral

in raising money for a new amphitheater for the arts in Beaver Creek, Colo.

They have met and worked with luminaries like former Presidents Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. They were introduced to Pope John Paul, despite being Protestant in faith, which is fitting because their faith is the cornerstone of how their world is defined.

Oh, speaking of cornerstones, they were one of four other families that started Cornerstone Schools in Detroit, three Christ-centered schools that now have 500 students from the city attending.

"Like most families, it has not been trouble free," Marlene said. "We have great kids and we've enjoyed a happy life together. (But) it hasn't been peaches and cream. There have been bumps along the way."

Marlene still remains in contact with her dancing past. She is a member of the Radio City Rockettes Alumni Association and receives its newsletter. The Bolles have seen the Christmas Spectacular now playing at the Fox Theater downtown and said the group has not missed a step. She was particularly impressed with the spiritual message the show delivers.

But that experience with the troupe was only a piece of the rich tapestry of good works the couple have engaged in.

"We're a team," Marlene said.

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Detroit's loss a tax gain for suburbanites?

Shortly before Coleman Young's death, the Census Bureau released figures showing that Detroit had lost still more population and had fallen to tenth place among the largest cities in the nation.

In 1996, Detroit still had slightly more than a million residents — 1,000,272, to be exact — said the Census Bureau. But that total reflected a 2.7 percent decline from the 1990 census which had tagged Detroit as the seventh largest city.

Those who remember the 1990 census will recall that Detroit had a tough time even then in retaining its more-than-a-million status. So it will be even tougher this time unless Detroit's current hopes for renaissance are quickly achieved.

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The Sun Belt cities of Houston, San Diego, Phoenix, San Antonio and Dallas all have leapfrogged over Detroit in recent census counts. By the year 2000, perhaps even more will exceed the million mark and pass Detroit.

A different Census Bureau report indicated that the Sun Belt is also contributing to the list of the fastest-growing states. The 10 fastest are in five Sun Belt states: California, Florida, Texas, Arizona and Nevada.

Las Vegas is the largest of these rapidly growing cities. But it is not yet challenging the million mark with a 46 percent growth rate and a population of only about 337,000.

More important than Detroit's population ranking is the effect of what that expected loss would do for Detroit's revenues, which seldom more than meet the city's minimum needs.

If Detroit fails to retain at least a million residents in 1990, the state Legislature would have to revise the state's 1.5 percent commuter-income tax law that applies only to cities of more than a million.

In Michigan, that means only Detroit. In effect, the law makes it possible for Detroit to collect about \$99 million annually from suburban residents who work in Detroit, according to a Detroit News estimate.

Failure to renew the suburban tax would be a saving for Grosse Pointers and other suburban residents who work in Detroit or run businesses there and are now paying the commuter tax.

The law also nets \$213 million from a 3 percent income tax on its own residents plus \$24 million that it gets from a 2 percent tax on businesses. The Detroit News story also claimed that a 5 percent, \$55 million-a-year utility-users tax is also linked directly to a Detroit population of a million.

But rewriting such laws to accommodate a Detroit smaller than a million residents could prove troublesome. That might occur because of the hostility of some suburban and outstate lawmakers to the commuter tax and to other Detroit costs assumed by the state.

So during the next couple of years, we can expect to see another determined Detroit battle to retain a population of just more than a million. It won't be easy because there is little time for new industries eyeing Detroit to hire workers and get started with production.

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Both parties guilty on funding

Attorney General Janet Reno showed her courage last week in standing up to the Republicans who had demanded that she call for appointment of an independent prosecutor to investigate fund-raising telephone calls by the president and vice president.

The GOP reacted angrily and quickly to her decision, and accused the attorney general of misreading the law in an attempt to protect President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

The Republicans may be right, but we doubt whether there is much difference between the way the Democratic president and vice president raised money and the way the Republicans did.

In truth, the GOP was more successful, raising almost twice the amount raised by Democrats. But the GOP is in control of Congress and investigations.

The GOP wants us to believe that because Clinton and Gore made some of their calls from the White House, and perhaps even some from their offices, their fund-raising activities are worse than any calls that GOP representatives and senators made from their offices.

We don't know much about the GOP calls because the Senate and House committees investigating the campaign fund-raising activities spent only one day hearing evidence about GOP officials and the rest of the months trying to pin trouble on the Democratic White House.

It also should be remembered that the original Pendleton Act, passed in 1883, was part of the early civil service legislation to prevent federal officials from shaking down their own employees.

The New York Times, which has supported the GOP on this issue, now claims that the revised law can be used when the person being solicited for funds is a private citizen, not just a federal employee.

But Reno has said that the law had not been used when government officials or members of Congress have made phone calls from their offices to seek contributions, unless aggravating factors were present. They included coercion, knowing disregard of the law or a significant disruption of federal functions.

FBI director Louis Freeh has disagreed with Reno but he is, after all, a subordinate of Reno and is also hopeful of saving his own reputation with the Republicans who disagreed with several of the FBI actions earlier in his term.

Our view is that the GOP case would be better if it investigated its own political spending and supported reform with the same zeal it has been attacking the president and vice president.

Finally, we think the public is more interested in reform legislation than further partisan investigations. Such reforms ought to limit the funds now being spent on election campaigns and require much more public reporting of who contributes what to whom.

School uniforms at Parcels?

A group of parents at Parcels Middle School has proposed a school uniform for the sixth-through-eighth-graders who attend that Grosse Pointe Woods school.

The idea is still in the discussion and research stage with school Principal Glenn Croydon having asked interested parents to form an advisory committee to gather information from teachers, parents and students.

Now he plans to go through the information the committee members have collected, and then forward his recommendation or conclusions to the central administration and the school board for their decisions.

Even though this is a proposal that President Clinton recommended, in his 1996 State of the Union address, we question its usefulness in the Grosse Pointes.

For example, the president suggested it as a way to promote discipline, and, in

fact, the New York Times reported, hundreds of schools in big cities and small towns have adopted uniforms, and praised them for encouraging school unity and civility.

Our feeling is that the Grosse Pointe schools do pretty well now without uniforms with respect to unity and civility as well as in keeping school violence to a minimum.

But Susan Kopf, a Grosse Pointe Shores parent who is co-chair of the advisory committee, contends that her research on schools requiring uniforms showed that students acted better and took their educations more seriously when they were in uniform.

However, if approved for the local classes, wearing uniforms would require another order to the affected students, an order which still could interfere with each student's development of his or her own decision-making ability.

School vouchers under attack

The new president of the American Federation of Teachers has sharply attacked school voucher plans as "a scheme to siphon off money from public schools rather than help them improve."

Writing in a paid advertisement in the New York Sunday Times, Sandra Feldman warns that voucher advocates have had to come up with two new descriptions to try to sell the plan to the public.

She writes that one way is to identify vouchers as a "parental choice." The other is to call them "opportunity scholarships."

"A particular dishonest argument that voucher advocates use in selling 'parental

choice," she contends, "is that all parents should have the right to choose a good private school for their children, 'the way President and Mrs. Clinton did for Chelsea.'"

"The people using this argument," she continues, "conveniently neglect to point out that good private schools generally have many more applicants than places, so it's the schools — not the parents — who do choosing."

"Let's fix our failing schools, even if it means closing them and starting anew," she adds.

Feldman's comments sound like good advice, especially in the inner cities and even on a national level.



Letters

Village improvements proceed with caution

To the Editor:
It was of great interest to read the article on the plans for the Village. However, it is to be hoped that this will be undertaken with caution, as promised by Mayor Wheeler.

Having lived near and worked in this little shopping area since 1939, I have been a witness to many changes over all those years. Because of those changes (or in spite of some), the area has kept its unique charm and friendliness — its character as referred to in the article. It has always been very distinct from the atmosphere of either the Park or the Farms commercial settings.

Although no one would quarrel with the desire and the need to update, improve and enhance the attraction of these stores, hopefully it will be remembered that they are in the center of a residential community which would be vitally affected by any attempt to "mall-ize" or "Birmingham-ize" those three distinctive blocks.

The Village was blessed with the advent of Jacobson's, which almost from the beginning has been a strong commercial and civic presence, largely responsible for the specialness of the area, and is now about to invest a considerable amount to ensure its continued presence here.

One has only to visit any large mall — with its rudeness, noise and confusion — to realize the benefits of having a quiet and courteous atmosphere with the convenience of a variety of stores and services in a small and friendly grouping.

It is questionable whether we really need to be

"Birmingham-ized" to such an extent that we lose our individuality, so the assurances of our mayor and the careful planning of the council are to be appreciated.

The "character" referred to as in need of changing is too vital an asset to be lightly dismissed. Congratulations and good luck on the plans. It will be fascinating to watch what happens.

Betty Mulkey
City of Grosse Pointe

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No change for nonpublic schools

To the Editor:
Sorry, Joseph Overton, the Michigan constitution's prohibition on all use of public funds to students of nonpublic schools, should NOT be changed. We are thankful it is in our state constitution and it should not be tampered with.

Your article in the Dec. 4 edition of the Grosse Pointe News (Changing Michigan's Constitution: An idea whose time has come) purposely muddles the constitutional issues to promote taxpayer aid to nonpublic education. The prevention of use of public funds to further religious groups was an extremely important part of the Bill of Rights and remains so to this day.

Let us not forget that the adoption of the U.S. Constitution depended on adoption of the Bill of Rights. However, education is a state responsibility and we approve our state constitution regard-

ing the question of prohibiting state aid to all nonpublic schools.

The issue is not one of state support of nonpublic education. Those who wish to send their children to nonpublic schools should be appreciative that in our democracy that is allowed; however, do not ask the public to support them. Let those who want them pay for them.

Although the state is "saved" the cost of educating nonpublic students, our state stands ready to pay for a public school education for all students.

How can you say that parents of nonpublic students are "forced" to pay twice the cost? Strange, if their children are not in the public school, those parents are not paying for the education of their children in a public school. It seems to me that they are paying only once for a special school of their choice. I have no quarrel with that.

You talk of competition. We already have competition — healthy competition. There are considerable differences in educational results among the public schools in Michigan. Careful study of the successful districts could lead to improvement in all — and you will find that many of the less successful districts are already doing just that.

There is much good in many public schools; in fact, there are many dedicated teachers in all schools. The problem of a successful education depends on many factors, including family support. A child from a troubled home will have a troubled time in school, etc.

The value of a public education is that it allows students of all beliefs and backgrounds to study together, to get to

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Death of an 'extremist'

By Bill Hodgman

I was struck by the uncommon contrasting sentiments which were displayed after the passing last week of former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, who died after a long and excruciating battle with emphysema at the age of 79. Reactions ranged from near canonization by some Detroit ministers to virtual demonizing by Young's long-time critic, Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson.

Why this incredible polarization? Usually, the passing of an important public figure is followed by a period of mourning and respectful praise, in which the more positive aspects of the character

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and career of the fallen leader are emphasized, while his or her flaws and indiscretions are ignored or downplayed.

The answer may well lie in Young's life history — he was an extremist. Here's the evidence:

- On his watch, black Detroiters advanced to new respect and power, while whites lost influence (especially in public jobs) and fled to the suburbs, where they bitterly assailed "hizzoner."

- He had the best (Carter and Milliken) and worst (Reagan and Engler) relationships of any mayor with federal and Michigan leaders.
- Young had the audacity to confront the witch-hunting House Unamerican Activities Committee and the courage to disband a Detroit Police STRESS unit, which was out of control and tyrannizing area citizens. He also had the temerity to defend his cronies (Police Chief William

Hart, Ken Weiner, Charles Beckham) long after they were proven felons feeding at the public trough, and the poor judgment to stonewall and deny the fact of his own paternity.

- He was, alternately, shrewd and naive, charming and vitriolic, healer and destroyer, statesman and demagogue.

In our memory, only a few politicians like Huey Long, Joseph McCarthy, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Richard Nixon have evoked such fanatical adulation and such relentless condemnation. They, too, were extremists, and they will likely be remembered long after their contemporaries have been forgotten.

Whatever his ultimate legacy, we won't soon forget our local "extremist," the late Coleman A. Young.

Godspeed, your honor.

Bill Hodgman of Grosse Pointe Park is an attorney practicing in Troy.

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What's The Pointe

JAY MASINICK

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Classic case of deprivation

For Pointers at the annual WQRS listeners' party at the Roostertail the week before Thanksgiving, the event was bittersweet. The metro area's classical-music station had announced it would soon be replaced by new management and an "easy-listening" format.

Sure enough, a few days later Mozart and Bach had given way to Motown and rock and other things that the average WQRS fan might not even recognize as music.

So, what are they listening to now?



Ken Eatherly

Kercheval in the Park's Cup-A-Cino, a little something based on what isn't in the air: The atmospheric coffee house went totally nonsmoking the first of this month.

"I'm quitting, too," says Jolan, who with husband Jon owns and manages the Cup. "Now I can smell the fresh, hot apple pies we have been serving."

After years of lighting up, why the new policy?

"We did some research and asked our customers," she says. "The nonsmokers were just about all in favor of it and half the smokers thought it was a good idea because they wanted to quit anyway."

More entertainment is in the wind at the Cup, too: Saturdays feature comedy and jazz groups, and Sundays bring Irish folk music (key-board and violin) by the duo of J.G. & Marilee.

out for the customers.

And at Jacobson's Store for the Home, offered next to the urn of complimentary coffee, there were free samples of Downey's cakes soaked in Bushmill's Irish Whisky.

OK, so it's hopeless this time of year (but at least, it's good that I wasn't driving).

Crane your neck to see this tree

The record for the Pointe's tallest Christmas tree hasn't been officially announced, but until this year the highest one was probably the tree that Roger and Joanna Garrett annually hoisted up to the roof of their house in the 1000 block of Bishop right after Thanksgiving.

The Garrett rooftop tree is up again this year, an FYI source across the street reveals, but you'll have to cut over to Mack near Vernier to view the new category winner.

Stop by the construction site for the new Farmer Jack store and look straight up: The tannenbaum with an altitude is mounted on the tip of a crane that looks about 100 feet tall.

It's quite a sight at night and theoretically should be visible all the way to the North Pole.

Got an FYI tip? Call Ken Eatherly at (313) 822-4091, or e-mail him at KSCD36A@PRODIGY.COM or keatherly@grossepointenews.com

Kevorkian's last straw

By Victor Bloom, MD

I knew it was just a question of time before Kevorkian would be stopped.

The latest assisted suicide, performed by one of his assistants, a Kalamazoo psychiatrist, was of a lady who was not terminally ill. She was old, infirm and depressed. She was not dying, though she was old and had multiple physical problems.

In a sense we are all dying, and we appreciate the quality of life, but at the present time our society does not embrace euthanasia for humans, although it is well respected for cats and dogs who need to be put to sleep. We have a humane society for pets, but not yet for humans. It should be noted that euthanasia is legal in Holland and perhaps in Oregon.

Our society favors natural death, and it is understood that the process might be painful and protracted, but we are urged to see it through to the end with medicine and empathy, rather than cut short the process by suicide or murder. Unfortunately, modern medicine has succeeded in protracting the process to a point where it seems unendurable, either to the person or to loved ones, or both. And so there is a groundswell of sympathy for death with dignity, for death after "quality-of-life" is over, and Kevorkian has emerged as the outspoken proponent for physician-assisted suicide.

In short, Kevorkian believes in euthanasia for humans, and puts his body where his mouth is. Up until now, state regulators have been unable to stop Kevorkian, as his silver-tongued attorney, Jeffrey Feiger, has successfully convinced a number of juries that his client's intent has been to relieve suffering, not to kill. The paradox is that in mercy killing, you have to kill in order to relieve suffering.

We are not prone, in our society, to endorse killing for any reason. There is an ongoing debate about abortion and the death penalty. Now about



euthanasia. We are justifiably fearful of the slippery slope, that once you endorse one kind of killing, the foot is in the door for other kinds of killing, and that can include nefarious and corrupt motives, such as inheritance or being rid of a burden.

I never did think it was a good idea for a doctor to kill people. Our whole raison d'être is to cure illness and promote health and preserve life. It is in the Hippocratic Oath. We physicians should be a force for life, not death.

If a person wants to kill him or herself, that is a personal decision, and we cannot presume to judge without knowing all the facts. I know that some people feel that life is intolerable and that their situation is hopeless. I know that sometimes a person's pain is beyond our ability to help. Suicide for them is the only recourse. But there are many ways a person can commit suicide without a doctor's help. In some cases a good friend or even a beloved family member will help, and there are books which tell how to do it.

When I first saw an essay in the Journal of the American Medical Association by an anonymous doctor who gave in to a suffering patient's plea to put him out of misery, I could understand the doctor's empathy and struggle with guilt and fear of prosecution, but I also felt that the patient was coping out of his own responsibility to take his own life, if he had to, and not enlist an assistant. Psychologically, this is a way to share the sense of guilt for self-murder, and seemingly gain permission from an authority figure.

It is a sense of guilt about self-murder that keeps a lot of people from committing sui-

cide. Supposedly, God doesn't give permission for suicide. That is debatable, but it is believed by many. Having a physician assist is a way of bypassing the whole weight of personal guilt.

I don't think physicians should comply with this cop-out. If the person cannot kill him or herself, or get a friend or relative to assist, let them look for any other way to commit suicide, besides getting a physician. It is not in any doctor's job description to kill anybody or to assist a person in killing him or herself.

Kevorkian resisted all attempts to get him to desist. And he set about training other physician-suicide assistants. Such was the Kalamazoo doctor, who assisted at other suicides and was reportedly in a training fellowship in assisted suicide. To my knowledge there is no such fellowship in traditional, mainstream medicine.

The lady in question, Kevorkian's last straw, was an active proponent of euthanasia and a supporter of Kevorkian. Not even her best friend knew that Ms. Wichorek was contemplating suicide for herself. She wrote a note that she was suffering from numerous maladies and was tired of her life. Many old people feel that way. In all probability, however, Ms. Wichorek was suffering from severe depression. But nowadays that can be treated.

Kevorkian's last straws were endorsing an assisted suicide of a person who was not terminal and training other doctors to do it. With the state Senate voting overwhelmingly to make assisted suicide a criminal act, and with the unjustifiable death of Ms. Wichorek, I think that Kevorkian and his ilk will finally be stopped, and that would be a good thing.

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Crash diet? Fat chance!

Still carrying that bulge around the middle that appeared right after Thanksgiving, FYI decided to fast on Monday and hike the couple miles to The Village to help the process.

The trouble started as soon as I got there.

At Kroger's, they were serving cubes of Springdale all-beef summer sausage with Herlocher's dipping mustard at the deli counter.

At Damman's, there was a big plate of green and red Christmas sugar cookies put

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The value of a public education is that it allows students of all beliefs and backgrounds to study together, to get to know each other. It is inclusive, not restrictive. And it is overseen by boards of education elected by all citizens in the district.

You talk about educational experiments. We have charter schools here in Michigan, but the verdict is not in yet on long-term success, overall cost and extent of public oversight. The record is mixed so far.

Public schools are required by law to take all students and cannot be selective. That should be taken into account in judging their overall performance with schools that can take only easily educable students.

How would the Universal Tuition Tax Credit (UTTC), proposed by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, save the state hundreds of millions of dollars? By having the state subsidize half the education (up to \$2,800) of nonpublic students who are not getting any subsidy now? What kind of arithmetic is that? Or, is the idea to take away students from public schools? There is an agenda here — that of those who want a nonpublic education and want the state to subsidize it.

Yes, the UTTC concept is "innovative;" it's another way to get into the public treasury. Let us hope that citizens will examine these ideas and see them for what they are.

Ann Kondak
Grosse Pointe Woods

Public radio

To the Editor:

What is the purpose of national public radio?

WDET-FM advertises itself as the "alternative" music radio station where you can find music that is not commercially available elsewhere.

But the station manager

says she has no interest in taking up the slack produced by the demise of WQRS.

Why not? The cultural community should address its attention now to WDET. Write and call the Wayne State University Board of Governors. They are elected folks — perhaps more responsive than a university employee.

Martin Burwell

Guilt-free meal

To the Editor:

I'm sure that most of the people reading this had a wonderful Thanksgiving — free of guilt and despair. But, perhaps if there was turkey on your plate it shouldn't have been free of guilt.

Before you prepare your meat-filled holiday supper, please consider not what, but who you are eating. As Christmas approaches, we think of how the Lord has blessed us.

Please care for God's creatures and love them not as appetizers, but as sisters and brothers.

Julie O'Keefe
Grosse Pointe Farms

Standing tall in G.P. Woods

To the Editor:

A DPW crew from the City of Detroit came to our Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood on Dec. 3 to cut down a giant spruce from my neighbor's front yard.

Hildegard Naumann, who sold her house a few months ago because of illness, planted that tree with her children many Christmases past. A crew member from Detroit said that this perfectly perpendicular piece of forest will be the City of Detroit's Christmas tree in front of Cobo Hall.

The entire passage of this quiet sentinel from its original home to its post as the big city's glittering guardian is entirely symbolic.

You see, my friend Hildegard died last week after fighting a truly stalwart battle with cancer. So this evergreen's

move from the suburban front yard to the clamor of Cobo Hall means an ending for our neighborhood in one way.

In another, it is an arising, for the arms of this green giant will be bejeweled in light for all who come downtown and wish to take note that it represents our dear friend, Hildegard.

She was always full of exuberant joy whether making delicious delights or tending her magnificent rose garden. Above all, her laughter and greeting to all who came to visit or pass by inspired us and opened our hearts.

Because this soon-to-be Christmas tree was planted in good soil, fed, watered and pruned to perfection, it grew to be a great beauty as did Hildegard herself.

She came to the United States from Germany shortly after World War II. She lived a good life, cared for others in their need, and because of this, she leaves behind a majestic light in our dark sky.

Death is not final. One who loves and gives can never die, because the treasure trove of themselves lights up creation, just like this giant jubilant at Cobo Hall.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He doesn't come riding on a sleigh, always come at Christmas, but he comes; and when he does, there is no doubt that he is with us in the ones who light up our lives.

Bernadette Thibodeau
Grosse Pointe Woods

Blessed residence

To the Editor:

I looked at the headlines last week and realized how lucky we all are to reside in such a secure community. People who live here can go to sleep without having to worry about getting shot or being robbed.

I ask everyone reading this to take a moment to ponder why and how you have been so blessed to live in such a wonderful community.

Julie O'Keefe
Grosse Pointe Farms

Pool

From page 2A

Chlorinated water is very corrosive when exposed to metal on a long-term basis.

So the inside of the tank is coated with an epoxy to protect it. In order to do that, the inside of the tank had to be sandblasted to create an even and smooth surface for the epoxy. But when technicians examined the inside of the tank, Babcock said, they realize they would have to sandblast so much of the tank that the structure would be too weak to hold 3,000 to 6,000 gal-

lons of water.

"It was decided that replacing the tanks was the best way to go," said Babcock. "The original cost of the job was \$3,000. So at the Dec. 1 council meeting a request was made for an additional \$12,000 for tank replacements."

The new tanks will be built out of the finest stainless steel, and are expected to last at least as long as the old tank, if not longer, Babcock said.

The council approved the funds, but only after being assured that the budgets for

other park projects would not suffer.

The two tanks, one for the main pool and one for the park's diving well, need to be prefabricated and will be installed in sections over the month of December, said Babcock.

Along with new surge tanks, the pool will get a new filtration system that will process and filter any backwash before it is discharged into the sewer system. Backwash, said Babcock, will no longer go into the surge tanks.

Park

From page 6A

by the council no longer includes any parts of the city with houses. Heenan said that for residents in the old flood plain, it now costs \$1,000 less to live in the Park.

The boundaries of the new flood plain were established in an announcement by the federal government on Nov. 26. Federal regulations state that

the new flood plain will be officially recognized 90 days after the placement of the announcement. So now that the Park council has changed its ordinances to match federal flood plain boundaries, residents will no longer be required to have flood insurance after the end of February 1998.

Letters

welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters will be edited for length and all letters are subject to editing for content. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

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Global warming will not devastate human health

By Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan

President Clinton and other world leaders will meet in Kyoto, Japan, in early December to sign a treaty that will reduce greenhouse gases to thwart the threat of global climate change.

The Clinton Administration has justified such a measure to combat the apocalyptic effects that projected global warming will have on human health. Proponents of the proposal have warned that the alleged climate change will cause hundreds of thousands to die yearly due to heat-related ailments and increase the spread of tropical infectious diseases.

Climate science, however, is rife with uncertainty — as are the allegations for the health effects.

In fact, there is no scientific consensus concerning global warming. The climate change predictions are based on computer models that have not been validated and are far from perfect. These projected findings on which billions of dollars are waged can differ by up to 400 percent. As for the hypothetical health effects that are based on the alleged global warming, these predictions are even more dubious.

For example, first lady Hillary Clinton has portended

in her weekly newspaper column that "as a consequence of climate change, the percentage of the world's population at risk to malaria could increase from 45 percent to 60 percent. And the United States is not immune."

This is true, the United States is not immune. The mosquito vectors of dengue, yellow fever and malaria that the first lady mentions, have been in the United States for centuries now. No epidemic has occurred or will occur because of the public health and sanitation infrastructure that exists here.

As for the increase in the

incidence of malaria: rising temperatures may shorten the incubation period of mosquitoes carrying the disease. However, the warming of the earth alone will not increase the disease.

Dr. Duane Gubler, director of the division of vector-borne infectious diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has noted that during the summer the Gulf states of the United States are several degrees warmer than the Caribbean. While both regions carry the dengue vector, only the Caribbean has the disease. It is not the climate, it is the exis-

tence of a stable public health program that controls the disease.

Contrary to the Clinton Administration's belief, the significant health problem facing the world is not global warming. There were 922,000 deaths in India alone in 1990 from preventable diarrheal disease. These deaths could have been eradicated with a moderate investment in drinking water and sanitation. The answer is to expand resources of public health measure to prevent the spread of disease — immunization, mosquito control and improved sanitation.

The global warming doom-sayers, however, want us to believe that limiting gas emissions will save the lives of humans. But a proposal of this kind may have the reverse effect — worsening the already dire state of human health in developing countries.

Emissions limits of the magnitude proposed by global warming proponents will disrupt the economies of developed nations who will bear the brunt of the restrictions. With the economies of developed nations compromised, international aid and public health programs will be under-funded placing more lives at risk of preventable diseases.

To effectively combat global health problems today and in the future, it is imperative that we rebuild our public health infrastructure and implement better disease-prevention strategies, not invest in proposals that will disrupt economies and cost Americans millions of jobs.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan is president of the American Council on Science and Health, a New York-based public health advocacy organization.

To Ann Landers: The tyranny of the IRS

By Jeff Jacoby

Dear Ann Landers:

You certainly went easy on the Internal Revenue Service in your recent reply to "Los Angeles Taxpayer." Maybe you were just being prudent. Because frankly, Ann, if your gentle words about the IRS were sincere, you need a reality check on just how incompetent and abusive Uncle Sam's tax agency really is.

"Los Angeles Taxpayer" wrote to you with a tale of red-tape madness. It began in March 1995, when he mailed his tax return with a check to the IRS. Soon afterward, he was told the check had not been received and was advised to put a stop-payment on it. After he did so, the IRS found the check, tried to deposit it, and then sent it back — stamped "payment stopped." When he sent a replacement check, the IRS applied it to the wrong tax year.

Meanwhile, the IRS mailed him a refund check, then mailed him a letter asking for the refund check back, then mailed him a Form 3911 to report the refund, and then mailed him a letter announcing that his "claim for a refund" would take nine months to process. All the while, L.A. Taxpayer kept trying to tell the IRS that he wasn't owed a refund in the first place.

"Frankly," he wrote to you, "I'm afraid to send in my next tax check. They should change

their initials from IRS to MESS."

In your column, you replied: "Considering the number of returns it processes and the mistakes people make when filing their returns, it's a miracle the IRS doesn't screw up more often."

Wake up and smell the java, Ann! The IRS does screw up more often. It screws up constantly. You should have told L.A. Taxpayer to be grateful that all he has to worry about is a nonexistent refund check. Screw-ups? How about the 3,000 people notified by the IRS in 1993 that they each owed \$4 billion in back taxes? How about the Philadelphia chemical firm that was penalized nearly \$47,000 because the IRS determined that its tax payment of \$4,448,112.88 was a dime short? How about the 50,000 improper levies annually imposed on individuals and businesses?

The IRS recently spent \$8 billion to overhaul its computer programs. What it got for all that money, a top official recently admitted, are systems that "do not work in the real world."

Ann, you have no idea how arbitrary and heavy-handed the IRS can be. The federal tax agency sends out some 30 million tax penalty notices every year. Nearly half are erroneous. As James Bovard observes in his chilling book "Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty" (St.

Martin's Press, 1994), "The proliferation of tax penalties enables the IRS to threaten the average taxpayer with 'massive retaliation' for the slightest error — yet IRS agents themselves are almost never punished for their errors...If a private bill-collection agency sent out millions of unjustified demands for payment, it would almost certainly be prosecuted for attempted extortion."

As the tax deadline approaches each year, the IRS invites taxpayers to call its toll-free number with their questions. When they do, millions are given the wrong answer. Then when they rely on those wrong answers, they are slapped with interest, penalties, and liens on their property! If you had a track record like that, Ann, would anybody still trust your column?

The Heritage Foundation recently compiled nine pages of numbers underscoring IRS ineptitude. A few examples:

- Number of times the IRS gave the wrong answer in 1993 to taxpayers seeking assistance with their tax forms: 8.5 million.
- Percentage of its own bud-

get for which the IRS could not account in an audit by the General Accounting Office: 64.

- Number of correction notices sent out by the IRS each year that turn out to be wrong: 5 million.

- Percentage of revenue returned when taxpayers challenge IRS penalties in court: 40.

- Number of women wrongly fined each year because they got divorced or remarried: 3 million.

- Number of taxpayers whose old age benefits will be cut because the IRS doesn't properly record their tax payments: 10 million.

So take a few lashes with the wet noodle. Then add your voice to the cry for a simpler, slimmer, saner tax code. As the Midland, Michigan-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy says, "Since the federal income tax threatens to flatten us, it's time to think about how to flatten it."

Do it for your readers. Believe me, Ann, they need your help.

Jeff Jacoby is a columnist for the Boston Globe. His e-mail address is jacobyn@nws.globe.com

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3, 1997

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held November 17, 1997, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held October 14, 1997.
- 2) To open the public hearing on a proposed lot split at 20674 Anita.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing on a proposed lot split at 20674 Anita.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 47676 through 47839 in the amount of \$743,976.85 as submitted by the City Manager and City Controller, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. 2) Approve payment in the amount of \$5,366.34 to Hydro Dynamics of Waterford for emergency repairs to the Eastland Sanitary Lift Station made on September 30, 1997. 3) Approve payment in the amount of \$4,002.42 to West Shore Services, Inc. of Allen Park for emergency repairs to the City's warning sirens. 4) Approve payment in the amount of \$1,839.54 to Doubleday Bros. & Co. of Grand Rapids for election materials necessary for the November 4, 1997 City election. 5) Approve payment in the amount of \$2,946.67 to the Michigan Supreme Court Finance Office for computer services in the District Court for the months of October, November and December 1997. 6) Approve payment in the amount of \$2,712.03 to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the City's annual water supply fee. 7) Approve payment in the amount of \$6,171.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999. 8) Approve payment in the amount of \$1,440.00 to TRA Electronic Communications of Warren for additional telephone work in the Police Department. 9) Appoint Carl W. Bahr Jr. to the Harper Woods Library Board for a term expiring January 2002.
- 2) To approve the lot split as requested of Lot 40 of Assessor's Harper Woods Plat No. 1 of part of P.C. 250, City of Harper Woods, Wayne County Michigan as recorded in Liber 78 of Plats, Page 82 of Wayne County Records.
- 3) To accept the low bid of \$40,950.00 as submitted by Bob Schomer Tree Service of Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's 1997 Tree Trimming Program.
- 4) To approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 25, Local 1107 covering the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1999.
- 5) To approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$16,124.26 to Florence Construction Co., Inc. in the 1997 Concrete Replacement Program.
- 6) To approve payment in the amount of \$86,701.65 to Florence Cement Company of Troy for Progress Payment No. 5 on the 1997 Concrete Replacement Project.
- 7) To approve payment in the amount of \$169,778.00 to the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool for the City's 1998 insurance and, further, as this is a self insurance pool, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City enacted policy.

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SEQUENCE

Pressure free living is one of the advantages getting older

The young glory in their youth. Confident, vigorous, filled with enthusiasm, they look forward to each day as an opportunity to make all of their hopes and dreams come true.

The middle-aged mellowed by experience have a more realistic view. They know that along the way to personal achievement, choices must be made, alternatives accepted and goals reassessed. Some arrive at that point content with their accomplishments. Others lament and look back with regret on the road not taken and what might have been.

As Alice Longworth once said, "There's one advantage to middle age — you outgrow it."

Older people who have passed through that stage know that this is true.

Middle age, like adolescence, is a trying time, a sort of limbo time when one is neither young nor old, when children leave home but really don't go away, still expecting dad and mom to be standing by.

And then come the golden years, a time when the burden

of making it in the world of work is over.

The responsibility of taking care of a family is finished and keeping up socially is a matter of choice. It is a time when, regardless of your financial or social status, you are finally free to do what you want to do when you want to do it. Each day is a gift and a demand designed to wear you out accomplishing what is expected of you.

Like all gifts, the gift of time must be used to fully enjoy it. It is important to keep active doing things you enjoy. Don't use the excuse of being too old for inactivity. You can be old in years without being old in spirit.

Keep those fires of youth glowing by firing them with new and old interests. Being interested and interesting is the secret of a youthful old age.

For even as we accept the role and privilege of being older, we really don't want others to think of us as old in the true sense of the word.

We hold in our hearts the wish to be forever young. It is



By Marian Trainor

possible to project that image if we keep in touch with the world.

Some older people work very hard at creating an illusion of youth. Unfortunately, they go about it in the wrong way.

They demean the image of being old by deceiving people about their age when they might better have capitalized on how important years are when leavened with spirit and joie de vivre. Besides, at one point the truth must be told.

One woman was hired in as a secretary at 55 when she was actually 60 years of age. When she came to retire at 65 she had a bit of trouble with the

retirement benefits.

Because she didn't apply for any services or benefits while she was working, she got off easy.

What she did lose was five years of Medicare and five years of retirement.

In this case the woman lied to get a job. But many old people shave a few years off their birthdays because they are infused with the idea that young is good and old is bad.

If you are ready to give up on life, than that notion is correct.

But if you are investing an enormous amount of emotional interest in the trappings of youth then you are putting

your self-esteem as a person of worth on the line. The result is often unconscious self-hate and self-rejection.

A person who thinks that the most important goal in life for older people is to appear young to others has a problem liking himself.

Self-acceptance is the key to aging if we are to live happily. That means accepting yourself at any age. One psychoanalyst put it this way:

"I find it very sad when a man or woman refuses to admit his or her age or lies about it. It is ample proof that they have been caught in a need to satisfy a superficial vanity."

"To cling compulsively to youth is a vicious cycle. The more time and energy people spend trying to stay young, the older they become."

A person dedicated to looking young to the exclusion of real interest in life is old indeed.

Experts agree that emotional youth means change and growth while emotional old-age means resignation and stagna-

tion. Attitude is what is important. It takes a lot of doing to maintain a life, particularly when the truth is apparent to everyone else.

When you think about it, who do you know who is happily involved in life, welcomes new experiences and is motivated and energetic who worries about age?

Oddly enough as people get older, according to experts, their appreciation of humor broadens.

When you grow older, you come to grips with life and you realize that there's precious little that you haven't experienced and that there is much less in life that is going to hurt you.

Interests, whether they be work, hobbies, volunteering plus a sense of humor, then are important in keeping alive a youthful spirit.

There are advantages to age and the opportunity to get off the super-highways of life and wander the slower, more scenic and delightful roads of pressure-free living.

Grosse Pointe officer and U.S. Navy charging into the future

By Jason Emerson

The ground shouldn't shake like this, the Marine thought dimly. But then again, fire isn't supposed to devour a whole building at once.

The space where a weapons factory had towered above the

earth was now filled by sky and smoke. Seconds earlier, a Navy fighter pilot had delivered his lethal cargo with the precision of a jeweler cleaving a diamond.

Ironically, the Marine thought as he surveyed the rubble, that

the power behind this destruction was not brute force, but intellect.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Paul L. Kratochwill, the 35-year-old son of Michael and Ann Kratochwill of Grosse Pointe, recently helped test new battlefield technology that could be used to deliver high-tech weapons with this degree of timing and accuracy.

Kratochwill is part of the Navy's Third Fleet staff, which operates from the USS Coronado in San Diego. During a recent deployment, Kratochwill and others put the

Coronado's cutting-edge command and control systems to the test.

"We're using state-of-the-art computers and communications to better command the forces assigned to Third Fleet. By using off-the-shelf technology, we keep current with technology and stay ahead of potential adversaries," said Kratochwill, a 1980 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

An 11-year Navy veteran, Kratochwill works as an operations and plans officer for the Third Fleet staff.

During the deployment, Coronado's crew exposed the new combat systems to the temperature extremes of the north and south Pacific. The equipment was also put through tests designed to duplicate actual warfare.

In one instance, over a classified Internet line, the Coronado linked digital imagery of a bridge recorded by a Navy SEAL Team to the cockpit of a Navy fighter. This gave the pilot an accurate picture of his target.

As it incorporates more complex equipment into its arsenal

daily, and facing a world political picture that can change overnight, the Navy relies on Sailors like Kratochwill to keep its ships ready to fight.

"A carrier battle group can be a big stick that is safely over the horizon, ready to respond to the president's tasking on short notice. Our presence in the western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf has helped keep peace," Kratochwill said.

Jason Emerson is a Navy photojournalist assigned to Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station San Diego.

Seniors nominated for volunteer award

Two Grosse Pointe residents have been nominated to receive an award from one of Michigan's largest insurers, which recognizes outstanding volunteer services by senior citizens.

Melba Castle of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nina Volis of Grosse Pointe Shores are among nearly 130 nominees from across Michigan who will be considered as recipients for the ninth annual Citizens Insurance Seniors Awards.

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Your picture must be received in our office no later than Monday December 22nd, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 6, 1998.)

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

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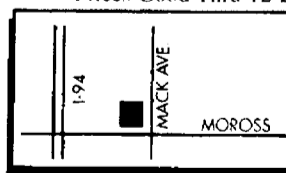
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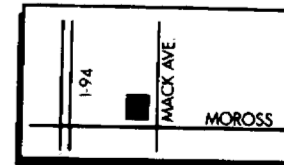
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James E. Grant

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A memorial service was held in the A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods on Wednesday, Nov. 26, for Woods resident James E. Grant, who died in Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997, of complications from a stroke.

Mr. Grant, 77, was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit and Detroit Business University. He began his career in 1946 at the Mueller Paint Co. on Mack in Detroit. By the time he retired in 1985, he was the owner of the company.

A captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Grant flew 84 missions in his B-24 in the Burma-China-India Theater of Operations. An active member of the community, he was a former member of the Gowanie Club, as well as a summer member of the Hidden Valley Golf Resort in Gaylord.

Mr. Grant was also president for several terms of the Detroit Paint and Paper Dealer Association and served on the board of directors of the National Paint and Wallpaper Dealer Association, based in St. Louis. An avid fisherman, Mr. Grant also enjoyed golf and still life oil painting.

Mr. Grant is survived by his wife, Frances; two daughters, Susan Milne and Kathy Migda; a son James; a sister, Mary Jane Miller; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Grant.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 135 Chesterfield, Suite 100, Maumee, Ohio, 43537.

Verneta Richardson Law

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 4, in the First Presbyterian Church of Delray, Fla., for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Verneta Richardson Law, who died in Boca Raton Hospital in Boca Raton, Fla., on Saturday, Nov. 29, of complications from a stroke.

Mrs. Law, 92, was born in Uby and graduated from the University of Michigan's dental hygiene school and worked with her husband in his dental practice in Detroit.

An active member of the community, Mrs. Law was past president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe High School Mothers Club. She enjoyed gardening and volunteering her time to worthy causes.

Mrs. Law is survived by three sons, David, Richard and Donald; and seven grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Albert D. Law.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boynton Beach Women's Club Scholarship Fund, 1010 South Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, Fla., 33435.

Martin F. Owens Jr.

A funeral service was held in the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods on Tuesday, Dec. 9, for former Woods resident Martin Francis Owens Jr., who died in his home in Atlanta on Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997.

Mr. Owens, 80, was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and helped organize the Class of '38's 50th reunion. When the United States entered World War II he tried to enlist, but was rejected because of poor eyesight. But he persisted and was called up in December 1942.

By 1943, he was in the Eighth Army Air Corps as a wireless operator, ferrying B-17s and B-24s to bases in England, North Africa and eventually the continent of Europe, which earned him campaign ribbons for service. He logged a total of 376 hours of airtime.

After the war, Mr. Owens graduated from Michigan State University, eventually joining the Detroit Free Press advertising department and finally retiring in 1981. A top salesman, he was noted for opening up new territories.

Mr. Owens is survived by two daughters, Lawrie Owens Horst and Shelly Jo Owens; a son, Martin F. Owens III; a brother John; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Patricia Lawrie Owens in August 1997.

Mr. Owens is interred in

Englishtown, N.J., for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Geraldine Shaw who died in Cary, N.C., on Monday, Dec. 1, 1997.

Mrs. Shaw, 78, was born in Jersey City, N.J., and graduated from Dickinson High School in Jersey City.

A homemaker, she belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Shaw is survived by a daughter, Gay Adams; a stepdaughter, Linda Klapperstuck; a brother, William Zapke; and four grandchildren. She was

Cancer Foundation or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 East Warren, Detroit, Mich.

William A. Muer

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for former Grosse Pointe Park resident William A. Muer, who died in Florida on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997.

Mr. Muer, 84, was a graduate of DeLaSalle High School and Michigan State College. He served in the U.S. Army as a master sergeant during World War II in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Muer, along with his brother Joe, helped run Joe Muer's Restaurant in Detroit and was well known as a restaurateur of excellence for many years until his retirement in Florida 20 years ago. He was also a member of S.A.E.

Mr. Muer is survived by two sisters, Rosemary Sanders and Ann Gehrke; a brother, Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Boynton Memorial Chapel in Boynton, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1760 Mount Elliott, Detroit, Mich., 48207-3496.



William J. Oldani

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A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Clare of Montefalco

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Obituaries — December 11, 1997

- James E. Grant
- Wallace W. King
- Gail Stratton Klein
- William J. Muer
- William Oldani
- Martin Francis Owens Jr.
- Geraldine Shaw

Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron. Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bon Secours Nursing Care Auxiliary, 26001 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 48081, or to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 East Warren, Detroit, Mich., 48201.

Gail Stratton Klein

A funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 8, in the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gail Stratton Klein, who died of complications from a heart attack in St. John Hospital in Detroit on Friday, Dec. 5, 1997.

Mrs. Klein, 59, was born in Grosse Pointe Farms and was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. She was the owner of Comfortably Yours on Mack and enjoyed bowling.

Mrs. Klein is survived by a daughter, Lynne Klein; two sons, Keith and Richard; and four grandchildren. Interment is at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Geraldine Shaw

A memorial service will be held at a later date in

predeceased by her two husbands, George Young and Alexander Shaw.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home of Cary, N.C. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cary XYZ Club Senior Center, c/o Dixie Everest, 514 New Kent Place, Cary, N.C., 27511.

Wallace W. King

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 6, in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Wallace W. King, who died of complications from cancer on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997.

Mr. Wallace, 73, was born in Windsor, Ontario, and received his engineering degree from McGill University in Montreal.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Navy.

An active member of the community, Mr. Wallace was a member of the Lochmoor Club, as well as the Canadian Armed Forces Association.

Mr. Wallace is survived by a daughter, Laurie King; a son, Robert King; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

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Obituaries

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Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park for Park resident William J. Oldani, who died in his home on Monday, Dec. 1, 1997.

Mr. Oldani, 85, was born in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit High School in 1930. He was devoted to the High and recently carried the torch on the first leg of a marathon to raise money for the school. His eight grandsons either attended or are currently attending U-D High.

He received his law degree from the University of Detroit College in 1936. A member of the law firm of Fischer, Franklin & Ford based out of the Guardian Building in Detroit, he never retired. He was also associate general counsel of General Motors, retiring from the position in 1977. He began working for GM in 1942 after six years of private practice.

An avid squash player, Mr. Oldani was also known for his officiating in Detroit area high

school football and basketball games. He started in 1935 and retired in 1976. He was a founding member of the S.E. Michigan Officials Association.

Mr. Oldani was also an honorary trustee of Grosse Pointe Academy. He was also legal counsel for Nomads Inc., as well as a member of the board of Guest House and Heartline. In addition, he was a member of the University of Detroit Law School Alumni Board and

belonged to the Detroit Athletic Club.

Mr. Oldani is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Sweeney Oldani; five daughters, Molly McDermott, Christine Oldani, Anne Kern and Maimie Yates; a son, William Oldani Jr.; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and

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Karen A. Bailey

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 6, in the A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods for former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Karen A. Bailey, who died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Bailey, 43, was born in Schenectady, N.Y., and was a graduate of the Massachusetts

College of Pharmacy in Boston. She worked as a pharmacy technician in Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

An active member of the Parcells and Mason PTOs, Mrs. Bailey also enjoyed reading and gardening.

Mrs. Bailey is survived by her husband, Peter; a daughter, Meghan; a son, Kristopher; a sister, Terri Gverovich; two brothers, Lee and Steven Manson; and her mother, Betty Cornwell.

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In the back row from left to right are: Cpl. Joe Cardosi, Shirley Oliver, Deloris Halkides, Kathleen Borella, Rose Mears, Betty Stitzel, Martin Oswald, Dan Curtis and Rose Ann Delaurier.

Not in the photo: Ann Izzard, Corrine Ballew, Diane Martin and Fred Thompson.

Smart winter driving stops crashes

Sightseeing is a popular pastime when you're on vacation — but in the dead of winter, when many travelers are heading to festivals, events or warm-weather retreats — it pays to keep your eyes on the road.

In fact, says AAA Michigan, the leading cause of traffic crashes on ice-slick, snow-clogged roads is following the car in front too closely.

In addition to the use of safe-driving techniques, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch recommends increasing your following distance on slippery roads from the good-road gap of three seconds to six seconds.

A good way to measure the six-second time gap is to select a distinct road marking or sign, and then begin counting off the seconds when the car ahead passes that spot.

"You're tailgating if you get to that spot before counting to six," Basch said. "And that is too close for safety on slippery roads." According to Basch, stopping distances on melting ice and snow at the 32-degree freezing point are twice as great as at zero temperatures.

Especially dangerous are shaded areas and bridges, overpasses and intersections — areas where ice is likely to form first or become slippery due to heavy traffic. A A A Michigan offers the following tips to help motorists steer clear of winter driving trouble:

lights on low-beam provides better road illumination in snow and fog than using high-beams.

- Remember, posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions.

- Avoid sudden starts, stops and turns. Accelerate carefully so car wheels don't spin.

- Don't brake hard. The best technique for braking on ice or snow is "threshold" or "squeeze" braking.

This is done by applying the brakes firmly to a point just short of lock-up, and then easing off the brake pedal slightly. Applying steady pressure is better than pumping the

brakes. If your vehicle has anti-lock brakes, continuous firm pressure is recommended. Pumping will deactivate ABS.

- In a skid, ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes.

Carefully steer in the direction you want to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.

- Anticipate potential danger such as ice on bridges, snow-covered lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust speed, increase distance between other cars or change lanes to avoid trouble. Watch for other drivers who may be unprepared for changing road conditions.

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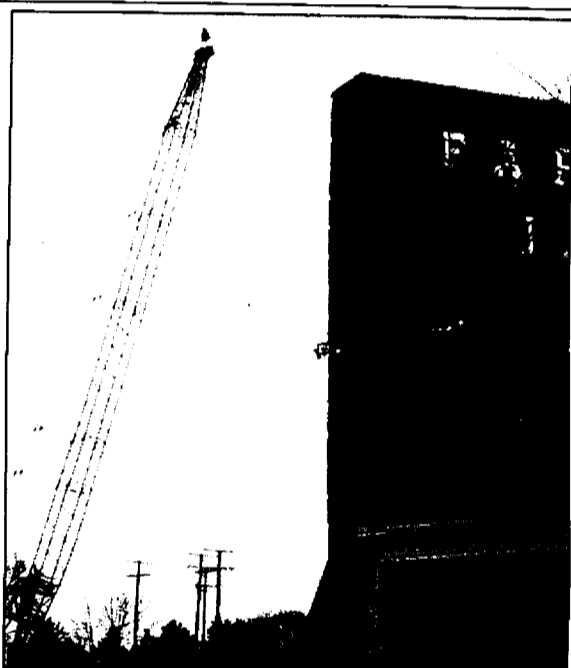


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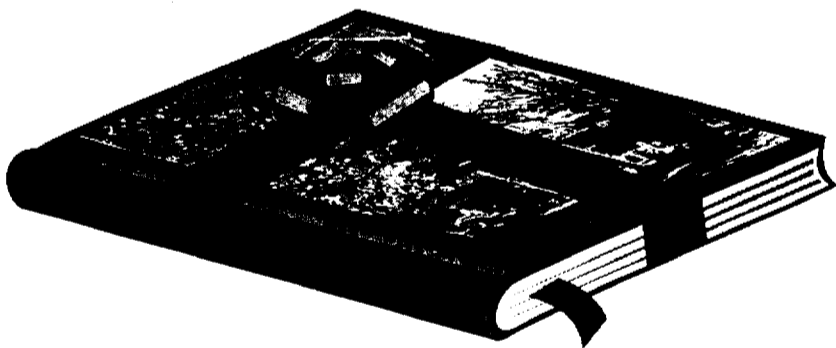
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Busy students

The faculty and students of St. Clare of Montefalco have a long tradition of supporting the missions. This year the school community is learning about Bolivia through first-hand experiences of art teacher, Katie McGrath, who traveled to the South American country last summer with her family to visit her uncle, who is a Maryknoll priest.

McGrath used slides, maps and artifacts to introduce the students to Bolivia and the conditions in which its people live. The St. Clare student council is organizing a day of

fundraising on Friday, Dec. 12 in order to help defray some of the medical costs of the community in which McGrath's uncle lives. The students are hosting a dance, a soccer game and selling stationary.

Members of the AWARE Club at Parcels Middle School were recognized at the Dec. 1 board meeting for their charitable efforts over the years. The club, which stands

for Acting for World Awareness to Rescue the Earth, has 12 student members this school year; its adviser is teacher Marie DeLuca.

The students each year rake leaves from the yards of neighborhood senior citizens and then treat them to a breakfast. They also adopt wild animals, endangered habitats and give money to a variety of charities, including the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the American Red Cross.

SCHOOL NEWS



A gem of a lesson

Seventh- and eighth-graders from St. Paul Catholic School traveled to the Gem Theater last month to see it being moved and to study the ways in which math was used in a real-life situation. The students met with chief engineer for the project, Peter Friesen, who talked about the use of pulleys, gravity centers and the specifics of the feat.

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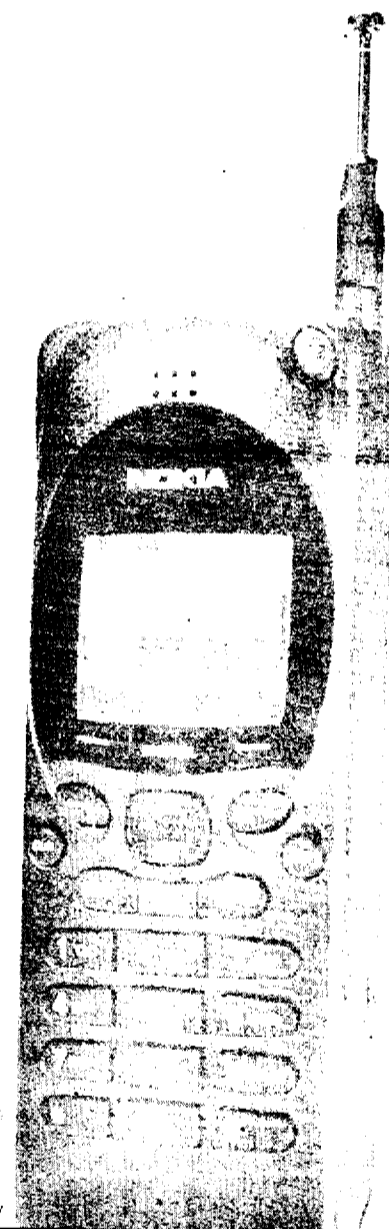
The French-American Back-to-Back Program participants in the Grosse Pointe Public School System marched in the annual Santa Claus parade Nov. 28. Back-to-Back participants for this year held their first fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Parcels Middle School's annual Christmas Bazaar, with the sale of Ivy topiaries from Schubert Nursery. Students will travel to Nice this year with Darcy Mellen-Sullivan, Steve Gulian, Terry MacEachern and Nicole Freemon.

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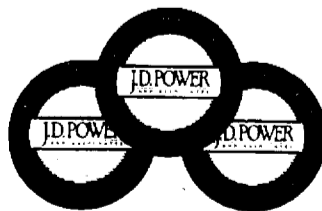
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Two additional library board trustees move onward and upward

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe library board continues to weather changes, the latest being the resignation of two more trustees.

Grosse Pointe Woods representative Vicki Granger and Farms representative Frances Schonenberg have announced their resignation from the board due to their elections to each of their respective city councils last month.

The resignation came on the heels of Shores representative Laura Bartell taking the oath of office on Nov. 24. Bartell replaces Richard David, who resigned in September due to a move out of the library district area.

"It's a good news-bad news situation," said library board president John Bruce. "It speaks well of the caliber of people appointed to our board, but the turnover is more than what we'd have liked."

The board also lost Steve Matthews when he was elected to the Grosse Pointe school board in 1996 and Greg Theokas when he was elected to the Grosse Pointe Park City council in 1995.

Trustees Dorothy Kennel and Florence Miller also have left the board, but, Bruce said, both had only intended to be on the board for the short-term to help with the transition from school-operated library to independently operated library.

Both Granger and Schonenberg are deeply committed to the continued livelihood of the library, which serves the same geographic area as the Grosse Pointe pub-

lic schools: all five Pointes and one-third of Harper Woods. They both plan to stay involved on an advisory committee level.

Each had hoped when they announced their candidacy for city council, that they would be able to continue serving the library. But upon reflection, they wanted to eliminate any question of conflict of interest in serving on both boards. Schonenberg and Granger will stay on the board until their replacements are named.

"I am too proud and fond of the library board to run any risk of politicizing it," Schonenberg said. "I am proud of where the library has gone in the last four years. It has been on an even keel and has thrived on its own."

Schonenberg and Granger both said when they put in a bid for their city councils, they didn't think they'd have much chance of winning against incumbents. Both were pleasantly surprised on Nov. 4 to win their seats. On Granger's part at least, the bid for council was not so much for getting on this time around but for gaining name recognition for the next election.

Granger's library board term expires in June 2000; Schonenberg's expires June 1998.

"I felt the major reasons I wanted to be on the (library) board had been resolved," she said, referring to the issue of Parcels school overcrowding and the fate of the Woods branch, as well as getting the upcoming technology upgrade on its way. Now that the library has moved from its ini-

tial organizational phase and has eased through its transition, it now is focusing on long-term projects that won't be carried out for years to come.

"The opportunity for a seat on the council came up," Granger said. "I talked to John Bruce before making the decision to run and thought about how to be on both boards and decided it would be a conflict."

Schonenberg, too, felt getting on the city council was the logical next step.

"After 40 years of volunteer work (in this community), running for city council was the logical extension," she said. "My love (will always be) the library."

As is set forth in the district library agreement of 1994, the seven-member board is composed of one representative from each of the six municipalities and one at-large representative. Interested parties submit applications for library board seats. Applicants are selected by a committee consisting of the outgoing trustee, the mayor of the represented city and the library board president. A nomination is then sent to the Grosse Pointe school board, which grants the final approval.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library separated from the school system in 1994, ending a 70-year relationship. Changes in the funding of public schools necessitated the move. Residents of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods interested in applying for the library board are asked to call Barbara Demers at the Grosse Pointe Public Library at (313) 343-2325.

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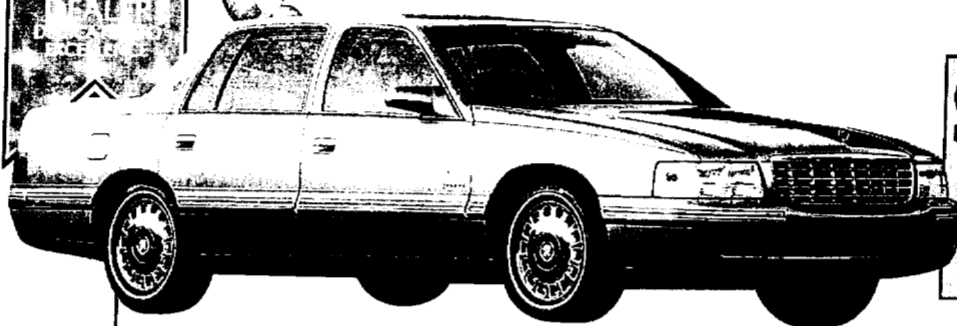
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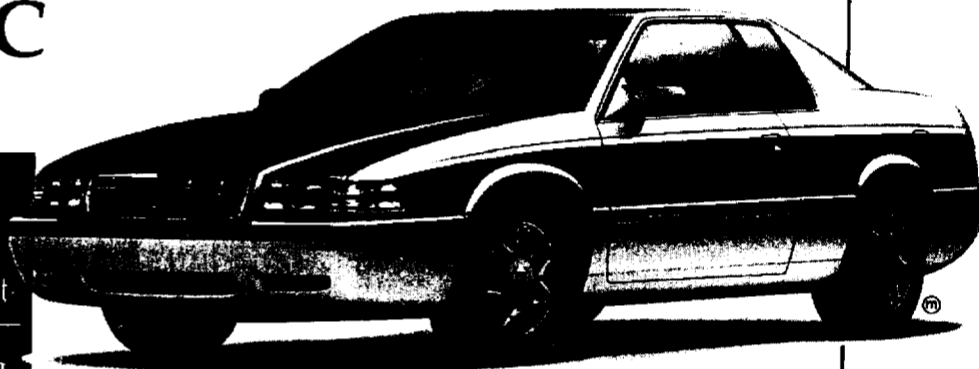
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Chevrolet sets the pace at the Indianapolis 500

The automobile industry and the Indianapolis 500 have been going steady for a long time, and when a 1998 Chevrolet Corvette convertible paces the racers for the spectacle May 24, it will be the 82nd time the industry and the motorsports world have come together in this way.

Providing the pace car for the Indianapolis 500 race has been an industry practice since the first event in 1911, when a Stoddard-Dayton led the racers around the 2-1/2-mile track to form up for the 200-lap race.

In the early days, the auto company provided just a pace car. Now to become the "official" pace car, the car maker must provide about 30 pace cars for drivers and officials, a "hot" car for on-track activities and about 20 trucks.

Leading the pack at this year's Indy 500 will be the all-new 1998 Chevrolet Corvette convertible. At the wheel will be Greg "The Shark" Norman, one of the top-ranked golfers in the world and a Chevrolet spokesman.

The Indy 500 is the largest single-day sporting event in the world. More than 400,000

spectators are expected this year.

The 82nd running of the Indy 500 will mark the 11th appearance of a Chevrolet pace car — most for any car maker — and the fourth for the Corvette, which ties it for first among car lines with Chevrolet stablemate Camaro. Corvette's first appearance as pace car was in 1978, the marque's 25th anniversary, and subsequent appearances were in 1986 and 1995.

The pace car will be an essentially factory stock unit. Minor modifications will include addition of a steel roll bar and strobe lights behind each seat. The strobe lights will require slight bulges in the stock tonneau cover with clear plastic lenses through which the lights will flash.

The Corvette pace car will use the street version of Corvette's all aluminum 5.7-liter LS1 small-block V-8 that churns out 345 hp through an electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Pace cars are usually trimmed in a unique fashion and the Corvette will be no exception. Exterior will feature vivid yellow Indy 500



Autos

By Richard Wright

graphics over a special Radar Blue finish. Yellow wheels will make the pace car stand out in a crowd. Interior is yellow and black leather.

Chevrolet plans to sell 1,158 limited edition replicas of the pace car. The pace car and its replicas will include a package of options, including a new Active Handling chassis control system.

The Active Handling system uses a yaw sensor, steering angle sensor, lateral accelerometer and other space-age technologies to enhance handling and accident avoidance capabilities. The system is part of the Z4Z Pace Car Package, which adds \$2,800 to the Corvette convertible's suggested price of \$44,990.

The Chevrolet nameplate

was born in 1911, year of the first running of the Indy 500, and Louis and Gaston Chevrolet were early participants in the race. Pace cars in the earliest years of the 500 were an assortment of Stoddard-Daytons, Stutzes, Packards, Premiers, Marmons and Duesenbergs.

In 1926, the first of six Chrysler pace cars over the year was invited. It was driven by Louis Chevrolet. Chrysler paced the race again in 1933, 1941 (a rare appearance by a concept car, the Newport Phaeton), 1951, 1963 (the first 300 Letter Car) and 1987.

Oldsmobile has paced the Indy 500 nine times, second only to Chevrolet, and its Aurora was pace car last year. Ford paced the 500 seven times and Buick is tied with Chrysler at six.

Chevrolet was first invited to provide a pace car in 1948 and sent a Fleetmaster convertible with a Blue Flame six-cylinder engine. No pace-car replicas were sold in those days. Indy driver Wilbur Shaw drove the '48 Chevy.

Chevrolet returned in 1955 with its history-making Bel Air convertible, the first Chevy to feature the famous Chevy small-block V-8, a design that still lives today in updated form. Again, no replicas were made, although Chevrolet sold 41,292 Bel Air convertibles that year.

In 1967, the first Chevrolet Camaro was invited to pace the 500 and this was the first

time that Chevrolet produced replicas to sell to the general public. Only 100 replicas were made, all white with a bright blue stripe and the same 396-cubic-inch "big-block" V-8 that powered the actual pace car.

The Camaro was invited again in 1969 and Chevrolet sent its hot-selling SS 396 finished in white with orange racing stripes and a unique hound's tooth and white vinyl interior. Chevrolet sold 3,675 replicas, which could be ordered with the 396 "big block" of the actual pace car or a 350 "small-block" V-8.

Twenty-five years after its introduction, the Chevrolet Corvette was invited to pace the 500 in 1978. Chevy sent a black and silver coupe with colorful graphics added. Replicas proved to be hot sellers at Chevy dealerships and 6,502 were sold, many at prices well above sticker.

The Camaro made its third appearance in 1982 in the form of a silver over blue Z28 coupe with red accents. Some 6,350 replicas were built and sold. The '69, '78 and '82 Chevy pace cars were driven by race driver Jim Rathman.

In 1986, the Corvette returned, this time as a convertible, which also returned to the Corvette lineup after a 10-year absence. The pace car bore a standard paint scheme with only a decal package to identify it. That decal package was offered to any buyer of an '86 Corvette, convertible or coupe, so in effect all '86 Corvettes were Indy 500 pace car replicas.

In 1990, Chevrolet got a rare invitation to provide a concept car as pace car, a Beretta convertible. The brilliant yellow car had its stock Beretta 3.1-liter V-6 increased to 3.4 liters, resulting in a horsepower gain from 135 to 225. Chevrolet built 4,500 special-edition Beretta coupes to commemorate the event, but no Beretta convertibles were

produced for public sale. The pace car was driven by Jim Perkins, then general manager of Chevrolet.

In 1993, Camaro returned for the fourth time to Indy as Chevrolet debuted the third generation of that marque. The pace car was a black and white coupe with multi-colored "ribbon" decals the whole length of the car, swooping up over the rear fenders. Chevy made only 645 replicas, enhancing their collectibility.

In 1995, Corvette was selected for the third time to pace the Indy 500. The '95 pace car was a convertible with purple and white finish and wild "ribbon" decal striping. Only 527 replicas were produced.

The '98 Corvette pace car will feature a new Active Handling system which will be available on all Corvette models and standard on convertibles with the pace car package.

The system features sensors that read steering inputs, vehicle yaw rate and lateral g force, then activates the vehicle's brakes to help stabilize the car in emergency situations. When added to Corvette's antilock braking and traction control systems, the new package provides greatly enhanced accident avoidance capabilities, Chevrolet says.

A Chevrolet spokesperson explained that the concept of the Active Handling system is similar to steering a canoe. If the front of the canoe starts turning to the right, it can be brought back on course by dipping a paddle into the water on the left to act as a rudder and brake.

Like ABS brakes or traction control, Active Handling is activated in a split second and goes into action only when the car's limits have been exceeded in some way. The driver will not be called upon to do anything but steer the car.



The 1998 Chevrolet Corvette pace car features vivid yellow Indy 500 graphics over a special Radar Blue finish and yellow wheels. Interior is yellow and black leather. Chevrolet plans to sell 1,158 limited edition replicas of the pace car.

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Sixty years of successful conservation for Michigan

By Richard L. Jameson
Executive Director, MUCC

Six decades ago a small group, devoted to protecting Michigan's out of doors, formed a citizen organization called the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Ninety-two conservationists representing 35 clubs from Monroe to De Tour held a historic meeting at the Shiawassee Conservation Association in Owosso and a united front for citizen conservation, MUCC, was born.

From this early vision of conservation unity, MUCC has grown to become the largest and most effective state conservation organization in the nation. Today MUCC's membership numbers 120,000 people and more than 470 affiliated clubs.

The vitality of MUCC has

been the diversity of its member clubs, ranging from fly fishing and hunting to canoeing, hiking, and a broad range of outdoor recreation and environmental interests, all of which share a strong interest in the outdoors and deep commitment to clean water, clean air, thriving forests and abundant fish and wildlife populations for present and future generations.

The 470 organizations affiliated with MUCC are the foundation on which the association is built. Members form the volunteer citizen force that performs a variety of educational, recreational and environmental conservation projects each year. The range of activities conducted, independently and united, are as varied and far-reaching as the conservation

needs of our local community or the state as a whole.

Each year on the local scene, area clubs adopt projects to create fish spawning structures, provide brush piles for wildlife shelters, plant food trees and shrubs for habitat improvement, and construct and/or erect nesting boxes for bluebirds, ducks and other bird species.

Clubs have created nesting islands for waterfowl and nesting platforms for eagles and osprey, planted native aquatic food plants for waterfowl and completed numerous erosion control projects to protect our public waters. Clubs have assisted in river cleanups, the construction of walleye rearing ponds, and the construction of trails (many for handicapped

accessibility), and participated in the state's Adopt-A-Forest program.

Last year over 100,000 meals were contributed for the needy through the Sportsmen Against Hunger program, and over 30,000 young people were trained through club-sponsored hunter safety programs. Clubs also sponsor kids fishing days each year and provide the TRACKS conservation magazine to nearly 80,000 fourth through sixth grade classrooms each month.

On the statewide front, the affiliated clubs under the MUCC banner have and are providing much to all of Michigan.

MUCC's Wildlife Encounters programs present an exciting face-to-face look at native

wildlife in classrooms throughout the state. Some 2,500 schools have received this presentation since its inception. Also, MUCC summer youth camps provide outdoor experiences to over 1,000 youth each summer and teacher training seminars are conducted throughout the year.

It was an MUCC initiative which led to the creation of the Bottle Bill for Michigan, the establishment of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to support local and state recreation projects, the Harbor Development Fund, legislation to protect hunters and anglers from harassment, and the successful adoption of Proposal G, supporting scientific wildlife management just last year.

The clubs of MUCC have

proven that united for conservation, individuals can make a difference in their community and state and improve the quality of life for us all.

The people of the state of Michigan are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated citizens that have diligently worked to improve and maintain the high quality of our natural resources. We have come a long way in conservation in the last 60 years, and look forward to serving conservation interests as we enter the next century.

Happy anniversary to MUCC and the dedicated volunteer men and women who care about our natural resources. Michigan is a better place because of its united citizen conservationists.

Tanner urges voters to reverse assault on natural resources

The man who revitalized the Great Lakes sport fishery by introducing Pacific salmon writes in the December issue of Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine that voters hold the key to ending Gov. John Engler's assault on Michigan's natural resources and environment.

Howard Tanner, director of the Department of Natural Resources from 1975 to 1983 and previously its fisheries chief, credits Michigan citizens for demanding long-overdue progress in conservation, pollution cleanup and environmental protection in past decades.

"Now, much of what has been achieved is in serious jeopardy," he says in the article. "We have elected and re-elected a governor who has skillfully and deliberately weakened and dispersed authority for protecting the values that constitute our heritage."

Tanner says Engler has sought absolute control of the DNR and split it into two departments to create a more favorable climate for business and industry in Michigan.

"The Natural Resources Commission had always been the buffer against politically inspired direction," Tanner says. "By executive order the governor stripped most authority from this commission and transferred it to the DNR director. The governor then took control of the process for selecting and firing the director."

Engler next transferred authority to enforce all envi-

ronmental and most land-use laws from the DNR to the new Department of Environmental Quality, which operates without oversight by a citizen commission, the author further states.

"We as citizens are ultimately responsible for what our governmental leaders do, what they have for program goals, and what laws are passed," Tanner writes. "The dismantling of our state's natural

resource and environmental programs and standards has occurred only because we have allowed it to happen. We have chosen to elect and retain the governor and the Legislature, and with our silence and inertia have acquiesced to their actions."

"Our obligation as voters must be to re-energize our support for strong, scientific management of both natural resources and environmental

programs. The officials we elect, from the governor on down, must be committed to the enhancement of these values that are currently neglected and ignored. Then, and only then, will we meet our greatest responsibility — to pass to those who will follow us a Michigan better than we inherited from those who preceded us."

Tanner, a resident of Haslett, was the first chairman of the

Michigan Environmental Review Board. His honors include being inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and being ranked by the National Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited, and other organizations among leading conservationists.

For the complete text of his article, the December issue of Michigan Out-of-Doors is available on most newsstands. Subscriptions to the monthly

publication of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs are available for \$25 a year from MUCC, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909. For more information, call (800) 777-6720.

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Detroit Edison offers winter storm tips for staying warm

Southeastern Michigan residents should prepare now for an unwelcome guest — Old Man Winter — who can bring ice and snow storms that result in unavoidable power outages. Detroit Edison recommends that customers check fuse boxes for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses when a power outage occurs. If there are none, check to see whether neighbors also have a problem. Report power outages by calling Detroit Edison at (800) 477-4747.

Detroit Edison offers the following suggestions for coping with power outages while the

utility works to restore electric service following a major winter storm:

Before a storm emergency

- Assemble an easily accessible emergency kit. It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and nonperishable food.
- Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. For safety, always store fuel in a dry place away from the house.
- Select a small, well-insulated room with a fireplace,

wood stove or fuel-burning heater to use as emergency living quarters.

- Ensure your blanket supply is adequate for extended outages and secure a supply of cardboard. In an emergency, blankets and cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss.

During a storm emergency

- Don't open refrigerators and freezers more often than absolutely necessary. A closed refrigerator will stay cold for 12 hours. Kept closed, a well-filled freezer will preserve food

for two to three days. Partially thawed food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

- Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.

• A fuel-burning heater — such as kerosene — requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.

- Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

- Turn off or unplug all appliances to prevent an electrical overload when power is restored. Leave on one light switch to indicate when power is restored.

• Disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines if using a portable generator. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.

- During low-voltage conditions — when lights are dim

and television pictures are smaller — shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.

- Listen to local radio stations for updates from Detroit Edison about electric service restoration efforts.

To obtain a copy of Detroit Edison's brochure, "Weathering the Storm," call (800) 477-4747, or visit its Web site: <http://www.detroitedison.com>

Celebrate season safely with 'Great Pretenders,' AAA Michigan suggests

Having a holiday get-together for family or friends? You'll "score" by serving tasty, non-alcoholic drinks which have the appeal of true "All-Americans." Recipes for holiday drinks including "Red Wing Zinger," "Touchdown Frothy Frosty" and "Winner Mint by Par" can be found in AAA Michigan's Great Pretenders Party Guide, now available free at all auto club branch offices statewide.

The theme of this year's Great Pretenders Party Guide is "A Salute to Sports." The booklet features 15 recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in three regional "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contests held in October, as well as recipes from Michigan sports figures. "AAA Michigan's goal when we began publishing the Great Pretenders Party Guide 19

years ago was to help make roads safer during the holidays, when people tend to drink and drive," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager Jerry Basch. "That's still our goal today." Although progress has been made, "the battle is far from over," Basch said. "In 1996, alcohol was a factor in crashes that took 555 lives in Michigan."

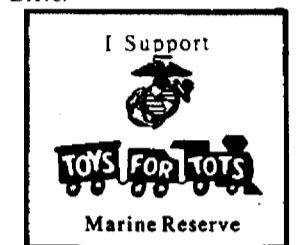
This season, AAA Michigan advises party hosts to be "First A Friend, Then A Host" by following these recommendations:

- Serve a variety of nonalcoholic beverages like drinks in the Great Pretenders Party Guide. Don't force alcoholic drinks on your guests.
- Put away the alcohol after

a reasonable time, and make it known that coffee and desserts are available.

- Encourage car pooling. Give a small gift to designated drivers.
- Take the keys, call a cab, or insist that a guest who has had too much to drink sleep overnight at your home.
- Have holiday fun the safe

way — "Don't Drink and Drive."



Daytime fatigue is dangerous among young adults

Single, young adults who work full-time experience excessive daytime sleepiness — a condition that is potentially hazardous, warn researchers at Henry Ford Health System.

In the October issue of the American Journal of Public Health, scientists from Henry Ford's Department of Behavioral Services and Sleep Disorders and Research Center reported that men and women between the ages of 26 and 35 get a mere 6.7 hours of sleep each week night.

"That's well below the amount of sleep that people need for maximum alertness," said Naomi Breslau, director of research in Henry Ford's Department of Behavioral Services. "The sleepiness young people are experiencing is cumulative and chronic."

Researchers studied 1,007 randomly selected young men and women from Health Alliance Plan, a large health maintenance organization in southeast Michigan.

Of the total sample, 60 percent were married, 35 percent had completed college and 86 percent were employed.

Daytime sleepiness was identified when respondents reported they experienced some of these problems:

- Falling asleep while riding in a car;
- Dozing off while watching television;
- Getting drowsy within 10

minutes of sitting still;

- Falling asleep when visiting with friends;
- Having difficulty staying alert throughout the day.

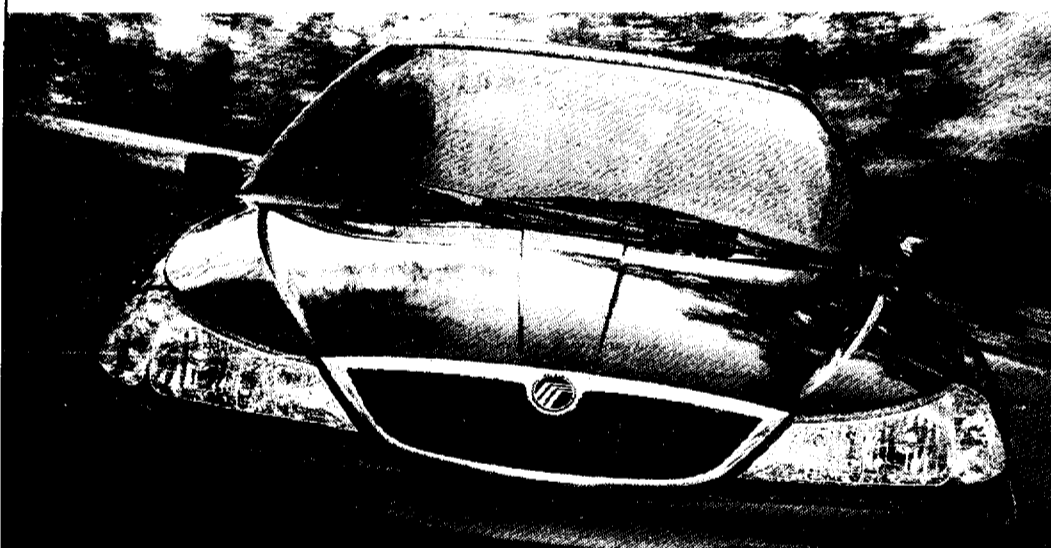
"Excessive daytime sleepiness is associated with increased risks for motor vehicle and industrial accidents, decreased productivity and interpersonal difficulties," said Breslau, a co-investigator in the study.

Researchers evaluated participants' employment hours, marital status and gender to determine which, if any, had an impact on daytime sleepiness. They found:

- Those working full-time slept significantly less than those employed part-time or not employed.
- Married people on average reported significantly longer sleep on weekdays and weekends. They also had significantly lower daytime sleepiness than non-married people;
- Gender differences were not related to the amount of sleep people got or to daytime sleepiness.

Breslau and her colleagues also found that snoring and a recent history of depression also led to daytime sleepiness. The researchers noted that daytime sleepiness might be a symptom of a medical condition that is not readily reversed by increasing hours of sleep.

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Traffic arrest

Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested a man Dec. 6 for drunken driving following a tip from a Grosse Pointe Woods dispatcher of the man's erratic behavior at a phone booth at Mack and Vernier.

According to reports, after the man got into his vehicle headed toward Lakeshore, a traffic stop was initiated when the vehicle was observed traveling in a reckless manner. The man admitted to drinking some beers and failed a number of field sobriety tests. Two one-half-pint vodka bottles were also found in the car.

The man was arrested and held until the next day, when he posted bond.

Fugitive arrest

Grosse Pointe Shores police arrested a Roseville man Dec. 4 wanted on an outstanding warrant and for driving without a license and vehicle registration.

According to reports, the man was pulled over after police observed him driving with his headlights off. The bench warrant he was wanted on was for a failure to appear in Eastpointe.

The man was released after being cited for the violations.

Broken window

Grosse Pointe Shores police are looking into the cause of a rock hurled through a window of a house in the 500 block of Selden Dec. 3.

Police think the cause may have been from a landscaping company running over the rock with a lawn mower which propelled the rock at a high velocity. The size of the break in the window is roughly the size of a golf ball.

Fence ruined

Grosse Pointe Farms police are investigating damage to a fence in the 100 block of Irvine Dec. 5.

According to reports, a 35-foot portion of the fence in front of the home had been knocked to the ground. In addition, police found several liquor bottles and cups strewn

City police capture armed robber, end to a busy week

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe police have in custody a man they suspect as being one of the culprits in the Hickey's Department Store robbery in the Village last Thursday.

Public Safety Director Al Fincham said the man was caught Dec. 8 and is being questioned by City officers.

The robbery occurred when a man and a woman entered the store from the back alley at about 1 p.m. and made off with over \$1,000 worth of merchandise.

Jim Fox, City police officer, said the two entered the store and the man produced a gun and ordered one employee to lie on the floor. The man began to snatch up leather and Nautica jackets, and his female partner tried to open the cash register, but was unsuccessful.

There were no customers in the store at the time and one employee went unnoticed by the two and was able to call police.

"The female asked what she was doing on the phone," Fox said. "She then said to the man, 'They've called the police, let's get out of here.'"

The two escaped through the back door carrying the merchandise.

Fincham hopes that through further questioning, the identity of the woman will be discovered.

City police just missed catching the bandits in the act as bike patrol officer Tony Railling went into the store on a walk through just minutes prior to the robbery. Railling was a half a block away when police received the distress call from Hickey's. Railling was back in the store within 30 seconds, Fincham said, but the suspects eluded him by escaping out the back.

This is the second armed robbery that has occurred in the City in the past couple of months.

in the area. The damage was estimated at \$1,000.

There are no suspects in custody.

Chemical spill

Several people at Cottage Hospital on Kercheval in the Farms were evacuated after a chemical spill on the third floor forced police to close the hospital for about two hours Dec. 5.

According to reports, the spill occurred in suite 300 of the hospital and several people complained they suffered from burning eyes and throats. Police, fearful that the spill was toxic, threw an absorbent on the spill and further tests revealed there were no toxic substances present.

The occupant of the suite was in the process of moving with the help of a local moving company. He denied spilling anything as did representatives of the company.

The third floor was sealed for about two hours until the spill was cleaned up. Police allowed people to re-enter the building later that afternoon.

— John Lundberg

Busted big time

A call reporting suspicious behavior at about 4:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, ended in the capture of two suspects believed to be responsible for a rash of car break-ins across the

Pointes.

Woods police received a call reporting that two men were looking inside cars along the 1400 block of Oxford and that they appeared to be using a green 1993 Plymouth to get around the neighborhood. A patrol car was dispatched to investigate, but while driving to the scene, the officer saw a car matching the description of the suspects' vehicle.

He followed it to the 600 block of Canterbury, where it stopped directly in front of a driveway. The officer saw two men get out and look around at the two cars in the driveway.

When he confronted them, they said they were visiting a friend named Chris. The officer knocked on the door of the home and talked with the owner. He said that he did not know the two suspects and would be happy to press trespassing charges.

When police searched the suspects' vehicle before taking it into custody, they found several cellular telephones, car stereos and a radar detector, as well as a driver's license that did not belong to either suspects.

Police have tied the pair, one 18 and one 17, and both of Harrison Township, to at least five separate car break-ins in the Pointes. They believe they may be connected to a series of break-ins across the Pointes

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last week.

Both suspects were released, pending the filing of formal charges, including felony larceny over \$100.

Computer gone

A computer and printer worth an estimated \$4,200 was taken from a securities firm in the 20100 block of Mack between 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, and 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Police continue to investigate.

Van violated

A customer of a business located at the corner of Mack and Bournemouthe reported that between 8:10 and 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, the driver's window of his vehicle was smashed. When he returned to the van, he discovered that the car stereo was taken.

Slashed tires

Grosse Pointe Park police received five reports of tires slashed. The incidents took place on a variety of streets but were not discovered until the morning of Friday, Dec. 5.

One vehicle was parked at the corner of Avondale and Westchester. Another was

parked in the 800 block of Westchester, while three cars, one in the 500 and two in the 600 block of Middlesex were also vandalized.

Traffic stop gets big arrest

A Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer observed a minor traffic violation in the area of Charlevoix and Berkshire at about 5 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4.

When the officer stopped the car in the area of Haverhill north of Mack, he discovered that the driver had his license suspended and was wanted on traffic warrants in Detroit.

Because of that, the driver and the car's three occupants, as well as the vehicle were taken to Park public safety headquarters. A search of the vehicle turned up 12 air bags, several compact discs, a compact disc changer, as well as a few cellular telephones and a set of tools.

The two juvenile passengers were remanded to the custody of the Wayne County Juvenile Courts. The driver and the other passenger, both adults, have been charged with aiding and abetting curfew violation. The county prosecutor is

reviewing the evidence and is expected to file charges for possession of stolen property once the ownership of the confiscated items is established.

— Jim Stickford

Assault alleged at Hunt Club

A 44-year-old member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club wants to press charges against a club employee who, she said, assaulted her.

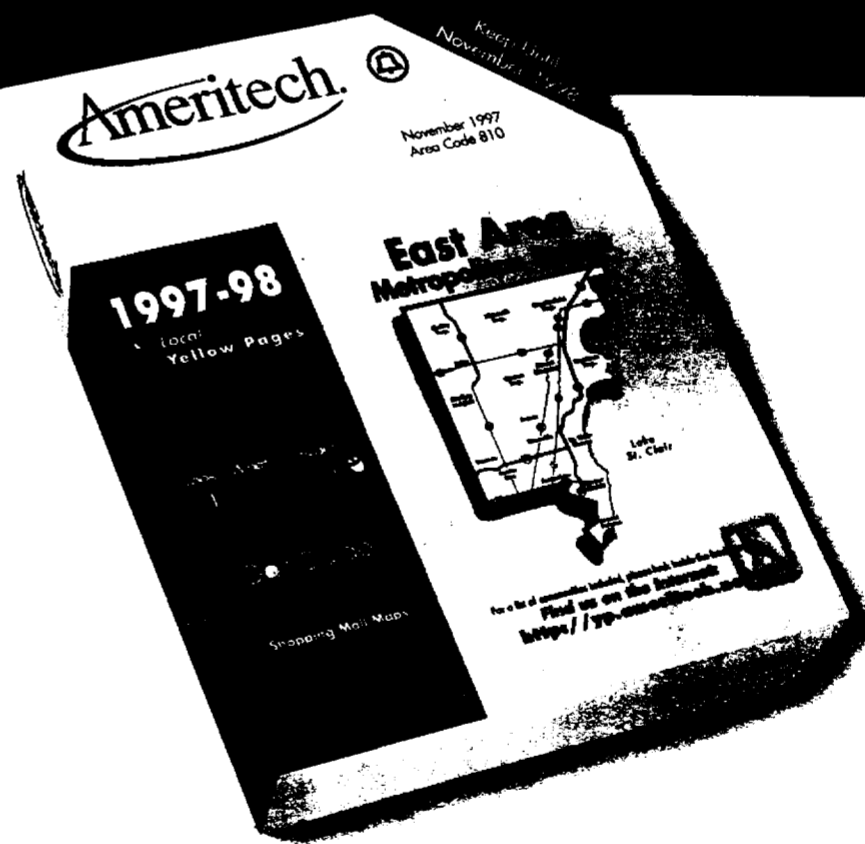
The member told Grosse Pointe Woods police she was tending her horses at the Hunt Club at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 4 when a male Hunt Club employee grabbed her arm in a tight squeeze and began swearing at her. She then jerked her arm away from the male employee and went home. The next day she filed a police report in the Woods.

The Hunt Club member told police that the employee said he shouldn't have grabbed her arm and sworn at her, but he knew she wouldn't accept his apology.

The woman told police that the incident followed a meeting the previous day between the employee and 15 club members who criticized the way the club is being run.

Police are investigating the incident.

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How to increase your securities' profits — and losses



By Joseph Mengden

If you could increase your assets, it's obvious that the increased assets will provide an opportunity to augment the potential for additional capital gains, or losses, along with some increased income, if the securities are stocks which pay cash dividends.

If you are not adverse to borrowing money, the money borrowed is invested in additional securities. Of course, the lender will demand collateral as protection for the money lent, which is called "leverage."

You could try to borrow the money from a relative or friend, but LTS highly discourages such relationships as endangering a family or friendship. Alternatively, you could just visit your banker, who will ask a hundred questions, or give you a "bare-all" questionnaire. Worse yet, the bank will want you to schedule a repayment program which will

entirely repay the loan, even though there is excess collateral.

So that brings you back to your securities broker. The full-service brokerage firm not only executes orders to purchase and sell marketable securities, but it will also handle the safekeeping of your securities and collect the cash dividends on your stocks or interest coupons on your bonds. The brokerage firm also lends against the market value of your securities held in a special "margin" account.

Margin accounts are closely regulated by the Federal Reserve Board, the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and the "house rules" of your brokerage firm. The most important rule limits the amount of indebtedness as a percent of the collateral pledged, which is called the "margin."

The Federal Reserve Board regulates the minimum margin percentage rate, which for many years has been 50 percent (the amount borrowed cannot exceed 50 percent of the collateral market value), but

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most brokerage firms have an in-house limit of about 40 percent, some a little more, some a little less.

The investor sets up the margin account with the brokerage firm, signs a margin agreement or contract and must maintain a \$2,000 minimum balance in cash or broker approved securities. All margin trades have to be directed through this account, combining both your own money and the money borrowed through the brokerage firm.

Investors who buy on margin must pay interest on the loan portion of their purchase, but they don't have to repay the loan itself until they sell the stock. Any profit is all theirs; investors do not share the profit with the brokerage firm.

Here's how it works. We'll assume your broker will loan you 40 percent, not the Federal Reserve's 50 percent maximum. Say you want to buy 200

shares of a stock selling for \$40 per share, which makes the total cost \$8,000. Buying on 40 percent margin, you put up \$4,800 (60 percent of the total cost) and you borrow the balance of \$3,200 (40 percent) from or through your broker.

Each month, the broker will charge you interest on the money you borrowed, at an interest rate at or above the prime rate, depending on the size of the loan (the larger loans receive the lowest rate while the smaller loans carry higher rates). However, the broker does not bill you for the interest, because your margin agreement (contract) authorizes the broker to "charge" your account for the interest payable.

You may recognize that the above procedure is not unlike your credit card procedure, except that the brokerage margin account does not require any minimum monthly loan

repayment on your part. In addition, any cash dividend or bond interest is credited to your margin account, which decreases your loan balance.

Look! Your stock price rises to \$60 per share, and you decide to sell, with gross proceeds of \$12,000 (commissions on purchases and sales are ignored in this example for purposes of simplicity). You repay your broker the \$3,200 originally borrowed (again, ignoring the interest paid for purposes of simplicity), and pocket the \$8,800 balance, of which \$4,000 is profit, for an 83.3 percent return on your \$4,800 original cash investment.

If you had used all of your own money in this transaction and laid out all of the \$8,000 original cost (with no borrowing), you would have a \$4,000 profit but only a 50 percent return on your original investment.

However, margin leverage not only works in up markets; it also works in down markets, with losses that can eat up your original investment and still leave you owing the borrowed balance. When share

prices fall, the broker issues a "margin call," advising that you must pay in cash or additional collateral to meet your new margin requirements based on the then current market prices.

During market crashes, some highly leveraged investors cannot meet "margin calls" and such accounts are sold out at the then market, resulting in panic selling to raise cash, and further declines in the market.

To protect themselves from "margin calls," investors should remember that margin debt, which does not normally require periodic repayment, can become very troublesome in adverse markets. Such investors should consider safeguards, such as "stop-loss orders" and, for the very sophisticated investors, various stock option contracts. If your "sleep quotient" doesn't tolerate much debt, maybe you should not be in "margin accounts."

Joseph Mengden is former chairman of First of Michigan and a City of Grosse Pointe resident.

MACPA is offering tax break tips for your 1997 income tax returns

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) advises tax payers to begin their tax planning early to take advantage of savings. Due to the recent enactment of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, this year's tax planning will be more challenging than years prior. Several provisions of the Act were effective when President Clinton signed the Act into law on Aug. 5, 1997. The following suggestions will help maximize your savings this year.

Get the tax treatment you want

For sales of capital assets after July 28, 1997, there are three different types of capital gains for individuals:

1) Short-term gains (on assets held for one year or less), which are taxed at ordinary income rates (as high as 39.6 percent).

2) Mid-term capital gains (from the sale of assets held more than one year, but not more than 18 months), which are taxed at a maximum rate of 28 percent.

3) Long-term capital gains (from the sale of assets held more than 18 months), which are taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent (10 percent if they would be subject to tax at a 15 percent rate if not eligible for long-term capital gain treatment).

Under prior law, you had to be in the 31 percent or higher tax bracket to derive a saving from the old 28 percent top rate on net capital gain. The new law provides a lower tax rate on net capital gain for all taxpayers with taxable income,

regardless of their tax bracket.

With the above changes, holding off the sale of a capital asset until your holding period is at least 18 months, will more than likely save your tax dollars. In addition, to get the tax treatment you want on your sales consider the following:

- Sell shares in which you have a high tax basis if you want to reduce your taxable gain or increase your loss to offset other gains. If you have several lots of the same security purchased at different times and prices, accurately identify which lot you are selling.
- When you sell or redeem some of your shares in a mutual

fund, pick the method for computing your basis that best meets your tax-reporting needs. There are several allowable methods. For example, many funds give your average cost information, but you are not required to use it, and you may not want to if another method is more favorable.

- Make sure you count any reinvested dividend as part of your tax basis when you sell the stock you bought through a dividend reinvestment plan. The dividends were taxed to you when they were originally paid. The same holds for mutual fund dividends you automatically reinvested.

Home sale profits

Effective for sales after May 6, 1997, regardless of your age, if you have owned or used your home as a principal residence for at least two of the five years before the sale, you can exclude up to \$250,000 of gain if single, and up to \$500,000 for joint filers. In general, the exclusion can only be used once every two years.

Claim deductions that give greatest advantage

Certain itemized deductions are subject to "floor" amounts

set by law. Only amounts over and above the floor are deductible. Looking at your deductible expenses now may save you from an unpleasant surprise at tax time. Deductions subject to floors include medical expenses, which are deductible only to the extent they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI), and reimbursed employee business expenses and miscellaneous expenses, which together are deductible only to the extent they exceed 2 percent of AGI.

You can offset 1997 income

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Business People

Lawrence Technological University recently honored 427 employees for their dedication in inaugurating a new service recognition program. Several of the honorees are residents of the Pointes and received service pins and honoraria during the special luncheon on their behalf. Grosse Pointers recognized were: Gilder Jackson; Charles Merz; Stephen Kirk; Barbara Kouskoulas; John Sheoris; Jeffrey Sloss; Daniel Watson; and George Rosculet.



Pitts

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Christina Pitts was recently selected a member of Leadership Detroit XIX, a program of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

The program challenges emerging and existing community leaders and provides a foundation for a lifelong commitment of encouraging positive change in their communities through informed leadership. The 10-month program creates an awareness of key issues that affect the Detroit region and involves participants in discussions, panels, case studies and field trips regarding political, business, human service, economic development, education, criminal justice and cultural activities.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Raymond Bauer was recently reelected to the board of directors of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

Bauer is a local rehabilitation physician and was recently named as chairman of the Patient Services Sub-Committee of the Foundation's advisory board.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Patricia Chylinski was recent named to the St. John Health System's Urban and Community Health Community Advisory Council. The council works with the health system's Urban and Community Health staff and other committees within the organization reviewing existing programs and helping develop initiatives.

Grosse Pointe native Michael Williamson was recently named senior vice president of Harris Bank Glencoe-Northbrook, N.A.

Williamson joins the bank's senior management team and will head one of the bank's three commercial lending groups. Williamson is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

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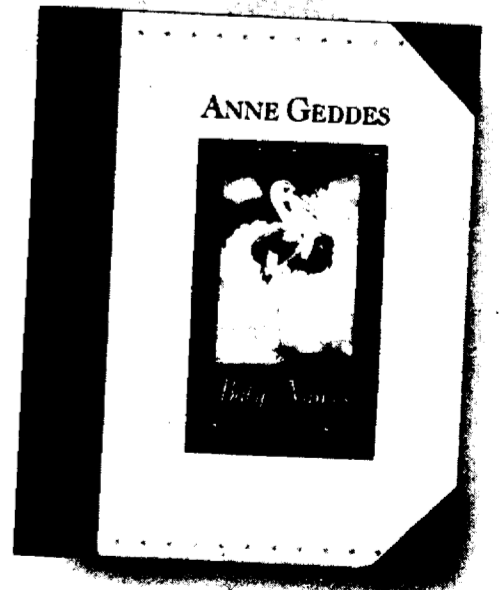
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Environmentally sensitive organisms missing in lake mud samples

Cause not yet determined

Tiny shrimp-like animals called amphipods that are normally found in bottom muds of healthy lakes were absent in samples taken in November at a monitoring site on southern Lake Michigan, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor.

Routine monitoring of the abundance of these environmentally sensitive organisms

at 40 sites in Lake Michigan's southern basin provides researchers with a reliable measure of the lake's health. While NOAA scientists have not yet determined the exact cause of the disappearance of amphipods at the site five miles off St. Joseph, they suspect it is linked to the introduction of zebra mussels in southern Lake Michigan in 1989, severely limiting food available to the amphipods.

Since amphipods normally

make up to 70 percent of the living biomass in a given area of healthy lake bottom, their decline in Lake Michigan may spell hard times for a variety of fish species that depend heavily on them for food, according to Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory biologist Tom Nalepa. Nalepa has been sampling Lake Michigan sediments since the early 1980s.

"What's happening is energy that used to support amphipod growth is now being turned into zebra mussel tissue," says Nalepa. "Many species of fish, and particularly young fish,

readily eat amphipods, but few species can use zebra mussels for food. There's concern that such a short circuit in the food chain could lead to declines in a number of fish, including perch, alewives, sculpin, bloater and smelt, with possible secondary effects on trout and salmon predators."

Data collected in the early 1990s indicated that the declines have been concentrated over a five-mile-wide strip of lake bottom extending along the eastern Lake Michigan shore from near Chicago at the southern end to St. Joseph.

"Although amphipod populations declined by 60 to 90 percent in the early 1990s, there were still at least some of these animals left. When we picked through samples from the St. Joseph site in early November, we couldn't find a single amphipod. We just couldn't believe it," Nalepa said.

"During the 1980s, that site had 9,600 amphipods living on every square meter of lake bottom," Nalepa said. "Now, they're all gone. We're now wondering about how extensive this dead area might be. We hope that additional sampling planned for 1998 can provide the answers."

sieve to strain out any animals living in the mud.

While other organisms are still present in the mud, they are not as readily fed upon by fish as are amphipods. Prior to the zebra mussel's appearance in Lake Michigan, amphipods had relied on a rich crop of microscopic plants called diatoms for growth and survival.

Diatoms bloom in lake waters in early spring and eventually settle to the lake bottom, where amphipods readily feed and grow on this plant material. NOAA studies have shown that when amphipods feed on this rich material, their lipid (fat) content increases. That stored energy is what fuels their growth and survival through the remaining year. Large concentrations of zebra mussels residing on rocky bottom areas of southern Lake Michigan may be filtering out diatoms and thereby depriving food to amphipods, according to Nalepa.

Tax break

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by accelerating itemized deductions not subject to "floors." Some suggestions are as follows:

- Make your January 1998 mortgage payment or home equity loan payment in late 1997. You'll have more deductible interest.

- Pay state or local taxes early by making your January 1998 estimated tax payments in late 1997.

- Increase your state or local tax withholding for the rest of the year.

- Prepay 1998 annual contributions to your favorite charity in 1997.

- Consider making contributions of appreciated property rather than cash. In most cases, you will secure a deduction equal to the fair market value of the property donated while not encountering up front cash flow difficulties.

A word of caution though. If you move too many itemized deductions into 1997, you may find yourself subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The AMT computation is designed to eliminate "exces-

sive" benefits obtained from using certain deductions, credits and exclusions to reduce regular tax.

Contribute as much as you can to a retirement plan

Contributions to qualified retirement plans and other tax-favored savings arrangements can help you meet your retirement goals and reduce your current income tax. Your contributions and earnings on those contributions generally won't be taxed until you begin receiving funds from the plan. You should consider:

- Deferring more income to your employer's 401(k) plan before the end of 1997. This year, you can generally defer tax up to \$9,500 of your pay. However, check with your employer as to when you can change the amount of deferrals you make to your plan.

- Contributing to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) if you qualify for the IRA deduction. You have until April 15, 1998, to do so. For 1997, if either you or your spouse is an

active participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you each can make a deductible IRA contribution of up to \$2,000 if your AGI isn't too high. For single individual, no deduction is allowed if AGI is \$35,000 or more. For married individuals filing jointly, no deduction is available if AGI is \$50,000 or more. Phase out of the deductible amounts begin at \$25,000 for singles and \$40,000 for married taxpayers. Even if one spouse participates in an employer's plan, the limit on deductible contributions applies to both spouses.

Beginning in 1998, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 eases the limitations described above in two respects. First, the Act increases the AGI amounts on the deductible IRA contribution limits, both for single individuals and married couples filing jointly. Second, for a married couple filing a joint return after 1997, if only one spouse is a participant in an employer's plan, the limit on deductible IRA contributions applies only to the participating spouse. The non-participating spouse may be eligible

to make a deductible IRA contribution. However, the \$2,000 deductible IRA contribution limit is phased out for the non-participating spouse if the couple's AGI is between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

- Consider making an IRA contribution, even if you are not eligible for a deduction. While you won't receive an immediate tax benefit from your contribution, future IRA earnings will be tax deferred.

Keep yourself ahead of the game by limiting your tax liability now. If you need more assistance in putting your strategy together, it may be helpful to seek the assistance of a CPA.

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Rockettes still dazzle with high kicks, costumes

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

The origin of the Radio City Rockettes is as obscure as how famous the nationally recognized dancing troupe is today.

Russell Markert, a dance instructor living in Missouri in 1925, selected a group of women and created a precision dance team, The Missouri Rockets. The troupe gained such a following that it went on tour. When they appeared in New York City, they were discovered by "Roxy" Rothafel who was looking for an act for his new Roxy Theater.

Rothafel doubled the size of the group of precision line dancers and changed their nickname to the "Roxyettes" to fit the venue that became their launching pad.

"They were regarded as a very fine dance team," said Marlene Boll, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident and former Rockette. "And they still are today."

The troupe later moved to the Radio City Music Hall and were still known as the "Roxyettes" until 1934 when Markert renamed them the Rockettes.

The dance team was increased to 36 members to accommodate the size of the new theater.

Now through the end of Christmas, Detroiters can enjoy the dancing troupe as the Rockettes are performing at the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit, for its "Christmas Spectacular." The show will run through Saturday, Dec. 27 and will feature other Christmas-oriented production numbers that promise to leave the audience alive with the spirit of the season.

"The show leaves you with a special feeling," Boll said, after seeing the show last week. She said many of the scenes provided

a spiritual message that reminds the audience that Christmas is not just about gift-giving and receiving.

"That is very important," she said.

From the beginning, the travel schedule was grueling and tested the physical limits of dance team members. The troupe would tour up and down the East Coast, often doing five shows a day. The dancers were required to perform well over 100 kicks during each performance, a requirement that would impress even the most physically fit.

Because of its schedule, the troupe actually had 46 members. Ten were away on vacation. Each dancer performed for three weeks and then took one week off. But even during their "vacations," dancers would be working on new routines that would later be incorporated in the show.

"It certainly kept me in shape," Boll says, laughing.

Over 2,000 women have danced

the routines since 1932. The dancers must be proficient in tap, jazz and ballet, contrary to the illusion that the team features just a routine involving high leg kicks.

Rockettes also must meet specific height requirements, which are from 5 feet 5 1/2 to 5 feet 9 inches tall.

Taller dancers perform in the middle of the line and shorter

the marvelous performances. The direction, production, lighting and music all work together to create a synergy that complements the talent of the dancers. The Rockettes wear hand-made uniforms

that have been created by some of the world's most famous costume designers. Designers like Bob Mackie and Vincent Minelli have lent their talents to the troupe's costume designs, which are part of their appeal.

"(Being a Rockette) was a special time in my life," Boll said. She performed with the troupe for 1 1/2 years in



Marlene Boll (left), of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a Rockette veteran from the 1950s and is a member of the troupe's Alumni Association.

Above is a greeting card designed by Marlene's husband, John, that commemorates Marlene's membership in the world famous dancing group.

(Note Marlene's name up in lights on the marquee.)

dancers are placed at the ends of the line. The intricately choreographed routines create the illusion of uniform heights.

Boll said that it is the entire production team that lends itself to

the early fifties. The Rockettes are seen by over one million people each year. The Rockettes joined this year's Christmas Spectacular in performances in Branson, Mo., Myrtle Beach, S.C., and in Chicago and the Motor City. Future performances are being planned for other cities around the globe.

Tickets for the show vary from \$10 to \$50, and can be ordered through Ticketmaster by calling (248) 433-1515.

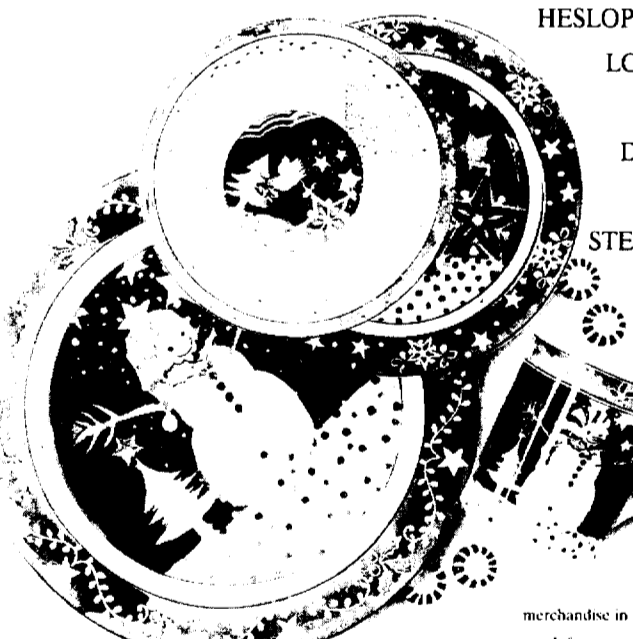
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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eduard Niemeyer

Foley-Niemeyer

Kathryn Anne Foley, daughter of Bob and Marilynne Foley of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Peter Eduard Niemeyer of Cambridge, Mass., son of the

Hon. Paul V. and Susan Niemeyer of Baltimore, on Oct. 18, 1997, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. George Williams officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The bride wore a full-length ivory satin brocade gown decorated with Venetian lace and a flower garland in her hair. She carried a cascade of stephanotis, ivory roses and orchids.

The maid of honor was Lisette M. Colon of Miami.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Margaret A. Foley of Chicago and Sarah E. Foley of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Amy V. Burnham of Palos Verdes, Calif.

Attendants wore chocolate brown jacquard dresses and carried round bouquets of peach, yellow and pink alstromeria, Gerber daisies and roses.

The groom's brother, Jonathan K. Niemeyer of Baltimore, was the best man. Groomsmen were the

groom's brother, Christopher J. Niemeyer of Baltimore; Jonathan S. Busky of Baltimore; and William De Vane of New Haven, Conn.

The mother of the bride wore an ice green crepe suit and a white orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a dark green suit with a peplum-style jacket and a white orchid corsage.

David Wagner was the organist. Readers were Peggy Walker, Lisa Silver and Tamara Malkowski.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College and a master of arts degree from Boston College. She is a counselor at Stonehill College in Boston.

The groom earned a bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College. He is a student at Harvard Divinity School.

The couple will take a wedding trip during the Christmas season. They live in Cambridge, Mass.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Merritt Metz

Kiefer-Metz

Amy Elizabeth Kiefer, daughter of Michael and Carole Kiefer of Saginaw, married Michael Merritt Metz, son of G. Allen and Virginia Metz of Grosse Pointe Park, on Aug. 30, 1997, at St. Mary Cathedral in Saginaw.

The Rev. Craig Albrecht officiated at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Montague Inn.

The bride wore a white silk gown that featured an off-the-shoulder neckline and a mantilla-style veil. She carried a bouquet of white, cream and champagne-colored roses.

The matron of honor was Laura Hoffman of Saginaw.

Bridesmaids were Ashley Kincaide of Metamora, Kimberly Smith of Jackson, Nadene Hatz of Melbourne, Australia, and Molly Dale of Rock Island, Ill.

The flowergirl was Jordan Elizabeth Smith of Bridge City, Texas.

Attendants wore champagne silk gowns and carried bouquets like the bride's.

The best man was the groom's brother, William Bomar of Grosse Pointe Park.

Groomsmen were Remzi Arpaci of Ann Arbor; Stephen Vorhees of Ann Arbor; Andrew Thackray of Niles; Miguel Acosta of Barcelona, Spain; and the bride's brother, Joseph Kiefer of Saginaw.

The mother of the bride wore a tea-length cream-colored dress and a white gardenia corsage.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length lavender gown and

a white gardenia corsage.

Phyllis Baker of Grosse Pointe Farms was a reader. Jeff Boehm played solo trumpet.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University and will graduate from the University of Michigan Law School in December.

The groom earned a degree from the University of Michigan and will also complete the University of Michigan Law School in December.

The newlyweds traveled to Jamaica. They live in Ann Arbor.

Nichols-Torakis

Madelyn Louise Nichols, daughter of Gust Nichols of Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Betty Nichols, married Steven Paul Torakis of Westland, son of Irene Torakis of Farmington Hills and Andrew and Katie Torakis of Shelby Township, on Aug. 31, 1997, at Assumption Greek

Orthodox Church.

The Rev. Demetrios S. Kavadis, the Rev. Constantine Makrinos and the Rev. Athanasios Grogg officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Assumption Cultural Center.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown, which featured an ivory bodice of Alencon lace, a sweetheart neckline and cap sleeves. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a headpiece of pearls, beads and sequins and she carried a crescent cascade

of white orchids, gardenias, roses, stephanotis and ivy.

The maid of honor was Lydia Nichols of Grosse Pointe Woods, the bride's sister.

Bridesmaids were Janice Karim of Harrison Township, Arlene Torakis of Livonia, Christina Viscomi of Dearborn and Virginia Lelli of Clarkston.

The flowergirl was Eleni Pitsos of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Attendants wore long plum silk shantung dresses with sweetheart necklines. They carried presentation bouquets of yellow and purple alstromeria, baby's breath and greens.

The best man was the groom's brother, Robert Torakis of Northville.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, George Nichols of Grosse Pointe Woods; the groom's brother, Ronald Torakis of Livonia; Craig Wolfe of Soquel, Calif.; and Thomas Belles II of Royal Oak.

The ringbearer was Keenan Wolfe of Soquel, Calif.

Koumbari were Kimon and Chrianna Palmer of Dearborn.

The groom's mother wore a long pink crepe dress with a beaded jacket and a corsage of pink roses.

The organist was Santhy Volis. Peter Phillips directed the Assumption Church Choir and Denise Sopko of Downer's Grove, Ill., was the soloist.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, a bachelor of science degree in nursing, and a master of science degree in pediatric nursing, all from the University of Michigan. She is a clinical nurse specialist at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The groom earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology/sociology from the University of Michigan. He is a senior personnel representative with AAA of Michigan.

The couple traveled to Hawaii. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Babies

Giovanna Rosalia Cusumano

Julianne and Frank Cusumano Jr. of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a daughter, Giovanna Rosalia Cusumano, born Nov. 18, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Velma and George Kasza of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Marie and Frank Cusumano Sr. of Rochester Hills, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Paige Margaret Swegles

Brad and Janet Swegles of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Paige Margaret Swegles, born Oct. 29, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Gerarduzzi of Bloomfield Hills. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Swegles. Great-grandmothers are Ann Gerarduzzi of West Bloomfield and Helen Patten of Edina, Minn.

Gina Marie McCrackin

Kevin and Claudia McCrackin of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Gina Marie McCrackin, born Sept. 24, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Joan and Sal Puglia of Warren, and the late Anthony

Tranchida. Paternal grandparents are Kes and Mary McCrackin of Grosse Pointe Shores. Great-grandmother is Angelina Tranchida of Roseville.

Griffin Patrick Murray

Christopher and Bridgette Murray of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a son, Griffin Patrick Murray, born Nov. 29, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Klym of Bloomfield Hills. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel King of the City of Grosse Pointe. Great-grandfather is William Denler of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Frederick George Rinke III

Elizabeth and Frederick Rinke Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Frederick George Rinke III, born Aug. 20, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Pamela Petersen of Colorado Springs, Colo. Paternal grandparents are Frederick Rinke of Bloomfield Hills and Kay Rinke of St. Clair Shores. Great-grandparents are Frances Rinke of the City of Grosse Pointe, Ray and Vera Rider of Center Line and Dorothy and Noel Goss of Austin, Minn.

Kaitlyn Connelly Jantz

Dorothy J. Jantz of Grosse Pointe Woods has adopted a daughter from the People's Republic of China, Kaitlyn Connelly Jantz, born Dec. 14, 1995 and adopted Nov. 5, 1997. Grandparents are Richard and Ruth Jantz of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Camila Guevara

Herman and Amalia Guevara of Mexico City are the parents of a daughter, Camila Guevara, born Aug. 30, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Amalia de la Fuente and Cesar Antonio Flores of Mexico. Paternal grandparents are Walter and Rosa Guevara of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Emily Grace Shink Hatch

Thomas Ferguson Hatch and Susan Elise Shink of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Emily Grace Shink Hatch, born Oct. 31, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shink of North Street. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hatch of the City of Grosse Pointe. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Grace Shink of New Baltimore. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Beltz of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Justin Alexander Ford

Maj. Brian and Elizabeth Ford of Langley Air Force Base, Va., are the parents of a son, Justin Alexander Ford, born Nov. 17, 1997. Maternal grandparents are Alex and Janie Casiano of San Antonio, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Janet Ford of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Pride of the Pointes

Jason Edward Kester, son of Earl and Vicki Kester of Grosse Pointe Park, was a candidate for 1997 Homecoming King at Purdue University.



Kester

Heather Dalby of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Michigan State University 1997 homecoming court.

The following Grosse Pointers earned degrees during the summer 1997 semester at Michigan State University: Sara E. Black, Shawn Coyle, Aleksandra Dragovic, Sonil Gehani, Paul Henning, Nadja Koehler, Shawn McCann, Jeffrey Osborne, Brian Parthum, Edward Roney, Jennifer Tavalieri and Heidi Wise.



Murg

Grosse Pointer Stephanie Murg was named Most Valuable Student by the Elks National Foundation. She is a student at the University of Rochester. Murg was the first Michigan student to win

the national award, which considers not only outstanding scholarship abilities, but leadership and service to the community.

Air Force Airman Joel G. Hutchcraft, son of Kevin G. and Sheri E. Hutchcraft of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from the aircraft guidance and control systems apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

Bret A. Curlee of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a bachelor of science degree in business from Ferris State University.



Thomas De Corte of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the dean's list at Xavier University.

Horton

Lauren Kimberlee

Horton, daughter of Jay and Dayre Horton of the City of Grosse Pointe, graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine, with high distinction. She also received the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation, was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha academic honor society and served as its vice president during her senior year.

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Charity Preview for Detroit's Auto Show to be Jan. 9

Tickets for the annual Charity Preview of the 1998 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) are already for sale.

The NAIAS is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) and the preview party generates revenues for Detroit area children's charities.

The black-tie event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Cobo Convention Center. Planners expect to raise even more money than at last year's event, which counted proceeds of \$2.6 million.

"Once again, the lives of thousands of children, teens and parents will be touched by the generosity of the DADA," said Tom Riopelle, executive director of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, one of the charities that will benefit.

"In one evening, the DADA will raise enough money to help prevent child abuse and neglect, provide positive role models and mentors, continue educational and athletic programs, and prevent birth defects and infant mortality," he said. "The cars are the stars, but in the eyes of thousands of Detroit children, the dealers are the heroes."

Proceeds from the 1998 charity preview will benefit 10 children's charities: BARAT Child and Family Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, Boys Hope-Girls Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, Children's Homes of Judson Center, Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League, The Detroit Institute for Children, The Detroit Police Athletic League, Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Tickets to the preview are \$250 a person. Riopelle urges guests to purchase tickets as soon as possible because the event is expected to sell out

early.

For more information, call the Charity Preview hotline at (888) 838-7500 or contact one of the participating charities.

Afterglow: The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center will hold its fifth annual Afterglow immediately after the Charity Preview party, on Friday, Jan. 9.

The Afterglow will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, and will include dinner and dancing. More than 175 guests are expected, with proceeds benefiting Children's Services of the Northeast Guidance Center, a professionally staffed community behavioral health care facility that serves at-risk families and individuals on Detroit's east side, the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Afterglow tickets are \$75 a person. Call (313) 885-3261.

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The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center's fifth annual North American International Auto Show Afterglow will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, at Bayview Yacht Club.

Among those who are working on the benefit are, from left, Kathy DeMeyer of Grosse Pointe Woods, Geraldine Lacombe of Grosse Pointe Farms and Susan Charron of Grosse Pointe Shores. Not shown: honorary chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alandt.

Children's Home of Detroit received an award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. during the state organization's October conference.

Women's Guild

The Hutzel Hospital Women's Guild held its annual meeting Nov. 12 at Bayview Yacht Club. From left, are Bernice Goldsby, first vice president; Mary Ann Gorlitz of Grosse Pointe Farms, second vice president; Vernie Mast of Grosse Pointe Park, member-at-large; Kathy Plomaritis of Grosse Pointe Shores, president; Charlotte Felling of the City of Grosse Pointe, charter member; Thomas Rozek, vice president of Women's and Children's Services at the Detroit Medical Center; and Howard Newman, vice president of development at the Detroit Medical Center.

Anyone interested in joining the group, which is dedicated to enhancing the welfare of the hospital and its patients, should call the Women's Guild office at (313) 745-7667.



All heart

"Won from the Heart," a fundraiser for the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University School of Medicine, takes place in June.

The sixth annual benefit will be on June 4, but plans are already under way. General chairmen are Dr. and Mrs. Larry W. Stephenson of Grosse Pointe Farms, Dr. Pamela and Dr. Brooks Bock of West Bloomfield, and Dr. and Mrs. William Pinsky of West Bloomfield.

Grosse Pointers on the host committee include Mrs. Frank Germack, Mrs. David Campbell, William Zoufal, James Sansoterra and, from left: Marilyn and Edward Bartley, Mary and Ted Huebner and Jan and Bob Rehmann.

To purchase tickets, call Patty Gmeiner at (313) 578-2304.

— Margie Reins Smith



Silver Bell Splendor

The Silver Bell Splendor, a benefit for the programs and projects of the Junior League of Detroit, held on Nov. 19, successfully raised funds for the Police Athletic League in the city of Detroit.

Among those who attended were, from left, Jacqueline Walkowski and Krystie Swider, co-chairmen of the event; Crystal Pittman, PAL Youth of the Year; entertainer Martha Reeves; and Jan Elston, president of the JLD.

JointCities offers greeting cards

JointCities Community Park and Mural Project was dedicated to residents of Detroit and the Grosse Pointes on Oct. 25.

JointCities is a non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of life on Detroit's east side by developing areas where Detroit and its suburbs meet. The Mack/Alter Park and Mural Projects brought residents from Detroit

and the Pointes together to work with muralist Dennis Orlowski to create a colorful jungle scene mural.

JointCities is offering greeting cards featuring the mural. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will be used for future projects. Cards are 10 for \$10 and may be ordered by calling Deb Olson at (313) 331-7821.

DeHaven Chorale will present 'Messiah' at Old St. Mary's Church

The DeHaven Chorale will present its annual holiday performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown in downtown Detroit.

Orchestra and soloists will join the choir, which is under the direction of Frederic DeHaven. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 and will be available at the door, or can be reserved by calling (313) 886-3480.

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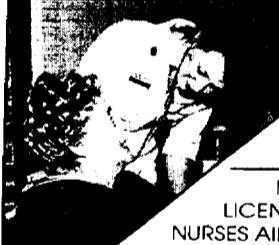
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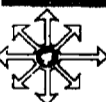
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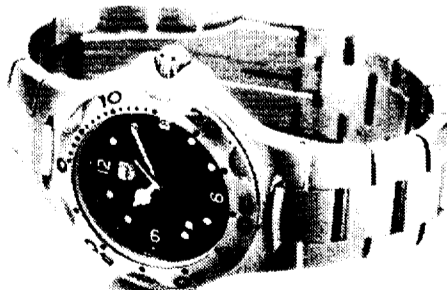
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Stumps

By the Rev. William C. DeVries
First Christian Reformed Church

Oh, how I love the annual Christmas tree-cutting trip. A day or two after Thanksgiving, we pack everyone from the family (which now includes several grandchildren). We drive about an hour to the tree farm.

The air sparkles with laughter as the group moves to get a saw and hike out to the "good" trees. This one is too brown. That one has a bare spot. That one is too tall or too short.

Someone breaks into a chorus of "Oh, Christmas Tree." Finally I am on my knees pushing branches aside and sawing at the trunk near the ground. My wife, Criss, is catching family members on film.

Several people grab the branches and begin to drag the tree to the office of the farm. All that is left is a tiny stump in the ground. No tree, branches, or songs and laughter remain. Just a stump. I know the owners of the farm will re-till the soil and new fresh trees will soon grow there.

But for now, there is just that almost-dead stump. There is a passage in the Bible which speaks of the story of Christmas in comparison to a stump. Isaiah 11 says God will bring a king for God's people like "a branch out of the stump."

The birth of Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of God's plan to bring to the world its proper king from the royal line of David — a line which in Isaiah's time was defeated and destroyed.

But further, Christians have also always seen Jesus' birth as God's action to bring life into a dead and dying world.

The image of life out of the stump is certainly one which speaks to hearts of the miraculous power needed to renew the world. But as I remember the stump of my Christmas tree, my heart is also struck by the persistence behind this image.

Have you ever struck down a tree and then watched it try to come back? Over and over and over these tenacious little shoots rise up to seek life.

The stump of Christmas speaks of God's persistent, tenacious love. The birth of Jesus is God's insistence that life be brought to a dead world. Over and over and over this insistent love of God reaches out to us to bring life.

You might say, "If God is so persistent, then I don't have to concern myself."

But what would we say about a child whose parent persistently loved her and who reacted with such indifference? We would say such a child was less than an ingrate. Such a child is a nasty self-centered do-it. Such a child is no better than a stump.

The only reasonable response to God's unfailing persistent love is that we should love and follow that love.

So when you see your Christmas tree, think of that stump off somewhere and remember how insistently you are loved. And as Christmas comes, maybe you can find that life that Jesus is.

Elliman-Fenollosa

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trowbridge Elliman of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Frost Elliman, to Nathaniel Kinsman Fenollosa, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland Fenollosa of Hopkinton, N.H. A June wedding is planned.



Nathaniel Kinsman Fenollosa and Amy Frost Elliman

Elliman earned a bachelor of arts degree from Denison University. She is director of training with E.F. Au Pair.

Fenollosa earned a bachelor of arts degree from Colby College. He is a student in the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Roeder-Strong

Jan and Steve Roeder of Ridgefield, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie Roeder, to Jonathan H. Strong, son of Tom and Centi Strong of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Roeder earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Miami



Jonathan H. Strong and Christina Marie Roeder

University. She is a CPA with Coopers & Lybrand.

Strong earned a bachelor of science degree in speech communications from Miami University. He is a business analyst with Electronic Data Systems.

Kohnen-McNair

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Kohnen of Cincinnati have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Laws Kohnen, to Russell Arthur McNair III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Arthur McNair Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms. A May wedding is planned.



Russell Arthur McNair III and Jennifer Laws Kohnen

Kohnen is a graduate of the University of Vermont. She earned a master's degree in

education from Boston University and currently teaches in the Salem, Mass., school system.

McNair graduated from Vanderbilt University. He is an account supervisor with Mullen Advertising in Boston.

Sparling-Olson

Ms. Louise Haley of Bellaire and Robert J. Sparling of Dearborn have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Michelle Sparling, to Leonard "Duce" Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Olson of Traverse City and Bear Lake. An October wedding is planned.



Susan Michelle Sparling and Leonard Olson

Sparling graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and Penn State University. She is a landscape designer for R. Clark Associates in Traverse City.

Olson graduated from Ferris State University and is affiliated with Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is an account executive with TV-9 and 10 in Traverse City.

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Kate Gormley and Patrick Hopper

Gormley-Hopper

Donna and Joseph Gormley of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kate Gormley, to Patrick Hopper, son of Janet and Michael Hopper of East China Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. A July wedding is planned.

Gormley graduated from Hillsdale College with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is assistant property manager with Hines Interests Limited Partnership in Detroit.

Hopper earned a bachelor of arts degree in finance from Hillsdale College and a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University. He is a vice president of marketing with Technical Communications.



First English plans Music Sunday

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church will present its annual seasonal Music Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church.

First English choirs and instrumentalists will perform new and traditional seasonal favorites of the Advent season. Nursery care will be available for children 3 and under. The community is welcome.

The Single Way to meet

The Single Way, an interdenominational group of single Christian adults, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at a member's home in St. Clair Shores. The event will feature Christmas treats, including chocolate fondue. Reservations are needed by Thursday, Dec. 18. Call (810) 776-5535.

Judelaires to sing at Christ the King Church

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, will host the Judelaires for a concert of sacred, classical and popular carols at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the church. A free-will offering will be taken.

CANCER INFORMATION?



1-800-4-CANCER

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20571 Vernier just W. of I-94
Harper Woods
884-2035
10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Mack at Lochmoor
884-5090

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes

Randy S. Boelter, Pastor
Timothy A. Hotzler, Assoc. Pastor
Joseph P. Fabry, Pastor emeritus
Bruce Slinger, Music Director

Grosse Pointe Woods PRESBYTERIAN Church

19950 Mack (between Moross & Vernier)

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. The Forum

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Bell Choir

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Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Organ & Cantor

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Folk Group

11:00 a.m. Formal Choir

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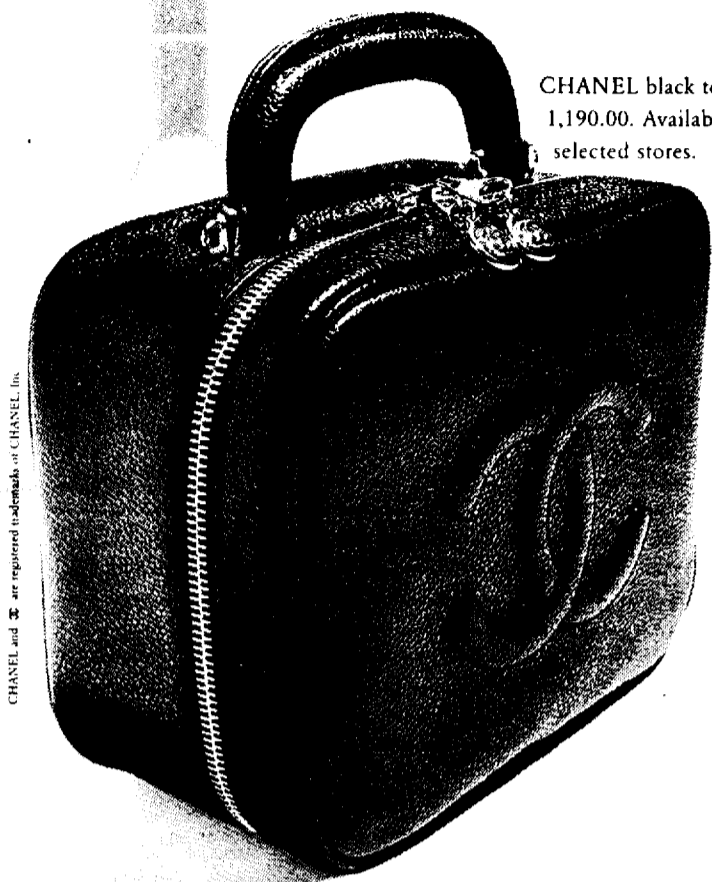
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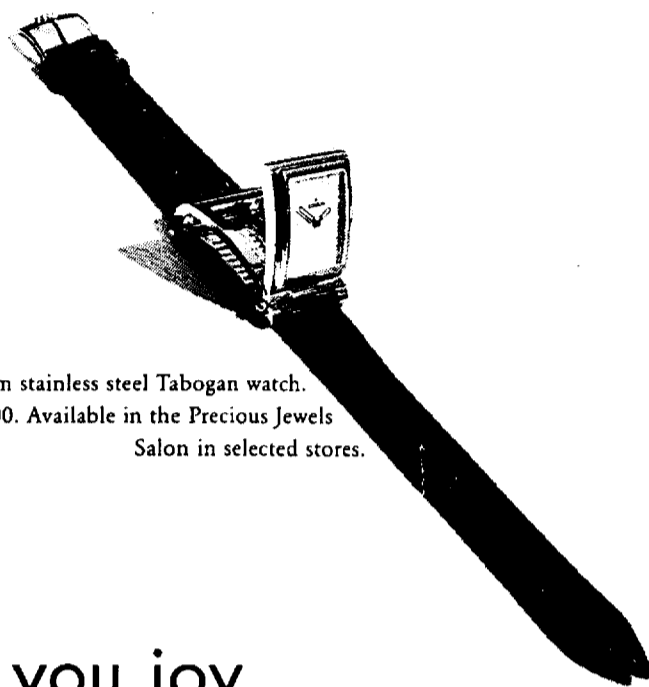
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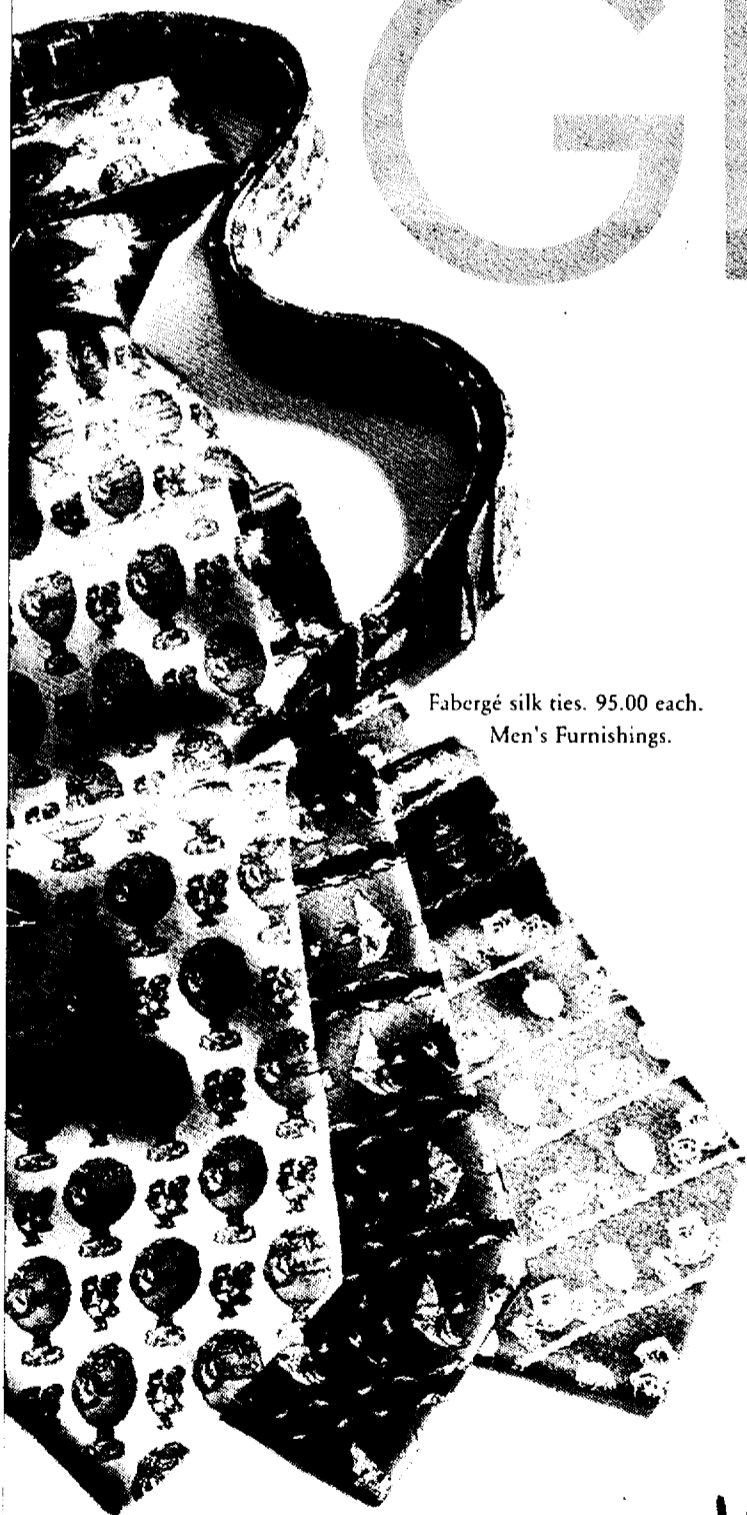


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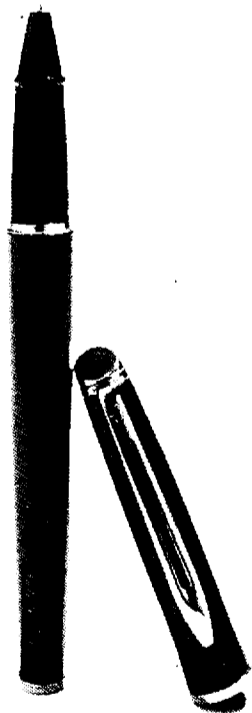
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SEQUENCE

AAA party guide is a must for holiday entertaining

By Jeff and Debra Jay
Special Writers

Dear Jeff and Debra:

Please let your readers know that AAA Michigan's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide" is now available free at all our branch offices, including the Grosse Pointe office at 19299 Mack Avenue. Readers can also obtain a free copy by calling AAA Michigan's public relations department at (313) 336-1500.

This is the Auto Club's 19th annual "Great Pretenders" booklet featuring prize-winning, non-alcoholic beverage recipes to help hosts have a fun party without relying on alcoholic drinks.

The guide also has tips for activities and food to help reduce alcohol consumption, and suggestions for preventing guests from driving if they've had a bit too much.



Jeff and Debra Jay

This year's guide has a sports theme. It pays tribute to Michigan sports champions present and past. There are recipes from sports celebrities and a sports trivia quiz.

Using the recipes and tips in the guide is a great way to be first a friend, then a host during this festive season.

Nancy Cain
Public Relations
Manager
AAA Michigan

Dear Nancy:

Thanks for bringing this terrific guide to our attention. Good party planning can provide guests with a good time and help eliminate holiday tragedies caused by intoxication. As a reminder to our readers, a host or hostess can be held responsible for the actions of an inebriated guest.

Dear Jeff and Debra:

My mother is 72 years old, and I think she has a problem with prescription medications. She's had insomnia for years and has been drinking and taking sleeping pills to help her go to sleep. The trouble is, she doesn't as much go to sleep as she passes out.

I have found her passed out in the living room at least 10 times in the last year. Her neighbor once found her at 6 a.m. passed out in her garden. She is always covered with bruises and small cuts. I am afraid she will eventually fall and break a hip or worse, pass out in the winter cold and freeze to death.

Other family members are convinced that Mom is getting senile and should be placed in a nursing home. They don't think her doctor is prescribing enough sleeping pills to cause a problem. I think she's getting more medications than we know about and is mixing them with alcohol. Can you tell me what steps I can take to help her?

Careworn Daughter

Dear Careworn:

When an older family member has an alcohol or prescription drug problem, the signs are often mistaken for symptoms of old age. Shaky hands, falling and forgetfulness are signs of aging, but they are also signs of alcohol or drug abuse.

Before talking to other family members, there are information gathering steps you can take in order to better evaluate your mother's situation.

First, make a list of all the prescription and over-the-counter drugs she is taking. Try to estimate how much alcohol she consumes each day or week. If you help clean her house, this is a good time to collect information.

Once you've done this, make a list of the doctors prescribing drugs to your mother. We've worked with older adults who've sought mood-altering drugs from six or more doctors and then hid the prescription bottles in ingenious places. Since the different doctors are not told about the other medications being prescribed, the patient is in danger of lethal combinations of drugs, overdoses and dependency.

Next, share the information you've gathered and the behaviors you've witnessed with a professional trained in the field of alcohol and drug dependency. Contact a treatment center that offers a program designed specifically for older adults. A counselor can give you an informal assessment over the phone and, based on that assessment, recommend the appropriate next step for your mother.

If your mother is seeing multiple doctors for mood-altering drugs, we highly suggest that you write to each doctor and ask them not to prescribe to your mother in the future. Your mother's primary physician should be kept informed of any diagnosis and treatment recommendations provided by an alcohol and drug treatment center. Without this information, the doctor may unknowingly work against her best interests by prescribing mood-altering medications again.

Jeff Jay, a native of Grosse Pointe, is director of Program Development for Brighton Hospital and the president of the McGovern Family Foundation in Washington, D.C. Debra Erickson Jay is an interventionist and the managing director of "Take Charge! America," a fundraising drive that places educational materials for the families of alcohol and drug abusers in libraries and churches throughout the country. These materials — titled *Take Charge!* — are on loan at all Grosse Pointe churches and in the public library.

Send questions to Jeff Jay, c/o Brighton Hospital, Dept. GP, 12851 East Grand River, Brighton, 48116. For more information, call (810) 227-1211.

Safety tips from American Red Cross

- Beware of holiday candles. Be sure candles are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Avoid using candles during parties. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

- Test tree trimmings. When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

- Keep Christmas trees fresh. Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

- Prepare for holiday parties. Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

- Designate a driver. When attending a party, always designate a non-driving driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

- Inspect fireplaces. Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your family and home by

using a sturdy screen when having a fire. Remember to burn only wood. Never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out of the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory, and have it installed according to local codes. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

- Be cautious with portable and space heaters. Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire hazard.

- Watch your wood stoves. Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a rec-

ognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the same safety rules for space heaters as you would for space stoves. Burn only wood, and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

- Cook with Care. When cooking, do not wear loose-fitting clothing. It can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in. Don't store items on the stove top, as they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Don't overload electrical outlets and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

- Buckle up. During the holiday months, people travel

more than ever. Wearing a seat belt may prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Be sure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts. Please remember to seat children 12 and younger in the back seat of the car and children under 40 pounds in approved safety seats, also in the back.

- Prepare a winter storm plan. Have extra blankets on hand and ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and water-resistant boots. Stay tuned for storm warnings by listening to your local radio and television stations for updated storm information. It's also important to have your car winterized before winter storm season.

- Enroll in a first aid and CPR course. Although these tips cannot prevent an emergency, it is also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise.

To enroll in a Red Cross first aid or CPR course, call (313) 576-4104.

Countering myths about the pill

By Dr. Vicki L. Seltzer
President, American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists

The birth control pill is one of the most effective methods of contraception, preventing pregnancy more than 99 percent of the time when used correctly.

Yet certain myths about the safety of the pill still linger — meaning that many women who would benefit from and be good candidates for this type of contraception are still not using it.

Memories of the earliest versions of the birth control pill may be partly to blame. In the early 1960s, the pill had nearly four times the amount of estrogen and nearly 10 times the amount of progestin than it does today. Not only is the pill now safer, with fewer side effects, but it has other important benefits.

Let's counter some of the myths:

- **Myth:** The Pill may be a good contraceptive, but it's risky for my health.

- **Truth:** The pill is generally safe for most healthy non-smokers, and it can actually protect your health. It can substantially lower your risk of ovarian cancer. The pill also appears to lower your risk of uterine cancer, ectopic pregnancy, ovarian and breast cysts and endometriosis.

- **Myth:** The pill increases my risk of developing breast cancer.

- **Truth:** An analysis of 54 studies involving more than 150,000 women in 25 countries found that women who use the pill have no greater chance of getting breast cancer than women who haven't used the pill. Scientists continue to study the issue, but so far most news is reassuring.

- **Myth:** I will have trouble becoming pregnant after I stop taking the pill.

- **Truth:** Ovulation usually returns within three months of

discontinuing the pill. The contraceptive effects of the birth control pill are completely reversible.

- **Myth:** I can't take the pill if I'm over age 35.

- **Truth:** The pill is not advised for women smokers over age 35, but it can be an appropriate method for healthy nonsmokers this age.

In fact, for healthy nonsmoking women over age 40, pills containing both estrogen and progestin can sometimes protect against pregnancy and help to ward off conditions like hot flashes in the years before menopause.

The pill is not for everyone, however. If you have diabetes, high blood pressure or heart problems, your doctor may suggest another birth control method.

All women should consult their doctors before taking the pill.

High blood pressure's causes, effects are target of grant

Researchers at Henry Ford Hospital have received a five-year, \$8.9 million grant to study the causes and effects of hypertension or high blood pressure, one of the country's most common cardiovascular diseases.

"This grant opens a tremendous opportunity for us as researchers to concentrate on solving a major health problem," said Dr. Oscar A. Carretero, principal investigator for the study. "Hypertension affects approximately 50 million Americans and is one of the main risk factors for cardiovascular diseases such as strokes and heart attacks."

The study will focus on vasoactive hormones, substances produced by the body which are responsible for increasing and decreasing blood pressure. Researchers also will study the role of vasoactive hormones in developing high blood pressure, renal diseases, heart failure and heart attacks.

Henry Ford scientists also will investigate the mechanism by which various drugs decrease high blood pressure, improve heart failure and damage after heart attacks.

Though the Henry Ford study aims to uncover the causes of hypertension, there are known risk factors related to the disease. A family history of high blood pressure, age, excess weight, alcoholism, high salt diet and a sedentary lifestyle are risk factors. African Americans tend to be at higher risk than white Americans. Men and women are affected equally.

"Despite the fact that we have improved the detection rate and treatment of hypertension over the last 25 years, less than 25 percent of the population with hypertension has it under control," Carretero said.

"When left untreated, hypertension leads to heart attacks, heart failure, vascular disease, kidney failure and stroke. These complications of hypertension are responsible for nearly 50 percent of the total mortality rate in the United States."

Hypertension is referred to as the "silent killer," because it seldom causes symptoms that warrant concern. The higher the blood pressure or the longer it goes undiagnosed or treated, the more the danger increases.

The grant to fund the study was awarded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, a branch of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is a continuation of a study that has been under way for 15 years.

This ongoing project directed by Carretero has pioneered the understanding of the role of vasoactive hormones in the development of hypertension, cardiovascular and renal diseases. The research also has provided insight into the contribution of these hormones to the "cardioprotective" effect of antihypertensive drugs.

For his work, the American Heart Association recently honored Carretero with the Novartis Award (formerly the CIBA Award) for Hypertension Research.

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Vittorio M. Morreale, MD is pleased to announce the establishment of his practice of neurosurgery in the Grosse Pointe area.

Originally from Grosse Pointe, Dr. Morreale has returned after having recently completed his Neurosurgery residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Morreale is a graduate of the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. and Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Dr. Morreale is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the Society for Neuroscience, and the American Medical Association. He has served as chief resident in neurosurgery at the University Hospital of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dr. Morreale has published articles in *Neurosurgery*, *Journal of Neurosurgery*, *Critical Reviews in Neurosurgery*, and *New England Journal of Medicine*.

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Homemade cheer

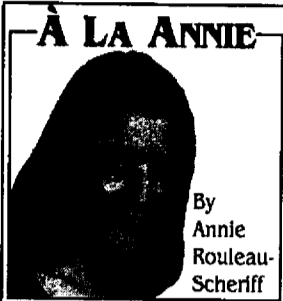
'Tis the season to enjoy a toast of good cheer with family and friends. We all love to visit one another, bearing gifts of homemade treats. From cookies to fruitcakes, there's something extra special about gifts from our own kitchens.

In recent years I've prepared mustards, flavored oils and vinegars, cookies, cranberry breads and Irish Cream, to name a few. With fancy bottles and pretty wrappings you can package perfect Christmas gifts from the heart. Neat bottles and tins can be saved and recycled for gift-giving.

Following are two terrific cordials that require little effort to make, taste like the spirit of the holiday, and make wonderful gifts for loved ones. The first simple recipe is just the spin of a blender away.

Irish Cream
1 3/4 Cup whiskey (I prefer Irish whiskey, but you may substitute a blended whiskey)

1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 Cup cream (light or heavy)
4 eggs
2 Tablespoons Hershey's syrup
2 Teaspoons instant coffee
1 1/2 Teaspoons vanilla



By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Put all ingredients in a blender and mix well. Bottle and refrigerate for up to two weeks.

The second spirited recipe was handed to me from my friend Don, who calls it Barbara Jean's Kahula. It takes a bit more effort than

the first, but offers a lengthy shelf life. (It probably won't be around long, however.)

Coffee Liqueur
1 quart water
6 Tablespoons instant coffee
2 to 3 Teaspoons vanilla, according to taste
3 Cups sugar
1 fifth vodka

In a sauce pan, stir together the coffee, sugar and water and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for one hour. Cool to room temperature and add the vodka and vanilla. Age overnight, bottle and enjoy. Refrigeration is not necessary.

Both of these delicious spirits can be enjoyed in coffee, straight up in a snifter or on the rocks.

After bottling, don't forget to add a label and a pretty ribbon around the neck of the bottle.

'Tis the season, but don't forget: too much of a good thing... isn't good.

Three new classical CDs celebrate holidays

You've decided to give compact discs of holiday music to relatives and friends intrigued with classical music. So you eagerly go to a record shop, only to be dismayed at the plethora of CDs containing holiday music.

To borrow a phrase from the Christmas angels — "Fear not." Here are three brand new CDs containing off-beat holiday repertory sure to make the recipients of your gifts to shout (to borrow a phrase from Handel) — "Hallelujah!"

Praetorius: Festival Concert of Peace and Joy; Musica Fiata and La Capella Ducale, led by Roland Wilson (Sony Classical)

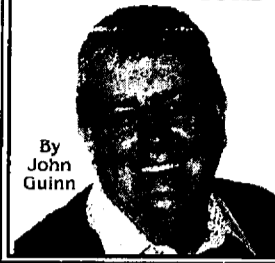
Rating: ★★★★★ (out of 4)
This splendid two-CD set is devoted to the music of Michael Praetorius, one of the true musical geniuses of the late 16th and early 17th centuries. It is full of fascinating music performed by musicians bent on artistic satisfaction rather than historical accuracy, something rather rare in connection with current recordings of music from this era.

Born in 1571, Praetorius was a prolific composer right up until his death in 1621. His masterful handling of polyphony, combined with his rather revolutionary harmonies and sophisticated way of treating texts, set him above many of his contemporaries.

Be warned: Much of the music will sound alike at first. But as you proceed through the CD set you'll become aware of subtle distinctions that are extremely rewarding.

The first CD is devoted solely to Christmas music. While many of the selections might be unfamiliar, the

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By John Guinn

warm, vigorous, polished performances provided by Roland Wilson and his group of singers and instrumentalists should please even the most jaded listener.

The second CD presents nine hymns Praetorius composed while Germany was poised on the brink of the Thirty Years War. Taken in that context, the selections become a valiant if unsuccessful plea for peace, which is what Christmas is all about.

The 16 singers who make up La Capella Ducale project a unified purity of tone and clarity of diction that enhances the music. The 23 instrumentalists of Musica Fiata, performing on horns, sackbuts, recorders, lutes, trumpets, strings and organ, bring character and personality to the scores. Complete texts and translations are included.

Ultimately, what makes this collection so winning is simple: These musicians let Praetorius speak directly to our own age.

Hymnes de Noel; Greek Byzantine Choir, Lycourgos Angelopoulos, director (Jade Records)

Rating: ★★
Byzantine chant has the same basic purpose of the markedly different Gregorian chant most of us are more familiar with: It is meant to

lead us to God.

This collection of 14 chants connected with Christmas contains earmarks of a composing tradition that dates back to the first centuries of Christianity, including modal melodies, a continuous drone accompaniment and an unmistakable sense of ancient austerity.

The main drawback is that there is a sameness about the selections. Much of that is due to its functional quality. It is, after all, utilitarian music meant to accompany religious services.

Still, it creates a uniquely reverent mood, especially as sung by the Greek Byzantine Choir, founded in 1977 by Lycourgos Angelopoulos. His purpose was to familiarize those outside this particular tradition with its obvious riches. He has done that brilliantly with this CD.

'The Christmas Album - Holiday Melodies from Around the World; various performers (Sony Classical)

Rating: ★★
This 69-minute CD is part of Sony's Masterworks Heritage series, and contains holiday favorites recorded between 1907 and 1967.

Among the performers: soprano Eileen Farrell, who provides creamy readings of some favorite carols; Nelson Eddy, whose version of "White Christmas" pales beside Bing Crosby's; organist E. Power Biggs, who sails through an arrangement of "Joy to the World" on an Austrian organ; the Cleveland Orchestra led by George Szell in a lively never-before-released 1967 recording of "Patapan."

The CD is housed in a handsome booklet with vintage photographs of record covers older listeners will no doubt remember.

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Brownell Middle School, for a monochrome and color print competition and pictorial and nature slide competition. The pictorial assignment is "Out of Focus." Visitors are welcome. For information, call (313) 824-9064.

Newcomers Club

The Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club will meet on Saturday, Dec. 13, for its annual

Zoological Society offers gift suggestion

Instead of buying a sweater or a tie for a loved one this holiday, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) suggests adopting one of the many animals at the Detroit Zoo, the Belle Isle Zoo or the Belle Isle Aquarium through the Wildlife Preservers program. Its mission is to protect and preserve wildlife, especially endangered species.

The cost for adoptions starts at \$25 and includes sponsorship of the animal for one year, a photo, an adoption certificate, a biyearly zoo newsletter and an animal fact sheet.

For \$45, the Wildlife Preservers package includes all of the above as well as a bean bag animal of one of this year's featured animals in a gift box.

Featured animals this year include the red panda, polar bear, Siberian tiger, Grevy's zebra and the dart poison frog.

In celebration of the new Edward Mardigan Sr. River Otter Exhibit, a special river otter adoption is also being featured. The river otter package costs \$50 and includes a large plush otter.

Nearly 100 species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds are available for adoption.

Proceeds are used for veterinary care, exhibit renovations, educational classes and seminars as well as support of the Species Survival Program. All sponsorships are 100 percent tax deductible.

"This program is not only a fun and creative gift idea for the holidays, but it also demonstrates the community's enthusiasm towards wildlife preservation," said Darlene Thomas, director of membership at the DZS. "Nearly 2,000 people have adopted animals since the program's inception in 1996, many of which were given as gifts."

For more information or to adopt an animal, call the DZS at (248) 541-5717, fax at (248) 441-2489 or e-mail at info@dza.org.

The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of Woodward and I-696 in Royal Oak.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas tea at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Ruth Burczyk, pianist and teacher, will perform for the group. Members should bring a wrapped gift for a needy child. Members who invite guests should make reservations no later than noon, Saturday, Dec. 13. Call (313) 882-8232 or (313) 885-4994.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its annual holiday luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Luncheon begins at noon.

Camera Club

The program will be a concert by The Choraleers, a 20-member chorus.

For reservations, call Jean McDonald at (313) 881-9059.

Trowel & Error

The Trowel & Error Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the home of Carol Roller, to celebrate the season with a luncheon and gift exchange.

Grand Marais

Questers

The Grand Marais Questers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the home of Florence McBrien.

The program will be a discussion of music boxes, illustrated by samples.

Questers No. 147

Grosse Pointe Questers No. 147 will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Provencal-Weir House in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The coordinator is Lisa Gandelot. Co-hostesses are Jo Ann Krueger and Jan Rehmann.

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Here are 10 holiday gifts travelers will welcome

This time of year most of us women are in high gear — shopping gear, that is. We are trying to wrap up (literally and figuratively) our gift-buying for this holiday season.

Here are some helpful suggestions for travel-related gifts that come to you from my fellow members of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW), whose more than 500 writer/photographer members earn a living traveling and reporting on their discoveries.

A recent poll of these seasoned explorers turned up the following "Top Ten" list of best holiday gifts for travelers. (I've added my comments in parentheses.)

1. Roll-aboard luggage — narrow enough to maneuver down a crowded airplane aisle, compact enough for under-seat storage. (Be careful in your choice. I bought one of the early models for my daughter and it simply will not fit under a seat or in some overheads. She always has to check it, which somewhat defeats the purpose.)

2. Swiss Army knife — the ubiquitous do-it-all tool. (The two-inch size is particularly good. I carry mine with me everywhere and have given one to each of my daughters and daughters-in-law. It is the indispensable purse tool, particularly those nifty little scissors.)

3. Good maps of the gift recipient's destination of choice. (Guidebooks are nice, too. I recommend those published by Lonely Planet or Moon.)

4. Currency for the country the recipient will be visiting, in small denomination bills.

5. A fold-up raincoat and "mini" folding umbrella. (Always keep them in your suitcase, so you don't forget them when packing. Then hope you never have to use them. My little black umbrella is small enough to pack in my waist pack — very handy.)

6. Inflatable neck pillow, which facilitates sleep just



By Cynthia Boal-Janssens

about anywhere. (The softer, the better.)

7. Prepaid international phone cards. (Very good idea for teens and young adults, who, as we all know, always run out of money.)

8. Subscription to a travel magazine. (My favorites: Conde Nast Traveler, Islands, Cruise Travel, Midwest Living, Southern Living.)

9. Membership in the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers, a nonprofit group formed in 1960, listing American-educated, English-speaking doctors in 125 countries. IAMAT is located at 417 Center St., Lewiston, N.Y. 14092. Phone (716) 754-4883. Membership is free, although donations are accepted. Check out its home page at www.sen-tex.net/~iamat which contains lots of additional health advice.

10. Electrical converters. (You might find that your old converters do not fit the grounded plugs — with one prong larger than the other — found on most new grooming appliances and computers.)

Although not in the top 10, a few other items were mentioned frequently in poll results — airline coupons for seniors, currency converters, travel irons, plastic travel cases, and small single-malt whisky bottles for people traveling to cold climates.

Now allow me to add a couple more. The one item I take with me on every trip is a small collapsible tote bag that folds and zips into itself. It is only about five inches square

but has been indispensable time and time again. It usually comes home full of shopping purchases, dirty clothes or press kits, and the nice thing is that you can check it on the airlines. The one I have is made by Totes.

You might also consider buying one of the newer toiletries kits that hang in a bathroom. My husband and I both now have these and find them to be particularly handy in baths with little counter space.

As a stocking-stuffer, I recommend earplugs for long flights, or anytime you intend to sleep while traveling. I don't care for the foam plugs they pass out in some planes, but prefer the soft wax-cotton type that can be molded to your ear. (EarStoppers by Flents is the brand I use. These are available at Merit Woods Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Woods.)

The Society of American Travel Writers is a professional organization of travel communicators whose purpose is to promote responsible journalism, provide professional support and development for its members, and encourage the conservation and preservation of travel resources worldwide.

Cynthia Boal-Janssens is the current president of SATW.

Family features by Madeleine Socia

Winter carnival

The midway comes inside the Cobo Conference Exhibition Center, 1 Washington Boulevard in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 14, when The Parade Company operates a spectacular Indoor Amusement Park for all ages. This winter carnival, complete with rides, games and goodies galore, will be open Friday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Patrons may pay as they play or purchase a \$14 ride-all-day wristband. Proceeds benefit America's Thanksgiving Parade. Call (313) 923-7400.

Christmas dance

Students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to begin their celebration of the season with a Christmas Holiday Dance at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Friday, Dec. 19, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets, available in advance only, are \$8. Patrons must have a War Memorial I.D. Call (313) 881-7511.

Children's theatre

The curtain will rise on Grosse Pointe Children's Theatre's enchanted production of Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$5.50 for students and seniors. Call (313) 881-7511.

Santa breakfast

Plan to Brunch With Santa at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The jolly old elf, who arrives by helicopter, will speak to each child about their special Christmas wishes and give them a pewter ornament. Tickets are \$13 per child and \$10 per adult. Advanced registration is required. No strollers will be allowed and parents should bring their own booster seats. Call (313) 881-7511.

Hit the road

Aspiring drivers can get one step closer to hitting the open road with Driver Education Session II at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Monday, Dec.

15, Wednesday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. Applicants must have a Level I driver's license and at least 30 hours behind the wheel. The fee is \$35. Call (313) 881-7511.

Need a babysitter?

Attention busy parents. The Youth Group of St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park, will sponsor a Holiday Babysitting benefit on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2 to 10 p.m., in the C.R.E.W. Room of the Old School Building. Call (313) 885-4960.

Toy trains

All aboard! Join in the fun of a Toy Train Workshop, featuring the famed Glancy Train collection, on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., in The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. Museum admission, Thursday through Sunday, is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for seniors and children ages 12 to 18. Call (313) 833-9720.

Tea for tots

Treat your tots to a Nutcracker Tea at The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, at 4 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 15 or Tuesday, Dec. 16. Festivities include a chat with Santa in the miniature Play House. Admission is \$8. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

Kids' club

Let your children, in kindergarten through grade 5, enjoy Bible lessons, art projects, crafts, games and snacks, while you savor some free time

for free, with Break Time Kids' Club at the First United Methodist Church, 24036 Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores. Orientation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 5:25 p.m. Reservations are limited. Call (810) 447-0915.

Students voices

The voices of 125 Grosse Pointe South High School students will join with the student and adult instrumentalists of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Orchestra in presenting Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Christmas favorites during The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Holiday Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., in Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors or free for Gold Card holders. Call (313) 884-1933.

Literature alive

Let your little reader see one of the most cherished characters in children's literature come to life during a Theatre production of the children's classic Charlotte's Web, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., in the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison in Detroit. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Call (313) 963-2366.

Film festival

Entertain your junior cinema buff with the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Winter Film Festival 1997/1998, through Thursday, Jan. 29. Screenings will be held from 4 to 5 p.m., on Tuesdays at the Grosse Pointe

Woods Branch, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods; Wednesdays at the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms and Thursdays at the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval. Call (313) 343-2074.

Zoo shines

The Detroit Zoo, on Woodward at 10 Mile in Royal Oak, will shine with 350,000 strung bulbs on 50 animated animal displays along a half-mile Wild Lights trail, through Tuesday, Dec. 30. The display is open daily, except holidays, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Regular admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 2 to 12, children under the age of 2 enter free. Detroit Zoological Society members pay \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Call (248) 541-5717.

Volumes of fun

Reading In The Park, 15129 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, offers volumes of fun-filled programs for children. Preschool students can enjoy a free Story Hour and Rudolf Ornament Craft Time on Monday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Students in grades 1 to 4 can make Tiny Punch Ornaments as they listen to holiday classics on Monday, Dec. 15, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. It's an evening of free hot chocolate and holiday cheer when Polar Express Night pulls into the store on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 822-1559.

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Join in the food, music and merriment of the Winter court of Queen Elizabeth I during the 26th annual Wassail Feast at The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., weekends, Thursday, Dec. 11 through Saturday, Dec. 20. Tickets are \$150, or \$135 Thursday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 18. Call (313) 833-4005.

Friday, Dec. 12 Jimmy's jams

Experience a weekend of acoustic jams at Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, beginning at 10 p.m. The roots rock of Jan Krist will be heard on Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13. Call (313) 886-8101.

Songs of Christmas

"Sing We Now Of Christmas" is the theme of the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus' 35th Concert for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$5. Call (810) 777-0523.

Judelaire perform

The Judelaire show choir will lend their talents to a selection of seasonal favorites on Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m., in Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Free will offerings will be accepted. Call (313) 884-5090.

Music, meditation & more

The Music Department of St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, will honor the sacred season with two free programs. On Friday, Dec. 12, from noon to 1 p.m., Dr. David Wagner will provide Music for Meditation on the Wilhelm pipe organ along with a trio of chorale preludes by Bach, Distler and Daquin. The St. Paul Choir, under the sponsorship of the Michigan Bach

Festival, will present a concert featuring Charpentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas, and carol arrangements by Sir David Willcocks, on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m. Call (313) 886-3259.

Saturday, Dec. 13 Nutcracker

The Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra and the Lo-Ru School of Dance will join forces to present a production of "The Nutcracker" ballet on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Schaublin Auditorium of St. Clair Shores' Lakeview High School. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors or \$25 for families. Call (810) 776-1012.

Sunday, Dec. 14 Swing of things

Get into the rhythm of the season during the 9th annual Gentlemen of Swing free Christmas Concert, featuring the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Chorus, on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 779-6111.

Holiday notes

The Shoreline Concert Band will join with the Festival Chorus and soprano soloist Frances Brockington for a festive Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m., in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 20955 Bournemout in Harper Woods. Admission for patrons age 12 and above is \$5. Call (810) 774-7990.

Tune in

Tune into a terrific benefit for the Art and Music Programs of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Elementary and Middle Schools at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Enjoy a mock radio broadcast of the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life," on Sunday, December 14, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 881-7511.

Bloomin' benefit

Party amid the beautiful blooms of Belle Isle's historic Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Grand Boulevard and E. Jefferson in Detroit, and help raise funds to save this treasured landmark during the 10th Annual Poinsettia Soiree on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Call (248) 399-1101.

Friday, Dec. 19

Music for life

The Music Ministries of St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park, will offer a Project Life Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Free will offerings will be accepted. Call (313) 885-4960.

Parent's party

Dance the night away at the St. Clair Shores Parents Without Partners, Chapter No. 1262, Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 19, from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., in the Veteran of Foreign Wars Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$9 for members or \$10 for non-members. Call (810) 772-9377.

Saturday, Dec. 20 Songs for toys

Grosse Pointe's own singer/songwriter J. T. Harding will headline a Toys for Tots benefit on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 9 p.m., in Cup-A-Cino Cafe, 15104 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Admission is free with an unwrapped toy or \$3 without. Call (313) 822-3888.

North High School

Choir. Tickets are \$35. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222.

On Stage & Screen Lots of laughs

The Second City-Detroit Comedy Theatre, 2305 Woodward in Detroit, presents Generation X Files, a new review of live, cutting-edge comedy, through Wednesday, Dec. 31. Performances will run Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. with additional shows on Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The cast performs an improvisational comedy set after each performance on Sunday and Thursday and after the 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$12 on Sunday and Wednesday, \$14 on Thursday, \$17.50 on Friday and \$19.50 on Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222.

Classics & jazz

Lend your voice to holiday favorites during the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Christmas Pops Sing-Along,

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\$10 to \$50. Call (248) 645-6666.

Romantic comedy

The spicy flavors of Italy take center stage in the romantic comedy Saturday, Sunday, Monday, through Friday, Jan. 30, in Wayne State University's Hilberry Theater, 4743 Cass in Detroit. Tickets range from \$10 to \$17. Call (313) 577-2972 for performance dates.

Bah humbug

Enhance your holiday with Dickens' magical journey through Christmas past, present and future, A Christmas Carol, on stage at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 14. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. A special Holiday Matinee will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$8 to \$10. Call (313) 577-2960.

Les Mis' returns

Passion and patriotism explode in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Les Miserables,"

mances are \$5.50 for adults and \$4.50 for students with ID, senior citizens and DIA Founders Society Members. Call (313) 833-2323.

Messiah

Old St. Mary's Church, 464 Monroe in Detroit, will fill with the magnificence of Handel's "Messiah" as performed by the DeHaven Chorale on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$10. Call (313) 886-3480. The Rackham Symphony Choir will fill St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 629 E. Jefferson in Detroit, with the inspiring sounds of Handel's masterpiece on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call (313) 341-3466.

Country comedy

The Detroit Repertory Theatre, 13103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit, animates the country humor of The Sweet Bye and Bye in the opening production of their 40th anniversary season, through Wednesday, Dec. 31. Performances will be offered on Thursday and Friday, at 8:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 868-1347.

Exhibits & Sales Exciting acrylics

Winter scenes and still-lives in vivid acrylics by painter Apo Torosyan are now on display at The Grosse Pointe Gallery, 19869 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (313) 884-0100.

Golden exhibition

Artist members of the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit, will display a wide array of their drawings, paintings, photography and sculptures during the 84th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, a juried all media show, through Sunday, Jan. 4. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. Call (313) 831-1250.

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The delightful painted furnishings of Grosse Pointe artist Nora Montmorency Aitchison will be featured in the exhibition/sale Objects of Wonder and Delight, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, in the Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts, 104 Fisher Building in Detroit. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 873-7888.

Local perspectives

The Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place in Detroit, will present Un-defining...The Holidays, an uninhibited collection of work by more than 100 area artists through Tuesday, Dec. 23. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call (313) 393-1770.



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Thursday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 14, in Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit. Performances will be offered on Thursday at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$17 to \$60. Call (313) 833-3700.

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based on Victor Hugo's epic novel about the life of a fugitive in 19th Century France, when it returns to the Fisher Theatre, in The Fisher Building at 3011 W. Grand Boulevard in Detroit, through Sunday, Jan. 4. Performances will be offered Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. A special holiday performance is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$58. Call (248) 645-6666.

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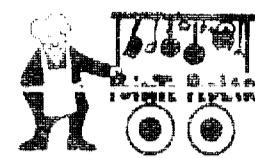
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"She handled the pressure of

No. 1 beautifully," said coach Chuck Wright. "She's a great competitor, but she didn't get down when she got beat. She just blocked it out and didn't let it get to her. She learned a lot about the game this year."

It's a tough task to play first singles for ULS because the Knights schedule the best competition they can find, which includes the top Division I and II teams in the state.

Megler started the season at No. 2 singles and won nine of her 10 matches. She finished the year 17-13 so she also held her own when she moved up to No. 1.

"She has fine ground strokes," Wright said. "She has

Wrigley, a senior, has played for the Knights for four years and was one of the team leaders. "She was our vocal leader," Wright said. "She was always positive and a great senior leader. Her biggest concern was the team, not how well she played individually."

Wrigley went to the state finals as a freshman in No. 4 singles, then won state championships in doubles the next two seasons, teaming with Wright's daughter Brooke.

"There's so much more pressure playing singles and Kendall had some injuries but

she always competed well," Wright said.

One of Wrigley's finest matches came in the state semifinal round when she beat the No. 2 seed from North Muskegon 6-3, 6-3.

MAC lauds North's good sports

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor


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A strength of Wrigley's game was her ability to adjust depending on her opponent. "She has excellent ground strokes, like Julie," Wright said. "Kendall has the ability to work on someone's weak

ness. She would use a volley against opponents who didn't like pressure."

Wrigley was tough under

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By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North has several championship banners hanging from its gymnasium wall, but three of the most colorful are the ones for the boys' basketball team. Nothing to do with wins and losses. They're a result of how the Norsemen play the games.

The banners are the sportsmanship awards given out each year by the Macomb Area Athletic Association for member schools who have come closest to meeting the ideals set by the Michigan High School Athletic Association's "Good Sports Are Winners" program.

We've won three of these awards in the last five years and it's something we're quite proud of," said North athletic director Tom Gauerke.

The award is voted on by athletic directors from the 35 MAC schools after they polled coaches, athletes and parent support groups from their schools.

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Photo by Duffy Ross

These four members of University Liggett School's state championship girls tennis team were named to the Division IV All-State squad selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association. From left, are Julie Megler, Allison Ricci, Stephanie Roehl and Kendall Wrigley.

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North wrestlers get top prize at Lutheran East

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Art Roberts is getting a chance to do something he's never done since becoming wrestling coach at Grosse Pointe North.

"We're having two separate practice sessions," he said. "We have one for the veterans who have a solid background and another for the rookie kids who are just learning the sport."

"Now we can spend time teaching the young kids and refining things with the veterans. This is the first time we haven't had to put a new kid in the lineup right off the bat. It's almost like having a varsity and JV team."

And the experience is paying

off for the Norsemen.

They rolled past a pair of Macomb Area Conference White Division foes in a double dual competition, then won the Lutheran East Invitational.

North finished with 246 points to 222 for runner-up Hazel Park. Berkley was third with 158 points.

"That's the first time we've ever won this tournament," Roberts said. "Now we have to keep improving. We're going to Hartland this week and it's a step up in competition. We have to keep climbing the mountain."

The Norsemen took first place in five weight classes and 13 of the 14 wrestlers placed in the meet.

Defending state champion Gary Bordato started right in where he left off with a first place at 171 pounds. Bordato pinned his first two opponents in the first period, then won the championship with a pin at 2:25.

"Gary has won all five of his matches on pins," Roberts said. "He really hasn't been tested yet, but he'll get a good test this weekend when he faces the kid from Montrose (Nick Loafman who won at 160 pounds in Division III last year), who's wrestling at 171 this year, too."

Bordato won the Division II title at 152 pounds last winter. Sophomore Chris Kosciński remained unbeaten at 112 pounds with a pin in 1:58 of Berkley's Brad Krakow, the top seed in the weight class at Lutheran East.

Junior Rick Pesta showed his improvement when he beat Lutheran Westland's Andy Ebendick 9-3 at 135 pounds.

"That kid pinned Ricky twice last year in the third period, but Ricky's a totally different wrestler this year," Roberts said. "He's so mentally pre-

pared. He'll be wrestling at 130 most of the time."

Eddie Wright took first place at 152 pounds when he beat Hazel Park's Jacob Chapman 8-6.

"It was a good match," Roberts said. "Chapman was fifth in the state last year."

North's other champion was Joe Brennan at 189 pounds.

"That's Joe's first tournament win," Roberts said. "He was wrestling up a weight class. He should be at 171 but Bordato's there. I expect Joe to have a good year. He's wrestled great so far."

North had three other wrestlers make the championship round.

Derek Phillips lost to Chippewa Valley's Rocky Palazzolo at 130 pounds. Palazzolo finished fifth in the state last year at 125.

"We want Derek to get as many tough matches as he can — the same with Wright and Bordato," Roberts said. Earlier, Phillips, the runner-up at 119 pounds in last year's state meet, lost to East Detroit's Curtis Fillar, also a fifth-place finisher in last year's state

meet at 130.

David Hirt was second at 145, losing to Bishop Foley's Eric Swanson 4-2 in the final. Chad Cooper was second at 215 pounds.

Third-place finishers were Mike Schornak at 275, Matt Kellett at 125, and Jeff Kalkhoff at 160.

Matt Jubera was fifth at 140 pounds, despite wrestling up two weight classes, and Brandon Dobbins took sixth at 119.

Earlier, North beat L'Anse Creuse 59-18 and the Norsemen downed East Detroit 53-26.

North's winners against the Lancers were Kosciński (112), Jubera (130), Pesta (135), Phillips (140), Hirt (145), Wright (152), Kalkhoff (160), Bordato (171), Brennan (189), Cooper (215) and Schornak (275).

Norsemen who posted victories against East Detroit were Kosciński (119), Pesta (140), Hirt (145), Kalkhoff (160), Bordato (171), Brennan (189), Cooper (215) and Schornak (275).

Wright lost at 152 pounds to

Mike Klein, the third-place finisher in last year's state meet at 145.

North girls blank foe in hockey

After a slow start, Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey came back strong with a 7-0 victory over Bloomfield Hills.

Rebecca Kelly led the way for the Norsemen with three goals and an assist. Andrea Spencer had two goals and an assist, while Kristin Simon and Kerin Clark each had a goal and an assist.

Alison Scarfone collected two assists and Mariko Bird had one.

The goalie tandem of Ginger Hubbell and Katie Marten posted the shutout. They faced a limited number of shots because of a strong effort by the North defense.

North will play in the University Liggett School Friendship tournament Saturday and Sunday.

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pressure, winning all five of her matches that went to tie-breakers.

Wright finished with a 16-11 record this year and wound up second in the state.

This was the third season of playing doubles together for Roehl and Ricci and their state championship at No. 1 was their third state title. They teamed up to win the second doubles championship in 1995 and 1996.

"They had a wonderful win in the state final," Wright said. "They had lost twice to Country Day — during the season and in the regional — but when they played for the state championship, Stephanie and Allison won 6-3, 6-0. They played a tremendous match. Country Day's team had never been in that position before, but Stephanie and Allison knew how to handle the pressure of the finals. I think that really helped them. Their win clinched the championship for our team."

Wright said Roehl, a senior, and Ricci, a junior, were a pleasure to coach.

"They get along so well and

they required less coaching than anybody else on the team," Wright said. "They were a little tentative at the start, moving up from second doubles to No. 1, but they stepped up big down the stretch."

The two complement each other extremely well.

"Stephanie is the more athletic of the two," Wright said. "She has a great backhand and loves to charge the net. Allison is a counterpuncher who seldom makes a mistake."

"Allison plays off Stephanie, but she got more aggressive as the season went on. She set up points for Stephanie to put away. It's an ideal combination to have a power player and a counterpuncher."

Roehl and Ricci finished with a 20-11 record.

Wright said all four of his All-Staters had something in common.

"They're all great team players," the coach said. "We had no jealousy and no cliques on this team. It was a pleasure to coach these girls."

North

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letes, students, parents and spectators.

"If you have one coach, or one team or one group of parents that don't display good sportsmanship, it can knock you out of the running. These awards have been given for the entire school year, but there's talk about recognizing sportsmanship for each sport."

Gauerke and his staff have stressed good sportsmanship, but he admits much of the groundwork is already in place by the time students get to high school.

"One of the reasons is the nature of our people," Gauerke said. "It's a competitive community, but it has always displayed good sportsmanship."

We've been working with a good group of people."

Gauerke also attempts to select coaches who agree with his ideas of good sportsmanship.

At the beginning of each school year, Gauerke visits the ninth and 10th grade home rooms or physical education classes and gives a talk on sportsmanship.

He tells the students what is expected of them when they're participating in an event or attending as spectators.

"It's not just luck that we've won these awards," Gauerke said. "We've done some things to promote good sportsmanship. We explain the expectations we have for them from standing for the national

anthem to what cheers are proper and improper. They all hear it, but then they have to buy into it."

Gauerke also meets with the parents of the athletes before each season, explaining to them what's expected of their youngsters — and themselves.

"We tell them they're role models for their children and that their actions influence how their kids behave," he said.

Gauerke said his talks aren't just "don't do this and don't do that."

He tries to put a positive spin on things.

"We stress that our high school events are family events," Gauerke said.


"We tell them that a good guideline is that whatever's

acceptable behavior around the family is acceptable at our events. We point out that they don't use bad language or behave badly around grandma and grandpa or their younger brothers and sisters — and those are many of the people who are attending our events."

Gauerke is proud of the sportsmanship banners hanging on the gym wall.

And he's also proud of how North alumni carry on the school's tradition.

"One of the other schools that won the sportsmanship banner from the league was L'Anse Creuse North," Gauerke said. "And their athletic director is Steve Schleicher, one of our former students."



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South coach learns team doesn't fluster

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Bob Bopp learned something about his Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team late in the second period of its game with Riverview Gabriel Richard last week.

"Richard had just tied the game at 3-3, but on the bench nobody was concerned," Bopp said. "They knew they'd come back and win. It's a great feeling to know they have that kind of character and confidence."

South was holding a 3-1 lead when the Pioneers' Trevor Farley scored at 13:25 of the second period and Deon Gray scored at 14:10 to knot the score at 3-3.

But Richard's jubilation at tying the game was brief. Only five seconds remained in the period when the Blue Devils' Devon Allard broke the tie with his second goal of the game. And South went on to post a 6-3 victory in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contest.

"That's our biggest goal of the season so far," Bopp said. "It was huge because instead of Richard going into the intermission tied, they were behind. It took some of their momentum away."

It was fitting that Allard would notch the goal.

"He's a senior pickup for us," Bopp said. "He's been playing very well. He's a smart player, too."

Brad Balesky picked up his second assist of the game on Allard's goal.

South's Richard Weyhing broke in alone on the Pioneers' goalie at 4:43 of the first period to notch his first varsity goal. Richard tied the game midway through the period.

Andy Klein continued his torrid scoring pace for the Blue Devils when he knocked in a rebound 29 seconds into the second period. Allard made it 3-1 at the 13-minute mark of the middle period.

South got a pair of insurance goals in the third period.

Charlie Braun scored at 3:38 and Adam Whitehead completed the scoring with a short-handed goal at 5:48.

Ben Weaver had two assists for South, while Whitehead, Weyhing and Denny Ignagni collected one apiece.

South goalie J.C. Tibbetts made 20 saves to record the victory.

The Blue Devils followed that victory with a 9-0 romp over Wyandotte as Klein scored three goals, while Whitehead had two goals and two assists and Braun had two goals — both on the power play — and one assist.

Tibbetts recorded his second shutout in three starts, although he had to face only eight shots.

"Our defense has played real well and so far, Ben Weaver has been our most consistent defenseman," Bopp said.

South also had a strong game from right wing Pat Manion, who had a goal and three assists.

"There's nobody on the team who works harder than Pat," Bopp said. "He's also one of our four captains. He works so hard and it doesn't always show up on the score sheet so it was nice to see him get rewarded."

Klein opened the scoring at 2:47 of the first period and sent the Blue Devils out of the period with a 2-0 lead on a power-play goal with 1:53 left.

Balesky scored 42 seconds into the second period. Whitehead scored twice in the middle period, while Manion, Braun and Klein added a goal apiece. Braun scored the only goal of the third period at the 21-second mark.

Matt Moran and Balesky each collected three assists for South, while Weaver, Chris Gellach and Jim Denner had one apiece.

The victory gave South a 4-0 record. The Blue Devils play in the University Liggett School tournament this weekend. South opens against the host Knights Friday at 5 p.m.



Division champs

The Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs '86 won the Michigan Youth Soccer League Division I under-12 championship with a 9-0-1 record. The Mustangs also had the division's best goals-for and goals-against averages. In front are goalies Megan Switalski, left, and Emily Rouls. In the second row, from left, are Emery Brink, Danica Day, Jessica Marsh, Callie Shumaker, Kristen Padilla and Jennifer Marsh. In the third row, from left, are Emily Griffin, Anne Campbell, Natalie Waelchli, Andrea Przybysz, Lindsay Potthoff, Julie Howe, Ellie Ford, Erin MacLeod, Lindsey Furgal and Brittany Paquette. In back, from left, are coaches Carolyn Marsh, Miriam Cavanaugh and Stu Dow.

South wrestlers have to learn quickly

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The first month of the wrestling season is going to be a month for learning for a large portion of Grosse Pointe South's team.

"We have only one senior on the team, but 17 freshmen and sophomores," said coach Larry

Carr. "And most of them are starters."

"It's a good bunch of kids and I'm looking forward to them really coming around by mid-season and in time for our tournament."

Carr was disappointed when a couple of veterans he had counted on didn't return for

their senior year.

"When they don't come back, all the hard work they put in before this year goes for nothing," he said.

Some of the Blue Devils' growing pains were obvious last weekend when South finished eighth in the 10-team Lutheran East Invitational.

Jeremy Linne's third-place finish at 145 pounds was the Blue Devils' best showing.

Matt Ostrowski was fourth at 160, while South had a pair of fifth-place finishers in Dominic O'Grady (171) and Zander Heinen (152).

Earlier, the Blue Devils lost a dual meet to Dearborn Edsel Ford, 51-21.

South's winners were P.J. Moir, a 9-5 decision at 130; Linne, a fall in 2:42 at 145; Ostrowski, an 8-5 decision at 160; and O'Grady, a 6-1 decision at 171.

In one of the most exciting matches of the meet, South's Jamie Carrier lost 13-11 in overtime at 125 pounds.

South grad gets all-league mention

Kelly Neumann, a freshman midfielder for Adrian College, received honorable mention on the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's soccer team.

Neumann is a former Grosse Pointe South athlete.

Knights look for a strong finish

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's outstanding football season is having its effect on the start of the hockey season at ULS.

Coach John Fowler also hopes it has an effect on the end.

"We've just had the full squad for games and practices for about two weeks, so we're still a little behind in some areas," Fowler said after ULS dropped a 3-0 decision to Notre Dame in the Michigan Prep Hockey League.

"But our school isn't just about the hockey team. The football season was a great experience for the kids who were on the team, just like when our soccer team has had a good run in the playoffs. We'll be fine in January and February and the experience of winning, no matter what sport it is, will be a big help."

After opening the season with a 2-1 victory over U-D Jesuit and a 12-3 romp over Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, the Knights got jolted back to reality when they lost 10-1 to defending Class B-C-D state champion Cranbrook.

"After the initial disappointment of getting waxed wore off, the guys on the team said they'd prefer playing a good team and losing 10-1 than to win 12-2 without a challenge," Fowler said.

"There are a lot of areas we can work on — all of them really — which get exposed in a game like this."

Nick Maitland scored the Knights' only goal in the third period. C.T. Thurber assisted.

A couple days of practice and a more evenly-matched opponent brought ULS a bit closer to a victory.

But Marysville broke a 3-3

tie midway through the third period and beat the Knights 4-3.

The Vikings jumped ahead 2-0 in the first period, but ULS tied the game on goals by Charlie Keersmaekers and A.J. Stachecki.

Marysville regained the lead early in the second period, but the Knights pulled back into a tie with 3:51 left on a goal by Thurber.

"We thought after two more days of practice that we'd be better and we were," Fowler said.

Keersmaekers had two assists, while Jason Capen, Thurber and Stachecki added one apiece.

ULS played even better in the loss to Notre Dame, but the Irish managed to keep the Knights off the scoreboard.

"We played very well in the first period and had a lot of scoring chances," Fowler said. "We had a chance to put in some forechecking and put our lines together, so there was more coordination."

Notre Dame scored twice in the second period and added a third-period goal.

"It was a well-played game," Fowler said. "Notre Dame played well and they scored. We played well, but we didn't score."

Keersmaekers and Ryan Schafer scored the ULS goals in the victory over U-D Jesuit. Fowler has put together three solid lines with Schafer and John Staniszewski being used to fill in wherever they're needed.

The Gold Line is centered by Jason Cooper with Chris Mitchell and K.C. Crain on the wings. Cooper and Mitchell are co-captains.

See ULS, page 4C



Prep division champs

The Mets beat the Giants 11-9 to win the playoff championship in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Babe Ruth League Prep Division. In front, from left, are Adam DeMara, Anthony Ahee, Nick Thomas, John Jeanguenat, Dave Conger and Matt Llamini. In the middle row, from left, are Joe Frazzitta, Dan Ahee, Andrew Dixon, Matt Diedrich and Neal Gram. In back, from left, are coach Mike Dixon, manager Rick DeMara and coach Dwight Conger. The Mets finished with a 16-1 record.

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Squirt A Bulldogs are second in Fraser hockey tournament

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Squirt A Bulldogs travel team advanced to the final round of the recent Great Lakes Sports City Early Bird tournament in Fraser.

The Bulldogs dropped a 2-1 overtime decision to the Great Lakes Panthers in the championship game.

GPSA house league highlights

UNDER-10 Sheffield Wednesday 4, Coventry 1

Goals: Zak Brooks 2, Christopher McMillan, Andrew Miller (Sheffield Wednesday); Matthew Koppinger (Coventry).

Assists: Andrew Osborn 2, Joey Vega, Grant Withers (Sheffield Wednesday).

Comments: There was impressive playmaking by both teams, but Sheffield took an early lead on goals by Miller, McMillan and Brooks. Coventry had an excellent opportunity to get back into the game with a direct kick at the start of the second half, but Osborn made a fine save on the strong, high shot. Coventry kept Osborn busy in the second half, but he allowed only one goal. Sheffield's Sean Moir had a strong game at midfield, as did Coventry's Martha Dwaiby.

UNDER-14 GPSA Green 10, Roseville 0

Goals: Tom Solomon, Jake Koppinger, Lenny Stoehr 2, Andrew Adams, Niel Ruthven, Chris Dubay, David Neveux, Trevor Mallon, Eric Bertelsen (Green).

Assists: Dubay, Mallon, Neveux, Solomon, Steven Sessions (Green).

Comments: David Mattei provided strong support on offense, while Eric Thompson and Dubay gave GPSA Green shutout goaltending.

GPSA Green 7, St. Clair Shores 2

Goals: Niel Ruthven 3, Jake Koppinger, Tom Solomon, Dan McGraw, Eric Bertelsen (Green).

Comments: Among the highlights for GPSA Green were a near miss on a penalty kick by Steven Sessions and solid second-half goaltending by Dubay. Bertelsen was in goal for the first half.

Grosse Pointe began tournament play with a come-from-behind 6-4 victory over the Birmingham Rangers.

The Rangers scored twice in the game's first minute, but the Bulldogs scored five straight goals to take a lead they never relinquished.

Adam Rock opened the scoring with a hard shot from the point. Mike Reisig, Scott Granger, Steven Gorman, Josh Halas and Paul Sandmair also tallied for the Bulldogs.

Grosse Pointe scored the last three goals of the game to beat the Chicago Flame 4-2.

Gorman scored a hat trick. Michael MacKool and Joe Wurst shared the goaltending for the Bulldogs and each made several key saves.

Grosse Pointe jumped ahead early and rolled to a 6-0 victory over the Great Lakes Stars. Mike Paglino scored three goals, while Sandmair and Tom MacEachern also tallied. Drew Casazza had an assist and played a strong defensive game.

Needing only a half-point to reach the finals, the Bulldogs

Vasse is league's premier runner

Former Grosse Pointe South standout Aimee Vasse, who is now running for Wellesley College, finished first in the field of 106 runners at the recent NEW 8 cross country championships and was named the league's cross country Athlete of the Year.

Vasse, a sophomore, finished in 17:53, knocking nearly a minute off her personal best time. Wellesley was edged out of a fifth consecutive conference title by Smith College.

Earlier, Vasse finished second at the Seven Sisters Cross Country Championships hosted by Bryn Mawr College. She was clocked in 19:14.8, her best time to that point.

played a 2-2 tie with Midland and earned 2 1/2 points.

Sandmair opened the scoring in the championship game with a first-period goal assisted by Paglino and Scott Campbell.

The Bulldogs' defensive crew of Campbell, Rock, Reisig and Jim Solomon played their best game of the season in holding the Panthers to one goal by Kenny Brezenski.

Regulation ended with the game tied at 1-1, and Brezenski broke the deadlock with a goal at 1:50 of the overtime period.

The Bulldogs are coached by Len MacEachern. His assistants are Mike Sandmair and Fred Halas. Jim Solomon is the team manager.

ULS

From page 3C

Kurt Niemi centers the Blue Line with Jim Wood and Jake Wardwell on the wings, while Keersmaekers is the center on the Red Line with Maitland and Thurber flanking him.

Defensive pairs are Capen and Rami Zayat, Stachecki and Robby Theil and Jordan Materna and Jeff Brown. Sophomore Jon Stone can fill in where needed on defense. Stachecki and Capen are alternate captains.

Sophomores Bondy and Jay Minger share the goaltending.

"This is the seventh straight season we've had two classmates share the goaltending," Fowler said.

ULS will host its annual tournament this weekend. The Knights will play Grosse Pointe South at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Grosse Pointe North against Notre Dame.

The consolation game will be played at noon Saturday, with the championship contest scheduled for 2 p.m.



Reds take title

The Reds won the Major League World Series championship in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League. The team also won the National League championship with a 16-5 regular-season record. In front are Woody Floyd, left, and Scott Ruthven. In the second row, from left, are Mike Kittle, Jim Lalonde, Jeff Bogen, Matt Stemer and David Trupiano. In the third row, from left, are Devin Rauss, Matt Galdica, Brad Homuth, Colin Brown and Erick Kelly. In back, from left, are coach Jeff Rini, manager Jim Rini, assistant manager Bob Ruthven and coach Niel Ruthven.

South hits double digits again

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team scored a perfect "10" for the second game in a row.

The Blue Devils repeated their double-digit scoring last week with a 10-3 victory over University Liggett School.

Eileen Pulis led the way with four goals, while Christina Bakalis added two.

Kelly Birg, Natalie Brewer, Carrie Howe and Cammie Preston notched one apiece.

Excellent teamwork resulted in South collecting 17 assists, including three apiece by Brewer and Annie Reinholz.

and two each from Kelly Butala and Birg.

The other assists came from Kate Finkenstaedt, Katie Kotz, Courtney Lytle, Gretchen Torrey, Morgan Walsh, Molly Weaver and Preston.

Jessica Barbier, Andrea Elch and Ann Garvey also contributed offensively.

South goalies Katie Orzechowski and Corie D'Angelo each made some outstanding saves.

Mieke Teitge scored twice for ULS, which also got a goal from Kristen Byron.

The goalies got strong defensive support from Megan Monaghan and Elizabeth Moran.

Coach Bill Fox noted that South's freshmen made significant contributions to the victory.

The Blue Devils host Cranbrook Kingswood tonight, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., at City Sports Center.

South's girls team will compete in the ULS Friendship Tournament this weekend with teams from Grosse Pointe North, Cranbrook Kingswood and ULS.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 1997

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Danaher, Council members Waldmeir, Kneiser, Schonenberg, Gandelot, West and Gaffney.

Those Absent were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Nash, City Controller; DeFoe, Public Service Director and Ferber, Public Safety Director.

Mayor Danaher presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 10, 1997, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held on November 10, 1997, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the Site Plan Review for Mongolian Grille, 18580 Mack, subject to certain conditions.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 10, 1997; and further, adjourned the Public Hearing of Mr. Henry DeVries, 42 McKinley Place, to Monday, January 19, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.; granted the appeal of Mr. James Kurtz, 30 Harbor Hill, to construct additions to his attached garage and kitchen and a new one story family/therapy room.

The Council granted the fence permit application, as amended, by Mr. Stafford Reynolds, 290 Williams.

The Council granted the request from the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club for regulated use of limited portions of Kercheval Avenue for formal riding purposes.

The Council appointed the following citizens to the City's Board of Canvassers, each to serve a four year term expiring in December, 2001:

Mrs. Jane Dow
191 Ridge Road

Ms. Katherine McDonald
129 Meadow Lane

The Council appointed Councilman Martin F. West to serve as Council Representative to the City's Public Safety and General Employees Retirement Systems Commission.

The Council accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1997.

The Council approved the Schedule of Council Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 1998, as follows:

January 19
February 23
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15

July 13
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 23
December 14

The Council received the Public Safety Department Reports for October, 1997, and ordered it placed on file.

Immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session was held for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of real estate.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1998 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD.

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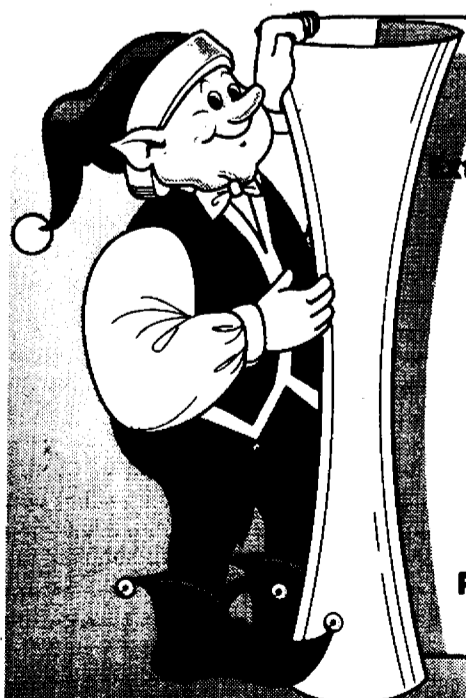
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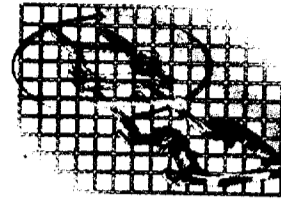
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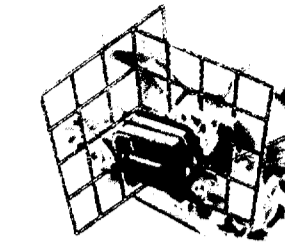
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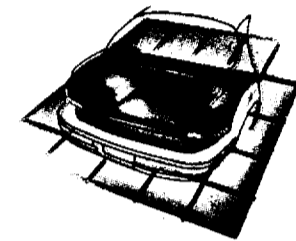


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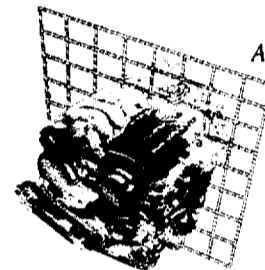


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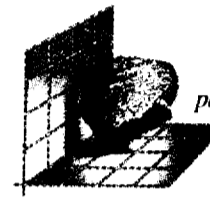
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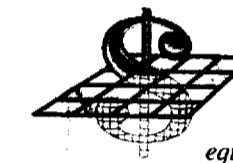
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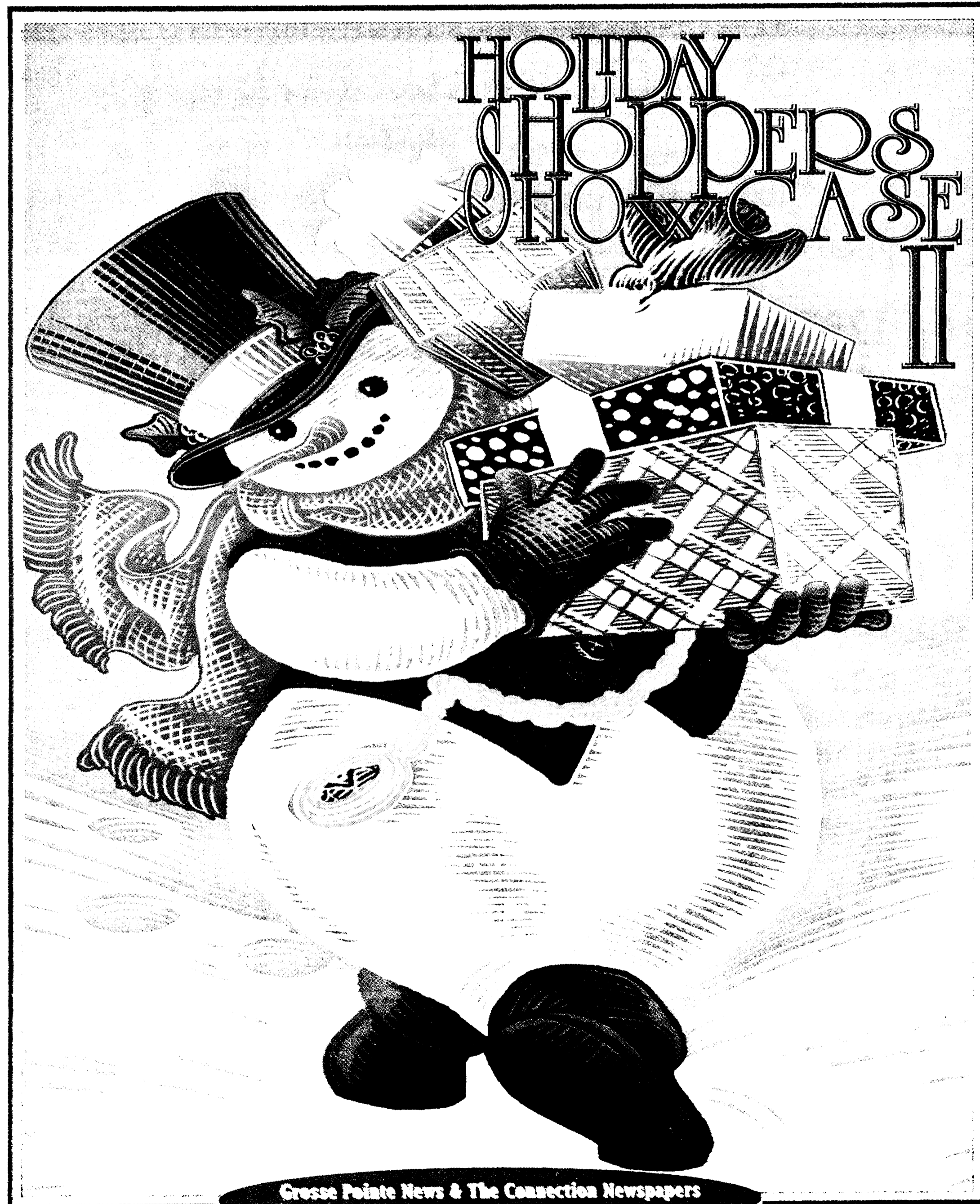


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"Home-theater owners have the best of both worlds," says Steven J. Caldero, vice president of sales for Yamaha. "They enjoy movie-

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Home-theater equipment is "remarkably affordable, easy to install and simple to use," Caldero adds. "It's little wonder home theater continues to be incredibly popular with consumers across the nation."

In fact, according to the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA), home-theater components will be among the holiday season's most popular purchases. "Since a home theater includes several different components, first-time owners should do a little planning to ensure they get the system to best meet their needs," says CEMA president Gary Shapiro. According to CEMA, a home theater includes:

- a television with a screen at least 25 inches or larger. "A small

screen simply won't provide the movie-theater experience," explains Shapiro. "The ideal screen size is a matter of personal taste, and fortunately, consumers have a wide range of choices." You can select a direct-view set with a screen size of up to 35 inches and spend between \$500 and \$1,000. Or, you can go for a projection system with a screen 6 feet or larger and spend considerably more.

- a receiver with surround sound. Virtually all movies produced today, as well as a growing number of television programs, are made with multiple audio tracks. Dialogue is on one track, music on another and effects on another. This technology, combined with the right equipment, can produce booming, lifelike sound in a movie theater and a home theater as well. Consumers need an audio receiver with surround-sound circuitry, like that

provided by Dolby Digital, to recreate the movie-theater experience. Surround-sound receivers can cost as little as \$200.

- four or more speakers. A basic home theater has four speakers, two in the front and two in the rear, which is the minimum number to experience surround sound. Many purchasers add two more speakers — a center-channel speaker to carry dialogue and on-screen sounds and a sub-woofer for a deep, booming base. Prices for home-theater speaker systems begin at \$300.

"Finally," Shapiro says, "you will need at least one way to receive programming." The most common component is a VCR that plays videotapes you can rent or purchase. The key point here is to purchase a "hi-fi/stereo" VCR, which will allow you to hear the surround-sound audio tracks.

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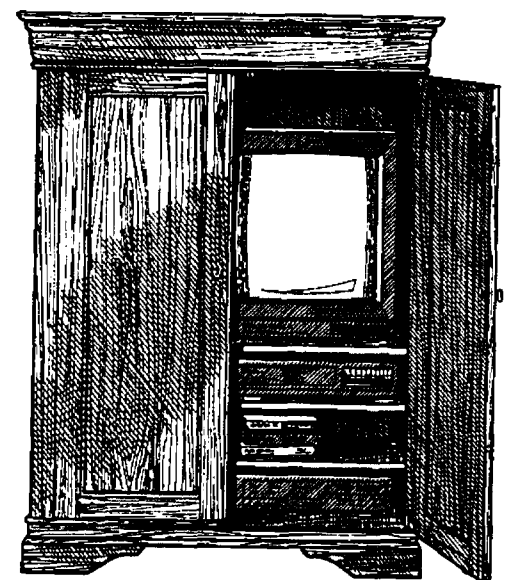
Other choices include a laser-disc player or the recently introduced DVD player.

"DVD is one of the most important advances in home-theater technology," explains Brad Beitel, general manager of the Philips Digital Entertainment Group. "DVD offers the sharpest picture available, incredible digital sound, a host of viewing features and options — all on a CD-size disc. And, if you'd rather listen to music than watch a movie, DVD will play your CDs as well." Hi-fi/stereo VCRs begin at \$300. DVD players cost as little as \$500.

In addition to DVD players, laser-disc players and VCRs, home-theater owners can receive movies and other programming with digital pictures and full surround sound on direct broadcast satellite systems. And, while some cable systems transmit programs with surround sound, the audio quality does not match that of satellite systems, DVDs or even VCRs.

Before venturing out to begin shopping for your new home theater, it is a good idea to do a little homework. Make a list of the audio-video equipment you currently own, since there's a good chance you already have some of the components you will need for your system. Then, make a sketch of the room where you will locate your home theater and include the overall dimensions and the distance from the television to the seating area. Finally, give some thought to how you plan to use your home theater. Will the primary use be to watch movies you have rented or purchased? Or, will it be for sporting events and other specials? Or, will it be for standard television fare? With this information, you will be ready to begin shopping.

"We recommend that consumers shop at retailers who offer complete home-theater demonstration facilities," says Stephen Baker, vice president of sales and marketing for Denon Electronics. "It's important to see and hear products in combination



— to test different receivers with a number of speakers. You need to see and hear a DVD player to appreciate how it differs from a VCR. You should be able to look at a television in a setting that approximates what you have at home. Stores with well-equipped demonstration rooms will allow you to make the best possible choices."

After you have purchased your home-theater equipment, you most likely can take it home and set up the system yourself. In fact, according to CEMA research, more than eight in 10 home-theater owners install their own systems. You will need some cables, some speaker wires, a few simple tools and a little bit of patience. And, in an afternoon, you will be ready to show your first movie.

"Consumers tell us the first thing they notice about their home theaters is the quality of the picture and sound," Shapiro says. "Then, they praise the positive impact the system has had on family life."

Specifically, in a national survey, 73 percent of home-theater owners said their home theaters have had a "positive impact" on the quality of family life. In addition, 51 percent reported it is easier to plan family time together, and 41 percent said they had spent more time together as a family since getting the home theater.

"The holidays remind us how important it is to share time with our families," Shapiro concludes. "Now, with affordable home theaters, family time can last all year long."

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During this crazy season, schedule a dinner party — for two! Make the menu simple, yet out of the ordinary. Most of all, take your time! Enjoy, for a change, an unhurried meal with wine and quiet conversation. Then, top it off with a slice of exquisite Toffee Swirl Cheesecake.

There's no better time to prepare this luscious cheesecake recipe than for a fabulous dinner at home. A chocolate cookie crust serves as a base for this classic creamy cheesecake.

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Toffee Swirl Cheesecake

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Melt margarine in small glass mixing bowl in microwave. Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with shredding cone. Shred cookies into mixing bowl with margarine. Stir until well mixed. Pat cookie mixture into ungreased 10-inch springform pan. Bake for 7 minutes. Cool.

Cheesecake

- 6 (11/4-ounce) English toffee candy bars, divided
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 eggs

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with slicing cone. Slice 4 English toffee candy bars into a small mixing bowl, and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with beaters. Mix cream cheese mixture until smooth. Add one egg at a time, beating until smooth. Spoon one-half of mixture over cooled cookie crust. Spoon one-half of the toffee pieces evenly over cheesecake batter. Top with remaining batter. Spoon remaining toffee pieces over batter. Gently cut through batter with a knife several times. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 275°F, and bake an additional 35 minutes. Remove from oven and loosen cheesecake from side of pan with a knife. Let cool in pan. Remove from pan and chill thoroughly. Cut remaining candy bars diagonally and place on top of cheesecake just before serving.

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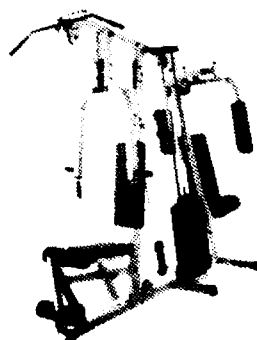
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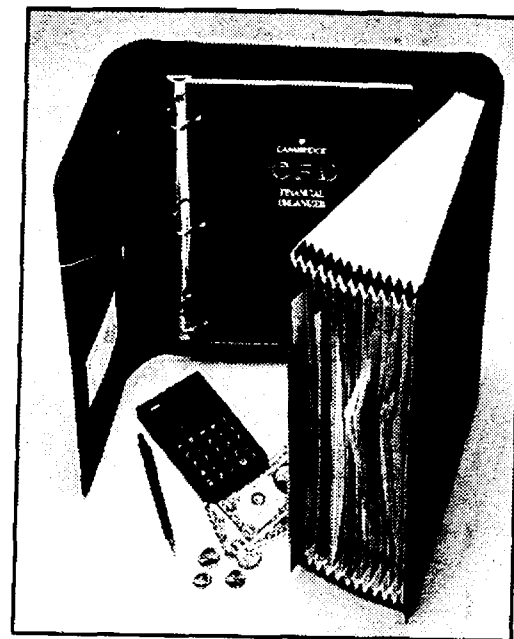
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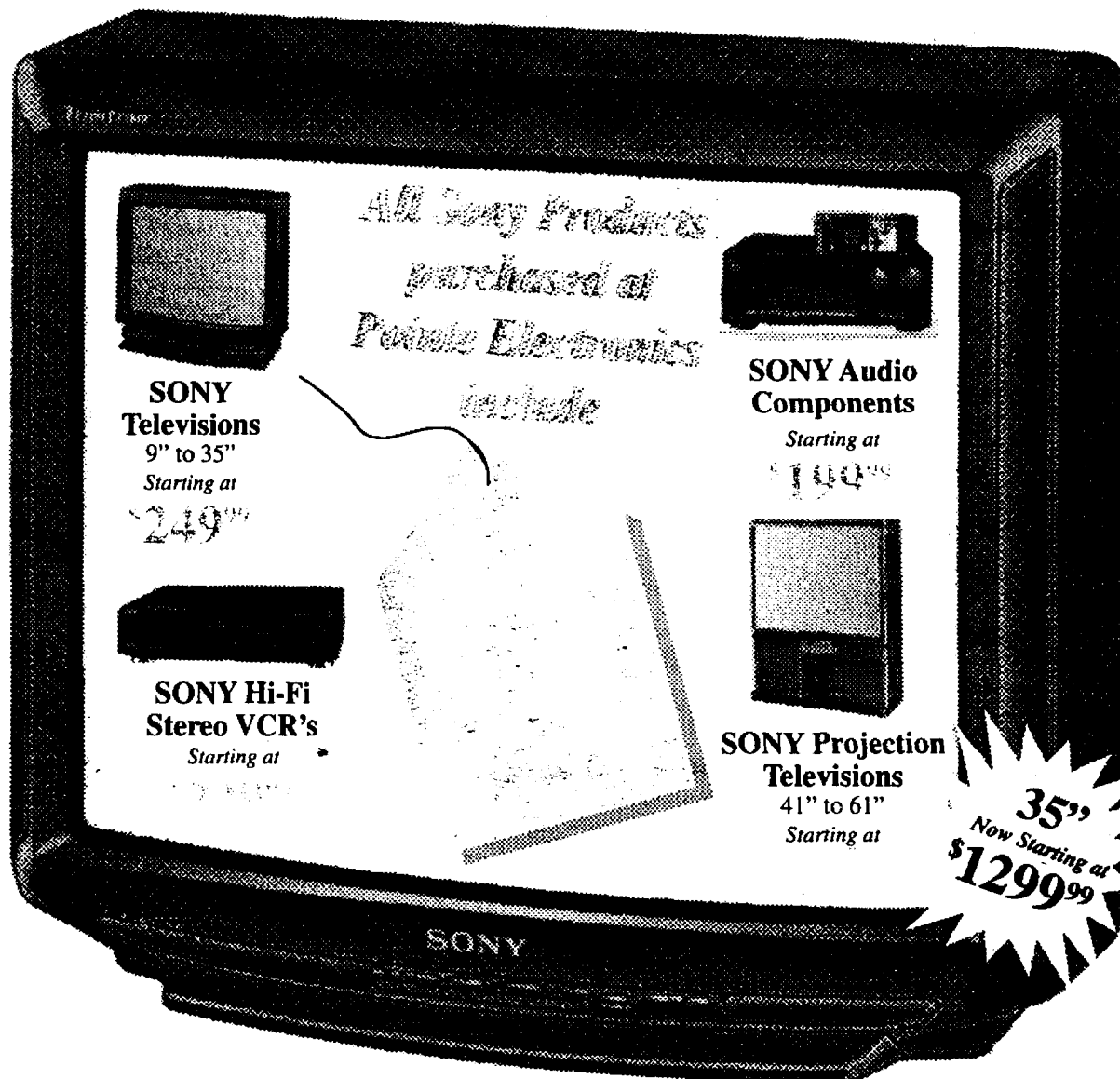
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According to the National Coffee Association, nearly four out of five American adults regularly reach for a spot of tea or a cup of joe — meaning the odds are good that almost everyone on your list has a fondness for one of these classic beverages. That fondness can translate to a host of great gift ideas in just about any price range.

For inexpensive stocking stuffers, consider a few ounces of a favorite tea or half a pound of gourmet coffee. If you go the coffee route, make sure the grind you choose matches the recipient's appliances. Someone who doesn't own a coffee grinder or mill probably won't appreciate finding a bag of whole-bean coffee in his or her stocking.

Of course, grinders can be another great gift for the coffee drinker in the less than \$20 category. Thermoses and travel mugs are also good options in that same price range for either coffee or tea drinkers. If you decide a travel mug is the thing to get, test to make sure that it fits the cup holder in the recipient's car before wrapping it up and putting



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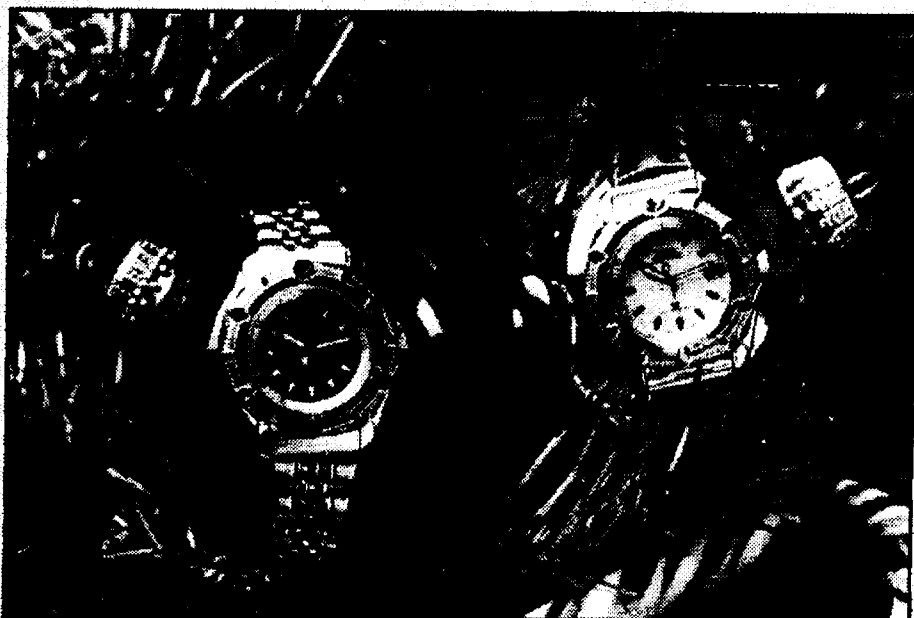
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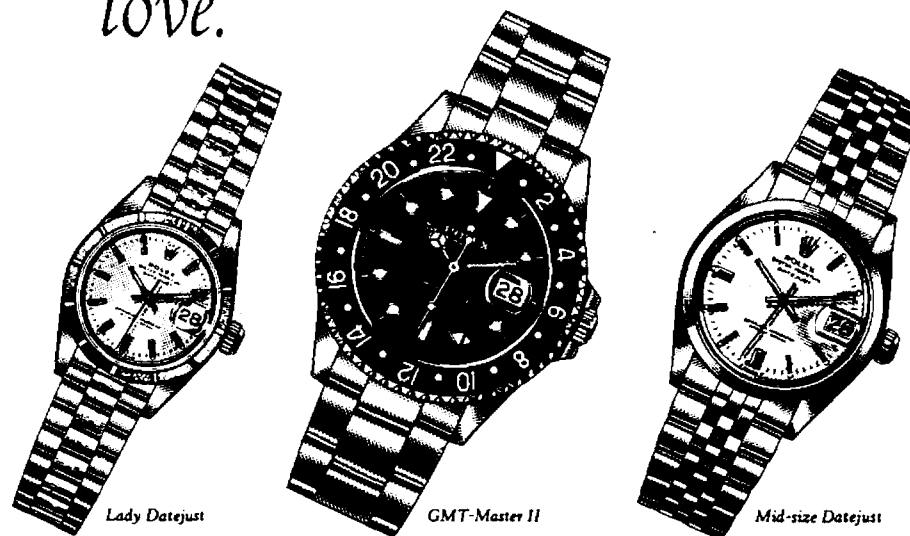
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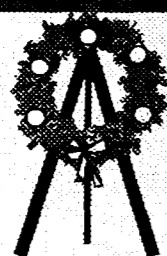
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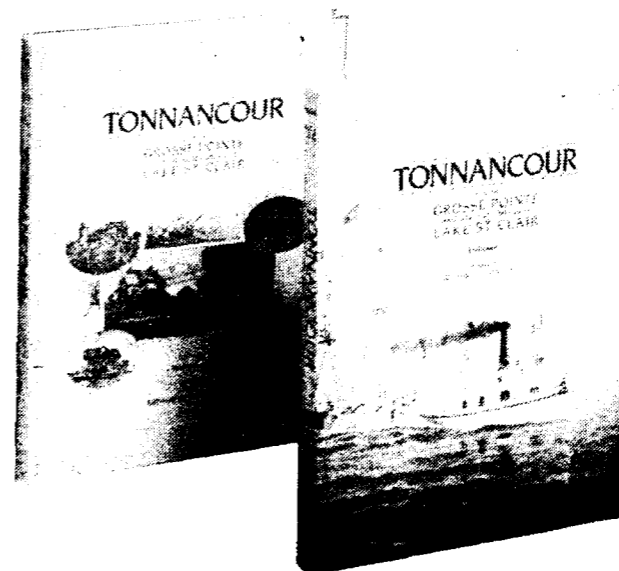
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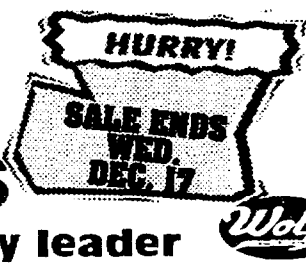
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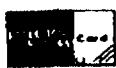
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From the exciting moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities.

So much so that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 200 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastime was not widely observed outside its native Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the 16th-century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit heaven.

However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early 17th century, when fir trees — decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys and candies — were reported in the German city of Stasburg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of

Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observation of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights and extending lavish hospitality to friends and family, as well as extravagant gift-giving.

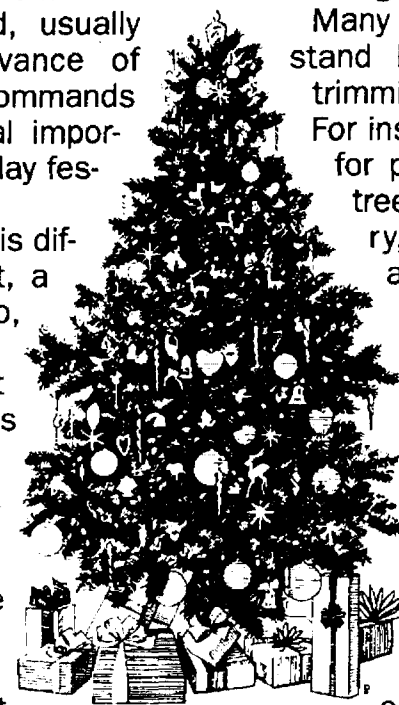
Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, like hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, whereupon it became a thorn tree and sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as it is known now.

Today, centuries later, the Christmas spirit is still represented in the timeless manifestation of the ever-beautiful, ever-enchanting Christmas tree.

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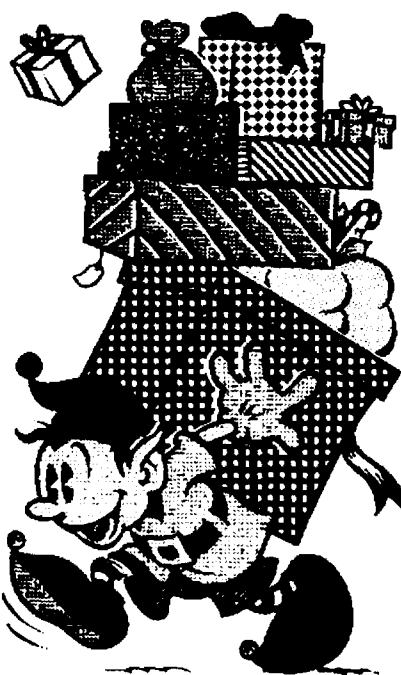
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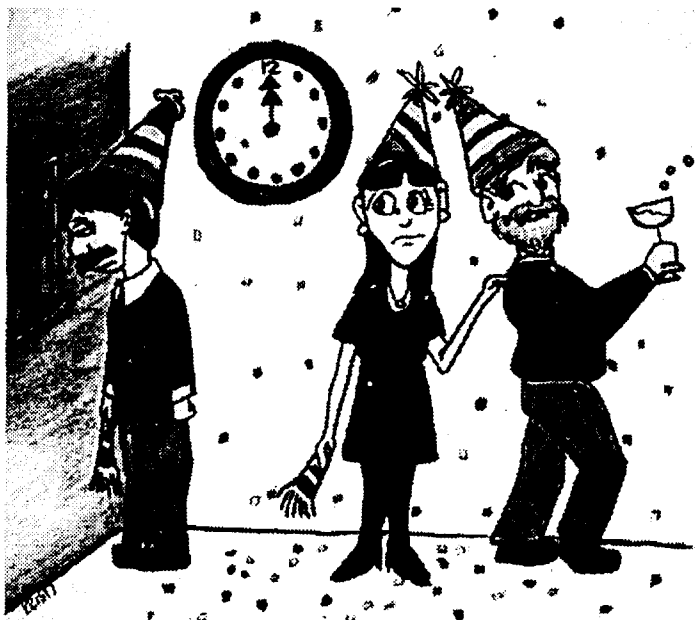
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The holidays and happiness are supposed to go hand in hand. Yet, for many people, reality often doesn't quite seem to meet their expectations. In fact, joyous feelings for family, friends, tradition, traveling — even giving — easily can be overshadowed. Bombarded and surrounded by materialism and the pressure to buy, the pressure to be continuously cheerful can be wearing. Similarly, family misunderstandings, the illness or death of someone close, a smaller budget than usual, spending more than you can afford, or simply eating and drinking too much can bring down the spirit of even the jolliest.

Mayo Health O@sis (<http://www.mayo.iv.com>) offers the following advice to reduce holiday stress:

- Be realistic. As families change or grow, traditions may need to be changed as well.
- Plan ahead. Set priorities and budgets before the holidays near.
- Allow choices. Discuss sharing responsibilities with other family members and friends. Don't burden yourself with an excessive list of expectations that only complicate the holidays.
- Set limits. Eat and drink (if you drink) in moderation. Don't feel pressured to have more than you're accustomed to just because it's a special occasion.



Joyous feelings during the holidays sometimes can be overshadowed by a major case of the holiday blues. Mayo Health O@sis (<http://www.mayo.iv.com>) offers advice for reducing stress at this time of the year, so you can have fun throughout the season.

- Take advantage of social support. If you're feeling isolated from family and friends, seek out community, religious or social services that might provide social contact and support.

- Provide support yourself. Providing for those less fortunate by volunteering time and expertise can combat loneliness and bring strong personal fulfillment. Sharing and giving — and the joy they bring — are what the holiday season is about.

Mayo Health O@sis offers other holiday-season advice, including battling the hectic holidays, holiday blues and holiday weight gain. To find these and other articles about healthy holidays, type "holidays" in the search box on the Mayo Health O@sis home page.

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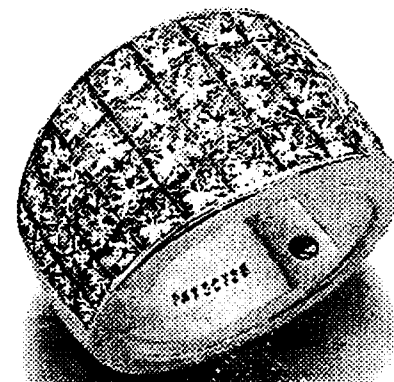
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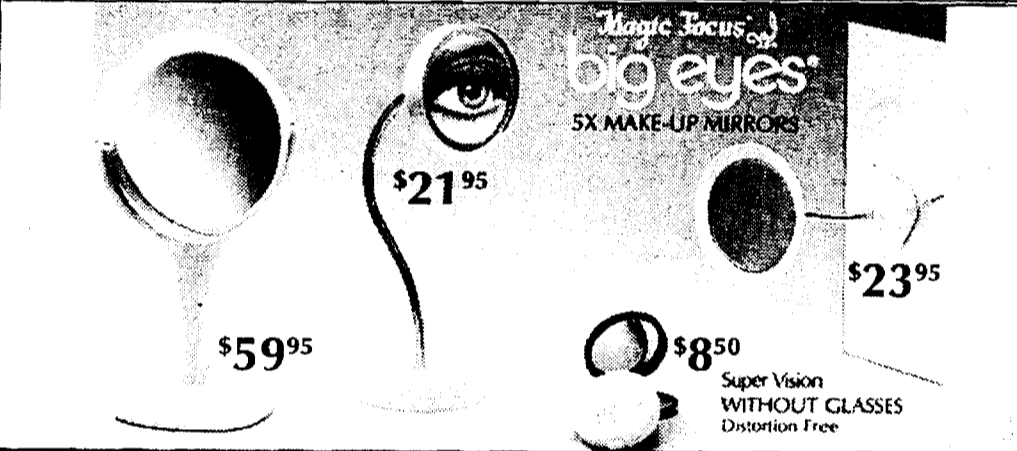
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On the other hand, just a few dollars goes a long way in outfitting the family with hats, horns and even a balloon drop bag for the big countdown. A quick trip to the party-goods store will reveal a number of fun props and activities to make the evening a night to remember.

Consumers are reminded that as long as they avoid using confetti, party poppers and serpentine, cleanup for home parties is quick and painless. Balloons, on the other hand, are clean, easy to use and safe with proper adult supervision.

"New Year's Family Fun" is a pamphlet full of activities designed for families planning on staying in on New Year's Eve. For your free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "New Year's Brochure," c/o L. Daniels Inc., P.O. Box 21027, South Euclid, OH 44121.

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Frequently, there are dollar limits for theft on high-ticket items. For instance, many homeowner's policies have a \$1,000 limit on jewelry, furs and precious stones. There also may be dollar limits for theft on electronic items and collectibles, according to the I.I.I.

"It is very important to ask your insurance professional how much coverage you have for an expensive item," says Jeanne Salvatore, the I.I.I.'s director of consumer affairs. "You may want to consider getting an endorsement or a personal possession's floater to your homeowner's policy. This would provide a higher dollar limit if the item is stolen, as well as broader coverage."

Homeowner's policies insure

personal possessions based on a specific list of disasters that are named in the policy. Floaters and endorsements, however, are all-risk policies.

Salvatore explains that this means you would be covered for any mishap, no matter how goofy, unless your policy specifically excludes it. So, if your watch falls off while skiing down the slopes or your ring goes down the drain while washing dishes, with a floater/endorsement, you would be covered.

To get the appropriate coverage, you will need to tell your insurance professional the dollar value of the item. You can do this by forwarding to your agent a copy of the receipt. If the item is a family heirloom or you don't have the receipt, get a written appraisal.

Make sure you keep this information with your insurance records in a safe place and add it your inventory of personal possessions, adds Salvatore.

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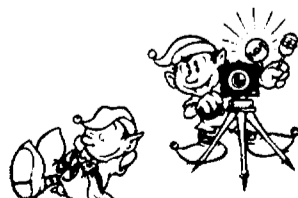
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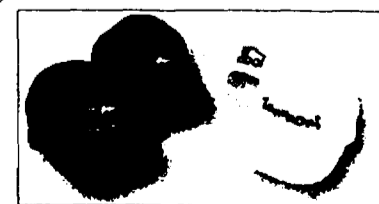
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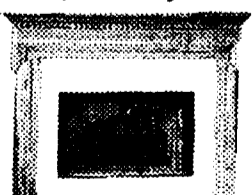
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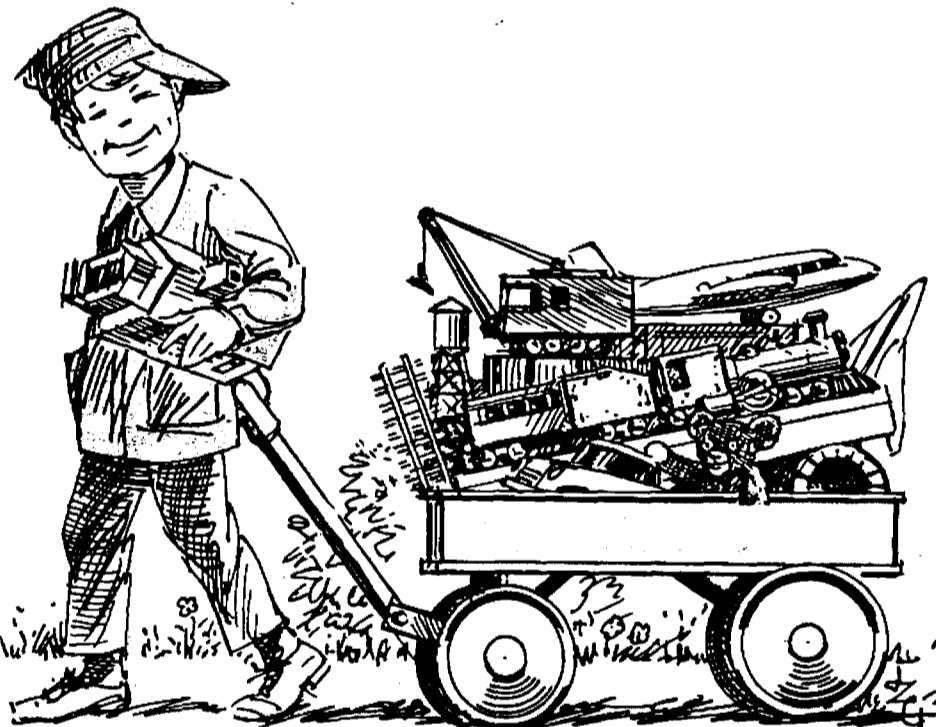


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- Masking tape
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2. Let dry completely.

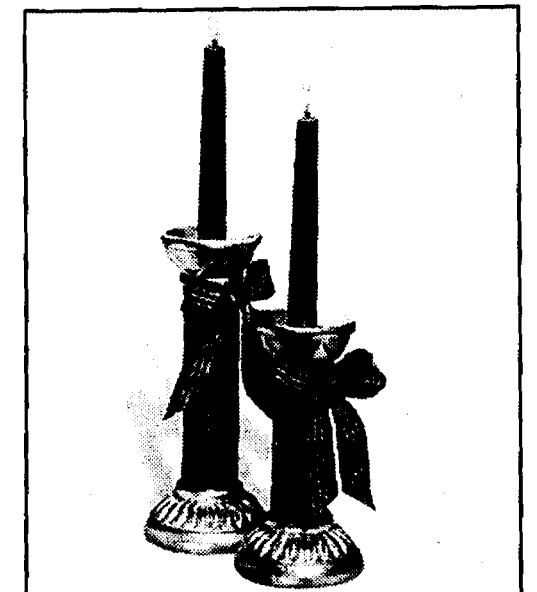
3. Next, to create a candy-cane effect, wrap the basket's handle with gold-edged white ribbon (remember to leave spaces for the red paint to show through). Secure the ribbon with craft glue on each side of the handle. (The size of the basket's handle will determine how much ribbon to use.)

4. For extra charm, adhere premade bows and mistletoe to each side of the basket's handle with craft glue.

5. No holiday basket would be complete without homemade ornaments. So, have the children collect pinecones from outside. Spray paint the pinecones with American Accents Gold Metallic. Let dry completely before placing them inside the basket.

BRIGHT IDEA

A candlelit holiday dinner really will shine with season-inspired decorative candlestick holders. Ceramic, terra-cotta, wood and



metal candlestick holders work well. Follow these simple steps to brighten the holidays:

1. Carefully cover the candleholders with masking tape, except for the candleholders' bases and tops. Spray paint the candleholders' bases and tops with American Accents Gold Metallic.

2. Let dry completely. Remove the masking tape.

3. Now cover the candleholders' bases and tops with masking tape. Spray the middle section of one of the candleholders with American Accents Pine Green; spray the other candleholder's middle section with American Accents Berry Red.

4. Let dry completely. Remove masking tape.

5. Trim with ribbons that tie the colors together.

The Best Seat in the House

A simple coat of paint and decorative pillows will turn an aged rocking chair into the coveted meeting place for holiday storytelling. Here's how to do it:

1. For best results, sand and prime the surface to ensure a smooth, total topcoat covering.

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2. As with any paint project, make sure to paint in a well-ventilated area. To spray paint, hold



the paint can about 10 inches to 12 inches away from the chair. Press firmly on the nozzle, and spray in a steady back-and-forth motion, overlapping each stroke. Apply two or more light coats. American Accents Pine Green is the perfect fit for seasonal color.

3. Let dry completely.

4. Now, it's time to accessorize.

Re-cover the chair's cushion with a holiday-inspired fabric, which may be purchased at a craft or fabric store. Decorative pillows bring added comfort and charm.

ONE-STEP PROJECTS

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Etiquette expert and author Hilka Klinkenberg says that gift returns are frequent because givers either can't or don't know the recipient's needs and tastes. She believes that people have the greatest difficulty with two categories of gifts: those for family members who seem to "have everything" and gifts for workplace associates or clients where little is known about their taste.

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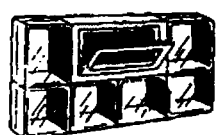
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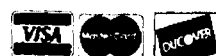
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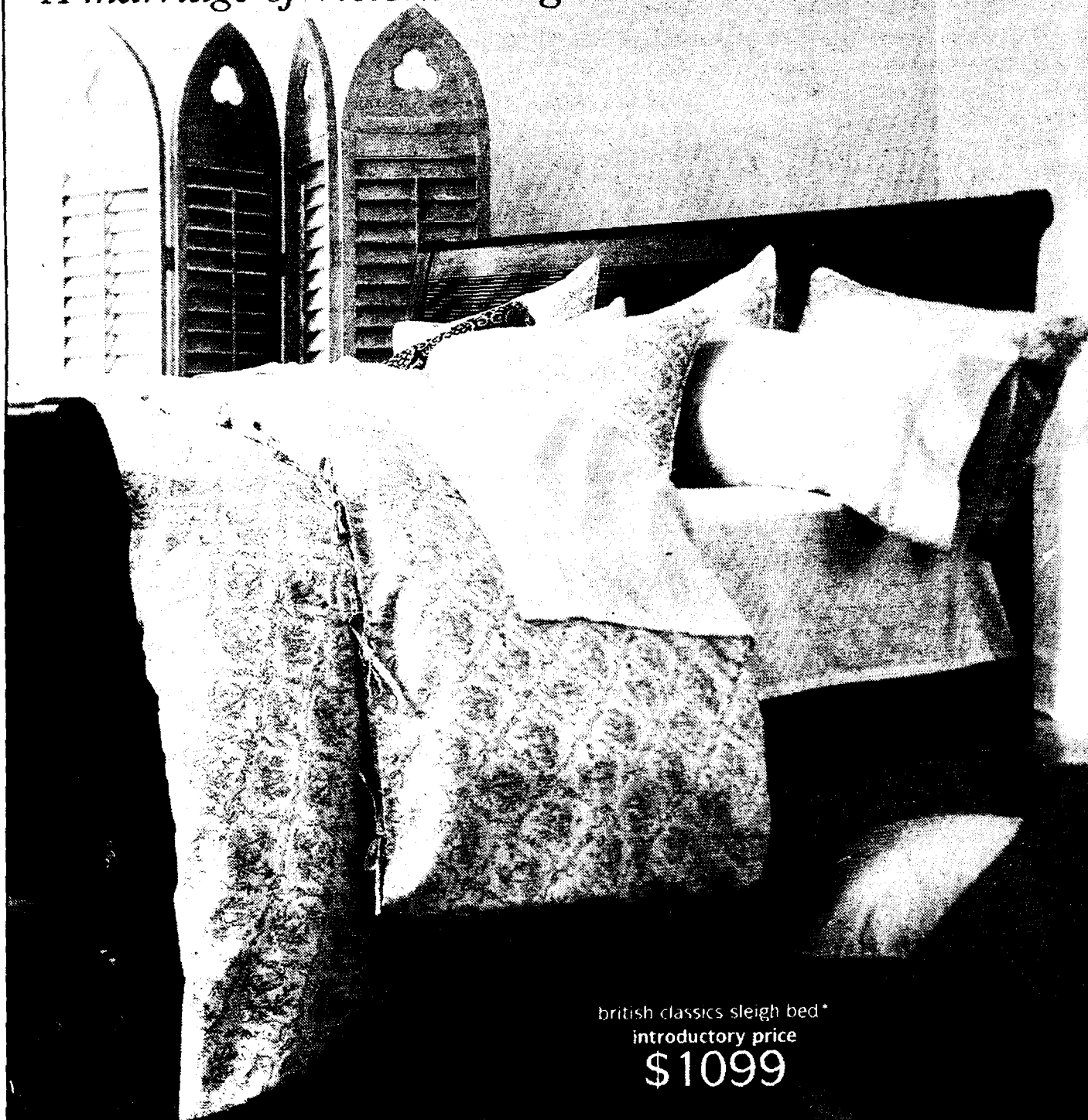
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"Regardless of religion or how we choose to celebrate the holiday season, it cannot be denied that the love of fragrance is a common thread among all people," says Mary Cerjan, aromatherapy and home fragrancing brand manager for The Body Shop, the unconventional retailer of innovative cosmetics and fragrance. "We prize fragrance as a luxury; other societies prize it as a divine bridge between our world and the spiritual worlds."

Fragrance always has been central to magic and religions everywhere. In ancient Egypt, as in many other ancient cultures, it was initially forbidden for anything but sacred and royal use. Burning incense was offered to the gods, because it was pure and invisible; it was thought that the gods only nourished themselves on this most exquisite substance.

The Chinese believed that jasmine could clear an oppressive atmosphere and favored its use in the bedroom at night. In India, the wedding bed of a Hindu couple is often decorated with jasmine.

If this "exquisite food" called scent can be so therapeutic to the "gods," imagine the possibilities if we as mere mortals scented our surroundings.

"The Body Shop has taken a few lessons from history and has incorporated modern technology to develop a line of exquisite home-fragrancing options that are not only great-smelling, but beautiful to look at, reusable and, best of all, practical," says Cerjan.

It can be agreed that, today, the most popular way of scenting your home is by burning a fragranced candle. Quick and convenient? Yes! Effective? Of course! Visually enticing? Not always! This holiday, The Body Shop dresses up the ordinary candle with an ornate frosted red glass bowl, complete with a burnished-gold top- per that screams neoclassic decadence.

Enter any location of The Body Shop, and you will find a delightful feast for the nose. Its concentrated home-fragrancing oils are based on natural essences derived from flower extracts, aromatic resins, balsams and synthetic fragrances; no alcohol is added. Apply it to your favorite method for home fragrancing — the effect: a long-lasting, gentle linger. Gold-laced botanical potpourris and tree ornaments scented with brandied apple, burnished iron aroma jars, and fragranced sachets are just a few of the "scentsational" delights (\$3 to \$18) that are perfect for gift-giving.

Don't know what to choose? There's no need to worry. Cerjan offers a few holiday tips to help add a little spice to every home this holiday season:

- Use potpourri to "lift" a room, particularly the bathroom. Fragrance sachets and aromables are great to freshen drawers and closets. This will evoke a lasting scent that will linger around the home for weeks.

- Add a tablespoon of the contents of brandied apple home fragrance aromable or potpourri to your vacuum bag to infuse your surroundings with

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a festive scent every time you clean.

• If you're planning a special evening for two, create a bit of

potpourri; place them around the room for an instant "lift."

• Tired of the same old party favors and hostess gifts? The brandied apple sachet, complete with gold tassel, is a rather royal and elegant alternative to jazz up a place setting — and a perfect way to say "thank you" to that special hostess.

If you really want to skip the stress and make your holiday shopping a breeze, take advantage of the retailer's personalized shopping service. Simply flip through The Body Shop's holiday catalog, which offers a full range of gift ideas designed to suit every

taste and budget. Call 1-800-BODY-SHOP for your free copy.

While the choices may seem both dazzling and daunting, it cannot be denied that scents excite and stimulate the imagination. As Kipling wrote: "scents are surer than sights and sounds to make the heartstrings crack."



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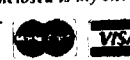
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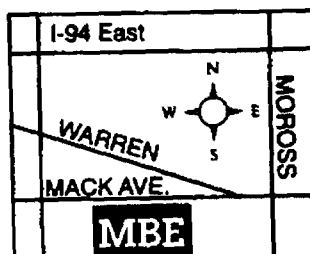
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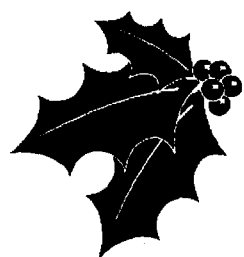
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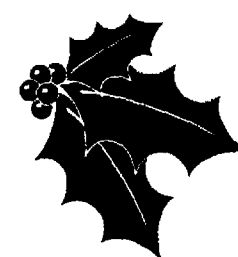
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