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The Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band will return and will be part of 10 bands included in the 27th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade on Friday, Nov. 29. Pictured in last year's parade include banner carriers Anthony Conforte and Anthony Kilmas, and drummers Matt Stasiewicz, Mike Grelner, Cara Wolf, Grant Rodkey, Katy Larrabee, Ely Dolinski, and Lis Cramer.

Village parade will be a 'zoo' Friday morning

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The beginning of the Christmas holiday in the Village is for the birds — and Lions, dogs, elephants, giraffes, hippos, monkeys, zebras and moose, too.

The Grosse Pointe Village Association will have an arklful of fun with its Zany Zoo Animal theme festivities on Friday, Nov. 29, beginning at 9 a.m.

While they may be considered one of the kings of philanthropy than of the jungle, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club will start the day's festivities with its Fifth Annual Jingle Bell Walk/Run. The run will begin at 9 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe South High School track and then will proceed down Kercheval to the Village, and back.

Advanced registration before Monday, Nov. 25, is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Gate registration is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.

The Lions haven't left out the dogs. They may enter the run for \$5.

For more information on the run, call (313) 885-0840.

A pre-parade festival will run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Village with face painting, balloon sculpting and entertainment provided by magician Chris Clark and the Redford Township Unicycle Club. New this year will be the Chris Linn Magic Show and a sponsor marketplace.

At 10:30 a.m., an elephant commandeering a speedboat will usher the 27th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade from South High School to the Village.

On loan from the Parade Company, the pachyderm will be escorted by bears, giraffes, hippos, monkeys and zebras. Over 100 entrants, including the Rolling River Riders Equestrian Group and the Berenese Mountain Dogs, which are both new this year, will be featured.

News/Talk 760 WJR-AM talk show host and Grosse Pointe Park resident Paul W. Smith will take the honors of being this year's parade grand marshal along with his wife, Myreya, and son, Adam. City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace will also have help as the mayors of Harper Woods and the other Grosse Pointes join him in giving Santa the key to the Village at the end of the parade.

"The Grosse Pointe Santa parade celebrates the community coming together," said Cindy Melican, parade director. "It's a chance to be with your family and friends. If you're not in the parade, you're watching the parade."

"We also have an unprecedented three presenting sponsors this year — Bon Secours Cottage Health Services, AAA Michigan and Flagstar — and the Grosse Pointe News is also a major sponsor."

The day's festivities will wind down as Scrace lights the Village Christmas tree at sundown. Warm-ups to the tree lighting include singing by the Authentic Dickens Carolers and complimentary hot chocolate provided by the Grosse Pointe Boat Club beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Santa coming to town!

With the closing of Jacobson's, a handful of Village merchants will take turns hosting Santa as he comes to town to hear the requests of good boys and girls in the community.

Santa's pre-Christmas visits are scheduled as follows:

• **Village Toy Co.:** Friday, Nov. 29, from noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 1, from noon to 4 p.m.

• **Harvey's Luggage:** Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 8, from noon to 4 p.m.

• **Damman Hardware:** Saturday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

— Bonnie Caprara
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Branch library plan a quick read in Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An absence of bureaucratic foot-dragging in Grosse Pointe Park could let library officials finance construction of a new branch while credit is cheap.

"(Park officials) have been great in expediting this process so we can seek bids and take advantage of historically low interest rates," said John Bruce, head of the Grosse Pointe Library board of directors.

Members of the Park planning commission last week approved the 15,000-square-foot library's site plan. The next steps for library administrators are to commission detailed architectural drawings and roof up contractors.

"We hope to get bids out in February or March," Bruce said. "The target date for opening is August 2004. If the world works right, there's no reason why we can't meet that."

The new branch will be located on Lakepointe near Jefferson next to city hall. Library representatives gave Park commissioners authority to approve site plans as a condition of buying municipal land on which the structure will be built.

The new, 15,000-square-foot, \$5.8 million library will replace a smaller facility that has been operating inside Pierce School since the 1990s.

"The difference (between the old and new branches) is space — flat-out space," Bruce said. "The new library has an open floor plan, yet specific areas are designed to meet the needs of different age groups."

There will be sections for preschool, grade school, youth and adult patrons. There will be two small rooms for tutoring, plus a larger quiet

area.

"We think it's going to bring people back to the library in unprecedented numbers," Bruce said.

The Pierce branch, designed to contain 15,000 books, has become jammed with more than 40,000 holdings. Many items in the collection, such as roughly 8,000 music cassettes, compact disks, videos and books on tape, didn't exist when the cornerstone was laid in the years before World War II.

Despite the Pierce library not having a dedicated parking area, nearly 79,000 people entered the facility last year, according to library statistics. Bruce expects future patrons will be attracted by the planned facility's 38 off-street parking spots, including shared use with an adjoining lot at city hall.

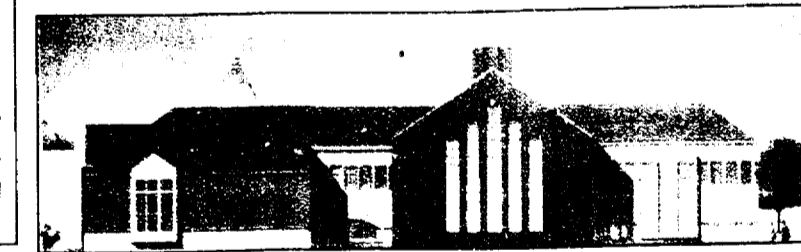
"When I grew up, you walked or rode a bike to the library," Bruce said. "Those days aren't here anymore. We think (parking availability) is going to push up circulation."

Park planners wanted the facade to blend with the municipal complex. The 1 1/2-story library, therefore, will be made of brick, include seven dormers, large windows for natural lighting and no vehicular access of Lakepointe.

"It has a traditional, residential quality about it," Bruce said.

In some cases, banks of windows will extend from floor to ceiling.

"The project demonstrates how the properties of light in modern libraries can bring a special ambiance," Bruce said. "In addition, south lighting in the children's area will add a quality we don't experience in our public libraries."



Renderings of the new Grosse Pointe Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, to be built on Lakepointe just off Jefferson next to the Park city hall, reveal a multitude of windows and dormers to take advantage of natural lighting. The 15,000-square-foot facility is shown from Lakepointe, above, and city hall, below.



WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Nov. 28
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 29

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• The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. and will run from South High School to the Village.

• A sing-along and tree lighting will take place at 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval and St. Paul in the Village.

Monday, Dec. 2

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will meet at the Woods city hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education will meet at the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Holiday Concert and Tea: A gift to the community from the choirs of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools will be a holiday concert and tea from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 432-3500.

The Edmund T. Ahee Western Open Tennis Tournament begins today at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and runs through Sunday, Dec. 8. Tickets are \$20 for the full event or \$7 per day. For more information, call (313) 882-4100.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Tim Laney

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Family: Wife, Gail; children, Amy, 30, Joel, 25, Katrina, 17, Morgan, 13, and Cameron, 9

Claim to fame: President of Forgotten Harvest

Quote: "It's so fundamental to human survival. You can pretty much survive without shelter, but you can't survive without food. If you get someone's ear, it's pretty easy to get them involved."

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Tim Laney

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The seventh annual Men's Night will be observed Dec. 8 on "Christmas Street" in the Village shopping district.

■ Salvage crews worked into the night to refloat a barge loaded with 1,500 tons of slag that had been driven aground about a half-mile off the City of Grosse Pointe lakeside park.

The barge was being towed from Port Huron to the Peerless Cement docks in Detroit when the towing line broke and squalls carried the barge into water only about 10 feet deep.

■ Work to enlarge a parking lot near the corner of Kercheval and Notre Dame in the City of Grosse Pointe should be completed next spring.

Extra parking will help accommodate shoppers of the new Jacobson's store for the home and Himelhoch's.

25 years ago this week

■ In order to reduce traffic on Brys Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods, city officials, police and planning consultants have recommended the following: routing truck traffic to Vernier, and blocking crossovers at Mack and Brys and Roslyn in hopes of changing the traffic patterns.

■ An arsonist is suspected of setting nine fires within the last two weeks in Grosse

Pointe Farms. Fire occurred in the area of Merriweather and Mount Vernon. Police are investigating 30 suspects.

■ Austin Catholic Prep School has a "fantastic" chance of keeping its doors open next year despite the Augustinian's decision to shut it down, according to Austin boosters who traveled to the Catholic order's Chicago headquarters last weekend to meet with school owners.

The three-man Chicago delegation represented dozens of Austin parents and alumni who have organized to save the 25-year-old institution shortly after the Augustinian Provincial Council announced plans to close the school next September.

10 years ago this week

■ The fifth annual Turkey Trot at St. Clare of Montefalco School drew an enthusiastic response from students and viewers of the voluntary race for turkeys and other prizes.

Hundreds of students from grades kindergarten through grade six participated in the race. The event takes place on streets around the school that are temporarily blocked from traffic by Grosse Pointe Park police.

Principal Hank Burakowski said the race instills and encourages

physical fitness and helps build school and community spirit.

■ Responding to criticism that the Grosse Pointe Board of Education doesn't pay enough attention to its public libraries, board members have assembled as the board of library trustees.

Although the Grosse Pointe schools have overseen the library budget and operations since 1929, members of the school board rarely convene as the library board.

■ The staff at Georgian East Nursing Care facility in Grosse Pointe Woods helped the family of Laura Warmoes celebrate her 100th birthday.

Warmoes came to the United States from her native Belgium in 1919 to escape devastation left by World War I.

"We gathered my brothers and sisters to set out for France," she said. "There was no other way except to walk."

Warmoes remembers during the journey to France, she and her siblings washed clothes for British soldiers in exchange for food.

5 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Park residents living below Jefferson will soon be off the hook for flood insurance.

At the urging of members of the city council, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved a berm built last year. The action reduced the need for homeowner flood insurance.

■ City of Grosse Pointe officials are considering amending the Sunday business hour ordinance so patrons of Blockbuster Video can rent and return movies up to 10 p.m.

Currently, businesses other than restaurants, drug stores and gasoline stations must close at 8 p.m.

Until a few years ago, stores covered by the ordinance had to close at 5 p.m.

■ Merchants in Grosse Pointe Farms, City and Park have united in a marketing effort to make shopping easier during the holiday shopping period.

For the second year in a row, about 120 business owners have arranged for the Holly Trolley to shuttle shoppers to stores up and down Kercheval.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



No cause for worry about Thanksgiving dinner

It looks as though pheasant might replace the traditional turkey dinner on the tables of this group of Pointers. Taking part in the annual Pelee Island shoot are, standing from left, Williams Fors and Jon Maxwell. Kneeling from left are Jacob Houge, Marvin Moesta and William Pace, a guest from Washington, D.C. George Jaglowicz took the picture after the hunters had bagged their limit. They traveled to the island aboard the yacht Rah Jam, owned by Maxwell. (From the Nov. 27, 1952 Grosse Pointe News.)

Common sense is the key to safety during holidays

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Homeowners can give themselves the gift of safety this holiday season by taking steps to prevent house fires.

"Common sense is the number one rule," said Dave Hiller, chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe Park.

Holiday house fires are often caused by overloaded electrical circuits.

"I remember a Christmas fire where a homeowner said he didn't have many lights on his Christmas tree," Hiller said, "but he had a large number of lights plugged into a single outlet or extension cord. That's where the fire started."

Untended candles are another risk.

"It's common for people to light candles and go out for an evening," Hiller said. "Or, people go to sleep and forget candles are burning in the family room."

Risk increases if candles are burning on garland mantles or near Christmas tree limbs.

"People wake up to the smell of smoke," Hiller said. Electrical fires can sneak up on a homeowner. Whether it's an extension

cord hidden behind a couch or under packages beneath the Christmas tree, Hiller said, "When wires overheat, they melt, become a smoldering fire and ignite."

Don't use indoor lights for outdoor decorations.

"For lighting outdoors, use only cords that are UL-approved for outdoor usage," Hiller said. "If they tell you it's not an outdoor lighting system, believe them. There's a reason lights are rated that way."

Chimney fires are another problem.

"A lot of times people don't think about it because they haven't lit the fireplace in a long time," Hiller said. "Creosote will build up and start a fire."

He said chimney fires sound like a "roaring hurricane." They can be very destructive. If you haven't had your chimney cleaned for a while, have someone check it out.

Holiday distractions can make people forget simple rules of household safety. For instance, to make your house look occupied when you've left town on vacation, set indoor lights on timers, cancel newspaper deliveries and have a neighbor collect the mail.

"Notify your neighbors you're going to be gone," Hiller said. "We don't want you worrying while you're gone that somebody's casing your house or breaking into your home."

Internet at pr@aaamich.com. The recipes also can be downloaded from AAA Michigan's Web site at www.aaamich.com.

"Drunken driving is a menace to life and property, and we must never let up in our efforts to prevent people from getting behind the wheel when they are alcohol-impaired," says Douglas E. Bower, president/chief operating officer of AAA Michigan. "AAA hopes 'The Great Pretenders Party Guide' will be helpful to party hosts during the holiday season and beyond. The recipes in the guide provide tasty, festive alternatives to alcoholic beverages."

The guide is available free, to the general public as well as AAA members, at any of the 44 AAA Michigan full-service branches around the state. Free copies can be ordered by calling toll-free at (800) 222-6424 or on the

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Publication of nonalcoholic drink recipes is part of The auto club group's First A Friend, Then A Host program, which was originated by AAA Michigan in 1978. The program includes public tastings of recipes from "The Great Pretenders Party Guide" held throughout November and December in AAA branches and stores.

Three of the beverage recipes in the guide are from Michigan establishments: "Berrylicious" from Irene Lignos, beverage manager at Iridescence restaurant in the Motor City Casino in Detroit; "Michigan Grand Sparkling Cherry Juice" from Hans Burtcher, executive chef at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; and "Tropical Sunset" from Gerhard Schmied, food and beverage director at The 1913 Room in the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

Three party hors d'ouvres recipes are included in the guide

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Habitual home invader arraigned

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

A habitual home invasion offender is unlikely to become an unwelcome guest in the Pointes anytime soon.

Gary Peter Doppelberger, a 39-year-old Detroit resident, was arraigned on two counts of home invasion in the Grosse Pointe Farms

Municipal Court on Sunday morning, Nov. 24.

Doppelberger was charged with one count of home invasion, which took place on Oct. 29 on Mount Vernon in the Farms, and another which took place on Rivard in the City of Grosse Pointe on Oct. 26.

The two counts are Doppelberger's fourth

arrests for home invasion, which are considered felonies.

City and Farms detectives requested Doppelberger's arraignment be held on a Sunday in order to return him to Ste. Sault Marie for a preliminary examination in the 50th Circuit Court on Monday, Nov. 25, where he faces charges on possession

of narcotics with intent to deliver.

Judge Matthew Rumora remanded Doppelberger on a \$500,000, 10 percent bond. Doppelberger was unable to post bond.

Doppelberger is believed to be responsible for 14 home invasions in the City and the Farms over the past 1 1/2 years and as many as 100 home invasions in sur-

rounding communities.

City and Farms detectives sought the warrants for Doppelberger last week after a Roseville pawn shop reported items missing from the Mount Vernon and Rivard homes. The detectives found Doppelberger in Ste. Sault Marie, where he was being detained on the narcotics charges.

City and Farms detectives

are pursuing additional warrants for Doppelberger for other home invasions; one which occurred on Neff on Sept. 25, and another which occurred on Kenwood in the Farms on Oct. 11.

"He'll be done for the duration of my career," said Farms Detective Lt. Mark Brecht. "It's very unlikely that he'll get out for quite a while."

Pointe cops set the PACE in racial diversity standards

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

In the Grosse Pointes, law enforcement isn't necessarily a black and white issue. If anything, the spectrum of policies is neutral, and that's the point four departments and a pastor of a Detroit church are trying to make.

Over the past three years, Bishop Bill McCullum, pastor of Bride of Christ Church, has been working with area departments to open dialogue between the Detroit community and the departments to address the issues of racial profiling and cultural differences.

From those meetings and conversations, McCullum and the public safety departments in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods have formed a chapter of PACE — Police and Community for Equality.

"In our national society, the issue of racial profiling has been an issue for many years," McCullum said. "Some members of the ethnic minority communities said they were being stopped more often. Perception is 90 percent of reality in the mind sets of certain people. I wanted to see if some of these stories were true."

What McCullum found is that the types of incidents

that police were called to in the Pointes were different than those in Detroit.

"Detroit has more priority runs based on crime and in the Grosse Pointes, there are a lot more stops related to traffic safety," McCullum said. "For instance, it is not lawful to drive a vehicle with defective equipment. Our citizens have to recognize police officers are doing their job for pulling someone over for those reasons."

To get that message across, one of PACE's goals is to educate people about why they get pulled over.

Grosse Pointe Farms public safety Lt. Rich Rosati said, "We don't selectively enforce the law because of racial backgrounds. For example, with a radar stop, it's very difficult to see who's in that vehicle until it approaches the squad car."

McCullum concurred with Rosati.

"We need to make sure stops are fair and equal across the board," McCullum said. "As I've worked with the departments, I've found that's been applied fairly evenly."

To assure members of the community of how public safety officers enforce the laws, one of PACE's primary goals is to have an officer available at each public safety department to

explain policies and procedures.

"We'd like to sit down with anyone who has a concern," City public safety Lt. Ronald Wiczorek said.

PACE is also working with area churches as another venue in which to open dialogue about such issues.

"We're trying to have ministers available for handling such complaints," Rosati said. "Those ministers could direct their people to a contact person at the appropriate department."

The Grosse Pointe chapter of PACE is the second in the area. An Eastpointe chapter was started in 1999, and Dearborn recently started a chapter.

Contacts for PACE include:

- Bishop Bill McCullum, pastor, Bride of Christ Church, (313) 371-2326
- Lt. Ronald Wiczorek, City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety, (313) 886-3200
- Lt. Rich Rosati, Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety, (313) 885-2100
- Deputy Director John Schulte, Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety, (313) 822-7400
- Deputy Director James Fowler, Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, (313) 343-2400

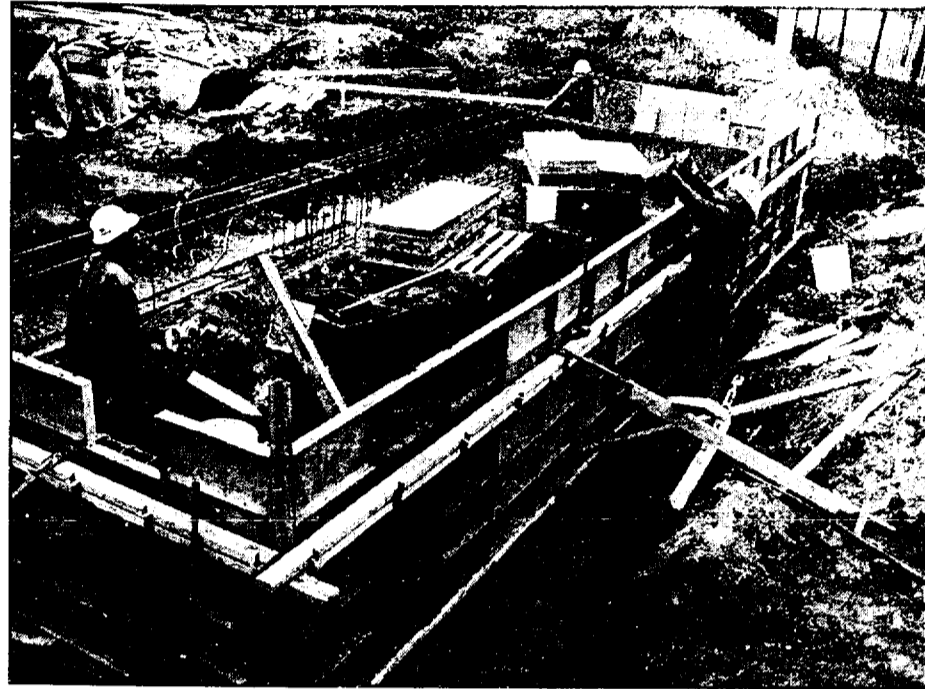


Photo by Brad Lindberg

Construction workers build molds to pour a concrete foundation for the year-round activities building at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

GPP's Windmill Pointe Park activities building on track

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Construction of a year-round activities building at Windmill Pointe Park is on track for a grand opening on Memorial Day weekend.

Workers have sunk large pilings of steel-reinforced concrete to support a cement foundation that should be finished early next year.

"In late January, you should see the walls and roof going up," said Dale Krajniak, Park city manager.

The building stemmed

from a desire to replace the Windmill Park's aging and pedestrian-looking 30-year-old bathhouse.

As plans developed, the project was expanded to include a 120-to-140 seat auditorium that will be unique among Grosse Pointe municipal amenities. Krajniak said the auditorium will be used for everything from special meetings to showing family-oriented feature films.

An estimated one-third of the building's \$2.7 cost will be funded through private

donations to the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Unlike the old single-story bathhouse, the activities building will have a second floor. Glass-walled exercise and meeting rooms will overlook the park's swimming pools, landscaped picnic areas, marina and nearby shipping channel on lower Lake St. Clair. There will also be a coffee bar.

The new building's Tudor facade has been designed to blend with the Park's existing Tompkins Community Center and a cluster of grand lakeside mansions on lower Windmill Pointe Drive that harken back to the community's stately heritage.

Krajniak said it will take about 2 1/2 months to pour the foundation.

"Work will continue for at least another four weeks," he said.

City marina to see changes

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously gave its OK at its Monday, Nov. 18, meeting to go ahead with \$1.7 million to \$2 million in improvements to the Neff Park marina.

A blue ribbon marina committee met nine times over the past year, including two meetings with boaters, to formulate a plan to present to the council.

"Our objective was to keep

the same number of wells and make them safer; improve slip size, aesthetics and safety; and to improve the ability to dredge," said Chuck Witzke, chairman of the blue ribbon marina committee.

The plan calls for a reconfiguration of the marina with pressure-treated, adjustable wood finger docks; PVC encased metal pilings; a rebuilt steel sea wall; an emergency dock; and enhanced electrical ser-

vice. A majority of the boat wells have been increased in size, up to 38 feet in length. Based on suggestion from boaters in attendance at an Oct. 28 meeting, the approved plan calls for 160 docks, two less than the 162 that currently exist. The council also requested straight, instead of tapered, finger docks.

The cost of the project will be paid for through marina fees. Total marina fees are expected to increase from \$92,000 to \$128,750 in 2004. Boat well fees from the past few years will serve as a down payment on the project.

The next step for the city is to begin working on the design and permitting processes, followed by putting the work out for bids in the summer and to begin construction in October or November 2003. The new marina is scheduled to open in April 2004.

The blue ribbon marina committee will meet with boaters in December and January to discuss who will get which wells. The committee will formulate new rules and regulations at a later date.

250 to attend GPW Christmas party

An estimated 250 current and former employees and volunteers of Grosse Pointe Woods will celebrate a holiday tradition on Dec. 6 when the city holds its annual Christmas party.

"It's a nice way to thank an excellent staff of city employees," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

In addition to employees and their families, guests will include retirees, part-time employees and members of volunteer organizations, including commissions and the police auxiliary.

Local sponsor helps MADD campaign

The 16th annual Tie One on for Safety — Red Ribbon Campaign to combat drunk driving runs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

For the fourth consecutive year, American Speedy Printing Centers in southeast Michigan has teamed with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to sponsor the safety event.

"American Speedy's support of MADD is a natural extension of the programs we sponsor on an ongoing basis," said Don Girodat, owner of the American Speedy Printing center in St. Clair Shores and a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

The public can help support the public awareness campaign by flying red MADD streamers from vehicle antennas.

"We welcome neighborhood organizations, community organizations, businesses, schools and individuals to pick up red ribbons at one of the 30 participating metro Detroit American Speedy Printing centers," Girodat said.

MADD's mission is to stop drunken driving, support victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

One alcohol-related fatality occurs every 33 minutes in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Alcohol is involved in nearly 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan.



Photo by Brad Lindberg

Sprucing up for Christmas

Gary Guidas, on ladder, and Don DeBusschere, of the Grosse Pointe Woods department of public works, apply Christmas decorations to one of about 110 street signs on Mack. In another holiday tradition, the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue has teamed with city officials to offer free metered parking from Sunday, Dec. 15 through Jan. 2.

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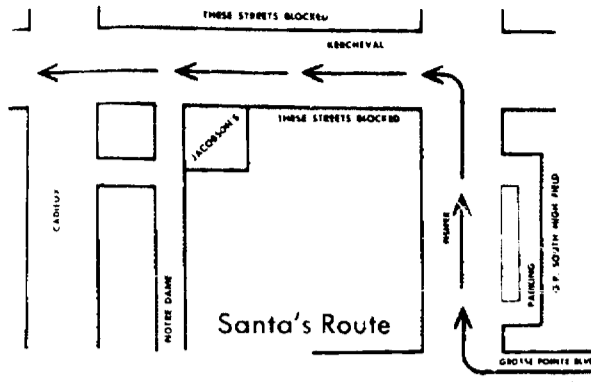
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Section A

City of Grosse Pointe police car
City of Grosse Pointe fire truck
Grosse Pointe Bag Pipe Band
Wayne County Mounted Patrol
Knights of Columbus Color Corps
Detroit Fire Department Band
Village Toy Company Antique Truck
Cub Scout Pack 34 — Ferry Elementary School
Cub Scout Pack 61 — St. Paul School
Cub Scout Pack 290 — Mason School
Rolling River Riders Equestrian Group
Detroit Fire Department Clown Corps

Section B

W.P. Cyclone's Magnificent High Wheel Band
Zany Zoo Animal Theme Extravaganza
Grand Marshal Horse & Carriage — Paul W. Smith and family
Cub Scout Pack 74 — Richard School
Mayors' horse and carriage
Grosse Pointe Lions' cage float
St. Clare Montefalco School
Cub Scout Pack — St. Clare Montefalco School

Section C

Notre Dame High School Marching Band
Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1623
Kim's Tae Kwan Do Black Belt USA
Cub Scout Pack 85
Cub Scout Pack 39-Our Lady Star of the Sea
Grosse Pointe South 75th Anniversary
Moslem Shrine Temple Tin Lizzy's Antique Cars

Section D

Anchor Bay High School Marching Band
Grosse Pointe South Zoo Ambulance Float
Golden Retriever Rescue Mission
Girl Scout Troops of St. Paul Catholic School
Rexford Therapeutic Horse Drill Team

Section E

Harper Woods High School Marching Band
Grosse Pointe Soccer Association
Grosse Pointe Park Little League
Grosse Pointe Farms/ City Little League District 11 Champs
Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League Michigan State Champions
Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League All Starts/State Champions
Moslem Shrine Temple Motor Corps

Section F

Utica High School Marching Band
Moslem Shrine Temple Americans
Arts and Scraps and Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe
Lafave Danse Studio
To be announced
Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park — electric car

Section G

Antique Carriage and Paint the Window Contest Winners
Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1214 — Maire
Nativity Scene Float
To be announced
To be announced

Section H

Spain Middle School Marching Band
Girl Scout Troop 1106 — Mason
Girl Scout Troop 1160 — Mason
Girl Scout Troop 3891 — Mason
Grosse Pointe Minivan Moms
Children's Train — Grosse Pointe Co-op Preschool
Bernese Mountain Dogs
Girl Scout Troop 3970
Girl Scout Troop 388

Section I

Osborne High School Marching Band
Grosse Pointe Theatre
Lakeshore YMCA

Section J

Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band
Brownie Girl Scout Troop 1159
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Thankful thoughts on authority

Thanksgiving is a good time to set the record straight, to mend fences.

As a community newspaper, we are second to none in promoting our cities, our schools, our residents and our children. But sometimes in our role of "watch dog," we ruffle feathers, step on toes, bruise feelings. That can't be helped, but that doesn't mean we enjoy being negative. As guardians have told those under their guardianship for eons, it hurts us more than it hurts you. Well, maybe not more, but it hurts us as well.

But even though it hurts, we all have to be thankful that we live in a country where criticism of the govern-

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ment, of authority, is not only possible but is a right. That is remarkable.

We take a great deal of pride in our communities — the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. In our view, there is no better place to live, work, play and study.

Even though we sometimes criticize our local leaders, city administrators and council members, policemen, judges, teachers and other community leaders, we do not want them to think we are not grateful for their contributions.

Our elected officials serve at no or very little pay. Their leadership roles

are voluntary for the most part, and as anyone who has worked with volunteers knows, it is difficult to be critical and thankful at the same time.

But we are thankful for all the "thankless" hours our city councils, trustees and mayors contribute to what they believe is in the best interest for our communities. Be sure to thank them for running for office. Better yet, show your thanks by dedicating some of your time to public service yourself.

Thank your children's teachers. Thank your doctor. Thank the police. They all perform jobs most of us know

we would not or could not do.

Send a note to school, thanking the teachers for the great work they do. Their role is more than a job. It is a dedication. Thank the principal, too. And don't forget to thank the school board, superintendent and administrators for their stewardship.

Thank your local business owners. Without them, where would we go to shop and not have to drive across or up town? Running a local business is tougher than ever these days; so thank them the best way possible — shop locally.

Don't forget to thank your parents and grandparents, aunts, uncles and brothers and sisters for, well, just for being there for you. And, most important of all, don't forget to thank your kids with a hug, a kiss and words.

Why?

Just for being the best kids ever.

Have a happy, safe Thanksgiving. We hope to see you all in the Village for the Santa Claus parade!

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We are truly blessed

Thanksgiving is here and just behind the next flip of your calendar, Christmas.

Some days it seems difficult to find the silver linings on our clouds, and it's easy to be cynical about our personal problems or, for that matter, the future of the universe, the volatile stock market, the possibility of war, and health statistics and concerns. We can let our sores fester and throw in the towel, or we can save ourselves with action, knowledge, prayer and hope. Choices do remain in this great country, and we have much for which to be grateful.

I would wager that in Grosse Pointe, 99 percent of those who care to will have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. I would also guess that each of us has much for which to be thankful and also has the power to make a difference in someone's life.

Most of us are capable of choosing our goals and can influence the majority of outcomes. For a start, we could discard unused items from our closets or garages or write a check that could bring relief to someone whose needs are greater than our own.

Many opportunities to be of service don't even require leaving our homes. We can pick up a telephone and make a pledge with plastic or summon someone to pick up our donations.

There are people in our community who need drivers to get to doctor appointments or just to run an errand, buy groceries, have their hair cut. For those who wish to be more involved, there are countless organizations in need of help and/or volunteers.

It is within our grasp to offer solutions to many of the problems about which we complain. It is not my intent

to negate the severity of life-threatening situations. However, even in those cases, we can offer our help by just listening or being available if needed. Every human being needs comforting. A good hug can go a long way when we are hurting.

This Thanksgiving let's get an early start reviewing our blessings. We are grateful for family and especially for the opportunity to know, observe and enjoy our grandchildren. How fortunate we are to have the technology to stay in touch with loved ones who live far away and can be contacted in mere seconds.

We are thankful to live in this community where the qualities of life and education are far above average. We are fortunate to have been able to travel and broaden our perspectives during this past year.

And while we feel particularly blessed this year, we are ever mindful of the tremendous battles too many friends and family members are waging each day in personal and health struggles. We mourn and miss dear friends, but are comforted that we were able to share in their lives for a brief period and know that our lives were enriched by those relationships.

We are indebted to and in awe of the doctors and their skills in providing us with new hips and lifelines of hope in so many directions.

The sun is shining outside my window, and there will be another breathtaking full moon over Lake St. Clair this month. The Christmas music will once again move me to tears. One doesn't have to look very far to witness the daily miracles in our lives. Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of us.



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Thanksgiving: Godly gluttony?

By Uwe Simon-Netto
UPI Religion Correspondent

Consider the poor turkey, on whose meat 95 percent of all Americans will feast this Thanksgiving Day. Is it a Christian bird in the sense it featured in the Old and New Testaments? Of course it isn't, because in biblical days it was an unknown creature in the Holy Land.

It is, let's face it, a quintessentially American species, so much so Benjamin Franklin voiced dismay that the bald eagle and not the turkey was named the national bird of the United States. But again, is there anything Christian about it?

This writer researched the Mormons' addendum to the Bible for hints that Christ, during his post-Resurrection visit to America, might have sat down to a wild turkey dinner with Indian tribesmen.

But no, the Book of Mormon produces no such evidence. Hence we must conclude that the turkey, wild or tame, is of no theological significance to any segment of Christianity or Judaism, and the same goes for Islam because the Koran does not mention this animal either.

In theological parlance, to eat or not to eat turkey is an adiaphoron, or an indifferent factor in the quest for salvation. Nevertheless, the question remains if it is right for people of faith to gorge themselves with 45 million of these birds on Thanksgiving in the United States alone. After all, although Thanksgiving is a secular feast, does not its name imply a religious significance? Is this not some form of mass sacrifice?

Is Thanksgiving gluttony godly? Would it not be much kinder if Americans, most of whom profess to be Christians, reverted just for this one day to the state that existed in the Garden of Eden before the Fall — in other words, vegetarian innocence?

Look how well its first two residents were provided for: "And God said, 'Behold I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.'" (Genesis 1:29). Isn't that enough?

Why must 470 million turkeys die

every year, chiefly in Lutheran Minnesota and Baptist North Carolina? Should we not make do with protein-rich lentils as did the old Israelites, and with olive oil, which contains all the vitamins and minerals the body ever needs?

Should we not indulge in figs and dates, in bread from wheat and barley and wash down all that good stuff, God forbid, with wine rather than beverages loaded with chemicals that will surely trigger alarms at airport security checks before long?

Of course this would propel us back to the days before the Flood when people ate no meat. Since Noah's safe landing, we may consume dead animals minus their blood (Genesis 9:3).

Not only that: Christ, himself clearly a gourmet, informs us God is all in favor of an occasional carnivorous splash. For what does the father say in the parable of the lost son when the boy returns?

Does he say: Bring out a bowl of mixed nuts? No, he commands, "Bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry" (Luke 15:23).

When the ancient Jews feasted on meat — which, admittedly, was rare — they did so before God and with God. In fact, the Hebrew verb "to eat" has probably the same root as the word, "covenant." And a feast was a renewal of the covenant with Yahweh, for whom they threw, symbolically, the choicest piece of meat on the grill.

Yahweh, Israel's fun-loving God, instructs his people to have a good time: "Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already approved of what you do." (Ecclesiastes 9:7).

Not to follow this command would be imply a lack of gratitude — wrong attitude on Thanksgiving. So by all means, eat your theologically insignificant turkey with enjoyment and drink your wine merrily on this great feast. The Bible tells you that this is just fine with God.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Letters

Too soon lights

To the Editor:

I'm sort of amazed at the loss of restraint and perspective in the Pointes.

I suppose there is no reason not to put up Christmas decorations in the warm weather, but do we have to light them?

In a time when we in Grosse Pointe are reminded we have so much to be grateful for, why have so many rushed from Halloween to the Christmas season, forgetting Thanksgiving?

Dan Charles
Grosse Pointe Park

Moms say thanks!

To the Editor:

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South recently sponsored a 75th anniversary Awesome Auction,

which was held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. On behalf of the Mothers' Club, I would like to thank those businesses and store owners whose generous donations helped make this fundraising celebration such a success!

Jane and Bob Bashara, co-chairs, put forth tremendous effort and organization into the planning of this project. Their gift of time and energy is to be commended and is appreciated beyond words. The auction committee they assembled did a great job, was fun to work with, and diligent in their responsibilities.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial was extremely helpful and accommodating. We are grateful for the support of Judy and Randy Agle, honorary chairpersons, who continue to give of their time and talent to make our community a better place to live. Their generous commitment to the

Metro-Detroit area, through development and philanthropy, make a wonderful role model for us all.

To the staff at South a tremendous THANK YOU! Particularly those individuals who donated items to the auction, encouraged students to participate, or simply attended the evening.

Again, my sincerest thanks to Bob Bashara. Without his energy and enthusiasm continually spearheading this enormous undertaking — the night would not have been the success it was. On behalf of the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and the students who will be the recipients of the proceeds earned on this special evening, thank you to those who helped make this such a profitable and fun-filled evening!

Jayne M. Rose-Vallee,
President
Mothers' Club of
Grosse Pointe South

Go finger

My friend Bonnie is petite, blond and a grandmother of three. When she's standing up straight in stiletto heels (which she'd never ever in a million years, actually wear), she's about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

She weighs slightly more than a hefty golden retriever, even when she's soaking wet and claims she feels bloated.

She's a typical working mother and grandmother. She works hard, dresses conservatively, loves her children and grandchildren to pieces, attends church, pays her bills on time, recycles old newspapers, bottles and cans, eats five fruits and vegetables every day, visits shut-ins and flosses frequently.

She writes thank-you notes. She knocks before entering.

Bonnie recently demonstrated some ways of behaving that we all want to believe are important — some behaviors that our parents harped on for most of our formative years.

Size doesn't matter. And attitude is everything.

Bonnie didn't carry anybody out of a burning building. She didn't single-handedly hoist a wrecked school bus off a child's crushed shoulder and hold the vehicle aloft while rescuers pulled the victim to safety.

She didn't foil a carjacker or cripple a mugger in a dark alley, then tie him up with her pantyhose.

She didn't snatch a kidnapped baby from the arms of his abductor.

I Say

Margie Reins Smith



She didn't give anybody the Heimlich or CPR or even first aid.

She showed some burly young whippersnapper that he should mind his manners and manage his nasty temper. I'll bet this guy's mother, if she had been there, would have slapped Bonnie on the back and thanked her profusely.

Bonnie was getting off the expressway at an unfamiliar exit. One of the lanes on the

surface drive was closed and she was afraid she'd miss her chance to make a right turn. She eased into the far right lane a little bit too soon and much too quickly.

She ticked off the driver behind her.

He and his passenger, both big men in their 30s or 40s, were angry.

The hulking driver did what many drivers do. Locked and snug in his steel-and-chrome-and glass

bullet, with his windows rolled up, his radio blaring and his ego inflated to XXL, seated beside a passenger who needed to be reminded of Mr. Driver's intelligence, skill, speed and rightful dominance over other dumb, clumsy and ill-informed motorists, this young man made eye contact with Bonnie and flashed her an overused, well-known digital hand signal.

His mistake. Now Bonnie was ticked, too.

But unlike Mr. Important, Bonnie was raised right.

She didn't speed up and return the visual favor. She didn't honk or shake her delicately gloved fist. She didn't glower, swear or swerve.

She pulled up beside the young man and rolled down her window.

She indicated that he

should roll down his window too.

Amazingly, he did. "I'm so sorry," she said. "I'm not familiar with this exit. The lane was blocked. I wanted to turn right and I pulled over much too soon. Sorry."

Mr. Aggressive blushed and stammered. "He looked like he wanted to slide under the dashboard and disappear," Bonnie said.

He apologized. He said he usually didn't make such gestures. His passenger looked embarrassed and flustered.

The driver said he was sorry and that he'd never do it again.

Bonnie rolled up her window and drove on.

Grandmothers: 1
Whippersnappers: 0

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The Op-Ed Page



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by Ben Burns

Booster

She carries a fancy title these days, but for the past three decades, **Beverly Leinweber's** mission has never changed: to preserve and protect the Village, that stretch of retail along Kercheval between Cadieux and Neff.



Ben Burns

When she started, she was called "executive secretary." That morphed into "director," and now she is called "director of strategic partnerships."

Whatever her title, Beverly's late husband, **Roy Leinweber**, used to say with a twinkle in his eye that spending that much time in the Village meant that she always spent more than she earned in salary.

All of those titles mean that Beverly looks out for the interests of Village merchants and individuals interested in doing business in the city.

And woe betide you if you want to open Ben's Second-hand Appliance and Welding Supplies on Beverly's watch. That's not the right image for the Village.

"The Village is a hub. It represents the image of Grosse Pointe. And I want the best for that area," she said.

If you want to see the latest example of Leinweber's vigilance, look in the display windows of the defunct Jacobson's Department Store. Each one is artfully decorated with a Christmas theme by one of the Village merchants. That was Beverly's idea.

Of course, she accomplished it with lots of help from her friends on the board of the Village Merchants Association, where **Ellen Durand** serves as president. Durand coordinated the execution of the scheme to make sure one block of Kercheval didn't appear dark and lonesome during the holiday sales season. And CVS was cooperative in allowing the merchants free access to the store and its windows.

"I couldn't stand the thought of that big block looking like a black blob for the holidays," she said. "I decorate the Village every Christmas, and I wanted these windows to look like holidays."

Mike Kramer, a fellow board member, describes Beverly as "the soul of the Village," and rightly so. "She is always on the lookout for things that don't look good," he added.

Right now, Beverly's attentions are focused on the future of the Jacobson's site and what CVS Drug Stores and Velmeir Companies plan to do with the prime location.

"In my 'perfect world,' there would be another department store," she said. "But I don't think that is going to happen. But we desperately need to have top-notch retail on the first floor of that location," she said.

She praised the Grosse Pointe City Council, Mayor Dale Scrace and City Manager Mike Overton for moving rapidly last week to expand the options for developers in the area.

"With four stories, they could theoretically have condos on top, and I think that would be wonderful," she said. She also pointed out the new ordinance will require new buildings to have glass windows along the street to make the stores and offices more inviting.

Hannah, 13, turned her 6-year-old gelding, World Star, around and got restarted, but that dropped the young champion into second to last place in the match that pitted 30 of the top young riders in the nation against each other.

"I don't feel bad about it," she said. "I was thrilled to be invited, and maybe I'll do better next time."

Last week, Hanna received her trophy for being the Hunter-Jumper Association of Michigan Children's Champion for 2002, and on Dec. 15, she will be recognized by the Michigan Horse Shows Association as its Children's Champion for the year.

And Hannah, wearing another hat as a student journalist, also got a story for the Pierce Middle School Trojan Times from her experience in Washington, where she interviewed a two-time Olympic gold medal champion.

Parents **Debra** and **Larry Kraus** are properly proud.

Horse woman

Hanna Kraus was having a wonderful ride at the Children's Hunter Show Jumping Championships in Washington last month when her trusty steed got distracted by the crowd and threw on the brakes before one of the jumps.

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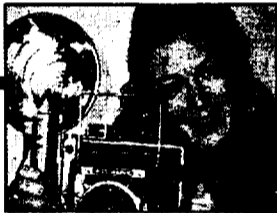


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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How would you suggest I cook our Thanksgiving turkey?



By Suzy Berschback



Molly Onderbeke

"You dig the stuffing out of the turkey and then put barbecue sauce on it and you cook it for about two hours."
— Molly Onderbeke, age 11.



Maddie Berschback

"Put stuffing in it and cook it for an hour or two at 100 degrees, and then put it on a tray."
— Joey Aliotta, age 9.



Joey Aliotta

"You buy it, you boil it in a pot of water for 30 minutes at 100 degrees, then take it out and cut it."
— Maddie Berschback, age 9.



Sarah Knust

"First you buy it and then you bake it for 70 minutes at 60 degrees and put it on the table."
— Sarah Knust, age 7.



Alexandra Etsios

"First you buy it. Second you clean it. Third you bake it at 31 degrees for all day. Then you put sauce on it. You put it on a plate."
— Alexandra Etsios, age 7.



Dylan Bryant

"First you buy the turkey. Second you take the turkey home. Third you cook the turkey at 31 degrees for one hour. Put sauce on the turkey. Next you call people. Last you eat."
— Dylan Bryant, age 7.

Suzy Berschback is a freelance photographer in Grosse Pointe Farms and co-author of "Grosse Pointe 1880-1930. She welcomes suggestions for questions to her e-mail address at Berschback@aol.com.

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Feeding the hungry during lean times

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

What does it take to convince someone to donate some of his or her free time for a worthy cause?

For Grosse Pointe Park resident Tim Laney, it didn't take much.

"In 1996, some people in my office building asked me to join the board of Forgotten Harvest," Laney said. "When I took my ride on the truck, that's what did it for me. I saw how many people were in need of food and how little it took to rescue food."

This past July, Laney took his effort one step further when he became president of Forgotten Harvest's board of directors.

Forgotten Harvest is a food rescue organization which collects health department-approved food from about 75 restaurants, caterers, stores and food distributors and delivers them to about 60 agencies in the metro Detroit area. In the past year, the organization delivered 2.1 million pounds

POINTER OF INTEREST

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Tim Laney, president of Forgotten Harvest

of food — enough for 2.1 million meals.

How little it takes to feed the hungry is relative.

"One dollar generates five meals," Laney said. "There is no cost in developing the product; most of our cost is in transportation. Even a small amount of money makes a huge difference."

But in a time when most charities are struggling, Forgotten Harvest has doubled the amount of food it rescues and delivers, and Laney has pushed the organization, as well as his family and employer, in new directions to help make that happen.

Laney convinced the youth group at his church, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, to assist in raising money for an 18-foot flatbed truck for Forgotten Harvest. His three youngest children — Katrina, 17, Morgan, 13, and Cameron, 9 — are involved in the youth group.

The amount collected by the youth group and several other youth groups from other churches and organizations in the metro Detroit area was matched by a grant from Carl's Foundation. The youth group at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church raised \$3,775 of the \$25,000 in the effort.

Laney's daughter Morgan also played a part in the whopping success of Forgotten Harvest's biggest fundraiser, its comedy night, which was held at the Royal Oak Music Theater on Oct. 19. Morgan Laney worked with other youth in presenting a silent auction, which brought in \$6,035 of the \$198,000 (a \$56,000 increase over last year) raised that evening.

Laney's wife, Gail, also lent her time to the comedy night's pre-event efforts, and his employer, the Hylant Group, was a major sponsor.

"It's not just my company that helps out, but the employees as well," Laney said. "Instead of sending cards and gifts, we take a collection from employees and make a holiday offering to Forgotten Harvest and other causes."

Laney also oversaw another initiative that brought in an additional 8,000 pounds of homegrown produce through its Plant a Row for the Hungry program, which is spearheaded by the Garden Writers of America and HGTV. Forgotten Harvest partnered with the English Garden stores to collect fruits and vegetables from home gardeners. The program earned the organization the John Deere Seeds of Hope Award.

Getting the help was easy, said Laney.

"It's kind of hard not to become emotionally involved," Laney said. "It's so fundamental to human survival. You can pretty much survive without shelter, but you can't survive without food. If you get someone's ear, it's pretty easy to get them involved."

AAA offers party guide, child ID

Staff personnel from AAA Michigan's Grosse Pointe branch office will be handing out free copies of AAA's "Great Pretenders Party Guide" and doing free child ID fingerprinting on Friday, Nov. 29, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. during the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. They will be in the sponsor-

marketplace tent at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

"The Great Pretenders Party Guide" is a colorful booklet that is the main feature of AAA Michigan's annual "First a Friend, Then a Host" program to discourage drunk driving during the holiday season. The booklet contains 16 recipes for nonalcoholic drinks, which party hosts can offer as options to cut down on alcoholic consumption. Also included are three fancy party snack recipes. All the recipes were provided by chefs and beverage managers at AAA Diamond-rated restaurants and hotels in the Midwest.

Free child ID fingerprinting is one of AAA Michigan's most popular ongoing service programs. Parents receive a card with the child's photo, fingerprints, home address, phone, nickname, and other information that can be helpful to authorities trying to locate a missing child.

PET POINTER OF INTEREST



Roofus Slomski

Hometown: Grosse Pointe Woods.

Place of birth: Detroit.

Breed: German shepherd/golden retriever mix.

Distinguishing characteristic: Really short ears and a huge bushy tail.

Namesake: Roofus was named by Martha Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Park who rescued him from a Detroit rooftop.

Family: The Slomski Family: Mike, Enza, Carla, Joe, and Stephanie of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Best friends: Brandy Lebarge, Holly Zemenick, and the Grosse Pointe Woods Police — on the days he decides to take walks by himself.

Future plans: To open up his own business next to his father, Mike Slomski, so he has his own office floor space to lie on during the day.

Favorite words: "Go get your cookies," "Daddy's home," "Want to go for a ride in the car?," "Where's your leash?"

Favorite activities: Sleeping under the covers, doing the conga, taking late night rides in the car, turning doorknobs with his mouth to let himself out, and lying around being the center of attention.

If you would like to submit your "Pet Pointer of Interest," deliver or mail a typed outline and photograph to the Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to postmaster@grossepointenews.com (photos must be high resolution). If you would like to have your pet considered for Pet Pointer of Interest, submit your pet's photo (no photocopies and photos cannot be returned) along with a brief summary telling us why your pet is unique, include your address and phone number. Send all replies to Pet Pointer of Interest, 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Before you buy anything in an Internet auction, know who is selling the item. Verify the seller's identity before you place the bid. Be suspicious of sellers you can't identify — it may be impossible to contact them if something goes wrong after the sale. Get his or her telephone number and try it out — to make sure you have another way to contact the seller besides e-mail.

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE FINAL PROJECT SELECTION (Transfer)

At a Public Hearing held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002 the following project was selected to meet federal guidelines and service objectives and was approved for transfer in the 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant program:

Public Service:	
Planning	\$45,800
Total Reallocation	\$45,800

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 11/28/2002

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods in accordance with Chapter 98, Zoning, Article VI, C.F. Community Facilities District, Section 98-172(2), of the 1997 City Code, will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, to hear the request of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236, for permission to construct a new 25,500 square foot public library and site improvements for the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Library branch located at the corner of Mack Avenue and Vernier Road, adjacent to Parcels Middle School. The subject file folder is available for public scrutiny at City Hall and all interested persons are invited to attend.

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Shots fired

Four Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers responded to reported gunfire last weekend at a movie theater in the 19300 block of Eight Mile in Harper Woods.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, at 9:18 p.m., Harper Woods police asked for reinforcement to quash a "large fight involving shots fired." Upon arrival, a Grosse Pointe Woods officer said, "the involved subjects had fled."

To Grosse Pointe Woods officers remained at the scene to monitor the crowd.

Slots not fired

Four explosive sounds that startled a Grosse Pointe Woods resident living in the 1900 block of Van Arwerp at about noon on Friday, Nov. 22, came from a failing power line.

A patrolman discovered that a primary electric cable had broken away from a ceramic insulator on top of a power pole. The line remained suspended but had drooped to within 17 feet of the ground.

Detroit Edison repair crews were notified about the cable and concurrent power outages in the 2000 blocks of Lochmoor and Lancaster.

Illegal driver

On Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m., a 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, whose driver's license had been suspended on Oct. 8, was caught speeding 40 mph on Cook near Wedgewood.

A Woods public safety officer said the man's license had been suspended four times. The man posted \$100 bond and was released at 9:25 p.m. Police impounded his red 2002 Dodge truck.

Car entered

Sometime between noon on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 1 p.m. the following day, someone stole a \$300 pair of Oakley sunglasses from a station wagon parked in the 19200 block of Raymond Court in Grosse Pointe Woods. The vehicle's owner also reported stolen miscellaneous power tools worth a total of \$100.

OUIL chase

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4:28 a.m., a 29-year-old Warren man suspected of drunken driving led a pursuing Grosse Pointe Woods patrolman up and down a few side streets before obeying orders to pull over.

"The (man) noticed my scout car behind him and proceeded to accelerate," said the arresting officer.

The officer had become suspicious upon seeing the man driving a red 1989 Chevrolet four-door with a flat tire on southbound Goethe.

With the officer following, the man turned onto eastbound Aline, reached 42 mph before running a stop sign and turning right at Marter. The man then stopped in a driveway in the 1000 block of South Brys. The residents weren't involved.

During questioning and a series of field sobriety tests, the man displayed "slurred speech" and "dull motor function," the officer said.

The man admitted drinking at a bar on Harper. A preliminary breath test indicated a blood alcohol content of .07 percent.

Angry lawn mower man

On the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 19, Grosse Pointe Woods police received two reports from residents who were frightened by a man banging on their doors demanding money. The man turned out to be an upset landscaper from Madison Heights who claimed the residents owed him back pay.

At about 9 p.m. in the 1300 block of Torrey, the landscaper was "pounding

on the door yelling that the (homeowner) owed him money," police said.

The same thing happened in the 2100 block of Country Club, where a homeowner said the man knocked "so loud and hard she thought the front door was going to break."

Both residents disputed the man's claims for money. According to police, one homeowner had discharged the man for slow and incomplete work. In the other case, the man wanted \$400 for landscape plans the homeowner said she hadn't commissioned.

Woods police advised the residents to contact the city attorney.

Youth caught with drugs

Grosse Pointe Woods police found a pipe and two bags of marijuana inside a green 1993 Mercedes four-door occupied by two juveniles parked in the 1500 block of Blairmoor Court on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 8:15 p.m.

Officers detained the 16-year-old male driver from Grosse Pointe Shores. Police did not disclose the female passenger's age and residence.

Police investigated the vehicle upon receiving a report of suspicious activity.

"I found a (plastic) bag of marijuana in the glove box," said an officer, "as well as marijuana packaged in a plastic sealed bag."

The driver's parents retrieved their son at the

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police station at about 9:30 p.m.

Youth with fake ID

Grosse Pointe Woods police confiscated a fake Michigan driver's license from a 17-year-old Woods resident during a traffic stop on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 12:15 a.m.

In addition to having a valid license showing his true age, the driver had a second license indicating he was a St. Clair Shores resident of legal drinking age.

"(The) license was a good replica but still obviously bogus," the officer said.

The traffic stop involved a burned out taillight on the teenager's blue 1987 Plymouth four-door. He was cited for possessing a fictitious operator's license and given a court date of Feb. 12.

Safe stolen

Someone stole a safe from a home in the 1500 block of Fairholm on Friday, Nov. 22, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Police are looking for a white four-by-four that a neighbor saw parked near the home at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The victim said there were no valuables in the tan Century brand safe, which measured one-foot square.

—Brad Lindberg

Bottle booster

A 39-year-old man was arrested after he was spotted placing empty bottles into the back of his 1989 Ford Taurus station wagon behind a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5 a.m.

The man was also wanted on three misdemeanor arrest warrants; two out of Detroit and one out of Roseville.

Jewelry missing

A resident in the 600 block of Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe reported two boxes containing \$7,845 worth of jewelry were taken from her bedroom between Nov. 6 and 18.

Upon investigation on Wednesday, Nov. 20, there were no signs of forced entry.

Stolen car

A City of Grosse Pointe resident reported her car stolen from a parking lot behind her condominium in the 17500 block of Mack.

The car was taken sometime between 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Attacked

A City of Grosse Pointe

woman was attacked in the back yard of her house in the 700 block of Loraine on Sunday, Nov. 24.

The suspect grabbed the victim's purse, pushed her to the ground, then got into a four-door dark-colored car, and headed northbound toward Mack.

The suspect is described as a black male, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and about 200 pounds. He was wearing a black skull cap and dark-colored clothing.

The victim said she believed she was followed to her house from Grosse Pointe Park.

Formula for an arrest

A 54-year-old Detroit woman faced arraignment in the City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court on Monday, Nov. 25, for her role in attempting to steal eight cans of infant formula from a store in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe on Sunday, Nov. 24.

A two-person loss prevention team saw the woman and an accomplice place the cans in tote bags around 6 p.m. While the loss prevention officers attempted to detain the women outside of the store, the unidentified accomplice escaped, and another person driving a white Ford Thunderbird attempted to run over one of the loss prevention officers.

While in custody, officers discovered the 54-year-old suspect lied about her identity. The City's Live Scan

inkless fingerprinting system revealed the woman's real name and her extensive criminal history, which included arrests for retail fraud, dangerous drugs, larceny, robbery, fraudulent activities, weapons offenses and malicious destruction of property. She was also wanted on an arrest warrant for retail fraud in Woodhaven.

Shine light on break-in

Someone broke into a store in the 18600 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms between 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Three lamps valued at \$245 were taken, and \$495 worth of other items were damaged.


Not on the payroll

A 40-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after attempting to cash a stolen payroll check in a bank in the 400 block of Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The check was one of two reported stolen from a business in a Dearborn office building. Further investigation revealed that other businesses in the same building also reported check thefts.

The suspect was also wanted for uttering and publishing, and outstanding fugitive warrants in Livonia.

—Bonnie Caprara



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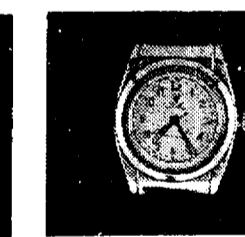
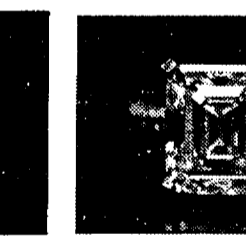
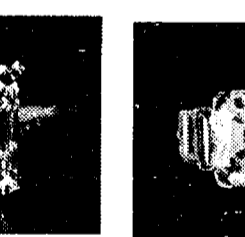
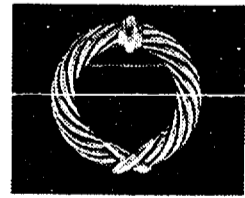
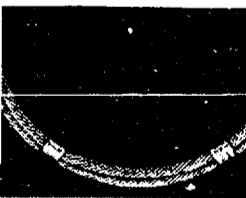
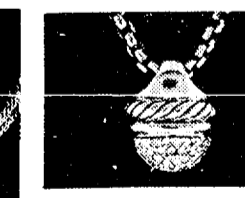
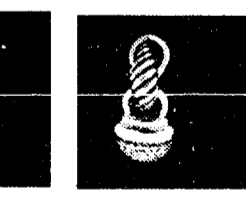
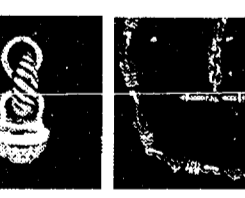


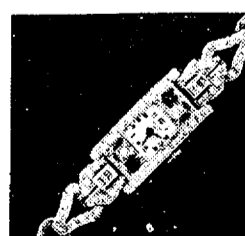

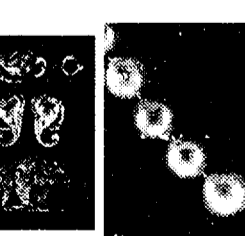
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Curriculum Web site assists teachers nation-wide

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Teachers are known to work countless hours — from classroom instruction to grading papers, to researching for activities that keep learning interesting.

With help from the district's curriculum Web site, which is nearly two years old, teachers are able to knock a few hours off their workload.

With more than 24,000 links, the Web site is a growing resource for teachers in the Pointes and across the nation.

Dr. Susan Allan, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, is proud of everything the site has to offer for teachers, parents and even students.

"The accessibility is just incredible," she said.

"I like how much information is put right into teach-

ers' hands when they need it.

"If a teacher is working at midnight at home, they can access something that is pertinent to the curriculum."

The site was created by academic technology coordinator Grace Smith.

She has been working tirelessly to organize the available resources and update specific sections whenever possible.

"The Web site is a tool based for teachers," she said. "The best part about it is that the tools and resources are all in one place."

"Searching the Internet is so time-consuming, and most teachers don't have time to search — you don't want to look through everything that you come across. It's all right here. And it's still growing."

The site contains everything from general district

and curriculum information to specific grade level resources and topic-related links.

"We are trying to get teachers to realize all the things you can use the Web site for," Allan said. I know a lot of the teachers are using it regularly. The challenge is helping them know everything that's on it.

"I personally find it very helpful for a number of things. I look for technology tools on the Web site; I look for clip art when I'm doing a presentation."

There are publishing tools, clip art, technology resources and printable tutorials.

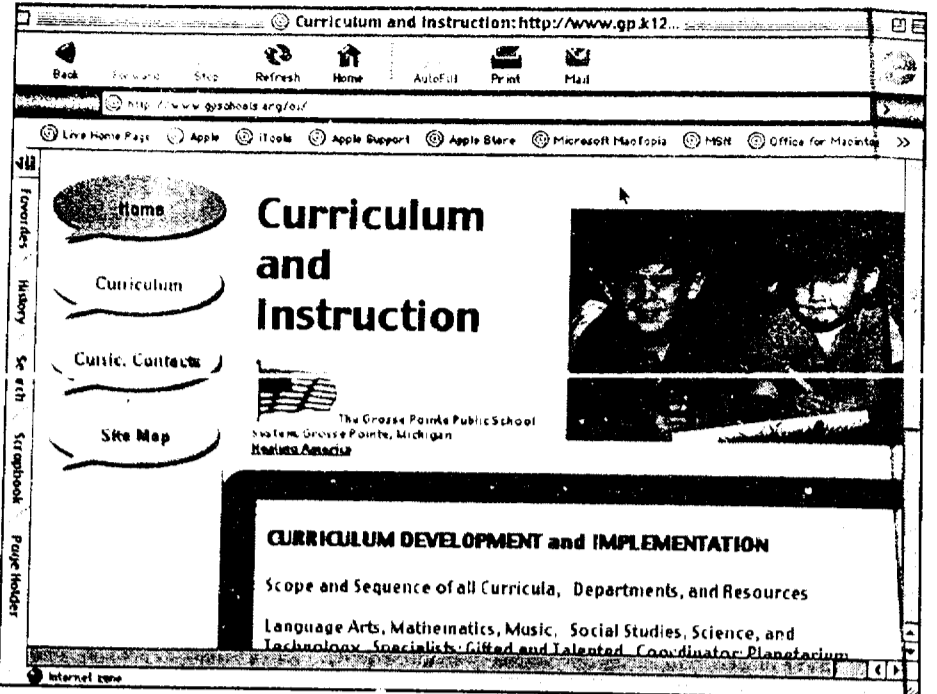
The entire staff development model and curriculum book is available on the Web site as well as information regarding application for grants and a schedule of technology workshops offered to teachers in the district.

The site also contains information about plagiarism, multiple intelligences, brain-based learning and a section on multi-cultural learning.

"Any links that have been found regarding any aspect of the curriculum in the district have been included on the Web site," Smith said. "I'm sure teachers are discovering things on their own, but a lot of them will e-mail me and tell me to add something to the site. There is also a link for any teacher who has his or her own Web page."

The site also contains special sections such as the one created in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"When 9/11 happened, we put up the Healing America site and now, after the anniversary, we changed it to focus on remembrance," Smith said. "There are all sorts of places people can go for stuff, like curriculum resources, coping with terror and disaster, worksheets for elementary teachers and



clip art."

"A lot of teachers used the Web site after 9/11," Allan said. "It gave them a lot of ideas and answered questions regarding appropriateness."

Another big feature of the site focuses on the required reading novels for each grade level.

"Any connection to the required novels that is on the Web is available on our site," Smith said. "Sometimes teachers want to do different activities based on the required reading."

There are sections with Michigan resources, Dr. Seuss activities and seasonal or holiday resources.

"There are classroom connections that people can use to help kids understand the meaning of certain national holidays like Columbus Day," Smith said.

Although the site was created with teachers in mind, there are additional resources available as well.

There is information for parents to help their children with their study skills as well as a section on safety on the Internet.

There are search engines that kids can use and a connection to the Grosse Pointe Public Library System.

"A couple of years ago, I started a showcase of what's going on in elementary classrooms," Smith said.

"There are pictures of kids doing work and we have a little dialogue running on what's happening."

Smith is constantly adding new resources to the site. She is currently working on a special section for special education and student services.

In the future, she plans to add a search engine to make surfing the site easier.

"We've already had more than 25,000 hits, and it's not even two years old yet," Smith said.

"People are using the site all over the country," Allan said.

The curriculum Web site can be accessed at www.gpschools.org/ci.

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SCHOOL NOTES

South Class of 1997

There has been a change of plans for the Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1997's five-year reunion.

The reunion, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, has moved from its previous location at Center Street Pub to Jacoby's, located at 624 Brush in Detroit, between Congress and Fort.

The class will gather from 8 to 11 p.m. There is no charge for attendance.

New invitation cards have been mailed to individuals who have disclosed their addresses.

For more information, call Jacoby's at (313) 962-7067 or visit the class Web site at gps97.com.

South choirs

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs, under the direction of Ellen Bowen, will present Winter Follies on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Selections from the Nutcracker will be accompanied by holiday favorites such as I'll Be Home For Christmas, Joy to the World, Silent Night, Let It Snow and a medley of Santa songs. George Frideric Handel's classic Hallelujah Chorus will also be performed.

The performers will also present the choreography of Andy Haines.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village. Main floor tickets are \$12, and balcony tickets are \$10 or \$8 for students and seniors. Gold cards are welcome.

Show times are at 8 p.m. both nights.

Group rates and tickets are available through Julie Artis at (313) 885-2834.

Liggett scholarship finalists

University Liggett School students Brandon Celestin, Dawn Espy and LaVon Morgan were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as national achievement semifinalists.

They will compete for over 775 achievement scholarships to be offered next spring.

Paul Abdullah, Brian Eggleston and Byron Hauck were recognized as semifinalists in the 2003 Merit Scholarship Competition.

They are among 15,000 semifinalists across the nation to compete for 8,000 awards next spring.

Star of the Sea takes part in nation-wide endeavor

As part of a nationwide endeavor, Our Lady Star of the Sea School was recently dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at a special school liturgy.

Star of the Sea students prepared for their school enthronement by celebrating a special Mass dedicated to the Blessed Mother, prepared by the fourth-graders.

Students received a rosary and a pamphlet explaining the mysteries of the rosary.

The sixth-graders prepared the Mass of the Enthronement.

Assistant principal Al Rader carried a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a gift of the Men of the Sacred Heart, in procession.

Twelve sixth-graders carried roses to signify the 12 promises to all those who honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The school recited the Act of Consecration, inviting Jesus into their school, classrooms and hearts.

Along with other Men of the Sacred Heart members, national president Kerry Schaeffner was also in attendance.

Madrigal Dinner at North

Travel back in time with the Grosse Pointe North High School choirs as they present their 2nd annual Madrigal Dinner Theater on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

The Lords and Ladies of Norseville will fill the evening with Renaissance madrigals, beautiful holiday carols, a repast and a comedic skit where the King, Queen and Courtiers determine who is the heir to the throne.

This year's production is directed by Eugene Rogers and Marty Bufalini.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Checks may be sent by Dec. 6 to 417 Colonial, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Be sure to specify the date of choice.

For more information, call the hotline number at (313) 432-3246 or visit the Web site at www.gpnchoirs.org.

Pointe Singers

Grosse Pointe South High School's advanced choir, the Pointe Singers, will present

holiday and music theater selections at Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade in front of the Detroit Historical Museum.

A \$25 ticket includes parking, breakfast and preferred seating inside the museum overlooking the parade.

Contact Claudia Willis at the Detroit Historical Museum at (313) 833-7935.

Liggett celebrates foreign language and culture

Over 270 students attended University Liggett School's International Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

As part of the Upper School's Foreign Language Week Celebration, this event provided students with a hands-on approach to understanding language and culture.

The week also included international cuisine in the school's dining room, a France vs. Spain Football (Soccer) Game, an assembly complete with Salsa dancing, a Spanish public service announcement and foreign sketches.



North serves with style at Big Boy

On Monday, Dec. 2, students from Grosse Pointe North High School's band and orchestra program will be serving with style at the Big Boy Restaurant at Nine Mile and Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Ten percent of all sales for the day, and all tips earned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., will be donated to the music program.

Students will not only assist the wait staff but provide entertainment while customers enjoy their meals.

A raffle for band and orchestra merchandise will also be held throughout the evening. Pictured, from left, Michael Mackool, Andrea Sheridan and Brian Johnides.

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Maire students help UNICEF fight polio

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Halloween is usually a time for children to dress in costumes and run around the community with friends, asking neighbors for candy.

This year, students at Maire Elementary School paid more attention to helping others than they did to getting their favorite kinds of candy.

Participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the

Treat for UNICEF for the third year in a row, students at Maire raised \$655 for the cause.

The program has been in effect for more than 50 years, and children from all over have raised more than \$188 million to provide education, health care, nutrition, emergency relief and clean water to the world's most vulnerable children.

UNICEF reached the students at Maire through the school's principal, Kathy Satut.

"As a child, growing up in Connecticut, we participated in the program," she said.

Satut brought the cause to Eaton Academy during her employment there, and this year marks the third year students at Maire have been participating.

"The goal this year is to eradicate polio in children," she said.

UNICEF teamed up with Rotary International this year, an organization which made wiping out polio its main philanthropic goal.

Currently, there is no cure for the disease; it can only be prevented with a vaccine.

It costs \$1 to protect one child from polio for life.

The disease can cause paralysis, and in most cases, leads to death.



Members of Maire Elementary School's student council pose with the advisors, Jennifer Ryan and Jackie Szymanski.

Photo by Jennie Miller



St. Clare brings ancient Egypt to life

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Surrounding the tomb of King Tutankhamen are ancient Egyptian artifacts, a statue of the god Anubis and sixth-graders from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

As part of the school's sixth annual Egyptian showcase, the tomb is one of several stops in the tour of the ancient country, shown to the public on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The students spent weeks studying the culture, beliefs, lifestyles and history of the people and gods of ancient Egypt.

They participated in research projects on different aspects of the time, depicting subjects such as pyramids, gods and mummification.

The final papers were on display in the tour, as well

as ancient artifacts the students made, from masks to jewelry and statues to weapons.

"It is an annual tradition to do the Egypt project," said instructor Lori Quaranta. "It gives the kids a perspective of a different culture; they understand and learn through the projects, like making the ancient artifacts."

Earlier in their studies, the students were able to eat Egyptian food, such as humus, baklava, mango juice and pita bread.

They also learned how to read and write hieroglyphics and studied Egyptian beliefs and religion.

Quaranta was proud of the students' participation and contribution to the Egyptian showcase.

"This event gets bigger every year," she said.

The students were enthusiastic and proud to demonstrate all that they learned throughout the project.

"I loved making the artifacts and doing our research papers," said sixth-grader Emily Mazure. "It is interesting to learn about people in a different culture and their way of life."



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St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School's sixth-grade docents Emily Mazure and Kelsey Wasserman pose with Egyptian artifacts.

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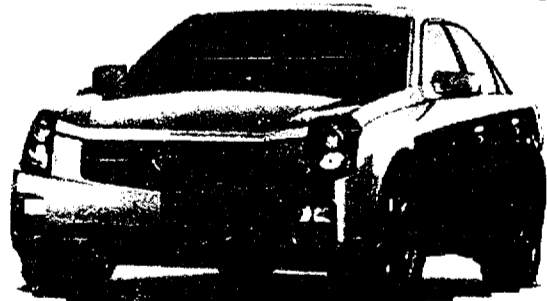


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A holiday wish list for car lovers

Dear Santa;
Our request is too big to fit in most stockings or down many chimneys, but we sure hope you'll consider it anyway. There's room in the driveway...

We have seen photos of the '03 New Beetle Convertible, and we are quite sure it is just what we want for Christmas. In case you don't have one on hand and have to out-source it, here are details:

This is a German-engineered model of the New Beetle that was introduced in the United States back in 1998. They told us at the '98 North American International Auto Show that there very likely would be a convertible, and that it might be available in a couple of years.

We think this was worth waiting for. VW offers the soft top in four trim levels: GL 2.0, GLS 2.0, GLS 1.8 T and GLX 1.8 T (the 1.8 Turbo engine comes on-stream later in '03).

The four-cylinder engines come with standard 5-speed manual transmission or 6-speed automatic with Tiptronic. Tiptronic enables some manual shifting through gears using a special shift gate, VW says. The company indicates its transmissions can deliver some good fuel economy.

The New Beetle convertible comes with a manual or semi-automatic cloth-lined top. The power version opens and closes in some 13 seconds. Standard power windows automatically lower slightly to clear the soft top whenever the doors are opened. When the top is lowered, the windows lower slightly to prevent binding. Anti-lock brakes are standard on the New Beetle convertible.

Automatic rollover supports provide extra protection. Sensors in the car indicate if it is in a rollover situation, causing the supports to deploy behind the rear seats whether the top is up or down. Side-impact air bags are mounted on front seat-backs, and there is a safety-belt tensioning system that holds passengers snugly in position in a crash situation. Side mirrors have integrated turn signals.

About the engines, Santa: The 2.0-liter four develops 115 HP. VW says its engineers redesigned this engine specifically to benefit the Beetle convertible. The 1.8-liter Turbo features five valves per cylinder and will deliver 150 HP — lots more than your eight reindeer, we'd guess.

And in case you have to go outside your facility for this one, prices begin at \$20,450 for the base GL.

Well, dear old pal, if that won't work this year (many of us know it hasn't been as prosperous as others), how about sending us the boxy and intriguing Honda Element?

Right, we know it was designed for young guys ages 16-24, but do cut us some slack. While we don't go surfing or mountain biking, we have fairly active lifestyles for working suburbanites, and the all-new Element starts at just over \$16,000.

Its exterior lines are the



Autos
By Jenny King

antithesis of our dear rounded little Beetle. Inside, the rear seats recline, fold up against the outside walls or are completely removable — there would be room for bikes, snowboards or whatever. Reclining front seats slide forward and back 11 inches. All seats fold flat for an on-board "lounge," and are covered in waterproof and rugged material.

Choose between 2-wheel and 4-wheel drive with 4-speed automatic or 5-speed manual transmission for Honda's 160-HP 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. The vehicle is classified as a truck.

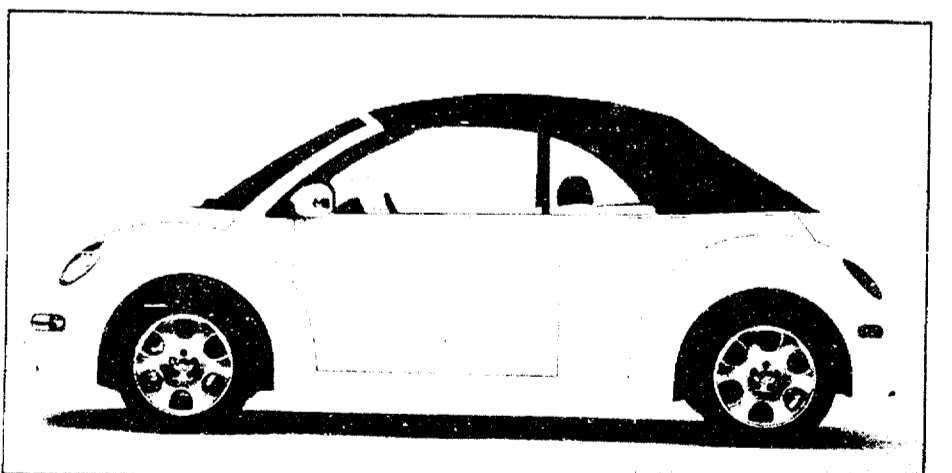
Smaller rear doors are hinged in the back. There is no B-pillar between front and back doors to obstruct the loading of cargo or passengers. The side cargo doors have an interlock safety lever to ensure that the front doors always open first.

Base DX and more contented EX models with 4-wheel drive feature a rear skylight that tilts up and can be removed and stored, allowing the owner to carry tall objects and/or sleep under the stars. The rear tailgate drops down and is flush with the rear storage area of the vehicle for additional cargo carrying options. There is a scratch resistant urethane-coated utility floor that looks as if it

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New 2003 Volkswagen Beetle convertible would make a nice stocking stuffer.



With the top up, the new Beetle convertible assumes that familiar Beetle shape.



Coming or going, the 2003 Honda Element is jaunty and distinctive.

Ruth E. Becker

Port Austin resident Ruth E. Becker, 62, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Born in Port Huron, Mrs. Becker received her bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and graduated from the Highland Park School of Nursing.

She worked as a nurse and administrative coordinator at Highland Park Hospital, as a nursing instructor at Sinai Hospital and as a nursing education instructor and in the computer department at Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Becker was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Kari Becker; her mother, Evelyn Lois (Westphal) Henkelmann; her brother, Rev. Frederick (Raymond) Henkelmann; and her cousins, Jack and Irma Clauser.

She was predeceased by her father, Rev. Ernst Henkelmann; and her sister, Lois Marie.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Interment is at Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Pigeon.

Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon.

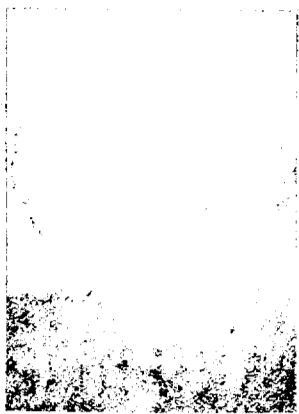
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Memorial Fund, 5098 Dwight, Kinde, MI 48445.

Bernice Fortunski

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Bernice Fortunski passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Mrs. Fortunski was born in 1915 in LaSalle, Ill.

After graduating from Hamtramck High School in 1932, she joined The Players Theatre of Hamtramck.



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James K. Hulme

James K. Hulme, 54, of Waterford, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002 at North Oakland Medical Center.

He was born in Detroit in 1947. Mr. Hulme was a 1965 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 1970 graduate of Michigan State University.

He is survived by his daughters, Abigail and Katherine; his mother, Audrey; his brother, David (Chris); and his niece, Kelly. He was predeceased by his father, Lloyd.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Interment is at Resurrection Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, Development Department, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

Wesley R. Johnson

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Wesley R. Johnson, 82, passed away on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, in Naples, Fla.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent his childhood in Detroit.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the Detroit Athletic Club and the Royal Poinciana Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; his daughters, Elizabeth Tucker and

Gillian Sloan; his sons, Wesley Jr. and Philip; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Naples at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 9th St. N., Suite 21, Naples, FL 34102 or to the charity of one's choice.

Mary L. Reddin

Former St. Clair Shores resident Mary L. Reddin, 85, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002.

Mrs. Reddin was born in Detroit in 1917.

She was a teacher for 34 years, retiring in 1974.

The last school she taught at was Peupard Elementary in Harper Woods, where she was a third and fourth grade teacher.

She was a member of the Pilot Club of South Macomb and a longtime member of

the Detroit Yacht Club. Mrs. Reddin is survived by her brother, William (Bernice) Berns and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Reddin.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe.

Interment is in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

MBA from Northwestern University.

He was a U.S. Air Force captain in World War II and later worked with Illinois Tool Works in Chicago.

He became vice president, international, for the company and spent five years in England, establishing the European operations.

In 1962, Mr. Johnson moved to the Detroit area, where he was president of Woodall Industries and later president of Libbey Owens Ford Plastics until he retired in 1994.

Following his retirement he served as president of the Economic Club of Detroit for six years.

Mr. Johnson sat on the boards of the Greater Michigan Foundation, the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Junior Achievement of Southeast Michigan, the Michigan Opera Theatre, the Detroit Swedish Council and the University of Detroit Mercy.

He was also a board member of the Ziebart Corporation and Ross Operating Valve Company.

In Naples, he served on the board of the Forum Club of Southwest Florida and the English Speaking Union.

He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and an associate member of the First Presbyterian Church in Naples.

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Obituary Guidelines

The deadline for submitting obituaries is 3 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Thursday publication.

An obituary, unlike a eulogy, is a brief, factual, biographical account of an individual's life and includes memorial/interment information. The Grosse Pointe News provides a form for obituary information and all prewritten submissions will be edited for content and newspaper style preferences.

Please limit written obituaries to 300 words. The fee is \$100 for placement in the Grosse Pointe News. Family or individual submissions must be paid prior to publication. They can be paid by check, Master Card, Visa or cash. Receipts are available upon request.

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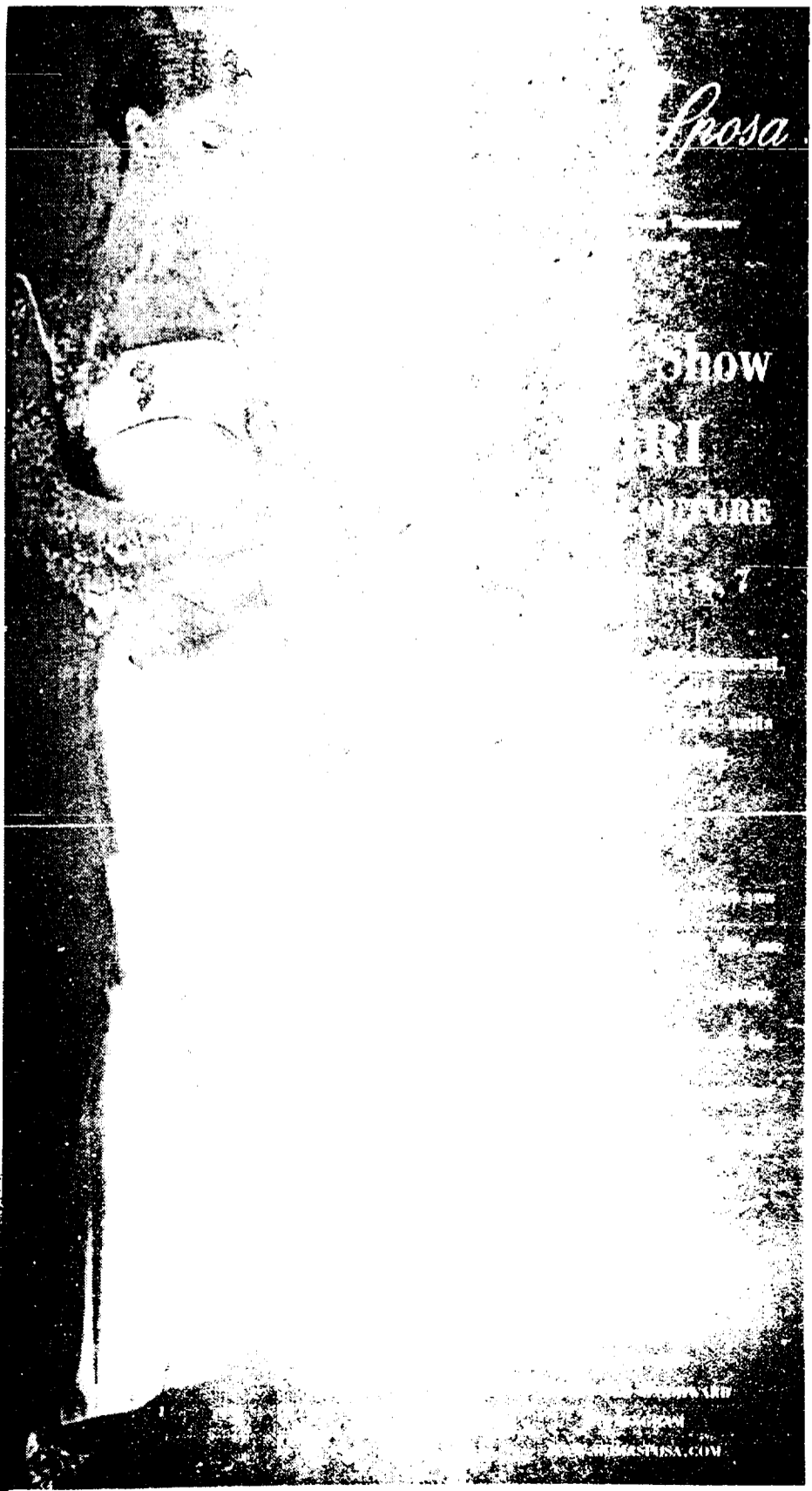
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School board approves application for bond

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

An application for preliminary qualification of a bond to build two new school facilities was approved Tuesday, Nov. 19, by the Harper Woods Board of Education. The proposal outlines a plan to combine Beacon Elementary School and Tyrone Elementary School into one new building and to construct a new facility for Harper Woods Secondary School.

In the plan, the buildings currently housing the three schools will be demolished.

Harper Woods school district superintendent Daniel Danosky said the new buildings will offer a "much better learning environment."

The application, which calls for \$41,980,000 in bond funds, was sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury on Nov. 20.

The state Treasury Department is expected to respond within 30 days of the submission. If the application is approved, voters will decide to accept or reject the bond in March of 2003. Approving the bond would cost Harper Woods taxpayers

an average amount of \$260 per year, according to Danosky.

"It was much more cost effective to build new buildings," Danosky said.

The facets of the bond application were culled from a report filed on October 15, by the Citizens Advisory Committee, a group comprised of citizens, administrators and teachers in the district.

The committee found that larger classrooms needed to be built. Joan Deaton, Director of Administrative Services for the district, said

that the classrooms in the approximately 50 year-old school buildings "don't have the room size that is appropriate in today's world."

Danosky pinpointed science labs as a "glaring" problem that needs to be addressed. "They haven't

been updated in years and years," he said.

Other proposed parts of the new buildings developed from the committee's suggestions include a modernized gymnasium separate from a cafeteria, a media center with up to date tech-

nology, athletic facilities and playground equipment.

The board approved the firms of E. Gilbert & Sons, Inc. and the Wolgast Corporation to provide construction management services for the buildings.

Police Briefs

A pick pocket of a pickup

A Harper Woods resident went to a home improvement store on Kelly at Vernier on Friday, Nov. 22, where three tool boxes and miscellaneous tools were stolen. The perpetrator had gone underneath the tarp on the pickup and stole the material. The resident reported the crime at 1 p.m.

A gun at the movies

A gun shot was heard at 9:19 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Beacon East Theater. A person was seen running across Vernier Road, but no one was apprehended. No one was injured.

Window shooting

A resident on the 20600

block of Woodmont heard something that sounded like a window shattering on Sunday, Nov. 24. When he went to investigate, he found a BB hole in the upper center of one of his window panes. A second shot occurred shortly thereafter. He told the police, who arrived at 5 p.m., that it appeared the shots came from a neighboring house on the block.

Is his roommate a villain?

A Harper Woods resident discovered his entertainment center had been raided in the storage room of his house on Sunday, Nov. 24. Some 200 CDs, a DVD player, 2 boom boxes and 12 calculators--totalling an esti-

mated \$4000--had vanished. He told police, who arrived at 3:30 p.m., that he suspected his roommate was the culprit. He thinks his roommate removed the panel separating the storage room from his room and then stole the goods.

Egged

A resident on the 21100 block of Huntington has been bombarded with eggs on four separate occasions. The first time occurred on Halloween, and the last time occurred when his daughter called from his school saying the family's car had been splattered. He reported the vandalism to the police on Sunday, Nov. 24. Paint was damaged from the sabotage.

Water main damage repaired

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

A team of workers spent four days mending damage from the broken water main that flooded the 150 by 30 feet mechanical room in the basement of Harper Woods Secondary School.

From Nov. 16 to the following Tuesday, electricians and plumbers coordinated by Imrechom, a disaster recovery firm, pumped out the 10-foot pool of dirty water as well as repaired the boiler, the water heater

and half a dozen electrical panels.

The four power transformers had to be replaced.

"These transformers look like R2D2," school superintendent Daniel Danosky said. "They were completely submerged in water."

Detroit Edison installed new transformers.

The school reopened on Wednesday, Nov. 20, after being closed Monday and Tuesday.

The total approximate damage was \$250,000.

Set/Seg, a cooperative by school districts around the state, provides insurance for the school.

"There's no guarantee that it will be covered, but we're going under the assumption that it will be," Danosky said.

The bulk of the work from the break has been completed.

"We have a few more things to clean up, but generally it's done," Danosky said.



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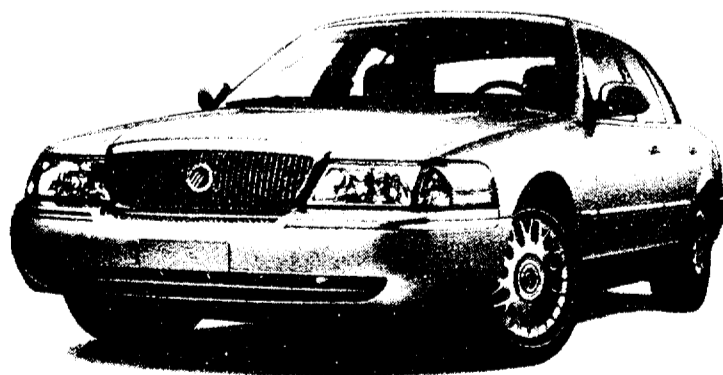
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Tips on getting the right tire at the best value

(NAPSI) — You don't have to wheel and deal to get the right tires at the best price. Merely turn to these tire tips.

"When tire shopping, keep in mind that there is a difference between the lowest price and the best value," advises Erik Olsen, vice president, Michelin Americas Small Tires.

Olsen offers the following tips:

1. Know when to replace your tires. Even the best tires wear out with time, distance and a variety of weather and road conditions. One of the simplest ways to know when to replace tires is to check the tread depth. All tires have tread-wear indicator bars molded into the treads. When the tread is worn down to where you can see a solid bar of rubber across

the width of the tread, it's time to replace the tire. You can also get help from Abraham Lincoln.

Take a penny, and with Lincoln's head down, put it into the tread grooves. If you can clearly see all of Lincoln's head, the tread depth is low and you probably need new tires. Also, look for irregular tire wear and check for cuts, tears or bulges in the tire's sidewall.

2. Buy the right tire for your vehicle. Tires come in several types: highway tires, designed for wet and dry weather driving but not for use on snow or ice; snow tires, which provide maximum traction in winter conditions; all-season tires, providing good balance for drivers looking for increased traction in rain and snow as well as the handling, ride and tread-wear benefits of a

highway tire; and performance tires, focusing on better handling, grip and cornering.

Next, make sure you buy the right size. Check the owner's manual or the vehicle placard located on the driver's door post, the fuel filler door or the glove compartment lid. Then, check the Uniform Tire Grade ratings, which provide key information about:

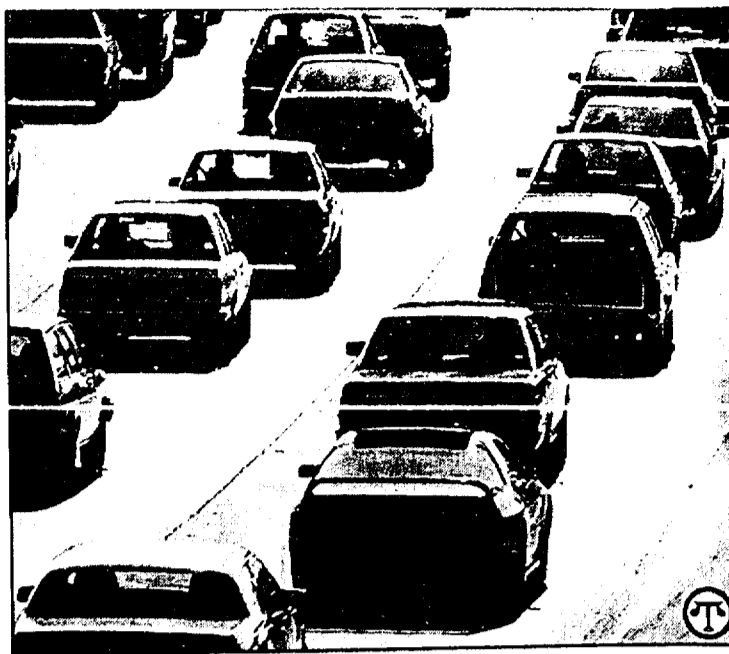
— Treadwear grades, which range from 60 to 620. The higher the grade, the longer the tread life.

— Traction grades AA to C, indicating a tire's braking performance. AA signifies the best traction.

— Temperature grades A to C, which represent a tire's ability to withstand heat. "A" signifies the most resistant.

3. Shop for the best value.

Once you know the kind of tire you need, you can call or visit an experienced tire retailer. Be sure to ask for the total package price, which includes rotation and balancing over the life of the tire.



Everything your vehicle does happens through four 6-by-6 inch contact points where your tires meet the road.

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could be hosed down, although Honda prefers "wipes down."

The DX may be a little Spartan for some, but those with a few extra dollars are welcome to add air conditioning, audio systems and arm rests as needed. The EX comes with air, power windows and locks, alloy wheels and power outside mirrors. The EX starts at \$18,600 and moves up close to \$21,000 when fully loaded.

EPA ratings are in the neighborhood of 21 MPG/city and 26 MPG/highway.

Thanks for whatever you can do, Santa. There are some car-shaped cookies for you around here somewhere, and a warm beverage in the cupholder.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2002

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

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: All Council persons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 4, 2002, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission Meeting held October 29, 2002.
- That the agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

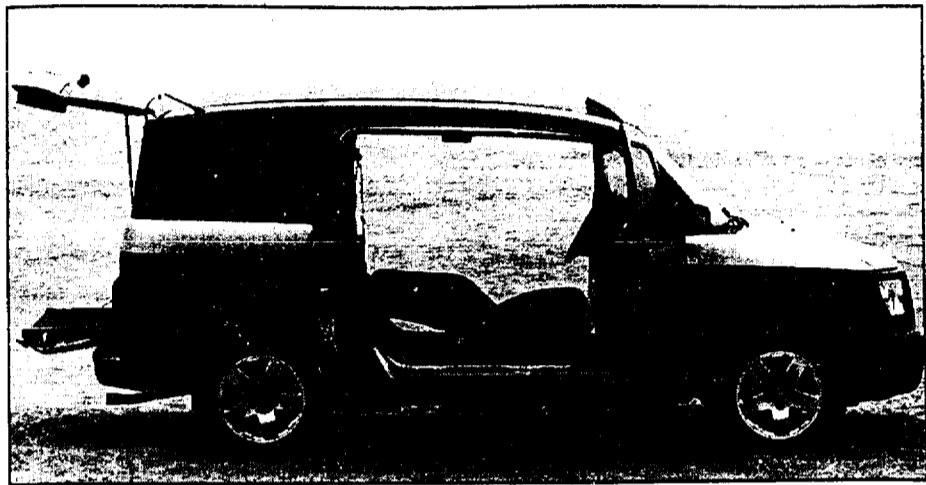
RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- To approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:
 - Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 65308 through 65477 in the amount of \$583,871.81 as submitted by the City Manager, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
 - Approve payment in the amount of \$5,401.00 to the Suburban Library Cooperative for the purchase of five GaleNet online databases.
 - Approve payment in the amount of \$6,178.04 to the Michigan Municipal League for services rendered in performing an executive search for the Finance Director's position.
 - Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$17,973.30 for professional services rendered from September 23, 2002 through October 20, 2002 for the following projects: Love's - Ultimate Build-out #180074-0; 2002 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180067-0; Bourne-mouth Resurfacing Project, #180068-0; 2002 General, #180071-0; Harper Avenue Repairs #180057-0; and the 2001 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180059-0.
- To accept the lowest qualified street sweeper bid as submitted from Bell Equipment Company of Lake Orion, Michigan for a 2003 Elgin Pelican "P" street sweeper in the amount of \$123,800.00 each funds to be charged to the 2003 budget.
- To approve Progress Payment No. 2, in the amount of \$147,115.67 to Florence Cement Company, 1970 Brinston, Troy, Michigan, for work performed through November 10, 2002 on the City's 2002 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, Project No. 180-067.
- To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

Kenneth A. Poynter,
Mayor

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Thanksgiving 2002: We've lots to be thankful for

If you look at the glass as half full, instead of half empty, it's good just to be alive!

Just think of the new inventions of the past 10 years, which we now take for granted: cell phones, the Internet, digital cameras, DVDs and windshield wipers that automatically turn on when it rains (how do they do that?), to name a few.

The stock market rally since the lows of Oct. 9, only seven weeks ago, has improved the disposition

and mental attitude of many investors.

For the week ended last Friday, Nov. 22, the Dow surged 226 points, or 2.6 percent, closing at 8,805 — posting the seventh consecutive weekly gain, the best such run since the first quarter of 1998.

And the techs in the NASDAQ Composite did even better percentage-wise, up 1.9 percent, or 35 points, closing at 1,469. What a powerful rally we've witnessed since Oct. 9!

The Dow is up 22 percent, while the NASDAQ spurted 33 percent.

Last weekend, LTS tracked the 90 Michigan stocks listed in The Detroit News (Sunday, Nov. 24). Would you believe that there

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were seven stocks trading near their 52-week highs?

- Alphabetically they were:
- 1) Detroit Edison (DTE, closed at 45.43 last Friday, at 95.2 percent of its 52-week high),
 - 2) Federal Screw (FSCP, 40.00, 95.5 percent),
 - 3) Franklin Bancorp (FBCP, 18.10, 92.1 percent),
 - 4) Kellogg (K, 34.85, 94.2 percent),
 - 5) Saga Communications (SGA, 20.20, 84.2 percent),
 - 6) Stryker (SYK, 64.58, 95.7 percent), and
 - 7) Taubman REIT (TCO, 16.40, 95.6 percent).
- The Taubman REIT clos-

ing price reflects activity by professional arbitrageurs pending the eventual resolution of the unsolicited cash tender for the company.

Analysts point out that the original tender price reflects a generous premium over the prior trading level. Traders say that the stock is presently "in play," and it would not be surprising to see an even higher tender price offered by a second bidder, or a price increase by the first bidder.

I-75 in Florida

Last week, LTS and Mrs.

LTS flew off to Fort Lauderdale for a few days in the sun with temperatures in the low 80s.

Our first experience with the new Metro airport was surprisingly effortless.

The US Park shuttle delivered us to the terminal, and we had no hassle with the electronic boarding passes or baggage check-in.

The Northwest flight departed on time, with pretzel sticks for lunch.

We did the American Castles tour of south Florida, visiting Vizcaya in Miami and Flagler's Whitehall in Palm Beach. Definitely not for toddlers, but these two gems of the early 19th century should be on top of your visit list.

And, of course, we saw good old I-75, which ends at mile marker No. 1 in Hialeah.

The locals have a special name for I-75: The "I" stands for "incomplete" and the "75" is the number of years to completion. Sounds about right for our branch of I-75 in southern Michigan!

Top yields of the Dow

The yields of the 30 Dow stocks range, as of Nov. 15, from 6.7 percent (Philip Morris) down to zero (Microsoft).

Last week, AT&T completed the spin-off of its subsidiary, AT&T Broadband) into the new Comcast stock, and the later 1-for-5 reverse split of its own stock.

Its new dividend on the remaining company has not yet been announced.

The five top Dow yields were:

- 1) Philip Morris (MO), 6.7 percent;
- 2) JP Morgan Chase (JPM), 6.2 percent;
- 3) General Motors (GM), 5.7 percent;
- 4) Eastman Kodak (EK), 5.2 percent; and
- 5) SBC Communications (SBC), 4.3 percent.

The arithmetical average yield is 2.55 percent. Yields higher than average do not

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 11/22/02

Dow Jones Ind.....	8,805
NASDAQ Comp.....	1,469
S&P 500 Index.....	931
\$ in EUROS.....	0.9972
Crude Oil (Bbl).....	26.76
Gold (Oz).....	320.70
3-Mo. T-Bills.....	1.20%
30-Yr. T-Bonds.....	5.02%

necessarily indicate a special generosity by the issuing company.

Often the reason for higher yields is the perception of a possible future dividend reduction.

Philip Morris' 6.7 percent yield indicates the uncertainty about future tobacco litigation.

J.P. Morgan Chase's 6.2 percent yield reflects investor uncertainty about its outstanding loans to Enron and other tech entities.

In summary, dividends are just one check point of due diligence when trying to select a good, long-term equity investment.

Don't go away

During our absence of five mail days, the overburdened postal carriers delivered to our house 62 Christmas catalogs, two unsolicited magazines and copies of Forbes, Money and The Nomad magazine.

It's obvious that publishing companies and trash disposal companies are both growth businesses, even if you don't read the catalogs or order anything!

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What's new on the Internet, pussycat?

Let's get a couple of things straight right off the bat.

Thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.

Last week this column went to the dogs; so it's only fair that this week we talk about cats.

Let's define what is a cat lover. If you bore the neighbors with discussions on the exact nutritional differences between 9-Lives and Amore, you are a cat person.

On the Internet, searching for cat-fancier information was just as easy as my previous hunt for dog data. Here are a few of the best Web sites I found.

Dream Cats (dreamcats.com) was exactly what the name implies: everything cat that you could dream up.

Its cat breeder link lists over 40 breeds in more than 35 countries.

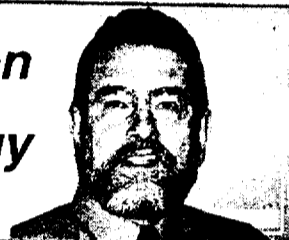
It offers breed-specific sites and cat clubs. It also has tips on selecting and caring for cats and kittens, as well as links to other sites. Its "In the Fancy" link will take you to cat registries and clubs.

Last week I talked about the purebred dog, rescue organizations that try to place dogs, such as over-the-hill racing greyhounds, into good homes.

On Dream Cats, there are

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer



name for your cat, visit "We can't think of a name" (matt.wheeler1@btinternet.co.uk). The "uk" at the end means the site is located in the United Kingdom. The site has thousands of names for cats, dogs, boats and babies.

I was happy to find that none of the name suggestions included Michael. I wouldn't like a cat named after me, or worse, finding out I was named after a cat.

Some of my favorites, starting with the letter M, were Magic, Merlin and Mischief. They also offered the name Mouse. Good name if you don't mind people saying, "Huh?" to you a lot.

I found a Web site called Kitty Cat Furballs (kittycat-furballs.com) that the kids might like. It offers animal games of all sorts, none of which are violent.

I did find one cat joke to share. Actually, it's one of the cats' ten commandments I find pertinent for computer users.

Thou shalt not jump onto the keyboard when thy human is on the modem.

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.

similar links to purebred cat rescue organizations.

Want to take your cat to the show? I recommend you avoid the thriller spy movie, "Cats and Dogs."

The cats are the bad guys and lose in the end. But if you are interested in cat shows, Dream Cats has links to cat show fliers and show schedules.

The only thing that sleeps more than a cat is an old cat. On this Web site, you'll find lists and locations for older cats and special needs cats looking for the purrfect home. (Yes, I know "purrfect" is bad.)

Does your cat have its own e-mail account? You can get a free web-based e-mail account through Dream Cat.

And, if you want, you can chat with other cat owners on their bulletin board.

Moving on, I had to visit this next Web site.

It's called "Angel Baby's Maine Coon Kittens and Cats of Ocala, Florida" (maineconecat.com). No, I'm not kidding.

Anthropomorphism (assigning human traits to other living things) is taken to another level. (Yes, I did have to look it up in the dictionary for the correct spelling.)

If you have a Maine Coon Cat, this is the place to be. When I stop laughing, I'll go on.

If you don't want to take care of a cat, but you still love them, how about some pictures? I mean art.

The Web site to visit is called "Purebred Cats and Kittens Posters/prints" (art.com). You can hang some cat art on the wall or on the curtains, where most cats love to hang.

What about ordinary cats? If you follow the links from Angel Fire (angelfire.com), you will find a Web site called "There are no ordinary cats."

My mistake. I can't list all the Web sites it leads to, but I can name a couple of my favorites.

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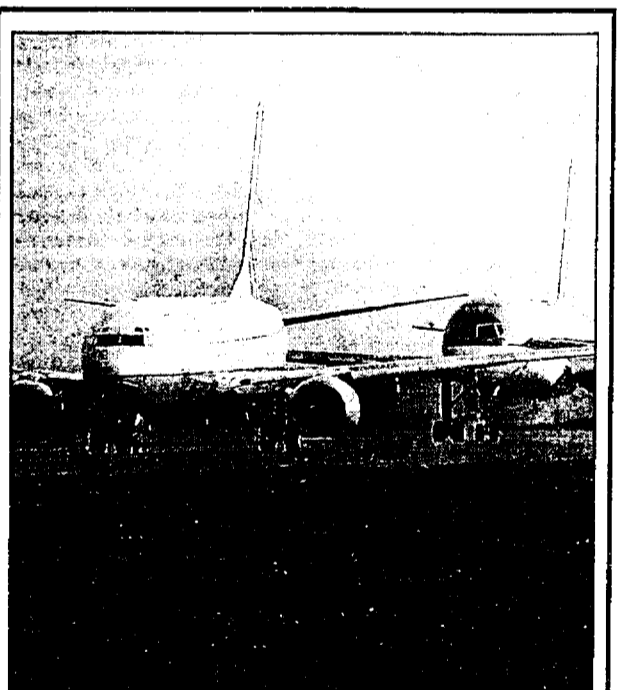


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Lining up for Metro Airport parking deals

Motorists picking up holiday travelers at Detroit Metropolitan Airport can park in any of the airport's short-term parking areas for up to 45 minutes for only \$1.

The special Thanksgiving rate runs through Sunday, Dec. 1. Airport officials remind motorists that curb fronts are reserved for active loading and unloading only.

Due to holiday congestion and new federal security regulations, curb-front parking restrictions will be enforced strictly by airport police.

"We recommend that friends and family picking up travelers park in one of the airport's nearby short-term lots and meet their party at a pre-designated location, such as the airline luggage claim areas," said airport authority CEO Lester Robinson.

Metro Airport has expanded a discount for long term parking in the Big Blue Deck, across from the new L.C. Smith Terminal.

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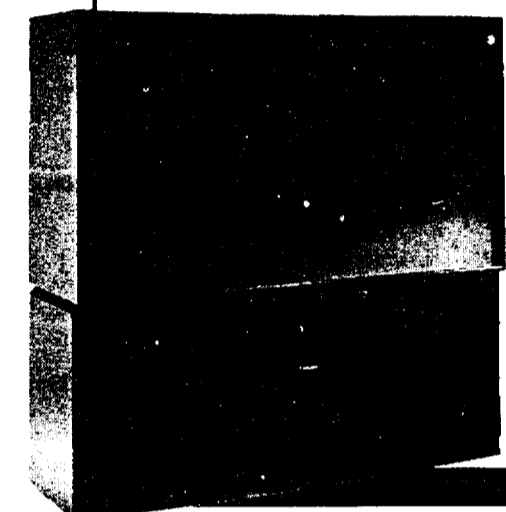
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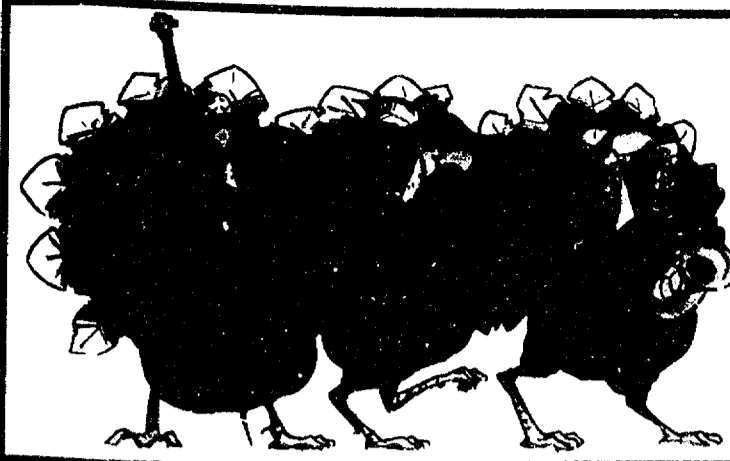


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Adopt a Family for Christmas

NEGC program proves — again — that giving can be better than getting

Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Marissa Smith, 61, wants to buy her granddaughter, Belinda, 11, some CDs and a bike this Christmas, but because she is struggling to make ends meet, the cost will be hard to bear. "Some of the things (she) wants I cannot afford to buy," Smith said. She tries to support five grandchildren with \$345 a month from SSI and a couple hundred dollars from The Family Agency

and organizations in the area to adopt families. Last year, the Northeast Guidance Center linked 72 families in need with contributors.

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Photo by Carrie Cunningham
Mike McDevitt and his daughter Bridget go shopping together to buy holiday gifts for the family they've adopted. He likes "the sense of sharing and giving back to the community" embodied in the Adopt a Family program.

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"I've never seen people so excited and grateful for things we take for granted," said Paula Paulina, Adopt a Family founder and program director of Child and Family Services at the Northeast Guidance Center. "Many families are crying. It's a very emotional thing."

Belinda is severely emotionally disturbed. Her mother is in drug rehabilitation for crack cocaine, and she doesn't know where her father is. Happily, Belinda's Christmas wishes this year might be granted. A service called the Holiday Adopt a Family connects families in financial need who also suffer from mental illness with families, schools and businesses that are willing to help make holiday hopes a reality. Belinda will give her desires for CDs and a bike to a business that will consider buying the items for her.

"(She) would be overjoyed," Smith said, predicting how her granddaughter might react.

The Adopt a Family program is run by the Northeast Guidance Center, a community mental health agency that provides services to families from a low socioeconomic background on the east side of Detroit. Staff members from the organization started buying gifts for 10 of their consumers during the Christmas season in 1992.

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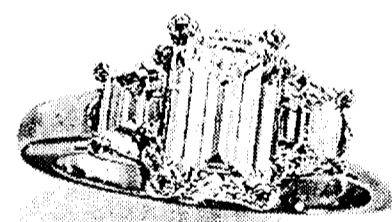
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Parcells Bazaar

Parcells Middle School will hold its 27th annual Juried Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the school, 20600 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Proceeds support Parcells PTO projects.

Some 150 exhibitors will display and sell handmade craft items. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$3 for early birds who want to enter the bazaar at 9 a.m., one hour before opening. A limited number of early bird tickets are available in advance. Tickets are \$2 after 10 a.m.; \$1 from noon until closing.



Advance tickets are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 2-5, at Parcells. Evening ticket sales are from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 2 and 3, at the school. Tickets for admission to the bazaar at 10 a.m. and noon will be available at the door. Chairmen of the Holiday Bazaar, from left, are Daria Cooper, Cheryl Foley and Mary Kay Rewalt.

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Tuesday Musicales plans holiday concert

The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit will present a holiday program at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 10:30 a.m.

The program features eight songs for soprano by American composers, a viola sonata by Eccles, a selection of holiday songs on flute and guitar and choral works performed by the Women's Ensemble that include Haydn's Gloria from the Heilige Messe and a Hanukkah piece by Swears. Lunch follows the program. Admission to the concert is free.

Lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by Saturday, Nov. 30.

For further information, contact Beverley Pack at (313) 882-5397.

Top tips for a tip-top Thanksgiving

By Julia Watson

United Press International
I'm going to sound like a classroom teacher, or your mother, or my mother. But the secret to surviving Thanksgiving or any other celebration that comes packed with expectation is organization.

Do as much as you can ahead of time. Go carefully through every recipe you are going to follow and make a shopping list of ingredients. Then coordinate it. It really is sensible putting all the quantities for the same item together. This way, you won't find when you get home from the grocery store that while you bought bread for the turkey stuffing, you don't have a loaf for late-night turkey sandwiches.

A baguette is worth having around. If you lightly toast circles of it in advance and store them in the freezer, you can bring them out and heat them quickly in the turkey oven to spread with toppings for crostini. These are great with a cold beer after the football game when the gang is milling about, hungry for a bite but doesn't want to ruin its appetite.

Blanch a dozen tomatoes to remove their skins. Halve and deseed them, roughly chop and dump them in a bowl with some finely minced garlic, a tablespoon of oregano, salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, a good swoosh of olive oil and stir. Get someone else to plunk spoonfuls of it onto oven-warmed baguette slices.

You can do each of the following one or two days before and store in the refrigerator.

- Make a cornbread stuffing. Buy enough cornbread or cornbread muffins (no one will know) to make 4 cups, crumbled. Mix them with 3 cups of crumbled toast, 2 cups of finely chopped onion, 1 cup of finely chopped green pepper and 2 cups finely chopped celery stalks,

all of which you have tossed for 2-3 minutes in a pan in 4 tablespoons butter. Add salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper and refrigerate.

- On Thanksgiving day, bring it to room temperature and add 3 eggs, lightly beaten and mix all together.
- Make the cranberry sauce. I like it cooked with the zest of a scrubbed orange, removed with a potato peeler and cut in fine shreds, and the orange's juice.

First chop 1 pound of fresh cranberries as finely as you can. I use a meat cleaver and a chopping board. Dump them in a big saucepan with the orange, an inch of cinnamon stick, 3 ounces of sugar and bring to a boil. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes, then cool.

Remove the cinnamon stick, add 2 tablespoons port and refrigerate until needed. I've also served this raw. Taste before you cook and see what you think.

- The best pumpkin pie filling doesn't come out of a can. A few days ahead, make 3 cups of fresh puree by cutting a 3 1/2 pound pumpkin into lengths and scraping out the fibers and seeds with a spoon. Put them, unpeeled, in the top of a steamer and cover. After 15 minutes over boiling water, the pumpkin should be soft and easy to scrape, when cool, from the skin. Mix to a puree, cover and refrigerate until needed.

- Make the gravy. Melt 1/4 stick of butter in a large saucepan. Add the turkey giblets and neck and fry till brown all over. Remove to a plate and add 1 cup onions, 1 1/2 cups carrots, 1/2 cup chopped celery, all finely chopped; saute gently until turning brown. Pour in 1 cup white wine and 5 cups water. Return the giblets and neck to the pan and simmer over low heat, partly covered, for about 1 1/2 hours until the stock has

reduced to about 3 cups. Strain through a sieve, pressing the solids with the back of a spoon. Refrigerate when cool.

- On Thanksgiving day, bring it back to a boil. When the turkey has cooked and its juices have been strained of butter, add them to this gravy.
- Prepare your vegetables. Peel and chop and store in water in the refrigerator any root vegetables. Wash and bag any others.

On Thanksgiving Day, finish off the pumpkin pie before you start the turkey. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a pie dish with bought shortcrust pastry and prick it all over.

Mix 3/4 cup of sugar, a pinch of salt, a good grating of nutmeg, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 teaspoon of grated, peeled fresh ginger into the pumpkin puree with 3 lightly beaten eggs and 1 cup of heavy cream. Spread into the pastry case and bake for 15 minutes. Then lower heat to 350 degrees and continue for 30 minutes or until the filling is set. Serve with rum-flavored sweetened whipped cream.

Turkeys aren't a bother. Once they're in the oven, they just sit there. But to make sure they don't dry out, they should steam away for most of the cooking inside a big foil tent which you remove for the last 30 minutes to brown the skin.

An 8-10 pound bird should start cooking, filled with stuffing and covered with 6 ounces of softened butter pressed into its breast and thighs, at 425 degrees for 30 minutes. I recommend over-lapping a whole package of bacon slices on top of the butter to provide extra moisture. Lower heat to 325 degrees for the next 2 1/2 or 3 hours. This is when you go out to play.

Then raise the heat to 400 degrees, remove the foil, put the bacon in a separate pan in the oven to brown (you can eat it later in sandwiches), and baste frequently for 30 minutes until golden.

Don't forget to let the turkey rest for 30 minutes before carving.

To make the tent, use heavy duty aluminum foil, pulling one very long sheet lengthwise along your roasting tin, leaving a very generous overhang at either end. Repeat crossways.

Lay the prepared turkey on this then carefully draw first one sheet's ends together, leaving as much air around the turkey as you can, and repeat with the other. Pleat the open edges together to create a blowy shower-cap effect.

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Questions are encouraged and a tour of the Bon Secours BirthCare unit is offered. Bon Secours Cottage also offers a variety of family-centered childbirth classes for those delivering at Bon Secours Hospital.

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Brooks-Griffin

Hollis Elizabeth Brooks, daughter of Arthur and Marlene Brooks of Grosse Pointe Woods, married Stephen Patrick Griffin, son of Paul and Susan Ozdaglar of Northville and Tom and Sandra Griffin of Aberdeen, Scotland, on May 25, 2002, at a sunset ceremony in St.

Thomas. The Rev. William Arnet officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a beachfront reception at the Renaissance Grand Beach Resort. The matron of honor was Julie Ricci of Grosse Pointe Farms. Bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Christine Youngblood of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Dawn Griffin of Royal Oak; Shyla Strange of San Francisco; Katie Kutscher of New York City; Julie Craggett of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Gretchen Moran of Birmingham.

The best men were the groom's brothers, Christopher Griffin of Royal Oak and Michael Griffin of Los Angeles.

Groomsmen were Jeffery Gates of Grosse Pointe Woods, Tom Chionis of Royal Oak, Brad Holubar of Chicago, David Farkas of Chicago, Bowen Wyngarden of Houston, Texas, Ralph Lipford of Chicago and Ryan Lipford of Monroe.

Readers were Michelle Bourke of Royal Oak and Nancy Sheehan of Chicago.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University. She is a human resources consultant with Plante & Moran.

The groom earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University. He is a corporate sales manager with SBC Ameritech.

The couple honeymooned in the British Virgin Islands. They live in Royal Oak.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jacob Meyer

Mondro-Meyer

Erica Marie Mondro, daughter of Joseph and Cynthia Mondro of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Matthew Jacob Meyer, son of Barbara Meyer and Barry Meyer of Los Angeles, on July 28, 2002, at Auberge du Soleil in Napa Valley, Calif. They were married under a chuppah designed by the groom's sister, made of prayer flags from wedding guests who submitted prayers and wishes for the couple.

The Rev. Diana Morgan officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Auberge du Soleil.

The bride wore a simple straight ivory satin dress that featured a scoop neck, decorated with pearls and buttons.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Julie Mondro of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The flower girl was Julianna Seehase of Brighton.

The best man was Jonathan Ruiz of Los Angeles.

The groom's attendant was his sister, Elizabeth Meyer of Los Angeles.

The ring bearer was Daniel Seehase of Brighton. Readers were Michael and Julie Guzman of Los Angeles and Laura Prisbe of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The bride earned a doctorate in psychology and is employed by a community clinic in Oakland, Calif.

The groom is completing a Ph.D. in psychology and is working at a community clinic in Berkeley, Calif.

The couple honeymooned on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. They live in Oakland Hills.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Christopher Simner

Carloni-Simner

Rhonda Ann Carloni, daughter of Roland and Donna Carloni of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Mark Christopher Simner, son of Geoff and June Simner of Dudley, England, on Sept. 21, 2002, at an outdoor ceremony overlooking Lake St. Clair.

The Rev. Larry Hutchinson officiated at the ceremony, which was fol-

lowed by a reception at Windmill Pointe.

The bride wore a white matte satin gown that featured a sweetheart neckline accented with pearls and a cathedral-length train. She carried a bouquet of red, yellow and white roses wrapped in a satin bow.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Dionne Carloni of Grosse Pointe Farms. She wore a knee-length periwinkle blue sleeveless dress and carried a bouquet of red, yellow and white roses.

The flower girl was Gyonyi Nemer-Kaiser of Sterling Heights. She wore a tea-length white satin dress and a crown of white flowers.

Best men were the groom's brother, Steven Simner of Dudley, England, and Mark Smith of Stourbridge, England.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length navy dress that featured a beaded bodice and a matching jacket. She wore a wrist corsage of red roses.

The groom's mother wore a full-length three-tier dress in shades of pink and lilac and a wrist corsage of white roses.

Accompanists were Jeff Markwick and Mary Holmes.

The bride earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University and a master's degree in health care administration from the University of Michigan. She is a HIPAA operations analyst with Trinity Health corporate headquarters.

The groom is a chartered management accountant and an international associate CPA. He is a senior financial analyst with GMAC.

The newlyweds will travel to St. Lucia this winter.

Engagements



Carla Diane Legwand and David William Beardsley

Legwand-Beardsley

Dave and Carol Legwand of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carla Diane Legwand, to David William Beardsley, son of Dave and Deborah Beardsley of Canton. A June wedding is planned.

Legwand earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from

Western Michigan University. She is completing a master's degree in education at Eastern Michigan University. She is a second-grade teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

Beardsley earned a bachelor of science degree in construction management from Michigan State University. He works for Toll Brothers.

Cornelius-Garr

Craig and Patricia Tickle of West Carrollton, Ohio,



Jennifer Cornelius and John Erik Garr

and Duane and Rebecca Cornelius of Birmingham, Ala., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Cornelius, to John Erik Garr, son of John and Sue Garr of Grosse Pointe Park. A January wedding is planned.

Cornelius earned a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio University. She is a benefactor recognition manager with Northwestern Memorial Foundation in Chicago.

Garr earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is a partner in Diamond Cluster International in Chicago.

Boyer-Hubbard

Kathy and Doug Boyer of Eastport, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alison McKenna Boyer, to Alfred William "Fritz" Hubbard II, son of Bonnie and Bill Hubbard of Minturn, Colo.

An August wedding is

planned. Boyer earned a bachelor of arts degree in art from Albion College.

Hubbard attended Montana State University, where he studied music.



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Baste often

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

I remember when they used to let me baste the bird.

Ordinarily, on Thanksgiving Day, the kitchen was out of bounds for the children. But occasionally one or two of us would be called in to the strict domain of Mom and the aunts to perform a menial task: finding a gravy boat, placing biscuit dough on sheets, cleaning a table surface or some such thing.

During my service at one task the oven was opened, the cover removed and the turkey exposed to hungry eyes. It needed to be basted.

We don't baste anymore, undoubtedly a good result because of more modern methods. The repeated pouring of pan drippings over the bird never did make the meat moister. Repetition does not necessarily produce the desired results.

On the other hand, it was a pleasant task to watch the juice run and drip over the curves of the delectable bird. Sometimes, repetition is absolutely necessary.

I have heard it said that violence is not a tendency with which we are born. I beg to differ. We are not born strong enough to be very violent. But we are definitely born self-centered. Anyone who disputes this has never faced a baby just before a 3 a.m. feeding.

This innate self-centered nature is at the root of many problems that arise once we become strong enough to do something besides cry.

Yet, we also have come to see that we can be — ought to be — better than merely asserting our wants and territorial rights.

One practical approach is repetition of "thanks." This is why your mother, father, grandparents, aunts and uncles and even strangers kept asking you, "What's the magic word?" and "What do you say?"

It was not just to make our benefactors feel good. It was in the hope that somehow an attitude and understanding would sink into our hearts and minds. The attitude that we cannot stand alone, the understanding that all we have has been acquired with others' aid.

The repetition may not be all that is needed, but this change can't be worked without bringing the training over and over again.

And so we come to another Thanksgiving.

Again, we are told to: "Say thank-you."

And again, the greatest benefit is for us as again we try to learn contentment, peace and joy and in so doing, set aside fear, anger and vengeance.

The only question that remains is to ask to whom our thanks is needed most.



Christ Church plans Holiday Boutique

Bishop Nicholas of Myra, a.k.a. St. Nicholas, will be the guest of honor at a gala reception on his feast day, Friday, Dec. 6, and at the annual Christ Church Holiday Boutique Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8.

Grosse Pointe's own St. Nicholas, a.k.a. Christ Church parishioner Ben Daume, will appear in full regalia, with his bag of chocolate coins and tales of how he "mutated" over the centuries from patron saint of small children and seafar-

ers to Santa Claus. The black-tie-optional reception will offer a preview of the boutique and silent auction, plus hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine, and — to make Nicholas feel at home — "pivo," which is Russian beer.

The party will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in the church undercroft, while the holiday boutique items will be displayed in the Christian Education wing.

Proceeds benefit Children's Ministries at Christ Church.

The 32 vendors at this year's boutique will offer handmade jewelry, gifts and decorations, music boxes, gift cards, paintings, ceramics, toys and food items.

Vendors from Christ Church itself include the Rev. Martha E. Wallace, "Heavenly Potter," the Bakers' Nook; hand-sewn and hand-knitted gifts from the "A Stitch in Time" group; recordings by the Christ Church choir; religious books and gifts presented by the Daughters of the King, and gifts from the National Cathedral in Washington offered by Trustee Betsy McCormick.

Bobbie Warnock-Kelley and Emmajeane Evans are co-chairmen of the Gala Reception and Holiday Boutique. Committee chairmen are Lois Bendler, Patricia Worrell, Ann Cook and Susan Swickard.

Boutique hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, with bids on auction items closing at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Christ Church is at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., next to Grosse Pointe South High School. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Ben Daume, at the left, will portray St. Nicholas at the Christ Church Grosse Pointe preview reception for its Holiday Boutique. Emmajeane Evans, co-chair of the boutique, helps put the final touches on his costume. Boutique planners, Lola Huntley, Cynthia Luce and Mary K. Blaine get some of the boutique's silent auction items ready for bidding.



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Minimally invasive surgery has benefits

By Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli
Special Writer

If you've ever faced the prospect of having surgery, you may have been surprised at how many decisions you had to make.

First, you had to decide where to have the procedure. Then you may have had the option of selecting the surgeon you trusted most from among a pool of highly skilled and experienced practitioners. And of course, you had to decide

when to have your surgery so it would fit optimally into your busy schedule of family and business commitments.

These days, there's one more decision you may be called upon to make. You may be able to choose a minimally invasive procedure that will result in a shorter hospital stay, less pain and a more pleasing cosmetic appearance.

Minimally invasive surgery (MIS) has been available for more than a decade. In Michigan, the first laparoscopic gallbladder procedure was performed in 1989 at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Using special instruments and a miniature video camera known as a laparoscope that projects pictures from inside the patient to a video monitor, we were able to operate through just a few tiny puncture-like incisions instead of the traditional 12-inch incision that's usually necessary in the patient's side.

The benefits were that the patient experienced a lot less pain and was in the hospital for less than one day. And of course, the resulting scars were much less unsightly than with traditional surgery and the patient was able to return to work much faster.

That surgery set the stage for the development of many minimally invasive procedures in hospitals around the country. Since then, our local surgeons have pioneered other minimally invasive surgical procedures now available, including groin and hiatal hernia repairs and removal of the appendix, spleen, adrenal gland and colon.

We've performed surgery for the heartburn caused by gastroesophageal reflux (GERD), and removed kidneys from live donors for transplant. We've also done minimally invasive cardiac surgery and partial knee replacement. A major

benefit of these procedures is that patients are usually able to return to work in about three to five days instead of 28 to 42, as is the case with much traditional surgery.

There is also a laparoscopic procedure called targeted ablation (vaporization) therapy for metastatic liver cancer to remove hard-to-reach and previously untreatable liver tumors.

As another option to traditional open surgery, mobile lithotripsy is a procedure that treats patients with kidney stones using externally directed sound waves. It was first offered in southeast Michigan at the hospital in 1989.

In addition to the procedures already mentioned, others that can be done using MIS include: prostate removal, spine disc surgery, partial knee replacement, aortic aneurysm stent placement, stents of peripheral blood vessels, cardiac surgery for mitral valve replacement, atrial-septal repair and tricuspid valve repair, urology surgery for children with undescended testicles and varicocele (for enlarged veins of the spermatic cord) and knee and rotator cuff repair.

With the number of elements needing to be considered before any surgery, having them coordinated through a central point is another way that can help alleviate some of the stress of preparing for a surgical experience. Finding a center having all MIS services — from diagnostic procedures to surgery — offered under one roof makes coordination of appointments much more convenient for the patient, which can save a lot of time, not to mention time off from work, as well.

While traditional surgery definitely has a place in medical treatment, a lot of people are good candidates for MIS. For instance, probably 98 percent of abdominal surgery patients would be considered candidates. For the most part, the technique can be used successfully on a wide range of people, including the obese. If you or a loved one is ever facing surgery, be sure to discuss MIS as an option with your doctor. Chances are that you can take advantage of a minimally invasive procedure.

If you're interested in more information on MIS options for procedures in areas like general surgery, cardiac surgery, spine surgery (including for fractured vertebrae and ruptured discs), orthopedics, sports surgery (like knee and rotator cuff repairs), hip replacement, kidney removal for transplant and others, you can call the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center. The toll-free number is (888) 4 SJ-MISC or (888) 475-6472.

Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli of Grosse Pointe is director of laparoscopic surgery at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the St. John Minimally Invasive Surgery Center.



Dr. Abdelkader Hawasli

How to plan for a headache-free holiday

The holiday season is traditionally a busy time filled with happiness and good cheer. With celebrations, family gatherings and office parties, it represents the most social time of the year.

The holiday party season and the gathering of family during the holidays can produce a tremendous amount of stress and tension — two key triggers in the onset of headaches.

Over 45 million Americans experience chronic, recurring headache, more than the 33 million sufferers of arthritis, diabetes and coronary heart disease combined.

To battle holiday headaches, the National Headache Foundation (NHF) offers these tips:

- Plan in advance. A well-planned trip can ease the stress of holiday traveling. Be prepared for extra-long lines and wait times at the airport and arrive at least two hours before your scheduled departure. If you plan to travel by car, plot your course and make all hotel reservations in advance.

- Make lists. Forgetting to leave the key with a neighbor who will water the plants and pick up the mail can spoil even the best-tasting turkey dinner. Make a list of everything that must be done and of all important items you will need before you leave. Knowing you have everything carefully organized will ease the tension of a long trip.

- Don't skip meals. An empty stomach could spur a headache. Therefore, if you're unable to follow your normal eating schedule, pack snacks for the trip. Avoid foods such as ripe cheeses, processed meats and chocolate, which may cause headaches in susceptible people.

- Avoid last minute shopping. Hot stores and long lines are enough to give the most ardent "shopaholic" a tension-type headache. This year, why not use catalog or online shopping opportunities as a stress-free option. Also start holiday shopping early, slowly accumulating gifts for friends and loved

- ones.
- Be aware of smoke- and perfume-filled rooms. Both are typical of celebration environments which can trigger headaches. If possible, get some fresh air or find an area that is relatively smoke and perfume-free.

- Don't disrupt your normal sleeping and waking patterns. Those late-night parties can also lead to migraines by tempting you to stay up past your bedtime and wake up later than usual. Try to go to sleep and awaken the same time every day.

- If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. Alternate nonalcoholic beverages such as soda or water. Avoid red wine, which contains tyramine, a naturally occurring amino acid known to trigger headaches. Try a glass of white wine instead.

- Schedule personal time. Holidays bring families together for quality time, but being with your family over several days, perhaps in close quarters, may be stressful. Have realistic expectations about the visit. Plan to visit friends, take long walks and give yourself a break from all that family togetherness.

- See your healthcare provider. If you find that you are experiencing more frequent or severe headaches during the holidays, you should make a specific appointment with your healthcare provider for an accurate diagnosis and to develop a treatment plan. The National Headache Foundation (NHF), founded in 1970, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of

BSC diabetes education program wins award

The Bon Secours Cottage Adult Outpatient Diabetes Education program was awarded education recognition by the American Diabetes Association and

certification by the Michigan Department of Community Health. The award is given to education programs that demonstrate quality through a rigorous

and detailed peer review process.

The outpatient diabetes education program is offered to non-pregnant adults who are referred by their physicians. The program helps people with diabetes learn how to eat well while staying on individual meal plans, how to exercise for fun, how to prevent long-term problems, how to control and monitor blood sugar and recognize signs of high and low blood sugar.

An individual assessment by a nurse and dietitian, by appointment only, is required before the start of class. The fee is covered by many insurance plans.

Evening sessions are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 12, 17, 19 in the Bon Brae Center Classroom, 22300 Bon Brae, St. Clair Shores.

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- The world is a noisy place. Hearing aids will introduce you to many sounds you may have forgot-

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Volunteer opportunities

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services welcomes new volunteers at both hospital campuses and the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC). Individuals seeking rewarding experiences, from lending a hand or offering a caring touch to patients and guests, should consider joining the Bon Secours Cottage volunteer team.

Volunteers are needed to assist and contribute in the following areas:

- To act as patient and visitor escorts
- To assist at information desks, surgical reception desks and on nursing units
- To prepare and deliver Meals for the Homebound
- To perform clerical duties in the volunteer workroom and hospital departments
- To sew hand puppets, crochet lap blankets and popcorn

Both hospitals need early risers to work in several areas, and Cottage enlists additional volunteers to work in its gift shop. At the NCC, volunteers visit one-on-one with residents and assist with group social

activities. They also transport residents to and from various locations within the facility. Eucharistic ministers are also needed at the NCC to distribute Holy Communion to residents.


For more information or to request an application to volunteer, call (313) 343-1795 or (313) 640-2455 or (586) 779-7011.

Bon Secours Cottage Hospice offers volunteer training to caring men and women who are interested in helping to provide support to terminally ill patients and their families in their home or in extended-care facilities. The Caring Person Program is a 20-hour training course that Hospice volunteers must complete. For information about the next program, call Maria Ciccone at (313) 343-6051.

Blood drive

Grosse Pointe Park will hold a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Park city hall.

For an appointment, call (313) 822-4327.



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Globalization and other short strings

I wrote in a recent column about strings too short to save and how that also described information that should be noted because it was humorous, educational or interesting, but not worth filing away in your brain. Especially not my brain which is telling me: "Help. No more stuff. I'm full."

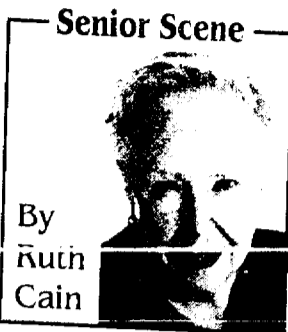
So here are some short strings, the first about globalization. The subject is receiving a lot of discussion in media today about its ramifications, some good and some bad. I thought you might enjoy this far less weighty description of globalization carried to the nth degree. It was e-mailed to me recently by a friend.

An English princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel while riding in a German car with a Dutch engine driven by a Belgian who was high on Scotch whiskey, followed closely by Italian paparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles, and was then treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines.

This description, the e-mail continues, was written by an Armenian, using Bill Gates' technology, which he stole from the Japanese. And you are probably reading this on one of the IBM clones that use Taiwanese-made chips, and Korean-made monitors, assembled by Bangladeshi workers in a Singapore plant, transported by lorries driven by Indians, hijacked by Indonesians and finally sold to you.

I recently read a quote attributed to Jim Harrison, the wonderful Michigan writer and poet who lived so many years in northern Michigan. My favorite Harrison book is "The Woman Who Danced with Fireflies."

Harrison moved several years ago, because of poor health, to another state to be with his daughter. Harrison said, and I'm



Senior Scene
By
Ruth
Cain

paraphrasing it, that what has been perceived as wisdom as people get older, is actually lack of energy.

That quote really hit home for me because I am old enough that I should be a walking Book of Wisdom.

Yet I seldom feel wise enough to solve the problems of my family and friends, let alone far weightier issues.

Is it possible that as we get older and feel comfortable with our viewpoints and beliefs that we simply accept them primarily because we don't have the energy to probe deeper into these difficult areas?

I'd like to hear what you think of that quote.

You can reach me at ruthcain@aol.com, or write to me at the Grosse Pointe News.

I've always thought that crossing at intersections with painted crosswalks but no stop signs or traffic signals was far safer than at unmarked crossings. But a study conducted by researchers at the University of Washington found that pedestrians 65 and older were three times more likely to be hit by cars when they crossed at such intersections than if they had crossed at unmarked crossings. The researchers examined the 282 accidents involving pedestrian-cars that occurred in cities in Washington state and California from 1995 to 1999. Twenty of those pedestrians died.

An important fact to

know is that while less than 13 percent of the U.S. population is 65 or older, elderly adults accounted for nearly 22 percent of the 4,882 pedestrian deaths in car crashes last year.

Next time I cross at a painted crossing without traffic light or stop sign I'll be a lot more observant about whether there are cars coming either way.

A recent article in the newspapers about a new active cruise control (ACC) for cars got me really excited. Here's how it works. ACC can be activated once the car reaches 25 m.p.h. The radar gun tracks the car ahead and accelerates to the speed and following distance selected by the driver.

If another car cuts in front, the ACC will apply the brakes to slow the car until the distance interval is met. The ACC will brake as needed.

If the vehicle cannot slow quickly enough, a chime will sound, alerting the driver that the brake needs to be applied manually.

"Wow!" I thought. What a blessing for the senior driver whose reactions may not be as swift as they could be, and for car insurance rates as fewer collisions occur. And this is certainly true.

The bumper was the part that went: "The system does not recognize a fully stopped vehicle." The few accidents I've had, none of them serious except to the pocketbook, involved my hitting cars ahead of me, or cars behind hitting me.

Hopefully, this marvelous invention will be expanded to include cars that suddenly stop in front of us when we have momentarily taken our eyes off the road.

Meanwhile I wish a happy and blessed Thanksgiving for you and your families.

SOC Options

Thanksgiving

By Sharon Maier
SOC Executive Director
Services for Older Citizens' mission of helping seniors maintain their independence and dignity makes us a very unique organization. No other organization in Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods exists to look out for the best interest of seniors.



Maier

Once a year we remember the things we have to be grateful for. Last Wednesday 84 seniors

enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving dinner including turkey, stuffing, friendship and smiles. As a group they reflect on what they are thankful for and as an agency we are thankful for them.

We are thankful that our community realizes the importance of our elders and supports our effort to help the generation that made Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods what they are today — a place where we can be proud to live.

The support of our community makes our services possible year-round. Just being here for our seniors is the most important thing we can do. One of our seniors put it best when he said, "I hungered for friendship and camaraderie and found plenty of both at SOC."

This year, we are happy to welcome new supporters to the SOC family. Supporters take many forms, from donors to volunteers, and all add to the

quality of the services that we can provide for our seniors. This fiscal year, volunteers donated over 11,000 hours and individuals donated over \$141,000.

We are grateful for the growth our programs continue to experience as new needs are identified and more seniors find their way to our home.

Our biggest addition this year was our own Meals on Wheels program, which alleviated a waiting list of 50 seniors (some had been waiting for over a year) and allowed us to serve all seniors who need meals.

We are proud of the hard work our staff puts into this program as we have achieved our goal of a 24-hour turn-around time, from client request to delivering food.

Although our new program is less than two months old, the quality of care is equal to programs run by some of the top cities in America.

We are grateful that our established programs have found ways to expand and grow. We added an Information and

Assistance for Caregivers department, answering the needs of baby boomers who are caring for parents. Our Food and Friendship program added weekly trips and lectures while increasing the number of participants by 80 percent.

Our loan closet became a valuable resource for the community, offering homes for a wide variety of medical supplies that were no longer needed by some but a necessity to others.

Through the loan closet, we were able to distribute thousands of medical supplies to seniors in need.

We are blessed to have a board that is able to support the community that so deeply cares about its own. Thanksgiving holds a special meaning for all of us at SOC as was evident by the seniors enjoying lunch and swing dancing and by the school children creating hand-crafted cards for our homebound seniors.

We are grateful that our community works like a circle of caring, always giving back.

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Chemotherapy patients get beauty boost

Looking good makes anyone feel better. This is especially true for women who have undergone radiation treatment or chemotherapy. Bon Secours Cottage CancerCare is offering the "Look Good... Feel Better" program to help women deal with the physical effects of cancer treatment.

"Radiation and chemotherapy may not only cause a woman's hair to fall out, but also affect skin and nail color and condition," said Jackie Fisher, director of the CancerCare program for Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. "Helping these women look good improves their self-esteem. Consequently, they may be more inclined to get out and enjoy their favorite activities."

At the "Look Good... Feel

Better" sessions, specially trained and certified volunteer cosmetologists help women choose and apply makeup that lifts their looks as well as their spirits. Participants are encouraged to bring in a wig if they have one, for assistance with styling and care. Wig selection and the fashionable use of scarves, turbans and hats also are discussed and demonstrated.

The next "Look Good... Feel Better" session will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the fourth-floor conference room at Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (one mile south of Moross). Free valet parking is available at

the Kercheval entrance.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association and the National Cosmetology Association, "Look Good... Feel Better" is a non-medical service that does not promote any cosmetic product line. The program is free.

Attendance is limited to be sure each individual receives special attention. Women receiving cancer treatment at any health care facility are welcome. For registration, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

FELC hosts Carol-A-Long

The Open Door Series at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present its 22nd annual Carol-A-Long at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, in the church sanctuary. Sacred and secular favorites of the Christmas season will be the order of the day and the younger singers in the audience can look forward to a special visitor. The Good News Singers and bell choirs will assist in singing and ringing in the Christmas season.

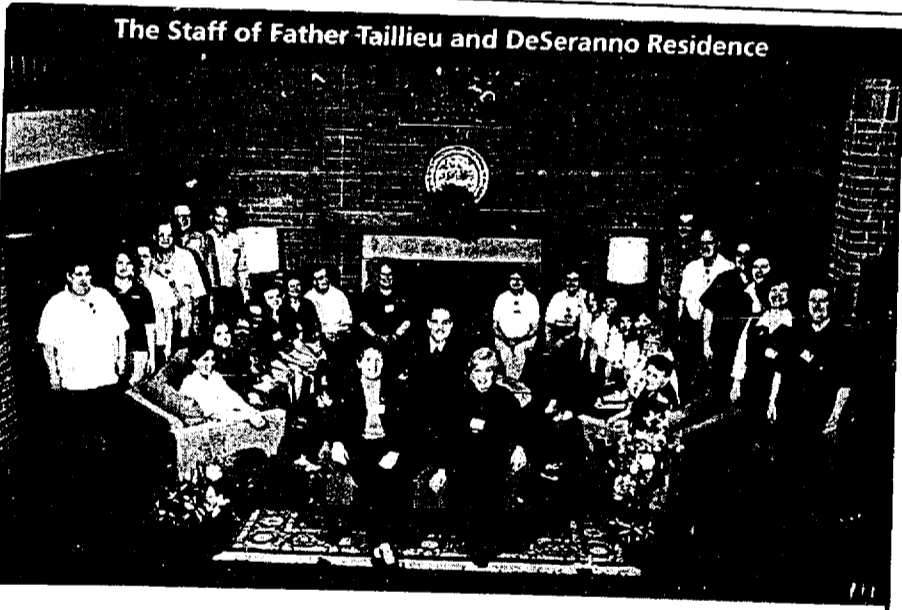
A reception with refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall. First English is located at 800 Vernier at Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods. Senior pastor is the Rev. Dr. Walter Schmidt.

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Getting sentimental?

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

OK, this is it. The holidays are officially here. Some store displays proclaimed they were here before Halloween. It doesn't matter. The real holidays don't start for me until . . .

But maybe I'd better tell it roundabout. It hit a little early this year. Usually it's the day after Thanksgiving. But a couple of weeks ago, I watched an inane movie. It was so foolish I won't even tell you what it was. Take my word for it. I know it could be any of a number of them. Most comedies are silly enough now that I do believe the moviemakers no longer aim their humor at the intelligence level of a 12-year-old. They now aim at the 5-year-old mentality.

As I was saying, I watched this movie, mildly amused, saying, "Oh, come on!" at almost each new unbelievable development. Finally, the absolutely unbelievable story reached its unbelievable happy ending. And I choked back a tear and sniffled.

That only happens during the holidays. It can be really ridiculous. At San Diego's Sea World one year the seals' clown show made me choke up.

So they're here. Some people can tell a storm is coming because they get aches in their knees or big toes or whatever. I choke up and the holidays are screaming down on us like Valkyries.

I love Thanksgiving the way some people love Christmas or birthdays or Halloween. This is probably because at first we're so busy in the kitchen. Later everyone's eating and saying how good it is, no matter how much cranberry sauce got on the ceiling (another story, another year). By the end of the day everyone's too tired to get sentimental.

Farewells are warm and the well-fed bunch may



The Book Return

still be laughing. There are no ghosts of Thanksgivings past or to come. At least, not in our group, not till now.

I'm afraid this year I might say something like: "I love you guys" and burst into tears. That's usually good to throw a whole roomful of happy, laughing people into embarrassed silence.

If I do, they might as well shoot me. It's only going to get worse each year. Pretty soon it will start happening on Groundhog Day.

But I think I've found a cure: chocolate. Not only is it a basic food group, essential to well-being, it also raises endorphins and now they say it's healthy for you.

You'll find the chocolate books in 641.5 and 641.6. My favorites have the most inviting, lavish, full color photographs. Patricia Lousada's "Ultimate Chocolate" is filled with easy-to-follow directions, 100 recipes from around the world and much more. Ann Willan's "Look & Cook Chocolate Desserts" has the clearest step-by-step directions.

Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library "Chocolate" by Lora Brody is just plain good. Betty Crocker, Mrs. Fields and Ghirardelli all have books on chocolate.

Even without mouthwatering photographs, "Maida Heatter's Book of Great Chocolate Desserts" is still definitive. Those

who've used it call it the chocolate bible and swear by its results. The recipes vary in difficulty but anything you want, you'll find.

Alice Medrich, two-time winner of the James Beard cookbook of the year award, brought out "A Year in Chocolate: Four Seasons of Unforgettable Desserts." But for those of you who feel guilty even looking at chocolate, Medrich also wrote "Chocolate and the Art of Low-Fat Desserts."

The children's books I found didn't devote themselves entirely to chocolate but they do include it. "Cooking the Austrian Way" by Helga Hughes for fifth- through 10th-graders even has easy-to-follow directions for Linzer and Sacher Tortes. She calls them cake.

Williams-Sonoma "Kids Cooking" has simpler recipes for 9-year-olds and older.

Oh, and if you like Mexican cocoa, I found a good recipe in the third volume of the Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Foods and Recipes of the World.

Kids better watch out though. Cooking is a sneaky way they'll have to use math. "The Math Chef" by D'Amico and Drummond has about 60 recipes with their math work. And Hershey's (we all know what they do) has put out "The Hershey's Milk Chocolate Multiplication Book." A 6-year-old might tackle this easy picture book.

I've had enough chocolate for now. You know where it is if you need it. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with good food, good friends and laughter.

And for the rest of the holidays, let them eat Linzer Torte.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or find her at Grosse Pointe Central Library



Crisis Club winner

The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, a charitable organization that has helped individuals and families in need for more than 46 years, held its annual golf outing on Aug. 5.

Dominic Ferri had a hole-in-one at the outing and won a 2002 Mercury for his feat.

"This is the very first hole-in-one in our more than 40 years of having Crisis Club golf outings," said Jim Maniere, club trustee. The car was donated by Crest Lincoln Mercury Inc. of Sterling Heights.

From left, are Maniere, Crisis Club co-chairman; Bill Choape, general manager of Crest Lincoln/Mercury; Nick Ferri, hole-in-one champion; Matt Bergstrom, partner, the Ryder Group Inc.; Steve Graus, Crisis Club co-chairman.

Meetings

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or (586) 774-9471.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to carpool to the Belle Isle Conservatory for a tour.

A partial subscription lunch will be served at noon at the Detroit Athletic Club. Members are asked to make reservations with hostesses Jane Krebs or Joanna Garrett.

Valparaiso University Guild

The Valparaiso University Guild will present its annual Christmas tea and musicale at noon Monday, Dec. 2, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Featured will be the Lutheran High School East Chorale, tea and sandwiches and cookies. Homemade cookies will be available for purchase. For more information, call (313) 881-9703.

The group will hold an

open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at 31 Windemere in Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (313) 881-9703 or (313) 886-7466.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will hold its annual Festival of the Arts on May 31 and June 1. Applications for those who would like to enter may be picked up at the GPAA Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 821-1848.

Christmas concert at GPWM

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial will present a complimentary Christmas concert from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Fries Auditorium. The entertainment, a holiday gift to the community, will include Mel Stander's "Gentlemen of Swing," and vocalist Denise

Stevens. The group will play music of the 1940s and '50s. Also on the program: music by the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club chorus and a Christmas carol singing. Master of ceremonies will be Grosse Pointer Dan Beck. No reservations are necessary.

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8:30 AM THE S.O.C. SHOW
Guests, Pastor Bart Beebe - Youth Out Reach
Host Fran Schonenberg and her guests discuss topics and events of particular interest to senior citizens. Repeated: 11:30PM

9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour aerobic exercise class. Repeated: Midnight

9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE
Guests, BT Swami Krishnapada & Hasnan Fehmi M.D.
Hosts Jeanie McNeil and Liz Aiken - an uplifting half-hour of positive attitudes and ideas. Repeated: 12:30AM (9:30 PM - M.W.F. & Sun)

10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN?
Guest, Evie & Chrissy Kummer
Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. Repeated: 1 AM, 6:30 PM

10:30 AM WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
Sunset On The Water - Part 1
Renowned local artist Carol LaChiusa demonstrates watercolor techniques simple enough for beginners, yet challenging to the experienced artist. Repeated: 1:30 AM, 7:30 PM

11:00 AM THINGS TO DO AT THE WAR MEMORIAL
Ski High, Tribute Tree & Santa Breakfast
LouAnne Flanagan-Watnick and Emmett Hynous
Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated: 2 AM, 8 PM

11:30 AM OUT OF THE ORDINARY... INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY
Guest, Joan Heneghan - Musician
Host Robert Taylor presents an extraordinary half-hour of people, places and ideas. Repeated: 2:30 AM (9:30 PM, Tue., T., Sat.)

12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT
Special Showing - Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veteran's Day Breakfast - Bill Scott
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM, 10:30 PM

1:00 PM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB
Guest, Philip P. Mason - Rum Running
Repeated: 4 AM, 5:30 PM

1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS
Guest, Suzan Fante - Christmas Ornaments
Host Susan Hartz focuses on local interesting collections. Repeated: 4:30 AM (8:30 PM, Tue., T. Sat.)

2:00 PM THE LEGAL INSIDER
Guest, Dodd B. Fisher - The Mold Controversy
Hosts local attorneys David Draper and Douglas Dempsey take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 5 AM, 6 PM

2:30 PM THE JOHN PROST SHOW
Guest, Pete Waldmeir - Good Fellows
Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. Repeated: 5:30 AM, 10 PM

3:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER
Guest, Dr. Randy Gehring, Mado Lie & Lorna Zalenski - St. John's White Christmas Ball
Host Julia Keim interviews people of interest from Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Area bringing current information to the community about special events. Repeated: 6 AM, 7 PM

3:30 PM MUSICAL STORYTIME JAMBOREE
Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker, and Miss ReadAbook, offers a half-hour of stories and music for children. Repeated: 6:30 AM

4:00 PM VITALITY PLUS
A half-hour of body toning and step/kickboxing exercise class. M/W/F/Sun - Step/kickboxing Repeated: 7 AM (9 PM - M, W, F, & Sun.); Tone. Repeated: (9 PM Tue, T. & Sat.)

4:30 PM YOUNG VIEW POINTS
Upbeat youth show featuring students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 7:30 AM (8:30 PM M, W, F, & Sun.)

5:00 PM POINTS OF HORTICULTURE
Mil Anthony
Horticulturist Co-Hosts Mil Anthony & Jim Farquhar share tips, gives advice and interviews local authorities on gardening. Repeated: 8 AM

* Schedule subject to change without notice. For further information call: 313.881.7511.

Personal chef provides pleasurable palate

By Mimi Drennan
Special Writer

Too busy to fix meals, or maybe you just don't like to cook?

Too harried during this busy preholiday time to prepare taste treats for the family or yourself?

Just can't find time to host a wonderful party for

meals right in their homes," she said. The food is wrapped and refrigerated and left with easy-to-follow reheating instructions.

Zaglaniczny uses her own utensils and equipment to prepare the meals, but occasionally a client may supply special serving dishes for presentation. When the job

taste to a meal.

Although Zaglaniczny is married to Tom and mother to four children, Olivia, Andrew, Tony and Stephanie, ranging in age from seven to 15, she enjoys being active with her personal chef business at least three days a week. The business is young — only 1 1/2 years — but healthy and growing. She also teaches in-home culinary classes and arranges interactive dinner parties. She prepares gourmet food items for holiday parties and with the help of a server, caters charity events and other types of social gatherings.

Her enthusiasm for treating people to the best in food started in her mother's kitchen as a young girl and continued during her schooling and graduation from the Culinary Art School at Macomb Community College. At one time, she managed a bakery, ran a day care and even cleaned house as she continued to search for her niche — that certain something that would allow her to use her knowledge of food — and perhaps fulfill her dreams. She then learned about the United States Personal Chef Association in New Mexico, where she enrolled in its school and spent a week of 11 to 12 hours daily learning the ups and downs, the ins and outs of specialized cooking and how to manage a personal chef business.

"I finally found the answer," she said. "The training at the Personal Chef Institute taught me so much in that short period of time about what I do today. It was the right choice," she said.

Today, she is a member of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of Personal Chefs and networks with other members throughout the state — learning the newest developments of the business and keeping abreast of what other chefs are doing to serve clients and also to sustain and expand their trade.

"I love this business," she said. "I usually ask my clients for feedback about the meals I prepare for them. It's just great when they're satisfied and invite me back to do more of the work I love doing."

Zaglaniczny also said: "I am a perfect gift for that special person on everyone's Christmas list, especially for those who have everything but time and want to enjoy good, nutritious food — or need help planning and preparing a holiday party."

Gift certificates and more information about Pleasurable Palate are available by calling (586) 219-3220.



Photo by Robert McKean

Pleasurable Palate chef, Susan Zaglaniczny

friends?

Why not let the personal chef do it for you.

In her Pleasurable Palate business, personal chef Susan Zaglaniczny handles all the details to prepare gourmet favorites for a memorable party, to organize weekly food menus, to

is completed, the client's kitchen is left as clean and tidy as when she arrived to perform her tasks but with the added aroma of freshly cooked fare.

Often she leaves behind a special extra treat — maybe a beer bread or a particular sauce to add a distinctive



plan and shop for all the items and to help make one's busy schedule easier to manage.

Zaglaniczny has been cooking since the age of 12. "I was always busy in the kitchen," she said. "Even if it's just simple meals, I love planning menus and making special dishes for other people."

Following an interview with a client in which Zaglaniczny discusses the client's food likes and dislikes, or whether or not he would need special menus if he is diabetic or has other ailments, she suggests menu items staying within the client's budget. Her suggestions include a chicken or turkey dish, a pasta favorite, a lean beef entree if the client desires meat, low fat cheeses and other nutritional foods to balance the diets. After menus are approved, Zaglaniczny spends between six and eight hours planning, shopping for food items and actually preparing the meals in the client's home.

She usually fixes 10 major meals at one time, enough for two people for five days.

"I save people about 15 hours a week planning, shopping and preparing

Who has leftover turkey?

Happy Thanksgiving. Welcome to my annual leftover turkey recipe. This year I'm pairing the rest of the bird with pasta, broccoli and Boursin cheese. This flavorful dish is topped with an almond, cheese and scallion blend. It is an adaptation of a recipe I found in a British cooking magazine, "Good Food."

À LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



Baked Turkey Pasta

- 12 oz. pasta (mostaccioli or shells)
- 2 cups broccoli florets, cut to bite-size pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 8-oz. package mushrooms, quartered
- 2 to 3 cups cooked turkey, diced or chopped
- 1 6-oz. can tomato paste with garlic
- 3 oz. Boursin cheese (or more)

Topping

- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions.

Halfway through the cooking time, add the broccoli and finish cooking. Drain the pasta and broccoli and set aside.

In a large, deep saute pan heat the oil over medium heat and add the mushrooms. Cook for a few minutes, then add the turkey, tomato paste and Boursin cheese.

Toss and cook until the cheese has melted and the sauce is smooth. Remove from heat, season with salt and pepper and add the pasta-broccoli mixture.

If your saute pan isn't large enough, you can combine everything in a large mixing bowl. Turn the pasta into a 9- by 13-inch glass baking dish that has been coated with cooking spray.

In a small bowl combine the scallions, Cheddar cheese and almonds. Sprinkle the mix over the

pasta. Bake the pasta at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes, until the cheese is melted and golden brown.

To execute this recipe as efficiently as possible, prepare the mushroom-turkey sauce while the pasta is cooking. Make the topping before you get started and set it aside. The pasta will be warm when it goes into the oven if you combine your steps.

You may also prepare the dish and refrigerate it until baking time. A cold pasta will require an additional 25 minutes (or so) to be sure it's heated throughout. Remove the dish from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.

Boursin cheese is a soft, buttery cheese that is flavored with garlic and herbs. It's generally sold in a 5.2 oz. package. Boursin cheese lovers will want to add the entire package. For those who can't handle the garlic, substitute 4 oz. cream cheese for the Boursin.

Baked turkey pasta was a big hit with my husband, who's a tough critic when it comes to leftovers. This unique combination of ingredients leads to a simply delicious baked pasta.

Turkey... ahhhhhh. It's something else to be thankful for.

Like, the people we share it with.

Babies

Tyler Wayne Harden

Lisa and Mark Harden of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Tyler Wayne Harden, born Oct. 4, 2002. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Louella Harden of St. Clair Shores and the late Clayton Harden.

Trevor Randall Arndt

Randall Arndt and Mary Ann Wivell of Atlanta are the parents of a son, Trevor Randall Arndt, born Oct. 3, 2002. Grandparents are Jan and Tom Arndt of Grosse Pointe Woods and Patty and Ed Wivell of Ambridge, Pa. Great-grandparents are Gladys Meier of Winter Haven, Fla., and George Arndt of Saginaw.

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<p>Merrill Lynch presents THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS Fri., Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Sun., Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Peabo Bryson, Jody Watley, Oleta Adams, Jon Secada</p>	<p>JOY! A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION Thurs., Dec. 19 at 1:30 & 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 20 at 8:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 21 at 8:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 22 at 3 & 7 p.m.</p>
<p>AT&T presents CHRISTMAS WITH THE CANADIAN BRASS Mon., Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. (the DSO does not appear on this concert)</p>	<p>The Detroit News YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS: A HOLIDAY STORY Sat., Dec. 21 at 10 & 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>LEAR... presents HANDEL'S MESSIAH Fri., Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.</p>	<p>National City presents NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA Tues., Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.</p>

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Holiday Happenings

18th Annual Festival of Trees: This benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan features a display of over 100 holiday trees, vignettes and gingerbread houses, Santa Shop and other children's activities, through Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit.
• Lunch With Santa, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30. \$15 adults, \$10 children, ages 2-12. Reservations requested.
• Holiday Dance, 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30. \$20, advance, \$25, gate. Reservations requested.
• Show Hours
10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30.
10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1.
Advance tickets, \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children ages 2-12. Gate tickets, \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4, children ages 2-12. (313) 745-0178.
30th Annual Noel Night: The University Cultural Center Association sponsors this evening of

music, entertainment, holiday shopping, family crafts and a sing-a-long, 5-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, in the University Cultural Center, between Ferry, Warren, Cass and John R. in midtown Detroit. Free. (313) 577-5088.

Grosse Pointe Park Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe. Free. (313) 822-2822.

Bon Secours Cottage Employee Craft Shows:
• 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Connelly Auditorium of Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadieux.
• 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the lobby of Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval. (313) 640-2455.

Personal Enrichment

Assumption/Macomb Community College Continuing Education Classes: Excel, 9-11:15 a.m. or 1-3:15 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Dec. 2-Dec. 18, Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter. \$99. Preregistration required. (586) 498-4000.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Internet Classes: All courses are held at the Central Library, 10 Kercheval.
• Beginner Internet, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Tuesdays.
• Intermediate Internet,

2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays.
• Beginner Computer, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursdays.
• Email Basics, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursdays. Free. (313) 343-2074, ext. 220.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial:
• Deck the Halls Holiday Wreath Making and Bow Tying, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4. \$15, plus \$20 for supplies. Registration required by Friday, Nov. 29.
• Tastings: the fine Wine Group/Champagne: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3. \$66.
• Cooking with Michelle Bommarito: Holiday Appetizers, 6-8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9. \$40. 32 Lakeshore. Preregistration required. (313) 881-7511.

Divorce Recovery Workshop: 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 11, Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. \$30. (586) 773-7243.

Pets

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Pet Adoptions:
12-3 p.m. and Saturdays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook. (313) 884-1551.

Santa Paws: Pet portraits with Santa.
• 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, Children's Home of Detroit, 900 Cook. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption

Society. (313) 884-1551.
• 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, Pointe Pets Supply, Ltd., 15133 Kercheval. \$5. Benefiting the Michigan Humane Society, (313) 822-2822.
• 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$5. Benefiting the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society. (313) 881-7511.

Seniors

Services for Older Citizens Programs:
• Aerobic Exercise for Seniors, 10-10:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. \$2.
• Christmas Tea at Sunrise Assisted Living: 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26. \$6. Trips include round-trip motorcoach transportation, which departs from the Services for Older Citizens' Neighborhood Club offices, 17150 Waterloo. Preregistration is required. (313) 882-9600.

Singles

Single Way Programs: Interdenominational organization for single adults. Children and teens welcome.
• Chocolate Fondue Party, includes food, caroling and chocolate fondue, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, at the home of a member in St. Clair Shores. \$6, adults and \$3, teens, before Thursday, Dec. 19. \$8, adults and \$5, teens after

by Madeleine Socia

Thursday, Dec. 19.
• New Year's Eve Games Night and Breakfast, 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the home of a member in St. Clair Shores. \$7, adults and \$4 teens, before Friday, Dec. 27 or \$9, adults. \$6, teens after Friday, Dec. 27. (586) 776-5535.

Spiritual Resources

Theology on Tap/ God, Good for What Ales You/The Season of Advent and More: A program of the Lay Theological Academy, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Dragonmead Microbrewery, 14600 11 Mile, Warren. \$5. (313) 882-5330, ext. 31.

Men's Friday Ecumenical Breakfast: Share food, fellowship and a lecture, Fridays at 7:30 a.m., Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.
• Dec. 6, To be determined.
• Dec. 13, Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church Southeast Michigan Synod.
• Dec. 20, Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.
• Dec. 27, No Breakfast.
• Jan. 3, Rev. Dr. Alan Mugler, Interim Associate Pastor, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.
• Jan. 10, Rev. Dr. Gareth Lloyd Jones, Ecumenical Minister from Northern

Wales.
16 Lakeshore. \$5. (313) 882-5330.

Theater

Wayne State University/Hilberly Theatre: "The Good Doctor," 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, matinees Saturdays and Wednesdays, through Saturday, Dec. 7. 4743 Cass in Detroit. \$15-\$20. (313) 577-2972.

The Motor City Lyric Opera: "Amahl and the Night Visitors."
• 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19.
• 1 and 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21.
• 1 and 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22.
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. \$20 adults, \$10 Children. (313) 963-2366.

Travel

Grosse Pointe War Memorial Day Trips: Fees include round-trip bus transportation and meals.
• Frankenmuth: Christmas With the Ink Spots, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3. \$63.
• Christmas Past & "Presents"/Fremont, Ohio, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5. \$83.
• Toledo Kaleidoscope, 8:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10. \$82.
Preregistration required. (313) 881-7511.



G.P. barbershoppers entertain students

Students and faculty of St. Thecla grade school in Clinton Township welcomed the 'Good News Singers

quartet, which performed a barbershop harmony concert at the school.

The quartet gave a demonstration of a song sung in four part barbershop style, explaining how each voice part sounds in relation to the melody.

The Good News Singers quartet is comprised of retirees. Gordon Dubrul, tenor and spokesperson, said, "We were pleasantly surprised how many students accepted an invitation to sing with us. We were bowled over by the response."

The singers belong to the Grosse Pointe chapter of the Society For The

Preservation Of Barbershop Quartet Singing of America (SPEBSQSA).

They visited the school on behalf of their organization's Young Men In Harmony (YMIH) program, which was developed to promote barbershop quartet-style singing to young people. YMIH also provides encouragement and scholarships for high school and college students wishing to further their vocal music education. There is also a Young Woman In Harmony program, sponsored by the International Society of Sweet Adelines.

For information about the Grosse Pointe Barbershop group, call (313) 886-SING.

Golden retrievers need homes

Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan is seeking golden retrievers and their owners to participate in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade on Friday, Nov. 29. Participants must be preregistered. To register or to join the group, call Ro Arabia at (313) 885-3647.

The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan rescues and finds homes for homeless golden retrievers. It has successfully placed nearly 2,000 dogs in permanent homes. Currently about 40 goldens — from puppies to middle-aged and senior dogs — are waiting for loving homes. To get more information about adopting or providing a temporary foster home for a golden, call (248) 988-0154.

Fun

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Shores Figure Skating Club, 4-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens, St. Clair Shores. (586) 445-5351.

Nutcracker Teas: Children enjoy tea in the Tea Room then visit Santa at the Play House of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.
• 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, Dec. 2-Dec. 17.
• 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Monday, Dec. 16. \$10. Reservations required. (313) 884-4222.

Breakfast with Santa: 8:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. \$8. Reservations required. (586) 779-6111.

Book Signing: Author Colleen Monroe will sign her new book, "The Christmas Humpbugs," 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at Borders Books and Music Cafe, 14171 Kercheval. Free. (313) 885-1188.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial:
• Santa's Snack Plate, for ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3. \$20, plus \$8 for materials.
• Holiday Sing Along, Ages 1-3 years with parent/caregiver, 9-9:45 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4.
• Ages 3-5 years with parent/caregiver, 10-10:45 a.m.,

Wednesday, Dec. 4. \$12.
• Brunch with Santa, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 7 or Sunday, Dec. 8. \$15. Reservations required by Thursday, Dec. 5.
• Graham Cracker House, Ages 6 and up with a parent or caregiver, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 14. Registration required by Monday, Dec. 9. \$35, for one parent and child and \$10, for each additional child.
• Middle School Christmas Dance, 7:30-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20. Preregistration with valid GPWM ID required. \$10. 32 Lakeshore. (313) 881-7511.

Snowflake Ornament Workshop: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 7, Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$25. (313) 822-0954.

A Holiday Story: A Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young People's Concert, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$10-\$36. (313) 576-5111.

Parenting
Middle School Parent Coffee: The Grosse Pointe Public Schools sponsors this forum for discussion between parents and education professionals, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Barnes School, 20090 Morningside. Free. (313) 432-4622.
Play Central: The

Family Center sponsors this drop-in center for parents and preschoolers.
• 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.
• 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.
\$2 per family, per visit. (313) 432-3832.

Theater

PuppetART: Celebrate the holidays at the Detroit Puppet Theatre, all performances at 2 p.m.
• Crane Maiden, a Japanese folktale, Saturdays, through Nov. 30.
• Hanukkah: 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8.
• Christmas, Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21; Sunday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 23.
• Kwanzaa, Thursday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 29.
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Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History:
 • The Spiritual Figures and Collages Exhibition, features work by Renee M. Dooley, through Wednesday, Dec. 4.
 • Pictures Tell the Story: Ernest C. Withers Reflections in History,

through Sunday, Jan. 5.
 • Elder Grace: The Nobility of Aging, through Sunday, April 6.
 • Of the People: The African American Experience, continuing. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m., Sunday. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$3 children, 5 and up. (313) 494-5200.

Children's Museum Detroit Public Schools:
 • Celebrate Native American Heritage, through Saturday, Nov. 30.
 • Discover the Autumn Sky in the Planetarium. Workshops, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, for children, 6-12. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. 6134 Second, Detroit. \$3 per program. (313) 873-8100.

Detroit Historical Museum:
 • The Photography of Greg Hodgson, through Saturday, Nov. 30.
 • Ghost Ads, through Saturday, Nov. 30.
 • Land, Lives and Legends: Native Americans in Detroit, through Sunday, Dec. 1.

• Toy Train Family Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. \$5.
 • French Americans, opening Saturday, Dec. 7.

• Kwazana Girls Wiggle Giggle Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. \$3.
 • Glancy Train Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29. \$2, per train for appraisals.
 • Detroit Style - The 1930s, through Sunday, May 11.
 • Connections: Metro Detroit Neighborhoods,

through August 2003. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. 5401 Woodward, Detroit. \$5 adults, \$2.50 seniors and elementary/high school students, \$3 college students, children under 12 free. (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Marshall Field's Fridays, starting at 6 p.m., at the DIA promise family fun, including drawing in the galleries, guided tours, live music, drop-in workshops and artists demonstrations. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$4 adults, \$1 children or free for DIA members. (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Science Center:
 • Sunday Funday/Freeze: Science of the Season, investigate the essence of ice and snow, Sunday, Dec. 8.
 • DTE Energy Sparks Theater.
 • IMAX Dome Theatre.
 • Digital Dome Planetarium:

"Tis the Season," 2 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Saturdays and 2, 4 and 5 p.m., Sundays, through Friday, Jan. 3.
 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, noon-6 p.m., Sunday. 5020 John R, Detroit. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and children, 2-12. \$4 IMAX Dome. \$4 planetarium. (313) 577-8400.

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Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village:
 • Traditions of the Season, Friday, Nov. 29-Wednesday, Jan. 1.
 • Holiday Express in the Henry Ford Museum, Friday, Nov. 29-Wednesday, Jan. 1.

• Anderson Theatre, "The Reluctant Dragon," 2:30 p.m., Friday-Monday, through Monday, Dec. 30.
 • \$8 adults or \$7 children.
 • Sounds of Christmas, weekends, Thursday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Jan. 1.

• Benson Ford Research Center: A Busy Life: The Fashions of Elizabeth Parke Firestone, through Sunday, Jan. 1.
 • IMAX Theatre. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and non-5 p.m., Sunday. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$8.50-\$13.50 Museum. IMAX Theatre, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children, 12 and under. Due

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Classes
Dance: Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, Tuesday, Dec. 3-Tuesday, Jan. 7.
 • Creative Movement, ages 3-4, 4-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays.
 • Ballet, for ages 5 and 6, 4:35-5:05 p.m., Tuesdays.
 • Tap I, for ages 5 and 6, 5:10-5:40 p.m., Tuesdays.
 • Creative Movement, Tap and Rhythm, for ages 3 and 4, 4-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays.
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Monday, Dec. 16, Tuesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 19. \$35.
 • Classical Ballet, for ages 5 and up. 4-6:45 p.m., Monday-Friday, Dec. 9-March 14. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturdays, Dec. 14-March 15.
 • Ski High Club Registration & Information Night, for grades 6-12, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4. 32 Lakeshore. Preregistration required for most programs. (313) 881-7511.


Holiday Happenings
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 • Pre-Parade Festival, 9:45 a.m., in the Village, Kercheval between Neff and Cadieux.
 • Parade, 10:30 a.m. The Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. Free. (313) 886-7474.

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Michigan High School Skating Competition: Hosted by the St. Clair See FUN, page 11B

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North finds its touch at the foul line in district tourney wins

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor There's something to be said about the law of averages...

district at Grosse Pointe South. The victory sent the Norsemen into Monday's regional semifinal...

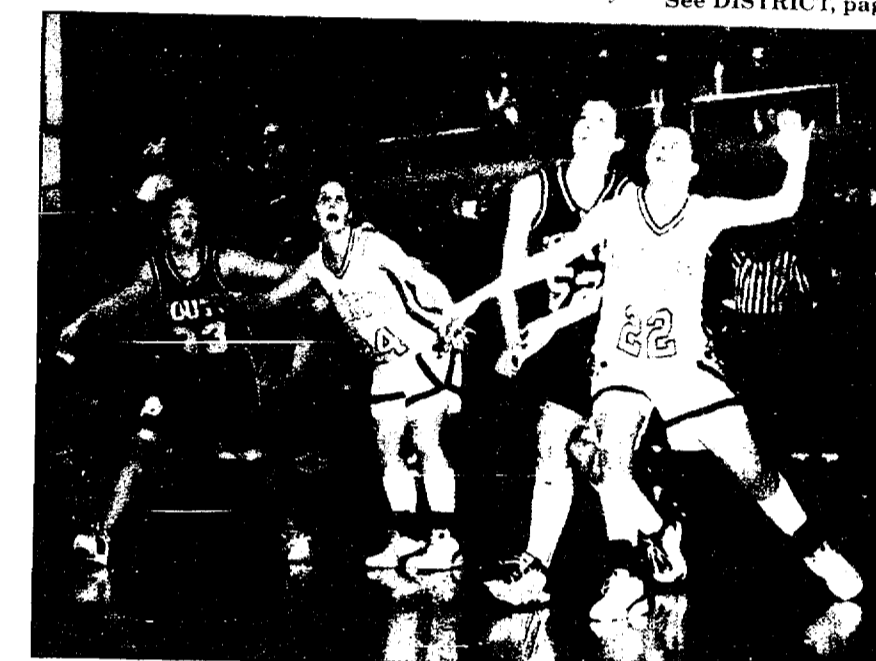
Denby came out with a hot hand and the Tars came out of the first quarter with a 16-14 lead...

Bennett said, "Everybody who played contributed." Denby started the fourth quarter with a 9-2 run to cut the Norsemen's lead...

Poor shooting sinks Regina in 39-37 loss

By Bob St. John Staff writer Regina's basketball team never got into a rhythm this season...

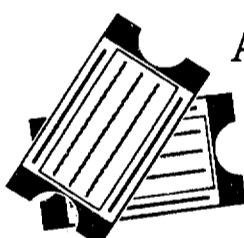
and nine points, respectively. "Kim left everything on the floor," Laffey said. "She played well in her final high school game..."



It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a rebound. Grosse Pointe South's Liz Halpin (33) and Kate See (52) and Grosse Pointe North's Beth Bigham (24) and Megan Warren (22) are ready if the shot doesn't fall.

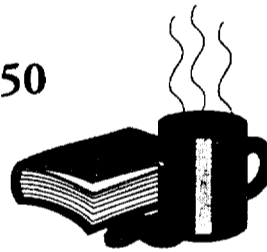
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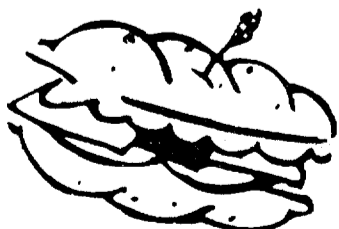
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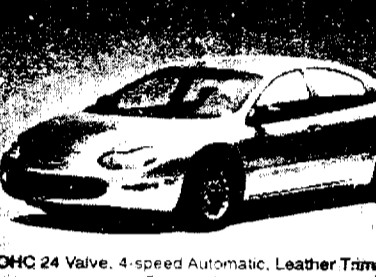

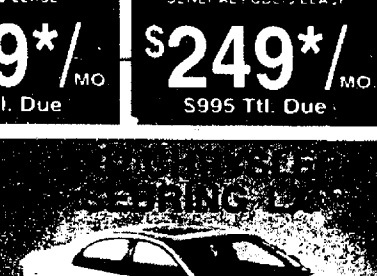
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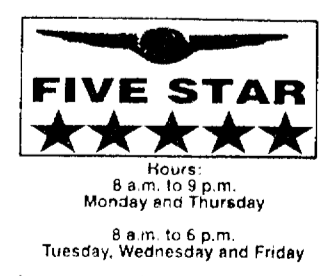
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