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WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Jan. 11
Over 500 students in grades 5-12 in the north end of the Grosse Pointe public school district will perform in Band-O-Rama 2002 in the Grosse Pointe North High School gym at 7 p.m. Featured performances include the new North drumline and the North jazz band. Admission is free.

Monday, Jan. 14
The Harper Woods City Council will meet for the first of its three goal-setting sessions for 2002 in the city council chambers at 7 p.m.
The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets in the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education will meet in the Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15
The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council will meet in the Shores municipal hall at 7 p.m.
Come to the Harper Woods Public Library for an evening of campfire songs and fun for all ages with Leslie Frederick at 6:30 p.m.
To register, call (313) 343-2575.

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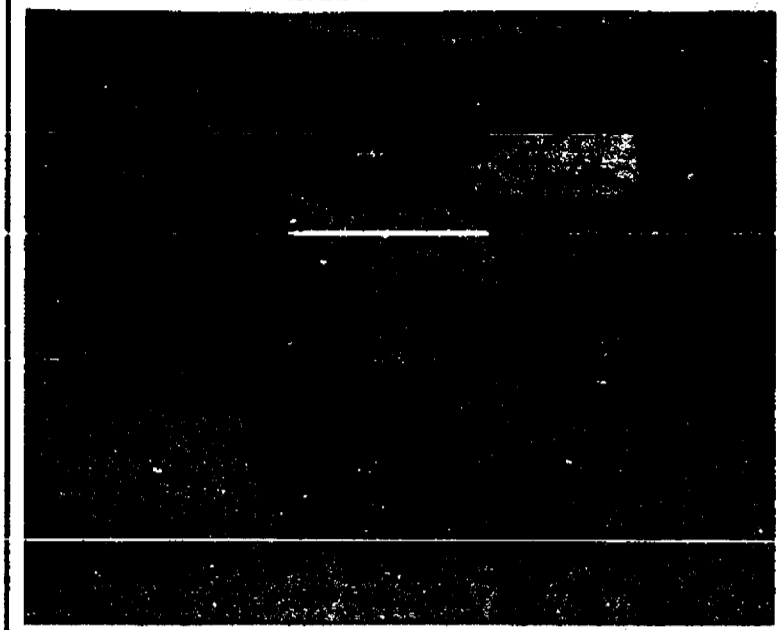


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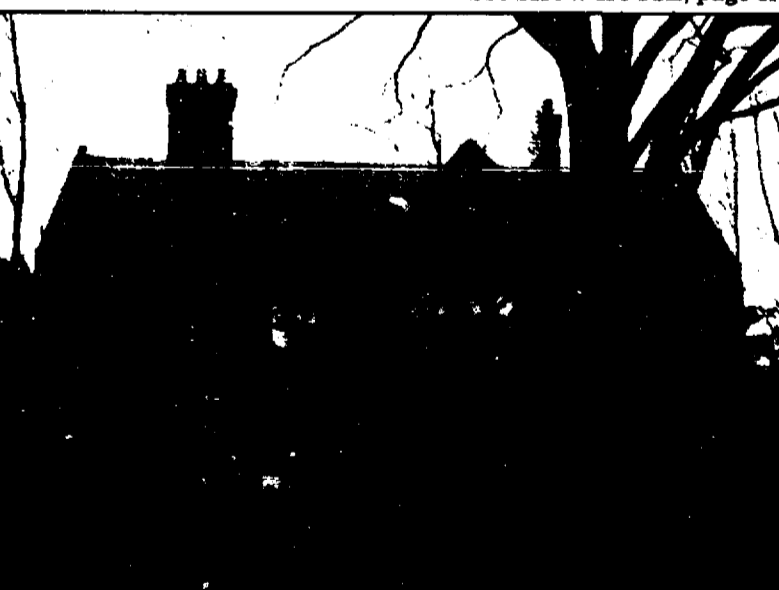
What's this?
A blow-up snowman, above, at Fisher and Waterloo/Ridge roads was as surprised as the rest of us to wake up Sunday morning and see the real thing on the ground. Fortunately for the vinyl snowman, he won't melt!
Below, from left, Megan, Claire and David DeBoer of Washington Road in the City of Grosse Pointe decided to think warm thoughts and make the best of it by decking out their snowman family for the beach.



Photo by Didi DeBoer

Junior League lands 2002 show house in the Farms

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer
Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City. This is a great opportunity to bring the show house back to the Farms. In fact, we feel it is the Farms' turn.
This year's show house is an 8,700-square-foot French Tudor that was built in 1906 and was moved to and reassembled at its current location on Provençal and Kercheval in 1930. The home boasts nine bedrooms, 7 1/2 bathrooms, a tennis court, a built-in swimming pool, carved wood and
"Recent show houses have been in
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This 1906 French Tudor on Provençal in Grosse Pointe Farms will be the site of the Junior League of Detroit 2002 show house May 4-27. It is the first Junior League show house in the Farms since 1982.

Schools forecast budgetary storm to strike in '02-03

By Melissa Walsh

"See change ahead: A budgetary storm begins to form," read the title of Chris Fenton's PowerPoint presentation to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education at its first meeting of 2002, Monday, Jan. 7.
Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs and support services for the Grosse Pointe school system, listed warning signs in sight for "a budgetary storm on the horizon."
Fenton warned that the weakened state economy, the limited growth in state revenues and a flat to modest increase in district-wide student enrollment will lead to an approximately \$3.2 million shortfall in revenue for the 2002-03 school general operation budget.
Fenton said the sluggish economy will mean the first real test for Proposal A, which went into effect in 1995 and had not been affected by a recession — until now.
The law was designed to cut property taxes and reduce the revenue gap between "rich" and "poor" districts across the state.
Proposal A froze locally voted school millages at the 1994 base level, reduced local taxpayers' school property taxes and limited the growth of a home's taxable value to 5 percent or the rate of inflation.
Further tightening state control over how much local districts can receive through taxes, Proposal A prohibited a per pupil increase by a local millage.
Before 1995, 97 percent of the Grosse Pointe school system's funding came directly from locally voted taxes. After Proposal A, 67 percent of its revenue base came via state management of property tax distribution.
Since 1995, the state has approved modest annual revenue increases for the Grosse Pointe school system that have not been in line with inflation rates or the cost of living increases the district must pay its employees.
While on the average schools across the state have

been receiving about a 4 percent annual increase since Proposal A was put in place, many Metro Detroit districts have been receiving less due to the state's initiative to close the revenue gap.
Dubbed a "wealthier" district by the state, the Grosse Pointe school system's increase in a state foundation allowance since 1995 is 13.1 percent.
In the same category are Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham, each with a 14 percent increase while poorer districts like Pinkney and Hamtramck benefited from 45 percent and 44 percent increases, respectively.
Fenton said that in a strong state economy, Proposal A accomplished what it was designed to do: It capped increases in property taxes, funded similar school districts with modest annual revenue increases and tightened state control over districts whose main source of revenue previously came directly from local taxpayers.
With the downturn in the economy, the state is projecting a \$289 million deficit in school funding for the next school year. Therefore, Fenton will plan conservatively. Anticipating a freeze in state aid for "rich" districts, he will not count on the average 2.2 percent annual increase the district had been receiving since 1995.

As a result, Fenton said, "A deficit of that amount means shrinking expenses to such a degree that it affects people and programs."
However, Fenton noted as one positive result, "Proposal A has forced districts to look at the expense side instead of the revenue side. It has forced districts to find creative ways to save money."

Despite the state funding freeze, the Grosse Pointe school system still must meet salary increases for cost of living, rising retirement costs, the Sept. 11-driven increases in property/casualty insur-

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POINTER OF INTEREST
Michael Lesperance

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Age: 54
Family: Wife, Dawn; daughters Melissa, 25, and Megan, 21
Occupation: Detroit Mounted Police officer
Quote: "I like serving and helping people. That led me to the mounted section."
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Michael Lesperance

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has invited the public to tour the new John Montieth and Charles A. Poupard elementary schools this Sunday afternoon.

■ A vote of the residents two years ago authorized construction of both buildings.

■ Some 3,000 Boy Scouts in District No. 3 of the Detroit Area Council, of which Grosse Pointe is a part, are expected to take part in the Klondike Derby this Sunday at Chandler Park.

■ The Scouts are praying for snow so they can try out the Alaskan dog sleds they built last month.

■ Once again, a last-minute rush of donors has made a Red Cross blood collection for the armed forces an outstanding success.

■ The mobile blood unit, which pulled into the Grosse Pointe War Memorial last Friday, pulled out with 173 pints of true-blue Grosse Pointe juice, a record for the community.

25 years ago this week

■ The Forever Family will pull up stakes on Roslyn. A member of the youthful religious group says they've decided to move and will probably be out of town by

the end of the week. The announcement pleased residents and police.

■ "There is another fellowship in Toledo and that's where most of us are going," said a Family member.

■ The outlook for the area's Food and Nutrition Program sponsored by Wayne County for senior citizens appears to grow richer with each passing day as interest in developing the plan continues to rise.

■ Now becoming settled after moving into a new site at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, a program official is looking forward to expanded community involvement.

■ After months of trying to keep the Punch and Judy Theater a going concern despite poor community patronage and problems getting quality films, the 50-year-old theater will be closed temporarily.

■ "We just can't keep the Punch open with only 45 people coming to the shows," said Robert G. Edgar, a part-owner. "Heating the place costs \$2,000 a month. We expect to reopen in a few months, though, to give it another try."

10 years ago this week

■ The Grosse Pointe

school board has narrowed the list of candidates for superintendent.

■ The list of six prospective superintendents has been reduced to three. Among those who made the cut is interim superintendent Suzanne Klein. She is the only candidate from Michigan.

■ Land occupied by the Grosse Pointe Nursery School on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods has been rezoned from one-family to two-family residential property.

■ The move opens the way for developers to build condominiums on the site.

■ The Assumption Cultural Center's new schedule of activities ushers in its 20th year of presenting quality educational and entertaining programming to residents of the east side.

5 years ago this week

■ The first big storm of winter has dumped nearly a foot of snow on the Grosse Pointes, closing schools.

■ Grosse Pointe Park will remain segregated from the rest of the Pointes regarding representation on the Wayne County Board of Commissions.

■ The decision comes from the Michigan Court of Appeals. Park officials are

25 years ago this week



Aspen it isn't ... but what fun it is

High-flying skier George Chryz of Grosse Pointe Woods makes it look easy. Chryz and about 100 sledders and skiers flocked to the Vernier ski hill in Grosse Pointe Shores on Jan. 10 to make something out of their unexpected holiday from school. While many motorists plowed through the estimated six inches of snow which fell in the area on Sunday night and Monday morning, thrill seekers of all ages schussed down any available hill on anything that would slide. (Photo by Tom Greenwood. From the Jan. 13, 1977 Grosse Pointe News.)

thinking of taking the issue to the state Supreme Court.

■ Ambulance service in Grosse Pointe Farms will be contracted to a private com-

pany, according to a vote by the city council.

■ The decision removes ambulance operations from the public safety depart-

ment. The service will be contracted to a company to be based out of Cottage Hospital. — Brad Lindberg

Farms sees changes in 2001

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The year 2001 was full of changes in Grosse Pointe Farms.

• Early this past spring, residents along Beverly Road shut their road off from traffic on Lakeshore.

• The residents of the private street lined with large homes had complained about students from neighboring Grosse Pointe South High School speeding and using the street to avoid traffic along Fisher Road.

• The cost of the project was borne by the residents of the Beverly Road Association.

• A 32-year-old murder suspect was found dead in the driveway of a Lakeshore residence late in the evening of March 17.

• Orlando Amezcua was wanted for the March 16 murder of his supervisor, Wallace Millard, of Metro Machine Works in Romulus.

• Amezcua called his wife on his cell phone shortly after the shooting and said he was going to kill himself. He was found dead in his truck around 11 p.m. the next day after a fatal, self-inflicted gunshot wound to his temple.

• Farms public safety officers did not know when Amezcua shot himself or why he picked the driveway of a home in the 100 block of Lakeshore.

• Two armed men made off with an undisclosed amount of cash and threat-

ened employees with a bomb at the National City Bank on Kercheval and Fisher in the early morning of April 2.

• The men entered the bank shortly after opening for business and herded staff into a vault. After grabbing cash and three night deposit bags, they told the employees they left a bomb outside the vault and told them not to move for 20 minutes.

• The Farms public safety department cleared the case after a similar bank robbery that took place in Sterling Heights later in April.

• An early morning traffic stop on McMillan led the public safety officers to the rescue of a Hill business owner who had been slashed in the throat, neck and face on May 1.

• William Edgar Hendrix, 30, of Hazel Park, was stopped by a Farms public safety officer who spotted Hendrix driving the wrong way on McMillan around 3 a.m. He was covered with blood and had the victim's pants and wallet.

• Public safety officers found the victim in his office on the Hill, then took him to St. John Hospital and Medical Center where he was admitted, treated and eventually released.

• Hendrix plead guilty to assault with attempt to commit murder and was sentenced to a six- to 20-year jail term.

• Cottage Hospital opened the doors to its Edith

McNaughton Ford Center for Radiation Oncology in April.

• The center, which opened April 24 and is equipped to handle up to 25 patients a day, provides full oncology continuing care for local patients.

• Citing personal and business reasons, Peter Waldmeir stepped down from the Farms city council in May.

• Former councilman John Crowley was chosen by the council to serve the remainder of Waldmeir's term, which ended in November.

• The Farms wrapped up 18 months of sewer construction at the end of June.

• Sewer construction was completed in December 2000, but road paving and sod replacement was delayed by unseasonable rains and not completed until July.

• The Hill continued to grow in 2001.

• Plans for a 40,000 square foot office building at the corner of Kercheval and Hall Place were reduced to accommodate a new 12,500 square foot retail and office building at 120 Kercheval.

• The plans were approved by the Farms city council by a 5-1 vote on Sept. 17 despite a three-hour public hearing where several local residents objected to the development.

• Local residents have pushed for changes in the site plan, which will be dis-



cussed before the council this month. Construction is expected to start this spring.

• Construction got underway in 2001 for a new retail/office building on the sites of the former Optical Library and the Upper Crust at 87 and 89 Kercheval and a second story addition at 75 Kercheval which will house Coliseum International Hair Design and the Upper Crust.

• While building boomed on the Hill in 2001, parking did not.

• The Farms never went past drawings for a two-story parking deck on Kercheval between McKinley and McMillan. The Farms acquired the land from the Grosse Pointe Public School System in a 1996 land swap, but the deed restriction on the property prohibited the building of a structure on that property on which the city maintains a lease-only parking lot.

• The Farms city council surprised McKinley and Fisher residents in October when it announced the city would agree to purchase two homes behind the Punch and Judy Building on McKinley.

• However, Farms mayor Ed Gaffney said in November that the city would not act beyond the agreement pending review by the city attorney.

• Farms residents came out in strong numbers on Election Day to vote four new members into the city council.

• Newcomers Terry Davis, James Farquhar Jr., Therese Joseph and Louis Theros claimed the four top of eight spots, putting out incumbent Lisa Gandelot, who brought in the sixth highest number of votes.

• Councilmen John Crowley, John Danaher and Martin West did not seek reelection.

• The new council voted to retain Ed Gaffney as mayor and Ron Kneiser as mayor pro tem at its November meeting.

• Matthew Rumora, who has served as municipal judge since 1988, ran unopposed.

G.P. Shores enjoys a peaceful year

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Like the glassy early morning calm of the water of Lake St. Clair, the village of Grosse Pointe Shores experienced a relatively peaceful year in 2001.

• The Shores village council nominated Karl Kratz to replace Cameron Piggott, who resigned from the council to move out of the metro Detroit area in February.

• Kratz missed winning a seat on the Shores council in the May 2000 election by just a few votes, but retained his seat along with incumbents Dr. James Cooper and Rose Garland Thornton in the May 2001 election.

• The council also made the role of parks and harbor supervisor permanent for Jim Cooke in June. Cooke worked as maintenance manager at Osius Park for 11 years before he stepped in the interim to replace Andy Rio, who stepped down from the position in 2000.

• Council members Jimmie Bloink Jr., Dr. Richard Mertz, Brian Hunt and a 16-resident ad hoc committee spent a good part of 2001 charting another new direction for the Shores parks, too.

• The committee was formed to work with Albert Kahn Associates to come up with a master plan for the Shores parks. They are expected to give a full report to the village council in January.

• Although not part of the formal Shores parks master plan, the Grosse Pointe Shores Foundation announced plans to construct a boardwalk along the shore of Osius Park,

although plans have not been finalized to date.

• In other park-related news, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge dismissed without prejudice a case which claimed the Shores and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club were at fault for and responsible for the removal of accretion along a 29-home stretch of Lake St. Clair.

• The complainants, Neighbors Concerned About Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE), said they planned to petition the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to find fault and responsibility as suggested by Judge Isidore Torres.

• NYCE represents five of the 29 affected households along the lake. Not all of the residents are following suit with the group.

• "No one elected NYCE to represent the community and they do not represent me," said Lakeshore resident Jack Caldwell. "I want the accretion managed in the way that best suits the community. The question is what do the citizens want the government to do."

• The year's end marked a couple of Pointe firsts in the Shores.

• The Shores had the first municipal court in the Pointes to install a walk-through metal detector, which was put in place in November. The Shores also installed a voice message system which can be programmed to simultaneously contact all of its residents with recorded messages about emergencies and special events in the village.

Glasnost? Farms mayor schedules office hours

Got a question, problem or concern? Ask the mayor.

• In attempt to be more accessible and open to Grosse Pointe Farms residents, mayor Ed Gaffney recently held the first of his open office hours at the Farms city hall on Saturday, Jan. 5.

• "There may be people who have a concern they have not had the opportunity to express to members of the city council, the city administration or me," Gaffney said. "My office is open to all Farms citizens. Anyone can come in and talk to me about anything they want to talk about."

• In keeping open office hours from the mayor's point of view, Gaffney said: "I think I know what's important and what the issues are. This is a good double-check. I think if one person speaks up, there have to be other people thinking the same thing."

• Office hours are on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary.

• Gaffney's next open office will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Future office hours will be posted on cable channel 22 and on the city's website at www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us.

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Woods jacks occupancy fee

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The cost for a certificate of occupancy will double this month in Grosse Pointe Woods despite criticism from three residents connected with the local real estate industry.

The hike to \$150 will take the burden off taxpayers who have been subsidizing certificates of occupancy for years, according to members of the city council.

"I expected an increase," said Realtor and Woods resident Nancy Velek. "But to double it is more than it should be."

The increase approved this week by the Woods city council was the first in 10 years.

Gene Tutag, head of the Woods building department, said it cost an average of \$145.30 to issue a certificate of occupancy in 2001. Last year, the city issued 458 cer-

tificates at a cost of \$66,547.40 — a loss of nearly \$32,000.

Velek disputed the way Tutag calculated the average cost of inspections. Using financial data supplied by the Woods comptroller, Tutag totaled the salaries of inspectors, added office expenses and "the typical overhead an office would encounter." He divided the sum by the number of inspections in 2001.

"Costs are starting to strangle us," said Eric Steiner, chairman of the city's finance committee. Citing a 20 percent increase in health care costs last year, and anticipating another 16 percent rise this year, Steiner said to critics, "You have to look at the big picture."

"I realize you want to cover expenses," said May Kaye Ferry, another Woods Realtor, "but maybe our

taxes should be used to pay coverage."

"I don't agree," said council member Vicki Granger.

Patti Chylinski, who wanted to hold the price to \$100, acknowledged \$150 wasn't a "huge amount of money."

She was the sole council member to vote against the increase.

Realtor Cindy Ireland, also a Woods resident, said, "We don't want it to cost twice as much to sell your house here as in the Farms, City and Park."

Certificates of occupancy for a single family dwelling cost \$65 in the City, Park and Harper Woods. It costs \$75 in the Farms. It's free in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"I have a problem with other taxpayers subsidizing the building department," said mayor Robert Novitke.

The increase becomes effective Jan. 30.



Farms Winterfest 2002

Like he did last year, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager Rich Solak, standing at right, hopes to officiate at the hockey puck contest to be held at the Farms' 10th annual Winterfest at Pier Park on Saturday, Jan. 19, from noon to 3 p.m. About 500 to 600 Farms residents and guests are expected to take part in a chili cook-off, ice fishing contest, ice skating races, as well as the hockey puck contest. Other events include a Siberian dog sled team, and ice carving demonstration and an ice diving and rescue demonstration and free refreshments. For more information or to register for the chili cook-off, call (313) 343-2405.

Jensen named deputy in Farms

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A familiar face on the streets of Grosse Pointe Farms is now deputy director of the Farms public safety department.

Twenty-four-year public safety department veteran Dan Jensen was named to the position on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Jensen replaces Sam Cardella, who retired in October 2001. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of police and fire services and report to public safety director Robert Ferber.

Jensen previously served as lieutenant and day shift commander of the department. He had received about

20 citations from the department, including two director's citations for his work in uncovering the serving of alcohol at Cracker Jack's nightclub in 1990 and for his work in a house fire.



Jensen

Jensen also worked in the Farms parks and harbor department on a seasonal basis while in high school and college before joining the public safety department.

Jensen, who calls himself a people person, is well-known by Farms business owners and residents by going out of his way to be sociable, friendly and accessible on and off the job.

"He's worked long and hard for this job," Ferber said. "He's not only an asset to the department, but to the community."

"I can never remember not wanting to do the police job," Jensen said. "It was my childhood dream."

Schools

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ance, the cost of maintaining old buildings and facilities and rising special education costs.

Even before the projected shortfall in revenue for next year, the district began applying measures to limit expenses, such as keeping salaries and staffing in line with like districts, introducing flexible employee benefits, postponing some projects and designing non-K-12 programs to be self-supportive.

The district has also secured additional support through obtaining grants for special learning opportunities, partnering with businesses, seeking corporate sponsorship and borrowing from its fund equity rather than from banks.

Installing a private phone system and purchasing gas directly were other cost-saving initiatives approved by the district.

Grosse Pointe public

schools have also benefited from an increase in PTO fundraising and gifts over the past few years, which have led to improvements in programs, buildings and facilities.

In addition, recent building renovations were financed through other revenue sources. A technology infrastructure was financed through a technology millage of \$2.5 million per year. The Durant Fund brought in \$2.6 million for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations. Non-voted bonds in 1987, 1989 and 2001 paid for boiler and window replacements in several of the district's buildings.

At the Monday, Jan. 14, school board meeting, Fenton will present part 2 of his "sea changes ahead" forecast, offering suggestions for what the district can do further to limit expenses next year given the projected shortfall.

Windmill Pointe Drive in the Park, netted about \$350,000 for the Cornerstone Schools.

Show house

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exotic marble fireplaces and a slate roof. It was once owned by the Briggs family of Briggs Stadium fame. It is currently listed with Sine and Monahan GMAC Real Estate for \$2,499,500.

Designers have not yet been selected to decorate the house's 18 rooms.

The Junior League previously approached the Farms city council in October for permission to host a show house on Cloverly. The Junior League rescinded its request after neighbors expressed concerns about traffic and parking on the narrow two-lane boulevard.

Several residents appeared before the council to laud the Junior League for its efforts, but expressed concern about parking in the area. However, Farms public safety director Robert Ferber assured the council and residents that there was enough parking in the area to accommodate the show house during its peak times.

Proceeds from the show house will benefit the Detroit Public Library's Monteith Library and its educational and cultural programs for neighborhood youth.

The Junior League's 2000 show house, where actress Julie Andrews grew up in on

Farms city council wiggles out of McKinley purchases

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Two houses on McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms will remain part of the street's residential charm.

Farms mayor Ed Gaffney was met with applause at the Farms city council's Monday, Jan. 7, meeting when he announced that the city would not purchase two houses behind the Punch and Judy Building.

"The city will not go forward with the purchase of those homes based upon review by our city attorney," Gaffney said. "The issue of the purchase of those two homes is off the table. It's not being considered. It's not going to happen."

Homeowners on McKinley between Kercheval and Ridge were shocked in October when they received hand-delivered letters informing them the Farms

city council agreed to accept offers from the owners of 159 and 163 McMillan to purchase their homes and that the city intended to raze them to construct a 33-spot parking lot. After being

bombarded with protests, Judith Paul, owner of 163 Gaffney announced in November that the city

would look into backing out of the agreement.

Patrice Thomas, owner of 159 McKinley, told the Grosse Pointe News she had no comment on the matter. Judith Paul, owner of 163 Kercheval, could not be reached by press time.

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Riding with pride

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In a barn on what used to be the northern frontier of old Detroit, life hasn't changed much in more than a century.

Cats still watch for mice. Horses still kick stall doors to order extra drinks of water. Officers serving one of the nation's oldest mounted police units still saddle up and ride tall.

"You take an oath of office to protect and serve," said the present mounted division's longest serving member, Mike Lesperance of Grosse Pointe Park, 54.

In February, officer Lesperance will have 32 years on the job, 24 as a mountie. He'll probably retire next year. The move will end a 15-year partnership with Randy, a mischievous registered Morgan gelding whose smooth, shiny brown coat comes alive under Lesperance's brushing.

"We have never failed the city," Lesperance said of the unit. "We deliver — anything they've ever asked us."

Lesperance reflects an esprit de corps dating to the mounted division's founding in 1893. Duty in the saddle has been a long and rewarding ride for the lifelong city boy. He didn't have a horse background before transferring to the mounted unit in 1977.

"I'd worked the streets in patrol cars and as a plain clothes officer," he said, referring to assignments with the 5th Precinct on East Jefferson. "I was always interested in the mounted section. They were very professional."

The rewards of his decision came fast and steady.

"It gave me different perspective on the job," he said. "I like serving and helping people. That led me to the mounted section."

Mounties on patrol are approached by the public almost constantly.

"The horse is a catalyst for conversation," Lesperance said. "People come up and want to pet the horse, they want to interact with us. It's a very important part of our job. It humanizes us and gives people a different perspective of police."

The mounted division is one of the most prestigious units of the Detroit police department.

"I found it very gratifying that every time a president or foreign dignitary came to

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town, the mounted section was part of the security team," Lesperance said. He's helped protect Pope John Paul II and every United States President from Jimmy Carter through George W. Bush.

Lesperance also rides with the mounted drill team. Since the 1990s, the team has practiced U.S. Cavalry moves to sharpen riding skills. The team performs for thousands of viewers each year at the Michigan State Fair. At last year's fair, Randy won a blue ribbon as the team's top horse.

"I received the trophy," Lesperance said. "But you don't do it alone."

In 1992, the team performed with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as part of an international convention of police chiefs. The military-style performance included bugle corps, bagpipes and drum corps. Nearly 6,000 delegates from around the world attended.

"In terms of horsemanship and riding," Lesperance said, "that was one of the highlights of my career. It was a lot of pomp and ceremony."

Lesperance and Randy were also members of the color guard in last year's Grosse Pointe Village Santa Parade.

Lesperance's career has had a lot of ups, but one very big down. In the mid-1980s, he was breaking in a rookie horse that reared and toppled backward. Lesperance was trapped underneath. He has four metal pins in his right hip to prove it.

"Breaking a new horse is an experience," he said. "Horses are broken gradually."

"We err in favor of the horses," Lesperance said. "We don't want to break the trust of the horses. That trust is paramount. We will never violate that."

The bond between officer and partner held firm following the Detroit Tigers' victory in the 1984 World Series. The post-game celebration outside Tiger Stadium at Michigan and Trumbull turned into a drunken riot that scored headlines across the country. Thirty-two mounties were on hand.

"We spent the whole night with that crowd," Lesperance said. "The horses proved invaluable, especially when I was pelted

with bottles and rocks." The animals flinched but didn't retreat.

"They stand their ground because they've transferred their trust to us," Lesperance said. "That's all you can expect of them. You'll never make them unafraid."

Through the retirement of officers and horses, the mounted unit has been reduced from 60 horses in the 1970s to 19. Manpower has dropped to four permanent officers, two sergeants, a lieutenant and four civilians, including a trainer.

At the unit's main barn and patrol headquarters at 100 East Bethune, two blocks east of the Fisher Building, Lesperance cares for the herd.

"This building has been here for more than 100 years," he said of the two-story brick structure. "This was built as the main mounted facility when this was the edge of the city. These stables have been used for generations."

His voice echoed slightly among the stalls. Veteran horses stood by listening, their ears perked.

"The average age of this herd is 18-to-20 years old," Lesperance said. "It's like having a group of specialized employees who are between 54 and 60 years old."

Chuck, a mixed quarter horse nearing the end of his career, stuck his nose from between the metal bars of his stall. Lesperance petted him.

"He's a little nipper. He likes to test you constantly," Lesperance said.

Flash, a small Arabian-quarter horse mix, lives one stall over.

"Flash is a real pest," Lesperance said. "He nags and needles other horses to the point where he, really aggravates them."

Joy, the unit's only mare, rested on her belly in the stall next to Flash.

Randy, Lesperance's partner since the late 1980s, wanted out of his stall. At 21, Randy's age equates to a 63-year-old man.

"He's very active and playful," Lesperance said, about to give him a drink of water. "He's still somewhat adolescent. He likes to nip on clothing, rub and scratch against you."

Randy is sort of a character. He wears a collar, like a big dog, and has to be tied with a rope because he's learned to remove his bridle. He'll rub the bridle over his ears and let the heavy bit fall out of his mouth to the floor.

"He was prone to leaving his stall, getting hay and water, and pestering his buddies," Lesperance said.

Another horse, Lightning, now retired, was known for trying to snatch women's purses. He was looking for snacks.

"If we have a horse with a bad temperament, we can't use him in police work," Lesperance said. "We deal with the public all the time. We can't worry about a horse biting or not liking to be petted. If we had a horse like that, no matter how well he did his job, he couldn't stay here."

When Lesperance retires, Randy will remain on the job until the end of his service life.

"Normally, when the horses leave us they become pasture horses," Lesperance said. "We've found some really good homes lately for our horses. We make sure people have the interest and financial means to take care of the horse."

A horse retired recently to a Girl Scout camp. Another went to a well-to-do man in Jackson who has a soft heart for animals needing extra attention.

"That's what I hope will happen to Randy," Lesperance said.

While caring for the horses in the old, brick barn, Lesperance sets the radio to the soothing background sound of smooth jazz.

"When I first came here, everyone was listening to country music," he said. "But these are urban horses. Smooth jazz is relaxing for me and it's not loud. I don't know how much the horses like it, but they don't complain."

It all gets back to the oath of office, honoring tradition and riding tall.

"This unit is very important to me," Lesperance said. "I'm attached to it. That's why all of us have stuck it out through the tough times — loyalty to the job, the profession, and, standing among barn cats and looking into the trusting eyes of horses watching him, 'this unit.'"

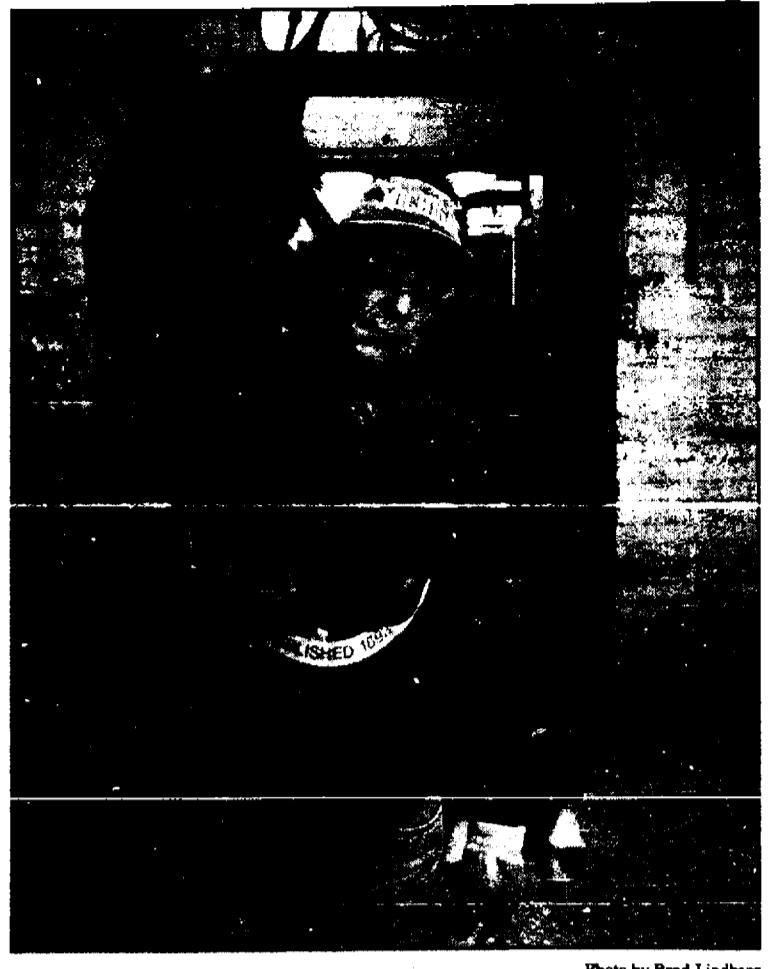


Photo by Brad Lindberg
Officer Michael Lesperance of the Detroit Mounted Police cares for his patrol partner of 14 years, Randy, at the unit's stable near the Fisher Building in Detroit.

Lesperance and daughter run in Olympic torch relay

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Mike Lesperance had an Olympic moment last week. He and a special teammate carried the Olympic Torch Sunday night as part of a nationwide relay team.

Runners are taking the torch on a 13,500-mile, 46-state odyssey to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympic games.

Lesperance's relay partner was his oldest of two daughters, Melissa, 25. She wrote an essay nominating her father for the privilege.

"It is a great honor to have a family member, especially a daughter, think enough to do this," said Lesperance, a patrolman with the Detroit Mounted Police and resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Melissa Lesperance's essay impressed the judges so much they added her to the relay as an "inspirational runner."

She was one of only five nominators chosen to run in Michigan.

Mike Lesperance and his daughter carried the torch on a stretch of Woodward in Highland Park. People lined the street.

"I didn't think that many people would show up," said Melissa Lesperance.

Crowds cheered "God

bless America" and "USA, USA."

"It was the best experience of my life," she said. "People you don't even know are rooting for you."

Of the 11,000 torch-bearers nationwide, 100 are survivors or surviving family members of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Because of what has happened to our country, and the tremendous rise in patriotism, it is an honor to run and represent Detroit police and firemen and the community," Mike Lesperance said.

Melissa Lesperance is a dispatcher with the Wayne State University police. Her father inspired her career in law enforcement.

"I used to help groom horses at the (Michigan) State Fair," she said. "I saw the camaraderie, the second family he had at work. You never know what to expect. The honor that goes along with the job attracted me."

Mike Lesperance had a hard time to be convinced he and his daughter had been selected to bear the Olympic torch.

"When UPS delivered the Olympic outfits (white jogging suits, hats and gloves), we knew it was for real," he said.

Plans brewing for Mack drain project

Grosse Pointe Woods officials seeking public input

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The increasingly brittle, 75-year-old water main running under the west side of Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods is wearing out the patience of city leaders.

The main has broken 152 times since 1995. Rather than patching a patch, Woods officials are in the preliminary stages of replacing the entire 2.1-mile line.

The project won't begin for at least a year, possibly three, but will disrupt activity along the city's main commercial strip.

To minimize inconvenience, Woods officials are courting business representatives for suggestions on how the project could be run smoothly.

"We want to get them involved in the process," said Ted Bidigare, the Woods city administrator. "The more participation the better. We hope we have a minor inconvenience and

can get out of the way."

To provide a forum for ideas, Woods officials and business representatives have convened the Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee. The committee has been charged with finding ways to minimize the project's inconvenience to proprietors, patrons and commuters using Mack. Committee members are also concerned about ensuring adequate parking space.

City officials are soliciting suggestions from business interests about a construction strategy and timetable. The response has been underwhelming. Only four business owners turned out for the December committee meeting, said chairman Eric Steiner, a Woods council member.

Mayor Robert Novitke said, "This project is still in the development stage. We're here to elicit concerns and special needs of business owners. We're not here

to give information, but to receive it."

Because so few business representatives have approached the study committee, Woods officials will make an extra effort to get the word out about the next session on Monday, Jan. 28. A code enforcement officer from the department of public safety has been assigned to distribute flyers announcing the meeting at every store, shop and office building along Mack.

"We're going business-to-business inviting participation," Steiner said.

Administrators point to the project's long-term benefits, such as drastic reductions in maintenance and water service interruptions. Water system upgrades also have a health component, because broken water mains and the reduced water pressure that often ensue can provide entry points for harmful bacteria that could taint the city's water system.

According to a project report by the Woods' consulting engineer, Bill Westrick of the firm Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, construction will cost between \$5 and \$6 million. Crews will be digging, replacing pipe and repaving the street for up to two years.

Construction could be scheduled during early evening hours to minimize traffic and pedestrian interruptions, according to Westrick. In addition, he recommended the job be divided into four phases or districts, each section requiring four to six months for completion.

He listed the phases as follows:

- 1: The Woods' northern city limits to Vernier.
- 2: Vernier to South Oxford.
- 3: South Oxford to Allard.
- 4: Allard to the driveway at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

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Is it 'read my lips' all over again?

"It's déjà vu all over again!"
— Yogi Berra

By Doug Patton
Recently the words "over my dead body" passed the lips of President George W. Bush. He was referring to his feelings on the prospects of levying tax increases on the American people, thereby inviting the inevitable comparisons to his father's famous "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge.

The jackals of the left who hope for such unequivocal utterances can hardly believe their good fortune. Why? Because they don't think such a pledge can be kept in Washington. They believe that the president will be forced to break his word just as his father did more than a decade ago. They also think that this spells victory for them, both in the 2002 midterm congressional and the 2004 presidential elections.

Back in 1990, then-Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and his Democrat cohorts gleefully derailed the presidency of George Herbert Walker Bush by convincing him that it was the "bipartisan" thing to do to

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break his 1988 campaign promise and sign into law what was then the largest single federal tax increase in the history of the United States government.

Midway through his first term, distracted by the massive buildup of American troops in the Persian Gulf, Bush apparently thought voters would forgive and forget when he went back on his campaign promise. Mitchell and the Democrats knew better, which is why they sandbagged the president in the first place.

The electorate remembered "read my lips," and by 1992 Bill Clinton was able to win the White House by campaigning on the ridiculous claim of "the worst economy in 50 years." (Am I the only one who remembers rampant inflation and a 20 percent prime rate under Jimmy Carter?)

Fast forward a decade. Another Bush is now president and another Democrat, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, is now the Senate Majority Leader. Taking his cue from the Mitchell era, Daschle and company are salivating at the prospect of a

midterm Democrat blowout followed by another presidential upset in 2004. Their dream is another one-term Bush.

Daschle is probably the most disingenuous person in Washington. His troubled demeanor belies the rabid, backstabbing partisanship with which he employs every scam in his political bag of tricks.

With a shake of the head and a furrow of the brow, the senator's hang-dog expressions signal his sycophants in the national media to report that he is so desperately concerned with the state of the economy, and why can't the president just meet him halfway?

In typically partisan form, Daschle now wrings his hands over the president's partisanship. He calls the current slump "the Bush recession." And in a striking departure from economic reality, he blames "the Bush tax cuts," as if letting people keep more of their own money somehow causes them to spend less, thereby slowing the economy.

In his insatiable thirst for political

power, which many a pundit believes will culminate in a probable run for the presidency, Daschle has misjudged Bush.

The Majority Leader doesn't understand that, at least on this issue, Bush's hero does not seem to be his father, but rather Ronald Reagan. Besides, does Daschle imagine for a moment that the current president didn't learn a hard lesson in the destruction of the first Bush administration?

The president understands that tax reductions stimulate the economy. He remembers that the Gipper's tax cuts resulted in a doubling of revenues pouring into the federal government. He knows that charitable giving shot straight up during that time as Americans not only felt secure and generous, but also had enough disposable income to justify that generosity. He understands the simple premise that it is entrepreneurs — not Congress or the executive branch, or any other branch of government — who stimulate the economy.

But most important, President Bush knows that it would be preferable to do nothing rather than raise taxes, because in the end, the power of American free enterprise will prevail. It is a lesson Daschle will never understand.

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Letters

Valuable schools

To the Editor:

It is well known that Proposal A has imposed severe constraints on funding for public schools in the Grosse Pointes. To date, the school board and the administrators have been able, for the most part, to avoid severe cutbacks in school programs by various creative maneuvers, but the impact of Proposal A is now beginning to be felt.

One of the principal reasons for the high property values in Grosse Pointe is the reputation of its public schools. Although there are excellent private schools here, such as Grosse Pointe Academy, University Liggett, St. Paul and St. Clare, the vast majority of our residents — including the great majority of those families who could well afford to send their children anywhere — send their children to the public schools for all or at least part of their education.

Apart from objective measures of the quality of our schools such as MEAP scores, the number of National Merit semi-finalists, and Michigan math finalists, one market measure is the substantial premium paid for a house in Harper Woods that carries the right to use the Grosse Pointe schools. Another indication is the desperate efforts some parents who live outside the Pointes have made to enroll their children here.

One of the major findings of labor economists in the last 20 years is that there is growing inequality of income between those whose education ends with high school and those who graduate from college.

In September there will be a vote on a bond issue, which would enable the schools to make sorely needed improvements in science labs, facilities for the performing arts, and athletic fields. Part of this bond issue would enable Grosse Pointe South to build a new swimming pool.

Except for South, every school in South's division — the MAC Red — has its own pool. The South swim team

has for years had a gypsy-like existence, using the pool at Brownell for practice and the North pool for home meets.

During meets the swimmers at North can now swim only widths of the pool, rather than lengths, because of a state regulation prohibiting diving into a pool as shallow as the end of the North pool. It is high time for the swim team at South to have a decent pool.

The swim coaches at South — Bill Thompson and Jamie Merz for the boys' team, and Jim Bellanca for the girls — are truly outstanding young men, who should not have to cope with third-rate, dangerously outmoded facilities, and be coaching out of a suitcase. We must do everything we can to retain them as long as possible.

There are those in this community whose sole criterion for voting is whether a proposal could increase taxes, irrespective of the value of services that could be obtained. They will automatically be opposed to the bond issue. There is, however, another group of progressive individuals who understand that the quality of our public schools is important not only to our property values, but also to the general quality of life here in the Grosse Pointes.

We cannot afford not to make this investment in the future of our children.

Stephen J. Spurr
Grosse Pointe Park

Wouldn't miss the bus stop

To the Editor:

On behalf of the citizens of Grosse Pointe Park located "on the Western frontier of the Park," I would just wish to add my voice of congratulations to the article published on Dec. 20, 2001, entitled "Park wants DOT bus stop to hit the road."

I live on Barrington and can personally comment that the amount of 24-hour sheer noise, diesel fuel pollution and health hazard to the Grosse Pointe Park employees located there, as well as the citizens located in the area, and especially

those in the apartment building to the west of the location, all cry out for the DOT to "let our people go free from this pollution, noise and health hazards!"

There are ample areas for the Detroit DOT to relocate their busing operation (that does not benefit any Grosse Pointe Park residents) further to the west in Detroit itself. The old Firestone garage facility located on Manistique and Jefferson would be a perfect location for the Detroit DOT system to house, maintain and store their buses as well as providing the drivers with a nice facility to rest and await their next run.

The parishioners of St. Ambrose Church, the residents of the area, and the Grosse Pointe Park employees all thank you for following up on this issue that does have an impact upon the lives and health of all of the above groups and individuals.

My compliments to Councilmen Greg Theokas, James Robson, Dan Clark, and mayor Palmer Heenan and city manager Dale Krajniak for actually taking their time to be concerned for the citizens in the area, "Well done, gentlemen, and please, Drive On!"

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all of us who live and work in this particular area of the Park.

Francis A. McCarroll
Grosse Pointe Park

Voter apathy

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article in the Dec. 20 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, "Pointes, suburbs reluctantly levy WCC tax hike — Richner seeks legislative fix."

While I applaud the efforts of local officials and Rep. Andrew Richner's interest in obtaining legislation excusing Grosse Pointe residents from having to pay the new 10-year millage increase, we should not overlook the fact that these same officials failed to adequately publicize the importance of voter turnout at election time.

The millage passed by a mere 2,829 votes. Had

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Grosse Pointe residents gotten off their couch to vote, this would not be a problem. Perhaps the additional average property tax that will be imposed on Grosse Pointe residents of approximately \$377.14 a year for the next 10 years will be a sufficient penalty to wake up Grosse Pointe residents to their own apathy.

Wake up, people.
Elias T. Majoros
Grosse Pointe Park

Christmas ponder

To the Editor:

We can be thankful for the song that tries to fill our hearts.

We can be thankful that we live in a house.

We can be thankful for the flag that calls us a nation.

If you ever have time to look at all you have, and say a simple thanks, consider these things to be thankful for. It is the holiday season, and a time to be thankful for everything from grass to life.

So look back, take a moment, and say "thanks!"

Laura Mann
Parcells Middle School
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We can be thankful that the sun will come up tomorrow.

We can be thankful for the song that tries to fill our hearts.

We can be thankful that we live in a house.

We can be thankful for the flag that calls us a nation.

If you ever have time to look at all you have, and say a simple thanks, consider these things to be thankful for. It is the holiday season, and a time to be thankful for everything from grass to life.

So look back, take a moment, and say "thanks!"

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Patriotism in the Pointes

To the Editor:

After reading the different articles that have been printed in all of the newspapers, I was proud to read about how people all throughout the Grosse Pointes have helped to raise money for the people involved in the World Trade Center attack.

Flags are practically everywhere you look now, which is very supportive. The flags show that Americans are proud to be Americans, as well as support all of the people who have helped in some way or another, whether it be giving blood, or even saying a prayer at night for all of the people who have died, or have been injured from the attack.

Since the Grosse Pointes are so far from New York, Grosse Pointers are limited in ways to help. Grosse Pointers have found that they can compensate for this by donating money.

By donating money they are helping people who were injured and helping support the families left by firefighters, policemen, and other people killed during the attack. The money that has been donated will also be used to provide the rescue workers with food, medical support, and other things necessary to continue the search and rescue.

It is comforting to see that so many people in the Grosse Pointes are involved and care, rather than sitting around thinking that the attack does not involve them. The attack involves every American.

The stereotypical Grosse Pointer only cares about him- or herself, but this is a way for people to see that is not true at all, this is a very good time for Grosse Pointe to show this to everybody.

It is nice to see people come together after a tragic event such as this.

This goes to show that if enough people care about something, then they together can accomplish most anything. Even if it's little by little, eventually you will come out on top.

Brandon Krajniak
Grosse Pointe South
High School Student
Grosse Pointe Park

Resolve sans guilt

As the new year gets up to speed, people are starting to enact their plans for everything new.

The question that comes to mind foremost is, are you still resolute?

People make grandiose plans to lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more and basically give their lives a makeover like Bob Vila does to this or that old house.

The hard part, of course, is making good on those claims to improve because there is no Bob Vila to lead you step by step and no commercial breaks where contractors come in to do all the heavy lifting for you.

The simple answer to all this is to make smaller and more manageable resolutions.

That, however, is not the American way. Dream big, work hard, play harder and don't sweat the details.

It sounds great but makes for a difficult row to hoe.

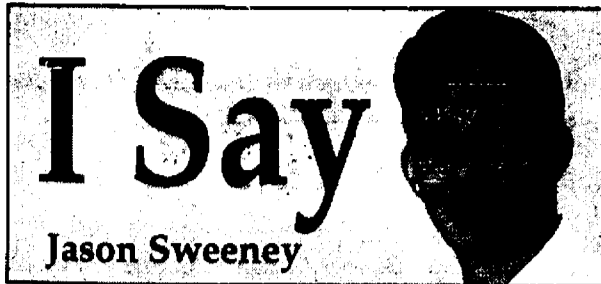
Instead, I offer a few tips so you can still impress your friends and coworkers with your grandiose resolutions and at the same time not fold your hand only a half month into the game.

1: Schedule

More and more our lives are run by little handheld devices or calendars with so much scribbled into a small box that it's almost illegible.

Use this to your advantage. If dieting or exercise is your goal, plan a few days ahead and write in "Go to the gym" or "Pick up salad ingredients" on your planner.

It's funny, but if we put it in writing we are subconsciously obligated to fulfill these little promises made



to ourselves. If your resolution is to be more organized, what better time to buy one of those handheld things or get a bigger calendar?

2: Be accountable

Guilt is a tremendous motivator. Anyone with a mother, or children for that matter, has seen this in action.

Tell someone that you trust to stay on your case about your resolutions. People are usually happy to play father or mother con-

fessor when they aren't the one doing the confessing.

This person can also act as a great source of reassurance and encouragement when you actually do follow up on your plans.

It's really a modification of the carrot-stick method but unless your resolution is to pull your own weight, let's not mix metaphors.

3: Achievable goals

No one climbed Mount Everest in one leap, not even Superman. (Flying is cheat-

ing.)

Take quitting smoking for an example. While I myself am having a hard time with kicking the habit there are many of you who have made it this far.

Measure your success in weeks or days or even half days. If you make it to a certain time, be happy for yourself, give yourself a pat on the back.

Big tasks are about momentum and making little goals helps to build momentum.

4: Don't give up

So you ate a pint of Ben and Jerry's, you smoked half a pack when you went to the bar, or haven't even lifted your gym bag yet.

All is not lost. The idea of making resolutions only once a year or else is a bit demanding.

After having told myself I was not going to smoke, I arrived at work to receive

news one of our photographers, a good friend of mine, had unexpectedly died of a heart attack.

You can bet I walked across the street in my stunned state and bought a pack of cigarettes. (I did.)

But that doesn't mean I still don't want to quit.

It's cliché, but don't quit quitting a bad habit, or stop starting a new and healthy one.

5: If all else fails

If you just can't make the resolution stick, there is one last strategy in my bag of tricks.

For those of you who think the idea of once per annum retrenchments of your personal lifestyle are outdated and unreasonable, I offer this piece of advice: next year resolve to not make resolutions.

And don't feel guilty about that—I'm certainly thinking about it.

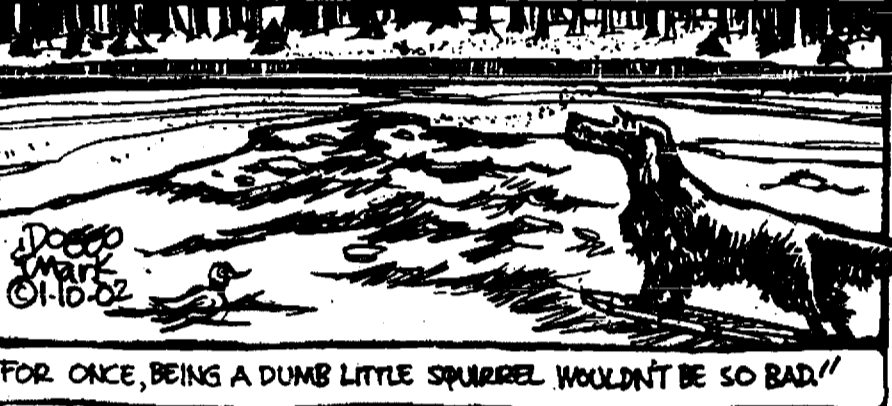
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The Op-Ed Page



GROSSE POINTE DOGS



FOR ONCE, BEING A DUMB LITTLE SPURREL WOULDN'T BE SO BAD!!

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Teen suicide bomber — why?

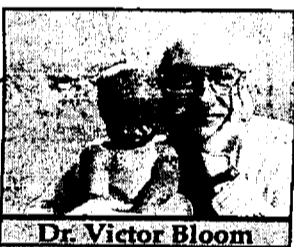
A 15-year-old boy last week flew a light plane into the 28th story of a bank building in Tampa. He was killed but, fortunately, nobody else was.

This event made clear that crashing a small Cessna into a building is nothing like a Boeing 757 loaded with jet fuel. The building withstood the crash and there wasn't much damage. In this case, only one person died.

I am sure many people are wondering about the similarity between the Sept. 11 suicide-bombing of New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon and this relatively small crash.

A suicide note was found in the pocket of Charles J. Bishop, who was characterized as bright and articulate, but a loner. He was an only child who lived with his mother and grandmother and there seemed to be no father-figure in his life. The smiling face of an eighth-grade school photograph belied his unhappiness.

The note expressed support for the terrorists, but there is nothing known at this point to explain this. The best explanation, in all probability, is that he was depressed and suicidal and therefore psychologically identified with the suicide-bombers. In doing so, adopting their frame of reference, he would be a hero and a martyr instead of just



Dr. Victor Bloom

another sick and lonely kid.

His behavior is typical of "copycat" behavior, getting the idea from the Al Qaeda suicide-bombers. The Palestinian Intifada, which has been stepped up in recent months, also provided a repetitive source for the activity, in which the commission of suicide was honored instead of denigrated.

The suicide bombers also succeeded in getting a lot of media attention, and Charles may have wanted his 15 minutes of fame instead of killing himself quietly and ignominiously.

The school shootings after Columbine also had elements of the "copycat" phenomenon, because there too the perpetrators commanded much media attention as well as protracted discussions and controversy. It may be remembered that shortly after the suicide of Marilyn Monroe, several other depressed blondes also overdosed.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that a significant portion of the population suffers from depression,

much of which is denied and masked. People with chronic depression feel terrible most of the time and naturally start thinking about suicide as a way out of their pain. Some of these people are also very angry, jealous that other people are successful, popular and having fun, and want to lash out with their anger. They want other people to suffer too because misery loves company.

Given the incidence of depression among teenagers because these years are often extremely difficult for varied and complex reasons, many teenagers are suicidal. Fortunately, only a few of them will make attempts and fewer will succeed.

If any local teenager is contemplating flying a plane into the Ren Cen, don't do it. The fact is, depression is treatable and most responsive to psychotherapy and/or medication in the younger years. Early treatment can prevent the spiraling downward, the vicious cycle and progressive worsening that often happens with untreated depression.

Those who are aware of a teenager who manifests reckless and dangerous behavior or who is depressed, angry or impulsive, should let the person know what you observe. And say something to the family and friends of the person. Let them know you are concerned with what you see.

It is easy enough to get a clinical evaluation by a certified psychiatrist if there is any question. Better to be safe than sorry and alive than dead, because where there is life, there is hope.

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by Ben Burns

A beautiful mind

If you didn't know Joseph D. Grano, you missed something. Mr. Grano, 58, a Wayne State University law professor who lived in the Park, died Dec. 23, and his funeral was last Wednesday.

The service at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church drew judges from the state and federal benches, Gov. John Engler and a host of others from former students to the heads of major law firms.

Mr. Grano grew up in South Philadelphia — an area of the city of Brotherly Love better known for its cheese steaks and folks who would fit in the television series with Tony Soprano, the HBO show about the New Jersey mobs.

From those roots, he attended Temple University, where he earned a B.A. and his law degree before earning an M.A. in law from the University of Illinois. He then worked as an assistant for a Republican Philadelphia district attorney named Arlen Specter, who became a prominent Pennsylvania U.S. senator.

Mr. Grano went on to become a nationally noted conservative legal scholar who wrote reasoned, intelligent viewpoints for the Detroit newspapers and others. In 1993, his book, "Confessions, Truth and the Law," outlined his criticisms of the U.S. Supreme Court's Miranda decision, which required suspects to be informed of all their legal rights before being questioned by authorities. He saw it as an intrusion by the judiciary on the legislative process, thus stepping across lines of separation of powers ordered by the U.S. Constitution.

Yale Kamisar, a law school colleague from the University of Michigan, told the Detroit Free Press: "Although he and I disagreed on many issues, the force of his reasoning made me and others rethink, reformulate and often revise our positions. He loved the law and was a great model for other law professors."

Mr. Grano was a teacher and a law professor at Wayne State University, where his colleagues thought enough of him that in 1984 he was named a "Distinguished Professor of Law" and in 1997 he was inducted into the WSU Academy of Scholars.

But beyond the official statistics, Mr. Grano was a funny fellow with a great love of good food, good jokes and the good life. As early as

5 years old he told his Aunt Rose Barford after an extended family meal filled with lively discussion, "You know, Aunt Rose, the dining room is the happiest room in the house."

While Mr. Grano always taught respect for the law and its practitioners, during the last 12 years of his life he also taught those who knew him something about courage.

As he was gradually debilitated by the ravages of Parkinson's disease, he continued to serve as a role model for those around him, including his wife, Maura Corrigan, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, his son, Dan Grano, who is at U-M Dearborn majoring in political science and his daughter, Megan Grano, a talented theatrical artist and comedian.

His sister-in-law, Patrice Corrigan, told those gathered at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church last Wednesday a parable of God's selection of her brother to be a teacher. The essence of her artfully crafted story was that while Mr. Grano taught in various ways all his life, from being acting dean of the University of Detroit Law School to visiting professor at Temple, Illinois, Cornell and the University of California at Berkeley, his

real mission was to teach all of those around him courage in the face of ever increasing adversity.

"Joe was not afraid of death," the Rev. V. Bruce Rigdon reported during the service. "In death as in life he was certain he would be held in God's hands."

On the Sunday before Christmas, Mr. Grano and his family went to brunch and afterward, while daughter Megan played the piano, he passed on, "a good and gentle death."

"The dining room is the best room in the house," Rigdon observed. "We are all family at table and just beyond the bounds of sight there are a myriad of witnesses and they are with us always."

So the next time you are at table with your friends and family, whether you knew him or not, lift a cup of kindness in honor of Joe Grano, a quiet man with a sense of humor and who made all those around him better human beings.

And remember, "The dining room is the happiest room in the house."

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Winter fun in the Park

Upcoming recreational events sponsored by Grosse Pointe Park include country western dancing and ice skating for lovers.

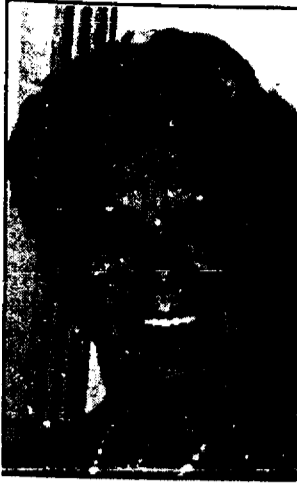
Country western line dancing will be held Friday, Jan. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center.

The all-ages activity costs \$10 per person per session. Refreshments will be provided. A second evening of line dancing has been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12.

On Saturday, Feb. 8 and March 8, Miss Paula the Merry Music maker will

host a pajama party for children ages 2 to 6 years old. The evening of interactive stories and music will take place from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Tompkins Center. Parents are encouraged to let their children wear pajamas and brings their favorite blanket to sit on. The fee is \$7 per evening.

Sweethearts can get a jump on Valentine's Day at a special afternoon of ice skating at the Hutton Ice Rink and Patterson Park. The all-ages skate is free, takes place Saturday, Feb. 9 from 1 to 2 p.m., and includes hot chocolate and cookies.



Noel Baker Gamble Benjamin

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Noel Benjamin was always on the move. If she wasn't doing something for the many charitable organizations to which she belonged, she was off to her second home in Indian Wells, Calif., or traveling the world with her husband of 24 years, Victor.

"She was a warm, happy-go-lucky person," her husband said. They lived in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Benjamin died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, after a short illness. She had just celebrated her 73rd birthday.

Longtime friend, Patty Brooks of Grosse Pointe, remembers Mrs. Benjamin as a people person who would write "lovely, beautiful notes to people. She was so caring and warm. She was a true friend you could always count on."

She was the only child of Phillip and Thelma Baker of Huntington Woods, attended Kingswood School Cranbrook and graduated from Pine Manor College in Boston.

Diane Wilson of North Palm Beach, Fla., grew up across the street from Mrs. Benjamin and attended Kingswood with her. "She looked like a fairy princess when she was young because her hair was a thick golden blond and it looked like a halo around her face. I remember we would attend the Saturday morning young people's Detroit Symphony concert at Orchestra Hall together," Mrs. Wilson said. Mrs. Benjamin's love of music and support continued through adulthood, as she was a past president of the Women's Symphony Association.

Mrs. Benjamin also loved to act and dance when she was younger and belonged to two amateur theatrical groups, The Fine Arts Society and Theater Arts.

Jim Finlayson of Palm Desert decorated three houses over more than 45 years for Mrs. Benjamin and in the process they became good friends.

"She loved to dance," he said. "She never had any pretense about her. She was always up for a good time."

He also remembers she eschewed white for decorating, "even though it was popular at times. She wanted bright colors throughout the house. She also loved flowers, especially orchids."

She was married to the late David L. Gamble and they had three children, David (Courtney) Gamble of Montana, Christopher (Michelle) Gamble of Grosse Pointe Farms and Harbor Springs and Kimberly (John) Fleming of Romeo.

Mrs. Benjamin also had a stepson, Mark (Kathy) Benjamin of Ann Arbor. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by six grandchildren.

Mrs. Benjamin belonged to many organizations including the Michigan Opera Theatre, Libri Club, Grosse Pointe Symphony Women's Association, Grosse Pointe Classical Music League and the Village Garden Club.

A family burial service was held at Christ Church.



Barbara Claudia Willey Clark

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Barbara Claudia Willey Clark, 85, died of congestive heart failure on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002, in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Clark was born in Detroit. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Royal Oak and Sullins College in Bristol, Va.

While living in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Clark was active in a number of community organizations. She was a past regent of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, past president of the Michigan Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, a member of the Cottage Hospital of Grosse Pointe Auxiliary and the Bon Secours Cottage Hospice program. In addition, she was the past president of the Port Huron Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Clark is survived by her sons Patrick W. Clark and Timothy W. Clark. She was predeceased by her husband Frank Scott Clark III.

Arrangements were handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home. A family service has already been held.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Bon Secours Cottage Hospice, 19701 Vernier Rd., Suite 280, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

Gordon "Gil" Gilbert

Gordon "Gil" Gilbert, 78, passed away quietly in his sleep on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Englewood Community Hospital in Florida.

Mr. Gilbert, who was born in Detroit and lived in St. Clair Shores, had a full life. An all-star in high school, playing International Hockey in his late teens, he was also a graduate of Kings Point and a Merchant Marine during World War II. He founded a successful hardware store in St. Clair Shores in 1949, which his son Blair still operates. His number one accomplishment was building a cottage on Harsens Island where he spent many summers with his family.

He retired to Englewood in 1989 where he loved to golf and fish during the winter.

He is survived by his companion, Rosemary Jensen, his children, Blair of New Baltimore, Pam Gilbert of Boulder, Colo., and Liz Morton of Royal Oak and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in St. Clair Shores in February.

Donations can be made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496 or Hospice of Southwest Florida, 220 Wexford Blvd., Venice, FL 34293.

His cheerful smile will be missed by all who knew him.

Margaret E. Heidt

Margaret E. Heidt, 95, died on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores.

Born in Springfield, Mass., on Feb. 27, 1906, to John and Mary Mallick, she was a Grosse Pointe resident for more than 60 years. She enjoyed gardening and was an avid bridge player at the Neighborhood Club, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and St. Clare of



Margaret E. Heidt

Montefalco Church.

As her family recalls, "She was always there for us when we needed her."

She is survived by her son, George L. (Peg) Heidt; two daughters, Margery (Dick) Motschall and Joan (Dick) Gallagher; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her brothers James and John and sisters Marie, Joyce and Marion.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center.

Josephine Bowen

Lewis

Josephine Bowen Lewis, 80, died on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, after a brief illness, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

The former Grosse Pointe Farms resident most recently lived at the Oakwood Common in Dearborn.

Dodie, as she was known to family and friends, was born to the late Helen M. Blauvelt Bowen and Paul M. Bowen, on July 4, 1921, in Detroit. Mrs. Lewis graduated from the Liggett School in Detroit and later attended Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

Mrs. Lewis was a former trustee of the Liggett School, and a past member of the Junior League of Detroit. She was also a member of the Tau Beta Association, the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club and the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her sons, Alexander (Sharon) Blain IV and Bruce Scott (Marion) Blain; a daughter, Josephine Blain Slanaker and her grandchildren Christopher and Josephine Rich, Peter and Paul Blain and Kristi, Kerri and Kelly Lewis. She was predeceased by her husband James Beyer Lewis; her daughter Helen Bowen Blain and a sister Anne Murray Bowen.

Arrangements were handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Jan. 4, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The burial was private.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Tau Beta Camp or the Tutoring Tree at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Sister Jean Philip Lucid, OP

Sister Jean Philip Lucid, formerly known as Helen Theresa Lucid, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001, at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian. She was 85 years of age and in the 67th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

Sister Jean Philip was born in Chicago, Ill., to Frank and Hannah Downey Lucid. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Adrian and received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree in English from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian and a Master of Education Degree in Education from DePaul University in Chicago.

Sister Jean Philip spent 55 years ministering in education in Detroit as well as

Chicago, Mundelein, Loves Park, Elmwood Park, Flossmoor and Wilmette Ill. She was principal at St. Patrick School in Joliet from 1957 to 1963. She was a religious education teacher from 1944 to 1945 in Albion and the religious education coordinator in Miami Shores, Fla.; Tecumseh, Detroit and Grosse Pointe Farms from 1972 to 1987.

She did parish ministry from 1987 to 1993 in Grosse Pointe Farms. While at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Sister Jean Philip originated a grief ministry in which other churches in the community participated. She also originated the summer Bible School at St. Paul's and organized busing so that students not attending a Catholic school could more easily participate in the St. Paul's religious education program during the school year.

In 1996, Sister came to the Dominican Life Center in Adrian.

A funeral liturgy was offered in the Maria Chapel of the Dominican Life Center on Dec. 27. Interment is in the Congregation Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221.

Pamela K. Lynch

Pamela K. Lynch, 74, of Severna Park, Md., dear wife of Col. Richard T. Lynch, died from complications of pneumonia on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, at the Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md.

The former Pamela Knowlson was born in Grosse Pointe on Dec. 10, 1927. While growing up in Grosse Pointe, she attended University Liggett School. She came to the Round Bay community of Severna Park, Md., from Sewickley, Pa. in 1972. She and her husband later moved to Vero Beach, Fla., in 1990, and in 1997, moved to the Queen's Landing community in Chester, Md.

She enjoyed boating with her husband for the past 20 years, cruising the Intracoastal Waterway between Annapolis and Florida on board the Waveaway.

Mrs. Lynch was a member of the Junior League of Sewickley, Pa., and the Junior League of Annapolis, Md.

She is also survived by her son, Knowlson O'Connor Mulkey of Ketchikan, Alaska; her daughter, Melissa Mulkey Norman of Churchton, Md.; her stepson Richard T. Lynch, III of Glen Burnie, Md.; her stepdaughters Laura Mansfield Lynch of Kimberton, Pa., Carol Lynch Stob of Severna Park (Round Bay), Md., and M. Louise Lynch of Arnold, Md. and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the Barranco & Sons, P. A. Severna Park Funeral Home of Severna Park, Md. A memorial service was held on Jan. 5. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, c/o Intensive Care Unit, 2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD



Harold C. Nobel

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Harold C. Nobel, 93,

dear husband of Norma Nobel, died on Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

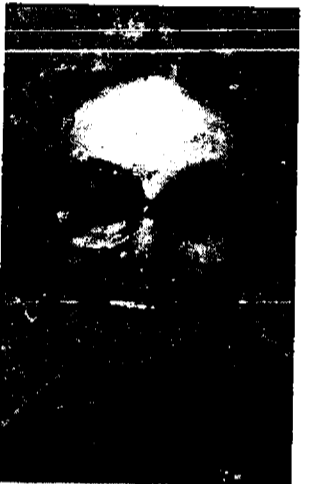
Born in Detroit, Mr. Nobel was a graduate of Eastern High School and the University of Detroit. He served as a Staff Sergeant in World War II.

Retired from the Prudential Insurance Company, Mr. Nobel was a life member of the Real Estate Appraisers and also belonged to the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Along with Norma, his wife of 54 years, Mr. Nobel is survived by his son, Gary L. Nobel, M.D.; daughters Barbara Lindberg and Nancy Allen; his sisters Ruth Lechleitner and Helen Schoettle and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers William and Robert and his sister Edna.

Arrangements were handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home. A memorial service was held on Jan. 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Mr. Nobel was cremated and his ashes are interred at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Columbarium.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Juvenile Diabetic Association.



Louise Marie Olmsted

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Louise Marie Olmsted, 94, of Vista Grande Villa in Jackson, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, in Jackson.

The longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident was born in Adrian. Mrs. Olmsted was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church and the Grosse Pointe Braille Club. She was also an election official.

She is survived by her sons, John F. (Mary Anne) Olmsted of Grosse Pointe Shores, Thomas W. (Diane) Olmsted of Ballard, Calif., and David A. (Patricia) Olmsted of Jackson; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and her sister, Lucille M. Ries of Chandler, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband Frederick Law Olmsted.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the Spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson Host Lions Club, P. O. Box 241, Jackson, MI 49204.

Rose Mary Shefferly

Rose Mary Shefferly, 80, died peacefully, of natural causes, at her Grosse Pointe Park home on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002.

Mrs. Shefferly was born in Detroit to Agnes Doyle Burke and Charles E. Burke and graduated from St. Bernard School in Detroit.

A full-time mother and homemaker, Mrs. Shefferly was devoted to her home and family and also enjoyed bowling and coin collecting.

She is survived by her son Jon Burke Shefferly of Grosse Pointe; her daughters Claire Shefferly Twohey of Marquette, Ann D. Kuhna and Gail K. Makos, both of Grosse Pointe; her grandchildren Kersten and Andrew Twohey of Marquette and Emily Shefferly, Joseph Kuhna, Paul Samuel Kuhna, Mitchell Makos and Lindsey

Makos, all of Grosse Pointe and her brother, Charles Burke of Sarasota, Fla. She was predeceased by her husband Paul Henry Shefferly; her parents; her brothers Mathew M. Burke, John Doyle Burke and Phillip E. Burke and a sister Catherine Burke.

Arrangements were handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Mrs. Shefferly was cremated and her ashes are interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchin Monastery and Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit MI 48207-3496 or St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Marion Frances Sturtevant

Marion Frances Sturtevant, beloved wife of Jack, died on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

The former Grosse Pointe Farms resident is also survived by her daughter Sandy Mudd; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Mark Jr.

Arrangements were handled by the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home in Dearborn.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 3, at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home.



Marguerite C. Urso

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Funeral services for Mrs. Marguerite C. Urso of Harcourt Road in Grosse Pointe Park will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul on the Lake Church, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Arrangements are being handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Urso died on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at Bon Secours Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Urso was a graduate of Wayne State University and taught in the Detroit Public School System for many years. She was a member of the St. Paul Altar Society, PIME Missionary Guild, the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club and the Grosse Pointe and Detroit Rose Societies.

She is survived by her son John; her daughter Annette; one brother and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ralph.

Interment will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496.

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Zimmerman

Kent A. Zimmerman, dear husband of Marietta Zimmerman, died on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at the St. John Senior Community in Detroit.

A Grosse Pointe resident all of his life, Mr.

Meet Ferry Elementary School, home of Dexter

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

Visitors to Ferry Elementary School are greeted by Dexter the monkey, a small statue created by Marshall Fredericks — the same artist who sculpted Wayne County's well-known "Spirit of Detroit."

Fredericks also produced Eastland's limestone lion, dear to the hearts of so many Eastside children who have climbed the beast, and Belle Isle's Barbour Memorial Fountain, the center of so many stories of Detroit's 1950s- and '60s-era teenagers who, on a dare, swam in the pier's pool base.

The name of Dexter was the choice of Fredericks in 1965. It memorializes Dexter Ferry, the notable community figure who donated the farm land upon which the school was built.

As encouraged by Fredericks, Ferry students have rubbed Dexter's head for good luck. The attention has left Ferry's beloved Dexter with a glowing bronze shine.

Dexter is not Ferry's official mascot, however. That position is held by the Ferry falcon. Dexter's role in the school is even more prominent and magical, although Dexter's powers could never replace studying.

Ferry principal Janet Watt observed, "You can see the kids walk by, and they're rubbing his head as they walk by."

Ferry Elementary School opened in 1954. It was designed to accommodate an expected increase in enrollment from the attending area, which at the time was quickly beginning to sprawl into the neighborhood it is today.

About 500 students attended in 1954, of whom

350 or so were sixth graders. With Mason, Monteith and Poupard busting at the seams during the post-war growth of Grosse Pointe Woods, area sixth graders were sent to Ferry to alleviate school overcrowding.

In 1954, Ferry had one classroom for each grade, kindergarten through fifth, but designated ten rooms for the sixth grade alone, each section with about 35 students. Ferry evolved into an elementary school with an even allotment of space for kindergarten through sixth-grade sections after Barnes opened in 1956 and attending area boundaries were redrawn.

Growth continued, necessitating a new addition to the building, and then another a few years later. Enrollment peaked in the 1960s at around 940.

Ferry's center courtyard easily lent itself to the founding of a school nature center a few years ago.

"When I came to interview, that was absolutely the first thing I noticed — the nature center," Watt said.

In addition to the privilege of utilizing a nature center for academic enrichment, Ferry students benefit from creative instructional methods that incorporate what children do best: play and discovery.

This year, in their biology unit, second and fifth graders immersed themselves into researching particular animal species. The second grade visited the zoo and produced books based on their research findings and observations. The fifth grade undertook an even more sophisticated animal project involving an artwork display. A post-project activity combined the grades, partnering students accord-

ing to like species of animals. This facilitated further learning and built a camaraderie between the two grades.

Each month, Ferry highlights a theme to promote a virtue towards good citizenship, such as patience, friendship, etc. Ferry students meet in a monthly assembly for a "family gath-

ering." Classes entertain the Ferry community with performances, such as reading poetry or putting on a skit, all centered on the month's theme. Family gatherings also include singing "Happy Birthday" to all Ferry students and staff celebrating a birthday that month.

"The idea is to build camaraderie among the students," said Watt. "We want the students to experience a sense of community in their school, a sense of family. The themes all tie into respectful treatment of others."

Supporting Ferry's continuous improvement, the school's PTO has stepped up significantly in volunteering and planning activities. "There are always parent volunteers in the building," Watt reported, "There's been quite a bit of research showing that children with attention deficit disorder, or children sitting on the fringes, are more in touch with what the teacher's saying because you can hear him or her equally well no matter where you are in the classroom. "And it preserves your voice. Our teachers can't believe how less tired they feel at the end of the day."

Ferry houses two of the district's five magnet classrooms — one lower elementary and one upper. The school also maintains two autistic classrooms. Watt said, "Our philosophy is that we want them in a regular classroom as much as possible."

Ferry's mission and goals include the promotion of volunteer spirit among students. "We are really proud of our safety and service squad. Most of our children do one or the other," Watt said.

She added, "Our children do a lot of community service projects." Ferry students participate in Sweet Dreams, a charita-

ble organization founded by local women. Last year, another school donated sleeping bags to poor children and Ferry donated stuffed animals.

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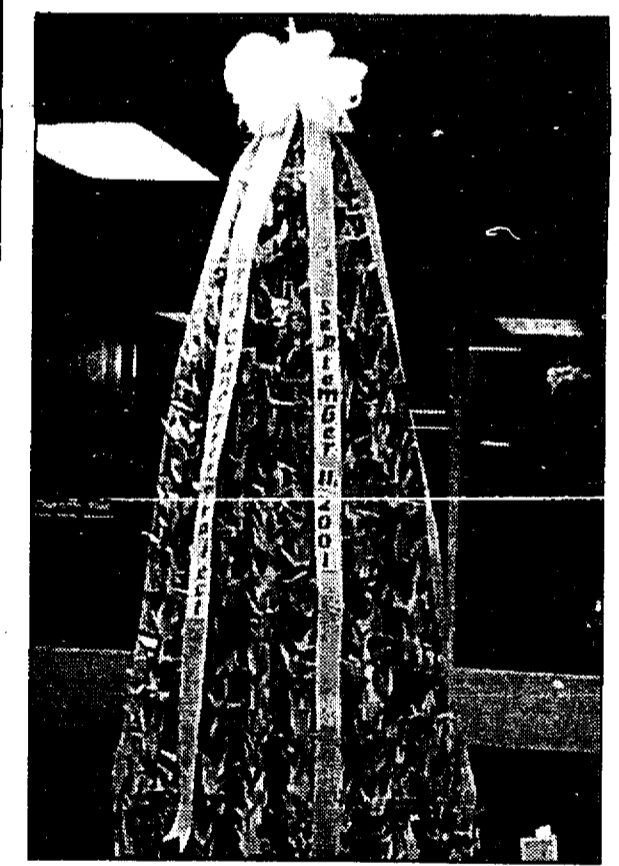
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Ferry's Dexter has several outfits, including Michigan State and University of Michigan sweaters. The week before a big game, staff and parents compete to determine whose sweater Dexter will sport.



Ferry's nature center is an oasis away from the brick and linoleum of the school and a special outdoor classroom that hosts a living science exhibit and inspiration for essays. The bunny statuette and plaque is a memorial for the daughter of a Ferry teacher who died in an automobile accident last year.



South's gift of hope

Students and faculty at Grosse Pointe South High School completed a three-month-long project that included the folding of thousands of Japanese paper cranes.

The Crane Tree Memorial Project was initiated by South's Library Media Center staff in remembrance of those who perished on Sept. 11. Inspired by the book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, one origami crane was folded for every person who died.

The crane tree stands in the Bert Wicking Harrison Library at Grosse Pointe South High School. It is a gift of affection and a hope for healing from South students and staff.

Scholars and honors

Students of the month

Students of the month are committed to helping others.

Safety patrol students are on duty at intersections near schools to help students cross streets safely. They are at their posts every school day, before and after classes, in all kinds of weather. They are: Sean Foley, Defer; Amanda Murphy, Yianni Panagopoulos, Ferry; Ellen Switalski, Steven Hollidge, Maire; Sam Patterson, Mason; Rachel Hartigan, John Martin, Monteith; Elizabeth Grossett, Trombly.

Service squad students help with safety rules inside school buildings and per-

form other tasks as needed. They are: Nick Blanz, Defer; Molly Foley, Ferry; John Sullivan, Erika Kay, Ellen Muniga, Maire; Kaitlyn Serwach, Mason; Hannah Everett, Christopher Pokladek, Monteith; Kelly Marantette, Trombly.

Library squad students assist the school librarian before class by shelving books, distributing audiovisual materials to teachers and performing other helpful tasks. They are: Leah Baker, Paul DiGiovanni, Caitlin Ruvra, Defer; Joanna Harr, Leah Francis, Ferry; Bradley Foster, Mark Rozny, Maire; Jacob Centala, Kaylee Simon, Monteith; Olivia Pardi, Trombly.

Local students recognized for 'excellence in writing'

Three Grosse Pointe high school students recently earned special distinction as a result of the National Council of Teachers of English "Excellence in Writing" competition. Only 20 students in Michigan were honored.

The three recognized Grosse Pointe student writers are: Maggie Dillon of University Liggett School, Erik R. Green of Grosse Pointe North High School and Judith A. Turnbull of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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New Year's party continues to push stocks higher

After a correction on New Year's Eve, the bulls took over the trading floor with three straight days of up-movements.

Fueled by a strong tech scent, the DJI rose 124 points to close last week at 10,210.

Meanwhile, the NASDAQ Composite roared ahead 3.6 percent, or 72 points, closing above 2,000 again at 2,059.

Remember when LTS (Oct. 18) reported that all X-Dividend Club members at luncheon on Sept. 12 — the day after 9-11 — were asked, "What would you buy with \$20,000?" At that time LTS replied, "I'd put it all on QQQ, buy at the market

when trading starts." When trading resumed Sept. 17, QQQ (the exchange-traded trust which replicates the NASDAQ 100 Index), closed at 31.20, down 2.90 points from its prior close on Sept. 10, the day before the attack.

LTS hadn't looked at QQQ until last weekend. The stock tables show that QQQ closed last Friday, Jan. 4, at 53.90, up 72.8 percent from its close on Sept. 17.

Which page did you read?

If you're wondering what Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan will do about short-term interest rates later this month, read Barron's (Jan. 7).

On Page MW14, Michael Mackenzie wrote: "Many ... continue to expect that the Federal Reserve will trim federal funds by 25 basis

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points (quarter percentage point) to 1.5 percent at its policy meeting later this month."

On page 10, Robin Goldwyn Blumenthal wrote: "They speculated that the jobs data, equity market gains and other positive signs, will keep the Fed on hold at its late January meeting."

Which of the above quotes did you pick?

'A different spin'

That's the name of an article in Forbes (Jan. 2) by featured writer Brett Nelson. The article describes a forest of broken-down stocks, which are rag-tag public subsidiaries of larger public companies.

Back in 1999-2000, when the NASDAQ was "hot," investment bankers made a killing selling initial public offerings (IPOs) of minority stakes, raising a bit of cash for the subsidiaries and glamorizing the parent.

The recent bear market has taken many of these IPOs to the cleaners with little hope of recovery.

But — here's the point of Nelson's article — the parent now has a chance to buy back the minority stake at a discount.

Nelson cites Joseph Cornell, Chicago publisher of "Spin-Off Research," who writes that the "sell high, buy low" strategy can also work for savvy investors too. Last October, Tyco (TYC)

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(Corporate names on modern coliseum)	
Stocks & Indices	Pct. Change 11 Mos./11-30-01
By Sport:	
Baseball Stadiums.....	-5.6
Hockey Arenas.....	-17.7
Basketball Arenas.....	-28.6
Football Stadiums.....	-30.6
By Name (City):	
Comerica (Detroit).....	-13.5
Enron (Houston).....	-99.7
PSINet (Baltimore).....	bankrupt
Trans World (St. Louis).....	bankrupt
By Indices:	
Dow Jones Ind.....	-8.7
S&P 500.....	-13.7
NASDAQ Comp.....	-21.9

Source: Lathold Group
Mengden & Associates Ltd.

offered a 52 percent premium for the 11 percent minority stake in its overseas cable unit then held by the public.

In November, the Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD) offered a 45 percent premium for the remaining 12 percent of its online broker, TD Waterhouse.

Also in November, Utilicorp (UCU) of Kansas City offered a 15 percent premium for the 20 percent of its trading subsidiary, Aquila, which it had brought public as an IPO just seven months before! Wow! A double fee for its investment bankers.

Cornell says most "spins," as these buy-backs are called, are paid for with the parent's own stock.

He recommends buying the subsidiary (spin-in candidate) before the buy-back announcement and simultaneously shorting the shares of the parent.

That strategy is a bet on the narrowing of the spread between the subsidiary and the parent, so you can be indifferent to the fluctuations of the parent's stock price.

Cornell lists five interesting candidates, which he says are worth a look:

- 1) Barnesandnoble.com (the subsidiary) vs. Barnes & Noble (the parent).
- 2) Nextel Partners vs. Nextel.
- 3) Orient Express Hotels vs. Sea Containers.
- 4) Tibia Softwares vs. Reuters and
- 5) Utilicom vs. Converse Technology.

LTS does not recommend specific stocks but occasionally finds "a different spin." For your further reading pleasure, pick up a copy of Forbes, Jan. 2.

Stadium stocks

Alex Berenson, a writer for the New York Times (Dec. 30), took time out to

research the "stadium stocks," as compared to our favorite indices for the 11 months through Nov. 30, 2001.

The adjoining table shows the sad state of some of the stadium stocks, whose parent companies paid big dollars to advertise their name in these modern coliseums.

Three of the companies are already in bankruptcy. The "Trans World Dome" in St. Louis, named after the now defunct TWA (Try Walking Across) airlines, has been renamed the "Dome at America's Center."

The PSINet Stadium in Baltimore was named after NASDAQ's tech-wonder, PSINet Inc., a semiconductor assembler, which is no longer with us.

Some sports enthusiasts suggest that the new name should be "dot.com Stadium" but an Internet search on Dec. 31 showed no such announcement.

"Enron Field" in Houston hopes for a new name before next spring. It wasn't a very merry Christmas in Houston, and the New Year doesn't look very prosperous.

The good news for Detroit was that Comerica Park attendance, down as expected from opening year, wasn't off as much as the Tigers' performance. The Detroit Athletic Club activity next door to "Co Pa" is at an all-time high. (Local sports nuts call it "Co Pa" for short.)

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

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Look who's talking now...

So, I was talking to this house the other day and... No, wait, I actually was listening to this house the other day and I learned some interesting information about it.

Let me start this over before you call for the men in the white coats or suspect I made too many trips to the eggnog bowl.

I was driving down Fairholme in Grosse Pointe Woods, when a peculiar real estate sign caught my eye.

There was the regular Adlhoeh & Associates "for sale" sign, but right next to it was a sign that said, "Talking House."

It suggested I tune to 1630 on the AM dial of my radio to learn more about the house.

Since I'm always looking for a techie column subject, I tuned in.

I was treated to a three-minute spiel about the amenities of the house. Among other things, it talked about the spacious, open areas of the home.

It was much like you would hear if you called a particular Realtor about a specific home you saw in the Grosse Pointe News, or one you saw while driving the area. I thought, "How cool!"

I called Mike Le Van, whose name and number were listed on the sign, and checked out his website. He told me the "talking house" is not a new technology, but one that is used on a limited basis in the Grosse Pointe area. In fact, he said he had seen only two other houses in the area using it, and none recently.

"I install a small transmitter in each house I list that's about the size of a telephone book," Le Van said. "It's short range, about 300 feet, and allows me to record a three-minute message noting things about the house that passersby couldn't see from the outside," he said.

Asked how Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations might apply to this use, Le Van said that because the range was so limited, FCC regulations did not apply. He could basically use any AM frequency not in use in the area.

"Clients whose homes I list like to peek out through the curtains and see who is parked outside of the house obviously listening to the message," Le Van said. "For buyers, it gives them a quick way to get some basic infor-



mation about the house without calling an agent and listening to a sales pitch. And they don't have to trudge up to a brochure holder for an information sheet in the winter."

Le Van said the transmitters work. He attributes several of his sales each year to the transmitters, but called it just another arrow in his quiver of sales tools.

He buys the transmitters himself and sees the few thousand dollars he has invested as just another marketing investment, the cost of doing business to give him a leg up on his competition.

Le Van puts one in every one of his listings, which can range from two to 12 units at any one time.

If you just want to hear what it sounds like, besides the Fairholme unit in Grosse Pointe Woods, he has

one at 1003 Somerset and 1032 Maryland, both in Grosse Pointe Park. (Shouldn't I get a commission for this?)

On a related item, as I mentioned, I also visited Le Van's website at www.mikelaevan.com just to check his use of Internet technology. I would suggest that anyone considering putting up a website should visit it and learn how to do it right.

It's much more than a cookie-cutter website. The company he used to create the site is Advance Access in California, and the company offers quite a few unique features for the money.

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

Supreme Court Justice Robert Young to address the Eastside Republican Club

The Eastside Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Supreme Court Justice Robert P. Young Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park will be the guest speaker.

"We look forward to Bob's presentation on the issues facing the Supreme Court in 2002," said Eastside Republican Club Chairman Thomas R. McCleary Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We invite all, regardless of political affiliation, to hear Justice Young and participate in a question and answer session. This is an opportunity to meet and hear an outstanding non-partisan candidate who will be up for re-election in November."

Gov. John Engler appointed Young to the Michigan Supreme Court in December 1998. In 2000, Young was elected to complete the remainder of the term, which expires in 2003.

Previously, in 1995, Engler appointed Young to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Young was elected to a full term on the Court of Appeals in 1996.

Young graduated in 1974 from Harvard College with honors, and from Harvard Law School in 1977. In 1978, he joined the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, becoming a partner in the firm in 1982. From 1992, until his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Young was the vice president, corporate secretary, and general counsel of AAA Michigan.

Young has had significant involvement in numerous civic and charitable activities during his career. In addition to his numerous community activities, which include being a member of the advisory board of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Academy, Young is most proud of his service as a trustee of charitable and



Robert P. Young Jr.

civic organizations devoted to the interest of children such as the Detroit Institute of Children, Vista Maria, and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Concerning Child Abuse and Neglect.

Young is also a former commissioner of the Michigan Civil Service Commission, a former

trustee of Central Michigan University, and a former trustee of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit program. He has served on the board of many other civic and business organizations. He has received honorary degrees from Central Michigan University and Michigan State University — Detroit College of Law. In 1999, he was named Detroit Country Day School's Alumni of the Year. In 2000, Young was named Jurist of the Year by the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Young has been married for 25 years and is the father of two sons.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through June at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Admission is free. The public is welcome.

For more information on Eastside Republican Club programs, call Tom McCleary at (313) 882-2709.

Business People

City of Grosse Pointe resident Rosemary Hughes was selected recently to head Jewish Vocational Service's Women to Work Program. Hughes will help women who have lost their primary source of income make informed employment and career decisions.

Hughes also teaches women's studies at Oakland University and counsels women in transition in private practice in Grosse Pointe.

Edward Kerfoot has received Wayne State University's Distinguished Corporate Leader Award.

The award is given to WSU alumni who have distinguished themselves in the business world.

Kerfoot, of Grosse Pointe Park, is director of toxicology and product regulations with BASF Corp. in Wyandotte. He earned three degrees from Wayne State and is an associate professor in the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

Brian Collins of Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio, Northland, has been inducted into the American Society of Interior Designers Council of Fellows. The national award is the association's highest honor.

Collins, a resident of Grosse Pointe, has been an interior designer for 25 years.

He has served the Michigan Society of ASID as president, and spearheaded the right to practice movement for interior designers in the state. He has also served ASID as chair of student affairs.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident David Perry has received the Lucy Blair Service Award from the American Physical Therapy Association.

Perry has served on the association's House of Delegates and executive committee, among others.

Perry has also won APTA Michigan Chapter's Marge Stamm Outstanding Service Award.

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Crash landing

A 44-year-old Warren man finally ended his disoriented drive through several cities when he sideswiped a car in the 800 block of Rivard on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The driver, who admitted to being impaired after taking several doses of Tylenol 3 on an empty stomach, was seen driving erratically, almost striking several cars, by an off-duty Detroit police officer from I-696 and Van Dyke into the City of Grosse Pointe.

The driver was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs, driving with a suspended license and a misdemeanor warrant for driving under the influence out of the 36th District Court in Detroit.

Snowblower stolen

A resident of the 300 block of Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms reported his Toro snowblower was taken from his unlocked garage while he was on vacation between Sunday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 31.

Breaking, no entry

An alarm tipped off Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers to a broken window of a house in the 200 block of Lewiston on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10:16 p.m.

Public safety officers found a Christmas tree placed in front of the window had not been moved, making it unlikely that anyone had entered the house. Nothing appeared taken from the house and no other damage was found. Two neighbors in the area said they did not hear or see anything unusual at the time of the vandalism.

- Bonnie Caprara

Parolee caught at gunpoint

A Grosse Pointe Woods patrolman who was checking out a suspicious driver wound up in a chase through neighborhood side streets that ended with his pistol drawn and a three-time loser face down on the ground.

On Friday, Jan. 4, at 10 p.m., the officer saw a car in the westbound turnaround at Mack and Hawthorne. The car, a blue 1994 Plymouth four-door, had a broken vent window covered with plastic. Thinking the car may have been stolen, the officer pulled up and the suspect sped off.

Speeding on westbound Hawthorne, the felon took a

few turns and pulled into a driveway in the 2000 block of Hampton. As the officer pulled up, the man began backing up his car as though trying to run down the officer.

The patrolman drew his gun and ordered the man out of the Plymouth.

Under questioning at the scene, the subject admitted being on parole for fleeing and eluding.

Woods officers said the 48-year-old Detroit suspect had a lengthy conviction record, including larceny of a person and home invasion. His driver's license had been suspended seven times.

He was wanted on a \$1,000 warrant from Warren for driving with a suspended license. He posted \$1,000 bond the next morning and was released at 8:30 a.m. He is scheduled to appear in Woods municipal court on March 27.

Carjacking fails in G.P. Woods

A 36-year-old woman escaped uninjured from a botched carjacking last week in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Clinton Township woman was getting out of her car in the 19200 block of Linville on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at about 11:15 p.m., when an unknown man ran up and told her to get out. A struggle followed.

She screamed, he swore. He grabbed her arm, she wriggled free. He took her car keys and jumped in a car being driven by an accomplice. The victim said the car looked like a gray or silver Pontiac Grand Prix with primer showing on the passenger side.

A male witness drove in pursuit of the suspects but couldn't keep up.

With information provided from the victim and a witness, police are investigating the crime.

Park fire runs

Grosse Pointe Park officers responded to two minor fires during the holidays.

On Christmas day, firefighters arrived at a home in the 800 block of Beaconsfield to find smoke caused by something burning in a broiler.

On Dec. 27, in the 1100 block of Grayton, officers responding to a report of smoke from extinguished ashes smoldering in the trash.

A third fire took place on Friday, Jan. 4, at 4:30 p.m., in the 1300 block of Maryland. Officers arrived at the house, rolled out two hoses and confined the fire to the basement.

David Hiller, the Park director of public safety, said

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his men did an "excellent job containing this fire."

Neighbor thwarts theft

An early-riser living in the 1800 block of Broadstone in Grosse Pointe Woods watched Sunday, Jan. 6, at 6:41 a.m., as an unknown man doused the lights of a turquoise or silver van, which appeared to be a Pontiac Trans Van, and pulled into a neighbor's driveway.

The witness confronted the man when he tried to take a generator from the neighbor's garage. The stranger drove away empty handed.

While investigating the incident, a Woods policeman learned that a snow shoveler

had seen the stranger's vehicle cruising slowly through the southwest section of the Woods about a half hour before the Broadstone report came in.

Park car thefts

The first car theft of 2002 in Grosse Pointe Park took place on Friday, Jan. 4, between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., in the area of Beaconsfield and Mack. The missing silver 1999 Dodge Intrepid four-door had been parked in a parking lot.

Rounding out last year, two cars were taken Dec. 23 from the 1300 block of Buckingham and 800 block of Park Lane. They were found in St. Clair Shores and Detroit, respectively.

On Dec. 29, a van stolen

from the 800 block of Grand Marais was found the next afternoon on Detroit's east-side.

Light damaged

Five juveniles were caught in Detroit on suspicion of damaging a post light in front of a home in the 1200 block of Wayburn.

The vandalism was reported shortly after 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Park officers caught the quintet on Sunday, Jan. 6 at about 1 a.m.

- Brad Lindberg

Inside job?

A woman living in a home in the 21400 block of Brierstone returned from running errands Jan. 2 to find her home had been broken into.

Missing were a \$1,700 in-

dash car television, an \$1,100 portable DVD player, 10 DVDs and approximately \$600 worth of jewelry.


The woman told police she suspects the crime was committed by one of her friends who had been repeatedly asking her to sell the items. She had refused to sell, and put the items in a white printer box in her bedroom.

One of the woman's neighbors saw a man fitting the description of the suspect leaving the house with the box around noon that day and watched him drive off in a vehicle which matches the description of the suspect's car.

The woman said her friend knew the location of the box, the contents of it and how to gain entry through the rear door which had been forced open in the past.

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Obituaries

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Zimmerman and his wife were members of the first class to graduate from Grosse Pointe High School. He was also a graduate of Colgate University, where he was captain of the golf team.

Mr. Zimmerman was the owner and president of the George L. Weatherby & Republic Supply Corporations — hardware and appliance wholesale businesses. He was very influential in helping his son-in-law, Chuck Muer, launch his career as a restaurateur.

Mr. Zimmerman was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, where he enjoyed his favorite hobby, golf. He also belonged to the Detroit Athletic Club and the Country Club of Florida.

He is also survived by his son, Albert (Debbie) Zimmerman; his daughters Mary Kent Ireland, Bonnie (Robert) Wachter and Cathy (Tom) Grunewald. He will be missed by his 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Maybe there will be a champion golfer in the group. He was predeceased by his son Rush and his



Kent A. Zimmerman daughter and son-in-law Betty and Chuck Muer.

A memorial gathering was held on Jan. 5, at the Verheyden Funeral Home.

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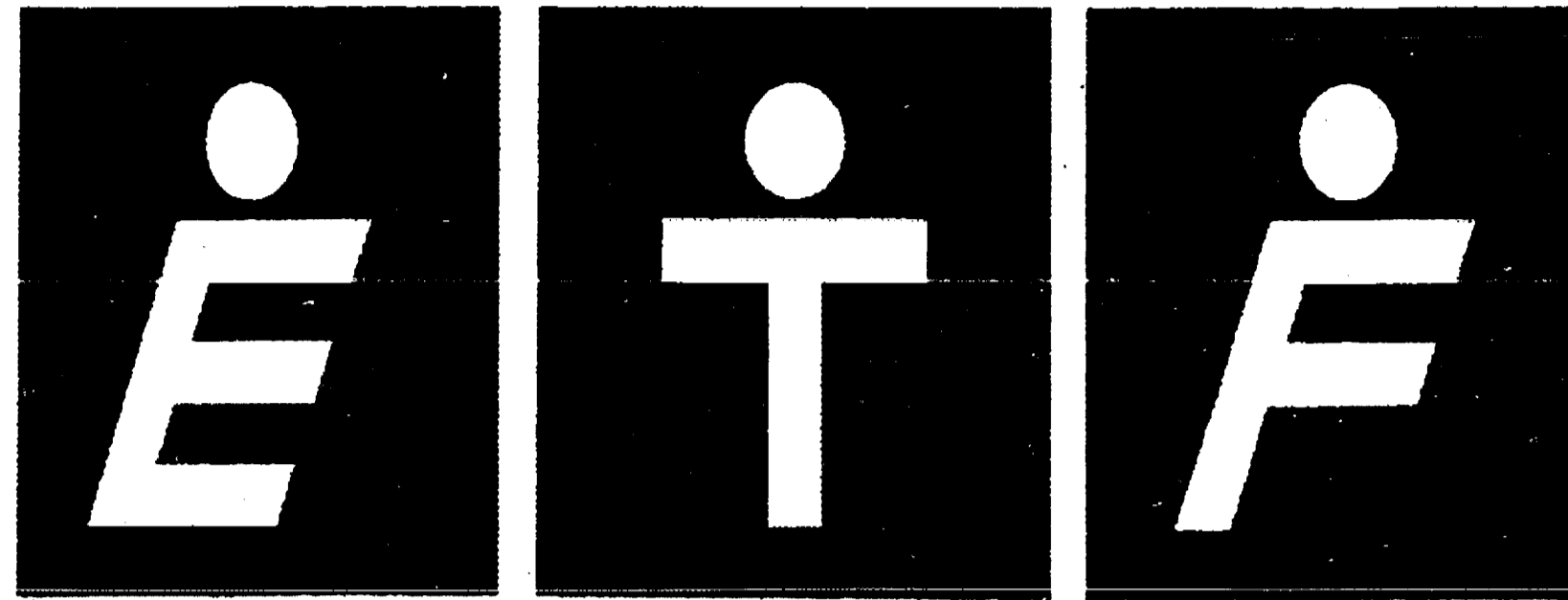


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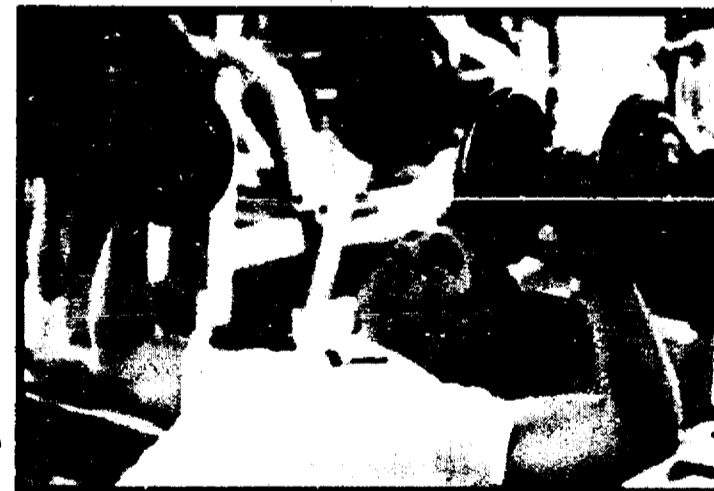


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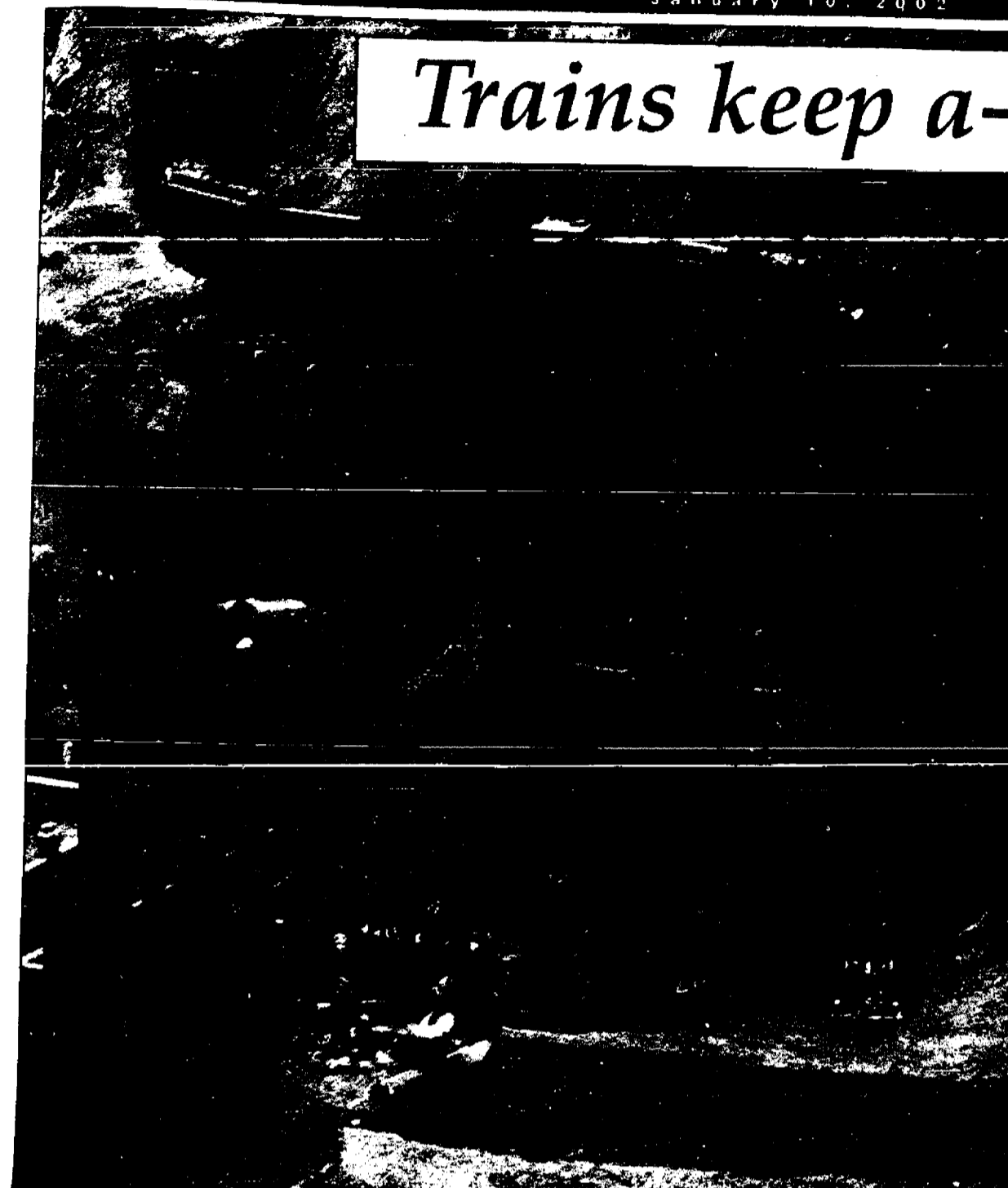
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Trains keep a-rollin'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer



Start the new year with a step back in time to an age of romance and raw power, to a place where iron horses drew gilded coaches along the iron boulevards of North America — when any time was train time.

"When I was young, the primary means of transportation was by passenger train," said Paul Gribbell, 60, who preserves his boyhood memories as president of the Detroit Model Railroad Club. It's the largest club of its kind in Michigan.

The club's nearly 100 members operate a 4,000-square-foot, O-scale model train layout in downtown Holly, about an hour's drive north of Detroit near Pine Knob.

Except for a narrow viewing aisle that puts visitors within inches of trackside, the layout extends wall-to-wall on multiple levels inside a former single-screen movie theater.

The club is hosting an open house this weekend prior to closing for eight months of maintenance and, in a never ending quest for more train action, expansion.

Photos by Brad Lindberg
A steam-era passenger train rumbles across a trestle at the Detroit Model Railroad Club. At left, the Sportsman, a streamlined passenger train of the Chesapeake & Ohio, rounds a curve. Inset, hobos brew coffee trackside.

"We've been building the railroad for 26 years," Gribbell said. "We're half done, maybe."

The layout contains 3,500 feet of mainline track, plus another 1,000 feet of siding and spur lines. At a scale of 1/4 inch to the foot, the tracks total an equivalent 41 miles, enough to reach from Grosse Pointe past Willow Run Airport.

"It takes 20 minutes for trains to complete the circuit," said Richard Hait, 59, a club member who custom-built and operates a model, Chesapeake & Ohio streamlined passenger train named the Sportsman.

As a boy, Hait saw the real thing whisking passengers between Washington, D.C., Cincinnati and Detroit.

He painted his model in Chesapeake blue and yellow from the tip of the lead diesel engine to the tail of the observation car following far behind. He made sleek coaches, a dining car and luxurious Pullman sleepers in which pampered riders slumber "like a kitten on the finest fleet of air-conditioned trains in the world," according to classic copy writing from the

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Tobacco recovery options: Do whatever works

No one says that quitting tobacco is easy. But if you smoke and want to quit, you can draw on more sources of help than ever before.

According to the American Lung Association, over 44 million Americans have quit. Most tried several times before they succeeded.

But they quit for good. Dr. Michael Fiore, director of the Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, has treated more than 5,000 smokers who want to quit.

That experience, he says, made him "acutely aware of both the powerfully addictive nature of tobacco and the enormous differences among people who smoke and want to quit."

Even so, the range of med-

ical treatments and self-help strategies has increased over the last five years. Fiore headed an expert panel that summarized those options in "Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence," the most recent clinical guidelines for health care professionals.

Among the options are nicotine replacement therapies — ways to deliver carefully controlled doses of nicotine that take the edge off cravings. These come in the form of nicotine sprays, gums, patches and inhalers. Other medications — including bupropion (Zyban), an antidepressant — can help you manage mood changes that come with quitting.

Be sure to support medication with counseling.

Quitting tobacco means learning a host of new skills, such as coping with stress and the cravings to smoke. Counseling offers a way to acquire those skills. According to the recent clinical guidelines, the more counseling you have, the better chances of quitting.

You can also learn those skills in a group setting, along with other people who are trying to quit. Examples include stop-smoking classes from the American Cancer Society and American Lung Association. Your doctor can recommend others as well, such as Nicotine Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women helping each other to live free of nicotine. NA is a mutual-help group that uses the Twelve Steps as a foun-

ation for recovery.

The most intense help for smokers is a residential treatment program. Only a handful exist, including a seven-day Your Next Step program offered by Hazelden; an eight-day program from the Mayo Clinic's Nicotine Dependence Center in Rochester, Minn.; and the Nicotine Addiction Program at St. Helena's Hospital in Deer Park, Calif.

Outpatient tobacco recovery programs are an option as well. Yet there's evidence that residential programs — where participants live together in a retreat setting — offer a greater benefit.

A study at Mayo's Nicotine Dependence Center found that 45 percent of people treated in its residential program were tobacco-free

one year after treatment. In contrast, only 23 percent of outpatients managed to abstain during that period.

"The most important factor that accounts for more favorable outcomes for the residential group was the intensity of the inpatient intervention," said Dr. Richard Hurt, head of the center.

Barry McMillen, director of Nicotine Dependence Treatment Services at Hazelden, notes a unique feature of Hazelden's Your Next Step program: It does not provide nicotine replacement therapy.

"Our thinking is that we have seven days to get people off nicotine and develop strategies to remain tobacco-free for the rest of their lives," said McMillen. "If

they use nicotine replacement, then they're going to walk out of here still addicted to the drug."

McMillen's comment echoes the Twelve Step philosophy of Nicotine Anonymous, the basis of Hazelden's program. Drugs such as alcohol and tobacco are "cunning, baffling and powerful."

In the end, you either use a drug or you don't. Abstinence offers the best prospect for staying tobacco-free.

This chemical health column is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn. that offers a wide range of information and services. Call (888) 535-9485 or check www.hazelden.org.

Trains

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C&O's proud advertising department.

Compared to once-a-year train fanciers who set up temporary layouts under the family Christmas tree, members of the Detroit Model Railroad Club are diehards. Accuracy is paramount, from super-detailed locomotives and hand-made scenery to scratch-built houses, stores and shanties in and around towns and whistle stops along the way.

Hait used parts from six locomotives to make his trio of F7A-B-A passenger diesels. Modelers call the process kitbashing. It took Hait about a month to make each passenger car and paint the riders inside.

"We do research because we want to make things accurate," he said.

It takes a lot of work to run a railroad, even in 1/4-inch scale. There's considerable manual labor involved, although model railroaders lay track using needle-nose pliers instead of sledge hammers. Each foot of track consists of 108 tiny spikes that attach two thin metal rails to 27 wood ties.

"It takes one hour to lay one foot of track," Gribbell said.

"Ties are laid one at a time using a guide," said Art Fergusson, a club member for six years. "It's tedious work. But it's something you have to do for it to operate well. It's a labor of love."

While he spoke, the flashy red and silver Texas Special, a crack limited that ran between St. Louis and San Antonio in the glory days of passenger trains, cruised by on the westbound main.

The club has covered a lot of ground since being founded in 1935. Its oldest set of diesel engines, painted in the red and yellow of the fictitious Detroit Union Railroad, have reportedly logged one million miles (real miles, not scale). The model's motors and gears have been replaced many times.

The club has accumulated a lot of equipment over the decades. The layout's intricate electrical system has been rigged with circuits cannibalized from surplus World War II bombers.

Until 1970, the club rented space under the grandstands at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Thousands of visitors filed through each year during the fair's annual two-week run. One day the lease wasn't renewed.

"They had to find a place quickly," Gribbell said. Members bought the old Holly Theater.

"They didn't want to rent again and be at somebody's discretion," Gribbell said.

The theater's seats were removed, exposing a sloped floor above which the layout has been constructed on several levels. A sturdy web of wooden framework supports scenery contoured by chicken wire covered with a thin layer of plaster.

Single and double-rail

tracks range up and down forested hills and through wildflower meadows to overlap themselves several times.

The layout has a 10-foot range in height, a scale 480 feet, between the lowest point (Detroit, a staging area hidden beneath the viewing aisle) and Dorrance, home to a passenger depot, locomotive repair shop complete with turntable and roundhouse, and downtown business district.

The main line loops several times to encircle mountain ranges, bisect foothills and serve several hamlets such as Keatington, where a lone flour mill sits by a siding. A number of freight yards, visible and hidden, provide for storage and staging.

Six trains can operate on the mainline at the same time, with five additional trains on spur lines:

- A heavy duty steam engine lugs a long freight train up foothills.

- A crack passenger train clips across country. It doesn't slow through the jerkwater town of Walkerville before disappearing into a tunnel.

- Nearby, the yellowish-white headlight of another passenger train pops out of a tunnel at the foot of Bear Mountain. Passengers look out coach windows to see a clearing in the forest where hobos sit around a fire brewing coffee. They'd better watch out. A black bear prowls Bear Mountain.

- In the rich valley below, an old, weary freight pokes along, lugging a mixture of dilapidated box cars and worn out cattle cars along the crescent curve of a branch line that parallels Smith's Creek.

- In the mountains above, a powerful Southern Pacific 4-8-8-2 articulated steam locomotive heads a string of refrigerator cars packed with fresh fruit and vegetables. The engineer doesn't have time to lose. He has to deliver his perishable freight to market by

morning, but he throttles down in a rugged region of cliffs and trestles.

Almost everywhere on the pike, steam engines chug and diesels growl. Horns sound.

Viewers standing close to the mainline watch trains rumble over switches. Boxcars wobble slightly from side to side. The wheels go click-click click-click.

Gribbell said, "It sounds more like train than HO-scale," which is half the size of O-scale. "It gives a sense of a train."

The realistic layout is due to members who are as passionate about their hobby as they are about railroad history.

"Prior to the railroad, this country was a mom-and-pop operation," said the club's longest-running member, Dave Kunz, 58. In 1967, while on military service in Vietnam, Kunz built a Pullman car for the steam-era passenger train he operates at the club.

The layout is run like a real railroad. Train movements are deliberate and measured. It's not a race.

At times there's no action on the main line, although switchers might be composing trains on various sidings. At a recent operating session, a long coal train with two engines on the head and a helper pushing behind sat bunched behind a milk train. Both were holding for a passenger train late pulling out of Detroit.

"The trains are stacked like airplanes waiting to land," Hait said. "We call it prototypical operation."

"Everything is done to scale," said Fergusson while controlling a freight train about to cross a three-arch bridge over a narrow valley near the center of the layout.

Locomotive operators, carrying walkie-talkies and wireless throttles, play the role of engineers. They can't move their trains until cleared by dispatchers. Like real railroad employees who

monitor traffic from the top floor of yard towers, the club's dispatchers keep an eye on things using intricate switchboards.

"We'd like everybody to know how to run a dispatch panel," Gribbell said. "Most members don't want to know. It's too complex."

Hait, at the throttle of his C&O streamliner, was tired of being stacked outside Detroit. He had a schedule to keep and the milk train was in the way.

"If that thing went any slower, it'd be backin' up," Hait teased the milk train engineer, who shook his head and said out of the side of his mouth, "He likes to play slot cars around here — whiz-zoom."

As the milk train gathered steam, Hait radioed a hint to the Detroit dispatcher: "Detroit Tower, cab six would like clearance into Detroit on the westbound main."

Hait said his passenger train hits scale speeds of 60

mph on downhill straights. A 30-car coal train, on the other hand, crawls around 12-foot radius curves and up hills at about 10 mph.

Members of the Detroit Model Railroad Club practice their hobby to a degree almost impossible to match on a home layout.

"If you want to get involved with a large model railroad, you pretty much have to join a club," Gribbell said. "Not many people have the ability to do this by themselves, particularly as complex as we are. We have room for new members who want to learn."

Last summer, club members dismantled the theater's projection booth to provide another 500 square feet for new track.

"We'll finish that when we close down after our January open house," Gribbell said. "We'll pick up space and make a major town."

A prophetic call cracked

over the radio: "Train four, this is dispatch. You are clear."

The Detroit Model Railroad Club's open house runs this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 12 and 13 from noon to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1.50 for kids 5 through 18, and free for children 4 and under.

The club is located at 104 N. Saginaw in downtown Holly. Take I-75 north to exit 98 (East Holly). Turn left and drive five miles to town. Cross the railroad tracks (real ones) and turn right at the traffic light. The layout is in the former Holly Theater on the right.

A brass bell from a New York Central steam locomotive sits in front of club headquarters ready to be rung.

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G.P. Chamber Music plans concert Jan. 13

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music will present a concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Music will be by Gliere, Thompson and Barber.

Admission is free for members; \$6 for guests.

For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

Chamber music concert is Jan. 13

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club is a series dedicated to presenting chamber music programs in an informal, intimate atmosphere. The group will offer a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Among the performers will be Farms resident Laura Larson, flutist; Nadine Deleury, cellist; and Jacqueline Csurgai-Scmitt, pianist. Other performers are Sally Pituch, oboist; Ulrike Wartenberg, clarinet; Helene Rottenberg, guitar; Velda Kelly, violinist; and Angelika Furtwangler, violist.

The program will include music by Friedrich Kuhlau, Benjamin Britten and Johann Nepomuk Hummel.

Each selection will be preceded by a short talk by the musicians. Tickets are \$18 at the door; \$15 in advance. For more information, call (248) 477-1487.



Anthony Wayne Society

More than 350 people attended a recent event sponsored by Wayne State University's Anthony Wayne Society. Among the guests were, from left, President Irvin Reid and Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid and Grosse Pointers Elaine and Peter Schweitzer.



Wine Tasting party

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Merchant's Fine Wines will host "A Winter Wine Tasting" from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the War Memorial.

John Jonna and Toney Randazzo of Merchant's will present more than 50 red and white wines from around the world, accompanied by cheeses and appetizers.

From left, are Susan Bamford, Mary Michaels and Lisa Lewandowski of the Friends shown at last winter's wine tasting event.

Tickets are \$40 a person. For reservations, call the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511. For more information about the Friends, call Candace at (313) 821-1575 or Pam at (313) 824-3536.



Fontbonne's White Christmas Ball

The White Christmas Ball, sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, was held Dec. 14 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. This year's theme was "Christmas in Vienna." Proceeds will benefit an endowed chair for women's health at St. John Hospital.

From left, are Cynthia Doherty and Theresa Selvaggio, both former White Christmas Ball chairmen, and Nashwa Sawaf, general chairman for the 2001 ball.

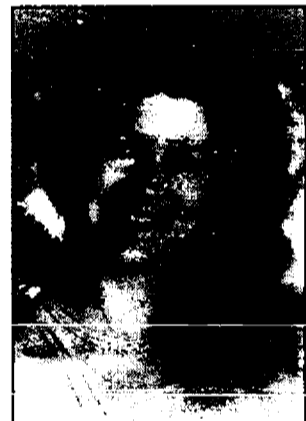


All Saints' Night

More than 200 people attended the St. John Health System's Champions for Life "All Saints' Night" on Nov. 7 at the new Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The evening included supper, self-guided tours and entertainment throughout the new facility. The three-story 69,000-square-foot facility is dedicated to providing a unique environment where complementary services focus on the harmony of body, mind and spirit, in addition to conventional cancer therapies.

From left, are Champions for Life committee chairmen Jim and Kristine Mestdagh, John and Connie Ahee and Dianna and Michael Santeufemia. Other committee members include Sarah Clarkson, Michael and Diane Curis, John Ponzio, Mary Beth Ryan, David Stone and Debbie Van Elslander.



Laura Larson



Celebration Gala

The Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center will host its annual dinner dance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Country Club of Detroit.

Formerly known as the Auto Show Afterglow, this year's theme is "Celebration Gala."

The Assistance League is one of 10 charities that benefits from the proceeds of the International North American Auto Show Charity Preview, held the same evening at Cobo Arena and sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

Madeleine Socia, standing, and Sherry McRill are co-chairmen of the event.

Tickets for the dinner dance and buffet are \$85 a person and may be ordered by calling (313) 881-0325.

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The Pastor's Corner

Prayer for our times

By the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

Let us pray the grace of sustained courage for the living of these days:

for reason when the blood runs hot;
for compassion when the brain is coldly analytical;
for tolerance when the eye spots difference;
for generosity when the hand closes to secure what it has;
for calm when the ear is battered by clamor;
for humor when the funny bone feels dry;
for the best that is in us to think, to dare, to do.

Let us pray for the grace of sustained courage that shows itself in everyday ways.

Men and women and children have faced with great heart all that we face now.

They have shown us that greatness of spirit is our inheritance.

If we cannot be their equals, let us at least be their worthy heirs.

Lay Theological Academy lists new programs, topics

The Lay Theological Academy has slated several programs for the months of January and February.

The seventh Sweeney Memorial Lecture, "Christian Faith in a Newly Changed World," will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. The presenter will be the Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll of Victoria, British Columbia. The program is free.

"A Week of Wales Watching" will take place from Tuesday, Jan. 22 through Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. Dr. Gareth Lloyd Jones, an Anglican priest from North Wales, head of

the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Wales, is Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's 2002 ecumenical minister.

The week will include opportunities to learn about the history of Wales as well as Welsh religious tradition, culture and food. A Welsh lunch will be provided on Saturday. Child care is available with advance notice.

A panel discussion on stem cell research will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Presenters are Dr. Elizabeth Puscheck, Dr. Dan Rappolee, Dr. James Meza and the Rev. Dr. Robert Feucht. The cost is \$5.

Engagements



Daniel Leonard Klaasen and Tiffany Pierce Tracy

Tracy-Klaasen

Marilyn and Emmet Tracy Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Pierce Tracy, to Daniel Leonard Klaasen of Grosse Pointe Park. A May wedding is planned.

Tracy earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Lynchburg College and a J.D. degree from the University of Detroit Law School.

She is an attorney with Compuware Corp.

Klaasen earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Wayne State University and a master of arts degree in teaching, also from WSU.

He is a science teacher at the Whitney Young Magnet Middle School.

He is also the head of the Bayview Yacht Club junior sailing program.

Khaghani-Lutz

Catherine Mancina Baldwin of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nasser Khaghani of Chicago have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leah Victoria Khaghani, to Brian Michael Lutz, son of Linda Ohanesian Lutz of Commerce Township and Michael Lutz of Highland.

An August wedding is planned.

Khaghani graduated from the University of Michigan with a dual degree in political science and English literature. She is a graduate student at Yale University where she is pursuing a joint PhD in American studies and African-American studies.

Lutz graduated from the University of Michigan where he earned a dual degree in political science and history. He is a student at Harvard Law School.



Brian Michael Lutz and Leah Victoria Khaghani

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church offers classes

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center, located at 21800 Marter Rd. on the border of Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores, offers ongoing winter classes geared for the family. Easy access is now available on Marter Road.

The Kalosomatics Exercise program will hold a complimentary personal fitness testing of blood pressure, flexibility, strength, body fat and heart rate on Monday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 24. Free babysitting is available for the morning Kalosomatics weekly session.

Other fitness programs available are: golf classes with Dish Saros, Tae Kwon Do Karate with the Panagos brothers, and tennis with Wimbledon Racquet Club.

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Christ Church to present three organ concerts

The first of three winter concerts will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Organist Frederic De Haven will present the free concert on the church's new 4,000-pipe Harrison & Harrison organ.

The program will include Mendelssohn's "Sonata II in C minor," Searle Wright's preludes on "Greensleeves" and "Brother James' Air," the "Chorale in B minor" by Cesar Franck, Denis Bedard's "Trilogie for Organ Duet" with Brennan Szafron, and Oliver Messiaen's "La Nativite."

Symphony will present a concert on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. The concert will include the Saint-Saens "Organ Symphony" and a Handel organ concerto, both with De Haven as soloist.

Daniel Roth will give an organ recital on Friday, March 8, at Christ Church. He is the organist of St. Sulpice in Paris.

The installation of the Harrison & Harrison organ was completed last August, dedicated in September. Szafron is Christ Church's assistant organist. De Haven has been organist and choirmaster at Christ Church for the last 26 years.

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Photo by Bob Bruce
Notre Dame's Dan Marchese, right, played well in the Fightin' Irish's victories over Madison Heights Lamphere and Warren Fitzgerald.

North skaters are hitting their stride

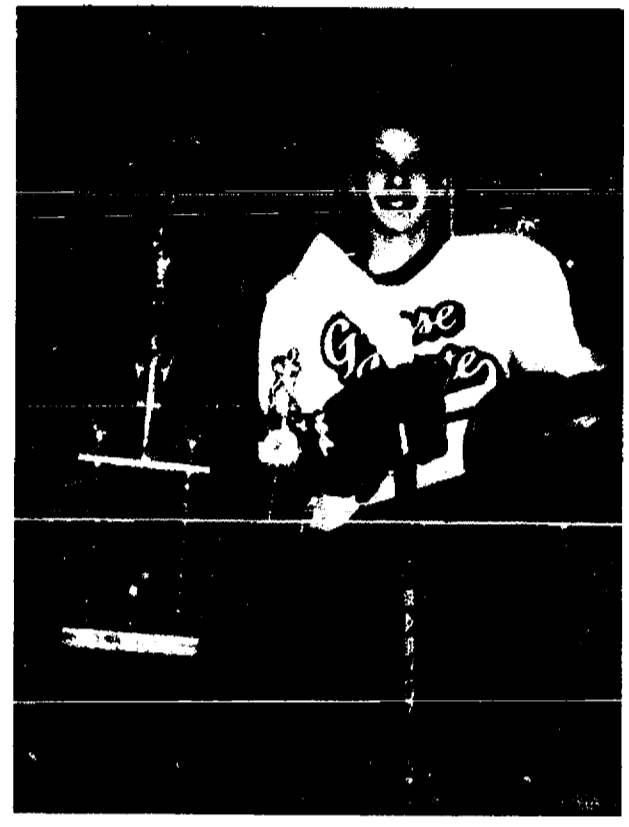
By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor
Grosse Pointe North's hockey team is looking more and more like a team that wants to repeat as state Division II champions. "Ever since the Notre Dame game (a 3-1 loss to the Irish in the semifinals of the University Liggett School tournament in December) the guys have really picked it up," said coach Scott Lock. "We've had only one bad period since that time. They're giving the effort. We're working hard and we're starting to click." The Norsemen were the talk of the Showcase Tournament in Trenton before Christmas with a 6-0 win over Negaunee and an 8-1 romp over Livonia Churchill. When North returned to action last week against Cleveland St. Ed's, it was more of the same as the Norsemen won 5-0. "St. Ed's is a good team and we dominated them from beginning to end," Lock

said. "We had three lines score and the fourth line had chances, too. That's what has been happening for the last month, we're getting contributions from everyone." Roger Horrie and Chris Barger scored first-period goals. "St. Ed's is a good team and we dominated them from beginning to end," Lock

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Super Saturday for two-sport standout

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor
Last weekend, a lot of middle school students sat around their houses and played with the video games they received for Christmas. Jimmy Saros wasn't one of them. The Parcels Middle School sixth grader was too busy trying to win championships with his hockey and basketball teams. And he was successful on both courts. "It was awesome," said Brian Gillum, who coaches the Prowlers in the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's Pee Wee division. "This kid goes out and scores about 20 points against a great Detroit basketball team to lead his team to the championship, then changes uniforms and comes to our hockey championship game."



Jimmy Saros, a sixth-grader at Parcels Middle School, is a young man for all seasons. He recently helped his travel basketball team (the Grosse Pointe Blue Demons) and his hockey team (the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Prowlers) win Christmas tournaments on the same day. Saros is shown with his hockey coach, Brian Gillum, who is holding the two championship trophies.

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Irish win hoops tourney

By Bob St. John
Staff writer
Head coach Don Sicko had a game plan to stop junior Carlos English and his Warren Fitzgerald teammates in last week's holiday tournament championship game. "We will throw our three guards at him and I'm confident Sean (Rinke), Brian (Biggs) and John (Pelak) can contain English," Sicko said. Sicko was right as his Fightin' Irish won the inaugural Notre Dame Tournament, beating Fitzgerald 57-43. Biggs scored 18 points, while Rinke had 15 and senior Jamie Embree added 11 for the Irish. English was held to only 13 points as Fitzgerald lost its first game of the season. Ironically, Notre Dame and Fitzgerald might meet again in the state district tournament in March. Notre Dame advanced to the finals with an easy 69-30 victory over Madison Heights Lamphere, while Fitzgerald defeated L'Anse Creuse 52-41. George Marshall had 16 points and English had 12 to lead Fitzgerald. The Fightin' Irish had an

easier time disposing of Lamphere as their defense forced 22 turnovers and 11 players scored in the romp. "We knew Lamphere's offense was sparked by its guards and we practiced against that attack during the week," Sicko said. "The guys did exactly what we practiced after the first quarter. "I loved our intensity and rebounding." The Irish actually trailed 6-5, but finished the quarter ahead 12-8. Sicko's crew used runs of 8-0 and 10-0 in the second

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First-year wonders

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association under-9 Breakers travel team, which was playing its first season, won its division championship with an 8-1-1 record. In front is Catherine Fowler. In the second row, from left, are Charlotte Socia, Ellie Farber and Chloe Jacob. In the third row, from left, are Sarah Ventimiglia, Madison Ristovski, Chelsea MacGriff and Shelby Stone. In back, from left, are coach Scott MacGriff, Natalie Peracchio, Catherine Palazzolo, Joanna Manos, Natalie Sohn, Katie Case and coach Jim Farber. Not pictured is team manager Beth Case.

Lutheran East wins volleyball league opener

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Lutheran East's girls volleyball team began its league schedule last week, beating Hamtramck 15-6, 15-8.

"We played well enough to win, but I think the layoff affected us a little," head coach Reay Zoellner said. "I was pleased with our play and a win is a win."

The host Eagles dominated each game as middle hitters Caitlin Gerds and Kelli Zoellner had a field day, collecting several kills apiece.

Sherri Wier and Emily Bellhorn also played well, serving and setting.

"We have our work cut out for us as we begin the meat of our schedule," Zoellner said. "We have some tough matches ahead of us, but we look forward to them."

The Lutheran East volleyball team improved to 1-0 in the Metro Conference and 5-1-4 overall.

Next for the Eagles are matches on Friday, Jan. 11, at Southfield Christian, on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at home

against Macomb Lutheran North, and on Thursday, Jan. 17, at Lutheran Northwest.

In addition, the Eagles will compete in the MCC Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Wrestling

Lutheran East sophomore Chris Jurczak won a wrestling gold medal in the 112-pound class in last weekend's Fordson Tournament.

Junior Dexter Shorter took home a bronze in the 130-pound class to round out the Eagles' success.

"It was a good outing for Chris and Dexter," head coach John Widmer said. "Chris beat two really tough wrestlers en route to the title and Dexter is coming along nicely."

East's competitors were Grosse Pointe North, Detroit Holy Redeemer, Dearborn Divine Child, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Melvindale,

Lutheran Westland, Redford Thurston, Livonia Franklin and host Dearborn Fordson.

Widmer's wrestling team will compete in the Fitzgerald Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 12, in its next competition.

"Our kids will see some good wrestlers and Chris will face a couple of state qualifiers who he lost to earlier in the season," Widmer said.

Basketball

The Lutheran East boys basketball team kept its trend alive last week, losing 45-42 to visiting Warren Zee Christian.

It's the third straight time the Eagles followed a win with a loss, which leaves the squad with a 3-3 overall mark.

Next for the Eagles are away games on Friday, Jan. 11, and Tuesday, Jan. 15, against Hamtramck and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

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Pioneers third in River Rouge tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Harper Woods boys basketball team finished third in last week's River Rouge Tournament.

"I liked the way we played, but I would have liked to get in the finals," head coach Loren Ristovski said.

His Pioneers beat Detroit Western 70-64 in overtime in the consolation game, overcoming a 14-point, fourth quarter deficit.

"We came back with a flurry that was amazing," Ristovski said. "We trailed by 14 with only five minutes left in the fourth quarter, but scored 10 points in a minute to get right back in it."

The Pioneers tied the game at 60 and outscored Western 10-4 in the overtime.

Western played a zone against us the entire game and it took us three quarters to finally get going," Ristovski said. "We were cold from the floor, but hit everything in the final quarter and in the overtime."

Senior James Douglas scored 27 points to lead Harper Woods, while seniors Mike Manning and Dave Mahon chipped in with a

dozen points between them.

"We're getting some great play from all of our kids," Ristovski said.

In the first round, Harper Woods lost 65-52 to Detroit Catholic Central.

"We had them on the ropes, but ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," Ristovski said. "We played our best half of the season and it was great to watch the guys play so well against a good team like Catholic Central."

The Pioneers led 19-9 after the first quarter and stretched it to 29-12 midway through the second period.

Catholic Central cut the deficit to 35-28 at the half and tied the game at 45 entering the final quarter.

The Shamrocks made their comeback by hitting 10-of-26 from beyond the three-point line.

"I would have loved to beat CC, but I have to say I'm very pleased with how hard my team played," Ristovski said.

Douglas had 24 points, eight rebounds and six steals, while sophomore Bruce Mosley dominated the guard play. Senior Darryl Gray also had his best game, collecting several points and rebounds.

"Bruce had CC's guards on the floor because they couldn't guard him," Ristovski said. "Darryl came up with a big game in the low post, but CC's long-range shooting was the difference."

The Harper Woods basketball team is 4-2 overall.

"I'm happy with our 4-2 mark," Ristovski said. "We lost both games in the fourth quarter, but I know our schedule has prepared us for the upcoming league slate and state playoffs."

Coming up for the Pioneers is their Metro Conference opener on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Hamtramck.

Wrestling

Head coach Adam Schihl was concerned about his Harper Woods wrestling team and its league opener last week at Lutheran North.

"I hope we can get everyone on the same page before that because we're still not in school, plus we have to travel to North," Schihl said. "This will be a big test for us."

Schihl's Pioneers passed their tests with flying colors, whipping Livonia Clarenceville 52-24 and host

Lutheran North 52-27.

"We have almost everyone back and healthy, which really helped us beat Clarenceville and North," Schihl said. "These were two big wins."

In the Clarenceville match, Matt Tarmina (130-pound class), T.J. Marlin (140 pounds), Jake Bertges (145 pounds), Mike Monahan (152 pounds), Paul Riese (160 pounds), Adam DiGiovanni (171 pounds) and Steve Orjada (215 pounds) earned pins.

Bobby Monahan (112 pounds) won a 13-3 major decision, while Josh Kirsten (103 pounds) and Frank Pietrangolo (135 pounds) captured an 8-1 and 10-9 decision.

The Pioneers also earned a slew of pins against North as Bobby Monahan, Kevin Sparks (119 pounds), Tarmina, Pietrangolo, Marlin and DiGiovanni had the six-point take-downs.

Mike Monahan won a 9-5 decision, while Orjada and Jeremy Myers (275 pounds) won by void to round out the Pioneers' scoring.

The Harper Woods wrestling team improved to 2-0 in the Metro Conference and 7-6 overall.

North

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goals for North. Andy Scarfone and Mike Mueller tallied in the second period and Patrick Hogan closed out the scoring in the third period.

Horrie and Andy Carter each had two assists and Scarfone picked up one.

"Carter also played well defensively," Lock said. "He did a lot of the little things we're looking for. He really stood out in that game."

Goalie Colin Chase stopped 13 shots in posting his fourth shutout of the season.

The Showcase Tournament brought together many of the top teams in the state, in hopes of attracting college and junior scouts to the event.

"We picked the right time to have a good tournament," Lock said. "A lot of scouts came to us to talk about our players."

Erik Schleicher scored twice for North in the Negaunee game and Horrie, Barger, Scarfone and Mueller added a goal apiece. Chase was in goal for the shutout.

David Neveux and Scarfone each scored twice and Trevor Mallon collected four assists in North's win over Churchill.

Horrie, Mueller and Neff Gram also scored for the Norsemen. Dan Vasquez was the winning goalie.

North is 9-3 overall with a tough week ahead. The Norsemen host the Culver (Ind.) Academy A team on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

"January is a tough month for us," Lock said. "We've got two games each with Brother Rice and Culver and games with Cranbrook, (Muskegon) Mona Shores, Catholic Central and Port Huron Northern."

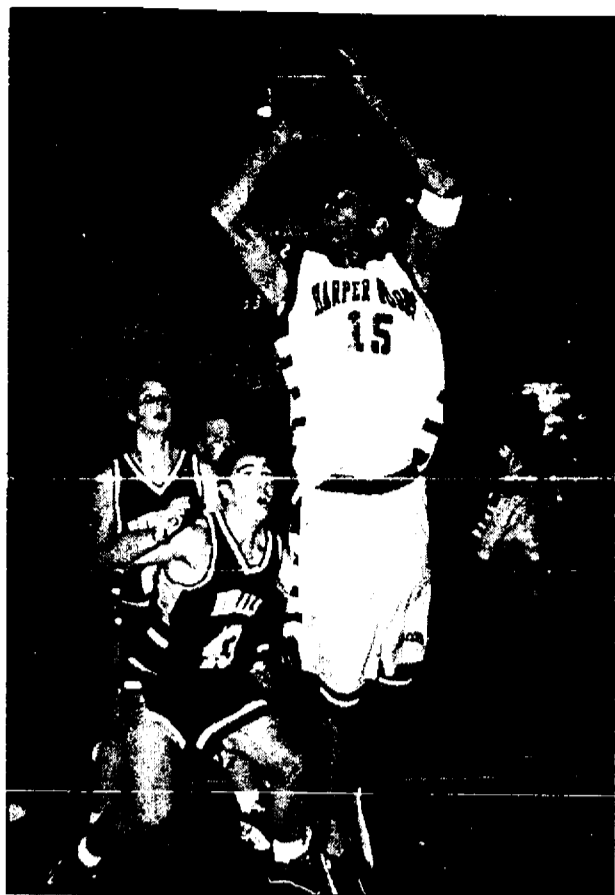


Photo by Bob Bruce

Harper Woods senior Darryl Gay, No. 15, played his best basketball of the season during the Pioneers' two games in the River Rouge Tournament.

Exchange student makes first team

Kristina Wald, an exchange student from Germany, headed a group of five players from the Grosse Pointe field hockey team that earned All-State recognition.

Wald, who attends Grosse Pointe North, was named to the All-State first team. She learned to play field hockey in her native country and was the Grosse Pointe squad's leading scorer.

Alison Livermore, a junior at Grosse Pointe South, was named to the second team.

This was her third season of playing field hockey and she received All-State honorable mention as a sophomore.

Three other members of the squad received honorable mention. They were South junior Katie Cohan, South sophomore goalie Caitlin Keften and North freshman Andrea Coralis.

In its second season as a varsity sport, the combined Grosse Pointe squad finished ninth during the regular season.

First half a success for North girls team

Any way you slice it, Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team had a successful first half of the season.

"Each year since I've been the head coach, we have set goals for ourselves that we feel are challenging but realistic," said coach Tim Van Eckoute.

"This year, North's preseason goals were to end the first half of the season in better shape than the same time last year. That meant more than four wins and better than fourth place in the (Michigan Metro Girls Hockey) League."

Heading into 2002, the Norsemen were 6-3-2 overall and were third in league play with a 5-2-1 record.

"The team also wanted more goals scored and fewer allowed than last year's team," Van Eckoute said. "Finally, they wanted a greater contribution from more players."

"At the halfway point, we have accomplished all of our first-half goals and as a coaching staff, we couldn't be more proud of our kids."

Van Eckoute expects the second half of the season to be even more difficult than the first.

"We have a lot of tough games ahead," he said. "The girls know that there isn't a single game that we can put in the win column until we've earned it on the ice."

"The team's second half goals are simple — play more solid team defense, especially against the stronger teams, and finish with a better overall record than last year."

Among the second-half opponents are Michigan Metro leader Grosse Pointe South and two games with Cranbrook Kingswood and Livonia Ladywood. There's

also a home-and-home series with the West Michigan Thunder, a 19-and-under travel team based in Grand Rapids.

"We have yet to beat them (after two seasons) but each time we play, the games are closer and closer," Van Eckoute said. "It's great for our kids to play the Thunder. They're a strong team with great girls and good coaches. The games have become something we all look forward to."

A pair of seniors have led North's balanced offensive attack. Jennifer Boutin has a team-high 16 points on 12 goals and four assists. Alyssa Simon is right behind her with nine goals and six assists.

"Seventeen different players have contributed to a much-improved offense," Van Eckoute said. "The thing I'm most happy about is that our kids have improved to the point where I can run three or four lines in every game. It's a great advantage in a tight game. Your kids stay fresh and strong and wear other teams down."

"It also speaks volumes about the hard work and dedication the girls have put in on hockey. All that time in the spring, summer and fall has paid off."

The biggest surprise offensively has come from the point. All five of the defensemen who take regular shifts have contributed.

Jillian Zylinski leads the defense corps with a goal and five assists. Katie McPharlin has two goals and three assists and first-year player Megan Irving has a goal and four assists.

"It has been a great asset to our forwards to be able to use the points this season," Van Eckoute said.



Five players from the Grosse Pointe field hockey team received All-State recognition. From left, are Kristina Wald, Alison Livermore, Katie Cohan, Caitlin Keften and Andrea Coralis.

Irish

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period to break open the game, taking a 30-10 half-time advantage.

"Our defense was tough, especially in the second and third quarters," Sicko said. "Our kids contested shots and rebounded very well."

Notre Dame's role players hit for 16 points in the fourth quarter as both squads played out the final eight minutes.

Biggs scored 24 points, including two on a pretty dunk, while junior Dave Drewncke had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Junior Marvin Listenbee also had eight rebounds to go along with four points.

Pelak and senior Dan Marchese each scored four points, while Rinke tallied three.

Other scorers were Brad Michaels with five, Darryl Atkins with four, Craig Robinson with four, Mike Melnyk with two and Dave Marmon with two.

Last weekend, Notre Dame opened its Catholic League Central Division schedule, edging Detroit Catholic Central 61-59.

"We won a big game in our division," Sicko said. "The kids played hard and battled back a few times to earn the win."

The host Irish trailed 27-18 at the half, but scored the first six points of the second half to cut the deficit to 27-24.

Catholic Central responded with a run of its own to take an eight-point lead into the final quarter and the Shamrocks extended the margin to 11 points in the first minute of the fourth period.

"Catholic Central was hit-

ting its three-pointers (nine in the game), but our kids chipped away and never quit," Sicko said.

The Irish tied the game at 59 and won it when Biggs hit two free throws with five seconds left.

"It's a big win as our veterans stepped it up in the second half, which is what they need to do," Sicko said.

Biggs scored 23 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter which the Irish won 25-15.

Rinke added 13 points and Pelak scored all 12 of his points in the second half.

The Notre Dame basketball team stands 1-0 in the Catholic League Central Division and 6-1 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish are away games on Friday, Jan. 11, and Tuesday, Jan. 15, against Birmingham Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit.

Hockey

Notre Dame's hockey team got a wake-up call last week, losing 6-1 to last year's Division III runner-up Dearborn Divine Child.

"We didn't come to play," head coach Kevin McKay said. "We made some mistakes that Divine Child used to its advantage."

"They're a fast, talented team, but we weren't on our game and they were."

The host Falcons led 2-0 before senior Padraic Timmons scored to get the Fightin' Irish on the board.

Then it was all Divine Child. "This was a wake-up call for us," McKay said. "The guys know they have to play better since most of our games from now through the

end of the regular season will be in our division."

In other recent action, Notre Dame tied Okemos 2-2 in the Lansing Showcase.

"We fell behind 2-0, but battled back to get a tie," McKay said.

The Notre Dame hockey team fell to 10-2-1 overall.

Next for the Fightin' Irish are home games on Saturday, Jan. 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 16, against Birmingham and Detroit Country Day and Port Huron.

Wrestling

Senior Victor Fields (215-pound class) captured a gold medal for Notre Dame in the recent Plymouth Salem wrestling tournament.

"Victor was on his game, as were the rest of our kids," head coach Gordie Fooks said. "We had a great showing at a tough tournament."

The Fightin' Irish's other medalists were Sal Valgoin (second at 103 pounds), Ian Naud (fourth at 119 pounds), Dan Hughes (fourth at 130 pounds), Joe Tironi (seventh at 135 pounds), Chris Grey (fourth at 145 pounds) and Kyle Smith (sixth at 171 pounds).

"This was a good way for our wrestlers to stay in shape during the holiday break," Fooks said. "The experience will help as we enter the second half of the season."

Upcoming for the Notre Dame wrestling team is the Sterling-Standish Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 12, and an away triangular meet on Thursday, Jan. 17, against Dearborn Fordson and host Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

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Strong start and finish carries Norsemen

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team was not only disappointed at its recent double-overtime loss to Chippewa Valley — it was mad and determined, too.

Those emotions carried over into the Norsemen's next game, a 47-37 victory over Grosse Pointe South that snapped North's four-game losing streak.

"The thing I've been most impressed with so far this season is our ability to never give up," said Matt Trombley, who is in his first season at the helm of the Norsemen.

"In our first three games we got down and battled back, but against Chippewa we really felt we should have won the game. I think after that game, everybody was tired of just coming close and losing and determined to do something about it."

That happened midway through the fourth quarter of the game against South. The Blue Devils, who outscored North 13-8 in the third quarter, had taken a

37-35 lead — their first of the game.

"What happened next was the turning point," Trombley said. "Their crowd was really into it, but our kids didn't get rattled."

"We went to a diamond press for the first time in the game and caused some turnovers. It was a team effort but Mike Bramos had a couple of steals."

North worked the ball inside to Bill Spalding to tie the game. He was fouled and hit the free throw to put the Norsemen ahead. North scored its last 10 points from the line, including four by Jeff Caldwell, three by Bramos and two by Dan Ahee.

Ahee, who led North with 16 points, connected on three three-point field goals in the first quarter to help the Norsemen jump out to a 14-8 lead. North stretched the advantage to 25-18 at halftime.

"We played a great first half," Trombley said. "We really shut them down defensively."

A key to the defensive effort was the post play of

Mike Gassel and Spalding, who were matched up against South's 6-foot-9 Brett Fragel and 6-6 Dan Buckley.

"They did a nice job defending against them with the height advantage South had," Trombley said.

South coach George Petrouleas praised North's effort in the contest.

"North played a good, solid game," he said. "We had a great chance to win when we came back and had the lead but we made three turnovers in our last four possessions."

Bramos had 13 points and five assists for North. Tom Jahnke led South with 11 points. Buckley had eight rebounds.

Earlier, North dropped a 56-53 double-overtime decision to Chippewa Valley in another Macomb Area Conference crossover game.

In that contest, North led 36-28 with 5 1/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter after a three-pointer by Kellen Howard. Chippewa Valley then went on a 13-2 run to lead 41-36 with 1:10 remaining in regulation.

Dan Kingsley brought North within one with a pair of free throws and Spalding tied the game, 41-41, on a free throw with 15.4 seconds left.

The Big Reds led for most of the first overtime but Bramos hit a three-pointer with 4.3 seconds to go to tie the game at 49-all.

Chippewa Valley jumped ahead early in the second overtime. Steve Maceri made a free throw, but when he missed the second, Mike Bulgarella tipped in the rebound to put the Big Reds ahead to stay.

Howard led North with 13 points and Ahee and Bramos each scored 12.

Mike Kornak led Chippewa with 12 points and Bulgarella added 10.

"We haven't shot well, especially from three-point range," Trombley said. "We were 3-for-14 against Chippewa and 2-for-21 against Notre Dame. When you can knock those down, it can be a big lift."

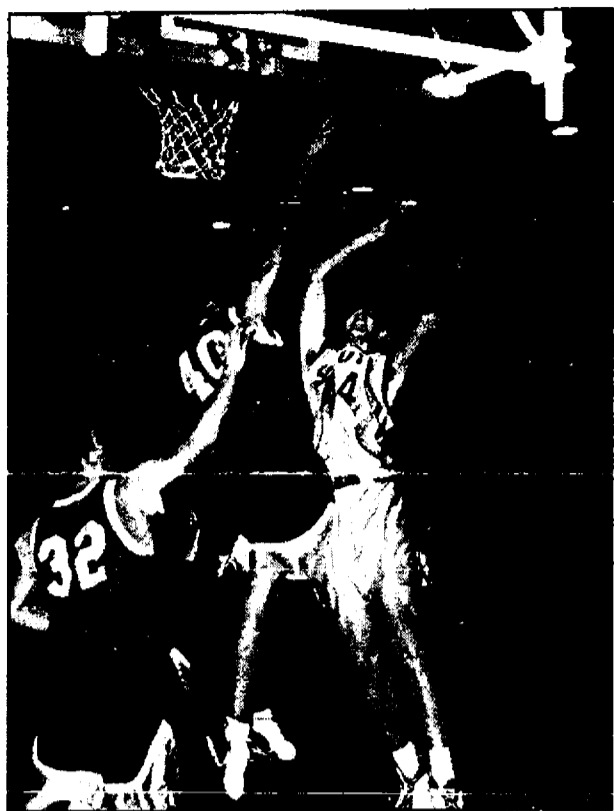


Photo by Ross Sillars
Grosse Pointe North's Mike Bramos (40) goes up to defend a shot by Grosse Pointe South's Brett Fragel. North's Dan Kingsley is ready for a rebound.

South falls short once again

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South basketball coach George Petrouleas didn't have a lot to say at halftime of last Friday's Macomb Area Conference crossover game with Romeo.

"I just wrote 'Will to win,' on the board," Petrouleas said after South suffered its fifth straight defeat, 68-52, at the hands of the Bulldogs.

"If you want it bad enough, you'll find a way to win. So far we haven't wanted it bad enough."

South has been competitive in nearly all of its games this year.

"We've just had stretches where we miss shots or have critical turnovers and the other teams will capitalize on them," Petrouleas said. "Tonight we had 17 turnovers and a lot of those were unforced. We should only have seven or eight turnovers a game."

The end of quarters have been especially tough on the Blue Devils and it happened again in the Romeo game. An 8-2 run late in the second quarter gave South a 24-23 lead with 1:59 remaining in the half. Two free throws by John Hancock put South ahead, but Romeo's Cody Cushingberry scored eight straight points — two three-point baskets sandwiched around a pair of free throws

— in 51 seconds to put the Bulldogs back up by seven.

The first half ended with Romeo leading 31-27. South got within 38-36 on a three-pointer by Hancock midway through the third quarter but a basket by Justin Cushingberry triggered a 9-0 run by the Bulldogs that gave them a 47-36 advantage with 1:48 remaining in the quarter.

Romeo continued to pull away in the fourth quarter and only once did the Bulldogs' lead fall below double digits.

"We knew we were going to have problems in certain areas, so it hasn't been a big surprise," Petrouleas said. "What we need now more than anything else is a victory. The longer you go without one, the tougher it gets."

Cody Cushingberry led Romeo with 20 points, Nick Craft had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Justin Cushingberry added 14 points.

Tom Jahnke led South with 12 points and Brendan Butler, Hancock and Dan Buckley added nine apiece. Buckley had seven rebounds and Brett Fragel pulled down six.

In an earlier MAC crossover game, South let a fourth-quarter lead slip away in a 64-58 loss to St.

Clair.

"We were up by two points late in the fourth quarter and in our next four possessions we had three unforced turnovers," Petrouleas said. "We had 20 turnovers in that game and two-thirds of them were unforced."

The defeat was especially hard to take because the Blue Devils shot 60 percent from the field — their best shooting night of the season.

The difference in foul shooting was also a puzzle to South.

"They made 12 of 14 free throws and we never went to the line," Petrouleas said. "And they pressed the whole game."

Hancock and Jahnke led South with 19 points apiece. South hosts Utica Ford II on Friday before playing seven of its next eight games on the road, beginning with a game at L'Anse Creuse on Tuesday.

Saros

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remaining as the Prowlers edged the GPHA Penguins 3-2 in the championship game of the Christmas Snowball tournament.

Shortly before Sunday's basketball championship game at St. Jude, all of Saros' hockey coaches and many of his hockey teammates walked into the gym.

"It was really neat to see, although Brian told me that he just wanted to make sure Jimmy got to the hockey game," Jimmy's father, Jim Saros, said with a laugh. "It really made Jimmy feel good."

It was a busy weekend for the Saros family. In 16 hours, Jimmy played two hockey games and two basketball games as the semifinals in each tournament were held on Saturday.

"That's really nothing new," said the elder Saros. "Last year, he had a conflict with the state basketball tournament and a district hockey tournament game."

Jim Saros had warned his son's hockey coaches that he might not be available for the district games because of the state basketball tournament, which was being held in Caro.

"Jimmy felt bad about leaving his hockey team before an important game but we had known about the basketball tournament for months," Jim Saros said.

Then they caught a break. One of the basketball games was rescheduled for an earlier time. And in that game, the Blue Demons were winning handily.

"I looked over at my assistant, John Costa," said Jim Saros, who's the head coach of the Blue Demons. "He

looked back at me and said, 'Get the kid out of here.' I said to Jimmy, 'Do you want to try to make it to the hockey game?'"

The elder Saros didn't have to ask twice. They hopped in the car and made the two-hour trip back home and arrived at the arena just as the hockey team was warming up.

Saros played a key role in his team's victory, then father and son jumped back in the car and headed back to Caro for another basketball game.

"Since we won the hockey game, the trip back seemed a lot shorter," said Jim Saros.

Gillum has appreciated having Jimmy Saros on his team the last three seasons, but he probably wishes he had more than one of him.

"Last year, as a center he scored 54 goals," Gillum said. "But this year I moved him to defense because it fits our team personnel better. The kid can fly. He dominated the ice on defense in this tournament and still scored four goals and four assists in our last three games. He has the speed to rush the puck and then get back on defense."

Saros' versatility doesn't stop with basketball and hockey. He is a fine free safety and flanker on the Grosse Pointe Red Barons football team and also made the All-Star baseball team in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

"He loves it and he's good at it," said Saros' father. "I'm enjoying it, too. I'd rather have him doing this than sitting in front of a TV all the time."

Perreault, celebrating his return to forward, skated in from the corner, put moves on the defenseman and the goalie and tucked the puck into the net. Chase MacEachern assisted.

"Jacko has played defense for us all year and has played well but with Tom Klick back from an injury, we moved Perreault to forward," Bopp said. "He excels at either position."

Dow cut the South lead to 2-1 on a power-play goal with 2:16 left in the first period.

The Blue Devils got that goal back in a hurry when Mike Hackett tallied at 1:03 of the second period. MacEachern got his second assist of the game.

"We put together a line of Hackett, MacEachern and Perreault, which gives us a lot of size," Bopp said. "MacEachern took advantage of the extra ice time and played great."

Hackett has been playing well recently. In his last three games, he has collected six points.

"Mike has played well all year," Bopp said. "Even when he isn't scoring points, he does so many other things on the ice to help the team. He's a winner."

Once again, Dow scored late in the period to cut the Blue Devils' lead to a single goal but MacEachern made it 4-2 only 41 seconds into the third period, assisted by Hackett and Swancoat.

Rob Porter intercepted a pass and scored a short-handed goal for South at 12:17 of the final period.

"He's having a great season," Bopp said. "He's one of the fastest skaters in high school hockey. He has improved a lot this year."

Schmidt capped the scoring with 53 seconds remaining in the game. Porter and Trey Shields assisted.

"We were really tested," Bopp said. "The refs weren't calling anything and it was great to see our players take a little extra. They stayed focused on the game and stayed out of the penalty box."

Freshman Charles Smith played his second straight

game in goal and made 18 saves.

"He's only a freshman but he plays with so much confidence," Bopp said. "He's going to have a great career for South."

South also got a strong effort from its entire defense corps, led by Jordan Winfield and Shields.

In the game against Midland, the Blue Devils had a lot of chances in the third period but weren't able to get the equalizer.

"Like so many games this year, we felt that we played well enough to win," Bopp said. "We outshot them 11-4 in the third period, but we continued to have trouble scoring."

"I was happy with the effort of our players. They've worked hard in every game but it seems like whenever we make a mistake the other team capitalizes on it. And when they make a mistake, we haven't taken advantage."

South might have been a bit rusty after a two-week layoff and the Chemics scored at 3:07 of the first period. Hackett's goal at 10:31, assisted by Klick and Porter, tied the game at 1-1. Midland made it 2-1 on a tip-in with 1:04 left in the first period.

The Chemics extended their lead to 3-1 at 10:14 of the third period. South's Bobby Danforth brought the Blue Devils within one with about 6 1/2 minutes left.

It was a pretty goal. Rich Giffin won a faceoff and got the puck to Danforth, who moved in on the Midland goalie, deked him and slipped the puck behind him.

"Bobby has scored so many big goals for us this year," Bopp said. "He's a very talented offensive player. He shows up on the scoresheet in nearly every game."

Smith made 25 saves in another solid performance.

South returns to action in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League on Saturday when the Blue Devils host Dearborn Divine Child at 7:25 p.m. at City Ice Arena.

Senior Chris Economias scored 17 points, including four three-point shots, and senior Jacques Chestnut added 16.

The Bishop Gallagher basketball team fell to 2-4 overall.

Pilots crush Lancers

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Bishop Gallagher's boys basketball team had the misfortune of visiting undefeated Warren De La Salle in a Catholic League crossover game last week.

"The guys knew it would be a tough game, but the experience of playing a good team like DeLaSalle will only help us down the road," head coach Ron Peretto said.

The Lancers missed five

layouts in the first minute of the game, which set the tone in a 68-45 defeat.

"We were missing some players with injuries and illness, but overall it was a tough one to play," Peretto said.

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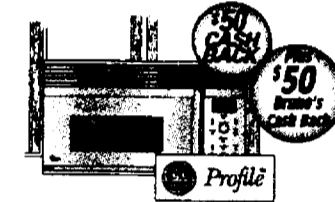
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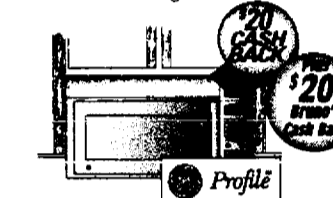
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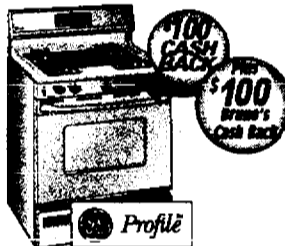
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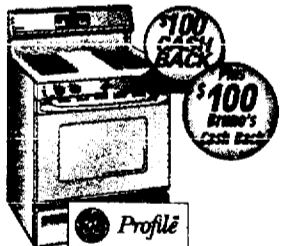
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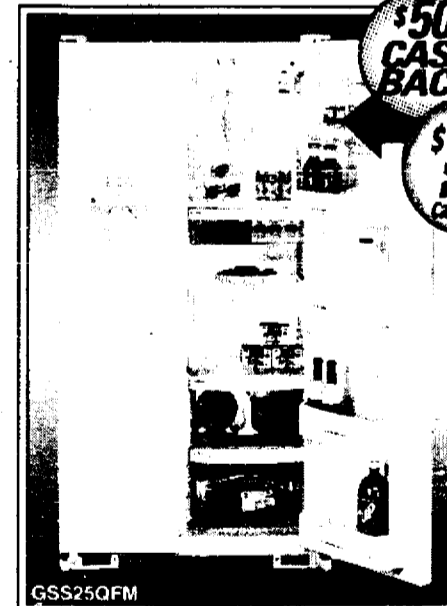
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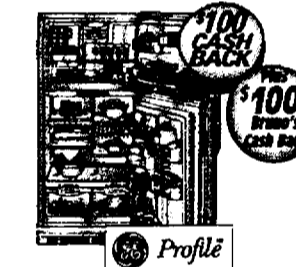
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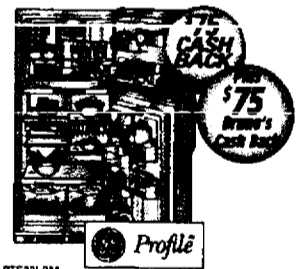
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