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■ Grosse Pointe Woods residents have filed a class action lawsuit against the city for damages suffered when a sewage pumping station failed during heavy rains and flooded their basements with sewer water. The plaintiffs' attorney said a request for damages will exceed \$1 million. Page 3A

■ University Liggett School proudly showcases the talent of its art teachers with a display in the Arts Wing Gallery, running through Wednesday, Dec. 18. Page 12A

■ History came alive for eighth-graders at St. Paul Catholic School during a trip to Gettysburg, Penn. as the culmination of two years studying the Civil War. Page 13A

■ The Village may be without an anchor, but many retailers say they plan to hold their own this holiday season. Page 19A

WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Dec. 5

The Edmund T. Ahee Midwest Open Tennis Championships continue at 6 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and will continue Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m.

A silent/live auction begins tonight at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 882-4100.

Friday, Dec. 6

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir presents holiday favorites at their Winter Follies at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School today and on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for main floor seats, \$10 balcony seats, and \$8 for students and seniors. Advance tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village.

For more information, call (313) 432-3500.

Sunday, Dec. 8

The Hill tree-lighting ceremonies will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Santa at the Central Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree in gazebo across Kercheval near McMillan.

Monday, Dec. 9

The week of Dec. 9 is the last week of curbside yard waste collection in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The city will resume regular rubbish routes on Monday, Dec. 16, when leaves must be bagged or placed in a container.

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

The Grosse Pointe North High School Choir will entertain the members of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club at their meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 881-5592.

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Photos by Will Harnah

Santa comes to town

About 100 parade units welcomed Santa and Mrs. Claus into Grosse Pointe at the 27th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade the day after Thanksgiving. City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace welcomed Santa with a key to the Village, where he'll be visiting good boys and girls on weekends in various stores through the holiday season.

For story and more photos, see page 7A.



Computer hogs booted

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's administration is putting its foot down to rid the branches of computer hogs.

Beginning after the first of the year, time limits will be established for both youth and adult computer usage.

According to director Vickie Bloom, the change comes as a result of individuals taking advantage of available

computers at the central library and its two branches.

The nearly 40 computers that are available for patron use throughout the community are being tied up for hours at a time, sometimes even all day, according to assistant director Cynthia Zurschmeide.

"There are individuals who continuously take advantage of the system,"

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Photo by Bonnie Caprera

Winter, Water Wonderland

It's not winter yet, but it sure looked like it Monday. The snow kept falling and the roads got slippery, slowing traffic along Lakeshore, above, and throughout the metro Detroit area. Thanks to our exceptional public works departments, it wasn't too hard going for motorists as long as they stayed in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, but elsewhere it was a tough go.

Cold weather, snow heat up holiday sales

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The weather outside was frightful, but the ring of cash registers was delightful.

So shopkeepers in the know said let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

"The snow has helped," said Pat Brinker, owner of the League Shop on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. "People are coming in."

Brinker said cold weather and snowflakes made for brisk business Monday.

"Well-priced but good-quality merchandise has done well," she said.

As flakes fell, hopes for a successful shopping season rose.

"In the Grosse Pointe area, retailers are selling exceptionally well," said Arthur Nitzche, owner of TeleCheck Michigan and resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. "All of southeastern Michigan is doing quite well."

Telecheck guarantees check payments for 6,000 retailers statewide.

"The first weekend (of holiday shopping) was good because the economy is looking better; unemployment is drifting downward and consumer confidence is bending upwards," Nitzche said.

"Everybody's in the spirit," said Fred Marx, a retail industry specialist at Marx Layne Marketing & Public Relations.

As the holiday shopping season kicked off, Marx credited cold weather for boosting sales.

"Customers don't need to hear jingle bells," Marx said.

"They need to have the chill go right through their bones. That tells them Christmas is right around the corner."

"The weather was perfect," Nitzche said. "It was cold enough to get people thinking of coats, sweaters and outerwear, but we didn't have tons of snow."

Brinker said Christmas-like weather helped sustain her store's "Thanksgiving surge."

High sales build momentum for additional volume as customers vie for mer-

chandise.

"In a few more weeks, if you don't buy that robe or those slippers or other winter-related items, they won't be there," Marx said.

Last year, warm weather took the wind out of holiday shopping.

"Shelves were clogged," Marx said. "Outerwear didn't move except in massive pre-Christmas sales. This year, the economy isn't any better; the calendar isn't as strong because

Thanksgiving is late. But we have cold weather. Early winter has been extremely beneficial."

Sandra Newman, manager of Borders Books in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe, said her store has been busy since Thanksgiving.

"We were excited with all the foot traffic," she said. Emily Swan, a spokesperson for the Borders Group in Ann Arbor, said, "We've seen a trend in children's books written by writers of adult books."

She cited authors Clive Barker, Carl Hiaasen and Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon.

"Mysteries are hot," Swan said. She said "Portrait of a Killer," a nonfiction book about Jack the Ripper by fiction writer Patrick Cornwell has flown off shelves.

"I read it," Swan said. "It was pretty good."

Next door at Damman Hardware, snow prompted sales of shovels and salt.

Sales are "pretty solid," said Rick Damman, president. "The Grosse Pointe store is doing great."

At Staples, holiday shopping kicked off full force on Thanksgiving weekend. Customers bought technology gifts, accessories and office furniture. Key gift items and a number of "back-to-basics" emerged as top sellers.

"Our early holiday shopping sales are a key indicator of what customers want this gift giving season," said Philo Pappas, senior vice president of merchandising

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Robert Sharrow Jr.

Home: Grosse Pointe Park

Family: Parents, Robb and Pam; sisters, Nicole, 22, and Anne, 20; brother, Greg, 24.

Claim to fame: Received American Red Cross Everyday Hero award for saving the life of an 8-year-old boy who fell into the Detroit River.

Quote: "Maybe they aren't required to install ladders on the pier or put safety railings, but they should."

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Robert Sharrow Jr.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ More than 200 fathers and sons from all the Grosse Pointes have attended a meeting about the creation of Little League baseball this spring in the Farms.

■ Grosse Pointe Civilian Defense officials, headed by George Elworthy, have met with area administrators about ways to maintain communications in the wake of an atomic bomb attack.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms administrators, wanting to expand parking opportunities in the Hill commercial district, want to buy a portion of Richard Elementary School playground.

Members of the board of education have been receptive, providing the city block off McMillan halfway

Kercheval and Ridge, thereby allowing children to get from their school to a play field without having to cross a street.

25 years ago this week

■ The concept of a self-service gasoline station has met with rejection in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Concern for possible safety hazards and feelings of what such a station would have on the area's appearance were cited as prime considerations in the denial.

Newly elected councilman Thomas Fahrner cast the deciding vote.

■ The Whittaker estate on Elmsleigh Lane in the City of Grosse Pointe will join the fate of other lakeside mansions soon.

Faced with \$80,000 in renovation bills and no

buyers, the owner plans to have the home torn down. A \$1.2 million subdivision will take its place.

■ Two more fires have been added to a list of 11 recent arson cases in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We've challenged the guy (the suspect) now," said Robert Ferber, Farms police chief. "With all the press this case has gotten, he will either lie low or consider the investigation a challenge and start another fire."

10 years ago this week

■ A disenchanted Grosse Pointe Park has dropped out of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. City officials said they weren't getting their money's worth out of the seven-county organization.

■ Autumn purple ash is among the tree species being planted this year on city-owned easements in Grosse Pointe Park. Thanks in part to a federal grant, Park officials have been able to buy 290 trees.

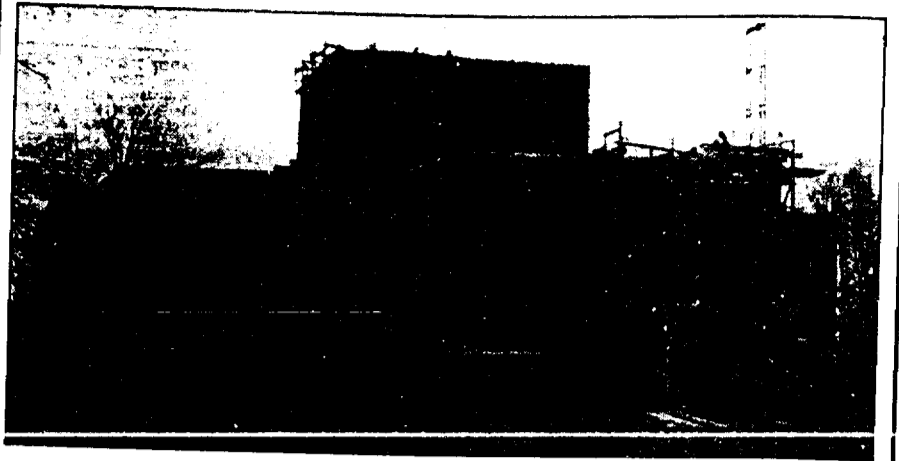
■ Jacobson's stores is embarking on a \$3 million renovation of its two Grosse Pointe locations.

Work will expand the woman's apparel departments while reducing furniture displays.

5 years ago this week

■ The look of khaki pants, polo shirts and

50 years ago this week



Addition to Cottage Hospital progressing

With the completion of this addition to Cottage Hospital, the facility will have space for 100 extra beds, nearly double its present capacity. The addition will include an operating room and facilities for the maternity department. The \$1.4 million project is expected to be finished by mid-spring. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 4, 1952 Grosse Pointe News.)

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navy, yellow or green sweaters is common garb in the Grosse Pointes.

A group of Parcels Middle School parents like the clean, preppie look so much they've proposed making it a uniform for sixth through eighth grade students who attend the Grosse Pointe Woods school.

Proponents said studies show students in uniforms behave better and take education more seriously.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods councilman Thomas LeFevre has announced his resignation less than a

month after an election brought two new members to the council.

Mayor Robert Novitke said the thing to do now is search for a replacement.

■ Plans for 16 additional boat wells at the north end of Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park have been denied by members of the St. Clair Shores

city council. Lake Front Park is in the Shores.

Opponents were concerned about the docks disrupting water flow, congestion of water craft and noise additional boats would make while swaying back and forth during stormy weather.

— Brad Lindberg

Computers

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she said. Although the library has

not received any official complaints from patrons, Zurschmeide said that monitoring computer usage has become a hassle for the librarians.

According to Zurschmeide, the adult computers are used regularly throughout the day, and there is a flood of students who wish to use the youth computers after school.

"We try to favor the kids who are doing homework as opposed to playing games," she said, adding that the adult computers are used for a number of reasons, from research to e-mail and shopping to checking stock holdings.


Under the new system, patrons will sign up for a computer and be allotted one hour for the adult computers and a half hour for the youth computers.

If there is no one waiting once a patron's time has expired, he or she may continue to work.

Time limits are fairly common in public libraries, Zurschmeide said; however, this is the first time it has been needed here in Grosse Pointe.

"I do believe the time limits will help a great deal," she said. "Things will get even better once we get the new buildings."

Zurschmeide added that there will be a substantial number of computers at the new branches, although figures have yet to be decided.


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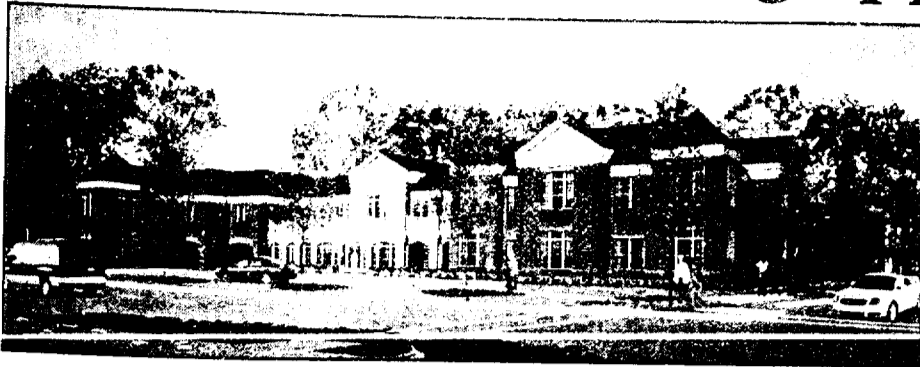
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Senior assisted living approved on Mack in GPW



A 53-unit assisted living facility for senior citizens has been approved for Mack between Brys and Aline in Grosse Pointe Woods. City officials have required that construction begin within six months and be completed within 18 months.

Opponents say the next step is in court

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

An assisted living facility for senior citizens, approved Monday by the Grosse Pointe Woods city council, may face a legal counter-attack.

Homeowners this week lost their bid to quash the proposed 53-room hybrid residential-commercial operation to be located on less than one acre on Mack near the St. Clair Shores border.

Residents pledged a show-down, claiming Woods officials shrugged off neighborhood concerns from the outset.

"The fix is in," said Tom Sullivan, spokesman for reluctant neighbors of the proposed facility. "This is a done deal. The only recourse residents have is court."

Representatives of Sunrise Development want to break ground on the 50,069-square-foot building within six-months as mandated by a majority of the Woods council. Work must be finished within 18 months.

"We're anxious to get going," said Laura Hester, Sunrise development officer.

She helped win approval of the scaled-down, two-story living facility. City officials had rejected a three-story, 83-room building.

As approved, the building's footprint will cover nearly 60 percent of commercially zoned land on Mack between Brys and Aline that has sat undeveloped for years.

"We revised our plans significantly to reduce the height and accommodate parking needs of the city," Hester said. "Our parking has come into compliance by providing a 1:1 ratio of parking spaces for every unit that's in the building. (City officials) will make sure we're compliant with regulations that go along with the design."

The building's exterior has met the city's Colonial mandate. The facade of red brick and light-colored stone will be topped with white trim. A 53-space parking garage will be placed underground.

Split decision

Sunrise was supported by Mayor Robert Novitke and council members Joseph Dansbury, Allen Dickinson, Tom Fahrner and Eric Steiner. Colleagues Vicki Granger and Patty Chylinski opposed the plan as too big and invasive of the residential community.

"I would like to see senior

housing," Granger said, "but it has to be on a sufficient amount of land."

Chylinski suspected the development would generate additional traffic that would, in turn, lead to a traffic light being installed at Mack and Brys. The intersection is one of the busiest in the city and a constant headache to Brys residents. Residents said a light would prompt more traffic.

"I would never support a light there," Chylinski said.

"Sunrise will contribute, as a condition of site plan approval, \$50,000 toward the signal light," according to a Nov. 20 letter Hester wrote to city officials.

Ted Bidigare, Woods city administrator, said the light is a "proposal," nothing more.

Citing a SEMCOG traffic study of problems at Mack and Brys, Bidigare said, "There's a recommendation in the report that a traffic light would make the intersection safer."

The matter will be discussed at a city council meeting Dec. 9.

Sullivan countered with another SEMCOG finding that half of Michigan's fatal red-light accidents are caused by driver's running red lights.

"It's guaranteed to be a disaster," he said of the Sunrise development. "There are in excess of 50 children under the age of 12 within one block either side of Mack and Brys."

Steiner supported Sunrise based on a campaign promise made nearly 10 years ago.

"Many senior citizens in the community told me their houses are too much to maintain, but they want to stay in the community," Steiner said. "This is something they've been looking forward to."

Assisted living

Sunrise has 220 homes across the United States, Canada and United Kingdom. Michigan sites closest to the Pointes include West Bloomfield and Rochester.

"Sunrise was founded on beliefs that there is a better way for our seniors, other than a very institutional nursing home," Hester said at a council hearing in October.

"Assisted living is a type

of senior housing that's in between independent living and nursing care," added Tim Hedges, a development officer from Chicago. "It's designed for the frail elderly who are no longer truly independent, typically not driving, nor preparing meals for themselves, but they don't need full time medical attention."

He said typical residents are 85 years old.

"They need help getting up in the morning, putting on their shoes, coming down to breakfast, a reminder to take medication, (and) a ride to an appointment," Hedges said. "We have a nurse on staff."

Also included are three meals a day in a common dining room, housekeeping and laundry service, an activities program, and personal care depending on need.

"All this is done in a very residential environment," Hedges said.

Ongoing division

Ted Kirles, a homeowner who could wind up living virtually next door to the building, asked members of the Woods planning commission last week to deny the development.

Kirles predicted noise problems, including the rumble of roof-mounted air conditioners.

"This is a 24-hour facility," he said. "People will be coming and going all the time."

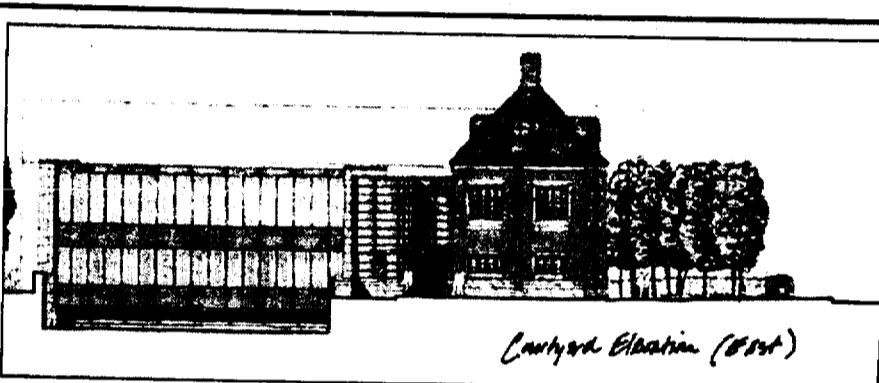
"The facility is very quiet about 8 p.m.," Hester said. "After dinner, it literally goes to sleep."

As with the city council this week, the planning commission approved Sunrise by a split decision.

Commissioner Thomas Vaughn cast the lone no vote. His reasoning echoed how many city officials feel about developing senior housing in a city that is built to the gills.

"I'm very much in favor of senior housing," said Vaughn, a former member of the Woods senior citizen commission. "This is a development we need in the city. I just didn't think this was the right location for it."

On the other hand, Commissioner Ross Richardson said, "I've been on the planning commission for 16 years. This seems to be the least offensive use of all the (proposals) we've



Carlyard Elanah (8/02)

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Renderings of Woods branch

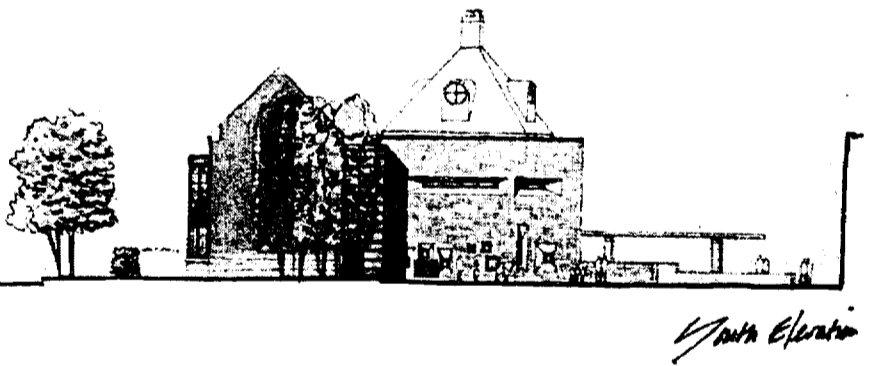
The Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission will be presented with the design of the future Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library at its Tuesday, Dec. 16, meeting.

The 25,800-square-foot design is pictured from Mack, above, and Vernier, below.

The design is the product of struggling with factors such as cost, structural height, parking calculations, and the importance of blending in with the surrounding buildings on Mack, Parcels Middle School and residential property on Vernier and Sunningdale.

"We believe the aesthetic of the building is appropriate, and that what we're presenting to the Planning Commission is something we can support financially," architect Jim Mumby of Fanning Howey Associates told members of the Grosse Pointe Library Board at its Monday, Nov. 25, meeting.

-Jennie Miller



South Elevation

Suit filed in Woods sewer backup

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The consequences of a backed-up sewer have hit the fan in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Eighteen residents whose basements flooded last summer when a city pumping station failed have filed suit against the city in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The class action suit was entered on behalf of an estimated 110 homeowners who faced "sewage, pollutants, feces and noxious odors" when water backed up during heavy rains June 21.

"More than 45 days have elapsed since (the) plaintiffs provided notice to the defendant regarding their claim of damages, and the defendant has made no effort to satisfy (the) plaintiffs' claims," according to the suit filed by attorneys with Macuga & Liddle of Detroit.

"Plaintiffs have, or will, spend a great amount of time, effort and money to sanitize and clean their residence due to bacteria and other unsanitary conditions

caused by the flooding of their residence by untreated sewage."

Flooding occurred when the Torrey Road pump station failed.

City representatives haven't discussed the matter

publicly citing the prospect of pending litigation. Shortly after the failure, a Detroit Edison spokesman said there was no record of a power interruption.

Lawyers for homeowners want the city to pay conse-

quent costs exceeding \$25,000, including attorney fees.

"We're seeking in excess of \$1 million," said Steve Liddle.

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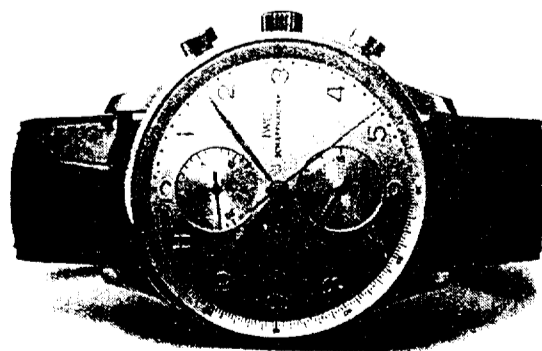
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Library considers new logo — again

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

With the pending construction of two new branches, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is seeking to revamp its image.

The library board will be asked to approve a new logo designed by Lovio George Inc. at its Monday, Dec. 16, meeting.

The new design, if approved, will be the third logo in the library's history, the second of which was approved just two years ago.

"Changing a logo is nothing to be taken lightly," said Matt Hubbard, an account executive for Lovio George, adding that the new design is clear and consistent.

"We want to make sure that what (the library) is communicating really lives up to what (the patrons) are experiencing," he said.

The suggested design is a similar variation of the current logo, which was deemed to be busy and complicated by the representatives from Lovio George.

"It is difficult on the eyes," Hubbard said, referring to the tilted flower with five colors, the harsh corners and the angled words.

The suggested design uses only two colors, the dominant of which is a rich blue, and the copy has been brought over to the side of the flower image in block lettering.



The Grosse Pointe Public Library's current logo, nearly 2 years old, has been criticized for being busy and difficult on the eyes.

The library board will be asked to approve a new design at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 16.

"We didn't want to go in a completely different direction," Hubbard said, "but this is easier on the eyes. It is simplified and much more versatile."

"It is able to be used in a number of ways, from a stamp on the inside of a book cover to the signage for the new branches," said Caroline Jeffs of Lovio George.

Most of the board members responded positively to the design, although minor suggestions for improvement were made.

Hubbard and Jeffs are taking the comments from board members into account and tweaking the design before the next meeting.

Lawsuit

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The matter has been referred to Woods city attorney Don Berschback.

"We're still reviewing the complaint," he said. "The case could take years."

"The action is necessary to protect the property rights of plaintiffs, and all others

similarly situated, which have been unreasonably interfered with resulting from the flooding," according to the suit.

Liddle said Macuga & Liddle has served as counsel in more than 20 class actions involving private property flooded by municipal sewer systems.

Parking zones near Trombly

A handful of temporary traffic and parking regulations have been made permanent near Trombly Elementary School and on Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park.

Changes regard parking on Beaconsfield between Essex and Hally Place, and Hally Place.

- On eastbound Beaconsfield, a no parking zone will encompass the parking bay in front of Trombly. Rules will be enforced from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days.
- On westbound

Beaconsfield, a no parking area will be established near a crosswalk in front of house numbers 829 and 837.

- On southbound Halley Place, there will be a no parking zone established from the Trombly driveway extending 20 feet east of the eastbound Nottingham crosswalk.
- On Hampton, stop signs will be removed at Wayburn, thereby making Hampton a through street. In addition, no parking zones will be enforced on both sides of Hampton near Wayburn.

PET POINTER OF INTEREST

Sammy Shimmel

Breed: African gray parrot.

Age: 12 years old.

Family: Amy, Tom, Tommy and Allison Shimmel.

About Sammy: Sammy is well trained. He can say over 130 different words and phrases.



Sammy Shimmel

Favorite toy: A little stuffed baby chick that chirps.

Best company: Loves to sing the "Happy Birthday" song with Amy. He also enjoys helping Tommy and Allison with their homework.

Claim to fame: Sammy is well known in the neighborhood. He has been a special "show and tell" guest at Richard Elementary School many times. He loves to talk about himself and answer the children's questions.

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@grosse-pointenews.com (photos must be high resolution).

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- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- 6 slices bacon

Preparation:

- Cut slits into the roast and insert sliced garlic, placing pieces evenly around the whole roast.
- Rub with 1 Tbsp. of the mustard. Sprinkle with the thyme.
- Place on roasting rack. Top roast with the bacon, with ends covering the sides.
- Insert meat thermometer into the thickest portion of the meat. Roast at 325°F until meat thermometer registers 145°F for rare, or 160°F for medium to well done.
- Transfer meat to serving boat, 1 or platter. Remove bacon and strings. Replace bacon.
- Pour pan drippings into small skillet. Whisk in remaining 1 Tbsp. mustard and heat to boiling. Continue boiling until drippings are shiny and thickened.
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Lifeguard training helps Pointer save boy's life

By Margie Reins Smith
Assistant Editor

Want to impress a girl on a first date? Rob Sharrow Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park recently showed how it's done. He jumped into 15-foot deep water and saved an 8-year-old boy from drowning. Sharrow was recently honored as an American Red Cross Everyday Hero for his

quick-thinking and unselfish action.

On Memorial Day, Sharrow and his new friend, Genevieve Nutter of Grosse Pointe Woods, went for a ride on his motorcycle.

"It was a beautiful day," he said. "We rode out Lakeshore toward downtown Detroit, crossed over to Belle Isle. But my bike over-

heated. The engine seized. I parked it and we went for a walk while we waited for it to cool down."

As the two were walking along the Belle Isle fishing pier, where about a dozen people were fishing, they heard a splash.

"An 8-year-old had tripped on an uneven plank," Sharrow said. "He rolled under the railing and into the water. His father panicked. There was no life ring to throw, nothing for the boy to grab onto."

Sharrow worked for several summers as a camp counselor and lifeguard at Camp Westminster, a Presbyterian church camp on Higgins Lake.

He had attended the same camp as a youngster and had taken a Red Cross life-saving class while he was in high school.

He had been a member of the wrestling team at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Recently he completed dual degrees from the University of Michigan, a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering.

So — when Sharrow heard the splash and assessed the situation on the Belle Isle fishing pier, he went into the water to get the boy.

POINTER OF INTEREST

Nutter dialed 911 on her cell phone.

The boy was trying to keep his head above water. He was fairly successful, but the father was frantic and said that neither he nor the boy could swim.

People began to gather. Sharrow was able to reach the boy, who was thrashing and fighting his rescuer.

"We were both fully clothed," Sharrow said. "The water was about 15-20 feet deep. I was quickly getting exhausted. There was no place to grab onto on the pier. We were at the end of the pier, about 100 yards from shore. I didn't think I could make it all the way to shore with him. I was running out of energy. He kept pushing me under and climbing on my head. There was a strong current, too."

Sharrow noticed a piece of steel sticking out of a portion of the pier. It would be something to grab onto.

"I had to fight for every inch as I worked my way closer to the piece of steel. A couple of times I lost hold of the boy. Finally, I grabbed the metal and was able to reach out and grab his wrist."

Sharrow held the boy's head above water while other people on the dock

helped pull him out of the water; Sharrow climbed out himself.

An ambulance arrived, but Sharrow said if someone hadn't gone into the water, the boy would not have made it.

"The boy was fine; the father was moved; I was exhausted," he said. "They went together in the ambulance. I felt awesome."

Sharrow and Nutter returned to his motorcycle and it started immediately.

"When I got home, when that adrenaline stopped, I crashed. But it was an awesome feeling to know I had saved a life."

Sharrow said he often thinks about what could have happened if he hadn't been on that particular pier on that day at that particular time.

He also considers the possibility that he might not have reached the boy in time.

He thinks about how drowning people panic and in their terror fight with their rescuers.

"I thank God that I didn't have to choose whether to save him or myself," he said. "Instead, now I can say, 'Cool. I saved him.'"

Rob's mother, Pam Sharrow, is understandably

proud of her son. She called the city of Detroit and tried to get someone to do something about the lack of safety equipment on the Belle Isle fishing pier.

"I was told that there are no codes or requirements for ladders or railings or lifesaving equipment," she said.

"Maybe they aren't required to install ladders on the pier or put safety railings," Sharrow said, "but they should. Next time someone might drown."

"I did what I did because of an eerie coincidence. My motorcycle happened to break down. We happened to be walking on that pier. I was just an instrument. I think somebody has a plan for that boy or for his life."

Sharrow and the boy's father have exchanged phone numbers and the father wants to treat Sharrow to dinner.

Since the incident both the father and son have started taking swimming lessons.

Sharrow will enter graduate school at the University of Michigan in January. He will begin a two-year program to earn a master's degree in biomedical engineering.

It would be safe to assume that Sharrow impressed Nutter on their first date last Memorial Day.

They're still dating.



Rob Sharrow Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park was one of 14 local heroes honored recently by the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. He saved a young boy from drowning. Nominations are being accepted for next year's heroes. Nomination forms are accessible online at www.semredcross.org.

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2.2 million have winter travel plans

Cost or money concerns — not security — are cited as the top factors influencing those not taking a winter vacation this year, according to a recent AAA Michigan survey. Despite these concerns, an estimated 2.2 million Michiganders — 22 percent of the population — say they will travel during the 2002-2003 winter travel season, down from 28 percent last year.

According to the auto club survey of 400 state residents — conducted in October — 81 percent of those traveling will head for a destination outside of Michigan. The most popular out-of-state destination for winter travelers is Florida (45 percent). Among those not planning trips, 18 percent cited cost or money concerns; 12 percent, lack of vacation time; 10 percent, school vacation conflicts; 7 percent, the economy; and 6 percent, weather conditions.

Nearly half, 47 percent, of the winter travelers surveyed plan to drive to their final destination; another 44 percent will fly.

The average trip will last 11 days and the average amount spent will be \$1,758. Forty-five percent will stay at a hotel, motel or resort, while 20 percent plan to stay with relatives. Some travelers, 8 percent, will stay in a rented house or on a boat with friends; 7 percent in a recreational vehicle; 2 percent in a second home; and 1 percent camping.

Sightseeing is the most popular winter vacation activity (91 percent), followed by swimming (66 percent), going to a nightclub (49 percent) and going to a concert or theater (48 percent).

Vacation planning

The Christmas-New Year's holiday remains the busiest air travel period of the year, a fact reflected in flight availability and airfares.

"As always, air travelers will need to be flexible and allow more time to get to the airport and to reach their final destination," said Larry Dickens, director of vendor relations and travel

support for AAA Michigan.

Although low fares may be available on certain routes, travelers looking for the lowest prices and for the most available flights should avoid travel during peak periods. In addition:

- It pays to book your travel as far in advance as possible.

- Consider an alternate airport. Flying in and out of nearby, but less popular, airports may save you hundreds of dollars.

- Be flexible with your departure and return dates. Traveling Monday through Thursday is far cheaper than flying on the weekend. For holiday travel, some airlines offer considerable savings when flying on the holiday itself, such as Christmas or New Year's Day.

- Late night or "red-eye" flights are often considerably less expensive than flying during morning or afternoon hours.

- Nonstop, direct-to-your-destination flights are the most convenient — and usually the most costly.

Consider a flight that has a connection or layover if time permits.

• Check with your travel agent for most-recent or unadvertised travel bargains.

If driving to a winter destination, AAA's suggested budget for a family of four — two adults and two children — is \$238 per day for lodging and meals, plus \$10.80 per 100 miles for gas, oil, tires and maintenance with a car averaging 23 miles per gallon.

In addition to lodging, food and driving costs, a family should budget for admission fees, road and bridge tolls, recreation and shopping.

If you do not carry credit cards, include an emergency fund in your vacation budget. For added security, AAA suggests carrying traveler's checks.

If you're flying, remember: Most airlines now limit the number of carry-on items to one per passenger. For a complete list of new security requirements and passenger tips, visit the

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Park's new fire truck ready to roll

The Pointes' newest fire truck is ready to roll. Dave Hiller, Grosse Pointe Park chief of public safety, said his department's new truck entered service last week.

"We're fine-tuning some of our equipment on it. It's quite a deal," Hiller said.

Officers have been trained on the unit and tested its 90-foot extension ladder.

The ladder is capped with a platform from which officers can battle fires from above and rescue trapped victims from upper floor windows.

Although officers have been taking the truck on test runs through the community, no real fires have tested its mettle.

"Knock on wood," Hiller said. "We'd be happy to never have to use it, but we're ready in case there is a need."

— Brad Lindberg

Pointers put on parade pomp

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Temperatures may have hovered near freezing, but that didn't keep Grosse Pointers from having a warm and fuzzy time celebrating the holidays the day after Thanksgiving.

The day got off to a quick start with the Grosse Pointe Lions' Jingle Bell Walk/Run.

Run organizer Robert Kitchen said the weather kept the number of entrants down this year, but the top male and female runners made up for it.

Grosse Pointe Park residents Nick Zerweck and Pat Dantzer, who tied for first in the men's run, and City of Grosse Pointe resident Liz Pett, who placed first in the women's run, donated their \$100 cash prizes back to the Lions Club.

About 348 entrants, including dogs, who came from as far away as Turkey

Creek, Ky., participated in the run.

The weather kept the crowds down in the Village for the pre-parade festival, but the usual crowd showed up for the 27th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

"We had about 16,500 in the crowd," said parade director Cindy Melican. "There were units new to the parade who were surprised how big the parade and the crowd were."

"We had a lot of new surprises. Our grand marshal, Paul W. Smith, was fantastic. LaFave Danse Studio was wonderful. They had their kids dressed up as animals doing dance routines along the parade route."

"This was also the best year for volunteers. We had so many middle school and high school students. Their enthusiasm was great. They're the next generation of community leaders."

With about 1,800 people in the parade, Melican said. "If you're not in the parade, you know someone who is."

Such was the case for loyal parade watchers Pat and Mark Leiznar of Grosse Pointe Woods, who came with their daughter Ali to see their son Philip march with his Monteith Elementary School Cub Scout pack.

"Unless it's raining, we're always here," Pat Leiznar said. "For a small community, this is quite a parade."

Later in the day, warm temperatures and warm melodies brought the crowd out for Christmas carols and tree lighting in the Village.

"We had a couple hundred people show up," said Grosse Pointe Village Association Promotion Manager John Denomme. "The Authentic Dickens Carolers were just wonderful. They were so good that people just stopped to listen."

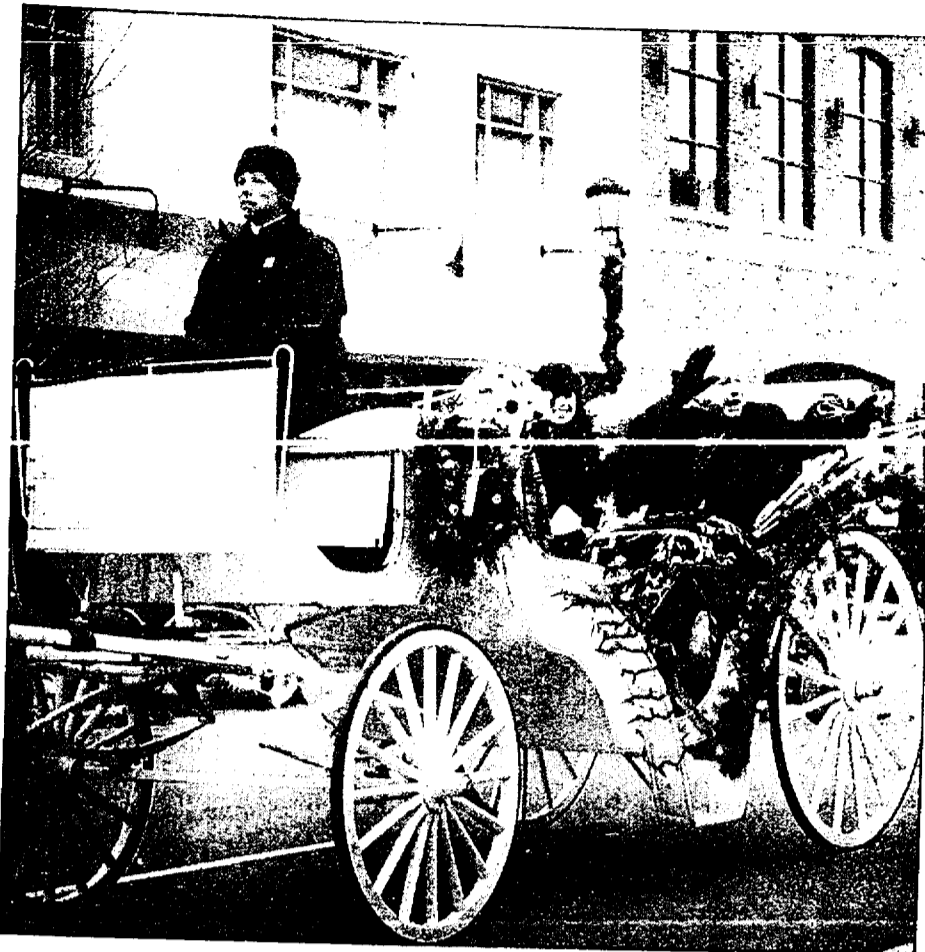
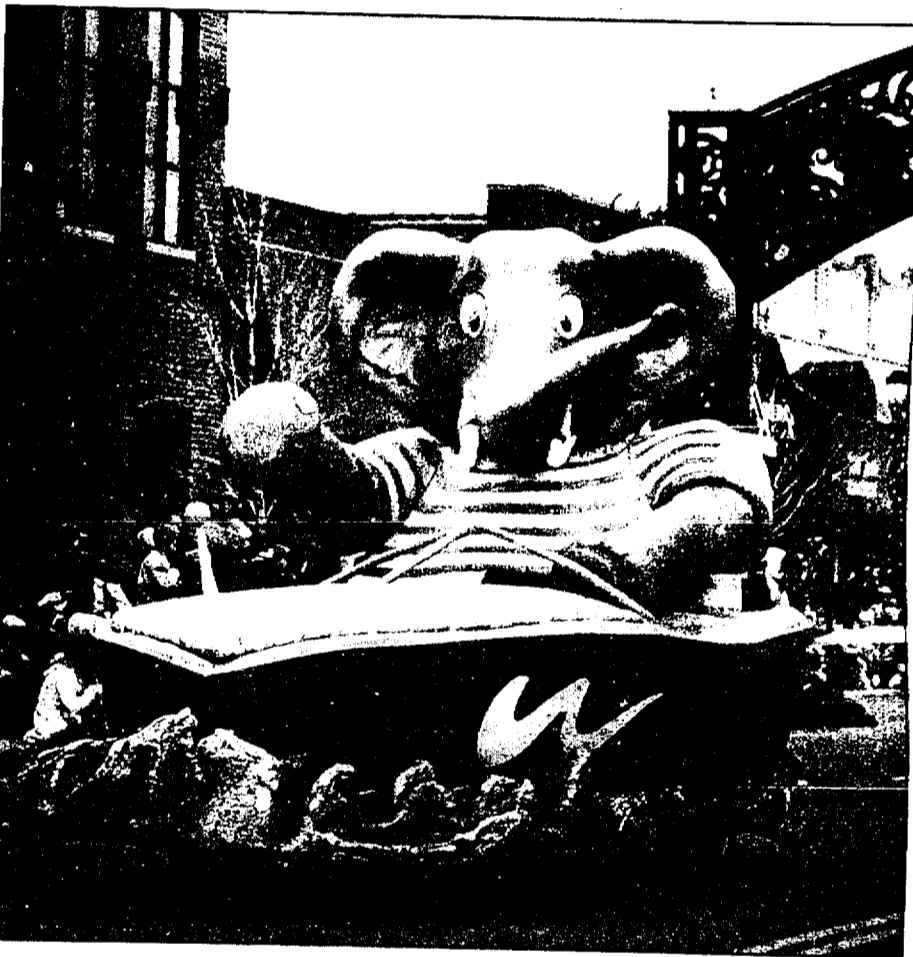
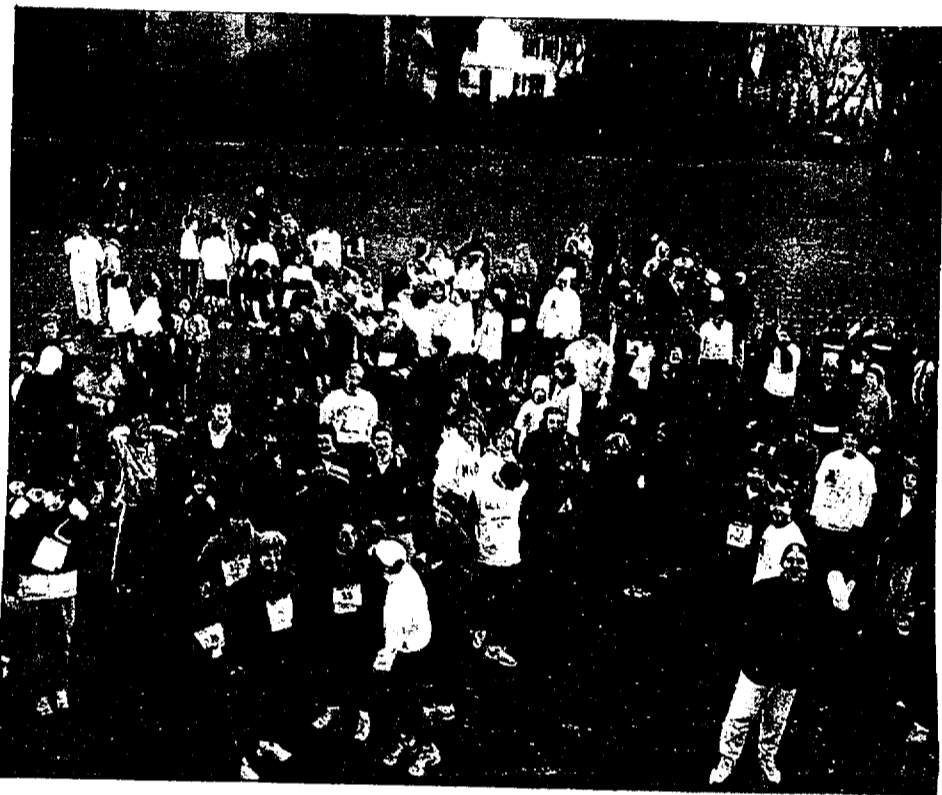


Photo by Will Harrah
News/Talk 760 WJR-AM talk show host and Grosse Pointe Park resident Paul W. Smith shared the grand marshal duties of the 27th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade with his wife, Myreya, and son, Adam.



Photos by Will Harrah
The Zany Zoo Extravaganza float, on loan from the Parade Company, top, and the St. Clare Montefalco School ark, bottom, represented the Zany Zoo Animal theme of this year's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.



About 348 entrants took part in the Grosse Pointe Lions Jingle Bell Walk/Run, pictured above.

Photo by Will Harrah
Jacqueline Miller and her father Mark, of Grosse Pointe Park bundle up to fight the cold weather at the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, left.

Photo by Will Harrah
Members of the Authentic Dickens Carolers, Andrew Langlands, Sophia Patis, Cat Hadran and John Pegouske, entertained the crowds at this year's Village tree lighting ceremony, below.



Sunrise senior housing right call for Mack

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council for having the courage to approve the proposed assisted senior housing development on Mack and for not caving into NIMBYism.

Opposition to Sunrise Development's senior housing site plan came mostly from Brys Drive residents, who have complained for years of traffic backups getting onto Mack.

While we sympathize with their complaints, we also look at the bigger picture.

During every election, we hear constituents tell candidates that senior housing is sorely needed in Grosse Pointe. But why is senior housing never built?

Mostly due to NIMBYism, i.e., Not In My Back Yard. Everyone wants senior housing, but no one wants it in his or her neighborhood.

There have been many fine proposals over the years for senior housing on former estates and other large

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pieces of property in the Pointes, but neighborhood opposition quashed the plans.

The Grosse Pointes are not in the wilderness of Macomb County. We are fully developed. If senior housing is to be built, it has to either replace an existing building or it has to be squeezed into a vacant lot, such as the one between Brys and Aline.

If Mack Avenue, a major, commercial thoroughfare is not suitable for senior housing, then what location is?

As Woods planning commissioner Ross Richardson said, "I've been on the planning commission for 16 years. This seems (to be) the least offensive use of all the (proposals) we've seen so far."

Sunrise Development has 220 homes across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Michigan sites closest to the Pointes include West Bloomfield and Rochester.

Representatives of Sunrise Development want to break ground on the proposed 53-room, 50,069-square-foot, hybrid residential-commercial building within six-months, as mandated by a majority of the Woods council. Work must be finished within 18 months.

Originally, Sunrise proposed an 83-unit, three-story facility, but that bigger proposal was turned down by the city council.

When the senior housing developer came back to the city with the smaller, two-story plan that included 53 underground parking spaces and apparently required no variances, the council had a proposal it could not refuse.

No variances were needed, and Sunrise was providing more parking than most any other business on Mack. The developers even adopted the Woods' favored Colonial facade. Further, Sunrise kicked in \$50,000

toward the installation of a stop light at Mack and Brys, as suggested by SEMCOG traffic study.

How could the city council say no. And why should it?

Yet neighbors were still not satisfied. They alleged that "the fix was in." Rubbish.

Councilwoman Patty Chylinski opposed Sunrise's plan because it would lead to a stop light at Brys and Mack, one of the busiest intersections in the city.

Huh? We would have thought Brys residents would welcome a light at Mack, which would ensure that they could safely enter the boulevard with more than a dare and a prayer.

Residents even played the NIMBY trump card — the safety of our children!

More rubbish. A stop light would provide far more safety for children than what is there now — nothing.

We think Sunrise's plan is the right one for that location. It is a for-profit business that will add to our tax base and provide a much-needed community service, senior housing.

It is a win-win for the Woods and all the Grosse Pointes. And if a stop light goes in, it will be a win for Brys residents as well.

Good work to the Grosse Pointe Woods planners and council and Sunrise Development.

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Retailers' eyes all aglow!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — and a good one at that.

Last year's warm weather took the starch out of holiday shopping, but this week's cold weather and snow brought out the gift-giving Christmas in all of us.

There is nothing like snow flakes to lift even the most cynical Christmas shoppers.

Local merchants are reporting brisk business.

"The snow has helped," said Pat Brinker, owner of the League Shop on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms. "People are coming in."

Also adding to the Christmas cheer, Grosse Pointe News investing columnist Joe Mengden reports that the Dow is up for its eighth straight week.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Art Nitzche, owner of TeleCheck Michigan, reports that "in the Grosse Pointe area, retailers are selling exceptionally well. All of southeastern Michigan is doing quite well."

Nitzche is in a position to know. His company verifies consumers' checks

for some 6,000 Michigan retailers. If people are buying, Nitzche is among the first to know.

"The first weekend (of holiday shopping) was good because the economy is looking better, unemployment is drifting downward and consumer confidence is bending upwards," Nitzche said.

Another person in the know is Fred Marx, a retail industry specialist at Marx Layne Marketing & Public Relations.

"Everybody's in the spirit," he said. We are too.

In the Village, merchants there made lemonade: They took a vacant Jacobson's and decorated its windows for the holidays. What a great idea! And we are told Village promoter Beverly Leinweber is the person to thank. Thanks, Bev!

This holiday season, don't drive a long way and don't fight big crowds. Shop locally and be sure to spread your shopping dollars around.

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? There are only 19 shopping days left!



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

Letters

Say thanks, 'shop Village'

To the Editor:
To the merchants of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and in particular Bev Leinweber, a tremendous THANK YOU for decorating the windows in the former Jacobson's building for the holidays. We were all dreading the boarded up appearance of an empty building and were delighted to see glorious window displays done by Village Toy Company, Posterity: A Gallery, Kramer's Bed, Bath, and Window Fashions, Harvey's Luggage, Valente Jewelers, Chico's, Damman Hardware and Hickey's-Walton Pierce. I would like to thank those store owners whose generous giving of time and talent help make our community an attractive place to live. In support of them, I hope everyone will remember to "shop the Village" during the Christmas season.

Peggy Woodhouse
City of Grosse Pointe

I'm sure everyone in the Grosse Pointe communities sends them a big "THANK YOU."

Alex Bell
City of Grosse Pointe

Lit with lights

To the Editor:
This is in regard to the letter printed in the Nov. 28 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, "Too soon lights."

My neighbor places Halloween "stuff" up in September, immediately followed by Christmas "stuff" that remains until July. Grosse Pointe Woods has no codes applying to this "stuff." In fact the only time codes apply to the offending Grosse Pointe Woods resident is when a resident brings a particular violation to the attention of the city, then and only then do the code officers perform.

What do code officers do during the day?

A. Lawrie
Grosse Pointe Woods

A worthwhile experience

To the Editor:
On Sunday, Nov. 24, 1,025 of the metro area's neediest men, women, and children enjoyed a turkey dinner at the Soup Kitchen of Crossroads of Michigan on

East Forest Avenue in Detroit. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the project and let you all know that we truly could not have done it without you. The day's menu included roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, yams, vegetables, rolls, butter, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee or tea. Eighty-two volunteers, most from this community, donated and cooked 110 turkeys prior to the 24th. On the big day, 60 additional volunteers, adults and teens, worked at the Soup Kitchen preparing and serving the food.

A generous grant from Christ Church Grosse Pointe paid for most of the meal. Mary Buffa, bakery manager at the Farmer Jack Food Emporium, made sure we took advantage of discounts on the price of the pumpkin pies and rolls and did her best to get us loaded up and on our way the day we picked up these items.

Deacon Rich from St. Paul Catholic Church worked diligently to recruit volunteers to cook turkeys. The teachers at the Grosse Pointe Academy answered the "turkey call" as well. We had so much turkey, that leftovers were given out to grateful clients of

Crossroads' counseling units the next day. This is a tremendously worthwhile and rewarding project. The number of people eating in soup kitchens and in need of food on a regular basis has increased significantly during the past two years. Crossroads' Soup Kitchen is the only one in Detroit that is open on Sundays.

The people who eat with us each week are desperately poor, often homeless, and frequently go to bed hungry. The generosity of all those who participated in our pre-Thanksgiving meal was overwhelming. We are honored to share a commitment to serving the poor with each of you, and we hope you will mark your calendars with next year's date, Sunday, Nov. 23.

Thank you so much, and have a blessed Christmas.
Yolanda and Charlie Turner
Grosse Pointe Farms

Shocked by cost

To the Editor:
We were shocked when we heard that a Grosse Pointe North High School choral group will be going to New York for four days at a cost of \$1,300 per student. How can it possibly cost that much? They travel by bus and the usual sleeping arrangements are four to a room, presumably not in a 5-star hotel. The parents should demand a full accounting.
Lois and Pete Winkler
Grosse Pointe Park

Donations needed

To the Editor:
I am writing to you as a reader and resident of the area. I have an employee who owns a home in the Detroit area and is a single mother of one. She is extremely hard working and loyal and is in desperate need of a new furnace for her home. I know with the holiday season approaching, readers sometimes like to donate funds, or necessities to area families. If you have any ideas on how to approach something like this, please contact us.
Katherine W. Shaffer
Rainbow Child Development
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Thank you!
To the Editor:
Hats off to the Village merchants who took over the empty Jacobson's windows and created the beautiful Christmas displays!



Fighting tragedy of cancer

My mom died of breast cancer in August 2000. She was beautiful, giving, loving, funny and selfless. I admire and love everything about her.

She was brilliant — a valedictorian at a normally all-boys high school in Massachusetts, Phi Beta Kappa at Mount Holyoke College and one of the first women to attend the Harvard Business School.

She gave a tremendous amount to the Grosse Pointe community, whether she was transforming our city on the boards of schools and hospitals or showing concern to her countless number of friends. She loved her family most of all, and she gave all she could to my

father, my siblings and myself.

I miss going to Nantucket Island with her where she would pack lunch for my family, and we would spend hours talking, laughing, swimming in the ocean, and soaking up sun rays. I miss the poems she wrote — always perfectly rhyming and full of light and love — for weddings of family and friends. I miss the way she could always tell how I was feeling without my ever having to say a word. I miss her unconditional love.

I don't know the reason why my mom got breast cancer, but I do know there are ways of mitigating cancer's occurrence. A group called LocalMotion, a non-profit started by Elizabeth Dance, promotes awareness about the links between environmental toxins and cancer.

They have gathered a plethora of information from scientists, physicians, the media and state officials documenting facts about



I Say

Carrie Cunningham

toxins in our air, water and products we buy and their potential carcinogenic effects. More importantly, they are offering solutions as to how people and institutions can reduce or eliminate their use of toxins and therefore lessen the incidence of cancer.

Wayne County is among the 10 percent of most contaminated counties in America in terms of air pollutants. Citizens in this area face a cancer risk of staggering proportions: over 100 times more than the level aimed for by the Clean Air Act, according to a Web site

used by LocalMotion called scorecard.org.

"When we talk about the air in Wayne County, there's a lot of manufacturing going on. There are a lot of chemical byproducts, and we're breathing them," Dance said.

Michigan ranks fifth in its use of aquatic herbicides. In 1999, 653,000 pounds of an aquatic herbicide called 2,4-D was dumped into Michigan lakes. Seventeen companies have poured pollutants into Detroit's water and sewer system.

The five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have

experiences a cancer incidence that is 41 percent higher than other comparable areas in the state. LocalMotion was started in memory of those in Grosse Pointe who have suffered and died from the disease, including my mother and Dance's mother.

LocalMotion has educated our community on these facts through a lecture series and meetings with local organizations like garden clubs, city councils and parent-teacher organizations.

"The idea is to first make people aware of how ubiquitous toxins are in our homes, on our lawns, in our school yards... in the air," LocalMotion Executive Director Brian McKenna said.

The group has helped people find alternatives to toxins. They aided a local landscaping company to use certified organic fertilizer and corn gluten meal in place of synthetic fertilizers. They

also have presented organizations with a list of more than thirty non-toxic products people can use. Some of these include non-toxic dish washing detergent, a chlorine free cleaner and degreaser and biodegradable cosmetics.

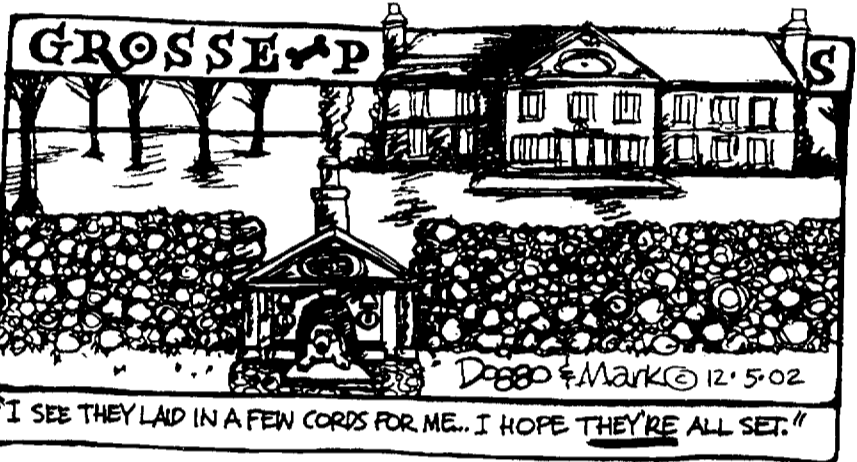
Cancer is a tragedy that affects the person whose life can end prematurely and the people around that person who love him or her. My mom suffered horribly from the disease, and those who loved her were in a tremendous amount of pain as well.

I will never get my mom back, but by listening to LocalMotion's ideas and responding to its recommendations, we can all begin to eradicate the disease.

You can reach LocalMotion at www.localmotion.org. The organization is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Ruth Etzel, a pediatric environmental health specialist, on Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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Visit the Grosse Pointe Dogs website: <http://gpdogs.keenspace.com>

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

In addition to traditional medicine, what else could a friend with cancer do to enhance his personal healing? (From the St. John Healing Arts Center in Grosse Pointe Woods)



Catherine A. Green

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— Eva France, certified massage therapist and reflexologist.

For more information on these services call (313) 647-3320.

Eva France

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By Suzy Berschback



Claudis L. Methner



Michael Bolus

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by Ben Burns

Polio plus

Back in 1946 and 1947, I attended a one-room schoolhouse on Master's Road north of Memphis, about half way between M-19 and Riley Center. In those days, the younger students — like me — sat at double desks

with an older student, who would help them with their assignments and serve as an unpaid babysitter while the lone teacher worked with others in classes through the eighth grade.

My desk mate was a beautiful, smart, kind, blond girl named Linda Fisher, who was in the sixth or seventh grade. I quickly had a 6-year-old's crush on her. Linda helped me adapt to the sudden change from a Detroit school kindergarten complete with sandbox in the classroom to the competition and politics of students from age 6 through 13 mixed together. Her dad, like mine, commuted 45 miles each weekday into the city to their respective jobs, and the men sometimes shared a ride.

During the summer of 1947, my mother and dad sat down with their four children one night and advised us that beautiful, smart, blond girl had contracted polio a few days earlier, had been placed in an iron lung in an attempt to save her, but had died. I was devastated by my first brush with death.

Polio was a summertime scourge to the young in this country until Dr. Jonas Salk first developed a vaccine in 1954. Today 99 percent of the world is polio free thanks in large part to Rotary International, which has been the largest private supporter of polio eradication worldwide since 1985. They have spent more than \$420 million worldwide.

Today it costs only 50 cents to administer an oral polio vaccine first developed by Dr. Albert Sabin. And Rotary has pledged to complete the job of destroying the disease by 2005. They need to raise another \$80 million to do it.

Locally the Grosse Pointe Rotary raised \$7,200 at its James R. Fikany Memorial Golf Outing this past summer to contribute to the effort. And with matching funds available, that amount multiplies so that 64,000 children will be immunized, according to James Fikany's son, Jim.

If you would like to help eradicate polio worldwide, you can contact Kim Towar

at (313) 882-0702 or you can send a check to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation-Polio, 15324 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Right now and through March, every \$1 you contribute will draw matching funds of \$4. So a \$25 contribution can immunize 250 children in India and Africa where polio remains a scourge.

Think of all the Linda Fishers of the world that you can help. Or think of the spirit of James R. Fikany, who was committed to east-side charities and his community his entire life. Or think of your own children, who are safer now because of Drs. Salk and Sabin.

Giving trees

The best estimates are that Mike and Tom LeFevre have convinced their patrons at Jack's Waterfront Restaurant on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores to buy between 1,600 and 3,000 Christmas gifts for children over the past eight years.

Last year, the LeFevres guess that they sent along 200 to 300 of the 800 gifts donated. But no one is counting.

Jack's and Lucy's Tavern on the Hill, the two founding sponsors of the Children's

Home of Detroit Holiday Giving Trees, are encouraging their customers to take tags from the trees in their restaurants and return them with new gifts by Dec. 20. This year they will be joined by 50 other establishments ranging from Ken Levy's Boxing in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak and the Eastwood Tennis & Fitness Club in Detroit to the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe and Chirco Title Co. of the Pointes and St. Clair Shores.

Asked how they got started in the project, Mike, a laid-back, handsome sort of dude, said, "Oh we're active in charities for lots of different things, and we have been involved with the Children's Home for years."

That only proves that Santa Claus comes in many shapes and sizes. If you want to join the doctors, Realtors, manufacturers, bankers and others that are playing Santa Claus to the children, you can contact Deborah Liedel at (313) 885-3510, and she'll tell you how to do it or where to go to drop off a gift.

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Turkey day

Third-graders at The Grosse Pointe Academy enjoyed getting together with their three-year-old "little buddies" last week, keeping with the spirit of the first Thanksgiving shared by Native Americans and Pilgrims.

The students shared a meal together of Pilgrim Soup and hand-dipped caramel apples.



Pictured above is three-year-old Spencer Warezak, left, with his third-grade buddy, Akeem Taylor.



Pictured left are third-graders Lexie Fisher and Samantha Sternad with three-year-old Brooklyn Crawford and Academy parent Todd Callewaert.

Liggett staffers on display

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

University Liggett School art teachers have the opportunity to show off their skills this month in the staff art show, located in the Arts Wing Gallery of the school's main campus.

The display includes samples of work by Karen Katanick, upper school art teacher, Patricia Logan, lower school art teacher, James Pujdowski, middle and upper school art teacher and Grace Fenton, vocal music instructor.

With items such as portraits, still lifes, ceramics, watercolors, oil paintings,

masks, drawings, sculptures and quilts, the art show allows ULS students to see the talent possessed by their teachers.

"This is the first time the students have seen my artwork," Logan said.

"We're all working artists as well as teachers," Katanick said. "This gives the opportunity for our colleagues and students to see our work. We have seen a very positive response. The students seem to be surprised at what we can do."

The items will be on display until Wednesday, Dec. 18, and can be viewed weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

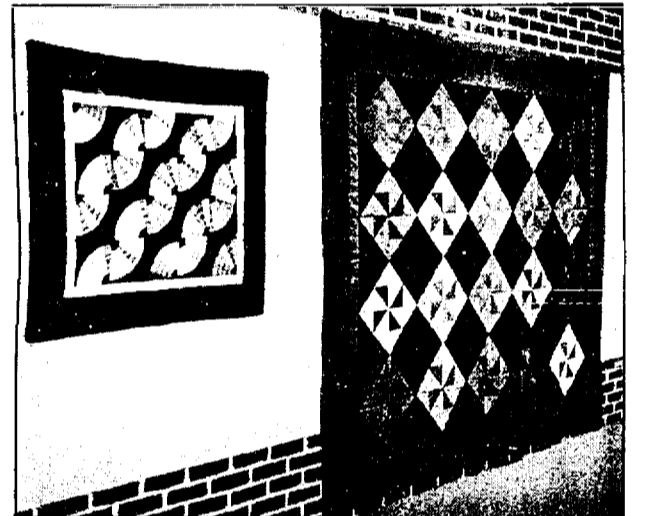


Photos by Jennie Miller

The Arts Wing Gallery, located in Liggett's main campus, features samples of work created by the school's fine art instructors.

Above, one wall of the staff art show features paintings by James Pujdowski, left, and Patricia Logan, right.

Below, another wall features quilts made by Grace Fenton, Liggett's vocal music instructor.



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Dinner Theater

Travel back in time with the Grosse Pointe North High School Choirs as they present their second 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.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person. For more information, call

DECA welcomes 73 South students

Grosse Pointe South High School marketing teacher, Bill Cayo, has officially affiliated 73 students with DECA, an international marketing association.

The 73 South students have united with over 7,400 students from 160 high schools and career technical centers throughout Michigan and over 180,000 students from 5,000 schools located throughout the world.

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South High's Winter Follies

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs will present Winter Follies on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center.

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

For more information, call (313) 885-2834.

Academy kindergarten gives gift of reading

Kindergarten students in Janice Sturm's class at The Grosse Pointe Academy have discovered that reading is a gift — one they can share with each other and with those who are less fortunate.

The children and their teacher accepted a challenge by Scholastic Books to read 100 books in the classroom within two months.

In turn, the company will donate 100 books to needy children this Christmas.

"It provided a great incentive for the children to read," Sturm said. "We also turned it into a math project. The children learned how to make tallies of five and then to count by fives."

"It was amazing how quickly they got their hands around this project and took ownership."

Pictured in the back row are Paul Bozzella, Daniel Hass, R.J. McCarren, Lauren Hartt and Mac Carrol.

Pictured below, in the front row are Sydney Gamble, Joseph Cavataio, Margaret Mary Glazier, John Buhl and Ben Obriot.





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History comes alive for St. Paul eighth-graders

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

There is no better way to learn about a specific historical event than to step right into the setting.

St. Paul Catholic School

took this to heart when sending its 43 eighth-graders to Gettysburg, Penn. as the culmination of two years studying the American Civil War.

The trip was a wonderful

opportunity to make history come alive for the kids," said teacher JoAnne Ryan.

The students were able to walk the streets of Gettysburg on a guided ghost tour, step directly onto the battlefield, take pictures of monuments and superstitiously rub the nose of the statue of Sgt. O'Rourke.

They visited the hotel at which Abraham Lincoln stayed prior to delivering the Gettysburg Address and even got a chance to meet with a reenactor of the former president.

Favorite stops on the tour included the Shriver House and the Jenny Wade House, both of which have legendary stories about individuals affected by the war.

"The kids got a real personal look at life during the Civil War," said Joanne Keating, school social worker and one of 14 chaperones

Pictured left, all 43 eighth-graders at St. Paul Catholic School participated in the three-day field trip to Gettysburg, Penn.

"It was a tremendous experience," said teacher JoAnne Ryan.

on the field trip.

"It was a tremendous experience," Ryan said. "It was great to see the kids' reactions to seeing actual places we had already been studying."

For the past two years, the students had been studying different historical aspects of the Civil War.

"Gettysburg was a turning point of the war," Ryan said, adding that the students viewed the movie of the same name prior to the field trip.

"That's a powerful movie," she said, "but it's still removed. This trip brought the story closer to home for the kids."

The students were so eager for the opportunity to travel to Gettysburg that they held numerous fundraisers in order to defray costs.

"They sold Little Ceasars pizza kits and held bake sales and a Sweetest Day flower sale," Keating said.

This group effort brought the cost of the three-day trip to \$125 a student, although some raised enough money to travel free of charge.

According to Keating, the nine-hour bus drive each way was made bearable with help from the good behavior of students, the countless movies the group watched and the friendly bus driver, Isaac Johnson.

"The kids just loved him," she said.

The students were rewarded for their good behavior by their principal, Cynthia Leaman, with a free dress day, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 5.



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Co-op Preschool celebrates 50 years

The Grosse Pointe Co-op Preschool in Grosse Pointe Farms, one of the first co-op preschools in the area, has enjoyed being a part of the community since 1952.

In honor of its 50th anniversary, teachers Louise Gallagher and Kathy Codd and the preschool students proudly display a banner in front of the school.

The banner was handmade by co-op member Laura Christian and is signed by all the students.

Debate champs

Jillian Tietjen and Sara Farber captured first place in the open varsity division of the Pappas Invitational Debate Tournament at Wayne State University.

From a field of 36 teams representing Michigan, Tietjen and Farber had a perfect record in the preliminary rounds.

Grosse Pointe South High School's debate team finished with eight wins and no losses, defeating Dexter High School in the championship round.

Denby Class of 1953

Edwin Denby High's Class of 1953 is looking for classmates to celebrate a dinner-dance reunion, planned for Saturday, Sept. 20, 200.

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Drugs and cash

A teacher has turned Grosse Pointe Woods police on to possible drug activity at Grosse Pointe North High School.

On Monday, Nov. 26, at 11:32 a.m., the teacher told Woods police about overhearing a male student discussing possible drug activity.

Police said a school administrator searched the student's locker and found "over \$70, including singles."

The male student's jacket was also searched. Authorities found "a pipe and empty plastic bag that smelled of marijuana," police said.

GPW gazebo damaged

Punks have it in for the gazebo at Ghesquiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Twice last week, Woods police saw groups of male youths breaking the gazebo's two-inch square wooden spindles.

The first case occurred on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 4:44 p.m.

"(A) sergeant saw the incident through the park surveillance system," said an officer. Police detained the boys, ages 12 and 13, from the Woods and Farms, and recovered five broken spindles.

In a similar incident on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 4:24 p.m., officers arrested a 13-year-old Harper Woods boy and detained four companions ages 12 and 13.

Awe, nuts

Two Grosse Pointe Woods residents of the 700 and 800 blocks of North Oxford called police within one minute of each other last weekend to report thieves had entered their unlocked parked cars.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11:26 a.m., a woman living in the 700 block told officers someone had stolen a department store shopping bag containing 13 boxes of nuts worth a total of \$130. At 11:27 a.m., a man from the 800 block reported a missing \$200 Nokia cellular telephone.

Both items were in vehicles that had been unlocked and unattended overnight.

As for the nuts, police spoke to a resident of the 700 block of South Renaud, one block over from North Oxford, who found the missing shopping bag and six boxes of nuts inside.

Tool box taken

On Friday, Nov. 29, shortly before 9 p.m., a resident of the 1900 block of Prestwick in Grosse Pointe Woods

returned from out of town to discover someone had stolen a \$100 tool box from his parked sports utility vehicle. The SUV had been parked at his house since Monday, Nov. 24.

'Big guy' wanted in B&E

Sometime between Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 11:30 a.m., and 9:55 a.m. the next morning, thieves broke into a home in the 1900 block of Huntington in Grosse Pointe Woods. The resident reported stolen silverware, a VCR and cash.

"Entry was apparently gained by kicking in the back door, as evidenced by the mark of a boot on the door near the door knob," an investigating officer said. "(An) upstairs bedroom had been ransacked."

A neighbor reported seeing "a big guy" entering the house at about noon on the 28th but assumed the homeowner had let him in. The homeowner, however, knew nothing of the stranger.

Police are looking for a balding, clean-shaven white man with big shoulders. He was last seen wearing a gray sweatshirt.

Drunk drives wrong way

Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a 34-year-old hometown woman for drunken driving on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 12:19 p.m.

A patrolman had seen the woman driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Mack Avenue near Vernier.

She failed a series of field sobriety tests before registering a .12 percent blood alcohol level at 1:17 a.m.

Stolen car is crashed in GPP

Grosse Pointe Park police arrested a driver who crashed a stolen vehicle during a short pursuit on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 3:10 a.m.

Officers had tried to pull the man over for a traffic violation. The car had been reported stolen in Detroit about five hours earlier.

Home B&E

A home in the 1100 block of Devonshire was broken into between Friday, Nov. 22, and the following Monday. Grosse Pointe Park police said thieves pushed in a storm glass window and opened a deadlock bolt. There was no report on losses.

Snow thief

Just in time for winter, on Saturday, Nov. 30, between

2 and 7 p.m., thieves stole a snow blower from an open garage in the 1400 block of Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

— Brad Lindberg

Snowblower stolen

A snowblower was taken from a garage in the 400 block of Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe sometime between 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 28.

The resident discovered the snowblower missing after he noticed the side door of his garage was open. He saw no one in the area but saw a large white truck drive away from the area the night before.

Thanksgiving fire

A 49-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman is in critical condition after being rescued from a fire in her home in the 400 block of Washington on Thursday, Nov. 28.

The woman had dialed 911 around 6:30 p.m. asking for help before the phone went dead. When public safety officers arrived at the house, they discovered heavy smoke and heat from a second floor bedroom, where they found the victim. She suffered second- and third-degree burns and was taken to Receiving Hospital in Detroit.

The cause of the fire was unknown at press time. The Michigan State Police is assisting the City public safety department with the investigation.

Cash box caper

A business owner in the first block of Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms opened for business the day after Thanksgiving to find \$500 missing from a cash box.

The cash drawer was discovered unlocked. There were no signs of forced entry. The last time employees were reported in the building was 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Jewelry missing

A resident in the 300 block of Ridgmont in Grosse Pointe Farms reported jewelry taken from her upstairs bedrooms sometime between 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30.

There were no signs of forced entry, but a key hidden outside of her house was believed to have been used to gain entry.

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Dancers aight Lions half-time show

Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

The Harper Woods Secondary School dance team performed during the Detroit Lions game half time show on Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day.

"They did a great job," Alison Race, the coach of the team said. "They were right in front of me. They performed perfectly."

The team joined 265 other dancers from schools around the metro Detroit area to pay tribute to the Thanksgiving holiday and the United Way.

The throng of dancers jumped and swayed to "A Thousand Miles," sung by Vanessa Carlton.

"It went really well and it was really fun," said senior Kelley Dwyer. "Surprisingly I really wasn't nervous at all. I was thinking to myself I should be nervous, but I really wasn't."

The team went through grueling five- and six-hour practices to prepare for the show with only a couple of 10 minute breaks sprinkled throughout the workouts.

An entertainment company, e2K, based in Palo Alto, Calif., produced and choreo-



Harper Woods Secondary School dance team delighted fans at the Detroit Lions half-time show on Thanksgiving Day. Front row from left to right: Amber Porter, Meghan Achs, Angela Wierszewski, Staci Garman. Second row from left to right: Kelley Dwyer, Annika Davis, Jackie Caminita, Stephanie Sablowski. Back row from left to right: Amanda Knoth, Jenny Hill.

graphed the routine. Race had been solicited by the company to participate in the production.

"It went really well because everybody came together...and worked really hard," junior Jackie Caminita said. "I thought it looked really good."

The dancers formed a shooting star and an opening heart for the more than 62,000 Lions fans and national television audience watching.

Caminita enjoyed dancing to Vanessa Carlton. "I expected her to sound a little different because it'd be live, but she sounded exactly

the same. It was easy to dance to," she said.

Bon Jovi followed Carlton's song. Two parent chaperones from Secondary School ran out on the field and joined the group of kids watching and cheering.

The team got to socialize with dancers from other schools, like Pinckney, Lakeview and Southfield Lathrup.

Race has been coaching dance at Secondary School for five years. She had eight girls her first year, and the team has sprouted into a Varsity and Junior Varsity of 14 members each. Only 10 of the 14 Varsity mem-

Albanian Islamic Center celebrates Ramadan holiday

Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Muslims at the Albanian Islamic Center, located on 19775 Harper Avenue in Harper Woods, have been celebrating the religious month of Ramadan since Nov. 6.

Muslims are required to fast during the daylight hours of this month. They eat a regular meal called an iftar in the evening.

The month commemorates the revelation of the holy book of Muslims, the Koran. On what is known as the night of power 1,423 years ago, the Islamic sacred book was revealed.

Muslims intensify their prayer during this time. They perform a prayer called the terweeh at night.

"We recite parts of the Koran and pray for this world to be a better place for everyone," said the center's religious leader, Shuajb Gerguri.

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bers performed in the production. Caminita said she appreciated the opportunity to perform in the show. She said not everyone has the chance to perform in front of a crowd and be on TV.

"I'm glad I got to do it because it's something I will always remember," Caminita said.

also increases throughout the month.

Islam is comprised of six articles of faith and five pillars of faith. The articles of faith include a belief in one God, a belief in angels of God, a belief in all books of God with a faith that the Koran was the book that was 100 percent saved, a belief in prophets of God, a belief in a Day of Judgment and a belief in fate.

The pillars of the faith include bearing witness that there is only one God and that his messenger is Muhammad, a requirement to pray five times a day, a requirement to give 2.5 percent of savings to the needy and public places like schools, bridges and roads, a requirement to fast during Ramadan and to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, which is in Saudi Arabia, once in a

lifetime.

Gerguri said the terrorists who committed the 9/11 atrocity misrepresented the tenets of the faith. "They don't have religion," he said. "They are terrorists. They use whatever they can to achieve whatever they want."

"The religion orders us to be good to everyone... They did something which is completely against the religion."

The Albanian Islamic Center has existed since 1963.

The center serves 600 families in the Detroit area with 20 to 30 families from Harper Woods. Gerguri recommended to those interested in finding out more about the religion to watch a PBS production called "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet," which premieres Dec. 22 at 9 p.m. Ramadan ends Dec. 5.

Missing Keys

A woman reported to police on Wednesday, Nov. 27, that seven keys were stolen from her husband's truck parked in the driveway.

The truck had been unlocked. Police arrived at the 20200 block of Woodland and found neither any other property missing from the truck nor any damage to the vehicle.

Police Briefs

Vehicle gone

A woman left her vehicle in her carport on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The following day at 3 p.m. she found that it was gone. The police arrived at the 20600 block of Beaconsfield and took a report from the woman describing her car's good condition and the relief that

no property was inside the car. The police entered the details about the car into their computer system.

Disappeared

A woman was moving things into a new house she had just bought on the 20600 block of Hollywood. She left her unpacking job at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday,

Nov. 27. Two days later at 3 p.m. she found that a slew of household goods — a microwave, a television, a computer monitor, and a DVD and VHS tape collection — was missing. The worth of her belongings totaled more than \$3,000. Police arrived at her home at 1:50 p.m. and found that no damage was done to the house. They recommended that she change her locks.

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8" Gate Valve and Wells	40 EA
Fire Hydrant Assemblies	35 EA

and all related appurtenances as well as clean-up and restoration. Plans and specifications are on file and copies may be secured on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, after 1:00 p.m. at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. There will be a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) NON-REFUNDABLE fee for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A non-refundable mailing fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Services. Specifications and plans are also on file for viewing at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236-2397. A certified check, bank draft or satisfactory bid bond, executed by the Bidder and surety company, payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days after the receipt of bids. This time frame may be adjusted through mutual agreement between the Owner and the Contractor.

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Prospective Prime Bidders for this project shall have no less than five (5) years of ongoing experience constructing water mains of similar type, size and materials utilizing "Directional Drilling" methods. This requirement shall be strictly adhered to. Contract work amounting to not less than 60 percent of the original total contract amount shall be performed by the Prime Bidder's own organization. The value of subcontracted work will be determined by multiplying the quantity of any contract item by the contract unit price. The project consists of four (4) phases of construction. The project is being bid with subtotals for each phase of construction and a grand total for the entire project. The initial contract award to the lowest qualified Bidder shall be for Phase I only. Additional contract award(s) shall be based on contractor performance and construction progress on the phase under construction. In other words, award of Phase II will be based on contractor performance and construction progress on Phase I, and so on. If the owner does not award a subsequent phase of the project, the remaining phase(s) will be rebid. Contractor(s) which performed worked on previous phases will not be considered for award of phases which are rebid.

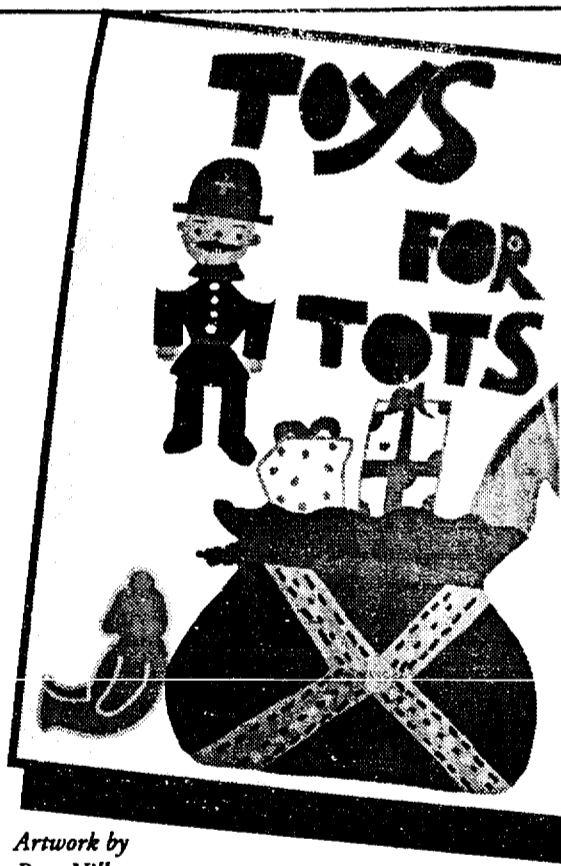
The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and award a contract and/or reject any or all bids based solely on the qualifications of the Bidder.

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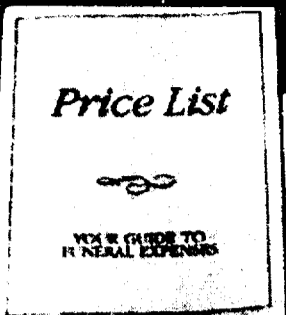
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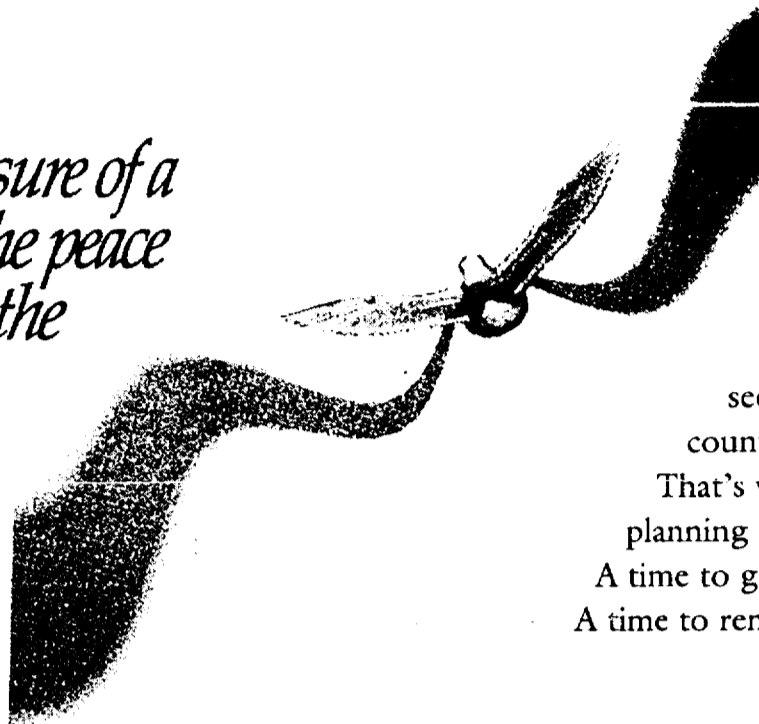
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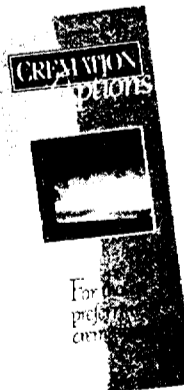
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Rita J. Babich

Harper Woods resident Rita J. Babich, 81, passed away on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor.

Born in Hamtramck, Mrs. Babich graduated from Hamtramck High School, where she was active in sports, primarily field hockey and tennis.

After marrying William Babich in 1942, Mrs. Babich lived in Presque Isle, Maine, where he was stationed during World War II.

The Babiches moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they resided for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Babich worked for the National Bank of Detroit (now Bank One) for 22 years before retiring.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Babich served as a volunteer at St. John Hospital for over 14 years.

She was honored as the volunteer of the month, an achievement of which she was very proud.

Mrs. Babich enjoyed traveling, especially to Hawaii, where she visited four times and where she recently celebrated her 81st birthday.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan "Sue" (Edmond) Minihan of Dunn, Wis. and Linda Babich of Ann Arbor; her son, William (Nancy), of Denver, Colo.; her grandson, Grant; her siblings, Donald Sheldon, Lorraine Luckee and Thomas J. Sheldon; and her cat, Travis.

She was predeceased by her husband, William; her daughter, Barbara; and her brothers, Paul Gilbert and Edward.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Edward P. Frohlich

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Edward P. Frohlich, 84, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 at Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Born in Detroit in 1918, Mr. Frohlich had been a member of the Detroit Bar Association since 1941, of which he was president from 1971 to 1972.

He was a trustee for the Interlochen Center for the Arts since 1968, a former director and president of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, a former director and trustee for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, a member of Pro Musica, Bohemians Musicians Club of Detroit, and a strong supporter of the Naples, Florida Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Frohlich was a member of the Rotary Club of Detroit, the Economic Club of Detroit, the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, Bay View Yacht Club and Pelican Bay Country Club of Naples, Fla.

He is survived by his sons, John and Robert; his grandson, John Preston "J.P." Frohlich; and his step-

grandson, Aaron Sherk.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jessie.

Visitation will be on Friday, Dec. 6 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at A.H. Peters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frohlich Memorial Fund for Interlochen Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643-0199 or the Frohlich Memorial Fund for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3663 Woodward, Suite 100, Detroit, MI 48201.

Arthur D. Gieseck

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Arthur D. Gieseck, 79, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 at Bon Secours Nursing Facility in St. Clair Shores.

Born in 1923 in Grosse Pointe Park, Mr. Gieseck graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1941 and Valparaiso University in 1944.

He was employed by Wire & Iron Products Inc.

Mr. Gieseck enjoyed golf and bowling and was a member of the Lochmoor Club and the Harmonie Club in Detroit.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothea (Willard) Rice; his brother, Fred (Gloria); his sister-in-law, Arleen; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Harry.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valparaiso University in Indiana or to the charity of one's choice.

Linda S. Gregg

Former Grosse Pointe resident Linda S. Gregg, 79, of Alma, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 in St. Louis.

Born in Calumet in 1923, Mrs. Gregg received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from Wayne State University.

She retired from the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit as a laboratory technologist.

Mrs. Gregg served as an elder and deacon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

She volunteered as a docent at the Detroit Institute of for 10 years, specializing in American art.

She served as mission treasurer for Presbyterian Women and served with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the Detroit Presbytery.

She was also active in the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Gregg is survived by her two sons, Richard (Anne) and Hugh (Rebecca); her daughter, Carol Gregg

(Brian) Stratton; three grandchildren, Helen and Katie Gregg and William Stratton; and her sister, Lu Hoogana.

She was predeceased by two sisters and one brother.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Interment is at Lake View Cemetery in Calumet.

Arrangements were made by Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home in Alma.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church or the Detroit Institute of Arts.



Marguerite Fishaw Kahn

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marguerite Fishaw Kahn, of St. Clair Shores and Naples, Fla., passed away on Monday, Nov. 25, 2002 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Kahn was a graduate of St. Gregory High School and worked as an executive secretary at General Motors.

She is a former president of the Grace Hospital Auxiliary and was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Altar Society, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Zoological Society, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the Circumnavigators Club.

She also enjoyed traveling and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth F. Kahn; her children, Mary Kathryn (Charles) DuCharme, Thomas K. (Abby), James F. (Diane) and V. Margaret (Robert) Knowles; nine grandchildren, Charles and Elizabeth DuCharme, Stacey (Steven) Cendrowski, Stephen (Maura) Kahn, Jeffrey Kahn, Timothy and Ryan Kahn and Taylor and Trevor Knowles; and two great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Tanner Kahn.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Dr. Robert Taylor Burns; her sister, Alice Fishaw Gross; and her brothers, Raymond and Robert.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 30 at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sisters,

Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 610 West Elm, Monroe, MI 48162.

Shirley S. Kaler

Shirley S. Kaler, 89, of Boca Raton, Fla., passed away on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002 in Delray Beach, Fla.

Born in 1912 in Detroit, Mrs. Kaler was a member of the first graduating class at Grosse Pointe High School.

She was a volunteer at Cottage Hospital and at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and was a member of the Detroit Boat Club.

She is survived by her son, James B. Kaler III and her grandchildren, Britt Kaler IV, Scott Smith and Mark Smith.

She was predeceased by her husband, James B. Kaler Jr.; and her daughter, Janna Smith.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Eileen W. Lamb

Eileen W. Lamb, 81, of Muskegon, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002.

Born in Royal Oak in 1921, Mrs. Lamb lived in the Detroit area for most of her life before moving to west Michigan four years ago.

She was employed as a home economics teacher and a substitute teacher in Detroit and suburban areas.

Mrs. Lamb was known for her love of playing bridge and for her religious enthusiasm for her former parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, and her current parish, St. Francis deSales Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Clare (David) Closs of Norton Shores, Monica Mignoni of Uby, Joseph (Shari) of Littleton, Colo., and David (Mary) of Hong Kong; her grandchildren, Michael, Sean, Brendan and Rory Closs, Eileen, Casey, Samuel and Peter Mignoni, Erin, Megan, Ryan and Shannon Lamb and Eneka, Alicia and John Lamb; her sisters, Rosemary Clinton of Livonia, Winifred Tait of Romeo, Marjorie Ziegler of Florida and Rita Dobbis of San Diego; her sister-in-law, Diane Walsh of Davison; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Woodrow L. Lamb; her daughter, Kathleen Qualls; and her brothers, Michael "Mickey," Robert, and Edward Walsh.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 30 at St. Francis deSales Catholic Church in Muskegon.

Interment is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Systeem Funeral Homes Inc.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or to the charity of one's choice.

Dorothy Mae Swing Littley

Former Grosse Pointe



Dorothy Mae Swing Littley

Farms resident Dorothy Mae Swing Littley, 95, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 at St. John Senior Community Center.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Littley came to Michigan with her husband, Raymond Francis Littley, in 1937, following his transfer by the Budd Company.

During World War II, they lived in Westwood Village, Calif.

For many years, Mrs. Littley was an active member of the Bon Secours Assistance League, the St. Paul Choir, the St. Paul Altar Society, the League of Catholic Women and the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Society.

She also belonged to the Detroit Athletic Club, the former Women's City Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

Mrs. Littley was an avid bridge player and enjoyed traveling, particularly to Ocean City, N.J.

She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy (George) Lilly of Grosse Pointe Woods and Joan Clark of Reston, Va.; five grandchildren, Mary Frances (Barry) Higginbotham, Anne Marie Lilly, Michael, David and Mathew Clark; and five great-grandchildren, Samantha, Kayla and Troy Clark and John and Daniel Higginbotham.

She was predeceased by her husband.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Chas. Verheyden Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park.

Interment is in Resurrection Cemetery in Philadelphia.

Richard Michael Pieronek

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Richard M. Pieronek, 76, passed away on Friday, Nov. 29, 2002 at Bon Secours Hospital.

Born in Hamtramck, Mr. Pieronek graduated from the University of Detroit High School in 1944 and the University of Detroit in 1951.

He was trained as a radio man and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and worked as a professional



Richard Michael Pieronek

photographer for more than 50 years in his family-owned business in Hamtramck.

Throughout his career, he photographed weddings, several presidents, a Miss America, bishops and other dignitaries.

Mr. Pieronek was a founding member of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish.

He had also been a parishoner for 25 years at St. Ladislaus in Hamtramck.

He enjoyed traveling and has been to all 50 states.

Mr. Pieronek is survived by his wife of 41 years, Joann; his daughters, Cathy Pieronek and Patty (Ian) Frost; his son, Tom (Erin); and his brother, Mitch.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Val and Cass.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Inc. of Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pieronek Family Scholarship Fund, University of Notre Dame, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

John Gaylord Williams

John Gaylord Williams, 76, of Palm Springs, Calif., passed away on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002.

Born in 1926 in Grosse Pointe, Mr. Williams served during World War II.

He was the owner of an auto sales business and a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Palm Springs Elks.

He is survived by his daughters, Emily Cogan of Atlanta, Ga., Mary Lynne-Williams of Chicago and Sara Walker of Atlanta, Ga.; his son, James Williams of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; and his brother, George of Florida.

Private services will be held in Atlanta.

Arrangements were made by Wiefels & Son Funeral Directors in Palm Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vocation Fund @ Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peach Tree Rd., Atlanta, GA.

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Dow ekes out small gain; rally continues 8th week

What with the Thanksgiving holiday and last Friday's 1 p.m. close, trading time for last week was reduced about 30 percent, but NYSE volume contracted 35 percent, indicating a continuation of slowing momentum.

But, technicians expected to see profit-taking after such a sharp rally (Dow up 22 percent, NASDAQ up 33 percent).

To date, such profit-taking has merely added supply to satiate a part of the demand from both institutions and individuals, who didn't want to completely miss the rally of fall 2002.

Floor traders point out that the upcoming year-end rally will have to overcome "Confession Month" this month, when many big-cap companies schedule analysts' meetings/conference calls, with the press invited, as required by the SEC's "FD" rule for "full disclosure."

Some pundits say that such confessions proudly announce either:

- 1) that earnings expectations will increase 1 cent per share;
- 2) that earnings expectations will be on target;
- 3) that earnings expectations will slip 1 cent per

share; or that earnings expectations will be delayed for another three weeks!

For this week, investors seem to be nervous about Iraq, when the economic recovery will start and whether the rally will hold up until year-end.

Dogs of the Dow

We're approaching year-end again, so LTS thought it might be appropriate to peek at the action to date of the "Dogs of the Dow."

The "Dogs" are the 10 DJI stocks having the largest yields among the 30 Dow stocks at any given time (usually year-end).

The investment theory behind the Dogs is that these highest yields will eventually regress over time to the mean dividend yield of the 30 Dow stocks, which is now 2.1 percent. A reduced yield is usually caused by price increases of the stocks.

Last year's 2000 Dogs outperformed the Dow, with the Dogs' market value decline of 8.1 percent being less than the Dow's skid of 12.7 percent.

As shown in the accompanying table, the 2001 Dogs again bested the Dow in 2002, through last Friday. This year, the Dogs' decline of 7.1 percent was less than the Dow's 11.4 percent decline.

Also, note that three of the Dogs actually gained market value this year. And, for 2002, the Dogs'

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dividend yield of 3.8 percent topped the Dow's 2.1 percent.

If you were creating a new "10 Dogs of the Dow" today, the yield changes of the past year would delete International Paper and 3M Cos. from the list, to be replaced by Honeywell and General Electric.

Year-end tax tips

Retailers are sweating out the holiday gift-buying season this year because there

are six fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas as compared to 2001.

Which also means you have six fewer days for tax planning left this year. Barron's (Dec. 2) features a "Tax To-Do List" in an article by Jacqueline Doherty:

- 1) Sell investments with losses to offset capital gains booked or to be booked by year-end, plus \$3,000 additional losses to be offset against "ordinary income" (additional losses can be car-

ried forward to 2003 and beyond).

2) Don't buy mutual funds in December if they expect to pay a capital gains dividend later this month (phone fund sponsor for capital gains data).

3) Donate shares of low-cost-basis stock to charities to increase your charitable donation deductions, without incurring capital gains.

4) Consider gifts to family members up to \$11,000 each — without triggering gift taxes or capital gains.

5) Fund 529 Education accounts and IRAs before April 15, 2003.

6) Pay your Grosse Pointe real estate taxes by Dec. 31, 2002, which is about 45 days before penalty date. This allows tax deduction for 2002 instead of 2003.

Remember, LTS does not give tax advice. You should consult your tax adviser. If you need help, contact LTS' sponsor, John M. Rickel,

Stock Market at a Glance

Friday Close, 11/29/02	
Dow Jones Ind.	8,896
NASDAQ Comp.	1,479
S&P 500 Index	936
\$ in EUROS	0.9944
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	26.89
Gold (Oz.)	316.80
3-Mo. T-Bills	1.22%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	5.03%

CPA, at the phone/address shown in his ad below.

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks" is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel, CPA, P.C.; Rickel & Baun P.C.; and Investment Counsel Inc.



By Joseph Mengden

2002 'Dogs of the Dow'				
Stock	12-21-01		11-29-02	
	Yield	Price	Price	Value*
Eastman Kodak	5.7	31.60	36.92	1,168
Philip Morris	5.1	45.80	37.72	824
General Motors	4.2	47.31	39.70	839
J.P. Morgan	3.8	35.75	25.17	704
du Pont	3.3	41.85	44.62	1,066
Calmar	2.7	51.45	49.90	970
SBC Comm.	2.6	39.30	28.50	725
Intl. Paper	2.5	39.30	39.25	999
Exxon-Mobil	2.4	38.50	34.80	904
3M Co.	2.0	119.20	129.85	1,089
10 "Dogs"				9,288
Dow Jones Industrials		10,035**		8,896

*Based on \$1,000 invested in each stock on 12-21-01.
**DJT close on 12-21-01
Source: Mengden & Associates, Ltd.

Online tutors for parents, er, students

Pointers on Technology

By Mike Maurer

If someone school age in your household complained about homework over the Thanksgiving weekend, I think I can provide some help.

Personally, I hated homework at any time of the school year.

I was good at languages (French) and the sciences, biology and chemistry, but math, algebra, geometry and trigonometry, left me cold and uncaring.

Tutors were unheard of and unavailable. For that matter, so were computers and calculators. Can you name someone you know who can still use a slide rule?

What I really could have used was an online tutor. For this generation of students, a tutor is a mouse-click away.

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Village merchants say they won't flounder without anchor

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

The Village may be without an anchor, but many retailers say they plan to hold their own this holiday season.

With the loss of Jacobson's, merchants have adjusted their inventories, strategies and marketing to lure shoppers to the Village. Many call their early holiday sales "strong."

"We're bringing in Santa and sharing him among three stores," said Ellen Durand, president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association and co-owner of Village Toy Company. "There is a mall that had a seven-hour waiting list for the kids to see Santa. Here, they can sit and talk to him for as long as 10 minutes and he tells everyone to shop in Grosse Pointe, too."

Most Village merchants are also participating in a Spree Tree promotion, in which shoppers have a chance to win over \$1,000 worth of gift certificates from individual merchants.

Some merchants also ran coupons in a Village holiday advertisement.

While holiday price incen-

tives aren't typical of many of the specialty stores in the Village, Durand said, "We have to look to coupons and discounts because of the competition from the bigger stores."

Other retailers haven't focused on competing with the big-box stores and malls, but on filling the voids left by Jacobson's departure.

David Spytma, manager and buyer for Nature Nook, said the six-store chain's split from a national company has allowed him to make decisions that are profitable for the Village location.

"We're keeping current with the trends and keeping our prices down," Spytma said. "Before, all our buying came out of Florida. People in Grosse Pointe are more traditional. They want the greens, reds and burgundies, and I know what's going to sell here won't sell in Westland."

Spytma said he has purchased more home decor items for the store than in the past.

Damman Hardware has also beefed up its home decor inventory and has also started carrying better chocolates specifically at its

Grosse Pointe store.

Harvey's Luggage and Valente Jewelers have added product lines which were once popular at Jacobson's to keep local customers from shopping elsewhere.

While independently owned stores and small chains have the flexibility to adjust to the merchandise mix and to tailor their

advertising for the Grosse Pointe market, many of the national chains can't. It's a challenge for the Village's efforts as a whole.

"Managers and employees want to participate, but their corporate offices often say 'No,'" Durand said.

But some national retail chain employees say they're unfazed by Jacobson's departure.

"Business is fine," said Cyndi Quenneville, manager of Gymboree. "We're not doing anything differently than we have in the past."

Despite individual and group efforts, many retailers say they have a loyal customer base with Grosse Pointers.

"Grosse Pointers seem to be supporting the Village more so now that Jacobson's

is gone," said Annie Toelle, manager of Harvey's Luggage.

"There's been a drop in foot traffic, but I've found people are spending more money on purchases," Spytma said. "The only complaint I hear from customers is that they miss Jacobson's for the run-in items, like cosmetics and hosiery."

Sated G.P. Woods nixes Cosi restaurant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A stylish restaurant chain making inroads throughout southeast Michigan has been rejected in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Owners of Cosi, pronounced "cozy" to connote the intimate ambiance of French cafes, were primed to dish out casual dining in the Harmony House building on Mack and Stanhope.

The building was vacated recently when the family-owned record chain went out of business.

Woods officials rejected Cosi because the city had already issued its limit of restaurant licenses.

The decision disappointed Craig Hantgan, vice president of the New York-based restaurant that has risen from Paris roots to 80 locations in the United States, including six in Michigan with two more to come.

"We fill a void the (Woods) doesn't want," Hantgan said.

The council's unanimous denial came after homeowners living within walking

distance of the proposed 90-seat restaurant complained of anticipated traffic and parking problems.

"Traffic is traffic," said Kelly Allen, said Cosi's legal representative.

Residents objected when Allen said Cosi employees would be encouraged to park their cars on neighborhood side streets in order to leave room for customers in the restaurant's 19-space parking lot.

"In front of my house?" asked an incredulous Don McCloud.

While deliberations con-

tinued, at least three local restaurateurs looked on.

"We have restaurant owners in the audience," said Council member Vicki Granger. "We would be doing them a disservice if we let in another restaurant on a hardship license."

Cosi has been making a name for itself with thick sandwiches, inventive coffees and quirky square bagels called "squagels."

"(The restaurants) are so popular that the wait seems like the yuppie version of a Soviet bread line," according to the Zagat restaurant rat-

ing service.

Patty Chylinski, council member, said the restaurant "would be so hugely successful it would cause too much trouble in the city at this point."

Cosi locations located nearest Grosse Pointe are in Birmingham, Sterling Heights, Rochester Hills and Farmington Hills.

Hantgan said he's given up trying to open a store in the Pointes.

"We will be confronted with the same issues," he said.

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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.

Shopping

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for Staples.

Other strong sellers were office chairs for the home.

"For businesses conducted out of the home, an office chair may get more of a workout than the couch or even a kitchen chair," Pappas said.

Marx said retailers didn't stock-up as much this year as in the past.

"I don't think markdowns will be as severe," he said. "Retailers aren't sitting with heavy inventories of winter-related goods."

Marx said gifts for the home, from electronics to health equipment, continue to be popular.

"There's far more interest this year in nesting," he said. "Those are things the family can enjoy."

Gift certificates are a fast-growing gift item.

"Certificates are very strong as people are stretched and constrained for time," Marx said.

"This year you're seeing retailers and merchants with a sigh of relief that this might be better than they thought."

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Business People

The Michigan Ophthalmological Society has given Dr. John Roarty a Special Contributions Award.

Roarty, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, is president-elect of the MOS.

Roarty has received numerous awards, including teaching resident of the Year at the University of California-Davis, and the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Department of Ophthalmology at Wayne State University.

Gov. John Engler has named Alphonse Lucarelli to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

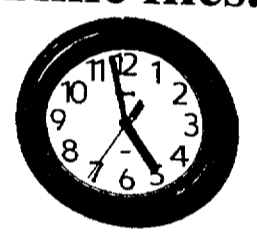
Lucarelli, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the retired managing partner with Ernst & Young.

Lucarelli's term with the council expires in September, 2005. The council serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.



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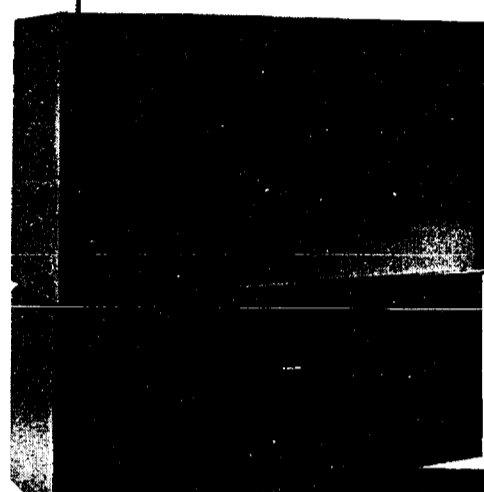
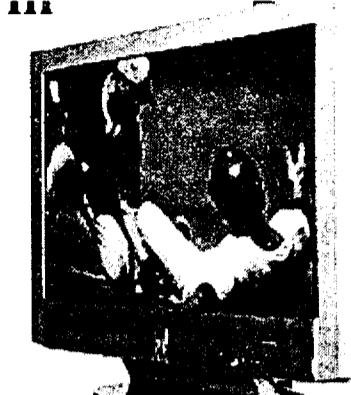
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A season of silver and gold

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe gift-givers are planning a diamond-studded holiday set in silver and gold.

Shining silver, white gold and platinum are the metals of this season, according to area jewelers.

Customers are choosing jewelry that, whether unadorned or set with rare and sparkling gems, they hope will please loved ones on Christmas morning and then be passed through generations as lasting symbols of family bonds.

"Jewelry stands out as an heirloom," said John Ahee

of the family-owned Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co. on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Very often a customer will buy something will say, 'That's going to be my son's someday.'"

Gifts of jewelry typically acquire additional meaning. "The love that is being offered will pass through generations and live on as a memory," Ahee said.

"The bottom line is men and women are thinking from their heart and trying to express how they feel," said Georgia Valente of Valente Jewelers in the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Among gift-buying trends this year, jewelers said customers are interested in pendants, three-

stone rings, earrings and crosses.

Ahee credited the popularity of crosses to trend-setting movie stars.

"Many celebrities wore diamond crosses at the Academy Awards," he said. "The Academy Awards is often a cue for what will be hot in jewelry."

Valente said sales of crosses are part of an ongoing response to 9/11.

"Care and concern is more pronounced now," she said. "It's in our everyday

thinking. Expressions of how you feel are shown in jewelry purchases."

Along those lines, George Koueiter, one of the sons in George Koueiter & Sons Jewelry Co. on Mack in the Woods, has been busy fashioning custom-made engagement rings.

"It's my favorite part of the business," Koueiter said. "It's a happy thing. It's almost like people are starting their lives and a new family is emerging."

Ahee said jewelry designs have changed since last year's terrorist attacks. He said, "Jewelry has been much more expressive than it's ever been."

So have customers. "A man came into the store recently and said he'd been married for 20 years but has never given his wife diamonds," Ahee said. "He told me, 'I want to get one now.'"

Roxanne Scott, of Pat Scott Jewelers on Mack in the Woods, credited interest in white metals to changing lifestyles.

"Silver is hot because it's more casual," Scott said. "People are dressing more casual today."

Although white metals have grown in popularity, customers haven't forsaken

traditional gold.

"Yellow gold is coming back," Scott said. "Designers are starting to move to 18-carat gold. Watch lines, like Tag Heuer and Raymond Weil, have introduced yellow gold watches for fall and winter."

"The two-tone look of gold and silver is popular," Koueiter said. "Traditional jewelry always sells, like tennis bracelets and diamond bracelets."

Dan LaLonde, owner of LaLonde/Pongracz Jewelers & Gemologists (formerly Pongracz Jewelers) on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, said established styles of jewelry, such as diamond pendants and earrings, remain popular among Pointers, but one-of-a-kind creations are increasing in appeal.

"I make a lot of custom pieces," LaLonde said. Some of his recent designs feature tanzanite, a bluish-purple stone. He also uses tourmaline, a gem mined in Brazil and Africa that comes in bluish-green, green and red.

"You can get large sizes (10 carats) in the \$1,500 to \$2,500 range," LaLonde said.

Scott said many customers are looking for something different, such as works by Sterling silver

Collection of children's jewelry has been popular. Designed by David Yurman of New York, the children's jewelry matches what adults wear.

It's been a fun mother-and-children thing," Ahee said. "Yurman is far and away the top brand designer in the country. His jewelry is wearable and expressive."

They sell for \$150 to \$850.

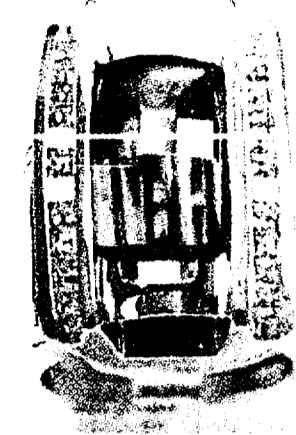
Valente said earrings and bracelets are good gifts for women on the go.

"Women are so busy these days, but they still want to look nice," Valente said. "Jewelry elevates your whole feeling and look, whether it's plain gold, white gold or pearl studs."

Some jewelry customers want their gift-giving sentiments spelled out, literally, like lime quartz.

She said mandarin citrine quartz mounted on white gold offers a versatile two-tone effect.

Ahee said the Cable Kids



designers Michael Dawkins and John Atencio.

"I'm big-time into fashion," Scott said. "Magazines for November and December are revolving around topaz, quartz and yellow gold. Unusually colored stones seem to be in, like lime quartz."

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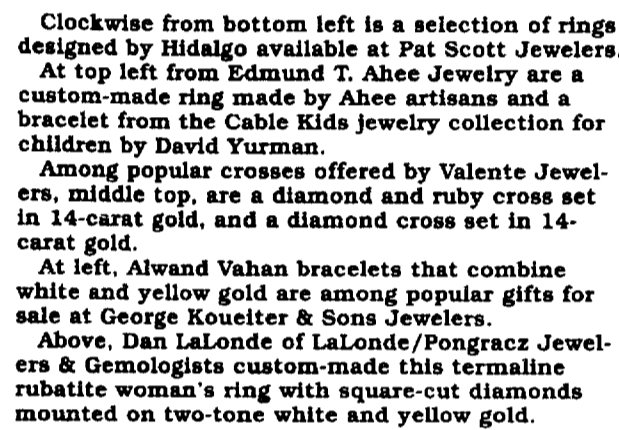
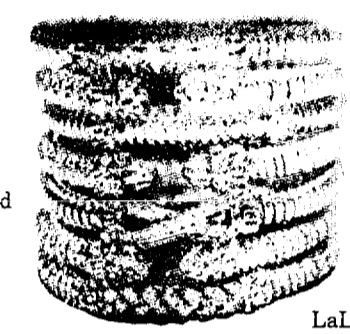
Clockwise from bottom left is a selection of rings designed by Hidalgo available at Pat Scott Jewelers.

At top left from Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry are a custom-made ring made by Ahee artisans and a bracelet from the Cable Kids jewelry collection for children by David Yurman.

Among popular crosses offered by Valente Jewelers, middle top, are a diamond and ruby cross set in 14-carat gold, and a diamond cross set in 14-carat gold.

At left, Alwand Vahan bracelets that combine white and yellow gold are among popular gifts for sale at George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers.

Above, Dan LaLonde of LaLonde/Pongracz Jewelers & Gemologists custom-made this termaline rubellite woman's ring with square-cut diamonds mounted on two-tone white and yellow gold.



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Avoid the rush, mail your holiday packages today

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Keep this date in mind — Monday, Dec. 9.

It will be the heaviest day for mailing Christmas cards and packages through the St. Clair Shores Post Office.

People who are really on top of things and shopped until they dropped last weekend, have their packages wrapped, have their cards addressed and in the mail by now. For the rest of us — and the U.S. Postal Service — the crescendo begins on Dec. 9. And every Monday until Christmas, the post office is filled with packages and envelopes.

It's the busy season for the 120 letter carriers that work out of the St. Clair Shores post office. They deliver on 84 routes stuffing mailboxes with cards and letters from all corners of the globe and

around the corner. Behind the scenes there are 32 clerks who sort the mail and spread it to the letter carriers.

There are also eight counter employees who will be selling seasonal stamps of snowmen, the traditional Mother and Child, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and EDI, a stamp that carries a message of tolerance and peace.

Get the cards and letters in as early as you can, said Paulette Sprague, St. Clair Shores counter supervisor.

The post office is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Some deadlines for mailing overseas have passed, and others are approaching quickly.

For first class letters and cards to APO/FPO AE zips 090-098, APO/FPO AA zips 340 and APO/FPO AP zips 962-966 the deadline is Dec. 11.

Mailing letters and cards to Asia, the Pacific Rim, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East must be done before Dec. 17.

Dec. 9 is the last day to mail air letters and cards to Africa and Central and South America to be delivered by Dec. 25.

The most important dead-

Mail facts

- Americans are expected to mail about 20 billion cards, letters and packages.

- Each day between now and Dec. 31, some 150 million letters and cards will be mailed.

- Around the United States, the busiest day to mail will be Monday Dec. 16, and the busiest delivery day will be Wednesday, Dec. 18.

- Keep mailing — even at the last minute.

- To ensure delivery in time for the holidays, consider switching from Parcel Post® to Priority Mail on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Switch to Express Mail beginning Saturday, Dec. 21.

- To move large volumes of mail during the holiday season, the postal service has added a holiday network hub with more than 40 supplemental airplanes dedicated entirely to moving the mail; hundreds of added truck connections, more than 55 million more mail sacks and trays.

- Purchase stamps by calling 800-STAMP-24, Stamps by Mail or go online to www.usps.com/shop.



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line is Monday, Dec. 16. That is the last day children can mail their letters to Santa Claus at 1 Candy Cane Lane, North Pole, MI 48068-9600. Remember to include a return address.

A box specifically to be used for Santa mail is in the post office's lobby. It will be emptied regularly so all St. Clair Shores children's mail will be hustled on its way to the North Pole.

When mailing packages, put the address neatly and clearly on one side only and put the address on the inside of the package as

well. For packaging material use shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap, Styrofoam® peanuts or air popped popcorn, which is environmentally friendly, inside a sturdy box.

Do not use string or twine. It could get caught in the processing machines.

The post office also offers a variety of boxes and padded envelopes decorated with a holiday motif.

"Anybody mailing to the western states, the sooner the better," Sprague said. "Use priority mail. It's a good service and you can add delivery confirmation. You can go on line and see if it was delivered. Add insur-



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Tips for preventing holiday blues and staying sober

Most people know the holidays can be a period of emotional highs and lows. Loneliness, anxiety, happiness and sadness are common feelings, sometimes experienced in startling succession.

The bad news is the holiday blues can trigger relapse for people recovering from alcoholism and other drug addiction.

The good news is the blues can be remedied by planning ahead.

Why do the blues hit during this otherwise festive season? Doing too much or too little and being separated from loved ones at this special time can lead to sadness during the holiday season. Many recovering people associate the holidays with memories of overindulgence, perhaps of big benders that resulted in relationship problems or great personal losses.

People experience feelings of melancholy, sadness and grief tied to holiday recollections. Unlike clinical depression, which is more severe and can last for months or years, those feelings are temporary, says Sue Hoisington, a licensed psychologist and executive director of Hazelden's Mental Health Centers. Anyone experiencing major symptoms of depression, such as persistent sadness, anxiety, guilt or helplessness; changes in sleep patterns; and a reduction in energy and libido, should seek help from a trusted mental health professional, she added.

Whether you're in recovery or not, Hoisington suggests developing a holiday plan to help prevent the blues, one that will confront unpleasant memories before they threaten your holiday experience. Your plan should include improved self-care, enhanced support

from others and healthy ways to celebrate. Hoisington offers a few suggestions to achieve a happy, sober holiday season:

- Good self-care is vital. Remember to slow down. Take some quiet time each day and work on an attitude of gratitude. Plan relaxation and meditation into your day, even for a few minutes, no matter how busy you are. Relax your standards and reduce overwhelming demands and responsibilities.

- Don't overindulge. Go easy on the holiday sweets and follow a balanced diet. Monitor your intake of caffeine, nicotine and sugar. Exercise regularly to help maintain your energy level amid a busier schedule. Don't try to do too much. Get plenty of sleep. Fatigue is a stressor. Maintain some kind of schedule and plan ahead; don't wait until the last minute to purchase gifts or prepare to entertain.

- Enhance your support system. Holidays are a good time to reach out more frequently to your therapist, sponsor, spiritual adviser or support group. If you're in recovery, spend time with fellow recovering people. Let others help you realize your personal limits. Learn to say "No" in a way that is comfortable for you.

- Find new ways to celebrate. Create some new symbols and rituals that will help redefine a joyful holiday season. You might host a holiday gathering for special recovering friends and/or attend celebrations of your Twelve Step group. Avoid isolation and spend time with people you like who are not substance users. Don't expose yourself to unnecessary temptations, such as gatherings where alcohol is the center of entertainment. If there are

people who have a negative influence on you, avoid them.

- Focus on your recovery program. Holidays are also an important time to focus on your recovery program. For example, ask, "What am I working on in my program now?" Discuss this with your sponsor.

- Release your resentments. Resentment has been described as allowing a person you dislike to live in your head, rent-free. Resentments that gain steam during the holidays can be disastrous for anyone, especially recovering people.

The Big Book of "Alcoholics Anonymous" refers to resentment as the No. 1 offender or the most common factor in failed sobriety.

Holidays may also be a time to evaluate your spirituality and find a personal way to draw support from the spirit of the season. Return the holidays to a spiritual base and stress the power of unselfish giving.

Recovery is serious work, but it is also important to have fun. Laugh a little and a little more. Start seeing the humor in those things that annoy you. Take from the holiday season what is important for you and leave the rest.

This health column offers information needed to help prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and treatment services on addiction. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

Features deadline

Friday, 3 p.m.

Children's Home holds 8th Giving Tree program

The Children's Home of Detroit announced that for the eighth year its annual Holiday Giving Tree will be hosted by the initial 1995 site sponsors, Jack's Waterfront restaurant and Lucy's Tavern on the Hill. This year, more than 50 community establishments will participate.

"Over the past eight years, thousands of presents have been generously contributed by our community," said Michael Horwitz, executive director of the Children's Home of Detroit. "We started in 1995 with three community establishments and currently we have over 50 sites participating in this year's heart-warming event for CHD."

Patrons who visit the participating establishments in December may select a paper Holiday Giving Tree tag from decorated trees or wreaths. Contributors can then provide a gift for a child and return it to the gift collection box at any of the participating businesses by Friday, Dec. 20.

filled with the spirit of giving," Horwitz said, "but they can also be a stressful and emotional time for the special children in our care."

In addition to the two restaurants, participating Grosse Pointe businesses include AAA Michigan, Nelson-Johnston Realtors, Breadsmith, Caribou Coffee Co., The Cheesecake Factory, Chiro Title Co., The Coffee Grinder, East Area Allergy & Asthma Center, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Pointe Park, How Inviting, Johnstone & Johnstone Real Estate, Lakeshore Optimist Club, The League Shop, Mack Avenue Drapery & Interiors, Megan Stanley, National City Bank, The Packaging Store, Rainy Day Art Supply Co., St. John-Grosse Pointe Pediatrics, Speedi Photo, State Farm-Sandy Linder and Thielk's Morgan Grille.

For more information, call Deborah Liedel at (313) 885-9510 or e-mail dljedel@childrenshomeofdet.com.

Holiday Toys program. The gifts go to child patients and their siblings and children of adult patients. To donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child of any age, or to contribute money, call (800) 825-2536 or e-mail info@leukemiamichigan.org.

Clothing needed: The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will hold its annual Coats for the Cold clothing collection on Saturday, Dec. 7. All kinds of clean clothing for children or adults will be accepted and forwarded to either the Grace Community Church's outreach ministry or to the Children's Home of Detroit.

"We typically collect a couple trailers' worth of clothes each year," said Nancy Grose of Grosse Pointe, president of the Optimist Club. "This serves a double purpose: east side residents can clear out their closets and receive a tax deduction and the clothing is recycled to benefit those who can use it."

Kidneys needed: The National Kidney Foundation encourages Americans to join the Holiday Resolution Campaign and give the gift of life by making sure their families know they want to become an organ donor and by signing a donor card.

Those who would like to deliver their clothing bags may take them to 717 University Place in the City of Grosse Pointe any time between Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 4-6.



Breadsmith in Grosse Pointe Woods is one of some 50 CHD Holiday Giving Tree site hosts. Brian Freshwater stands beside the Breadsmith's wreath.

Last year, some 800 wrapped presents were contributed by the community to the CHD's Holiday Giving Tree program.

"The holidays are a joyous and exhilarating time,

Toys needed: The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is looking for donations of toys and gifts for its annual

Call the Optimist hotline at (313) 359-6126 any time before Friday, Dec. 6 and leave your name and address. On the morning of Saturday, Dec. 7, put your bags of donated clothing on

AAUW
The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The presentation by Dr. Weldon Petz, "How Did the Third Century Bishop Become the Man in the Mall?" is about the history of Santa Claus.

The community is invited. Member Anne Ryan's Santa Claus collection will be on display. The cost is \$27.50 and reservations may be made by sending a check payable to AAUW-GP to Melissa Ryan, 23009 Gaukler, St. Clair Shores, 48080, by Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Meetings

Herb Society
The Grosse Pointe unit of the Herb Society of America will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Children's Home of Detroit in the first floor conference room.

The program will be an annual Holiday Traditions Show and Tell and an annual cookie exchange.

jazz artist Bess Bonnier. Bonnier has written an opera "Suite William," about William Shakespeare. For more information or reservations, call Marcia Piekielek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Fox Creek Questers
Fox Creek Questers Chapter No. 216 will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Historic Holy Trinity Church.

The program will include a tour of the church and its Christmas decorations and lunch.

The hostess will be Betty Reas; co-hostess, Marti Miller.

Women's Connection
The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet for dinner on Thursday, Dec. 12, at a local private club.

The program will be by

Questers
The Grand Marais chapter of Questers will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the home of Marilyn Magreta.

The program by Katy McKay will be "The Story Behind Charles Dickens' 'Christmas Carol.'" Members who are unable to attend should call (313) 885-4245 before the meeting.

Camera Club
The Grosse Pointe Camera Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or (586) 774-9471.



Understudies

The Hilberry Understudies celebrated the opening of the 40th season of the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University last October with a President's Preview Dinner and a showing of "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon. Among the Grosse Pointe attendees at the afterglow, from left, were: Joe Impastato; Dr. Sandra Estabrook; Cortney Burkett; Dr. Linda Moore, dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts; Marian Impastato; Dr. Charles Bantz, president of WSU; Lynne Bryant; Arthur Bryant, Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid and Dr. Irvin D. Reid, president of WSU.

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A prayer for these times

By the Rev. John Corrado
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

The world is not a safe place and we will not survive it (for that is not our destiny).

Those things that seem to be of comfort or security are temporary at best and illusory at worst.

But the sometimes awful world is also an awesome world. Struggle, terror and pain are part of it, but so are wonder, mystery and delight.

So let us spend the moments we have and the moments we share, responding to the highest and deepest in us and beyond us.

Let us not be swept by rumor, hysteria and the madness of crowds, the beating of war drums, or the passions or fancies of the day.

Let us neither be detached from the joys and sorrows around us by indifference or cold intellect.

Rather, let us be the compassionate and holy link that binds the dead with the living and the living with the not-yet-born in such a way that the eyes of eternity widen rather than weep.

And let us try to see as those eyes do that the dust of our common destiny need not make us afraid, for the source of our sentience binds us as one with saints and seers, raging seas and twinkling stars.

St. Paul renovation is winner

The American Institute of Architects Detroit named the winners of its annual design competition Nov. 22.

Constantine George Pappas AIA Architecture

and Planning of Troy was honored for "recapturing the soul" of St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, the only restoration project to receive an award this year.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston Scoville

Allen-Scoville

Sarah K. Allen, daughter of William and Amabel Allen of Cumberland, R.I., married Robert Johnston Scoville, son of Laurence and Lynn Scoville of Dataw Island, S.C., formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, on Oct. 12, 2002, in Manning Chapel at Brown University.

The Rev. David Ames officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Federal Reserve in Providence, R.I.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Katherine A. Allen of Washington, D.C. Bridesmaid was Lily Shuey of Boston.

Attendants wore raspberry and green silk dresses. The best man was the groom's brother, Laurence Scoville of Grosse Pointe.

Groomsmen were J. Armistead Burwell III of Atlanta, Eugene A. Gargaro III of St. Clair Shores and Eduard G. Jasaitas of Marblehead, Mass.

The bride is a graduate of the Maryland Institute

College of Art. She is a photography teacher at Beaver County Day School in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The groom graduated from Colgate University. He is a team building consultant.

The couple lives in Dedham, Mass.



Heather Ann Hunt-Kelleher and James Edward Kelleher

Hunt-Kelleher

Heather Ann Hunt of Edgartown, Mass., daughter of John and Carol Hunt of Avon Lake, Ohio, formerly of Grosse Pointe, married James Edward Kelleher, son of William and Marie Kelleher of West Longmeadow, Mass., on June 22, 2002, at St. Elizabeth Church.

A reception was held at the Dr. Daniel Fisher House on Martha's Vineyard.

The bride wore a strapless A-line silk sheath gown and carried a bouquet of lilies and baby's breath.

The maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Leslie

Hunt of Edgartown, Mass.

Bridesmaids were Jill Hunt of St. Louis, Mo., Jennifer Lance of Boston and Janet Heath of Edgartown. The junior bridesmaid was the groom's daughter, Phoebe Kelleher of Martha's Vineyard.

The flower girl was the groom's daughter, Elizabeth Kelleher of Martha's Vineyard.

Attendants wore pink and green print sundresses and carried bouquets of pink roses and baby's breath.

The best man was the groom's brother, William Kelleher III of Willbraham, Mass.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Sean Hunt of St. Louis, Mo.; and Chris Magee and David Pizzano, both of Edgartown.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length pink and green ensemble.

The groom's mother wore a blue floral print silk dress.

Readers were Phoebe Kelleher, Elizabeth Kelleher and Sister Pat Flavin. The organist was Linda Berg. The vocalist was Neil Downing.

The bride is a principal with IBM Business Consulting Services.

The groom is president of Kelleher Heating.

The newlyweds traveled to Barbados. They live in Edgartown.

Vettorello-Brown

Nancy Elizabeth Vettorello of Ann Arbor, daughter of Charlene Teron of Detroit and Sangelo Vettorello of San Diego, both formerly of Grosse Pointe, married Kincaid Christopher Brown, son of Dickson and Dee Brown of Larchmont, N.Y., on Aug. 17,

2002, at the University of Michigan League.

The Rev. Joann Kennedy Slater officiated at the 10 a.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Michigan League.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown that was decorated with light floral beading and carried lavender calla lilies.

Gabriela Vettorello of Royal Oak was the flower girl. The bride's son, Cooper Vettorello, walked his mother down the aisle.

The groom's brother, James Brown, read a poem.

Both the bride and groom earned J.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. The bride is a law professor; the groom is a law librarian.

The newlyweds live in Ann Arbor.

LTA offers theology talk

The Lay Theological Academy will present "Theology on Tap: God, Good for What Ales You, the Season of Advent and More" from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Dragonmead microbrewery in Warren. The family-friendly brewery serves root beer and sodas as well as their own ales.

The presenter, Monsignor Zenz, moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will lead an evening of candid conversation on theology. The community is invited.

A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing

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Pick a card — any card — for charity

Many local charities sell Christmas cards to raise funds for their organizations. Some Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores charities that are offering holiday greeting cards are ready to take your order. Here are details:

Barnard Center

Barnard Center is a school that provides supplemental education for students who are residents of the Children's Home of Detroit. Barnard Center's holiday card was designed by a student. A package of 20 cards costs \$14. To order, call (313) 432-5103.

Childhelp USA

The Greater Detroit Auxiliary chapter of Childhelp USA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of abused and neglected children. Local artist Michelle Sucaet designed a Christmas card for the organization. For 25 cards, the cost is \$22.50. Shipping is an additional \$3.50 for the first box and \$1.70 for each additional box. Sales tax is \$1.35 a box. Send a check made out to GDA Childhelp USA to Niki Gallaudet, 32259 Orchard Way, Birmingham, MI 48025.

Gleaners Food Bank

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Metro Detroit's goal is reducing hunger by bringing together resources into one efficient, low-cost collection and distribution center. It distributes more than 1.5 million pounds of food each month to some 300 social service agencies in the area. Holiday cards are \$10 for a batch of 10. They can be purchased by phone, by mail or on the Web. Call Julie Birnbryer between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. week days at (313) 923-3535, ext. 245 or e-mail jbirnbryer@gcfb.org or go to www.gcfb.org.

Grosse Pointes/Harper Woods-Right to Life

Profits from the sale of these cards are used by Grosse Pointes/Harper Woods-Right to Life, an affiliate of Right to Life of Michigan, for the support and protection of people, unborn through their senior years. The cards, which depict the Madonna and Child, cost \$8 for a batch of 10. Delivery is free. To order, call Therese McGratty at (313) 882-4323 or Margaret Smith at (313) 885-7947.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to Michigan children battling

life-threatening illnesses. The organization offers two greeting cards designed by Wish Kids or a professionally designed card, 20 cards for \$20. Imprinting is available. Call (800) 622-9474.

Michigan Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society offers holiday cards in a variety of traditional and contemporary styles. Boxes of 25 with gold foil-lined envelopes range from \$18.75 to \$26.50. Imprinting is available for an additional cost. They're for sale at the three Michigan Humane Society locations in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland or directly through the Web site at www.michiganhumane.org or call (866) MHUMANE.

NARSAD

The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression is dedicated

to raising and distributing money for research into severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and affective disorders. Products for sale include holiday cards, note cards and gifts. Holiday cards come in boxes of 25 cards with 26 plain white envelopes for \$15. For an additional charge, you can order gold or silver lined envelopes or imprinting. To get an order form or more information, call Carol Scripps at (313) 881-5429.

St. John Senior Community

Residents of St. John Senior Community's watercolor class participate each year in a contest to design a Christmas card. This year's winner, created by Edna Wharton, depicts a beribboned wreath in a shuttered window. Proceeds from the sale of cards support special therapeutic programs for the residents. The price is \$16 for a pack of 20 cards.

They're available at the Senior Community, 18300 E. Warren in Detroit from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. week days. For information, call Elaine Guzik at (313) 343-8931.

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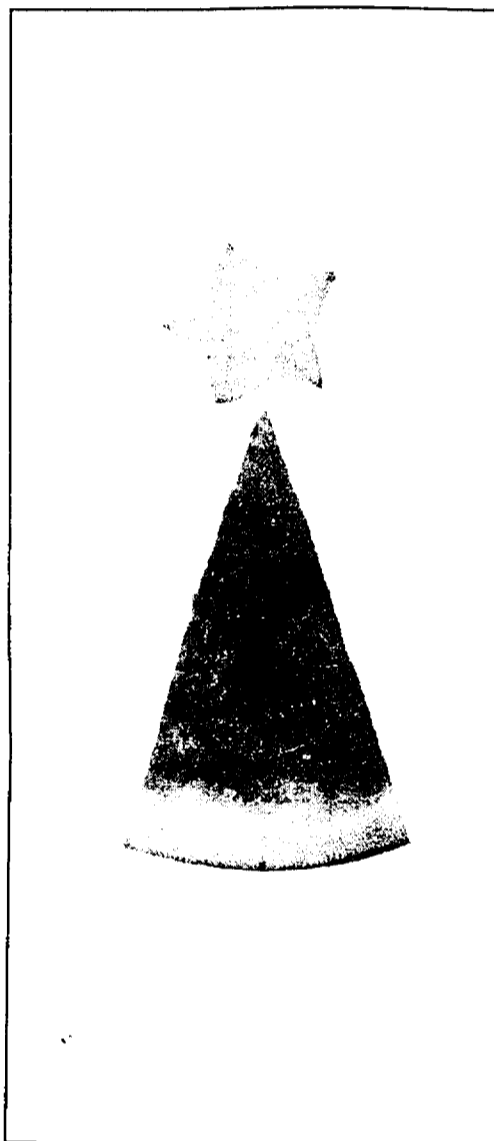
The Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary of Metro Detroit is selling Christmas cards that depict a mother and son putting money into a red Salvation Army kettle, circa 1945. Funds raised go directly to help needy families in the Detroit area. A box of 20 cards is \$19. Note cards, which are blank inside, are also available for \$9

per box of 10. Make checks payable to the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and mail to Rita Swan, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075. For additional information, call (248) 443-5500.



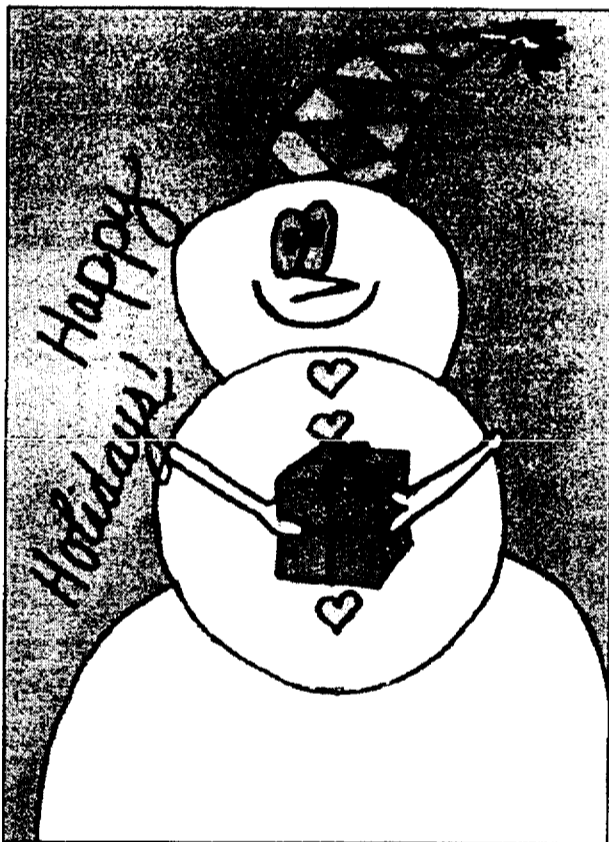
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Hormone replacement therapy negatively affects memory

By Matilda Charles

Earlier this year, researchers announced that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for menopausal women not only does not significantly protect against heart disease or other disorders associated with menopause but may be potentially dangerous.

However, for more than a decade, it was believed that estrogen — a component of HRT — protects against the onset of dementia, or helps slow memory loss in older women with Alzheimer's disease. If they were taken off estrogen replacement therapy (ERT), wouldn't that put them at risk for developing dementia and increase memory loss?

Not so, according to Gary L. Wenk, Ph.D., professor of

neurology and psychiatry at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson. He says that new research shows that ERT may lead to worse memory loss in those on the treatment than in those who are not.

In his study, Wenk used a number of female rats, all with inflammation of the brain similar to that found in humans with Alzheimer's. The rats' reproductive organs were surgically altered so that they were physically in a "menopausal" state. Some rats were given ERT, some were not. All were taught how to get through a maze.

When put to the test, the researchers expected the ERT group to outdo their non-ERT counterparts. Instead, they did worse,

indicating that unlike the other rats, they had memory-retention problems.

Wenk's study — on which I've just briefly touched — is one of many being conducted on the effects of ERT on memory and dementia. More needs to be done before any conclusions can be confirmed. Meanwhile, Wenk makes it clear that although estrogen may not help those who already have Alzheimer's, it may act as a "neuroprotector" for younger women. Talk to your doctor about it.

Write to Matilda Charles in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mails to letters.kfws@heartstsc.com.

Holiday help needed at SOC

Services for Older Citizens is collecting supplies for gift baskets to be distributed to senior citizens during the holidays. SOC is asking for small, nonperishable food items, toiletries and other household items, candy, baskets and ribbons and handmade cards.

Items can be dropped off

at the SOC office at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, by Friday, Dec. 13.

SOC is also looking for volunteers to assemble or deliver baskets and Christmas Meals on Wheels. For more information or to nominate someone to receive a Christmas basket or meal, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING Notice Request For Proposals

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging will accept Proposals For Senior Nutrition Services-Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals contracted through the Older Americans Act (Federal) and/or State Funds for Fiscal Years 2004-2006. The contract will cover the period from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2006.

Proposals must be received in the Detroit Area Agency on Aging office by Friday, February 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. The office is located at 1333 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 200, Detroit, MI. 48207-2635. Fax and e-mails will not be accepted.

A Technical Assistance Workshop will be held in the Hildred Drew-Dale Conference Room at the Detroit Area Agency on Aging office on Thursday, December 19, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Please call Rosie Staples at (313) 446-4444 Extension 23 to confirm your attendance.

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging's service area includes the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Grosse Pointe Woods.

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SOC Options

Information and assistance

By Sharon Maier

SOC Executive Director
Through two programs, Services for Older Citizens (SOC) is able to provide information and assistance to seniors and to caregivers. This assistance takes many forms. A little information goes a long way when you enter a new phase of your life that the world offers no formal training for.

"Mrs. B. makes the most delicious butter cookies. Each cookie is placed individually in a pan, fried on one side and then flipped. They are the perfect shade of brown and when you bite into them, you experience something out of this world," said Barb Aiello, Information and Assistance specialist.

The Information and Assistance department received this gift from Mrs. B., expressing her gratitude for the work they do. The cookies are full of much of the same thing that keeps the Information and Assistance department going — hard work and attention to detail, patience and perseverance.

If you could taste Information and Assistance, it would taste like the carefully created butter cookies that Mrs. B. presented them.

The largest of these programs is the Information & Assistance (I&A) service. This program receives funding from the Detroit Area Agency on

Aging, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs of the local municipalities and donations.

Its goal is to link seniors with needed services. Through this program, seniors are provided with referral, advocacy, follow-up and information services regarding health and human needs. Staff collect, organize and maintain a comprehensive resource file on agencies, individuals and organizations providing health and human services to seniors in this area and they work cooperatively with other service providers to link recipients with appropriate resources.

They also do outreach to the community at large. The tax assistance program, escorted transportation service, health clinics, loan closet, weekly educational lecture series, 911 cell phone and Michigan's Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage Program are coordinated by the I & A staff.

In fiscal year 2001-02, 2,707 seniors contacted the I & A staff; 3,574 hours of assistance were given to them.

Information and Assistance for Caregivers was made possible by a grant from Detroit Area Agency on Aging as part of the National Family Caregiver's program and donations from generous local residents. The purpose of the caregiver program is to enable states and Area Agencies on

Aging to develop multifaceted systems of support. Information and Assistance is the first stop for caregivers on their way to getting the support that they need. Some 752 caregivers received 616 hours of assistance from Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002.

This assistance takes on many forms. As each caregiver has unique needs, SOC strives to meet them with unique services.

A simple trip to Hamtramck turned into a dream afternoon for Mrs. H., whose husband suffers from Alzheimer's. Caring for her husband eats up all of her time, which leaves little time to plan or attend social events. SOC offers short trips every Thursday where all you have to do is sign up and get on the bus; everything else is taken care of.

Mrs. H. talked her son into sitting with her husband while she enjoyed an afternoon out with the girls. The trip began with the help of Diane Bezy, Information and Assistance Caregiver specialist's referral.

"Being a caregiver can be draining. A little respite can give you just the lift that you need. We refer and then offer any assistance that we can," Bezy said.

Both Information and Assistance departments are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 882-9000.

G.P. Senior Men's Club will meet

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Entertainment will be by the Grosse Pointe North High School Choir. For more information, call Dr. Paul M. Zavell at (313) 881-5592.

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Winter months may lead to vitamin D deficiency

By Dr. Kevin Embach
Special Writer

Recent studies on the connection between sun exposure and skin cancer have led many people to shy away from forays into the sun. But the body requires the sun's rays to produce vitamin D.

For those of us living in a climate like Michigan's, the sun is only strong enough to allow vitamin D synthesis for about eight months out of the year. Limited exposure to the sun can lead to insufficient levels of vitamin D, which is far more common — and more harmful — than previously believed.

Insufficient amounts of D in the body are linked with:

- Rickets. A severe defi-

ciency of vitamin D can lead to abnormal bone formation, resulting in weakened, soft bones in children. Signs and symptoms of rickets include bowed legs, fractures and diminished growth.

- Osteoporosis. Vitamin D aids in absorption of calcium, which is essential for strong bones.

- Osteomalacia. This disorder involves weakness of the bones and muscles.

- Diabetes. The pancreas needs vitamin D to produce insulin.

- Cancer. Some studies suggest that vitamin D may protect against certain cancers, but more research must be done before this is proven.

Risk of vitamin D deficiency is higher for:

- Older individuals. Not only do older people tend to spend more time indoors, but when they are outside, their skin is often covered. Skin must be exposed to the sun in order for the rays to stimulate vitamin D production.

- People with dark skin color. The darker your skin, the more sunlight you need to generate vitamin D.

- Those who have limited sun exposure. People who rarely see the sun because of the climate they live in or a job or lifestyle that keeps them indoors, and women who cover their bodies for religious reasons, are more likely to have a deficiency.

Michiganians at risk
Because the winter sun in Michigan is too weak to

stimulate vitamin D production, people living in Michigan are at risk for deficiency, especially during the darkest, coldest months of the year. In Boston, studies showed that the amount of sunlight is insufficient to produce significant vitamin D synthesis in the skin from November through February. Nearly one-third of Bostonians had inadequate stores of the vitamin at winter's end, compared with 4 percent at summer's end.

It is important to use sunscreen whenever sun exposure is longer than 10 to 15 minutes, but always using sunscreen can affect vitamin D production. An SPF of 8 or higher blocks the UV rays that help the body produce vitamin D. Some studies reveal that, to obtain enough vitamin D stores for an entire year in a climate like Michigan's, we should seek sun exposure during spring, summer and fall. About 10 minutes daily, with the arms, hands and face bared, will do the trick.

D from diet

The average person gets 90 percent of the vitamin from sunlight and the rest from food. But with a little effort, particularly during the winter months when the sun's rays are too weak to stimulate production of the vitamin, a larger percentage can be derived from diet.

The recommended daily allowance for vitamin D, measured in international units (IU), is:

Adults age 19 to 50 — 200 IU per day

Adults age 51 to 70 — 400 IU per day

Adults age 71 or older — 600 IU per day

Seafood, mushrooms, liver, cod liver oil and eggs naturally contain vitamin D. But thanks to fortified foods, there are many choices that are rich in the vitamin. Milk is an excellent source of vitamin D. One cup contains 100 IU. Fortified breads, breakfast cereals and fruit drinks are also good sources.

Supplements provide insurance

Vitamin D supplements are a good choice for people who do not receive ade-

quate D through diet and do not have the opportunity to be exposed to sunshine. Most multivitamins contain sufficient amounts of vitamin D. Check the label to be sure it contains the RDA for your age range, listed above.

Be aware that because vitamin D is fat soluble, too much can be toxic. Toxicity causes nausea, vomiting, poor appetite, constipation, weakness and weight loss.

Exercise caution

Using precautions to avoid skin cancer is of the utmost importance. A small amount of exposure to the sun is beneficial, but if you plan to be in the sun's rays for more than a few minutes, wear protective clothing and sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

Dr. Kevin Embach is a Bon Secours Cottage internal medicine physician who sees patients at the Internal Medicine Center, located on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

BSC plans remembrance of life, loss

The Spiritual Care department of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services invites community members who have suffered the loss of a loved one to share a special evening of "celebration, remembrance and story." The free program will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The evening will offer a different kind of holiday memorial for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone they love — even if it was a long time ago," said the Rev. Michael Rumble, director of Bon Secours Cottage Spiritual Care. "We ask participants to bring a photo or memento of their loved one, a favorite candle to light and even a special story about the person being

remembered that they might share with those in attendance."

Bon Secours Cottage music therapist and harpist Megan Gunnell will provide music.

Cheese, wine and refreshments will be served. Although the program is free and open to anyone from the community, preregistration is requested. Call (313) 343-1656.

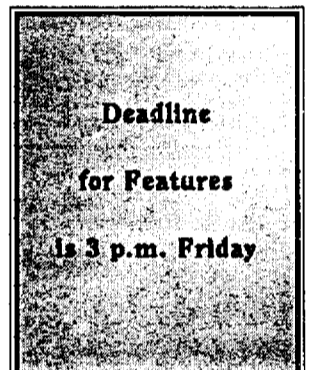
Volunteers needed for study

Henry Ford Hospital is seeking current or former smokers for a major lung study to determine whether a chest X-ray or spiral computed tomography is a more effective screening tool for reducing lung cancer rates. Participation is free.

To be eligible for the study, participants must be between the ages of 55 and

74, have no history of lung cancer, be free of cancer for the last five years (except for some skin cancers), not be enrolled in any other cancer screening or prevention trial, and not have had a CT scan of the chest or lungs in the last 18 months.

Those who are interested should call (888) 883-8483.



Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Dry, itchy, scaly skin, and rashes often indicate a condition called Atopic Dermatitis, the most common form of eczema.

Many triggers can cause atopic dermatitis to flare up. In the fall and winter, a potent trigger is dry air, both in and outdoors.

Although atopic dermatitis is not curable, it usually is controllable.

To counter winter's dry air, the number one step is to moisturize, moisturize, moisturize. Also, avoid hot showers and baths which only act to reduce the natural oils on your skin and make your skin drier.

For acute flares, your physician will likely treat you with topical creams and ointments containing steroids; antibiotics, antihistamines and topical immune modulators may also be prescribed. Location, severity and your history of responsiveness to prior treatments for your condition are several of the factors your physician will consider to determine the correct treatment for each patient.

To learn more about eczemas and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates.

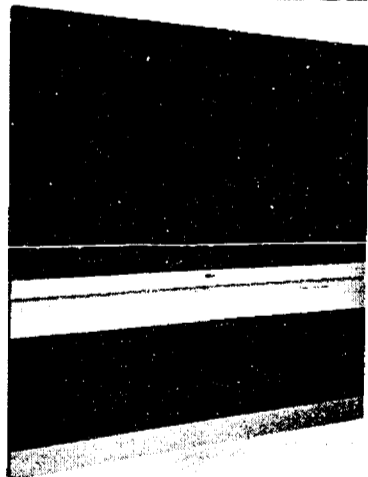
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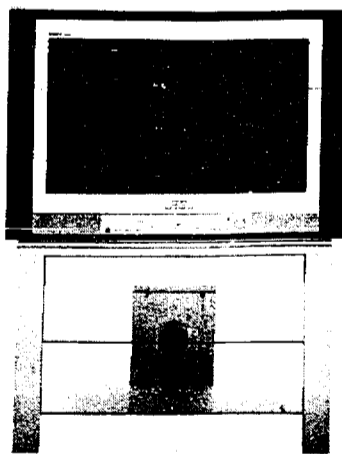


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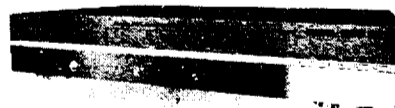
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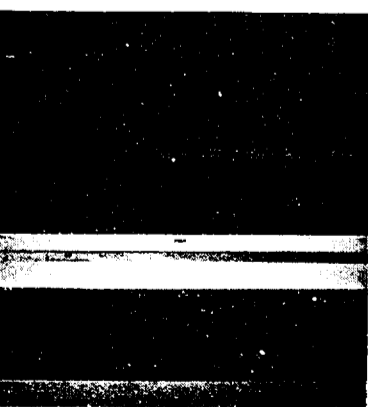
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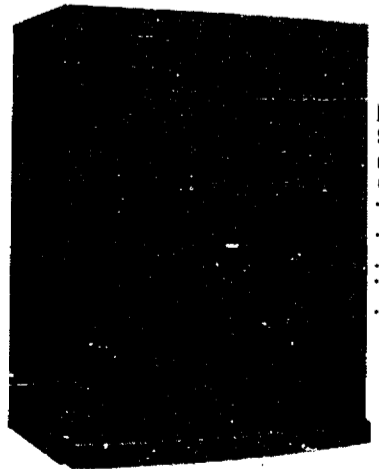
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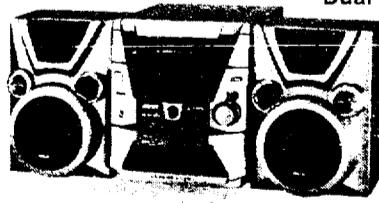
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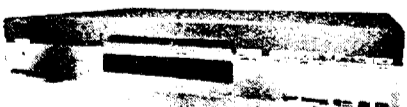
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Local dancers

Rose Marie Floyd Contemporary Civic Ballet Co. of Royal Oak will present Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Detroit Masonic Temple.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Theresa Butkovich, center, will dance the part of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Grosse Pointe Woods resident Janna Fuller, at the left, will appear in the Spanish and Snow sequences, and Maria Vettrano of Ferndale will dance the role of Clara.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased by calling (248) 641-9063 or (313) 881-6681 or at the box office on the day of the show.



Macomb Symphony welcomes season

The Grosse Pointe Classical Music League will hold its annual Very Merry Christmas Concert and Champagne Brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Macomb Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas Cook, will be featured. The concert will be in memory of the late Mrs. Damian Szulec.

Piano stylings by Davis Gloff will be offered in honor of the late Mrs. Victor

Benjamin.

Musical scholarships will be awarded to three symphony musicians: Sister Rose Mary Sam, who plays the viola; Colleen D'Agostino, who plays the cello; and Tom Gildea, who plays the bass. All play with the Grosse Pointe Symphony.

The gifts are in memory of the late Elfrida Palmentier.

Tickets for the concert and brunch are \$40; \$60 for patrons; \$20 for the concert and dessert. Make checks

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Banana peel theory of life, comedy

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

Just about the time I turn this in, serious food folk might possibly be thinking of writing to me about just how I put Linzer Torte in my article about chocolate.

As Poirot says in the old video "Four and Twenty Blackbirds:" "When you grow up, Hastings, you will realize that food is not the subject for the humor."

I have no excuse. It's a cool word, Linzer. It was amazing to find Sachar and Linzer Tortes in a book for fifth-graders. I was in a hurry and sent it in too late to look at, just in time to print. My editor, lulled into a false sense of security by my endless rewriting and fact checking, let it go.

This happens to the best of them. For instance, in this month's issue of Better Homes and Gardens, Christian Millman, the car guy, author of "Guy Knowledge," telling us how to thaw a sticky door lock, wrote "Heat the key with a match or the car's cigarette lighter."

Say what? On receipt of my e-mail, the editor immediately responded, mentioning other doors. I was impressed by both her speed and her logic. But it was funny.

The biggest blooper happened to 462 teachers and countless students statewide who subscribe to Michigan Studies Weekly. This teaching tool told us that there are whales and dolphins in the Great Lakes. Obviously, the people in Utah who publish this stuff never get out of their state. They were taken in by an online hoax.

People in a hurry at their work, on the road



The Book Return

and in their lives make mistakes.

When the mistake is too big, we have to live with the consequences, as does everyone around us. Hence the cobwebbed saw: "Marry in haste, repent at leisure."

Even so, mistakes can be OK. We learn from them. Without mistakes there is no comedy.

Take, for instance, Maggie Sweet. Maggie is the title character of the very funny little book, "Styles by Maggie Sweet," later reissued as "Maggie Sweet."

Maggie is 38 years old and was married at 19. The book opens when Maggie finally becomes desperate and writes a letter to "Aunt Sally Cares" c/o The Daily Ripple of Barium Springs, N.C.

"Dear Aunt Sally," she writes. "This is the first time I ever wrote to anyone for advice, but I have studied and studied, and I swear I don't know what else to do. Last night at supper my husband announced that he had taken our entire life savings and spent it on a family cemetery plot."

About midway she writes, "He said I should be relieved to know that I'd be taken care of for all eternity. I cannot tell you

how discouraging those words were to me."

Aunt Sally's idea of a solution has to do with Jell-O. She's not a lot of help.

Just about then, things start to happen. With her high school reunion coming up, Maggie finds out her high school sweetheart will be back in town. Reading it, I saw clearly what was about to hit the fan, but had to read on, sometimes while laughing out loud.

When comedy ends, no one but Carol Burnett disguised as the cleaning lady (remember?) comes back into the spotlight to clean up the mess.

But Judith Minthorn Stacy does in her second book, "Betty Sweet Tells All." What does Maggie's long-suffering mother think of it all? How does her high-strung teenage daughter react? And what of her meddling mother-in-law of a grandmother?

I didn't laugh as much, especially since all played their parts in the debacle and looked like whiners. But I couldn't resist them and soon I was smiling. It never hurts to hear other points of view, and it doesn't often happen in novels.

I wouldn't be surprised if daughter Jill takes up the chase in book three, and it will probably be good.

But now I'd like to see if Stacy has some other stories to share.

Meanwhile, if life leaves an unseen banana peel in your path, wear padding, take the fall and accept the laughter. Chevy Chase, Jim Carrey and a lot of others make a fortune on it.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us or find her at Grosse Pointe's central library.

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Yes, you can go home again — I did it

By Lawrence Sullivan
Special Writer

I decided to defy Thomas Wolfe's advice — very gingerly — the other day to "go home again" to the Grosse Pointe Farms of my childhood. The destination actually was some 18 months before my birth, for I was wandering through recently made public pages of the 1930 federal census.

Amazing what I remembered after 70 years, and what I remembered badly.

I was startled, for example, to find that the kid who introduced me to delivering newspapers, which he did at a galloping pace, was not Billy Elworthy, as I would have sworn if called before a judge, but his younger brother, Richard.

The Elworthys lived at the Kercheval end of Mapleton Road, directly across from the main entrance of Cottage Hospital, and their father, George, was director of the Neighborhood Club in "the Village." Elworthy Field is named in his honor.

Brother Bill probably overrode Richard in my memory because he was one of the first neighborhood boys to go off to war after Pearl Harbor. When Richard was old enough to enlist, he was rejected because of asthma, as I recall, but eventually wormed his way into the Merchant Marine.

Every time a ship was reported sunk by U-boats in the treacherous North Atlantic during the early days of WWII, I scanned the paper to see if the fleet-footed Richard had been lost at sea. (He wasn't, and when last I checked, he was still alive and kicking.)

On a more impersonal note, Mapleton must have been a snap to enumerate. One of the Pointes' newest streets in 1930, it extended only one block, from Kercheval to "the Boulevard," and comprised 128 lots. Our home, completed in 1926, may have been one of the first built. Perhaps 50 more were up and sold before the stock market crash of 1929 brought a sudden end to further construction.

Most of the other lots would stand empty until the end of World War II.

Names on the census pages most familiar to me were those not of neighbors but of friends and acquaintances on adjoining Oak Street (now Muir Road). They were the French names — Labadie,

Champine, Marsack, Piche, Allor and Campau, among others — that were so fascinating to a nosy Irish brat more accustomed to names from the British Isles.

My first surprise on glancing at the census pages was to learn that the official enumerator was a neighbor named Helen Teague, one of my folks' best friends. I had forgotten, if I ever knew, that the family once lived on Mapleton.

Her husband, Cass, taught high school math, and one of their sons, Maxwell, became a physicist with the super-secret Manhattan Project, which developed the world's first atomic bomb. Their daughter Jean Teague Haskell became, and still is, one of Michigan's most distinguished artists.

Another surprise was finding that the village's longtime fire chief, George Dansbury, lived on Oak Street before he built the new brick home I remember directly across the street from us. I thought he would kill me the time I hit a golf ball way off line and almost took out his porch light.

Closer to home — in our home, in fact — I was startled to learn via the census that my older brothers — Don, Dick and Ed — were the only Sullivan kids born in Indiana. My sisters — Bettie, Laurie and Ann — all were born in the Detroit area. I thought all six were born in Indiana and that I was the family's only native-born Michigander.

Our parents, James and Leila, but known to their friends as Sully and Dot, grew up on farms in northern Indiana and moved to Detroit shortly after their marriage in 1913. But for reasons I never understood, Mother liked to go home to her parents' farm to deliver her children.

One amusing quirk of memory was that one couple who lived a few houses away really were named Stroh. I thought we just called them that because that was their favorite brand of beer.

Every afternoon, the woman of the house would walk down the street toward Joe's Bar on the corner of Oak Street and Kercheval and return with a couple bottles of Stroh's in a cloth carrying bag. Her husband, if I recall correctly, had been crippled by mustard gas on the battlefields of France in the first World War and seldom left the house.

Mrs. Stroh's trips to Joe's Bar, of course, would have been years later. If they wanted some beer in 1930 with Prohibition still in force, they would have to go to a "blind pig." Luckily one was handy in the basement of a home very near ours, which must have been convenient indeed for the many police officers who lived in the neighborhood.

There was no place on the census, of course, to identify a home as a speakeasy.

One name I did recall easily was Zakeian, although I would not have put an "e" in it. The only Armenians I've ever known well, they lived two doors away, and each evening marvelous aromas wafted our way from their kitchen. They may have been the only family on the street that cooked with strong spices.

The Zakeians had fled from their homeland during the wholesale Turkish massacre of 1915. I recall the father, Mike, claiming he was raised on mule milk, but that too must be a memory glitch. Mules are hybrid beasts, born sterile, and thus cannot give milk.

A little kid born in Grosse Pointe Farms would be hard-pressed to distinguish between mules and donkeys, though vacant fields at both ends of Mapleton and Oak streets at this time were fenced in and filled with grazing cattle.

In a parting shot, I checked the census listing of a couple who lived across the street to see if the man of the house was listed as white. He was. When he died, about 1940, neighbors were startled to hear that he was a black man passing as white.

I'm not sure that rumor was true — in fact I still doubt it — but that's what was being said.

After an hour or so of desultory wandering, I closed the computerized images of the 1930 census and found my way back to the 21st century little disturbed by my cautious visit to the distant past. Actually it felt pretty good to be home again.

Lawrence Sullivan is a graduate of Grosse Pointe High (now South) and Michigan State University. Now retired after 35 years on several newspapers, including Long Island Newsday, The Washington Post and The Detroit News, he lives in Glasgow, Ky.

Add pecans to Brussels sprouts for an unusual taste

Brussels sprouts are in season from August to March making them the perfect cold weather vegetable. The tasty little member of the cabbage family can go one way or another — either you love them or you despise them. This week's recipe goes out to those of you who enjoy Brussels sprouts and are looking for a different way to prepare them.

This is how they serve up the sprouts at the Bear Cafe in Bearsville, N.Y.

Brussels Sprouts with Pecans

1/4 cup pecan pieces
1 1/2 lbs. Brussels sprouts
4 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small yellow onion,

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



peeled and chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Toast the pecans on the stove top or in a preheated 400 degree oven for 8 minutes. Meanwhile, bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add 2 generous pinches of salt and the Brussels sprouts. Boil until they are just tender, about 5 minutes. Drain

and set aside to cool enough to handle.

Cut the sprouts in half lengthwise and set aside. Heat together the butter and the oil in a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until golden, about 5 minutes, stirring often. Add the garlic and the sprouts and saute until the sprouts become golden brown, about 5 minutes. Add the pecans and season to taste with salt and fresh ground pepper.

The butter and the pecans bring a creamy, nutty flavor to the Brussels sprouts. These dressed-up sprouts will complement beef, poultry or seafood.

Consider something new and delicious for your holiday meal.

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus to sing

The Open Door series at First English Ev. Lutheran Church will present the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus' 50th annual Christmas concert, "Celebrate in Holiday Song," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church.

Director of the chorus is Anna Speck. A reception and refreshments will follow the performance. First English is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Coordinator of Music is Robert Foster. Admission to the event is \$10 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and younger.

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Strange facts, but they're true

By Samantha Weaver
King Features Syndicate

That staple of the Chinese food industry in the United States, the fortune cookie, was actually invented here in America. A man named Charles Jung came up with the idea in 1918.

Talk about enabling parental control — in Connecticut it is against the law for a man to write love letters to a girl whose mother or father has forbidden the relationship.

In Bangladesh, students as young as 15 years old have been known to be jailed for cheating on their final exams.

"Autopsy" comes from the Greek words for "self sight."

Did you ever feel like using paper plates so you wouldn't have to wash the dishes but then felt guilty for adding to the landfill problem? Well, a company in Taiwan has come up with a solution. It makes dinnerware out of wheat; so after the meal, you can eat your plate.

The comma wasn't in use until the 1500s. The word comes from the Greek "komma," which means "cut-off piece."

There are more plastic

flamingos in the United States than real ones.

The pet industry is big business in Japan. In Tokyo, they even sell toupees for dogs.

Add to the list of laws impossible to enforce one

ordinance from Georgia, which states that it's against the law to spread a false rumor.

Even the field of advertising has its very own patron saint — St. Bernardino of Siena.

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Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center:
• GPAA Holiday Exhibition & Boutique, through Friday, Jan. 3.
• Artists' applications for the GPAA Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, are being taken through Wednesday, Jan. 1. \$15, jury fee, \$115 space fee. Cash Awards. Send to: Isabelle Goosen, 1632 Roslyn, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

1-5 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday. 1005 Maryland. Free. (313) 821-1848.

Detroit Institute of Arts:
• Degas and the Dance, through Sunday, Jan. 12. \$16, adults, weekdays or \$18, weekends; \$8, children, ages 6-17; \$10, seniors; Free for DIA members and children, ages 5 and under. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$4 adults, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900.

Maniscalco Gallery: Paintings by Boyko Asparouhov, through Saturday, Jan. 11. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. 17728 Mack. Free. (313) 886-2993.

Pewabic Pottery: Earthy Treasures Holiday Show, through Tuesday, Dec. 31. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free. (313) 822-0954.

Posterity: A Gallery: Giclee prints of artist Linda Baker and Kathleen Fritz. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. 17005 Kercheval. (313) 864-8105.

Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center: Experimental Painting for Adults, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through Dec. 10. \$78. 1005 Maryland. (313) 821-1848.

Pewabic Pottery: Precious Metals Clay, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec.

Art Courses

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Pewabic Pottery: Precious Metals Clay, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec.

14. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$75, tuition plus \$125, materials fee. (313) 822-0954.

Benefits

Circle of Fellows Holiday Party: Benefiting the research, treatment and outreach programs of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, at a private home in Grosse Pointe Shores. \$250. (248) 443-5800. ext. 4709.

Very Merry Christmas Concert & Champagne Brunch: Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Classical Music League to benefit musical scholarships, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$40. Reservations required by Tuesday, Dec. 10. (313) 886-5160.

Holiday Benefit Auction: Sponsored by Horizon Residential Services to benefit their new Anchor Bay South adults care home, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore. \$15. (313) 882-6295.

33rd Annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Run/Walk: One and four-mile run/walk sponsored by the Belle Isle Runners, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, starting and ending at the U. S. Marine Corps Training Center, 7600 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$20, before Tuesday, Dec. 31; \$25, race day for adults. \$12, before Tuesday, Dec. 31; \$15, race day, for children. Early registration may be sent to: Belle Isle Runners/Jeanne Bocci, 1353 Grayton Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230-1127. Proceeds benefit My Sister's Place. (313) 886-5560.

Concerts

Detroit Symphony Orchestra:
• Holiday Festival: The Colors of Christmas: Featuring Peabo Bryson, Oleta Adams, Jon Secada and Jody Watley, 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7. 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. \$29-\$95.
• Holiday Festival: Christmas With the Canadian Brass, 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9. \$19-\$80.
• Holiday Festival: Best of the King's Baroque, 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12

1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14.
3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15. \$15-\$80.
• Holiday Festival: Handel's Messiah, 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13. 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. \$17-\$80.
• Holiday Festival: Joy! A Holiday Celebration, 1:30 and 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19. 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 21. 3 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22. \$15-\$80.
• New Year's Eve Gala, 9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31. \$40-\$195.

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Handel's Messiah:
• Presented by the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit. \$15-\$50. (313) 961-4533.
• Performed by the Christ Church Grosse Pointe Chorale and Orchestra, 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, Old St. Mary's Greentown, 646 Monroe, Detroit. \$10 or \$15. (313) 885-7923.

Musique Maykers Concert: 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free. (313) 822-3456.

Holiday Brass Concert: Featuring the Detroit Chamber Winds, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard. \$25, adults; \$19, students and seniors and \$10, children 12 and under. (248) 559-2095.

The Glory of Christmas: Featuring a 22-piece orchestra, the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church choir performing choral arrangements by John Rutter and poetry readings, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore. \$5. (313) 865-4246.

Mel Stander and His Gentlemen of Swing Christmas Concert: 3-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Free. (313) 881-7511.

Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus Christmas Dinner Concert: 6:30 p.m., dinner and 8 p.m., concert, Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$28, dinner and concert or \$14 concert only. Reservations required. (313) 881-7511.

Detroit Concert Choir's Sweet Sounds of Christmas: 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier. \$15 or \$12 for students and seniors. (313) 882-0118.

Celebrate in Holiday Song: The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus's 50th Anniversary Concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier. \$10, adults and \$3, children. (313) 882-2482.

The Gift of Song: The Judelaire's choral concert, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20, Christ The King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack. Freewill donations accepted. (586) 563-4210.

Christmas Lessons and Carols: 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Free. (313) 885-4841, ext. 201.

Dance

Nutcracker Ballet:
• Presented by the Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, Thursday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 15.
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. 7:30 p.m., Thursdays. 2 and 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

2 p.m., Sundays.
The Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14-\$60. (313) 237-SING.
• Presented by the Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra and the Allard School of Dance, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 and 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Schaublein Auditorium of Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores. \$15, adults; \$12 seniors and \$10, students. (586) 779-0057

Events

Christmas Spectacular: Includes lunch and a performance of the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at the Fox Theatre, noon, Friday, Dec. 6, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. \$54. Reservations required. (313) 567-3100.

Edmund T. Ahee Western Open Tennis Tournament: Sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association and held in the tennis house of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook.
• 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5-Friday, Dec. 6.
• 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7.

• 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. \$20, all event tickets or \$7 per day. (313) 882-4100.

Gallery Crawl: The City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department sponsors this tour of 40 downtown galleries, noon-7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. Buses leave from Palms Building, 2111 Woodward, Detroit and tour galleries on a 15-minute rotation. \$10, children under 6 free. (313) 224-9500.

Second Annual Community Sing-A-Long Around the Bonfire: 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, Heritage Presbyterian Church, 23415 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Free. (586) 779-0730.

2nd Annual Madrigal Dinner: Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe North High School Choirs.
• 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14.
• 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15.

\$40. Reservations must be mailed to 417 Colonial, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, by Friday, Dec. 6. (313) 432-3246.

Holiday Events at Jack's Waterfront Restaurant:
• Smooth as Silk, 9:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, Dec. 5-Dec. 27.
• Hard Drive, 9 p.m.,

Wednesdays and Saturdays, Dec. 7-Dec. 28.

• Karaoke, 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Dec. 10-Dec. 24.
• Monday Night Football, Mondays, Dec. 9-Dec. 23.
• Jingle Ball Ball Jager Party, Thursday, Dec. 12. 24214 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. (586) 445-8060.

Great Lakes Maritime Institute Marine Mart: Sale of marine memorabilia, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, Harbor Hill Marina, at the foot of St. Jean, Detroit. \$3. (313) 833-1805.

Holiday Stress Grab Bag Program: Introduction to stress relieving techniques sponsored by St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack. Free. Registration required. (866) 246-4673.

Film

Detroit Film Theatre: The Detroit Institute of Arts showcases contemporary and classic world cinema.

• "Mad Love," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 4 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8.

• "The Cherry Orchard," 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9.

• "Beauty and the Beast," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 4 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15.

• "Wendigo," 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16.

5200 Woodward, Detroit. \$6 or \$5 for DIA members. (313) 833-3237.

IMAX Dome Theatre:
• "China: The Panda Adventure," 1 p.m., weekdays; 1 and 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.
• "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees," 10 a.m. and noon, Fridays; noon, 3 and 5 p.m., Saturdays, 3 and 5 p.m., Sundays.

• "Santa vs. The Snowman," 10 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays; 2 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., Saturdays; 2 and 4 p.m., Sundays, through Tuesday, Dec. 17.

• "Space Station," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays.

Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R, Detroit. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and children, ages 2-12. \$4 IMAX Dome. (313) 577-8400.

IMAX Theatre:
• "Space Station 3D"
• "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West"
• "Shackleton's Arctic Adventure"
• "The Lion King," opens Wednesday, Dec. 25 and runs through Spring 2003. Screenings hourly in the morning, on the half-hour in the afternoon and evening, 9 a.m.-7:20 p.m., weekdays; 9 a.m.-8:45 p.m., weekends. Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$10 adults, \$8

seniors and children 12 and under. (313) 982-6001.

Fitness/Health

Assumption Cultural Center:
• Kalosomatics Exercise Fall Session, through Friday, Dec. 20, times vary. \$52 for two-day sessions. \$74 three-days, \$94 four-days. Twenty-five percent senior discount.

• Free Kiddie Kalo/Baby Sitting, 9:30-10 a.m., Monday-Thursday, for registered parents. Nonregistered parents pay \$1.

• Nautilus Weight Training Room, 8-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday and 5-8:30 p.m., Friday. \$50 two days-per-week, \$70 three days-per-week, \$4 drop-ins.
• Free Blood Pressure Screenings, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 19 and Friday, Dec. 20.

21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Preregistration is required. (586) 779-6111.

Mammograms: Offered through the Mobile Unit of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. \$136 billed to insurance. 32 Lakeshore. Preregistration required. (313) 881-7511.

History

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House: Tours of house, grounds, children's playhouse and powerhouse.

• Holiday Tours of the Ford House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday and noon-4 p.m., on the half-hour, Sundays, through Sunday, Jan. 5. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children, \$5 grounds only, \$13 annual pass.

• Holiday Tea & Tour, 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. \$21.

• Traditional Holiday Evening: 5 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15. \$42.

• Tea Room, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. 1100 Lakeshore. Reservations required for most events. (313) 884-4222.

Provençal-Weir House, ca. 1823: Grosse Pointe Historical Society offers tours of the house and ca. 1840 Log Cabin, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. 376 Kercheval. Free. (313) 884-7010.

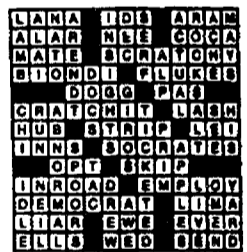
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum: St. Clair Shores Historical Commission offers tours, 1-4 p.m., Wednesdays. Directly behind the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 11 Mile. Free. (586) 771-9020.

Holiday Happenings

27th Annual Parcels Holiday Bazaar: Benefiting Parcels Middle

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Last week's puzzle solved



ACROSS

- 1 "Come again?"
- 5 French friend
- 8 Wan
- 12 Of a golden age of Latin literature
- 14 Type of market
- 15 Nottingham forest
- 16 Hit the ground
- 17 Arise
- 18 Fit for consumption
- 20 Seraglio group
- 23 Wound souvenir
- 24 Leave out
- 25 Atlanta marcher
- 28 Spasm
- 29 Alternative to wallpaper
- 30 Color
- 32 Summertime dessert
- 34 Prepare a casserole
- 35 Set up for a drive
- 36 Potato, e.g.
- 37 Gentle wind
- 40 Cranberry territory
- 41 Do nothing
- 42 Sleuth
- 47 - about (roughly)
- 48 Atmosphere
- 49 Oppositionists'

- 11 New Haven campus
- 13 Emulated
- 19 Pub missile
- 20 Stolen
- 22 Affluent
- 23 Recoiled
- 25 Portable electronic cutter
- 26 Moby's pursuer
- 27 Micro-wave
- 29 Quamy
- 31 Always
- 33 Numbing

- 34 One might get G's aroused
- 36 Actress
- 37 Utah national park
- 38 Writer Farber
- 39 Strategem
- 40 She played Lith on
- 43 Health care setup (abbr.)
- 44 - budget
- 45 A dozen XXVs
- 46 Cryptographer's aid

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Date _____ Time _____

Place, including street address _____

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Contact person's name and phone _____

Phone number to be published _____

If this is a charitable event, what organization will be the beneficiary? _____

Things

From page 8B
School Parent Teacher Organization projects, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack. \$3 Early Bird admission before 9 a.m., sold in advance through the Parcels School office. \$2 from 10 a.m.-noon, \$1 after noon. (313) 432-4600.

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 downtown 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.

Cottage Hospital Employee Craft Show: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the lobby of Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval. (313) 640-2455.

Personal Enrichment

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.
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Pets

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Pet Adoptions:

- 12-3 p.m., 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.-3 p.m.,

Babies

Carley Grace Holcomb

Jennifer and David Holcomb of Dearborn are the parents of a girl, Carley Grace Holcomb, born Oct. 20, 2002. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Carol Severn of Grosse Pointe Park. Paternal grandparents are Judy and Fred Holcomb of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Ron and Evelyn Reed of Port Huron and Twila Severn of Harbor Beach.

Bennett Anthony Smihal

Ann-Marie and Tony Smihal of the City of Grosse Pointe are the parents of a son, Bennett Anthony Smihal, born July 31, 2002. Maternal grandparents are Edward and Kathryn Langenburg of Bay City. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Elizabeth Smihal of Port Austin and Barb Smihal of Orlando, Fla. Great-grandfather is Harry Lauen of St. Paul, Minn.

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Seniors

Services for Older Citizens Programs:

• Degas and the Dance Lecture, Wednesday, Dec. 11. Free.

• Kerby Elementary School Christmas Choir, 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17. Free.

• SOC Christmas Party, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18. \$3.

• Aerobic Exercise for Seniors, 10-10:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. \$2.

• Kerby Elementary School Choir & Brownie Troupe 2173, 11-11:45 a.m., Monday, Dec. 23. Free.

• Christmas Tea at Sunrise Assisted Living: 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26. \$6.

All events take place at the SOC offices unless otherwise indicated. Trips include round-trip motor-coach 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 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/ 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. 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

WSU/Bonstelle Theatre:

"A Christmas Carol," 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m., Sunday, Friday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 15. \$8 and \$10. 3424 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 577-2960.

Wayne State University/Hilberry Theatre:

"King Lear," through Saturday, Dec. 14 and "The Philadelphia Story," through Saturday, Feb. 1, in rotating repertory, 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays. 4743 Cass, Detroit. \$7.50-\$20. (313) 577-2972.

The Motor City Lyric Opera:

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• 1 and 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21.

• 1 and 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22.

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Van Elslander Center, Webber Cancer Center win grants from National Cancer Institute

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods, and St. John Macomb Hospital's Webber Cancer Center in Warren are the only two hospitals in the tri-county area to receive a portion of a \$6 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to continue their work providing cancer treatment, control and prevention research studies to patients in a community hospital setting.

As hospitals of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP), the St. John cancer facilities share the grant with other Michigan cancer programs including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor, the lead site of the CCOP, as well as W. Sparrow Hospital Association of Lansing, Genesys Regional Medical

Center near Flint, Hurley Medical Center of Flint and Saint Mary's Medical Center of Saginaw.

The grant supports the ongoing cancer research activities and programs allowing residents to receive access to the latest treatments and prevention but in their own community's hospital.

Hospital cancer centers are awarded funds based on the quality of the center's work and the number of patients who participate in various studies. The hospitals of the CCOP have access to more studies than do most cancer centers in Michigan.

Participation in recent studies include the STAR breast cancer prevention study, SELECT prostate cancer prevention study and a colon cancer study in which the CCOP hospitals

are the only participating centers in Michigan.

The CCOP hospitals also participate in numerous studies to test the effects of novel therapeutic drugs on the treatment of various cancers including lung, breast and colon. These are drugs available only through research studies.

The Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and Webber Cancer Center at St. John Macomb Hospital are members of St. John Health, a growing network of community-based hospitals and health care services in Southeast Michigan and one of the largest employers in metro Detroit.

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Engagements



Justin Rimbo and Angie Larson

Larson-Rimbo

The Rev. Darryl and Nancy Larson of Columbus, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Angie Larson, to Justin Rimbo, son of Bishop Robert and Lois Rimbo of the City of Grosse Pointe. A June wedding is planned.

Larson earned a bachelor of science degree in educa-

tion from Valparaiso University.

She is a fifth-grade teacher at Scott Elementary School in Flint.

Rimbo is a student at Macomb Community College.

Jacobs-Ollison

Heather Jacobs of Birmingham and Frederick Ollison IV of Pleasant Ridge have announced their engagement.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Frielink of Romeo and the late Anne Meredith Frielink.

The groom is the son of Frederick Ollison III of Grosse Pointe and the late Mary Galloway Ollison.

An August wedding is planned.

Jacobs graduated from Michigan State University. She is employed by Allergan Pharmaceuticals as a territory manager.

Ollison is a graduate of Denison University and is employed by the H.B. Stubbs Co. as an account executive.

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9:00 AM VITALITY PLUS
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9:30 AM POSITIVELY POSITIVE
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10:00 AM WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN?
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Host Chuck Kaess cooks with local celebrities. Repeated: 1 AM, 6:30 PM

10:30 AM SPECIAL:
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12:00 PM THE ECONOMIC CLUB OF DETROIT
Guest, James B. Adamson, Chariman & CEO, Kmart
Features nationally known guest speakers discussing current topics in the business community. Repeated: 3 AM, 10:30 PM

1:00 PM INSIDE ART
Guests, Boyko Asparukov; Milan Filipce & Aihena Ivanova
"Inside Art" on WMTV5, an exploration into the creative process of art spirits right in our backyard. Repeated: 4 AM, 5:30 PM

1:30 PM CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLECTORS
Guest, Suzann Fante - X-mas
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, Benny Napoleon - Former Chief of Detroit Police
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, Peter C. Riley - Old Tiger Stadium
Host John Prost interviews local celebrities about timely topics. Repeated: 5:30 AM, 10 PM

3:00 PM THE EASTSIDE EXAMINER
Grosse Pointe North Choir
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 POINTES
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 POINTES OF HORTICULTURE
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Attractions

Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory: *Winter and Spring* around the world. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$2 adults and guided tours, \$1 seniors and children, 2-12. (313) 852-4064.

Belle Isle Aquarium: Domestic and tropical fish and aquatic animals. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children. (313) 852-4083.

Automotive Hall of Fame: Special exhibition dedicated to Warren Avis, founder of Avis Rent-a-Car. Interactive exhibits focusing on automotive pioneers. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. 21400 Oakwood in Dearborn. \$6 adults, \$5.50 seniors, \$3 for children, 5-12. (313) 240-4000.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History: 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) 494-5800.

Children's Museum Detroit Public Schools: Feel Like A Kid Again exhibit. 4th Annual Holiday Storytelling Fest, noon-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. Free.

Make & Take Crafts, 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26.

Tuesday, Dec. 31. Free. Reservations required. Holiday Happenings, noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Reservations required.

Planetarium Shows, 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: Toy Train Family Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. \$5.

French Americans exhibit. Kwanzaa Gifts 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: Degas and the Dance, through Sunday, Jan. 12.

Puppet-Making Drop-In Workshops, noon-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Basket Full of Stories, 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26.

Miz Rosie The Storyteller, 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27.

Les Parisiennes Dance Performance, 6 and 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27.

Marygrove Institute of Music and Dance Dancers and Cinderella Puppet Performance, 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27-Sunday, Dec. 29.

Native American Tales, 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29.

World Tales, 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 30.

Beyond Storytelling, 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Holiday hours, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 30; 10 a.m.-9

p.m., Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29. closed Christmas and New Year's Day. 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. Detroit Dance 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.

Detroit Zoo: Santa Breakfast, Featuring a special appearance by the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. Saturdays, Dec. 7-Dec. 21, 8:30-10 a.m., Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. \$35, adults; \$30 children, \$10 discount for DZS members. Reservations required. (248) 541-5717.

Santa Photos: 11-3 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 8-Dec. 22, Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. \$7 or \$5 for DZS members.

Holiday Card Craft: 11-3 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 8-Dec. 22, Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

Mosaic Youth Theatre, Saturday, Dec. 28.

BG Wildlife Magazine Photographer of the Year exhibition in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery through Saturday, Jan. 18.

Arctic Ring of Life exhibit, 4.2 acres of arctic animals and a clear, underwater Polar Passage.

National Amphibian Conservation Center. Wild Adventure Simulator. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., daily. Ten Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children, 2-12. \$4 simu-

lator rides. \$4 parking. (248) 395-0503.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Working the Inland Sea: Stories of African Americans on the Great Lakes, through April 2003. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Belle Isle, Detroit. \$3 adults, \$2 children, 5-18. Wednesdays are free. (313) 852-4051.

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village: Traditions of the Season, through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Holiday Express in the Henry Ford Museum, through Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Anderson Theatre, "The Reluctant Dragon," 2:30 p.m., Friday-Monday, through Monday, Dec. 30.

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 noon-5 p.m., Sunday. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. \$8.50-\$13.50.

IMAX Theatre, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and children, 12 and under. Due to the Greenfield Village Restoration Project, the Village will be closed through Saturday, May 31, 2003. (313) 982-6001.

Benefits

Grosse Pointe War Memorial: Grosse Pointe Driving School, must be age 14 years, 8 months or above. Segment II, 4-6 p.m., 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.

32 Lakeshore. Preregistration required for most programs. (313) 881-7511.

Events

Children's Book Group Meeting: For ages 10-13, focusing on "Shadow of a Bull," by Maia

Wojciechowska, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval. Free. Reservations required. (313) 343-2074.

Grosse Pointe Public Library: Winter Film Festival: "Madeline's Christmas."

4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, Grosse Pointe Woods Branch, 20300 Mack.

4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, Central Branch, 10 Kercheval.

4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, Grosse Pointe Park Branch, 15430 Kercheval. (313) 343-2074.

Holiday Happenings

Brunch With Santa: Benefiting the Women's Civic League of St. Clair Shores, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, Blossom Heath Inn, 24800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. \$15, adults or \$12, children. Reservations required. (586) 772-3042.

17th Annual Living Nativity: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack. Free. (313) 884-5090.

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, through 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 Humbugs," 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at Borders Books and Music Cafe, 14171 Kercheval. Free. (313) 885-1188.

G.P. War Memorial: 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. \$25. (313) 822-0954.

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 sponsor 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 and Thursdays, Beacon Elementary School, 19475 Beaconsfield. \$2 per family, per visit. (313) 432-3832.

Theater

PuppetART: Celebrate the holidays at the Detroit Puppet Theater, all performances at 2 p.m.

Hanukkah: 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8.

Christmas, Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21; Sunday, Dec. 22; and Monday, Dec. 23.

Kwanzaa, Thursday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 29.

Detroit Puppet Theatre, 26 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$5, children, \$7, adults. (313) 961-7777.

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by *Kathleen Stevenson*

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North's road to Elite 8 ends in regional semis

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team won a lot of its games by wearing down the opposition.

Last week, in the Class A regional at Grosse Pointe South, the Norsemen found a team it couldn't wear down.

Because of that, North's season came to an end with a 47-40 loss to Troy Athens.

"I told the girls after the game that they did to us what we do to other teams," North coach Gary Bennett said. "They matched our intensity. And tonight they might have even surpassed it."

It was a bad night all around for the co-champions of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Utica Ford II, the team that North shared the MAC Red title with, lost 64-46 to Fraser in the other regional semifinal at South.

A 20-5 second quarter for Athens, highlighted by a 17-0 run, helped the Red Hawks open a 29-19 half-time lead.

"I thought about calling a timeout during that run, but I was afraid we might need it later in the game," Bennett said. "I thought we'd come out of it, because Athens wasn't doing anything that we hadn't talked about. We just didn't execute like we usually do."

North led 14-9 after the first quarter and the Norsemen had an 18-12 advantage a minute into the second quarter after a basket by Beth Bigham.

However, North didn't score again until Shelby Simmon sank a free throw with 9.3 seconds left in the half.

Athens led 37-25 after three quarters. Stephanie Rose scored all six of the Norsemen's points in the third quarter.

North used a 9-0 spurt to cut Athens' lead to 44-37 with 1:17 left in the game, but the run ended when Red Hawks freshman Bianca Williams, who finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds, got a basket with 1:01 remaining.

Athens' trapping defense caused North to make 24 turnovers, well above the Norsemen's normal turnover count.

"Our offense comes off of our transition game and when we're able to press, we get to a lot of balls," said Athens coach Joe Clinton.

That's the same philosophy that North has used with so much success over the years. Most teams can't withstand the Norsemen's defense — but Athens did.

Bigham led North with nine points, all in the first half. She also had four steals and two assists in her final high school game.



Grosse Pointe North senior Beth Bigham, above, scored nine points in the Lady Norsemen's regional semifinal loss to Troy Athens.

Regina volleyball ready to step it up

Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

The Regina volleyball team is ready to rock and roll this season, despite a roster loaded with underclassmen.

"The attitude has been great, and the girls are ready to go," third-year head coach Paul MacDonald said. "We had a nice talk about our team and personal goals and now I think we're ready for the season to start."

The Saddlelites struggled through an inconsistent 2001-02 season but put it all together in districts, upsetting Grosse Pointe South 15-12, 15-11 in the semifinals, and Grosse Pointe North 4-15, 15-0, 16-14 in the finals.

Their season ended (15-25-3 overall) with a 12-15, 13-15 loss to Royal Oak Kimball in a regional semifinal.

"I have a young team, but I'm confident they can do well if they gel," MacDonald said.

Returning seniors Shenna Maison, Michelle Bittner, Megan Allen, and Lauren Cody, plus junior Jamie Harvison, are the team leaders. MacDonald expects to step up and lead the Saddlelites.

The other girls on the varsity squad are seniors Andrea Link and Sara DeMars, and juniors Meghan Sweeney, Alexandra Hathaway, Sara Clark, Megan Pelgus, Sarah Orlikowski, and Alicia

Biernat.

"This is a great group of girls," MacDonald said. "We didn't do as well as we would have liked last year, but we played well as the end of the season. I hope that carries over to the start of this year."

The Saddlelites were winless in the Catholic League Central Division but played well in their final league match against Birmingham Marian.

Farmington Hills Merey has a girl who signed a letter-of-intent to play at Rice University, and Marian has another player who will most likely sign with a Division I school.

Livonia Ladywood might have the tallest front line in the Catholic League, but that hasn't stopped MacDonald from drawing up ways to counter these strengths.

"We're not going to back down from any team," MacDonald said. "We will play as well as we can play and see what happens."

The Saddlelites play the six league matches, and crossover contests against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

MacDonald also has his team involved in five invitationals, and a nonleague match against six-time defending champ Marysville.

Regina opens its season on Saturday, Dec. 21, competing in the Hartland Invitational.

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Sicko has ND hoops believing Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Notre Dame's basketball team is ready for what should be another successful campaign under second-year head coach Don Sicko.

"We will be more versatile this season," Sicko said. "We have more weapons who can score than we did last year."

Sicko guided the Fightin' Irish to a 16-8 mark in his first season at the helm.

Can the win total increase this season?

"Our goals are to win the Catholic League Central Division, the Catholic League playoff title, and go further in the playoffs than last year," Sicko said.

The Irish finished third in the Central Division at 5-3 last season, and lost 54-41 to Orchard Lake St. Mary in the first round of the Catholic League Central/Double-A Division playoffs.

They won a district title, beating Warren Woods-Tower, Center Line, and Warren Fitzgerald, but lost 60-43 to Detroit Renaissance in a regional semifinal.

"I expect us to be a disciplined, hard-nosed team," Sicko said. "We're ready to take this program to the next level."

Sicko will lean on senior tri-captains John Pelak, Marvin Listenbee, and Dave Drwencke to lead the Irish.

Seniors Mike Melnyk, Phil Simon, Darryl Atkins, and Andy Kwietniewski will see plenty of playing time, as will juniors Ryan Gallus, Seth Quaranta, and Ryan Stewart.

Sophomores Dan Drwencke and Darryl Clements also made the varsity squad.

"We have a lot of depth, scoring balance, and kids who want to play defense," Sicko said. "Those three elements are a necessity for a winning team."

Many coaches pick the Irish to win the Central Division, but Sicko said Detroit Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, U-D Jesuit, and Warren DeLaSalle will put up a fight.

"There are no guarantees in the Catholic League," Sicko said. "Our division is tough from top to bottom; so I expect our games to be close."

Sicko toughened the Irish's nonleague slate, scheduling Romeo, Dearborn Divine Child, Detroit Martin Luther King, and one of the top-ranked teams in the state, Detroit Redford.

The Irish will also com-



Head coach Don Sicko is counting on seniors, from left to right, Dave Drwencke, John Pelak, and Marvin Listenbee to lead the Notre Dame basketball team to what should be another successful season.

pete in their annual Holiday Tournament and will play Catholic League crossover games against Riverview Gabriel Richard and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"I want our guys to play some of the best," Sicko said. "I love our schedule, and our fans will be able to see a good team play what I expect to be fundamentally sound basketball."

In this year's district tournament, the Irish won't face Fitzgerald or Center Line, but will get Clintondale, Lake Shore, Lakeview, and South Lake.

"The district is back to where it was a couple of years ago," Sicko said. "Fitzgerald is hosting its own district; so we got another change with the St. Clair Shores teams coming back into our district."

For now, Sicko and his staff are preparing the Fightin' Irish for their season opener on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at home against the Romeo Bulldogs.

Hockey

Notre Dame's hockey team thrived a year ago, winning 18 of 26 games, including a Michigan Prep Hockey League title with a 6-2 victory over Birmingham Detroit Country Day in the championship game.

Head coach Kevin McKay guided his Fightin' Irish to a regional championship game, but the result was a disappointing 4-3 loss to perennial powerhouse Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"We have several new faces to our team," McKay said. "We also lost a couple of seniors who decided to turn to other avenues, which left two more holes we had to fill. Despite that, I like the players we have on the roster."

The squad is led by

seniors Steve Simon, Dave Murray, Dave Lipa, Brandon Forth, Mike Mlynarek, Chris Anderson, and Chris Hentrich. Juniors Chris Small, John Van Oenen, and Jason Vitella, and sophomore John Sitarski, will be asked to play vital roles on the team.

"Our defense and goal tending are the strong points of our team at the moment," McKay said. "It will take some time for our forwards to get on the same page, but once they do we will be a pretty strong team."

McKay's schedule is as competitive as it was last season with games against Big Rapids, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Country Day, Orchard Lake St. Mary, East China (a combination of kids from Marine City and St. Clair high schools), Birmingham Brother Rice, Flint Powers, U-D Jesuit, and Riverview Gabriel Richard on the slate.

"Our schedule is competitive, but we need that in order to get ready for our tough state playoff regional," McKay said.

The Fightin' Irish have the talent to defend their Michigan Prep Hockey League championship, but St. Mary will offer a stiff challenge.

"We can win the division again, but we must do it as a team," McKay said.

McKay's squad started its season on Nov. 20, crushing Allen Park Cabrini 10-0, but the Irish lost a week later, falling 3-1 to arch rival Warren DeLaSalle.

"It was a decent start to the season," McKay said. "We just blew out Cabrini and had our chances to beat DeLaSalle."

The Irish also competed in the Big Rapids Tournament last weekend, beating the host school 3-1 in the semifinals and losing 2-0 to Grosse Pointe South in the championship game.

"South wanted it more than we did," McKay said. "I thought our guys played very well against a good Big Rapids team, but they didn't have the same fire against South. Staying focused on every opponent is something we have to work on."

The Notre Dame hockey team is 2-2 overall.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish are home games on Saturday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 11, against

Marysville and Country Day.

Wrestling

Head coach Gordie Fooks has turned his Notre Dame wrestling program into a top-notch Catholic League title contender during his tenure.

Last year the Fightin' Irish tasted a ton of success, posting a 21-9 overall record and finishing second to Detroit Catholic Central in the Catholic League Tournament.

"We want to better that record this season, and I think we have the team to get it done," Fooks said.

The Irish ended last season with the sour taste of losing 46-26 to Warren Fitzgerald in a Division II district championship match.

The high point of last season was Dan Hughes, who won a sixth-place medal in the state finals.

Hughes (a senior) is back and is one of the team's three captains, wrestling at the 135-pound class.

"Danny spent six weeks this summer attending wrestling camps," Fooks said. "He has the desire to be the best, and his work ethic backs that up."

The team's other captains are seniors Ian Naud (119 pounds) and Mark Nemeckay (145 pounds).

"Ian and Mark are animals on the mat," Fooks said. "I'm very happy with the three captains we have because they will lead by example."

Other grapplers to watch are senior Dave Houston (125 pounds), sophomore Sal Valgoi (112 pounds), freshman Jared Hudson (a 103-pounder with 10 years of wrestling experience under his belt), and juniors Steve Chauvin, Jared Chauvin, Jacob Vasquez, Jonathan Johnson, and Rod Sanders.

"We are anticipating a very good season," Fooks said. "The guys understand that they have to get the wins on the mat, and they're working hard in practice to make sure they put themselves in the best position to be successful."

Notre Dame's schedule is loaded with tough foes, including Royal Oak Kimball, Warren Fitzgerald, Dearborn Divine Child, Richmond (Division III state champ last year), Armada, Holly, Lapeer West, Eastpointe East Detroit, Fenton, Birmingham Brother Rice, and Orchard Lake St. Mary.

Fooks' squad will see what it's made of when it wrestles against host Catholic Central today, Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in front of the Shamrocks' student body.

"This is going to be one heck of a season opener," Fooks said. "CC is tough, but we will be ready to wrestle."

Notre Dame will also host the annual Toys for Tots on Saturday, Dec. 7, in its next competition.

HW winter sports ready for title runs

Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

The defending Metro Conference champion Harper Woods boys basketball team is back for what should be another banner season under head coach Loren Ristovski.

"Our goals are always set pretty high," Ristovski said. "I have a good group to work with, which is a great start."

The Pioneers, 16-5 last season, are fueled by point guard Bruce Mosley.

His vision of the court is awesome, and he loves to either hit the three or take it inside the paint where he will either dish the ball for a layup, or hit the basket.

"Bruce has no fear," Ristovski said. "He gets our team going, whether it is defensively, or as our point guard on offense."

Senior Erik Brice played a significant role on the team as a junior, while seniors Pete Palm, Chris Hale, and Dequal Flowers also return.

Last year's junior varsity players Gilbert Walker, Rodney Batts, Jerome Douglas, James Slago, Justin Popov, Dan Harris, and Jesus Melendez will see a lot of playing time for Ristovski.

"We have a good mix of returning players and solid kids up from the junior varsity," Ristovski said. "We will run an uptempo game and force the opposition to handle the pressure."

The Pioneers went 11-0 in the Metro Conference last season and are once again the team to beat.

"We will be in contention for another league title," Ristovski said. "We will get some tests (Lutheran Westland, Lutheran North, and Lutheran East), which will keep us hungry enough to defend our title."

The Pioneers will play their eight league games, along with three conference tournament contests, during the 20-game regular season.

Ristovski has also scheduled nonleague games against Grosse Pointe North, Detroit Westside Christian Academy, Center Line St. Clement, Madison Heights Madison, Sterling Heights Bethesda, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, and against a Catholic League cross-over foe which was Birmingham Brother Rice the past two seasons.

"We have a good variety of competition on our schedule," Ristovski said. "Our kids will get a taste of everything, but one thing is that our schedule will get us ready for the district playoffs."

The Pioneers lost, for the second straight season, in a district first-round game, falling to New Haven.

Ristovski's squad is in the same district, but New Haven lost several seniors, which looks as if the Rockets are in rebuilding mode.

"We want to go as far as possible in the state playoffs," Ristovski said. "Everyone wants to win a state championship."

The Harper Woods basketball team opens its season on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Grosse Pointe North.

Volleyball

The Harper Woods girls volleyball team took a step backward last year, finishing 5-16-1 overall and 2-8 in the Metro Conference.

Head coach Liza Rogers, entering her third season at the helm, had to get her girls past too many hurdles, that included sickness, to be a consistent winner.

"We are stressing to the girls that they have to have fun," Rogers said. "Last year is over and it's time to make a fresh start."

The Pioneers are led by returning players Angela Wierszewski, Amanda

Knoth, Jenny Hill, and Lyndsay McDonough.

"We're a pretty young team, but the enthusiasm is there," Rogers said. "We have a lot of girls on the varsity who were on our junior varsity squad last year; so they understand our system and what it takes to win."

The Pioneers have a shot to contend for a Metro Conference title, but they will have to upset city rival Lutheran East in order to do it.

"I think the Metro Conference is very balanced from top to bottom," Rogers said. "I don't think there are any outstanding teams, but there are a couple of good ones like East and University Liggett School."

Outside of the eight conference matches, Rogers scheduled contests against Clintondale (home and away), Warren Bethesda Christian (home and away), Detroit Dominican, and Roseville.

"We want to make this a fun year for the girls," Rogers said. "We have a couple of scrimmages set for the next couple of weeks; then we come back and open with Liggett after the holiday break."

Wrestling

Things are looking good for Harper Woods' wrestling team under head coach Adam Schihl.

"We have a good group of returning wrestlers who are working hard to have even more success this year than a year ago," Schihl said.

Schihl guided the Pioneers to a 21-17-2 mark last season, including 6-0 in the Metro Conference.

"We had a lot of success, even though we didn't fill all of the weight classes," Schihl said. "We should be able to fill all of the spots this season with kids who have wrestling experience."

That alone will make the Pioneers better, which doesn't sit well with Metro Conference foes.

Lutheran Westland is the only team that has a shot to beat the Pioneers in the conference. Schools such as Lutheran North and Clarenceville are just pretenders.

The Pioneers are paced by returning state qualifiers Steve Orjada (senior), Mike Monaghan (senior) and Adam DiGiovanni (junior).

Orjada will compete at the 215-pound class, while Monaghan will be 152 pounds and DiGiovanni will be at 171 pounds.

Unfortunately for Monaghan, a rib injury will keep him sidelined until January.

"We expect to improve with each meet and be at our best come February and March," Schihl said.

Others to watch are juniors Jeremy Myers (275 pounds), Bobby Monaghan (112 pounds), and Kevin Sparks (119 pounds).

The won/loss record might depend on how quickly the freshmen mature.

"Our season will be determined by our freshmen," Schihl said. "Our veterans will win a lot of matches, but to be really successful, we need our younger guys to step it up and wrestle well."

Freshmen Alex Kidd, Mike Jarvis, Joe Herman, Jeff Bertges and Jeff Orjada have the potential to make some noise for the Pioneers.

Schihl beamed up the team's nonconference slate.

He had dual meets scheduled against Madison Heights Madison, Armada, Richmond (defending Division III state champ), Port Huron, Hazel Park, and Howell, plus several other opponents from the tri-county area.

The Harper Woods wrestling team begins its season tonight, Thursday, Dec. 5, against host Madison Heights Madison.

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The fifth and sixth grade boys soccer team from Our Lady Star of the Sea won its fifth consecutive Catholic Youth Organization championship this fall.

The squad finished with an 8-0 regular season record. Over the last five years, Star of the Sea has compiled a 42-2-1 record.

Every player on the team made significant contributions to the squad's success.

Star of the Sea goalkeeper Zachary Kowalczyk recorded six shutouts.

Tony Casano led the offense with 10 goals. Jimmy Mattes and Aaron Lechner each scored seven, while Joey Abragi, Patrick Houin and Alex Tomovski collected six apiece.

Other forwards who contributed were Patrick Vaughn, Ryan Seago, Michael Seago and Matthew Lucchese.

Strong midfield play came



The Grosse Pointe Our Lady Star of the Sea fifth and sixth grade boys soccer team won its fifth straight Catholic Youth Organization Eastside Division championship with an 8-0 record. In front, from left, are Patrick Vaughn, Joey Krehel, Joey Abragi, Zachary Kowalczyk, Kevin Zak and Alex Dine. In the middle row, from left, are Chad Homuth, Tony Casano, Ryan Seago, Jimmy Mattes, Michael Seago, Alex Tomovski and Patrick Houin. In back, from left, are Michael Thomas, Michael Kenny, Nick Hartman, Alex Hastings, Aaron Lechner and coach Dennis Zak. Not pictured is Matthew Lucchese.

from Houin, Nick Hartman, Chad Homuth and Michael Kenny. They were instrumental in maintaining an aggressive offensive attack. The defense was anchored by Michael Thomas, Alex

Dine and Joey Krehel, with help from Andrew Hastings and Kevin Zak.

Star of the Sea allowed only four goals during the regular season.

Star of the Sea finished

second in a post-season tournament hosted by St. Isaac Jogues. Star of the Sea reached the championship game by overcoming a three-goal deficit against Rochester Holy Family.

Perfetto sees hope in Trinity hoops

Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

Head coach Ron Perfetto is ready to put last year's nightmare behind him and concentrate on this year's Trinity Catholic boys basketball team.

"We didn't have a good season last year, but I like the attitude of the guys coming into this season," Perfetto, in his third year as head coach, said. "We have a totally different look from the team that finished 4-16 last year."

The different look includes only two seniors (Darren Bell and Kelvin McCleain) and two sophomores (Lance Caldwell and Antonio Hinton), and the rest juniors.

"Most of the juniors were in our program last year and had a chance to play a lot," Perfetto said. "The experience alone makes us a better team."

Juniors Ron Hildreth (the team's leading scorer last year), Brian Lloyd, Robert Cornelius, Ernst Cornelius, Lonnie Pettway, Troy Jones, Greg Frye, Jamal Gause, Curtis Pettway, and Quinton Washington have the skills needed to compete at the varsity level.

"We will be a more up-tempo team on both ends of the court," Perfetto said. "We will look to get more baskets in transition and press more (fullcourt and halfcourt) on defense."

The Lancers still lack a true "big" lowpost threat, but Perfetto said several players have the muscle at 6-foot 2 to get the job done.

"Our focus is on playing better defense," Perfetto said. "I know the guys will be able to put the ball in the basket, but we won't win games if we don't defend."

The Lancers failed to win a Catholic League A-East Division game a year ago, but the division is wide open this season.

"Any team can win the title," Perfetto said. "I like our chances if we perform better on the defensive end of the court."

The Lancers' league foes are Detroit East Catholic, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, and Royal Oak Shrine.

Perfetto's squad will also play Catholic League

crossover games against Riverview Gabriel Richard, Warren DeLaSalle, and Dearborn Divine Child.

In nonleague action, the Lancers face Taylor Light and Life, University Liggett School, Warren Bethesda Christian, Livonia Churchill, and Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

"Our schedule isn't as tough as last year, which should make for a better ending," Perfetto said. "We just got off to a terrible start and fell into a hole we never got out of," Perfetto said. "I think we can get off to a good start this season and build some momentum heading into the first of the year."

The Trinity Catholic basketball team begins its season on Tuesday, Dec. 10, hosting Light and Life.

Volleyball

Elvira Mihali is back for another season at the helm of Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team.

She is anxious to guide the Lancers to what hopefully will be a winning season. Last year, the squad won only one match.

The merger between Bishop Gallagher and Hamtramck St. Florian this fall should help Mihali.

St. Florian had a solid volleyball team a year ago.

Mix the underclassmen of Bishop Gallagher and St. Florian, and you will come up with a competitive 2002-03 Trinity squad.

The Lancers are still in one of the most competitive divisions (the Catholic League A-East) in the lower classes in the state.

They will have to play better than a year ago in order to beat Center Line St. Clement, Waterford Lakes, Warren Immaculate Conception, Allen Park Cabrini, and Royal Oak Shrine.

Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy dropped down a division, while Immaculate Conception moved into the A-East.

The Lancers' nonleague competition includes Sacred Heart Academy, and they will face five schools in the Lutheran East Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 1.

The Trinity Catholic volleyball team opens its season with an away match on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Sacred Heart.

Lutheran East girls volleyball ready to soar to zenith-like heights in 2002-03

Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Staff writer

It's do or die for the Lutheran East girls volleyball team and its several seniors.

Last year, head coach Reay Zoellner guided the Eagles to a spot in the Class D quarterfinals before bowing out to Adrian Lenawee County in two games.

"The girls learned a lot about pressure and about what it takes to win at that level," Zoellner said. "The girls spent a good part of the summer attending volleyball camps, and now it's time for them to shine."

Seniors Kelli Zoellner, Kristin Altenburg, Caitlin Gerds, Sarah Schurig, Stacy Turgeon, and Sherrie Wier are anxious to get on the court and let fans know that last year was no fluke.

Juniors Jamie Pokropowicz and Brandi Dona are also on the varsity squad. They will get plenty of playing time for the Eagles.

"This is the eight we will go with, but I will bring up some junior varsity players during tournaments," Zoellner said. "I want them to get some playing time too, because they are the future of our program."

It has been more than a decade since a Lutheran East volleyball team has captured a Metro Conference crown.

That could all change this season as the Eagles are the preseason favorites to win the conference.

"I would say many coaches pick us to win, but Lutheran North, Lutheran Westland, Liggett, and Harper Woods will be in the mix, too," Zoellner said. "Our conference is pretty balanced, which means we have to come out with a lot

of intensity in each match, or we will lose."

Not being focused for every match cost the Eagles a shot at the regular season and conference tournament titles a year ago.

Focusing on every opponent shouldn't be a problem this season.

"We are playing a lot of matches this season; so the girls stay in a rhythm," Zoellner said. "Our schedule offers opponents from each of the four classes and several teams whom we might face in the state playoffs."

The Eagles play eight conference matches, and will compete in the conference tournament on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Lutheran Westland.

In addition, they will compete in the South Lake, Oakland Christian, Dondero, and Lutheran East invitationals.

"The girls have been waiting for this moment since they lost in last year's quarterfinals," Zoellner said. "This is their time to shine."

The Lutheran East volleyball team opens its season on Saturday, Dec. 14, competing in the South Lake Invitational.

Basketball

A more relaxed Gary Gutenkunst is back for another season as the head coach of Lutheran East's boys basketball team.

Last year, Gutenkunst had to get used to being the school's principal, and coaching, which took its toll on him physically and mentally.

"Gary is back at 100 percent, which is great for our school and the basketball program," athletic director Don Justice said. "Gary will make a positive impact on the basketball program."

Gutenkunst is now a

school counselor, which allows him more time to spend with the basketball program.

"I'm enjoying things more this year," Gutenkunst said. "Now it's time to see what our boys can do on the basketball court."

Seniors Brandon Lostutter, Chris Gibson, Matt Machemer, Durrel Daniels, Neil Bellomy, and Dan Horton, and junior Matt Johnston, are the players Gutenkunst expects to step up and lead the team.

Johnston is the point guard, while Horton and Gibson are shooting guards. In the lowpost, Lostutter, Machemer, Daniels, and Bellomy have the size to play a physical game.

"We have a lot of seniors on the squad, but not a lot of varsity experience," Gutenkunst said. "Our team chemistry has to be better than last year, and so far the guys seem to be playing better as a unit."

The Eagles sputtered around the .500 mark a year ago, despite having a more veteran squad. This season, Gutenkunst has strengthened his nonleague schedule, including Center Line St. Clement, New Haven, and Detroit Community.

"I want the guys to play some better competition because it makes them better basketball players," Gutenkunst said.

The Eagles also face Detroit Urban Lutheran, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Huron Valley Lutheran, and will compete in the Lutheran Tournament which completes the nonleague slate.

Can East contend for a Metro Conference title?

"We should be in the middle of the pack," Gutenkunst said. "Harper Woods is the team to beat, but I think our guys could make things

interesting if they play as a team."

The Lutheran East basketball team opens its season on Tuesday, Dec. 10, hosting Urban Lutheran.

Wrestling

Can the Lutheran East wrestling program regain its conference elite status this season under third-year head coach John Widmer?

The Eagles had one of the strongest wrestling programs in the tri-county area during the 1970s and 80s, but has suffered through some tough years thanks to a decline in school enrollment and a drop-off in numbers.

Widmer's squad was 3-17 last year, but he had to void several weight classes during most matches.

He counted on underclassmen Chris Jurczak, Dexter Shorter, Dave Taplin, Scott Sell, Matt Goetz, Steve Lyons, and Brenden Kelso to be present for every practice and match.

Jurczak is the Eagles' most seasoned wrestler, earning a spot as one of the Metro Conference's best competitors and a spot in the regional tournament.

He has visions of making it to the state finals this season, and he should be able to fulfill his goal.

East should finish in the middle of the pack of the Metro Conference if its numbers are up, but it might be too much to ask to beat title favorites Harper Woods and Lutheran Westland.

Widmer's squad will compete in four invitationals and two tournaments this season; plus it will also face the six conference foes in three triangular meets.

The Lutheran East wrestling team begins its season on Saturday, Dec. 7, hosting its annual invitational.

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U-14 Breakers crush opposition to earn crown

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association under-14 Breakers girls travel team finished the fall season undefeated to win its division in the very competitive Michigan Premier Soccer League.

The Breakers posted a 7-0-1 record and outscored the opposition 20-2.

The Breakers started the fall season with a 4-0 win over the Farmington Flash on goals by Emily Walton, Kara Trowell, Amy Hathaway and Lindsay Krall.

The following weekend, the Breakers beat Ann Arbor Arsenal 4-1 with Hathaway and Trowell scoring two goals apiece. Krall's goal was the difference in a 1-0

win over the Birmingham United FC.

Marian Schmidt scored the only goal of the game as the Breakers opened their home season with a 1-0 win over Ann Arbor United.

The only blemish on the Breakers' record was a frustrating 1-1 tie at Plymouth. Elizabeth Palmer scored the only goal for Grosse Pointe in a game in which the Breakers hit the posts or crossbar three times.

In a showdown with the league's other undefeated team — the Grand Rapids Stingers — the Breakers won 1-0 on Hathaway's goal with 45 seconds remaining in the game.

The Breakers wrapped up the season with a 2-0 win

over Saline and a 6-0 victory over USL Hathaway and Krall scored against Saline, while Amanda Brandeis, Amanda Marsh, Madeleine Bossonney, Hathaway, Krall and Trowell were the marksmen in the USL game.

Kathryn Tietjen was the division's top goalkeeper, while she and the defense corps of Jenna Lankford, Christina Schucker, Erin Hughes, Beth Ansaldi, Marsh and Elizabeth Carrier earned six shutouts.

The midfield play was controlled by Katie Galea, Walton, Palmer, Amanda Palfy, Liz Lightbody and Brandeis.

Dan Kelly is the Breakers' head coach. Jacques Bossonney is his assistant

Hunt Club Tourney, facility see growth

The 29th annual Edmund T. Ahee Midwest Open tennis tournament will mark not only one of the strongest fields in recent history, but will reflect the growth of tennis and the tennis center at the Hunt Club under the leadership of the Tennis Pro Company.

The facility has seen a 300 percent increase in just more than two years in all areas of tennis participation, as well as continuing improvements to the tennis house and the outdoor courts.

Tennis director Brian DeVirgilio, teamed once again in this year's tournament with Wendy Giles, has with Sue Seiter, Harry Bromer, Marius Mag, Joe Fondell, and Brian Keane, brought decades of outstanding tennis instructional experience to the Hunt Club.

This year's teams to watch are Susan Mascarini; Keane/Steve Campbell; Ed Nagel/Katie Schluckebir; Amy Frazier/Steve Herdoiza' and Brett Carroll/Robbi Barlow.

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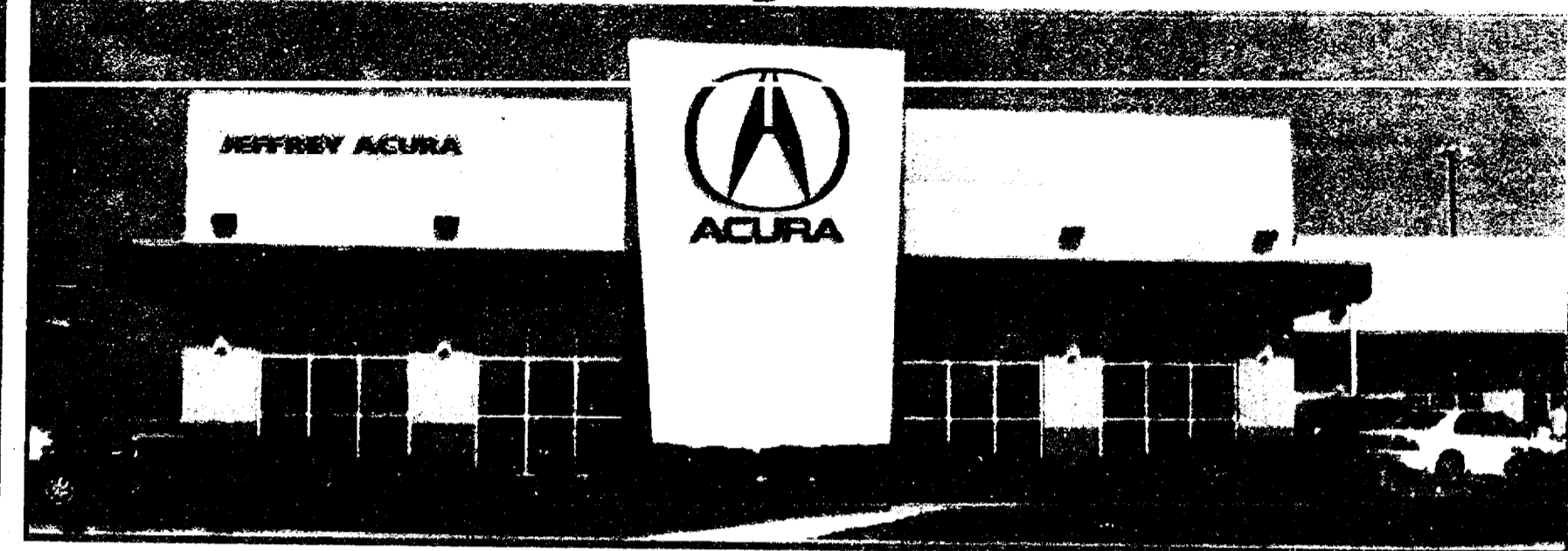
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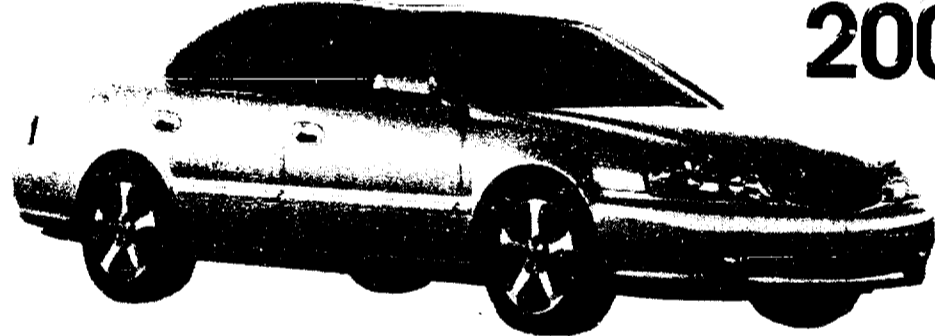
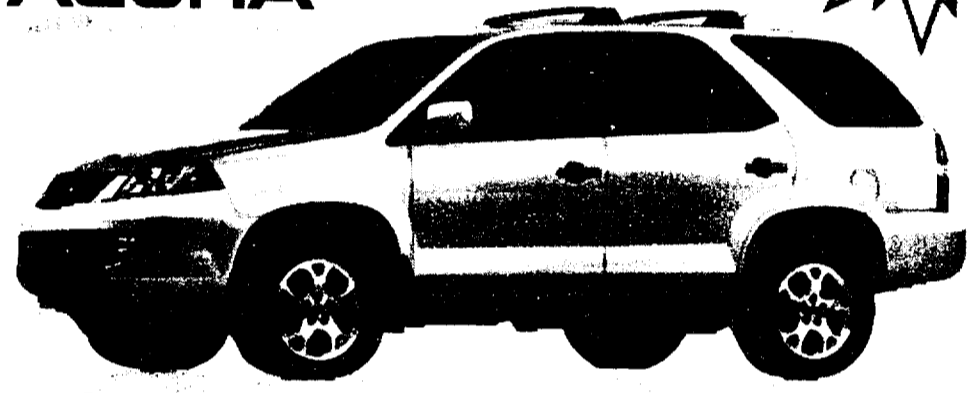
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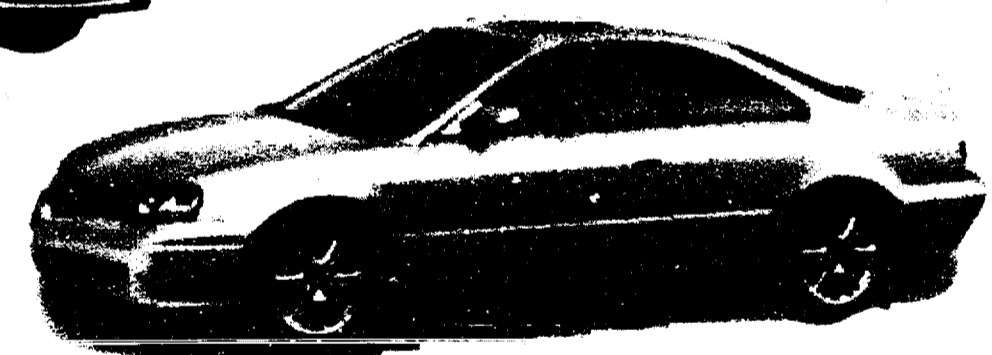


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