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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Dec. 15
 Grosse Pointe North choirs perform their traditional holiday concert at 7 p.m. today and tomorrow at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In addition to the North choirs, Parcels Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade choirs perform tonight only. A number of soloists will be featured both evenings.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. They are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, or at the door.

Men's Night Out is an opportunity for men to shop at all businesses on the Hill from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18
 The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas starts at 4:30 p.m. at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The men's, boys and girls choirs perform a traditional rendition of the Christmas Story during the candle-light service.

The community is invited to attend and tickets are not required. Early seating is advisable.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents the Live Nativity between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The community is invited to participate. Refreshments are served in the church basement.

The American Red Cross conducts a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the K of C No. 12121, 157 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information or to donate, call (800) GIVE LIFE.

Monday, Dec. 19
 The council of Grosse Pointe Woods meets at 7:30 p.m. at Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library board meets at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Tuesday, Dec. 20
 The St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School choir performs at the Macomb Mall in Roseville between 10 and 11 a.m.

Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation holds its second "Drop-In

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Photo courtesy St. Paul Catholic School

St. Nicholas visit

Each student put out a shoe in the hallway of St. Paul Catholic School hoping St. Nicholas would stop by. And he did. He found the shoes and filled them with surprises. It was an exciting day for both students and teachers to experience another holiday tradition, including, from left, preschooler Christian Egan, second-grader Monica VanBerkum, second-grader Timothy Riley, kindergarten Sarah McCabe and preschooler Patrick Egan.

Grosse Pointe schools:

Administration needs to improve financial reporting to the board

By Ann L. Fouty
 Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School central office staff needs to do a better job of regularly communicating the district's financial state, according to Fred Minturn, and provide the board with a spreadsheet with revenue and expenditures by programs.

Minturn and Charles Sabino were invited by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education to work with administration to assess and make suggestions on improving financial processes.

Late in the evening of the Monday, Dec. 5, board meeting, Minturn reported his impressions. "The administration appears to provide the school board with very little financial information on a regular basis. No reporting is available monthly to measure our progress against the annual budget."

Assistant Superintendent Chris Fenton said his department has the capabilities of generating reports for board members and has done so in the past. He discontinued the practice some years ago when previous members said they didn't need that type of information.

"The administration should provide you with the background of funding and spending by each program before any cuts, a baseline budget if you will, clearly showing the discretionary spending separately," Minturn said.

In fact, board members have

recently asked for a baseline to assist them in making decisions for the 2006-07 budget. It is projected some \$3.5 million needs to be cut from each of the next three years' budgets.

Knowing that the majority of the budget is personnel, the board will be searching during the next three months for areas to be trimmed. If personnel is affected, the board must notify them by the end of April.

"The district currently employs approximately 965 people," Minturn said. "There is roughly a one-to-one ratio of classroom teachers to support staff. This represents an overhead burden that the district cannot afford and an area that should present savings without impacting the size or schedule of our classes. A reduction of 40 FTE (full time equivalent) positions with salary levels at least at the average for the district will achieve the goal."

He also recommended the board request a report of where the money comes from, on what programs the money is spent and the amount of discretionary spending. Minturn suggested any cuts could be made without affecting classroom teachers.

The bottom line is the board needs a holistic view of the budget, Minturn said.

What the board needs to see, Sabino added, is how an individual

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Pointe men aiding drug investigation

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

Rats are jumping ship and singing to police about an alleged eastside Detroit drug dealer who preferred the patronage of preppy clients from Grosse Pointe.

"(The dealer) told one of our informants he deals with professional people," said Ron Wieczorek, City of Grosse Pointe detective. "He told our informant, 'I want the well-dressed individual coming to my house.'"

Two of five Grosse Pointe men arrested Nov. 23 were arraigned Dec. 8 in City Municipal Court for allegedly buying cocaine at the armed Detroit bungalow of accused 40-year-old drug dealer Eric Angelo Milburn.

If guilty, a 26-year-old City man and a 27-year-old Pointer-turned-Birmingham man each face up to four years in prison and/or \$25,000 fines.

Both men stood mute as Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge also arraigned them for committing a felony using a motor vehicle. The City man faces a third charge for possession of marijuana. The offense is punishable by up to one-year in jail and/or \$2,000 fine.

Ethridge entered innocent pleas on their behalf and scheduled a preliminary examination for Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 a.m. Both men remain free on \$2,000 bond.

Three additional Pointe men are in line for arraignment on similar charges with the possibility of more arrests to come.

"It's an ongoing investigation," Wieczorek said. "If you're involved, we're going to come knocking at your door."

The arrest and steam-

rolling prosecution of Milburn has been advanced to federal court due to the volume of his reported drug business and possession of nearly two-dozen illegal firearms.

Investigation is being fanned by informants turning on their alleged supplier.

It began Nov. 21, a few days before Thanksgiving. Wieczorek received an unsolicited tip from a recovering Grosse Pointe drug addict seeking redemption by revealing his source of drugs.

The tip prompted City officers the evening before Thanksgiving to watch Milburn's house at 17184 Detroit Street, located five blocks north of Mack off Cadieux.

Officers conducting surveillance described a virtual convoy of more than 20 people drive up to the house, enter, stay a short time and leave.

In separate instances that day during a roughly two-hour period starting approximately at 5 p.m., officers caught the Birmingham man in a white Cadillac, the City man in a gold-colored GMC Jimmy and three other Pointers driving from Milburn's house to the Pointes.

Each suspect possessed what Wieczorek described as one packet of freshly-bought cocaine weighing about one gram with a street value of \$50 to \$60.

"(The Birmingham man) said he was coming home from work," reported PSO Michael Almeranti, conducting surveillance with his K-9 partner, Raleigh. "(I) informed (him) that the dog would be used to check his vehicle for narcotics, and

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Lyndsey Briggs

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

Family: son, Phil

Occupation: first-grade teacher at Kerby Elementary; mentor for nonprofit Student Mentor Partners

Quote: "I have been given so much. For people who have been given much, much is expected. I think it's my obligation."

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Lyndsey Briggs

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

Proposed new junior high school swimming pools, on which Grosse Pointe residents will vote in January, will be for use by the entire community, according to James Lee, president of the school board.

Students of parochial and private schools, as well as church organizations and various adult groups throughout the whole community will be able to use the pools, Lee says.

Enrollment increases in the Grosse Pointe school district.

According to figures compiled at the end of November, the district has 9,221 students. The figure is a gain of 50 students over October and 714 more than the corresponding date in 1954.

The swimming pool at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park will be open next year.

Voters approve (by 1,639 for to 167 against) a \$115,000 bond to install filtering equipment mandated by county and state health officials.

25 years ago this week

Citing the need to support businesses on Mack north of Vernier, the Grosse Pointe Woods city council approves plans to transform vacant property on Hollywood and Mack into a 12-car parking lot.

Approval comes despite opposition from residential property owners belonging to the Hollywood Subdivision Improvement Association. Members present the council with 136 petition signatures opposing the lot.

Grosse Pointe Woods' crime wave continues. Two gunmen rob a man and woman in a house on Littlestone. Burglars clear a house on Renaud of more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry.

Statistics show the rate of burglaries in the Woods so far this year is about 100 percent than the total for all of 1979.

More than 400 people attend funeral services of Randall Steen, 19, a 1979 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School from Grosse Pointe Park. Steen was killed in East Lansing

by a hit-and-run driver.

Police say Steen, a sophomore at Michigan State University, was walking alongside Michigan Ave. near campus when hit.

10 years ago this week

Upgrades to Grosse Pointe Cable are complete in Grosse Pointe Park.

Fiber optic cable is being strung in the City. Upon completion this month, work shifts to the Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

A group of students at St. Clare of Montefalco School in Grosse Pointe Park make ornaments to decorate one of the White House Christmas Trees.

Students are invited to create ornaments as part of the school's distinction as a blue ribbon school of excellence.

Louise Warnke, city clerk in Grosse Pointe Woods, draws up a plan to save the city \$7,000 by combining 12 voting precincts into six.

5 years ago this week

Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers

50 years ago this week



Drawing of proposed new junior high

An artist's sketch shows the proposed Chalfonte Ave. Junior High School. It will have capacity for 900 boys and girls. Its physical facilities consist principally of 28 regular classrooms, a study hall, two art rooms, two home-making rooms, a choral music room and an instrumental room, two shops, a standard swimming pool, gymnasium, small cafeteria, library, auditorium, clinic and administrative offices. (From the Dec. 15, 1955 Grosse Pointe News.)

Schools

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will once again share the spotlight with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and others during eight shows of the Yuletide Celebration at Orchestra Hall.

"They were very pleased with our performances last year," says Ellen Bowen, South vocal music director. "We received standing ovations every night."

The Grosse Pointes have been accused of importing their snow from the Swiss Alps.

But the community accepts delivery of the domestic kind this week in the first big blast of the season. Accumulation reaches about one foot.

Preparations to hire a new City of Grosse Pointe manager continue.

Longtime manager Thomas Kressbach announced his retirement last month. Since that time, the city has retained a hiring consultant.

— Brad Lindberg

would have on the quality of education in Grosse Pointe," Minturn said.

To increase revenues, Minturn tossed out the idea of increasing the rent to the library, though admitted he hadn't seen the lease.

Both Minturn and Sabino will continue to work with the district.

proposal fits into the total picture. "Any proposal affecting on next year's school has to be made today. They are looking but not seeing the full evaluation implementation over two to three years."

Minturn would like to see the administration talk about more than alternatives to cost cutting. The most recent cost-cutting option brought to the board has been cutting an hour from both the high school and middle school schedule.

"These are all the cost reduction proposals made to date that I am aware of. In my view, these proposals are premature from a process standpoint and certainly premature when you consider the impact these actions

Week Ahead

From page 2A

Movies Afternoon" for seniors at 1 p.m. in the community building's great room at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) holds its annual Christmas Party from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo in the City Grosse Pointe.

Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by Monday, Dec. 19, by calling (313)882-9600.

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon Celebration at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Dec. 17.

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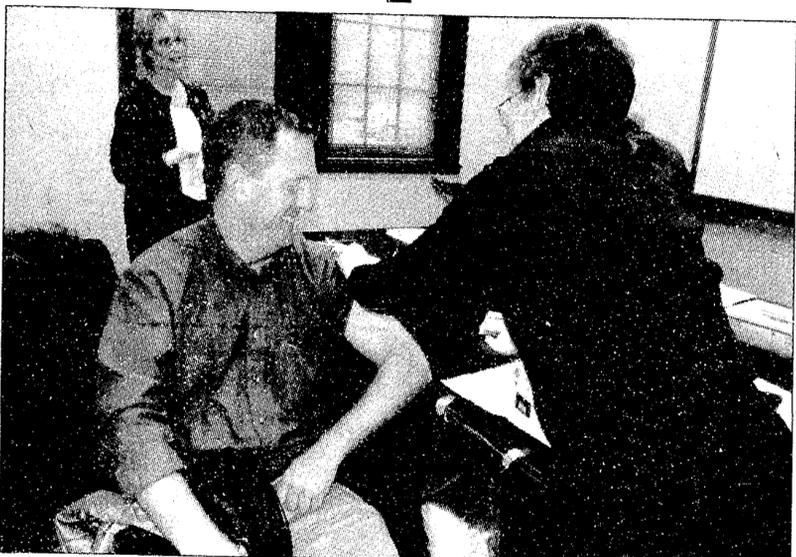
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Provider protects teachers from the flu



Barry Mulso teaches social studies at Grosse Pointe North High School and took time to protect himself from the flu this year by getting a flu shot with the help of Bon Secours Cottage Health Services.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, 140 Grosse Pointe Public School teachers and staff received low-cost flu shots from Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. Four nurses staffed the temporary flu-shot clinic, set up for just under four hours at the Grosse Pointe Schools Administration building on St. Clair.

Teachers avoided long lines and tedious waits in physician's offices by pre-registering to receive the vaccine using the Internet; so getting vaccinated was a quick and simple procedure that many also found quite painless.

"I hardly knew she had done it!" said Deborah Peck, a Parcels Middle School social studies teacher who also provides academic assistance for students. "The nurse was fast and good."

Peck decided to have a flu shot this year for the first time in 15 years.

"I teach sixth graders, and I have three children. I heard how bad the flu season could be this year, and I don't want to get sick - I have my students and my own children to care for," she said.

The flu shots were provided through Bon Secours

Cottage's Community Health Promotion program. Coordinator Peggy Murphy Kurza explained, "We've supplied and administered low-cost flu shots for Grosse Pointe teachers for the past few years. It's part of an effort to provide preventive care within the community we serve, and we recognize that teachers are particularly important to the community's families."

Due to the nature of their work and their close proximity to students, teachers, said Kurza, are at higher risk for contracting the flu than the average adult. The influenza virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a contagious respiratory illness that is easily passed through coughing and sneezing, and can even be spread through contact with surfaces like desktops, pencils and doorknobs. Most sufferers are able to infect others one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. In a school setting, a teacher could easily contract the flu from a student who came to school feeling fine, but was about to come down with the illness the next day.

For many who are stricken, this can mean seven to 10 days at home in bed, and

as long as a few months before a return to pre-flu health and energy. Every year, 5 to 20 percent of Americans get the flu. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

"I get a flu shot every year and have not had the flu since I started," said Linda Whelan, who teaches second graders at Maire Elementary. "Getting vaccinated plays a dual role - it keeps me healthy for my students and protects me from my students who might come to school with the flu." Whelan said this year has been a particularly bad one for illness in her classroom, and she has already had many students out sick with a variety of ailments.

For Patricia Cohan, who teaches special education students at Grosse Pointe South High School, memories of the flu's misery are all too vivid. "I didn't get a flu shot last year, and I had a terrible case of the flu," she admits. "I'll never do that again." Cohan stressed that the service provided by Bon Secours Cottage is "fabulous" because teachers are so susceptible to contracting an illness like the flu from their students. "I took full advantage of it this year," she said.

Passenger bill aimed at teens

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Novice teenage drivers will have to hold their horses if Michigan lawmakers limit the number of passengers allowed in motor vehicles.

A bill passed last month by the House Transportation Committee prohibits teens with Level 2 licenses from carrying more than one rider. Family members are exempt.

"As the number of teenage passengers go up in a car, the likelihood of an accident involving a fatality goes up," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "The distraction factor increases. One way to help (young people) become safer drivers is to limit distractions when they are still learning the basics of driving."

Michigan led the nation in 1997 by instituting a three-step graduated licensing process.

Level 2 drivers have completed a driving course and a six-month period during which they could operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied by a parent or licensed driver at least 21 years old.

Upon reaching more independent Level 2 status, drivers must maintain a clean record for six months and not drive between midnight and 5 a.m.

Gaffney's measure, aimed at saving young lives, could

kill attempts to reduce traffic congestion at Pointe high schools.

"At South there's a huge parking problem," said Beau Williams, 17, of the Farms. "They're telling us to car pool. A lot of drivers are sophomores."

Gaffney cites death tolls showing 129 teens killed last year in Michigan car crashes.

"If 129 teenagers died of a disease people would be going crazy," he said. "They'd try to find the answer."

"I don't know if all 129 died from car crashes involving teens with passengers," Williams said.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 59 percent of all teenage passenger deaths in 2003 occurred in vehicles driven by another teenager.

Williams acknowledged that ferrying a carload of friends could distract the driver, but he's never let things get off track.

"I've never been in a situ-

ation where someone did something to the point I was going to crash," he said.

The bill lost in a similar debate among lawmakers when Gaffney originally introduced it last term.

"It failed to pass the Senate last year by three votes," Gaffney said.

This time he sees a clearer road ahead.

"It's an election year next year for senators," Gaffney said. "They have to be more sensitive. Everyone with teenagers I've talked to thinks this bill is a good idea."

Of 37 states with a graduated driver license, 20 states restrict the number of passengers.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people in the ages of 15 to 20 years old," Gaffney said.

House Bill 4756 is supported by the Michigan State Police, AAA, Farmers Insurance, the National Transportation Safety Board and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



A Parcels Middle School social studies teacher, Deborah Peck was motivated to get a flu shot this year after hearing predictions of a worse-than-average season for the illness.



Linda Whelan, a Maire Elementary second-grade teacher, said getting a flu shot keeps her healthy for her students and protects her from illness at the same time.

Library lease tabled by board

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education tabled a proposed lease with the Grosse Pointe Public Library during the board's Monday, Dec. 5, meeting.

The proposed lease of the Woods library would be for 50 years with two 25 year extensions, thus board members say they want all particulars included in the lease which states the library is paying \$1 a year for the next 100 years. Board member Ahmed Ismail said he wanted all details worked out and moved to table lease approval until all questions were answered. (The library is being built on the northwestern edge of the Parcels Middle School property.)

Ismail would like to see the library pay for use of Dumpsters.

Other concerns centered around operation and maintenance of the plaza and its shrubbery, for which the library paid, a parking gate and easy access to stage doors and auditorium doors.

Board member Joan Dindoffer agreed there should be a better outline of what needs to be included in the lease.

Board president Jeff Broderick and Alice Kosinski voted against the motion. Angela Kennedy was absent.

"The board has had numerous opportunities and closed sessions to add points," Broderick noted.

Also included in the lease is parking lot maintenance. The library is to pay 100 percent of maintenance costs for the Vernier lot and 25 percent of the maintenance costs of the Mack Avenue lot.

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Mentor enables Detroit youth to make a song of success

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

Sharonna Bray was enchanted, and Lyndsey Briggs felt satisfaction. Walking through the mansion of Motown mogul Berry Gordy, Bray soaked up the many attractive rooms, some encased in marble and accompanied with chandeliers, and felt awe from the size and opulence of the house.

Briggs marveled at the wonder in Bray's expression. Together the two gazed upon pictures of Motown greats while they were living in Detroit, making tangible the aura of the musical artists that brought soul and fame

to Detroit. "It was nice. I had never been in a mansion before," Bray said. Bray has a heartfelt and supportive relationship with Briggs. She is mentored and befriended by Briggs via an organization called Student Mentor Partners (SMP), which aids at-risk Detroit youth with completing high school and possibly advancing to college.

The nonprofit has partnered with various Catholic schools in the area in order to help kids progress in life.

Briggs discusses academics and personal matters with Bray, and the two have careened through Detroit's

recreational and artistic sites, like the Gordy mansion, with fervor, excitement and sheer fun.

Indeed, their relationship sings with camaraderie and a striving quality redolent of some of Motown's most popular songs recorded while the artists and Gordy were living in Detroit.

Briggs has mentored Bray for nearly four years. She heard about SMP from a friend at her church, St. Ambrose.

Her academic counseling has helped Bray become a better student. Interested in math and science, Bray first

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POINTER OF INTEREST



Photo courtesy of Student Mentor Partners
Lyndsey Briggs has advised and befriended Sharonna Bray as part of the Student Mentor Partners program, which aids Detroit at-risk youth with developmental and educational advice.



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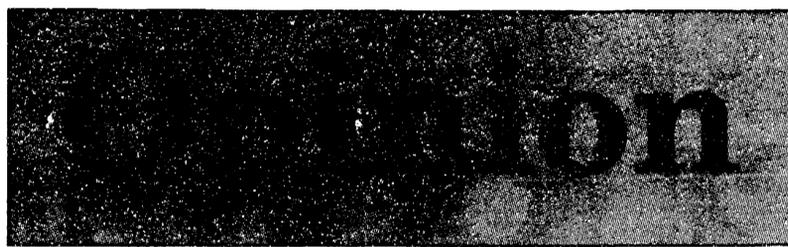
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Drug abuse hits close to home

Drugs are not just a "Detroit" problem. They are a "Grosse Pointe" problem as well. Just ask the five local men who were caught allegedly buying drugs from a Detroit crack house.

These Grosse Pointers' problems with the law began a few days before Thanksgiving when another local user, who was trying to get clean, tipped off City police. They raided the Detroit drug house, just five blocks from Grosse Pointe, at 8:05 Thanksgiving morning, when straight people were just putting their birds in the oven.

The Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods special unit arrested the 40-year-old drug dealer and confiscated a truckload of stolen merchandise, as well as nearly two-dozen firearms, including



an M-16, a Mac 10, an UZI submachine gun, a Chinese SKS assault rifle, a cheap Soviet AK-47 knockoff, numerous handguns and a .357 magnum.

The drug dealer even had a Freightliner truck to house stolen merchandise he apparently had taken in trade for drugs. In the truck were found stolen bikes, televisions, stereos, power equipment, lawn mowers and computers. We imagine many Grosse Pointe robberies will be closed when police locate the owners of the goods.

Concerning the weapons, the special agent in charge of the ATF's Detroit office, Valerie Goddard, told the Grosse Pointe News that the bust shows the strong connection between

drugs and violence. We agree.

It is ironic that the five Grosse Pointers, who are agreeing to work with the Feds and police in prosecuting the case, are now fearful of their lives — and their careers. Where were their concerns when frequenting the drug house to begin with?

At the request of the ATF, we have not yet published the names of the individuals arrested after buying drugs. An ATF agent said the individuals are cooperating, and he does not want to jeopardize the case.

Reluctantly, we agreed to go along with the Feds for now. It is our policy under most circumstances to print suspects' names following arraignment. That is usually not a problem in that few cases are of such a serious

nature that they require the time and effort of following them through the courts.

We will continue to follow this case. Drugs are a serious concern not only in Detroit but also in all communities throughout the United States, including Grosse Pointe. In fact, the Detroit drug dealer bragged about the "professional" clientele he attracted from the Pointes. Some still think recreational drug use is OK. One busted user seemed to think his infraction wasn't so great in that it was only powder, not crack.

We were also told by a past Wayne County prosecutor that we would be surprised at how many Grosse Pointe johns' cars have been forfeited while soliciting in Detroit.

True, drug abuse is present in nearly everyone's extended family. We do not wish to take a holier-than-thou attitude. Still, fear of punishment should be a powerful deterrent, as we are sure those who frequented the Detroit drug house are now beginning to realize.

As City detective Ron Wieczorek said, "If you're involved, we're going to come knocking at your door."

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With a few exceptions

Now that the holidays are upon us, we have been going through our old basket of holiday greeting cards. They run the gamut from sweet and whimsical to the beautiful messages of faith and religious devotion. Not to be ignored are the lengthy epistles from friends describing the comings, goings and "accomplishments" of various family members. An occasional Christmas letter is delightful, accompanied by family pictures and interesting dialogue often laced with humor. However, in my opinion, the majority of these letters are dull and repetitive.

While gathered around the dinner table during the Christmas season last year, some of us admitted to having sent holiday letters at one time in the past, and we promised to take great care if we were ever tempted to be verbose about the mundane again. It was agreed that there must be a happy medium between sending a printed card with no message and the lengthy dissertations sent out annually. And, although it may be exciting that the fifth grandchild has finally cut his first tooth and Betty has a new puppy, we all have similar stories and don't even consider sharing these family facts.

With very little urging and a great many giggles, our tiny group created its version of a family letter for next year. It went something like this:

Dear Friends,

Life goes on much as usual. Billy Bob was passed over for that promotion again, but we are thrilled that

Ferd finally got out of fourth grade. Norma is out on parole and doing fine at her new job. Sara Sue is pregnant again. This makes No. 7, but she might marry this guy, and that would help some with the bills. We consider it a banner year that there were no DUIs the whole year, and everyone but brother Henry still holds a driver license. He'll be up for review again in 2007, and we're hoping for the best. So I guess life's about as good as it gets for now.

We're happy about those free spay and neuter clinics because Tabby has had so many litters it's hard to find homes for them.

We wish y'all the best New Year yet, but please don't send any of those long letters telling us about your kids' scholarships to some fancy school or how you do 25 hours a day of good works — after your exercise class and tennis lessons. And while your husband is president of his company, teaching Bible school and coaching football all with his hands tied behind his back, we truly are happy for you, but hearing about it is one heck of a depressing way for us to start the year.

Season's greetings from the Aardvark Family

Wish we had the nerve to send it, but someone somewhere would be offended, and it might be possible that we have a warped sense of humor in our family. However, we do love this holiday season and send our most sincere wishes to all our readers to find the joy in every minute.

— Offering from the loft



Address comments to cartoonist Phil Hands at phands@grossepointenews.com or go to www.philtoons.com

Letters

Development for City

To the Editor:

At the presentation by the developer of the old Jacobson's building on Monday, Dec. 12, it was clear that people who do not live in the community, like the owner of Urban Daisy and Cindy Pangborn, had shown up to support higher taxes for residents of the City of Grosse Pointe.

I have always supported the millages, bond issues, etc., for schools and parks. These are public facilities. However, the construction of private parking spaces for businesses (i.e., offices) and condominiums is something that should be the financial responsibility of the developer, who will be drawing a huge income from the rents and sales.

Moreover, the developer is clearly putting Green Market, the only market he said he was authorized to mention, at the top of the markets negotiating for

space.

I invite all the readers to look up Green Market on the Internet. It's nowhere to be seen, whereas the "upscale" markets in Royal Oak, Orchard Lake, Northville and Ann Arbor — Trader Joe's, Whole Foods — or the ones in the East and Chicago, such as Wild Oats, have clear, identifiable sites, with explicit policies and descriptions of products.

Are we being suckered? Is someone related to someone who owns Green Market?

A few more points: a steakhouse was discussed. It is probably the most retrograde choice of a restaurant for this area; people want nouvelle cuisine and seafood, not steak.

As for the parking structure and the debate about whether the old one can be renovated or we need to accept the \$3 million-plus structure recommended by the developer: first, the size of vehicles and issues of clearance were brought up. While gigantic vans are representative of a certain seg-

ment of Grosse Pointers, those choices go against everything we know about energy consumption, global warming, etc.

If my taxes are raised to promote a parking structure built expressly to accommodate Hummers, I personally will commit myself to organizing environmental groups to picket the construction site and to urge a tax revolt.

As for ambulances not getting clearance, no one gets an ambulance to pick him/her up from a living room or a second story. We're carried out from our homes in the unhappy event, as we would be from a structure that doesn't accommodate one.

When it comes to aesthetics, another point raised at the meeting, no one who shops cares what the structure looks like; shoppers care about the charge for parking. The parking structure behind the Birmingham Theater is hideous, on a steep incline, extremely narrow and dark,

yet it's heavily used because it's cheap and convenient.

I do hope our local government keeps the interests of the residents of the City in mind, not the desires of retailers (hey, let them kick in the extra money for the structure through taxes!) or people who will not be affected by higher taxes but were at the meeting as a cheering section.

Anca Vlasopolos, PhD
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks for free parking

To the Editor:

When I arrived at work Monday morning, Dec. 12, there they were — bright red bags covering the parking meters on Mack Avenue.

A huge thank you to the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for allowing free parking on Mack.

Let's hope that this will motivate people to patronize the many fine shops on Mack Avenue.

Angelo Di Clemente
Grosse Pointe Woods
Shop Owner

Frogs•Fur•Friends says thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Children's Home of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved with Frogs•Fur•Friends.

It truly has been a team effort that required the support of so many, from board members, chairpersons, and committees to sponsors, donors, artists, family and friends.

The project exceeded every expectation that could have been set. In many ways it seemed to take on a life of its own.

We started off with a simple vision of helping "kids and pets." In the process we not only managed to make an impact on the city streets and raise a considerable amount of money, we built camaraderie among residents, created lasting memories, and transformed the community in a way that, I believe, will have a lasting impact.

We opened up new vistas and possibilities.

The Country Club of Detroit was certainly the "hopping" place on Saturday, Oct. 8, for the Frog Gala Auction. Grosse Pointe community residents Joseph DuMouchelle and Paul W. Smith skillfully engaged over 400 guests in the auction process. The generosity of the bidders was not only humbling, it was overwhelming.

Frogs•Fur•Friends was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We all are fortunate to have been able to play a part. We made a difference and touched a countless number of lives and that's what it's all about.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to the Grosse Pointe News. With their support we were able to raise awareness, maintain enthusiasm, and garner maximum participation throughout these past 12 months.

Donna Brian
Project Manager
Frogs•Fur•Friends

Thanks Park Foundation members

To the Editor:

I wanted to express gratitude to members of the Grosse Pointe Park

Foundation for their generosity.

Special thanks to the family of our past president Carlton Lindell; Mr. and Mrs. William Whelan, hosts of our Fall Fundraiser; and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gatzaros, who hosted the Fourth of July event, for their support of our most recently completed project, the Lindell Lodge warming hut in Patterson Park.

Year after year, we have had tremendous support for our projects which have improved the quality of life for all of our residents.

This project was funded entirely by donations, with support by key folks from the city including Dale Krajniak, Chris Reimel, and Terry Solomon.

I am proud of our city leadership for making so many major improvements possible — I believe our quality of life depends on such innovative thinking, making the "can-do" Park the envy of the Pointes.

Dinesh J. Telang, M.D.
Grosse Pointe Park

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters must be signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters will be edited for length and all letters are subject to editing for content. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Send letters to Editor, Grosse Pointe News, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be sent e-mail to: editor@grossepointenews.com

Descent of man in America

One of my heroes is Charles Darwin. Nearly 150 years ago, he published "On the Origins of Species." His work and that of his contemporaries took biology out of the realm of myth and superstition and firmly planted it in science and rationality.

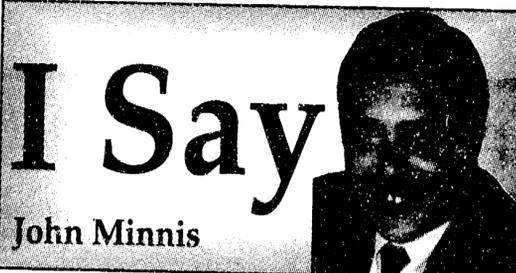
So complete is the "Theory of Evolution" today that even the late pope, John Paul II, was forced to come to the conclusion in 1996 that evolution was more than a hypothesis.

Evolution is a fact, just as gravity and relativity are scientific facts. Yet many people, including at least one Catholic bishop, fail to grasp the significance of evolution. In fact, America seems to be the most resistant to evolution — and sci-

ence and intellectualism. A recent CBS News poll found that more than half (51 percent) of Americans reject evolution and believe that God created humans in their present form. Another poll, as reported in the London Telegraph, found that 38 percent of Americans want creation taught in school *instead of* evolution.

Good god! How has our education system failed so miserably? Today we have the idea of Intelligent Design (ID) being bantered about. It is not a new concept. In 1802, William Paley presented his "watchmaker" argument, stating that just as a watch is evidence of an intelligent maker, so is the complexity of mankind and all of creation.

But ID is not a scientific proposition. It is a superstitious concept promoted by those whom I call Idiots. It cannot be proven or disproven. It must be taken on faith that a Creator exists to do the intelligent designing. That is religion, not sci-



I Say
John Minnis

ence. If creationism were to be taught in school, it should be part of a comparative mythology course, not science.

Of course, matters of faith are extremely emotional, as Darwin himself knew. He was trained in theology. Yet when he looked at the natural world around him, especially during his five-year voyage to South America and the Galapagos on the HMS Beagle, he realized that Earth's creatures were not created in a moment in their present forms.

Darwin conceived all animals — including humans — descended from a com-

mon ancestor. Further, animals varied based on their habitat. He did not yet know about genetics and mutations; yet he realized minor differences were passed on from parent to offspring. Good traits promoted survival and, thus, were more likely to be passed on.

While Darwin first used the phrase "natural selection" in 1842, it was not until 17 years later with the publication of "Origin" in 1859 that he went public with his views. Why? He was afraid of how his colleagues — in science and religion — would react.

And react they did. He was vilified by older scien-

tists and from the pulpit. Younger men, such as T.H. Huxley, Joseph Hooker and Charles Lyell, jumped to Darwin's defense. The controversy, though, died relatively quickly, and evolution became the law of the biological landscape.

So fearful was Darwin of the backlash to his theory, which he said was "like confessing a murder," that he may never have published his ideas until after his death if it were not for Alfred Russell Wallace, who was ready to publish his own theory of natural selection in 1858. Darwin was forced to publish an idea he feared for 17 years.

Yet being a true scientist and being intellectually honest, he took his findings where they led him. He resisted what the facts told him. Even his wife, Emma, of the Wedgewood china family, feared that her husband was using the rigors of science concerning matters of faith.

Fear and superstition are the biggest roadblocks to understanding the world

and the universe around us. Unfortunately, we seem to be going backward — at least in the United States — rather than forward.

The Telegraph reported that the Darwin exhibit now at the American Museum of Natural Science in New York failed to get commercial backers because corporations feared backlash from fundamentalist Christians.

I do not know whether that is truly the case, but a spokesman told the Telegraph that the museum sent solicitations for all its exhibits to corporations, and none chose to support Darwin.

My biggest regret is that I did not tour Down House, Darwin's home, when I was in England 10 years ago. I also lament that I will probably not get a chance to see the New York exhibit.

The good news is that we can vicariously enjoy Darwin through the museum's excellent Web site, www.amnh.org. And if you like it, donate a few bucks. (I sent \$50.)

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Book signing

Longtime Grosse Pointer and author Edward T. Gushee will be signing his newest book, "Kira's Diary," at the Pointe Plaza (Mack and Moross) Barnes and Noble on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Kira's Diary" is Gushee's third book. His previous works were "Someone's Picking the Daisies" and "Guardian Devil."

Now retired, Gushee was

formerly chief operating officer and general manager of J. Walter Thompson in Detroit. He was a B-29 pilot in the Korean War and flew 25 combat missions. He was very active in Grosse Pointe Theatre and spent time acting in Hollywood.

He and his wife, Kitty, winter in Scottsdale, Ariz., and spend summers in Grosse Pointe, when Gushee comes out of retirement to teach a course on presentation skills for J.

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Walter Thompson.

They have a son in Ann Arbor and a daughter, Laura Monahan, and granddaughter in Grosse Pointe.

by Ben Burns



False pride

My father, James Burns, grew up poor, one of six children whose father, Ben, a railroad engineer and noted church singer, had died young and whose mother, Esther, was a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Fine Art, hardly a recommendation for providing for six children on a farm on the Bruce Peninsula in rural Ontario.

Dad never got beyond the sixth grade. He quit school and went to work at a wide variety of tasks, ranging from farm field hand to salt water sailor. But by today's standards, he was incredibly well read.

He could recite stanzas of poetry, accurately quote famous folks, and he made a game out of administering the monthly Readers' Digest word quizzes to his second son.

Which probably explains why when I got particularly full of myself as a youth, he would suggest: "Pride cometh before a fall." Or if I was waxing hyperbolic about my accomplishments, he would say, "Beware of being Iago the Boaster."

I never had a clue who Iago was and presumed he was part of some native American legend. Only in college English did I discover he was a Shakespearean character from "Othello," who pursued what pleased him at everyone else's cost.

In any event, the life lesson my father gave me was to work hard, compete fiercely and have a healthy dose of modesty about your accomplishments.

A lesson I have forgotten from time to time and was reminded of again recently when I was visiting the main campus of Henry Ford Hospital to arrange for a "procedure" as the physician-speak now refers to an operation.

My wife, Beverly, and I overheard the nurse tell my physician, Dr. Hans Stricker, "Your VIP patient is here." Now Henry Ford probably considers all of its patients very important, but rarely do you hear the staff express it that specifically.

"How about that," I said. "I'm a VIP patient." Beverly agreed she had heard the nurse, and she and I both wondered how that had come about, but I basked in the knowledge that I was a very important person.

Scouting started in 1911.

Famous Eagle Scouts include Hank Aaron, Neil Armstrong, Michael Bloomberg, James Brady, Gerald R. Ford and Steven Spielberg.

Area Eagle Scouts whom Larabell has already identified include Ken Allen, Petersen Decker, Ted Everingham, John Freeman, John Gaul, Anthony Gennaro, Bruce Greening, Lee Greening, Merle Henderson, Brad Helpjar, Howard Hill, Paul Huth, James Jenkins, James Jones, Ron Kneiser, Stephen Linne, Christen Nicholson, Andrew Richner, Rick Richner, Bert Ross, Peter Ruffner, Rick Ruffner, Rick Schott, Dale Sprace, Glenn Watson, Thomas Willoughby and Mark Winter.

If you are an Eagle Scout and not on Larabell's list, you may contact him at (313) 361-1292 or at clarabell@dacbsa.org.

Eagle Scouts

Chris Larabell is looking for a few good men. Actually he has already found 25 in the Pointes, and he is looking for about 25 more. Larabell is the new district director for the Boy Scouts of America, and he wants to get area Eagle Scouts together to form an alumni support group.

The Eagle Scout award, the highest a boy can achieve in Scouting, is based on performance and hard work, and only about 1 million youths have achieved the rank since

Giving tree

A little more than a decade ago, the folks at the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road in the Woods had an idea to help provide Christmas for the young residents of the facility. They would get local merchants to put up Holiday Giving Trees with ornaments that charitable-minded folks could take and send

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Do you think middle and high school hours should be cut back from seven hours to six? Why or why not?



John Shafer

"Not a good thing. It's terrible, but we're dealing with grim reality. Our schools are heading towards mediocrity because of lack of funds."

John Shafer
Assistant Principal
Brownell Middle School



Kevin Reitzdoff

"I think it's a bad idea. Our kids aren't getting enough education as it is."

Kevin Reitzdoff
Grosse Pointe Farms



Judy Starrs

"No, if this happens it will limit many of the electives that students enjoy taking. Only the required subjects will be left."

Judy Starrs
Grosse Pointe Farms



Dutch Mandel

"I don't like the idea of cutting back the hours. When you take away from the core essence, it's a detriment to our community."

Dutch Mandel
Grosse Pointe Farms



Linda Pitts

"Bad idea. Our children need all the education they can get."

Linda Pitts
Grosse Pointe Farms



Kathleen McClanaghan

"I don't like the idea, but we might have to. The students don't have good elective choices."

Kathleen McClanaghan
Grosse Pointe Farms

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com

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G.P. Woman's Club plans Christmas luncheon benefit

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In addition to a huge tree and festive decorations, the group will be entertained by Tony DeLuca, D.P.M. and his guitar featuring Holiday music.

Fran Ahee, community service chairman, said the

Salvation Army's Evangeline Center (a home for abused women and their children) will again be the recipient of the Club's annual "gift-giving" program.

Members and guests are requested to bring wrapped gifts for children of all ages as well as their moms. Major Donna Miller, pastoral care administrator, will accept the gifts on behalf of the center.

For guest reservations, call (313) 831-6251 by Saturday, Dec. 17.

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meetings, held on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, are open to all current and former Grosse Pointe women and business owners. New members are welcomed.

For more information, call Beverley Pack, membership chairman, at (313) 882-5397 or Pam Zimmer, club president, at (313) 882-9087.

Drug bust

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(he) produced a packet of cocaine from his left front pants pocket."

"It wasn't crack," he reportedly said to another officer.

All five men are "cooperating" in the investigation of Milburn, Wiczorek said.

The sun wouldn't be up for a half an hour Thanksgiving morning when at 8:05 a.m. the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods special response team raided the house and arrested Milburn.

Officers recovered drugs, paraphernalia and scores of household items believed stolen by thieves targeting the Pointes. Police believe thieves and addicts took bicycles, television sets, lawn equipment, weapons and more to Milburn in exchange for cash and coke.

Officers also recovered 22 rifles, shotguns, assault weapons and handguns. Many firearms were loaded. The extent of the haul prompted interest by federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

In addition to Milburn's arrest by City police, ATF agents arrested him Dec. 5 on weapons and drug charges.

"The arrest of Milburn again illustrates the strong connection between guns and drugs that is a consistent problem on the streets of Detroit," said Valerie Goddard, special agent in charge of the ATF Detroit field division.

Milburn is in jail pending arraignment Dec. 19 in federal court.

Adding to the chorus of informants comes the voice of a convicted, 31-year-old shoplifter, drug user and Milburn acquaintance.

The former Pointer, now listing an address on Detroit's eastside, has been arrested for shoplifting in

the Village and hauled into City court so many times Judge Ethridge said the shoplifter should get "frequent flyer miles."

"He's been a real nuisance to this area for quite a few years," said Gary Bresnehan, lead Wayne County prosecuting attorney of the district court unit and City resident.

Prosecutors dismissed one of the man's shoplifting charges in exchange for his help in the drug case.

"The arrest ... again illustrates the strong connection between guns and drugs..."

Valerie Goddard
Special agent in charge
ATF Detroit field division

"(He) agreed to cooperate with the law in the pending case of United States vs. Milburn in federal court," Bresnehan said. "He's also helped with investigation of pending cases with Grosse Pointe City police."

The man last week helped Wiczorek account for some of the property recovered in the Milburn raid.

"We're looking at clearing five to eight larcenies," Wiczorek said.

He said the thief linked three bikes recovered in the Thanksgiving raid to rightful owners.

The man was before Ethridge on Dec. 8 being sentenced on two shoplifting charges. Prosecutors recommended the sentence include drug treatment.

"A lot of people are on my side trying to help me out," the man told Ethridge. "The least I can do is return the favor and do what I can do to

get straightened out and go back into society as a normal person and work like I used to."

The shoplifter used to be a cook.

"I used to love working," he said. "I got lazy. I got bored and drugs took over."

"It's easy to stand here before me when I'm holding your future in my hands with respect to your liberty and tell me what you think I want to hear," Ethridge said. "It does concern me that you have been in and out of this court on a number of occasions for similar conduct."

Ethridge sentenced him to six months in the Wayne County Jail with no chance of early release. Sentence includes 18 months probation and drug treatment.

"After eight years on the bench, I've come to the conclusion that the drug problem in this society is more medical than criminal," Ethridge told Polis. "It has created criminal problems for people who steal to support their drug habit. I'm not sure that incarceration solves anything, but that's the tool I have available at this time."

Ethridge promised to arrange a post-incarceration program to make sure the man stays clean.

"I want you to have a job, paying rent and getting back in rhythm," Ethridge said. "Otherwise, ... the next time this happens, I don't think there'll be an arrest. I think they'll just call a hearse. Eventually this is going to catch up with your life, and you'll be found in an alley dead by 40. You can't live like this... You can't live like this."

Compassion has its limits. Ethridge banned the thief from the Village.

"If (police) see you in the Village, it's an immediate pick-up order," Ethridge said. "We're gonna yank you. You'll go back to jail."

FYI

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a monetary contribution or a new gift in a gift bag to

the Home at 900 Cook Road, 48236, or their secure facility, 6902 Chicago Road, Warren, 48092.

Three merchants took part that year, and then the idea blossomed. Now almost 75 sites across the metro area take part in the event that runs through Dec. 20.

For those who prefer wrapped gifts, the CHD staff suggests winter hats, gloves or mittens, ear muffs and scarves; books, games, puzzles and activity books; craft items, crayons, markers, glue and stickers; portable mini-stereos,

radios and CD players; jewelry and watches; sports equipment; gift certificates, stationery and stuffed animals.

New participants this year include Peoples State Bank in Grosse Pointe Woods, Republic Bank of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores and National City Bank of Grosse Pointe.

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Correction

In the opinion piece in last week's Grosse Pointe News, "Help Wanted, Great Work Environment," the location of Lot 2 in the Village shopping district was incorrectly stated as behind Kroger. Lot 2 is actually located between Notre Dame and St. Clair



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Pointer

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thought she wanted to be a doctor and is currently aiming for a career as a manufacturing engineer.

"She's working on her test-taking skills. She's got pretty good time management, but I think it's something she could keep working on," Briggs said.

Bray attended Dominican Catholic School for grade school and three years of high school before it closed last year. Now, Bray is attending Regina High School.

Her early education was funded in part by Dominican financial aid and in part by her parents. Her father, Michael, owns a plant nursery and is a surveyor, and her mother, Diane, a computer graphics artist, is unemployed.

Bray's parents have also contributed to part of Bray's high school tuition with SMP offering complementary aid of \$2,000 per year.

In addition to the Gordy mansion, Briggs has taken Bray to other sites and activities such as the opera, sports games and events at Briggs' church. The outings have broadened Bray's horizons of the thing city has to offer.

"She takes me everywhere, (to places) had never been to," Bray said.

Bray lives in a close-knit neighborhood near Van Dyke and Seven Mile; yet she hopes to live in a different neighborhood from the one in which she grew up. She hopes for a more prosperous lifestyle.

"She wants to be a professional. She wants to make money," Briggs said.

Briggs believes Bray has grown since she met her as a result of SMP, and she says Bray has been inculcated with good values and direction from her parents, whom Bray loves dearly.

"She's becoming a young woman. She's poised in ways that I don't think I ever was

when I was her age," Briggs said. "I admire her for having motivation and drive. She teaches me a lot."

Briggs says that Bray is committed to the value of education all while cognizant of the need to work to have spending money. She has pursued and been accepted for secretarial and clerical jobs.

"She takes her responsibilities seriously," Briggs said.

Briggs' respect for SMP and Bray is reciprocal: Bray is grateful for SMP and adores Briggs.

"I like that you have a person next to you to guide you all through high school. It's very nice to have someone to look up to as a role model," Bray said.

"I love Ms. Briggs. She's so nice. She helps me with everything. She always gives me her opinion. She's changed my life tremendously. I don't think I would be where I am today without her."

Briggs' relationship with Bray has been successful in terms of Bray's goal of attending a university. She has been accepted to Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan University, Baker and University of Detroit Mercy.

Bray has a cousin who went to a community college, but she will be the first one in her family to attend a four year university.

Briggs has a full life in addition to her relationship with Bray. Briggs has a son, Phil, who is a junior at South. She taught at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods for three years and is currently a first grade teacher at Kerby Elementary, where she has been for over a decade. She loves seeing her students learn.

"They're amazing. They're so loving. They're so eager. They're disappointed when it's Saturday," Briggs said.

A Catholic, Briggs believes religion is the foun-

dation of her life, including the part of her life with Bray. To her, Jesus' concern of helping others is a gift everyone should practice.

In her spare time, Briggs sings in her church choir and has been rehearsing for the Grosse Pointe Theater's production of "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up," a play about Catholic students.

Briggs grew up in Fraser, where her late father, Richard, worked as a machinist and her mother, Fran, toiled in retail.

College was not an expectation for Briggs while she was growing up, which makes her help to Bray particularly meaningful.

While Briggs had an instructor in high school who prodded her into a teaching career, she never had the kind of intense mentoring relationship she has with Bray.

Bray appreciates the amount of attention Briggs gives her when Briggs has such a busy life. However, Briggs is glad to have Bray in her life.

Both Briggs and Bray contend that they will remain friends after Bray has graduated from Regina.

In its eighth year, SMP offers many at-risk Detroit area youth a chance at following their dreams.

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This goal is one that Briggs adamantly supports. "It gives them the opportunity to have the life they see other people having. This is her way of striking out on her own, of being independent," Briggs said.

At the same time, SMP offers caring adults the chance to contribute to the life of a developing child.

"I have been given so much. For people who have been given much, much is expected. I think it's my

obligation," Briggs said. Yet the primary feeling of Briggs' accomplishment lies with Bray's meeting the challenges in life with composure and an engaging personality.

Like Motown artists who struggled but were ultimately loved by millions, Bray wants to make it in life, a hope that her mentor Briggs thoroughly shares.

To find out more about Student Mentor Partners, go to the Web site <http://www.studentmentorpartners.org>. The participating schools are Bishop Foley, Covenant High School, DeLaSalle Collegiate, Loyola, Mercy, Regina, Shrine Catholic High School, St. Francis Cabrini Catholic High School and University of Detroit Jesuit.



Photo courtesy Kathy Usitalo

Thank you

Vita Aluia of Grosse Pointe Woods displays the picture she drew, which was chosen in a contest for a "thank you" note that goes home with patients at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Aluia is a third-grader at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Purchase approved

By Bob St. John
Staff Write

Residents in Grosse Pointe Woods will be happy to know their leaves will continue to be collected.

City council approved the bid of \$33,447 for the purchase of an American Roads 17-cubic yard Vacuum Leaf Collector from the Bell Equipment Company and the bid of \$15,675 for the purchase of a Dymax Grab and Grip 2.7-cubic yard Leaf Bucket from AIS Construction Equipment Corp.

City officials received a second bid of \$33,500 from American Road Machinery, Inc., and a bid of \$15,900 from JDE Equipment Company but chose to go with the lower bids.

Funds for the purchase of the new leaf collector and bucket were allocated in the 2005-06 budget.

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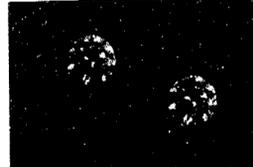
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Got him

On Monday, Dec. 12, at 1:42 a.m., Grosse Pointe Woods police stopped a 1990 Dodge traveling northbound on Marter near Anita for having an expired plate.

The officer performed a LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check that revealed the driver's record was clean; however the passenger, a 38-year-old Detroit man, had several warrants out for his arrest.

The warrants were out of Detroit, Imlay City, Lapeer, and Warren.

Woods police notified Imlay City police, and an officer came down to take the passenger back to Imlay City where he would be booked.

Credit card fraud

On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1:11 p.m., a 36-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 900 block of Roslyn reported to police that an unknown person charged several items to his Citibank MasterCard.

The man went to use his credit card, which was denied. He called on it, and the credit card company said a person charged eight items that totaled \$927.40. The shipping address was a home in the 3200 block of Whitney in Detroit.

The man told police he didn't lose his credit card, and he canceled it, and the company put a red flag on his account.

Too restrictive

On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:19 a.m., a 22-year-old Mount Clemens man driving a 1993 Buick was pulled over on northbound Mack at Vernier for a routine traffic stop.

The driver showed the officer his restricted driver license, and he was in violation of his driving privileges.

The man was arrested for driving with a restrictive license.

Drunken driving

At 3:10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, a 66-year-old Harper Woods man was swerving as he traveled south on Mack.

A Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed the erratic driving and pulled over the driver on Mack at Prestwick.

The man's speech was slurred, and the officer could detect an odor of intoxicants emanating from the driver's facial area.

The driver failed several field sobriety tests and was given a portable breathalyzer test that read .104.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Funny cigarettes

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 9:26 p.m., a 30-year-old Detroit man driving a 1999 Dodge Ram pickup was pulled over on northbound Harper at Allard for having a broken tail light.

The Grosse Pointe Woods police officer could detect an odor of marijuana coming from the man's vehicle. Meanwhile, the driver could only produce proof of insurance for his vehicle.

The officer asked the man if he had any marijuana on him, and the driver picked up a half-smoked marijuana cigarette from the ash tray and a small bag of suspected marijuana from his coat pocket.

The man was arrested for being in possession of marijuana and tests on the contraband did show it was marijuana.

Go away

On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:46 a.m., a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was involved in an altercation at a business in the 19200 block of Mack.

The man was drunk and

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harassing customers; so the owner approached the man when he became belligerent.

The Farms man had to be physically restrained and escorted from the establishment.

Recovered vehicle

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:35 a.m., a 44-year-old Detroit man who is a security guard for the lot in the 19200 block of Mack called Grosse Pointe Woods police to report the recovery of a stolen vehicle.

The 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix was stolen from a Wayne County airport. Damage to the vehicle included both outside mirrors being ripped off; the

right front bumper was damaged; there is a small crack in the left rear bumper, and the exhaust pipe was bent.

Identity theft attempted

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 a.m., a 36-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman

living in the 500 block of Blairmoor Court reported to police she was contacted by a credit card company and told an unknown person tried to open a credit line in her name on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The credit card company denied the request because the person did not have all of the needed information, but the suspect did have the victim's Social Security number.

The suspect gave an

address of a home in the 15600 block of Madeline in Detroit.

Another ID theft

At 11:13 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1600 block of Roslyn called police and said an unknown person opened a Team Mobile cellular account

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using her Social Security number.

The account, opened by a male living in Tennessee, began in July 2004 and was closed on Feb. 9 with a bill of \$515.

The victim called the cellular phone company and told representatives of the crime.

Credit card fraud, again

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 3:55 p.m., a 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman living in the 1100 block of Anita reported to police that an unknown person charged several items from the QVC shopping network on her credit card on Dec. 1.

The victim found out about the crime when MBNA America contacted her, telling her of a credit

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adjustment it made on her purchases.

The woman said she never purchased the items that were shipped to an address in Detroit.

QVC and MBNA were notified of the crime and a red flag went onto her account.

Fire run,

damage minimal

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at 9:01 p.m., Grosse Pointe Park firefighters responded to a grease fire in the kitchen of a home in the 800 block of Pemberton.

The fire was extinguished with a dry chemical substance.

Home invasion

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, between 10:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., a brick was used to break a back window of a home in the 900 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park.

It is unknown if there is anything was stolen.

Home entered

Between Thursday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 4, a suspect entered through an unlocked window of a home in the 800 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park.

The suspect apparently stole jewelry and coins.

Arrested

On Thursday, Dec. 8, a vehicle was stopped for a routine traffic stop at the corner of Jefferson and Marlborough.

The suspect, an 18-year-old Detroit man, fled the car and ran into Detroit where the person was pursued and caught. The person was allegedly in possession of narcotics and arrested.

Hit and run accident

On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11:30 a.m., a vehicle struck another car and left the scene (Cadieux at St. Paul).

The car drove eastbound on Jefferson, but the driver, a 19-year-old Detroit man, was stopped by Grosse Pointe Farms police and arrested.

Robberies

The City of Grosse Pointe experienced several break-ins between 11:25 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, and the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 12.

The Village Grill on Kercheval was the first burglary site as an intruder kicked in the 17-inch by 6-foot front window. The suspect lifted the glass since it didn't shatter when it was kicked.

A motion detector sounded a loud shrill, which scared the intruder away. The suspect left several shoe prints in the snow. Detectives were not able to lift any prints; so it is thought the suspect had gloves on during the attempted heist.

The Village Grill employee left the business was at 10:20 p.m.

"We had patrols in the Village 10 minutes before the alarm sounded," City of Grosse Pointe detective Ron Wierczorek said. "Our officers responded to the alarm within a couple of minutes but were unable to find the suspect."

It is believed the same criminal is responsible for a series of robberies at Strands Hair Salon, Hearing USA and Dr. James Black's offices on Mack.

A partial cinder block was thrown through the front window of Strands, and the suspect got away with an unknown amount of change.

The hungry intruder decided to take a break and grab a quick snack as a half of a bagel and a part of a sandwich were consumed, and six boxes of cookies were also stolen.

"This guy was looking for quick change, and he was able to attain that goal," Wierczorek said. "This guy has put a damper on some business owners' holidays. We're looking into each case."

The suspect broke through a small window to enter Hearing USA.

Once again an unknown amount of change was taken, and a half-box of cherry chocolates was eaten during the break-in.

Dr. Black's practice was in the same building as Hearing USA, and in this case the perpetrator left an empty pop can, and an unknown amount of change was taken.

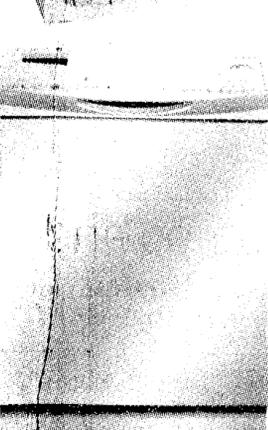
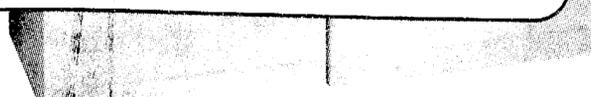
Detectives dusted for fingerprints in each case and found boot prints at the last two break-ins.

"We tell business owners during the holidays to not leave large amounts of money in their businesses because criminals get desperate at this time of year," Wierczorek said. "We're working with other Grosse Pointe public safety departments to put a stop to these robberies and catch the perpetrators."

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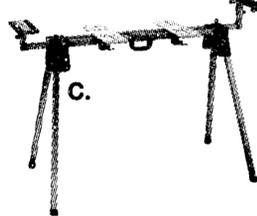
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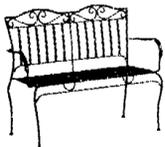
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Larceny

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 5:36 p.m., a 56-year-old Hazel Park man reported to Grosse Pointe Farms police that an unknown person stole his Salvation Army bucket full of money.

The worker left the bucket, which was firmly attached to a pedestal, outside a restroom, and when he was finished the bucket was gone.

Yukon gone with no trace

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:30 a.m., a 45-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man living in the 400 block of Colonial Court woke up to find his 2004 GMC Yukon missing.

He told police the vehicle was locked when he retired for the evening.

Smashing robbery

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:39 a.m., an employee of a business in the 18400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms came to work to find the front window smashed in and the money drawer open with its contents thrown about.

The owner, a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man, told police \$282 in cash and another \$300.22 in checks were stolen from his business.

One week prior to this incident, the owner found the front window was cracked front top to bottom.

Expired tab nets arrest

On Friday, Dec. 9, at 8:51 a.m., a 36-year-old Detroit woman driving a 1997 Mercury Sable was pulled over after Grosse Pointe Farms police noticed her tag on her license plate was

expired. A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended; so she was arrested.

No insurance

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at 5:55 p.m., a 45-year-old Roseville woman driving a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus was pulled over on westbound Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms for having an expired tab on her license plate.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's license was suspended out of St. Clair Shores and that the vehicle is not insured.

Stealing jewelry

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 4:05 p.m., a 50-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman living in the 300 block of Lothrop reported to police that she suspects a 35-year-old employee is stealing jewelry from her.

The victim told police on each occasion the woman worked, a piece of jewelry came up missing. The woman said a \$50 pair of earrings, a \$400 gold bracelet, \$100 in currency, \$100 in checks and a \$4,500 diamond anniversary ring have been stolen.

Suspended license

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:26 p.m., a 58-year-old Warren woman driving a 1995 Lincoln Mark VIII was stopped on Mack at Kerby for a routine traffic violation.

A LEIN check revealed the woman had a suspended license out of Pontiac; so she was arrested.

Hot Lexus on cold morning

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at

7:17 a.m., a 39-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman reported to police that an unknown person stole her 2006 Lexus after she left it running in her driveway in order to let the heater run.

Drunken driving

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores police received several 911 calls around 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, reporting a possible drunken driver weaving on Lakeshore.

Shores police arrived on the scene to find drivers were able to get the 60-year-old St. Clair Shores man to stop his 2005 Dodge Durango.

The man failed several field sobriety tests, and a portable breathalyzer test registered 23.

He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Bad driver

On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 11:39 p.m., a 24-year-old St. Clair Shores man driving a 2004 Kia was pulled over on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores for having a burned out passenger-side headlight.

A LEIN check revealed the man had three license suspensions out of Roseville with a bond total of \$150. The man was arrested.

Busted

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 10:35 a.m., a 19-year-old Lenox man was driving his 1994 Dodge down Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores, traveling 44 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Shores police pulled over the vehicle, and a LEIN check revealed the man's driver license was suspended. He was arrested.

— Bob St. John

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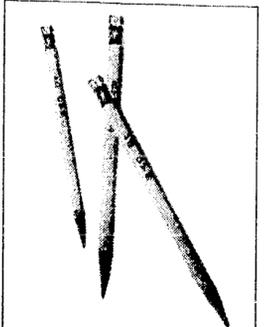
AARP Michigan is asking for volunteers throughout the state to help others during the 2006 tax season, beginning in February through April 15.

"You don't have to be a lawyer or accountant to help others through Tax-Aide, just someone who wants to volunteer and who has financial aptitude," Betty Shaw, AARP Tax-Aide Michigan State Coordinator, said.

A national survey of Tax-Aide volunteers showed that 96 percent were satisfied with their experience.

Volunteers receive training in cooperation with the IRS and the AARP Foundation, which administers the program.

To find out more information about becoming a Tax-Aide volunteer, call the AARP Michigan State Office toll free at 1-866-227-7448 or visit the Tax-Aide Web site at <http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide>.





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G.P. Chamber of Commerce answers customer questions

Since the first article about the newly incorporated Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce first appeared in the Oct. 27 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, we have been gratified by the enthusiastic response of local residents and business owners.

Many questions have been raised, and we would like to take this opportunity to answer some of those most commonly asked.

What is the mission of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce (GPCC)?

The mission of the GPCC is to provide leadership and promote the economic vitality of the five Grosse Pointe business communities there-

by improving the quality of life for all residents. Simply stated, we want to promote the many resources of our fabulous communities.

Who can join? Any business or Grosse Pointe resident who supports our mission is eligible to apply for membership. Membership fees are based on number of employees. For instance, a business with one to 10 employees will have an annual membership rate of \$200 with some discounts available. Individual citizens can join the chamber for a contribution of \$100 to become a "Friend of the Chamber."

Does my business have to be physically located in

Grosse Pointe to become a member of the chamber?

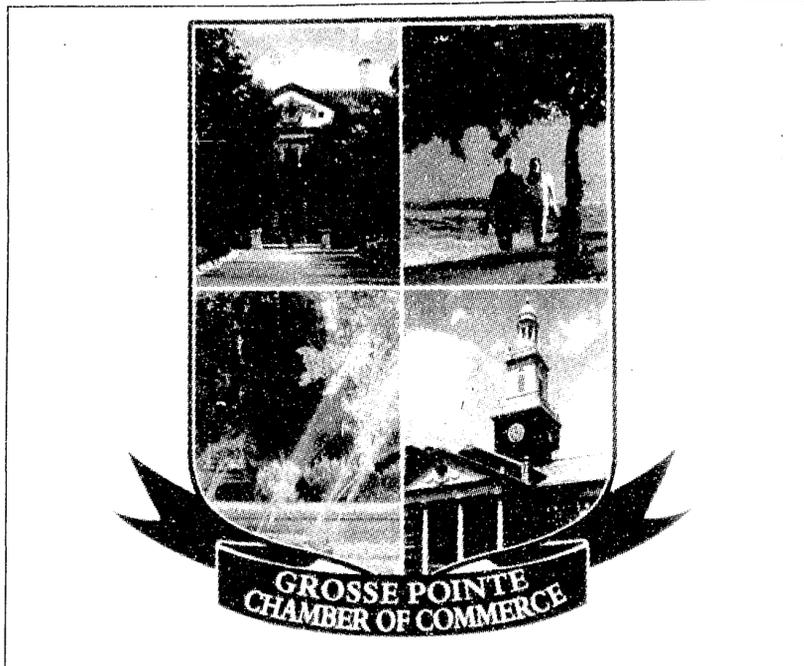
No, an individual or business needs only to support the mission of the chamber to be eligible for membership. While the majority of our members represent Grosse Pointe businesses, some of our members are Grosse Pointers who own businesses in neighboring communities who support the mission of the chamber and have a Grosse Pointe customer base. Nonprofit organizations, such as cultural groups and schools, are also eligible to be members.

What are the benefits of joining GPCC?

Networking opportunities and chamber business referrals: In national chamber surveys, networking and referrals are most often rated as the biggest reason to join a chamber. Attend or host our events and network to develop additional business.

Group insurance access: We have partnered with the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and Alco's Insurance to provide you access to Blue Cross health group insurance and Alco's Edge comprehensive plan. If a business owner has insurance but needs coverage for an employee, we can help you with that, as well.

Marketing and advertising opportunities: Our Web site, quarterly e-newsletter, membership directory and new-resident welcome packet will provide additional



venues. Business memberships include Web site listing, name, phone, address, category listings and mapping that will help customers find you.

Product and service discounts: Chamber membership includes outstanding discount opportunities from national companies such as Verizon Wireless, LDMi Telecommunications, Office Depot, and UPS, and many local member-to-member discounts. Membership can pay for itself!

How will the chamber

help promote our Community?

Grosse Pointe Promotion: Chamber members and staff are working on a great Web site and relocation that will let new metro Detroit residents know what a great community we have in the Grosse Pointes.

We need to promote, as do other top Michigan suburbs. This will help us to welcome wonderful new neighbors and enhance our property values.

What activities will the Chamber sponsor?

The chamber is sponsoring before- and after-hours networking receptions to provide networking opportunities and spotlight member businesses.

There will be opportunities to join committees such as marketing/public relations, events, and government relations. The relocation committee held its first meeting on Dec. 8 and began work on development on a new Grosse Pointe relocation package to help attract new families to the Pointes. A new resident package and a Grosse Pointe Gold gift

certificate program are also being developed. Speaker series will be set throughout the year.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce was formed to promote business and our community; we hope you become involved and attend our programs. Being involved doesn't require a lot of time.

Enroll in the free Grosse Pointe gold program; have a cup of coffee, meet prospective clients at our monthly before-hours meetings; patronize local businesses and enjoy chamber discounts.

Participate in events and chamber marketing opportunities that will reach beyond Grosse Pointe through the chamber Web site.

To find out how you can participate in the chamber, please call us at (313) 881-4722(GPCC). Please join us to give back, get involved and gain a voice.

— Mary Huebner and Jane Lightfoot, Co-Executive Directors of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Daniel S. Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 21, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 10, 2005, and the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on November 28, 2005.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 75658 through 75830 in the amount of \$322,202.34 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$9,150.35 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of October 2005.
- 2) To accept the following high bids for the sale of surplus City vehicles: '96 Ford Crown Victoria/White, 2FALP71W4TX148717, \$702.00, '98 Ford Crown Victoria/Black, 2FALP73W1WX168933, \$1,300.00, '00 Ford Crown Victoria/Grey, 2FALP71W0YX172193, \$1,500.00, '01 Ford Crown Victoria/Grey, FAFP71W31X188376, \$2,900.00, '77 Massey Ferguson Tractor, \$805.00, '50 Gerlinger Hi/Lo, No Bid. And furthermore, authorize the City Manager to dispose of the 1950 Gerlinger Hi/Lo.

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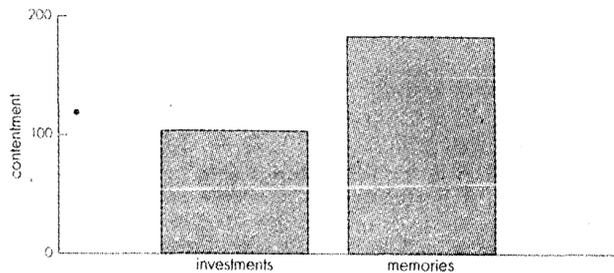
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2005

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Hugh Marshall and Councilman John M. Szymanski

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmen Hugh Marshall, and John M. Szymanski from tonight's meeting do to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 7, 2005, and the special City Council meeting held on November 14, 2005, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meetings held on August 18, September 15, and October 20, 2005; the Board of Canvassers meeting held November 9, 2005 and the Board Zoning Appeals meeting held on November 9, 2005.

- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the proposed re-zoning of the property at 18555 Eastwood.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the proposed re-zoning of the property at 18555 Eastwood.

- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 75473 through 75657 in the amount of \$ 588,013.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to the Children's Home of Detroit in the amount of \$10,688.00 for our City's proportionate share of the funding of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Youth Assistance Program for fiscal year 2005/2006.

- 2) To Introduce and Place for First Reading an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Section 25-23 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Harper Woods by Adding Section 240 Regulating Failure to Show Proof of Sale of a Motor Vehicle and Section 252a Regulating Abandoned Vehicles in the Repealing Section, Article II of Chapter 16 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances Dealing with Abandoned Vehicles," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

- 3) To approve a three-year extension of the curbside recycling contract with Tringali Sanitation as provided for in the original bid process with an amended proposal to maintain the per week per household cost at \$.53 from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

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Immunizing your business from the Avian flu is a must

The Avian flu seems a distant threat, but if experts are correct and a pandemic does occur, it is inevitable that businesses will be forced to breach contracts.

While the pandemic may be inevitable, a legal disaster may be avoided, say attorneys and business counselors at Miller Canfield.

"If the apocalypse really is now, and organizations are forced to break contracts as a result, they may find themselves in the unenviable position of having to argue that what was widely pronounced to be 'inevitable,' was, in fact, unforeseeable," Brian L. Levine, a lawyer at Detroit-based Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., said. "Given that a Google search on 'Avian flu' produces more than 11.3 million hits, it may be a challenge to successfully argue that the pandemic and its consequences were unforeseeable."

The U.S. Homeland Security Council has published a "National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza."

The plan leaves many responsibilities to the private sector, such as establishing systems to maintain delivery of essential goods and services, allowing workers to provide services from home if health officials advise against nonessential travel, and partnering with other members of the sector to provide mutual support and essential services during a pandemic.

"It would be natural for organizations and even attorneys to assume that Michigan's courts will simply forgive supply chain interruption and sustained worker absenteeism," Levine said. "But that assumption may not be

accurate."

Although many businesses currently rely on act of God provisions in contracts, these provisions may not apply where the "act of God" is foreseeable.

Additionally, such a clause may not excuse performance if the problem could have been prevented.

Miller Canfield recommends these tips for businesses:

- Include provisions which specifically address pandemic flu in all long-term contracts and equitably allocate risk in the event of such an occurrence.

- Draft fair but effective provisions that meet your businesses' specific requirements.

Organizations may want to include provisions for mediation or arbitration in the event that court access becomes difficult, or include provisions requiring parties to defer resolution until after a pandemic has officially been declared over.

- Finally, develop and implement a tangible preparedness plan, such as technology and workplace policies for allowing employees to work offsite, systems to reduce infection transmission, and worker education.

Experts at the World Health Organization (WHO) indicate that the world is now closer to another influenza pandemic than at any time since 1968, when the last pandemic occurred.

The Centers for Disease Control predicts that if an influenza pandemic does occur, between 15 and 35 percent of the U.S. population could be affected, and the economic impact could range between \$71.3 billion and \$166.5 billion.

Sandra Glovak was honored by Wayne State University's Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for outstanding achievement as an alumna of the Occupational Therapy program.

She is director of Sensory Systems Clinic in St. Clair Shores. She started the first clinics providing sensory integration to children in Detroit, which have been in continuous operation for the past 22 years.

Sensory integration is used in the treatment of autism, attention deficit disorder, bipolar depression, learning disability and other sensory dysfunctional illnesses.

She has trained numerous therapists and other professionals in the field of sensory integration, most recently at the national conference of the Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children.

A 1976 graduate of Wayne State University, Glovak has co-authored a chapter in *Case Studies in Infant Mental Health: Risk, Resiliency and Relationships* published by Zero to Three 2002, and an article in *Infants and Young Children, An Interdisciplinary Journal of Special Care Pediatrics* (July 2002).

Glovak is a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Herold Deason, Robert J. Diehl Jr., Fredrick J. Dindoffer and David M. Hempstead, attorneys with Bodman LLP, will be listed in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, a guide to the nation's leading legal practitioners.

Deason will be listed under the category Corporate Law, while Diehl will be listed under the category Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights.

Dindoffer will be listed under the category Environmental Law, and

Hempstead will be listed under the category Trusts and Estates.

Each of the four lawyers lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

William E. Fisher, a member of the Taxation and Estates Department of Dykema, Gossett, PLLC, was recently appointed to the Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

The Board of Visitors assists in the development of close and helpful relationships between the Law School and the alumni in areas including Law School facilities, curriculum, placement, admissions and public relations.

In addition, the Board of Visitors continues to work toward improving faculty salaries and maintaining excellence at the Law School by encouraging increased financial support from both the legislature and the alumni.

Fisher's practice focuses on tax and estate planning, especially for closely held businesses, trust and estate administration, and charitable planning. He has taught estate and gift taxation and advanced estate planning as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2005-2006.

Fisher received his J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, and his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin and his A.B., cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Dartmouth College.

He is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tracy Allen of Sommers Schwartz was recently a featured speaker at the Oakland County Bar Association's "State of the Law Day" seminar in Pontiac.

Allen spoke on "Inside the Mediator's Mind: How to Better Represent Clients in Mediation."

She is a senior shareholder whose practice focuses on alternative dispute resolution, mediation and arbitration. She was named in Best

Lawyers in America for the first time in 2004.

Allen lives in Grosse Pointe.

Dale Scrace is joining JM Olson Corporation as Project Executive.

He served as Senior Construction Manager at Hines.

In his new role, Scrace will oversee the Detroit Riverwalk project.

Scrace is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.

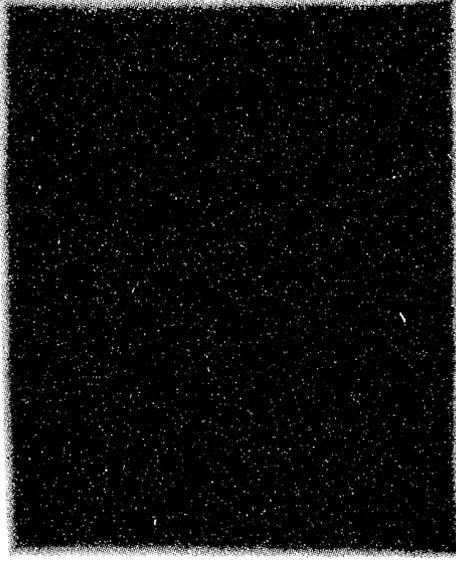
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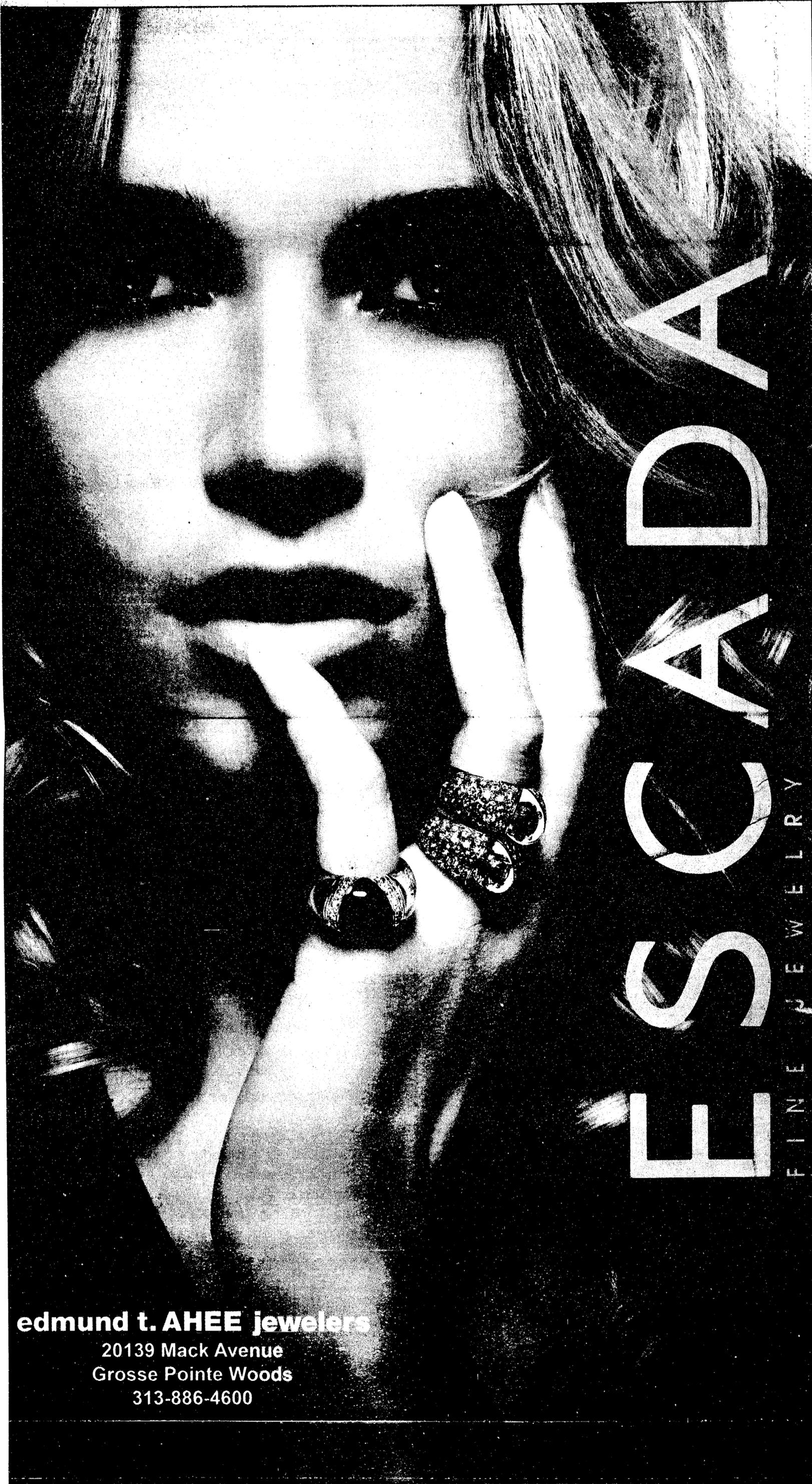
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Students seek insight into how stars are formed

Light of eons ago holds answers to planet creation

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Light from some stars in the constellation Taurus reaching the Earth today is 10 million years old. It started its outward journey during the Miocene era when the first monkeys and apes appeared.

That spectrum of light holds answers to questions posed by three North High School astronomy students.

Zak Schroeder, 16, Nathan Stano, 16, and Graham Kozak, 17, want to know what elements are being emitted from some of the youngest stars in the constellation of Taurus. They are the explorers of the 21st century.

The three juniors have taken their questions to the level of being invited to the Kitt Peak National Observatory, 56 miles southwest of Tucson, Ariz.

The observatory supports a diverse collection of astronomical observatories for daytime and nighttime telescopes, 19 optical telescopes and two radio telescopes. It was an ideal place to recover data the naked eye and North's equipment are unable to capture. The trio submitted a request for observatory time. They were competing against other middle and high schools nationwide for two nights worth of telescope and computer time. North students were awarded the time for the second time in three years.

This was made possible because of funding through the Teacher Observing Program grant, sponsored by the National Science

Foundation.

Thus Schroeder, Stano and Kozak set out to look at young variable stars.

These stars are still infants, not yet stable adults. Their light varies because of outbursts and there are still many questions about just how these young stars evolve.

Since only two observers were allowed per night, they broke into pairs with Schroeder and Kozak going the first night and Stano and Schroeder on the second night. They were accompanied by Ardis Herrold, the young men's astronomy teacher.

Kozak explained that their project is looking at elements emitted from T Tauri and similar stars. They want to find out how old these stars are, whether they are moving toward or away from Earth, and if planets may be forming around them. Elements can be identified in the light from the star, and light reflected and absorbed in the nearby nebula can answer these questions.

"A computer is used to interpret the light and prints a graph of the spectrum. Light from a star splits into visible light to form a spectrum. We focus on different parts of the spectrum. The Coude' Feed spectrograph takes a picture. It's more effective at gathering light," Kozak said.

The human eye gathers 2 to 3 percent of light, a camera 10 percent and the spectrograph with a highly efficient chip collects 98 percent of light emitted by a star.



Above, from left, Nathan Stano and Zak Schroeder are looking at a video monitor and using a guider, which displays a video image of the star on the screen. They use a control paddle to nudge the telescope so that the star is perfectly centered and lock it on the star. This allows the telescope to track the star while they image its spectrum.

Schroeder and Stano stand near the tower which houses the mirror to reflect heavenly lights into the telescope and finally into the spectrograph which will analyze the light's spectrum.



The presence and quantities of elements in a spectrum are used to evaluate the star.

Kozak said the hydrogen content found in high quantities tells about the region around the star. "Lithium means it is a younger star," he said.

Hence, the type of chemicals and temperature of the star, Kozak said, indicate the star is relatively young, 10 million years.

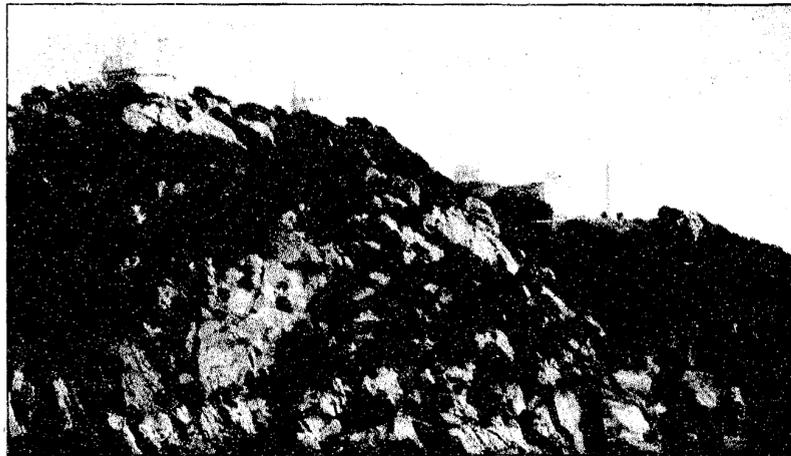
In the desert, the students begin the process at twilight with instrument calibration. The first night, Nov. 2, was clear, as was the second night, Nov. 3. However, the winds kicked up the last night shutting down the project. The mirror capturing the nebula's light was moving. Yet, the three came back to Michigan with a CD of data including graphs, lines and charts. It was enough information for them to begin a paper to be submitted to The RBSE Journal.

The Research Based Science Education project was begun in the late 1990s as an educational outreach program for teachers of grades 6-12.

Teachers were trained in Tucson and were able to observe at some of the telescopes at Kitt Peak. Then they were able to use the data involving their students in authentic research projects. Grosse Pointe North astronomy students have done RBSE research each year since 1998.

Kozak said the idea of studying a young star is to

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Photos courtesy Ardis Herrold

Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona is where three Grosse Pointe North High School students spent two nights collecting data from the Taurus constellation.

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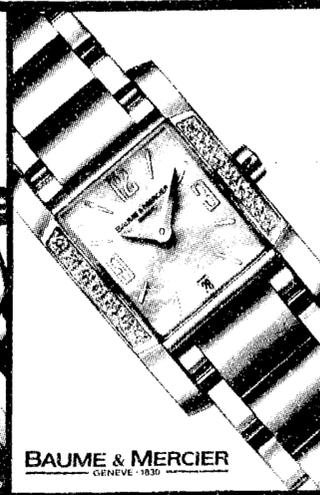
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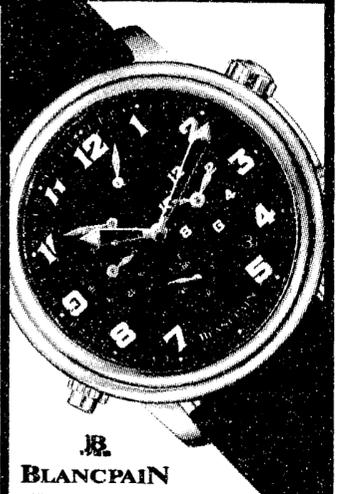
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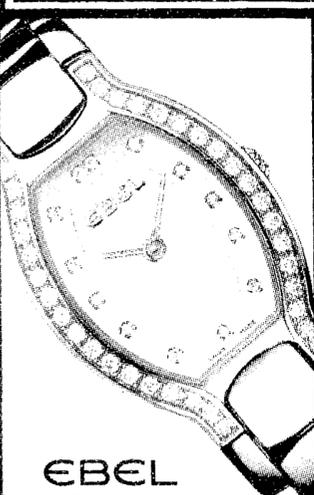
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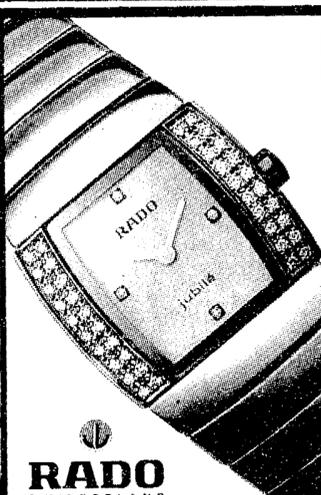
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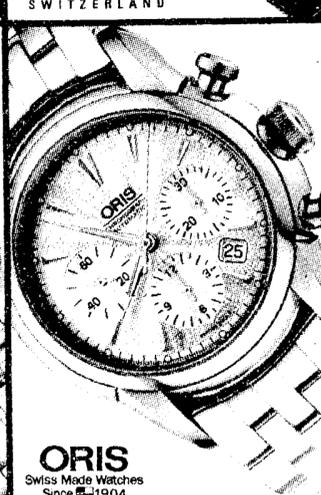
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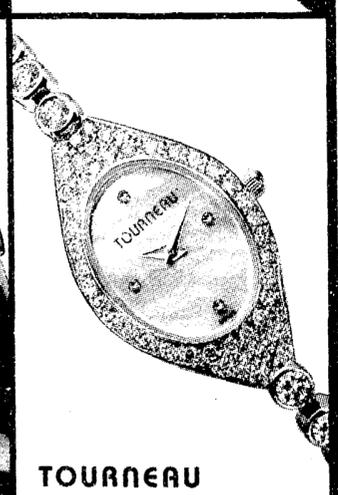
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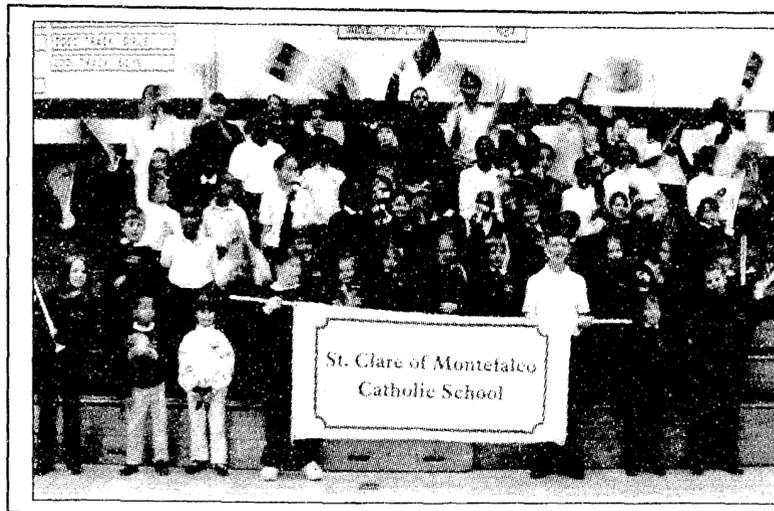
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Shout out

Students at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School enthusiastically wished all of the metro Detroit area "good morning." Channel 7's meteorologist Dave Rexroth came to the school on Dec. 1 and filmed kindergartners through eighth-graders as they "shouted out" as loudly as they could for those who needed help waking up in the morning. The film clip will be aired on WXYZ-TV's School Shout Out, between 5 and 7 a.m.

Photo courtesy Irene Noseda



Photo courtesy Poupard School

Sniffing out a fire

Eastpointe Fire Marshal Jeff Wallace, right, and his K-9 helper Cops paid a visit to Poupard Elementary School in October as part of Fire Safety Month. Cops demonstrated how he has been trained to sniff out accelerants when one was placed on the shoe of a Poupard staff member. Wallace and Cops were invited to the school via third-grader Ann Durbin and her father, at left, retired Harper Woods Fire Chief Mike Durbin. Wallace and Cops are members of the Fire Investigation Strike Team.

State graduation revision would affect GP students

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Some adjustments to the Grosse Pointe graduation requirements would have to be made should the state change its requirements.

State Superintendent Michael Flanagan disclosed plans for 16 state-mandated credits to be completed before public high school students can graduate. (In Grosse Pointe, a total of 21 credits are needed. This includes electives.) The proposal is now in the hands of the Legislature.

superintendent for curriculum and testing, Susan Allan, said, it wouldn't mean a big change for North and South students. The biggest change would be to the math requirements. Grosse Pointe now requires two math credits to graduate, and the new state plan cites four to graduate.

She's not worried about the revised plan saying of Grosse Pointe high school students, "a vast majority take four classes. For most students it won't be a change."

would be in the science credits. The state would require three credits, and Grosse Pointe now has students taking two classes.

"Math will make the real difference. The rest is doable," she said.

The proposed state plan would require four credits of English and language arts, four math credits, three science credits, three social studies, one health/physical education and one credit in the arts/music department.

"We are pretty close," she

said to the proposed credits. Grosse Pointe now requires four English credits, three social studies, one fine arts credit and one health credit.

She will approach the board in December about the state's new plan and may talk about adding classes to meet the requirements.

The increased graduation credits would be put into place in the fall of 2007 should the plan win Legislative approval during the winter.

Another modification

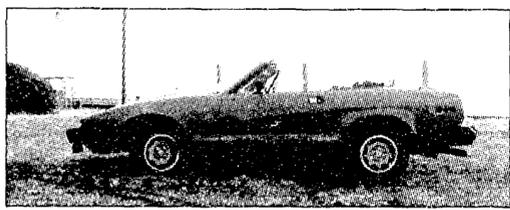


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Triumphant fund-raiser

Wouldn't this 1980 Triumph TR7 convertible look good in your driveway? This silver anniversary issued car will be raffled off in March during Maire Elementary's spring festival. There are a limited number of \$20 tickets, 2,000, for the Triumph. The car has 43,000 miles on it and its original engine. Maire PTO suggests a raffle ticket would make a good stocking stuffer. Call Ed Jackman at (313) 884-0590 or talk to any Maire parent to purchase a ticket.

Names in the news

Two Grosse Pointe Academy students were selected to appear in the "Nutcracker" at the Detroit Opera House during Thanksgiving weekend. Allison Mobley of Grosse Pointe City and Gabriella Colonna of Sterling Heights are both fourth-graders at the Academy.

University Liggett School children donated more than 3,000 cans for the Harvest (Friendship) House in Detroit during the month of November.

The upper school with 260 students had a goal of 1,000 cans in the month-long drive. Ted Alpert's home-room collected 1,500 during that time.

Cadet Kevin Yaklin, an 11th grader at Howe Military School and the son of Kathy and Bill Yaklin of Grosse Pointe Park, was named to the Headmaster's List for the second six week grading period in the 2005-06 school year.

He has attended the school since Nov. 2002.

Star

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understand its development of nuclear fusion. It also could be used to understand what processes result in planet formation.

"The accretion disc (a ring of materials circling a star) condenses like a snowball rolling downhill. It becomes planets," he said.

"We need to look at the data to understand," Stano said.

All three became interested in astronomy upon entering high school. They became members of the RATs, the school Radio Astronomy Team.

"My friend told me to join. 'You get to go up on the roof,'" Schroeder related. Being on the roof of the school was enough for him to join the RATs. This has since become an afterthought because what he is learning holds his interest.

For Stano, it was purely an interest in science that trek him to Herrold's club.

"I'm a science person and interested in looking at the stars," he said.

Kozak said he has a wide variety of interest, and astronomy is just another

way to satisfy his curiosity. "I'm doing stuff that hasn't been done or not carried through."

Stano, Kozak and Schroeder are now pouring over data and hope to gain insight into what processes control young star development. They are the 21st century explorers looking into the universe's past.

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**Wm. George
Belanger, M.D.**

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Belanger, M.D.**

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Wm. George Belanger, M.D., 92, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005.

He attended the old Cadieux Elementary School and was in the third class to graduate from what was then the new Grosse Pointe High School in 1931.

Dr. Belanger graduated from Wayne State University and the Detroit College of Medicine. He interned at Harper Hospital and received his residency in radiology in 1941—the year Pearl Harbor was attacked.

He enlisted as a radiologist with the 17th General Hospital of Detroit and served overseas for two years. At the war's end, he returned home and joined the firm of Reynolds and Associates. Dr. Belanger practiced at many area hospitals, including Harper,

Bon Secours and Marine hospitals.

Later, he practiced at St. John Hospital with Eastpointe Radiologists, P.C. He was president of the medical staff and served on the Board of Trustees at St. John from 1976 to 1978. He retired in 1984.

Dr. Belanger enjoyed retirement because, as he said, he had more time to devote to the family he loved.

He was a member of the Lochmoor Club for 40 years. He had started playing golf there as a caddy when he was young. He was an excellent card player and had many master points at duplicate bridge.

He was an affectionate, generous and loving husband and father. Dr. Belanger was generous even in death, by donating his body to the anatomy department of WSU's School of Medicine.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; three daughters, Karen (Bob) Quarnstrom, Joan (Jim) Lehl and Elizabeth Belanger; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, George, and a grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, 101 E. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201; the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to the charity of one's choice.

John E. Danaher

John E. Danaher, 83, a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, died on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1922, in San Francisco, Calif.

A 1939 graduate of Detroit University School, he attended Princeton University, graduating in 1943 as a chemical engineer.



**John E.
Danaher**

Having served in the U.S. Navy in the last years of World War II, he went on to attend the University of Michigan Law School attaining his Juris Doctor in 1952.

Mr. Danaher began his long banking career in the trust department of Detroit Bank and Trust Co., and worked for Manufacturers National Bank for over 25 years, retiring in 1967 to pursue his personal interests.

He was a life member of the Country Club of Detroit.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth Powell Danaher; children, John Jr., Michael, Susan, Robert, Carolyn and Elizabeth; and 15 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, David, in 1995.

A private family Mass was celebrated at the Bon Secours Hospital chapel. Interment is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ICU/Critical Care Unit at Bon Secours Hospital, c/o BSCHS Foundation, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

**Sarah Luedders
Dawson**

Former Grosse Pointe resident Sarah Luedders Dawson, 71, of Frankfort, died on Thursday, Dec. 8,

2005.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1933, in Detroit to the late William Luedders and the late Mary Lou Luedders. She married J. Robert Dawson in 1968.

Mrs. Dawson graduated from Highland Park High School (Wejei Club) and the University of Michigan (Alpha Phi), and attended Hollins College.

She taught school for several years in Grosse Pointe and at the National Cathedral Elementary School in Washington, D.C.

She was a public relations aide to a Republican state representative and other successful candidates, research assistant for the Michigan Constitutional Convention, and public relations projects manager for the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. She spent one year as editor of the St. Lawrence Plaindealer, a weekly newspaper in Canton, N.Y.

While in Benzie County, Mrs. Dawson was president of the Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Periwinkle Garden Club, Benzie Historical Society, Friends of the Benzie Shores District Library, Crystal Lake Art Center and the Benzie Women's Republican Club.

A member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, she belonged for several years to the Frankfort Congregational Church. She went to Blaine Township after working at the Dearborn Public Library and continued her interest as a Frankfort librarian and later at The Bookstore in Frankfort.

Mrs. Dawson is survived by her husband, J. Robert Dawson; daughter, Elizabeth (Jon) Jacobs; grandchildren, Peter Olson Jacobs and William Dawson Jacobs; stepchildren, John R. (Judy) Dawson Jr., Laura (Bob) McDonough and David Dawson; step grandchildren, Scott (Becky) Dawson, Kelley (Miguel) Salas, Jacobs and Patrick McDonough, and Leah and Spencer Dawson; her siblings, Joan (Willard) Wolfe and Dean (Pat) Luedders; and her niece and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Beulah, with ashes to be interred at Blaine Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to either St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Highway, Beulah, MI 49617, or First Congregational Church of Frankfort, 431 Forest Ave., Frankfort, MI 49635, or to the Animal Welfare League.

**Katherine Sheridan
Flynn**

Katherine (nee Karrer) Sheridan Flynn, 96, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods and Southfield, died on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, of natural causes in Evanston, Ill.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Benjamin J. Karrer Jr. and the late Helen Olive Karrer of Port Huron.

Mrs. Flynn, a graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., taught school for many years in Michigan public school systems, including Port Huron, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and Marysville.

She is survived by her children, John B. Sheridan of Libertyville, Ill.; Daniel J. Sheridan of Grosse Pointe, Mary F. Sheridan of Evanston, Ill., and Margaret E. Sheridan of Chicago, Ill.; her five grandchildren; and her 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard P. Sheridan of Grosse Pointe Woods, and her second husband, Thomas P. Flynn of Southfield.

Private services will be held in Port Huron.

Melissa S. Metzker

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Melissa S. Metzker, 32, died of injuries



**Melissa S.
Metzker**



**Margret Schermack
Rueger**

due to an automobile accident in Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005.

She was born in Detroit on Feb. 8, 1973, the only child of Joyce and Carl Metzker. She attended drama school at H.B. Studies, Circle in the Square, and the Lee Strasburg Institute in New York from 1991 to 1993.

For two years, she backpacked through Europe, Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. After returning to her home in Grosse Pointe Park, she attended Mitchell College in New London, Conn. There she made the dean's list and received a merit award in English. She was named an All American Scholar and was awarded an MVP Scholarship to New York University.

While at NYU, she was on the dean's list every semester and received scholarships from Phi Theta Kappa and NYU trustees. She also attended NYU's Paris Study Abroad Program. In 2002, she graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English literature.

During 2001 and 2002, she was associate editor for Igo-Ugo.com and a seventh-grade literacy and math teacher. Ms. Metzker was then accepted in the "Teach for America" program.

At the Adam Clayton Powell Educational Complex in Harlem, N.Y., she was the eighth-grade ELA teacher for two years. While there, she was a lead teacher; received a model classroom award; was on the senior graduation committee; and was a faculty adviser for new teachers.

She also attended New Teacher Academy at Columbia University, ELS training and was a Scholastics Publishing consultant. She was trained by TFA at Fordham University in New York.

Ms. Metzker received a Master of Science degree in secondary education from Pace University in New York in 2004.

She then moved to Dundee, Miss., and was pursuing a career as a food writer. She completed a course at the Viking Culinary Arts Center. Her mentor in journalism was chair of the Department of Journalism at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

She will be missed by her parents, relatives, teachers, students and friends around the world.

**Margret Schermack
Rueger**

Margret Schermack Rueger, 95, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died at Lutheran Village Wolfcreek in Holland, Ohio, on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005.

She was born in Detroit on Dec. 6, 1910; grew up in New York City; and graduated from the University of Michigan with a major in Latin. Seventy-five years ago, at the University of Michigan, she met the love-of-her-life, her husband, Milton J. Rueger, M.D. They had one daughter, Jane.

Mrs. Rueger was an avid reader, enjoyed crossword puzzles and playing bridge.

She was on the board of Children's Aid in Detroit for 25 years and was active on hospital auxiliaries and in the vision screening program of Delta Gamma sorority.

She enjoyed activities at the Detroit Boat Club, rode horseback at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and played golf at the Country Club of Detroit. Several years ago, she and her husband joined the Country Club of Toledo. The couple had a passion for travel.

Mrs. Rueger was a long-time member of St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe, and more recently of Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband, Milton J. Rueger, M.D.; daughter, Jane (Dr. William) Willis of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren, Penny (Ken) Haas and Peter (Lyn) Willis; and four great-grandchildren, Margaret and Nathan Haas, and Anna and Carter Willis.

Memorial services will be held at the Lutheran Village Wolfcreek Chapel, 2001 Perrysburg-Holland Rd., Holland, Ohio, on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Online condolences may be made to www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

**David William
Stapleton**

David W. Stapleton, 94, died on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, after a brief illness.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1910, in Detroit to Dr. William J. and Mamie Ireland Stapleton.

Mr. Stapleton attended the University of Michigan and while in Detroit was in the automotive manufacturing industry with Ireland-Matthew Co., Eaton Manufacturing Corp., Standard Products Corp., and Ainsworth Manufacturing Corp.

He was a member of The Players Club of Detroit, and former member of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, the Grosse Pointe Hunt and Detroit Boat clubs. He was a lifelong member of Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Mr. Stapleton was a ham radio operator; enjoyed horseback riding and golf; as well as flying his own small plane.

He moved to the Boston area in 1955 where he became president of Stowe-Woodward Industries of Newton Upper Falls, Mass. In Boston, he was on the board of the Boston Association for the Hard of Hearing and a director of the Newton Waltham Bank and Trust. He was a former member of Norfolk Hunt Club, Dedham Country and Polo Club, Algonquin Club of Boston, Brae Burn Country Club and Dover Church.

In 1970, he became a winter resident of Venice, Fla., and moved to Florida permanently in 1991 making his home on Longboat Key. He traveled extensively in Europe as a child with his parents and continued his travels throughout his business life and well into his 90s.

In Florida, he was a member of The Bird Key Yacht Club, Venice Presbyterian Church, and associate member of All Angels By the Sea of Longboat Key. He was a former member of Mission

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Mr. Stapleton is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughter, Susan Stapleton; son, David (Joan) Stapleton Jr.; stepdaughter, Jane Fennessy; stepson, Clifford (Laure) Peabody; grandchildren, Jennifer Stapleton, David Stapleton III and Andrew Peabody.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Phillips Stapleton, and sister, Sally Hasse.

A memorial service in celebration of his life was held on Thursday, Dec. 8, in Longboat Key, and at a later date in Massachusetts.

A private burial will be held in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to All Angels By the Sea Legacy Fund, 563 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228.

Adele Bresin Theuerkorn

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Adele Bresin Theuerkorn, 85, died of Alzheimer's disease on

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, at Presbyterian Village in Chesterfield Township.

She will be remembered as a gregarious spirit and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Born in Pordenone, Italy, she immigrated to the United States as a child. She was known for her fine Italian cooking and the lively feasts prepared for family gatherings.

Mrs. Theuerkorn and her late husband were avid boaters, enjoying their boat, "Hedy," on all of the Michigan lakes. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe and the Detroit Yacht clubs.

She had been a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, where she sang in the church choir. As a member of the Cottage Hospital Guild, she served as a buyer for the hospital gift shop for several years. Mrs. Theuerkorn also enjoyed spending time with her childhood girlfriends in the Lombardi Club.

She is survived by a son, Gary (Sandra) Theuerkorn; four daughters, Noreen Betteridge (Harold Brander, fiancée), Susan (Stephen) Perrin, Linda (Christopher) Birg and Kathleen



Adele Bresin Theuerkorn

(Matthew) Rentenbach; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Theuerkorn was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Gay Theuerkorn.

Visitation will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076, or to Lighthouse Hospice, 24293 Telegraph Rd., Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48034.

City's part-time assessor named

A part-time assessor has been hired in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Lynne Houston, a certified assessor, won the job and will be paid \$22,500 per year.

"Compensation is based on an annual per parcel fee of \$9," according to a report by Karen Johnson, City finance director. "The market average is between \$9 and \$12 per parcel and depends on the complexity of the community."

The City, population 5,800, has approximately 2,454 residential and com-

mercial personal property parcels with a total State Equalized Value of \$488,964,280, according to City officials.

Assessors identify, inventory, determine market value, calculate assessed valuation of all municipal properties and prepare the assessment roll for property tax collection.

To qualify for the job, Houston needed a bachelor's degree in business or related field and a minimum of five years experience in residential and commercial apprais-

ing. High on Houston's list of tasks is locating and identifying all taxable and non-taxable properties within the City.

Houston also will conduct periodic checks of changes made to residential and commercial buildings.

She will serve as a resource for City residents in responding to their inquiries, interpreting applicable state laws and performing other administrative matters pertaining to assessing.

— Brad Lindberg

Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind to See Again

Diplomate in Low Vision Care trains Dr. Sheldon Smith to help those with macular degeneration to keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi
Freelance Writer

St. Clair Shores, Michigan - Just because you have macular degeneration or other diseases like diabetic retinopathy doesn't mean you must give up driving.

Ever look through a pair of field glasses or binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and much easier to see. California Optometrist, Dr. Richard J. Shuldiner and Michigan Optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith, are using miniaturized binoculars or telescopes to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration or other eye conditions.

"Some of my patients consider us the last stop for people who have vision loss," said Dr. Smith, a low vision optometrist who has trained with Dr. Shuldiner in California.

"People don't know that there are doctors who are very experienced in low vision care." Dr. Shuldiner happens to be one of only 52 Low Vision Diplomates in the world in the American Academy of Optometry.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease amongst the senior population. As many as 25% of those over 65 have some degree of degeneration. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive and gives us sharp images. When it degenerates, macular degeneration leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book or pass the driver's vision test.

The experts do not know what causes macular degeneration. But it is known that UV light from the sun is a major contributing factor. Other factors are smoking, aging of course, and improper nutrition. 15 to 20%



Carole Buckles with Bioptic Telescope glasses for driving and watching baseball games

of the time it is genetic. There are two types, wet and dry. The wet type involves leaky blood vessels and can be lasered shut. Unfortunately, it's a temporary fix since other leaks usually occur.

"Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning," says Dr. Smith.

Even if it's driving. The State of Michigan allows the use of telescopic glasses to meet the vision requirements for driving.

Donald Paquette, 72, a former county assessor from Anaheim, California was seen last November. "I could not read the street signs soon enough when driving and I couldn't read my saxophone music any more."

The Doctor fit him with bioptic telescope glasses. "Amazing!" says Donald. "I can read the street signs twice as far as I did before. I can play my sax again. Happy day!"

Carole Buckles, 71, of Arcadia, California came on the advice of a friend. "I wanted to be able to keep driving and do the fun things in life." One of those fun things is baseball. "I love going to baseball games and now I can see those close plays again," she says.

Biopic Telescopic glasses were prescribed to read signs and see traffic lights from farther away.

As Carole puts it. "These telescope glasses not only allow me to read signs from a farther distance, but make driving much easier. I've also used them to watch television so I don't have to sit so close. Definitely worth the \$1975 cost. I don't know why I waited two years to do this; I should have come sooner."

"Telescopic glasses usually cost over \$2000," says Dr. Smith, "especially if we build them with an automatic sunglass." Dr. Smith also provides special prismatic reading glasses to make the newspaper a little easier to read.

Ellen Imboden traveled from Sweden and was helped with two pairs of glasses: Special \$475 prismatic glasses that let her read newsprint, as well as biopic telescopes to continue driving in Sweden.

Low vision devices are not always expensive. Some reading glasses cost as little as \$475 and some magnifiers under \$100. Every case is different because people have different levels of vision and different desires.

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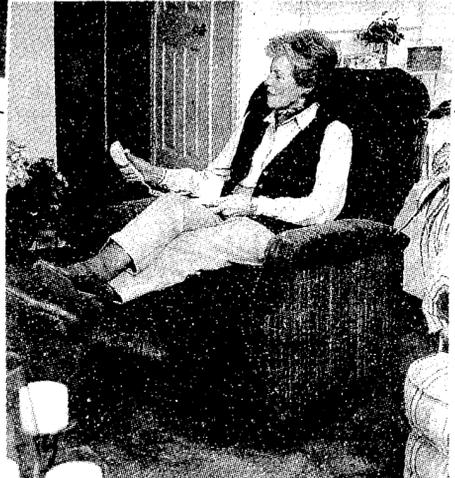
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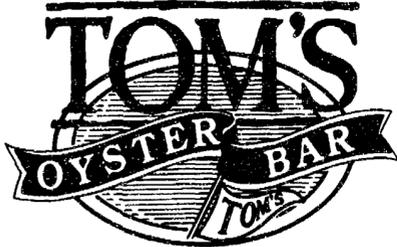
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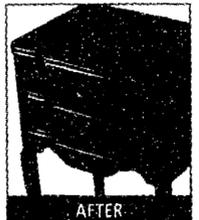
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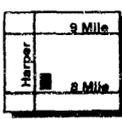
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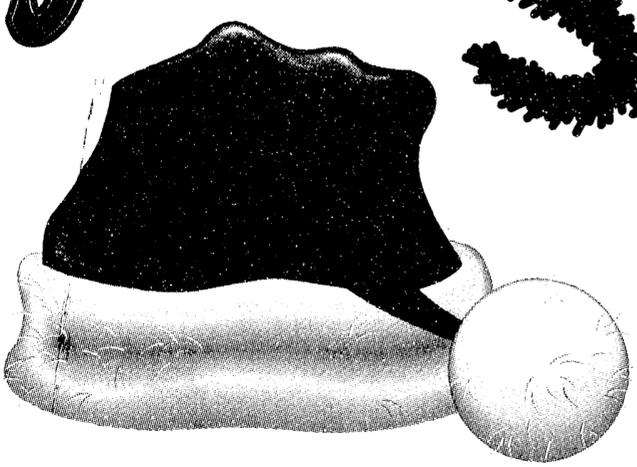
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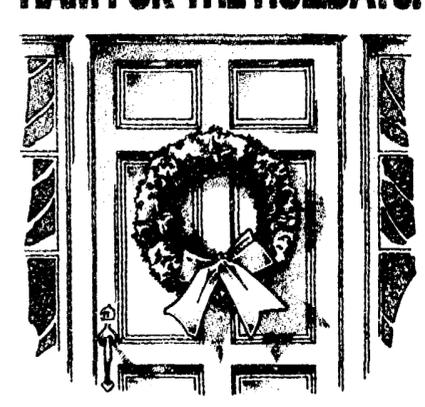
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'05 Honda Civic Hybrid has plenty of get-up

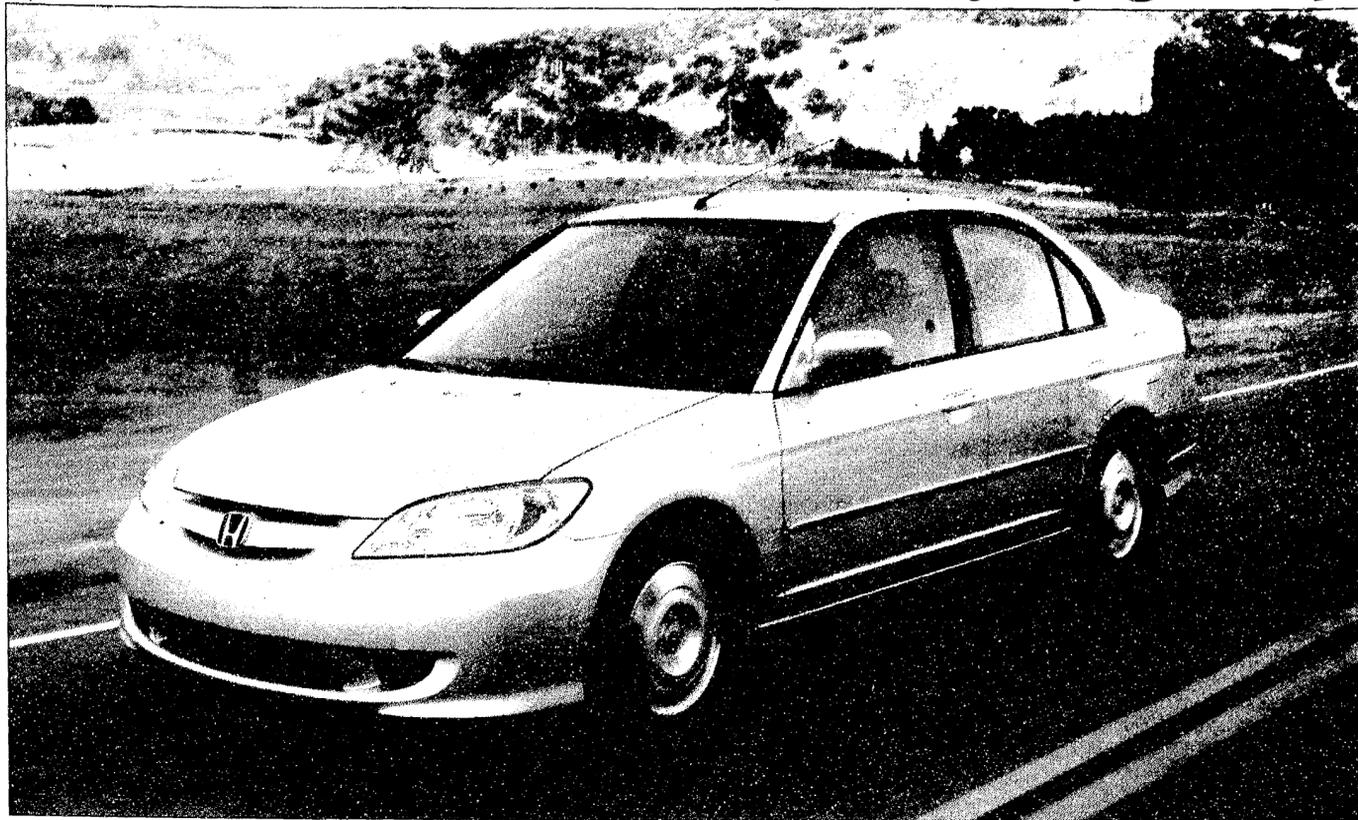
By Greg Zyla

We were greatly impressed in our weeklong drive of the 2005 Civic Hybrid, a four-door sedan that is strong on safety and offers stellar 46 miles per gallon city and 51 mpg highway fuel ratings — base price: \$20,260; price as tested: \$20,260.

Civic's hybrid engine won't win any drag races. It's an eight-valve, four-cylinder, 1.3-liter lightweight that cranks out just 87 horsepower. But who cares? It had plenty of get-up — the manual transmission on our tester certainly helped — and the 300 miles we drove only drained half the fuel from the tank. Honda says you'll get 650 miles per tank, and even models with the continuously variable automatic transmission carry impressive 48 mpg city/47 mpg highway ratings.

The great mileage comes thanks to Honda's Integrated Motor Assist, which combines the lightweight gasoline engine with a compact electric motor. (Note: You don't have to plug these hybrids into an electrical outlet.) If you need service, you take the Civic Hybrid to any Honda dealer, as no special treatment is required, and the battery pack comes with an impressive eight-year/80,000-mile warranty. The combination of fuel savings and emissions control makes the Civic Hybrid, introduced in 2002, eligible for the federal clean-fuel tax deduction.

While your wallet is protected from gas prices, drivers and passengers can feel safe as well in the front-wheel-drive Civic. As much as we enjoyed the great fuel mileage, the safety features equally impressed us. They include driver and front passenger dual-stage air bags, driver and front passenger



Photos courtesy of Wreck

2005 Honda Civic Hybrid

side air bags, side-impact door beams, anti-lock brakes, three-point seat belts, front and rear crumple zones and the LATCH system for child seats.

Civic's interior is roomy and comfortable. We offer a "tip of the hat" to Honda for softening the armrest with a cushion on top; for once, a long ride in a modestly priced vehicle didn't produce a sore elbow. Another attractive feature is the instrument panel, which is illuminated with pretty sky-blue lighting.

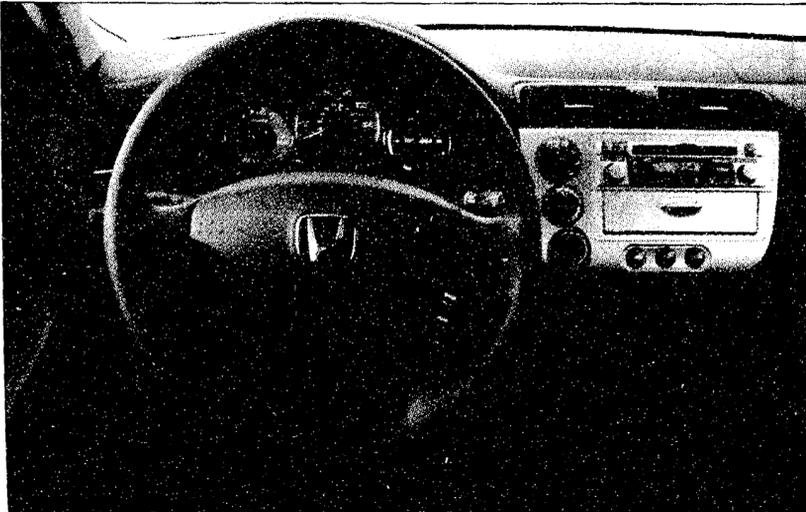
The exterior is perhaps the one area where it's hard to get excited. The Civic Hybrid

is not ugly, just plain, especially parked beside the more modern Toyota Prius Hybrid.

Other notable features include electronic brake distribution, bumpers that conform to federal 5-mph performance standards, AM/FM/CD audio system, automatic climate control with air filtration, power windows and door locks, visor vanity mirrors, cruise, floor mats, power door mirrors and rear window defroster.

Important numbers

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'05 Freestyle AWD's ahead

By Greg Zyla

We were behind the wheel of Ford's all-new Freestyle, a cross between a station wagon, SUV, minivan and a sedan — base price: \$30,245; price as tested: \$34,615. Built on a Volvo platform, it incorporates the best of the Swedish brand's world-renowned safety while offering seating for up to seven passengers.

With gasoline prices booming and owners of fuel-hungry SUVs rethinking their purchase, Freestyle offers good gas mileage. Ford says to expect 19 miles per gallon city and 24 mpg highway, which we feel is easily attainable if driven properly. You surely won't get these numbers in a Ford Expedition.

Up front, we applaud Freestyle's Volvo-inspired AWD technology, spacious interior, safety standards and overall good looks. I'm still not sure if the Freestyle is more a station wagon or an SUV, as the car seemed to change "looks" as my needs necessitated. When it snowed, up the hills I went in "SUV" AWD security; when we needed a large food order, there was more than enough room in this "wagon"; when transportation of my son and his friends was needed, the "minivan's" third seat came in handy.

Once inside, excellent visibility awaits driver and passenger. The second and third rows feature progressive 2-inch higher seating than the front seats, which we like. Cargo space is very good even with a load of passengers, thanks to a deep cargo well behind the third seat.

As for power, we'd like to see more. A 3.0-liter Duratec V-6 offers 203 horsepower, which is adequate until you load the Freestyle with cargo and passengers. However, don't think the Freestyle is a slowpoke. When combined with a "gas saving" fully automatic continuously variable transmission that is



Photos courtesy of Wieck

2005 Ford Freestyle AWD

completely different from conventional transmissions, acceleration suffers a bit, but the engine works more efficiently. With two tons to pull, we'd like to see Ford up the power to at least 225. The challenge will be in maintaining the fairly good EPA numbers.

Our top-of-the-line Limited featured standard

18-inch wheels, leather, wood-grain trim, dual-zone automatic climate control, traction control, four-wheel disc ABS brakes, power front seats, front seat heaters, 50/50-split capability for the third-row bench, and a cargo net. Options included a \$995

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Civic

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include a 103.1-inch wheelbase, 2,675-pound curb weight and 13.2-gallon fuel tank.

You'll want to study your options, particularly against the Prius. We'll note that the pricing and features are nearly identical between the two hybrids. The Civic has slightly more horsepower, but the rest of our select comparisons (all numbers are cubic feet) go to Prius: more rear leg room (38.6 to 36), more overall passenger space (96.2 to 91.4) and more trunk or cargo space (16.1 to 10.1, with Prius benefiting from its hatchback style). Also, the Prius, available only in an

automatic, has higher mileage numbers at 60 mpg city and 51 mpg highway, and its five-year/50,000-mile powertrain warranty tops Civic's three-year/36,000-mile protection.

Civic beats the relatively young Prius with its long-standing reputation of quality. Combine that with low cost, great gas mileage, abundant safety features and a long list of extras, and we give the Civic Hybrid a well-earned 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Gas mileage, safety features.

Dislikes: Exterior needs a bit more flash.

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LaCrosse is solid with good looks Freestyle

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By Derek Price

Debuting in 2005, the LaCrosse is an attractive car with great potential and got the younger crowd's attention with the help of Tiger and his resurging golf game. We drove the "performance-oriented" CXS and the powerful, new-for-05 3.6-liter VVT V6, and it made a lasting impression on us. With 240 horsepower and 225 pound-feet of torque, we found getting onto the freeway a breeze and getting a head start on the surrounding traffic pretty easy.

We were able to get around 22.5 miles per gallon out of the LaCrosse with quite a bit of spirited driving and a lot of freeway driving. We thought this was pretty good for a sedan like this, and after looking at the EPA estimates of 19 city and 27 highway, we decided the mileage was on par with other cars in this class and size.

Trying to get through a hilly countryside is another matter. With front-wheel-drive making understeer the soup du jour, driving fast around any corner was more chore than playtime, but we had some fun shooting ourselves out of long sweepers with the available horsepower-

er the new engine had on tap.

Inside, the LaCrosse is more European than Japanese, with an uncluttered dash and center stack with attractive wood-grain trim throughout. There was also a really nice two-tone theme with the rest of the cabin: dark gray on top of a lighter gray that looked awesome ... especially at the Buick's price point.

The greatest single feature of the LaCrosse, and other GM vehicles with this feature, is the remote starter. It was totally functional, without any bad habits, and even turned on the heater or air conditioning, depending on the cabin temperature. It is a perfect execution on a useful feature.

The seats, of course, were top notch. That is one area we have come to expect from Buick — great seats to sit in. We found them to be comfy and well worth the price of admission, if not totally in synch with the "sporting" character of the CXS.

Outside, the styling of the LaCrosse fits somewhere between some sort of new Lexus, a bigger, more rounded Kia Optima and a resurrected Riviera ... with four doors. We actually like how



Photo courtesy of Wicak

The 2005 Buick LaCrosse

the LaCrosse looks. It's a definite evolution from the Regal/Century twins that really brings Buick's mid-size sedan into this century.

The bottom line on the LaCrosse is an as-tested price of \$32,160. Our car was equipped with the Gold Convenience package that included a leather-wrapped steering wheel with radio and climate controls, a Homelink transmitter, heated outside mirrors, six-way power passenger seat, rear park assist, and rear reading lamps for \$1,150; chrome-plated 17-inch wheels for \$650, Stabilitrak, GMs sta-

bility control program, for \$495; Head & side air bags for \$395; XM Radio for \$325, and the remote starter option for \$150.

With a base price of only \$28,000, the standard equipment list is no small thing. Couple that with the options of our test car and you have a great value in an American sedan. We think the golf crowd and Americans bent on getting an American-made vehicle will love the Buick LaCrosse and we can't blame them for wanting a solid car with a great quality rep and good looks.

— AutoWire

maximum towing capacity of 2,000 pounds. On-road characteristics are excellent thanks to a fully independent suspension, resulting in a nimble, smooth and refined ride.

Because Volvo's excellent safety record is built into every Freestyle, you'd be making a mistake not to drive one if you are shopping in this year's market.

We're rating the new Freestyle a solid nine on a scale of one to 10 for bringing to market perhaps the best "new" vehicle we've driven in a while.

Likes: Innovative, ahead of the curve, Volvo safety built-in.

Dislikes: Horsepower rating, too much interior plastic.

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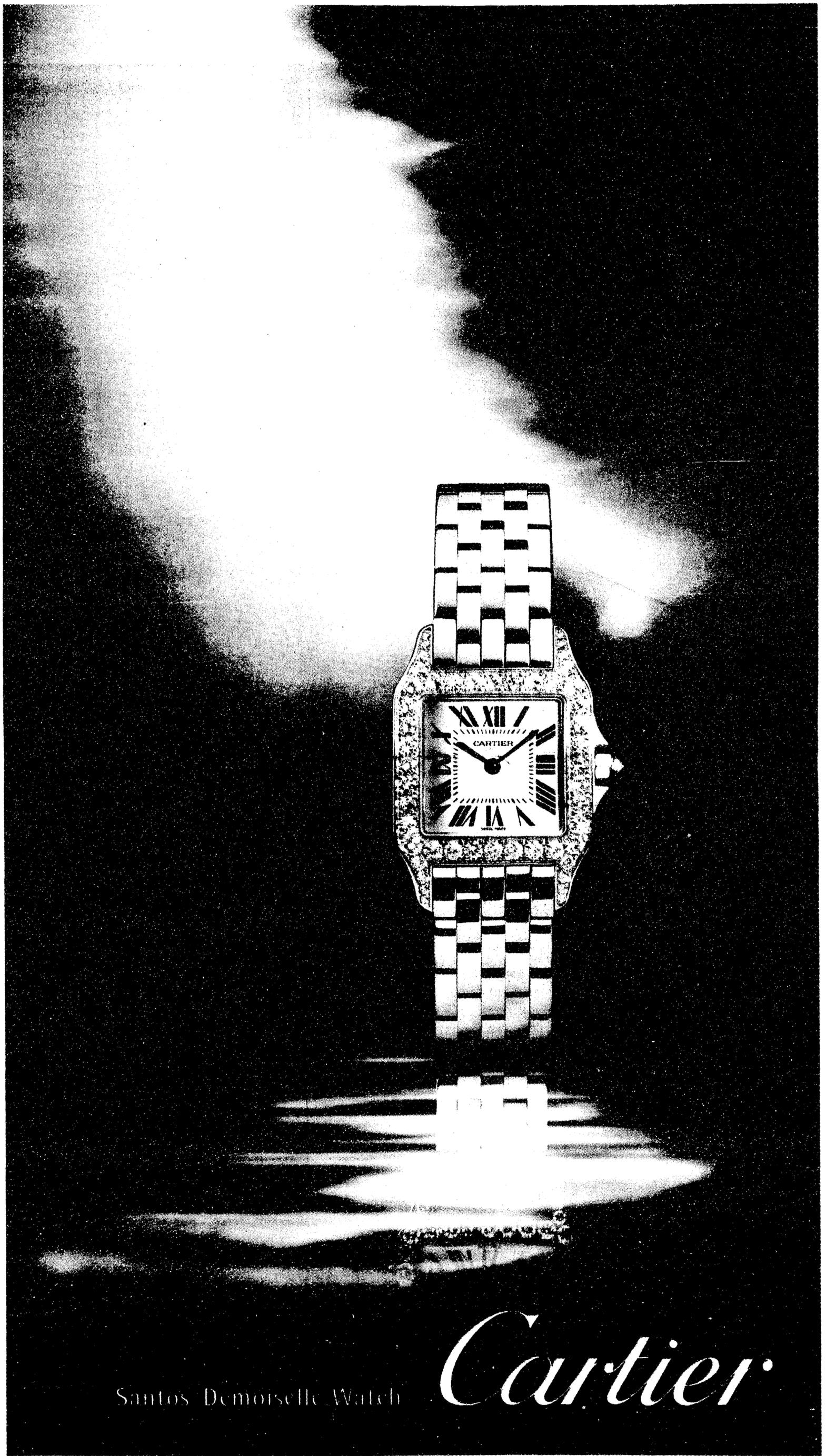
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Dealing with grief, loss during the holidays

By Beth Quinn
Staff writer

'Tis the season to be merry.

While it's a time of joy and celebration for millions of people, it is also a time of overwhelming sorrow and depression for those among us who are mourning a loss, whether it is death of a loved one, a loss of a job or income, a divorce or losses related to health.

There is a great amount of societal pressure and commercial hype for people to be happy this time of year. Many people feel more stressed during the holidays because they feel guilty for feeling down.

Though it is difficult to be realistic while one is grieving, it is imperative to know what is important to oneself during the holidays. Most people have a mental picture of what the holidays ought to be, but most times that image is based on fantasy rather than reality.

"There's a disconnect between the idealization of the holidays and what people who are grieving are experiencing," said Dr. Dan Guyer of Psychiatric Services of Grosse Pointe.

"The key issue is putting the holidays into perspective. The first thing is getting past the idealized image of the holidays."

Many times seemingly well-intentioned friends and family will tell distressed individuals to "pull yourself together for the holidays," but Guyer recommends that grieving individuals don't put unrealistic burdens on themselves.

One way is to simplify one's celebration. People can eliminate customs that are

no longer meaningful or enjoyable. They can also give up trying to be superhuman by doing away with holiday chores, such as baking cookies or putting up a real tree, that they dislike.

"It is important that we realistically accept our limitations," Guyer said.

Guyer offers ways for those experiencing grief to combat the holiday blues. He recommends they find a way to be around other people.

"It is important they make sure there are other people in their life," he said. "It can be as simple as just talking to someone, such as a therapist or a clergy person; or just connecting with a friend."

If those suggestions are not feasible, Guyer recommends looking into volunteer opportunities, such as visiting patients in a hospital, as a way to be around other people.

"The idea is about trying not to be alone," he said.

For those whose loved one has died, Guyer advises they get together with other family members to reminisce about the deceased.

"The holidays are a time to hold onto positive memories," he said.

Bereaved individuals might also find comfort by finding ways to commemorate those they lost, either by establishing a simple family tradition honoring the deceased or by participating in a celebration conducted by a local organization.

Every year, Bon Secours Cottage Spiritual Care department invites the family members of patients who died during the past year to

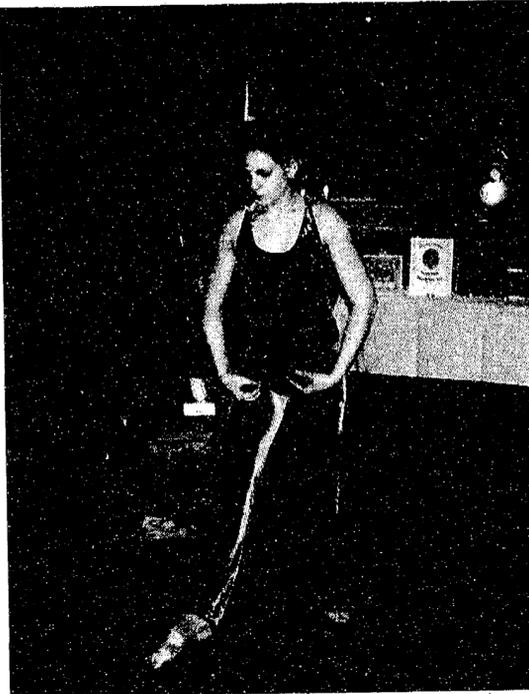


Photo by Beth Quinn

During Bon Secours Hospital's celebration of life ceremony, dancer Whitney Pearce performed for family members there to honor deceased loved ones.

attend a celebration of life ceremony. They are invited to bring a photograph of the ones they lost.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, approximately 50 family members gathered in the hospital's chapel to honor their loved ones. Father Rich Bartoszke and the Rev. Dr. Raafat Hanna, chaplains at Bon Secours Hospital, both spoke about how reaching out to other people and remembering lost loved ones can help lessen the pain of bereavement. They emphasized that the deceased continue to live in one's memo-

ries of them.

"Bring your memories and the memory will never disappear," Bartoszke said. "Memories are God's gift to us."

"Every time we think about them, they are right here with us."

Family members were encouraged to light a candle in honor of their loved one. They were also given the option to speak to the other attendees.

"By talking to other people here, you will not be alone," Hanna said.

The first family to venture forward simply lit a candle

and sadly walked back to their seats. A few other families did the same. Only the sound of tears could be heard.

A man and woman — a brother and sister — were the first to break the silence. They were there to honor their mother who recently died at the age of 100. They proudly held up a booklet to the group.

"At the age of 92, she wrote her story. These 13 pages are a beautiful memory of her," the son said.

Once they finished, the remaining families related a fond memory of their loved one. Two members of the first silent family returned to the front to talk about the ones they lost.

What started out as a loose collection of sad and solemn people ended up being a joyous ceremony of people supporting one another.

During the holidays, many local churches hold ceremonies of remembrance during which the bereaved celebrate those they lost.

Sister Carol Juhasz, pastoral associate and family life minister at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores, was the organizer of ceremony of prayer and reflection on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 1.

"My goal was not necessarily to have me as a facilitator, but to have those attending help each other so they can be on this journey together," she said.

She told about two mothers, who both lost a child within the last year and a half, meeting each other for the first time at the ceremony and who immediately bonded.

"Afterwards as we were leaving, the two mothers were standing in the parking lot talking to each other," she said. "It was so beautiful to see."

Sister Carol also encourages the bereaved to find a memory to embrace as a form of comfort.

"It is important to celebrate that person's life," she said. "I encourage people to pull out the pictures and the memory books — whatever helps."

One of her parishioners puts on her late husband's favorite sweater so she can feel her husband's arms around her.

Sister Carol advises people suffering from any loss to take baby steps if the challenges of managing grief become overwhelming. She doesn't want people to be ashamed of being depressed.

"Depression is nothing to be ashamed of," she said. "It's a disease like having high blood pressure. We don't look down on people who have diabetes."

Sister Carol encourages individuals to seek medical help for depression.

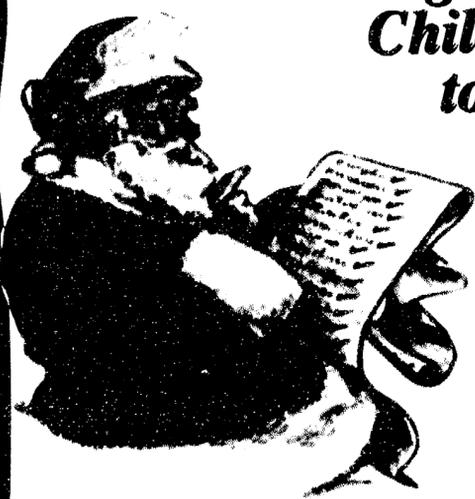
"That's what doctors are for," she said.

Many of the attendees of the Dec. 1 ceremony also attended an eight-week program on the stages of loss and grief.

Sister Carol hopes to repeat the series again after the holidays are over. She envisions it to be a springboard for a monthly support group.

"I hope the program will help these people develop friendships and a connection within our parish," she said. "It is so important to bring them together."

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Live nativity is community Christmas tradition

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Under the wooden shed, nestled in the straw and wrapped up to protect against the cold winter's wind, huddle Mary, Joseph, new-born Jesus, shepherds and wise men. The animals in the makeshift barn nose the ground for food. Suddenly, a host of angels appear to proclaim the birth of Jesus.

The celebration of Jesus's birth and the immediately surrounding events come to life on Sunday, Dec. 18, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Both the narrators and the characters of the age-old story are members of the church. Middle school and high school students tell the story, while preschoolers to fifth-graders play out the parts. The story is told every half hour beginning at 12:30 p.m.

A live nativity has been a part of Christ the King's Christmas observance for 20 years. And in those 20 years community members, alongside the church's members, have portrayed the Holy



Katherine Shrader took on the role of Mary, mother of Jesus.



Photos courtesy Rev. Timothy Holzerland

Amanda Josefiak, Dana Koeppe, and Julie VanRaemdonck stopped to pet the camel after a presentation of Christ the King's Live Nativity production.

Family, angels, shepherds and wise men (and women).

Associate pastor, the Rev. Timothy Holzerland of Christ the King explained that every half an hour new faces show up, costumed appropriately, by church members. They stand beside the donkey, goat, sheep, cow

and camel. The animals are penned in for safety reasons and are there to be petted following the presentation.

The story from Luke chapter 2 and Matthew chapters 1 and 2 is read by the church's middle school students.

"It's been the same format

for years," he said. "The only addition in recent years is the caroling part. It's karaoke style."

Near the creche is a large television screen displaying the traditional hymn words for visitors to sing along.

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sung by the Choir of Girls and Men
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Thanks for giving to Bon Secours Cottage volunteers

Two Bon Secours Cottage volunteers received awards at the recent Thanks for Giving recognition event, which honors exceptional volunteers in health care facilities in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

Eleven volunteers were chosen to receive the top honor — Outstanding Volunteer — and of those 11, two were from Bon Secours Cottage. Grosse Pointe Park resident Al Rosinski, a Bon Secours Hospital volunteer, and Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jim Boivin, who donates his time at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC), were honored Nov. 16 at an award luncheon held at the Best Western Sterling Inn.

The Thanks for Giving advisory board, made up of health care administration leadership from throughout metropolitan Detroit, voted and selected the winners. At the luncheon, recipients were recognized individually by Chuck Gaidica, master of ceremonies, and presented with a gold watch.

Each volunteer brings his own individual talents to the organization, but they share an uncommon dedication



Photo courtesy Bon Secours Cottage Hospital
Shown, from left to right, at the Thanks for Giving luncheon are honoree Jim Boivin, Hilary Kurelich, NCC Community Outreach, master of ceremonies Chuck Gaidica, Nancy Day of Bon Secours Volunteer Services and honoree Al Rosinski.

and call to service that is reflected in their volunteerism. The following excerpts from Boivin and Rosinski's nominations for the award illustrate just how important their volunteer work is to them and how valuable they are to Bon Secours Cottage and the Nursing Care Center.

Jim Boivin
"Jim graciously and wholeheartedly steps up to

the plate, so to speak, to ensure that NCC residents never go without the religious services they, as they put it, 'deserve.' Jim coordinates the spiritual care service volunteers by holding morning meetings before each service. He assists in arranging priests to speak at Mass. If there is a vacancy, he will perform the service himself. His help does not stop there. Not only is Jim the 'acting' coordinator but he is also an active participant.

"Jim knows all of the residents' names, their likes and dislikes, and their families. The NCC relies on him a great deal for his organizational skills, his familiarity and history of the services that take place, and his ability to always work things out."

Al Rosinski
"Our Al' is a spry, 91-year-old, gentle gentleman whenever he seeks attention for himself. Al is at the hospital every day for one or two hours, and during this past year he contributed 343.75 volunteer service hours in the Spiritual Care department. He volunteers as a Eucharistic minister bringing spiritual food and a human touch to those in need. He is also the volunteer sacristan, setting up the linens and chalices for the altar in the chapel prior to daily Mass for staff,

patients and the community. Al cheers up the nurses and all of the employees he comes in contact with and prays with patients who are dying or going through hard times. After they are discharged from the hospital, people remember him and ask about him. He is truly a blessing."

Pride of the Pointes:

Johnson & Wales University student **Anne Milazzo** of Grosse Pointe, who is pursuing an associate degree in fashion merchandising from the College of Business at the Providence campus, has been named to the dean's list for the 2005 fall term ending in November. To receive dean's list commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above.

Meredith Scheiwe of Grosse Pointe Park and a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, was elected National Organizing Secretary 2005-2006, Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR) www.nscar.org.

She has served as National Merit Award chairman and is past president of both her local and the Michigan State Societies. Founded in

1895, NSCAR, with 539 local societies, is the oldest patriotic organization for youths in our country. While local John Paul Jones NSCAR society president, Scheiwe won national recognition for her Veterans' Oral History Project where veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War were interviewed on video tape using Grosse Pointe South's television studio. The tapes were donated to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and are still shown on local cable television on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Scheiwe is also the youngest member of Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) of Grosse Pointe. She was elected Louisa St. Clair delegate to the Continental Congress, the NSDAR national convention in Washington, D.C.

Scheiwe won a Keep Michigan Beautiful Award in 2005 for the city of Grosse Pointe Park for her human sundial located in Patterson Park. This was her Girl Scout Gold Award Project.

NSDAR promotes patriotism, knowledge of American history and preserving historical locations.

Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center has open house

An open house is planned for Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m., to celebrate the completion of a new classroom addition and renovation of the Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Established in 1977, at the Assumption Cultural Center, the Nursery School moved to its current location in 1981.

The school was awarded a grant from the United Way Community Services through the Nonprofit Facilities Center for a planning and feasibility study as well as a construction grant. Developers are Zachary and Associates, Elisabeth Knibbe-Quinn Evans Architects, and for construction, the Monahan Company. Assumption project chair is John Sheoris, and co-chair, Steve Davlantes; school committee chair is George Petrouleas.

The open house will begin with a blessing with Father Michael Varlamos and Father Tom Michalos of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church officiating. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new addition with the Metro East Chamber of Commerce board of directors presiding. A tour of the classrooms and grounds will be available following the opening.

The school is one of the largest in the state and has received the Governor's Award for Excellence recognition in 2001 and became the winner in 2002. The mission of the school is widely known to develop each child as a total individual, socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively, in a secure and caring environment.

With almost 400 students, the new addition will reduce the continual waiting list that exists as well as add space for the popular Summer Camp that takes place for the additional ages of students 6 to 12 years.

All school and parish families, alumni and the community are invited to attend this special event.

Information about the school's program and offerings will be available.

For additional information, contact Theresa Swalec, director, at (586) 772-4477.

Fundraisers honor French

Hadley Mack French was recently honored as a distinguished volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She has served on the board of trustees of Bon Secours Cottage since 1998 and has been the board chair since 2002.

An active volunteer, Hadley works with the Bon Secours Cottage Foundation and received the award for her tireless efforts. She is also an active volunteer with the United Way Heart of Gold Committee, the Detroit Artists Market, the Christ Church Vestry and the Michigan Humane Society.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals advances philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The Association's



Hadley Mack French

membership numbers 27,000 worldwide. The Detroit chapter was established 26 years ago, and this year marked the 14th annual National Philanthropy Day awards celebration.

Coming events

The Rev. Ken Kauchek hosts **Theology on Tap from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20**, at Andiamo Lakefront Bistro, Nine Mile and Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

"This week's topic will be 'Conceiving through Courage' based on Luke 1:26-38.

No reservations are necessary.

Grosse Pointe North Choirs will offer a variety of seasonal music in their traditional holiday concerts at **7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16**, at First English Evangelical

Lutheran Church.

Pointe Chorale, Treble Choir, vocal jazz, concert choir, Norsemen land AcaFella, the Parcels seventh- and eighth-grade choir will perform Thursday only. A number of soloists will also be featured.

The choirs are under the direction of Mandy Mikita Scott.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Avenue, or at the door.

The church is located at 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Nativity

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"It's very interactive," Holzerland said of the annual event. "The community comes. The kids can dress up and be a part," Holzerland said. "Every half hour there is reading (of Scripture) and singing, and the kids come out one by one. It lasts 10 to 15 minutes."

What parts the community children are assigned is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., the live nativity is staffed with church members; later in the day, the schedule is open for community members to join in.

He is pleased that in the past 11 years he has been a part of the event, it has been

uneventful. He can only recall two times of note: one was dictated by weather, and the second was an animal on the loose.

"It goes amazingly smooth. We've only had to reschedule once due to cold and wind. It was the animal handler who consoled," he said.

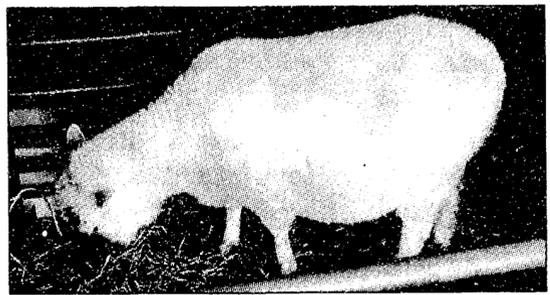
Only once during the past 19 years has an animal, normally penned on the lawn facing Mack, gotten loose. Neither people nor the escaped animal were injured.

Those reminiscing laugh about the animal trotting down Mack with church members decked out in fur coats running behind to corral the errant animal.



Appropriately attired as one of the wise men who visited Jesus bringing a precious gift is Andrew Fabry, while Madelyn Fabry becomes an angel with the assistance of Joanne Demos.

Christ the King presents the Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 18, between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. The community is invited to participate. Refreshments are served in the church basement.



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." Luke 2:8.

Additionally, hundreds of families return to recollect when their son or daughter played a part.

Families from all over the community have made this a part of their Christmas tradition.

"For me it's almost like a reunion," he said.

During that day Holzerland frequently feels the tug on his coat as former preschoolers want to know if they are remembered.

"College students come home, and I see and talk to them. It's enjoyable to see a lot of those people again," he added.

"What I like about it is telling the Christmas story," Holzerland said. "The

Christmas narrative provides great hope through the good years and the bad, and that became a very special thing."

There are refreshments served in the church basement.

"In an anxious world this

is relaxing. I enjoy the by-product of sharing stories of faith; of people saying 'This is how the Lord helped me through this year.'

"In all the rushing around in December this seems to be an oasis of peace," he concluded.

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Holley Ear Institute volunteer honored

Each year the Association of Fund-raising Professionals (AFP) marks one day in November to celebrate the spirit of giving. This year the AFP - Greater Detroit Chapter's National Philanthropy Day recognition dinner was held at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, on Nov. 17.

Paul Kuplicki, a resident of Sterling Heights who is highly involved in the Holley Ear Institute (HEI), was honored as "Distinguished Volunteer" for his exceptional efforts to the hearing impaired community.

Kuplicki has worked with HEI for more than 10 years. A confident, self-assured hearing-impaired adult, he shares his accounting skills and helps direct an annual Volunteer Week where deaf repair and maintain the institute's Family Village at the conclusion of its summer educational and recreational programs. In addition, he serves as a role model by mentoring many hearing-impaired youth who attend HEI's Family Village.

The mission of the Holley Ear Institute, a nonprofit organization founded in 1993, is to assist the deaf

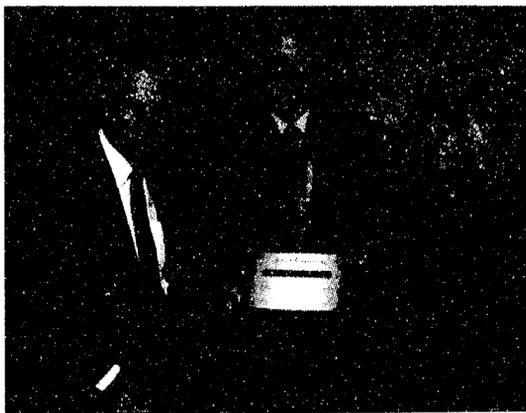


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Celebrating National Philanthropy Day are from left, Holley Ear Institute Vice President William J. Rice, M.D. of Grosse Pointe Shores, Holley Ear Institute "Distinguished Volunteer" Paul Kuplicki of Sterling Heights and Holley Ear Institute President Ardis J. Gardella of Ann Arbor.

and hard of hearing and provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life.

For additional information about the Holley Ear

Institute and its programs for the deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing, call (313) 343-7583; (313) 343-8789, or visit online at www.stjohn.org/hei.

Study held for new procedure for asthma

Researchers at Henry Ford Hospital are embarking on a clinical trial to study the effectiveness of a new asthma treatment that may reduce the severity and frequency of symptoms and improve the quality of life for patients.

The study focuses on an investigational procedure called Bronchial Thermoplasty, which has been shown to hold promise for treating moderate and severe asthmatic patients.

The study is called the Asthma Interventional Research, or AIR2, study, and Henry Ford is the first in the country to begin recruiting patients and the only Michigan participating hospital.

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**Dr. Michael Simoff
Henry Ford Hospital**

Michael Simoff, M.D., an interventional pulmonologist at Henry Ford Hospital and principal investigator of the study.

During the outpatient procedure, the physician inserts a flexible bronchoscope through the nose or the mouth and into the lung and applies thermal energy that heats the bronchial wall. The controlled heat is designed to reduce the amount of airway smooth muscle in the airway wall, thereby reducing the ability of the airway walls to contract, narrow and spasm in response to irritation, infection or inflammation. Less constriction in the airways may result in reducing the severity and frequency of asthma symptoms.

Asthma is a common disease in which the airways in the lungs become inflamed and narrow when the muscles within the airways contract. Currently, asthma affects more than 20 million people in the United States and results in an estimated 2 million emergency room visits and 5,000 deaths per year. Medication is the only treatment available for asthma patients.

To be eligible for the study, a patient must be between 18 and 65 years of age and a non-smoker. For more information or to enroll, call (866) 400-AIR2.

Seniors welcome to 'drop-in' for free Tuesday matinee

Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation will hold the department's second "Drop-In Movie Afternoon" for seniors on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. on the big screen in the great room of the community building at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Featured is the 1938 film version of Charles Dickens'

short story, "A Christmas Carol," with Reginald Owen as Ebenezer Scrooge and Gene Lockhart as Bob Cratchit.

The show is free and popcorn will be served.

The Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Parks and Recreation welcomes new program suggestions from residents. For more information, call (313) 343-2405.

SOC to hold annual Christmas Party

Services for Older Citizens (SOC) will hold its annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club at 17150 Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Buffet-style lunch will be catered by the Blue Pointe Restaurant. Lunch will include roast beef with

mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, salad, homemade bread and dessert.

Entertainment from the Swingtyme Express will follow lunch. Everyone will receive a special gift.

Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by Monday, Dec. 19, by calling (313)882-9600.

Sasha Ovshinsky

Sasha Ovshinsky is a regular volunteer at Services for Older Citizens and an asset to the community. Volunteering is a big part of her personal as well as her professional life.

She attended University Liggett School for elementary school, Grosse Pointe Academy for middle school and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

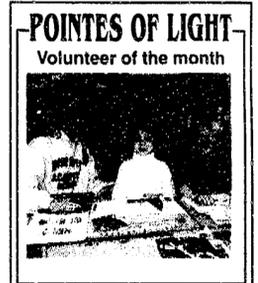
Ovshinsky grew up with many family traditions. Her parents, Cathie and Harvey, and her brother, Noah, have always donated to charities instead of buying gifts for one another.

Ovshinsky loves this idea. "My grandparents have always been such a huge part of my life that I feel I can't help but give back to the senior community," she said. "Every time I see a senior citizen I think of my grandmother in Wisconsin and how great it would have been for her to have an organization like SOC nearby."

Ovshinsky attended Curry College in Milton, Mass., where she majored in psychology and elementary education. She earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Oakland University.

For the past eight years she has been teaching physical education and is the coordinator of community service at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

"I find many of my students love the opportunity to help others," she said. "It's rare that young people and teens can help adults. All children know what it's



POINTES OF LIGHT
Volunteer of the month

like to feel happy. They like to know that they are making someone else happy too.

"My goal is for all the students to try some kind of community service project. Some have started small by making cards, then moved up to raking leaves, knitting scarves or making fleece blankets for seniors.

"Others have gone as far as participating in cancer walks or donating their hair for wigs. I love when a student comes in and tells me a story about some type of project he or she is involved in. They are so proud of themselves and feel so grown up."

Ovshinsky said she got her passion for reaching out to others because of the experience she had in high school when she went to Chicago to volunteer. She worked for eight weeks in the inner city of Chicago helping to renovate a housing development. After the eight weeks she was hooked on community service.

"I loved knowing I was giving something to someone who needed it and could not do it on his or her own,"

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Hemorrhoids usually caused by lack of fiber

By Michael Henein, M.D.

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services

Hemorrhoids are normal veins that have broken away from the connective tissues that hold them in place. When this happens, the part of the vein that has broken away protrudes into the path of passing stools.

Primarily the result of a poor diet, hemorrhoids are more common in Western cultures where low-fiber, processed foods are common. The human body is equipped to process mostly fruits, vegetables and grains. These natural, unprocessed foods are packed not only with nutrients but also fiber, which helps keep our stools soft and easy to eliminate.

A diet based on highly processed foods causes the stool to become hard and slow to move through the intestines. Hard stools require significant straining to pass. This causes increased pressure, pooling of blood in the rectal veins and, over time, separation of connective tissues that hold the veins in place.

Some women develop hemorrhoids during pregnancy because of increased blood flow to the pelvic region and intense pushing during delivery. These usually shrink down after delivery.

Hemorrhoids can form both internally and externally. External hemorrhoids are mainly a cosmetic problem, but their presence also makes it difficult for sufferers to adequately clean themselves after a bowel movement. Internal hemorrhoids are the source of the most bothersome symptoms that include pain, bleeding and itching, but require immediate attention only if they bleed excessively. It is very important to make sure that there are no other causes of bleeding before the hemorrhoids are treated.

More than half of hemorrhoid sufferers find relief from their symptoms after simple dietary changes. Gradually increasing daily dietary fiber in the form of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and fiber supplements will make the stool easier to pass, allowing the hemorrhoids to shrink. Add fiber slowly to avoid gas and bloating, and increase water intake, or stools may actually become harder.

If dietary changes don't shrink the hemorrhoids, and patients find the symptoms too bothersome, there are both non-surgical and surgical treatment options. Surgical options should be considered only when dietary changes and less invasive treatments have not controlled symptoms.

Non-surgical options: Fixative procedures reduce blood supply to the hemorrhoid, causing it to shrink. The scar tissue that remains helps hold the vein in place and prevents additional hemorrhoids. Usually done in the doctor's office, these procedures reduce blood supply to the hemorrhoid and include tying off the hemorrhoid with rubber bands; coagulation therapy, which uses heat, or electric current to create scar tissue. Chemicals may also be injected into the hemorrhoid, called sclerotherapy. Discomfort is mild with these procedures and lasts only a few days. The disadvantage is that fixative procedures require multiple visits for patients to have noticeable symptom relief.

Surgical procedures: Outpatient surgical procedures may provide better long-term results but are more expensive, painful and involve a longer recovery time. The least aggressive surgical treatment is a new procedure called stapled hemorrhoidectomy. Based on the face-lift concept, the surgeon cuts a rim of tissue above the hemorrhoid, pulls the tissue back to the incision and staples it in place. This lifts the bulging vein back to its original position. The procedure is a bit more painful than fixative treatments but does not need to be repeated. It has less pain compared to older procedures because the incision is away from the hemorrhoids. The recovery time is from one to two weeks.

Excisional hemorrhoidectomy is the most effective outpatient surgical procedure to treat hemorrhoids. It typically is used only on large, problematic hemorrhoids that have not responded to other treatments. The three main hemorrhoids are excised and the tissue sewn together. This is the most effective but has the longest recovery because hemorrhoids have a very rich nerve supply.

After hemorrhoids have successfully been controlled either by diet or another treatment method, it is possible for them to return. The best way to prevent recurrence is to continue eating a fiber-rich diet, drink plenty of water daily and make time for regular bowel movements.

Dr. Henein is a Bon Secours Cottage board certified colon and rectal surgeon. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Choosing best kidney for transplantation

Organ transplantation is subject to the law of supply and demand — in which demand for organs far outweighs supply from both living and deceased donors.

But results from a new, nationwide Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) study led by University of Michigan Health System researchers may offer new hope to some patients with end-stage renal disease waiting for a kidney transplant.

The study found that the growing use of organs from expanded criteria donors (ECD) — older donors and those with certain pre-existing kidney or other medical problems whose kidneys were often not used in the past — is not only adding to the pool of kidneys available for transplantation, but also increasing the chances for survival for certain patients with end-stage renal disease depending on their age, how long they would need to wait for a donor organ, and the severity of their kidney disease.

Results from this study are published in the Dec. 7 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

"Currently, there are more than 64,000 people in the United States awaiting a kidney transplant," says lead author Robert M. Merion, M.D., professor, Department of Surgery at the U-M Medical School. "With the need for kidneys increasing and the number of available kidneys from deceased donors failing to keep pace, patients may wait years for a healthy, or non-ECD, kidney to become available."

"But many can't afford to wait. So more patients are turning to ECD kidneys, despite a higher risk for organ failure, in lieu of staying on dialysis while waiting for a healthier kidney to

become available.

"The real challenge has been determining which patients would benefit most by taking the ECD kidney now and which ones would be better served by waiting for a healthier kidney for transplantation," says Merion, the clinical transplant director for the SRTR, which is administered by the University Renal Research and Education Association (URREA), an independent not-for-profit research organization, and supports the ongoing evaluation of the scientific and clinical status of solid organ transplantation in the United States.

Co-author Robert A. Wolfe, Ph.D., professor emeritus of biostatistics at the U-M School of Public Health says: "We calculated the average lifetime for patients who accept an ECD organ compared to those who remained on dialysis with the ECD kidney transplants option of accepting a non-ECD transplant at a later time, in order to help patients choose between these options. The answer

depends upon the patient's situation; so different patients might make different choices based on their particular situation and their willingness to trade off an earlier transplant with an ECD kidney versus a higher chance of failure of the transplant."

To gauge which patients are better off opting for an ECD kidney transplant now rather than waiting for a non-ECD kidney, Merion and his colleagues measured the outcomes of patients on dialysis from the day they were placed on the organ wait list.

The study looked at all of the patients in the United States — a total of 109,127 people — who were on dialysis for kidney failure and had been added to an organ wait list between 1995 and 2002, and then followed their progress through July 2004.

Factors such as age, sex, ethnicity, the cause of the patient's kidney disease, and the local wait time for a non-ECD kidney were all taken into account. Outcomes for patients who

did not receive a transplant or got a non-ECD kidney were then combined and compared against patients who had an ECD kidney transplant.

By the end of the study, 7,790 candidates received an ECD kidney transplant; 41,052 received a non-ECD deceased donor transplant; 15,203 received a living donor transplant, and 45,082 either died before receiving a transplant or were still waiting for a donor kidney.

Overall, recipients of ECD kidney transplants had a 17 percent long-term lower risk of dying when compared with those who remained on dialysis or eventually received a non-ECD transplant.

In general, two main groups of patients emerged as the best recipients of ECD kidneys: patients with long projected wait times and/or limited access to donor kidneys, and those with kidney failure due to diabetes, which can lead to death from other medical complications, such as heart attack or stroke.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



As we near the official start of winter, days become shorter, the skies grayer and for many, less sunshine tempts us to stop some good habits, such as sunscreen use in the hopes of getting "just a little more sun".

The reality is that despite reduced sunshine, the sun's rays remain harmful, though not as intensely as during summer. Premature aging (wrinkles and skin damage), and the progression towards skin cancer remain risks even with the sun's reduced light. So continue to use sunscreen, even on the dreariest of days.

Reduced sunlight also results in the loss of pigments that developed in the summer. For some, this is cause to visit a sun tanning parlor. This should never be considered an option

- there is too much evidence that parlor use is dangerous (look at the unprecedented increase in skin cancer for young girls, especially for those who frequent these parlors.) If you must maintain a "glow", the many self-tanner options remain the best choice. Reduced pigmentation may also cause you to notice new lesions and spots. If any of these cause you concern, whether due to new growth, changes in appearance or shape, it is always appropriate to bring them to the attention of your dermatologist (I am always amazed how our natural instincts are so often correct.)

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HERO AT HEART

Dr. Julius Gardin



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have their first or recurrent cardiac event. Half of them will die. If you think that heart disease is generally curable, think again. It is still the number one cause of death of adults in America. But the heart doctors of St. John Hospital and Medical Center are working to change that. And that's why we salute this week's Hero At Heart.

Meet Dr. Julius Gardin, Chief, Division of Cardiology, St. John Hospital and Medical Center

Q Dr. Gardin, when did you know you wanted to be a doctor?

A In junior high school I developed a real interest in medicine as a result of my father's sudden heart attack. I had to work in our family store while he was ill, and I knew then that I wanted to become a cardiologist.

Q What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?

A The proliferation of new technology. With so many emerging procedures, it is important for a doctor to understand the proper indications for each test. Applying the latest technology to all patients could lead to unintended, and sometimes negative, consequences—for example—if false positive findings result from screening tests.

Q What makes a good patient/physician relationship?

A The ability to talk frankly to each other. Taking the time to understand and really hear what that patient is saying allows me to not only obtain a diagnostic history, but to establish two-way communication that definitely provides better overall healthcare.

Q What's on the horizon in heart care?

A Better, less invasive imaging technology through improvements in ultrasound, CT scan and MRI will help with diagnosis. At St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJHMC) we are thrilled to be offering 64-slice CT scan early in 2006. This imaging technology allows us to learn things about our patient's condition that we never could have before without an invasive procedure like a catheterization. That

means quicker diagnosis that is much easier on the patient. SJHMC is among the first in the area to introduce this advanced technology. In addition, newer therapies such as catheter-based stents and electrical pathway ablation implantable heart defibrillators, robotic surgery and gene therapy are already making a significant impact in heart care.

Q What is some medical advice the world can't do without?

A Patients have an important role in preserving their health. Eating right and exercising along with periodic visits to their healthcare provider can make an enormous impact in safeguarding their wellness.

Q Why did you choose St. John Health?

A I have worked at a number of university hospitals across the country, and the dedication of the St. John physicians, who provide 24/7 care, impressed me the most. Also, the professionalism of the nursing staff at St. John is second to none.

Q What do you bring to St. John Health?

A I have a very strong academic background. I was Chief of Cardiology at University of California-Irvine before becoming Chief at St. John and a Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University. I secured research funding from organizations including the National Institutes of Health and American Heart Association. I have served as President of both the American Society of Echocardiography and Society for Geriatric Cardiology, and have been named on the Best Doctors in America list for the last several years.

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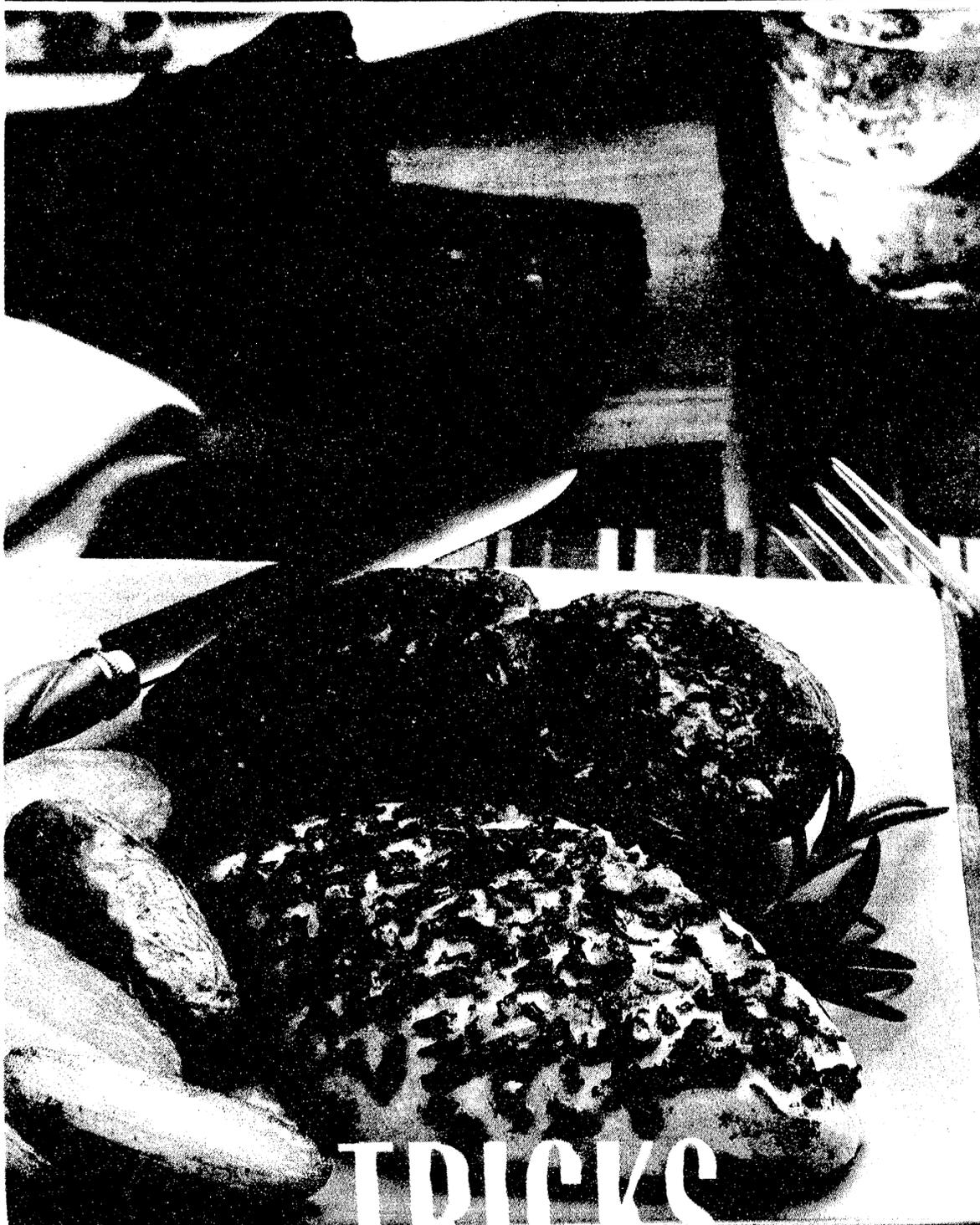


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- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 8 fun-size chocolate, caramel, nougat and peanut candy bars, refrigerated

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 9- x 13-inch cake pan (aluminum is fine) with butter.

Beat butter and sugar together in large bowl until blended. Beat in eggs, one at a time; stir in water and vanilla. Sprinkle salt and baking powder over mix, then beat in. Do same with cocoa. Stir in flour just until blended.

Put candy bars in blender or food processor and pulse on low speed until all have been reduced to coarse crumble. Fold candy bar crumble into batter thoroughly. Scrape batter into prepared pan. Bake about 30 minutes, until center is set but still somewhat soft, and top starts to crack a little. Cool completely before cutting into squares.

Makes about 15, depending on how cut

Oven-Roasted Plum Tomatoes

- 4 ripe plum tomatoes (about 1 pound)
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Handful fresh thyme sprigs
- 4 pinches salt
- 10 grinds black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Cut off tomato tips and top cores. Halve tomatoes lengthwise. Toss halves together in bowl with oil, thyme, salt and pepper. Lay tomatoes on baking sheet, cut side up, and pour over them any seasoned oil left in bottom of bowl.

Roast until skins are shriveled and tops are lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool to room temperature, and then gently pinch off shriveled skins. Serve at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings

Note: These tomatoes freeze well by wrapping small quantities in Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap to keep freshness in and air out.

Rosemary-Garlic Chicken Cutlets

- 12 (6- to 7-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh rosemary
- 5 garlic cloves, pressed
- 3 pinches salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Tear off two lengths of Glad Press'n Seal wrap, about 15 inches long each. Put 1 chicken breast in center on one sheet of wrap; cover with second sheet. Using either meat mallet or small, heavy pot, pound thick part of cutlet so that whole breast is about 1/2 inch thick. Repeat with remaining breasts.

Mix oil, rosemary, garlic, salt and pepper in bowl, add chicken and evenly coat with spice mixture. Can be prepared to this point up to a day before cooking chicken; just cover and refrigerate. To prep more than a day in advance, wrap individual cutlets in Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap before freezing. Then thaw a few hours before cooking.

Set up grill or stovetop grill pan. Grill chicken, turning only once, until browned and cooked through, about 6 minutes.

Makes 12 servings

All recipes adapted from *Young and Hungry*, courtesy of Hyperion.

Learn timesaving tips from personal chefs

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Gwyneth has two of them (one for savory, one for sweets). Oprah's has written his own cookbooks. The neighbors down the street may have one visit their kitchen once a month.

"It's easy to see why personal chefs are in hot demand," says Dave Lieberman, personal chef, author of *Young and Hungry* and host of the Food Network's *Good Deal* with Dave Lieberman. "People are busier than ever and looking for ways to eat well within their lifestyles."

"What many types of personal chefs do isn't necessarily that hard," explains Lieberman. "It's primarily about cooking smarter, and all that it requires is a little planning." Lieberman offers tips for incorporating personal chef know-how into your everyday kitchen routines:

- Prep your most-used ingredients ahead of time — then store them in "quick grab" packets made from a sealing wrap like Glad Press'n Seal wrap that seals air out to help keep food fresh. Chopped onion, grated cheese, pie crusts and bread dough are great items to have on hand in your fridge or freezer. Lieberman also suggests freezing stocks in ice cube trays. "This is great for leftover wine, too."
- Pre-prepping flavorful meal starters is also a great way to jump-start weekday meals, still leaving room for last minute creativity. For example, boneless, skinless chicken breasts can be individually wrapped and frozen in a favorite marinade. By the time they thaw, they're packed with flavor and ready for a variety of recipes — from salads to fajitas.
- High-impact ingredients can transform even the most basic foods. "Adding a handful of fresh herbs to a pre-made dish — even if it's just yesterday's leftovers — is a great way to bring it to life," stresses Lieberman. One of his favorite flavor-boosters is to freeze small quantities of butter blended with herbs, spices and other seasonings, to top steaks, fish, grilled or steamed vegetables and baked potatoes.
- Whenever Lieberman cooks basics like potatoes or rice, he always ups the quantity, to keep some handy for later in the week. "That way you've always got the makings for a fast and easy side dish — simple sautéed potatoes, impromptu fried rice — you name it."

With simple ingredients and a little planning, family and friends might think you have a personal chef in your pantry.

Portion Power

Pre-portioning is a great way to enjoy chef-worthy food in moderation. Portioning out meals also allows for easy transportation, from lunch boxes to dinner at Grandma's. Prep/cook once, then enjoy over and over.

- Grab the Good Deal: From a jumbo pack of pork chops to a whole beef tenderloin or side of salmon, "nice priced" main ingredients are the perfect place to start when looking for cooking inspiration. Even if you're not going to cook up all that meat or fish now, in just a few minutes you can create individual filets for the fridge or freezer.

- Divide and Conquer: Whip up super-size batches of favorite recipes, then package in smaller size portions. That way, whether you're setting a table for one or cooking for company, it's easy to thaw just the right amount. Glad Press'n Seal Freezer wrap is indispensable in packaging custom-sized items for the freezer.

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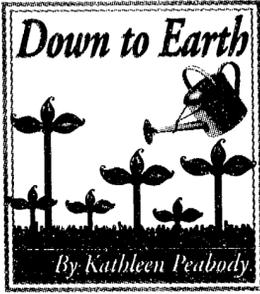
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By Kathleen Peabody

artificial tree in the home is used for six years and is tossed and takes quite a long time to break down. Not only does a real Christmas tree add to your holiday pleasure, but here are ways to use it once it leaves your living room. Make Christmas tree mulch by removing the branches and placing them on the ground to protect plants sensitive to wind-burn or those that are not quite hardy in our area. Pansies or early perennials might benefit. I've known some who cut the boughs from the tree and use the trunk to decorate their yards come warmer weather.

The entire tree, stand and all, can be moved outdoors to provide food and shelter for birds. Near a bird feeder, you can hang bags of suet or smear some peanut butter and birdseed on a pine cone as a New Years gift.

Some areas of the country use Christmas trees in shallow wetlands to act as barriers to sand and soil erosion. In deeper water, old trees become habitats for fish and aquatic insects. Organic Gardening magazine suggests visiting savelawetlands.org for more information of what's happening in Louisiana.

There's always the compost or chip route that is followed by many municipalities. Knowing that a real tree will replenish a garden or aid in healthier landscapes and not clogging a landfill can aid your green vein.

Some Christmas tree harvesters in Michigan are beginning to grow potted trees that can stay in the pot and be planted in your yard when the ground thaws. Perhaps next year we'll be able to put presents under this type of tree.

Whatever kind of tree you choose, enjoy our wonderful green tradition this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslanka-peabody@sbglobal.net

Dreaming of a white Christmas quiche!

This year for Christmas my bigger-than-life immediate family (30 and counting) will be gathered for just one meal — breakfast on the 25th. Preparing a midday meal can be challenging for such a large group. Pulling off a special breakfast by 10 a.m. will require much planning.

Make-ahead dishes will make for a smooth morning. With just 10 days until Christmas, you can start filling your freezer with delicious goodies to serve your family in the morning.

I have filled my sister Julie's freezer (she's hosting breakfast) with a variety of quiches that will be the egg of choice on the 25th. I'd like to share my recipe for a simple quiche that uses just the whites of the eggs, which is not only healthy but helps give this quiche the look of Christmas.

Christmas Quiche

- 1 - premade pie crust (such as Pillsbury)
- 8 oz. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 oz. fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced (about 12 medium leaves)
- 6 oz. crumbled feta cheese
- fresh-ground black pepper, to taste
- 12 large egg whites
- 1/3 cup low fat milk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a quiche pan with non-stick spray. Fit the pie crust dough into the pan and crimp the edges to make it pretty. Into the crust, scatter the tomatoes, the basil and the crumbled feta. Top with pepper to taste.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the egg whites with the milk. Pour over the filled crust. Bake at 350 for 40 to 45 minutes, until the center of the quiche becomes firm and the edge

of the crust becomes golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes before cutting into slices.

For make-ahead, cool the quiche completely then double wrap it (in the pan) with plastic wrap (twice) and then with heavy foil (twice). Store in the freezer for up to one month. To thaw, place the quiche in the refrigerator two days before you'll be eating it.

To reheat, take quiche from the refrigerator and remove the foil and the plastic wrap. Loosely lay a piece of the foil over the quiche. Allow the quiche to rest on the counter for 30 to 40 minutes before reheating. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Reheating the quiche will vary from oven to oven but should take 40 minutes on the average. The more items in the oven, the longer it will take. At 300 degrees, it is a safe reheat temperature. Nothing will burn.

This ingredient combination is perfect for the palate. Light and fresh from the tomato and basil and

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



just enough salt from the feta.

The other quiches I prepared included meat lovers (sausage, bacon, onion and cheddar); shrimp, scallion and Swiss, and a plain cheese for the little ones. French Texas toast will be in the freezer by the weekend. Easy, cheesy potatoes, sausage, fresh fruit, homemade mini-muffins and assorted breads from my sister's bread maker will complete my family's holiday breakfast feast.

There will also be champagne (for the cook) and orange juice. Think ahead.

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Holiday gifts — part III

By Mary Beth Langan and Theodore G. Coutilish
Special Writers

Our last two columns were about holiday gifts. First we wrote about gifts to promote awareness; then we wrote about companies that sell fun gifts with therapeutic value.

Our third and final holiday column concerns the wish list of a parent. You may not have the money or time to buy every inspirational or educational book that interests you. But you might want to add one or two to a holiday wish list given to your significant

other or another loved one. These lists are categorized as educational or inspirational, though the educational books might inspire you and the inspirational ones also educate. Many of the titles were collected from other parents.

Educational Books

"Because We Can Change the World — A Practical Guide to Building Cooperative, Inclusive Classroom Communities," by Mara Sapon Shevin.
"From Emotions to Advocacy — The Special Education Survival Guide," by Pam Wright and Pete Wright. Learn about the whole Wrights law series by visiting www.wrightslaw.com.

"Inclusive Elementary Schools: Recipes for Success," by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and Caren Sax.
"Special People, Special Ways," by Arlene Maguire. A children's book about differently abled persons. Great to read to classrooms, siblings, cousins, neighbors, etc.
"The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun — Activities for Kids with Sensory Integration Dysfunction," by Carol Stock Kranowitz, M.A.

Inspirational Books

"Changed By a Child: Companion Notes for Parents of a Child with a Disability," by Barbara Gill.
"It Matters — Lessons From my Son," by Janice Fialka, MSW, ACSW.

X-tra Special Advice

for parents of children with special needs



Authors Nancy Hagener, Karen Houghton and Carol Ohanesian recently attended a reception in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Plan B: More Thoughts on Faith," by Anne LaMott. We've heard the chapter titled One Hand Clapping is the most incredible essay on disability.

"Uncommon Fathers: Reflections on Raising a Child With a Disability," by Donald Meyer.

"You Will Dream New Dreams: Inspiring Personal Stories by Parents of Children With Disabilities," by Stanley D. Klein and Kim Schive.

Two additional books you might want to add to a holiday wish list were recently celebrated in the Pointes. In mid-November, Susan Artinian Entenman of Grosse Pointe Park hosted an author reception for Nancy Hagener, Karen

Houghton and Carol Ohanesian.

Hagener's book, "The Dance of Defiance — A Mother and Son Journey with Oppositional Defiant Disorder," was the subject of our Aug. 4 column.

This mother and special education teacher has been busy in Arizona and Michigan meeting parents and educators. Many are moved by the book, not only those who have or know children with ODD.

Affecting many is the moving story of Hagener and her family going through the stages of searching for a diagnosis and finally, treatment.

Houghton and Ohanesian, also educators, wrote "The First Five

Years." Their book is a wonderful gift for new parents. It has an interesting feel with information interspersed with space for journaling.

The book discusses different development levels, ideas for positive ways in which to stimulate a child and wonderful suggestions for age-appropriate books for you to read to your child during quality time together. The authors say they "specifically address the areas of learning that are essential for early success in school."

One or more of these books might be the perfect gift to consider this holiday season.

As our three-part holiday series ends today, we'd like to wish you all the best of the holiday season and a peaceful 2006.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome. Send your questions or comments to ag504@wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

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she said, "I found out that by volunteering some time you can change a life."

Some of Ovshinsky's favorite projects have been serving food to the homeless, playing with children who were in the critically ill ward and most recently, helping at SOC by serving meals or driving a senior on an errand.

"People often think volunteering is very time consuming, but it really doesn't have to be. Even if you don't have time you can always help by donating items to an organization," she said.

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Good starts lead to happy endings for South skaters

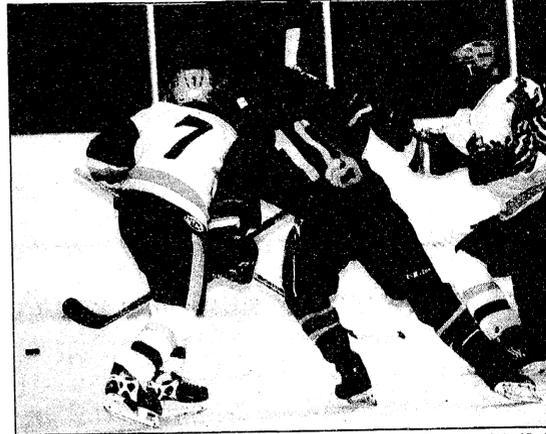


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Tim Shield (7) keeps St. Clair Shores Unified's Brandon Hentrich from getting to a loose puck before the Blue Devils' Trevor John gets there.

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor
Good starts have led to happy endings for Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team this year.

"We've really played well during the first and second periods of most of our games," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp after his team notched a pair of victories last week.

"We've looked fast and we've moved the puck well." That was the case in both of South's victories last week — a 4-3 victory against St. Clair Shores Unified and a 7-2 win against Wyandotte Roosevelt.

In the St. Clair Shores game, the Blue Devils scored twice in the first five minutes.

Trevor John opened the scoring with an unassisted goal, going from end to end, and putting a slick move on the goalie to give South the lead at 2:02.

"That shows what a talented player Trevor is," Bopp said. "Not many players can do what he does."

Tim Shield made it 2-0 at 4:40, assisted by Ryan Abraham.

A turnover in the South end led to Jeremy Austin's power-play goal for St. Clair Shores at 7:47, but less than two minutes later the Blue Devils boosted their lead back to two on the first of Abraham's two goals.

"Ryan got a great pass from Lance Lucas," Bopp

said. "The line of Shield, Abraham and Lucas has been dominant so far this year."

Abraham scored again, assisted by Lucas and John, at 4:03 for the only goal of the second period.

Although it trailed 4-1 going into the third period, St. Clair Shores didn't let

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North girls storm back to beat Cranes

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team beat defending state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 6-4 last week ... and it was on the road, which made the win even sweeter.

"We made some line changes after the second period in an effort to create more offense and it worked," head coach Tim Van Eckoutie said. "The kids responded well, and they worked really

hard." The Norsemen fell behind 2-0 after the Cranes' Ariel Magidson and Abby Cohen scored.

They tied it 2-2 after junior Emily Nelson (assisted by senior Christina Sandmair and junior Marissa LaValley) and senior Liz Rabidoux (assisted by freshman Alexa Quinlan) scored.

Rabidoux's goal came with only one minute left in the first period. However, the Cranes went

ahead with 32 seconds left in the opening stanza when Audrey Stapleton tallied.

The home team made it a 4-2 game when Magidson scored her second goal of the game.

"During the period break the coaching staff discussed some options for the third period, and then we explained them to the kids," Van Eckoutie said. "North exploded for four unanswered goals."

Nelson scored her second goal of the game on a break-

away after a perfect pass from sophomore Meredith Chicklas, and a minute later the game was tied when Quinlan tallied, assisted by senior Melissa Carron.

LaValley delivered a picture-perfect pass to Carron, who was parked in front of the Cranes' goal and just like that the Norsemen led 5-4.

Quinlan scored an insurance goal, set up by LaValley.

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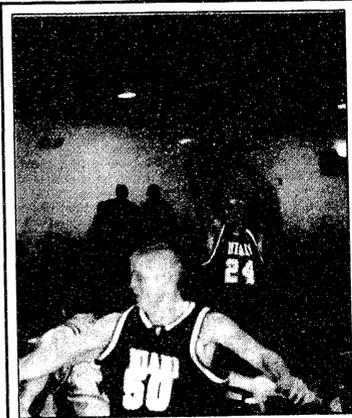


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Bramos bucket

Former Grosse Pointe North basketball All-Stater Michael Bramos hits a jump shot against Oakland University. Bramos' Miami team beat the Golden Grizzlies 78-66. Bramos made his first varsity start in Miami's next game but his career-high 14 points, six rebounds and two blocks couldn't keep the RedHawks from losing 75-65 to Xavier.

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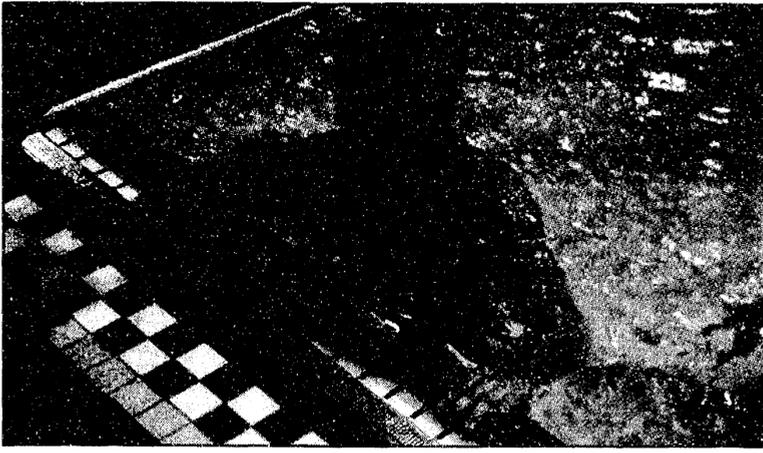
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South's Casey Browning relaxes after posting a state qualifying time in the 100-yard butterfly. Photo by Mark Basile

South swimmers open with decisive win over Huron

Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming team opened the season with a decisive home victory over Ann Arbor Huron.

Despite losing 10 seniors from the team that finished fourth at last winter's Division I state championships, the Blue Devils won 10 of 12 events on the way to a 115-71 victory.

Coach Bill Thompson said he was "very pleased" with his team's first performance.

"With a meet so early in the season, you never know what to expect," Thompson said. "We have many new swimmers, but they all gave great effort and showed a lot of spirit. Our upperclassmen demonstrated excellent leadership as well."

"Everyone realizes there's a lot more work to be done, but it was nice to start things off with a win."

Senior Casey Browning qualified for the 2006 state

meet in the 100-yard butterfly, which he won with a time of 54.42.

Browning also won the 100 backstroke.

South took first place in all three relays. The 200 medley relay team of Browning, Jamie Handley, Dan Pogue and Alex Bordyukov won by a four-second margin over Huron. South's B relay of Alex Glendening, Joe Ryan, David Cockell and Tim Denton was third.

In the 200 freestyle relay, seniors Jon Sax and Bordyukov joined freshmen Pogue and Riley Sherer to finish first in 1:34.17.

Sax, Sherer, Danny Basile and Browning won the 400 freestyle relay by eight seconds over the River Rats.

The Blue Devils swept the 200 freestyle. Basile touched first in 1:53.47, Sherer was second and Andrew Graham finished third.

Basile also won the 500 freestyle, and Sherer was second.

Pogue sprinted to victory in the 50 freestyle (23.54), just touching out Bordyukov.

In the 100 freestyle, Sax won in 51.03 and Glendening was fourth.

Huron's Chris Berloth won the 200 individual medley in 2:05.91. Sax was a close second in 2:06.69. Cockell, a freshman, was fourth.

In the 100 breaststroke, Handley and Cockell raced side-by-side to the wall. Handley touched first in 1:08.38 with Cockell right behind in 1:08.98.

Huron's Paul Dorsey edged South's Alex Oddo in a close diving competition. The Blue Devils' Ty Lattimore and Spencer MacGriff were third and fourth, respectively.

South girls win fourth straight with 4-0 shutout

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team made it 4-for-4 on the season last week, beating host Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-0.

The visiting Lady Blue Devils jumped out to a 2-0 lead as senior Ali Morawski scored her eighth goal of the season, and sophomore Anna Shepard tallied.

Senior Katherine Gerow and junior Amanda Marsh assisted on the first goal, while sophomores

Alexandra Merrit and Alexandra Rentz assisted on the second.

Marsh continued her offensive output, scoring a goal in the second stanza, assisted by Gerow, which made it a 3-0 game. In four games, Marsh has four goals and 10 assists for 14 points.

In the final period, Rentz tallied an unassisted goal as the Lady Blue Devils' offense fired 35 shots on Ann Arbor's goalkeeper, while junior goalkeeper Caroline Sweeny stopped all 11

Pioneers shots to record her second shutout of the season.

Coach Bill Fox's squad killed all six of Ann Arbor's power-play attempts as the game featured 28 minutes in penalties between both teams.

Grosse Pointe South will face arch rival Grosse Pointe North in a battle for first place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School League East Division on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Hazel Park's Viking Arena at 1 p.m.



Jon Ross, right, and linemates Kevin Gibson and Dante DeSerrano played well for Grosse Pointe North against Cranbrook Kingswood. Photo by Bob Bruce

Norsemen lose twice to tough conference hockey rivals

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

It wasn't the best time for Grosse Pointe North to be playing two of the powers in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

North is missing some key players and their absence shows.

"We're struggling right now," coach Scott Lock said after the Norsemen lost 6-3 to Cranbrook Kingswood and 5-0 to Catholic Central.

"We'll play them both later in the year. The way we're looking at it is we'll compare ourselves to them now and again in two months when we're hopefully back to full strength."

North got off to a bad start against Cranbrook. The Cranes led 3-0 after the first period and stretched the lead to 5-1 after two periods.

"We were lifeless for some reason for the first two periods," Lock said. "We played much better in the third period."

It wasn't enough, however. The Norsemen closed to within 5-3 and there were still about five minutes left,

but the Cranes were able to hold off North and Cranbrook scored an empty-net goal to secure the win.

Alex Conforte scored North's second-period goal, assisted by Adam Davis.

In the third period, Doug Rahaim and Mike Rourke scored for the Norsemen. Jeff Rohrkemper and Julien Horrie assisted on each of the goals.

"We mixed the lines up in the third period in hopes of getting some jump and it seemed to work," Lock said. "Three players scored all of the Cranbrook goals. They have a lot of speed and made some great individual moves."

Lock said that he was impressed with the play of Conforte, Michael Cartwright and freshman goalie Michael Rahaim. Rahaim was making his varsity debut.

"Cartwright had a real good game," Lock said. "He competed well. Michael Rahaim played the third period and didn't allow any goals, and made some nice saves."

Lock also praised his line of Jon Ross, Kevin Gibson and Dante DeSerrano.

The Catholic Central game was close until the Shamrocks erupted for four goals in the last 10 minutes of the third period.

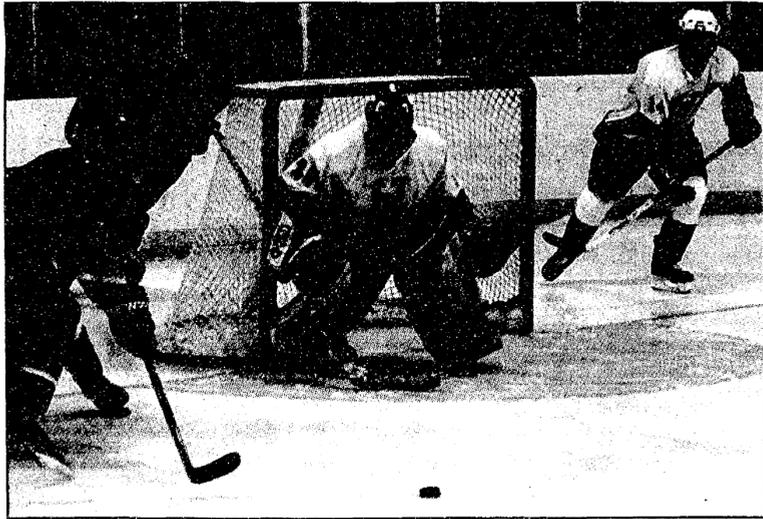
"We played much better as far as our defensive zone coverage goes," Lock said. "They move the puck well, but it was a 1-0 game until 10 minutes to go. When they scored their second goal, the puck hit the far post and just sat on the ice. I don't think it went in, but that gave them a lift and took the wind out of our sails."

"I'm proud of the way the guys worked but we just weren't able to generate a lot of offense."

Another freshman goalie, Eric Rohrkemper, had a strong game.

"He played his heart out," Lock said.

North plays at Port Huron Northern on Saturday. The Norsemen return home to face University of Detroit Jesuit on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Both contests are league games.



University Liggett School goalie Zack Keith gets in position for a shot from a covered Cabrini skater as ULS defenseman Charlie Warren covers the back door. Photo by Renato Jamcitt

ULS boys lose 2-1 in a rematch

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

ULS lost 2-1 to Allen Park Cabrini-Melvindale Unified last week.

"We beat them 2-1 in their barn earlier in the year, and it was the same type of game we lost tonight; tight checking and a little sloppy at times," coach Terry Olson said.

"I want our boys to play this type of talented competition because it will make them better hockey players. We want to win hockey games, but I also want the boys to gain confidence by improving their game when we face good competition."

The Knights played one of their worst two periods of the season in the first and second stanzas, which were scoreless.

Each team had 16 shots on net as ULS junior Zach Keith and Cabrini-Melvindale senior Todd Magiera were in a goalie duel.

Senior Adam Rock had a chance to put the home team up 1-0 with 2:54 left in the second period, but senior Robert Knopp came off the bench for the visitors to stop his penalty shot.

In the third period, Cabrini-Melvindale scored twice to take a 2-0 lead, but

with less than two minutes left, junior Michael Zukas scored the Knights' lone goal, assisted by Rock and junior Kyle Lawrence.

The Knights had two solid chances to tie the game during the final minute of play, but Magiera made the key saves when it counted the most, preserving the Monarchs' victory.

"We have played Cabrini twice this season, and both games were 2-1 finals," Olson said.

"We might meet them again in a tournament, and that should be another good, solid hockey game."

Park baseball team wins tournament

A team of 11-year-olds from the Grosse Pointe Park Little League went undefeated in winning a post-season baseball tournament in Milan.

Competing against teams from Manchester, Belleville and Milan, the Park squad outscored the opposition 53-24 in the six games.

Matthew Reno, Robbie Kish, Michael Shook and

George Fishback Jr. each hit over .500 for the Park squad.

The Park produced several clutch hits, including homers by Kevin Reck against Belleville and Sam Buis against Milan.

The strong pitching of Reno, Reck, Shook, Kish and Jimmy Webster recorded 47 strikeouts in 36 innings.

Defensive standouts were Brian Fontaine, who was solid in center field and at catcher; Brian Hall, who made several outstanding catches in the outfield; Connor Buckley and Patrick Kuchta.

Manager Matt Reno and coaches Ken Kish and Glenn Fontaine said that they were proud of what the team accomplished.

St. Clare JV goes undefeated

St. Clare's junior varsity baseball team was undefeated in CYO play, and the only blemish was a 7-7 tie with crosstown rival St. Paul in the final game of the season.

The team, comprised of fifth and sixth graders, finished 7-0-1.

The Falcons combined a strong and deep pitching rotation with solid defense and a potent offense.

St. Clare's mound corps was led by starters Jack Lang, Matthew Reno and K.J. Schaeffner. Timmy Kramer, Brian Fontaine and Alex Bedan did a good job catching and made it difficult for the few baserunners to steal.

Andrew Addy, Conor Buckley and David Harris were the key relievers.

The season opened with a doubleheader sweep of St. Joan of Arc. St. Clare

outscored St. Joan 38-10. The bats stayed hot as the Falcons scored 33 times in a sweep of St. Angela.

St. Clare won two games from St. Thecla. In the first game, the Falcons rolled to a 17-0 victory but the second was much closer — a 3-1 victory for St. Clare that featured excellent baserunning by Joe Srebernak and Robert Cerwin.

The makeup of the Falcons allowed manager Matt Reno and coaches Glenn Fontaine and Kevin Schaeffner a lot of flexibility. They were able to use Nathan Santoscoy and Brian Hall at several positions, and Steven Muer and Patrick Thomas played well whether they were in the infield or the outfield.

The flexibility was never more important than in the season finale against St. Paul. The Falcons scored

five runs in the first inning of the opening game and never trailed.

Each team scored twice in the first inning of the second game. The Lakers added two runs in the second and held a 7-2 lead after three innings.

St. Clare defense and pitching blanked St. Paul the rest of the way. The Falcons trailed 7-3 going into the seventh, but in the seventh Reno, Schaeffner, Bedan and Kramer each reached base and came around to score, tying the game at 7-7.

Addy reached base with no outs and was on third with one out when St. Paul turned a game-ending double play.

St. Paul's coaches said that many players made strides in improving their play during the course of the season.

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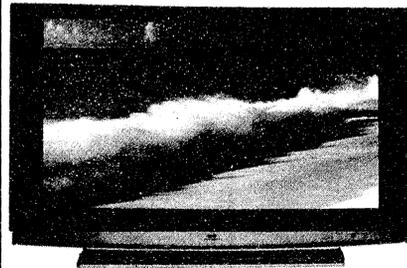
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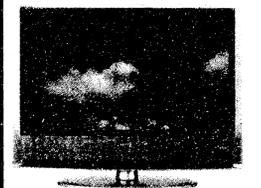
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Seller's concessions can help you buy a home

Q. We were told by our mortgage banker that we could get "concessions" to help us with our first home purchase. How does this work?

— Samantha of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A. In decades long past, people bought houses a bit differently than they do now. Ask your parents or grandparents about how they saved up for their first home, and you will likely hear the story of their saving for years the elusive 20 percent. Of course the culture of buying and consumer's spending habits were far different from today. Nowadays, home buyers seldom have any significant monies to put down on a home, and so financial institutions and the FHA have had to come up with innovative ways to put money in home buyers' hands. There is now a litany of loan programs out there tailored to buyers with little or no money down and who cannot "afford" the traditional down payment and the closing costs together.

The concept of seller concessions is simple: You are borrowing against yourself money that you would normally need up front to purchase a home. One of the most common forms of concessions involves FHA mortgages. On a \$150,000 home, a buyer can obtain an FHA mortgage with only 3 percent down or \$5,000. What would happen if that is all the money that you had? You still



Real Estate Matters

By Steve Aiuto

need to pay for your closing costs which are comprised of two main expenses: your first year of property taxes (paid in advance), and the costs and fees associated with obtaining your mortgage. On a home, say, with \$3,000 in taxes and \$2,000 in mortgage costs, that is another \$5,000 that you need to close that you do not currently have. What do you do?

This is where seller concessions come into play. By way of example, when you draft your purchase agreement, your offer will include a purchase price, say \$150,000, and then, as a condition of the sale you are stipulating that 3 percent of that purchase price be credited back to you to be used for the purpose of paying for your closing costs. You are in fact borrowing the full \$150,000 and that will be reflected in your mortgage payments. However, what you really offered the sellers was \$150,000 minus the 3 percent or

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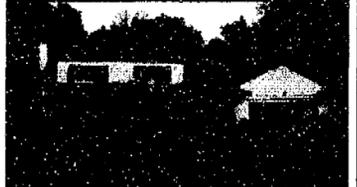
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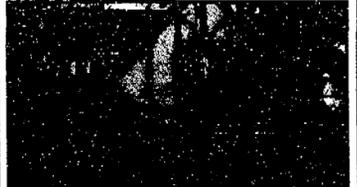
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71 NORTH DEEPLANDS

QUIET NIGHTS and bright days will be spent in this pretty four bedroom, four and one half bath colonial in the Shores. Freshly decorated with a great floorplan, this handsome home has an expansive family room with fireplace and adjacent terrace with awning, master bedroom with fireplace and bedroom-sized closet and artistic décor.



1150 BEDFORD

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. This cheerful English offers five bedrooms, three and one half baths, den, screened terrace and nicely finished basement with recreation room. There's a new roof, new central air, cheerful updated kitchen, neutral décor and quick occupancy. \$497,900



591 LAKESHORE ROAD

STUNNING renovation of this impressive residence will amaze. Majestic take views throughout, the exceptional transformation of this special estate includes the amazing kitchen, first floor master bedroom and sumptuous bath and lower level fantasy. Brochure available.



872 BERKSHIRE

WELCOME HOME! Cheerful four bedroom, two and one half bath colonial offers an entrance foyer with dramatic staircase, family room with beamed ceiling and fireplace, first floor laundry, kitchen with eating area that overlooks the rear yard and finished lower level. \$549,900



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\$145,000. Remember, the seller is not going to see that \$5,000. Of course, there is no such thing as free money, and so you will pay the \$5,000 back that you borrowed for your closing costs. What you have done is "rolled" the closing costs into your mortgage. Seller concessions therefore are simply a way to factor in your traditional closing costs into your mortgage payment.

The sellers in essence have assisted you to some degree in buying their home by accepting the terms that you have set forth. In the current market where things have gotten very competitive, sellers are inclined to participate in "concessions" in order to sell their homes. Most sellers are simply concerned with their net total, and so, concessions are quite common.

Again, the premise behind seller

concessions is that many consumers simply do not have down payment and closing cost money together. Many home buyers have one but not both, and so, the real estate and financial markets have adjusted to accommodate the current savings habits of home buyers. Homes bought with concessions now make up a significant percentage of all the homes purchased. From a seller's perspective, one issue to be aware of with concessions is that the total purchase price needs to appraise which is not always automatic.

The important thing is that concessions help home buyers get into their first home when they would otherwise not be able. It is always a good idea to sit down with your lender and Realtor to go over different financial options that you have. Everyone being on the same page will ensure you get the very best results and that things go smoothly.

Steve Aiuto is a licensed Realtor living in Grosse Pointe Park. He can be reached at steveaiuto@hotmail.com.

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Know the value of antique glass insulators

Glass insulators were first used in the 1850s on telegraph lines. Later they were used for telephone lines and electric power lines. Some insulators are more rare than others, which raises their value to possibly be worth several hundred dollars.

Many people collect glass insulators or have a story to tell of them. A friend of mine, who grew up in a rural area of Michigan, remembers how neighborhood boys used to shoot at the insulators on a telephone pole with a rifle; Gil Gray, copy editor of this newspaper, has a couple of aqua glass insulators, set in a metal holder, that he burns tea lights in; and Margie Smith, assistant editor of this newspaper, keeps a row of colorful glass insulators on a high bathroom shelf.

A great way to determine the value of a glass insulator is to visit the following Web sites where you will find identifying photos, design codes and values:

Grampa Mac's Insulator



*Antique's
Ambience*

By Diane Morelli

Emporium at the Web site insulatoremporium.com offers a database that uses the McDougald's Online Price Guide to determine the approximate value of an insulator.

The Web site insulators.com is a comprehensive and helpful site. Web master Bill Meier is one of the most knowledgeable collectors in the field.

The National Insulator Association is accessible at the Web site nia.org. The association has a growing number of insulator collectors and offers a Crown Jewels of the Wire Annual

Directory.

Maloney's Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory lists collector Mark Ruetbuch who buys, sells and trades glass and wooden insulators. Ruetbuch can be reached at 3125 Redwing Ln., Rapid City, SD 57701; phone, (605) 393-9707.

Also listed is Keith Roloson who is interested in all glass and porcelain insulators and seeks Southeastern threadless-pinhole styles. Roloson specializes in radio antenna "strain" insulators and early (1860-1890) telegraph styles. He offers free appraisals and can be reached at 6220 Carriage Ct., Cumming, GA 30040-9111; phone, (770) 781-5021; e-mail, kroloson@mindspring.com.

Dario Dimare buys, sells and appraises glass insulators and is looking for threadless and "good colored" glass such as cobalt blue, purple, yellow, citron, 7-Up green, and amber. Dimare can be reached at 1 Elda Rd., Framingham, MA 01701-4335; phone, (508) 877-4444; e-mail, dario@dariodesigns.com.

Tom Katonak heads The Enchantment Insulator Club that specializes in telegraph, tele-



phone, and power insulators; glass and porcelain; and offers expert identification and evaluation. Katonak can be reached at 1024 Camino de Lucia, Corrales, NM 87048-8314; phone, (505) 898-5592; Web site, insulators.com/clubs/eic.htm.

I recently bought an old aqua Hemingray glass insulator for \$2 at a Grosse Pointe Farms estate sale. I looked up its value online at Grampa Mac's Insulator Emporium and found it to be worth the \$2 I paid. I'd like to have it mounted on the telephone pole in my back yard to notice its shine in the sun and remind me of technology used not so long ago, but in the last century.

If you have an antique's question or subject you would like addressed in this column, write to Diane Morelli c/o Grosse Pointe News at 96 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms 48236; e-mail dmorelli@grossepointenews.com.

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The Michigan Master Gardener Program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader-training program offered by Michigan State University Extension. To become a certified master gardener, participants must pass weekly quizzes and the final examination and volunteer 40 hours within one year of completing the class to help MSU Extension educate the public in the horticulture field.

Wayne County MSU Extension will offer a Master Gardener class on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wayne County MSU Extension office at 640 Temple in Detroit.

All classes will be taught for 13 consecutive weeks. The topics to be covered are introduction to plant

science, flower gardening, indoor plants and care, integrated pest management, vegetable gardening, woody ornamentals, soils for plant growth, household pests and wildlife, lawn establishment and care, growing backyard fruit, diagnosing plant problems, and composting and vermiculture.

The fee for the course is \$240 for the Wayne County home gardener; \$280 for the out-of-county resident; \$440 for two members of the same household; and \$260 for a horticulture professional paying by business check.

For more information or to obtain an application, call (313) 833-3417. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, Dec. 21.



22640 LAKELAND

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Lovely four bedroom brick home, in Eagle Pointe Sub on Lake St. Clair has living room and family room, large oak kitchen w/appliances, two full baths, two and one half car garage, home warranty policy & more. Keys at closing. \$219,500



22508 MASONIC

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Brand new 3 bedroom brick great room ranch has hardwood entry, den/library with built-in bookcase, high ceilings, very large kitchen, 1st floor laundry, 2 full baths, master suite w/bath & walk-in closet, attached 2 car garage, basement & more. Completed and ready for move-in! \$199,900



2352 ALLARD

GROSSE POINTE WOODS. Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home has formal dining room, fireplace, deck off family room, remodeled kitchen w/appliances, lav in semi-fin basement, central air, 1/2 bath off large 2nd floor bedroom, some newer windows, garage, home warranty policy & more. \$184,900.



21235 WOODMONT

HARPER WOODS/GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS. Immaculate, spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch has remodeled kitchen w/new appliances, 1 1/2 baths, central air, family room, fireplace, finished basement, all new windows, 2.5 car garage & more. \$189,900



19920 SALISBURY

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick ranch offers entry foyer, new decor, neutral carpet, new kitchen w/ hardwood floor, stove & built-in dishwasher, vinyl windows, newer roof & central air, 2nd full bath off large master bedroom, formal dining room, basement, attached 2.5 car garage, home warranty policy & more. \$184,900



23609 HARRELLSON

MACOMB TWP. Nicely remodeled 3 bedroom brick colonial has new paver patio, new ceramic kitchen & dining floors, fireplace in living room, bay window in dining room, 2 full baths, basement, attached garage, shed, nice deep lot & more. Appliances stay. \$179,900



20640 VERNIER CIRCLE

GROSSE POINTE WOODS. Very clean 2 bedroom brick ranch with lovely screened front porch, formal dining room, fireplace in living room, finished basement w/half bath, nice deck off doorwall, central air, garage & more. Appliances & home warranty policy included. \$169,900



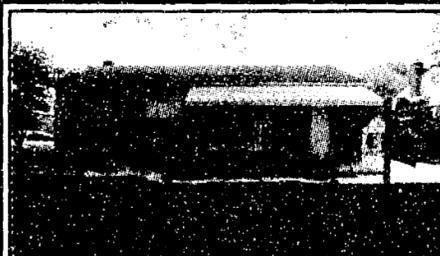
22621 CAROLINA

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch has new kitchen floor, appliances, central air, vinyl windows, finished basement w/half bath, garage, home warranty policy & more. Backyard has nice patio and gate access to nice city park. \$154,900



20848 HUNT CLUB

HARPER WOODS/GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS. BEST DEAL IN TOWN! Lovely updated 3 bedroom brick home has formal dining area, large master bedroom with w/walk-in closet, central air, newer roof, newer Pella windows, basement, garage, kitchen appliances, home warranty policy & more! \$144,900



31900 COURTLAND

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch has new vinyl windows, newer roof, central air, 2 car garage, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, finished basement w/full bath & kitchen, home warranty policy. All appliances stay. \$143,900



29806 GREATER MACK

ST. CLAIR SHORES. Nice large 3 bedroom brick ranch on large lot, has formal dining room, large kitchen, vinyl windows, central air, large 2.5 car garage, hardwood floors, finished basement w/lav, home warranty policy & more. Appliances all stay. Keys at closing. Seller providing a \$1,000 Home Depot gift card to purchaser at closing. \$139,900



39484 PRENTISS

HARRISON TWP. 3 bedroom brick ranch has nice yard, brand new roof, brand new neutral carpet, 1st floor laundry room, built-in dishwasher, 2 car garage, central air & more. Stove, fridge, washer, dryer also stay. Move in at closing. \$139,900.



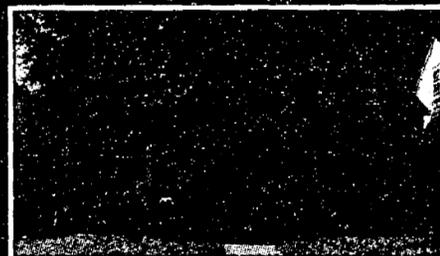
15095 CHARLES R

EASTPOINTE. Beautiful, charming 3 bedroom brick home has 3 season sunroom, central air, large kitchen w/ceramic floor, vinyl windows, newer roof, finished basement w/half bath, garage, great curb appeal & more. Appliances & home warranty policy included. \$138,500



24637 PARK TERRACE

HARRISON TWP. Nice clean neutral 2 bedroom condo has attached garage, central air, 1 1/2 baths, basement & more. \$144 per mo includes water, outside maintenance & building insurance. 1 pet under 30lbs. allowed. Appliances stay. \$134,900



2153 RIDGEMONT

GROSSE POINTE WOODS. Lovely 3 bedroom home has nice family room, first floor laundry, remodeled bath, newer windows, nice treed back yard & more. 2nd story has 612 ft. ceilings. Some appliances & home warranty policy included. \$109,900



18736 WASHTENAW

HARPER WOODS. Seller is a licensed real estate broker. Very nice 2 bedroom ranch has large new wood kitchen w/laminate floor, pantry & built-in dishwasher, nice family room, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, attic storage, 2.5 car garage w/new door, home warranty policy & more. \$69,900



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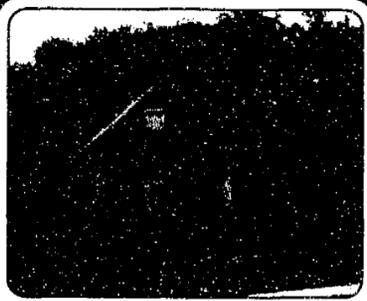
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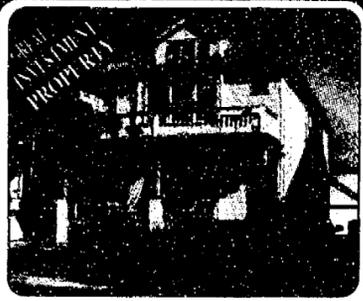
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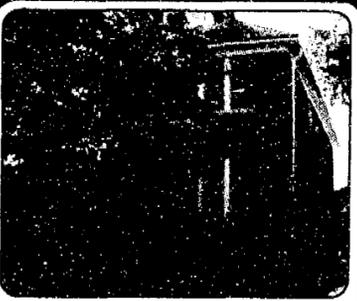
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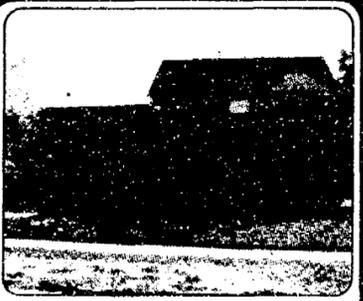
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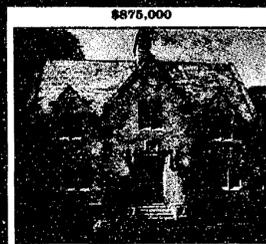


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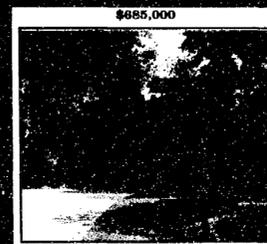


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PEMBERTON, GROSSE POINTE PARK
6 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



\$685,000

TOURAINÉ, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
4 Bedrooms, 3 Full, 2 Half Baths



\$104,900

ALLEN ROAD, ST. CLAIR SHORES
2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath



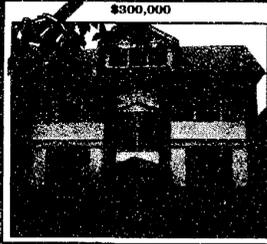
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YORKSHIRE, GROSSE POINTE PARK
6 Bedrooms, 5 Full, 2 Half Baths



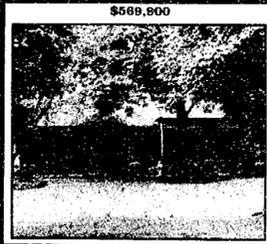
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DEAN LANE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



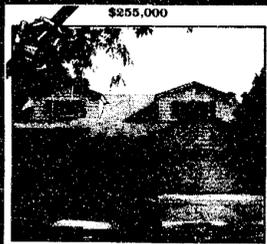
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BEACONSFIELD, GROSSE POINTE PARK
5 Units



\$589,800

STONEHURST, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
3 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths



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EDMUNTSON, ST. CLAIR SHORES
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



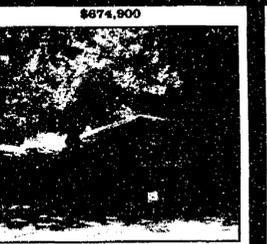
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LAKELAND, GROSSE POINTE CITY
4 Bedrooms, 2 Full, 2 Half Baths



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SOMERSET, GROSSE POINTE PARK
Two Family



\$874,900

WHITCOMB, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$139,900

HAMPTON, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath



\$539,000

LINCOLN, GROSSE POINTE CITY
5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



\$325,000

BEACONSFIELD, GROSSE POINTE PARK
6 Units



\$485,000

BERKSHIRE, GROSSE POINTE PARK
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$474,000

PERRIEN PLACE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
4 Bedrooms, 3 Full, 2 Half Baths



\$349,000

OXFORD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$240,000

HAWTHORNE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath



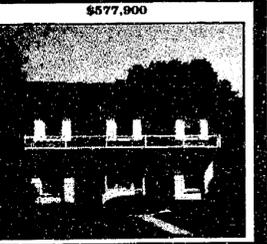
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MANCHESTER, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
3 Bedrooms, 1 Full Bath



\$224,900 Each

ST. CLAIR, GROSSE POINTE CITY
2 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$577,900

LOCHMOOR, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$389,000

AUDUBON, GROSSE POINTE PARK
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



\$649,900

DEAN LANE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS
4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



\$172,000

VERNIER, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
2 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths



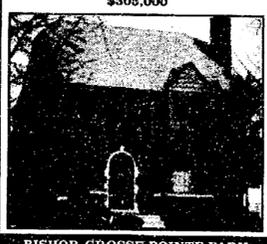
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HAWTHORNE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths



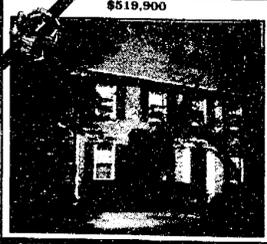
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COLONIAL CT., GROSSE POINTE FARMS
2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath



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BISHOP, GROSSE POINTE PARK
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



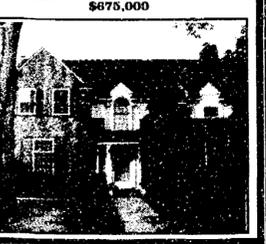
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OXFORD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths



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DEEPLANDS CT., GROSSE POINTE SHORE
4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



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KENSINGTON, GROSSE POINTE PARK
6 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths



\$459,000

NEFF, GROSSE POINTE CITY
5 Bedrooms, 5 Baths



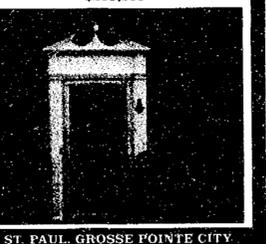
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ST. PAUL, GROSSE POINTE PARK
3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath



\$535,000

S OXFORD, GROSSE POINTE WOODS
5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths



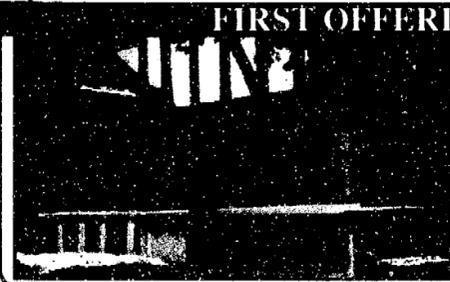
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ST. PAUL, GROSSE POINTE CITY
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17525 JEFFERSON

Beautiful townhouse with white oak paneling in the living room and dining room. Great kitchen with blue and white tile, elegant library, and a full 3rd floor for a home office or guests. This stunning condo is poised on a wonderful lot for extra privacy. The master bedroom has its own bathroom and a dressing room. Enjoy the benefits of home ownership with the ease of a condo.



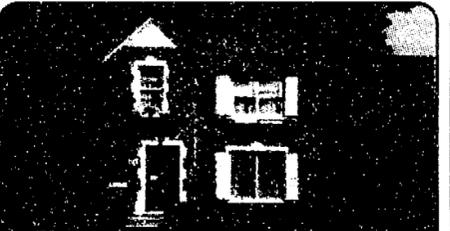
45 WINDEMERE

This magnificent detached condominium surrounded by lush landscaping and open spaces is located within the gated community of Windemere Place. A gracious home characterized by spacious rooms and custom detailing. Crown moldings, tray ceiling in master bedroom, wainscoting, new kitchen w/granite countertops & refinished floors. 9' ceiling in the basement. Enjoy elegant living with someone else doing the exterior maintenance. \$999,900



4344 KENSINGTON

This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath East English Village home will steal your heart! Approximately 1700 sq. ft. with hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, formal dining, newer kitchen, wet bar, large deck and newer windows. A gem waiting for you to move in! \$129,900



978 WASHINGTON

Best Price in Grosse Pointe City, listed at \$219,900. Three bedrooms, family room, finished basement, spacious yard with deck and a 2 car garage! Formal dining room, roomy kitchen with eating area attached. Must see!



1027 HARVARD • \$599,900

Sophisticated colonial with 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Fabulous new kitchen with granite counters and a granite island. Superior appliances, large eating area and custom cabinetry. Sunny family room with sliding glass doors to a brick patio, gumwood library with extensive shelving. Finished basement with carpeted rec room and fireplace, work room and laundry room. 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths on the second floor (master bath is new) and a charming bedroom, bath(new) and large storage area on the 3rd floor. Call for a private showing!



746 BALFOUR • \$519,900

Fabulous! A spacious living room for your holiday décor and a big dining room for entertaining. Central air, beautiful refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen with large breakfast nook, great detailing and Pewabic tile fireplace. Rear stairway to wonderful teenage or in-law suite, Master bedroom suite with library and full bath. Close to Windmill Pointe drive and the Park Ice Rink!



467 MCKINLEY • \$210,000 JUST REDUCED!

Great opportunity for a first time buyer to get a lot of space for a little money. Three bedrooms 1 1/2 baths, family room and finished basement. Nice refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen, updated baths and attached 2 car garage. Plantation shutters in the living room and a gas log. Super Value!



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Double male electrical plug needed for holiday lighting

Q. I'm putting up my holiday lights and cannot plug them in because there is a female cord end on my lights. Why don't they make a double male plug? None of the local stores sell them; so now how do I connect my lights?

And, why do some of my cords have one prong wider than the other?

— Sparky of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A. Sparky, if you use a double male "contraption" to attach a cord to an electrical outlet, you will be leaving a male cord end out in the yard or in the bushes. The male cord end is live 115 volts exposed to human contact. Touch it with wet feet and it will be nice knowing ya.

From now on, plug in your lights, test to see if everything is working, and then hang them up with the power off in case there is a loose wire that could shock you. This way you won't hang them up backward again. Plus it's a lot easier to repair a dead bulb or two when the strings of lights are on the ground.

Why is one of the plug prongs larger?

The reason one of the prongs on all-new extension cords and electrical appliances is bigger is to polarize the appliance. If all plugs, extension cords and appliances are properly polarized, the chances of an electrical shock are greatly minimized.

In normal house current, one of the wires is normally safe, the white wire. It is the wire that is connected to the ground rod and the cold-water plumbing. This means that when you touch it, you and the Earth are the same, hence no shock.

This rule is by no means always true. There are switch-leg situations that use the white wire as a "hot" wire. There is also the untrained "wannabe electrician" who could have switched the colors of the wire in a circuit box prior to your location. The point here is that "nothing is always," one of our favorite quotes at the hardware.



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The black "hot" wire is potentially 115 volts opposite of the ground. Grab it, and the electricity will love to flow through you and into the ground. Charcoal! The black wire is switched, fused, and connected to the little slot of the two prongs of a receptacle. Why the little slot? It is the one that is harder for children to poke metal objects into — what a concept.

In a lamp, the hot wire is connected to the base of a light socket. This makes changing light bulbs safer because your finger will have to get to the bottom of the lamp socket to receive a shock.

Always, always, always kill the power before working on any electrical items. Working with "hot" wires is best left only to the professionals. We don't want to lose any customers to careless wiring accidents. Electricians' rule: keep one hand in your back pocket.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Spacious
 Beautiful five bedroom, four and a half bath Colonial custom built in 2002 with open floor concept. Nice size family room, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, library/den, hardwood floors and more.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Wonderful
 Beautiful five bedroom with stunning plaster and leaded glass details. Terrific updates including copper plumbing, dimensional shingle roof, 200 AMP service, central air, more. Three fireplaces, huge rooms, great floor plan.
(LGP17BIS) 313-886-5040 \$524,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Cape Cod
 Lovely location and condition. Beautiful pecan kitchen with built-ins, wonderful glassed family room with built-in bar. Park-like lot, freshly painted, newer furnace, windows, carpet, library, master suite with full bath and adjacent sitting room.
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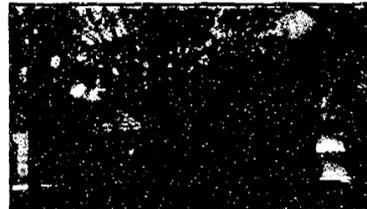
GROSSE POINTE WOODS Spacious
 Custom built home for original owner. Four large bedrooms, three full baths, three fireplaces, first floor laundry, hardwood floors throughout. Newer roof. Your personal touches will reward you endlessly!
(LGP28MOO) 313-886-5040 \$379,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Spacious
 Four bedrooms, two full baths. Master with private sitting room. Gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry, family room, formal dining, living room with fireplace. Recreation room, enclosed porch, patio, hot tub. Prime location.
(LGP58LAK) 313-886-5040 \$340,000



GROSSE POINTE PARK Custom Tudor
 Three bedroom brick Tudor with two car garage, formal dining room, fireplace in living room, library/den on main floor. Great location close to schools and shopping. Immediate occupancy.
(LGP44BIS) 313-886-5040 \$299,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Custom
 Spacious brick Cox and Baker Cape Cod with three bedrooms, two updated full baths. Gorgeous living and dining rooms with refinished hardwoods and natural fireplace. Updated kitchen, newer roof and windows. Two car garage.
(LGP21CHA) 313-886-5040 \$289,900



GROSSE POINTE PARK Two Family
 New condominium conversion located South of Jefferson. Entire building can be purchased or condominiums can be sold separately. Each unit has two bedrooms, fireplace, central air, one and one half baths.
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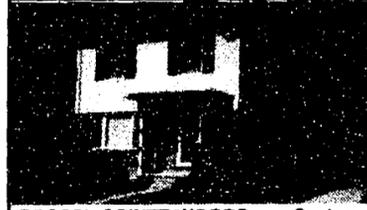
GROSSE POINTE PARK Opportunity
 Just off Kercheval and just a few hundred yards from the Village! With a little painting and tweaking this home will be outstanding. Lots of character and detailing throughout. Appliances included. Great investment.
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GROSSE POINTE FARMS Cape Cod
 Beautiful three bedroom Cape Cod. Hardwood floors refinished. Newer carpeting in all bedrooms. Alarm system, freshly painted, natural fireplace. Central air. Wiring updated. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Loads of updates. A must see.
(LGP49MOR) 313-886-5040 \$269,900



GROSSE POINTE Spacious
 Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.
(LGP66CAD) 313-886-5040 \$259,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Custom
 Built in 1999. Oak kitchen with island, breakfast counter and oak floors. Vaulted ceiling in family room. Neutral decor throughout. Finished basement. Central air. Copper plumbing. One year warranty.
(LGP04RID) 313-886-5040 \$249,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Outstanding
 In everyway possible this four bedroom, two bath has been extensively updated, not to mention a large family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace and recreation room. A true gem!
(LGP26LOC) 313-886-5040 \$239,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Updated
 Adorable three bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen, bath, windows, doors, roof, central air. Completely finished basement with ceramic tile floors, office or bedroom and updated lavatory. Hardwood floors and more!
(LGP79STA) 313-886-5040 \$224,000



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Multi-Family
 Well maintained two-family brick dwelling with two bedrooms in each. Family room in lower, possible third bedroom. Fireplace in living room, eating space in kitchen, hardwood floors. Long term tenant in upper.
(LGP17VER) 313-886-5040 \$219,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Spacious
 Three bedroom brick ranch with two full baths. Short walk to Ferry School. Newer driveway and refinished hardwoods throughout. Finished basement with half bath plus, two car garage. Priced below market value. Warranty.
(LGP20ROS) 313-886-5040 \$212,500



GROSSE POINTE PARK Charming
 Old world charm abound in this wonderfully updated Cape Cod. Three or four bedrooms, oak kitchen, natural fireplace, family room, finished basement. Newer: windows, heat and air, two full baths. Appliances included.
(LGP31 LAK) 313-886-5040 \$199,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS Great Value
 Nice three bedroom Colonial has a large living room, dining room, family room with fireplace. Half bath on first floor, full bath on second. Full basement, two car garage. Freshly painted with new carpet throughout. Immediate occupancy.
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS Ranch
 Major price reduction! Act fast! Grosse Pointe Woods two bedroom ranch. Large master bedroom with walk-in closet, gas fireplace and deck. Hardwood floors. Neutral decor. Two and one half car garage.
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HARPER WOODS

Wow! This home shows like a 2 Story. Large second floor dormer across the back. New everything: Kitchen, furnace/ac, windows, roof, second floor full bath and patio. This is a large home, 1,400 square feet. With even more space in the finished basement. Huge master suite.



NEW \$159,000

HARPER WOODS

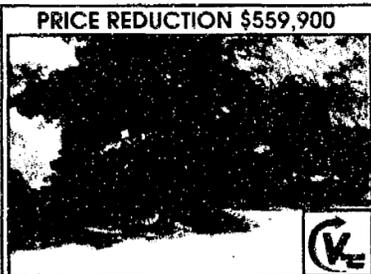
Great opportunity for investment or for personal home with rental space. Full brick with natural fireplace in Lower. Upper unit has one bedroom and shares garage with lower. Upper rents for \$525 and lower rents for \$750.



NEW \$144,900

HARPER WOODS

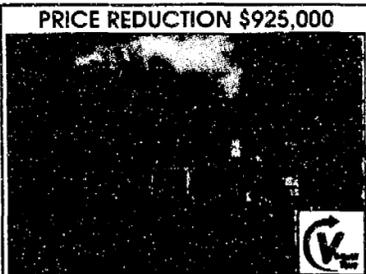
Lots of room for the family in this original owner well maintained home. Large 2nd floor bedroom with half bath, finished basement with bar and workroom area. The garage has an additional 3 1/2 feet, great for boat and motor or extra room for the kids bikes and sport equipment.



PRICE REDUCTION \$559,900

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Remarkable English Tudor. Architectural accents, detailed plaster, gleaming hardwoods, extensive renovations and updates throughout. Entertain in the brand new state-of-the-art kitchen with granite, built-in (Viking, Kitchen Aid) stainless appliances.



PRICE REDUCTION \$925,000

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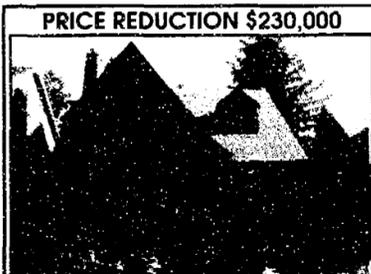
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PRICE REDUCTION \$139,900

HARPER WOODS

Wonderful sprawling ranch on a park like lot. Large kitchen with eating area, natural fireplace in living room. Large master bedroom. All appliances included. Hardwood floors under carpet. Good attic storage.



PRICE REDUCTION \$230,000

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Charming Tudor in prime area of the Farms. This 1365 square foot home features beautiful wood details throughout, two bedrooms, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, patio with awning. Home Warranty included.



PRICE REDUCTION \$319,598

GROSSE POINTE

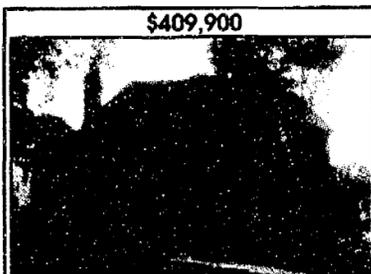
Sharp Cap Cod style home with spacious backyard. This home features a gourmet kitchen with Viking stove, granite counter-tops, tile floor, and breakfast nook. Spacious Master bedroom with large closets, full bath, and sitting room.



\$479,000

GROSSE POINTE PARK

English Tudor with lots of character. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, spacious bedrooms, new windows, new central air conditioner, refinished hardwood floors, finished basement with fireplace, and beautifully landscaped front and back yard.



\$409,900

GROSSE POINTE PARK

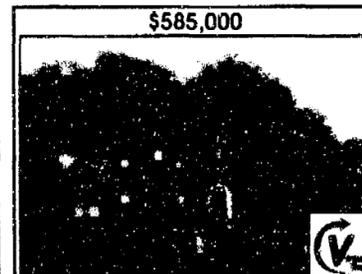
Charming Tudor on a beautiful street in the Park. Features include, leaded and stained glass windows, plaster walls, carved Limestone fireplace mantle and a beautiful entry foyer with dramatic wrought iron staircase. Bright spacious gourmet kitchen. Oak floors throughout.



\$549,900

GROSSE POINTE

Country estate living in the Pointes! Spacious tudor with fireplaces in living room and family room. Two doorways in family room step out to patio. Bedroom on first floor currently being used as an office. First floor full bath. Master suite with dressing room.



\$585,000

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Gracious English Tudor with exquisite detailing. Newer kitchen, baths, furnace and central air. Wonderful room sizes, two and a half car attached garage. Finished third floor has 24 x 22 room--great for work-out room, playroom, home office or ???.



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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

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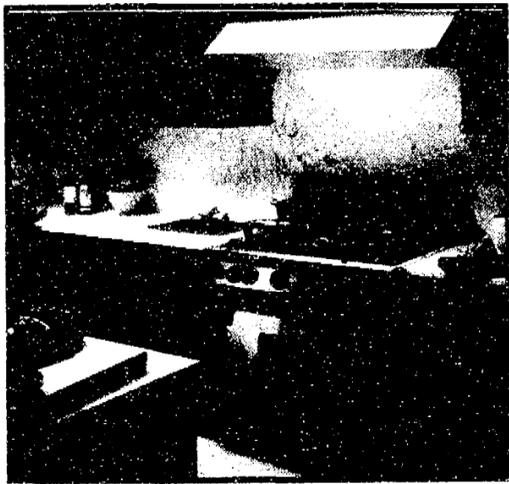
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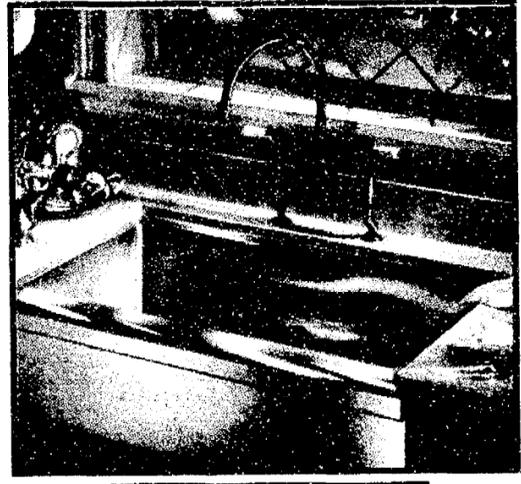
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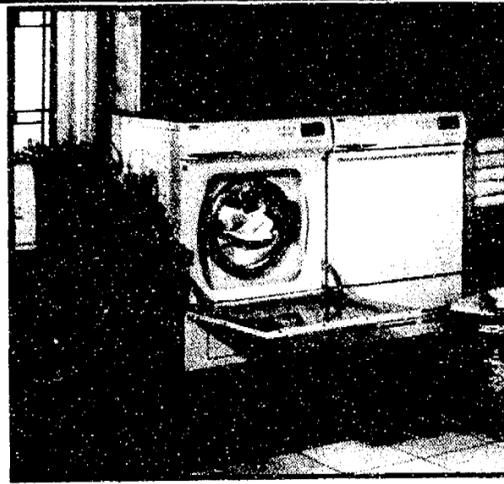
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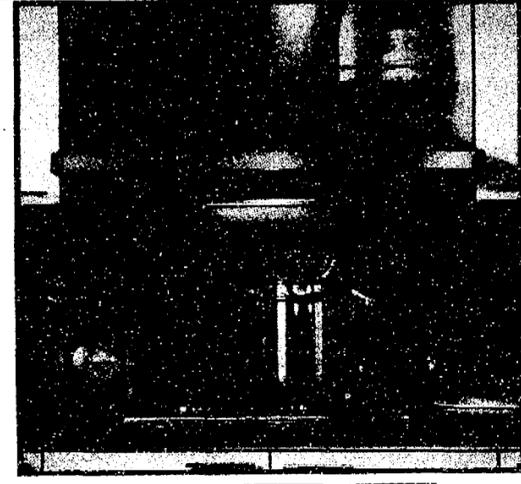
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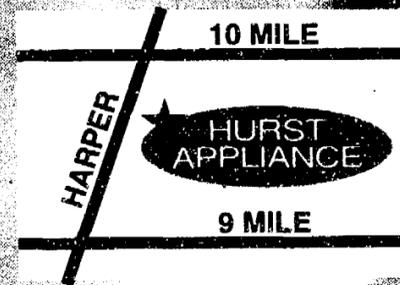
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The entire line of Almanac products can be purchased online at the Web site Almanac.com, in stores wherever books and magazines are sold.

Blue-ribbon chili recipe

On a chilly winter day, nothing tastes better than a warm bowl of chili. The following recipe, which was awarded the blue ribbon at the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off, is featured in The Old Farmer's Almanac's Blue Ribbon Recipes. This cookbook, bursting with award-winning recipes from county and state fairs across America, is available at local bookstores.

Costa Mesa Chili

Serves six.

Note: You may substitute 7 tablespoons good-quality chili powder in place of the three specific types mentioned.

2 cans (10-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth, divided

1/2 cup tomato sauce

3 tablespoons pure California chili powder

1 tablespoon pure New Mexico chili powder

3 tablespoons Gebhardt chili powder

2 tablespoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon salt

3 teaspoons oil (approximately), divided

1 small onion, chopped

5 to 7 cloves garlic, minced

2-1/2 pounds tri-tip or bottom sirloin, cut into 1/4-inch cubes or coarsely ground

1/2 to 1 teaspoon Tabasco (to taste)

In a large pot, combine 1-1/2 cans of the broth, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil; then reduce the heat to a simmer.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat 1 teaspoon of the oil, and saute the onion and garlic over low heat until tender. Add to the sauce. In the same skillet, adding oil as needed, saute the meat, one-third at a time, until no longer pink. Add to the sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce the heat, and simmer for two and one-half hours, adding more chicken broth as needed. Thirty minutes before serving, add the Tabasco and salt to taste.

Norm Gaul of Costa Mesa, Calif. won the blue ribbon for the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off by the International Chili Society, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Snack on Cheddar Cheese Scones

Cheese scones from New Zealand make perfect holiday snacks. Serve them as bite-sized hors d'oeuvres, or as an accompaniment to the main meal if you are planning light fare.

Note: Be sure to work the dough quickly with light fingers to prevent the butter from softening. For the flakiest scones, manipulate dough briefly and keep it cold. Place it back in the refrigerator for a short time if it begins to warm up.

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon cayenne

4 tablespoons (2 ounces) chilled butter

3 ounces coarsely grated Cheddar cheese

3/4 cup milk

1. Mix flour, salt, baking powder and cayenne in large bowl. Cut in chilled butter with pastry cutter or fingers. Work quickly to keep dough cold.

2. Mix cheese into dough. Gradually add milk while mixing with fingers until you have soft, workable, non-sticky dough. (You may not need all the milk.) Knead gently until dough holds together and feels soft.

3. Cut dough in half; shape each into ball, and flatten balls into

neat, round discs. Dust with flour; wrap in plastic, and chill.

4. Preheat oven to 400 Fahrenheit.

5. Flour-dust rolling pin, and roll each disc until finger-thick. Cut each into six or eight pie-shaped pieces. Brush with milk, cream or egg wash (mixture of eggs and water). Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 20 to 25 minutes until tops begin to brown. Remove and serve fresh. Serves: eight.

Tip: These scones freeze well. To refresh, toast lightly or warm for a few minutes in medium heat oven.

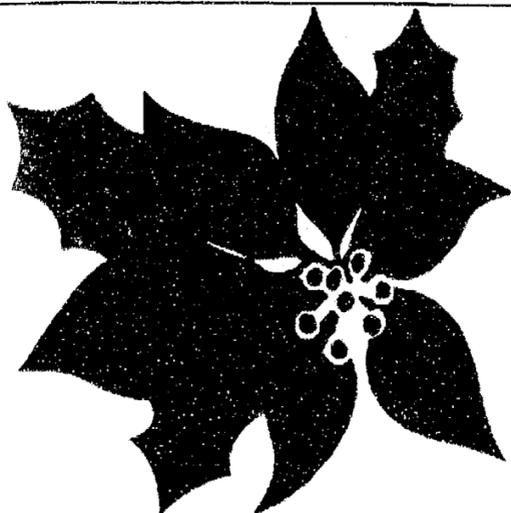
Home tips:

• "When the big holiday dinners roll around, I get a small brown handle bag for each of my guests and put in it several different sizes of plastic containers and a few plastic zip-lock baggies. When dinner is over, I invite them to pack up leftovers (the stuff they like) and take them home. It means less for me to store, since I always make plenty of food. My guests really enjoy it!"

— I.L. in Florida.

• "I like to make a big presentation for holiday meals, so I use sliced fruit, nuts and fresh herbs for garnishes. I prepare them ahead of time and store them in the fridge so I can garnish the dishes and get them from stove to table quickly. I have found that if you use a little lemon juice on apple slices, they do not discolor, and you can cut them up ahead of time, too."

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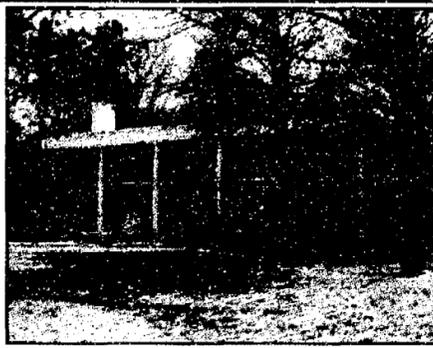
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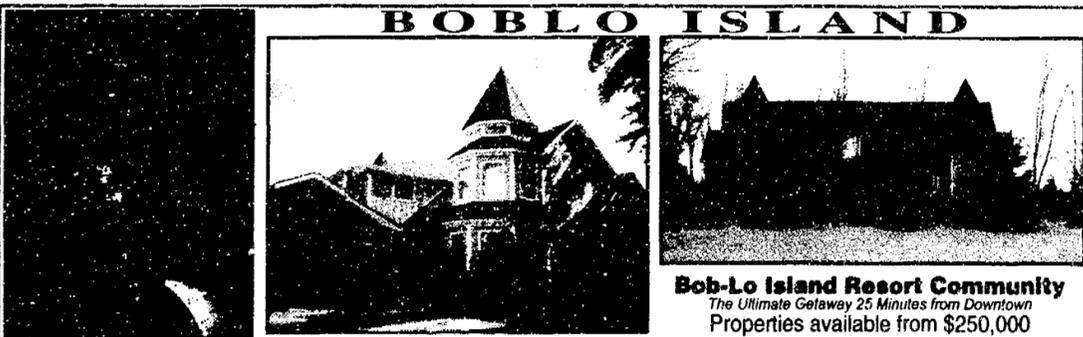
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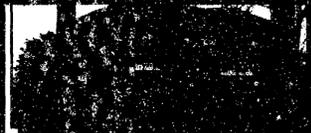
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