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Pointe veteran recalls Belgian Christmas

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The falling snow lay whiter than white over a centuries-old Belgian hamlet seemingly untouched by time. Small hills and dense forests framed the village in a scene of quiet peace.

It, and the events to come, would make for a Christmas to remember.

It was Dec. 25, 1944. The Battle of the Bulge was 10 days old. Fighting would last until late January.

"We were attacking," said Joe Trowern, a lieutenant in Gen.

George Patton's 3rd Army.

Trowern and his platoon of 42 men snuck into the Belgian village. They came upon a Catholic church, heard noises inside and opened the door. A priest interrupted Christmas Mass and welcomed the soldiers.

"In the villagers' eyes, we were

liberators," said Trowern, president of the Grosse Pointe Veterans Club and resident of the Park. "It was very touching." The soldiers stepped inside, removed their helmets and lay their rifles in the pews.

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Photo by Rosh Sillars

Oh, holy night

It's Christmas time in Grosse Pointe and the homes are all aglow in their traditional splendor, such as this scene on Mack at Colonial. All of us at the Grosse Pointe News and our advertisers and contributors wish you and yours a Merry Christmas!

Below, Pet Pointer of Interest photographer Jo Maldonado and her little friends have a special message for all their friends: "Happy holidays from the bunch of us to all the pets in the Pointes!"



Photo by Jo Maldonado

City's council questions N'hood Club presentation

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Cynthia Melican, on behalf of the Neighborhood Club, asked the council of the City of Grosse Pointe to appoint Mayor Susan Wheeler and city manager Tom Kressbach to a special committee that will meet early next year to consider plans to coordinate and create new recreation opportunities for the Pointes and Harper Woods.

The goal of the committee, said Melican, is threefold. First they would form an official organization with funding capabilities to help with recreation programs. Second, it would work with the school to gain voter approval for capital gains projects for facilities. These improvements would include, but not be limited to the athletic fields operated by the schools.

And finally, the committee would explore options to develop recreation space within the Pointes and Harper Woods. This would include consideration of the land at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms and Salter Park owned by Harper Woods. Melican did say that it would be up to the Farms and Harper Woods to decide what to do with those properties and that it would be beyond the scope of the committee to determine uses for those spaces.

In February, said Melican, a special intergovernmental recreational coordination body will meet to consider

plans to coordinate efforts to maximize recreation resources for the Pointes and Harper Woods, including the two public school districts.

Melican said demand for recreation facilities has grown over the years, but the space available to provide such service has remained pretty much the same. She noted that girls have become much more active in sports. So competition for field time has increased and the ability to maintain the fields has become harder.

Melican also pointed out that the Pointes and Harper Woods are deficient in field space when compared to other communities. Efforts to work together and combine resources can only benefit the communities involved.

In addition, said Melican, the Neighborhood Club would like to focus resources on growing recreation needs for seniors, teenagers and special needs children.

"There aren't a lot of resources in the Pointes devoted to special needs children," said Melican. "I've talked with parents with special needs children who said they've moved to other communities that have more to offer their children. I think that's sad."

Melican emphasized that any plans would leave out the lake front parks, which are for the residents of a par-

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Guvs reduce lake diversions

■ Public comment sought on diverting Great Lakes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Midwestern governors are working on environmental safeguards that will make it harder for people to divert water from the Great Lakes. A proposal, which comes from the eight-member Council of Great Lakes Governors, would limit new applications for water withdrawals from the Great Lakes basin to one million gallons per day, a reduction from the present limit of five million gallons per day.

The stiffer standard would apply to requests for new diversions, not existing manmade outflows such as in Chicago.

The measures are outlined in a document called Annex 2001, a draft of which was released last week. "In my State of the State address this year," said Gov. John Engler, a member of the council, "I made it clear that the Great Lakes will never be for sale. Annex 2001 is a positive step toward making that a reality."

The council had hoped for consensus from the premiers of Ontario and Quebec. The Canadians, however, have not endorsed the draft.

The premiers oppose any new diversions that would result in a net loss of water from the Great Lakes basin. The basin includes all lakes, streams and ground water within a 94,000-square-mile area surrounding the five Great Lakes. The eight Great Lakes states are New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Quebec has a moratorium on transfers of water outside the province. Similar legislation exists in Ontario. "We're concerned that the loss of even a minor amount of water could have a negative affect on the Great Lakes," said Brett Kelly,

press secretary for John Snoblen, the Ontario minister of natural resources.

The provinces toughened their stance against diversions after entrepreneurs in 1998 obtained a permit from Ontario to divert Lake Superior water to Asia. Ontario rescinded the permit.

By limiting water diversions to one million gallons per day, the governors are dealing with roughly 1/1000 percent of the Great Lakes basin's renewable capacity of 162 billion gallons per year. The lakes,

with a maximum depth of 1,332 feet in Lake Superior, contain about 5,500-cubic miles of water. If spread over the continental United States, the lakes would flood the country 9 1/2 feet deep.

Jeff Edstrom, the senior policy director of the governors council, said a policy of no-net-loss isn't practical. "Because of U.S. Commerce law and court decisions, it is difficult to ban outright diversions and no net losses," he said.

Although Carl Freeman, a biology professor at Wayne State University, is concerned about water quality in the Great Lakes, he said, "(Diverting) five million gallons per day is nothing to worry about."

Freeman serves on the board of the St. Clair Channel Keeper, a non-profit group that seeks to protect southeast Michigan waters ranging from lower Lake Huron to upper Lake Erie, including Lake St. Clair and the rivers in between.

To put the diversion issue in perspective, Freeman calculated the volume of the Pontiac Silverdome at 700 million gallons. In comparison, in data collected last Monday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, five million gallons of water flowed

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Corbin Vermet

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 11

Family: Father, Nick; mother, Lori

Claim to fame: Cast member of the Detroit production of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Quote: "It's just a matter of deciding what you want to do and going for it."

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Gunman jailed after standoff

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Police in Grosse Pointe Park called off a 12-man special response team Sunday morning when a barricaded gunman surrendered after an 11-hour standoff.

The 21-year-old suspect had retreated to his apartment above a business on lower Mack Avenue after pointing a loaded shotgun at a plain clothes Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer.

"For the life of me," said David Hiller, the Park's deputy director of public safety, "I can't comprehend why someone would do that and expect to get away with it."

The suspect is in the Wayne County Jail on numerous charges, including felonious assault, felony firearm violations, and cocaine possession.

Hiller, who was at the scene, said the situation was "extremely volatile." The officer who entered the gunman's cross-hairs "believed his life was in grave danger," Hiller said.

There were no injuries in the incident that unfolded in the 15000 block of Mack at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The subject, approached the plain clothes officer, who was on duty in an unmarked police car. According to Hiller, the man asked an unintelligible question,

walked away and entered his second-floor apartment.

A minute later, he returned carrying a shotgun. He racked the weapon and aimed. The officer rolled out of his cruiser, took cover and called for backup. The man ran back into his apartment.

Responding Park officers surrounded the building. Detroit police blocked traffic on Mack. Hiller said it wasn't necessary to evacuate the neighborhood because nearby buildings were either empty or the businesses were closed for the night.

The man surrendered. Officers recovered the weapon and found cocaine in the man's apartment.

Veteran

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"Here we are," Trowern thought, "looking for people to kill on Christ's birthday."

The Battle of the Bulge was the last major German offensive of the war. Attacking fast under cover of a winter storm, German forces burst through Belgium's Ardennes Forest. They surrounded the American paratroopers at Bastogne.

In a legendary maneuver, Patton pulled three of his divisions — 45,000 men and hundreds of tanks — out of a battle in France and counterattacked the Ardennes. For Trowern and his unit, the deployment began with a 26-hour ride on the back of flatbed trucks in the middle of winter.

As Christmas passed and fighting resumed, Trowern and his outfit neared Bastogne.

He saw a paratrooper, a member of the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles."

Trowern said, "We saved your butt."

"You didn't save us from anything," the trooper said. "We're just low on ammunition. Give us some and we'll attack."

Trowern wore a lieutenant's bars but had the heart of a foot soldier. Like most teenagers of his generation who wound up warriors, he saw his job and did it.

"I was never mad at the Wehrmacht (the regular German army)," said Trowern. "They were regular guys, like us."

His feelings hardened when talking about the SS, Hitler's elite corps of Nazis who supervised concentration camps and murdered prisoners of war.

"The SS were the bad guys. Political fanatics," said Trowern. "They were the ones who shot American prisoners at Malmady."

Trowern had a few Jewish men in his unit, including PFC Norman Rosenblatt of Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I had Rosenblatt interrogate SS prisoners in Yiddish," said Trowern.

One time, an SS prisoner sneered under Rosenblatt's questioning.

"You're Jewish," said the Nazi.

"Yeah, I'm a Jew," said the American. "And I also have a machine gun."

Following the Allied victory in the Bulge, Patton's forces headed into Germany.

Trowern was assigned to scout yet another village. An Army intelligence officer told him the town was undefended.

That's when Trowern adopted the phrase, "military intelligence is an oxymoron."

A bullet fired from the so-called undefended village hit Trowern in the head. The bullet went through his helmet from front to back, carving a 1/4-inch deep groove in his skull along the way. The helmet, with entry and exit holes intact, sits in the family room of Trowern's Grosse Pointe home.

"All of a sudden I was on the ground," he said. "I

looked at my watch. It was 3:30 p.m. I thought, 'I've been shot in the head and can still tell time. I can't be hurt too badly.'"

Still under German fire, a buddy, Roy Curtian, crawled up.

"Are you hurt, Joe?" Curtian returned fire until the Germans shot the rifle out of his hands.

"Joe, can I borrow your rifle?" he said.

Trowern said, "Yeah, but get the hell out of here. You're drawing fire."

Trowern, bleeding heavily, received treatment at a temporary army hospital set up in the ballroom of the Duchess of Luxembourg's summer palace.

"If I'm going to get shot, I'm going first class," said Trowern. Medics stopped the bleeding, but dry blood caked his face.

"I looked up, and here comes this gorgeous starlet," said Trowern. The girl went from wounded soldier to wounded soldier, kissing each as she moved up the line.

"I was counting off the guys in anticipation," said Trowern.

"How ya' doin' lieutenant?" said the beauty.

Trowern's blood-covered face was too much. The girl couldn't hold back. She started crying and ran out of the ballroom.

"I never got my kiss," said Trowern. "That was the saddest thing that ever happened to me in the Army."

Three weeks later, his head wound healed and broken heart mending, Trowern rejoined his unit. While scouting the Germany city of Koblenz, Trowern's men did-

n't find any enemy, just unattended kegs of wine and cognac.

"Drink a pint of that and you're pretty well oiled," said Trowern.

As word spread of the discovery, a battalion arrived. As the first officer on the scene, Trowern found himself hosting an 800-man shindig. An armored unit rolled up.

"I looked up and saw a shiny tank," said Trowern. "I'd never seen an enameled tank before. I thought I'd had too much to drink."

It was Patton. On the turret of his tank, a general's stars gleamed.

Attempting to salute the fiery general, Trowern's drunken battalion commander mistakenly poked himself in the eye.

"Patton was disgusted and told us to get out of town," said Trowern.

By noon the next day the men were hung over and dehydrated. Patton wouldn't give them water.

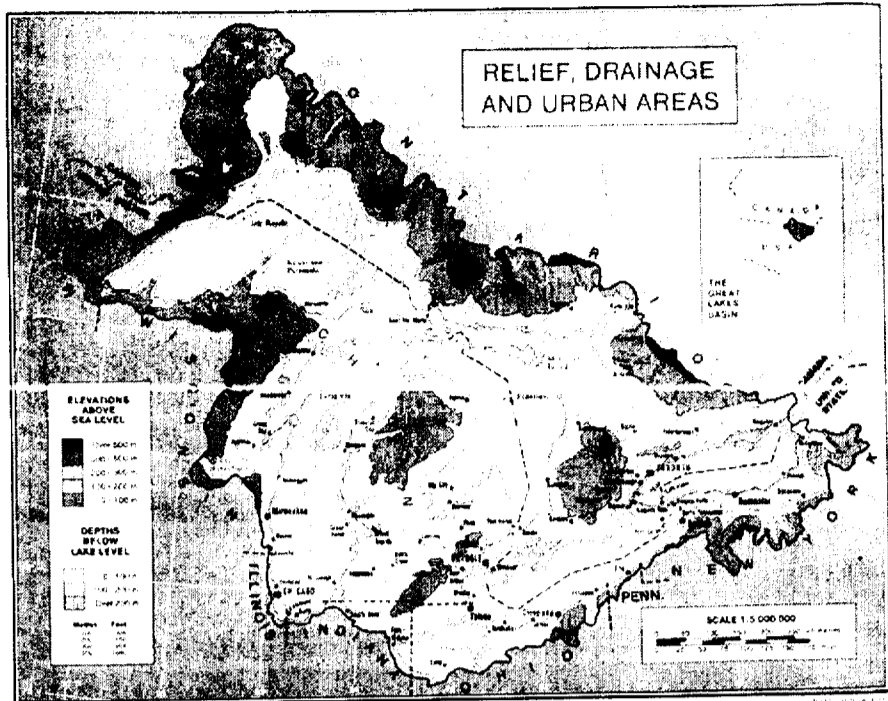
Patton said, "If you men want water, you'll lead the assault across the Rhine. You can drink it dry."

"We got to Rhine about 8 p.m.," said Trowern, who headed the first platoon across the river.

"We crossed to the high ground," said Trowern.

Looking back at the 45,000 troops following, Trowern grabbed a pair of binoculars and saw Patton standing at the edge of a pontoon bridge in the middle of the river. He was keeping a promise.

Trowern said, "Patton had bragged to us all the way across France that he was going to (urinate) in the Rhine."



The Great Lakes Basin encompasses 94,000 square miles.

Great Lakes

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down the Detroit River every five seconds.

Freeman is concerned with the prospect of massive water diversions to places like the American southwest.

"When those people talk about diverting," said Freeman, "they want to replace the flow of the Colorado River."

Although an outright ban on diversions may never happen, the governors have proposed other measures to dissuade people from siphoning even small quantities like one million gallons.

"If you're going to increase the withdrawal (beyond one million gallons per day), you must improve water quality," said the council's Edstrom, "such as by rebuilding a retention basin to recharge aquifers."

By tying diversions to improvements in water quality, Freeman said the governors are "trading

apples and oranges. They're trading gallons of water for unspecified cleanup. They're dealing with tremendous uncertainties. In evaluating the diversion, we should evaluate the ecological impact."

Yet, Illinois Gov. George Ryan, whose state diverts enough water from Lake Michigan into the Chicago River to supply more than 6.3 million people, said the annex is an important road map that points the way to binding environmental cooperation between the U.S. and Canada.

"It is important that the Great Lakes states and the governments of Ontario and Quebec have the tools necessary to ensure Great Lakes water is used wisely to benefit all the citizens," said Ryan.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, chairman of the governors council, said, "The goal of the Annex is to ensure that we who live on and manage the Great

Lakes have the tools necessary to make certain that our water is used wisely and effectively to the benefit of all of our citizens. The public's input in this process is critical as we work with our counterparts in Ontario and Quebec to build a more effective regional water management system."

The public has until Feb. 28, 2001 to comment on Annex 2001. If approved, the document will amend and make binding the 15-year-old Great Lakes Charter.

Comments should be forwarded to the Office of the Great Lakes by e-mail at mehang@state.mi.us, by fax at (517) 335-4053 or by mail to: Annex 2001, Office of the Great Lakes, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.

A draft of Annex 2001 is on the Office of Great Lakes web site: <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/gli/>

Palmer Heenan leads fight against Mack and Moross

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Forget a shot across the bow. This battle opened with a full broadside.

With the Grosse Pointe Park city council signed on as a boarding party, mayor Palmer Heenan has raised the Jolly Roger against notions of a community-funded recreation facility at Mack and Moross.

Heenan is the first Grosse Pointe elected official to take public action to shield his taxpayers from being shanghaied into helping fund a recreation center at Mack and Moross, long a fancy of officials in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wanting to head off what he called the likelihood of "substantial impetus and momentum for this project," Heenan said, "I'd rather have this half-mill spent in our city."

By "half-mill," he referred to potential tax levies non-Park residents would like to tap the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods for a community-access sports facility to be located in the Farms.

Farms officials have already drafted plans for the \$12 million complex. The facility would be built on approximately \$5 million worth of municipal property that has sat vacant and unused for five years at the corner of Mack and Moross.

"We have an activities center (proposed for Windmill Pointe Park, in Grosse Pointe Park)," Heenan said. "I'd like to see that developed instead of a half-mill going to something at Mack and Moross."

Heenan spoke while nominating Park representatives to an eight-member recre-

ation commission. The commission is being formed at the suggestion of John Bruce, executive director of the Neighborhood Club, which is located in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The commission will be comprised of representatives of the five Pointes and Harper Woods city councils, and the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods school boards.

The commissioners will consider a master recreation plan initiated by the Neighborhood Club. The concept calls for building a community-access activities center at Mack and Moross or Salter Park in Harper Woods. The Harper Woods city council and Grosse Pointe Board of Education support the idea.

More of an outline than a plan, the Neighborhood Club's action echoes more advanced moves already undertaken by the Farms city council.

In 1999, Farms elected officials spent \$12,000 for architectural renderings of a \$12 million, 77,000-square-foot facility at Mack and Moross. Amenities included three swimming pools, fitness and aerobics centers, 1/12-mile indoor track, and a community center for teens and senior citizens.

Construction and maintenance costs, which haven't been determined, would be paid for by residents of the five Pointes.

The architectural drawings followed a Farms-sponsored \$18,000 telephone survey entreating residents of the five Pointes for a wish list of recreational options.

Critics assailed the survey for being biased. The survey prompted a self-serving cor-

nucopia of cradle-to-the-grave play facilities, critics said, while not mentioning cost, location, how to fund it and maintenance costs.

While the Farms wrangles with Mack and Moross without formally broaching the subject to its residents nor those in the other Pointes, other cities are taking action.

The Woods this year opened a year-round activities center at Lake Front Park. Grosse Pointe Park has a comparable center on the drawing board. Voters in the Shores nixed a similar idea for their municipal park. Officials in the City of Grosse Pointe are soliciting residents' advice regarding significant upgrades to the bat hhouse and swimming pools at Neff Park.

While four of the Pointes tend their own projects, the Farms and Neighborhood Club officials are talking about a community-wide facility at Mack and Moross.

The process has Heenan wondering.

The focus of Park officials, he said, should be to "maintain our own property."

"A lot of thought went into whether or not it is good for our community," Heenan said of the all-Pointes plan. In opposing the plan, he reasoned, "We are elected by the residents of our community, not the other communities."

Park councilman Dan Clark said, "For years there's been an effort to have joint participation in the development of Mack and Moross. I'm not inclined in that direction. Nor, I think, are many of the other Pointe communities. I don't

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ticular city only. She also said that sending the mayor and city manager to the February meeting did not mean the City would automatically be endorsing any plan that might come from the special committee.

Councilman Stephen Sholty said that while he approved coordination of resources, he wanted to know more about the issue of funding. Melican said that right now there is no commitment of funding from any of the six cities or two school districts.

"Our goal is to get together, achieve our goals and move on from there," said Melican.

Councilman Larry Dowers asked Melican what was expected to be achieved at the February meeting. Melican said to clarify goals, and to see if there is an interest in forming an inter-governmental agreement with the Pointes, Harper Woods and the two school districts. To that end, they have obtained the services of the law firm Miller, Canfield. The firm has come up with several different models of intergovernmental agreements for the representatives to consider.

Dowers asked if there were any models on how to fund the group. Melican admitted that there were. Melican also said that while they would like the cooperation of all the Pointes, if one

wished to opt out, that would not put a halt to all the plans.

"To me this sounds complicated," Dowers said. "I feel like this is a triangle and I only have one piece of it. The question of funding and control is tricky."

Councilman Joseph Jennings said that while the Pointes might be behind other communities in soccer fields, it was ahead in boat walls.

"We can't be all things to all people," said Jennings. "I am far from opposing this proposal. But I think questions of funding and construction are valid."

Melican said that any construction is far into the future. The idea has merits beyond new buildings. Sholty restated his belief that talking is good, but that questions of who will pay for this is something that should be on the table from the beginning.

Councilman Dale Scrase made the motion to appoint the mayor and city manager, or their designated representatives, to be at the February meeting. But he added that their being at the meeting should not be construed as an automatic endorsement of any plans that may come out of the meeting. That authority would remain with the whole council.

His motion was unanimously approved.

Mack-Moross

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want to see this (Neighborhood Club proposal) evolve into another means to achieve that end."

Elected officials in the Grosse Pointes, including the Farms, have cringed when asked to go on the record about how to pay for a recreation center at Mack and Moross. Excuses ranged from avoiding other people's problems to not wanting to burn in effigy.

Again, despite buying property, hiring architects and market researchers, having proposals written and designs drawn, Farms officials haven't come forward formally with a solid proposal for Mack and Moross.

On the other hand, Eric Steiner, a councilman in Grosse Pointe Woods, said, "As chairman of the Woods finance committee, I'd have a hard time telling our residents why we were taxing them for a recreation facility in the Farms. The Woods just spent \$1.3 million on an activities building for our

residents at Lake Front Park."

Heenan said, "If (the Neighborhood Club's) master recreation plan develops to where everybody can use everybody else's park, you know whose parks are going to be used the most? Ours. We have the best parks, by far, of any of the communities. We have the best marina, too."

Taking aim at the Farms and Shores, he added, "Our marina doesn't cause the problems some of the others do. Two cities further east on Lake St. Clair both have severe accretion problems."

In coming up with like-minded choices for the master recreation commission, Heenan nominated Park councilwoman Margo Parker and resident Fred Olds as alternate.

Heenan said, "I want to make sure our city is represented by people who know our interests. Will the council support my selections?"

The years had hardly faded when Heenan smacked down the wooden gavel.



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Bush, Gore united in call for healing

The American public ought to be gratified by the appeals that both President-elect George W. Bush and his defeated challenger, Albert Gore, made for national unity when the election finally ended.

In separate speeches, Bush, after claiming victory, and Gore, in conceding Bush's election, concentrated on stressing the theme of national reconciliation.

The president-elect said that the "nation must rise above a house divided," while Gore commented that while he "strongly disagreed with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, I accept it."

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Gore then added: "And for the sake of our unity as a people and the strength of our democracy, I offer my concession."

In taking such a conciliatory tone, Gore obviously sought to help reduce the tensions that had grown between the Democrats and the Republicans in recent days because of the closeness of the election.

Bush, in his speech to the nation, stressed the theme of reconciliation and then added:

"Whether you voted for me or not, I

will do my best to serve your interests, and I will work to earn your respect."

The pair's two speeches came at the conclusion of a five-week-long disputed presidential election to choose the 43rd president of the United States.

The president-elect spoke from the podium of the Texas House of Representatives, which had in effect cleared the way for him to become the president.

The vice president spoke from his ceremonial office next to the White

House in Washington, and in a comment that hinted this might not be his last try for the presidency, he said:

"I do have one regret, that I did not get the chance to stay and fight for the American people over the next four years, especially for those who feel that their voices have not been heard."

That comment in particular seemed to indicate some interest in running again for the presidency, a hope that most defeated candidates for the presidency seem to express at one time or another.

But a good many complications already seem to be standing in Gore's possible future way, the most imposing of which is Bush's own desires at the conclusion of his very first term.

After all, his father sought a second presidential term, although he didn't get it, so maybe there also will be family pressure on George W. to seek something his father did not win.

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Early Christmas for The Hill

The Hill business district received an early and much appreciated Christmas present last week.

Last Thursday, we opined on this page that The Hill should "remove" its snow as The Village does, rather than merely push it off to the side along the curbs, creating treacherous, high-peaked snowbanks and two to three feet of snow on the sidewalks.

On Friday morning, workers and early-bird shoppers arrived on The Hill to witness a Christmas miracle — all the snow, including the hated snowbanks, were gone!

Joe Leonard, the Farms director of public service, said that the Farms always works to clear the streets first. They brought in the clearing crews at midnight on Tuesday, Dec. 19. They stayed out plowing and salting until 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"They had only just completed plowing when those pictures were taken," said Leonard, referring to The Hill and Village photos of the snow accumulation that appeared with last week's editorial. "They needed to get some rest before getting back to the job."

He said it's pretty standard to tackle the sidewalks the day after the big storm. "We always get rid of the snow eventually," he said, adding that the past 10 years have been fairly mild snow-wise. He insisted that once the snow is piled up on The Hill sidewalks, it gets "hauled away eventually."

In our personal recollection going back 45 years, we recall not a single time that the Farms actually removed any snow from The Hill, including the snowbanks.

But, regardless, a heartfelt thank-you goes to the Farms and, especially, the DPW employees who made walking and doing business on The Hill much safer and more enjoyable this holiday season.

(Now if the snow in the municipal and Cottage Hospital parking lots would be trucked away, we would regain our lost parking spaces.)

On a sad note, as we write this, one of our employees just returned from Cottage Hospital emergency after being treated for a broken wrist suffered from a slip and fall on the slippery brick pavers making up The Hill sidewalk.

Just in time for Christmas.

Al Lomax remembered

Youngsters as well as oldsters in the Grosse Pointes will miss Allen Lomax, who died unexpectedly last week.

Lomax was small in size, but he had a huge, competitive heart. That showed up whenever he was challenged, whether in teaching kids how to skate properly or in playing a round of golf against a worthy opponent at the Country Club of Detroit.

He spent most of his lifetime as an adult working as an investment counselor for David L. Babcock. He also counseled Grosse Pointe Farms officials on their municipal investments.

It was even before he came to Grosse Pointe that he got his start in the 1930s in Cleveland, where he then lived, and helped start the Cleveland Skating Club.

He later helped found the Detroit Skating Club and served as director of

the Grosse Pointe Skating Club starting in 1973.

He told one interviewer that his modest claim to fame was helping other people, especially children.

"I love those little kids — they start and fall down, and get up again," he said. "It's like preparing them for life."

The older members of the Country Club will remember him as a tough competitor. No matter what your handicap, he could deal with you and give you a good game.

He was at his death the oldest senior playing member of the club who still practiced and played regularly. In fact, he had been practicing some shots last Thursday when he suddenly became ill. He died later that day at Bon Secours Hospital.

— Wilbur Elston

(See obituary, Page 12A.)

DTE warns of latest scam

Scam artists in the metro Detroit area are making it tough for legitimate Detroit Edison field crews to do their job by threatening utility customers to shut off their electric service unless they pay the thieves money.

The latest twist on scam artists impersonating Detroit Edison employees involves thieves asking a customer for payment of an unpaid bill or they will shut off the customer's electricity. They ask for cash or a check.

Detroit Edison hires contract field collectors to collect checks and cash in the field from residential customers who are delinquent in their accounts. The contract field collectors carry Detroit Edison photo identification badges and wear uniforms that identify them as Detroit Edison employees. Contract employees also drive vehicles with Detroit Edison markings.

It is a felony for people to imperson-

ate public utility workers, whether or not they actually gain entrance to a home and commit a crime.

To avoid becoming a victim of any scam artist, Detroit Edison offers these suggestions:

- Ask for identification whenever anyone approaches your home. All Detroit Edison employees and contract personnel carry Detroit Edison photo-ID badges.

- If you are not sure about an employee's identification, or to verify work to be done in or around your home, call Detroit Edison at (800) 477-4747.

- Do not allow entry to your home to people who claim to offer a Detroit Edison refund.

- Do not pay for tree trimming work performed by Detroit Edison or a Detroit Edison contractor.

- Call the police if you believe the person is a thief or a scam artist.



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

Letters

Incompetence

To the Editor:

We who live in the Farms have accepted the necessity of the sewer project, and the financial burden of accomplishing it. However, we cannot and should not accept the incompetence with which the construction has been administered by the council and the professional staff at city hall.

We elect our council to hire a professional staff, and oversee their work, and that staff is responsible for conducting the daily affairs of the city. They have not done the job we pay them to do in this project.

Anyone who has ever employed a contractor to do any work knows the basic fact: you only get the quality you demand, and you only know what you're getting by being regularly on the job to observe the work being done.

I have been employed at times in the past by both the Saginaw County Road Commission and the State Highway Department as a road and bridge construction inspector responsible for holding the contractor to high standards, as a representative of the community.

Every contractor enhances his profit by undercutting those standards whenever he can, whether it's in the work or in the materials he uses, and he will not be concerned with the owner's expectations unless the owner demands it. Who has been demanding on our behalf?

Some specific questions need answers: Who determined that this project should begin in November 1999 rather than the spring of the year? Why were so many of our streets torn up in the winter when the

weather would so obviously prevent completing the repair of those streets until many months later? Who so poorly coordinated the work of subcontractors that, even in the better weather, sewer construction was completed, but street repair/resurfacing was delayed for many months?

I appreciate that this was a substantial project, and that even in the best circumstances we would have to accept inconvenience, and many of us would express unreasonable complaints, but this is nothing less than incompetence, and members of our council and city hall staff must be held accountable. They are the people we pay to hold the contractor to a well-planned project and high construction standards.

I live on Manor, a street that is two blocks long. Three years ago our water main was replaced. The project broke ground in January (again, in the poorest construction weather), and another contractor was allowed to run roughshod in our neighborhood for seven long months until the work was finally completed in July.

It appears that the same council members and professional staff administered that project. Are they getting better, or worse?

Manor Avenue
Resident

Dumped on

To the Editor:

The Dec. 14 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Snow woes on The Hill, not in Village," Opinion piece prompts this response.

I enjoy living in the City of Grosse Pointe, and the many fine services I receive. However, there is one additional "service" I would like

provided for me. Business owners in The Village don't get their snow piled at their doorsteps because it is trucked away.

I am not so fortunate. I get 3 feet of ice blocks at the top and bottom of my driveway apron every time the plow comes down my street. Too many times this past week! I can see my tax dollars at work as people move up and down my street with ease, but I can't get out and receive this benefit unless I spend hours of excruciating, back-breaking work trying to move boulders of chunked ice that are thrown by the plow, and sweeper. I don't mind shoveling, but this is not shoveling.

Some of my tax money goes for snow removal, but then I have to turn around and either break my back or pay someone to get snow out of my drive.

It doesn't make sense to me that I'm paying for the "privilege" of having snow dumped back in my driveway.

Regina Gersch
City of Grosse Pointe

Unfair

To the Editor:

Your editorial in the Dec. 14 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Snow woes on The Hill, not in Village," while trying to be clever, unfairly left out a number of important facts leaving the impression that the Hill was closed for business.

While the photo of the Hill does show more snow on the sidewalk, the Village photo does not show that Kercheval is much wider and the sidewalk much narrower than on the Hill.

The only choice there after a large snowfall is to plow

See LETTERS, page 8A

It could be worse

I've found that during this brutal onset of winter, it is comforting to tell myself that it could be worse.

These words of advice come from native Floridians, who are obvious experts on Michigan winters.

It seems that every time I go to Florida and comment about how nice the weather is and how lucky they are that they don't have to battle a Michigan winter, I'm told, "But you're not here in Florida in the summer!"

Well, they're right, I don't

go to Florida in the summer. But based on their comments, Florida in the summer must be hell on Earth.

A Michigan winter means donning layer upon layer of clothing that restricts your flexibility to that of Frankenstein's before going to work or the corner store or, even worse, sending the kids off to school.

A Florida summer means shorts, T-shirts and sunblock, even for the quickest of errands.

A Michigan winter means shoveling up to a foot of snow and scraping off layers of ice from your car before heading off to work, school or shopping — and repeating the process at the end of

I Say

John Minnis



the day.

A Florida summer means gingerly sitting yourself on the car seat, careful not to burn your legs on the vinyl, and suffering oven temperatures until the air conditioning kicks in. And worse, every time you park the car or return to it in the parking

lot, you have the hassle of putting up or taking down your cardboard sunshield from the dashboard.

A Michigan winter means creeping traffic on icy, snow-clogged streets and roads and detouring around spin-outs and stalled cars.

A Florida summer means

deciding whether to put the top down on your convertible or relying on air conditioning and detouring around overheating cars.

A Michigan winter means ice dams building up on the roof, causing water damage inside your home.

A Florida summer means sticky asphalt on your driveway.

A Michigan winter means single-digit temperatures with subarctic wind-chill factors.

A Florida summer means 100-degree temperatures and winds chills in the high 90s.

A Michigan winter means high heating bills

A Florida summer means

high air conditioning bills.

A Michigan winter means skiing, sledding and snowmobiling.

A Florida summer means early morning golf — every day.

A Michigan winter means hot cocoa around the fireplace.

A Florida summer means iced drinks around the screened-in swimming pool.

A Michigan winter sounds romantic to Floridians (and Californians).

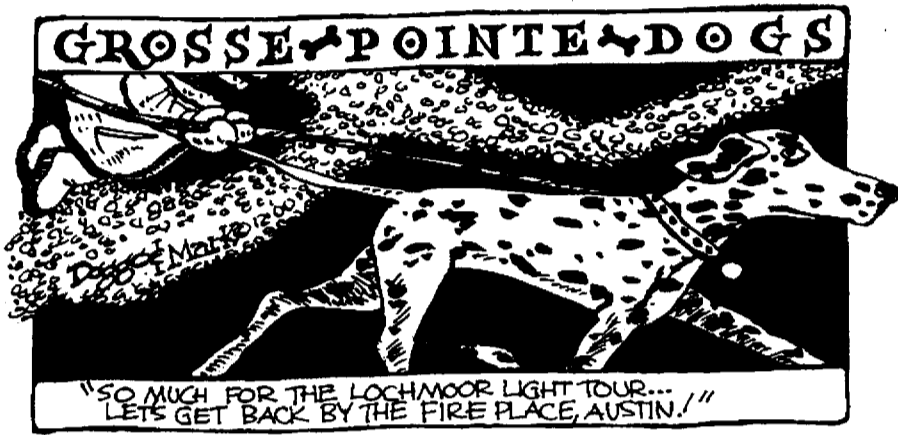
A Florida summer sounds great to me.

Merry Christmas. I'm outta here!

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The Op-Ed Page



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Post-election discussion

After the Supreme Court decision gave the election to George W. Bush, many people were upset, thinking the election was "stolen." With all due respect, I do not think this was the case.

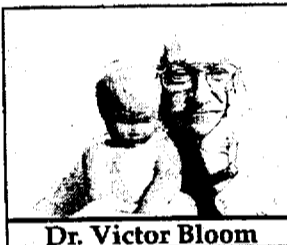
A longtime friend of mine, engaged in the debate and concerned about the heated feelings all around him, found this quote which deserves to be remembered at this time, and might make some thinking people reconsider their feelings.

Here it is, in part:

"... the person who ... disagrees, should at least hope to reach agreement in the end. He should be as much prepared to have his own mind changed as seek to change the mind of the other. He should always keep before him the possibility that he misunderstands or that he is ignorant on some point. No one who looks upon disagreement as an occasion for teaching another should forget that it is also an occasion for being taught.

"The trouble is that many people regard disagreement as unrelated to either teaching or being taught. They think that everything is just a matter of opinion. I have mine, and you have yours, and our right to our opinions is as inviolable as our right to private property. On such a view, communication cannot be profitable if the profit to be gained is an increase in knowledge. Conversation is hardly better than a ping-pong game of opposed opinions, a game in which no one keeps score, no one wins, and everyone is satisfied because he does not lose — that is, he ends up holding the same opinions he started with.

"... (We hold that knowledge can be communicated and that discussion can result in learning. If genuine knowledge, not mere personal opinion, is at stake, then, for the most part, either disagreements are apparent only, to be resolved by coming to terms and a meeting of the mind, or they are real, and the general issues can be resolved — in the long run, of course — by appeals to fact and reason. ... (Disagreements are arguable matters. And argument is empty unless it is undertaken on the supposition that there is attain-



Dr. Victor Bloom

able an understanding that, when attained by reason in the light of all the relevant evidence, resolves the original issue."

From: "How to Read a Book" by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles Van Doren, 1972.

(Note from my friend: The phrase "coming to terms" up means understanding what the other means, so that you're both talking the same language.)

Following is an excerpt of a letter by another friend, sent to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"When I heard the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, I was as I stated in the beginning of this letter sad and outraged. I tried to think of something comforting to make me feel better, and I realized that this decision was not quite as bad as the Dred Scott decision and the country survived that atrocious decision. I voted for Gore and my husband voted for Nader, and if Gore had honestly lost Florida, I would have accepted that graciously. I still have to accept Bush's victory, although I feel the Supreme Court may have stolen the election for him. Your name and Justice Kennedy's name do not appear any place on this decision, which leads me to believe that you were not proud of your vote and that you hope, but vainly, that history will not associate your name with this decision."

I wrote this answer to my liberal Democratic friend, hoping that she would listen, and not just try to persuade everyone to her point of view:

"I am sorry that you are sad and outraged. It is not true that one side was right and the other wrong. It is not true that one party is good and the other bad. The whole complex situation was a legal gray area; it was not black or white, all or none.

"The one detail you overlooked in your reasoning is

that the hand recount was subjective, and there was no consensus on standards, such as how to deal with the dimpled, pregnant and hanging chads. Since the recount concentrated on three heavily Gore counties, the recount could have falsely given the election to Gore.

"It is not correct to assume that more Gore votes were not counted than Bush votes. Right here in Grosse Pointe a box of votes was found in a high school closet, votes which would have been mostly Bush. There are shenanigans on both sides, and up until now we hoped they would have canceled each other out. Because of voting problems, a million votes in the country were not counted, about 1 percent, for one reason and another. Who can say that these were mostly Gore or Bush votes?"

It concerns me that people are upset and still arguing and thinking that the election was stolen. The Florida Supreme Court voted 5-4 (all Democrats) to resume the hand recount. That means four of them thought it was wrong. The U.S. Supreme Court intervened because the evidence shown to the Florida Supreme Court was convincing that an accurate recount could not be done.

If it was done, and Gore had won, because of a subjective recount in heavily Democratic areas, the Bush votes would not have had equal protection. The only way a real recount could have been done was to hand recount the entire state with a standard that was compelling and had a consensus. Such a compelling standard or consensus was lacking, and so the Supreme Court, voting on its interpretation of the evidence and the law, decided 5-4, overruling the Florida Supreme Court (4-3) vote.

They had authority to do so because the presidential election is a federal matter, not a state matter. The vote was 7-2 that the Florida recount posed equal protection problems. That is 7-2.

Dr. Bloom practices psychiatry in Grosse Pointe Park. He realizes that his professional expertise does not necessarily extend to political matters, so this is the mere considered opinion of one person.

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The big dipper

You usually think of medical school deans as pretty stuffy sorts. But Dr. John Crissman of the Park, who heads the Wayne State University School of Medicine, disproves that theory when he jumps fully clothed into the Detroit River as part of the annual Dips for Toys program sponsored by Honest ? John's Bar near Belle Isle.



Ben Burns

In 1999, Crissman donned a white tuxedo with tails and a rainbow-colored clown wig. He raised about \$5,000. We don't know whether that was from colleagues who wanted to help provide for Detroit's needy on the east side or those who liked the thought of a respected pathologist jumping into near-freezing water.

His costume this year for the early December Sunday afternoon event which featured 40-degree water and a 35-degree day at the site near the Detroit Yacht Club was the same tuxedo. "I think it has seen its last appearance," Crissman remarked.

He apparently survived the plunge up to his neck better than his attire. This year even more folks paid to have the good doctor jump in the river. He raised about \$7,500 when he and about 100 others took their dips.

The event raised over \$70,000 to buy toys for students at seven schools on the east side. "Every dollar goes to buying presents that are wrapped by volunteers," Crissman said. They are sorted by gender and age, but no dolls or military items are included.

Crissman has also carved turkey at Thanksgiving for another of Honest ? John's owner John Thompson's contributions to his neighborhood near Belle Isle. Crissman describes the bar as "one of the most eclectic watering holes in the world — the clientele varies from city councilmen to neighborhood folks."

Crissman says of Thompson, "He's the kind of guy who goes out and buys 100 basketballs and then drives through the neighborhoods tossing them out to kids playing."

Santa letters

Contrary to rumor, the Grinch did not steal Jacobson's Santa Claus from the Village store this year. Santa made a special guest appearance after the Thanksgiving parade and then returned to the North Pole to finish filing his flight plan for Christmas Eve.

The tradition of a Santa-in-residence at Jake's in the Village was malled. With the proliferation of mall Santas, most of which are really opportunities for commercial photographers to sell their wares, Jacobson's



In support of the the 10th annual "Dips for Toys," Dr. John Crissman, dean of the School of Medicine, took a plunge in the frigid Detroit River in December. The winter splash, sponsored by Honest ? John's Bar in Detroit, raised money to purchase toys for 5,500 area school kids.

decided to try a different tack.

For several years, children have been able to write letters to Santa at the Village store beginning Dec. 1. Jake's flies them to the North Pole, and a few days later the youngster gets a personal letter from that jolly, old elf, postmarked from his frigid home.

This year, according to a spokesperson for Marx Layne public relations, who handles the Jacobson's account, 5,000 youngsters from across Jakesland availed themselves of the chance to write their wish lists directly to Kris Kringle.

Giving tree

Six years ago Debbie Liedel, from the Children's Home of Detroit (CHD), planted the seed of an idea with her boss, Mike Horwitz of the Farms, and restaurant owner Tom LeFevre. Put up "Giving trees" at area retail shops and restaurants and have residents buy presents during the holidays for the children at CHD.

Today the seed she plant-

ed has blossomed into a program that purchased more than 800 gifts with 38 area businesses taking part this year in the sixth annual holiday giving tree program that ended Wednesday. Gifts now go to the siblings of the troubled children at CHD, families in nearby communities and the Foundation for Exception Children as well as the three CHD campuses. Jack's Waterfront, Gar Wood's and Lucy's Tavern on the Hill hosted the first event in 1995 and were hosts again this year.

Some families have made it a family event, selecting names of children similar in ages to their own. Peter Almquist, owner of Audrey Loves Coffee in St. Clair Shores, told Debbie, "I see my customers in a new light. Usually it's the normal daily chitchat. But the program invites customers to talk about their lives as children whether fortunate or difficult." Almquist also mentioned that many customers think it's a wonderful opportunity. So make a note on your calendar for next year about December 1.

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the snow to the center lane and haul it away. On the Hill, snow was plowed onto the sidewalk and planter areas adjacent to the street for removal later, and the sidewalk and doorsteps in front of the businesses were cleared. There were also open areas cleared to the street to allow access along the block, though not in front of each business.

As the front-page headlines pointed out, all the Pointes were fairly well plowed out from the storm compared to other areas. My street and sidewalk in the Farms were cleared allowing me to get to work on time and open the two Something Special stores on the Hill. That is my open sign just behind the parking meter on the Hill photo.

Although school was

closed that Tuesday, business was great with many customers shopping locally instead of trying to make it to the malls in the snow. I understand other stores on the Hill had a good day as well. More snow the following day was also cleared, and by Thursday afternoon, all the snow on the sidewalk areas had been removed.

In my opinion, the city did a good job to clear the snow under the conditions.

About the only thing I agree with in your editorial is the statement by other readers that you are unfairly picking on the Farms administration.

As a longtime merchant on the Hill and as past president of the Hill Association, I know how hard the city of Grosse Pointe Farms administration works to maintain a viable business district on the Hill. Parking has

improved dramatically thanks to creative land use adjustments at nearby Richard school and the closing of McMillan Road.

The current city administration has also championed major beautification efforts that were completed with minimum disruption of ongoing business on the Hill.

The fact is that the city administration is hard-working, not "cavalier" in trying to make the Hill area a better place for businesses and residents.

Sandy Gillespie
Grosse Pointe Farms

Grateful

To the Editor:

I bring to the attention of the Grosse Pointe community the exemplary response of the Grosse Pointe Shores Emergency Unit to my 911 call on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 12.

The personnel involved: Sgt. Werski, PSO Kortas and AEMT Swanson deserve high praise for the promptness of their response.

The professionalism of their actions did not cease until my very ill wife was turned over to the emergency room physician at Bon Secours Hospital.

These men greatly eased and shortened our ordeal. I am indeed grateful to them.

Ellis J. Van Slyck, M.D.
Grosse Pointe Shores

Another Hill?

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the article about snow removal on The Hill vs. The Village.

Apparently the Grosse Pointe News has forgotten The Hill has raised planting beds and the mounding of snow on these beds will give sufficient moisture for our very lovely mature trees and plantings.

Our street will look like we have much more snow than The Village, but our sidewalks were clear at the start of our business day on Tuesday, and we were very busy.

As a merchant for 30 years and president of The Hill Association, I commend the City of Grosse Pointe Farms for all it does all year to maintain the streets and sidewalks of our business district.

Pat Brinker
The League Shop Inc.

Intentions

To the Editor:

Your psychology columnist, Dr. Victor Bloom, has of late deviated from his field of expertise to become a political ideologue. To most constitutional scholars and legal experts the U.S. Supreme Court's majority opinion will be seen as a blatant power grab.

This so called "conservative bloc" who ironically see themselves as champions of

"states' rights" intervened where the court had refused to go in 200 years in overturning the Florida Supreme Court.

Reinquest, Scalia and Thomas are exposed for the Federalist Society partisans they are. They were not going to let this election get away whatever the cost to the Supreme Court's image with the public.

This was not only payback time but also allowed the possibility for further Supreme Court appointments that will back their agenda for America.

Florida law calls for the hand recount of machine ballots, as do most states. The standard of "voter intent" is used in a majority of the states.

The fact is that Al Gore not only won the popular vote, but clearly a majority of the voters in the state of Florida intended to vote for him. By not allowing the recount to go forward, the court not only weakened its role as an institution but also weakened the mandate of the next president to govern.

The recount will go on. If the public finds out that the result would have been different after all the votes have been recounted it will be a difficult next four years.

Robert G. Hodges
Delegate, Michigan
Constitutional
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Grosse Pointe Park

Farms
to spend
\$16,000
on trees

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

The Farms city council approved spending \$16,000 to plant trees on the city's right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curbs of Farms streets.

Farms director of public service Joe Leonard said that the Farms is planting 15 different varieties of trees on the right-of-way. The reason for such a wide selection is to provide some protection in case a disease like Dutch elm hits the Pointes.

Grosse Pointe lost a large number of trees because they were elms and vulnerable to one disease, he said.

"Our tree program has two parts," Leonard said. "The first part calls for the replacement of trees removed from the right-of-way within the past year, whether from disease or storm damage. The second part of the program aims to honor the request of residents who would like a tree on the right-of-way in front of their houses."

Because money is limited, not everyone who asks for a tree will get one, said Leonard. Farms workers removed a number of trees in the past year because of storm damage. There were some diseased trees removed as well, but the number is nowhere near the number removed during the height of the Dutch elm epidemic that hit the Pointes several years ago, he said.

While his department will try to accommodate requests for specific types of trees, said Leonard, some factors such as location of utility lines and water pipes may affect the choice of a tree in a particular location.

"We don't want to put a tree next to a utility line when that tree will grow to a height of 70 feet," said Leonard. "We also want to make sure that there will be enough room for that tree's root system to develop. It's no use putting a tree in a spot where its roots will push up the sidewalk or run into a pipe system."

The plantings will take place next spring, said Leonard. This program applies only to the Farms' right-of-way, between the sidewalk and the curb. The city maintains a right-of-way for utility lines and such. Many residents, he said, don't really think of the ground between the sidewalk and the curb as being under city jurisdiction. Residents who want trees on their front yard proper will have to purchase them themselves.

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Young song and dance man takes to the stage at the Fox

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The repetition of playing in the biggest, most extravagant Christmas show in the area hasn't worn away any of Corbin Vermet's spirit. Like most kids, the Pierce Middle School sixth-grader is looking forward to Christmas. In fact, he made mention that he gets the day off.

Corbin Vermet plays one of two children's roles in the Detroit production of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular which runs through Dec. 31 at the Fox Theatre. His roles range from acting as a boy in New York who loses his puppy to a dancing gingerbread man to singing in "Carol of the Bells."

It's been a hectic six weeks for Vermet since rehearsals and the show opening on Nov. 24. Even though he shares the role with Eric Easterly of New Baltimore for the 70-show run, he's there for every show to perform on stage or hang out backstage as an understudy.

Even at the young age of 11, Corbin Vermet is already a veteran of the theater. In 1998 he was in the Detroit production of The Nutcracker and was in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in Mexico City in 1999. His work at the Grosse Pointe Dance Center and its Mack Avenue Dance Company and his school choir at Pierce also keeps him on his toes. He's also a cast member with 1515 Broadway's children's troupe, the Treehouse Players.

"Corbin's really a dancer

first, a singer second and an actor third," said Lori Vermet.

Bright-eyed and always with a smile on his face, Corbin Vermet is unaware of the demands and pressure in performing. He doesn't complain about the hours and he doesn't brag about his accomplishments. It's just what he does and he does it well.

Corbin Vermet got the performance bug when he was 2 after attending one of his mother's dance recitals. His mother, Lori Vermet, takes ballet, jazz and tap lessons.

"He saw another boy in the recital so when he was 4 I thought he should give it a try," said Lori Vermet.

Young Corbin Vermet took to tap and jazz with ease and added ballet to his repertoire when he was 7. In the fourth grade at Maire Elementary School, he joined the choir and then went on to the summer select choir. Last spring his music teacher at Maire, Julie Pelt, helped him prepare to earn a spot with the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE) National Children's Choir that performed in Seattle in April.

"I think Corbin enjoys singing," said Pelt. "He enjoys the performance aspect of singing and dancing."

The idea for Corbin Vermet to perform professionally was his alone.

"He saw ads in the newspaper and wanted to audition," said Lori Vermet.

"It's just a matter of deciding what you want to do and going for it," said Corbin

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Photo by Bonnie Caprara

Eleven-year-old Corbin Vermet of Grosse Pointe Park peeks behind one of his costumes backstage at the Fox Theatre. He's in the Detroit production of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular which runs through Dec. 31.

Vermet matter-of-factly.

Corbin Vermet has indeed gone for it, first in 1998 as a party boy in the Nutcracker at the Detroit Opera House, then in 1999 when he landed the young boy's role in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in Mexico City. Not only did he have only two weeks to learn the show during rehearsals in Myrtle

Beach, S.C., in early November, but he had to learn the show in Spanish.

"I had no idea what I was saying the whole time," said Corbin Vermet.

His performance in his non-native-speaking tongue was one of the things that helped get him the role for

the Detroit production this year.

"We look for the ability to learn, concentration and dance and theater experience," said the Detroit show producer, Brian Kauffman. "He's been a good, hard learner and he takes direction well. It takes a special child to deal with the demands of time and being away from doing the things you normally do."

While he's with the show, Corbin Vermet spends about three to six hours with a tutor at the theater. When asked if he misses attending school and his classmates at Pierce, he hummed, thought about it and uttered, "Yeah. Kind of." He mentioned that he gets Mondays off, which he usually spends doing homework or at the dance

studio working on a competition at the Urban Jam at Cobo Hall on Jan. 24.

He's a boy too busy to miss school and playing in-line hockey and tennis. Even his saxophone lessons are on hold for now.

His days playing the young boy role in the Radio City show will be coming to a close soon.

"I'm probably going to pass the height requirement for this part, but there are other shows," said Corbin Vermet.

There are other possibilities in the future for this young man as well. Corbin Vermet said he may want to pursue engineering as an adult.

All it will take is deciding what he wants to do and going for it.

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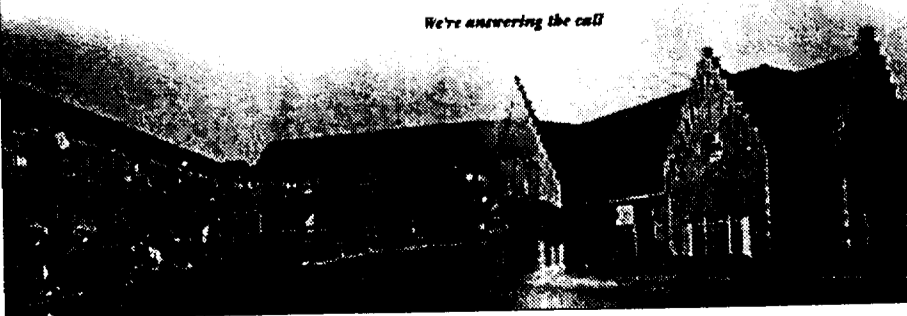


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Serving up a good time

University Liggett School students Megan Getz and Mallory Brown helped serve lunch to mentally and physically disabled trainees at the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's holiday luncheon. Getz and Brown were two of about 30 students who helped serve lunch and entertained at the party, which was sponsored by the Junior League of Detroit and was held at the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 786 in Madison Heights.



Spreading holiday cheer

Maltre Elementary School children decided to spread a little good cheer to the men and women who serve our country overseas. The project, sponsored by the Maltre PTO, was based on the Dear Abby idea of sending cards and letters to those stationed around the world during the holiday time. Second-graders John Wedzinski, Jordan Teets, Julie Wittwer and Catherine Kircos sent off over 300 letters written by Maltre students.

Middle school study looks at changes

Middle School Study

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

First in a series of issues and proposals facing the Grosse Pointe public middle schools.

Considering the middle school study was a project that was two years in the making, it should come as no surprise that presenting the report comes to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education over the span of two meetings.

Lee Warras, director of the Grosse Pointe Public School System department of school and community development, gave the board an overview of the study at its Monday, Dec. 11, meeting.

"It's been 10 years since we took a look at our middle school program," said Warras. "In general, people like what's going on in our middle schools, but so much has changed. The use of technology has exploded in the last 10 years and while Grosse Pointe is a pretty homogeneous community, we have found that one size does not fit all."

While some of the recommendations of the study have already been implemented, like the parent-teacher conferences, and some are being piloted, like a before- and after-school help program at Pierce Middle School, there are 150 recommendations in all — some easy to implement at little or no cost and others which may require some serious consideration during building budget meetings.

The more than 100 parents, teachers and administrators who were part of the middle school study broke into six subcommittees to investigate every aspect of middle school life: student needs, communication, curriculum, school organization, school environment and transitions from fifth to sixth grade and from eighth to ninth grade.

"We found that people like what's going on in our middle schools," said Warras. "They feel teaming is a bonafide good idea and advisory, which has come under some criticism, was nothing anyone wanted to get rid of."

"However, we had some preconceived ideas of things we wanted to work on before we created the task forces," continued Warras. "We wanted to emphasize communication, consistency among our schools and teams, to stress technology, to personalize the program, to continue our focused staff development and most of all, focus on individual student

needs." While Warras said that the report was not prioritized, the recommendations focused on:

- Renewing and revitalizing differentiation.
- Enhancing academic support in each building.
- Upgrading options for gifted and academically able students.
- Updating and standardizing teaming practices at each middle school.
- Class size, class balance and faculty issues.
- Reviewing and redefining the allocation of time for the school day.
- Involving parents in the school-home partnership.
- Parent-teacher conferences.
- Improving and implementing a system of interim reporting.
- Maintaining a web site at each school.
- Improving the advisory program.
- Implementing teaming for all middle school students and teachers.
- Enhancing extracurricular activities.
- Modifying building facilities and structure.
- Revising the student code of conduct.
- Providing students with a unified planner and student handbook.
- Safety and security.
- Transition issues from fifth to sixth grade

and from eighth to ninth grade.

"We spent time with the steering committee looking at implementing these recommendations and what it will take to make this happen," said Warras. "Some things can happen immediately, but if all of these recommendations are accepted, it's going to take some time and effort."

"We're also mindful that there are some costs involved. Many of the recommendations that are being made can be made with the reallocation of the dollars we presently have."

The big ticket items — an advisory coordinator, staff development, technical support, team leaders, before- and after-school student support for students, a half-time differentiation specialist, a half-time gifted specialist and a mental health professional at each building — will cost the district more than \$400,000 a year.

"We see these things as very valuable additions to our program," said Warras. "We also see these things as being very affordable in our present budget. The things we implement now will be with us for the next 10 years."

Warras and the middle school study committee will meet with the board of education again at the board's Monday, Jan. 8, meeting to answer questions pertaining to the study.

District, administrators agree on contract

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Administration Association (GPAA) is the second of four labor groups to reach a labor agreement with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education ratified the administrator's contract at its Monday, Dec. 11, meeting.

Members of the association that represents the district's principals, assistant principals and some central office administrators received salary adjustments to bring them in line with like administrators at similar districts in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy.

"The whole salary schedule was reworked," said district director of personnel

and labor relations Eugene Washchuk. "Basically the administrators will get to the top of the salary schedule two years faster."

Washchuk added: "Salaries were changed according to market adjustments. We're trying to be competitive because good administrators are hard to find."

Specifically, GPAA president Michael Dib said that the district's middle school and high school assistant principals lagged far behind in pay to other districts.

While neither Washchuk nor Dib would disclose what the new salary schedules were, Troy public schools pays its middle school assistant principals between \$77,883 and \$93,726 and its high school assistant principals between \$74,097 and

\$92,622.

Like the teachers, the administrators will receive a flexible health benefit package with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Community Blue PPO as its base plan and a \$30,000 early buy-out package administrators must avail themselves of by February 2001.

In total, Washchuk said that the combination of salary adjustments and savings in the health benefit package will cost the district an additional 4.5 percent in the 2000-01 school year and an additional 4.1 percent in the school years 2001-02 through 2003-04.

In addition, administrators will be able to carry vacation time over two years instead of the previous agreement of one year.

"We believe that it's fair for all of our members," said Dib.

The Grosse Pointe Association of Educational Office Personnel (GPAEOP), which is also discussing pay parity issues in its bargaining talks, has been without a contract since June 30.

"We're talking financial issues," said Washchuk. "It's going a bit slower, but we offered them a nice package."

GPAEOP Sharon Bullock only commented that talks are ongoing.

Washchuk said that the district is also in negotiations with the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association but that the district has not met many times with them and does not have a tightly defined picture.

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Furnace fire

On Friday, Dec. 15, at 4:22 a.m., smoke from a defective and overheating furnace brought fire units to a house in the 1300 block of Somerset in Grosse Pointe Park.

mr.value.com

On the morning of Sunday Dec. 17, Mr. Value, a dot-com E-tailer from Texas, called the Grosse Pointe Woods police to report a suspected case of credit card fraud involving a Woods resident who had an unlisted telephone number. The Texan suspected someone had stolen the Woods resident's identity to charge merchandise for shipment to Indonesia.

"(Mr. Value) reports activity by a subject known to have allegedly used other people's credit cards in the past," said a Woods officer.

The officer alerted the Woods resident via a telephone answering machine.

Jeep is gone, then back again

A man from Grosse Pointe Woods didn't know thieves had stolen his Jeep station wagon until notified by Detroit police that it had been recovered. The call came at 2:26 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Woods resident suspects someone took the Jeep at about 9 a.m. the day before.

Caravan

Sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 7:15 a.m. the next day, someone stole a 1991 Dodge Caravan from the driveway of a home in the 700 block of Barrington.

The vehicle has not been recovered.

Suspended

Upon making a traffic stop for a burned-out tail-

light, Grosse Pointe Woods police learned a 19-year-old man from St. Clair Shores was driving with a suspended license.

Police arrested the man on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:25 p.m., as he drove on southbound Mack near Bournemouth. The subject first said he forgot his wallet, then admitted being suspended due to a poor driving record.

Police released the car to a passenger, who obtained \$100 and posted bail.

Saturn snatched?

An unknown man apparently stole another man's identity to obtain a credit card which he used last week to rent a car that remains missing.

On the afternoon of Dec. 13, a Grosse Pointe Woods businessman told police a customer's credit card didn't check out. The card had been used to rent a 2000 Saturn four-door.

Officials traced the card to a Romulus man who said he lost his identification about three months ago. In the meantime, he said he's received telephone calls about someone using his name. Police said the Romulus resident didn't match a description of the unknown subject who rented, but has not returned, the Saturn.

Fur flies

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 8:11 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Woods policeman found four fur coats and a walkie-talkie lying in the snow outside a business in the 19200 block of Mack. The officer was responding to a burglary alarm.

Investigation indicated two thieves used a pry bar to smash a Plexiglass window and enter the store.

"It appears there are two sets of footprints running through the snow between

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the sidewalk and where the getaway vehicle was parked," said the officer. A \$12,900 price tag lay near a footprint.

A store representative gave police the license plate number of a customer who had been acting suspiciously the week before.

— Brad Lindberg

Shores OUILS

Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers arrested three different drivers in separate incidents of drunk driving. The first incident took place at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. A public safety officer spotted a car heading north on Lakeshore cross the center line repeatedly. When the officer pulled the vehicle over, he asked the driver, a 39-year-old St. Clair Shores woman, if she had been drinking. She said she had "four wine spritzers."

She failed her field sobriety tests and refused to take a preliminary breath test (PBT). She was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and a warrant was obtained to take a blood sample. She is free on \$100 bond.

At 6:13 p.m. that same day, a Shores officer spotted a car with a broken headlight heading north on Lakeshore. When he pulled the vehicle over, he spotted an open can of beer in the front seat of the vehicle.

The officer asked the driver, a 44-year-old St. Clair Shores man, if he had been drinking. The driver said, "two drinks and four beers" and the driver went on to admit that it was "probably too much to drive." His words proved prophetic when he failed his field sobriety tests and blew a .14 on his PBT. He is free on \$100 bond.

The final incident took

place at 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. A Shores officer spotted a 1997 Cadillac heading south on Lakeshore at a speed of 49 mph, well above the posted speed limit. When the officer pulled the car over, he detected the odor of alcohol coming from the driver and noticed that he had bloodshot eyes and slurred his words when he spoke.

The officer asked the driver, a 37-year-old Ontario man, if he had been drinking.

The driver said, "some." He also failed his field sobriety tests and blew a .16 on his PBT. He is free on \$100 bond.

Failed break-in

A resident of the 300 block of Belanger in Grosse Pointe Farms reported on Sunday, Dec. 17, that someone attempted to break into her house. She said that at 1:40 p.m. she heard her dog barking, but thought nothing of it. Later that day she found that the glass window to her

side door had been broken. Police also found marks that could have been pry marks.

Jimmy, Jimmy

A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer saw a 2000 GMC Jimmy hit a snowbank on Lakeshore in the area of Newberry. The vehicle proceeded to pull out of the bank and continue on Lakeshore toward the City. The officer followed the SUV and saw it change lanes constantly.

The officer finally pulled the vehicle over at Lakeshore and Neff in the City. When the officer spoke to the driver, a 50-year-old Winnetka, Ill., man, he detected the odor of alcohol. The driver admitted to drinking two or three glasses of wine, but refused to take a PBT after failing his field sobriety tests. He was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and is free on \$500 bond.

Ladder larceny

A resident of the 400 block of Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe reported that between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

on Thursday, Dec. 14, someone entered her garage and took two extending ladders. The victim said the garage door was closed, but unlocked when she left her home. She noticed that the door was open when she returned.

Armed robbery

A man carrying a handgun entered a business in the 17600 block of Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15. The man proceeded to demand that the clerk empty the cash register.

When the clerk gave the suspect all the cash in the tray, he told her he knew she had more. She then gave the suspect all the money beneath the cash register tray as well.

The suspect is described as standing about 6-feet tall and weighing about 165 pounds.

He looked to be between 25 and 30 years. He was a black male with a medium complexion and had a mustache.

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Elizabeth Jacqueline Lee

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City of Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth "Betty" Jacqueline Lee died after a long battle with cancer in her home Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000. She was 81.

Mrs. Lee was born in Detroit. She graduated from Detroit's Eastern High School and attended Michigan State University.

Mrs. Lee was an active member of numerous organizations including the Questers, the Towne Club, the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, the Merry-Go-Rounders and Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Lee is survived by her husband of 52 years,

Harold; a daughter, Candace (Donald) Sweeney of Grosse Pointe Farms; a son, Thomas H. (Julie) of Melbourne, Australia; a sister, Mally Regan of Sterling Heights; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mrs. Lee was held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Building/Landscape Fund.

Allen Murrell Lomax

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Allen Murrell Lomax died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000, at Bon Secours Hospital. He was 98.

Mr. Lomax was born in Bristow, Ind., on June 19, 1902, and was an investment counselor with David L. Babson & Co.

Mr. Lomax was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the Economic Club of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Skating Club and the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Mr. Lomax is survived by two daughters, Judith of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Holly Noonan of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A private memorial service for Mr. Lomax will be

held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Stephen Ministry of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



June K. Nelson

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident June K. Nelson died of heart complications at St. John Hospital and Medical Center on Friday, Dec. 15, 2000. She was 80.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Drexel Hill, Pa. She was a graduate of Upper Darby High School in Upper Darby, Pa., and received her bachelor's degree from Drexel

University in Philadelphia and received her master's degree from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Nelson worked for IBM, Dravo Shipbuilding and Time magazine. After her marriage she taught art history at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. During that time, she wrote two books about Harry Bertoia: "Harry Bertoia, Sculptor" in 1970 and "Harry Bertoia Printmaker" in 1980, both published by Wayne State Press.

Mrs. Nelson was an active member and chairperson of the American Association of University Women and an active member of Grosse Pointe United Church. She enjoyed traveling and made many trips to China and Japan. She enjoyed tennis, bridge, art, art history and art museums.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel J.; a sister, Betty Carr and a brother, Frederick R. Kompass Jr.

A memorial service for Mrs. Nelson will be held at Grosse Pointe United Church at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Verheyden Funeral Home.



Mildred Nill

Mildred Nill

Mildred Nill died in her Grosse Pointe Park home on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000. She

was 88.

Mrs. Nill was born in Freedom Township and was a graduate of Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing. She was a registered nurse at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital and later worked with her husband in his medical practice.

Mrs. Nill was a life member of the Saline Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and enjoyed her family, cooking and boating.

Mrs. Nill is survived by three daughters, Mildred (Daniel) Chisholm, Carolyn and Christine; two grandchildren, Laura Chisholm and John (Jodeen) Chisholm; a brother, Paul Mann; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John B. M.D.

A funeral service for Mrs. Nill was held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Evangelical Homes of Michigan or St. John Hospice.

Jack Tarpley, a favorite decorator for many of metropolitan Detroit's oldest and most prominent families for many years, died of complications of pneumonia Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000, at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He was 77.

Mr. Tarpley was born in Vincennes, Ind., on July 10, 1923 and served with honors in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

After beginning a career as a fabric designer, Mr. Tarpley went to work as an interior decorator for the William Denler Co. in Grosse Pointe Farms. He became a partner in the firm in the mid-1960s and subsequently acquired the business after Mr. Denler's retirement.

Mr. Tarpley's style never overpowered, but was always guided by and reflected his client's taste along with his judicious use of space, color and object.

A tall, handsome gentle-

man with a shock of white hair, he was a gracious host and a generous friend to those who knew him.

As a decorator friend said, "He was a mentor and an inspiration to many of us."

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, Attn: Endowment, 333 W. Fort, Suite 210, Detroit, MI 48226.

Richard A. Taylor, M.D.

Richard A. Taylor, M.D., died in his City of Grosse Pointe home on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000. He was 75.

Dr. Taylor was born in Portland, Ind., and attended undergraduate and medical school at Indiana University. Dr. Taylor, who was a physician, also served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Dr. Taylor was a member of the Michigan Neurological Association and was a parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church.

Dr. Taylor is survived by two sons, Richard and Gregory.

A funeral Mass for Dr. Taylor was held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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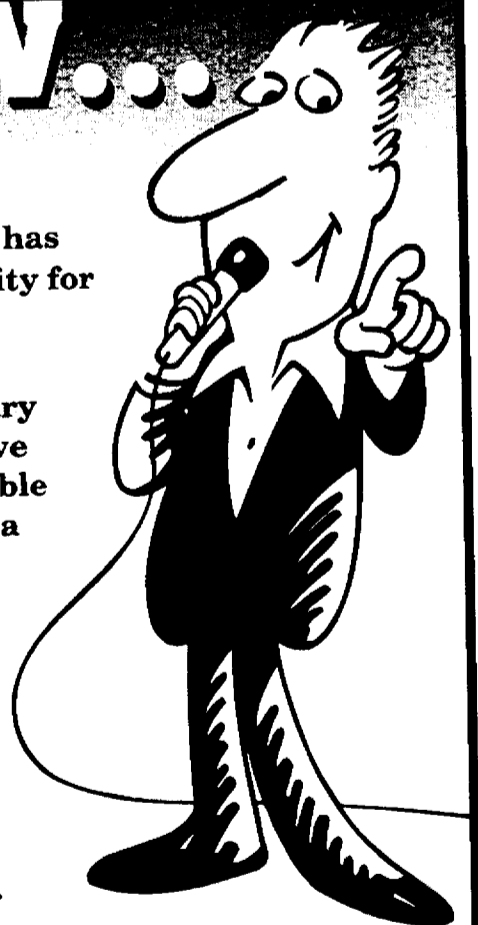
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If you are an organization, business or individual with photos or information that has been around for 25 or more years feel free to contact us with your story information by writing us, e-mail, fax or stopping by.



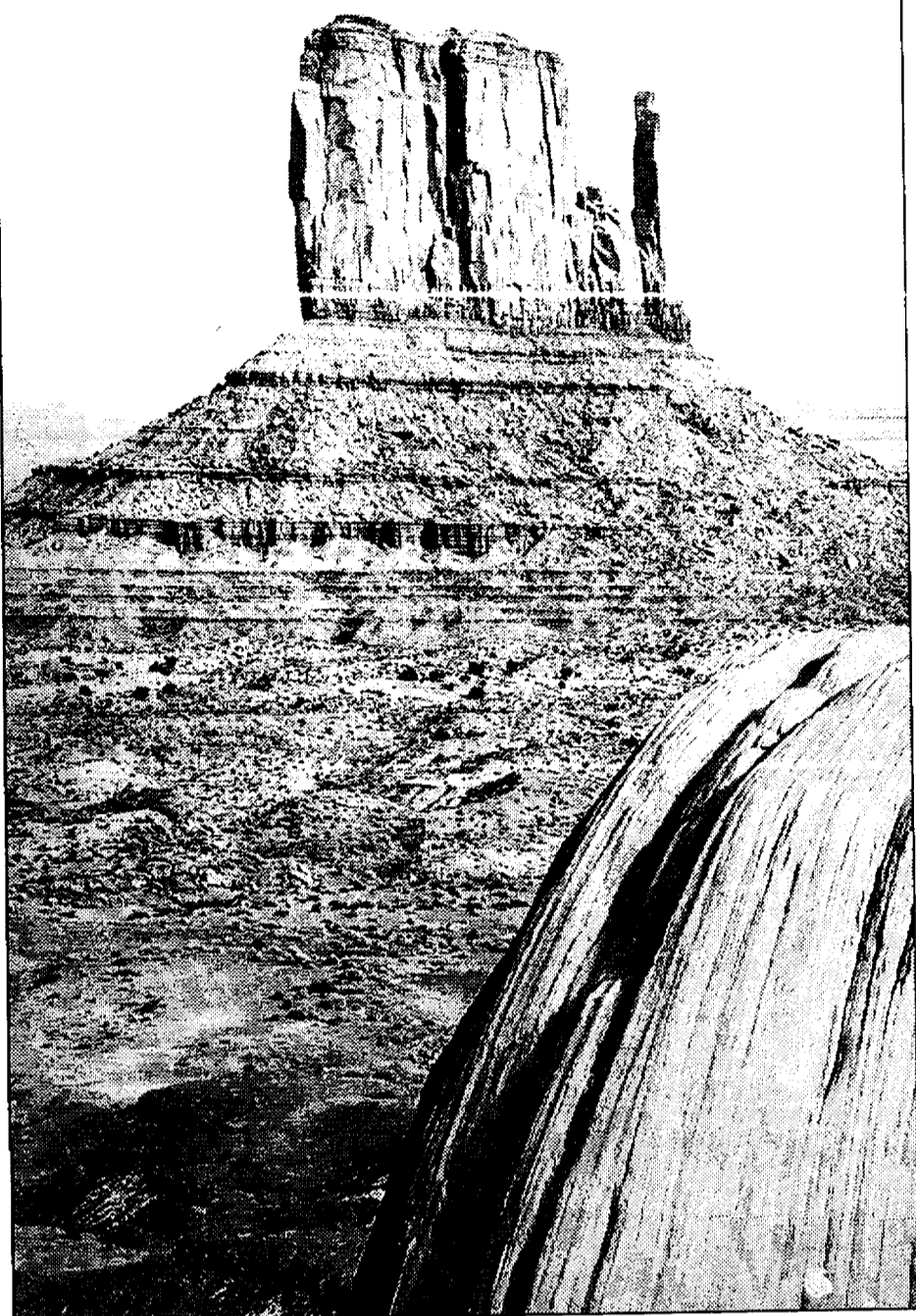
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This is a picture of Monument Valley's famous East and West Mittens. Notice how the large rocks in the foreground add important impact to the picture.

Monument Valley — a photographer's paradise

People often ask me where my favorite spot is for photography.

Well, I've traveled to many parts of the world and have photographed numerous exciting places. But, as far as my favorite, I come right back to the good old United States of America and head west to a spot along the Arizona/Utah border about 50 miles west of Four Corners — that's where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico all touch.

It's called Monument Valley and in my opinion offers some of the most breathtaking, photogenic scenery anywhere in the world.

Monument Valley contains the most awesome monoliths found anywhere in the world. These are towering, uniquely shaped rock formations that arise majestically from a flat desert floor to dramatic heights. Named centuries ago by the Native Americans who inhabited the area, the monoliths resemble animals such as "Elephant Rock" and people such as the "Five Sisters."

The most famous formations are East Mitten and West Mitten, which produce sensational photographs.

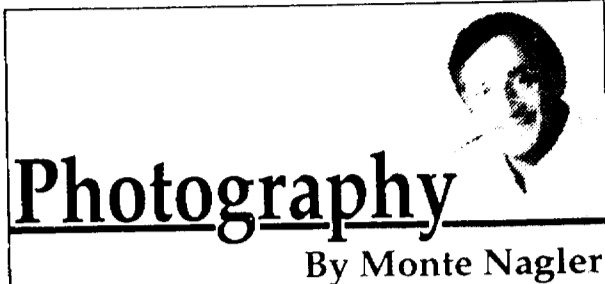
You'll get good shots any time of the year in Monument Valley. It will be hot in the summer and dramatically snow covered in the winter.

There are usually good cloud patterns to enhance your pictures and sunsets and sunrises are especially impressive. There is subject material to accommodate all lenses from wide angle to telephoto.

And be sure to use a polarizer filter to darken the vivid blue skies often seen in Monument Valley.

You can tour Monument Valley yourself along a rough dirt but passable road — 15-mile round trip — or hire one of many guides that will lead you through. Adjacent to Monument Valley is Mystery Valley, well worth seeing, but you must have a Native American guide for entry. It's sacred ground and tourists are not allowed unescorted.

Where to stay when photographing in and around



Photography

By Monte Nagler

Monument Valley?

The best place is Gouldings Lodge which is located right in the valley.

From right in your room in the early morning, you can capture dramatic silhouettes of the monoliths as the sun rises in the east.

Other places to stay can be found in Kayenta,

Arizona, a 20-mile scenic drive south of Monument Valley.

So the next time you head west, be sure to include Monument Valley on your itinerary.

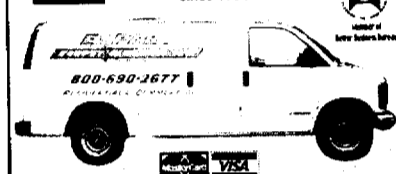
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Crime

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House party

Police were called to a home in the 700 block of Loraine at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. A nearby resident said that youths were parking their cars in his driveway. When he asked one unidentified youth to move his car, the youth verbally assaulted the resident. Police later caught up with the 17-year-old City resident who hosted the party.

The youth was outside and smoking a cigarette when confronted by police. He said the two youths who yelled at his neighbor weren't invited to the party. Police smelled alcohol coming from him and gave him a PBT. He blew a .18. He was cited for being a minor in

possession of alcohol.

Lincoln fire

City of Grosse Pointe firefighters were called to a home in the 500 block of Lincoln at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, in response to a report of a fire in the basement.

When officers arrived at the scene, they saw smoke pouring out from the basement.

A check of the house revealed that the fire had started in the furnace room. When firefighters got down to the room, a pipe feeding the natural gas main had become separated from the main, feeding the fire.

Michigan representatives were immediately called to turn off the gas. They succeeded by 4:50 p.m.

The fire was contained to the basement, but smoke

penetrated the far reaches of the house up to the attic.

While there were no human injuries, the family had several pets, including a dog, two cats, a kitten and a ferret.

The smaller animals, the ferret and the kitten, survived. The dog was found alive by firefighters and given oxygen before being transported to a veterinarian's office.

Unfortunately, the dog died at the vet's. Officers later learned the two cats died as well.

— Jim Stickford

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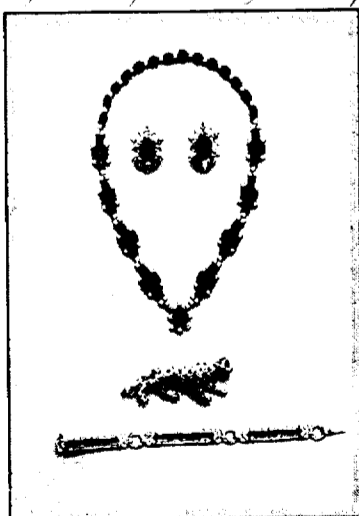
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Chrysler Concorde still the best looking car — period

The Chrysler Concorde got a major redesign in 1998 and it was a beauty, a streamlined, cab-forward, swoopy modern classic.

Concorde was a grille that denoted power — reminiscent of a Ferrari or, better yet, some of the Chrysler letter cars of the '50s and

of the car, making it tricky to park. One of the things that gives the Concorde its great esthetics is the sharp rake of its windshield, but that also means you have to be careful not to hit it with your head getting in.

But once you are seated in the car and enter into the flow of traffic, all is well. The Chrysler Concorde qualifies as a near-luxury car and its price is on-target.

If you need to get the jump from a light, go for the LXi with its peppy 225-horsepower 3.2-liter V-6, which has strong midrange passing power and gets great mileage. The LX is outfitted with a 2.7-liter V-6 rated at 200 horsepower and 190 foot-pounds of torque. Performance is more than adequate. A four-speed automatic transmission is standard.

Traction control and ABS are standard on the LXi and optional on the LX. Both the LX and LXi have

four-wheel independent suspension, which provides a well-controlled boulevard ride. The LXi has speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering, and its handling is precise enough to conjure European mid-size sport sedan, not a car with a 113-inch wheelbase.

Besides power and steering differences between the LX and LXi, there are a few creature comforts available only on the LXi, including a security system and automatic climate control. But many luxury items are available on either model, including such standard items as cruise control, power windows and front airbags.

Options include a moon roof, a trip-

computer/HomeLink package, and leather seats. Packages are also available for the LX that include leather-wrapped steering wheel, 50/50 front bench seat and eight-way power seats for both driver and passenger.

If you like a long interval between tuneups, it's 100,000 miles on the Chrysler Concorde. If interior space is your top priority, the Concorde is hard to beat.

The Chrysler Concorde carries a basic three-year/36,000-mile warranty, including roadside service, and a five-year/100,000-mile warranty against rust.

EPA mileage estimates for Chrysler Concorde with its standard automatic transmission is 19 mpg

city/27 mpg highway.

This popular segment of the market is loaded with excellent cars, but this front-wheel-drive full-size sedan built in Bramalea, Canada, is outstanding based on its looks alone. It is my choice for best-looking family sedan and a contender for best-looking car period. The looks may be getting long in the tooth in the marketplace, but in the eye of the beholder of automotive beauty it is going to look good for a long time.

And for what you get it is a bargain. The Chrysler Concorde LX automatic four-door sedan carries a sticker price of \$23,135 and the Sedan LXi automatic four-door sedan starts at \$27,380.

Autos

By Richard Wright

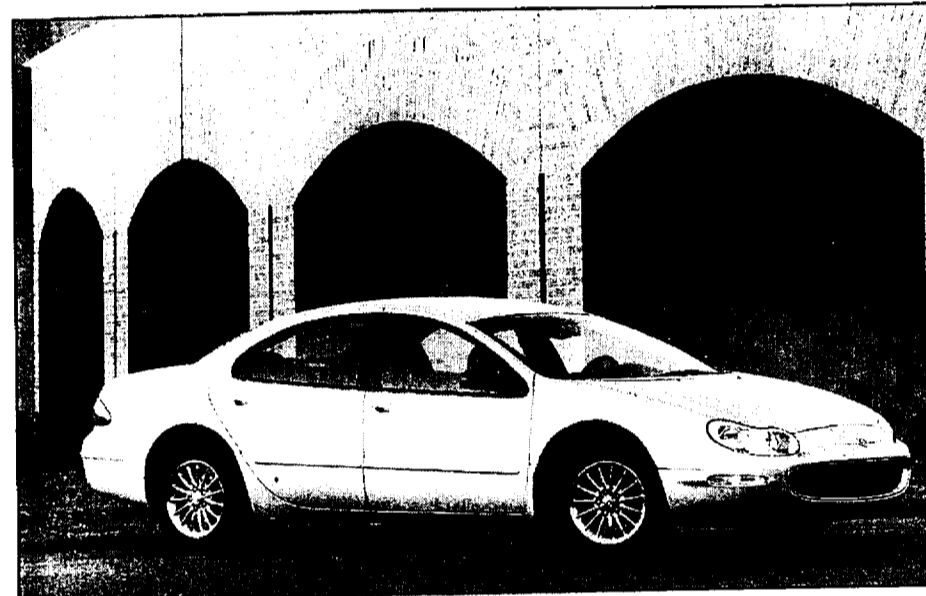
Sales indicate that it may have passed its peak, but it is still a beauty — an aging beauty, perhaps, but a beauty.

Extensive use was made of computers and a perfect shape, sort of a family-sized four-door sedan version of the beautiful mathematical curve that was the Jaguar XKE of the '70s, emerged. Rounding off the great body shape of the Chrysler

'60s.

Supplemental side airbags are new options for the year. A center console power outlet exists for those models equipped with bucket seats. Two new colors are available, and all cars meet low emission vehicle standards.

Chrysler wisely stuck with its styling. But beauty has its price. The driver cannot see the front or rear



The 2001 Chrysler Concorde has not been changed much, but styling like that shouldn't be.

1.4 million to travel on holidays

An estimated 1.4 million Michiganders — 15 percent of state residents — have travel plans for the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey.

The majority — 80 percent — will travel at least 100 miles from home, and slightly less than half (46 percent) will remain in Michigan.

Based on requests for TripTik routings and AAA Travel air reservations, the most popular destinations outside Michigan are:

- By air
1. Orlando
 2. Tampa
 3. Phoenix
 4. Atlanta
 5. Ft. Myers

- By land
1. Orlando
 2. Myrtle Beach

3. Washington, D.C.
4. Niagara Falls
5. Chicago

The average planned length for a holiday trip is seven days, compared with eight last year, and most plan to travel by car/truck/van (68 percent), followed by air (25 percent). The AAA Michigan Christmas/New Year's travel projections are down slightly from last year, when 1.6 million state residents said they had holiday travel plans.

Other survey findings:

- The average amount travelers expect to spend is just under \$1,000.

- The largest percentage of residents staying in Michigan will visit the southeast (30 percent) or the northwest (20 percent) regions of the lower peninsula.

- Upon arrival at the destination, plans for accommo-

dations are:

- With relatives (59 percent).
- Hotel/motel/resort (28 percent).
- House/cabin (7 percent).
- With friends (5 percent).

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 22 cents more for a gallon of gas this year (\$1.549 as of Dec. 6).

The official 78-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, and runs to midnight Monday, Dec. 25. The 2000-2001 New Year holiday period (also 78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, and runs to midnight Monday, Jan. 1.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 19 people died in 16 fatal crashes statewide. Of the 16 fatal crashes, nine (56.3 percent) involved alcohol. Of the 13 victim occupants killed, 13 (100 percent) were not restrained.

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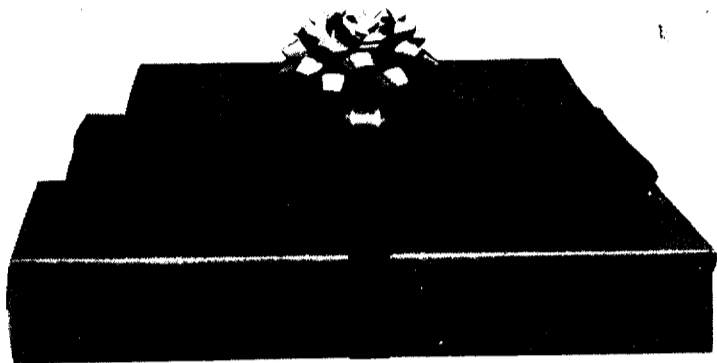
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Cherished Christmases of the past and present

What do you want for Christmas? If you are like many of us, that question is apt to be met with a startled look and an expression that says, "Oh, no, Christmas is not that close."

An unseasonably warm November, not to mention a subconscious tendency to put off what needs to be done to celebrate the holidays, adds to the shock that the time has come to get going. Time is no longer fleeting — it's flying. The days are not drifting, they are tumbling by like leaves in the wind.

Too late now to wish you had followed through in those resolutions to get your shopping done early. Too late now to back away from the crowds and compete for those hard-to-find gifts. Too late now to envy those conscientious shoppers who have completed their list, wrapped their gifts and are free to enjoy the pre-Christmas activities, concerts, parties and walks through homes decorated for the Christmas.

Next year for sure, you tell yourself, but in your heart you know it will be the same story. For some Christmas has its own season. Until the wreaths and lights and decorations, the spirit of buying and giving lies at the doormat. Merchants know this and bring out their best wares to dazzle our eyes and break our budgets.

As we wander through a virtual wonderland of merchandise, we are glad we waited. Such displays of goods were not here in September when the more cautious were shopping. Another thought, would the gift so wanted at an earlier date still be on the preferred

list now? The whims and choices of September may not be those of December. This may be rationalizing but it provides comfort and solace to those with tired feet and weary bodies resulting from that all familiar Christmas.

In your eagerness to get just the right gifts for those very special people in your life, don't push yourself too hard. If you find yourself getting tired, sit on a bench in the mall and watch the other shoppers — think how wonderful it is to see so many people trying to please those they love. Commercial as it may be, but the spirit of buying and giving is a very human expression of the love of one person for another.

You watch a young mother, her children cling to her, their eyes and faces aglow with the wonder of toy land and Santa Claus. They are bursting with excitement. Santa knows just what they want him to bring them. You know mother will do her best to see they are not disappointed. There will be things she will go without, but their delight on Christmas morning will more than make up for it.

Back to shopping and then out for lunch or dessert and coffee — have a special treat for yourself and enjoy the day. It's over. You have something for everyone. You are tired but happy. "It's better to give than receive," that thought brings you to the question that sent you off on the mission: "What do you want for Christmas?" You think about it, the possible and the impossible.

Like most people everywhere, you would like to live in a safe, peaceful world free from the threat of nuclear

Prime Time

By Marian Trainor



annihilation. You would like to know that people, wherever they live, have enough to eat. You hope that somehow a way is found to curb crime and make our homes and streets safe.

These are intangibles and in no way an answer to the question, "What do you want for Christmas," passed by someone who wants to experience the satisfaction of showing their love and appreciation by giving a gift you will treasure.

Oftentimes older people are reluctant to name their preferences. "I like anything you choose," they say. I remember an aunt who would say that. When she died there were boxes with Christmas gifts still inside clearly marked to return to the person who had given them to her. No one had the pleasure of seeing her enjoy the gift.

An "I really don't need anything" is another answer frequently given. That may be true, after many years of buying everything that is needed has already been acquired.

This brings to mind a Christmas story by Joan Anglund, "Something for Christmas." A little mouse wants desperately to give his mother something special. "I will give you a pen wiper," he says. And so it goes the little mouse making

suggestions, the mother answering, "But I have that." Finally the little mouse climbs up on his mother's lap and says, "Mother, I have nothing to give but my love." And the mother answers, "That's what I wanted for Christmas."

What they fail to recognize is that those who love them wanted to show their love by giving them something.

Everyone has day-to-day needs. Tell those needs; you will enjoy them more if they carry the tag of love rather than a price tag. Along with the possible, if sometimes not possible, gifts are those which exist only in memory. For those who had the blessing of many Christmases the season always brings into focus those which were treasured and those, if it were possible, we would like to live again.

Every year, the ghosts of Christmas past rises up like a foggy morning demanding to live in memory. And every year we welcome them back to their rightful place in our life at this special time. Those I like to recall are ones like the scene from "The Nutcracker Suite." A tree is set up in the parlor, trimmed and set off with candles blinking and flickering on boughs as green as moss. Mother and dad are

setting out a box that hopefully contains a very special doll. She was dressed like a princess and had a beautiful porcelain face and black shiny curls.

She was a dream come true. Who would not choose to live the joy of that morning again. The reel of memories past forwards to another Christmas and a very special gift from an aunt who was like a mother to me — I was the family she never had.

Appropriately her gift was a cedar chest — a symbol of all she never had and never would have. Cedar chests were an important item in her day.

Girls collected linens and silver and stored them in the chest for the day when they would have homes of their own. Prospective

mothers filled them with baby blankets and soft baby toys. A few years pass and when the girl of the family was old enough, the cycle began again.

I still have the chest. It no longer serves as a repository for future brides and prospective babies, other times, other customs. I still keep some special treasures in it.

I treasure it and remember with a special feeling the one who gave it to me to fill with dreams of future joys.

The memories I treasure most are those where all gathered around a brilliantly decorated tree — the biggest one we could find — and ripping open packages, so happy and so joyous. I'm sure all parents share and treasure the same memories. Merry Christmas to all!

Dealing with issue of caregiver grief

By Suzanne Mintz

It's been more than 20 years since my husband was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, yet I remember it as if it was yesterday — the messy looking waiting area just past the nurse's station, the ugly plastic molded chairs and the flat, even voice of the resident neurologist who suggested I sit down before he said those mind-numbing words that changed my life.

Although I keenly remembered the experience of hearing the diagnosis, I thought I had dealt with all of the emotions that accompanied it. I was wrong. I have accepted the reality of the disease and its day-to-day impact, but I find I am still grieving the loss of my dreams for a life that didn't include infirmity and care giving.

Much has been written over the years about death and dying, and there is currently a major initiative under way sponsored by The

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help Americans better cope with these inevitable aspects of life. Less attention, however, is paid to caregiver grief, that relentless ongoing process that is brought about not by a loved one's death, but by the changed aspects of their life and inevitably of your own.

Twenty years is a long time to be grieving. Some would certainly say: "Get over it, move on." But the reality is that caregiver grief is perpetual. It can't be tied up neatly in a bow.

We hopefully even dream new dreams and attempt to achieve new goals, but we are inevitably thrown back into grief each time there is a downward shift in our loved one's condition or each time we catch a glimpse of what our future might be like in the example of another family's life. The neat bow we tied around our pain begins to unravel, and we grieve again, not in quite the

same way we did the first, second or third time but in a way that reflects who we are now, at this time of our lives and in our current circumstances.

Illness and disability are a family affair. The accident or diagnosis that made our family member need care happened to us as well. It is our accident and our diagnosis just as much as it is theirs. I have a psychosocial form of MS, just as my husband has a clinical one. Anecdotal wisdom says that the person with the clinical diagnosis suffers more in a physical sense, but that their primary caregiver suffers more emotionally.

If this is true, it is no wonder that caregiver grief does not easily go away, that it returns to haunt us from time to time. Our loved one's condition stares us in the face every day and we are powerless to change it. We can bring comfort. We can help with activities, but we can't make the condition go

away. Unless a miracle cure comes around the corner, it will always be there.

In one of her syndicated columns, author Ellen Goodman talked about an unwritten schedule of grief, the fact that we Americans expect things to happen quickly, that we have no patience for problems that linger, for wounds that do not heal. She said: "The American way of dealing with it (grief), however, has turned grieving into a set process with rules, stages and of course deadlines. We have, in essence, tried to make a science of grief, to tuck messy emotions under neat clinical labels — like 'survivor guilt' or 'detachment.' We expect, maybe insist upon, an end to grief. Trauma, pain, detachment, acceptance in a year. Time's up. But in real lives, grief is a train that doesn't run on anyone else's schedule."

How do we handle caregiver grief that never fully

See GRIEF, page 17A



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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2000

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Gaffney, Council members Kneiser, West, Gandelot, Schonenberg, Danaher and Waldmeir.

Those Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Nash, City Controller; Leonard, Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Gaffney presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 13, 2000 were approved as corrected.

The Council approved the Master Recreation Plan sponsored by The Neighborhood Club, as submitted.

The Council adjourned the Site Plan Review for the Coliseum International Hair Design Shop located at 75 Kercheval to Monday, January 8, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, January 8, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the Kerby School traffic plan.

The Council approved the 2000 Tree & Shrub Planting Program.

The Council approved the Parking Agreement renewing the lease between the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and Punch & Judy Realty L.L.C. for leased parking at the Richard lot.

The Council approved payment of the Statement of Attorney's Fees from the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman, Counselors at Law, in the total amount of \$6,049.90 for various legal services rendered on behalf of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Council approved the low bid of Future Fence in the amount of \$33,864.00 for the Pier Park ornamental fence for the pool and tot lot area.

The Council approved the Grosse Pointe Inter-Municipal Police Radio Agreement, as submitted.

The Council approved the proposed Schedule of Council Meetings for the Calendar Year 2001, as follows:

January 8, 2001
February 12, 2001
March 12, 2001
April 9, 2001
May 14, 2001
June 11, 2001
July 9, 2001
August 13, 2001
September 10, 2001
October 8, 2001
November 12, 2001
December 10, 2001

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Edward J. Gaffney
Mayor

Shane L. Reeside
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/21/00

St. John Senior Community among 10 percent awarded JCAHO accreditation

St. John Senior Community's nursing center has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), joining 10 percent of the nursing homes in Michigan to earn the honor.

A panel of doctors, nurses and other health-care professionals evaluated St. John Senior Community nursing center, located at 18300 East Warren Ave. and Canyon, against a set of rigorous standards in categories like resident rights, care and treatment of residents, education of residents, and organizational ethics, among others. The facility met or exceeded all of JCAHO's national standards for excellence.

"Healthcare organizations can choose to participate in a JCAHO review and evaluation, but many don't. The standards are tougher than state and federal requirements, and it takes an immense commitment from both staff and administrators to prepare. Accreditation represents St. John Senior Community's desire to be recognized by residents and health-care peers for its efforts to provide quality care," said Kathy Dunbar, the facility's vice president and chief operating officer.

"By achieving accreditation, St. John Senior Community has joined a select group of Joint Commission accredited long-term care organizations,"

said Marianna Kern Grachek, executive director of long-term care program at JCAHO. "Only about 2,800 long-term care organizations have received accreditation nationwide."

For more information, call (313) 343-8265.

St. John Senior Community is a member of St. John Health System, a growing network of community-based health-care services and one of the largest employers in metro Detroit. St. John provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and treatment programs with approximately 3,200 physicians, more than 175 ambulatory and medical offices, and 10 community hospitals spanning six counties.

Check up on heating system

By Matilda Charles

This is the time of the year to have your heating system checked out. This is especially important for older people who tend to be more susceptible to cold weather problems. As the statistics show every year: A faulty heating system can often lead to tragic consequences.

For example, an inefficient system uses more gas or oil than would be used if it worked properly. Many seniors on a budget often turn their thermostats down to save fuel costs. When the temperature in a room becomes too low, it can set the stage for the onset of

hypothermia. This is a killer that usually attacks when the victim is asleep and is unaware that she or he is, literally, freezing to death. (Hypothermia causes the body temperature to fall beneath the safe point. The organs stop functioning and unless immediate warming treatment is given, the person will die.)

An inefficient system produces another swift and silent killer — carbon monoxide — that kills by replacing the oxygen in a room.

Another danger comes from fires that can start in chimneys that have not been properly cleaned.

As for the expense involved, that may not be a problem. Contact your fuel supplier. They may do check-ups as part of their service. Or they may arrange to do them at a reduced rate. There may also be programs available in your community which would pay for the cost.

Don't become another winter statistic. Make sure your heating system will keep you warm and safe.

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

Grief

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goes away, that doesn't have a terminus and that may from time to time spring afresh with new tears and new fears?

Acknowledge it, for one thing. Don't deny its existence. Call it by its name. Don't tell yourself that you shouldn't be feeling this way. Your feelings are your feelings.

They are an essential part of you. Burying them will produce a festering mold that stays tucked away inside and eats at your inner core.

Denying your grief denies

your humanity. If you didn't care, you wouldn't feel so bad. So take out the tissues, share your sorrow with a friend or your loved one, if you can.

Be good to yourself. Find emotional nourishment, get lots of hugs. Grieving is hard work. It takes time and energy.

Learn from the experience so that hopefully you can grow from it, so that the grief doesn't debilitate you.

It's been more than 20 years since we received the initial diagnosis. I have dreamed new dreams. I have laughed. We have

experienced the goodness of life. But sometimes the old wound aches in a certain way and I know, as I believe all caregivers know, that I am in for a spell.

When your wound hurts, whether it is still fresh or scar tissue like mine, remember Ellen Goodman's words: "Hearts heal faster from surgery than from loss" and know that it is OK to cry — for yourself — as well as for your loved one.

Suzanne Mintz is president and co-founder of National Family Caregivers Association.



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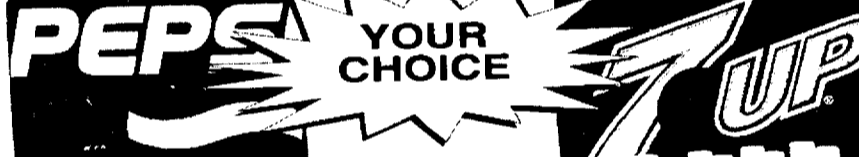
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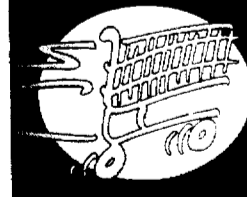


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Tech stocks down, profit warning sinks Microsoft

They say stock prices reflect earnings expectations, which are being cut, so market prices retreated.

Bill Gates' Microsoft (MSFT), about 49.19, off 5.25, or 9.6 percent last week) continued its southerly journey, touching a new 52-week inter-day low of 47.75 last week.

Remember that MSFT trades on NASDAQ and is among the NASDAQ 100 and NASDAQ 500, which are market-cap weighted, and is also one of the DJI-30 stocks, which is price-weighted.

For the year, MSFT is now down 57 percent, shaving some \$375 billion off its market value. As a member of the S&P 500, MSFT is solely responsible for about 30 percent of the S&P 500's decline this year.

Therefore, MSFT's 5.25-

point drop last week had a greater effect on the NASDAQ Composite than on the DJI.

To recap, last week the DJI was down 278 points, or 2.6 percent, closing at 10,434.

The NASDAQ Composite last week lost 264 points, or 9.1 percent, closing at 2,653.

Index changes

Recently, both the S&P 500 Index and the NASDAQ 100 Index announced proposed changes in their underlying stocks.

The S&P 500 Index is managed by a committee of Standard & Poor's Corp., the well-known Wall Street financial adviser.

The 500 stocks are changed from time-to-time to better reflect the contribution of various industry sectors to the gross domestic product of the country.

The S&P 500, as mentioned above, is a market-cap weighted index.

To calculate the index, take a stock's closing price, then multiply by the number of shares outstanding.



By Joseph Mengden

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Let's talk...STOCKS

Add all the 500 stocks multiplied that way, then divide by the combined number of total outstanding shares.

Both the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ indices are market-cap weighted, unlike the Dow Jones, which is price-weighted.

To calculate the DJI Index, add the 30 closing prices, then divide by the published Divisor (which reflects the mergers, stock splits, etc.). The current divisor is 0.16482447.

You can purchase unit trusts, which mirror the price movements of the DJI and trade on the American Stock Exchange under the name: DJIA ("Diamonds") and symbol: DIA, at a market price about 1/100 of the DJI Index.

Unit trusts of the S&P 500 Index also trade on the American Stock Exchange under the name: SPDR ("Spiders") and symbol: SPY, at a market price of about 1/10 of the S&P 500 Index.

Several mutual funds, many investment advisers and bank trust departments operate computer-based "look-alike" funds that mirror the unit trusts.

Every morning at the opening bell, these funds purchase and sell the component stocks, so their fund will then be in sync with last night's closing prices, on a

market-cap weighted basis. When other stocks are added or deleted from the index, large volume purchases and sales are required, sometimes creating price volatility.

The so-called Chrysler merger with Daimler-Benz in 1998 was such an event. Chrysler was a significant component of the S&P 500 Index. The S&P Committee had long required that all component stocks be U.S.-based.

Since the merged company, Daimler-Chrysler, was based in Germany, it was tossed out of the S&P 500 Index, because it was non-conforming.

All S&P unit trusts and "look-alike" funds had to dump their DCX shares at the same time, causing the DCX market price to decline sharply.

The NASDAQ 100 consists of the 100 largest NASDAQ-traded stocks (LTS usually quotes the more broadly based NASDAQ Composite Index, which consists of the 500 largest NASDAQ stocks).

The recent collapse of the tech sector has caused many former NASDAQ 100 stocks to lose enough market value so they are no longer part of the top 100 category.

Again, to be booted out of the top 100 can be very

painful, as everyone exits those stocks at the same time.

But, versa-versa for the new additions. Those stocks move up sharply because of the sudden increased demand.

Voting machines

Do you want to own the stock of a major producer of voting machines?

Money Magazine (January 2001) features an article titled, "The Ultimate Election Play."

No more paper ballots, with or without chads or dimples. No more voting machine levers.

The voting machines of the 21st century have a PC architecture and a Cyrix processor.

Each new machine features a motherboard, a keypad for voter ID, a special keyboard to input votes, an LCD to view photos of the candidates, an internal battery (for remote locations without a power source), a customized cabinet and thermal printer that prints your receipt for having voted.

This past Oct. 1, over 350,000 of these electronic digital voting machines were used in 300,000 polling stations for the national elections of Brazil.

Over 100 million citizens voted in Brazil, where voting is mandatory (you are fined if you fail to vote).

No counting is necessary, since the voting machines download their data to the central computer, much like ATMs are connected to the bank's home office.

No recounts are required, since the winners are declared automatically, much like the tote board declares the winner of a horse race.

This technology was developed by the Brazilian subsidiary of Diebold Inc., a NYSE-listed company (DBD, about 31.63, off 0.75 last week).

Most investors recognize DBD as one of the two manufacturers of ATM machines for financial institutions. Its 1999 revenues totaled \$1.3 billion and it had net income of \$129 million.

The stock currently trades with a P/E ratio of 16 times, and a dividend yield of 2 percent.

That Brazilian voting machine order for \$105.5 million (U.S.) was the largest single order in the company's 141-year history. Diebold is headquartered in Canton, Ohio, about 50 miles south of Cleveland.

Remember, LTS does not recommend stocks, but merely reports on investment news of interest.

You have only four shopping days left before Christmas.

May your holidays be joyous in good health!

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

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- On-site dental and podiatry services
- Laundry and housekeeping service
- Beauty Shop
- Ice Cream Parlor
- Gift Shop featuring a vintage popcorn machine and jukebox
- Transportation
- Two social workers who specialize in issues related to aging
- Intergenerational programs
- DirecTV in every room
- Convenient, free resident parking

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St. John System names new CEO

The board of trustees at St. John Health System has named Elliot Joseph president and CEO, effective Feb. 5, 2001.

Joseph joins St. John from its sister organization, Genesys Health System in Grand Blanc, where he is president and CEO. Genesys and St. John have the same parent company, Ascension Health, the largest Catholic health care organization in the country.

"I feel honored to lead such a well-run organization which has emerged as one of the top integrated health care systems in the country," said Joseph. St. John is the fourth largest health system in Southeast Michigan.

Referring to St. John's "recognized history of community involvement," Joseph said, "I am anxious to take on the challenge of continuously improving quality and efficiency to better serve the health care needs of our expanding community as well as deepening our partnerships with the community."

Joseph replaced Dr.



Elliot Joseph

Francis Wilson, who served as interim president, and Anthony R. Tersigni, who was recently appointed senior vice president of the Great Lakes Division of Ascension Health.

Thomas Russell, chairman of the St. John board of trustees, said, "An extensive search took place to find a leader with vision, fiscal community."

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Business People



Dr. Brian Joondoph, an ophthalmologist on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, has been elected to the 175-member Retina Society.

The organization educates and conducts research relating to the diagnosis, care and treatment of diseases and injuries to the retina.

Robert Buydens, a shareholder in the Detroit-based law firm, Buydens & Anderson, has again been listed in the Employee Benefits Section of The Best Lawyers in America. He has been listed consecutively in the publication since 1987.

Buydens is a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Lucas Georgandellis, M.D., has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, a leading resource for the improvement in cardiopulmonary health and critical care worldwide.

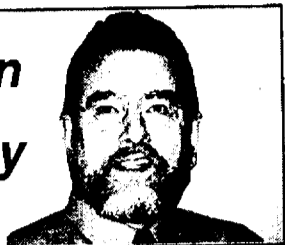
He recently became board certified by The American Board of Critical Care Medicine.

Georgandellis is certified in nephrology and maintains a private practice in nephrology and critical care medicine in the Grosse Pointes and the east side of Detroit.

Conquering the alphabet soup of computer babble

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



AOL, ISP and DSL — you have probably heard them all, but what do they mean? Assuming you have recently purchased a computer, you are now ready to jump on the Internet.

All you need is an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and Internet browser software and you are ready to cruise the World Wide Web or send e-mails to family and friends.

The simplest way to hook up to the Internet is with a local dial-up connection. Typical ISPs offer services for about \$19.95 per month.

America Online is the most popular ISP in the United States, not just because it offers a connection to the Internet, but

because of the many services it offers in addition to the physical hook-up.

They offer Instant Messaging (IM), where you can talk to another individual online in real time. (You type, they type, and thus hold a conversation.) AOL also offers chat rooms where you can meet multiple friends or family members for a real-time conversation.

They have their own Internet browser, the software that allows you to cruise the Internet. They have a very sophisticated opening page (called a homepage), which allows you to select many different functions, such as various news groups, and modify them to fit your individual

needs.

Remember, if you use your existing telephone line, you cannot receive incoming calls. The caller will receive a busy signal. If you have call waiting, the incoming beeps can disrupt your Internet activities.

There is a simple way to disable call waiting. You set your computer to dial *70 before dialing your ISP number. If you have electronic voice mail, callers will be immediately shifted to the voice mailbox.

If you decide to get a second telephone line for computer use only, the connection charge is \$42 for the outside work, and another \$100 (\$99.99!) for installing an inside outlet jack. It will cost you \$22 per month for the service with 400 local calls.

All the taxes and service charges you pay for your standard line are included in that price, though I will never know why I have to pay for long distance access when all I want to do is call

my local ISP.

There are other, faster ways to connect to the Internet.

Comcast, our local cable television service provider in the Grosse Pointes, offers a cable modem connection through your existing cable hook-up. At top speed, you can surf the Internet and download information some 50 times faster than with a 56k modem.

Be aware, though, that at times of peak traffic (other users online), the speed can be much lower. However, it will always be faster than the 56k modem.

Comcast is offering a special deal until Dec. 24 that includes free installation and a free month of service, a savings of about \$180. Service costs \$32.85 per month, with an additional high-speed modem rental charge of \$7 per month.

In order to take advantage of cable modem service, your computer must have a Pentium central processing unit (CPU) of 150 megahertz

(Mhz) or better, with 16 megabytes (MB) of RAM (random access memory) and 150 MB of hard drive memory space available. (See last week's column for a better understanding of what all this means.)

You can still connect to AOL with this cable modem under what AOL calls their "Bring Your Own Access" program. It drops the AOL monthly bill to \$9.95 per month.

You will also need an ethernet card, networking software and Comcast's customized browser. Internet Explorer and Netscape browsers will not do the job.

I do have some concerns about the Comcast cable modem service. When I called locally for information, I was put on hold for 25 minutes. I gave up and went to their website for information. Comcast's 800 number was no better, and I gave up after 10 minutes on hold. "Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line and the next service representative available will assist you."

Yeah, right! I heard that

message some 25 times before I had to run to the bathroom and surrendered!

If you are operating a business that needs a high-speed Internet connection, you might want to contact Ameritech about a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL). It claims to be 50 times faster than a cable modem system, but it's also more expensive than having a second telephone line installed in your office or home. DSL costs \$39.95 per month, with a \$150 installation fee.

If you are computer-friendly, you can get a self-install kit. DSL is not available everywhere. You have to be within a certain number of miles to the nearest local telephone switching station to get this service. If you just want a local ISP for dial-up connection, just check the Yellow Pages. There are several located in the Grosse Pointe area.

Got a tech question? Want to comment, or add your two cents worth? My e-mail address is mmaurer@bizserve.com. Happy Holidays! (computing)

Will e-signature help consumers?

by Lori Z. Bahnmueller

With electronic signatures having recently been endowed with the same level of validity and enforceability as their scribbled counterparts, consumers may be wondering what impact e-signatures ability will have

on them.

Effective Oct. 1, 2000, the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act gives a contract signed electronically and stored on disk the same clout as a paper contract, signed in ink and stored in a file cabinet.

This legal certainty will allow consumers and businesses alike, to contract electronically for goods and services, to receive related state and federal disclosures online, and to obtain electronic records of their transactions.

Already consumers can apply for a loan online.

Soon, you might be able to sign a promissory by typing in a password and returning the contract to the credit union by e-mail.

And if you'd prefer to receive account statements, bills, warranties, term changes and late notices via e-mail, the law allows companies to correspond with you over the Internet instead of through postal mail.

Because the law defines electronic signatures as "technology neutral," a myriad

of technologies will apply.

An electronic signature, for instance, could be something as simple as entering a personal identification password and clicking a button, or as complex as a fingerprint scan.

What does this all mean to the consumer?

Other than offering the convenience of executing contracts from your personal computer and saving you a few dollars on postage, the consumer benefits of e-signature authority aren't terribly clear.

For businesses, however, the new law could dramatically reduce overnight shipping costs and file storage.

In time, such savings could be passed on to the consumer.

For those concerned about privacy and identify theft, the electronic signature law includes a number of consumer safeguards:

If the electric company or water utility wants to cut off your service, you have to be notified in writing on paper.

Other notices that have to be delivered on paper include foreclosures, evic-

tions, repossessions, the cancellation of health or life insurance, and product recalls that affect health or safety.

Certain other documents will be valid only on paper, including wills, adoptions, divorce decrees, court orders and official court papers.

An electronic document has to be printable so you can file a hard copy.

A business has to tell you the hardware and software requirements for receiving and storing its electronic documents.

You have to confirm that you have the required hardware and software by using that technology to give your consent.

If, for example, you agree to receive documents by e-mail, you'll have to reply by an e-mail.

A company can't penalize you if it upgrades hardware or software requirements that you can't meet.

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

St. John —

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responsibility, and values to continue to strengthen SJHS' position as one of the pre-eminent integrated health care systems in the country."

He added, "We are fortunate to have a proven leader in Elliot Joseph who will continue to build upon the aggressive strategies set forth by former president Anthony Tersigni, who established St. John as the fastest growing health system in the state."

Tersigni said, "Elliot brings numerous strengths, including experience in building a results-oriented culture brought about by teamwork, openness, accountability, partnership and values. Those strengths will further enhance the success of St. John Health System as one of the leading community-based hospital systems in the country."

St. John Health System has 10 hospitals, more than 20,000 employees, approximately 3,200 physicians, 125 outpatient centers and a number of affiliated medical campuses, outpatient centers, primary care locations and ancillary health care organizations.

St. John System includes nursing homes and Eastwood Clinics, the largest mental health and substance abuse treatment network in Michigan.

SJHS is the leading provider in the state for open-heart surgery and births. More than 1,500 open-heart procedures are performed each year and more than 10,000 babies are delivered through the system. St. John is the third largest cancer program in the state.

Joseph is the former senior vice president of the Oakland Region for the Detroit Medical Center as well as president of Huron Valley Hospital.

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The 12 days of Christmas — in the Pointes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

It's no longer illegal to be Catholic in England, but the underground catechism song, "The 12 Days of Christmas," is still a favorite among carolers.

Even though people don't have to teach children religion in code, the symbolisms have become quite obsolete. Machines, not maids, milk cows. Partridges, turtle doves, French hens and swans are not native to the Grosse Pointes and the geese in the area have been known to lay things other than eggs. A search for Lords in the Pointes only turned up one and she claimed to be the only one of her clan west of Boston.

Our local updated version of "The 12 days of Christmas" is a bit different. We hope you like it.

Happy holidays.

A partridge in a pear tree

"Nobody likes to grow fruit trees," said Your Home "Ask the Landscaper" columnist David Soulliere. "They require a lot of maintenance. You have to spray them every 10 to 14 days during the growing season."

But if you're insistent on buying a pear tree, Soulliere recommended an ornamental pear, or *pyrus*.

"It's a popular tree," said Soulliere. "It's right up there with the weeping cherry and flowering crabapple."

Typically, ornamental pears are narrow, oval-shaped trees with white flowers in the spring, glossy green leaves in the summer and greyish-brown berries that birds like to eat in the fall. They grow about six to 12 inches a year and top out at about 40 feet in height.

The best time to plant an ornamental pear tree is spring and summer. The folks at Soulliere Garden Center in St. Clair Shores will be happy to sell or plant one for you.

In the meantime, they may be able to provide a partridge ornament for your Christmas tree.

2 turtle doves

The Grosse Pointe area is not indigenous to the turtle dove, but Wild Birds

Unlimited owner Rosann Kovalcik said that many of her customers come to her Grosse Pointe Woods store to attract mourning doves to their yards.

Kovalcik said that their favorite seed is white millet and they're attracted to tray or platform feeders.

"They are a peaceful bird — the symbol of peace and they're very pretty," said Kovalcik. "They'll nest in areas that are very visible to people."



3 French hens

Like the turtle doves, a search of the Grosse Pointes turned up no French hens, but a bounty of broiler hens, stewing hens and Cornish hens — including those with fruit, wild rice and cornbread stuffings — were found at the Farms Market in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Owner Larry Najjar's inventory is not just limited to chicken hens.

"We have duck, goose, pheasant and quail," said Najjar. "We get quite a call for it this time of year."

For tips on stuffing your own hens, see A la Carte's recipe for spicy sausage stuffing on page 8B.

4 calling birds

Aside from teaching these birds to call, Lee Meyer, owner of This N That for Pets in Grosse Pointe Woods, said that para-



keets are very low-maintenance pets. She said her store sells quite a few of them during the Christmas season.

"All you have to do is feed and water them every day," said Meyer.

5 gold rings

If the lady in your life is coquettishly cooing for

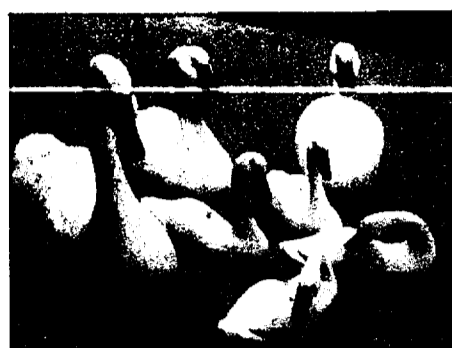
Santa Baby to bring her one little thing — a ring — why not make it five?

"We sell mostly diamonds, but we also sell a lot of pearls and gemstones — sapphire and tanzanite," said John Ahee, manager of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry in Grosse Pointe Woods.



6 geese a-laying

These geese weren't a-laying, but they were fully dressed at Something Special Too. The store on the Hill sells the garden geese and outfits for Christmas and other occasions throughout the year.



7 swans

a-swimming

These carved wood swans by Gallerie II weren't made for swimming, but do make wonderful accent pieces at Christmas or any other time of the year.

The swans, sold separately, are available at Jacobson's in the Village.

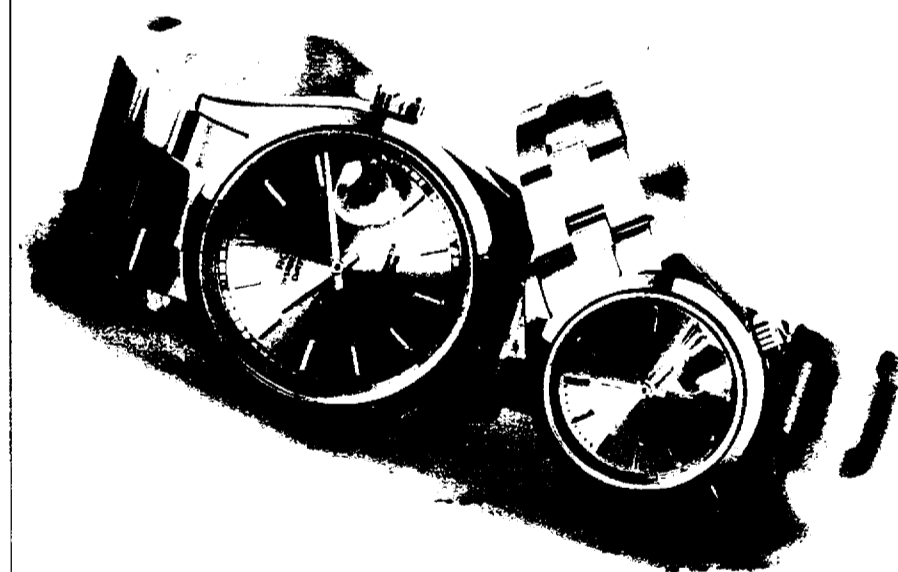


8 maids a-milking

"This is our busiest time of the year," said Merry Maids franchise owner JoeFerrier whose firm handles about

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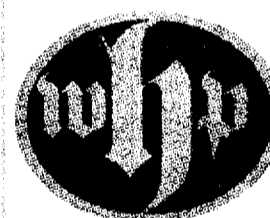
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Top 10 tips for a healthy 2001

By Dr. Anthony Paniccia
Special Writer

This New Year, instead of making a single resolution, pledge to improve your overall health status. Focus on the body as a whole, and over the next 12 months, take steps to change your lifestyle for the better. If you're



Dr. Anthony Paniccia

Stop smoking. If you smoke, break the habit for dramatic health improvements. You'll lower your risk for cancer, heart disease, stroke, chronic lung diseases and respiratory illnesses. People who don't smoke suffer from fewer bouts with bronchitis and pneumonia. They deal with less coughing and sinus congestion, and they enjoy a better sense of

taste and smell. Bon Secours Cottage offers the Freedom from Smoking Clinic, a step-by-step program for changing personal behavior to stop smoking. A new session begins Wednesday, Jan. 10. For more information, call Community Health Promotion at (810) 779-7900.

Exercise. Physical inactivity is a risk factor for chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes, and is as dangerous for your health as smoking. Studies show that regular exercise — 30 minutes of physical activity daily — can give you more energy, better quality of life, healthier body composition, better balance and coordination, improved sleep and a longer life expectancy.

See your doctor for a physical. When was the last time you had a complete physical? Most of us only see our doctors when we're sick. If it's been more than a few years since you had a physical exam, call your family doctor and make an appointment. If you don't have a physician, contact the Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral Service at (800) 303-7315.

Eat more fruits and vegetables. The American Dietetic Association recommends that adults eat three to five servings of vegetables and two to four servings of fruit daily. A serving of fruit usually consists of one piece of whole fruit, one-half cup canned or one-quarter cup dried. For vegetables, a serving is one-half cup or one whole cup of salad greens. By increasing your intake, you'll lower your risk for chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease and stroke, and may control obesity, high blood pressure, birth defects, age-related cataracts and diverticulosis. Fruits and vegetables contain a variety of nutrients, fibers and phytochemicals (plant substances) with various health-enhancing properties.

Consider taking an aspirin a day. The American Heart Association recommends taking an aspirin daily if you've previously had a heart attack or you have a medical condition that puts you at high risk for heart attack or stroke. Most physicians recommend

one "baby" or "adult" aspirin daily following a heart attack. Even if you're healthy, there may be benefits to regular aspirin use; discuss the benefits and risks with your doctor.

Lose weight. If you're even moderately overweight, you're carrying a constant burden on your back and legs, which can aggravate conditions such as osteoarthritis. Extra weight also makes you more vulnerable to coronary artery disease, high blood pressure and stroke, and increases your risk for developing breast, prostate, colon and uterine cancer. If you are more than a few pounds overweight, see your physician to discuss a weight-loss plan.

Wear your seat belt. Most people who have died in traffic crashes were not wearing seat belts. Seat belts are the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries from traffic accidents. Research has found that lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent.

Get more sleep. Half of all adults don't get adequate rest, yet sleep is as important for health as exercise and good nutrition. Make sleep a priority, and if the inability to fall asleep or stay asleep is interfering with your ability to function, see your physician.

Control high blood pressure. High blood pressure, or hypertension, affects 60 million Americans. Many aren't aware that they have high blood pressure, and 25 percent or more fail to control it — putting themselves at risk for stroke, heart attack and kidney failure. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, attend a free blood pressure screening offered by Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. Call (810) 779-7900 for dates, times and locations. If you know you have high blood pressure, follow your physician's advice to bring it under control. Exercise is key — just 30 minutes of physical activity four days a week can result in a five-point drop in blood pressure.

Maintain close friendships. Studies show that social connections are necessary for good emotional and physical health. Nearly half of all Americans say they don't have enough close relationships, which means there are plenty of people out there who need companionship. This New Year, make a new friend or re-establish ties with an old one.

Dr. Anthony Paniccia is a family practice physician who sees patients at Bon Secours Cottage Associated FamilyCare Physicians, located on Hoover in Warren. For an appointment, call (810) 498-4300.



Honored

The Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment of St. John Health System honored Dr. Michael Busuito, at the right, as its Humanitarian of the Year at the group's recent annual fundraising dinner. At the left is Dr. Gennaro DiMaso, chairman of the Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment committee.

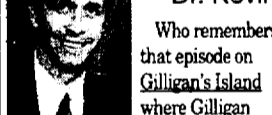
The endowment helps needy families with sick children who are served by St. John Health System. Busuito, a plastic surgeon, was selected for the award because of his humanitarian efforts treating children in Mexico who have serious facial deformities.

Dinner committee members included Grosse Pointers William Asimakis Jr., Michael Curis, Michelle Giorgio, Alex Lucido, Karl Nothdurft, Dr. Ali Rabbani, Frank Trentacosta and Arthur Stringari. For more information about the fund, call (313) 343-7481.

A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing



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Dr. Kevin Prush, D.D.S.

Who remembers that episode on Gilligan's Island where Gilligan could tune in a radio frequency with his silver fillings? That was pretty funny. Of course there is no such thing! These days, less and less people are getting tooth decay, and when patients do get tooth decay, more patients are getting tooth colored resin fillings.

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

Please send a cute, clear photo (color or black & white, home or studio produced, not computer generated, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Mackey, Display Advertising. Complete the information slip with your child's full name, date of birth and hospital and return it with your photo. Please print the baby's name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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

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Goodwill
Antiques Show

The Goodwill Antiques Show Preview Party recently drew a crowd to the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The Junior Group of Goodwill, a volunteer auxiliary of more than 200 members, sponsored the fundraiser for Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which provides job training and placement services for people with disabilities and special needs.

Among the Grosse Pointe residents who attended were, from left, Barbara Miller, Mary Rauh and Terry DiGuillo.

Meetings
New Friends,
Neighbors

The New Friends and Neighbors Club will hold a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the War Memorial. Pascale Forster will display antique Quimper dishware and discuss the history of the French dishes.

The cost is \$10 and reservations must be made by Sunday, Dec. 31. Call Carla Teagan at (313) 885-6460.

Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the home of Doris Costakis. Co-hostess will be Frances Fleming. Members should meet at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building parking lot, because of limited parking. The program: an herbal tea party. RSVP to Fleming at (313) 886-2371.



Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary

"Christmas at the Townsend," a luncheon, auction and Christmas Carol sing-along, was held Dec. 1 at the Townsend Hotel. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Metropolitan Detroit and helps support the efforts of the Salvation Army.

Grosse Pointers who attended included, from left, Marge Slezak, Mado Lie, Sybil Jaques, Theresa Selvaggio, Maureen McCabe and Dale Austin.

Driving refresher course
slated for senior citizens

Grosse Pointe senior citizens are invited to "You Decide," a senior driving awareness program, offered the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning in January at the St. Clair Shores Senior Activities Center.

The free course's program is to assist people in maintaining their independence with driving safely as long as possible.

Each 90-minute meeting involves a different subject related to driving and a guest speaker is featured for the first part of the meeting. The first session is scheduled for 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, with the video "The Older and Wiser Driver."

The remainder of the program will be an informal discussion with refreshments served.

"This is a great idea," said St. Clair Shores Traffic Lt. R.J. Hayden. "It will help people who go." And he urges all senior citizens to go, if only to brush up on driving skills.

Due to the aging process, seniors lose some of their ability to drive at night, so Hayden suggests seniors have their night vision tested.

They also lose mobility and judgment.

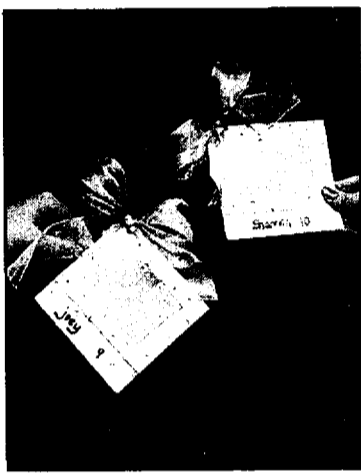
"There are a lot of hit and

run accidents in parking lots and they don't stop. When they are asked about (the accident), they say they didn't think they hit the car hard enough to do damage," he said.

"I encourage everyone who has the time and wishes to keep up their driving skills to take the class," Hayden said.

St. Clair Shores has been chosen by the Area Agency on Aging 1B for this program because of the high percentage of senior drivers in southern Macomb County.

For more information on the "You Decide" driving awareness program, call Chris Ohlrich at (810) 445-0996.



CHD's
Giving
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The Children's Home of Detroit's sixth annual Holiday Giving Tree was hosted again by the initial 1995 sponsors: Jack's Waterfront, Gar Wood's and Lucy's Tavern

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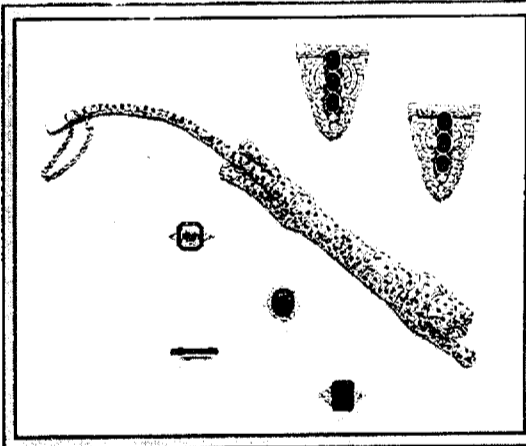
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The Pastor's Corner

A bird shows us
the way

By the Rev. Tom Rice
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

I think that Walter Wangerin Jr., in the Dec. 14, 1988 issue of "The Lutheran," expressed it beautifully:

"Watch her. Watch what she does. Watch what she does to herself for the sake of others."

When the time comes that she should lay and love a clutch of eggs, this ugly bird enters the trunk of a tree, and then she flies no more.

Immediately, with the help of her mate from the outside, she sets to work to wall the doorway shut. But the wall of mud and dung that protects her children imprisons her. For the sake of her children, she has exchanged the spacious air of the forest for a tight, dark cell.

Soon, when her children are hatched and very tender, something comes flying out of that slot in the mud wall, something so terribly beautiful that every parent must gasp with understanding, and every Christian stand in awe.

Watch: it is feathers. One by one the hornbill's feathers sail into the air and flutter down to Earth. These are the longest, strongest feathers of her wings. The shafts of these feathers could wound her young, so she plucks them out with her monstrous beak.

And what does this mean? It means that the mother has torn flight from herself. It means that she has sacrificed her very nature for the sake and the saving of her children.

Now who chose to leave the infinite sphere of heaven — willingly, compelled by his love alone? Who denied himself celestial flight for the sake of a people and walled himself inside this world, in time and space and flesh, that he might be the refuge of the weary?

Who plucked himself of power? Who emptied himself and became a baby, swaddled in humility, cradled in wood, flightless and bound to die?

Who loved us so much? Who loved us so purely? Of course. We are reading Christmas in an awkward bird."

I hope Advent has been a time of watching — of having our vision so transformed that we see the Gospel in a bird, or in a neighbor, or in ourselves. May we be attuned to the powerful message of sacrificial love.

This can be a season of short tempers and renewed family feuds, of terrible loneliness and great selfishness. But it can also be a time of new life and deep peace, of joy beyond words and love enfolded. May God help it to be the latter, and not the former.

May the hornbill help show us the way.

St. John Pulmonary Rehab
gets national certification

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program has been awarded national program certification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

"This is a rigorous certification process that involves careful review of everything from staff competencies, equipment used and documentation of maintenance, patient interventions, follow-up and outcome surveys, established protocols and everything in between," said Jackie Croaker, program coordinator, Pulmonary Rehab, SJH&MC.

"National certification recognizes and validates the dedication of our staff and sustains our commitment to providing patients with quality care," said Dr. Kevin Grady, medical director of the program.

SJH&MC's Pulmonary Rehab Program first opened in 1993 and hosted 1,000 patient visits that year. Today, the program hosts more than 5,700 patient visits annually.

The program offers support and care for people with life-altering respiratory diseases like pulmonary fibrosis, lung cancer, asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The pulmonary

rehabilitation program lasts six weeks and combines education and exercise to help people understand their condition, modify their daily routines and improve their health. After completing the program, patients can participate in a maintenance program that allows them to use the center three times a week.

The physical and psychological benefits derived from pulmonary rehabilitation are recognized as a necessary component in the successful management of respiratory disease. They help alleviate a patient's difficulties in dealing with their activities of daily living, said Croaker.

"Pulmonary Rehabilitation prepares a person for surgery and sustains him or her after surgery," said Croaker.

It's estimated that more than 14 million people in the United States have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, which includes asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. COPD is the second leading cause of disability in America, and is the source of an estimated \$15 billion in medically-related costs annually.

Rehabilitation classes are limited in size. A physician referral is required. For more information, call (313) 343-8308.



Family tree

The stately Douglas fir tree in front of Cottage Hospital was lit on Nov. 30, in memory of long-time Cottage Trustees Elise M. Fink and her son, Peter R. Fink. The lighting ceremony was attended by former trustees, friends, employees and volunteers of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services and Fink family members. From left, are Lynn Gorey Carpenter; Stephen, Elise and Elyse Fink Jones; and Austin, Jake, Anne and Jeff Jones. Jake Jones flipped the switch that lit the tree.

Mediterranean diet may add
years to life after heart attack

For individuals who have already had a heart attack, a "Mediterranean" style diet — rich in olive oil, fruit, vegetables and fish — might be one of the best prescriptions for a longer life, researchers reported at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2000.

"Despite the fact that good dietary habits are known to be the cornerstone of heart health, there is limited data demonstrating the amount of benefit for individuals who have had a heart attack," says Dr. Roberto Marchioli, co-coordinator of the GISSI-Prevenzione Study at the department of clinical pharmacology and epidemiology of Consorzio Mario Negri Sud, Santa Maria Imbaro, Italy.

"A significantly lower risk of death was associated with eating more Mediterranean-style foods and fewer foods containing saturated fats, such as butter. People in the study who had the most butter and vegetable oils in their diet had a risk of death almost triple that of people who ate more fresh fruits and vegetables and used

olive oil."

Though relatively high in fat, the Mediterranean diet is considered healthy because it is rich in potentially protective nutrients: antioxidants such as vitamin E from fruits and vegetables, monounsaturated fatty acids from olive oil and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) from fish.

In general, fewer residents of Mediterranean countries, including Spain, Greece and Italy, die from coronary heart disease than their northern neighbors. Marchioli's team was curious about the benefits of following the Mediterranean diet after a heart attack.

The GISSI-Prevenzione study, a large-scale clinical trial organized by the Italian National Association of Hospital Cardiologists and the Mario Negri Institute, evaluated the long-term changes in dietary habits of 11,324 Italians after their heart attacks.

The study also assessed the effectiveness of prescrib-

ing extra amounts of substances they usually get from their diet — specifically, n-3 PUFA and vitamin E.

Researchers found that improving life-style habits — such as eliminating stress, getting more exercise, stopping smoking and eating a healthy diet — and compliance to "prescribed drug treatment are the keys to preventing the recurrence of cardiovascular disease.

"Particular attention should be paid to having good dietary habits and maintaining them as time goes by," says Marchioli.

"Eat foods such as fruit, vegetables, fish and olive oil, which are rich in protective nutrients and eat few potentially harmful foods such as butter, red meat and foods rich in animal fat. You can still enjoy your life and your food without being on a strict diet.

"This approach could increase the feasibility of adopting healthy dietary habits that will be maintained in the long term."

Pride of
the Pointes

Seven Grosse Pointe students, all juniors at Kalamazoo College, are participating in the college's study abroad program this fall. Patrick Fitzgerald is studying in Strasbourg, France; Andrew Farkas and Danielle Caralis are studying in Athens; Aimee Topacio is studying in Caceres, Spain; Matthew Kenney is studying in Lancaster, England; Aimee Dallas is studying in Clermont-Ferrand; and Julie Paavola is studying in Madrid.

Frank Tymrak of Grosse Pointe Woods, a senior majoring in food marketing at Western Michigan University, recently took third place in the Food Distribution Research Society Case Study Competition. He was part of a team that presented a marketing plan to sell grapefruit juice. He is the son of Frank and Jenny Tymrak.

Matthew Guest of the City of Grosse Pointe recently graduated from Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in management and organizational development.

Shawn M. Maurer, daughter of Susan L. Maurer of the City of Grosse Pointe and John A. Maurer of Lake Orion, recently participated in the College Student Research Partners Program at Albion College. She is a first-year student.

Air Force Tech Sgt. Theodoros N. Athanasiou, son of Chrysanthi N. Athanasiou of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Kapaun Air Station in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He is a unit flight management supervisor assigned to the 555th Fighter Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

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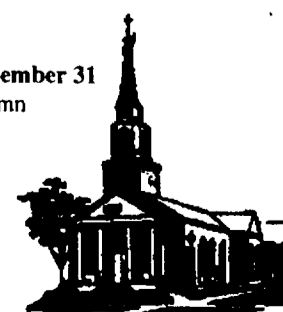
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11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Service & Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 31

10:15 a.m. End-of-Year Hymn Service & Holy Eucharist

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Monday, December 25
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CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
7:15 p.m. Special Music
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
10:45 p.m. Special Music
11:00 p.m. Midnight Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

PASTOR Dr. Walter A. Schmidt
ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Barton L. Beebe




CHRIST CHURCH
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(313) 259-6688

Sunday, December 24
8:15 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

December 25 10:00 a.m. Eucharist
December 31 10:30 a.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

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CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
7:15 p.m. Special Music
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
10:45 p.m. Special Music
11:00 p.m. Midnight Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 5:00 PM
Christmas Day Festival Service: 10:00 AM



Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Episcopal)

DECEMBER 24
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:45 and 10:15 a.m.*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Family Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 p.m.* and 6:00 p.m.*
with the Procession of the Creche
Candlelight Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 p.m.
Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite I 11:00 p.m.
Carols and Christmas Hymns 10:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 25
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:15 a.m.


DECEMBER 31
The First Sunday after Christmas
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 7:45 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Christmas Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.*

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Celebration 10:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 p.m.

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240 Chalfonte at Lothrop • 884-3075

CHRISTMAS EVE
10:00 a.m. Worship
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Rev. Eddie A. Bray, Pastor
Rev. Scott Davis, Associate Pastor



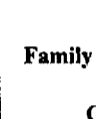
GROSSE POINTE WOODS PRESBYTERIAN Church
19950 Mack (between Moross & Vernier)

December 24 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
7:00 p.m. Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

December 31 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

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Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
Worship with Communion
Special Music
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with Communion

New Years Eve
10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Worship with Communion
Potluck
Worship

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St. Michael's Episcopal Church
20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods
884-4820

The Rev. Robert E. Neily, Rector
Rev. Jack G. Trembath

CHRISTMAS EVE
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
4:00 p.m. Carol Eucharist for Children
7:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols
7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon
10:30 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Homily and Carols



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Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
Worship with Communion
Special Music
Candlelight Worship
with Communion

New Years Eve
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7:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon
10:30 p.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Homily and Carols



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

COMMUNAL Penance Service
Saturday, December 16, 2000
at 2:00 p.m.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 23 and
Sunday, December 24, 2000
Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Mass on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 24, 2000
Children's Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.


FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Monday, December 25, 2000
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.
Mass of Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m.
Mass of Christmas Day at 11:15 a.m.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 30 and
Sunday, December 31, 2000
Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Mass on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Monday, January 1, 2001
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Saturday, January 6 and
Sunday, January 7, 2001
Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Mass on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

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Christ the King Lutheran Church
Mack & Lochmoor, G.P.W.
884-5090

Christmas Eve Service
Family Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m.
Nursery Provided
Candlelight with Sr. Choir
10:45 p.m.

Christmas Day Service
10:00 a.m.

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Hospital helps smokers quit 12 Days

During the last several years, public attitudes toward smoking have undergone a dramatic turnaround. Many smokers now recognize the addictive nature of nicotine. While some people use this as motivation to quit, others find it is a barrier to quitting. No single way works for everyone; quitting smoking is a very personal and individual process.

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services offers a seven-session American Lung Association smoking cessation clinic, Freedom from Smoking.

The program is based on the premise that smoking is a learned habit. Individuals teach themselves how to smoke and practice so well

and for so long that smoking becomes an automatic behavior, much like eating or sleeping. The Freedom from Smoking clinic offers a systematic approach to quitting smoking. It also focuses on behavior changes and offers strategies for staying smoke-free.

Freedom from Smoking is offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 17, 24, 26 and 31; Feb. 6 and 21 in the Bon Brae Center Classroom, 22300 Bon Brae in St. Clair Shores. The cost is \$55 a person.

Daytime classes are also available. For more information about the program or to preregister, call (810) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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175 homes in the area.

While Ferrier's staff will come in and do pre- and post-holiday clean-up, he said that customers are on their own for milk.

"We don't shop for clients," said Ferrier.

Pictured are eight of the Merry Maids, Delann Pelkey and Sharon Fleury, bottom row; Lori Martin, Cindy Mullin, Chris Siecinski and Polly Schulz, middle row; and Dawn Bode and Mira Wuerges, back row.

For more information, call Ferrier at (313) 885-3360.



Rivera, Timmy Johnson and Joshua Moran.

Classes are held Monday through Friday for children from birth to five years. For information on schedules and registration, call (810) 263-9778.



12 drummers

The bands at Grosse Pointe North High School don't have any little drummer boys, but have plenty of young men and women, all with visions not of sugar plums, but of Mickey Mouse dancing in their heads. The bands will be guest performers at EPCOT Center and will compete in Music Fest Orlando between March 30 and April 2, 2001.

Striking up the bands are Dave Connolly, Matt Stasiewicz, Stephen Zmyslowski and Kathleen Larrabee, front row; C.J. Sazama, Mike Griener, Joseph Sul and Cara Wulf, second row; and Chad Beskange, Clayton Bethea, Sarah Bey and Jonathan Neeme, back row.



9 ladies dancing

The young ladies in Mary Ellen Cooper's ballet classes dance with the grace of seven swans a-swimming.

Pictured are, counterclockwise from left, Sarah Hinman, Anna Chrisman, Amanda Hampton, Dominique Densmore, Kristen Schultes, Dana Chrisman, Amber Densmore and Katherine Maughan; and Lauren Schultes, center.

Classes begin in January and are held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

10 lords a-leaping

Gymboree at Barnes School is the place to find lords and ladies leaping, tumbling, dancing and crawling like Erin Haggerty, Mackenzie Flynn, Charles Collins, Alessandro Rippolone, Jack Kohler, Megan Conant, Jack Ecclestone, Nicholas

Anniversary

Owens

Grosse Pointers John D. and Mary B. Owens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 12 in Key West, Fla., at a party at the Wyndham Casa Marina Beach Resort.

Mary Owens is a retired Grosse Pointe teacher and former president of FLEC, and a former officer and director of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and Indian Village Tennis Club. J.D. Owens was a Detroit adver-



John D. and Mary B. Owens

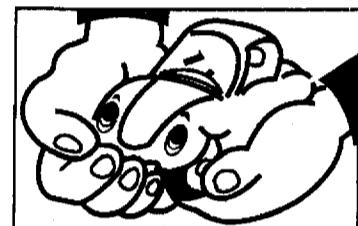
tising executive and author. Daughter, Amy, celebrated the anniversary with son-in-law, Dr. Michael Preston.

Hospital seeks volunteers

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services welcomes new volunteers at its Bon Secours and Cottage hospital campuses, as well as the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks, including assisting patients and residents, helping with patient admissions and discharges, assisting patients and visitors at the front information

desk, performing basic clerical functions, assisting with the Meals for the Homebound Program, sewing hand puppets for pediatric patients and visitors, crocheting lap blankets at home, for patient use.

For more information or to request an application to volunteer, (313) 343-1795; or (313) 640-2455; or (810) 779-7011.



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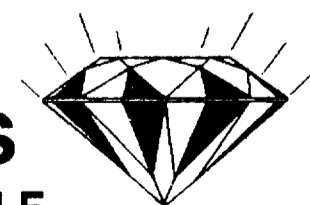
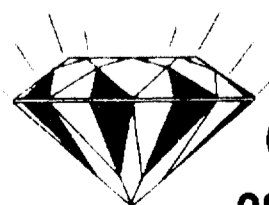
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Keep holidays safe: Don't drink and drive

Since the holiday season is one of the most dangerous times for motorists, it is no coincidence that December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. This is a time when communities and law enforcement agencies nationwide work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to raise public awareness about the dangers of impaired driving.

All drivers risk impairment when consuming alcohol or drugs. Underage drinkers (16-20 years of age), young people 21 to 34 years old, and repeat DUI offenders are more likely to drive while impaired. In 1999, nearly 16,000 people were killed and more than 300,000 were injured in alcohol-related crashes (when at least one of the drivers or non occupants has a positive blood alcohol content). The National 3D Prevention Month Coalition

hopes to reduce alcohol-related fatalities to no more than 11,000 a year by the year 2005. This can be achieved by teaching people how to detect and prevent impairment, giving them alcohol-free holiday party ideas, working to set new blood-alcohol standards and toughening legal penalties for impaired driving.

To begin with, "impaired driving" is defined as "the joint occurrence of drinking alcohol and operating a motor vehicle. That means impairment can begin with just one alcoholic drink — whether it's liquor, wine or beer. Once alcohol is consumed, it is absorbed into an individual's blood system and can be measured as blood alcohol concentration (BAC).

The rate of absorption varies according to an individual's height, weight, and the food ingested prior to drinking. Current BAC limits for motor vehicle operators range from .08 to .10, but Congress enacted a law

in October 2000 that will cut or divert federal highway construction funding for states that don't adopt a .08 BAC limit. States that have enacted the .08 limit and enforced other drunk-driving laws have reduced alcohol-related fatalities by 6 to 16 percent.

Responsible party hosting is one of the best ways to prevent impaired driving. If possible, have someone serve drinks rather than having guests serve themselves, because a bartender can monitor and limit your guests' drinking.

If guests do help themselves, make sure the containers holding the alcohol are properly labeled, and provide a shot glass so guests can measure how much they're consuming. If you serve alcoholic punch, use a non-carbonated base such as fruit juice, because the body absorbs alcohol faster when mixed with carbonation. Also, have an equally attractive selection of non-alcoholic beverages on hand.

Always serve food with alcohol, but limit salty, thirst-producing appetizers. Cheese, meats, vegetables and fruits are good because they stay in the stomach longer, which slows the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

It takes about one hour per drink to eliminate alcohol from the body, so it's wise to stop serving alcohol at least an hour before guests depart. Coffee, fresh air or cold showers do not help a person become sober. Only time does that.

If, despite your best efforts, a guest drinks too much, do everything possi-

ble to prevent him or her from driving. Insist that a sober friend drive your guest home, or offer to pay for a taxi.

The holidays offer a good opportunity for parents to talk about drinking and driving and to model appropriate behavior. NCADD has produced a guide to assist parents in talking to their teenagers about safe driving; it is called "Yes, you may use the car, but first..." and can be found at the NCADD Web site (www.ncadd.com). The guide urges parents to communicate respectfully with their children, to listen without criticizing, and to be prepared to answer tough questions such as, "Did you ever drink and drive?"

You can also protect yourself from impaired drivers by driving defensively. Insist that everyone in the car wear a seat belt, and report any driver who is driving erratically to law enforcement officials.

As we approach this holiday season, let's all remember that the only truly safe driving is sober driving. For more information on 3D activities and preventing impaired driving, see www.3dmonth.org or call NCADD at (202) 452-6004.

Plan a holiday season that's headache-free

The holiday season is typically a busy time filled with happiness and good cheer. With celebrations, family gatherings, and office parties, it represents the most social time of the year.

Sometimes that may lead to headaches. Amidst the holiday-party season there can be a tremendous amount of added stress and tension — two key triggers in the onset of headaches. Here are some tips from the National Headache Foundation to help you battle holiday headaches:

- Avoid last minute shopping. Hot stores and long lines are enough to give the most ardent shopaholic a tension headache. This year, why not utilize online shopping opportunities from the comfort of your home or office as a stress-free alternative. Also start holiday shopping early, slowly accumulating gifts for friends and loved ones.
- Be aware of smoke and perfume-filled rooms. Both are typical holiday celebration environments which can trigger headaches. If possible, get some fresh air or find an area relatively smoke- and perfume-free.
- Don't disrupt your normal sleeping and waking patterns. Late-night parties

can also lead to migraines by tempting you to stay up past your bedtime and wake up later than usual. Try to go to sleep and awaken the same time every day, whether you are going to work or not.

• If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. Avoid red wine, which contains tyramine, a naturally occurring amino acid known to trigger headaches. Try a glass of white wine instead.

• Watch what you eat. Migraine sufferers have to be particularly careful during the holiday season since many different foods such as ripe cheese, citrus fruits and chocolate can trigger an attack. Other suspect substances are excessive amounts of caffeinated beverages.

• Schedule personal time. Holidays bring families together for quality time, but the stress of being with your family over several days may be provoking. Have realistic expectations about the visit. Plan to visit friends, take long walks and give yourself a break from all that family togetherness to decrease or help avoid

stress.

• See your health care provider. If you find that you are experiencing more frequent or severe headaches during the holidays, you should make a specific appointment with your health care provider for an accurate diagnosis and to develop a treatment plan.

The National Headache Foundation offers the following headache-free recipes for this festive time of year:

Mock caviar
2 medium (3/4 pound each) eggplants
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake whole eggplants for 1 hour or until tender, turning them occasionally. Peel off dark skin; mince the pulp. Stir in all other ingredients; mix well. Chill. Yields 9 servings.

Champagne fooler
1 1/3 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda

Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice. Add club soda and stir gently to blend. Pour into glasses and serve immediately. Yields four servings.

The National Headache Foundation, founded in 1970, is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the health care practitioners who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of care.

While headaches may be particularly prevalent at this time of year, chronic headaches can be a problem at any time. Headaches are a legitimate biological disease which are treatable. For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit www.headaches.org or call (888) NHP-5552 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.



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DAYTIME PROGRAMMING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 1

9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour aerobics exercise class. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:00 PM)

9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE
Guest Lin Klassen and Shelley Brantley
Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. (Repeated: M-Sun 11:30 PM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN?
Guest Ellen Cooper and Sue Seiter with lasagna
Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. (Repeated: M-Sun midnight, T/Th/Sat 8:30 PM)

10:30 AM JOHANNA GILBERT INTERVIEWS
Topic: United States Customs
Interviews with local celebrities about theatrical, musical and spiritual events. (Repeated: M-Sun 12:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

11:00 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY
Guest Richard Sowerby of Alternative Health Care
Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. (Repeated: M-Sun 1:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 9:00 PM)

11:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW
Guest Merle Browner from the Social Security Administration
Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. (Repeated: M-Sun 1:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 6:00 PM)

12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT
Guest His Eminence Adan Cardinal Maida
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. (Repeated: M-Sun 2:00 AM, T/Th/Sat 7:00 PM)

1:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER
Guest Don Girodat cooking pizza
Host Julia Keim and guests highlight upcoming local, non profit special events. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:30 PM)

1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS
Guest Claudia Snyder and her Bakelite collection
Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. (Repeated: M-Sun 3:30 AM, T/Th/Sat 8:00 PM)

2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER

Guest Susan Gillooly on legal ethics
Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 5:30 PM)

2:30 PM POINTERS WITH PROST
Guest Colonel Franklin Thompson of the Salvation Army
Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. (Repeated: M-Sun 4:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 7:00 PM)

3:00 PM THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE
Topic: "It's a Wonderful Life" live radio, prt 2.
Bunny Brooks hosts an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. (Repeated: M-Sun 5:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 8:00 PM)

3:30 PM POINTS OF HORTICULTURE
Topic: Watergarden
Host horticulturist Jim Farquhar shares tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. (Repeated: M-Sun 5:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 6:30 PM)

4:00 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTES
Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of topic. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:00 AM, M/W/F/Sun 8:30 PM)

4:30 PM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
Renowned local artist Carol LaChusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. (Repeated: M-Sun 6:30 AM, M/W/F/Sun 9:00 PM)

5:00 PM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun: Step/kickboxing : T/Th/Sat: Tone. (Repeated: M-Sun 7:00 AM)

5:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE
Hosts Miss Gloria from the Central Library and Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, offer a half-hour of stories and music for children. (T/Th/Sat 5:30 PM only)

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Stuffing is worthy of three French hens

On the third day of Christmas my true love — Tony — gave to me, 3 French hens . . .

Luckily, I was in the kitchen whipping up a batch of my spicy sausage French hen stuffing.

My true love just loves it. It's a snap to prepare. This delicious stuffing was a hit at my Thanksgiving table. It's a terrific sidecar for any meat.

Find a favorite bird and stuff it.

Spicy sausage stuffing

1 1-lb. package hot breakfast sausage (such as Bob Evans)
1 cup finely chopped

onion
1 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped mushrooms
1 1-lb. bag dry stuffing crumbs OR cubes OR cornbread
1/2 cup melted butter
1 15-16 oz. can chicken broth

In a large, non-stick skillet, break up the sausage into small pieces with your hands. Brown the sausage over medium to high heat until it is about half done. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Transfer the meat to a food processor and pulse until the meat is finely ground. Return the meat to the skillet and add

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the chopped onion, celery and mushrooms.

Return the heat to medium-high and sauté for about 10 minutes or until the vegetables become soft and translucent. Transfer meat mixture into a large mixing bowl and toss in

the stuffing crumbs or cubes. I used a mix of both. Add the melted butter and the chicken broth, carefully tossing to evenly mix all of the ingredients together.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Turn the stuffing mix into a 4 quart casserole dish that has been coated with a non-stick spray. Bake covered for about 45 minutes; remove cover; and bake stuffing for an additional 15 minutes or so. Or stuff the bird of your choice or a thick, juicy pork chop.

You can split the prepared recipe into two 2-quart baking dishes. Bake one for tonight's dinner and hold the other (tightly

covered) in the refrigerator for a meal a few days from now. Allow extra baking time for any dish that is coming out of the refrigerator. This peppy take on a truly all-American classic will bring a real kick to your dinner table. Mellow palates can choose the mild version of the breakfast sausage.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me a big thank-you smooch for his yummy spicy French hen stuffing.

May your 12 days of Christmas be filled with good friends, safe travels, a loving family and lots of tasty eats!

Babies

James Alexander Giftos

Tom and Patty Giftos of Grosse Pointe Shores are the parents of a son, James Alexander Giftos, born Oct. 22, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Barbara Hayosh of Grosse Pointe Woods and Dr. James Hayosh of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Giftos of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Alexandra Dallas of Grosse Pointe Shores and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beck of Bloomfield Hills.

Red Cross offers holiday safety tips

The southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross reminds families to use common sense when decorating with candles, cooking holiday meals and driving to and from holiday celebrations.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 400 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees, causing an average of 14 deaths, 24 injuries and \$10 million in direct property damage.

"One of the highest priorities of the American Red Cross is to provide people with family disaster preparedness and injury prevention skills," says Jeff Wilson, American Red Cross supervisor of Disaster Services. "We believe these safety tips will raise awareness of how to prevent injuries so that people can enjoy the holiday season."

The Red Cross offers the following holiday safety tips to remind residents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties how to prevent injuries or even fatalities during the holiday season:

- 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, and 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-drinking 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 burning fires. 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, 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 recognized 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 wood stoves as you would for space heaters. 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 that can possibly be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in. Don't store items on the stove top; they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appli-

- ances 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. Ensure 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 can help 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) 576-4100 or the Red Cross web site at www.semredcross.org.

Blood pressure screens offered

Bon Secours Cottage offers free blood pressure screenings at three locations. Staff and trained volunteers are available to check community members for undetected cases of hypertension, provide nationally accepted guidelines for follow-up with a health care professional, and furnish additional screening and health education information.

Blood pressure screenings are offered at the following locations:

Bon Secours Hospital
468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe
Each Monday
1 to 3 p.m. in the Main Lobby

Bon Secours Cottage Home Medical
21571 Kelly, Eastpointe
Second and fourth Wednesdays
9 to 11 a.m.

Cottage Hospital
159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms
Second Friday
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main lobby

For more information, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (810) 779-7900 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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Sunday, Dec. 31 Welcome 2001!

Dine and dance the New Year in during Masonic Temple Swings!, benefiting the Diabetic Research programs of Children's Hospital of Michigan, Sunday, Dec. 31, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., in the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple in Detroit. Tickets range from \$50 to \$85. Valet parking is \$8. Reservations are recommended. Call (810) 978-3703.

Friday, Jan. 5 Religious repast

Nourish your body and spirit by partaking in a Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 a.m., at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Rabbi David Nelson of Beth Shalom will be the featured speaker. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Open audition

Test your talents during open auditions for a Grosse Pointe Theatre production of the Moss Hart/George S. Kaufman musical love story *You Can't Take It With You*. Tryouts will be staged Friday, Jan. 5, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Grosse Pointe Theatre Building, 315 Fisher in Grosse Pointe. The curtain will rise Wednesday, March 7 through Sunday, March 25. Call (313) 882-2770.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Delight in an evening of beautiful music when the Emerald Sinfonietta performs works by Corelli, Hiltz, Stamitz and Hindemith during a Mad About Mannheim! concert, Sunday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$15 for students and seniors. Call (313) 839-3206.

Friday, Jan. 12 Religious repast

Nourish your body and spirit by partaking in a Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 a.m., at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Msgr. John Zenz will be the featured speaker. Admission is \$5. Call (313) 882-5330.

Live & Learn Senior fun & games



Six Characters in Search of an Author

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents "Six Characters in Search of an Author" by Luigi Pirandello in rotating repertory through Thursday, Feb. 22. From left, are Gavin Lewis as Father; Cat Shoemaker as the stepdaughter; and Erik Gratton as the director. For information, call (313) 577-2972.

From ballroom and line dancing lessons to computer education, card tournaments, luncheons and more, the St. Clair Shores Senior Activities Center, 20000 Stephens in St. Clair Shores, offers a full calendar of fun. Make your reservation today for upcoming Tour Company Trips including Arizona and Marco Island. Dates and fees vary. The Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m. and Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m. Call (810) 445-0996.

Ford House experiences

Experience the grandeur of an Auto Baron Christmas with a visit to one of "America's Castles," the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Local student pianists will be performing in the Activities Center Solarium, Saturdays, through Dec. 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. Holiday tours will be offered through Sunday, Jan. 7, except Christmas and New Year's Days. Tours will be offered, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., on the hour in the morning and on the half-hour in the afternoons. The final tours on Christmas and New Year's Eves will begin at 3

p.m. The Tea Room is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tours are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Grounds admission is \$5. Annual Passes are available for \$18. Call (313) 884-4222.

Assumption offerings

Launch 2001 with a full schedule of classes, events at The Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores. Invest some time in your good health! Free Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered Thursday, Jan. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or Friday, Jan. 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Reach a new state of well-being through body movement by signing up for Kalosomatics Fitness programs, running Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Saturday, March 3. Assumption's own unique low-impact progressive exercise classes are tailored to all ages, skill levels and schedules, with special programs for cardiac patients. Fees are \$52 for two-day sessions, \$74 for three-day sessions and \$94 for four-day sessions. Kiddie Kalo is \$1 per session. There is a 25 percent discount for seniors enrolled in Stretch and Stroll and Chair Aerobics. Kalo students can take advantage of Free Fitness Testing, Monday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Shape up your mind and body with Karate: The Art of Discipline For All Ages, Tuesdays and

Thursdays, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2. The fee is \$40 for one session a week or \$58 for two sessions per week. Get ready to challenge the greens this spring with a six-week session of Golf - It's All In The Swing, taught by Dish Saros, beginning Monday, Jan. 15. Classes will be offered Monday, at 8 p.m., Monday or Wednesday, at noon, Tuesday or Thursday, at 1 or 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at 8 or 9 p.m. The fee is \$47. Tennis, at the Wimbledon Racquet Club (20250 Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores), will be offered Monday, Jan. 22 through Feb. 23. Classes are scheduled for Monday through Friday, at 9 a.m., Monday through Thursday, at 7 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 1 p.m. or Saturday, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$50. Indulge your creative urges with a series of classes. Acrylics painting will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$45. Explore another medium with Beginning Watercolors, Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. or Thursdays, Jan. 18 to Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$35. Cozy up to Quilting For Beginners, Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$35. Deal yourself into the hobby of a lifetime with Beginning Bridge, Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to Feb. 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$48. Start the New Year on the right note with Guitar II, Thursdays, Jan. 18 to March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$65. Learn the language of the Gods with Adult Conversational Greek. Beginner sessions be offered Mondays, Jan. 15 to March 5, from 6 to 7 p.m. Intermediate Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$40.

Learn to warm your family with Hearty Soups from The Great Food of Greece program, Monday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. The fee is \$10. Macomb County Community College offers a wide variety of ways to expand your horizons at their Assumption Cultural Center campus. Prepare to own your first computer with Getting Started, Friday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 30 or Thursday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$39. Seniors can explore Windows and other programs with Intermediate Computers, Mondays and Wednesdays,

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Jan. 15 through Feb. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$55. Beginning Word will also be offered for seniors, Tuesday, Jan. 16 and Thursday, Jan. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$75. Get a Computer Overview, Tuesday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$75. Master a powerful new visual tool with an Access class, Mondays, Jan. 15 and Jan. 22, from 5 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$75. Youngsters can also take advantage of lively learning experiences at Assumption. Children, ages 5 to 14, can strengthen body and mind with Pee Wee Karate, Saturdays, Jan. 6 to March 3. Classes will be offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fees are \$30 for one hour or \$45 for one and one-half hours. Children, ages 10 to 13, can explore a new career with Preparing to Babysit, Saturday, Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$25. Tee off during a Teen & Youth Golf Clinic, Tuesdays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. The fee is \$30. Pre-registration is required for most courses. Call (810) 779-6111.

Literary views

Seniors can share their literary views during a free Book Club at St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School, 19800 Anita in Harper Woods, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 2 to 3 p.m. Call (810) 778-8674.

On Stage & Screen

DSO notes

Welcome 2001 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward in Detroit, during the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's New Year's Eve Gala Performances, Sunday, Dec. 31, at 6 and 9 p.m. DSO and City officials will launch Detroit's 300th Birthday by opening the Centennial Box, Detroit's 100-year-old time capsule, after the 9 p.m. concert. The evening will conclude with dinner and dancing. Tickets for the 6 p.m. performance range from \$20 to \$75 and tickets for the 9 p.m. performance and gala range from \$30 to \$100. Call (313) 576-5146.

Character study

Applaud Nobel Prize-winning playwright Luigi Pirandello's highly literate classic *Six Characters in Search of an Author* at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass

in Detroit. Performances will be offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 p.m., through Thursday, Feb. 22. Tickets range from \$7 to \$18. Call (313) 577-2972.

Exhibitions & Shows At the DIA

From the old masters to the finest in modern art, discover the exquisite majesty of the galleries and exhibitions of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit. The DIA traces Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry, through Sunday, Dec. 31. Running through that same date, is The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection. Experience ancient universal themes captured in the video installation by Bill Viola, through Sunday, Jan. 7. During that same period, take in the photographic exhibition *Small Wonder: Worlds In A Box*. Explore the medium of photography with a Decade of Acquisitions 1990 to 2000: Photographs, through Sunday, March 4. Little Treasures: Northern European and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries can be viewed through Sunday, March 11. Museum hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Recommended admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children and students. Call (313) 833-7963.

Pewabic galleries

Earthly Treasures, the Annual Holiday Invitational, is on display in the Pewabic Gallery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 31. The Gallery will be open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Friday, Dec. 29 and from noon to 4 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 24. Call (313) 822-0954.

Abstract ideas

Works by Great Lakes and Ontario artists will be featured in 2001: Abstract Odyssey, at The Scarab Club of Detroit, 217 Farnsworth in Detroit. An opening reception will be held Friday, Jan. 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. The exhibition will run through Saturday, Jan. 27. Scarab Club galleries are open Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. Call (313) 831-1250.

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Family

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morning and on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults or \$8 for seniors and children ages 12 and under. Call (313) 271-1620. The Heartland Theatre Company will bring Cindy Cinderella: An American Fairytale to the stage of the Village's Anderson Center, through Saturday, Dec. 30. Performances will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays, and Wednesday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Call (313) 982-6001.

African-American experience

Explore the wonders of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren. The unique talents of local artists, Carl Owens and Jother Woods are captured in A Salute to Black Classical Composers, running through Sunday, Dec. 31. Experience the traveling exhibit Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953, through Sunday, Jan. 21. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children over the age of five. Call

(313) 494-5800.

Sailor art

Folk Art of the Great Lakes, an exhibition of works created by sailors, can be viewed at Belle Isle's Dossin Great Lakes Museum, accessible via the MacArthur Bridge at E. Jefferson and E. Grand Boulevard in Detroit. Hear exciting tales from representatives of the Detroit Lodge #7 of the International Shipmasters Association and former members of the Ford Fleet during the Ford Fleet Festival, Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Thursday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children can explore the hands-on exhibition Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes, along with permanent exhibitions featuring the doomed ship Edmund Fitzgerald and a freighter pilothouse. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, ages 12 to 18. Call (313) 852-4051.

Detroit's past

Stroll the Streets of Old Detroit; experience more than 100 years of automotive history and travel from Frontiers to Factories through the permanent exhibitions of the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward in Detroit.

Detroit's 300th birthday is the inspiration for the special exhibition 30 Who Dared: Detroiters Who Made a Difference, through December 2001. Plan to swap and shop during the Glancy Train Show and Auction, Saturday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include train appraisals, a repair workshop, accessories display and more. The workshop fee is \$2 per item. View images of Detroit and Michigan, from 1898 to 1924, as captured in the new exhibition The Detroit Publishing Company: Looking at the World, running through February 2001. More than 100 years of life on Detroit's main street is the focus of the new photographic exhibition Past Visions, Present

Insights: The Woodward Avenue Rephotographic Project, open through September 2001. Experience Paint By Number, the story of how Detroit's own Palmer Paint Company invented the paint-by-number hobby craze in 1950. Youngsters can expand their knowledge of the toys, games, transportation, office materials and home life of the past through the hands-on experiences of the I Discover exhibit. The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$4.50 for adults or \$2.25 for seniors, children 12 and under, free. (313) 833-1805.

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Contact Person _____

Educational adventures

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a full schedule of educational and social adventures for children. Make plans to attend a New Year's Middle School Dance, Friday, Dec. 28, at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and must be purchased in advance with a War Memorial I.D. Ski Hi Club members, in grades 6 to 12, will head for downhill fun Friday, Jan. 5. Buses will depart at 4:30 p.m. and return at 11:30 p.m. Snowbunny and Snowbird Ski Club members, ages 5 to 14, will hit the slopes of Pine Knob, Saturday, Jan. 13. Buses will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 4:15 p.m. Pre-registration for activities can be charged to your Master Card or Visa, via fax at (313) 884-6638 or phone at (313) 881-7511.

Bright idea

Board a land-bound freighter or paddle boat for a cruise around a shimmering

wonderland during the 5th annual Nautical Nights of Lights, through Sunday, Dec. 31, at Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. Tours will be offered Sunday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. Displays will be closed Christmas Eve with fireworks at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$2, children ages 3 and under enter free. Proceeds benefit the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade and other community organizations. Call (810) 445-5550.

Winter flicks

Your youngster can enjoy hours of entertainment during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Winter Film Festival 2000/2001. Spend an entertaining hour watching Arthur's Eyes and Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Woods Branch, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods and

the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. On Wednesday, Dec. 27, see Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, at 4 p.m., in the Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 343-2074.

Strings attached

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit, provides entertainment for all ages during the Detroit Puppet Festival. Matinee performances will be offered, at 3 p.m. Take in Mr. Punch, Sunday, Dec. 23 and Tuesday, Dec. 26. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children, ages 12 and under, with a \$2 discount for DIA members. Adults and children, ages 13 and above, can applaud the Henson International Festival of Puppet Theater's production of The Hunchback, Friday, Dec. 29 and Saturday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 or \$15 for DIA members. Call (313) 833-4005.

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Blue Devils skate past two Metro Hockey League rivals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Ropp shakes his head when he hears coaches spout the old clichés about learning how to win.

"We're young, but every day we come to the rink we expect to win. That's the attitude that helped us beat (Allen Park) Cabrini (5-2)," Bopp said after the Blue Devils swept their two Michigan Metro Hockey League games last week to improve to 4-0 in the league.

Norsemen defeat defending state champ

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It was about nine months too late and it wasn't on the stage that Grosse Pointe North's hockey team had hoped for but the Norsemen finally got a shot at playing Muskegon Mona Shores.

And the long-awaited meeting turned out well for North.

"We were hoping to meet them in the state finals last year," coach Scott Lock said after North's 5-1 non-league victory over the Sailors last Friday night.

"They did their part, but we didn't do ours."

North got knocked out of the state tournament with an upset loss to Woodhaven while Mona Shores went on to win the Division II state championship with a 6-3 win over Woodhaven in the title game.

Mona Shores came into the game ranked first in the state in Division II and 19th nationally.

"We played much of the game without three of our key players but that just made the rest of the team work harder than ever. They were determined to win the game."

South was hit hard on defense. Jordan Winfield didn't dress because of an injury. Todd Lorenger received 12 minutes in penalties in the second period and Marc Kaplan was injured on the first shift of the third period and couldn't continue.

"We felt good going into the game," Lock said. "We were confident. We felt we had something to prove. They lost some people off of last year's team, but they're still a strong team."

But not as deep as the Norsemen.

"They have one great line that's on the ice all the time and we're able to roll four lines," Lock said. "They played the night before (a 3-2 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice) and I think it all took a toll on them."

"We might see them a few more times. We play them there and we might see them in the Marquette tournament. Then if everything falls into place, we could face them in the state playoffs."

North opened the scoring 1:24 into the game when Chris Barger knocked Andy Carter's rebound into the net during a power play.

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"We had to move Jacques Perreault from center to defense," Bopp said. "He did a great job. We always thought he could play defense. He might get some more time there."

"With everything that

Knights win first in overtime

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Last year it took University Liggett School's basketball team more than half a season to win its first game.

This year, the Knights didn't have to wait nearly that long, chalking up their first victory last Friday with a 54-51 overtime win against Lutheran Northwest in a Metro Conference game.

"I'm glad for the kids," said coach James Cleage. "They were starting to talk about how long it took them to win a game last season."

"And the longer you go without winning, the harder it gets."

Leython Williams sent the game into overtime as regulation time expired when he tipped in Barre Mackie's miss on a drive to the basket to tie the game at 48-48.

Even though Mackie failed to score, Cleage was impressed with the freshman's effort.

"How many freshmen would take the ball to the hole with the game on the line?" Cleage asked. "This

happened it would have been easy to lose this game and that would have diminished a good win over a strong Southgate (Anderson) team (6-3 earlier in the week). But the team just played through it and

won the game."

Lorenger scored a power-play goal for South at 8:41 of the first period and the 1-0 lead held until Cabrini tied the game at the 51-second mark of the third period.

The Blue Devils regained

the lead at 2:49 on the first of Mike Hackett's two goals but the Monarchs came back with a power-play goal at 5:30 to make it 2-2.

A little more than 2 1/2 minutes later, Justin Graves

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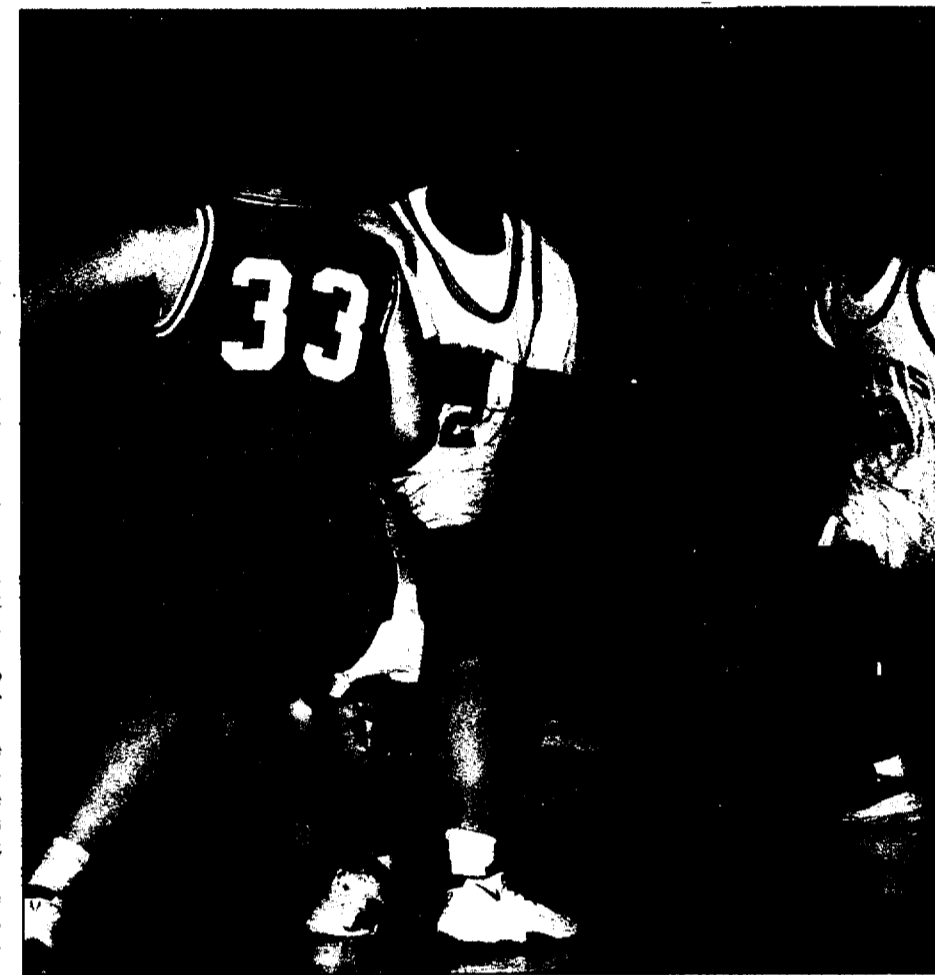


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University Liggett School's Leython Williams (center) and Anthony Walker follow the bouncing basketball during last week's Metro Conference victory over Lutheran Northwest.

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Mistakes hurt North skaters

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Mistakes are always costly. But when they come against two of the best girls hockey teams in the state, they're even more damaging.

Grosse Pointe North made too many mistakes in their Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League games with Livonia Ladywood and Grosse Pointe South last week and the end result was a pair of defeats — 4-1 to Ladywood and 8-0 to South.

"You measure your progress against teams like that," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute.

"We made a couple of critical mistakes late in the game against Ladywood but I left the ice feeling really good about our team. We made a couple of mistakes but they were fixable errors."

With six minutes left, the Norsemen trailed Ladywood

2-1.

"We had done everything right up to that point, but we couldn't get a break," Van Eckoute said.

Alison Scarfone scored North's only goal on a deflection.

The Norsemen had solid efforts from Jillian Zylinski, Scarfone, Jennifer Boutin, Alyssa Simon, Amy Hollaway and Christina Schroder.

"Jenna Ulmer was in goal and she made some tremendous saves," Van Eckoute said.

As encouraging as that performance was, North took a step backward in its game with South a couple of nights later.

"We're not that bad even though we played that bad," Van Eckoute said.

The game started on a positive note for North.

"My assistant, Zach Hubbell, has been working with defensemen to reverse

the puck and we did a good job of that at the start of the South game," Van Eckoute said.

"Then they scored a goal on an odd-man rush. They got two other goals on mistakes and that took a lot out of us."

After two periods, the Blue Devils held a 4-0 lead although South had only a 12-9 edge in shots.

But South broke the game open with a four-goal third period.

"That's the first time I've seen our kids stop skating," Van Eckoute said. "That disappointed me the most. It was almost as if they said, 'Here we go again,' and stopped fighting."

"We'll play (South) at least two more times and I'm looking forward to it. They're an outstanding team, but I still don't think they're eight goals better than we are."



The University Liggett Middle School field hockey team won the annual middle school tournament for the third year in a row. In front, from left, are Erin Venker, Inga Moss, Andrea Caralis, Alex Binns-Craven and Megan Getz. In the second row, from left, are Margi Scholtes, Liz Drettmann, Mallory Brown, Laura Abdallah, Lindsay Brownell and Alex Matthews. In the third row, from left, are Leah Martin, Allie Fortune, Valencia Waller, Hana Danish, Krista Murray and D'Arcy Danner. In back is Becca Scholtes. Not pictured is coach Romilly Stackpoole.

ULS wins middle school tourney

University Liggett Middle School's field hockey team won the Middle School Tournament for the third year in a row with a 1-0 win over Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Other teams in the five-team round-robin tournament were host Detroit Country Day, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Cranbrook Kingswood.

ULS and Greenhills were tied going into the final game and ULS needed a victory because Greenhills had the tie-breaker edge with most goals scored.

In the second half, ULS got a free hit by Margi Scholtes and Andrea Caralis deflected the ball into the net.

ULS kept the pressure on and had fast-break attempts by Scholtes, D'Arcy Danaher and Allie Fortune. They didn't score but took valuable time off the clock.

It was Caralis' fourth goal of the tournament. Mallory Brown and Megan Getz each scored once.

"It was well-deserved for a team as dedicated and hard-working as this group," coach Romilly Stackpoole said of the tournament win.

"This was a young team but it was coachable, enthusiastic and had a great love for this exciting game. It was a very rewarding and very satisfying victory."

ULS finished the season with a 27-5 goal differential.

Brown led with 11 goals, Getz scored six and Caralis had five. Fortune scored three times and Scholtes tallied twice.

Erin Venker was named the most improved player on

defense, while Fortune was named most improved on offense. The most valuable players were Scholtes on defense and Brown on offense.

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City of Grosse Pointe



Red Division champs

The Pointe Girls Soccer Association Mustangs '88 won the under-13 Red Division championship in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League with a 9-0-1 record. In front is Alexandria Fortune. In the first row, from left, are Katie O'Connell, Jenna Benko, Elizabeth Baxter and Alyse Venticini. In the middle row, from left, are Lisa Repicky, Kristen Jost, Jae March, Claire Cunningham, Elizabeth Kossak and Elizabeth Cohan. In back, from left, are Elizabeth Galea, Meghan Potthoff, Jennifer Bohannon, Jeannie Taylor, Margaret Scholtes, Andrea Caralis and coach Brian Tinnion. Tinnion was recently appointed coach of the Detroit Rockers.

Salvo '91 is league runner-up

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo '91 won three of its last four games — all by shutouts — and tied the other to finish second in the under-10 division of the Michigan Youth Soccer League.

The Salvo finished one point behind the Bloomfield-Birmingham Blazers in the league standings.

In a match played in cold, rainy weather, the Salvo overcame goals on a penalty kick and a free kick to tie the Oxford-Orion Lobos 2-2.

The Salvo controlled the tempo early in the contest and opened the scoring when Brian Auty converted an assist by Bobby Barrett.

The Lobos scored twice late in the first half to take the lead and it stood up until late in the second half when Andrew Farley scored the tying goal. Kyle Nadeau assisted, following an excellent corner kick by Adam Mitchell.

Goalie Andrew Doetsch picked up his first shutout of the season in the Salvo's 7-0 win over the Sterling-Clinton Mustangs. Nadeau led the balanced Grosse Pointe attack with two goals, while Brett Reardon, Auty, Farley, Mitchell and Trevor Sattelmeyer added a goal apiece. Barrett collected three assists and Ben

Scarfone, Reardon, Eric Osaer and Jay Creech each had one.

Chris Maynard and Steven Vanbeek played strong defense. Patrick Deters played an excellent game in setting up the offense from his wing position.

The Salvo continued its hot streak by beating the Troy Chargers 6-0. In their first meeting, the Salvo won 3-2.

Nadeau opened the scoring on a header following an excellent corner kick by Barrett. Mitchell then scored three straight goals

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The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs celebrate after winning the Pee Wee AA division at the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament in Cleveland.

Bulldogs win Cleveland tourney

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs beat the Pittsburgh Tigers 3-0 in the championship game of the weekend Extravaganza Tournament in Cleveland.

The Bulldogs competed in the Pee Wee AA division against older teams from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Grosse Pointe scored twice in the first period of the championship. After that, the Bulldogs controlled the tempo with stifling defense and excellent goaltending. They added an insurance goal in the third period.

The most valuable player award was presented to the entire team.

The Bulldogs received solid goaltending from Evan Breen and Jonathan Gardener, who combined for a 1.50 goals-against average.

Bulldogs defenseman Richard Davies, Josh Gray, Danny Kowalski and Matt Miller provided excellent defensive zone coverage and timely offensive plays.

Centers Andrew Osborn, Gerald Freismuth and Robert Ireland supplied consistent offensive firepower, while wingers Ryan Abraham, Taylor Flaska, Peter Fish, Steven Coates and Steven Rozelle combined for timely goals, creative assists and hard work in the corners.

The Bulldogs opened the tournament against the AA

Pittsburgh Tigers and skated to a 6-2 victory. The physical play of the Tigers cost the Grosse Pointe team the services of defenseman Trevor John, who left the game early in the second period with a separated shoulder.

The Bulldogs then edged the Hamburg (N.Y.) AAA team 3-2 and played a 2-2

tie with the Cleveland Skating Club, which is that city's premier Pee Wee AA team.

The 2-0-1 record compiled by the Bulldogs gave them an automatic berth in the finals against the winner of the Pittsburgh Tigers and Cleveland Skating Club contest.



Mike Hackett (19) scored two goals in each of Grosse Pointe South's hockey victories last week.

North

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Goalie Colin Chase preserved the slim lead with a couple of good saves, including one on Eric Hosko's breakaway attempt with about six minutes left in the first period.

"Both of our goalies have played well this year," Lock said. "They've come up with the saves when there's a defensive breakdown. That's what we expect from our goalies."

Moments later, North's Dan Socia broke down the ice and jammed the puck through the pads of Mona Shores goalie Josh Tejchma for a 2-0 lead.

North added two more goals in the second period. The Sailors failed to clear the puck out of their zone and Alex Chapman scored on a shot from the slot at 1:44. Roger Horrie beat Tejchma on a backhand while the Norsemen were shorthanded at 7:36.

Kraig Kuzma scored a power-play goal for Mona Shores at 4:15 of the third period, but Carter got that back on a slap shot from the point 1:11 later.

Mike Kasprzak had three assists for North, while Carter, Andy Scarfone, Neal Gram, Barger and Jason Elliott collected one apiece.

The win over Mona Shores was especially satisfying coming after a disap-

pointing 3-3 tie with Cranbrook Kingswood in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

The Cranes scored twice in the last 61 seconds, including the tying goal with 17 seconds remaining in regulation.

"Looking at it from a positive standpoint, it was good to get a point against a good Cranbrook team on their ice, even though we let a win slip away," Lock said.

Because of last Wednesday's road conditions, the Norsemen were late arriving for the game.

Cranbrook scored an early power-play goal but North got second-period goals from Erik Schleicher and Barger and a third-period tally from Mike Mueller to take a 3-1 lead.

"Once we got settled down, we played a pretty good hockey game," Lock said. "We had the game in hand and then made a couple of mistakes in the last minute. One thing we learned is that we have to play the full 45 minutes, especially against the competition we play. And that's what we did in the Mona Shores game."

Last week's action left North with a 7-0-1 record. The Norsemen are idle until they play in the Milwaukee Tournament on Dec. 27 and 28.

ULS

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kid isn't afraid of anything. When he made the drive, Leython's man had to slide over to help out and that left Leython open for the rebound.

"He plays with confidence that you don't see in some upperclassmen."

ULS jumped ahead early in the overtime and outscored the Crusaders 6-3 in the extra period.

Charles Lowe had his best game of the season as he led ULS with 16 points, 11 rebounds and three steals.

"Charles has been concentrating too much on making sure all of the young kids are in the right place, that he's been forgetting about his own game," Cleage said. "We told him before the game that they've played enough to know what to do, now it's time for him to play his game."

Thomas Greer, who has become the Knights' most consistent offensive player, added 11 points.

Andy Sparks led Northwest with 27 points.

"It seems like every game we try to make some kid an All-Stater," Cleage said. "But usually one player won't beat you."

Even though the Knights got their first victory after three losses, Cleage said that ULS still has to work on handling a pressure defense.

"They were using a zone press out of the half-court," Cleage said. "We had some trouble handling it. We work on it every day in practice and we'll continue to work on it. You have to make teams pay for using the press. When teams know that you have trouble handling something, that's all you're going to see."

Earlier, ULS lost 80-44 to a strong Harper Woods team.

"They're a very solid team," Cleage said of the Pioneers. "I was still very happy with the way my kids played. If we could just handle the press better, we'd be in every game."

The Knights also suffered through the one bad quarter that had plagued them in their previous two games.

This time it was the third quarter that doomed ULS, which trailed 40-29 at halftime. Harper Woods had a 27-9 advantage in the period.

Anthony Walker led the Knights with 11 points, Williams scored nine and Greer added eight.

Corey Moore topped Harper Woods with 27 points and James Douglas scored 17.

With the split of the two Metro Conference games, ULS is 1-1 in the league and 1-3 overall.

Penguins work overtime for win

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee B Penguins won the Thanksgiving tournament at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink with a 2-1 overtime victory against the Grosse Pointe Jaguars.

Rene Peleman got the winning goal three minutes into the extra period.

The game was scoreless until 1:24 of the third period when the Penguins' James Mollison scored from Andrew Krebs and Michael Vertregt. The Jaguars tied the game on Alec Verkuilen's goal, assisted by Zack Graham and Dan Ratliff.

The Penguins outshot the Jaguars but the goaltending of Hank Peyser kept the game tied. The Jaguars also got fine defensive play from Charlie Warren, Ron Bedway and Brian Vens.

The Penguins opened the tournament with a 2-0 victory over the Port Huron Hammerheads. David Knoll had a goal and an assist. Mollison scored a goal. Derek Gianino had an assist.

Luc Maghielse recorded

the shutout. The Penguins and Jaguars then skated to a 2-2 tie. The Jaguars were ahead 2-1 going into the third period but the Penguins' line of Stefan Pfahler, Peleman and Knoll combined for their second goal of the game.

The Penguins reached the championship game with a 3-2 win over the Port Huron Lightning.

The Lightning opened the scoring 17 seconds into the first period but Pfahler tied the game 1:16 later. Gianino answered another Port Huron goal with a shot from the blue line that beat the Lightning goalie.

Mollison scored the winning goal midway through the second period after being set up by passes from Steven Lopetrone and Krebs.

Outstanding defensive work by Vertregt, Geoffrey Greening, Brendan Mitchell, Gianino and goalie Maghielse kept the Lightning off the scoreboard for the last two periods and set up the rematch with the Jaguars.

First women's GPSA team is a winner

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association's first-year women's travel team had a winning season.

Members of the Grosse Pointe squad were Katy Hannigan, Ann Cook, Karen Ridgway, Jennifer Handel, Jill Sullivan, Amy Warren, Jo Sullivan, Polly Ryan, Barbara Reicher, Ingrid Sarnaik, Laura Arnold, Jan

Schoenherr, Margaret Pieroni and Vicky Boudro.

There are plans to form an indoor team that will play this winter. Anyone interested should call (313) 886-2687.

Another first-year program for the GPSA was also a success.

It was the TOP Soccer program designed for men-

tally and physically challenged youngsters.

The team was coached by Diana Karabetsos. Among the volunteer assistants working one-on-one with the youngsters were Grosse Pointe North soccer players. Anyone interested in having their children join the TOP soccer team should call (313) 886-3445.

South

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broke the tie. Hackett scored his second goal at 11:55 and Graves capped the scoring with a short-handed goal with 52 seconds remaining.

"The line of Hackett, H.J. Richardson and Graves has been outstanding," Bopp said. "In the two games last week they had eight goals and eight assists."

"Hackett is such a competitor. He gives everything he has every second he's on the ice. I think that makes everyone else try harder. H.J. has been a great leader for us this season and has done everything we expected from him — and we expected a lot. Justin has been outstanding in every game this year and he's only a 10th-grader."

South also got an outstanding performance from goalie Jon Starr, who turned back 48 shots in the wide-open game.

"Jon was at his best," Bopp said.

Steve Maxwell and Bobby Danforth each had two assists for South, while Matt Jarboe, Richardson and Lorenger collected one apiece.

South expected a tough game from Southgate and the Titans didn't disappoint them.

Anderson took a 1-0 lead at 3:18 of the first period but Hackett tied the game 24 seconds later. Maxwell sent the Blue Devils into the second period with a 2-1 lead

when he scored at 9:35.

The Titans tied the game again early in the second period, but South answered with goals by Richardson and Hackett to build a 4-2 lead after two periods.

Graves and Danforth scored in the third period to give South a 6-2 advantage before Anderson scored on a penalty shot with 3:22 left.

"We played a very strong game," Bopp said. "The team was unselfish and moved the puck well. Even when we were behind or tied, there was a feeling on the bench that we were going to win the game."

"We haven't played a bad game yet. Even the games that we lost we've always showed up to play."

South got a strong game from its defense against the Titans. Lorenger led the way as usual, but Kaplan, Winfield and Tim Vandenboom also had outstanding performances along the blue line.

Goalie Andrew Scavone made 24 saves in recording the victory.

Graves and Richardson each collected two assists for South, while Kurt Faber, Hackett, Avery Schmidt, Perreault and Lorenger picked up one apiece.

South plays at Trenton on Friday in its last game before taking a break for the holidays.

"It'll be a good break for us," Bopp said. "A couple of weeks off will help heal some of the injuries we have."

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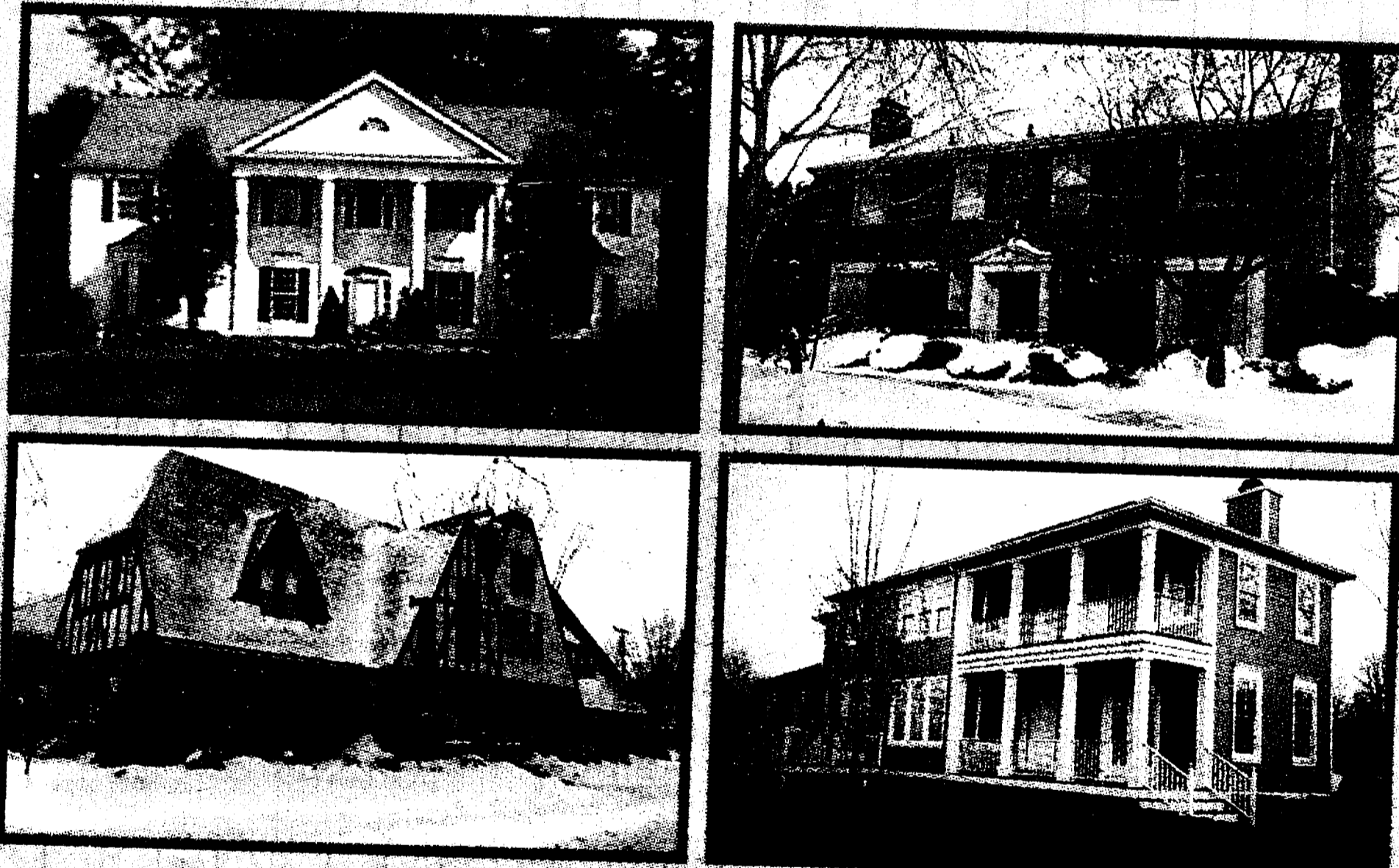
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INTERIORS EXTERIORS

Listen, look and plan for your birds

A few weeks ago, I was in my front yard hanging a suet feeder that I had just filled when I heard a bird sound that I recognized as unusual. Often described as a "churring scold," I knew that the Carolina wren was at the side yard.

I started to mimic the sounds myself, meant to excite the bird to investigate what could be uttering such strange noises. Not only did the wren pop up into view to get a better look at me, but I heard the familiar "tea kettle, tea kettle" song from across the street. The other half of the pair had decided to make itself known!

Joining together in the front oak tree, they flitted about with tails upright and danced in an agitated manner across the branches scolding me as I "pished" at them. How exciting to have them in my yard! Their presence drew an immediate reaction from me as I resurrected the peanut feeder and placed it on a baffled pole to keep the squirrels away. Carolina wrens love peanuts as well as the suet that I keep them supplied with.

A few weeks later I was out in the yard appreciating the moonlight at "bird dawn," which is approximately 7 a.m. The first few shadows of Cardinals started to arrive at the seed that had been spread on the ground as well as at the feeder that holds sunflower chips for instant energy on these cold mornings.

My early observations were rewarded with the sound of a white-throated sparrow calling. Such a rare song at this time of the year. I'm glad to recognize the song so that I know what bird to keep an eye out for. His smaller shape soon joined the Cardinals and they fed peacefully in the early morning hours. I have identified at least three of these beautiful sparrows as I look through the crowd of house sparrows that fills my yard each day.

It's easy to pass off numerous birds as commonplace if we don't take a closer look or listen. With our busy schedules, especially at the holidays, we often forget to take the time to let the nature in our yard nurture us.

In taking the time to observe the birds that use our winter feeding station, a discovery was made of the first varied thrush to be seen in Wayne County in 30 years. I think



By Rosann Kovalcik
Wild Birds Unlimited

of her fondly as the Christmas thrush, sent to give a message to take time to look and listen. She could easily have been passed off as a "weird-looking Robin" to a less practiced eye but because she was identified as a rarity, she has become the local celebrity bird with people coming from Lansing, Ontario and Ohio to get a glimpse of her.

Why did this bird leave the Pacific Northwest and how did it choose my yard? Unfortunately, we can't ask her, but we can look at a habitat in the neighborhood and know that she found favorable evergreens for shelter and fruits for eating. Her diet has been supplemented with mealworms and roasted waxsnax (beetle larvae) from Wild Birds Unlimited. Before the snow fell, the mealworms had been placed around the base of the shrubs in the leaf litter. She would visit the yard at daybreak and start tossing around the leaf litter to discover her food.

Many times as I watched her, I would notice the pair of Carolina wrens hopping around at the base of the cedars, checking out the log with the cavity where additional larvae has been placed. Their natural feeding techniques as insect eaters would include foraging inside of cavities and the behavior is rewarded by my treats.

The birds take advantage of the shelter of the cedars and the fruits of the crabapple, holly and viburnum that have been placed in the yard for their benefit. As I watch the birds, I envision the addition of natural grass area in front of the berm that has the fruit-bearing bushes. These grasses will provide additional cover and food for the ground-feeding birds. I also plan to add conifers and a permanent water source to this habitat.

Winter hours are a good time to look through books that specialize

See FOR THE BIRDS, page 14



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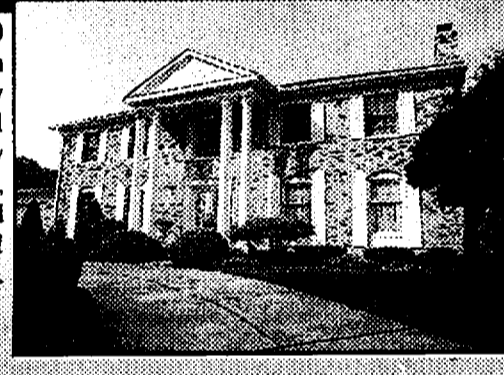
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The Great Depression holds great memories

Depression glass, Tramp Art and Arts and Crafts, to name a few, were produced during the Great Depression. Though the tangible holds great sentimental value, the best sentiments can be found in reminiscing.

The following interview was an English class assignment my daughter wrote of her grandfather's reminiscence of that great era:

Interview on The Great Depression

By Lena Morelli

My family and I have always been very close. I feel that family is very important to have and I feel very lucky to have my whole family pretty close in the area.



Lena Morelli

When I was given this assignment to interview someone, my grandfather was the first person to come to mind. I knew that he would be perfect for this interview,



Antique's
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By Diane Morelli

because he has been through so much and is an intelligent and kind man. I learn something new from him every time I visit. He is always open to giving me advice on school, relationships and life in general.

My grandfather is a proud, honest man who has a great memory and keeps his stories entertaining. He once said to me recently, "Lena, listen to everything I teach you, because I won't be around forever. But I can honestly say that I have lived a full life, a life with no regrets, and I have lived a life 90 percent fuller than others."

This interview was to focus on the Great Depression, but after my first question my grandpa began to tell me a very interesting story, a story of the life he recalls growing

up, and everything he went through. He told me about his parents and what they went through, and it was so interesting to me that I did not interrupt him. I let him tell his story as he wished, and I believe the reader will also enjoy it.

Q. What is your date of birth?

A. I was born on July 16, 1928.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 72 years old.

Q. How old were you during the Depression?

A. Well, the Depression began when I was only 1 year old, and ended around 1935, so I was about 7 when it ended.

Q. Where did you live?

A. I was born on the far east side of Detroit, about five blocks from Grosse Pointe. I lived in a one-story home. It had ascetic brick covering the frame. I lived there until I was 10. Directly across the street was Carston School with a playground. It is still there today.

Q. What was life like growing up during the Depression?

A. I was real oblivious to the Depression because I was so young. My only recollection of the Great Depression was at Christmas time there were no presents. I am the youngest of two brothers and a sister, and we all remember waking Christmas morning and looking at the tree, but there weren't any presents; we didn't understand why!

None of us ever went to bed hungry. I remember that the banks closed. They just closed with everyone's money in there. You just lost your money. People sunk deep into poverty overnight. There weren't any jobs. Many people jumped out of their windows to commit suicide. It was very common.

During the Depression my dad had a home and a farm with a land contract, and was about to lose both. He went to the landlord and said that he refused to let him take his homes away. He said he wouldn't allow it, and pleaded with the man to let him pay later. The landlord was so proud of him, and probably afraid, that he gave my dad a loan, and \$5 to buy a pair of shoes! My dad did lose his farm, but he ended up back on his feet and paid all of his bills. We ate, there was no complaining. A lot of people went to bed hungry. I didn't. I didn't though have a rich family, by no means, ever. We were always happy.

Q. What did you wear?

A. Well, I never paid too much attention. I remember I always wore knickers to school, and no one else wore knickers. I remember

during the Depression, I was still sleeping in a crib. One day I showed my mom how my feet stuck way out through the bars of the crib. I told my mom that this is the end of the crib!

Q. What did your family do for a living?

A. Jobs were just about impossible to get. My dad was always up in the attic looking for things to sell. He had a big suitcase full of brushes that he would sell. During the Depression, my dad would also repair shoes. He was never taught how to repair shoes, he didn't know how to!

My dad came to this country from Italy at the age of 10. He was penniless coming to the land of opportunity. For work, my dad also had a push cart that he would sell fruit from. He stayed in the fruit business until the company started selling fruit that would go bad within a few days of the purchase. My dad saw that it wasn't an honest company anymore, so he got out of the business. After that he always worked in a factory.

Our home was heated with coal. It was my job to dump out the clinkers which was old coal. My parents witnessed the coming of cars, television, planes and a man walking on the moon all in a lifetime. People didn't need cars. There were street cars. If you were fortunate enough to have a bike, you rode a bike. It was nothing to walk miles each day.

Q. What did you eat growing up?

A. Everything my family ate was homemade. We were never hungry during the Depression, so I was unaware that we were poor. Mostly we ate homemade spaghetti, sausage, pizza, steak and bread. I remember with the bread we would use oleo, which back then was lard with a ball of yellow dye in the middle of it. We had to mix it until it was yellow.

I also remember eating a lot of chicken. We didn't go to the store and buy it like we do today, we cooked it ourselves. I remember we had to wring the chicken's neck, put it into scalding hot water, and then I had to help pluck the feathers. It was nothing to be ashamed of. It was a way of life. My family would always go to the Eastern Market to buy food by the case. That is where we got the live chicken, and also fruit. We would bring our own gallon to be filled with olive oil. I still go three or four times a year. It is still in the same

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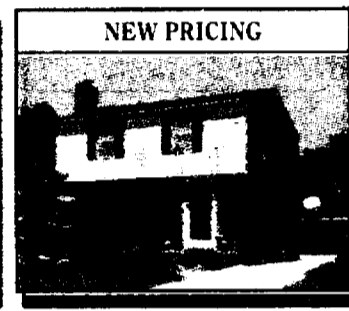
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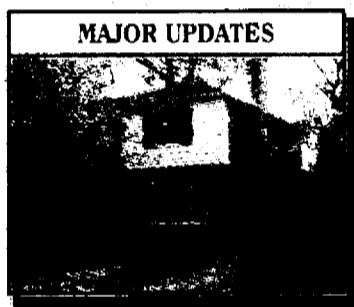
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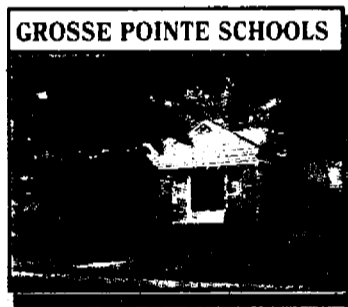
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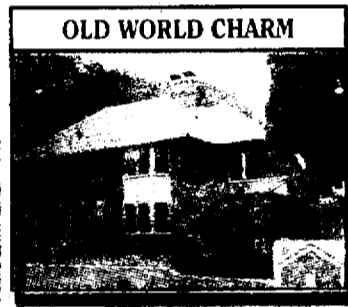
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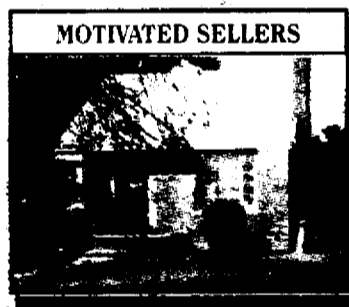
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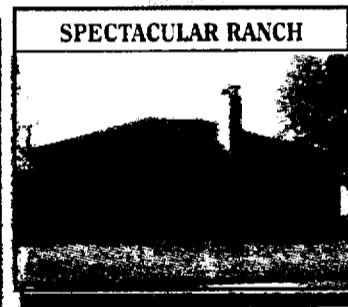
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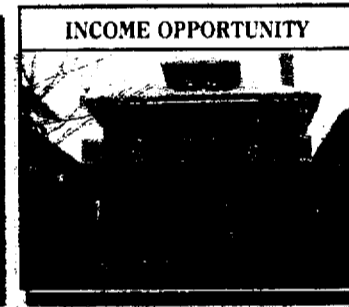
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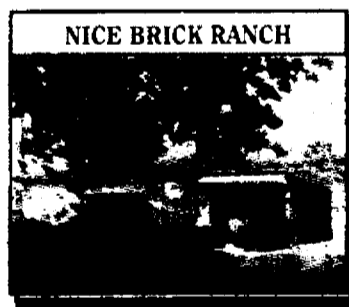
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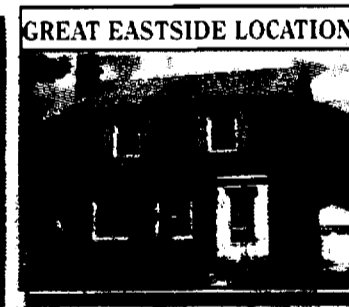
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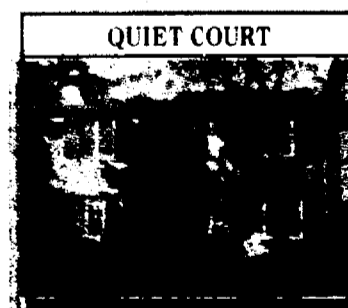
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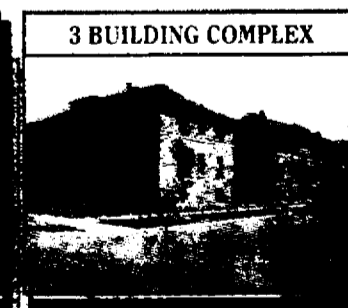
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Homeowners should protect their most valuable possession

Michigan homeowners should take precautions to prevent damage to their property from the cold, snow and ice this winter.

"Snow and ice can inflict significant damage to property," says Leanne Snay, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan (IIAM). "Homeowners can take some simple steps to prevent damage to their homes during these winter months."

Problems can arise when temperatures rise or when heat from within the house warms the attic causing snow on the roof to melt. The water runs down to the edge, freezes and forms ice dams. Repeated melting and freezing expands the ice dam, which in turn can push water under the roof covering. Ultimately the water may find its way into the attic, walls or ceilings of the home.

Residents can minimize interior attic heat by making sure the attic is well ventilated to the cool outside air. Eave vents and ridge vents are common ventilation methods. Some other ways to deter ice dams are to clear snow three to four feet back from the edge of the roof and clean ice out of the gutter downspout openings. This will help water coming from the roof to run off.

As snow melts, water can back up sewers and drains resulting in flooding, says Snay. She suggests contacting a licensed plumber or contractor about ways to prevent water damage due to snow-related flooding. Plastic coatings for internal basement walls, sump pumps and other methods can prevent damage to property.

Another winter hazard is freez-

ing or bursting water pipes. When water freezes in a pipe, it expands and can burst, allowing water to escape and cause serious damage. It is important to keep the house heated to a minimum of 65 degrees. The temperature inside the walls where the pipes are located is substantially colder than the walls themselves. A temperature lower than 65 degrees will not keep the pipes inside the walls from freezing.

Most homeowners' insurance policies cover damage caused by a wide range of winter-related disasters such as burst pipes, ice dams, wind damage and collapse caused by the weight of ice and snow. Coverage for backup of sewers and drains may also be available with the purchase of an endorsement (addition) to the policy.

It is important to remember flood damage is excluded from coverage under a homeowners insurance policy. It is, however, available through the National Flood Insurance Program. Coverage can be obtained through most licensed property/casualty insurance agents.

If policyholders have questions about their coverage or specific losses, they should contact their insurance agent. However, if consumers have general insurance questions or need help resolving a problem with an insurance company, they can call Michigan's Insurance Information Hotline toll-free at (800) 777-8005.

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Pet Care

By Samantha Mazzotta

With Christmas here, and a new year just around the corner, your home is probably filled with guests, gifts and treats. But don't forget Fido in all the excitement.

Dogs are notoriously curious, and most will take any opportunity to explore interesting packages, decorations and new foods. So keep your pet safe, and your house in good shape, through all of the holiday's gatherings.

Supervise your dog around the tree and presents. Hang ornaments and trim, like tinsel, out of his or her reach. Place cookies and candy in the refrigerator or a high cabinet, and don't allow the dog (or any pet) to eat chocolate.

Since dogs love to be part of exciting events (like unwrapping

presents), don't shut him or her away from the family. Before the fun starts, take your dog outside for about 15 minutes to work off extra energy. Then, bring a few favorite chew toys into the room. Your dog will still romp a bit, but he will eventually settle down and gnaw away happily — occasionally coming over to check out what you're up to.

If you can't supervise your dog during a gathering (such as a large New Year's Eve party), arrange to have the pet stay at a friend's house or at a kennel for the evening. This way, you'll know your dog is safe.

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Icicles, the early warning sign of ice dams

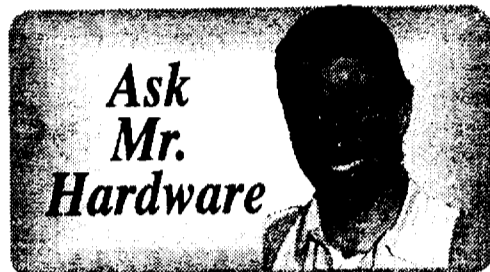
With snowfall like we experience in Michigan, it is not uncommon for moisture to take its toll on our homes. One of the more common problems that can occur after a snowfall is the development of ice dams.

Ice dams are a buildup of ice on the roof and the formation of icicles on the gutters. While ice dams and icicles may be pretty to look at, they wreak havoc on roofs, ceilings and gutters.

Ice dams form when snow on the roof melts and refreezes at the eaves. They are most likely to occur when temperatures are just below freezing. Two major components cause an ice dam. Heat loss from the house is one factor and lack of ventilation from the eave to the upper attic is the other.

As melted snow flows down the roof it refreezes at the eave where it begins to build up. As this mechanism continues, the buildup of ice becomes large enough to trap or "dam" the water above the gutter.

The trapped water will "weep" up through the shingles and into the attic. Water may leak through the overhang or through the ceiling of the room below depending on the



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size and placement of the ice dam.

Weather conditions have a lot to do with formation of ice dams. Warm days, cold nights, and enough snow on the roof is all we need to form an ice dam. Last year was the worst I've witnessed in my 20 years in the hardware business. This week we received a few calls about ice dams so I hope this column comes in time for my readers to check their roofs. A few ounces of prevention now can prevent gallons of water damage later.

If you have an ice dam the first measure is to remove the snow from the last three feet of the roof. This can be done with a roof rake. It's a backward snow shovel with a 15-foot handle. This way snow can be scraped off the roof from the

ground, which is where you should be. For personal safety you should stay off of ladders and the roof when it is snow-covered.

For a less expensive solution, or if there are no roof rakes in the city, you can attach thin-walled tubing to just about any garden tool. Plastic snow shovels and brooms are good choices because they are less likely to damage the roof.

Care must be taken not to get close to the electrical lines connecting to your house. Contacting those wires with a metal pipe could result in injury. Find them and start a safe distance from there first. This should help prevent you from forgetting to look up when you approach high voltage wires.

Then either use a roof heat tape or calcium chloride crystals to cut channels in the ice dam. Do not try to melt the whole ice block. Be happy to cut channels to drain the trapped water before it causes any damage. Do not use hammers or ice picks or you will risk the chance of damaging the shingles.

Next prevent the ice dam from forming again. Heat rising from the living area below assists in the formation of an ice dam. Check the

insulation in the attic and make sure there is at least 6 inches on the ceiling. The recommended amount is 12 inches or an R-value of 38. Also make sure the insulation isn't touching the roof boards. Styrofoam battens installed between the roof and the insulation are made for this purpose. They hold the insulation away from the roof and allow passage of air from the eaves to flow to the vents higher in the roof.

Seal openings in the attic from light fixtures and plumbing penetrations. They are a source of heat into the attic that contributes to melting snow on the roof. A visual inspection of your roof may reveal the "hot spots" where heat loss in the attic is melting the snow.

Keep the roof cold and the snow won't melt. Do it right the first time and may all your roofs be white!

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores, 48080; call (810) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com for a recap of some of my columns.

From "Your Home" to Your Own Home

Merry Christmas



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Soaring home heating bills don't have to leave you in the cold

Throughout the summer months, consumers have been forced to think about the rising price of gasoline every time they took their car to the pump. Now, with the onset of cooler months, the rising price in not only oil, but natural gas as well, is forcing homeowners to take notice of the dramatic increase in heating bills.



Analysts say that with heating oil inventories down over 30 percent and the price of natural gas doubling from last year, homeowners are facing an enormous increase in home heating this year.

This extreme increase in home heating costs is motivating homeowners throughout the country to consider alternative forms of heating this winter. With many meteorologists predicting an end to the past few years of mild winters, this is looking like one of the most expensive years ever to stay warm.

With this information in mind, consumers are battenning down the hatches in preparation for old man winter and researching a variety of heating options. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, 31 percent of a home's typical heat loss is through floors, walls, ceilings and windows. Sealing these cracks is one way to keep cold air out, but when heating the air inside your home means a substantial increase in dollar signs, consumers are looking for less costly ways of keeping warm.

One of the easiest and smartest ways to make up the heating differential after lowering thermostats is the use of a radiant electric heater, which has become more efficient than central heating systems. W. B. Marvin Manufacturing Co. has created one of the most innovative and safe electronic heaters available, the model 2060 Vertical Quartz. The new heater relays warmth in the same manner as the sun, with radiant heat. This means it has the ability to warm people and objects quickly by transferring heat directly to objects, as opposed to convection heat, which is used by most furnaces and space heaters.

The problem with convection heat is that it must warm the air

first. Only after the room's air is warm, are people and objects heated. Not only is convection heat slow, but with the sharp rise in oil and gas prices, it has become more costly than ever.

Using a heater such as the 2060 heater affords homeowners the opportunity to turn down their thermostats and heat the single room of occupation vs. the entire home.

A study by the U.S. Department of Energy showed that by lowering your thermostat five degrees for eight hours per day can result in average savings of \$90 a year on your heating costs.

Lowering heating costs by using space heaters makes sense for your heating bills, but is it safe? Some space heaters overheat easily and become very hot to the touch, putting children at risk. When creating its latest model, W.B. Marvin took these safety concerns into consideration to create a safe, reliable product. Equipped with tip-over shut-off as well as a plastic outer casing that always stays cool, the 2060 heater is safe for any environment with children and pets.

The safety features as well as the efficiency of the 2060 heater passed the test of engineers at the Good Housekeeping Institute, who said, "This model produced the most efficient heating for the money. Despite its intensity, the plastic case stays cool." Popular Mechanics Magazine also noted the value of the 2060 heater, mentioning the replaceable heating elements. Instead of replacing the whole unit when the heating elements burn out, as with most heaters, the 2060's heating elements are replaceable, adding further value to the efficiency the unit already offers your home.

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E-MortgageDirect	(248) 548-5626	7.125	0	7	0	7.875	1	JB/V
East West Mortgage Co.	(800) 844-1015	7	0	6.75	0	6.75	1	JB/V
Executec Mortgage Corp.	(248) 855-8800	6.75	2	6.375	2	6.125	2	JB
First National Mortgage	(800) 251-5184	7.5	0	7.375	0	6	2	JB/V
Financial Services Golden Rule	(800) 784-1074	7	0	6.75	0	7	0	JB/V
First American Mortgage Co.	(800) 282-7370	6.875	2	6.25	2	5.75	2	JB/V
First Equity Residential Mort.	(800) 557-0207	6.75	1.875	6.375	1.875	6.375	2	JB/V
First Federal of Michigan	(800) 300-1111	7	2	6.5	2	6.45	2	JB/V
First International Inc.	(248) 258-1584	7.125	0	6.875	0	6.875	0	JB
Flagstar Bank FSB	(800) 72-FIRST	6.875	2	6.375	2	6.5	2	JB/V
Gallatin Mortgage Co.	(734) 994-1202	6.75	2	6.375	2	6.75	2	JB
GENAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 886-4322	6.75	3	6.5	3	6.5	3	JB/V
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	6.5	2	6	2	6.25	1	JB/V
Great American Mortgage Co.	(800) 240-9446	6.875	0	6.625	0	6.625	0	JB/V
Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	7	2	6.75	2	6.125	2	JB/V
Guardian Mortgage	(248) 642-7500	6.75	2	6.125	2.25	NR		JB/V
Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873-3310	7	2	6.75	2	NR		J
Home Finance of America	(800) 350-5628	7	0	6.675	0	6.75	2.75	JB
Huntington Mortgage Co. -	(800) 538-1812	6.875	2	6.5	1.5	6.875	1	JB/V
International Mortgage Inc.	(248) 540-7676	7.125	0	6.875	0	6.875	0	JB
JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	6.375	3.875	6	3.25	6	3	JB
Kellum Mortgage	(800) 875-2582	7	2	6.75	2	7	2	JB
Keystone Mortgage	(866) KEY-FREE	6.5	2	6.375	2.5	7	2	JB
LoanGiant.com	(888) 47-GIANT	6.625	2	6.375	2	6.875	1	JB
MacInac Savings Bank	(800) 829-9259	7.125	0	6.875	0	7.25	0	JB/V
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 447-2270	7.25	0	7	0	6.75	1	JB/V
Manufacturers	(810) 777-1000	6.75	1.75	6.375	1.75	6.5	1.75	JB
Mentor Financial	(877) 362-5626	7.375	0	7.25	0	6.875	2	JB
Metro Finance	(248) 538-7820	6.875	1	6.5	1	6.75	1	JB/V
MILA Inc.	(888) 892-2130	7.5	2	7.25	2	NR		JB/V
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National Future Mortgage	(800) 291-7900	6.375	3	6	3	6.875	3	
North American Mortgage	(800) 700-6262	7	2	6.5	2	NR		JB/V
Old Kent Mortgage Company	(810) 226-1254	7	2	6.5	2	6.375	2	JB/V
Pinebrook Bank	(800) 421-BANK	7	2	6.875	2	7.125	0	JB/V
Peoples State Bank / Universal	(810) 979-4545	6.75	2	6.375	2	NR		JB
Pioneer Mortgage	(248) 344-3544	6.875	2	6.625	2	6.375	2	JB
Planet Financial Inc.	(248) 203-9199	7	0	6.625	0	6.875	0	JB
Platt Funding Mortgage Corp.	(248) 641-2111	7.375	0	7.125	0	7.25	1	JB
Republic Bancorp Mortgage	(800) 758-0753	7	2	6.375	2	7	2	JB/V
Rock Financial	(800) 731-ROCK	7	2	6.625	1.75	6.25	2	JB
Rock Home Loans @ Mich. Natl	(800) 713-2119	7.25	0.875	6.875	1	7.25	1	JB
Ross Mortgage Corp.	(800) 521-5382	6.75	2	6.5	2	7.125	1	JB/V
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	6.5	3	6.125	3	5.875	2	JB/V
St. Clair Mortgage Corp.	(248) 280-0086	6.875	2	6.375	2	6.25	2	JB/V
St. James Mortgage Corp.	(800) 837-7005	6.875	2	6.5	2	7.25	0	JB
Standard Federal Bank	(800) HOME-900	6.875	2	6.375	2	5.75	2	JB/V
TCF Bank	(800) 334-5253	6.875	2	6.5	2	NR		JB/V
Total Mortgage Corp.	(734) 421-9030	7	1.5	6.625	1.5	6.375	1.5	JB/V
York Financial Inc.	(248) 865-9100	7.125	0	6.875	0	6.375	0	JB
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Memories —

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spot, only now it's bigger.

Q. What did you do for fun?

A. There was a playground across the street from my house. I lived there day and night. I was a wonder when it came to sports. They were second nature to me. I played football and baseball with the older kids, and I was just as good as them. I went on to Southeastern High School and played football and baseball there as well. I even made all city in football, and played for the city championship at Navin Field, which is now Tiger Stadium. We only lost two games in three years. During the war Tiger baseball scouts came and asked about me because all of the good players were at war. Someone told them that I was in service, but they looked for me. So, who knows, I may have played ball for the Detroit Tigers if they got a hold of me.

Q. Did you go on to college?

A. I didn't get a chance to go to college, because both of my brothers were away in service. My dad didn't want me to leave, too. As I said earlier, growing up, there was a school across the street where I would play. I wanted to go to school with the other kids so badly that my mom lied about my age. She told the school that I was 5 when she enrolled me. I had just turned 17 when I graduated from high school, but according to school records I was 20!

Q. What was it like with your brothers in service?

A. Well, my second oldest brother was drafted for one year. He was stationed in England when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He was also in the war in the deserts when we chased General Rommel out of the country. He was in the invasion of Italy in the engineers' corps. My oldest brother was in the navy, but when we knew our country was winning the war, he was discharged because he had three sons at home. My other brother also came home before the war was over because he had so many points, and was lucky to still be alive, that he went home for 30 days. He was supposed to go back to the Pacific to fight, but while he was home Japan surrendered. My brother didn't have to go back into service. Today they are 79 and 81. We are still as close as ever.

Q. What was home life like?

A. My parents had an arranged marriage. They were always happy, and raised us well. Once I

asked my dad why he married my mom, and he said, "Because I didn't know her, and she had pretty legs." At the end of 55 years of married life, my dad passed away. Six months later my mom passed on. So, arranged marriages do work, but still I don't recommend them! Life wasn't like it is today. There was no dope. Even at home in Detroit at night you could leave the doors unlocked. Police had a deep respect for everyone. Everyone went to church regardless of their religion.


You could spend the day at Belle Isle, as we often did, and you could spend the whole night there. We would sleep there in the back of the truck after a fun day barbecuing. I had a good family life. To me, family is everything. Without family you have nothing.

Q. What would you say to teach young people today?

A. I have learned a lot growing up. Playing sports helped me become a strong individual. I would tell people to treat everyone as you would like to be treated. Get the best education possible, and study, study, study. Count your blessings every day, no matter how good they are or how humble, count your blessings.

I am a happy man who has been married 45 years. I have four daughters, and 10 grandchildren ages 3 to 20. I wonder that if youth today is fortunate to live a full life, what they will see. There have been so many changes, but the best is yet to come. The young people today will one day have grandchildren that will think they are not hip, or that they are old fashioned — but their day is coming, too!

Send your questions about antiques and collectibles to: Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236, fax (313) 882-1585; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointe-news.com.



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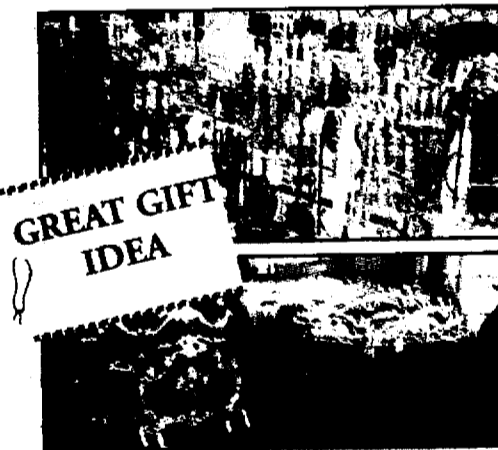
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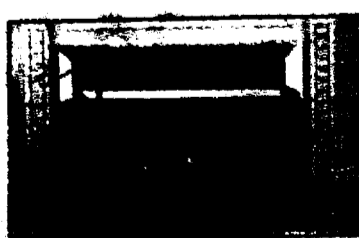
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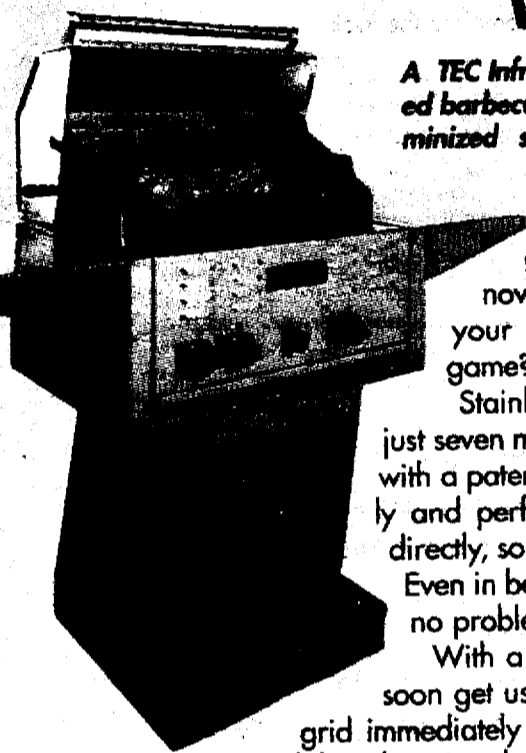
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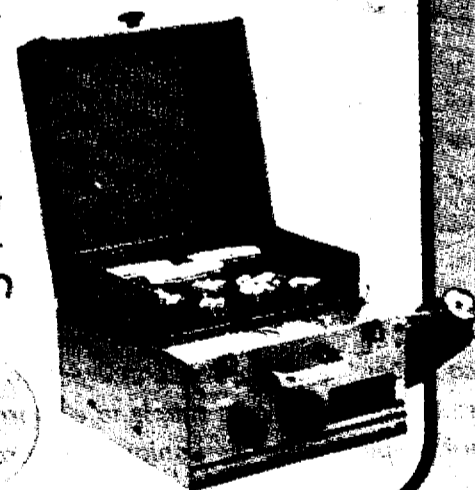
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Stainless steel TEC grills heat up in just three minutes and take just seven more minutes to cook your meal. These grills are equipped with a patented Infra-Red heating system that cooks your food quickly and perfectly, every time. The Infra-Red system heats the meal directly, so there's less hot air to rob moisture and dry out your food. Even in below freezing temperatures, cooking quickly and evenly is no problem.

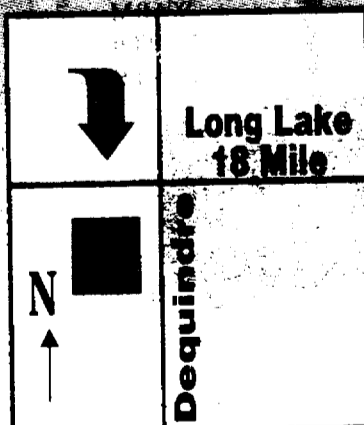
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As the fragrance of the tree fades bring in some fresh greens. There are many types of evergreens to choose from including cedar, fir, pine, spruce and juniper. Garland or roping can be used around the staircase, over a doorway or on the mantel of a fireplace. A fresh wreath can be hung indoors to fill the home with an intoxicating aroma. You can also create a centerpiece or fill a vase with greens, ribbon and ornaments. Use your imagination and you can create a work of art that smells great, too.

Before you bring the greens indoors try soaking them in water for a few hours or even spraying them down with water. This will



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By David Soulliere
Soulliere Garden Center

make the greens last longer when you bring them in and the aroma will be stronger. If possible mist the greens daily to prolong the fragrance.

Adding fresh evergreens for fragrance is just as important as the lights on the house or the mistletoe.

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• To keep smoke from pouring back out of the fireplace when lighting a fire, try opening a nearby window. This can provide a

stronger flow of air traveling up the chimney. Close the window after the fire is safely lit. — True Value Guide to Home Repair and Improvement.

• I hate cleaning my garden tools at the end of the day, but it's necessary because otherwise they would rust. One way to speed it up is to wipe the tools down quickly with a rag (not oily or wet), and then stick them, metal end down, into a bucket of dry sand. — Chuck S., Tempe, Ariz.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write *This Is A Hammer*, c/o King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

For the Birds

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in bird gardening. If I plan to create for the possible birds that may come my way, I don't have to spend time away from home to enjoy nature. With habitat that invites nature to me, I only need to look and listen as I enjoy the feathered

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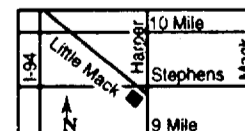
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Minnesota-based Midwest of Cannon Falls is one of the country's leading designers of specialty gifts, collectibles and home and garden accessories.

Ingrid Liss, creative director at Midwest of Cannon Falls, is one of the people responsible for up-front planning and conceptualizing of styled and themed collectives for new product lines. Traveling to Asia, India and Europe to develop and source new products gives Liss the edge on fashion decor.

"The strongest trend this year is eclectic," says Liss. "We've moved far away from a standard interpretation of decorating into a statement that brings out your own personal style. This could include using your existing collection of Christmas ornaments and then stretching beyond, adding personal items that create a soulful environment. I've decorated my tree with my grandmother's necklaces for years — using rhinestones, faceted crystal, old early plastic, pearls and filigree jewelry. I combine them with Midwest of Cannon Falls Vintage blown glass ornaments to play off of the shimmer and luster, making a personal statement that has tremendous meaning to me."

Another unique idea from Liss is to dig into your dining room cupboard. "A tea party theme using old china, tea cups and tea pots wired into the tree along with chandelier crystals, your mother's old silverware and perhaps small gold and silver picture frames with old photos of your ancestors makes an exciting diversion from the traditional Christmas tree. Filling in spaces with themed ornaments that complement your colors will add both highlights and nostalgia to your decorating."

Creating a personal statement in today's holiday decorating dovetails with the trend of flea market finds and junk-style. "Antiquing has become so popular," says Liss. "Shabby chic is considered today's most popular trend. Items that have been discarded are now being retrieved and revived. The style includes mixing items whose elegance has faded over time, yet the patina of age and wear resonates with beauty and personality. As one discovers unique and cast off items, it's as if they say to you, 'There's a story here.' Ornate cast-offs put into the right situation can be stunning. These pieces are elevated by the company they keep when you marry them with other



items that are interesting. It's fun to contrast things that are sleek, clean, simple and new with pieces that are ornate and old."

Liss stresses not to worry about the correct mix. The content isn't as important as is the expression. "The mix will be right if it is truly a soulful expression of one's personal taste," says Liss. "The concept of bringing the outdoors inside is as strong as ever. Natural elements mixed with a wide variety of ornaments with a gardening bend brings us back to the concept of contrast. Feeling comfortable with adding birdhouses, nests, natural twigs and tree branches into your tree and going so far as to add fresh flowers and letting them dry naturally while on your tree, creates an exciting natural element. When these more rustic, natural pieces are placed next to the shimmer of gilded wire and the luster of glass in golden earth toned ornaments, it creates a peaceful effect."

"And don't forget your outdoor trees," says Liss. "Celebrate your total environment by decorating trees in your yard with bird feeders, birdhouses, strings of popcorn, cranberries and other tasteful holiday delights. Use your imagination."

Liss says the color purple has risen as the most popular color for the holidays, after red and green. Purple is festive and considered neutral since so many other colors work with it. "The purple family is so broad and versatile you can take it in many directions. It pairs with reds, for a vibrant hot feeling, where combined with gold and silver it emotes a more subdued

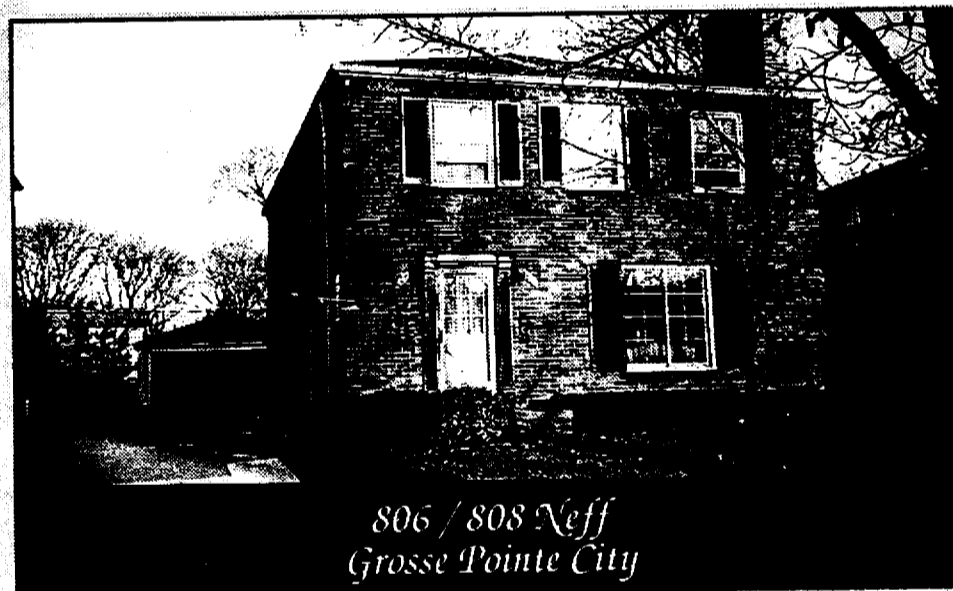
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Mia Bardy proudly presents...



845 / 847 Harcourt
Grosse Pointe Park

Outstanding two family home in coveted Grosse Pointe Park location - just a short walk to waterfront parks and Trombly Elementary School. With over 2800 square feet, this property features newer kitchens with eating space and built-ins, one and one half updated bathrooms in each unit, a new driveway, new storms and screens, sun rooms, natural fireplaces, central air conditioning and a three car garage. Don't miss this wonderful investment opportunity! Offered at \$359,900.



806 / 808 Neff
Grosse Pointe City

Terrific investment opportunity in Grosse Pointe City - close to shopping, schools and park. With over 2700 square feet, this two family home features newer kitchens with eating space and built-ins, updated bathrooms, new storms and screens, natural fireplaces, central air and a finished basement. In addition to offering two bedrooms, a spacious living room, dining room and kitchen, the first floor features a den, while the second floor unit has a handy computer room. Don't wait - this won't last long! Offered at \$289,900.



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FIRST OFFERING

774 LAKEPOINTE
GROSSE POINTE PARK



Great location! South of Jefferson. Newer kitchen with doorwall to deck overlooking rear grounds. Natural fireplace in large living room, formal dining room, all large closets, hardwood floors, wet plaster, den, large basement with newer furnace and central air.

266 FISHER ROAD
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Classic center entrance Colonial, all spacious rooms, hardwood floors/leaded glass formal dining room, country kitchen with breakfast nook, large living room with natural fireplace. 20x13 foot recreation room in basement 18 foot deck with hot tub. \$299,500.

WATERFRONT CONDO
\$610,000 208 ORAM DRIVE



A 25 minute drive from downtown Detroit takes you to paradise. Two bedrooms, two and one half baths, full basement, two and one half car garage, vaulted ceilings, multiple fireplaces, all main rooms, overlooking the shipping channel.

WATERFRONT CONDO
\$699,000 210 ORAM DRIVE



Waterfront townhouse with spectacular views. Two bedrooms, two and one half baths, two and one half car attached garage. Multiple fireplaces, ceramic kitchen, hardwood floors in living room and den. Marble master bath.

590 SHOREHAM
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



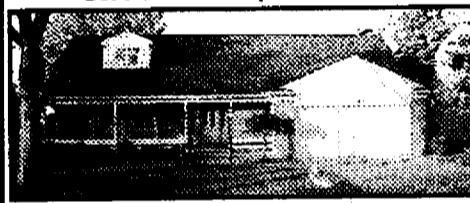
Beautiful 2,750 square foot, three bedroom three and one half bath ranch in prime area of the Woods. Home features three natural fireplaces, two master suites, newer kitchen with built-ins, finished basement with wet bar and half bath. Family room, dining room area combo, three doorwalls. \$449,900.

990 N. BRYN
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Great quiet street, beautifully maintained ranch with many updates. Finished basement completely waterproofed, hardwood floors throughout, new Pella picture window with built in blinds, gas fireplace, new tiled kitchen, large family room with wet bar, newly landscaped, large patio, alarm system.

968 MOORLAND
GROSSE POINTE WOODS



Brick pavers lead the way to new oak entry doors. Ceramic foyer with view of new oak circular staircase. Spacious living room and dining room. Updated white kitchen with appliances. Large family room with fireplace. Doorwall to bricked patio. Three oversized bedrooms. \$380,000.

872 BALFOUR
GROSSE POINTE PARK



Great home to fix up, just needs some T.L.C. 945 square feet on the third floor, newer kitchen with updated cabinets, countertops, flooring. Updated master bathroom, all new ceramic tile, leaded glass windows with leaded glass skylight, natural woodwork.

PRICE REDUCTION

1816 ALINE
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

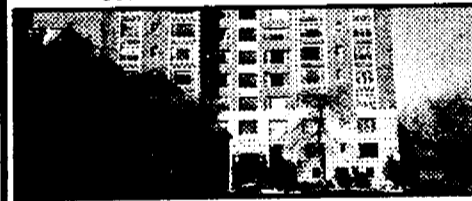


Beautiful Colonial in excellent condition. Cathedral ceiling family room with natural fireplace. Wonderful newer kitchen with eating space. One and one half baths, living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room. Three spacious bedrooms.

For more information go to: www.lewgp.com

8120 JEFFERSON

WATERFRONT CONDOMINIUM
"THE NEW GOLD COAST"



Indian Village Manor, first floor waterfront unit. This beautiful 1928 vintage building has been restored to once again a prestigious address. Natural fireplace, formal dining room, huge master suite with bathroom. \$350,000.

PRICE REDUCTION

243 BEAUPRE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



Sharp two bedroom ranch with open floor plan in excellent Farms location. Wood paneled library with built-in shelving. Natural fireplace in living room. Dining room. Florida room to well kept rear grounds. Large open basement.

175 COUNTRY CLUB
GROSSE POINTE WOODS

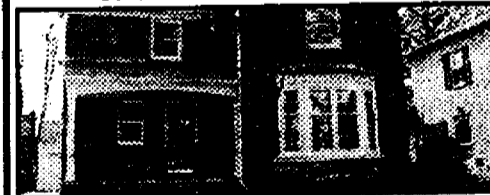


Sprawling ranch in quaint neighborhood. Family room, with wet bar and natural fireplace, central air, living room with natural fireplace. Three bedroom, two and one half bath, full tiled recreation room with bath, two car attached garage.

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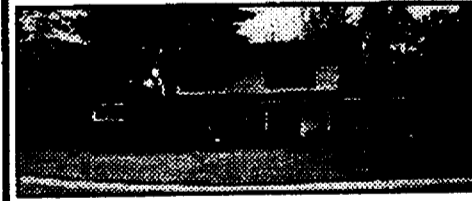
PRICE REDUCTION

291 MERRIWEATHER
GROSSE POINTE FARMS



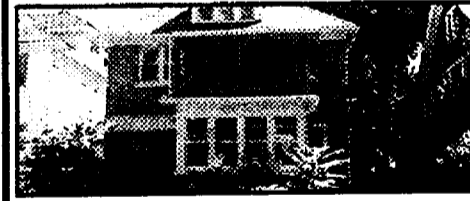
One and one half bath Colonial. Approximately 2,000 square feet. Completely renovated. New hardwood floors on first floor, new spacious granite kitchen, den, lower level family room carpeted with second fireplace. Brick patio in backyard.

90 DEEPLANDS
GROSSE POINTE SHORES



Fantastic "Park-like setting" only four houses on the court. Updated Colonial features four bedrooms, two and one half baths, 24 foot family room, den, sunken living room, formal dining room, recreation room in basement.

1118 MARYLAND
GROSSE POINTE PARK



Excellent rental area four unit income. Total rents \$2,275 each. Unit features little different floor plan. Each unit has beautiful hardwood floors, screen porch upstairs and downstairs, steam heat, separate water and electrical.

PRICE REDUCTION

20559 ANITA
HARPER WOODS



Relax on the front porch of this large, quality built Harper Woods home with Grosse Pointe schools. Four bedrooms, family room with skylights and natural fireplace, all Anderson windows, slate foyer, ceramic tile and huge backyard.

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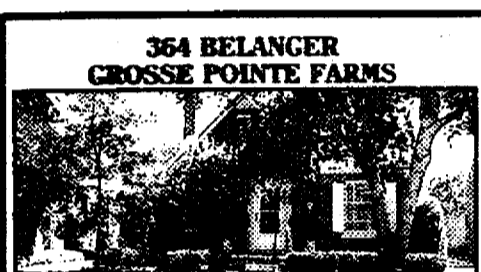
21 FISHER GROSSE POINTE CITY

Exquisite Colonial with unique floor plan. Two story entrance foyer, first floor living space with hardwood floors. Dramatic dining room, step down great room with fireplace. Walking distance to Grosse Pointe South High.



20123 DOYLE CT. GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Center entrance Colonial in quiet cul-de-sac. Open entrance foyer to formal living room, paneled library, spacious kitchen with eating space, formal dining room, large family room with brick hearth fireplace and walkout to patio. First floor laundry, four bedrooms, two full baths and more!
For more information go to: www.lewgp.com



364 BELANGER GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Great Grosse Pointe Farms location. Excellent condition, three bedroom brick bungalow with one and one half baths. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. Screen porch, gas forced air furnace and central air.



1201 PAGET CT. GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Nestled in a private area this beautiful ranch home features informal living room recently painted with coved ceiling throughout and natural fireplace. Kitchen has plenty of counter and cabinet space and view from a beautiful bay window.



PRICE REDUCTION 636 PEMBERTON GROSSE POINTE PARK

Beautiful Colonial in great condition. Super kitchen, many new features. Large closets throughout. Great ceramic tile, wonderful woodwork and leaded glass. You have to see this one!!!



3560 KENSINGTON

Beautiful English Tudor Colonial with first floor bedroom located in East English Village. Spacious new kitchen, new first floor bathroom freshly painted and carpeted throughout. Great deck on rear of house, natural fireplace, spotless!!!!



THE CASTLE 530 PARKVIEW

Has been used for wedding receptions and parties as well as over night accommodations for the past ten years. Built in 1898 this castle is great for the exclusive single family owner or great potential for multi-family or condo conversion.



3936 KENSINGTON DETROIT

Large three bedroom brick Colonial situated on a huge 60' X 162' lot. Many updates including new dimensional roof on house and two car garage. Copper plumbing updates and electrical updates. Remodeled kitchen with new cabinets.



19709 CALIFORNIA ST. CLAIR SHORES

Central air conditioning, many improvements, new kitchen, dishwasher, garbage disposal, floor and more! Completely repainted and new carpeting throughout. Finished basement. \$127,500!!!



19168 BERDEN BACK ON MARKET!!!

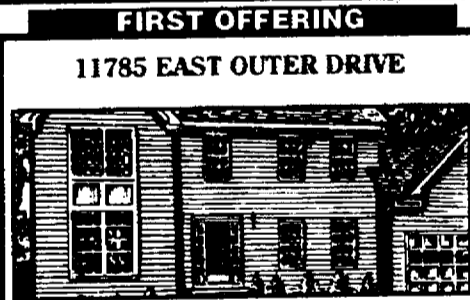
Move right in neat and clean. Close to St. John Hospital, freshly painted, hardwood flooring in the upstairs bedroom. Basement has wet bar, carpeting and is completely finished. Newer windows, new glass block windows in basement.



FIRST OFFERING 5268 COURVILLE

Home totally redone inside and out with city certs. Spacious four bedroom, three bedrooms upstairs with two and one half baths. One bedroom main floor with full bath. Formal dining room, living room with natural fireplace, new lush berber carpeting throughout.

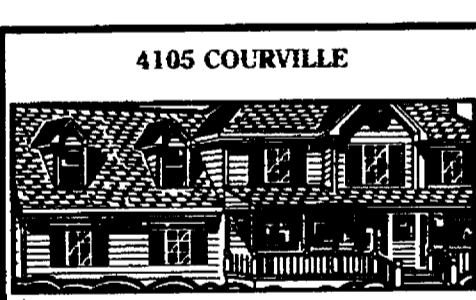
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FIRST OFFERING

11785 EAST OUTER DRIVE

Sharp two family that could be converted into a single. Natural fireplace in lower living room, two new hot water heaters, new two gas forced air heat furnaces (two years), 2 100 amp electrical.



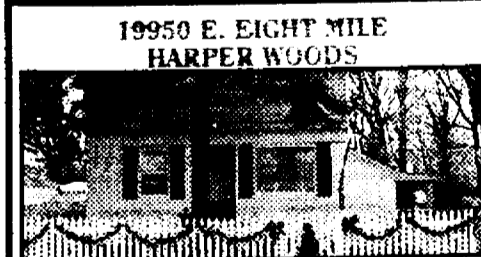
4105 COURVILLE

Superbly maintained single family entrance Colonial/ income has two gas forced air furnaces, new electrical Partially finished basement. Two car garage, and much more \$84,900.



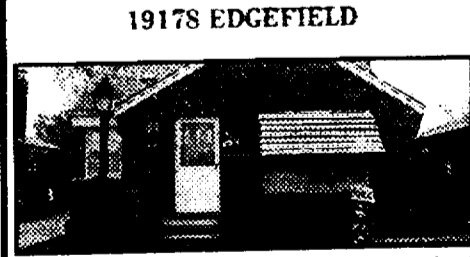
JUST REDUCED 4422 YORKSHIRE

BACK ON MARKET
Unique styled English style bungalow shows terrific. East English Village area, features include finished recreation room, natural fireplace in living room, updated kitchen with breakfast nook built in dishwasher, new floor and more!



19950 E. EIGHT MILE HARPER WOODS

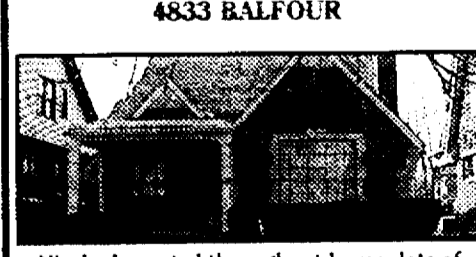
Wonderful Colonial totally renovated. New roof, furnace, new oak kitchen, two new full baths, new carpeting, new copper plumbing, new second floor windows. All appliances included. Three bedrooms, two full baths, first floor laundry. Grosse Pointe school system. For more information go to: www.lewgp.com



19178 EDGEFIELD

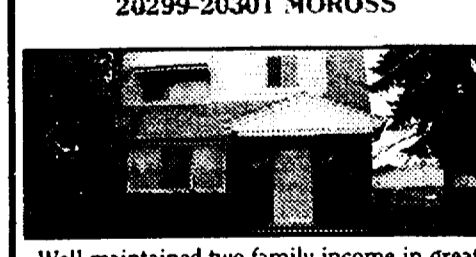
Very nice bungalow in prime location north of Moross. Quiet, cozy street. Central air, loads of closets. Finished basement with half bath, glass block windows, natural wood trim. Appliances included.

For more information go to: www.lewgp.com



4833 BALFOUR

Nicely decorated throughout home, lots of natural woodwork, built in china cabinet in dining room. Cedar closet in hallway, coved ceiling in living room. Newer furnace, central air, hot water tank, new light fixtures. \$99,900.



20299-20301 MOROSS

Well maintained two family income in great location for personnel of St. John Hospital. Central air in lower, two car garage. Low maintenance, separate utilities.

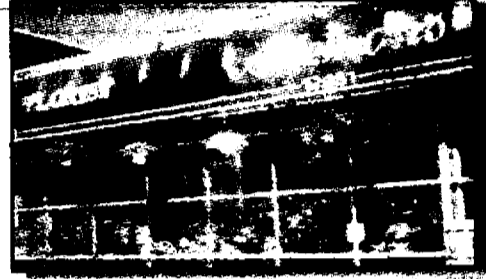
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GROSSE POINTE SHORES ~~\$1,538,000~~
SPACIOUS COLONIAL. Five bedroom Colonial with unobstructed views of Lake St. Clair. Many updates include complete painting of interior, refinished hardwood floors and painted exterior. Newer furnaces and air conditioning units. (GPN-GW-99LAK) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS ~~\$438,500~~
SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL. Center entrance with many recent updates, Kitchen '95, stripped roof September '00, new windows two years, finished basement, with half bath. Two natural fireplaces, circular driveway and home warranty. (GPN-GW-79PEA) (313) 886-4200.



NEAR GROSSE POINTE BORDER ~~\$998,000~~
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EASTPOINTE ~~\$129,900~~
DESIRABLE BRICK RANCH! New: oak kitchen, garage door and opener. Replacement windows, basement finished except ceiling, huge lot, above ground pool. In back on cul-de-sac! Must see! (GPN-GW-94MIC) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE PARK ~~\$399,900~~
MOVE IN CONDITION. One block from the lake and a nice two block walk to the Village. Some updates include natural fireplace, master bath with garden tub and much more. (GPN-H-03CAD) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK ~~\$189,900~~
EXCELLENT INVESTMENT PROPERTY. Two unit income, nicely kept up, mostly new windows, updated kitchens, aluminum trim, natural fireplaces, off-street parking. (GPN-H-07BEA) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS ~~\$465,000~~
DETACHED CONDO - MUST SEE! Custom kitchen with built-ins and granite counters. Hardwood floors, formal dining, den and first floor laundry. Finished basement with half bath, lots of storage. Quarterly association fee \$550. (GPN-GW-90MOR) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS ~~\$253,500~~
WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL. Fantastic home featuring newer furnace and central air '98 updated kitchen opens to extra large family room, big yard, hardwood floors, and two car garage. (GPN-H-28LIT) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS ~~\$178,000~~
RALPH LAUREN DECOR. Four bedrooms, central air, hardwood floors, fenced yard, recreation room, one half bath in basement. Two car garage, fireplace, newer kitchen and water heater, updated electrical. (GPN-H-36ANI) (313) 885-2000.



HARPER WOODS ~~\$137,000~~
GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS. With attached garage, three bedrooms, bright living room with fireplace, dining L, kitchen with eating space and door to patio, attractive front porch. (GPN-H-96HAW) (313) 885-2000.



HARPER WOODS ~~\$138,500~~
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Don't miss this outstanding home. \$30,000 plus in recent upgrades. New windows, siding, finished basement with full bath and sits on a 112x164 lot with new deck and pond. Priced for immediate sale. (GPN-GW-95HUN) (313) 886-4200.



HARPER WOODS ~~\$130,800~~
PERFECT CONDO. New: kitchen, gas forced air/air condition, finished basement and windows. Hardwood floors under plush carpet, three bedrooms, two baths, modern and neutral decor. Lots of wood throughout. (GPN-GW-75WIL) (313) 886-4200.



ST. CLAIR SHORES ~~\$265,000~~
PRICE REDUCED! Two bedrooms, two baths, second floor unit. Beautifully maintained. Bay windows. Eat-in-kitchen. Third bedroom used as a den. Living room with natural fireplace. (GPN-H-34WIN) (313) 885-2000.



ST. CLAIR SHORES ~~\$224,900~~
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ST. CLAIR SHORES ~~\$179,000~~
CLOSE TO SHOPPING...schools and freeway. 2,100 square foot ranch with four bedrooms and two full baths. 30x16 family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling with door leading to a 32x16 deck. (GPN-H-00HOF) (313) 885-2000.



ST. CLAIR SHORES ~~\$169,900~~
MOVE RIGHT IN - FANTASTIC! Three bedrooms, one and one half baths, full bath in basement, remodeled kitchen, all appliances stay, finished basement, gas fireplace, two car garage, home warranty. (GPN-GW-72MAR) (313) 886-4200.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$355,000
WALK TO LAKE. Darling Farm Colonial on prestigious circle. Newer: roof, furnace, central air conditioning, windows and hot water heater. Updated kitchen breakfast nook. (GPN-H-57RAD) (313) 885-2006.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS **\$299,900**
MANY UPDATES. This four bedroom home includes many updates: kitchen, central air, windows, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet, and roof. Call listing broker for more details. Home warranty included. (GPN-GW-23MOR) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE FARMS \$239,000
CLASSIC ENGLISH TUDOR STYLE Cape Cod. Updated kitchen with ceramic tile floor and breakfast nook. Updated bath, refinished hardwood floors, newer landscaping and brick patio. (GPN-H-17MOR) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE PARK **\$479,800**
QUICK OCCUPANCY OFFERED on this four bedroom two and one half bath Colonial with attached garage. Kitchen with eating space, family room with doorwall to deck, close to waterfront park. (GPN-H-26MID) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS **\$249,900**
CLASSIC WOODS COLONIAL featuring spacious bedrooms, family room with gas fireplace, formal dining room, living room with natural fireplace and a finished basement. (GPN-GW-73SEV) (313) 886-4200.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$223,000
SELLER FINANCING! WOW! Seller will contribute \$2000 toward buyer mortgage costs or points. That makes this lovely home with new kitchen, family room , central air, more affordable! (GPN-GW-72LOC)
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$210,000
WONDERFUL BRICK COLONIAL that offers three bedrooms and one and one half baths. Lovely living room with fireplace. Family room and large deck for extra entertaining. (GPN-H-54HOL) (313) 885-2000.



GROSSE POINTE WOODS \$179,900
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HARPER WOODS **\$49,500**
HARPER WOODS CO-OP. Vernier just west of Harper, ranch CO-OP with basement, newer central air, alarm, large patio with new privacy fence, new roof. (GPN-GW-90VER) (313) 886-4200.



HARPER WOODS \$41,900
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ST. CLAIR SHORES **\$435,000**
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ST. CLAIR SHORES **\$137,900**
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ST. CLAIR SHORES **\$94,500**
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STERLING HEIGHTS **\$259,900**
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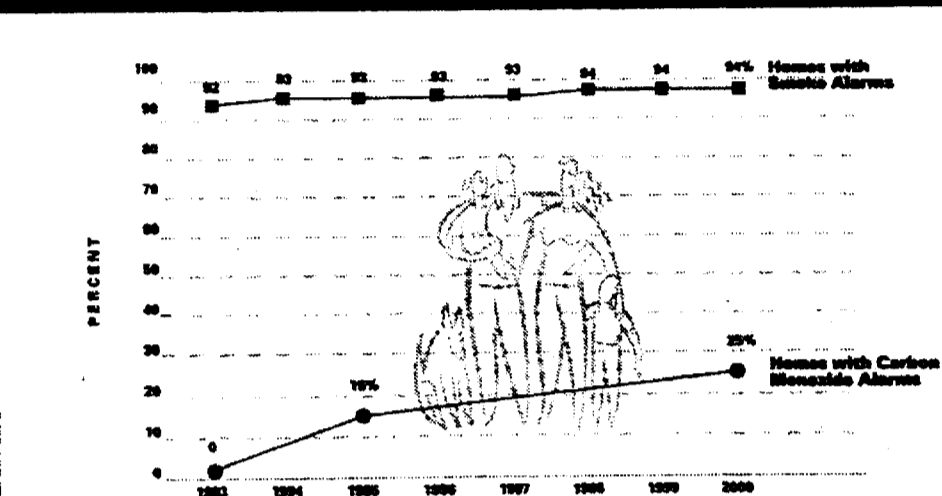


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Decorating

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statement. Blues bring in a monochromatic celestial feeling. Tones of lavender blend well for a softer feeling. Purple also complements rose, magentas and pinks. It's a color that evokes strong feelings — its personality traits can be passionate, regal and very strong or traditional, funky and modern.

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