

Halls are alive with sounds of the holidays

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

Many students around Grosse Pointe this holiday season learned that it truly is better to give than to receive.

Take the seventh-graders at University Liggett School's middle school in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Each year they participate in a "Giving Tree" project that donates toys and clothing to families and children in need.

This year, after the students, some par-

ent volunteers and teachers had delivered their gifts to the Pelham School in Detroit and were riding on the bus back to Grosse Pointe, they came up with an idea: give again.

"When we gave out the gifts, one little girl opened her box and liked her present, but said she wished she had asked for shoes. It turns out hers were 1-1/2 sizes too small," said Martha Cassie, administrative assistant at ULS middle school. "Our students learned that some of the

kids at Pelham went to school without coats, because they don't own them. Some didn't have warm socks."

On the way back to Grosse Pointe, the students and teachers reflected on their experience, imagining what it must be like to be ill-clad in such cold weather. (Last Wednesday, when the students made their delivery, temperatures were in the single digits). Everyone agreed to go home and

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Thursday, Dec. 26

Due to the New Year's holiday, editorial and advertising deadlines will be one day earlier. That means features and entertainment items will be due by Thursday at 3 p.m. and news and sports items must be in by 3 p.m. Friday to be considered for the Jan. 2 edition.

Friday, Dec. 27

The Grosse Pointe South High School For'em Club hosts the second North vs. South alumni hockey game at 7 p.m. in the City Arena at Lafayette and Mount Elliott in Detroit. For more information, South alumni should call Joan Tucker at (313) 843-0301. North alumni should call Jan Quinn at (313) 881-2968.

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the municipal court room/council room. Call Donna at (313) 885-6600, ext. 228 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve. Kiss 1996 good bye, be careful out there and remember, the offices of the Grosse Pointe News close at noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Happy 1997. The offices of the Grosse Pointe News are closed.

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Homes for the holidays

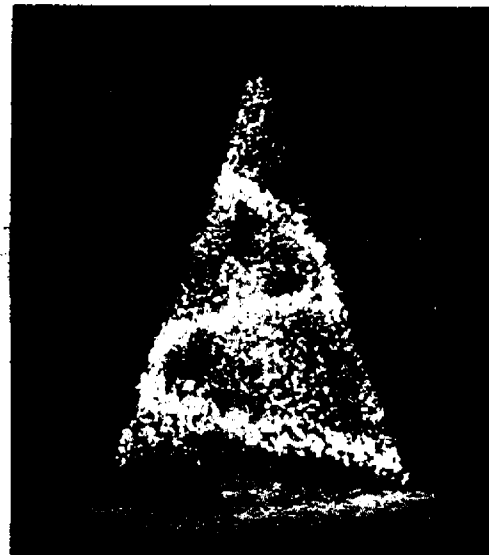
Everyone was probably too busy shopping to send pictures of their homes to enter the Grosse Pointe News' holiday decorating contest. But we do have three winners.

First place, above, goes to the Williams Family at 19610 Mack in the Farms, who decorated their home both front and rear.

Second place goes to Bob Buhl and family at 1002 Harvard in the Park for the vast amount of lights he was able to get on their outdoor evergreen, left.

Third place goes to the De Corte Family at 1028 Berkshire, also in the Park, for their submission of their "Williamsburg Christmas" motif (not shown).

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Library faces many challenges, studies future course, facilities

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

If Grosse Pointe public library leaders ever were to write a book about the history of discussions and proposals to expand or relocate the library's operations, it would be time to draft a new chapter.

Although nothing is in the works, library officials said, a library board subcommittee has been studying facility needs and options for the future.

Meanwhile, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, wrestling with growing enrollment at one of its schools, which also leases space to the public library, has raised the possibility, although remote, of reclaiming library space for school needs.

And as previous chapters of the library history book might read, whenever interest builds, various solutions and ideas are proposed. Build a newer, bigger library. Expand existing facilities. Ask the voters to support a bond issue or a millage to fund the projects.

Then, like the disappointing ending to a bestselling novel, the voters reject all plans and slam the book shut with a resounding thud.

"As we look at our long-term facility needs, we continue to look at what's best for the branches and for the Central Library. We have been review-

ing some current circulation statistics, what improvements in technology will mean to us and so on," said John Bruce, library board president. "When the Parcels enrollment issue came up, it caused us as a board to accelerate the strategic planning process as reasonably as possible to continue to deal with this process."

Neither the library board nor the school board have made any decisions at this point, but discussions are ongoing.

Nevertheless, library officials said, there may come a time in the future when the school system will be forced to reclaim space leased at Parcels and Pierce Middle School (where the Woods and Park branches, respectively, are located) and the library needs to be prepared.

The board subcommittee has been meeting and gathering information for the past several months, Bruce said. It has been focusing on a number of reports that have been done on the library since 1986.

At its Dec. 16 meeting, the library board planned a half-day meeting sometime in January or February, which will be held on a Saturday and open to the public, at which to discuss this issue. The board will not be seeking public input at that time but will in the near future, Bruce added.

"There has been no definite

discussion of any specific idea," he said.

Build a bigger Central Library? Expand the branches? Move the operations elsewhere? There are a number of options, Bruce said, most of them based on studies done in the 1980s and one in 1990.

"If we are not able to maintain branches in the future because there is not availability of property, and the school system needs space for enrollment, we will have to look at other alternatives, maybe one central facility," Bruce said.

"But this is not what this particular board wants. We know this community wants its neighborhood schools, its local parks and its branch libraries."

The board subcommittee has not generated a report of its findings for public consumption at this time, he said.

In 1990, when the library operated as part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the school board, after more than two years of study, proposed a \$7.6 million bond issue to fund the expansion of the branches and to build a new, 43,000-square-foot facility adjacent to Brownell Middle School on Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms. The current central library was then to be the new administrative offices for the school system.

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Defer principal leaving district after 21 years

Sheila Turney to head charter high school

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

Defer principal Sheila Turney is leaving her post in early January to take a job with a statewide group operating charter schools.

But, the 21-year-veteran of the Grosse Pointe Public School System said, she's not leaving the Pointes and intends to remain visible in the community.

"I'm looking forward to this change after 21 years of working with the residents of the Grosse Pointes," Turney said last Friday, shortly before school was dismissed for the winter break.

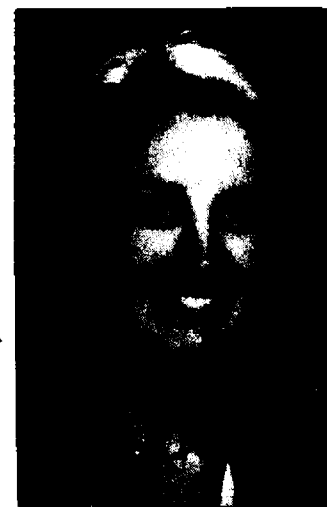
Turney's last day will be Friday, Jan. 10. She then will begin her new job as principal of the New Directions Institute in Pontiac, a charter high school operated by the Lansing-based Leona Group.

"I will be managing and (helping) charter schools (grow). Charter schools, which are alternatives to the public education system, are sponsored by the state and chartered by private individuals, universities and school boards wishing to see things done in a different way," she said.

Turney was principal at Trombly Elementary School before coming to Defer. Her career within the Grosse Pointe district began at Grosse Pointe South High School, where she was an assistant principal. From there, she went part-time as assistant principal at the three middle schools: Pierce, Parcels and Brownell, as she was raising her children.

She began her educational career in parochial schools in Detroit, then moved to the Detroit Public Schools and then to Bloomfield for one year.

"I want everyone to know I'm staying here in the community," she said. "I plan to be a



Sheila Turney

strong advocate of the district, but not in a public service role."

Turney said the Grosse Pointe Public School System must, as a whole, support its mission. She thinks the schools have a defined vision but need to "stop waffling and giving in to every different position and hold the course."

On a parting note, Turney said she wishes the Grosse Pointe community the best of luck in seeking out a strong, visionary leader for the schools (referring to the district's ongoing search for a new superintendent following Ed Shine's departure last June).

"This community needs a strong, visionary leader who will stay the course and not allow every detractor to knock the district off course," she said. "There needs to be a partnership between the schools, the parents and the community."

At a study session on Thursday, Dec. 19, the school board agreed to accept Turney's resignation and release her from her contract. The search for Turney's replacement is under way and if a suitable candidate is not found by mid-January, an interim administrator will be appointed.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Charles W. Babcock Jr.

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Age: 55

Family: Wife, Sharon; four children

Occupation: Attorney for General Motors

Claim to fame: National chairman of MADD

Quote: "We'll always have drunks. But with improved technology, I don't think we'll always have drunk drivers."

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Charles W. Babcock Jr.



Perpetuating the Christmas spirit

The repertoire of the Grosse Pointe Carolers, pictured here, includes "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Adeste Fidelis," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," and "Silent Night." Pictured from left are shepherds Jackie Hilker, Gerald Norman, Ronald Pochert, Bobby Gullickson, Merle Henderson, and Louis Hribar. Diane Rienhart portrays Mary; Lee Henderson is Joseph; and the three kings are Jerry Lorenz, Jim Rinchart and Al Nollet. The group is sponsored by Mrs. Warren Bistran of Brys Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, who is also in charge of the musical direction and costumes. (Grosse Pointe News photo Dec. 26, 1946)

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week
 ■ The four village municipalities of Grosse Pointe consider adopting city status to avoid township expenses and, thus, make the township non-existent.
 ■ Sunday snow and ice cause hardships for motorists on Pointe roads, particularly Lakeshore.
 ■ While awaiting the decision by a judge on a petition blocking the Woods' purchase of lakefront property from the Edsel and Eleanor Ford estate for use as a city park, Mrs. Ford extends the Woods' purchase agreement to Feb. 7.
 ■ Park police chief Arthur Louwers makes a "flying trip" to Chicago to question a suspect in the Oct. 25 burglary of the Harriet Evans home at 842 Three Mile and obtains a full confession from the "lying little wretch."

10 years ago this week
 ■ A fourth suspect in the \$30,000 robbery of the Joseph A. Schoeneth residence, 585 Lakeshore, is arrested in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
 ■ A power failure at 6:08 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, blankets some 2,500 homes in the Farms and City in darkness. Residents became aware of the outage when their alarms failed to go off and they couldn't get their garage doors open.
 ■ The Shores council considers building paddle tennis courts at its lakefront park, but balks at the \$20,000 to \$30,000 cost of facilities to accommodate the popular sport.

5 years ago this week
 ■ James Blondell, a descendent of the Grosse Pointe City official who originally platted the neighborhood, now finds himself owning a vacant lot that the City says is too small to build on.
 ■ After nearly 30 years on the Grosse Pointe Shores council, C. Bradford Lundy Jr. retires. During his years on the council, Lundy missed only a few meetings. He good-naturedly referred to himself as "Mr. Garbage" because of his many years and ceaseless efforts on behalf of the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority.
 — John Minnis

New voice coach

Tamara Lehew offers private voice instruction Mondays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24, at the War Memorial between 1 and 8 p.m. A 45-minute class period will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Students of all levels of experience, children and adults, are encouraged to register. Whether a beginner or accomplished artist, students will work toward the development of confidence and a solid healthy technique while exploring a repertoire suited to their personal interests and experience. Lehew earned a master of music in voice performance from Syracuse University. She has performed and studied a variety of musical styles and teaches everything from classical and opera to jazz and musical theater. Course fee is \$200. For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or see the War Memorial's "January/February Program of Events" for a complete listing of all War Memorial activities.



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University Liggett School seventh-graders, from left, Nicki Brown, Andrew DeWitt, Allison Clark and Hadley Brink sort through the sweaters, hats, scarves, coats and other items they and their peers donated to a school in Detroit.

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Find at least one item in their possession that they could donate. "We told them to focus on things that you'd want to have if you were cold," Cassie said. And they did. On Thursday morning, seventh-grade teacher Julie Booher's classroom was filled with jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes, hats, mittens and scarves. The original plan to deliver the donated items in one or two parent volunteers' cars was scrapped, Cassie said. They'd need a bus for this job. Parents and some alumni in town for the holidays delivered the additional items to Pelham school last Thursday.

"We became aware of a situation that we couldn't turn our backs on," Cassie said. "It was an eye-opener for the students, who now have a real personal identification with the situation. Not everyone who brought things for the 'Giving Tree' met the recipients. The ones who did realized they were real people, just like them. It was a rewarding experience."

Grosse Pointe North High School teacher and Student Association adviser Barry Mulso agrees. Students frequently read and hear about the so-called "poor people" out there, he said. But if they don't understand that these people are just like them and that many have legitimate and unfortunate reasons for being in the financial difficulty they are in, they cannot put the words into a meaningful context, Mulso said. The North Student Association helps each homeroom adopt a family in need within the Grosse Pointe Public School System, along with one school in Detroit. This year the SA helped Goodale Elementary. The homerooms collect items to make a holiday dinner, provide new toys for the children and second-hand clothing and other items. "When the students get to meet the families, they see they are just like them, just in different circumstances," Mulso said. "They find out that many people having trouble aren't 'crack heads' or 'lazy.' I've seen it have a profound impact on some of my students. They're never the same after the experience — and it's a

change for the better." At Defer Elementary School, the fifth-grade Girls with New Attitudes Club, on their own, found out that the Meals on Wheels program through Bon Secours Hospital needed someone to provide a touch of holiday cheer to their homebound patients. The girls in the club made 90 Christmas cards that will be included with the meal recipients' holiday delivery. They also visited the hospital on Dec. 18 and some of them sang Christmas carols to the patients. "A lot of the people out there otherwise would have no other outside contact before the holidays," said Andi Cline, K-5 special education teacher at Defer and adviser, along with school social worker Doug Merkle, of the girls' club. The girls participating in the club reaped many rewards and lessons from their experience, Cline said. They learned about using proper manners and social graces when meeting with others. They learned how to overcome shyness by reaching out to the community. When met with a challenge, they set a goal and accomplished it, she said.

Area police get new van for the war against crime

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

Mark Twain once said that everyone talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it. For many people crime is like the weather, but the people at Crime Stoppers want the public to know that, unlike the weather, something can be done about crime.

Since 1991, Crime Stoppers has been in operation in an increasing number of communities in southeast Michigan. The anti-crime program was started by St. Clair Shores deputy police chief Fred Marengo.

The program allows the public to aid the police in fighting crime, said Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer Joseph Cardosi. People who have information on a crime should call the Crime Stopper telephone number (1-800-831-3111.)

They will talk with an officer, who will assign them a

number, said Cardosi. All calls are anonymous. Once the tip is investigated, if it leads to an arrest, the caller can receive a reward of up to \$1,000.

"Because the callers are anonymous, we have no way to contact someone to tell them that their tip is eligible for a reward," said detective Dennis Van Dale of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department. "So it's up to the caller to check on that. But we get calls from people who aren't interested in the money, but are interested in justice."

The five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods joined the Crime Stopper program in 1994, said Cardosi. Crime Stoppers currently has three special Crime Stopper vans, donated by Jim Riehl's Roseville Chrysler-Plymouth. The vans are maintained by individual police departments. The Woods maintains the van for the Pointes and Harper Woods.

"I am also in charge of keeping track of all three vans, and

seeing that all three are properly maintained," said Cardosi. "The Pointes and Harper Woods received in early November a 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager to use. The mini-van is kept in the Woods public safety department's garage, and we pay for its insurance."

The mini-van has a number of uses, said Van Dale. For example, during the recent holiday parade held the day after Thanksgiving, the mini-van was driven in the parade as a float — the idea being to raise the awareness of the Crime Stopper program in the Pointes.

The public safety departments of all the Pointes and Harper Woods use the Crime Stopper mini-van, said Cardosi.

"The mini-van is another Crime Stopper tool meant to help fight crime," said Cardosi. "It's a community-based police effort and is a way for the public to get involved in protecting their own communities."



The five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have the use of this new 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager mini-van. The vehicle is one of three in the Crime Stoppers program, a community-based anti-crime project meant to open the lines of communication between the public and the police. The van is used as a promotional tool, as well as a crime-fighting tool. The vans have been donated by Jim Riehl's Roseville Chrysler-Plymouth.

Library — **Dog dies after falling through ice into lake**

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Voters soundly defeated the proposal in February 1991. In 1987, the board presented an \$8 million proposal to expand and renovate the Central Library. Voters rejected the plan, because it failed to address parking needs and it would infringe upon the playing field at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Owners of a missing collie dog may find answers with the City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers who attempted unsuccessfully to save the dog who fell through the ice into Lake St. Clair Monday, Dec. 23, at about 3:30 a.m. Police said the dog likely died of hypothermia, as it struggled about 100 yards off shore to get back onto the edge of the ice that broke from under it. As of press time, no one had claimed ownership of the dog. Rathbone residents called

the police because they could hear the dog barking and wailing. The dog was in the water near that street and the city park docks. The police said they called the Coast Guard, who said it could not dispatch help, and advised that the city police not attempt to go out on the ice either. The ice was so thin, police said, that it would not support even the weight of any rescue apparatus, such as a ladder.

— Amy Andreou Miller

Lake levels

During the month of November, precipitation was above average on Lake Superior. Precipitation was average or below average on the remaining Great Lakes Basins. For the year to date, precipitation is 12 percent above average for the entire basin. In November, the net supply of water to Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron was below average. The net supply of water was above average to Lakes Erie and Ontario. In comparison to their long-term averages (1918-1955), the November monthly mean water level of Lakes Superior, Michigan-Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario were 7, 14, 17, 17, and 7 inches above average, respectively. Shoreline residents are cautioned to be alert whenever adverse weather conditions exist. These conditions could cause rapid short-term rises in water levels. Lake St. Clair at the end of November was at elevation 575.16 feet above the mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, or about 34 inches above Chart Datum. The November monthly mean level of 575.33 feet was about 17 inches above the long-term average for November. The lake was about 18 inches below the all-time high November monthly mean level, which was recorded in 1986.

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G. P. Park resident and lawyer got mad about drunk driving and joined MADD

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

For Grosse Pointe Park resident and "Who's Who in America" entry Charles W. Babcock Jr., getting mad about the problem of drunk driving was not enough — he decided to join the organization called Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Babcock, a corporate attorney for General Motors, was born in Kansas City, Mo., and before joining GM was a lawyer in the U.S. Marine Corps' judge advocate general office.

"During college I joined the Marine's PLC law program," said Babcock. "Between your junior and senior year in college those in the program would complete a 12-week basic training course. And after college you were commissioned in the Marines, but continued with your legal education. After graduating from Harvard Law School, I began my service. At the time the Corps only had about 100 attorneys."

Before he was allowed to practice law, Babcock had to complete all the training courses that every Marine officer, including combat officers, had to complete.

Once that training was finished he went to the Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I., where he was first in his class, much to the dismay of some "Yalies" classmates.

"My first assignment was in San Diego, where I ended up defending drill instructors accused of being rough with recruits," said Babcock. "After that, I was assigned to what was called WESTPAC, and ended up on Okinawa and later, in Vietnam."

Babcock said he had some interesting clients during the war. One took offense at something his lieutenant said to him, and when the officer was in a post office in Vietnam, Babcock's client took his rifle and emptied a magazine into him. Babcock said he had his client plead guilty to a lesser offense.

Another of Babcock's clients wanted to plead guilty to something he didn't do. The client was accused of possessing marijuana that belonged to another member of his platoon. He told Babcock that he had been fighting for three months and most of his friends were dead, that he had 10 months to go before his tour of duty was complete.

Babcock's client told him that serving a sentence in a stateside prison wasn't looking so bad from where he was sitting. He also said that he was from the southside of Chicago,

and being dishonorably discharged from the Marines wasn't going to ruin his life.

After leaving the Marines in 1969, Babcock worked as an associate for a Kansas City, Mo., law firm, specializing in product liability. One hot summer day, he bumped into an attorney he knew who was also a lawyer with the Marines. They talked briefly and Babcock mentioned that he was looking for another position.

Several months later, in February 1971, the attorney told Babcock that he had heard that GM was looking for liability attorneys.

So Babcock wrote to the person mentioned by his friend and within a week was in the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit being interviewed. That was his first visit to the city. The second

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death when the friend was thrown into a six-foot snowbank as the car was tumbling out of control. The story always ends with the car, once it's stopped, being smashed by a semi-trailer. So if the friend had been buckled in, he would have died.

Babcock is suspicious of the story, but he always replies that if you can arrange to have an accident next to a six-foot snowbank, then don't buckle up.

But Babcock has seen the studies, and buckling up makes a lot of sense. Not buckling up is just asking for trouble.

Babcock is national chairman of the board of MADD.

beliefs and you only have to see them corner a legislator to see their strength and fearlessness.

MADD has two missions, said Babcock. One is to prevent drunken driving deaths through education and advocating responsible government policies. The second mission is to provide victim services to the families and friends of those killed by drunken drivers.

"We hold seminars for law-enforcement officers and clergy on how to perform the task of victim notification," said Babcock. "I've heard many stories from MADD members who have received that visit from a police officer late at night. It

kills someone in a drunken driving crash. Yet this person never went to jail. Too many judges think but for the grace of God go I.

But Babcock believes that future technology will be so sophisticated that cars will take over the task of guiding the vehicle when being driven by an intoxicated driver.

"In 1850, when someone was riding their buggy home, the horse knew the way home where the oats were and there were no accidents," said Babcock. "I believe in 2050, technology will be so sophisticated that the car will be able to do the same thing that old Dobin the horse did 200 years earlier. We'll always have drunks, but with improved technology I don't think we'll always have drunken driving."

The biggest problem MADD faces is people's perceptions. That includes judges, law enforcement officers and the public.

There's no such thing as a drunken driving accident. Someone made the choice to drink and drive. That's not an accident.

Babcock has seen cases where someone with four drunken driving convictions



Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Babcock, chairman of the board of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, recently spoke at a candlelight vigil held on Dec. 7 in Cobo Hall. The organization is the leader in efforts to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving, and provides support to those who have lost a loved one as the result of a drunken driving wreck.

time he visited Detroit, he was moving here.

For the past 26 years, Babcock has worked as an attorney for GM in the product liability and product regulation divisions.

Given the nature of his work, driver safety has always been of interest to him.

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G. P. Park resident and lawyer got mad about drunk driving and joined MADD

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

For Grosse Pointe Park resident and "Who's Who in America" entry Charles W. Babcock Jr., getting mad about the problem of drunk driving was not enough — he decided to join the organization called Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Babcock, a corporate attorney for General Motors, was born in Kansas City, Mo., and before joining GM was a lawyer in the U.S. Marine Corps' judge advocate general office.

"During college I joined the Marine's PLC law program," said Babcock. "Between your junior and senior year in college those in the program would complete a 12-week basic training course. And after college you were commissioned in the Marines, but continued with your legal education. After graduating from Harvard Law School, I began my service. At the time the Corps only had about 100 attorneys."

Before he was allowed to practice law, Babcock had to complete all the training courses that every Marine officer, including combat officers, had to complete.

Once that training was finished he went to the Naval Justice School in Newport, R.I., where he was first in his class, much to the dismay of some "Yalies" classmates.

"My first assignment was in San Diego, where I ended up defending drill instructors accused of being rough with recruits," said Babcock. "After that, I was assigned to what was called WESTPAC, and ended up on Okinawa and later, in Vietnam."

Babcock said he had some interesting clients during the war. One took offense at something his lieutenant said to him, and when the officer was in a post office in Vietnam, Babcock's client took his rifle and emptied a magazine into him. Babcock said he had his client plead guilty to a lesser offense.

Another of Babcock's clients wanted to plead guilty to something he didn't do. The client was accused of possessing marijuana that belonged to another member of his platoon. He told Babcock that he had been fighting for three months and most of his friends were dead, that he had 10 months to go before his tour of duty was complete.

Babcock's client told him that serving a sentence in a stateside prison wasn't looking so bad from where he was sitting. He also said that he was from the southside of Chicago,

and being dishonorably discharged from the Marines wasn't going to ruin his life.

After leaving the Marines in 1969, Babcock worked as an associate for a Kansas City, Mo., law firm, specializing in product liability. One hot summer day, he bumped into an attorney he knew who was also a lawyer with the Marines. They talked briefly and Babcock mentioned that he was looking for another position.

Several months later, in February 1971, the attorney told Babcock that he had heard that GM was looking for liability attorneys.

So Babcock wrote to the person mentioned by his friend and within a week was in the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit being interviewed. That was his first visit to the city. The second

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death when the friend was thrown into a six-foot snowbank as the car was tumbling out of control. The story always ends with the car, once it's stopped, being smashed by a semi-trailer. So if the friend had been buckled in, he would have died.

Babcock is suspicious of the story, but he always replies that if you can arrange to have an accident next to a six-foot snowbank, then don't buckle up.

But Babcock has seen the studies, and buckling up makes a lot of sense. Not buckling up is just asking for trouble.

Babcock is national chairman of the board of MADD.

beliefs and you only have to see them corner a legislator to see their strength and fearlessness.

MADD has two missions, said Babcock. One is to prevent drunken driving deaths through education and advocating responsible government policies. The second mission is to provide victim services to the families and friends of those killed by drunken drivers.

"We hold seminars for law enforcement officers and clergy on how to perform the task of victim notification," said Babcock. "I've heard many stories from MADD members who have received that visit from a police officer late at night. It

Babcock. "But I am educated on the effects of alcohol. Michigan law currently says you're legally drunk when your blood alcohol level (BAC) is .10. MADD is trying to get the law changed to .08. When your BAC is .05, you're eyesight, coordination and judgment are all measurably affected. Those are the three things you need to drive."

The biggest problem MADD faces is people's perceptions. That includes judges, law enforcement officers and the public.

There's no such thing as a drunken driving accident. Someone made the choice to drink and drive. That's not an accident.

Babcock has seen cases where someone with four drunken driving convictions

kills someone in a drunken driving crash. Yet this person never went to jail. Too many judges think but for the grace of God go I.

But Babcock believes that future technology will be so sophisticated that cars will take over the task of guiding the vehicle when being driven by an intoxicated driver.

"In 1850, when someone was riding their buggy home, the horse knew the way home where the oats were and there were no accidents," said Babcock. "I believe in 2050, technology will be so sophisticated that the car will be able to do the same thing that old Dobin the horse did 200 years earlier. We'll always have drunks, but with improved technology I don't think we'll always have drunken driving."



Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Babcock, chairman of the board of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, recently spoke at a candlelight vigil held on Dec. 7 in Cobo Hall. The organization is the leader in efforts to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving, and provides support to those who have lost a loved one as the result of a drunken driving wreck.

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Can Clinton rise in rating of presidents?

Safely sworn into office to begin his second term, President Clinton at the start of a New Year must be setting his sights on improving his standing with the nation's top historians, who gave him only a "low average" rating in a recent poll by the New York Times Magazine.

In the Times article, historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. reported the ratings given by 32 jurors to all but two of our 41 presidents, ranking them Great, Near Great, Average, Below Average and Failure on the basis of their performance in the White House.

The article omitted two from the poll, William Henry Harrison and James Garfield, both of whom served only a brief term in the office.

Those rated as Great were no surprise: Washington, Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Nor is there much argument over most of the six rated Near Great:

Jefferson, Jackson, Polk, Theodore Roosevelt, Wilson and, somewhat surprisingly, Truman.

Of the more recent presidents, three, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, were among the seven identified as Average (high), leaving another 12 as Average (Low), four Below Average and seven listed as Failures.

For Clinton, the poll left him with much to be gained in his second four years, because he, along with his immediate predecessors, Bush, Reagan, Carter and Ford, all were rated Low Average.

True, Clinton did earn Near Great ratings from two jurors, but most, 17, put him in the Average category, five rated him as Below Average and two even judged him to be a Failure.

What these ratings illustrate is that historians and the other experts asked to

take part in the poll do not agree much more than average citizens do when asked to express their views of the current president or past presidents.

Schlesinger quoted Henry Adams, whom he called "our most brilliant historian," as writing that the American president "resembles the commander of a ship at sea. He must have a helm to grasp, a course to steer, a port to seek."

In recent years, Clinton seems to be seeking a middle-of-the-road position on many issues, but that route seldom leads to greatness in a president, Schlesinger observes.

Discussing the issues that might determine Clinton's place in history, Schlesinger gives him credit for a creditable fiscal record in reducing deficits four straight years, with our national deficit now the lowest of any of the lead-

ing industrial economies.

But he sees better possibilities for Clinton in domestic affairs, such as a crusade against illiteracy, and establishment of national educational standards, which would earn him the title of education president.

As other subjects for Clinton to work on, Schlesinger also proposes campaign finance reform, education, civil rights, redemption of America's cities, cleaning up the health mess, protecting the environment, rehabilitation of the nation's infrastructure and jobs for people thrown off welfare.

In foreign affairs, in Schlesinger's view, Clinton must press on for peace in Bosnia, in Ireland, and in the Middle East, but also mend our relations with the United Nations, and protect our diplomatic budget from further cuts in favor of defense and intelligence budgets.

Overall, "he must liberate himself from polls and focus groups," and "put his first-rate intelligence to work on the hard issues."

"However," Schlesinger concludes, "only boldness and creativity, even if at times foiled and frustrated, will earn him a place among the nine immortals."

Will or can Clinton rise to that level? Only the next four years will tell.

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Clinton's appointees praised

President Clinton has been getting high marks from most observers for the quality of both his domestic staff and new national security team headed by Madeleine K. Albright, who becomes the nation's first female secretary of state.

After her expected confirmation, Ms. Albright would normally become the fourth person in line for the presidential succession, the highest rank of any woman ever to serve the federal government.

Yet Ms. Albright cannot succeed to the presidency. She doesn't meet the qualification in the Constitution that requires a president to be a "natural-born citizen" because she was born in Europe.

When confirmed, she is expected to become an eloquent exponent of a strong U.S. policy in foreign affairs, a fact that wins her friends on the GOP side of the aisle as well as among hard-line Democrats.

Bearing out earlier promises, the president also chose a moderate Republican, Sen. William S. Cohen of Maine, who is retiring from the Senate this year, as his new secretary of defense.

The president also chose his national security adviser, Anthony Lake, as director of Central Intelligence. Lake alone

among the top nominees could face trouble in winning Senate confirmation.

GOP critics have said he had failed to keep Congress informed of the secret government policy permitting Iranian arms sales to Bosnia.

Lake's deputy, Samuel R. Berger, an old friend of Clinton's, will succeed Lake at the National Security Council.

The new domestic team is featured by another member of Congress, Rep. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, the new U.S. envoy to the United Nations, who has been adept as an amateur in securing the release of Americans and others held by unfriendly foreign governments.

But the chief of the domestic team remains the secretary of the treasury, Robert Rubin.

Erskine Bowles becomes White House chief of staff; Daley, son of a famous Chicago mayor, will serve as secretary of commerce, and Gene Sperling becomes head of the National Economic Council.

Practically all of the new appointees have had experience in other posts in the first Clinton administration, and this will serve them well as they undertake their new duties. In effect, this is more of a reshuffle than the selection of two new teams.

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Letters

**South choir
put on good show**
To the Editor:

This past Saturday night, my wife Susan and I attended the 10th annual Madrigal Dinner of the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir. What a truly enjoyable performance it was. In addition, we all shared a splendid meal in a Medieval banquet hall. Was this really South's cafeteria? What a transformation. The Durant holiday season began that night...as I know it did for others.

Clearly, such entertaining performances don't just happen. Hard work, much preparation, and self-discipline go into these productions, character traits and habits so necessary for life after graduation. Frankly, it has given us great pleasure to see our young people develop grace and confidence as a result of their participation in South's music program.

Last April Susan and I were also captivated by South's production of "My Fair Lady." It too was a show good enough to go "on the road."

I checked to see how the kids were doing in their academics in light of their time commitment to this extracurricular activity. I found that the grade point average of the Pointe Singers is 3.7, and South's choir has an overall grade point average of 3.4. Very impressive. It reaffirms our common understanding that students who spend quality and disciplined time on extracurricular activities can carry these traits over to their academic work as well.

As president of the state board of education, I have had a chance to visit many schools throughout the state. I am proud of our young people in Grosse Pointe and a school, teachers, and parents that make such excellent performances possible. The entire community is enriched. Thank you one and all for your hard work.

Clark Durant
City of Grosse Pointe

**Brinkley
retirement**

To the Editor:
Your comments on the opinion page of the Grosse Pointe News of Dec. 5, regarding the comments by David Brinkley, are out of line.

Mr. Brinkley retired on a high note. I cannot imagine being more restrained than referring to Mr. Clinton as a bore. Truth in reporting is very rare these days.

Charles Lapo
Grosse Pointe Woods

**Block schedules
a good idea**

To the Editor:
I am an 11th grade student at Grosse Pointe South High School. Recently we have been discussing the possibility of having block scheduling. This would consist of having three to four periods a day, each lasting 80 minutes. Each class would meet every two days.

I am in favor of this proposal and I feel that many people,

including faculty and students, could benefit from the system of block scheduling.

To begin with, there would be more time allowed for tests. I have experienced through many classes that there is inadequate time allowed for exams. In most cases, students are permitted to return to the class after school in order to finish the test.

This is fine for some students. Others, myself included, have commitments which cause a great deal of conflict. Between sports activities and employment, many pupils are unable to finish the test.

Next, classes would be able to do longer projects. Science class may finish a lab, ceramics; a piece of artwork; or foods, a kitchen project that requires baking.

Also, teachers may plan longer activities that they would normally be unable to present to their class.

Finally, there would be a longer time permitted for homework purposes. In many of my classes, homework has a greater effect on the quarter grade than quizzes and class participation. Students would not have to hurry through an assignment and do a sloppy job. There would be enough time permitted to have a quality piece of work that one is proud to turn in.

In conclusion, I feel that the block scheduling idea is very beneficial to the student body and to the teachers. Hopefully, the students and staff will be able to experiment with this new idea.

Nicole Potenga
Grosse Pointe Park

Is it 'government at its worst'?

We sometimes wonder where Gov. John Engler gets some of the ideas that he proposes to the Legislature.

The latest is a new law, reportedly passed with the advice and consent of the governor, that would require a citizen to display a personal photo to qualify to vote.

The ostensible purpose was to prevent voter fraud. The question is since when has any really important vote fraud been even reported in Michigan? We surely haven't heard of any.

Instead, as Detroit Free Press columnist Hugh McDiarmid said the other day, the move is an "example of government at its worst."

In his column, he also quoted Howard Simon of the American Civil Liberties Union as calling it "a despicable piece of

partisan mischief."

McDiarmid wrote the real purpose "was to intimidate those least likely to possess photo ID or remember to take it to the polls, i.e., working folks and assorted others who Republicans assume will be Democrats."

That's a pretty nasty judgment, but what other conclusion can be drawn from such a GOP move at this time?

The law was passed, of course, just before the first of the year when the GOP lost its House majority and its ability to pass almost anything the governor had sought.

But where is the evidence of any frauds such legislation is supposed to combat?

Let's do better than sales tax

It was encouraging to read that a new Detroit-area poll has found considerable support in both the city of Detroit and its suburbs for a proposed regional tax to support the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO).

The state has been gradually trimming its support for both institutions. This year, the Detroit Free Press reported that the DIA's state subsidy was cut from \$9.6 million to \$8.2 million and the DSO's from \$1.9 million to \$1.75 million.

Supporters of these cultural gems plan to try to enact a regional tax next year to help the two institutions and others cope with the declining state support.

The 64 percent support from city voters and 54 percent from suburban voters in the polls surely ought to provide incentives to go ahead with the tax idea.

When poll respondents were asked which type of tax they preferred to provide the cultural support, they came out strongly for an increase in the sales tax rather than an increase in the property tax or income tax.

Such a levy would tend to make the state's tax system in the metro area, where the tax would apply, to be even more regressive than it already is. We believe that some other form of tax ought to be explored.

A lesson and legacy

An amazing woman, my son's preschool teacher from last year, died recently after a brief and intense battle with leukemia. It happened just before Thanksgiving, and ever since I have been struggling with a tremendous sense of loss. Death never comes at opportune moments, but this was a startling event.

It came only months after we had all been sharing the hopeful impression that her illness was only temporary and that she would be back to teach next year.

She was a woman who was loved by many, vibrant and vital to her community. Consequently, her death was like a brutal punch in the stomach and left many of us numb with grief.

It seemed cruelly ironic that

something like this should come on the eve of something as joyous as the Christmas season. How could I possibly begin to feel merry? Yet a strange thing has been happening to me. I am imbued with a renewed sense of gratitude, not just for my family, but for each precious day.

In between the moments of chaos and fatigue, which punctuate my life, I've had moments of serendipity that seem to clarify my resolve to be more appreciative of the good things in my life.

My son is 4 and my daughter is 6. Their eyes shine at the opulent displays which are everywhere and they reveled in the great amount of effort which was involved in decorating our home. And yet, as much as I love to encourage their appreciation of it all, the volume of the Christmas season tires me out. When I am tired, I am naturally more brittle. I am short with my children,

I Say

Margaret Fitzgerald

quicker to reprimand, less tolerant of their natural inclination to dawdle when I am rushing through errands.

But the more I rush, the less time I give them to build their nest of childhood memories. The Christmas season is weeks long, and it is dangerously easy to fritter it away with errands, parties and endless decorating.

I was out shopping recently, not for Christmas gifts but for groceries. On my way to the produce section, hands on cart and list between clenched teeth, I suddenly came to a bottleneck. Three or four of us

behind our carts, kings of the road, and suddenly we were jammed together like sardines.

An elderly gentleman, who was clearly the one closest to the aisle we were all vying for, looked at me and gestured with an upturned palm for me to go first. He looked directly at me with a slight smile on his lips, and added, "After you."

I thought about that man for the rest of the day. That small bit of courtesy he showed me was not remarkable so much in what he did as in how he did it — without hesitation. Goodwill embodied in a simple show of

selflessness. I know that Christmas is the giving season and comes laden with sentiment. Peace on Earth. Season's Greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sometimes we hear them so often we no longer take them to heart. While sipping my coffee or pausing at red lights, I've conceived of more simple and more meaningful ways to spread goodwill, not just now but through the years to come. I expect this list will grow with time.

Slow down in front of schools at drop-off and dismissal time. Hold my children close and sing "just one more song, pleeeeeease" at bedtime. Give people the benefit of the doubt. Smile and make eye contact with store clerks whose days are one long string of strange faces. Say "please" and "thank you" and mean it. Practice patience, thoughtfulness, and reflect on the gift of your own life. Hold the door, not just for

the elderly and small children, but for someone who looks perfectly capable of holding it themselves, just to be helpful.

Now I still cannot tolerate phone calls from salespeople at dinnertime, but change is an evolutionary thing. There are countless other ways for each of us to make our corner of the world a better place, and we have all the time in the world. Don't we?

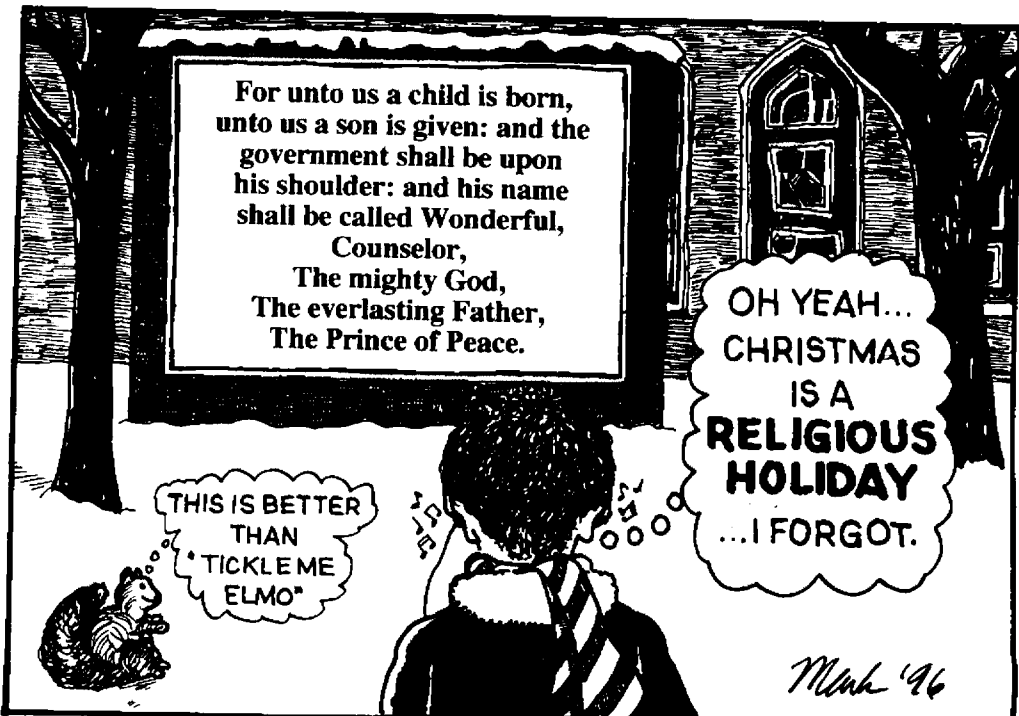
*"In a Wonderland they lie,
Dreaming as the days go by,
Dreaming as the summers die:
Ever drifting down the stream
Lingering in the golden gleam
Life, what is it but a dream?"* — Lewis Carroll

My son's teacher made so many situations easier for him by her respect for his feelings, and her encouragement not just at Christmas, but all year long. That was her lesson and her legacy. It isn't a difficult thing to do; it simply requires some care and forethought. Merry Christmas.

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Benjamin has a bright moment

The Woods' Ben and Betty Trentacoste's Benjamin Cameron, is only 3, but he's already performed a national service and made everyone in his family proud.



Ken Eatherly

"Benjamin was chosen to be one of five children who helped President Clinton light the White House Christmas tree this year," says Betty, a 42-year Pointe resident. The Trentacostes have a video taken at the event, showing lit-

tle Ben sitting on Clinton's lap and, with him, throwing the switch that lit the tree.

It's serious stuff: Until he was returned to his parents, he was under Secret Service protection for two or three hours.

Benjamin is the son of the Trentacoste's daughter, Holly, and her husband, Peter Cameron, of Centerville, Va. Pointe native Holly attended Our Lady Star of the Sea and graduated from North High in 1980.

Fad tickles Pointe fancy

It might not have reached the level of the \$1,700 price that FYI heard some U.S. shopper paid for one red fuzzy little guy, but the Tickle Me

Elmo frenzy was evident in the Pointes last week.

A half-dozen classified ads in this paper offered the wiggly doll for sale to the highest bidder, outstripping those coveted Holiday Barbies 6 to 2. Some even had pager numbers.

— And then there was the enterprising marketer who posted a sign on the light pole at Kercheval and Notre Dame Saturday with a drawing of Elmo, a phone number and the words, "Buy Me — Best Offer." It stayed up about as long as it took someone in charge to notice.

Bum ticklers

One place Elmo wasn't was at the Village Toy Company,

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A ladder for Christmas

By Marian Clarke

To the young — believers in the improbable, the seemingly impossible — belongs the wonder of faith. I was young when I received my greatest gift, a ladder for Christmas.

There were two main streets then in Muncie, Ind. — Walnut and Main. Walnut Street, during the week before Christmas, looked to me like Broadway on opening night and Times Square on New Year's Eve.

Greenery, strung across the street from lamppost to lamppost, formed a six-block arch of wonderland. The blinking of red and green lights, placed here and there in this once-a-year bower, assured me of the gaiety and goodness of the season as surely as the glow of the sacrificial light once assured the inscrutable nun of the presence and perpetuity of God.

On each corner a Salvation Army woman stood in old-fashioned hat and somber, long dress, ringing a loud bell, looking very cold yet somehow indestructible. Into their cups went my dimes like pennies in a wishing well.

This particular year was the first that I had ever been downtown on Christmas Eve proper. My only sister had died five months before; my mother must have dreaded the sight of some child's face mirroring the same delight and anticipation that had been Martha's. Yet, at the last moment, she couldn't deny me the face-to-face magic of that bearded man in a red suit.

Parental grief had been hidden from me, but I knew mine. Looking back, I can remember the particulars of that anguish — the silent sorrow of a child who had lost at least temporarily, her child's world. In a neighborhood where I had no contemporaries, Martha, two years my senior, had been my friend and, on occasion, my enemy. Fellow conspirator and confidant, she had been the playmate of my waking hours and the peace of my dreams.

With loud screams, I'd fought with her. In great merriment, I'd laughed with her. Alone in childish solitude, I had idolized her. Never had I thought of losing her. Then, quickly, meningitis, and she was gone.

Aware of Martha's absence, mother and I made this last-minute Christmas Eve trip.

As we walked from our car to the store, a sharp wind bit at us, blowing in gusts, swirling the dry snow. Mother held a handkerchief over her nose to protect her nostrils from numbness. And for once I was glad I had to wear leggings.

When we entered Ball Stores, Muncie's only department store, we were literally pushed through its harried mass of shoppers: Adults, some wearing frowns of haste and irritation, some simply looking resolute; children, some being carried, some dragged along — all expressing a mixture of bewildered exaltation and sheer exhaustion.

With difficulty, we reached the elevator and alighted at last at the sixth floor, toyland — an array of now sparsely stocked shelves — with Santa front and center on his red velvet throne.

The line leading to Santa wasn't long. When my turn came to sit on his lap, I told him my name and answered yes to all of his questions about eating vegetables and picking up toys and being good in general. My heart pounded against my small body as I waited for the all-important question, "What would you like for Christmas?"

I swallowed hard — my voice seemed to stick in my throat — and whispered my reply: "I would like a ladder for Christmas, the longest ladder in the world."

To say that jolly St. Nick looked surprised, puzzled, abashed — even through his beard and makeup — would be an understatement. Undoubtedly weary, he was practically dumbfounded by

this strange little girl who was asking for — of all things — a long, long ladder.

With simulated warmth and frivolity, he tried to suggest other things for a young miss: a Princess Elizabeth doll, perhaps a miniature set of china dishes...

Obviously, he didn't understand. Disappointed and slightly afraid, I said something like "any surprise would be all right." And I scurried down from his lap.

As we left the store, I said nothing to mother. She wouldn't understand. Santa Claus didn't understand. To be sure, probably no one anywhere would understand. The ladder, however, was the only thing I wanted. I wanted it with a desire that consumed my thoughts and quite nearly my breath.

How could I tell anyone that I longed to climb, that I wanted to intrude beyond the sky? I had grasped, to an extent, the incomprehensibility of God's kingdom and the finality of death. But, oh, I wanted so acutely — even if a bit fearfully — to make my way up that very long ladder. I wanted to pierce the mystery of heaven and glimpse, just for one moment, my Martha. I wanted to see for myself that she was truly safe and unchanged.

Breaking the long silence as we neared home, mother suggested that we stop to make a visit at church. Once inside the hushed building, we went immediately to kneel before the creche. I crossed myself and began my prayers. I gazed at the image of the tiny infant in the crib. Then, suddenly but gently and certainly, I knew I hadn't needed to go downtown to make my request.

"Dear Jesus, you love little children very much. My mother told me so. That's why you took Martha to be one of your angels. I don't know why you chose her when there must be such a lot of others you could

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where owner Nancy Renick explained that the store's allotment turned up with defective laugh mechanisms and had to be returned to the factory for overhaul. Elmo's absence was hardly noticed at the booming business, where at times buyers were lined up halfway to the door.

What's big this year (besides Elmo)? "Beanie Babies," says Nancy. "We brought them to the Pointes and the kids love them."

Oldest request in the past few weeks: The frantic mom who called Village Toys from her cell phone, explaining she had four children in the car and no time to get presents for a birthday party they were supposed to be at in 10 minutes.

"We picked and wrapped just what they needed and met her out at the curb," Nancy says.

This one's no sleeper

The title "Sigrid's Pajamas" sounds more like one of those bedtime books for toddlers but the Woods' Steven Gulvezan has tacked onto it a gripping

Ladder

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have picked. But my mother says some things are not for children to understand. And still, Jesus, I'm lonesome. I'm worried for my Martha. Please, will you, please, some way, get the right kind of ladder to me? Please, Jesus?"

Mother and I returned home. The rest of the evening remains a nondescript blur in my memory.

But I remember awakening in the night, as children sometimes do, for no particular reason. I "sat up" in bed. I felt strange, different. Not knowing why, I reached over and lifted the shade on my window.

When I peeked out, a sort of glow was mounting from the vacant lot across the street and cutting across the black sky. At first vague, then startlingly familiar, a small figure was descending a gigantic ladder. Out of the starless night, a fragile, dark-haired angel swiftly, deftly, sought the earth.

Our embrace embodied all the warmth of childhood, made shallow the great loves of the world. We looked intently at one another, then giggled. Remembering together that daddy was a light sleeper, we clapped our hands over our mouths and giggled inwardly.

Hand in hand, we went to our playroom in the basement. There in the quiet of that Christmas Eve, we were together. We romped. We sang softly. We played with our dolls

murder mystery with an ironic twist at the end.

The piece is good enough to win a spot in the February 1997 issue of Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine, the world's leading periodical in the genre, due on the stands right about now.

"I've been writing just about all my life, but this is the first story I've published," says Steve, who during 9 to 5 directs Inkster's public library.

Got another story in the works now that he's a success? "Yes, but I'm not telling what it's about," says Steve. For now, that will just have to be another mystery.

Old bookseller in a new mode

It's the last, big step: Longtime bookseller James Monnig is simultaneously going out of the used bookstore business and returning to the Pointes as the operator of a virtual bookstore, this one located in cyberspace or a Kercheval coffee house, depending on how you look at it.

Jim, who left his Kercheval-in-the-Park location a few years back to set up shop in the old Kennary Kage house on Cadieux, will be reachable via

and built a lopsided Ferris wheel out of Tinker Toys — talking not of God or death or heaven, but of things I knew, things we shared.

Martha read me a story. We took turns spinning one another in our tire swing. Our eyes must have smiled all the while. We hugged or simply touched one another often.

Too soon, though, the day began to lighten the sky; the time to be separated again. I started to cry, but Martha put her arms around me. "Don't be sad," she said, "for I'm no longer sad. Don't be afraid, for my fear is gone."

Then she was gone. The angel climbed the ladder and vanished.

After that Christmas my Martha returned many times, always in the lonely night. Now, however, she comes no more, for I am no longer young.

Still, I walk to my window every Christmas Eve. And I am touched by the holiness of the season, thankful to be blessed by its happiness. But a certain sadness tinges this, a distinct melancholy, as I long for my childhood innocence — for the grace and the love and the gifts I possessed when mine was a ladder for Christmas.

Marian Clarke is a speech-writer for the GOP and resident of Grosse Pointe. This column originally appeared several years ago in the Grosse Pointe News.

modem BOOKJIM@juno.com (or via voice phone) shortly after the first of the year.

Until then? "A big half-off sale starting Dec. 28 and going for about a week," says Jim. "Afterward you can find me at a table in the Cup-a-Cino."

Richner trivia

Next time you're at a party and need to wow 'em with political trivia, try this offering from State Rep.-elect (yep, for real this time) Andrew Richner:

"I and my predecessors, Bill Bryant and Bob Waldron before him (Bob was in office until 1970) are all U. of M. Law School grads," says Andy.

"We were all around 35 when elected, and all grew up in the Pointes on University Road."

When Andy takes office this January, he'll be only the third state rep the First District has had in 40 years. Let's face it — some things don't change a lot around here.

It doesn't get much better

Best little present in the Pointes for holiday shoppers: Finding a parking spot on the Hill right in front of where you're going and — discovering there's enough time left on the meter to cover your stay.

Believe it or not, every once in a while this actually happens.

Merry Christmas!

If you have an FYI tip or paid more than \$1,700 for a Tickle Me Elmo, call Ken Eatherly at (313) 822-4091.

Here's the real reason for the Christmas season

By Victor Bloom, M.D.

Professor Earl Wendell Count recently died at the age of 97, and his obituary was in the Sunday New York Times. He was an anthropologist who was famous for a book he wrote which came out in 1948 called, "4000 Years of Christmas". In it he collected strands of myth and folklore from antiquity and wove them into a tapestry which showed how ancient festivals evolved into the modern celebration we call Christmas.

He traced the greatest story ever told from its origins in Babylon, where it moved westward to Greece, Rome and Israel and north from the Mediterranean to northern Europe. Interwoven into the tapestry were the early customs that developed into modern Christmas, such as gift giving, candle lights and St. Nicholas.

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

Despite attempts by organized religion to suppress and banish the pagan rites

observing the winter solstice, customs and traditions found their way into Christian celebrations. The church fathers succeeded in taking the merriment, the greenery, the lights and the gifts from Saturn, and gave them instead to the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the son of God, the Messiah, the Savior, the Redeemer.

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

Professor Count concluded that "Christmas has become great because men and women

have given to it their deepest and most enduring selves." Beneath the spectacle of commercialization and the pressure of last-minute shopping, the never-ending tinkle of bells and echo of carols, there exists a warmth and a glow that radiates and infuses into all with an open heart, the hope of real brotherhood and peace.

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

Dr. Victor Bloom is a psychiatrist/psychoanalyst who lives and works in Grosse Pointe Park. He is a regular contributor to the Grosse Pointe News.



Real Estate Weekly

WHEN SINGLES BUY TOGETHER

Today it is becoming quite common for friends to pool their resources to buy a larger home than either of them could afford alone. Some builders cater specifically to this group of buyers by offering homes with two "master suites" instead of the more typical room arrangement. If you are considering a joint purchase, you and your buying partner should outline clearly your agreements about your shares in the down payment, the monthly mortgage payments, and what you will do if one of you decides to move out.

Before committing to a property, sit down with a real estate professional to discuss your options. Should you take possession as joint tenants? Will you have a 50/50 interest in the property, or should the interest be adjusted to reflect each person's share of the down payment or the monthly mortgage payment? Your agreements with your buying partner should be clearly expressed in writing.

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Story time

Gloria Sheridan, center, a story teller from the Grosse Pointe Public Library, read stories and shared puppets and props with, clockwise, Andrew McNitt, Charlotte Bershback, Madeline Bershback and Caitlin McNitt during a recent open house at Memorial Nursery School. For information on enrollment, call (313) 886-8529.

Busy students

Children at the Neighborhood Club Nursery School recently collected more than \$1,000 to "adopt" animals at the Detroit Zoo.

Funds collected during the holiday season were used to sponsor a Sumatran tiger, a king penguin, a bactrian camel and a grey's zebra.

The donation will help to pay for veterinary care, improve exhibits and sustain important projects that educate people on animals wildlife preservation.

Additional donations were made to the Gleaner's Community Food bank and to Seedlings Braille Books for children. These donations were made in lieu of holiday gifts to teachers.

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SCHOOL NEWS

in Grosse Pointe Farms fared well in the recent computer-based Quiz Bowl held at the end of November and early December, with more than 300 schools participating nationally.

The seventh-grade team ranked ninth in the state tournament. Members include Robert Alger, Mark Carrier, Christine Egelski, David Ludington, Brad Lepczyk, Peter Marantette, Richard Marsh, Matt O'Laughlin, Jim Roney, Bridget Salvia, Mark Smith, Michael Vance and Brittany Williams.

The eighth-grade team ranked 10th in the state. Its team was comprised of Peter Bandyk, Sean Hughes, Elizabeth Egelski, Mark

Hindelang, Katie Mandarino, Chris McMillan, Elizabeth Nault, William Rhoades, H.J. Richardson, Matt Sumner and Sean Vance.

The sixth-grade team came in 12th place in Michigan.

Team members were Ali Grob, Dan Hughes, Tim Kaselitz, George Murray, Jennifer Passage, John Rhoades, Qeyuana Brown, Brittany Carron, David Harris, Kevin Kreae, Jackie McMillan and John Purakal.

The teams were coached by Jacqueline Curtin, computer education teacher, with assistance from the social studies and math teachers.

School board OKs athletic committee report

Guidelines for club teams and varsity letters

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

A group of high school student-athletes helped put a recently formed athletic steering committee's report into perspective.

"In 1966, only football, basketball, swimming, diving, tennis, baseball and track were offered and only 10 percent of the student population played," said Kristen Campbell, a Grosse Pointe North High School student. "And guess what? They were all boys."

"Since then, there has been a sports explosion," said South student David Jennings. "Now, 50 percent of athletes are girls."

At both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, there are now 21 recognized varsity sports, including the lacrosse, sailing and rowing clubs. Today, about 2,000 students participate in the two schools' sports programs, which are the largest co-curricular activity offered to all students, said Erica Ficaro, a North student.

Campbell, Jennings and Ficaro, along with about 20 other student-athletes dressed in their schools' letter jackets, accompanied the Grosse Pointe Public School System's athletic steering committee during its report to the school board on Dec. 9.

The committee was appointed by the superintendent earlier this year to review a number of items of concern regarding club sports, the awarding

of varsity letters and funding for athletics. The committee struggled with a number of difficult issues, said committee member Jane Nutter.

The report presented last week, which was then adopted by the board, represents a consensus of all steering committee members.

"Lacrosse, sailing and rowing are club sports that prompted this review," said Nutter, who also is a South parent. "Last spring, two new club sports were approved at South: girls' hockey and girls'

golf. With more and more requests, there was a need to formalize the process of starting up a new sport. Currently, there are no clear guidelines for developing new sports teams, for awarding varsity letters and for how a club team becomes an interscholastic sport."

The report defines a club team as an athletic team participating in sanctioned high school competition operated directly under the supervision of the athletic director and funded outside of the athletic

department's budget. Club teams originate only with the recommendation of the athletic director and the approval of the building principal.

Proponents of a club team must develop a proposal that includes: demonstrated interest from students, a defined season, a facility-use plan, a transportation plan, a financial plan and secured funding from the building PAC.

An interscholastic team is defined as an athletic team See REPORT, page 10A

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Past year was a time of great change for Grosse Pointe schools

By Shirley A. McShane
Staff Writer

To say the Grosse Pointe Public School System underwent some changes this past year is an understatement.

The year was marked most noticeably by the changes in personnel.

Superintendent Ed Shine resigned when his contract expired last June 30. The search is on for his replacement. In the interim, deputy superintendent Suzanne Klein is leading the district.

Grosse Pointe South High School principal Mary Beth Herrmann resigned in June, leaving that school short an administrator. Associate prin-

cipal Russell Luttinen is at the helm.

On the day before classes were dismissed for winter break, Defer principal Sheila Turney announced she was leaving in three weeks to seek a job outside the public education system.

The Kerby Elementary School community was saddened last January when principal Nancy Salamas died from complications related to a rare blood disorder. The school named its newly renovated library and learning center in Salamas' memory. Parcels assistant principal Debbie Hubbell began duties as principal at Kerby at the opening of

News analysis

this school year.

Last June, veteran board members Gloria Konsler and Frank Sladen decided not to seek reelection, opening two seats on the seven-member board that would, depending on how the race turned out, swing the so-called majority in one political/philosophical direction or the other.

The hotly contested race, which generated headlines in the daily newspapers, brought in two new members, changing the majority of the board to first-term status. And this fall,

senior board trustee Carl Anderson announced that he would not run again.

Two groups outside the political process brought about change in the form of providing greater access to the school system and a more positive approach to what was going on in both the classrooms and the board room.

Students in the instructional television classes at South high began televiewing the school board meetings live on Grosse Pointe Cable local access

Channel 6.

Prompted by the recent string of controversies in the district regarding issues of curriculum, school leadership, the bidding process and personnel matters, a citizens group known as the Grosse Pointe Community Network formed to counteract grassroots groups critical of the school system. They held a community forum featuring the candidates for the school board and in the fall, organized a yard cleanup program for national Make-A-Difference Day.

Regarding issues relating to the classroom, late last winter high school students were given a newer, tougher test that promised to challenge their knowledge of the state's core curriculum and became the qualifier for state-endorsed diplomas.

In addition, the school board adopted a stricter attendance policy (prompting a rowdy student protest in the fall) and briefly considered the possibility of closing the high school campuses during the lunch hour. The idea has been referred to a committee to study long-term.

During the summer break, a project at Richard Elementary School brought together the

school system, a municipality, a church and the surrounding neighborhood in order to construct a continuous playfield along Ridge Road and make a cul-de-sac out of McMillan. Richard was the only elementary in the school district to have a public road cut through its playfield, posing a potential hazard to the children who had to cross it at least once a day to access Messner Field.

In September, the district launched its yearlong celebration of its 75th anniversary and in November had a Cadioux School reunion at the district's administrative offices at 389 St. Clair.

As the year draws to a close, the school district is on the cusp of making many big decisions: how to address the increasing enrollment at Parcels Middle School, who will become the new leader of the school system and who will take over the other administrative positions recently vacated. The five-year technology plan will enter its second phase in 1997 as the middle schools are wired for computer and other technology upgrades.

And next June, two seats will open on the school board, possibly bringing about more change to the district, depending on who is elected.

Study

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participating in sanctioned high school competition under the direct supervision of the athletic director and funded from the board of education's athletic budget.

Interscholastic teams originate only with approval of the school board. Requirements for transition from club team to interscholastic status include: operating successfully for three consecutive years, demonstrated student interest and ability to schedule adequate competition with at least six high school opponents within the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

As for the awarding of varsity letters, Nutter said it has been a hotly contested issue for a number of years and brought great challenge for the committee.

"The receiving and wearing

of letters is the ultimate goal of our athletes," she said.

Varsity letters may be awarded to athletes who play on approved varsity-level interscholastic teams, or a varsity level club team that has been an approved team for three consecutive years.

Criteria for awarding a letter must be in writing and approved by the athletic director. The athletic director's decision is final. Criteria must maintain high standards for effort, commitment and performance.

The committee also recommended that the system-wide budget for the total high school and middle school athletic program should be targeted at 1.5 to 3 percent of the total school operating budget, based on the National High School Athletic Association

averages for athletic funding.

Specific issues regarding funding, monitoring and budgeting are beyond the scope of the committee, Nutter said.

"We recommend a permanent athletic steering committee be formed, made up of central administration, high school athletic directors, student-athletes, parents of high school and middle school stu-

dents and at-large community members," she said. "This is not designed to diminish the athletic director's responsibility."

The steering committee's report also includes provisions for an annual review of the athletic program to assess the viability of each club and interscholastic team and to address any other issues that may arise.

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Mercury Mountaineer looks like a winner

Dr. Jack Kay, chair of the Department of Communication at Wayne State University, is a man of eloquent rhetoric. He is also a recent purchaser of a Mercury Mountaineer. We asked him how he likes it.

"I love it," he said, grasping for words to describe his feeling about the car... or, truck. "It's great!"

Why? What do you like about it?
"The way it handles, the way it rides, the power. That V-8 engine really makes a difference."

And so it does. The Mountaineer is Lincoln-Mercury's version of Ford's incredibly popular Explorer. But Lincoln-Mercury does not leave to chance the possibility that the buyer won't opt for the V-8, a much smoother, much quieter engine than the Explorer's V-6. And it gives this sport-utility vehicle the personality of a muscle car.

But there is no doubt that the Mountaineer is a truck, a vehicle type unfamiliar to the Mercury nameplate. Purchasers of upscale sport-utility vehicles are presumed to prefer car-like qualities. But Mercury's Mountaineer does not conceal its truck origin.

The ride is good, but this is not the Mercury your father drove. It is tough enough to give confidence to go off-road. "I can't wait to take it off-road," said Kay.

The ride can get a bit tough on the urban pothole scene, which may be an even better test of a vehicle's toughness. But the Mountaineer takes Michigan's pocked roads with good grace, its ride stiff enough to take the uneven surface, but not marshmallow by any means.

All Mountaineers are powered by a 210-hp, 5.0-liter V-8 and four-speed automatic transmission. It comes only in

a four-door body style. Our test Mountaineer had all-wheel-drive, but a two-wheel-drive version is standard.

The Mountaineer is predictable most of the time, responding as expected. Except for the first couple times I put it into drive and touched the gas pedal. It takes off from the line like a '60s muscle car, surprising because it is large and bulky and feels it.

Braking from highway speeds exceptionally smooth and straight, the pedal feels rock-solid. It is a quiet-running vehicle. Steering response is outstanding. A column-mounted gearshift lever is used.

One of the features I liked about the Mountaineer is its high driving position, which provides excellent forward visibility. The seats are very comfortable and their long bottoms keep them comfortable for hours at a time. The front seats give an air of spaciousness, with plenty of head, leg, knee and elbow room.

Running boards are standard and make entering the vehicle easier. But one climbs



Autos

By Richard Wright

up into this vehicle, truck-style. So if your passenger list includes old folks (or old dogs), they could be entry-challenged.

The Mountaineer does have a feature I am not fond of — it automatically locks the doors when the car is put into gear. This has become a common feature on American cars and is touted as a safety feature. But I prefer to decide when to lock my doors. I live in constant fear of locking myself out of any vehicle that locks itself automatically.

Also, I am not so sure that driving with the doors locked is a safety feature. I noticed recently that the owner's manual of an old Volvo I own

warns not to lock the doors while driving because it slows rescuers of unconscious occupants in an accident. This makes sense to me and Volvo has traditionally been no slouch on safety.

One might wonder why the world needs another sports-utility vehicle and maybe it doesn't, but Lincoln-Mercury dealers do. The Explorer has been the top-selling vehicle in this high-profit field, out-selling No. 2 Jeep Cherokee by a substantial margin last year — almost 400,000 units to 250,000. In fact, it outsells Taurus, the nation's top-selling car.

So Lincoln-Mercury dealers wanted in on this action and

Ford has responded with an upscale version of its Explorer, just as Lincoln-Mercury cars are upscale — often not by much — versions of Ford cars.

The Ford Explorer's base price starts at \$20,610, while the Mercury Mountaineer starts at \$27,765. But the base Explorer is a two-door, two-wheel-drive V-6, while the Mountaineer is a four-door, two-wheel-drive V-8.

Our test vehicle was a four-wheel-drive four-door V-8 which carries a sticker of \$29,765, about the same price as a well-equipped Explorer or Toyota 4Runner, a grand or two less than a Land Rover Discovery or a Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited.

A number of Mountaineers have been in evidence recently around Grosse Pointe and it will almost undoubtedly sell well, for the same reasons that have put the Explorer on top. The Mountaineer is noticeably roomier inside than most of its competitors, a powerful selling point for families considering a sport-utility as an alternative to a minivan.

Buick Web giveaway

Buick will give away a new black 1997-1/2 Regal GS through a sweepstakes on the Internet at the Regal home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regal.com>.

Visitors to the Regal web site will be eligible to register for the sweepstakes through Jan. 28. The drawing will take place Feb. 16 at Buick's exhibit at the Chicago Auto Show.

Those who would like a Regal but do not yet travel the information superhighway can enter the sweepstakes through mail ("snail mail," the websters call it, to differentiate with e-mail) by sending name and address on a 3x5 card to "Buick Regal Internet Sweepstakes," PO Box 8792, New Milford, Conn. 06776-8792. Mailed entries must be

postmarked by Jan. 28 and contestants must live in the United States, although the car will be built in Oshawa, Ontario.

Belt use up in state

Safety belt use is on the rise in Michigan, according to a University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute study. Its annual study of seat belt use showed that 70.8 percent of motorists in passenger cars are buckling up, compared with 66.8 percent a year ago.

"We'd get higher belt use and save more lives if the law permitted primary enforcement," said U-M researcher David W. Eby. "However, current efforts to increase belt use statewide are showing success and should be continued."

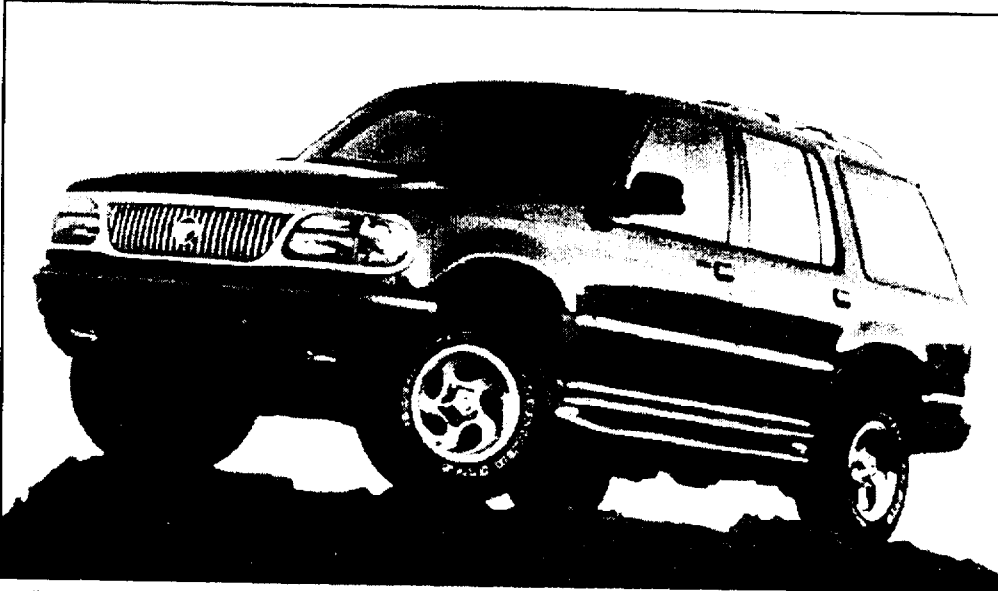
In their annual study of about 8,900 drivers and front-seat passengers in Michigan's 28 most populous counties, Eby and colleague Carl Christoff found that more than two-thirds of motorists in passenger cars, sport-utility vehicles, and vans, wear safety belts.

However, the safety belt use rate for pickup truck occupants — predominantly male — is, once again, less than 50 percent.

Likewise, more women than men buckle up in all four vehicle types, with 76.7 percent of females wearing safety belts in passenger cars, compared with 63.6 percent of males.

The most notable difference, he adds, is in the 16-to-29-year-old age group, where the estimated belt use rate is 21.1 percentage points higher for females (72.6) than for males (51.5).

"The disparity between genders diminishes as age increases. These results point out the need for belt-use promotion efforts to be directed at getting young men to wear their safety belts," said Eby.



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Edward Walter Fencyk Sr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 12, in Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harper Woods for former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Edward Walter Fencyk Sr., who died on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, in St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Mr. Fencyk, 79, was born in Detroit and worked for the Chrysler Corp. for over 30 years until his retirement in 1975.

Mr. Fencyk is survived by two daughters, Barbara Lex and Rose Andreovich; four sons, Edward Jr., Thomas, Gerald, and Ronald; sisters, Theresa LaCroix, Florence Skiscim; step-sisters, Dorothy Henning, Irene Zurek; step-brother, Joe Sage; and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen.

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

Donald Stanley Floer

A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Dec. 21, for City of Grosse Pointe resident Donald Stanley Floer, who died in his home on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996.

Mr. Floer, 69, was born in Detroit and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1947. He was a printer, apprenticing with the old Detroit Times, and working in the composing rooms of the Detroit Free Press, The Detroit News and Post Printing.

Mr. Floer served in the U.S. Army, and was an avid golfer

and fisherman. He was devoted to his family.

Mr. Floer is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; two daughters, Sue Floer and Stacey Foster; a son, Michael; three sisters, Mary Elizabeth Calvin, Carol Sharpe and Rosemary Hotelling; a brother, Charles Floer; and one grandchild.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club.



Allan K. Strunk

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A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit for City of Grosse Pointe resident Allan K. Strunk, who died of a heart attack in his home on Harsen's Island on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996.

Mr. Strunk, 52, was born in Detroit and attended Pershing High School, playing line-

backer on the Detroit City Championship football team in 1961. He attended Michigan State University, and was awarded a Forest Akers Scholarship for his interest in golf. He caddied for the Detroit Golf Club, beginning at age 11.

Mr. Strunk worked for Ford Motor for over 28 years in a variety of sales and marketing positions before retiring last October. Most recently he was a manager of special events, prototypes and marketing plans.

But Mr. Strunk was best known for his love of Michigan State football. A fixture at Spartan football games, he was also a major fundraiser and supporter of the school. He and his friends would gather outside MSU Stadium and hold elaborate pre- and post-game parties. He counted former MSU football coach George Perles as among his friends.

Mr. Strunk is survived by his wife, Darlene; two brothers, Arthur Jr. and Alvin; and a sister, Adeline L. Blum, also known as Sugar.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Allan K. Strunk Memorial Scholarship Fund at Michigan State University, 4700 South Hagadorn Road, Suite 220, East Lansing, Mich., 48823.

Lee J. Grylls

A memorial service will be held in the All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church in Sun City, Ariz. will be held in January 1997, for former City of Grosse Pointe resident Lee J. Grylls, who died in Sun City on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996.

Mrs. Grylls, 93, was born in St. Clair and was a graduate of

the University of Michigan and worked as a real estate agent until her retirement 18 years ago. A passionate gardener, she loved to watch the birds gathering in her back yard. She enjoyed reading poetry and believed in education. She belonged to Kappa Alpha Theta, and was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Club.

Mrs. Grylls is survived by two daughters, Sara Hoover and Carroll G. Reid; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Arizona Ruffner Waklin Funeral Home in Prescott, Ariz.

Annie Margaret Hess

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Annie Margaret Hess died of a heart attack on Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, in Fremont, Calif.

Mrs. Hess, 75, along with her husband and son, operated King's Flowers and Gifts in Fremont. When she and her husband lived in Grosse Pointe Woods, they were real estate brokers.

Mrs. Hess is survived by two daughters, Marjorie Ann and Gloria Jeanne Matheson; two sons, Alger Jr. and William; a brother, Ashby Richardson; a sister, Lora Burton; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Alger Hess.

Val H. Wolfslayer

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 21, in the St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park for former Grosse Pointe Park resident Val H. Wolfslayer, who died in his

home in Detroit on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996.

Mr. Wolfslayer, 99, was born in Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Sigrid; a daughter, Merna; a son, Ken; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

George Donald Gray

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms for Farms resident George Donald Gray, who died in Cottage Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996.

Mr. Gray, 72, was born in Detroit and was the owner of his own electrical contractor business, the Gray Electrical Co., a firm established by his father in 1900. He was a graduate of Michigan State and served four years in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Gray was a member of the National Electrical

Contractors Association on both the local and national level, serving as the president of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter from 1971-1972.

He continued to serve on the chapter's board of directors until 1985. He was president of the Builders Exchange of Detroit in 1965.

Mr. Gray was also an active member of the community, and was a senior member of the Detroit Athletic Club, and also belonged to the 100 Club of Detroit, and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He enjoyed music, singing, art and travel.

Mr. Gray is survived by his wife, Carol M. Peabody Gray; three daughters, Catherine, Carolyn and Susan; a son, John; and two grandchildren.

Interment is at the St. Paul Columbarium. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Stroke Association, 96 Inverness Drive East, Suite 1, Englewood, Colo., 80112-5112, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Woods ponders backstop for its Babe Ruth field

By Jim Stickford
Staff Writer

There is a need for a new backstop for the Babe Ruth baseball field in Ghesequiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. The only question is whether or not the Woods will help pay for its replacement.

John Burns, a longtime supporter of Babe Ruth baseball in the Woods, addressed the council on Dec. 2. He asked that the city pay a quarter of the cost to replace the old backstop at the Babe Ruth diamond in Ghesequiere Park.

Burns said that Babe Ruth of the Woods, the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association and the Grosse Pointe School System have all agreed to pay a portion of the replacement costs.

The North High School baseball team uses the field, said Burns. The soccer association, when it was granted approval to set up a field at the park, agreed to help with mainte-

nance costs of the field because of certain adjustments that had to be made to make room for a soccer field.

Before replacing the backstop, Burns said, it was agreed among these groups to ask the city to pay a portion of the costs. He pointed out that the current one is over 30 years old, and the field is on city property, meaning any Woods resident who wishes to use the field when it is not in use.

Councilman Tom LeFevre asked who paid for the backstop in the first place. Burns said it was the city. Councilman Eric Steiner said that paying for a quarter of the new backstop could open up "a can of worms" for the city.

Steiner asked that if the Woods help pay for the Babe Ruth backstop, would the city

now be liable to help Little League pay for backstops. He said in the past, the Woods council has refused similar requests from the Little League organization.

Burns said that the situations were different. Little League has, in an average year, about 500 children participating, vs. 125 Babe Ruth players, so it's easier for Little League to raise money.

Plus Little League has a concession stand at its fields, and money from the stand is used to pay for field improvements. Babe Ruth does not use the concession stand, said Burns.

Mayor Robert Novitke asked how much the city's share would be, and was told that city director of public works Thomas Whitcher, at the behest of Burns, called around

and was told that a new backstop would cost about \$24,000.

Whitcher told the mayor that he was contacted by Burns only a short time before the meeting, and did not have time to seek formal bids. Novitke said that he would not dismiss Burns' request out of hand because Babe Ruth does pay for all the field's maintenance. But he said before he would even consider the proposal, he would have to see some competitive bids.

Burns said that would take time, and would probably mean that the project could not go forward until spring. A motion was passed to have the question of contributing funds for the project until the end of February.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as a Board of Appeals under the provision of Section 5-14-6 of the 1975 City Code will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza on Monday, January 6, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., to hear the appeal of Dr. Ling, 559 Canterbury, who is appealing the denial of the Building Inspector to issue a building permit for the construction of an addition to his residence at 559 Canterbury, Grosse Pointe Woods. The building permit was denied due to a deficiency in the required rear yard setback as set forth in Section 5-4-3(F) (d) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. A variance is therefore required. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Louise S. Warnke,
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Self-improvement should be goal of New Year resolutions

Traditionally, New Year's is the day when resolutions are made to improve ourselves, our relations with others and our environment.

It seems to be an appropriate day to discard our erroneous ways, along with last year's calendar.

Most of us want to be better than we are. In our secret soul we long to be the best we can be. But it is not easy to make those changes that would make us a better person.

It could be that we start with the wrong goals. We want to be more cheerful, to socialize more and to help those who need our assistance.

These are admirable aims. In order to achieve them we need to be physically fit.

This sometimes entails a great deal of effort, particularly if we have slipped into an easy life of self-gratification.

It is much more satisfying to eat a delicious dessert than to munch our way through a piece of fruit.

Sometimes an easy chair and a good program on television can be more inviting than an exhilarating walk.

Yet diet and exercise are important to our well-being. Unless we feel good, it is difficult to make changes in our lifestyle that will make our lives happier and more fulfilled.

Another consideration is that our lives could depend on a regular program of exercise. Physically fit people live longer.

Studies show that coronary heart disease is more prevalent among those who lead sedentary lives.

It has been found that it is never too late to begin a program of regular exercise. People who had never made physical activities a part of their daily routine reduced their heart disease risk when they took up a program of regular exercise.

There are psychological benefits to be gained from exercise as well as physical improvements.

There is increasingly strong support for the hypothesis that exercise is a natural medicine which brings about favorable emotional changes.

Exercise should be enjoyable



Prime Time

By Marian Trainor

as well as therapeutic. For some, that combination is found in golf. Others prefer to walk, swim or bicycle. This type of exercise provides the privilege of making your own rules.

Rules such as starting at your own convenience, stopping when you are tired and communing with yourself as you sort out personal problems and possible solutions with the end result of combining physical exercise and mental health benefits in one package.

Exercise is only part of getting in gear to follow through on those New Year's resolutions of turning life around.

Diet is another dragon in the dungeon that must be met.

Food is more than fuel for the body. It can be a pleasure and a comfort. Every once in a while comes the need to calm frazzled nerves and soothe bent-out-of-shape feelings with a hot fudge sundae.

The trouble is, it is so easy to become addicted to a delicious, rich and completely satisfying delectable. Then as we watch curves disappear beneath bulges, we have to retrench.

Drastic measures are sometimes taken, such as starvation regimes and fad diets. These are self-punishing, unnecessary and could be harmful.

We are told that as we grow older, eating a well-balanced diet is one of the most impor-

tant measures that can be taken to ward off premature aging. The suggested balance is a varied diet.

Harold Lubin, M.D., director of the Food and Nutrition Program of American Medical Association warns:

"People often will not eat balanced meals if they live alone. It is important not to cut corners either on food selection or the amount spent on groceries. Food intake can affect your emotional state, sleep, sense of energy and general well-being.

Besides counting calories and noting the vitamin and mineral content of foods we eat, there are other tips to follow to add to nutrition.

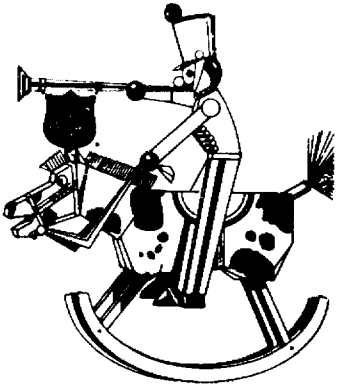
For instance, it's better to eat an orange than to drink orange juice. Juice loses the orange's original fiber content. Fiber is an important component of a good diet. This is true of apples also.

It's easier to eat a peeled apple than an unpeeled one. When eating a peeled apple, you are sacrificing some of that all-important fiber called pectin. Pectin helps lower your cholesterol level.

As for vegetables, broccoli is the favored green vegetable because it is very high in fiber, low in calories and contains a high level of vitamin C.

It is an accepted fact that chicken is preferred over beef and pork as a source of protein and whole-wheat bread over white bread for its fiber and vitamins.

A happy and healthy New Year — and go easy on those Christmas chocolates!



JOY TO THE WORLD

Finding support for Alzheimer's care is not hard to do

The prolonged, degenerative disease known as Alzheimer's radically affects the lives of its victims, their family members and the nation in general as the disease is the fourth leading cause of death among American adults.

Nationwide, more than 4 million people are afflicted with Alzheimer's, a disorder of the brain that gradually destroys mental capabilities, and the disease accounts for approximately 150,000 deaths a year.

It is estimated that 10 per-

cent of Americans over the age of 65 have recognizable symptoms of Alzheimer's, and 47 percent of those over age 85 suffer from the disease.

The constant supervision and special attention required in Alzheimer's care is most often provided by a family caregiver.

"Providing Alzheimer's care can be both physically and emotionally exhausting.

If you're in charge of caring for a loved one who's stricken with Alzheimer's, one of the most important things to remember is that you won't be

able to do everything—one can," said Patricia A. Lynett, vice president and chief operating officer of Kelly Assisted Living Services.

Lynett stresses the importance of sharing the caregiving among family or friends.

She suggests holding a meeting and discussing how each family member or close friend will help the primary caregiver.

Families also can turn to professional organizations for assistance.

To help mark the November recognition of National

Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Lynett points out the various resources families of Alzheimer's victims can contact for additional help:

- Churches, synagogues and community agencies, including local Alzheimer's Associations, often offer volunteer respite care services for Alzheimer's disease.

- Home care services can provide professional caregivers who work in the home and provide companionship and assistance with daily activities,

such as personal care, meal preparation, shopping and running errands.

- Nursing homes, hospitals or residential facilities may be able to provide short-term stays of a few days or a few weeks.

- Adult day care programs provide a source of recreation and mental stimulation for patients and allow them to interact with other adults.

- A support group is a valuable resource for family care-

givers because it allows them to see that they are not alone and that their feelings of anger, frustration and guilt are quite common among other family caregivers.

For more information on finding support for Alzheimer's or home-care services, contact Kelly Assisted Living at (800) 541-9818.

For information on Alzheimer's or to find support groups, contact your local Alzheimer's Association or call the national office at (800) 272-3900.

Secretary of State Miller completes tour of secretary of state offices

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller completed her initial tour of the secretary of state's vast network of branch offices, located around the state, with a visit to the Farmington Hills branch office.

"When I assumed office I pledged to visit every branch office in the state and today I have delivered on that promise. I believed then, as I do now, that when you run an operation as large and decentralized as ours, you need to get out there, meet the staff and talk to customers to get a genuine feel for the operation," said Miller.

"While I have visited every office at least once, in some instances I have called on offices on more than one occasion.

"What began as a simple objective that needed to be met, has become a source of pride, given all that I have learned and experienced as a part of these visits."

Secretary Miller began her tour in January of last year, when she visited the Lansing Secondary Complex branch office.

Since then she has visited offices in Three Oaks, Bessemer, Alpena, Escanaba, Temperance and 175 others in between.

As a direct result of her visits and within the department's existing budget, secretary Miller has:

- Provided fax and copy machines in every branch office. Customers who have forgotten documents needed to complete their transaction, such as a proof of no-fault insurance, can now have them faxed to the branch office.

- Installed personal computers so that staff can process reports and other necessary paperwork more efficiently. This gives them more time to serve customers.

- Increased staffing hours: With the availability of the commemorative license plate, the secretary of state has been able to shift more resources to the branch office to fund additional staffing hours.

- Expanded options for renewing routine transactions to avoid visits to the branch offices, including renewing license plates by fax and renewing boat registrations by

touch-tone telephone.

- Supplied more than 200 additional computer terminals so every staff person in the branch office can be processing business without waiting a turn at the computer.

- Expanded telephone centers. This includes more advanced equipment that is allowing staff to answer questions in a more timely manner.

In addition to shifting funds to facilitate these changes, secretary Miller has devoted her attention to the location of branch offices.

She has encouraged staff to consolidate smaller offices that are in close proximity to one another into larger offices. The combined staffs can now work more effectively in delivering service.

As with any tour of this kind, there have been humorous anecdotes along the way including a personal plea from

the young son of one branch office manager, who asked secretary Miller for additional staff for his father's office!

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**

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There will be no residential or commercial rubbish collection on Wednesday, December 25, 1996 and Wednesday, January 1, 1997.

All residential collections will be one day late. Wednesday's routes will be collected on Thursday - Thursday's routes will be collected on Friday.

Business and commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

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Chef's surprise

Wally Raese (center) of Harper Woods assists her 98-year-old aunt, Anna Russell, of Grosse Pointe Woods, in making a selection from the variety of appetizers, desserts and wines Chef Bruno of St. Clair Shores' Channel Marker restaurant prepared for the residents of Bon Secours Nursing Care Center, St. Clair Shores. The chef made finger sandwiches, cream puffs filled with egg salad, tuna salad, crab salad, cold meat platters and variety of desserts.

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Photography



By Monte Nagler

In most of my columns, I've stressed the importance of planning your photographs, studying the composition, determining the depth-of-field, and expressing a single idea. In short, thinking it out in advance. Often, however, a picture just happens. If you and your camera are ready, you can capture the moment on film.

How often have you been caught without your camera when a rainbow suddenly arched across the sky or a setting sun cast vibrant colors? Or perhaps your youngster looked

at you with that unforgettable expression and your camera was out of reach.

Many well-known photographs, even Pulitzer Prize winners, were obtained only because someone was prepared, and there, at the right time with a loaded camera.

Begin by disciplining yourself to have a camera with you at all times. Make sure it's loaded with film and that the ASA dial is properly set.

On a trip to Greece, in the charming town of Lathisi, I took a stroll down the street with my camera draped around my neck. It was loaded and I had predetermined the exposure in case I saw something picture-worthy.

Sure enough, it happened. Glancing inside a doorway, I saw this delightful Greek man holding his cane. Being ready paid off with this shot.



By having his camera loaded and ready, Monte Nagler was able to get this interesting candid shot of this man in Lathisi, Greece.

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How to steer a safe course in the fog amid choppy waters

By Joseph Mengden
If you're confused by this stock market, join the crowd! Up, down, up, down — it's boiling!



Mengden

Have you ever been in a jet airliner when the captain announced over the P.A. system: "There's been a little turbulence reported up ahead, so we'd better all buckle up our seatbelts." And you feel so snug, because you always keep it buckled while you're seated, just like the pilots up front.

Then, all of a sudden, you feel an updraft, like the elevator shooting up in the Empire State Building. It's an "oooh-aaah" feeling, as you roll your eyes and feel a lump in your throat. But it slowly stops rising, crests — and drops straight down, as in a free fall. How far does it drop? Why don't the wings snap off?

You can almost feel the pilot strain to pull up on the steering yoke. And after a few more small bumps, the plane is flying level again. And you try to pull up your stomach from your

shoes!

That's the way this market has been behaving of late, and will probably continue to do so until after year-end. The sharp ups and downs are exaggerated by computerized program trading, which dumps huge buy and sell orders to be executed immediately at the market, at one time.

After Black Monday in October 1987, the New York Stock Exchange implemented "circuit breakers," which stop trading for selected periods of time, if prices exceed the prescribed limits, both on the upside and the downside. This has somewhat ameliorated certain sell-offs.

What to do? Depends on your investment objective and your "sleep quotient." If this market volatility has you nervous, under stress, worried about margin loans, losing sleep, then you should see your financial doctor, your stockbroker or financial adviser. Maybe it's time for you to make an appointment for your annual five-year financial check-up!

The Detroit metropolitan area has a somewhat unique luncheon group called The Ex-Dividend Club, formerly the Financial Geriatrics Luncheon

Let's talk...STOCKS

Club. The 31 members cover the entire investment spectrum from CEOs of brokerage firms, investment bankers, stockbrokers, bond traders, municipal bond lawyers, investment advisers, insurance company investment officers, portfolio managers, bank trust officers, you just name it.

Within the club, ages range from 63 to 95, and believe it or not, seven members are still working fulltime servicing the investment needs of their clients. Over half the members live in the Grosse Pointe area, including Walter Clark, Mint Clute, Henry Earle, Jack Fralick, Norrie Hitchman, Bill Hurley, Al Lomax, Gordon Maitland, Joe Mengden, Charles Moon, Bob Nye, Jack Renchard, Jack Roney, Bob Seeber, Bob Stotzner, Henry VanderVoort and Franklin Walker.

When LTS first trod down Griswold Street in 1950 — wearing a gray fedora — of course, there were over 30 local stock and bond firms in Detroit. Now, there are only

two full-service regional brokerage firms, First of Michigan Corporation and Roney & Co. Roney dates back to 1925, while First of Michigan was founded during the Bank Holiday of 1933.

LTS remembers an institutional sales rep in Chicago in the mid-1960s, who left his firm "because of philosophical differences with his branch manager." About three months later his new firm "B" was acquired by his old firm "A." Guess who his new manager was? He called LTS about 10 days later to announce he was now with new firm "C." The joke about that time among securities sales reps was that they always told their wives to write their new office phone number in pencil, so it could be erased.

My, how the investment business has changed over the years — for the better. Better corporate accounting, more full disclosure, less insider trading and stricter regulation and enforcement. (A story way back then goes like this: "What's

Charlie doing now? Three to five years!")

Sometimes LTS is told that we market participants are too greedy. Maybe, that's too harsh. Say, aggressive, or opportunistic. Yes, there are active investors, as well as passive ones, just as there are people in life. Picture this: The stock market is down 92 points on heavy downside volume, and you want to sell fast! Who do you think will buy your stock? (You probably don't care who buys it.)

The buyer(s) of your sell order may be one, two, or a combination of all three of the following:

- 1) the specialist (whose participation should usually be against the market flow);
- 2) the investor, either retail or institutional, who is buying to cover a previous short sale (probably at a profit); and
- 3) an investor, either retail or institutional, who is a "value" buyer, who thinks the stock at this price is a terrific bargain and discounted from its prior levels.

Regardless of their reasons for buying, all of these investors are "supporting" the market price for your stock. Without their buying interest,

your sale would have probably been at an even lower price.

To make the market function efficiently, there must be both buyers and sellers. That creates liquidity. If everyone were on one side or the other, there would be no trading. Las Vegas bookmakers learned 50 years ago that there was no money to be made on a lopsided football game. So they invented the "point spread" as an equalizer. In the securities industry, the "point spread" is the essence of the options market, with its spread between the market price and the strike price.

But if you "play" the options market, you should be aware that the options principal who writes (guarantees) your contract is the "house," as if you were playing in Vegas. If you want to continue playing options, get advice from someone just as smart on your side.

'Tis that season again. LTS wishes you and yours the best merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, 1997.

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

The Metro East Chamber of Commerce would like to wish all of our members as well as those of you who read Chamber Chat, a very Happy New Year!

Economic Club of Macomb — On Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997 the Economic Club Luncheon

will host Dr. Jim Jacobs at noon on the campus of Macomb Community College. The topic will be "The Economic Forecast for Macomb". Cost will be \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please call the chamber office at (810) 777-2741.

Business Card Exchange and Spaghetti Dinner — The Coalition of Chambers will be sponsoring this event to support Macomb County's Turning Point Shelter on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Zuccaro's Holiday House in Clinton Township. Cost is \$25 per person and includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. There will be a cash bar.

Upcoming Events — "The State of the Union, A Michigan Perspective" with Sen. Spencer Abraham will be sometime in the month of February; in March we will be hosting a "State of the County" address.

Have you been reading chamber chat and wondered about joining? If so, why don't you make a New Year's Resolution to call the office and find out what we're all about. You're even welcome to attend one of our functions, meet our members and

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Area Code Update — Ameritech has announced 734 will be the new area code for customers in the current 313 area. Customers in the six Detroit zones, including Detroit, the Grosse Pointes, Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Melvindale, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford, Taylor, River Rouge, Hamtramck, and Harper Woods, will retain 313 area code.

Customers will begin using 734 during an optional dialing period beginning Dec. 13, 1997. During this transition period, calls to locations with the 734 area may be dialed using either the new 734 or the old 313 code. When the option period ends on July 25, 1998, use of 734 will be required to complete calls to the 734 area. The area code expansion will not alter local calling areas or rates. A local call won't cost any more, even if more than seven digits must be dialed. Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, and Monroe for example, will become 734.

Retirement Plan Changes by Mark C. Szymanski, a registered representative of the Equitable Companies.

On Aug. 2, 1996, Congress passed the Small Business Job Protection Act (HR 3448) which contains the increase in the minimum wage. On Aug. 20, 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law. Contained within the Act are many provisions which impact qualified pension plans, particularly Salary Deferral Simplified Employee Pension (SARSEP) plans. SARSEP plans are designed for businesses with less than 25 employees and are the least expensive plan for an employer to implement.

Highlights of the pension provisions of the Act are:

- Prohibits new SARSEPs after Dec. 31, 1996. The rules with regard to SARSEPs would be repealed. SARSEP plans in existence on or before Dec. 31 are "grandfathered." Additionally, new participants may be added to these grandfathered plans. Employers will be able to establish a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employers (SIMPLE) which permits employee deferrals and mandates employer contributions. SIMPLE plans do not require testing or reporting.
- Simplified the definition of highly compensated employees.
- Spousal IRA contribution is increased from \$250 to \$2,000.
- In general minimum distributions can be postponed beyond age 70 1/2 until actual retirement.
- Changes the definition of compensation to include salary reductions for benefit and contribution limits as well as testing purposes.
- Modifies testing for 401 (k) plans and provides specific plan designs that automatically satisfy the nondiscrimination rules.

Business People

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elizabeth Puleo Tague, daughter of Jean and Peppino Puleo of Grosse Pointe Woods, has been promoted to Product Manager at Bristol Myers-Squibb's Clairol division. Puleo joined the company in April; formerly she was with Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, Wis. She and her husband, Brian, now live in Norwalk, Conn.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.**, vice president and secretary of Masco Corporation, has been elected recently to University of Detroit Mercy's Board of Trustees.

Prior to joining Masco in 1993, Gargaro practiced law of 26 years with Dykema Gossett, Michigan's largest law firm.



McCuish

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Michael J. McCuish**, certified management accountant, has been promoted recently to principal at the architecture and engineering firm SH&G. McCuish has lead the finance and accounting operations of the company for more than 15 years. During that time, he has managed the development of many intra-company finance systems. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University, and a Master's of business administration from the University of Detroit.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Heidi Schmidt** has been promoted recently to Manager of Design and Project Management at Gorman's Business Environment Solutions (GBES). Schmidt will be responsible for the production, coordination, and implementation of projects from conceptual design through final construction phase. Schmidt coordinates and maintains daily interaction with clients, installation and move managers, general contractors and engineers.

MAC elects officers

Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) is a regional leadership coalition of business, labor and government.

Jeffrey R. Caponigro, President and Chief Executive Officer of Caponigro Public Relations, Inc., was re-elected chairman of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition at the December Board of Directors meeting. Elected vice chairpersons were: W. Frank Fountain, Vice President, Government Affairs, for Chrysler Corporation; John C. Funk, Chairperson, SEMCOG, Ann Gail, President, Gail's Office Supply; Leonard D. Givens, Executive Partner, Miller, Canfield, et al.; Ernest Lofton, Vice President, International Union-UAW; and Laurence M. Scoville, Jr., Senior member, Clark Hill P.L.C., Douglas C. McClintock, Partner, Arthur Andersen LLP, was elected Treasurer and Dennis E. Gershenson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ramco Gershenson Properties Trust, was elected Secretary.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 207 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1921, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 13, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe City Offices at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, concerning a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the Building Regulations of the City of Grosse Pointe, in regard to the standards for the construction of driveways and driveway approaches. The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk.

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South beats first two MAC Red rivals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

George Petrouleas and his Grosse Pointe South basketball staff have always looked forward to the Christmas break to fix some of the things that went wrong during the first month of the season.

Not this year. "I told my coaches the other day that I wished we didn't have to take a break," Petrouleas said after the Blue Devils improved to 4-0 with victories against Macomb Area Conference Red Division rivals Sterling Heights (49-43) and Chippewa Valley (62-60). "I don't want to stop playing for two weeks. We're getting better with each game. I think we're progressing faster than anyone expected."

The victories over the

Stallions and Big Reds were important ones. Both schools have consistently been among the powers in the MAC Red and this is the first year South is competing in that division.

"We still have a lot of games to play, but those were two nice stepping stones," Petrouleas said. "It's always tough to win at Sterling Heights and the game with Chippewa matched last year's Red and White division champions.

"With each game you can see the confidence factor getting greater. When you're winning it's a lot easier for the kids to accept the things you're trying to pass on to them."

South's win over Chippewa Valley was close most of the way. The Blue Devils led 28-26 at halftime, but a three-pointer by Chippewa's Dave Crosson at

the end of the third quarter gave the Big Reds a one-point lead.

"We had a couple of chances to break it open," Petrouleas said. "We were up by eight points in the second quarter and let them back in."

But when the game was on the line, South was ready. The Blue Devils hit seven straight free throws down the stretch —

four by Mike Gotfredson and three by Steve Howson — to maintain the lead.

"Chippewa shot well — 55 or 56 percent for the game — but we turned the tempo around with our pressure," Petrouleas said.

Howson led South with 23 points and Gotfredson added 17. Chad Defever and Matt Rudnick did a good job on the

boards.

"Mike Hamers played a very steady all-around game and Adam Hess has been extremely steady for a sophomore," Petrouleas said. "We got good contributions off the bench from Mark Conrad, Mike D'Hondt and Jeff See."

Crosson led the Big Reds with 27 points, but he came into the game with a 34-point

average.

"We knew it would be hard to shut him down, but we felt if we could contain him and keep the other players from hurting us, we'd be all right," Petrouleas said. "Crosson got 27, but had only two in the fourth quarter."

South led most of the second half against Sterling Heights, but the Stallions outscored the Blue Devils 10-2 in the first four minutes of the fourth quarter to take a 40-39 lead on a jump shot by Mike Discenna.

South regained the lead moments later on a layup by Howson and finished the game with a 10-3 spurt.

Sterling Heights had a 25-23 halftime advantage. The Stallions led by as many as seven points in the first half, but Hess' three-pointer with 30 seconds left cut the margin to two points.

South took command of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Sterling Heights 14-5. Gotfredson, who led the Blue Devils with 12 points, had six of them in the third quarter.

"We told the kids at halftime that the game was theirs for the taking," Petrouleas said. "We told them to play the same as they did in the first half, just step up the defensive intensity, and they did."

Rudnick had 11 points and five rebounds for South, while Howson had nine points and Hess collected eight points and 11 rebounds. Hess had eight rebounds in the first quarter.

"South's a nice team," said veteran Sterling Heights coach Dick Christy. "They can really hurt you inside."

The Blue Devils don't play again until Tuesday, Jan. 7, when they host Ford II.

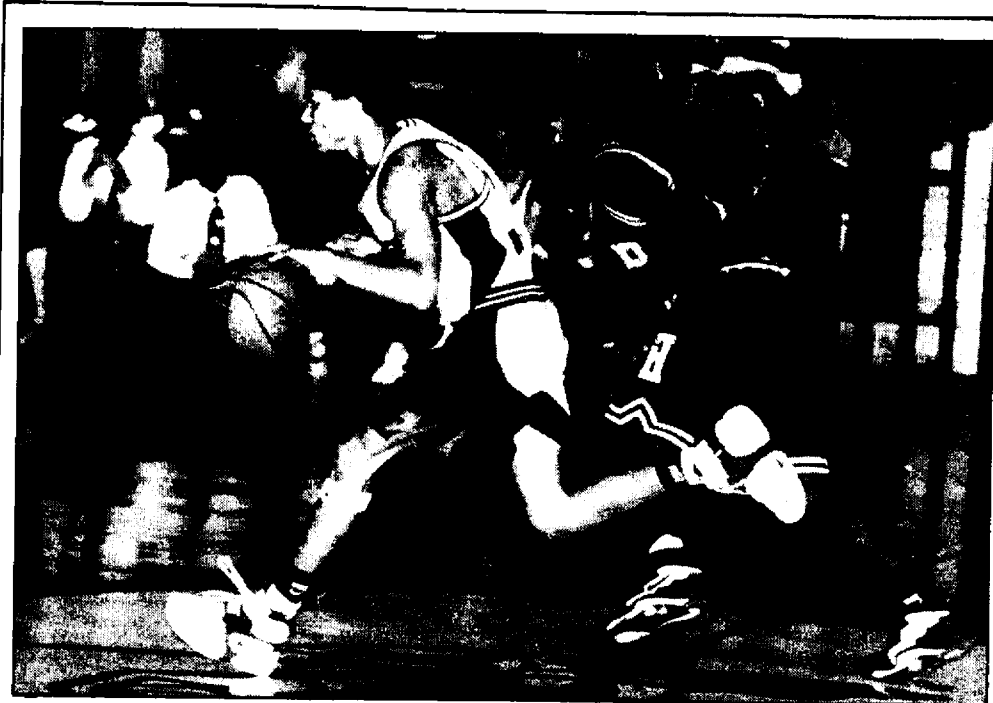


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Step for step

Kevin Espy of University Liggett School dribbles down the court with a Hamtramck player in pursuit during last Friday's Metro Conference game won by the Knights, 68-61. Read about ULS' third straight victory on page 17A.

Norsemen's defense makes shooters slump

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

When Bob Gibson was pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals one opposing manager remarked, "that Gibson sure is lucky. Whenever he pitches, our hitters go into a slump."

The same could be said of Grosse Pointe North's basketball team.

Whenever teams play the Norsemen, their shooters go into a slump.

"It's funny, but teams seem to score a lot of points before they play us and they score a lot after they play us, but we've been able to hold the opponents to around 40 points," said North coach Dave Stavale.

A case in point was Port Huron Northern, the Norsemen's opponent last Friday in their Macomb Area Conference White Division opener and a 45-38 victim of North's stifling defense.

"They scored 80 points against L'Anse Creuse two nights earlier," Stavale said. "We talked about how they're getting their points, but in the end it all came down to taking care of what we do best — getting after people defensively."

North, which improved to 3-1 overall with the victory, led 11-8 after the first quarter and held a 19-14 lead at halftime. The Norsemen extended the margin to 32-23 after three quarters.

The Huskies cut North's lead to five points early in the fourth quarter, but the Norsemen fought off the challenge.

"We talked about a nine-point lead not being much against a team like that," Stavale said. "They're capable of scoring quickly. I told the team to keep up the defensive intensity, but to try to pick things up offensively. I was wary of them getting on a roll and getting their home crowd into the game."

"They cut it to five, but we got it up to 12 with three or four minutes left. I could tell then that they were tired and we were in pretty good shape."

North had several excellent performances, led by the all-around effort of senior Steve Champine.

Champine collected 17 points, five rebounds, five steals and six assists. "He's playing like a four-year starter and the all-stater that he is," Stavale said. "I hope people don't measure his performance by his point totals because all Steve's concerned about is the team. He doesn't care how many points he scores, just that we win."

"He's been surrounded by four new starters this year, but he's adjusted well. He's more vocal than he's ever been, too."

Leonard Harris had 13 points and six rebounds while Craig Ziolkowski added nine points and seven rebounds.

"Craig has shown great improvement from game one to game four," the coach said. "He didn't play a lot last year because of an injury."

David Stavale contributed five rebounds and four assists and did a good job of taking care of the basketball.

Earlier, North beat Stevenson by the same 45-38 score in a MAC crossover contest.

The Norsemen played an excellent first quarter on both ends of the court and came out of the period with a 19-7 lead.

North led 26-13 at halftime, but the Titans had a 13-5 edge in the third quarter to make the game close.

"We had to battle again, but we did it," coach Stavale said. "We got some good performances off the bench. Marc Bertelsen made a couple key baskets down the stretch and Chris Mikula hit a big basket at the end of the first half. He's been giving us five or six good minutes every game."

Champine had 12 points, while Harris had nine points and 11 rebounds. Ziolkowski, Joe Ellis and Stavale combined for 17 points.

Nick Aubrey and Stavale each had five assists, while Champine collected four.

"Defense is the hallmark of our program," coach Stavale said. "We try to control the tempo of the game while disrupting the other team's offense. We're not very big, so we have to keep the opponent from getting into a rhythm."

"It's amazing the number of deflections Nick, Steve, Dave and Leonard get every game. That doesn't include the outright steals."

North is idle until Tuesday, Jan. 7, when it hosts L'Anse Creuse North.

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Balance will make Knights tough to beat

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

One of the things that will make University Liggett School's basketball team tough to beat this year is its balance.

One night Brian Bruenton might be the leading scorer. The next night it might be Joel Parrott or any one of several other Knights' players.

"We don't have any superstars, but all the kids have the ability to play," said coach Bruce Pelto after ULS held off a late Hamtramck rally to beat the Cosmos 68-61 in a Metro Conference game.

The victory gave the Knights a 3-0 conference record while Hamtramck fell to 2-1.

"We're a young team and the players are still learning their roles," said Cosmos coach Russ Collins. "When you have a young team it takes time to find roles and to accept them."

"We know it's a long season and the league is very evenly matched this year. I think the first-place team can finish with four losses."

Most of the ULS players have varsity experience so they've found and accepted the slots Pelto has for them.

"The kids have ability and they believe in themselves," Pelto said. "We're learning from every game. We gave up an open three-pointer in the South Lake game that beat us, but tonight we didn't give (Hamtramck) any open looks down the stretch."

ULS led 20-17 after the first quarter and stretched the lead to 34-24 at halftime after Bruenton hit a triple with three seconds to play.

The Knights had a 50-34 advantage after three quarters, but Hamtramck started the fourth quarter with a 17-4 run and the Cosmos cut the lead to 54-51 with 3:51 left after a pair of free throws by Cardenas Huffman.

"We just got out of our game

and let them dictate the tempo," Pelto said. "But we never lost our poise. We know we can win the close games."

"They came knocking, but we didn't open the door. Instead we slammed it shut. That's the sign of a good team."

Charlie Strong, who had 11 rebounds for ULS, answered with a putback and Parrott followed with a three-pointer after a steal by Kevin Espy to trigger an 8-0 spurt by the Knights.

Parrott, who finished with 26 points, went 8-for-8 from the foul line. Six of his free

throws came in the last 2 1/2 minutes.

"That's the first time this year Joel has had his old stroke back," Pelto said. "It came at the right time, because this was the first game Brian's shots weren't falling."

Will Watson played a strong floor game, while Justin Macksoud came off the bench and provided some solid defensive play.

"Will's court vision has improved a lot," Pelto said. "He played a lot in the summer and his confidence soared. Macksoud comes in and does

the little things that win games."

C.R. Moultry played his best game of the season with seven points and five rebounds. Renard Morey-Greer also contributed defensively under the basket.

Espy collected eight points, eight assists and five steals, while Bruenton had 10 points, nine rebounds and four assists. Watson and Parrott each had three assists. Strong had eight points.

"We didn't establish the inside game as much as I'd have liked," Pelto said. "We did a much better job inside against Lutheran North."

Huffman led Hamtramck with 27 points, including 20 in

New Year's Eve Fun Run in 27th year

The 27th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run sponsored by Detroit Edison will be held at Belle Isle Park on the Grand Prix race course.

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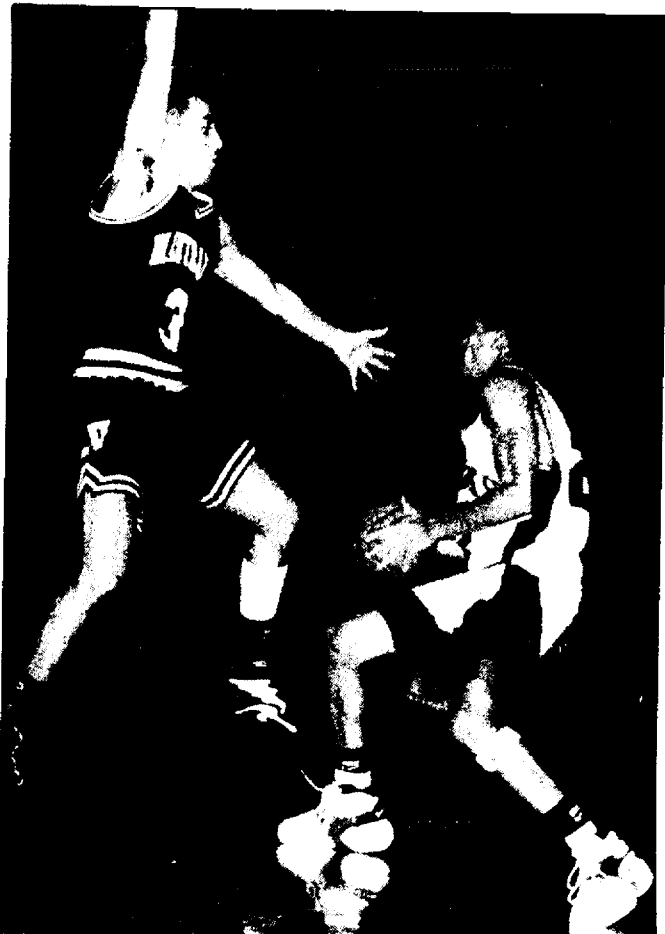
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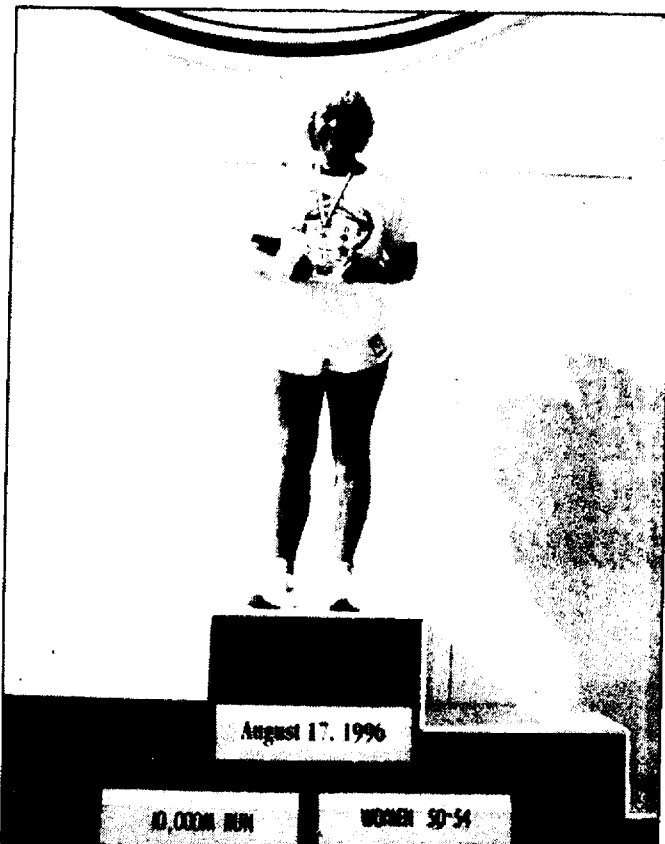
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University Liggett School's Kevin Espy finds his path to the basket blocked by Hamtramck's Doda Nuculaj.

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Jeanne Bocci of Grosse Pointe Park finished first in the 10,000-meter run for women 50-54 at the U.S. National Masters Track and Field Championships last summer in Spokane, Wash. Bocci, who is a health education instructor for the Grosse Pointe Schools, and her family organizes the annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run sponsored by Detroit Edison. This year's event will be held on Belle Isle, beginning at 4 p.m.

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Knights get a taste of Canadian-style hockey

By Chuck Klonek
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's trip to Kitchener, Ontario, didn't bring the Knights' hockey team any victories, but it provided some good experience.

"They play a different type of hockey in Canada," said ULS coach John Fowler. "There's more passing, weaving and a different flow that emphasizes team play."

The Knights' first game was against Edgewood Collegiate and the home team came away with a 4-1 victory.

Edgewood scored at 4:12 of the first period on a 2-on-1 break during a power play and made it 2-0 with 1:33 left in the period.

Eli Wulfmeier, back in action after missing a game with a bruised knee, scored the only ULS goal on a power play midway through the second period to cut the Edgewood lead to 2-1. Wulfmeier knocked in the

rebound of A.J. Stachecki's shot. C.T. Thurber also assisted.

Edgewood scored an unassisted goal with 2:01 left in the second period and it completed the scoring with a little more than two minutes remaining in the game.

Charlie Eldridge played an excellent game in goal for ULS, turning away 33 shots.

"One of their people asked us like we were against (Grosse Pointe) South in our tournament," Fowler said. "They gave T-shirts to the three players they thought were our best in the game and Charlie, Ian Fines and Kurt Niemi each got one."

ULS' next action was against Cameron Heights Collegiate and the home team posted an 8-3 victory.

"We were shorthanded, just like we were against (Grosse Pointe) South in our tournament," Fowler said. "Wulfmeier's knee was bothering him, Nick Maitland and Chris Mitchell had the flu and Stachecki had to leave the game when he reinjured his shoulder."

Cameron Heights built a 4-0 lead before Fines scored for the

Knights late in the second period. Rami Zayat and Jimi Wood assisted.

Cameron Heights came out of the second period with a 5-1 lead and the home team scored again in the first minute of the third period.

Jason Cooper and K.C. Crain tallied for ULS 17 seconds apart midway through the third period. Thurber and

Peter Birgbauer assisted on each of the goals.

Paul Huebner played the first two periods in goal and stopped 29 of the 34 shots he faced. Freshman Jay Minger made 21 saves.

ULS is idle until Wednesday, Jan. 8 when it visits Michigan Prep Hockey League rival Notre Dame.



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Blue Devil gymnasts doing well

It didn't take the Grosse Pointe South gymnastics team long to earn one of four qualifying scores it needs to earn a spot in the state regional tournament.

The Blue Devils did it in their first meet with 118.55 points against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Team captains Jocelyn Lorenger and Jamie Lowden led the squad with outstanding performances. Lowden scored 8.0 points in vault and 8.1 in floor exercise. Lorenger posted a personal high 8.05 on the parallel bars and had a floor score of 8.1.

Senior Julie Champion had the Blue Devils' high score on the balance beam with a 7.65.

Courtney Schafer had 7.45 on vault and sophomore Lindsey White posted an 8.05 in floor exercise.

Other good efforts came from Andrea Formolo and Mairin Chapman in vault and Brianne VanElslander in floor exercise. Catherine Lenard gave South its other bars score.

Good first-time performances came from Kristen Schulte on beam, Allie Schmitt in floor exercise and Katy Kraft and Kim Smale on bars.

Corrine Camaro and Emily Strachen also contributed to South's effort.

"The team really pulled together and demonstrated the talent, skill and team spirit to do what it takes in the upcoming season," said coach Jill Mattes.

"I was very impressed with the way the girls presented themselves. They've really come a long way."

Mite AA Bulldogs are on a roll

After a slow start, the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Mite AA Bulldogs have won three of their last five games.

The Bulldogs posted their first shutout of the season with a 3-0 victory over the Port Huron Avalanche.

The shutout was the result of strong play by goalie Donald Bambrick and the defense corps of Adam Rock, Blake MacEachern, Scott Granger and Ryan Abraham.

Steve Gorman has led the scoring resurgence with nine points. Matt Sukarukoff had five points in the spurt, while Steven Rozelle collected four and Mike Pagino had three.

Tom MacEachern, Scott Ciraulo and Robert Ireland also contributed to the team's recent success.

The Bulldogs are coached by Mike Williams and Len MacEachern.

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Parsnips & Old Lace? Shrimpey Doo Dah Dip? Stage Fright Chocolate Delight? The Big Chili? G.P. Theatre's newest production is a cookbook

By Amy Andreou Miller
Staff Writer

Need recipes during this holiday party season that make enough for a large group of people?

Check out a section titled "Cast Party Cooking" in the new cookbook by Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Even if you don't plan to venture into the kitchen for a while, the Grosse Pointe Theatre's new cookbook, "As You Like It," just plain makes for fun reading.

All the recipes have clever titles that are plays-on-words derived from literature, plays, musicals, operas, Broadway songs, poems and dramas.

For example, you could begin a feast with Last of the Red Hot Livers — an elegant hors d'oeuvre. Or you could spread your crackers with St. Joan of Artichoke Dip.

Perhaps you could wash it down with I Oughta Be in Fitchers punch or Souze Pacific.

A few more whimsically titled recipes include appetizers Dial M for Meatballs, Porky and Bess in a Blanket, and Play it Again Salmon; or entrees like

Quiche Me Kate, Taming of the Stew, the BBQ of Seville and Veal Meat Again.
After dinner, you could make some On Golden Blond brownies for dessert.

"We had so much fun coming up with the titles for some of the recipes," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Phyllis Reeve, a member of Grosse Pointe Theatre and co-chairman of the cookbook project.

In all, the new hard-cover spiral-bound cookbook has 340 recipes, all contributed by Grosse Pointe Theatre members — not only those still living in the area and performing in the group's stage productions, but former members residing around the country, including Tennessee and Texas. The name of the contributor is printed next to each recipe.

Interspersed throughout the book are quotes from famous authors and performers about cooking, food, and the consumption thereof.

The cover of the cookbook sports the logo of the theater group, which is the four classic faces depicting comedy and tragedy. On the cookbook, however, the faces are wearing chef hats.

The idea of producing a cookbook was kicked around for years by the theater group, Reeve said. She said the creative folks whose talents are seen on the stage, as well as those behind the scenes, carried over nicely into cooking.

Moreover, the presence of food for cast and crew near opening night of a production and the sharing of recipes over the years was born out of necessity.

Reeve explained that most of the 400-plus members of Grosse Pointe Theatre are employed. Thus, most would not have time to get home from the office, eat dinner, and make it to the theater in time for curtain call.

So, many of the recipes are ones that members cooked and brought to the theater to feed

cast and crew members who were working on performances.

Even more fancy cooking concoctions were made by the cast and crew during the striking of the set and the after-production parties.

"The book is fun and supports a good cause," Reeve said.

Since its late October publishing date, 300 copies have been sold; 500 are available in the first printing.

Proceeds from cookbook sales will support special projects and needs of the theater group as it celebrates its 50th year during the 1997-98 season. The group stages five productions each season.

The group's first production — "Clarence" by Booth Tarkington — opened in June 1948. It inspired the creation of the group's annual Clarence Awards, which recognize excellence in performing and technical categories.

Eight divider pages which separate the sections of the cookbook include photos, illustrations and old playbills, such as one from "Clarence," celebrating the 50 years of the theater group's existence.

The cookbook costs \$12 and will be on sale during intermissions of Grosse Pointe Theatre productions.

The next play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," will run from Jan. 17 to 31, at the Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

In March, the group will perform a British mystery, "The Uninvited."

And in the spring, the group will perform "Me and My Girl."

"As You Like It" is also available at Danielle's on Kercheval in the Village; by calling the theatre at (313) 886-8901; or by stopping in at Grosse Pointe Theatre headquarters, 315 Fisher.

Mail order is available too. Send \$12 plus \$1 for postage and handling to G.P. Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, 48230. Make checks out to "Grosse Pointe Theatre

— Cookbook."

The other co-chairman of the cookbook project is Mary Lou Britton. Also involved in the project were Mike Edmunds, Nancy Fielding, Mary McLeod, Barbara Roney, Gwenn Samuel and Patty Villegas.

You Say Tomahto Pudding

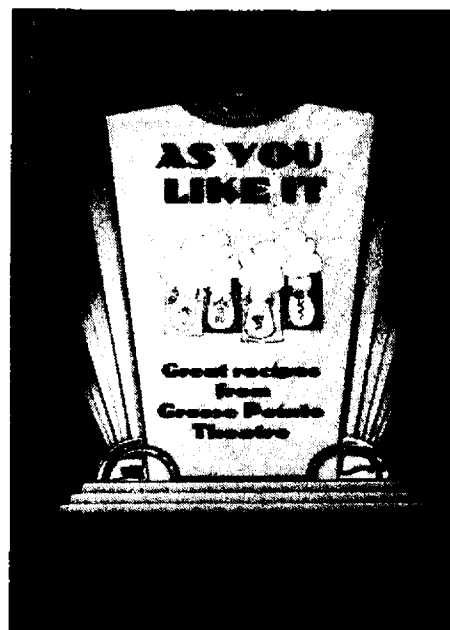
By Phyllis Reeve

1 (16 oz.) can tomatoes, diced
1 c. cubed bread
2/3 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. melted butter
In 8 or 9-inch square baking pan (or dish) distribute diced tomatoes and bread cubes. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pour butter over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes, until lightly browned and bubbly. Serves 4.

Send Me No Flour-less Chocolate Cake

By Mark Fielding

8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
1/2 c. unsalted butter
8 lg. eggs, separated
7 T. sugar
1/3 c. orange-flavored liqueur
3/4 tsp. cream of tartar
pinch of salt
Sweetened whipped cream
Heat oven to 250 degrees. Butter 9-inch springform pan and dust inside with flour. Gently melt chocolate and butter in small saucepan over low heat. Cool slightly. Beat egg yolks, 4 tablespoons sugar and liqueur in large mixer bowl until light (about 5 minutes). Add chocolate and mix thoroughly. Beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt in large mixer bowl until foamy. Gradually beat in remaining 3 tablespoons sugar, beating well after each addition, then continue beating until soft, glossy, peaks form. Thoroughly mix 1/4 of egg whites into chocolate mixture, then gently but thoroughly, fold in remaining whites. Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake, turning pan a half turn every 30 minutes until a wooden pick comes out with moist but not wet crumbs, about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Transfer pan to wire rack and run a small knife around edge of pan to loosen cake. Let cake cool completely in pan. As it cools, cake will shrink back from pan and fall slightly. When cool, remove sides from pan and invert cake onto serving plate. Serve with dollops of whipped cream. Serves 10 to 12.



Cleopatra's Asp-aragus Roll-ups

By Mary A. Miller

1 egg
3 or 4-oz. pkg. blue cheese
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
2 sticks melted butter or margarine
25 thinly sliced bread with crusts removed
1 can asparagus spears

Blend egg and cheese; spread on bread. Place asparagus on bread and roll lightly. Dip in melted butter and freeze immediately. When ready to serve, slice and bake on cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Yields 75 roll-ups or more.

To Dill a Mockingbird Potato Salad

By Fran Venet

2 1/2 lbs. potatoes, cooked and diced
1 medium onion, diced
6 hard-boiled eggs, diced
Dressing:
1/2 c. sour cream
1/2 c. mayonnaise
4 tsp. tarragon vinegar
2 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. dried dill

Combine sour cream, mayonnaise, vinegar, salt, pepper, mustard and dill. Mix well. Pour over eggs, onions, and warm potatoes and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate; this is best made 3 or 4 hours before serving for the flavors to blend. Serves 8.

Noises Off Baked Beans

By Jodi Brown

1 (14 oz.) can kidney beans
1 (14 oz.) can chick peas or lupini beans
1 (14 oz.) can green beans
1 (14 oz.) can yellow beans
1 (14 oz.) can pork and beans in molasses sauce

1/2 lb. chopped bacon, browned and drained
4 lg. onions, cut in rings
1 c. brown sugar
2 T. molasses
2 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 c. vinegar
Garlic salt to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In frying pan, brown bacon; remove. Cook onions in bacon fat until soft; remove. To bacon fat, add sugar, molasses, mustard, vinegar and garlic salt. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add beans, bacon and onions. Mix and place in a 2 1/2-quart casserole and bake for one hour. Serves 12 to 14.

Serpent of Two Masters Stir Fry

By Yvonne Hewlett

1 bunch broccoli
14 mushrooms
1 stalk celery
2 leeks
8 oz. pea pods
3 T. Tang
2 T. soy sauce
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
6 slices ginger root
1 carrot
20 pieces skinned and boned rattlesnake
4 oz. peanut oil

Combine Tang, soy sauce and ginger powder using enough powder to make a sticky liquid. Tenderize snake meat with a fork or hammer and add to marinade. Cut up all vegetables into small pieces and set aside. Pour 4 ounces of peanut oil into seasoned wok. After wok is hot, drop pieces of snake into it and deep fry until cooked. Remove most of oil from wok and add vegetables and snake together. Stir over medium heat until vegetables soften slightly. Remove pieces of ginger root and serve over rice. Serves 4.

Splendor In The Asparagrus

By Jennifer Bitterman

2 cans green asparagus
1/2 c. almonds, slivers or slices
1 can cream of celery soup
1 c. sour cream
1/2 c. grated cheddar cheese

Cracker crumbs
Mix soup and sour cream. Butter casserole. Layer asparagus, almonds, cheese and soup mixture. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees until brown. Serves 6.



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Jewett-Liedl Hammel-FitzSimons

Elizabeth Wendell Jewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hunting Jewett III of the City of Grosse Pointe, married U.S. Army Lt. Daniel Mark Liedl of Rochester, Minn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery A. Liedl of Rochester, Minn., and Mission, Texas, on July 6, 1996, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The Rev. Bryant Dennison officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony. A reception was held at the Grosse Pointe Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mark Liedl

The bride wore a white satin off-the-shoulder gown with a Basque waistline, a full satin skirt with silk illusion overlay, a large satin bow on the back and full sleeves embellished with silk roses. She wore a cathedral-length illusion veil stitched with white rose petals and carried white gardenias, roses and freesia.

The maid and matron of honor were Catherine Boyer of the City of Grosse Pointe and Cary Smith of Birmingham.

Bridesmaids were Gretchen Albrecht of the City of Grosse Pointe; Shannon Fife of Oxford, Miss.; Dee Anne Liedl of Mission; and Molly Williams and Amanda Weaver, both of Minneapolis.

Attendants wore pale pink crepe lace-trimmed sheath dresses, ivory gloves and ivory straw boater hats with lace ribbon trim. They carried nosegay bouquets with roses in several shades of pink, and Queen Anne's lace.

Best man was the groom's brother David Liedl of Rochester.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother Edward H. Jewett of Oxford, Miss.; and friends of the groom Thomas Marsh of Rochester; and Lt. Paul Clapham, Lt. Tim Kemp, and Lt. Thomas Dorrel, all of Minneapolis.

Members of the traditional military sabre sword arch were Eric Greek, Larry Fonder, Edwardo Suarez, Heather Lockwood, and Ian Lauer, all cadets from the University of Minnesota Army ROTC program; and Ryan Gustafson, Troy Bertram and Matt Vanderkin, all lieutenants from the University of Minnesota.

The bride's mother wore a pale mauve three-tiered silk chiffon dress. She carried white gardenias.

The groom's mother wore a pink crepe dress and jacket. She carried orchids.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's Choir of Men and girls sang at the wedding. Readers were Alice Schultes, Lisa Gage and Stephanie Kimmes.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree in genetics and cell biology from the University of Minnesota. She will begin her graduate studies in fall 1997 in North Carolina.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree in genetics and cell biology from the University of Minnesota. He is a lieutenant in the 1st 325 82nd Airborne Medical Service Corps in North Carolina.

The couple toured Civil War battlefields in the East, ending up in Mystic, Conn. They live in Fayetteville, N.C.

Holly Elizabeth Hammel, daughter of Godfrey Hammel and Dr. Pamela Hammel of the City of Grosse Pointe, married David King FitzSimons Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David King FitzSimons of Grosse Pointe Farms, on July 20, 1996, at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The Rev. James Leary officiated at the evening ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown and veil, an ivory satin A-line design with a bodice of Chantilly lace, long sleeves and a Chantilly lace-bordered court train. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and ivy.

The maid of honor was Athena Dee Pappas of San Francisco.

Junior bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Mary Amanda Hammel. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Sandra Jane Hammel; the groom's sister, Allison McLean FitzSimons; Wendy Colby Krag of Santa Fe, N.M.; Susan Lynn Stedem of Grosse Pointe Farms; Karen Anderson Rahm of Aspen, Colo.; and Cameron Elizabeth Yates of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Attendants wore ivory floor-length dresses and carried bouquets of multicolored flowers.

The best man was the groom's brother, William Frederick FitzSimons of Chicago.

Groomsmen were John Devon Birmingham of Boston; Neil Towner Brown of Harbor Springs; Thomas Christian Buhl and William Scott Crane, both of Chicago; Peter Dallas Epperson of Milwaukee; and



Mr. and Mrs. David King FitzSimons Jr.

David Gerard Mazzella, Peter Sherman Smith and Pierre Alexander Stroh, all of New York City.

The flowergirl was Mary Josephine Wilson of Pound Ridge, N.Y.

Musicians were David Wagner, organist; William Beger, trumpeter; and the Christ Church Boys and Girls Choir under the direction of Frederick DeHaven.

Scripture readers were Michael Devoe of Chicago; and Ronald Spaulding and James Papageorge, both of Milwaukee.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length pale pink dress with matching gardenias in her hair.

The groom's mother wore a blue and lavender print dress and pinned an orchid to her purse.

The bride graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

The groom graduated from Lake Forest College and is employed by Copper and Brass Sales in Milwaukee.

The newlyweds traveled to Bermuda. They live in Milwaukee.

HAVE A PLEASANT TRY AT PERFECTION BRIDGE BY WOODY BOYD

I don't believe in a fate that falls upon players who know no better, but try; but I do believe in a fate that falls upon players who do know better, but don't try.

The double in our modern game has many meaningful uses in today's complex ways of communicating high card content and shape. Its original purpose was solely punitive. Goren made it informative. Roth, Stone added sophisticated aspects to that. Lightner gave it a directive touch and since then it's been used in supportive and indeterminate ways too. Most duplicate and many stake players find the majority of these very effective if suitably used. Abuses, however, run rampant.

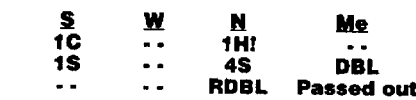
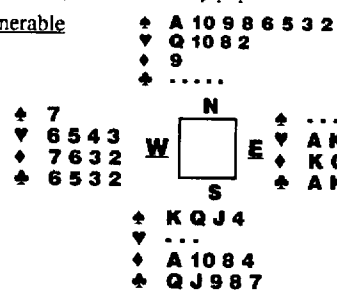
The ACBL recently ruled that the negative double need no longer be alerted in tournaments because of its widespread use. Conversely, a double of an opponent's suit bid at low levels at your first opportunity now must be alerted if it is intended for penalties.

The eminent Alfred Sheinwold is most outspoken of those who rarely penalize at game levels and never below. "If an opponent has never made a doubled contract against you, then you're just not doubling enough." Frank Stewart, Sheinwold's colleague in their popular column, has written a rewarding piece on this important subject.

"A bad penalty double isn't necessarily one that doesn't work. Too often it's one that doesn't work because it tells a good declarer how to play the hand. Similarly, it's unlikely you're going to become wealthy doubling an expert unless you're a brilliant defensible partner."

Note with amusement one of the greatest mistakes I recently made playing against two of my pupils.

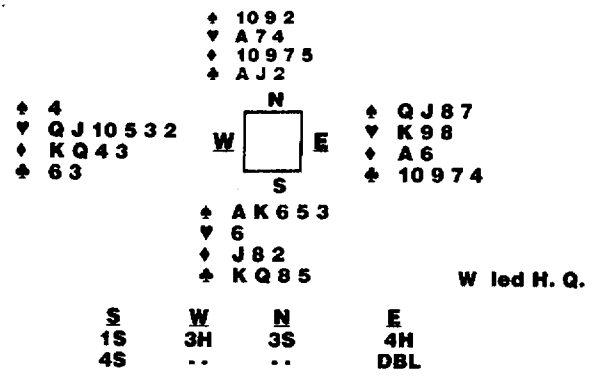
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Looking at 21 HCP, I had visions of sugarplums dancing in my head; complete carnage! My partner couldn't hold a point, but must have four, maybe five trumps.

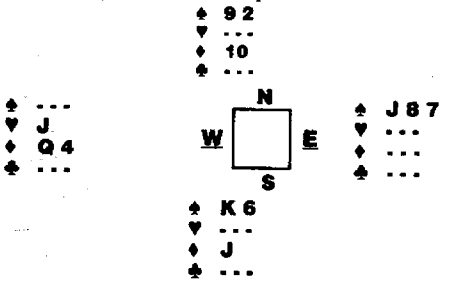
As the score was penned, +2280 making seven, I quietly inquired of north's distortion in bidding. The answer was singularly significant: "Woody, you always told me to reverse with a good hand!"

Here is one of the classic penalty doubles of recent times that boomeranged. East and south were experts, but south outperformed his distinguished adversary.



South realized that four losers (2 diamonds and 2 spades) were probable, but if the fate of this hand meant down one, at least he'd give it a good battle.

He won dummy's heart ace and played the spade 10, which east covered and won with his ace. Declarer got to dummy twice in clubs ruffing the remaining two hearts. Next he cashed his king, queen of clubs. Then he led a diamond. East won and returned a diamond to west's king. Here was the position at trick 11, when west next played his diamond queen:



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This tabloid will be published in January, 1997. Your child's picture, along with other 1996 area 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, preferably smaller than a 5x7) to Grosse Pointe News & The Connection, 96 Kercheval Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan 48236. Attention: Kim Kozlowski, 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 your name on the back of the photo so you can pick it up at our office after printing.

Your picture must be received in our office no later than Monday December 23rd, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 6, 1997.)

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

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American Girls Fashion Show to benefit St. Paul School

Hudson's Eastland will host seven shows of The American Girls Collection of clothing and accessories for the benefit of St. Paul Catholic School and parish.

The 10th Anniversary Evening Gala with The American Girls will kick off the weekend's events at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, followed by six presentations of the American Girls Fashion Show and Spring Picnic at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22 and 23, all at Hudson's Eastland's fourth level restaurant.

Carla Palffy of Grosse Pointe Park, chairman of the American Girls Fashion Show, said the event provides positive, value-oriented entertainment that is refreshing to every parent of young girls.

"The show gives young girls and their families and friends an opportunity to share an entertaining and educational look at how American fashions — and American girls — have

changed over the last 225 years," Palffy said.

Historically inspired fashions will be modeled by more than 20 local girls, accompanied by music and narration describing the customs and clothing of each historical period. Guests are encouraged to bring their favorite doll.

Palffy said organizers expect to raise about \$40,000 from the event, which will be used for computer equipment at St. Paul School.

Tickets went on sale Dec. 1. Seating is limited to 250 guests for each show, and only 175 guests will be admitted to the 10th Anniversary Evening Gala. Last year's shows were sold out.

Tickets for the gala are \$40, which includes a T-shirt for each young guest and her doll, an opportunity to be photographed with the models, and a dessert buffet.

Tickets to the shows are \$25 and include a T-shirt for each guest and an all-American box

lunch style picnic. Prizes will be awarded at each show.

The grand prizes will be raffled off at the 4 p.m. show on Sunday, Feb. 23. Prizes include a signed Felicity Merriman doll; the other four dolls from the collection; a Girl of Today collection; and a variety of clothing.

To order tickets by phone with VISA or MasterCard, call (313) 640-0389. To order tickets by mail, send a check made out to St. Paul Catholic School TPG (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) to the American Girls Fashion Show, 18530 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236. Specify the number of children in your party and your first, second and third choice of date and time for the show. Tables seat eight guests.

Tickets for the raffle are \$2 each or three for \$5. Raffle winners do not need to be present. For more information, call (313) 640-0389.

— Margie Reins Smith



Some of the local models who participated in last year's American Girls Fashion Show are shown. In the back row, from left, are Molly Megargle, Maggie Clark, Amy Grinvalsky, Michele Yankson and Kelsey Gallagher. In the front row, from left, are Jennifer Stocking, Stephanie Kostjuk, Krystyna Iwanski, Lesley Dasaro and Ryan McClure.



Got to have 'h'Art'

The "h'Art of the season" art benefit, hosted by Gallerie 454 and the Grosse Pointe Artists Association in honor of the Children's Home of Detroit, was held on the weekend of Nov. 8-10.

Over 200 guests attended the Preview Party hosted on Nov. 8, and the following individuals and guests contributed their services to make this a successful weekend event: Gallerie 454, Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Sparky Herbert's, Caribou Coffee, Construct, Pip Printing of Grosse Pointe, The Arrangement, Vantage Valet, Nadia Marks, Bob DuRant, Woods Fine Wine & Spirits and Scroptimist International of Grosse Pointe.

In addition, more than 300 people attended the weekend's events, where guests were able to purchase pieces of artwork from the juried exhibit, including collectible holiday ornaments created by the artists and the children of the Children's Home. This year's benefit chairperson was Linda Finger, a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

Pictured in the photo from left are Chuck and Susan Galdica, honorary benefit co-chairs; Carol La Chiusa-DiSanto, first-place winner; Horst Uhr, juror; and Mary Ann and Art Van Elslander, honorary benefit co-chairs.



Photo by Susan Kyle Browne

Party for Ronald McDonald

It was a night of laughter and fun with comedian Rondell Sheridan at the Roostertail Club on Nov. 16 during a benefit for the Ronald McDonald House.

The evening included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, specially prepared by board members, and dinner. Grosse Pointe Shores resident Chuck Galdica from WDIV-TV was the emcee. Guests danced to music provided by Rick Crank of Sound Dimensions.

The event was attended by more than 225 guests and raised more than \$40,000 for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

At the event are, from left, Jodie Blankenship of Grosse Pointe, Kristin Carlson of Rochester, Errol Services of Warren and Jim Thrower of Detroit.

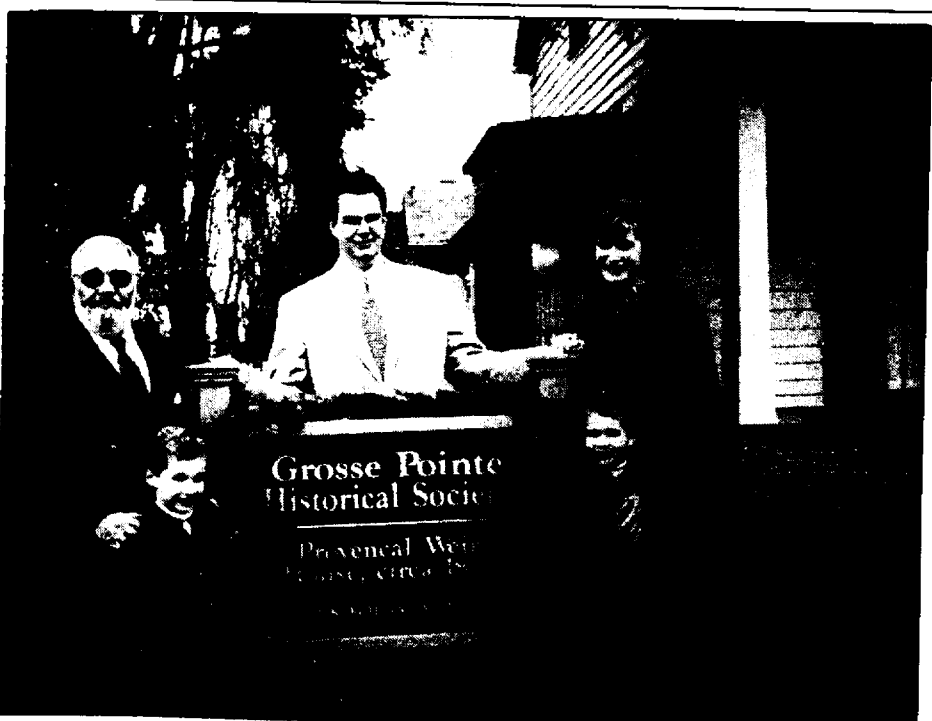


Photo by Nancy Solak

Provencal-Weir House gets new sign

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's headquarters is sporting a new lawn sign. The marker was unveiled on Dec. 8, to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the historic house.

The Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, was built around 1823 by Pierre Provencal, one of Grosse Pointe's early French settlers.

The society successfully raised \$25,000 for the restoration of the house. The funds matched a grant established by Leon Mandel of Grosse Pointe Farms in memory of his late wife, Olivia Mandel, past president of the society.

From left, are Leon Mandel, Dutch and Becky Mandel. In front, are Clay and Matt Mandel.

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will offer boating safety course

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will offer a 10-week course to the public on boating safety. Classes will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday, beginning Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Registration will be in Room 312 on the first night of class.

Topics of the 10 sessions will include rules of the road, navigation, VHF radio use, trailer-

ing, anchoring, charting on Lake St. Clair, marine law enforcement, weather and more.

The cost of the course is \$30, which includes a text and binder, a Lake St. Clair chart and an exam fee. Additional family members may enroll for \$18 each. Plotting instruments will be available at additional cost.

The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is a local branch of the United States Power Squadrons, a private non-profit boating organization devoted to education for sail and power boating enthusiasts as well as social and fraternal pursuits.

For more information about the boating safety class or the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, call (313) 885-5005.

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The Pastor's Corner Listen for the call

By the Rev. Jack Eugene Giguere
Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church

The Miami Herald newspaper polled 1,002 parents about their dreams for their children. What they discovered was that 63 percent don't want their children to grow up to be president.

Those polled said the head of the country has less influence than journalists, judges, lawmakers, and lobbyists.

On the other hand, they'd rather see their daughters and sons in the Oval Office than on the silver screen. No one wanted their child to be a movie star. The fields they'd like their child to pursue were:

Professor	77 percent
Doctor	76 percent
Minister	70 percent
Governor	63 percent
Carpenter	61 percent
Mayor	59 percent
Professional athlete	55 percent
Lawyer	54 percent
Police officer	46 percent

Naturally I found it interesting to see minister so high on the list.

It got me thinking. How many have entered the professional ranks of the clergy from the Grosse Pointes?

My church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist, has produced seven pastors over the past 20 years. No doubt the other churches in the Pointes have done the same. Has anyone compiled such a list? It might be an interesting project for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

What about you? Do you find yourself dissatisfied with making money as your chief goal in life? Are you bored with the goal of a secure, though uninteresting, job?

Do you ever wonder why God permits so much suffering in the world, especially among people who you know are good people?

Do you have, at times, a genuine desire to be of service to human beings in general or to some individuals in particular?

Do you get annoyed with those who won't tithe to their church but will spend several hundred dollars on an evening out? Have you been more interested in establishing understanding of truth (or behavior) that will include rather than exclude people?

Do you have some sense of the power of the unseen in life? Do you believe that "seeing is believing" is inadequate as a basis for living? When you are able to do the right

See Pastor
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The Rev. John Chalmers and Liz Chalmers

Church hosts ecumenical minister couple

The Rev. John Chalmers and his wife, Liz Chalmers of Scotland, have accepted an appointment as the 1997 ecumenical minister couple at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church from Jan. 3 to 20.

The Chalmers will conduct a morning cultural academy each day from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Jan. 6-10, focusing on the Church of Scotland and the history, culture, music and food of Scotland.

There will be no charge for the five sessions. Those who wish to attend should call the church at (313) 882-5330.

The Rev. John Chalmers will

also preach at both services on Sunday, Jan. 5, and will present a lecture at the Lay Theological Academy at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Chalmers live in Dunfermline, about 10 miles from Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh, where they both work in the head offices of the Church of Scotland.

John Chalmers is the deputy general secretary in charge of ministry development and continuing education for the 1,300 full-time ministers of the Church of Scotland. Liz Chalmers is an administrative

assistant who looks after the recruitment selection process of candidates for the ministry.

John Chalmers was ordained in 1979 and spent the first seven years of his ministry in the parish of Renton. Although Renton is only a few miles from Loch Lomond, it has one of the highest rates of unemployment in Scotland.

"I have never forgotten that my roots in ministry are with the poor," he said. "It continues to be a matter of great concern to me that the church find new ways of relating to those who are often marginalized by the mainstream church."

After Renton, there were nine busy years in the West End congregation of Palmerston Place, Edinburgh. The contrast was immense, he said, but the challenge to reach beyond the walls of the building out into a largely unchurched population in a post-Christian culture was just as it had been in Renton.

"We look forward to the immense insight into Scotland's current socio-economic situation and Christian climate, which the Chalmers bring to the Memorial members and the community," said the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon, Memorial's pastor. "We also expect to find some parallels between our outreach efforts."

G.P. Baptist Church hosts speaker

Barry Leventhal will visit Grosse Pointe Baptist Church for a weekend of speaking, worshiping and leading a field trip from Friday, Jan. 31 through Sunday, Feb. 2.

Leventhal was a Jewish collegiate football star and is a graduate of UCLA. He has devoted his life and work to enriching families and relationships through teaching the Scriptures.

On Friday evening, Jan. 31, Leventhal will address the annual Men's Buck Dinner on the subject of his conversion experience.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m., the public is invited to hear Leventhal speak on "Theological Perspectives on the Holocaust."

Leventhal spent 2 1/2 years in Europe researching the topic and wrote a groundbreaking thesis on the subject for a doctor of theology degree in 1982.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m., Leventhal will speak at the morning worship service at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. On Sunday afternoon he will accompany a field trip (limited to 60 participants) to the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield.

Guides will conduct a two-hour tour of the museum, and participants will hear from a Holocaust survivor. The group will return to Grosse Pointe Baptist Church for further reflections with Leventhal.

The public is invited to the Saturday lecture and the worship service on Sunday, for which there is no charge. Registration is required for the field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center, and there will be a nominal charge for lunch and transportation.

For more information, call (313) 881-3343.



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<p>CHRIST CHURCH OF GROSSE POINTE 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236 885-4841</p> <p>Saturday, December 28 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p> <p>The First Sunday after Christmas - December 29 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Christmas Hymn Sing*</p> <p>Holy Name Day - Wednesday, January 1, 1997 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p> <p>*Nursery Care Provided 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. 885-4841</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church A Friendly Church for All Ages 211 Moross Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms 886-2363</p> <p>9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH A STEPHEN MINISTRY and LOGOS Congregation</p>	<p>Grosse Pointe Baptist Church A Christ Centered, Caring Church Committed to Youth and Community</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 AM Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM 21336 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods Phone: (313) 881-3343</p>	<p>THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>Saturday, December 28 and Sunday, December 29, 1996 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, December 31, 1996 and Wednesday, January 1, 1997 FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY Mass on Tuesday - 4:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, January 4 and Sunday, January 5, 1997 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Mass on Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday - 11:15 a.m. (Children's Liturgy)</p> <p>Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12, 1997 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mass on Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday - 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>St. Ambrose Church is located at 15020 Hampton Avenue between Wayburn and Maryland, one block north of Jefferson, immediately west of the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. Telephone: (313) 822-2814.</p>		

Asthma: It's not just sneezes and sniffles

By Dr. Thad H. Joos
Special Writer

When you hear that a child has asthma, what's the first image that comes to mind? Perhaps it's of a little one with an irritating cough — certainly nothing to worry about and probably something he or she will grow out of. After all, what can possibly be the harm of a few coughs, sneezes and sniffles?

Unfortunately, plenty.

In Michigan, about every 34 in every 10,000 children under the age of 15 have asthma. The rate for children under age 5 is approximately three times that for children



Dr. Thad H. Joos

5 to 14, and boys have an incidence rate 1.7 times higher than girls. For African-Americans, the rate is three times higher and continues to rise. These statistics show that asthma is a very common illness that may well be a significant burden on the involved child and family.

During the 10-year period from 1985 to 1994, 62 Michigan children died from asthma. Death rates were higher among African-Americans, especially among African-American children between the ages of 10 and 14. A whopping 60 percent of those deaths (37 children) occurred in Wayne County.

Knowing these statistics, can you ever look at asthma as merely a harmful little nuisance? I hope not.

During an asthma attack, the interior lining of the bronchi (breathing tubes in the lungs) becomes inflamed, causing swelling and increased phlegm (mucus).

To complicate this condition even more, the small muscles that surround the bronchi often begin to tighten, leading to coughing, wheezing and labored breathing because the mucus cannot be moved easily through a breathing tube made smaller by the muscle action and swelling.

Asthma in children may be aggravated by pets, pollens, molds, dust mites, second-hand smoke, personal smoking and industrial pollution. It frequently has a hereditary predisposition.

With winter just around the corner, children will most likely find themselves indoors more, which can further aggravate asthma. In addition, winter brings more respiratory infections. A child without asthma can usually recover from a respiratory infection within three to five days, but for the child with asthma, the recovery may take closer to two or three weeks and set off a chain of events that could lead to more complications if not treated.

Because there is no "cure" for asthma, the best way to manage the disease is through early intervention. That's why hospitals across the United States, including St. John Hospital and Medical Center, are developing detailed action plans, called protocols, to assist them in the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric asthma.

The need for pediatric asthma protocols is not only being driven by the statistics I mentioned earlier, but is also part of insurance companies' and consumers' demands for high-quality health care at a lower cost. Developed by a team of physicians from St. John Medical Group, PC and health care professionals (which include specialists in pharmacy, nursing, respiratory therapy, home care and hospital administration), the protocol provides a methodical, step-by-step method for diagnosing and treating the disease.

One of the most important aspects of the pediatric asthma protocol is the educational component which makes treatment of asthma a partnership between the physician, the patient and the parents. Education includes providing patients and parents with easy-to-understand written materials and instructions on how to use a peak flow meter. To underscore their commitment to education, St. John Medical Group, has distributed 2,500 educational booklets to give to children.

The peak flow meter is an inexpensive (\$25-\$30) device a child can use at home to monitor how well his or her asthma is being controlled, thereby making it a valuable tool for self-management. A recent survey conducted by St. John Medical Group, however, showed that only 33 percent of children with asthma had a peak flow meter at home.

The peak flow meter can be used effectively as an early warning indicator. Regular peak flow measurements in the morning and at night can often pick up signs of deteriorating breathing capability before it is even obvious to the child or parents. The child simply blows as hard and fast as possible into the meter, which then measures how fast he can breathe out. The reading on the meter will be less than expected when his breathing tubes have become obstructed.

By using the pediatric asthma practice protocol, St. John Medical Group and St. John Hospital hope to provide greater patient education and increase the use of the peak flow meter, thereby helping to reduce the number of emergency room visits and hospitalizations as a result of pediatric asthma attacks.

Because asthma often goes unreported or is misdiagnosed, it is important for parents to know the signs of asthma which include:

- Persistent night cough
- Coughing after exercise or active play
- Persistent cough after a respiratory infection
- Frequent bouts of "bronchitis," because what is often diagnosed in children as bronchitis is actually asthma.

If your child shows any of these signs, you should see your doctor. Remember, asthma is not harmless but it can be managed and early intervention is the key.

Dr. Thad H. Joos of Grosse Pointe Woods is a staff allergist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. For more information about asthma treatment, call (800) 237-5646.



Bon Secours volunteer Fred Schreiber was presented with the "Thanks for Giving" award by honorary chairperson Chuck Gaidica, weatherman at WDIV-TV, on Nov. 6 at the Athenum Hotel International Banquet and Conference Center in Detroit. Pictured with Schreiber, of Grosse Pointe, are, from left, Nancy Day, director of Volunteer Services at Bon Secours Hospital, and Gaidica.

Hospital volunteer earns 'Thanks for Giving' award

Bon Secours volunteer Fred Schreiber of the City of Grosse Pointe was honored as one of 10 outstanding health care volunteers in the tri-county area by the Thanks for Giving committee. The event, emceed by honorary chairperson Grosse Pointe Chuck Gaidica, weatherman at WDIV-TV, took place Nov. 6 at the Athenum Hotel international banquet and conference center in Detroit.

Schreiber, 88, began his volunteer career at Bon Secours in 1989. Since he lives near the hospital, he checks in daily to see where he might be needed. During the 25 to 35 hours he spends each week as a volunteer, he distributes daily patient lists, delivers flowers, assists the volunteer services staff and delivers print shop materials. He also serves as an admitting escort and a preoperative holding volunteer.

Mike Serilla, acting executive vice president/administrator, congratulated Schreiber on winning the award and commended him for his significant contribution to Bon Secours. "Volunteers contribute the most important gift they can, their time. It's taking the time to provide a kind gesture or word that helps us provide compassionate care to our patients. They are our ambassadors of good will," said Serilla.

The Thanks for Giving luncheon is sponsored by the directors of Volunteers Services in health care facilities in metropolitan Detroit.

St. John pulmonary rehab helps patients breathe easier

"I was able to walk to the point at Metro Beach and back and I hadn't been able to do that for the last three years," said Robert Lipke of Detroit. "My wife says my outlook on life has changed."

Lipke is referring to the results of a six-week program at the St. John Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center that teaches people with various respiratory diseases how to better manage problems that accompany chronic shortness of breath.

Having just completed its third anniversary, the center has graduated 140 patients. Of these, 60, including Lipke, continue in the maintenance program. Each month, 450 to 500 patient visits take place.

Like all participants, Lipke took classes that provided information about his disease, about improving self-care, reducing infection risks and alleviating the anxiety, frustration and depression that goes hand-in-hand with an ever-increasing cycle of inability to handle activities of daily living.

"We strive to increase our clientele's knowledge base, but the key in changing and improving self-care methods is in what can be called demonstrated victories," said Dr. Mario Benvenuto of Grosse Pointe Farms, chief of pulmonary medicine at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. "We physically recondition our patients to increase their tolerance of activities, as well as teaching them breathing exercises and techniques so that their breathing will better sup-

port them. "By focusing on proper breathing, exercise and good health choices, our patients feel better, do more and handle problems more confidently."

These changes haven't come easy or overnight. Patients work hard and feel good about their accomplishments.

Pat Klein of Roseville said family and friends have told her: "It's the best we've seen you in years."

More important, she said, "This (maintenance program) is a permanent thing I'll be doing for the rest of my life because I can see it makes a difference."

"As part of the changing trends in health care, the center seeks to promote patients' self-awareness and control over the course of their illnesses," said Jacqueline Croaker, coordinator of the center. "The facility is expanding and improving to accommodate the growing number of maintenance program patients."

"St. John was always a place I came to due to illness; now I come for health. That's neat," said patient Gertrude Rouse of Eastpointe.

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Women: Resolve to quit smoking in 1997

By Dr. Fredric Frigoletto
President, American College of Obstetricians, Gynecologists

If you are a smoker, how about making this the year you quit?

One-third of American women continue to smoke despite the well-publicized hazards. Women who smoke cut their life short by 10 years and are twice as prone to heart disease and cervical cancer and 12 times as prone to lung cancer as women who don't smoke. Smokers also have higher risks of infertility and osteoporosis.

Women smokers may be addicted to nicotine or fear they'll gain weight if they quit. Although it's not easy, it is possible to break free of smoking. You can regain heart and lung power, and reduce life-shortening risks to nearly those of non-smokers — without increasing your dress size.

Remember, it often takes more than one try and several methods to become a successful ex-smoker. Here are some tips:

• Enlist support. Your physician can advise you on techniques that may help control weight gain and withdrawal symptoms — perhaps biofeedback, hypnosis, nicotine chewing gum or skin patches. Or contact a support group through the local chapters of the American Lung Association or American Cancer Society.

• Try several techniques. If quitting cold turkey seems too drastic, try approaching a target "quit" date gradually. Over

time, smoke fewer cigarettes and less of each one, delay lighting the cigarette by an hour, and so on.

• Use distraction tactics. Resist urges to smoke by putting something in your mouth such as sugarless gum; by keeping your hands busy; by exercising; or by taking several slow, deep breaths. Urges often pass in five minutes. Temptations are tough during the first two weeks, but by resisting them now you increase the chances of kicking the habit permanently.

• Avoid reminders. On your quit date, remove ashtrays and lighters, clean your clothes to destroy the cigarette smell, and spend time in smoke-free places such as movie theaters or libraries.

• Move your body. On average, most women gain five pounds after quitting, but the weight usually disappears after the first year. Even before you quit, it helps to do aerobic exercises, such as brisk walking. These activities burn fat, control hunger and ease withdrawal symptoms (like irritability) that often occur in the first two weeks after quitting.

• Eat sensibly. Eat the right amounts of protein, carbohydrates and fat; drink a glass of water before each meal; and snack on fruits and vegetables or other low-fat, low calorie foods.

Make quitting smoking the best New Year's resolution you ever kept.

Henry Ford Health System seeks volunteer patients

Researchers at Henry Ford Health System are seeking men and women ages 55 to 74 to help determine whether medical tests to detect some of the most common cancers reduce the number of deaths from the disease.

Called the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial (PLCO), the study is the largest-ever national cancer screening trial. It will include a total of 148,000 men and women in 10 cities.

"Almost 80 percent of cancers occur in people 55 and older," said Dr. Ronald Fogel, a gastroenterologist and principal investigator of the PLCO trial at Henry Ford Health

System. "Prostate, lung, colorectal and ovarian cancers account for nearly half of all cancers diagnosed and half of all cancer deaths in the United States."

The tests may detect these cancers before symptoms develop. Although it is not known whether treatments at this stage will reduce the chance of dying, some cancer screening tests do reduce the number of deaths from the disease, such as Pap smears, which reduce deaths from cervical cancer.

Men and women interested in participating in the PLCO trial should contact Henry Ford Health System at (313) 874-6725.

IN TOUCH WITH YOUR SKIN

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Skin is your body's largest, and most visible organ, which is composed of two layers:

- the upper layer of skin is called the epidermis, which serves as a protective barrier.
- the second layer, called the dermis, is primarily composed of collagen. Collagen provides support to your skin.

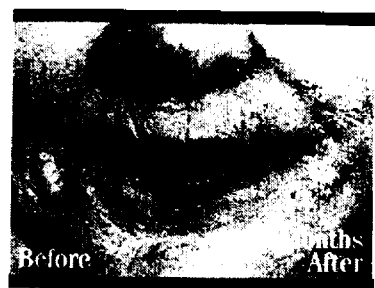
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Looking back on another full year of travel columns . .

Once again, another year has flown by. Fortunately, 1996 was a year that I visited many wonderful places. I've shared most of them with you and will be writing about some of them in the months to come. Here's how it went:

January: Off to Paradise Island in the Bahamas for the board meeting of the Society of American Travel Writers (SATW). Stayed at the huge, new and pretty fabulous Atlantis resort. It poured rain for three days, so it didn't matter much that we were cooped up in lower level meeting rooms. Both adults and kids will have fun at this island megaplex.

Then a cruise in Costa Rica aboard the Temptress. This was great fun because it was totally different than regular cruises: The main activity is hiking and exploring the rain forests. Very casual. Good group, good fun and at a very reasonable price. I still think that offbeat cruises on small ships is the way to go.

February: We were heading to the Miami Boat Show, but first stopped off in Orlando to take a look at the new Disney Institute. Spent two days experiencing this new vacation concept: learning while you play. I think it is going to be a winner.

After Miami, we headed to the Bahamas for a week aboard a 52-foot Hattaras with friends. Visited several islands. Enjoyed seeing how Port Lucaya has really expanded into a shopping area on Grand Bahama Island.

March/April: I had never visited Spain and wondered about what attracted so many visitors: It is the No. 2 tourist destination in the world, after France. So accepted the opportunity to spend three days in Barcelona and another three days in Madrid. Fell in love with Barcelona, a marvelously cosmopolitan city on the sea



By Cynthia Boal Janssens

with many French influences. Can't wait to take Chet there. Was less entranced with Madrid; however, the Palace Hotel was fabulous and the Prado Museum makes the entire stop worthwhile. The Goya and Valesquez exhibits are outstanding.

May: Visited Hot Springs, Ark., where I luxuriated in the hot baths (it took me an entire afternoon to learn the procedure), visited Bill Clinton's boyhood home (and heard many stories about his legendary mom) and took a cruise on a lake. After Hot Springs, I visited the Ozarks and fell in love with the funky little town of Mountain View where folk music is played by

locals in the main square every night and on weekends. . . weather permittin', of course. Also enjoyed Eureka Springs, a lovely little town full of art galleries and bed-and-breakfasts. I can recommend the Inn at Rose Hall.

At the end of May, I visited Lancaster County, Pa., home to America's largest concentration of "plain people." It was a perfect time of year to appreciate the picture-perfect farms, operated by Amish and Mennonite families. It is fun to drive around, stopping at individual farms and homes to purchase local crafts. The quilts, particularly, are outstanding. The food is hearty, fattening and yummy. We stayed at the Historic Strasburg Inn, which is quite nice. There are also many B&B's in the area.

June: Another SATW board meeting took me to Nashville. It was extremely hot and humid in Nashville, so it was harder to appreciate time spent outdoors. We did have a nice cruise on the General Jackson showboat and enjoyed a performance at the restored Ryman Auditorium. The Opryland Hotel had just opened a new addition called The Delta, with a magnificent glass dome, solidifying its position as one of the proudest huge hotels anywhere.

July/August: We moved into our renovated home in northern Michigan. No travel for these two months or I would have been tempting divorce.

September: The SATW national convention and a new

grandchild lured us West. The meeting was in Idaho, so first we went to Sun Valley where we got to see one of the fabled ice shows and Chet took in some fly-fishing. We spent some time in Haley, the town which Bruce Willis and Demi Moore are pretty much making their own.

Then on to Boise for the convention, after which we spent five days rafting on the Main Salmon River with Dave Warren, owner of Warren River Expeditions. We traveled through class-3 and -4 rapids and appreciated the fact that we stayed in lodges every night instead of camping on the beaches. There were 12 people on two oar boats. We also had the opportunity to kayak on the river. Most everyone tried it but Chet and I were the only ones who tipped ours! Hey, it was a big hole in a big rapid . . .

Then we went out to the San Francisco Bay area to see our new granddaughter, Montana Roney Janssens (maternal grandpa is Bob Roney of GP Shores). We stayed at a lovely bed-and-breakfast in San Rafael named the Gerstle Park Inn and had the opportunity to visit Muir Woods (to see the giant redwoods), Mount Tamalpais and the fun towns of Olema and Point Reyes. We are anxious to return and explore more of the area.

October: We've been members of Nomads, Detroit's air travel club, for some years now and don't travel with them as often as we'd wish. But this month we boarded the club's 727 for a short trip to Churchill, Manitoba, to see the annual polar bear migration. This is a perfect Nomads trip: One direct flight and we

were there. To get there commercially, you would have to fly to Toronto, then to Winnipeg, then to Churchill . . . an all-day affair. The bears are fascinating and most photogenic.

A week after our return, we flew to Bermuda where we arrived right along with Hurricane Lili. Fortunately, Lili decided to swing wide and a couple of days of rain were all we suffered. We spent most of our time visiting the island's unique cottage colonies (see report on Dec. 12).

November: My husband's national convention was in Palm Beach, Fla., and again it rained. However, we stayed at the Breakers, a lovely historic hotel which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Its public rooms, which are being painstakingly renovated, are worth a look even if you don't stay there. And shopping on Worth Avenue is fun, too, but pretty much out of my league.

A couple of weeks later, I went to Jamaica with fellow writers. We were visiting Port Antonio, a part of the island often overlooked by those who heavily promote Ocho Rios, Montego Bay and Negril. However, it rained and poured, day and night, for the entire five days. Roads flooded; commuter flights were canceled, as were almost all of our activities.

This is just about the only time that I can ever recall being totally rained out on a trip.

One positive part of the experience was a person: the maid who took care of my unit. I was staying in a one-bedroom apartment at Goblin

Hill Villas. These are house-keeping units that come with a maid who not only mops up leaks and cleans but also cooks three meals a day for you! Sylvia has been working for Goblin Hill for 10 years and personally tends No. 27, which is obvious in the flourishing house plants. She says if you come and stay in a larger unit, just request her as your maid. I was impressed with Port Antonio and hope to return for a better look.

December: Another month of playing catch-up. We did travel to Findlay, Ohio, to visit my family. Not exactly a tourist mecca, but the family gathering was fun anyway.

I wish you all a happy, prosperous and busy travel year in 1997.

Contact numbers for places and companies mentioned in this article:

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- Temptress Cruises: (800) 336-8423;
- Disney Institute, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.: (800) 282-9282;
- Inn at Rose Hall, Eureka Springs, Ark.: (501) 253-5405;
- Historic Strasburg Inn, Strasburg, Pa.: (800) 872-0201;
- Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.: (615) 889-1000;
- Warren River Expeditions, Salmon, Idaho: (208) 756-6387;
- Gerstle Park Inn, San Rafael, Calif.: (800) 726-7611;
- Nomads Air Travel Club: (313) 941-8000;
- The Breakers, Palm Beach, Fla.: (800) 833-3141;
- Goblin Hill Villas, Port Antonio, Jamaica: (800) 472-1148.

Engagements



Andrew David Ayrault and Kimberly Ann Reiter

Reiter-Ayrault

Richard and Rosalie Reiter of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Reiter, to Andrew David Ayrault, son of David and Merrie Gay Ayrault of Grosse Pointe Park. A June wedding is planned.

Reiter earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Wayne State University. She teaches second grade in Eastpointe.

Ayrault earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. He is a graphic artist with Skidmore Inc.

Gaca-Busch

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaca of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erica Alexandra Gaca, to Charles Henry Busch III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Busch Jr. of Rochester. A July wedding is planned.

Gaca graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and is a dental assistant.

Busch graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in finance. He is director of marketing with his family's business in Birmingham.



Erica Alexandra Gaca and Charles Henry Busch III

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Babies

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Hadley Elizabeth Munro

Wendy McBride Munro and Todd Wayne Munro of Indianapolis are the parents of a daughter, Hadley Elizabeth Munro, born Nov. 20, 1996. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Jill McBride of the City of Grosse Pointe. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs.

T. Wayne Munro of Bidwell, Ohio.

Devyn Jaclyn Gilbert and Cyndi Gilbert of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Devyn Jaclyn Gilbert, born Nov. 6, 1996. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Dorothy Knoblock of Warren. Paternal grandparents are Don and Olga Gilbert of Grosse Pointe Park. Great-grandmother is Betty Kline.

Amanda Kathryn Peters

Anthony and Janet Peters of Macomb Township are the parents of a daughter, Amanda Kathryn Peters, born Nov. 29, 1996. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent E. Scapini of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Anthony C. Peters Sr. of Warren and the late Kathleen A. Peters. Great-grandmother

is Maria Ottolini of Sterling Heights.

Alison Hayes Matthews Jim and Julie Matthews of Grosse Pointe Farms are the parents of a daughter, Alison Hayes Matthews, born Nov. 20, 1996. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Irene Ebner of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are James and Catherine Matthews of Warren.

Kevin Michael Biglin

Kevin and Margaret Biglin of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Kevin Michael Biglin, born Nov. 29, 1996. Maternal grandparents are Nicholas Nagrant of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Margaret Nagrant. Paternal grandparents are the late Peter E. Biglin and the late Fernando Biglin.

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By kathleen stevenson

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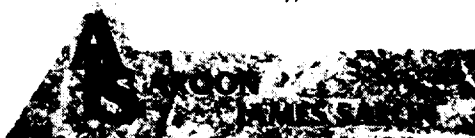


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