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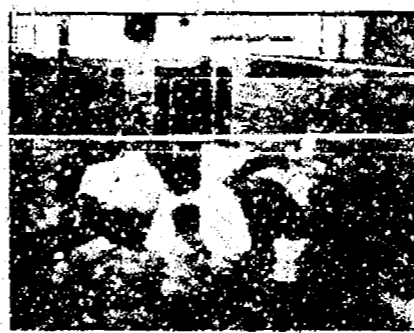
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WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, Jan. 12

Registration deadline for the annual meeting of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center to be held on Friday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., followed by the installation of officers and a program on new trends in flower arranging, presented by Bliss Clark. Call (313) 881-7511.

Friday, Jan. 13

Grosse Pointe Questers meets at 9:30 a.m. for a presentation, "New York to Frisco in a Regal '30" by JoAnn Kruegar at the home of hostess, Elsie Mackethan.

Saturday, Jan. 14

String Extravaganza, which showcases the progress of orchestra students from sixth grade through high school, is at the Grosse Pointe South High School gym starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Donations welcome.

The Kid's Club meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Souillere Landscaping, Patio and Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Children will be participating in winter fun activities. Call (586) 776-2811 for more information.

Grosse Pointe North and South high schools' hockey teams will face off at City Sports Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Grosse Pointe public schools and the municipal offices of Grosse Pointe Park and Farms are closed.

The council of Grosse Pointe Shores meets at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall, 795 Lakeshore.

Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack.

Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. at 15115 E. Jefferson.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's "Business Before Hours" meets at 8 a.m. at Embellish Cafe and Gifts, 15104 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Later, it hosts a new member orientation with a question session at 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Room, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

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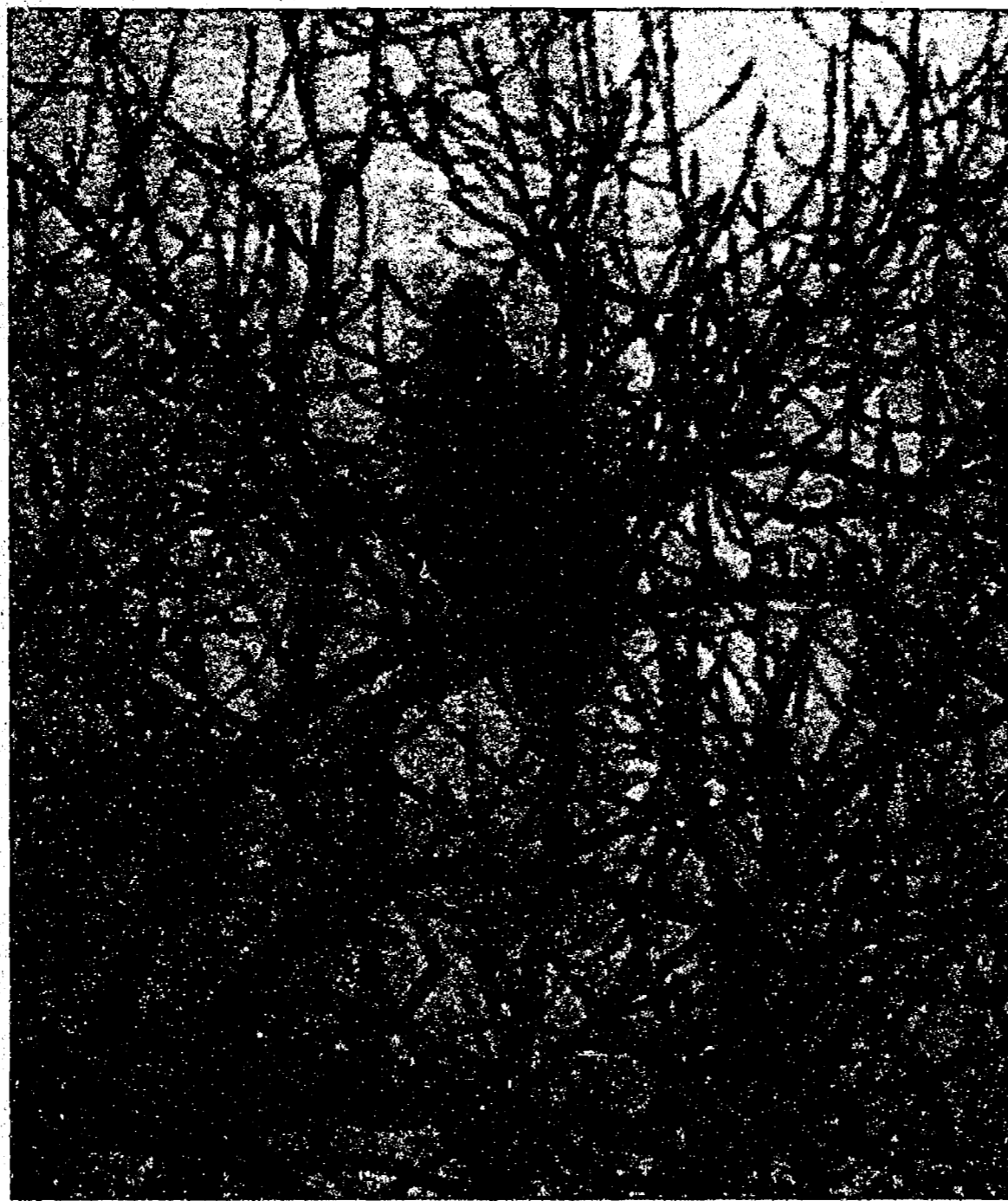


Photo by Jason Rengert

One or maybe two bald eagles have been seen along the Grosse Pointe shoreline.

Eagle eyes spot eagle(s)

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Eagle-eyed bird watchers are making star spangled sightings along the lakeshore.

A bald eagle, symbol of the nation, is using treetops from below Grosse Pointe Park to beyond Grosse Pointe Shores as aery observation towers overlooking fishing grounds in the shallows of Lake St. Clair.

There might be two eagles.

Since spotting an eagle Jan. 1 perched on Peche Island and again last week on the ice a half-mile north of Osius Park at the foot of Vernier, Bill Rapia, president of the Grosse Pointe Audubon Society, has been on high alert.

"I've been traveling with my camera in the car since," Rapia said.

He doesn't know if both sightings were of the same animal.

"Both were adults," Rapia said. "The female bald eagle is larger than the male, but since there was no other eagle around to compare it to, it's impossible to determine gender."

Jason Rengert, a Shores public safety officer, is used to keeping a sharp lookout while patrolling the waterfront. His training paid off Dec. 31 with an eagle sighting. Rengert was cruising the community when he saw a mature eagle atop a tree in the front yard of 627 Lakeshore.

"As far as I know there are two eagles," Rengert said. "The mature one and an immature one, possibly the offspring. Apparently, the imma-

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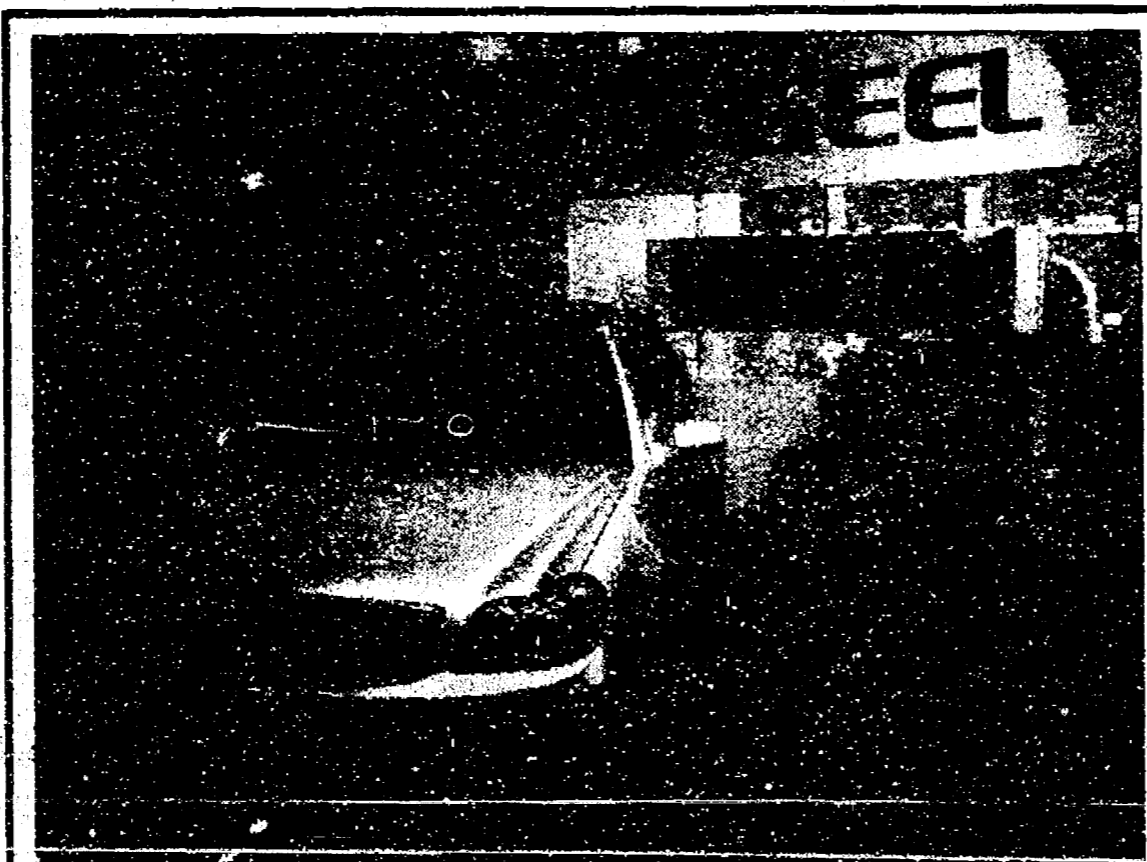


Photo by Jenny King

Made in China

This nicely finished sedan, the Geely, is a new import from China on display in the lobby of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center. The show runs Saturday, Jan. 14, through Sunday, Jan. 22.

Interim manager in City leaving for DeWitt post

City without top 2 administrators

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The City of Grosse Pointe's golden boy is off to Eldorado.

Brian Vick, who in 10 years with the City rose from the bottom to the top of the administrative ladder, has resigned.

Within three weeks he will become city manager of DeWitt, a few miles north of Lansing.

His last day in the City is Jan. 30.

"I'm not leaving because of a problem," said Vick, mar-

ried with a 5-year-old son and a second child due in spring. "It's about opportunity."

Vick, a four-year Marine Corps veteran, was hired by now-retired city manager Thomas Kressbach right out of Michigan State University in 1995.

Vick worked himself up from intern to assistant city manager, a post he held for the last five years.

Last month he was bumped up to acting city

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Library lease rubber stamped by school board

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Their hands were tied. The Grosse Pointe Board of Education said it had to approve the lease with the Grosse Pointe Public Library based on board action of two and four years ago.

After months of tabling the lease and requesting language change and clarification, the present seven-member board of education was bound by previous boards. Ultimately, the 2006 board agreed 6-1, with Ahmed Ismail being the lone no vote, during the Monday, Jan. 9, meeting to a 100-year lease for the land on which the new library at Vernier and Mack sits.

"I wouldn't vote for it had not a previous board approved it. It can impact the integrity and ability (of the district) to do business," board member Angela Kennedy said during the

board's five-meeting process in 2006, Jan. 3.

At that same meeting, board member Brendan Walsh noted that the lease wording's foundation was written in 1994, just a year before Proposal A was established limiting school funds.

"This one stinks," he said of the lease which states the library will pay a rental fee of \$1 per year for the next 50 years, with options to renew in two 25-year segments. "We have no choice. If given the opportunity to look at the lease, I would never have voted for this. The only question is, can this board be assured every aspect has been investigated?"

To that end Walsh and Ismail suggested that a second legal opinion be sought. Their motion failed.

An opinion rendered by someone other than the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Ihab M. Zaki

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods

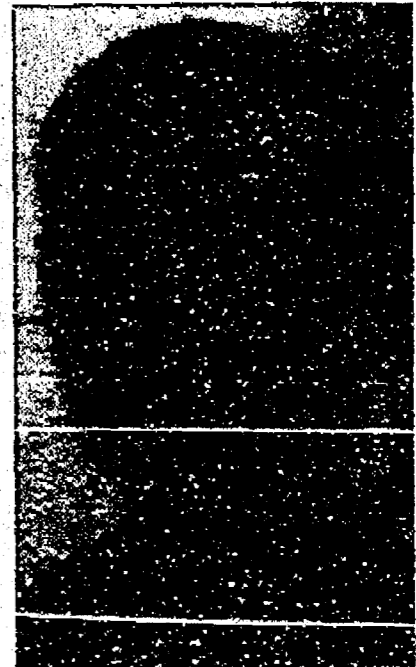
Age: 41

Family: Wife, Rime; daughter, Maria, 5

Occupation: Owner of Spiekermann Travel Service, which specializes in trips to the Middle East

Quote: "I see myself as helping the Arab world see the average American — and helping American people see the average person in the Middle East."

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REAL MEDICINE

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ A section of the Richard Elementary School playground will be paved and used as a driver training area and parking lot for shoppers on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

■ Advice on how to be a good wife and mother while taking part in outside activities ranging from PTA to national politics will be given during the "Women in a Changing World" series of lectures starting this month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

■ The 17-year-old Detroit male charged with manslaughter in the Dec. 30 driving death of a male St. Clair Shores pedestrian crossing lower Mack in Grosse Pointe Park enters a plea of innocent before Park Municipal Judge C. Joseph Belanger.

25 years ago this week

■ Although some local insurance agents say it's too early to tell what effect Michigan's new Essential Insurance Act will have on auto and homeowner policies, spokesmen for some of the state's larger carriers indicate the legislation will increase auto rates by as much as 21 percent while homeowner rates may drop in the Grosse Pointes.

The new law makes it illegal to quote rates based on sex or marital status. Rates can't vary more than 10 percent between adjacent territories.

■ The Grosse Pointe

Theatre makes a casting call for its fourth show of the season, "Cactus Flower."

■ St. Clare school's boys basketball team wins the first annual Michael S. Corbett Christmas tournament.

In the championship game, Scott Fisher scores 18 points to help St. Clare beat St. Matthew's 38-26.

10 years ago this week

■ Fire destroys a Grosse Pointe Park mansion on Windmill Pointe Drive.

Three Pointe fire departments fight the blaze, which preliminary investigation shows spread through the structure between thick walls and heavy ceilings.

The house is so well constructed that firefighters have a hard time punching holes in walls to douse flames.

■ Following two years of tossing ideas around about ways to light the football field at Grosse Pointe North High School, proponents decide they need a new game plan.

Accordingly, school board members direct Superintendent Ed Shine to develop a fresh approach and report to the board in February or March.

■ After withdrawing a request to have the 1996 Designers' Show house on Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park because of neighbors' objections, the Junior League of Detroit selects a house in the 300 block of Lakeland in the City of Grosse Pointe.

More than 25 of metro-Detroit's top design firms will take part in transforming the home, built in 1931, for public showing.

5 years ago this week

■ It seems this year's Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest will have something that was missing from the past few festivals — snow.

Unlike the previous two

years when warm weather caused delay or cancellation of the event, this year's cold temperatures and snowfall have organizers looking forward to holding the festival next week.

■ A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer unloads his pistol at a woman who tries to run him down with a sports utility vehicle.

The officer misses. The woman gets away. When she's caught, charges of assault will be added to trying to pass a bad check at a bank on Mack.

■ Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, considers introducing legislation that would allow communities to maintain residents-only municipal parks.

Richner's action follows the State Tax Commission's memo last year declaring that communities that maintain residents-only parks must pay property tax on the land, or else open the parks to everyone.

— Brad Lindberg

25 years ago this week



Predawn blaze hits Farms home

Smoke continues pouring from ruins of a predawn blaze which forced a Merriweather Road family of three outside into sub-zero temperatures. The house burned for 12 hours until brought under control by firefighters from the Farms and neighboring communities. Fire was fed throughout the night by a broken gas meter in the basement. Farms Fire Chief Warren Schultz says the residents' lives were saved by a smoke detector that awoke them. (Photo by Tom Greenwood. From the Jan. 8, 1981 Grosse Pointe News.)

Woods council gives CDBG thumbs up

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Seniors citizens in Grosse Pointe Woods will truly benefit after city council unanimously voted to approve the 2006-07 Wayne County Community Development Block Grant during Monday's city council meeting.

Wayne County officials told Mayor Robert Novitke and city manager Mark Wollenweber that an estimated \$84,000 is proposed for the CDBG budget, which is a 9.3 percent decrease from a year ago in which the county gave the Woods \$90,000.

This decrease, county officials say, is due to Federal cutbacks in the program.

The monies allocated to the city will go toward SOC (Seniors for Older Citizens), which is \$32,000; senior citi-

zen coordinators, which is \$28,000; PAATS (Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services), which is \$12,000; improved handicapped accessibility, which is \$4,000; and administra-

tive fees, which is \$8,000.

"I think this is a successful program (CDBG)," Wollenweber said. "The money is less than the previous year, but it is money that will be well spent for

our residents."

"The senior citizen programs really benefit from this grant," city councilman Al Dickinson said. "We have the ability to help our seniors stay active."

Vick

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manager to fill a vacancy created when Mike Overton, Kressbach's replacement, resigned after five years to head Cheboygan County.

"I've been assistant city manager for five years," Vick said. "The longer I stay in Grosse Pointe as an assistant makes it harder to move on to a city manager position."

"Brian has always done an extremely professional job,"

said Dale Scrace, the City's two-term mayor. "I considered him a benchmark candidate for the position of city manager. I was very much looking forward to his application being reviewed."

City officials had just begun advertising to replace Overton when Vick announced his decision. Vick said he applied for the DeWitt job Oct. 26 in response to a want ad.

"I had not interviewed for a job for 10 years," Vick said. "Interviewing for a city manager position is something you don't experience every day."

Vick's departure leaves the City without a full-time manager or assistant city manager during one of its busiest periods in decades. At least three major construction projects, including renovating the vacant former Jacobson's building, are being considered for the Village business district.

In addition, Sunrise Development has purchased land on St. Clair south of Kercheval to build a condominium complex for senior citizens. Also, three consortiums are competing for a contract to develop municipal parking lot No. 2, located north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair, into a four or five story shopping, parking and residential facility.

"Timing, in the grand scheme of things, wasn't the

best," Vick said about his impending departure. "When I submitted my application for that job, there was no vacancy here. There was no talk of (Overton leaving for) Cheboygan or anything."

"I'm not disappointed in Brian, but it is at a time when we are just beginning our search for city manager," Scrace said. "It's a difficult not having Brian around."

Scrace and council members are working on a plan to arrange replacements.

In recent years, Vick earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan.

He credits his professional development in large part to Kressbach's leadership.

"Tom is an anchor in the community and profession," Vick said. "He's one of those people that no matter where he is or what he's doing, if you had a question, he would make himself available."

Likewise, I'm sure. "Brian is an outstanding administrator," Kressbach said. "DeWitt will be happy to have him."

Vick has been involved with every project in the City of Grosse Pointe for a decade.

"It's been a positive experience," he said. "I love going through the community to see streets done properly, the park and recreation projects."

DeWitt and the City share characteristics. Both are suburbs of their region's largest urban center. Both have populations of about 5,000.

Last year CNN/Money Magazine rated DeWitt 75th out of 100 best places to live. Three other Michigan cities qualified (Rochester, 39; Saline, 43; and Caledonia, near Grand Rapids, 99).

Criteria included crime rates, quality of education, above-average household income, population growth and real estate appreciation.

"DeWitt is predominantly housing," Vick said. "There is a small business district, but their main business is having a place where residents know each other's names."

Vick said the most rewarding aspect of working in the City was helping residents.

"That is a significant part of my job — helping people who don't deal with local government everyday and want courteous, prompt assistance," Vick said.



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Woods Branch library closes, prepares for move

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

With a simple flick of a switch, the lights went out forever at Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The branch served the community for more than 50 years.

The library, located in a wing of Parcels Middle School, closed on Tuesday, Jan. 3, to prepare for the new Woods branch library which is scheduled to open on Monday, Jan. 30. The new library will be a free-standing building located adjacent to the school at the corner of Vernier and Mack.

It was business as usual minutes before the old branch closed. Patrons were using the computers and checking out books.

People seemed surprised when library staff member, Lynne Severini, informed

them that the building would be permanently closed and that they would have to return checked-out items at either the Central branch or Ewald branch libraries until the new library opened.

"Most surprisingly, when I have told some people they will need to go to either the Central or Ewald libraries, they have said 'that's so far to go,'" said Severini.

The previous statement symbolizes the importance that people living in Grosse Pointe Woods, parts of Grosse Pointe Shores and Harper Woods place on the Woods library. It seems that nearby residents use the Parcels branch as their sole library whereas residents living in the other Grosse Pointes patronize both the Central and Ewald branch

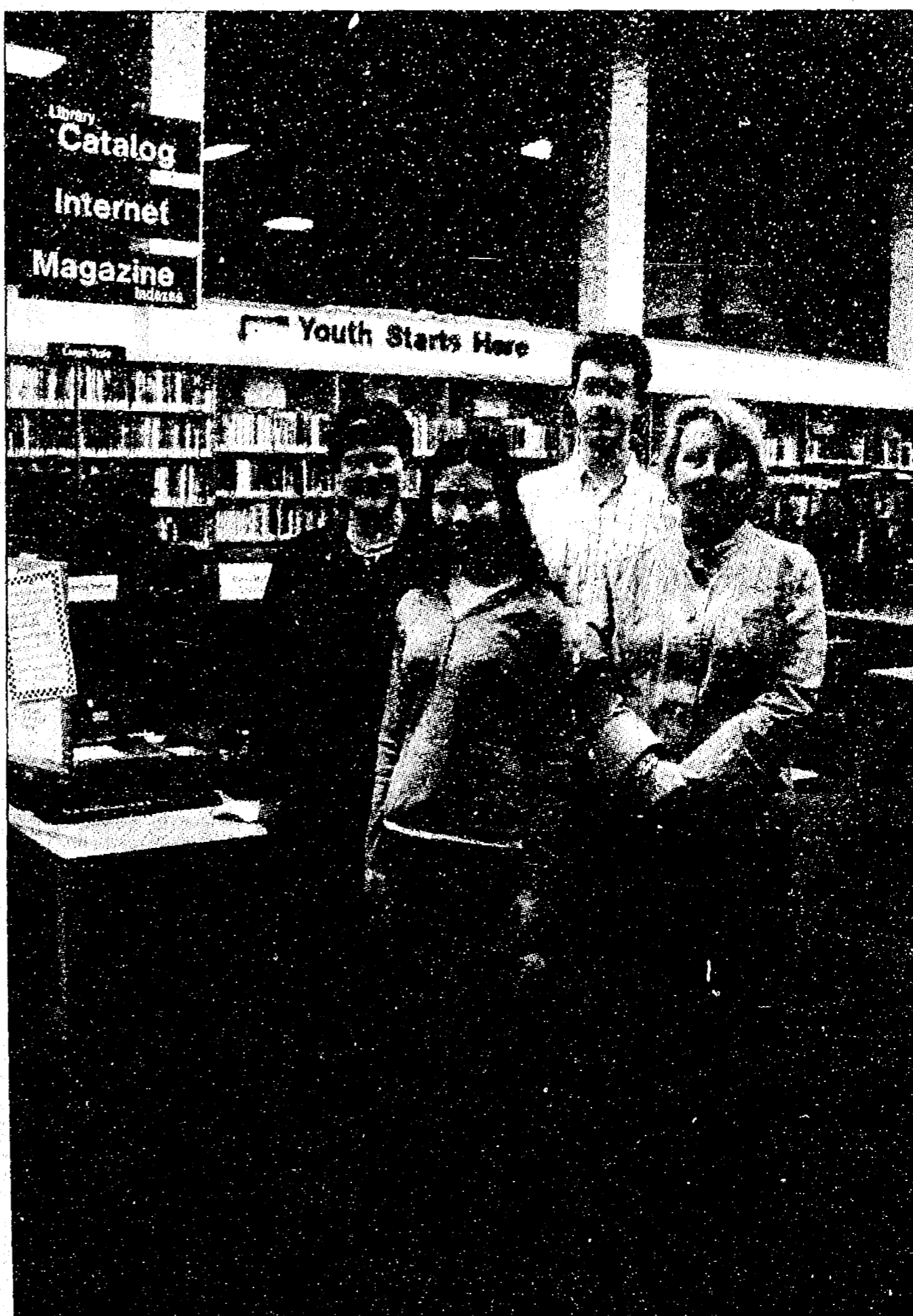
libraries. While patrons and staff appreciate the Parcels facility, they are nonetheless anxiously awaiting the opening of the newer and larger branch.

"I'm enthusiastic about the new library," said Grosse Pointe Shores resident Dan Schulte, who estimates he frequents the library several times a month.

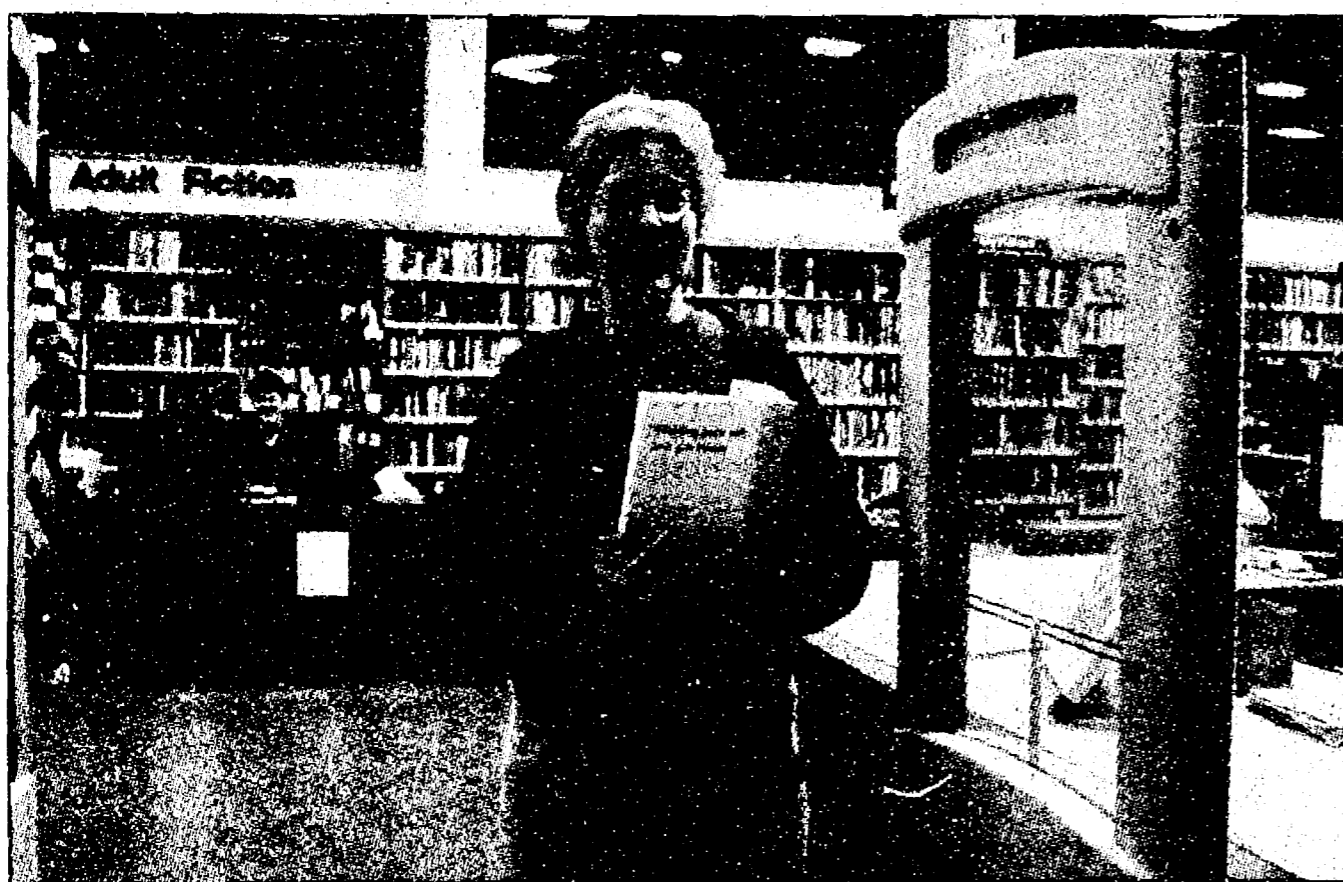
"I'm very excited about the new branch," Severini said. "It's absolutely beautiful inside."

The staff will be spending the next three weeks moving into the new building and getting used to their work space expanding from 4,900 square feet to 27,500.

"We will be going from one floor to three. The work flow will be different," said Peggy Kitchel, Woods librarian. "I'm thrilled."



The Woods branch staff gather to mark the Woods library's closing. From left, are Peggy Kitchel, Nicole Richards, Steven LaRue and Lynne Severini.



The last patron of the old Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Caroline Troha of Harper Woods, leaves when the facility closed forever at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Eagle

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ture eagle is a darker color."

"It's a full adult when it has a white head and tail," said Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited and host of monthly weekend bird-watching tours at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate in the Shores. "Prior to five year old there's different plumage in eagles that can help you age the bird."

Bald eagles grow to about 40 inches long, can weigh 15 pounds and have a wing span of six to eight feet. They can live up to 40 years in the wild.

Ages of eagles are easier to estimate than sex.

"Females are larger than males in most raptors," Kovalcik said. "This bird is not clearly one or the other. I haven't seen it well enough."

Eagles mate for life. A pair

is nesting locally. Bird watchers, or birders as they call themselves, don't want the location publicized in order to protect the specimens from overzealous birders or trophy hunters.

The bird or birds seen recently in the Pointes could be the nesting pair or fair weather visitors seeking open water to swoop down on sweeping wings to grab fish, the occasional duck or goose.

"This bird could have been from northern Michigan or Ontario originally, and it came south as the lakes froze with the cold snap from November through mid-December," Rapia said. "Eagles aren't migratory like a warbler that nests in northern Michigan and winters in the tropics. Eagles, however, do shift their range with winter, mostly to find food."

Individual eagles cover a broad territory.

"The bird we're talking about, or maybe there is more than one bird, has been seen at Metro Beach and off of Grosse Pointe Woods park by my husband, Martin," Kovalcik said. "It's been seen at the Ford house. I've seen it flying down Lakeshore. This could be the same bird going all the way from Metro Beach to the Detroit River -- anywhere

there's open water."

For all their majesty, eagles accept handouts.

"If ice fishermen cut off fish heads or gut the fish, eagles would eat that carrion," Kovalcik said.

"Fishermen say you'd be surprised how close a hungry eagle is willing to get to you," Rapia said.

Eagles aren't the only birds of note in the Pointes this winter.

Peter Birkner, a St. Clair Shores resident and team leader during the annual Audubon bird count at Pointe Pelee National Park of Canada, Ontario, enjoys spotting snowy owls.

"Gorgeous birds," Birkner said. "Snowy owls are seen when we have a strong north wind, an Alberta clipper, that brings birds down to this area."

Birkner has seen snowy owls staked out on berms of Pointe's two golf courses.

"They're looking for food," Birkner said. "On a snowy field, they look like a clump of snow."

Lease

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board's attorney who drafted the lease would note that all the i's have been dotted and the t's crossed, Ismail said before he put the motion on the table. "I don't want to be charged with negligence," he said. "We have a responsibility to get a second opinion."

Several residents, including Fred Minturn and Sue Steiger, requested that another attorney who specializes in contracts and real estate be hired by the district to go over the lease.

"It's only good business practice to do all in your power to eliminate a problem. I implore you to get a second opinion," Steiger said.

In his effort to make sure that the lease was sound, Ismail presented the board with a three-page memorandum citing nearly two dozen lease paragraphs that he would like clarified or the language cleaned up before proceeding with a vote. Of particular note to Ismail was the plaza between the

library and Parcels Middle School. He wanted assurance, in writing, that both the south and east green areas are to be maintained by the school district.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs Chris Fenton agreed and said the east portion of the plaza should have been noted in the lease.

President of the library board, Harvey Weaver, reminded the board of education on Jan. 9 of the long-standing partnership between the two. He noted that the land on which the new library has been built was both unusable and

unsalable by the district.

"The school can't build on that site and can't sell it," he said.

The school district is saying \$1 million by not building an additional parking facility, which the library undertook last year during construction, Weaver said.

Ismail's memo also suggested that should the library hire an outside vendor to run a coffee bar, the district should receive a portion of the profits. It was the board's consensus that had it been up to them, the lease would have read differently, most likely including an increase in the rental fee.

Corrections

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In the Dec. 29 story, "Village is central to City's busy 2005," newly elected City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Christopher Walsh was misidentified.

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Woods travel agent bridges America, Middle East

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

Americans. Their image is terrible, according to Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ihab Zaki, owner of Spiekermann Travel Service in Eastpointe.

"It's terrible, just terrible," he said, especially in the Middle East. "The image of Americans is wrong, and it's confused."

"There are three common misconceptions made by Middle Eastern people about Americans," he said. "That Americans are not religious; that Americans are promiscuous; and that all Americans are wealthy. Americans are also typecast as aloof, inhospitable and unfriendly."

"All not true," Zaki said. "And the misconception is on both sides. Americans think the Middle East is full of terrorists and hateful people."

Zaki wants to build bridges to help non-Americans — especially people in the Arab world — see Americans as the kind, open, generous and curious people they are. And he wants Americans to see the average Arab in the Middle East as he really is.

"The Arab people are receptive to the American people," he said.

Zaki was born in Cairo, Egypt, in 1964. His mother



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ihab Zaki, above, is all smiles, thanks to his travels that have taken him from Egypt to the United States.

is a tourist guide, and his father is a professor of political science at the American University in Cairo.

"I grew up in a not-very-Egyptian home," he said. "My parents spoke English and Arabic. My mother speaks French, too." He went to a private French school and then to the American University in Cairo, which at that time was the only non-Egyptian university in Egypt.

Zaki studied economics and political science. Then he spent a year at the International Institute of Tourism Management in Salzburg, Austria.

"I was excited to begin work back in Egypt in tourism," he said. "My first job was with a local company as an airport facilitator."

After two years, the company decided to take advantage of the fact that I spoke three languages fluently — Arabic, English and French. I began working to promote travel to Egypt and to do public relations and marketing. I went abroad to travel shows.

"In 1990, I heard that Spiekermann Travel, a company in St. Clair Shores that specialized in travel to Egypt, was for sale. I had to look for St. Clair Shores and Michigan on a map. I visited. Eventually, I bought the company and moved here in April 1991."

Zaki had a lot to learn. It was tough at first. "The company was in debt, which I hadn't known about. I didn't know how to run a company," he said. "I didn't know accounting. I didn't know about airlines and the names of American cities. I even had to borrow money from my parents."

Initially, he had trouble distinguishing different American dialects and accents.

"One of my first clients said he wanted to go to Dallas," Zaki said. He booked him on a flight to Dallas, Texas. When the client got to the airport, he noticed he wasn't getting on a plane that was flying where he wanted to go — Dulles Airport, in Virginia. He called Zaki, and they were able to straighten out the mistake. Zaki said he refunded the client's money, made a new reservation and offered profuse apologies.

"I thought of closing many times," Zaki said.

It took two years to get the company up and running profitably. Currently, the travel agency serves a select group of clients all over the United States. Zaki advertises on the Web and in special high-end travel, archeological and history magazines. He publishes a newsletter three times a year. He employs three full-time and two part-time people. Many of his clients are repeat travelers or have heard about his company by word of mouth.

At first, he said, many people wanted to go to Egypt.

His company was one of the top travel agencies for those who wanted to go to Egypt and Israel and for people who were interested in archeology and history.

Many of his clients were professors, museum curators, and students of art and history.

In the mid-1990s, Zaki booked himself on a trip to Jordan and Syria. "I was impressed," he said. "At that time, not many people traveled to these countries. We began offering these trips. From 1993 to 1995, before competition came in, Spiekermann Travel had some great years."

In 1996, he sent himself to Iran and discovered what he calls "a fantastic gem." Now, Spiekermann Travel is one of the five top companies in the nation selling trips to the Middle East.

"I never liked just selling tickets for a little cruise. I wanted to do better, to impact lives," he said. "Only a few hundred people visit the Middle East each year, but they love it. To go there touches part of their hearts. They want to return, again and again. Now I have many repeat visitors."

"I am not about selling a trip and not seeing someone again," he said. "I see myself as helping the Arab world see the average American — and helping American people see the average person in the Middle East. I recommend books about the history and culture for my clients to read before going on their trips. We train and prepare our travelers. Our tour leaders are curators and professors. We pamper our people."

"People should not depend on the media for information," Zaki said. "Americans should be curious, read and



Some of the fantastic things Grosse Pointers can see if they travel to the Middle East are King Tut, above, as well as beautifully woven rugs, below.



attend classes. They don't have to travel there, but they should open up and start listening. There is much human and historical wealth in the Middle East.

"In 2003, we started offering trips to Libya. We started preparing while the country was under embargo. On March 7, 2004, the day [President] Bush lifted the embargo, I was in my office until late at night. People are now excited about visiting Libya. It's now a popular travel destination. We currently offer a 14-day trip, all inclusive. It includes air, hotel, guides, meals, visa, a tipping budget, even water and entry fees to parks and museums. Travelers can just relax and enjoy."

Spiekermann Travel has begun offering trips to Algeria, which is on the United States' "cautious" country list. "Terrorists don't scare people any more. Travelers are becoming blasé. Terrorists are just something to deal with. All countries have problems. But people aren't content to sit home and be afraid."

Zaki also builds bridges between the Middle East and America for the State Department.

"I learned that the State Department's International Visitors Exchange Program invites about 5,000 selected people to visit the United States at the U.S.'s expense every year. One-fifth of these people are of Arab and Middle Eastern background. The State Department needed interpreters for Arabic-speaking visitors."

"I applied. I took some rigid tests and was interviewed. I was hired on an assignment basis, and now I serve as a guide and inter-

preter three or four times a year."

Zaki recently took a group of 12 Jordanian students on a 21-day tour of five states. Another time, he took seven bearded mullahs — Muslims from several different countries — on a three-week tour.

"They came here with hundreds of misconceptions about Americans," he said. "They all went home absolutely, completely transformed."

"When I see light in their eyes at the end of the experience, I consider the experience a success and worth the investment," he said.

Zaki has been married to Rime Nassif Zaki, a jewelry designer, for six years. They have a daughter, Maria, who is 5 years old.

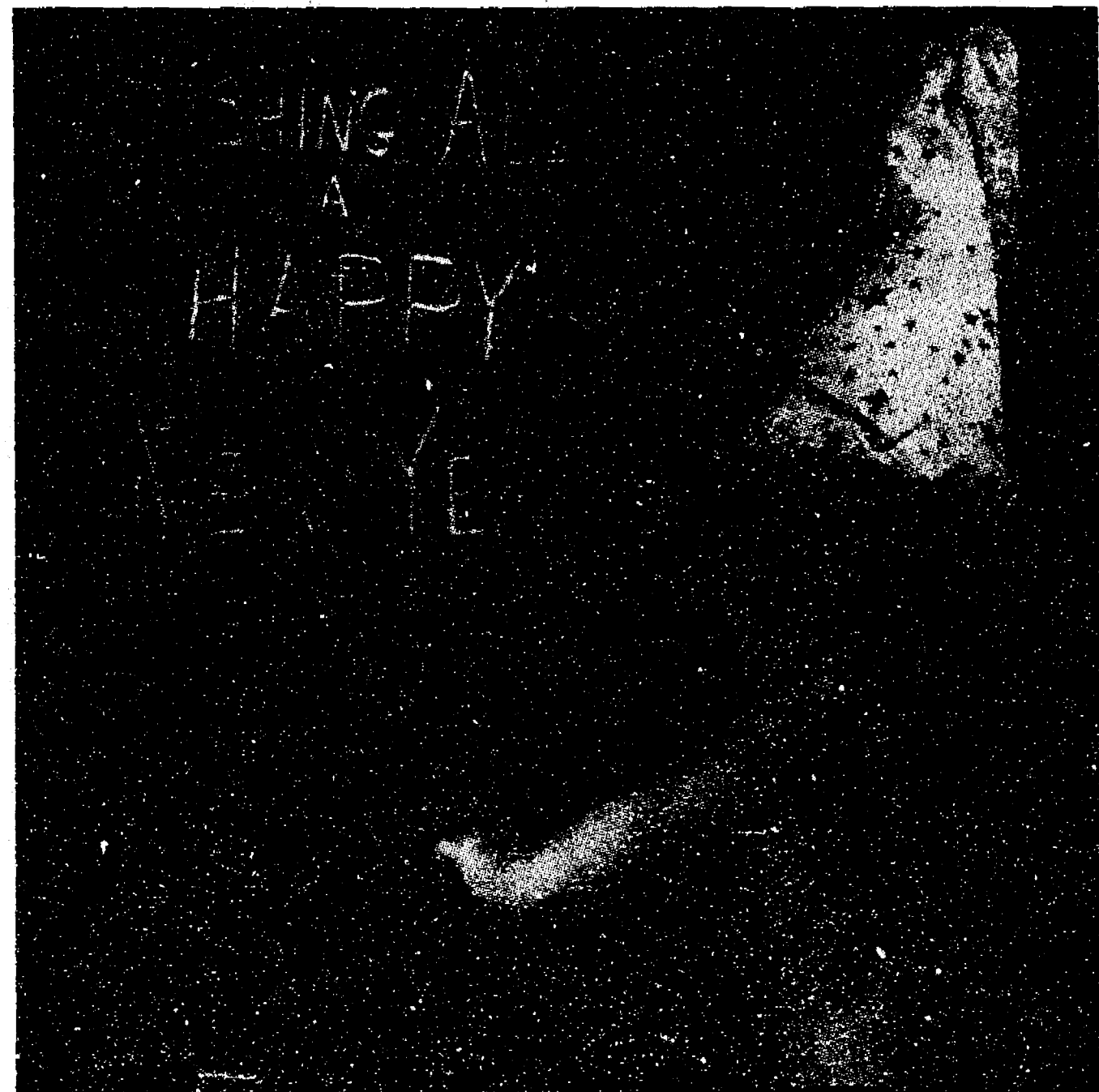
They're expecting another daughter on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

"We love Grosse Pointe. We like driving through Grosse Pointe, dining at The Hill restaurant, having a cappuccino at Starbucks, walking to the ice cream store, shopping. We like the atmosphere and the educated, well-traveled people we meet here."

Zaki said he doesn't have much leisure time.

"My wife said I do too much already," he said. "I sometimes come in to the office at 4 a.m., and I often work 12-hour days. On the weekends, I'm tired. On Sunday, we go to church, and then it's time for another week. Thank goodness for the Internet and e-mail."

For those interested in travel to the Middle East, Zaki's company has a Web site: www.mideasttrvl.com.



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Unfinished business

In last week's editorial, "New Year Brings Much Work To Do," we said that title to the former Jacobson's property was still uncertain, and we noted that the recent winter tax bills were sent to CVS in Rhode Island, not to the new owner, Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates.

To clear up the matter, Karen Johnson, finance director/treasurer for the City of Grosse Pointe prepared a Jan. 6 memorandum to the mayor and council. Ms. Johnson explains:

"Our records indicate that the winter tax bill was printed and mailed before the sale was recorded in our assessment records, and therefore the bill was mailed to CVS in Rhode Island. This situation is not uncommon. When it is discovered that a tax bill has been mailed to the previous owner, a new bill is simply printed and redirected to the new owner."

Along with Ms. Johnson's memo, the Grosse Pointe News was also provided with a "Property Transfer Affidavit," which must be filed with the city assessor within 45 days of the property transfer. The affidavit is used to "ensure the property is assessed properly and receives the correct taxable value."

The affidavit lists the seller of 17000 Kercheval Ave. as Grosse Pointe Realty LLC and the buyer as Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates LLC. The property transfer date was

Aug. 31, and the purchase price was \$11 million. The affidavit was signed by the buyer's attorney, Daniel J. Schairbaum of Dykema Gossett, on Oct. 17, and mailed to the City on Oct. 20, 50 days after the property transfer.

The Property Transfer Affidavit states that "if it is not filed timely, a penalty of \$5/day (maximum \$200) applies." Assuming that Mr. Schairbaum mailed the affidavit on Oct. 20 and the City received it the next day, then a \$30 penalty (six days) should apply.

The Grosse Pointe News requested a copy of the winter tax bill for 17000 Kercheval on Dec. 16; yet it still had not been updated to reflect the Oct. 17 Transfer of Sale Affidavit. The winter tax bill still listed CVS in Rhode Island as the recipient.

Further, the state equalized and assessed value of the property on the winter tax bill is listed at \$4,716,300. The SEV and taxable values should equal 50 percent of market value, which in this case would be about \$9.4 million.

We expect the taxable value for 17000 Kercheval will be raised to \$5.5 million at the assessor's earliest opportunity.

We also received a lengthy letter (printed below) from Harvey Weaver, president of the Grosse Pointe Public Library board, taking us to task for last week's editorial, "Reconsider Library Lease."

Forgoing the Dale Carnegie approach, Mr. Weaver begins his letter:

"Once again the Grosse Pointe News has gone to press without taking the time to check facts with either myself or Ms. Vickey Bloom, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library."

First, we are not aware of any previous incident in which we did not check the facts of a story or editorial before going to press. Second, prior to printing our editorial last week, we did talk to Mr. Weaver. He fails to mention that.

He goes on to state in his letter, "To suggest that the basic business terms for the Woods Branch lease are negotiable is simply legally untrue."

Mr. Weaver maintains that the "business terms" between the school district and library were set in 2001 in a contract signed by the school and library boards for the sale and purchase, respectively, of the property for \$1.

Then, in 2003, the transaction was

changed from a sale to a lease, "but the business terms remained unchanged," Weaver wrote.

We beg to differ. One does not need to be a real estate expert or an attorney to notice that there is a vast difference between a purchase agreement and lease agreement. If the terms "sale" and "lease" are not "business terms," then what are they?

In fact, the business terms did change. For one thing, we are no longer talking about a transfer of property for \$1. We are now looking at a 50-year lease for \$1 a year with two 25-year options to renew.

We are also now concerned with the myriad details and complexities of a landlord-tenant relationship. Who maintains what? And what are the penalties for lack of compliance? Can the library be evicted?

Also, if items like the plaza common areas can be renegotiated, why can't other "business terms" of the lease, such as the \$1 rent, be renegotiated?

Mr. Weaver also seems to indicate that the school district got a good deal in that the library paid for a new parking lot along Vernier and the expansion of the parking lot on Mack. But had the library not built on that site, the existing parking at Parcels Middle School would have sufficed. It is only right that the library paid for the parking its presence demanded.

But these are all moot points. The school board approved the lease Monday night by a 6-1 vote, with only Ahmed Ismail having the courage to vote by his convictions. We may have to wait 50 years to readdress the issue.

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Letters

Resignation

To the Editor:

A front-page article in the Jan. 5 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, "Board turnover," included erroneous information regarding my resignation from the Grosse Pointe Board of Education.

The Grosse Pointe News item made it appear that I resigned from the board because a recall effort was under way. In fact, I resigned from the board because the increasing demands of the board were presenting serious conflicts with my professional obligations.

At the time of my resignation, I was unaware that a recall effort was under way. To allow the community to believe that my resignation from the board was in some fashion related to that effort is erroneous and does a disservice both to me and to this community.

To set the record straight, I submitted my resignation to Superintendent Suzanne Klein on Monday, June 27. Dr. Klein, two board members, and numerous friends were already aware of my intentions since my decision had been made earlier in the spring.

Petitions to recall me were filed with the Wayne County Election Office on Friday, July 1. I learned of that filing the following day, Saturday, July 2.

I appreciate your efforts to correct your error.

Joan Richardson
National Staff
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Business terms

To the Editor:

Once again the Grosse Pointe News has gone to press ("Reconsider Library Lease," Jan. 5) addressing an issue pertaining to the Grosse Pointe Public Library (GPPL) without taking the time to check facts with either myself or Ms. Vickey Bloom, director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

To suggest that the basic business terms for the

Woods Branch lease are negotiable is simply legally untrue.

Those business terms were contained in a contract signed by the boards of the GPPL and the Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) in 2001.

At that time the GPPSS intended to sell the portion of its property at the corner of Mack and Vernier to the GPPL for \$1, in exchange for the agreement by the GPPL to vacate the current Woods branch (thereby providing the GPPSS much-needed additional space at Parcels), to construct a new parking lot along Vernier and to reconfigure and expand the existing parking lot along Mack Avenue at the sole cost of the GPPL.

In 2003 the transaction was changed from a sale to a lease to comply with the city of Grosse Pointe Woods ordinance prohibiting "split-lot sales," but the business terms remained unchanged.

Those business terms were set forth in the development agreement you referenced, a binding contract signed in 2003 by the GPPL and the GPPSS. That development agreement had the form of the ground lease attached as an exhibit and obligated the school system to execute the ground lease upon final site plan approval by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods issued final site plan approval in the fall of 2003. The GPPL has been patiently awaiting the execution of the lease by the GPPSS ever since.

The other somewhat misleading communication in your editorial dealt with the financial aspects of the two tax-levying organizations. The Grosse Pointe libraries were never "dependent children of the school system."

When it was part of the school system, the library operation by legal requirement had its own separately identified, separately approved and accounted for millage rate of 1.7 mills.

In 1994 when the District Library was formed by agreement between the GPPSS and the city of

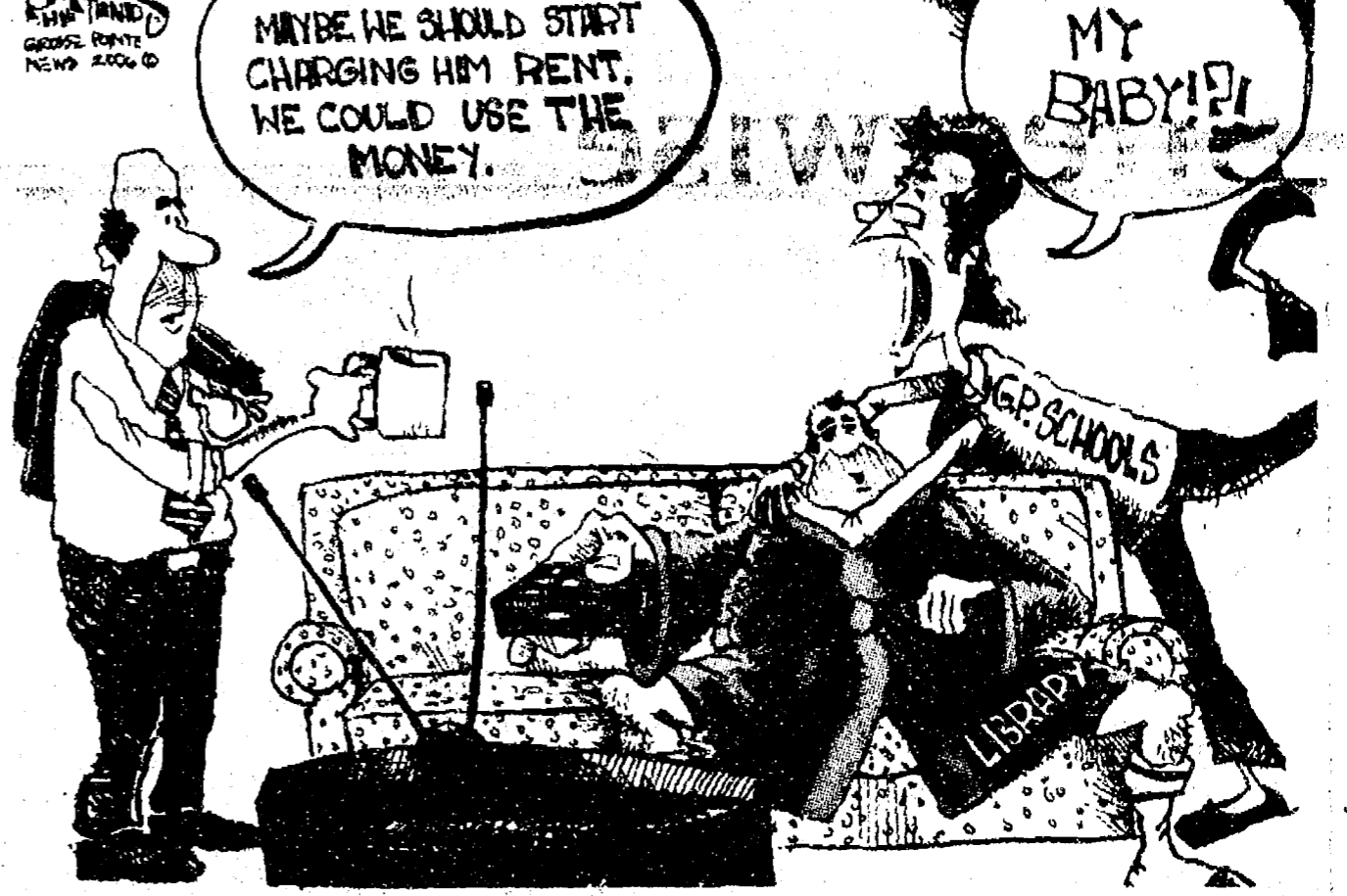
Harper Woods, the library's tax-levying capability was left behind with the school system even though they no longer had any expense associated with the libraries. That 1.7 mills was actually part of the origination of the well-known "gap millage" for the schools.

At the time of its formation, the District Library sought and was given taxpayer approval for its own separate millage — by a 3-1 margin. (The GPPL has levied less than full millage eight out of its 10 years of operation; our present tax rate of 1.5 mills levied includes operations and the funding for our two new branches; our total budget growth from 1994 to 2005 was less than 4 percent compounded annually; and, we have established a significant fund equity as provision against potential Proposition A management of library funding as well as to help provide for a new Central Library.)

Over the 12 years of independent operation, the GPPSS and the GPPL have indeed worked in partnership in no small part due to recognition of our fiduciary responsibilities to an identical tax base. That partnership has always exhibited a behavior that underscored \$1 in GPPSS spending plus \$1 in GPPL spending could bring \$3 in value to our taxpayers.

Such an approach was exemplified when the GPPL spent \$1.4 million in street access and parking lot improvements for the new Woods Branch to the benefit of both the school and library — with no costs whatsoever to the school. We have also operated with a shared computer system since 1998 and share costs of upgrades in aggregate software.

The final area of erroneous communication in your editorial dealt with the legal management and flow of the final form of the ground lease. I mention again the form and substance of the lease was approved years ago by both the GPPL and the GPPSS. Prior to the last meeting



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of the GPPL Board of Trustees on Dec. 19, the GPPSS requested the addition of a new paragraph addressing the plaza space between the library and the school building. The GPPL Board of Trustees found the request acceptable, and agreed to include the paragraph in the lease.

The lease itself will not be signed by me as president of the board on behalf of the GPPL until it has been signed by the GPPSS.

As to the suggestion that the school board's attorney has "a conflict of interest," I am sure that both he and the attorney for the GPPL have exactly the same interest — serving the best interests of their clients and in so doing, serving the taxpaying public of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Harvey Weaver
President
Grosse Pointe Public
Library Board
of Trustees

PUD process

To the Editor:

In 2005, Sunrise Senior Living invited selected residents of the City of Grosse Pointe to the Neighborhood Club to hear about a three-story condominium project that it was planning to build in the parking lot behind CVS.

However, subsequently, when Sunrise formally pre-

sented this project to the city council it somehow "grew" to four or five stories — depending on how one counts these sort of things.

Along the way, the City of Grosse Pointe Council voted to designate this property a planned urban development, or PUD, to help simplify the oversight of the development of the project.

Questions from the residents to the city council get mixed responses from "it still needing approval" to "it's a done deal," which seem to leave the residents both concerned and confused. Matters surrounding the changes on the city council and city management further amplify this situation.

I question both the size of this project and how it got so large.

It was not so long ago that the City of Grosse Pointe developed a strategic plan to ensure the orderly transition of large-scale buildings backing up to smaller-scale residential areas.

So why is a four-story (or five-story) condo project even being considered to be built next to one- and two-story homes on Neff Road and St. Clair?

Is a building with four rows of windows and a flat roof the same height as a building with a huge pitched roof?

Is the 25-foot setback from the property line still

acceptable for a five-story building as it was for the originally planned 2.5-story building?

Plans for the redevelopment of the Jacobson's site and for Lot 2 have focused upon the issue of parking, or lack thereof. However, Sunrise is proposing, right here in this suburb of the Motor City, that only one is enough.

The city does not feel it is enough for its other residents who might have to replace an old garage with the current requirement of two cars per dwelling (which means four covered spaces if you own a duplex). Also it surely will not be enough once all of the other projects slated for downtown get going full swing.

It seems like the developer of this project is asking for a lot of concessions, which means more profits for them, but which may potentially have long-term adverse effects on our city.

I hope that the City of Grosse Pointe Council will consider these factors during the PUD process, including the stress on the Village that a building of this scale will impose, including its neighbors who will see it from Lakeland, Notre Dame, St. Clair and Neff.

However, a lot of these problems seem to dissipate if this project gets back to

Shopper status intact

I can't believe I said it. I told a friend on New Year's Eve, while we were guarding the weighed-down food table, I was all shopped out. I had no intention of making my annual pilgrimage to the mall on Jan. 1 to catch some after holiday sales. I would pass up the deep discounts of wrapping paper, ribbons and bows. I would forsake the 50 percent off signs above the sweater table and ignore the red-tagged shoe boxes. I had lost my will to shop. Quick take my tempera-

ture. Gaze past my Christmas candy-coated tongue to see if my tonsils were swollen or covered with chocolate. Check the pulse of my heart beat that was hydrated with refined corn syrup. There must be something wrong. Most years while the jersey-shirted young and nimble football players in the bowl games are running to and fro, I'm hustling to and fro attempting to find a bargain. I would dig deep to find a pair of slacks that just might fill that hole in my wardrobe, possibly forsaking a fingernail. I would elbow other shoppers out of the way to grasp the purse that would hold too much and make my shoulder ache. I would stand, gaze and salivate at jewelry, and then snatch up a necklace, ear-



rings or pin because it would look just right on that blazer. What was wrong with me? I can't say I shopped 'til I dropped before Christmas. I went to work on Black Friday instead of surging with the masses at Best Buy and Target. I didn't order masses of appropriate shirts, games and knick knacks from the dozens of catalogs that clog my mailbox from before Halloween to Dec. 23.

Instead, I whipped off a majority of the 2005 Christmas shopping into a tidy five-hour day, with none other than my husband, who can get his shopping done in a scant two hours (since he has only me and his boss on his checklist). We hit the mall early and fast, with a fist full of coupons. Items and gift recipients were checked off one after another. Dear Daughter, not leaving anything to chance, had

not only printed out what stores to get her much desired items in the proper size, color and pattern, but she had also printed out a picture of said desired item. I handed the sheets to various happy sales associates. They were thrilled because a set of clueless parents were enabled by their daughter. Items were selected and purchased and we were out of the store's door in under 20 minutes (and that includes standing in a long line of young shoppers). Dear Son accommodated me with an Amazon.com list. Several abbreviated afternoon jaunts to various stores secured Husband's wishes, along with the rest of the list of co-workers, nieces, nephews, in-laws, etc. Maybe the lack of post-holiday shopping was due to the fact that nearly every-

thing, except that special hardware item, was on sale this year. From the early December sort-of sales to the panicked nearly-Dec. 24th sales, merchandise was marked down, discounted and price gouged to make way for the cruise wear and Valentine-must haves. I had done the digging, clamoring and sifting before Dec. 24. OK. You pulled it out of me. Instead of Jan. 1 post-holiday shopping, I gleefully trotted to the stores on Dec. 26. My companions and I found the bargains that had eluded us prior to gift-giving day. With that confession, I can still retain my status as a good shopper, one that stimulates the economy from time to time and promises not to buy another of pair shoes — until DSW is in my sites.

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The Op-Ed Page



Nice car

Marilyn Sabella's biggest fear is that someone will decide to swipe the hood ornament off her new car, a Jaguar XJ Super V8 that she picked up in early October. You know, it's the silver one with tan leather seats and DVD players and a table in the back seat to entertain grandchildren. She never had that problem with her 2003 Buick Regal that was the same silver color with similar seats. There is just something about a Jaguar. When Marilyn was showing off her handsome new wheels to her 19 grandchildren, two of them

approached her about the hood ornament. "Grandma, when you are through with the car, can I have that?" they asked. "I worry that someone will steal it," said Marilyn, whose husband, Guido, taught in the Grosse Pointe schools for 37 years, mostly at Maire, before retiring. Asked if she had ever won anything before, Marilyn said, "Sure." She was on the quiz show "Price is Right" almost 50 years ago when she and Guido were on their honeymoon, and she won a bunch of things for a newly married couple. The two WSU education grads will celebrate their 50th on June 20.

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Marilyn won the Jaguar because she acted on impulse. She had supported the Easter Seals of Michigan campaign in the past, and here was an opportunity to up the ante — a car raffle. Three thousand tickets at \$100 each were sold to benefit Easter Seals in the campaign sponsored by Century 21 Town & Country.

by Ben Burns



Steak Diane

Donna Schneck-Smorol took a terrifying, painful experience and turned it into an organization that has helped hundreds of burn survivors in southeast Michigan, and she routinely gets referrals from the University of Michigan and Detroit Receiving hospitals. Donna, 62, and her husband, Stephen Smorol Jr., were dining at a nice restaurant in Toronto more than 20 years ago, and they

friends, outreach visits, a newsletter and telephone support. For more information, call (313) 881-5577. Stephen says Donna hasn't ordered steak Diane since that fateful Toronto evening, and when they go to Greektown for dinner, they ask the waiters to warn them if someone is ordering saganaki, and they'll duck out until the presentation of the flaming cheese is concluded. The Smorols had three children, one of whom is deceased, and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"It made my gray hair hurt when I thought about being a great-grandfather," said Stephen, who produced corporate theatrical productions before retiring. Asked if he would like to add anything else about his wife of 46 years, Stephen said, "She's a keeper." We agree.

Secrets

I received a little black book called "Book of Secrets" originally published in England, but available at local bookstores for \$14.95. It is filled with those fascinating tidbits of information that you didn't know or didn't remember. The editors say: "The quest to uncover secrets has driven men to madness and great feats of discovery. It has brought them to ruin

and great riches — Colonel Sanders, for instance, would never have created the KFC empire without the secret element in his Southern fried chicken. Similarly, Coca-Cola would be just another soft drink without its secret ingredient. Then there are the world's secret services, which have made and prevented wars by their very secret activities.

Here are two samples: "The Secret of Keeping Babies Quiet": "A reliable remedy for colic in babies is a teaspoon of onion water. Make an infusion by steeping a roughly chopped onion in hot water then leaving it to cool. This can be kept in a sealed jar, in the fridge for three or four days."

I have to admit the prospect of a teaspoon of onion water would stop me from whiffing and stop me but I don't know if that treatment might not be considered cruel and unusual punishment and win you a visit from the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Another, "The Secret of the Black Box": "Everyone knows that Black Box Flight Recorders aren't black — they're orange so as to be as conspicuous as possible. So why is it called that? Because the first version of the in-flight recorder was invented by a man named Black."

Other "Secrets" include how World War III was averted in the 1980s, how a nuclear bomb works and the history of striptease. Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.

Streetwise

Question of the Week:

How often do you frequent the public libraries?



Whitney Kinniburgh

"In college I used the library almost every day for studying. Now, about once a month."
Whitney Kenniburg
Grosse Pointe Park



Dee Hoffman

"I have a library I use in my apartment building, but I always studied there in school."
Dee Hoffman, 83
Detroit



Erin Savinouv

"In general, about four times a month."
Erin Savinouv
Grosse Pointe Park



Jay Russell

"I have a non-resident Grosse Pointe Library card, and I visit often."
Jay Russell
Detroit



Katherine Kayser

"Once a week. I bring my two children along also."
Katherine Kayser
Grosse Pointe Park



Genie Browne

"I carry both Detroit and Los Angeles library cards. I visit once a month on an average."
Genie Browne
Detroit

Points about the Pointes

Getting the general public to get involved... what's the secret formula?

One of the things I find amazing as a School Board member is the lack of attendance at our School Board meetings. In checking with fellow members of other school boards, it seems to be a fact of life not unique to Grosse Pointe. I saw the same apathy in Birmingham a few weeks ago when I attended one of their Board meetings on their switch to a six period day in Middle School. There were more Birmingham school principals in the room than parents. We had a similar turnout this past Monday at our School Board meeting, during which time we not only voted on the restructuring of our middle school day to six periods, but also voted

on the controversial \$1.00 per year, 100 year land lease for the new Grosse Pointe Woods library.

One or both of these votes touch the lives of every single resident in some way. Despite the irreversible effect these votes had on our community, only a handful of residents spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting prior to our votes. Where was everyone?

While the system has made what I feel are quantum leaps in the last year in communicating with the public, maybe we're still missing something. If you have any ideas, please drop me a line!

...Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

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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

Gloria Florence Hart

Gloria Florence Hart, 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born in Calumet to George and Florence Daigle. Mrs. Hart left the "Copper Country" and moved to Detroit to attend college. She later met and married E. Warren Hart.

The couple started a family and moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Mrs. Hart was socially active in the community, serving as president of "The Towne Club," as well as being a Cub Scout den mother for her sons.

In 1959, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Park and in 1971 to the Woods.

Mrs. Hart was well known throughout the Detroit advertising community, working many years for the Aircraft Club of Detroit before moving in 1973 to the Detroit Free Press where she stayed until her retirement.

Other than her family, her passions included solving the New York Times crossword puzzles, which she did in ink and frequently completed in as little as 15 minutes, and playing bridge. She played both social and sanguine, and lived by the rules, stating "a peek is always better than a finesse."

She enjoyed her family and friends, and lived life fully. Her philosophy on life can be best summed up with a quote from John Irving: "It is very hard work — and a fine art — to not take yourself seriously."

Another quote, one from George Eliot, sums up her zest for helping others: "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" After retiring, Mrs. Hart did so, in many ways, including volunteering with Services for Older Citizens.

Her presence will be sorely missed. When her spark went out, the world became a little dimmer.

Mrs. Hart is survived by her sister, Valerie Anderson; her children, Jon (Kim), Jim (Kris), Mary and Bob (Melissa); her grandchildren, Nina, Tristan, Ian, Matthew, Brian, Logan, Ryan, Steven and Kevin; and her great-granddaughters, Vanessa Kruis and

Hadley Hart.

She was predeceased by her husband, E. Warren Hart; her brother, Paul Daigle; and her granddaughter, Tiffany Hart.

A memorial service will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Thomas Peter Melican

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Peter Melican, 81, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at his winter residence in Long Boat Key, Fla.

Born in New York, New York, Dr. Melican was graduated from Fordham University and received his doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

For many years, he was a professor at the Wayne State University School of Social Work. Upon his retirement, the school honored him with the position of professor emeritus.

Dr. Melican was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, the Sarasota Coast Guard Auxiliary, The National Association of Social Workers and the American Association of University Professors.

He is survived by his wife, MaryAnn; his sons, Peter, Daniel (Annie), and Matthew (Cynthia); his grandchildren, Kate, Sean, Matthew and Maisie; brother, Mort; and sister, Francis.

He was predeceased by his sister, Betty.

A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2006 in Grosse Pointe.

John Corbin Patrick Jr.

John and "Jack" Corbin Patrick, 83, died after a long illness on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006, at his home with his wife and daughter by his side.

He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on April 27, 1937, to John Corbin and Miriam Patrick. He graduated from Hanover College in Indiana in 1959, and served in the U.S. Navy for two years.

Mr. Patrick moved to Detroit in 1962 and attended night courses at Wayne State University Law School while also working as an insurance adjuster. He received his law degree in 1970, and was a practicing trial attorney for more than three decades, specializing in insurance law.

He co-founded and led the law firm of Patrick, Johnson and Mott for 20 years.



John Corbin Patrick Jr.

An avid athlete, Mr. Patrick played in several Grosse Pointe area tennis leagues, and continued to play even after surgery for a brain tumor. He also enjoyed basketball, especially watching Indiana University and the Pistons, and swimming.

He was passionate about jazz, classical music and the theater. He and his family had the pleasure of taking several long trips to Europe together over the years.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rosemarie Morisette Patrick; sister, Nancy Patrick; daughters, Erin Patrick, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, currently of Washington, D.C., and Kathleen (Dennis) Sparks of Indianapolis, Ind.; three grandchildren, Britney, Aaron and Zachary Sparks; five nieces; and one nephew.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 9, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital, 1 Ford Place, Philanthropy 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48202.

Thomas Peralta

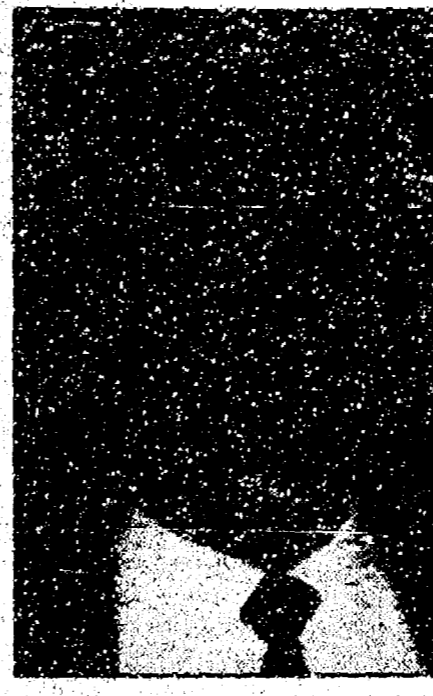
Thomas Peralta, 53, of Grosse Pointe Park, died on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Karmanos Cancer Center.

Mr. Peralta enjoyed architectural restoration, property development, woodworking, skiing and watching Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, Belle Tire and University of Detroit Jesuit High School Varsity hockey games.

He enjoyed travel, especially to Harbor Springs and St. Barths.

Above all other activities, he had a passion for spending time with his family. He was a loving husband and father.

Born to Philip and Loretta Peralta on Dec. 6, 1952, in Detroit, he graduated from Lake Shore High School, St. Clair Shores, in 1971. He earned a Bachelors degree from



Thomas Peralta

Michigan State University in 1975, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Detroit College of Law in 1979.

Mr. Peralta established his private law practice in 1979 in St. Clair Shores, and practiced primarily in the areas of family and real estate law for 26 years. He was a partner of Peralta, Johnston and Karam, in St. Clair Shores.

Mr. Peralta was a primary officer of Peralta Land & Development. His accomplishments included the development of the Willow Creek residential community in New Baltimore. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Detroit Athletic Club.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Joyce; his daughter, Stephanie; his son, Cameron; and his future son-in-law, Christian Bokich; his sister, Francis (Dennis) Johnston; his brother Frank (Sue) Peralta; and his nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, from 2 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation for Cancer Research and Education, www.cancer-foundation.org.

Shirley Ewald Pfeifer

Shirley Ewald Pfeifer, 93, of Delray Beach, Fla., died in her sleep on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1912, in Detroit to Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Ewald. Mr. Ewald was the founder of Campbell Ewald, one of the oldest and largest advertising agencies in the United States and the H.T. Ewald Foundation.

The foundation was managed for many years by his son, Henry T. Ewald Jr. who died in 1997. Nevertheless, today it remains active in the Detroit metropolitan area under the direction of Mr. Ewald Jr.'s children.

Growing up in Detroit, Mrs. Pfeifer graduated from the Liggett School and Vassar College. In her youth, she was a champion golfer and an accomplished amateur actress.

Throughout her life, she was involved in the activities of the H.T. Ewald Foundation, both as a director and contributor.

In 1955, she married Charles Pfeifer, and for many years the couple made their home in New Canaan, Conn., where she participated in the activities of the Junior College of Fairfield County.

The Pfeifers retired to Delray Beach, Fla., in 1972 where Mrs. Pfeifer lived subsequent to her husband's death in 1991 until shortly before her death.

She will be missed by all who knew her and were blessed by her innate kindness and generosity.

Mrs. Pfeifer is survived by her son, Theodore E. Loud of Los Angeles, Calif.; stepsons, Charles and William Pfeifer; stepdaughter, Annie Chalkley; and her grandchild-



Edward Anthony Torlone

dren, Robert N. Loud, Amanda K.L. Hampton, Shawn Loud and Samantha Migon; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Pfeifer, and her son, Brewster M. Loud, who died in 2004.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, at Boynton Memorial Chapel, 800 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

Memorial contributions may be made to the H.T. Ewald Foundation, Suite 180, 15450 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Ann M. Phillip

Ann M. Phillip, 87, of Grosse Pointe Farms died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on April 23, 1918, in Detroit to Michael and Mary Prendeville. She graduated in 1940 from the University of Detroit.

Mrs. Phillip was actively involved as a member of St. Paul Altar Society and the Council of Catholic Women.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara S. (James) Varley, Mary L. (William) Alvin, Kathleen A. (William) Burgess and Jane E. (David) Godwin; and grandchildren, Patrick and Colleen Varley, Mike, Julie and Kathleen Alvin, Matthew Burgess, and Nathan, Philip, Michael and Stephen Godwin.

She was predeceased by her husband, Philip J. Phillip Jr., who died in April 2004.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Edward Anthony Torlone

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Edward Anthony Torlone, 82, of Naples, Fla., died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, in Naples Community Hospital.

He was born in Boston, Mass., on Nov. 1, 1923, to Alex and Mary Torlone.

A proud veteran of World War II, Mr. Torlone enlisted in the Marine Corps on Dec. 8, 1942. He valiantly served throughout several campaigns in the South Pacific, receiving an honorable discharge on Dec. 8, 1945.

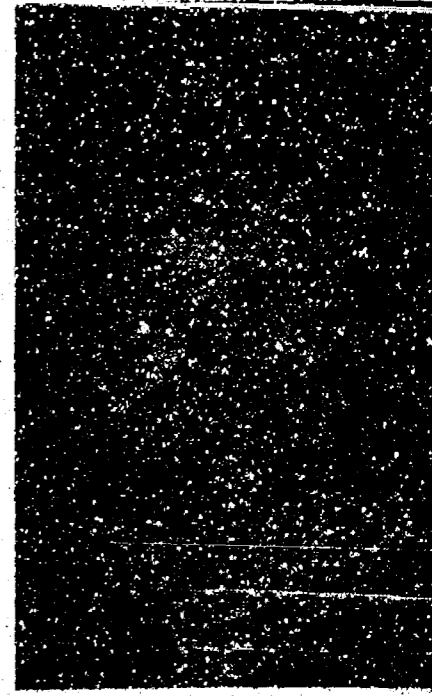
He began his career with a passion at the United Auto Worker's International Union during the infancy of the organized labor movement to better the working conditions of men and women.

He served as personal security for Walter Reuther, accompanying him on trips to the White House and shopping excursions with Eleanor Roosevelt, while also protecting Reuther from several assassination attempts.

Mr. Torlone eventually trained his personal replacement just months before the plane crash that ended Reuther's life and those of his security detail.

Mr. Torlone later served as assistant director of the auditing department prior to his retirement in 1988.

His life was deeply



Ruth Fox Wrock

enriched by the lasting relationships he developed during his decades of tenure with the UAW. Mr. Torlone's humor, generosity and gentlemanly way of considering others before himself was his gift in return to all who knew him.

One could recognize his walk from a mile away and those miles were many for he was dedicated to a physical regimen few could claim.

Mr. Torlone is survived by his wife who he married in June 2003, Gretna Morgan Torlone; son, Michael (Debbie) of Grosse Pointe Park, and Mark Edward of Roseville; grandsons, Christopher and Matthew; sisters, Ann (Vincent) Bellomo and Dorothy Russo, both of West Melbourne, Fla.; and stepchildren, Gary (Marty) Morgan, Vonna (Denny) O'Neill, Dick (Julie) Morgan, Darla (Ed) Steeh, and Jan (Charles) Ison.

He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Bette J. Torlone, his second wife, Helen V. Torlone; sister Flora Kaelin; and son, David Anthony, who died at age 54 in 2003.

A celebration of Mr. Torlone's life was held in Naples on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund, 62657 North Ave., Ray Township, MI 48096; First Baptist Church Naples, 3000 Orange Blossom Dr., Naples, FL 34109; or Humane Society of Collier County Inc., 370 Airport Pulling Rd., North Naples, FL 34104.

Ruth Fox Wrock

Ruth Fox Wrock, 93, of Grosse Pointe Park died on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006.

Mrs. Wrock was born on June 23, 1912, in Beaver Falls, Pa. Her family, including her siblings, Esther and Paul, moved to Detroit when she was a child.

She graduated from Highland Park Junior College and attended Wayne State University.

Following the death of her first husband, Charles R. Fox, she worked in interior design.

In 1961, she married Arthur H. Wrock and following his death in 1962, she started her own interior design firm, Pointe Interiors, in which she was active until recently.

Her interests were many and varied including the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Theatre Arts Club, Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, the Garden Club of Windmill Pointe, Detroit Athletic Club and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Gardening was her passion.

Mrs. Wrock is survived by sons, Charles Campbell Fox of San Francisco, Calif., and Douglass Rexford Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms; and granddaughter, Catherine "Kiki" Rives Fox of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A family memorial service was held at Woodlawn Mausoleum Chapel on Jan. 6.

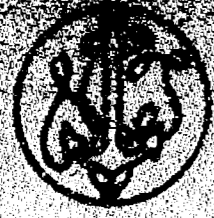
Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan or the Knox Presbyterian Church, 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Township, MI 48045.

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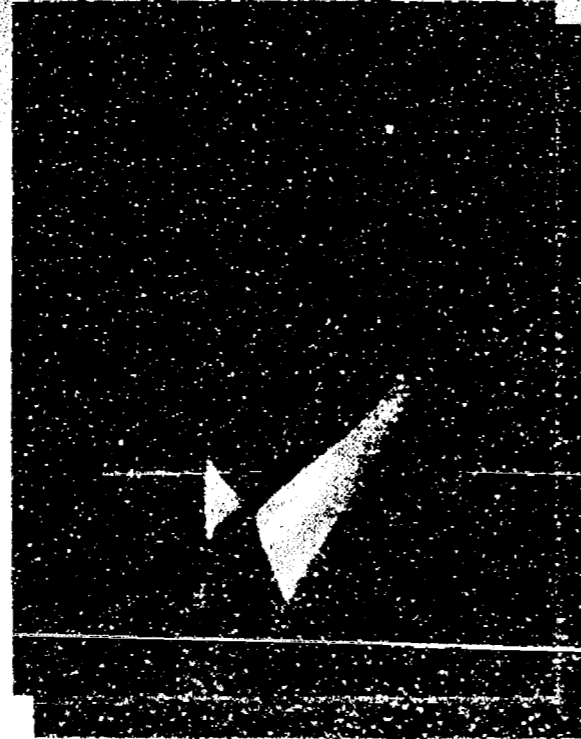
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Letters

From page 6A

the original three-story building that was proposed.

Please call or write the members of the city council, and come and speak up at the next council meeting on Monday, Jan. 23.

Rand Sobczak
City of Grosse Pointe

Taxation without representation

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to residents and voters of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education district:

To All Residents/Voters of the Grosse Pointe School Board District:

For some time I have been asking the Grosse Pointe Board of Education why they will not obtain for the residents/voters their right to vote to elect the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board.

The library board is appointed by the school board and then there is no control by the residents/voters over the library board. I have been told there is no recall.

Did you know that the library board can issue up to \$22 million of bonds without resident/voter approval? Your taxes pay off the bonds. You have no say on how the money is spent. If the library board pays back some of the money, they then can issue more bonds up to the \$22 million limit. This information comes from asking questions of the library board at its meetings.

Every time I ask the school board what it is doing to obtain the right of election of the library board by the residents/voters, I am told we are working on it.

The school board is doing almost nothing about the lack of the residents/voters' right to elect their library board.

On Dec. 19, I attended a Harper Woods City Council meeting. This is important as the school board and Harper Woods can easily agree to elect the library board. I asked the council what had been done about electing the library board. They said nothing had come before them and as far as they knew, nothing was being done.

The city manager spoke up and said as far as he could remember, it had been about six months since he had any communication about this matter. His memory was that this was a meeting with Dr. Klein and Mr. Fenton.

The Harper Woods city attorney spoke up and said his memory was that there was something about two months ago. This represents almost no action by the school board.

Why has there been almost no action on the part

of the school board?

After the meeting, I talked with the city manager. He said he had no problem with an elected library board. He said it was up to the school board to come to Harper Woods for action.

The residents/voters must ask the school board why it is taking almost no action. Why is the school board not willing to give the residents/voters the right to elect their library board?

The best time to do this is to come to the televised school board meetings on the first and second Mondays of the month at 8 p.m., and ask questions of the trustees. The meetings are normally held at Grosse Pointe South High School in the Wicking Library.

The second best way is to e-mail using your normal e-mail, not the school board Web site, to SchoolBoard@gpschools.org. This method allows you to carbon copy yourself. If you send an e-mail via the board automatic Web site, I cannot find any way to carbon copy yourself.

The third best way is to phone (313) 432-3004 and leave your message for the trustees.

Charles Collinson
Grosse Pointe Park

Missed health care hearing

To the Editor:

I am disappointed that our state representative, Ed Gaffney, did not participate in a December hearing in Grand Rapids of the cost subcommittee of the House Committee on Health Policy.

I drove out from Grosse Pointe Park to attend the hearing, and there was a name card waiting for our representative. But Gaffney was a no-show, even though he heads up the Health Policy Committee.

It's too bad he didn't hear Dr. Robert E. Reneker, Jr., first vice president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, call for "a major restructuring of our health care system."

Dr. Reneker pointed out that we spend a lot more money on health care in this country than any other industrialized nation but have high infant mortality rates, low life expectancy, and higher cancer and heart disease mortality rates than many other nations.

We need to listen to our family physicians.

Health care costs are hurting Michigan businesses which must compete with Canada and Japan where health care costs are far lower.

So why can't Michigan take the lead in reforming our health care system?

The state Legislature could call hearings to focus on comprehensive solutions. It could ask Bill Ford to testify. It could call the family doctors and the hospitals.

As the committee chair, Gaffney is in a great position to be leading the charge. But my general

impression is that even when he shows up, he focuses on tiny pieces of the puzzle rather than the big picture.

That's pretty disappointing.

Is that really why we pay him almost \$80,000 a year?

Richard W. Olson
Grosse Pointe Park

Drug abusers

To the Editor:

In reference to the opinion piece, "Drug abuse hits close to home," published in the Dec. 15 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, I have a few comments to the author.

The article is clearly written by someone who is not familiar with substance abuse or dependency. When a person's body becomes dependent on an intoxicating substance, you will do anything you can to satisfy that addiction.

To say that these people didn't have any fears of going to this house, buying drugs and committing crimes against society, not to mention themselves, is irresponsible and arrogant.

To someone with any type of substance-abuse problem, the addiction takes normal thinking and normal behavior away from the abuser. Every time the abuser goes to commit a crime and gets away with it, they will become more comfortable with what they are doing. Every time a drunk gets behind the wheel, every time someone buys marijuana, cocaine, heroin or crack, they get more comfortable and may take more risks as their addiction grows stronger.

I ask that the editor and publisher of the Grosse Pointe News not print the names of these five people. Whether the author chooses to recognize it or not, the fear of these people for their lives and careers is real. What business is it of any of ours anyway, who these people are? If you want to publish the names is so that you can sensationalize your story? With all do respect, that is very sad.

The fact is, these people have gone through enough without you putting their names in the paper. Isn't that enough for you?

In conclusion, I ask you if you're going to write anything else on this subject of drug/alcohol abuse, please familiarize yourself with the subject matter before you publish the article.

Dan Kinsley
Houston, Texas
Formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks beautification honor and program

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Angelo DiClemente, Beautification Advisory Commission Awards

Chairman:

To Mr. DiClemente:

We want to thank you, the Beautification Advisory Commission and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods for the honor of being selected as a residential award winner as well as your coordination of the awards night. The entire evening was outstanding — from the lovely dinner, to the personalized slide presentations and the wonderful compliments.

The process you and your committee complete to ultimately identify your winners, is an exhaustive one. I commend you on your efforts, and truly appreciate the commitment you and your team have for this great program.

The Woods is a great place to live; and your commission and the city's efforts to recognize citizens' efforts, play a huge role in truly making it so.

William and Rebecca Kraus
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thanks for children

To the Editor:

I wish to use this forum to once again thank the residents of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and, in fact, many of the communities of southeastern Michigan for helping to make our children's holiday so bright.

The support for our Holiday Giving Tree program was overwhelming and heartwarming. It is a testament to the generosity and compassion of our many friends at this special time of the year.

This past year has been remarkable for the Children's Home of Detroit. We shared the wide-eyed joy of so many with the Frogs*Fur*Friends summer habitat in Grosse Pointe and shared the proceeds from the event with the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Our Ride4Kids event was a huge success and great fun. The annual Bid4Kids Auction in November provided support for our Foundation for Exceptional Children and our National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children.

Our Foundation for Exceptional Children Benefit in March provided much needed funds for that remarkable program.

And, lastly, our annual appeal, currently under way, provides invaluable support for our many programs for children and families.

As I contemplate my retirement from the Children's Home of Detroit in the spring, I cannot begin to fully express my appreciation to all who have offered support, volunteered their time, and in countless ways made this agency the landmark it is in our community.

I want to thank everyone who has provided me with friendship and wise counsel. I also wish to thank so many who welcomed me and my family to Grosse Pointe over 16 years ago.

Our board of trustees is the most dedicated group of volunteers I have ever been privileged to know. They have undertaken an extensive search for leadership to

take Children's Home of Detroit well into the next decade and beyond.

My wishes to all for a happy and prosperous new year.

Mike Horwitz
Executive Director
Children's Home of Detroit

Letters welcome

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your Letters to the Editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may 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, Mich. 48236; or fax them to (313) 882-1585. Letters may also be sent e-mail to: editor@grossepointe-news.com

Farms features

Bing flick Jan. 17

Going my way?

You are if you attend next week's Tuesday Afternoon Drop-In Movie for Seniors in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m., Farms residents and their guests can watch Bing Crosby's portrayal of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way."

The 1944 movie won an Academy Award for best music and original song "Swinging on a Star."

Barry Fitzgerald as Father Fitzgibbon. While Crosby transforms young toughs into choirboys, Fitzgerald frets over church funding and his ailing mother back in dear ole' Ireland.

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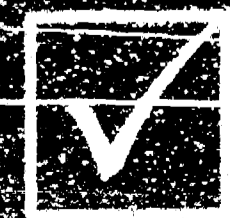
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Punches car

Name calling between two groups of teenagers on Saturday, Jan. 7, at about 10:30 p.m., almost evolved into a rumble in the parking lot behind stores in the 16900 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Although punches weren't exchanged, City police detained a 15-year-old Park male for damaging the windshield of a yellow 1989 Honda Prelude driven by a St. Clair Shores youth.

"(The Park youth) and his friends drove to the location to fight over a supposed name-calling incident," police said. "(He) stated the two groups met in the parking lot. Name calling and pushing occurred. Then a large group of (Grosse Pointe high school) students arrived to support the (Park resident) and his group."

"I went to the driver side

(of the Honda) and regretably punched the windshield," the Park teen told police. Officers released him to his mother.

Didn't drink

Despite claiming he hadn't had anything to drink, a 38-year-old Detroit man last week registered a .279 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation in the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, at 1:50 a.m., a patrolman cruising westbound Mack caught the man driving erratically.

Police said the man had been operating a 1994 Chrysler LHS. He reportedly drove slowly yet wove back and forth nearly striking the right curb.

Warrant

A 32-year-old Canton

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant last week shortly after being pulled over for speeding in the City of Grosse Pointe.

On Monday, Jan. 2, at 10:20 p.m., an officer clocked the woman speeding a 2001 Buick Regal 48 mph on Mack from Cadieux to Rivard, a 30 mph zone.

Romulus authorities wanted the woman for failing to appear in court on a parking violation.

She posted \$125 bond for the Romulus warrant and was released.

Ticked off

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 5:15 p.m., bankers at a branch on St. Clair in the Village warned a 52-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man to shape up or shove off.

Witnesses said the man was creating a scene. He was reportedly protesting having to pay penalties for bounced checks.

"(The man) has bounced checks in the past," police said.

The man's unruliness included swearing, police said.

"(A banker) advised him that she was going to cancel his account, and if he didn't leave, she was going to call police," police said. "He stated that she would repay dearly if she canceled his account and that he was going to sue the bank."

Lost & loaded

A 22-year-old Commerce Township man was arrested for drunken driving when pulled over last weekend on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, at 3:31 a.m., a patrolman monitoring the area of Mack and Moross saw the suspect driving a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer westbound in the eastbound lanes of

Mack.

"He stated he had been drinking at a bar in Detroit and was lost," police said.

Police said the man had a .11 percent blood alcohol level.

Expired

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 10:50 a.m., a 22-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested by Grosse Pointe Farms police and turned over to St. Clair Shores officers on a \$5,000 warrant.

The warrant stemmed from the woman's failure to appear in St. Clair Shores court on a charge of driving with an expired license.

Farms police stopped the woman on Muir north of Kercheval for driving a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu with an expired license plate.

Off line

Someone took a computer monitor, keyboard and two central processing units from a garage in the 100 block of Kenwood on Monday, Dec. 26, between 4 and 7:30 p.m.

The homeowner reported the crime Monday, Jan. 2. Losses totaled an estimated \$200.

"(The victim) stated that the garage was unlocked and the door open," police said. "The computer equipment was not operational and used primarily for parts."

Hit on head

Grosse Pointe Shores police took a drunken driving suspect to the hospital at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 for treatment of a head injury.

A patrolman stopped the man driving a red 1995 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck on southbound Lakeshore near Colonial. Police said the man had been straddling the center line between lanes.

"(I) noted that he was bleeding from a laceration on the left side of his head," said the patrolman.

"I got jumped and hit over the head with a bottle," the suspect said.

Officers registered the man's .142 percent blood alcohol level and took him to an eastside Detroit hospital

emergency room.

— Brad Lindberg

Expired plate

On Saturday, Jan. 7, at 8:30 p.m., a 32-year-old Detroit man was pulled over on Harper at Allard for having an expired license plate on his vehicle.

A LEIN check revealed the license plate tab expired in March 2005, and the man had five current license suspensions and a warrant out of Fraser for driving with a suspended license with a \$500 bond.

He was arrested for driving with a suspended license and taken into cus-

tody. The man's license plate was destroyed and a paper plate was issued. His girlfriend drove the car home.

Speeding

A 32-year-old Warren man was pulled over for driving 47 mph in a 35 mph zone on Vernier on Friday, Jan. 6, at 9:15 a.m.

A LEIN check revealed the man had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Novi and eight outstanding suspensions with a \$350 bond. The man was arrested and eventually was released after paying the \$350 bond

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Forfeiture program shows crime pays

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A program that forces offenders to pony up money to retrieve their vehicles used in crimes is paying off in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Enough money has been collected to replace officers' duty lockers in the public safety squad room.

Stephen Poloni, director of public safety, said lockers costing \$3,000.72 were bought and installed with forfeiture money, not tax receipts.

In other news, the department's newest officer, David Empson, has been sworn in.

Empson is working the midnight shift undertaking field training with PSO Amy Ellison.

Ellison has won multiple awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for diligence arresting drunken

drivers.

Empson graduated Dec. 7 from the police academy sixth in a class of 36.

"He represented us very well," Poloni said. "He will be at the January (trustee) meeting to meet the council and have a ceremonial swearing in."

As part of the department's ongoing training, Lt. David Younk has completed patrol rifle instructor school. Younk is now certified to train officers in use of patrol rifles, which are carried in patrol vehicles.

"If you remember the Columbine shooting, one of the reports afterward was critical of police for not having this type of rifle in the cars," Poloni said. "It may have helped end the incident earlier. So, many departments around the country have these in the vehicles."

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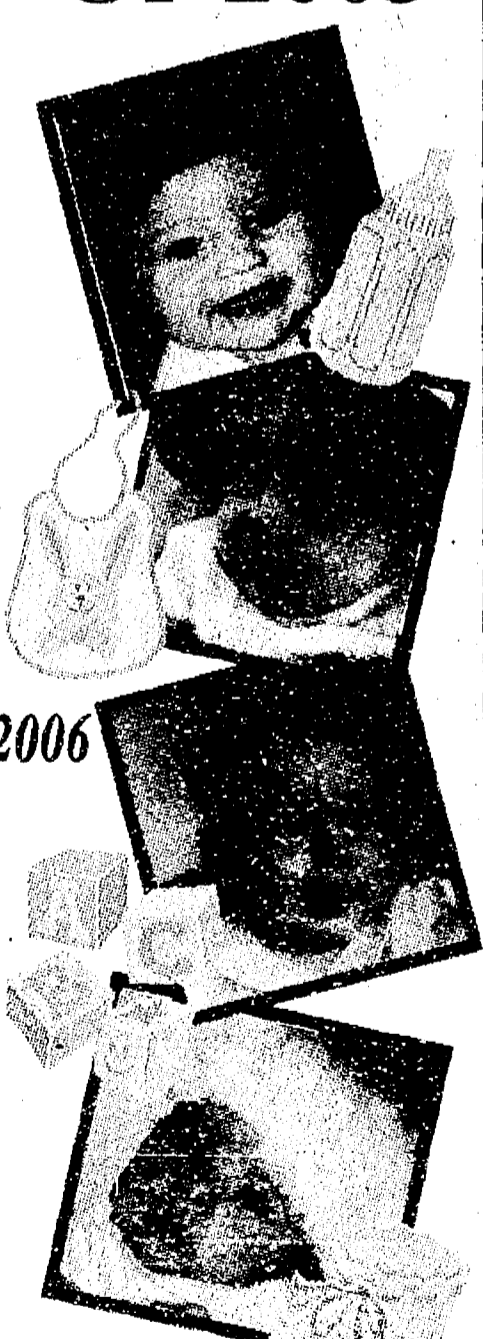
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Police catch final break-in suspect

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A third suspect has been arrested for burglarizing businesses in the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities.

The arrest came at about 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6.

City of Grosse Pointe public safety director Al Fincham, one of his detectives, a City patrolman and

a Grosse Pointe Farms detective found the man while searching a house in the 5500 block of Maryland on Detroit's eastside.

The house was rented by two men caught Dec. 26 and charged with breaking into salons in the Farms and City.

"Both defendants gave permission to enter their house," said Ron Wiczorek, City detective.

A 45-year-old occupant was identified as the man suspected of accompanying the two other men, ages 35 and 36, in at least 14 burglaries of businesses in the Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Detroit.

Wiczorek said the man saw police coming, ran to the back of the house and ditched drugs down an open drain pipe that was the closest thing the dwelling had to a toilet.

A blue 1989 Ford pickup associated with the string of crimes was recovered in the driveway.

There are no further suspects.

"We think we wrapped it up," Wiczorek said.

Police said the trio used the spoils of their crimes to binge on crack cocaine and alcohol.

Pointe police interrogated the three men separately. During one session, Wiczorek said, the third man tried to disassociate himself from the two suspects arrested in December.

"He said the two other guys were idiots," Wiczorek said.

Wiczorek passed the message to one of the first two men, who became offended and responded by tattling on the third man's alleged participation in other crimes.

"They turned on each other," Wiczorek said.

Criminal records showed the third man was wanted in Macomb County. Charges included assault with a dangerous weapon and aggravated domestic violence. Records also showed the man to have violated parole for domestic violence.

Exchange program stretches across two generations

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Sixteen-year-old Helen Huhnt's chance to visit the United States as an exchange student began in 1977.

Huhnt's father, Andreas, began this saga when he attended Grosse Pointe South as a Youth for Understanding (YFU) exchange student in 1977-78 with Youth For Understanding (YFU) and started a lifelong friendship with Erich Hintzen, who was a senior at South that year.

A native of Oldenburg, Germany, Dr. Andreas Huhnt found his experience of living the American culture life altering. It was an

experience he wanted to share with his children nearly three decades later. It was an experience which centers around his friendship with Hintzen of the City of Grosse Pointe now Huhnt's host family. The culmination of those events is that the younger Huhnt now has a chance to walk in her father's footsteps through the halls of Grosse Pointe South.

Andreas stopped in Grosse Pointe on his way home from a radiologist conference in Chicago earlier this month. He and his dark-haired daughter navigated the halls. Andreas looked around. "Nothing has changed," he said. "The halls and building look the same. The stores are the same."

But it is the strength of a friendship of two men made 28 years ago that brings father and daughter together for a brief visit on foreign soil: she as an exchange student ... he as the former exchange student.

The old adage of music being a universal language may have played a part in bringing German-born Huhnt and American-born Hintzen together initially. It was in orchestra that Huhnt, a string bass player, met Hintzen, a trombone player.

"He was into speaking English," Hintzen began. "He was into being a student. My dad was a German immigrant. The German culture was of interest to me. We were pretty good friends. "We were in the same

class. We were both in orchestra. We had band and orchestra. We (the orchestra) had a tightknit group, the way the choir is today. There was a big social side to it. We partied."

Through their senior year the two forged a friendship which stands today.

It's unusual for friendships made during exchange programs to continue into adulthood. However, Andreas and Hintzen made the effort to keep in touch over the years. When Hintzen studied in Germany, Andreas introduced Hintzen to the German culture, including a county fair, complete with much beer drinking.

Hintzen took his wife to Germany several years ago with a stop at the Huhnt home in Lohne, a few miles from where Andreas grew up.

In 2002, when the Huhnt family did an American tour of San Francisco, Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon, they made a stop in Grosse Pointe at the Hintzen home.

"We took them sailing, to the parks, doing summer Michigan things," Hintzen said. "At that time his second daughter (Helen) was 13 and was expressing an interest to do the exchange thing. I thought it was great."

A Christmas 2004 call between the two families set the plan in motion.

"A private exchange program is not easy," Andreas said. "We needed an organization."

They turned to Andreas' exchange program, YFU, and the plan was put into motion.

Huhnt said goodbye to her parents, older sister, younger brother and boyfriend, Michael, and started out for her Grosse Pointe experience.



Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Helen Huhnt is an exchange student from Germany who is attending South High School. Her father, Andreas, was an exchange student to South in 1977-78. During those months of living in Grosse Pointe, Andreas made a lifelong friend in Erich Hintzen of the City of Grosse Pointe. Hintzen is now Huhnt's host family.

"My mom was upset," she said of the idea they would be separated for nearly a year.

Their separation is eased via the Internet and a Web cam.

Compared to the monthly letters Andreas would send home, Huhnt communicates regularly via the Internet.

Her father admitted they talk every weekend, and he looks on her home page regularly to see what pictures she has posted.

A digital camera was specifically purchased so the family back home could share in her American experiences.

A typical teenager, Huhnt's days center around

school activities. She has been to homecoming and football games and enjoys the hot cocoa at Starbucks. But the trip to Cedar Point has been the most memorable, so far, she said.

Huhnt handles a full academic load including physics, American history, literature, AP Latin and pastry making. Though considered a senior here, she will have one more year of high school to complete when she returns home.

Huhnt is also a dancer. For the past 13 years she has been taking jazz lessons and continues those lessons at Turning Point in St. Clair Shores.

Her father was a swimmer

in Germany. As an exchange student he wanted to try something new and joined the fledgling wrestling team, weighing in the 150 pound class. Both he and the team consistently lost meets, Andreas remembered.

In addition to trying a new sport, he enrolled in Chinese history and the art of film, turning out his own film on Pink Floyd.

The father and daughter were both included in their host family's outings. Andreas took trips to Florida and Canada. Huhnt has been to Texas. But her favorite trip to date is Cedar Point.

Including Huhnt in family outings is easy, according to Hintzen.

"She does all the family stuff. She goes to church with us and to band concerts. It's very much like having another kid," said Hintzen, who is an attorney for Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone's Troy office.

Huhnt is adjusting to her new family, with a younger brother and sister. "She and the kids fight, so that's a good sign," he laughed.

There may be sibling altercations, Hintzen was surprised to learn at a meeting of other YFU parents.

"There was a YFU day-long retreat on how things are going. We are very fortunate. She is organized and hard-working. She has friends," Hintzen said. "The students are nice," she said. "They talk to me and are interested."

Sometime between now and June, Huhnt may find one of those nice students becoming a lifelong friend. And a third-generation boy or girl will be an exchange student at South.

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Geography bee

If the question of where in the world are we comes up, these three Parcels Middle School students can tell you because they are the winners of the school's geography bee. The winners are, from left, seventh-grader Chris Jenkins, eighth-grader and overall winner Matthew Vengalli, sixth-grader Jessie Ding and their teacher Scott Cooper. The top 10 finalists included Ryan Hilton, David Mackool, Louie Saravolatz, Michael Seago, Steven Nawrocki, Shuaib Raza and Jenkins. The top three winners were Vengalli, Ryan Seago and Mike Held. Sixth-graders had a tiebreaker between Nathan Vengalli, Amy Cooper, Leena Raza and Ding. Matthew Vengalli now moves on to the state competition where he will be competing for a spot on the national team. One person from each state moves on to compete in Washington, D.C., for a \$25,000 scholarship.

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A Brownell parent night, begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12. For more information call (313) 432-3900.

Extended day kindergarten open house

There will be an extended day kindergarten (EDK) information night at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Barnes Early Childhood Center gym. All EDK teach-

ers and principals will be available to answer any questions you may have. Children turning 5 years of age before Dec. 1, 2006, are eligible for kindergarten in the 2006/07 school year.

Grosse Pointe Public School System offers two programs: Traditional half-day kindergarten (a.m. or p.m. program) at all elementary schools.

Extended day kindergarten (tuition-based program) at select elementary schools.

For any kindergarten program, residency and enroll-

ment for that student must be processed by appointment at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Room 203. Contact Kathy Lynch at (313) 432-3083 to make an appointment.

Math curriculum

The Grosse Pointe Public School System will hold a public forum to familiarize the community with the draft of the new grade K-8 mathematics curriculum. The forum is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Wicking Library at South High School at 7 p.m.

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Rockin' fundraiser for South's choir on Saturday

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Put on your blue jeans and best dancing shoes for A Night of Rock 'n' Roll featuring Grosse Pointe's The Relics.

The all-male quartet is ready to treat an audience of 350 to sounds from the past and the present as well as a few original tunes by band member Dean Caputo in a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe South Choir. This is the third year The Relics have been invited to the four-hour event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial by the Grosse Pointe South's Choir Boosters.

It's one good time, they all agree, to socialize and get reacquainted with old friends and enjoy familiar music.

More precisely put, "It's the way an old slipper feels," said lead singer and guitarist Darryl Nihem.

With a repertoire of 80 songs, the quartet plays and all add their voices to the familiar songs of the Beatles and Rolling Stones mingling with today's songs by Maroon 5 and U2. The audience may also hear "When You're Not Here" and "Save Me" written by lead guitarist Dean Caputo.

"We are a rock 'n' roll, a mix of old and new such as the Maroon 5, U2, Matchbox 20," Berg explained. "There are some things to excite people plus a few surprises. People know what to

The Grosse Pointe South's Choir Boosters present Night of Rock 'n' Roll with The Relics from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Advance tickets are \$30 and \$35 at the door. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village, or by calling Kerry at (313) 985-1359.

During the evening there will be a raffle drawing. Tickets are \$50, and a ticket holder need not be present to win. The first prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,000, and the third prize is \$1,000.

Between 15 and 20 theme baskets will also be raffled off. Tickets are purchased at the door.

This event is for adults. Beer, soft drinks, snacks and pizza will be available.

expect."

Nihem picked up the thought. "People are excited to see the band and how powerful rock 'n' roll can be. They are thirsting for music they haven't seen in a year or so. The kitchen help knows us and comes to clap."

With a big sound, a light show and nine guitars between the three players, Nihem, Caputo and bass player George Humphry, it's a night to return to year after year. Each of The Relics is happy to perform the music that brings back warm memories and creates new ones.

This music appeals to anyone and everyone, said Kerry Smale, a booster and event organizer. She will be attending for the second time, as will her guests because of the pleasurable time they experienced in 2005.

Meet the band

Drummer Berg is a 1975 graduate of South and has four children, and his daughter, Angela, is in the South choir.

"I started drums when I was 10. I enjoyed playing in bands in high school in the Grosse Pointe area — Cypress Rock. (Drummer) Keith Moon is one of my favorites."

Berg played professionally for a year and a half during college. He is now a Park resident.

Lead guitarist Caputo grew up in the Park and is now a resident of the Woods with three children. He has two daughters attending North and one child in college.

At 15, Caputo began taking guitar lessons at Fiddler. The lessons he learned each week would be taught to his five brothers and eventually to Nihem. In the 1980s he joined his first band, and it played all across the state,



The Relics, from left, George Humphry on bass, Dean Caputo on lead guitar, Darryl Nihem lead vocal and guitar and Rick Berg on drums. The group will be playing at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to benefit South choir.

Ohio and Canada. He joined another band in the late 1980s but gave it up when he had a family because the late hours of playing in a band and the early hours kept by a family were taking a toll.

"I got together with some people a few times a year and for about 10 years, but not in a regular band," he said.

Nihem is the lead singer and also plays a guitar. A resident of Grosse Pointe Park, he has two children in

the Grosse Pointe School system and a niece in the choir. He plays both the acoustic guitar and the electric guitar having started out in high school.

Humphry on bass moved to the Pointes in 1988 having graduated from Redford High School. The Humphry family is musical because he has one child in college who was a Pointe singer and another who is a freshman at South and also a singer.

Humphry began playing in 1984 as a rhythm guitarist but later switched to bass. He hooked up with The Relics through a brother of Caputo's three years ago.

The Relics play up to a dozen times a year but get together about three times a

month to keep up their skills, try out new pieces that Humphry has written and incorporate new material to keep themselves fresh after being together for six years.

They say they enjoy playing fundraisers at venues such as this one and have played at Kerby and Maire elementary schools.

"It's a way of giving back to the community," Nihem said. But they have also played at Lochmoor Club, the Farms Pier Festival and in back yards and living rooms.

"We are still at an age where we are able to have fun," Humphry said.

Parents lead book group discussion

Fostering a love of reading is a prime goal of the language arts curriculum at the Grosse Pointe Academy. Teachers today have a bigger challenge than in the past, however. There are many other activities besides reading that compete for children's time and attention.

Fifth-grade teacher Cheryl Teetaert has come up with a solution that has proven effective with her students. Her theory is that while book reports are a staple in language arts classes, sometimes they can be a chore. On the other hand, there has to be accountability that a child has actually read a book.

In lieu of requiring a book report, Teetaert has organized parent-led book group discussions for the children. Gretchen Woodward, a parent of fifth-grader Katherine, can attest to the success of this program.

"I'm amazed by the children's insights into these books," Woodward said. "Their love for the book comes out in their discussions. I've seen a big difference in some kids who I've known since they were young, and they didn't really like to read — and now you can tell how much they love reading."

The books selected for the book group discussions deal with individuals having to survive alone in the wilderness or confront a difficult situation. The first book talks were based on two prolific young adult authors, Gary Paulsen and Jean Craighead George.

"The kids end up learning survival skills as well as life lessons," Woodward said. "I'm surprised at how well they grasp these concepts at such a young age. They are so enthusiastic about reading. This is Mrs. Teetaert's philosophy — she wants

them to love to read for reading's sake. This was the biggest revelation to me: How much these children love to read."

According to Woodward, there are no specific requirements or limits to how many books the students should or can read; they simply read as many books as they can, at a pace that is comfortable for them. Once they finish a book, they meet with a group of students and a parent who leads the group discussion. The parent will ask such questions as: What did you enjoy about this book? What are some of the major themes? What do you think

the author was trying to accomplish with this novel? What is stronger in the book, plot or character development?

The students will discuss their favorite characters, or what the main character believes in and what he or she is willing to fight for. They relate their own experiences to events that occur in the novel. They also discuss the writer's style and whether there are any flaws in the book.

"They do a lot of writing in Mrs. Teetaert's class," Woodward explained, "but the focus here is on reading."



Photo courtesy Grosse Pointe Academy

Parent Gretchen Woodward leads a book discussion group with C.J. Elliott, Richie Cieszkowski, Brian Fleck, Christopher Fowler and Samantha Campau.



Photo courtesy Andrew Taylor

Pierce strings

Four Pierce Middle School students have been named to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State Middle School Orchestra. They are, seated from left, violinist and eighth-grader Hillary Doherty, violinist and seventh-grader Simone Arora, and eighth-grader Brooke Lyon, who plays the viola. Eighth-grader and viola player Jasper Zientek, is standing. All four will participate and perform during the weekend of Jan. 19-22 at the Michigan Music Educator's Conference in Grand Rapids.

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Brownell students are cooking

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Brownell Middle School's seventh- and eighth-graders have been cookin'.

Students in Dona Reynolds' three life skills classes prepared a full Thanksgiving meal for their parents in early December. Sprinkled in the preparations were math lessons (how long will it take to cook the turkey), language and computer skills (invitations had to be sent), nutrition and sanitation (washing hands, pulling hair back).

Preparations began days ahead of time as students made various dishes and either froze or refrigerated them in five refrigerators located in two rooms. Learning how to bring a meal all together was the ultimate goal for this unit on food.

They scooped out the insides of pumpkins in preparation for making pumpkin pie. And they cleaned turkeys, removing the necks and giblets.

Some made faces at having to clean the inside of a pumpkin, but later found the roasted pumpkin seeds a good trade off. And the payoff of eating what they had prepared with their moms and dads was special. As Reynolds put it, "sitting together at a meal, enjoying conversation with children who had good topics" was an essential part of the process.

Among the lessons students experienced included the use of the pastry



Above, from left, Katie Maggart, Rachel Brock and Lily Bommarito learned how to clean and prepare a turkey for roasting.

Students Alexandra Sumnik, second from left, and Sarah Hauler, second from right, sit with their mothers during a Thanksgiving dinner the students prepared in the life skills class at Brownell Middle School.

blender to make the crust for the pumpkin pie and to clean and cook real pumpkins for the pie filling. Once the filling was cooked, stu-

dents used a food processor to puree the pumpkin. They grated and chopped real ginger and nutmeg for the pies' flavoring. Rather than

imitation topping, students whipped up real dairy topping for the pumpkin pie.

This was followed by making sweet potatoes in a brown sugar and butter sauce. Cooked and coated, the sweet potato dish was frozen in casserole dishes for easy warming when needed.

No Thanksgiving meal is complete without dressing, and these students prepared it by cutting the bread and sauteing the onions and celery. They made fresh cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes the day before the big event.

Students learned that leaving the potato skins saves the nutrients of the vegetable, Reynolds said.

Gravy was also prepared the day before, and the turkey drippings were added the day of the feast.

Since parents were coming it at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., turkeys had to be cooking well before students arrived in class. It was up to Sarah Osborn, Annie Redlawski and Laura Manardo, who arrived at 6 a.m., to put the birds in the oven, after a math lesson.

Reynolds had the students come in early to set the table. Students used china for the 45 people per class who would eat the full Thanksgiving meal.

"I started this four or five years ago," she said. "This was my smoothest year. The kids were willing to work. They enjoyed their parents' coming. They were phenomenal."

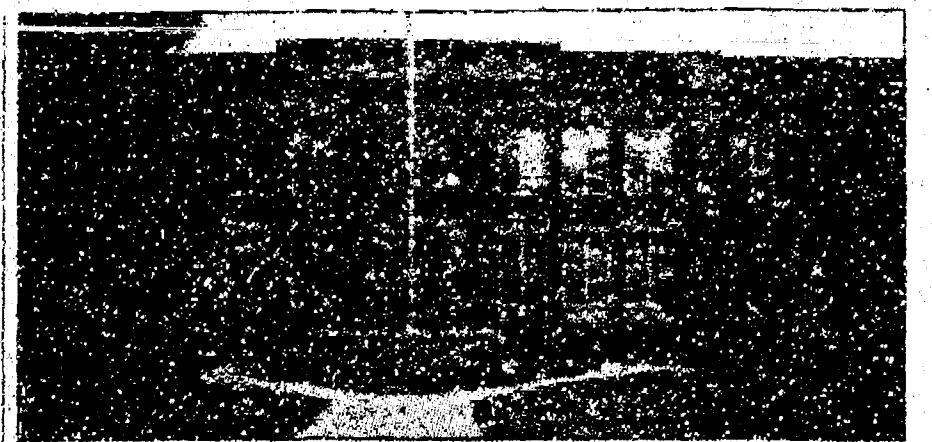


Photo by Ann L. Fouty

Pierce Middle School students, as well as Brownell and Parcels students, will be registering for six classes for the 2006-07 school year.

Board adopts new middle school day

By Ann L. Fouty
Staff Writer

Change is in the wind for Grosse Pointe middle school students. For the past 15 years, the Grosse Pointe Middle School students have been on a seven hour schedule. All that will change in the fall of 2006 when the six-hour day is established.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education approved on Monday, Jan. 9, that sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students will be on a six-period day. The length of the day will remain the same. Class time will increase from 46 minutes to 55 minutes. It will mean teacher lay offs and a decrease in the number of electives but the opportunity to take foreign language more intensely in sixth grade.

Up to 14 teachers could be eliminated, meaning a savings of \$1.4 million, said Mark Mulholland, principal at Parcels Middle School.

He and his colleagues have been studying the option to rearrange the school day for a number of years as district funds diminished. Mulholland said changing the day's structure had been avoided as long as possible, but there was nothing left to cut other than the school day schedule.

Let the six hour day be the last resort, a back up plan; requested middle school student Lara McCann-Moran during the board's Jan. 9 meeting. She knew that changing the day would lay off teachers whom the students had come to love and respect. McCann-Moran also said students would be unable to get a jump on college credits with fewer class choices.

Another concern about the new plan is the lack of exercise the students would be getting with physical education becoming an option and not a requirement.

"I'm concerned," said Michelle Minturn. "The United States is the fattest country in the world. Cutting p.e. is irresponsible to the children's health when you are investing a ton of money in renovating gyms."

Minturn requested that the whole child's needs to be

addressed, not just the academic portion of his or her education.

In all three grades the phys. ed. is an elective, and in sixth-grade fine arts is also an elective.

Mulholland pointed out the strong points of the change.

He noted that core class time will be increased, and there will be greater flexibility in choosing electives.

The necessity of changing the schedule was due mainly to the board of education's being forced to trim the 2006-07 budget. There hasn't been an area the board has left intact as it is cutting the budget for the fifth straight year. It wasn't something that the board took lightly, having studied the implications of a change for months through memorandums, meetings and power point presentations.

Both the board and central office wanted to maintain the integrity of the program providing the core academics, exploratory courses, the performing arts, classes for accelerated students and assistance for those who need help in math or reading.

The major changes are in creating programs to protect the core curricula, explained Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Susan Allan, yet create flexibility and provide additional support for students not living up to Grosse Pointe School standards and expand the foreign languages.

Honors English and accelerated math will be available to seventh- and eighth-graders. Sixth-graders will be afforded the opportunity to enroll in honors language arts, reading and accelerated math.

She went on to say that the main changes are in the sixth-grade reading component. Students will have reading every other day. Additional help will be available for those not meeting the Grosse Pointe standards in reading and math, Allan said.

A computer class will be required for a semester, and it is to meet every other day, while sixth-grade electives are part of an every other day schedule.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that nominating petitions for School Board Trustees for the School District of the City of Harper Woods will be available in the Harper Woods City Clerk's Office, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. until February 7, 2006. Nominating petitions may be taken out on February 7, 2006 however, all nominating petitions must be filed in the City Clerk's Office, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan, by 4:00 p.m. that day.

Any registered voter that resides in the School District of the City of Harper Woods is eligible to be nominated for School Board Trustee for the School District of the City of Harper Woods.

The purpose of taking nominating petitions is to nominate qualified registered voters to the following: (2) two, four year terms as School Board Trustees expiring June 30, 2010; and (1), one year term as School Board Trustee to expire June 30, 2007.

Persons with questions regarding the nominating process should call the City Clerk's Office at 313-343-2510.

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Mickey D. Todd,
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006 at 7:00 pm UNITARIAN CHURCH, 17150 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

COLDWATER CREEK SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for the proposed Coldwater Creek at 17000 Kercheval. The applicant is Coldwater Creek.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows uses over 5,000 square feet in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The property to be developed is described by the Legal Description which reads:

Lot 29 exc southerly 40 ft. also southerly part of Lot 30 meas 92.50 ft. along westerly lot line and 91.40 ft. along easterly lot line amended plat of St Clair Park Sub PC239 L19 P21 WCR also northerly 11.19 ft. of Lot 52 also Lots 53 54 and 55 Assessors City of Grosse Pointe Plat NO 2 PC506 L66 P74 WCR amended Plat of St Clair Park Sub PC239 L19 P21 WCR K 350.59

The following specifications are proposed for the project:

- Project Type: Retail use over 5,000 square feet
- Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
- Total Parcel Size: Approximately one acre
- The applicant is requesting special use approval for a retail use over 5,000 square feet located at 17000 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm.

GPN: 01/12/2006

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk



Photo courtesy Irene Noseda

Scholarship award

Recipients of the 2005 Heath Obrecht Scholarship Award from St. Clare of Montefalco parish are sixth-grader Ella Stanley, left, and second-grader Matt Wokuluk. This is the first walk/run for the Catholic school and was established to be awarded each year in honor of former student Obrecht. He was killed in a motorcycle accident on Aug. 24, 2000, and it is the wish of his family that this scholarship be established so that future students of St. Clare can enjoy the many educational benefits offered at St. Clare as Obrecht did.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, a public hearing is scheduled before the mayor and City Council on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, for the purpose of Comments, review and Approval of use of Federal Community Block Grant Funds for the following or other approved projects.

Announcing the City's objectives and proposed uses for developing projects using Federal Community Block Grant funding, Subject to full funding by Wayne County, as herewith listed:
(These are estimated amounts)

- Parking enhancement program \$50,500.
- Services for Older Citizens
- Minor Home Repair \$10,000.
- Case Coordination \$1500.
- Information/Referral Service \$1000.
- Meals on Wheels \$3000.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible projects listed above or suggest other projects. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate-income residents. Please Write or call the City Offices, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313-822-4281).

G.P.N.:01/12/06

Chris Helmet,
Director of Public Service

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006 at 7:00 pm UNITARIAN CHURCH, 17150 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

KERCHEVAL PLACE OFFICE SPECIAL USE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above to consider the Special Use Application for the proposed Kercheval Place office use at 17000 Kercheval. The applicant is Grosse Pointe St. Clair Associates, L.L.C.

The project is being proposed for development under Section 90-298. Permitted uses after special approval, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance which allows offices uses on the second floor in the central business district subject to special use approval.

The property to be developed is described by the Legal Description which reads:

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The following specifications are proposed for the project:

- Project Type: 45,000 square feet of second floor office space.
- Current Zoning: C-2, Central Business District
- Total Parcel Size: Approximately one acre
- The applicant is requesting special use approval for 45,000 square feet of second floor office space located at 17000 Kercheval.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the City Offices during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm.

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Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

Business People

Michael Donnelly has been elected to serve as treasurer on the 2006 Board of Directors for Fraser Trebilcock Davis and Dunlap, P.C.



Donnelly

He is also the Managing Shareholder of the firm's Detroit office at One Woodward Avenue. His practice areas include commercial litigation and antitrust counseling.

Donnelly is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

M. Lisa Pinkos Howle has joined Kelley, Casey and Moyer, P.C., in St. Clair Shores as an associate attorney, practicing in the areas of business, environmental, and environmental insurance law.



Pinkos Howle

She received her J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1997. While in law school, she served as an associate editor of the *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review* and published an extensive comment on Campaign Finance Reform.

She received a bachelor's degree in English and French from the University of Michigan in 1978, and a master's degree in English from Oakland University in 1980.

Pinkos Howle is an elected member of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council, and previously served as a director and president of American Metal Processing Company in Warren.

She is admitted to practice before all Michigan

courts, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan; the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, and has been admitted pro hac vice in Ohio.

Pinkos Howle resides in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Howard Buhl of Highbie Maxon Agney, Inc. REALTORS® has been selected to become an associate regent with the Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate Board of Regents.

The board of regents is an exclusive network of premier luxury real estate brokers and is the guiding body of "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate." This organization brings together the experts in marketing innovation, forming the most influential alliance of luxury brokers ever assembled.

Buhl is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Megan M. Brennan was appointed as a judge of the 3rd Circuit Court serving Wayne County by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Brennan most recently served as an assistant attorney general with the Michigan Department of Attorney General Labor Division. Prior to that, she served as a lawyer in private practice.

She is a member of the Northeast Guidance Center and Assistance League, and her professional affiliations include the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers, and the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society.

She earned her law degree from Wayne State University Law School and received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Brennan is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Dow Industrial stocks finally stretch to top 11,000 mark again

The Dow Industrials ran out of gas in late December as NYSE volume dried up. But the hedge funds, mutual funds and momentum investors came back with big bucks last week.

The DJI popped up 242 points in the four-day week ended last Friday, closing at 10,959, under the shadow of the 11,000 barrier not seen since June 2001.

Buyout firms are openly bidding for entire companies, in competition with cash-fat giants eager to swallow the newest subsidiary-to-be.

Best non-secret Wall Street rumor: Big pharmacy companies talking to "medical parts" companies, such as Stryker (SYK, about 45.14 last Friday) or Zimmer (ZMH, about 68.05), to add to their doctor's house-call bag.

What a gas!

You have to be a real old-timer to remember back when the first natural gas pipeline hooked up Detroit. Prior to natural gas, there was a limited supply of "manufactured gas" derived locally by a process of coal-gasification, which was very costly but had a very low Btu content. When LTS arrived in Detroit in August 1949, many of Detroit's downtown homes were still heated by coal or oil-fired furnaces with hot water or steam radiators. But most of the newer suburbs were serviced by natural gas through underground gas lines. Outer suburbs and rural homes usually were heated by wood, coal or LP gas.

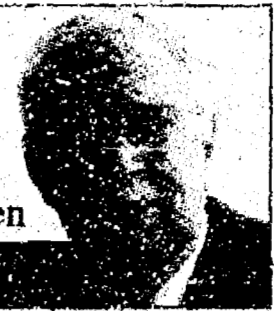
Over the years, natural gas became the No. 1 choice for residential heating. It was cheap, clean, and required no physical effort by the homeowner.

For the same reasons, gas became the No. 1 choice of industry, even for the steam production required by electric generating plants.

To guarantee the availability of home heating gas, the Michigan Public Service Commission ruled that if gas supplies became limited during extended frigid winter weather, the supply of industrial gas would be restricted during the shortage.

Let's talk... STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



The newly developing petrochemical industry, a major user of natural gas both as an ingredient and a fuel, often located nearby oil fields.

For the past decade, America used more natural gas than it produced, with imports from Canada and Mexico filling the shortfall.

Currently, demand is increasing faster than imports are available. Unfortunately, other federal and state policies restrict the search for new gas sources in certain domestic land areas, including Alaska and the outer continental shelf.

There are abundant supplies of natural gas available in Venezuela, Africa, northern Australia, the Middle East and elsewhere, causing U.S. chemical companies to outsource new plants to take advantage of both the availability and lower cost of gas. Thus, Dow Chemical's \$4 billion chemical plant, originally planned for Texas, instead was constructed in Oman, which is southeast of Saudi Arabia.

Why not bring foreign natural gas to America in liquefied gas tankers? Because the four existing LG terminals are sold out every year, and it takes eight to 10 years to site, license and construct a new terminal. (Not in my back yard!) Congress' recent 2005 Energy Bill dodged that problem. (Some said last week that Congress

The purchasing power of the dollar will decrease because the federal government assumes an annual inflation of 2 to 2 1/2 percent compounded! If your income isn't growing, your standard of living is declining. People all over the globe are buying some gold as a small protection against the printing press. (Remember when the Free Press and Detroit News only cost a nickel?)

Your investment portfolio should contain an energy position, which LTS will further discuss in the Grosse Pointe News on Feb. 9.

Recently, DTE Energy warned that residential heating gas costs this winter are expected to increase 40 percent over 2004-05 winter, and many expect another large increase next year. Don't bet that market prices will decline substantially, as in the past.

But the real inflation threat is that few of us realize that, except for food, most other personal and industrial products involve some oil and/or gas production, and all prices will increase. That includes asphalt paving; construction materials, including PVC and shingles; paint, adhesives, plastics and carpeting; synthetic tires; clothing products, including nylons and polyesters. That's almost everything in the "core index."

Washington whispers:

They're talking about capping the annual COLA increase of your Social Security payments at 3 percent in 2007 and thereafter.

Effects of inflation

Hedge fund up 14%

Highwood Partners of Bloomfield Hills reported approximately 14 percent net for its limited partners, after management general partners' incentive fees. Results benefited from HP's holdings of 13 stocks involved in 2005 buyout offers. Taxable accounts will be pleased that all realized gains were long-term.

James L. Leonard, CFA, said this compares to 2005 returns of minus 0.6 percent for the Dow, plus 3 for the S&P 500 and 1.4 for the Nasdaq.

This was the sixth consecutive year that HP outperformed all major indices. Total assets were \$87 million at year-end.

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

G.P. Chamber of Commerce announces upcoming events

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce announces several upcoming events which people and business owners might want to enjoy.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Business Before Hours will meet at Embellish Cafe and Gifts, located at 15104 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, at 8 a.m., while new member orientation and question session will meet at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center (Garden Room), located at 20025 Mack, at 7:30 p.m.

The GPCC invites everyone to its inaugural dinner at the War Memorial. Networking starts at 6:30 p.m. as you can meet board of directors Jane Lightfoot and Mary Huebner. The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. Call (313) 881-4722 for reservations.

The chamber of commerce will also host a government relations/public policy committee meeting on Friday, Feb. 3, at 8 a.m. This meeting is for members only, and members should call the chamber of commerce for reservations.

The chamber of commerce will continue its timely updates of meetings; so stay tuned.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (313) 881-4722.

Aretee Spa opens

Olga and Pete Tecos announce the grand opening of their Aretee Wellness Spa and Cafe on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m.

The business is located at 20559 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, and for more information contact Tecos at (313) 423-0087.

"Aretee is translated as 'virtue' in Greek, which is being the best you can be. It is through knowledge of oneself and others that we use our abilities to make a difference," Tecos said.



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Honda takes new approach with Ridgeline

Honda introduced its Ridgeline pickup truck at last year's Chicago Auto Show. The 2006 light truck went on sale in the spring. And we wondered why this

least of leaping tall buildings at a single bound.

Compact pickups from earlier decades were affordable, smaller and relatively utilitarian.



successful auto-maker wanted to spread itself a little thinner in the North American market by adding a five-passenger truck to its lineup.

Honda, it seems, is taking a different approach to the design of a four-door pickup with available four-wheel drive.

The closed box unibody frame attempts to combine the strength of the so-called ladder or crossmember-style frame with the rigidity of unibody construction. This compares with the body-on-frame approach of competing nameplates like Toyota Tacoma, Dodge Dakota, Chevrolet Colorado and Ford Explorer Sport.

Honda explains that it researched the market to which it wants to sell and, among other things, determined that most of these consumers did not need a body-on-frame truck that would allow them to do extensive offroad maneuvers. These folks want a vehicle for carrying mountain bikes or all-terrain vehicles or motor-powered dirt bikes to a trailhead, for example, but not one that needs to be able to scale steep inclines — the equiva-

Today's versions have added considerable weight and volume. And price. The Ridgeline on our driveway, the RTL, had a sticker price of \$35,190. This model featured a navigation system, power moonroof and leather-trimmed seats with heated buckets up front.

The base RT series starts at \$27,700. The RTS opens at \$30,075 and the RTL at \$31,490.

Factored into the higher prices of many of today's vehicles are safety features that make driving much more secure. The Ridgeline has as standard equipment side curtain air bags, front side air bags and 4-wheel antilock brakes. It offers a heated wiper zone and vehicle stability assist with traction control.

Pickup trucks may be great for hauling sporting equipment or home-improvement items. But they often miss the mark when it comes to carting six bags of groceries and delivering holiday parcels to family parties.

The open rear bed of the traditional pickup is no place for paper sacks full of oranges, winter pears and containers of organic greens



The '06 Honda Ridgeline was named Truck of the Year at the 2006 North American International Auto Show.

for salad. The turn of a corner will tip and spill items in an open bed, where they also are exposed to the vagaries of the weather, which lately has comprised wet and wetter.

Obviously you can put your parcels on and around the front and rear seats. But Honda offers another option in the Ridgeline: a locking compartment under the floor of the pickup bed.

The in-bed trunk has a volume of 8.5 cubic feet.

The 5-foot-long truck bed is fashioned of SMC — sheet-molded compound. Its resistance to scratches, dents and corrosion will make it quite unpopular with purveyors of various bed liners.

There are six tie-down cleats. The payload capacity of the Ridgeline bed is 1,100 pounds.

The Ridgeline also features fold-up split rear seats in which the seat portion can be pushed up flush with the seat back. The metal seat legs fold flat against the seat bottom, and, voila, you have lots more storage area. It's possible to fold all, two-thirds or one-third of the rear seating, and it's surprisingly simple to accomplish.

Ridgeline is powered by a 255-HP 3.5-liter V-6 with a torque reading of 252 lb.-ft. Towing capability is 5,000 pounds with standard transmission, steering coolers and factory-installed wiring.

Honda is proud of the truck's independent front and rear suspension, of its fully automatic four-wheel drive and the standard 5-speed automatic transmission.



We found the Ridgeline as spacious inside as a full-size pickup. A friend admired the large inside door handles which she said doubled as grips. In spite of its size, the Ridgeline has a pretty good turning radius. With a 122-inch wheelbase and 206.8-inch overall length, it is the smallest of

the top-selling trucks in its market segment. Visibility for the driver was well above average.

Recently named 2006 Truck of the Year by Motor Trend magazine, we are anxious to see how Ridgeline does as the new kid on the pickup block.

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The Family Center's Play Central cures cabin fever

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Most parents of young children would agree that the winter months are the toughest. When the weather is too cold to play outside, everyone inside starts to go a little crazy. Young children start acting like caged animals. Their parents feel like they are living in a zoo.

Some local parents have discovered that Play Central is the answer to their winter blues.

Play Central is conducted by the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods for preschool-age children at two local locations from November through April. It is held on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon at the Neighborhood Club upstairs gym in the City of Grosse Pointe, and on Wednesday from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. at the Barnes Early Childhood Center gym in Grosse Pointe Woods. It follows the Grosse Pointe public school calendar so there are no sessions during public school vacations.

One mom attending the Barnes session joked that if it wasn't for Play Central, she would still be at home in her pajamas.

"It got me motivated to get out of the house which is really hard to do on dreary days like today," said Susie Gavagan of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's nice with winter to have a place indoors to burn off steam," said Kathryn Dacosta.

The Family Center created Play Central in response to a community-needs assessment taken five years ago. In the questionnaire,

residents were asked what they wanted from a family center. A significant number of respondents said they had no place to take their young children to run around and play once chilly temperatures prohibit going to the parks.

"Mothers of young children said they had no place to go to in the winter with their children," said Diane Strickler, the Family Center's director. "Before Play Central, mothers gathered at McDonald's or coffee shops.

"We provide a safe playing environment."

Both the Barnes and Neighborhood facilities provide ample room for children to run, kick balls and ride toys.

In addition to expending energy and being fun, Play Central is structured to help develop important skills in children.

"Children need wide-open spaces for the opportunity to develop gross motor skills."

Strickler added a new format in 2006: a 30-minute group activity. There will be a planned activity offered during the first week of each month. On Feb. 7 and 8, reading and rhymes will be featured. Children will be able to participate in a sing-along on March 7 and 8. Then on April 4 and 5, they will be able to shake the sillies out while dancing.

Children learn important socialization skills by interacting with one another. They learn to share, wait for their turn, stand in line and listen to instructions.

"When children enter kindergarten, their teachers expect them to have these social skills so they can con-

centrate on more academic skills," said Strickler. "Years ago, these were learned in kindergarten, but now, children need to know at a preschool age before

the value in structured activities, she emphasizes the importance of free time for children. Play Central provides numerous toys, such as puzzles, mazes and train tracks to encourage creative play.

"I still believe in the absolute importance of the imagination, and allowing children to determine their own play," said Strickler.

"Children need to think for themselves; to figure out how something works. They need to work on a puzzle or put together a toy without adult instruction or without it being done in a prescriptive amount of time. They can spend 30 minutes watching that ball drop down that maze if they want."

Strickler cited a London study that found parents learn more from one another by sharing information than they do from reading parenting books.

The Family Center not only wanted Play Central to be a place where children can play but it wanted to provide a social opportunity for parents, grandparents and all caregivers of young children.

While Play Central gives the parents plenty of chances to play with their children, they also have time to visit and talk with other parents during the session.

It makes a great substitute for a play group which many times are often hard to find or difficult to keep going on a consistent basis. At the Barnes session, there was a small group of mothers who started coming to Play Central after their play group dissolved.

Being with other adults is especially important for young mothers who have recently left their professional careers to become full-time stay-at-home moms. Many do not have extended family in the area so they feel very isolated, lonely and frustrated from the lack of adult companionship.

"It is very common for women who left their professional life to miss the adult interaction and the mental stimulation that a job outside the home provides," said Strickler. "Also, she and her husband have one less income so there is less to spend on expensive enrichment programs for their toddler. We only charge each family \$3 a visit."

"It's such a blessing that it's here," said longtime Play Central mom Susan Mills of Grosse Pointe Farms. "It's so inexpensive to attend versus a club."

Mills has been encouraging other mothers to attend by delivering Play Central fliers to different preschools around town.

"When you love something so much, you want to share it with other people," she said.



kindergarten." While Strickler sees

own play," said Strickler.

Everyone is having fun at the Family Center's Play Central. Above, almost 2-year-old Jocelyn Mills of Grosse Pointe Farms is all smiles as she cruises around the gym. Below, adults and kids having a ball with a parachute.

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Pride of the Pointes

Mock trial team excels in competition

In three short years, Wittenberg's first Mock Trial Association has left its mark in courtrooms across the region. On Nov. 11-12, the team attended the 16th annual Mid-South Mock Trial Invitational at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., the largest mock trial tournament in the country.

Out of the 66 participating teams, Wittenberg finished among the "Top Ten Outstanding Trial Teams" following two rounds of competition in a criminal kidnapping case. Team captain Eric Rey '07 of Grosse Pointe Woods received the Best Attorney award for his trial performance.

The team's success followed its first-place win at the two-round Invitational Tournament hosted by



Eric Rey

Wittenberg at the Clark County Municipal Courts Building and the Clark County Common Pleas Courthouse, Nov. 5, which attracted 120 students from eight colleges and universi-

ties.

Started by alumni board member Johnny Pryor '99, an assistant Clark County prosecutor and adjunct instructor in community education, the association provides a challenging and exciting opportunity for students to learn firsthand about the work of trial attorneys by preparing a court case.

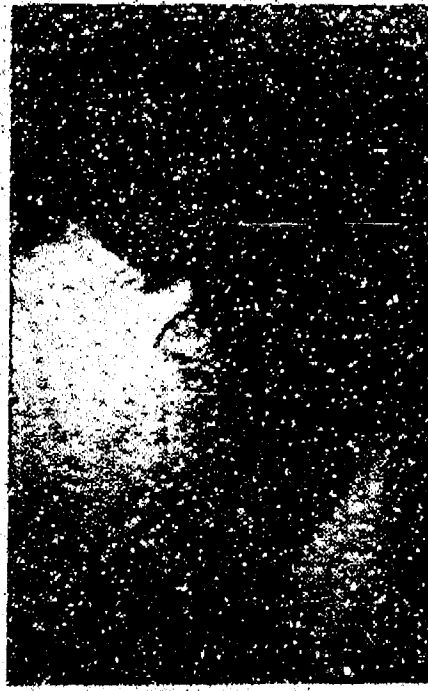
"Our team has the potential to compete at the national level," said Pryor, who earned his J.D. from the Indiana School of Law, Bloomington, in 2002. Pryor competed on the trial competition team in Indiana for two years and was selected as a National Member of the Order of Barristers for his trial advocacy performance.

Students competing in the most recent tournament along with Rey included Gregg Carter '06, Kara Clunk '08, Arthur Kraatz '07, Amanda Wiesehan '07, Adam Stone '05 and Carrie Winteregg '06.

William J. Kraus III, son of William and Rebecca Kraus of Grosse Pointe Woods, received his Bachelor of Arts degree with University Honors on Dec. 18 from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan.

He is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe North and will be attending law school in September 2006.

Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. William Denomme



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Upshur Scott

McCurdy-Denomme

Julie Marie McCurdy, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park, married William Denomme of the City of Grosse Pointe, son of William Denomme of Grosse Pointe Woods and Nancy Watkins of Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 11, 2005, in Bermuda.

The bride wore a white V-neck ballerina-length dress and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The bride graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in business administration. She is a CPA with UHY.

Denomme earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University. He works for Drivesol.

The couple honeymooned in Bermuda. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

McCurdy-Scott

Lisa May McCurdy, daughter of Robert and Marie McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park, married Arthur Upshur Scott, son of Bill and Jackie Scott of Grosse Pointe Farms and grandson of Arthur and Rosemary Pollack of St. Clair Shores, on Oct. 9, 2004, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The Rev. William Yeager officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The bride wore a white organza Empire gown that featured a beaded and embroidered bodice and a three-layered chapel-length train. Her elbow-length tulle veil was held in place by a crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of blue hydrangeas, white mini calla lilies and freesia and bells of Ireland.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Rebecca

McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Barber-Ruchti of Pocatello, Idaho, and Jennifer Miklajczak of Sterling Heights.

Attendants wore black knee-length dresses with spaghetti straps and blue satin ribbons at the waist. They carried bouquets of blue hydrangeas and white stephanotis.

The best man was the groom's brother, William J. Scott IV of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Rob McCurdy of Grosse Pointe Park and Matt Armstrong of Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ushers were Casey Behrendt of Charleston, S.C.; Jay Lytle and John Topacio, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Zeb Beasley of Jacksonville, N.C.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length light periwinkle dress and carried a single white hydrangea.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length pale aubergine three-piece ensemble and carried a single white hydrangea.

Readers were Mary Patterson and David Scott. The soloist was Kelly Dahlstrom.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University, where she majored in merchandising management.

The groom is a graduate of The Citadel, where he majored in international politics. He is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps in Hawaii.

The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic. They live in Hawaii.

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The University of Michigan Union's new book, "The Michigan Union 1904-2004: 100 Years of Student Life," by Jeffrey M. Rowe, Michigan alumnus and Michigan Union staff member, takes readers back in time and provides an opportunity to imagine what the future holds for the historic Michigan Union building.

The book chronicles 100 years of student life and events, from John F. Kennedy's announcement of the Peace Corps, to operas, water sports, membership dances and a myriad of services, programs and facili-

The book is available through the Michigan Union Bookstore by calling (734) 764-0087; Web site, umich.edu/~munion/pdf/100years.pdf.

ties focused on serving students and other members of the University community.

The book has 152 pages of photos and narratives that will foster memories of time spent on the University of

Michigan campus. The book provides a decade-by-decade retrospective of the Michigan Union, both as a building and as an organization.

Each chapter is accompanied by a collection of photographs, many from U-M's Bentley Historical Library, that illustrate the activities and causes championed through the years by U-M students. An appendix provides a comprehensive list of those who served on the Michigan Union Board of Directors and, more recently, the Board of Representatives.

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WSU Theatre will hold performance honoring Rosa Parks

The Wayne State University Department of Theatre will present "Rosa Parks: More Than a Bus Story," on Friday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. (student matinee performance) and 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., one block south of Mack Avenue in Detroit.

The play was written by Dr. Von H. Washington, professor of theatre and director of multicultural theatre at Western Michigan University, under the guidance of Gregory Reed, Park's legal representative. "Rosa Parks: More Than a Bus Story" reveals the life of Mrs. Parks prior to her quiet protest that changed a nation. Through original music and text, this play uncovers the reasons why she did not move from her seat on the bus in 1955 and why she left Montgomery, Ala., the city she loved. It examines her role in the nation's history and as a catalyst in the events of the Civil Rights Movement.

Washington and his wife, Fran L., return to Detroit for this engagement to perform the only play authorized by Parks.

"Rosa Parks: More Than a Bus Story" had its world premiere in January 2001 with family and friends of Parks in attendance.

Members of the Washington family are featured performers in the play.

Ticket prices are \$20 regular, \$15 discount, \$10 students and \$8 for the student matinee performance. The discount price is available for senior citizens 62 and older, WSU faculty, staff and Alumni Association members.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960

Hearts4Kids: The Foundation for Exceptional Children, celebrating 50 years of service to children, will host its 29th annual benefit party Hearts4Kids at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Jack's Waterfront Restaurant in St. Clair Shores.

The casual night of music, dancing and beverages will see the proceeds going to support a program where children with physical and mental challenges receive love, education, therapy and support. Music will be provided by The Brothers of Righteous. The price is \$30 and includes beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Last year, donations from local companies helped raise money to provide scholarships to needy children with severe disabilities and take them into the com-

munity to enrich their learning experience.

Hundreds of children with special needs have benefited from this annual event. One of the children who has gained experience is 8-year-old Tauvean, who is autistic. He has learned to talk in complete sentences, get along with peers, dress himself, take care of his personal hygiene and is learning his letters. With your help, he could soon be reading.

All of our special children and their parents receive education, love and support. For 29 years, parents, staff and volunteers have joined together to host this party and raise necessary funds to provide a high quality alternative to the special education programs in the public schools. As a non-profit, non-public school, we receive no government funding.

Items to be raffled or bid on during the silent auction are also being sought by Friday, Jan. 27. Cash donations, in-kind services or contributions of goods all help to defray costs and are welcome. Call (313) 885-8660 or e-mail demoffat@childrenshomeofdetroit.org to donate. Every donor will be recognized in the program. All donations are tax deductible.



Fran Washington in the title role of "Rosa Parks: More Than a Bus Story."

G.P. Garden Center to hold annual meeting

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center annual meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 20, in the Fries Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Luncheon will held at 12:15 p.m., followed by the installation of officers at 1 p.m.

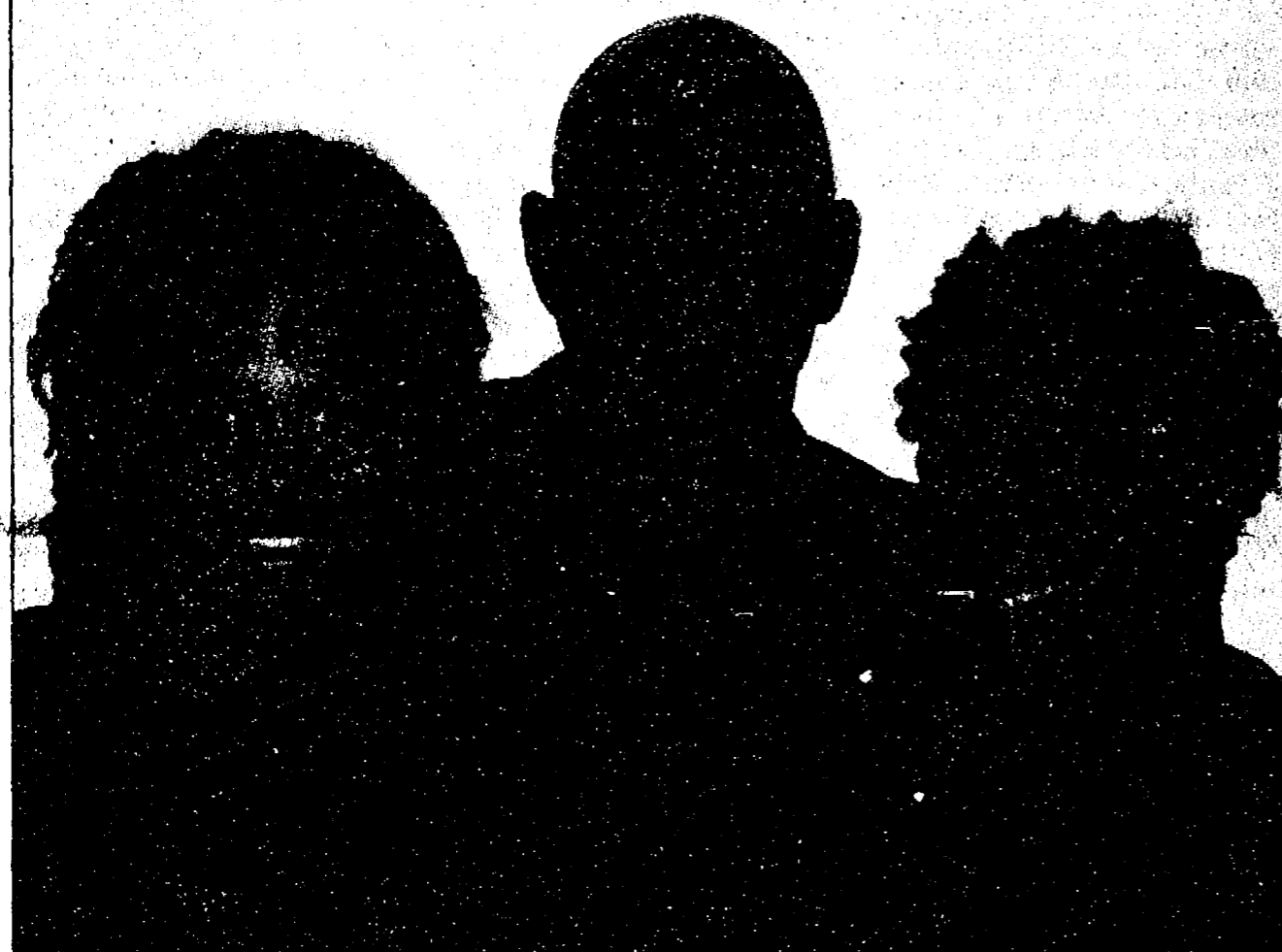
The program, featuring Bliss Clark on "New

Trends in Flower Arranging," begins at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and lecture is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. The lecture only for nonmembers is \$5. Reservations are required by Thursday, Jan. 12. Call (313) 881-7511, extension 208.

Officers to be installed for

2006 are Jean Azar, president; Mary North, first vice president/programs; Betsy Matlock, second vice president/membership; Carolyn Napier, recording secretary; Adriane Gregory, corresponding secretary; Sarah Flynn, treasurer; and Mainwaring, assistant treasurer.



Fran, Von and Alicia Washington.

G.P. Women's Club holds monthly meeting

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Crystal Ballroom, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch will be served.

The guest speaker will be Bruce Anderson of Moehring-Woods Florist.

Anderson is a 30-year member of the Michigan Certified Florist Association and has won numerous artistic awards for both his original and classic floral designs. His topic will be "The Emotional Impact of Flowers And How They Inspire Us In Our Every Day Lives."

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, a non-profit social and community service organization, raises funds to award scholarships to Grosse Pointe high school seniors each year and also supports various Detroit

area charities.

The Woman's Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from September until May. Fees are \$50 per year which includes seven lunches. All

Questers meet

The Grand Marais Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the home of Anne Ryan.

Following the business meeting, guest speaker Laura Rodin will present a program on "Repair and Care of Quilts."

Members unable to attend should call the hostess.

current and former Grosse Pointe residents and business owners are invited to attend; guests are welcome.

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

For guest reservations, call (313) 881-6251 by Saturday, Jan. 14.

Garden club to meet

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the home of Christine Bassett on Radnor Circle.

The program will be "The Greening of Detroit."

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Correction

Corrections will be printed as necessary. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

In the Dec. 29, 2005, article of the Grosse Pointe Moms Club, it should be noted that Janis Garan is one of two co-founders of the club, and she is a native of Ohio. Garan is also the club's knitting coordinator.

Varicose vein removal lecture at Bon Secours

Individuals with varicose veins can now be rid of them. Bon Secours Cottage Health Services surgeon Drew Georgeson, D.O., FACS, is the only physician in southeast Michigan certified to perform the TriVex™ method, a surgical technique that removes all sizes and shapes of veins with fewer incisions and shorter operative and anesthesia times.

An upcoming free lecture on varicose vein removal using the TriVex method will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Connelly Auditorium at Bon Secours Hospital, 468 Cadioux Road in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Dr. Georgeson will discuss the procedure and answer questions from attendees, and also will provide information about the latest

highly effective treatment for spider veins.

The outpatient procedure, performed at Cottage Hospital, is a minimally invasive approach that requires only a few small incisions. The results are astounding. Purplish ridges and curlicues disappear and are replaced by smooth skin that can look as if varicose veins were never present. Once removed with the TriVex system, varicose veins usually don't recur.

Hundreds of Bon Secours Cottage patients have benefited from the procedure.

To register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900. For an appointment with Dr. Georgeson, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.



Cutting the ribbon to officially open the expanded Nursing Care Center (NCC) sunroom are, from left, Ken Frank, NCC Buildings and Grounds; Jeri Ellis, NCC Auxiliary past president; Marge Quinlan, NCC Auxiliary president; Julie Maher, NCC Administration; and John Danaher, Philanthropy.

Bon Secours sunroom nearly quadruples by generous donation

The Bon Secours Nursing Care Center (NCC) recently dedicated the expansion of its sunroom with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The sunroom project was funded by the Nursing Care Center Auxiliary through gift shop sales and special events, such as the Christmas Fair Extraordinaire and Jubilee, and by the Bon Secours of Michigan Foundation.

"The auxiliary donated funds over several years for this project," said Julie Maher, NCC administrator. "They raised a tremendous amount of money. It is their support and dedication that have allowed us to add this wonderful feature to the NCC."

The new construction nearly quadruples the size of the former sunroom from 300 square feet to just over 1,100 square feet. Features of the expansion include a large horticulture area, skylights, additional seating adjacent to the dining area and a storage facility to house patio furniture. The space will be used by staff

for activities with residents and will also be available to residents' family members for special gatherings.

"This room creates a spot for our families and residents to have private conversations, family gatherings and special celebrations, such as anniversaries and birthdays," said Maher.

The sunroom walls are floor-to-ceiling windows, and the ceiling features multiple skylights, a design that allows a bounty of natural light to shine inside.

"Some of our residents already like to wheel themselves along the border of the room and watch what's going on outside on the patio," said Maher. "They are just a step away from being outside and reap the benefits of sunshine and the out-of-doors without actually being outside, which is, for many residents, too difficult and overwhelming."

Another section of the room was created for use as a horticulture room, where residents, together with

recreation therapy staff, can grow plants year-round. The plan is to have residents cultivate plants from seedlings throughout the winter, which can then be planted outdoors in the garden in the spring.

"Everyone from residents, family members, Auxiliary members and staff are so pleased with the finished product, and we look forward to the enjoyment the space will bring to many lives over the years to come," said Maher.

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Gestational diabetes education program offered Wednesdays

The Bon Secours Cottage Outpatient Diabetes Education staff offers a "new addition" to its educational programming: a course for women diagnosed with gestational diabetes during pregnancy. The course is offered from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesdays at the

Bon Brae Center, just off Jefferson between 10 and 11 Mile roads in St. Clair Shores.

The program's focus is to teach pregnant women how to control their diabetes and look forward to a healthy baby pregnancy and baby. Course components

include:

- Information on how to control gestational diabetes.
- Individualized meal plans.
- Blood glucose monitoring and meter instruction.
- Insulin instruction, when indicated.
- Telephone follow up.

The fee is covered by most insurances. A physician prescription is required to enroll for the class.

For more information or to register, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

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Blood pressure screening program offered

Blood pressure screenings will be offered on the second Friday of the month, beginning Friday, Jan. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cottage Hospital Main Lobby, 159 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Staff and trained volunteers are available to check community members for undetected cases of hypertension, provide nationally accepted guidelines for follow-up with a health care professional, and furnish additional screening and health education information.

For more information, call Bon Secours Cottage Community Health Promotion at (586) 779-7900.

Don't let resolution to quit smoking go up in smoke

By Paul Burgoyne, M.D.
Special Writer

It's early in the New Year, and many of us already are trying to adhere to our resolutions, while others are still trying to decide which bad habit or personality trait to drop. To all cigarette smokers who may share in this dilemma, there probably is no resolution that you can make which would more positively impact your current and future health than quitting smoking.

Forty percent of people who smoke will either die or become disabled because of smoking. Smokers also experience more high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, head and neck cancer and bladder cancer than do non-smokers. And small-cell lung cancer, a very aggressive form of the disease, is 100 percent the result of smoking cigarettes.

The average smoker begins their habit at age 13 at a time when peer pressure is strong and adolescents are looking for ways to act more adult. And, statistically, if they make it to age 18 without getting hooked, they probably won't ever start.

So why can't these teens just quit the cigarette habit after they've dabbled in this adult behavior for a while? It's because the nicotine that is added to cigarettes is more addictive than alcohol or even cocaine. Some individuals can establish dependence to cigarettes after smoking as few as 100 cigarettes.

Cigarette manufacturers have engineered an effective system of delivering nicotine to the brain. The chemical effects of nicotine affect the central nervous system rapidly — within 10 seconds of inhaling. But the feelings of gratification are short lived. So to satisfy their cravings for more nicotine, the average smoker self-administers from 200 to 300 doses of nicotine every day with each puff.

Health risks are far reaching

There are about 4,000 chemical compounds in cigarettes, and 40 of these are known to cause cancer. Tar, the byproduct of burning tobacco, also is a known carcinogen and leaves a residue in the small airways of the lungs, which can lead to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Cigarette smoking is one of the leading causes of cardiovascular disease in the United States. There are more deaths annually from tobacco in the United States than from AIDS, alcohol, automobile accidents, murder and suicide combined. And the dangers of second-hand smoke were well established years ago when non-smoking airline flight attendants showed more signs of chronic obstructive lung disease than the non-smoking general public.

In households where one or both parents smoke, there is an increased risk of sudden infant death, and children suffer more from inner ear infections, pneumonia, sinusitis and fatal asthma.

Quitting is difficult

When smokers finally decide to quit, their brain quickly malfunctions when it stops getting nicotine. They become irritable, preoccupied; they perspire, and their heart rate increases. These physical nicotine withdrawal symptoms last from one to two weeks for most people and are relieved by just two things — time and more nicotine. Only about 6 to 8 percent of smokers succeed when trying to quit cold turkey. But the success rate improves to about 30 percent for those persons who combine nicotine replacement therapy with smoking cessation classes.

Research shows that the most intense smoking cessation programs are the most effective. A nurse calling a person several times a day to provide verbal support is better than a smoker receiving passive letters in the mail reminding them of the dangers of cigarette smoking. And a plan that combines a well-formulated smoking cessation program, some form of nicotine replacement therapy and the antidepressant medication, Wellbutrin, provides smokers with about an 80 percent chance of quitting cigarettes in three months.

Those methods that have proven to not be helpful in keeping people off of cigarettes are hypnosis, laser therapy, acupuncture, silver or tranquilizers.

Why quit now?

It's not unusual for longtime cigarette smokers to ask, "Why quit now after I've already done the damage?" But the potential benefits of stopping tobacco use are both immediate and long term.

The immediate benefits of quitting smoking include:

- improved health and physical fitness
- improved sense of taste and smell
- financial savings
- home, car, clothing, breath will smell better
- set example for children
- healthier babies and children
- reduced wrinkling/aging of skin

Long-term benefits of quitting smoking include:

- risk of lung cancer 10 years after quitting 30 to 59 percent less than for active smokers
- risk of coronary artery disease almost gone after two years, gone in 15 years
- risk of stroke gone in 15 years
- life expectancy for male who quits before age 35 almost same as for non-smoker.

If you make it your resolution to quit smoking, see your physician for advice about a comprehensive smoking cessation program. And don't get discouraged if you aren't successful your first try.

Dr. Burgoyne is a Bon Secours Cottage family practice physician. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

Endowment supports women's health research

The late Arthur A. Ulmer, M.D., longtime obstetrician/gynecologist (ob/gyn) and chief of staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) dedicated his life to women's health. Dr. Ulmer personally delivered more than 10,000 babies, sharing his expertise and care with their families and many more. His wife, Carolyn, was an active Fontbonne member, lending the organization her support for worthy causes for many years.

Their perseverance for the improvement of women's health was recently honored when the Arthur and Carolyn Ulmer Endowed Chair of Women's Health at SJH&MC reached its \$1

million goal. Since the establishment in 2001, several major donations were made to the Ulmer Endowment. Norman Ulmer, along with the Mary G. Stange charitable trust and its trustee David Stone, and the Fontbonne Auxiliary, were the first to make leadership gifts toward the \$1 million goal.

The ob/gyn physicians at SJH&MC led by its chief, Mitchell Dombrowski, M.D., and Eastside Gynecology and Obstetrics, made important contributions.

Community members including Kingsley and John Croul, Peter and Linda Beauregard and Susan Olde also gave major gifts. In addition, there were many



Dr. Mitchell Dombrowski

others who made substantial gifts to make this endowment possible.

The endowment was established through the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at SJH&MC to support research to improve the health care of women and to reduce premature births and infant mortality. Funds will also support research for women's health issues such as osteoporosis, heart disease and gynecological cancers that often cause early

death. Each year, there are about 80,000 perinatal deaths in the United States, and most are due to prematurity, birth defects, infection and complications during pregnancy. The rate of premature and perinatal deaths is higher in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties than in any other major U.S. metropolitan area.

It is because of this that SJH&MC OB-GYN department, under the leadership of Dr. Dombrowski, is determined to improve the quality of birth outcomes (reduced rates of premature and low birth weight) by improving women's health and studying all issues related to prematurity.

The committee overseeing the endowment includes Dr. Dombrowski, Lorna Zelenski, Theresa Selvaggio, Kris Mestdagh, Dr. Greg Utter, Dr. Michael Prysak, Dr. Minu Kashef and Cynthia Doherty.

For information on contributing to the Arthur and Carolyn Ulmer Endowed Chair of Women's Health, contact Doug Skrzyniarz at (313) 343-7479.

St. John volunteers honored for National Philanthropy Day

Each year the Association of Fundraising Professionals 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. Over 500 development volunteers and professionals were in attendance.

James and Kristine Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe Farms were honored as "Distinguished Volunteers" for their exceptional efforts to the community.

The Mestdags were recognized for their invaluable fundraising efforts for St. John Hospital. Their personal experience with the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) launched their commitment to philanthropy at St. John Hospital. They chair an event for the Van Elslander Cancer Center and have raised significant funds for the NICU. Their parents' longtime support of the hospital has led the way for their involvement.

The AFP represents 26,000 members in 172 chapters in the United States, Canada, Mexico and China, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs.

Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



A persistent, extremely red facial rash. What's the likely diagnosis?

Several skin conditions present as red facial rashes. Likely culprits include acne rosacea, acne, perioral dermatitis, seborrheic dermatitis or even a rash as the presenting symptom of cutaneous or systemic lupus.

Acne rosacea is characterized by a flushing redness and the appearance of small veins called telangiectasis; the inflammation's severity can increase due to triggers, such as temperature changes

and winter's cold, dry air.

Acne as the cause of a facial rash may be indicated by the presence of cysts and comedones, accompanied by pronounced redness or erythema.

Seborrheic dermatitis is noted by moderate redness, with scaling and crusted patches around the face, eyes, ears and scalp. Perioral dermatitis is usually confined around the mouth, but can also involve the eyelids and forehead.

To learn more about facial rashes and their treatment, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates, (313) 884-3380

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HERO AT HEART

Dr. Thomas LaLonde



This year, 1.2 million Americans will have a heart attack. Half of them will die.

The truth is that heart disease is still the number one cause of death of adults in America — and in Michigan. 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. Thomas LaLonde, Interventional Cardiologist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Q: Dr. LaLonde, when did you know you wanted to be a doctor?

A: In 7th grade. I was chronically ill, and I was inspired by the doctor's reassurance and ability to help me. I never thought about doing anything else.

Q: What do you think are the challenges of practicing medicine?

A: The rules and regulations of the bureaucracy within the medical and insurance industry. These aspects can take away from the main focus of treating the patients.

Q: What makes a good patient/physician relationship?

A: Listening and establishing an open relationship. By listening to my patients, they can help me to achieve an accurate diagnosis. It is also important to me that my patients see me as a regular person. We share information about life. They know about my children and interests just as I know about theirs.

Q: What's on the horizon in heart care?

A: Since completing my formal training in 1989, I have learned many new procedures. The most exciting developments have been less invasive while achieving favorable results. Through CT scans and catheterization, the most successful new procedures allow cardiologists to more accurately assess circulation and treat blockages without requiring surgery.

Q: What is some medical advice the world can't do without?

A: An individual can do a lot for themselves. Doctors help guide patients but, ultimately, their health lies in their own hands through taking on a healthy lifestyle that consists of a proper diet along with exercise.

Q: Why did you choose St. John Health?

A: I wanted to stay in the neighborhood where I was born and raised. St. John Health is committed to serving a diversity of patients in the area, and after 22 years, I still love coming to the hospital. I even tell my kids that I am still excited about my job, and I wish the same for them.

To find out your risk for heart disease, visit us online and take our 2-minute heart assessment at www.realmedicine.org/SJHheartcare

You can find Dr. LaLonde at EastLake Cardiovascular Associates, PC, in St. Clair Shores. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 888-440-REAL or visit us online at www.realmedicine.org.

Dr. LaLonde is a subspecialty physician on the medical staff of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.



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REAL MEDICINE

The Pastor's Corner

By the Rev. Jim Monnett
Interim Associate Pastor
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

On a glorious morning in February 2001, I sat at peace.

I sat in an open kayak in the middle of a mangrove forest in John Pennkamp State Park, Key Largo, Fla.

No one was about. In the distance you could hear the surf over the coral. But here it was quiet, but for the ripples of waves around the kayak.

This was a holy place.

Have you experienced such a holy place?

I love streams, rocks, family, quiet woods. These are holy places. They are places where I can see clearly. Near my home as a teenager I would go sit out on a big rock in the middle of the Chagrin River and be in the presence of God. It is a holy place for me.

As a relative newcomer to the Grosse Pointes, I have not yet found the holy places locally. Are there such places?

Do you know such places? Do you have them for yourself? Places where you can just hold still. Hold still. Listen.

Be at peace.

At Grosse Pointe Memorial Church where I spend my time, we talk a lot of peace. We often pray for peace: peace in the world. We talk of Afghanistan, crime in our cities, and the conflict in Iraq. We pray for peace in the broken relationships around us.

I think of peace each Thursday night when I am at home. Living near Selfridge Air National Guard Base, we hear the C-130s and F-16s launch and land as our military moves.

But peace from war, peace from crime, and peace in our homes are different from the peace of silence.

Sitting in a kayak in a mangrove forest or sitting on a rock in a creek: These are a holy place.

Genesis 2:1 says, "On the seventh day God rested." God, Creator of all, took an entire day to rest from the hard work of creation. God gave Godself a day for rest, a day for peace.

What is good for God is good for me. Maybe this year I will find the holy places in Grosse Pointe for sitting still - for sitting in peace.

Maybe you will find them too.



Photo courtesy Richard Gibson

Serenading the seniors

Children's Choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe took its musical message and gifts to Services for Older Citizens (SOC) on Dec. 28, to a lunchtime musical interlude. At the conclusion of the mini-concert, the children handed out gifts of a long-stemmed rose for each of the 25 people in the audience. The choir has been together for four months and its performance would continue the holiday spirit.



Photo courtesy Robert Haran

Helping checks

Don Armbruster, second from left, delivered checks of \$5,000 from St. Paul's Knights of Columbus 12121 art auction fund-raiser and an anonymous donor to both St. Aloysius and Oasis Detroit on Nov. 19. Both organizations were serving Thanksgiving dinner that day. In September, shortly after an article appeared in The Grosse Pointe News about the Knights of Columbus fund-raiser, an anonymous donor contacted Armbruster to say he would match whatever was generated up to \$10,000. That \$10,000 was raised and split between St. Aloysius and Oasis Detroit. However, the donor didn't give the anticipated \$10,000. Instead the donation was \$20,000 and was split between the charities. Accepting the checks, from left, are Mike Lindberg of Oasis Detroit, Armbruster, Father Mark Soehner, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Detroit and Sister Kathleen Gaynor of St. Aloysius staff and one of the founders of Oasis Detroit.

J.S. Bach's B minor Mass to be performed Jan. 22

One of the great master works of the 18th century, the "B minor Mass" by Johann Sebastian Bach, will be performed at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The work exemplifies the genius of Bach, and is considered his finest musical score.

The Christ Church Chorale, with members of the DeHaven Chorale, orchestra and some of Detroit's finest soloists will perform the entire work (two hours in length) under the direction of Frederic DeHaven.

This work was never performed in its entirety during Bach's time, but gained recognition in 1892, and has in fact been performed at Christ Church on two other occasions. DeHaven will conduct his ninth performance of this work, one of his favorite scores.

In the "B minor Mass," Bach uses baroque trumpets to accompany all of the jubilant, joyous choruses, and sets these choruses in D major, the triumphant key. For the arias and duets, he uses two oboe d'amori, two

flutes and stringed instruments. For the "Quoniam tu solis sanctus" DeHaven uses the natural Corno da Caccia (French horn) with two bassoons.

This work is crafted as a religious expression of our humanity, with joy and sorrow, our mysterious beliefs about the Incarnation, and asking forgiveness before we meet our God as in the three Kyries, which then lead us into glorifying God. It is crafted to make great statements of faith as we see in the Credo, the incredible crucifix and the Et Resurrexit.

The Christ Church Chorale has been preparing this monumental work since September and has become extraordinarily skilled in their technique.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 885-4841. Main floor tickets are \$25, and sides and balcony tickets are \$15. Church office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Credit cards are accepted.

Coming events

Sunday movie

The 2004 movie "Crash" can be seen at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A free will offering will be asked.

This is the first feature length film for Paul Haggis, adaptor of the screenplay for "Million Dollar Baby."

Nine characters are dramatically brought together in a web of stories that evoke struggles along fault lines of guilt, love, prejudice and other matters of the heart.

The presenters are

Gerhard Heinen and Ronald Spann and is presented by the Lay Theological Academy.

Free concert

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is hosting a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, featuring the local band, Rosetta Pebble.

Rosetta Pebble is a collaboration of three Grosse Pointe Public school teachers: Eric Frakes, Steve Gulian and James Gross.

The band's acoustic music is "folksy with a pop edge."

The church is located at 17150 Maumee Ave.



Photos courtesy Irene Noseda

Holiday fun

Residents from the Grosse Pointes and the surrounding area got in the holiday spirit at St. Clare of Montefalco Annual Christmas Craft Show sponsored by St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School Fine Arts Club. They came to buy and sell holiday gifts of jewelry, purses, tree skirts, wooden toys, doll clothes, candles and more. St. Clare student Kendall Reid, had a booth featuring hair clips she had made. The proceeds from the show will fund all phases of the fine arts program at the school, including the new fine arts scholarship award.

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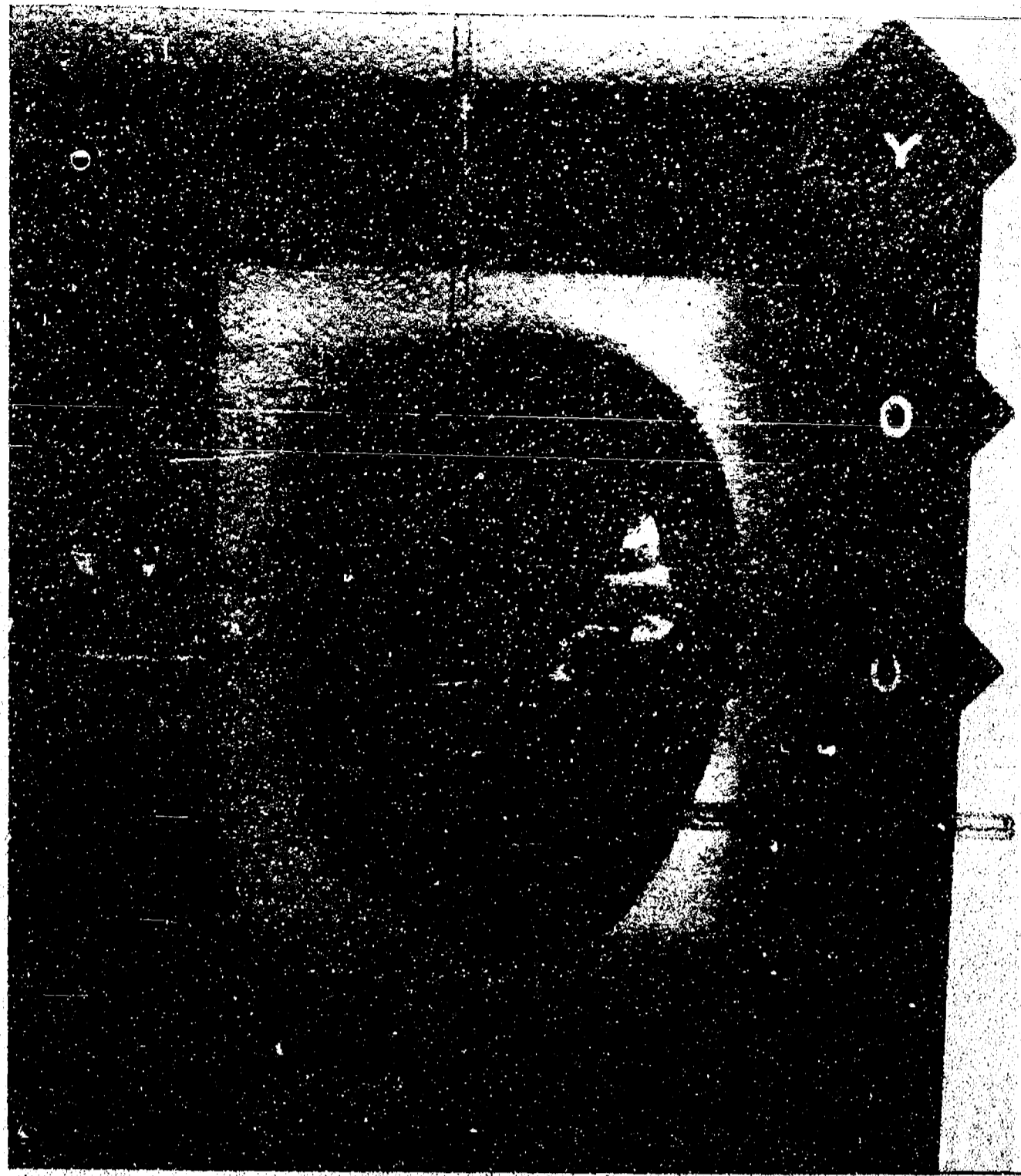
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"You," a mixed media assemblage by Grosse Pointe Park resident Dan Berdinski is on display at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's 3-Dimensional and Photography show.

G.P. Artists to hold 3-D, and photography show

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association (GPAA) is holding its three-dimensional and photography show, now through Friday, Feb. 24, at the GPAA Art Center in Grosse Pointe Park.

The juried show, featuring works by member and non-member artists, will consist of three-dimensional sculptural objects and all genre of photography, which will include Polaroid transfer, digital print, black and white, and color.

"This is our fourth annual, and its scope continues to broaden with each year," said Susan Macdonald, director of the GPAA Art Center.

Charles McGee will serve as juror for this show. McGee, who has mastered a variety of media throughout his career, has murals, sculptures and paintings on permanent display at the Detroit Institute of Arts, William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and the Detroit People Mover's Broadway Station.

McGee's work was recently shown at the Scarab Club, and he has upcoming shows slated at Marygrove College and the Museum of African American History. He is a former faculty member of Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan and is a cofounder of the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit.

"Charles McGee is a very well-known African American artist who has been working and living in southeast Michigan since his teen years," said Macdonald. "His work is vigorously sought after for major public commissions and private collections. He has influenced and directed numerous artists located throughout the United States, including many GPAA artists."

The show is open during gallery hours on Wednesdays, Fridays and

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Susan Macdonald,
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GPAA Art Center.

Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m., and on Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. An opening reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the show and the opening reception are free; donations are accepted.

The GPAA Art Center is located at 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park at the corner of Jefferson.

For more information, call (313) 821-1848; e-mail, gpaal@sbcglobal.net; or visit the Web site gpartcenter.com.

Whole-wheat pasta for a New Year

The first few recipes of the New Year are usually healthy ones, and 2006 is no exception. You have probably had your fill of meat, potatoes and assorted cheeses over the past several weeks; so I'm bringing you a super simple fresh and tasty dish that is none of the above.

Whole-wheat pasta is my new favorite thing. The following recipe tosses it with a combination of fresh and dry herbs along with extra-virgin olive oil that leaves your palate pleased, even without the cheese.

You'll prepare this yummy pasta dish in the time that it takes to cook a pound of spaghetti.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the wheat pasta according to package directions for al dente. Meanwhile, in a small food processor, combine the capers with 6 tablespoons of the olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Pulse the mixture for 10 seconds. Add all of the herbs (both fresh and dry) to the processor and pulse on and off for about 30 seconds.

Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and stir in the remaining 5 tablespoons of olive oil. Drain (don't rinse) the pasta and place it in the bowl with the olive oil herb sauce. Use tongs to toss well and serve.

The flavor of the herbs and the extra-virgin olive oil pair nicely with the wheat spaghetti. You'll

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



know you're eating something healthy, and your taste buds will be excited about it.

I served up my delicious pasta to my husband, Tony, and asked him to taste it before dousing the pasta with fresh-grated Parmesan cheese. He never even reached for the cheese. Yes!

Feel free to create your own herb combination, as mine was slightly different than the one suggested in my Italian Cooking and Living magazine. Try to use mostly fresh herbs.

5-Herb Whole-Wheat Pasta

- Salt
- 1 lb. whole-wheat spaghetti (my choice; Barilla)
 - 1 teaspoon capers, drained
 - 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
 - Fresh ground pepper to taste
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
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The Grosse Pointe Theatre will present "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" on Sunday, Jan. 15, and will run Wednesday, Jan. 18, through Sunday, Jan. 22; and Thursday, Jan. 26, through Saturday, Jan. 28. Matinee and evening performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms.

If you grew up Catholic in the early 1960s, you'll especially enjoy this production. With a cast of 13 (four boys, four girls, four nuns and the good Father O'Reilly), the play follows the kids from the second grade to the fifth grade, then to the eighth grade, anticipating and fearing high school — and, finally, the coming of age in high school.

"This is truly an ensemble piece of theatre," says Director Beverly Dickinson of Pleasant Ridge. "Each of the actors has their own solo work in the spotlight, but most of the songs and dances involve everyone. It's a joy to see these adult actors bring out the best memories of their childhoods as they give life to the kids in our play."

Matinee and evening performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium, which is now conveniently elevator accessible.

Nick Dara of Grosse Pointe Farms as the crusty Father O'Reilly is matched equally by the stern Sister Lee, played by Jann Hight of St. Clair Shores. The other nuns are Sr. Anne Cecelia, played by Lyndsey Briggs of Grosse Pointe Woods; Sr. Helen Theresa, played by Danielle Caralis of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Sr. Mary Margaret, played by Margaret Ferrara of Grosse Pointe.

The two central youngsters, Eddie Ryan and Becky Bakowski, are played by Jerome Pokorney of Warren, and Mandy Stewart of Grosse Pointe Woods. Their high school classmates, Virginia, Mary, Felix, Nancy, Louis, and Mike are played by Amy Ricker of Warren, Maggie Teall of Royal Oak,

Jude Purcell of Oxford, Lucia Mazzola of Harrison Township, John Forlani of Mt. Clemens, and Dante Bufalini of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" is sponsored by Mr. C's Car Wash, Bill and Connie Catalfo. John Casey of Grosse Pointe Woods is the producer; Jim Arnold of Grosse Pointe Woods, technical director; Mary Lou Britton, stage manager; Arlene Schoenherr, choreographer; and John Dickinson is musical and vocal director.

A dinner buffet, hosted by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, is available prior to most evening performances.

Show tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Grosse Pointe Theatre Ticket Hotline at (313) 881-4004. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount and special student tickets, if available, can be purchased at the door for \$15. Free parking is available. There is a separate charge for the buffet.

For more information or to make a buffet reservation, call the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.



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Grosse Pointe residents Danielle Caralis as Sister Helen Theresa and Nick Dara as Father O'Reilly perform in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?"

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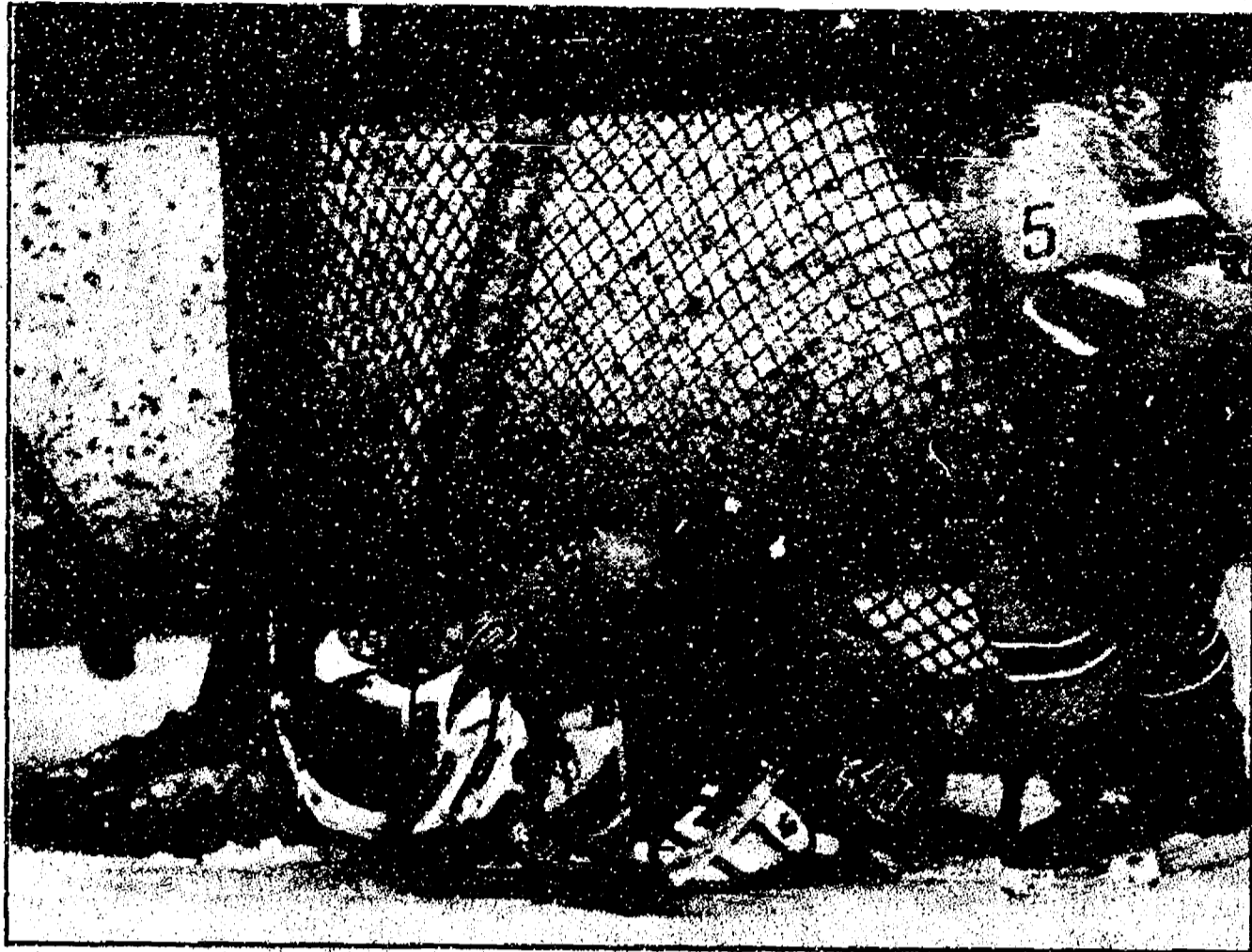
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South skaters get revenge, beat North in defensive game



Grosse Pointe North senior goaltender Angela Lee, left, pushes a shot attempt into the corner as junior Emily Nelson, No. 5, adds assistance.

North splits a pair of games

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team is a work in progress this season.

Therefore, the Norsemen are going to have their ups and downs like they did last week.

Coach Matt Trombley called North's 60-49 victory over Fitzgerald at the Palace of Auburn Hills a "fine game. We did a lot of good things defensively. It was a total team effort."

In a description of the Norsemen's 47-39 loss to Chippewa Valley in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener for each team.

"That was the most depressing first half we've had in a long time," Trombley said. "We made a lot of mistakes defensively. And we partnered that with a terrible offensive first half."

North's woes on both ends of the court resulted in a 27-11 halftime lead for the Big Reds, who went on to post their first victory of the season.

"We tried to do more trapping instead of playing our regular defense," Trombley explained. "We tried to force the issue, but we didn't rotate like we should and we gave up some easy baskets. I blame myself for that. We probably should have stayed with our regular defense."

"Offensively, we didn't push the ball up the court. We didn't attack the basket." North relies on Dwight Van Hoosen for much of its offense, and the Norsemen weren't getting him the ball enough.

First home meet for synchronized swimming team

The Grosse Pointe Unified synchronized swimming team will host its first meet on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Grosse Pointe North High School pool.

The team, which is made up of swimmers from both Grosse Pointe North and South, will compete against Troy and Troy Athens.

The meet is a figure meet, which means that the swimmers are judged individually.

Grosse Pointe is one of only six high school synchronized swimming teams in the state.

Admission to the meet, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is free.

"We put a lot of pressure on Dwight to score, but we weren't getting him the ball in a position where he could attack the basket and draw fouls," Trombley said. "The rest of the guys are still inexperienced and have trouble creating shots for themselves."

The second half was much better. By the end of the third quarter, North had cut Chippewa Valley's lead to five points.

Van Hoosen scored nine points in the second half, while Adam Miller, the Big Red guard, scored three.

"Our defense started to kick in," Trombley said. "We got some steals off our pressure and got within five points."

Chippewa Valley got its lead back to double digits in the fourth quarter. Miller hit a three-point basket to cut the margin to six with about 3 1/2 minutes to play, but the Norsemen couldn't get any closer than that.

"We just haven't been able to sustain our effort for the whole game," Trombley said. "We did a great job in the third quarter, but then fell off again a little bit in the fourth."

Van Hoosen finished with 13 points and Bloomhuff, returning to the lineup after recovering from a football injury, added 10.

"It's great to have Jacob back," Trombley said. "He understands what we're trying to do defensively. He'll be a big help."

Marc Reno had a good defensive game for North.

"I put him on the guy I thought was their best scorer and he held him to only five points," Trombley said.

Andrew Hines led Fitzgerald with 22 points. North, 2-4 overall, hosts Utica on Friday, then plays at Eisenhower on Tuesday, Jan. 17.



North's Dwight VanHoosen drives past a Chippewa Valley player.

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team redeemed its loss to arch rival Grosse Pointe North before the holidays by winning 3-2 last weekend at Hazel Park's Viking Arena.

Senior all-state forward Ali Morawski scored the game-winning goal midway through the third period, unassisted.

"We wanted to bottle up the zone so North couldn't get its skaters going like it did the previous game in which we lost," South co-head coach Bill Fox said. "We had a couple of great weeks of practice, and the girls really focused on playing three solid periods of hockey."

Morawski scored in the first period, assisted by sophomore Maria Hartman and senior Hilliary Inger, which gave the Lady Blue Devils a 2-1 lead.

South's first goal was scored at the 4:13 mark when sophomore Alexandra Rentz beat North senior goalkeeper Angela Lee high over her left shoulder to make it a 1-0 game.

Junior Amanda Marsh and senior Katie Dosch drew assists.

The Norsemen had first-period goals by junior Phelicia Vanoverbeke, assisted by junior Kate Zemenick, and senior Christina Sandmair, assisted by junior Emily Nelson.

"We felt good coming into the game, but we just didn't generate enough scoring chances like we did a couple of weeks ago," Fox said.

He told the girls to put this behind them because we have some important games ahead of us."

The season-series is tied 1-1, and the two teams don't meet again until the regular season finale on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Detroit City Arena.

The story of the game was defense and goaltending.

Lady Blue Devil freshman Christine Jarboe stopped 12 of 14 shots fired by the Norsemen, and Fox was quick to applaud the efforts

of defenseman Dosch and sophomore Kathleen MacDonald.

"MacDonald and Dosch were all over the ice, making it tough for North's forwards to connect on any passes," Fox said. "The girls executed our game plan to perfection as we held North to only 14 shots on goal."

"Christine worked hard and earned the start after she played so well against North in relief when we played them a few weeks ago," South co-head coach Ed O'Malley said. "She was very nervous before the game, but she made some big saves early and was steady the rest of the game."

North had 28 shots in its win, and this time South was the team that had 28 shots on the goaltending tandem of Lee and junior Jaclyn Zarb.

"I was happy with Angela and Jaclyn," Van Eckoute said. "Both played very well against a team that can score a lot of goals."

It was North's first loss since a 3-2 setback to

Livonia Ladywood way back on Saturday, Nov. 19.

South's victory put it in a tie for the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East Division lead with North with 12 points apiece.

The Lady Blue Devils hosted Ladywood the next day, Sunday, Jan. 8, winning 7-1.

After playing a scoreless opening period, the home team poured in six goals in the second stanza and one in the third to win.

Morawski and Marsh scored two goals while sophomore Amanda Shepard and freshman Erin Sheak also tallied.

Junior Caroline Sweeny and Jarboe each played half of the game, stopping 15 of 16 shots.

The Lady Blue Devils, limited to only three shots on net in the third period, scored on 13 of 20 shots.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-1 in the East Division and 7-1 overall, while North dipped to 6-2 and 9-2.



Grosse Pointe South senior Ali Morawski, No. 17, scored the game-winning goal midway through the third period as the Lady Blue Devils beat Grosse Pointe North 3-2.

ULS girls get first victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

University Liggett School's girls hockey team won its first game of the season last week, blanking visiting Bloomfield Hills 9-0.

"I was a little nervous before the game because we were missing one of our top forwards, but the girls stepped up and played very well," head coach Laura Owczarski said. "It was nice to see all of our hard work end up with a victory on the ice instead of a moral victory."

Monique Squiers, Caitlin Munn and Jill Wallrich each scored two goals, while Alex Houghtalin, Meghan Wilson and Jenny Edwards also tallied.

For Wilson and Edwards, it was their first-ever goal.

"The girls were excited to get their first goal," Owczarski said. "It's exciting for them, and it really pumped us up."

The Lady Knights scored four quick goals and were never threatened during the final two periods.

Janaya Gripper recorded her first-ever shutout as she

continues to start in net as Aiex Boll rehabilitates her shoulder.

The University Liggett School girls hockey team improved to 1-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League East



University Liggett School's Jenny Edwards, No. 20, scored her first-ever goal that helped the Lady Knights earn their first victory of the season.

Missed scoring chances haunt Blue Devils

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Plenty of chances but nothing to show for them. That sums up the first period of Grosse Pointe South's last two hockey games.

In their Michigan Metro Hockey League game at Allen Park last week, the Blue Devils outshot the Jaguars 12-3 in the first period but had to go into overtime before they could claim a 2-1 victory.

It was more of the same a few nights later against De La Salle.

South had some excellent chances early but couldn't convert and wound up losing the battle for first place in the league's East Division 3-1.

"We have to bury teams early when we have the chance," said South coach Bob Bopp. "We knew the De La Salle game was going to be a tough one. This is their year. They're well-coached (by former University Liggett School coach Dan Barry), and they have a lot

of seniors.

"That's why it was disappointing to get off to a great start and not have anything to show for it. I think we could have gone up 3-0. If we had done that, the outcome might have been different. In the Allen Park game, I thought we made their goalie look good, but against De La Salle, give the goalie credit. We had some good shots and he made the saves."

Sparked by the performance in goal, the Pilots got the only two goals of the first period.

"Even after they scored those two goals I thought we had a chance to win because we were playing well," Bopp said. "De La Salle seemed to get stronger as the game went on."

South got a power-play goal from Mac Brookes at 8:07 of the second period, assisted by Trevor John and Jim Marshall, to cut the Pilots' lead to 2-1.

It appeared that the shot might have been tipped by Tom MacEachern, but the goal was awarded to Brookes, who was outstanding in both of the Blue Devils' games last week.

South had another opportunity in the third period when the Blue Devils were on the power play for the first five minutes, but once again they couldn't get the puck past De La Salle's netminder.

The Pilots iced the victory with a goal with 1:01 remaining.

"I had mixed emotions after the game," Bopp said. "Our penalty killing was good again. Our power play

looked good a few times but failed us when we really needed it on that five-minute power play.

"The players worked very hard for three periods but we really have to bear down and put in these great scoring chances when we get them."

South, like it has for most of the season, came out strong in the first period against Allen Park, however, the Jaguars also brought their top game.

"I give Allen Park credit," Bopp said. "They came out and played well, and their goalie had a big game."

Bopp gave Brett Johnson his first varsity start in goal and the freshman played well. The plan before the game was to play Johnson for a half, and then bring in Evan Breen, who had missed several games because of illness.

"We're lucky to have Brett as our third goalie because if he's given the chance, he'll play well," Bopp said. "He'll have a great career here but as the third goalie, there isn't much opportunity for him this season. I felt confident putting him in, and he played a good game."

The only shot that got past Johnson was a slap shot at 2:52 of the second period that gave Allen Park a 1-0 lead.

It took only 30 seconds for South to tie the game on a fine individual effort by Brookes.

He drove hard to the net with two Jaguars draped over him, and got his stick on a pass from Taylor Flaska to direct the puck into the net. Nick Cinqueranelli also

assisted. Although South dominated play in the third period the Blue Devils either missed the net or the Jaguars' goalie came up with the save.

Allen Park had an excellent scoring chance with 18 seconds remaining in regulation but Breen made a glove save to preserve the tie.

"It was a great save," Bopp said. "I don't know how he saw the puck."

Finally, 12 seconds into the overtime, John scored to give South its second straight overtime victory. Tim Shield and Lance Lucas assisted.

"After regulation ended, we talked about ending it quickly," Bopp said. "Trevor got the puck at the side of the net and made no mistake on it. That's the way we wanted to play the overtime — no sitting back. Just go out and score and get the game over with."

Brookes and Frankie DeLaura played well in both games last week.

"Mac has clearly been a leader on this team," Bopp said. "If everyone worked as hard as he did on every shift, we'd be really hard to beat."

"Frankie had some big scoring chances in both games, especially against De La Salle. I've always thought that if you're getting your chances, you're doing something right."

South takes a break from league action on Saturday when the Blue Devils host Grosse Pointe North at 7:30 p.m. at City Sports Arena.

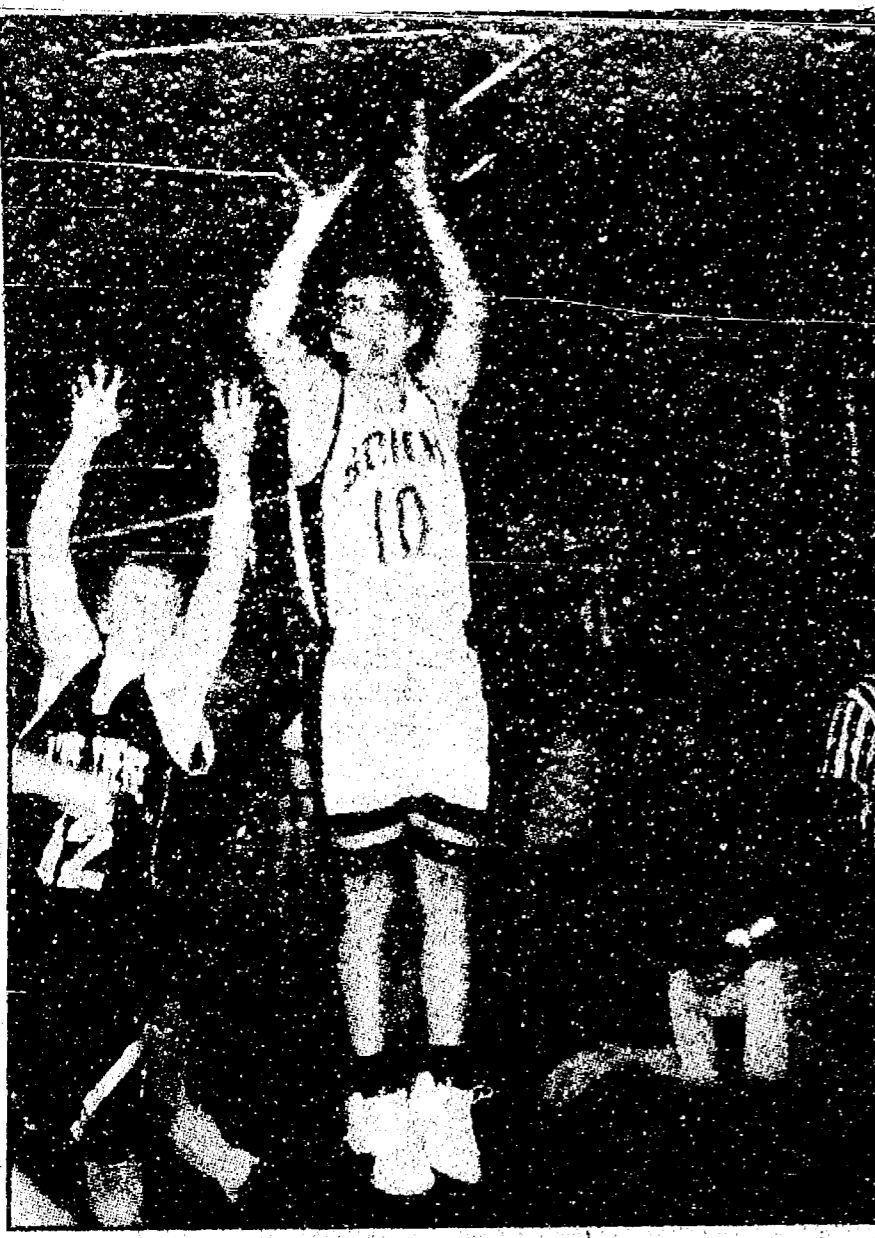


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South's Christian Conroy scores over Cody Simants of L'Anse Creuse.

Second half turns sour for South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

High school basketball games often have a drastic turn of events.

Midway through the first half of its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener with Stevenson, Grosse Pointe South looked

like it was in complete control.

By the time the final buzzer sounded, the Titans had a 56-49 victory.

Early in the game, Blue Devils were getting inside scoring from David Baldwin and Brendan Howe, while Christian Conroy was hitting the outside jumpers.

With 3 1/2 minutes to play in the first half, South, which never trailed in the half, held a 23-13 advantage.

Then it all seemed to fall apart. South began turning the ball over to the Titans, and at halftime Stevenson had closed the gap to 26-25.

The Blue Devils led 31-28 after Baldwin scored on an offensive rebound with 4:32 remaining.

Stevenson.

Dan Stiefel, the Titans' all-Macomb County quarterback, hit a three-point basket to trigger a 10-0 run that put Stevenson ahead to stay. Stiefel also capped the spurt with a three-pointer to give the Titans a 38-31 advantage with 28 seconds left in the quarter.

South never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

Jonathan Goike led a balanced Stevenson scoring attack with 15 points. Stiefel finished with 14 points and Matthew Delekta added 13.

Conroy and Baldwin each scored 17 points for South, which got 10 points from J.C. Cruse. Baldwin and Howe each pulled down eight rebounds for the Blue Devils.

Earlier, South dropped a 46-39 decision to L'Anse Creuse in a MAC crossover contest.

The teams were tied 14-14 at halftime and after three quarters, the Lancers held a 34-33 lead.

Mike Stafford scored all of his team-high 14 points in the second half for L'Anse Creuse, while Nick Carreri scored nine of his 11 points after the break.

Conroy led South with 19 points and Cruse had 16.

Only four players broke into the scoring column for the Blue Devils, who slipped to 1-4 overall.

South's next two games are at home — Friday against Cousino and Tuesday, Jan. 17 against L'Anse Creuse North.

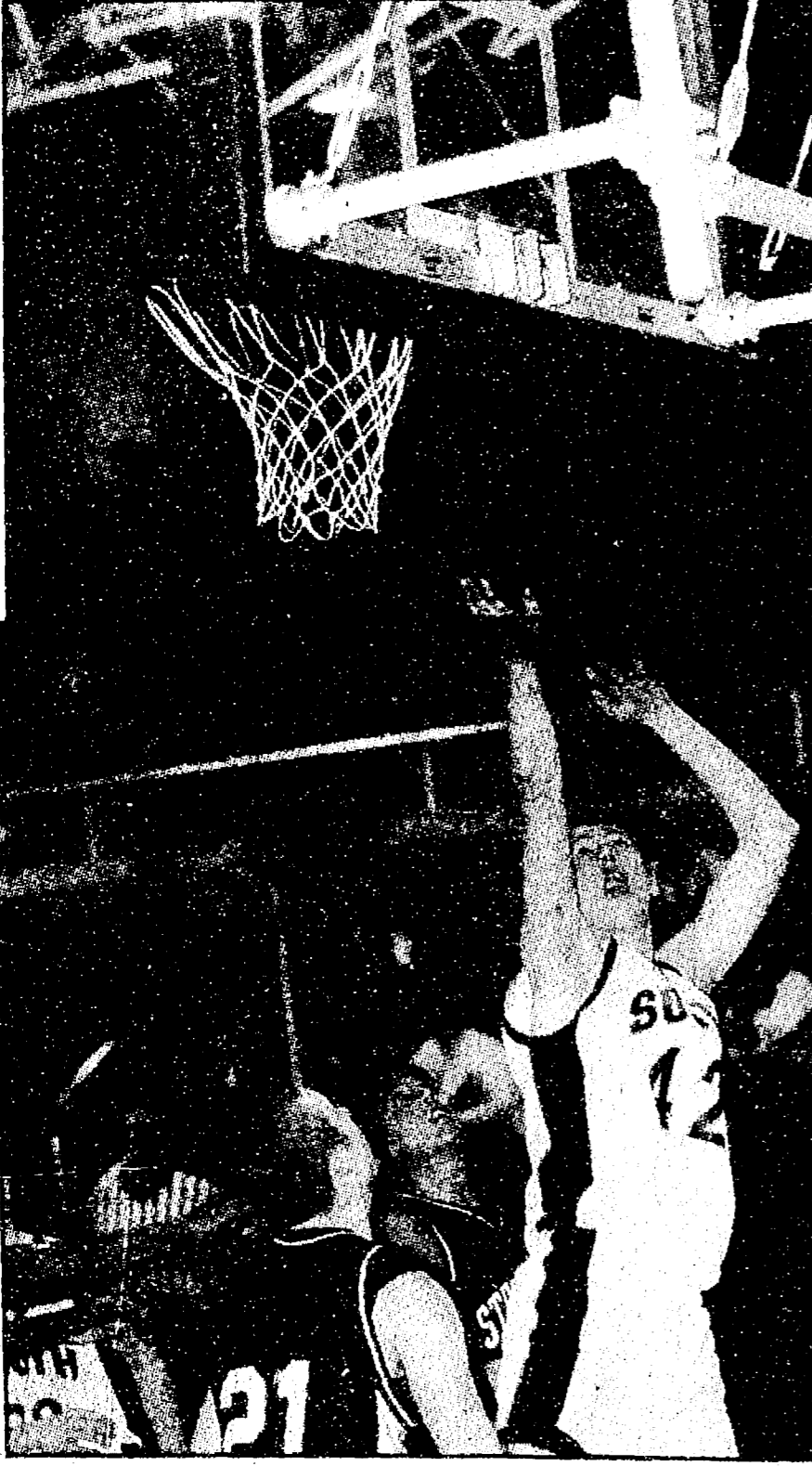


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David Baldwin makes a strong move to the basket in South's game against Stevenson.

North players battle for ice time

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Scott Lock has a dilemma that makes him the envy of other players.

"We're getting people back so we're going to have some tough decisions on who's going to play," Lock said after the Norsemen split their two games at last weekend's Stan Konrad Memorial Tournament at Mona Shores.

"We have 26 guys, and we can't dress all of them," Lock said. "Some of our young guys have really played well when we've had to use them. I like the way they've given us energy."

"It's going to come down to earning playing time — in practice and in the games. It should make for some good competition in practice."

After a disappointing performance in a 4-3 loss to Portage Central in the semifinals of the tournament, Lock made some changes and North responded with a much better effort in a 4-3 triple-overtime win against Mona Shores in the consolation game.

"We were awful on Friday night, but the difference in the way we played Saturday was like night and day," Lock said.

"On each of our four lines we had a rookie with two veterans. We played well. We rolled four lines and they all did a good job and the defense moved the puck well. If we'd have had half that effort on Friday, we'd have won that game, too."

Doug Rahaim got the winning goal 28 seconds into the third overtime, moments before a North power play expired.

"After the second over-

time, we said 'we've got 30 seconds on the power play so let's end it now,'" Lock said.

North set up a play, missed the initial shot but Rahaim worked the puck out of a scramble at the side of the net and poked it over the goal line.

"It was good to see him get the goal because he never stopped working," Lock said. "He never gave up until the puck was in the net."

Mike Rourke and Rob Ireland got assists on Rahaim's winner.

North had a 3-1 lead on goals by Scott Brown, Jeff Rohrkemper and Rourke, but Mona Shores scored twice in the final two minutes — once on a power play and the equalizer after the Sailors pulled their goalie for an extra attacker.

"Both goalies played well in the game," Lock said. "(North goalie Eric) Rohrkemper got some more valuable experience. We're getting (Evan) Chase back this week, but that doesn't mean that the two freshmen (Rohrkemper and Michael Rahaim) are just going to sit the rest of the way."

Ireland and Rourke each collected three assists, while Doug Rahaim and Brown had one apiece.

In the tournament semifinal against Portage Central, the Mustangs scored a pair of third-period goals to snap a 2-2 tie.

"It was just an ugly game," Lock said. "We hadn't played for 2 1/2 weeks, but last week we had a great week of practice. Then we got to the game and didn't skate at all."

"We couldn't buy a break — we had one power play to their 11 and they scored a couple of goals on 5-on-3s — but (Portage Central) still outworked us."

North opened the scoring on a goal by Peter Watson, assisted by Alex Davenport. The Norsemen had several chances to add to their lead but couldn't do it, and the Mustangs eventually tied the game and went ahead.

Michael Yakamovich pulled North back into a tie, assisted by Jeff Rohrkemper. Central answered with two goals before Ireland got the Norsemen's final goal in the closing seconds. Yakamovich and Doug Rahaim assisted.

"Yako played real well, and I was happy with our grinders, especially Kevin Gibson and Dante DeSerrano," Lock said. "The Davenport, Watson, (Ben) Scarfone line had the most chances for us."

Michael Rahaim was in goal for North and played well, especially in the second period when he made 16 saves.

"He was stellar, although he'd probably say he'd like to have those two back in the third period," Lock said. "Both of the freshmen goalies have done a good job."

East Kentwood defeated Portage Central 4-2 in the championship game.

North is 4-5-1 and the Norsemen have won three of their last four games.

"We've struggled with consistency," Lock said. "Everyone has to be consistent with their effort every night and we'll be all right."

North plays Grosse Pointe South at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the City Sports Arena. It's the only meeting of the season between the crosstown rivals.

They won't play in the state playoffs this year because the Norsemen moved up to Division I.

Openings remain for Griesbaum baseball camp

There are still several openings available for the Saturday pitching camp and the Sunday hitting camp in the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School.

The two-day camp will be held in the Grosse Pointe South High School gyms on Saturday, Jan. 21 and

Sunday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. each day.

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Simple steps to add pizzazz to your yard

Q. My garden is very simple and I would like to spruce it up this spring. Do you have any suggestion?

A. There are many small projects that can change a mediocre yard into one to remember.

- Add a garden path through your yard. It can be both functional and decorative at the same time. Your choices of materials include brick, natural flagstone, gravel, decorative blocks, or even shredded bark. The textures of the path surface next to the surrounding plant material can add great interest. Low-growing perennials help soften the edges of the walk. Hidden views from a winding path will draw you into the garden and add visual interest.

- Add an arbor, trellis, small fence or gazebo. These architectural features will give you a focal point from which you can build on, and can add vertical interest to an otherwise flat yard as well as being used to separate different areas of your yard. A patio can feel more secluded with a few trellises or a small fence and a planting surrounding it. There are many types of flowering vines you can grow on your arbors and trellises, and even grapes or vegetables can be grown. Fast-growing vines include clematis, trumpet vine, wisteria, silverlace, honeysuckle and ivy.

- Accessories add interest and personalize your garden, giving it the finishing touch. Just as you accessorize your interior, the outdoors benefit from small focal points too. There are many garden accessories to choose from at your local garden center, with new items being introduced all the time. In the past few years the choices have grown tenfold. Metal sculptures, gazing globes, wind chimes, decorative planters, garden signs and benches are just a few. Garden themes are even expanding indoors as well. Decorative wreaths, birdhouses and table-top fountains now decorate many homes.

- Plant a small perennial gar-

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den. Add some tall, medium and short perennials together to add depth and interest. Place the taller plants as a backdrop and shorter ones toward the front, choosing plants that complement each other in height, color and bloom time. There are many choices available; so try a few of the less known varieties along with your old-time favorites. Most perennial books can help you choose plants that will thrive in your garden whether it is sunny, shady, wet or dry. Mixing herbs into the garden adds interest as well as function. Short parsley around some flowers makes a great border and you can eat it too.

- Garden ponds add interest to your yard all year long. Ponds

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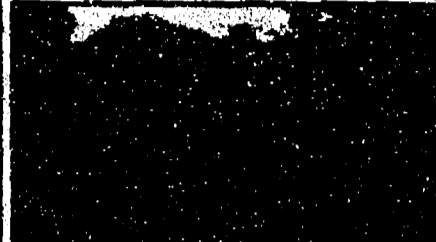
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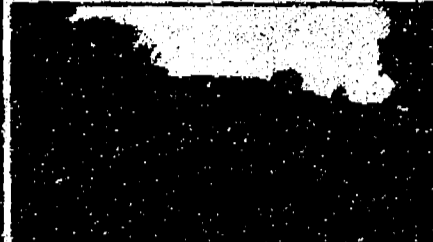
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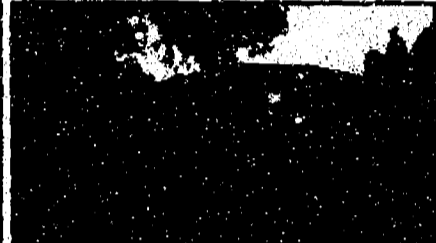
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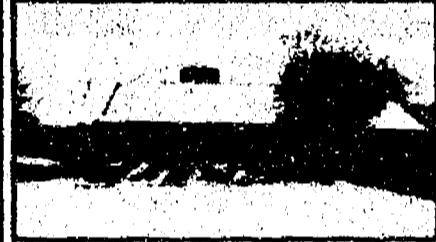
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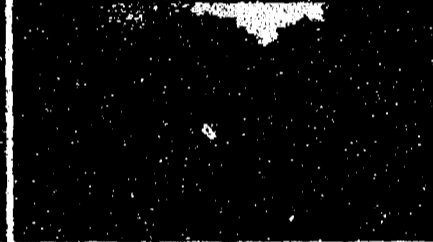
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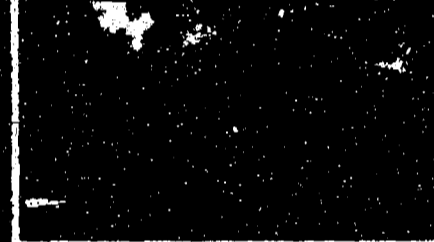
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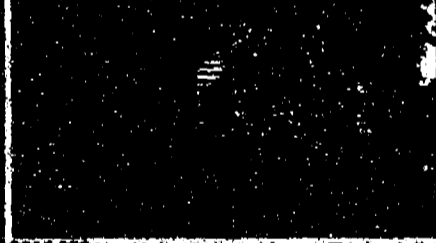
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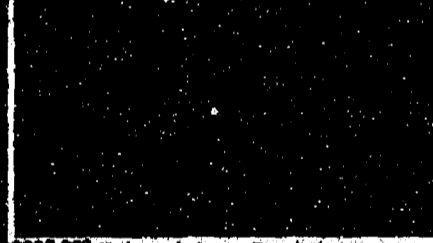
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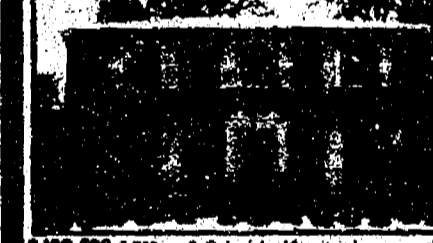
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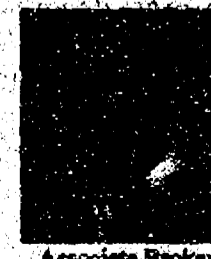


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The officers for 2006 are Vicky Colwell, president, Higbie Maxon Agney; Sandra Nelson, president elect, Century 21 Town & Country; Cheryl Gauss, treasurer, Johnstone & Johnstone Inc.; and Skip Moss, secretary, broker/owner, Tappan & Associates. Outgoing President Kay Agney, broker/owner, Higbie Maxon Agney, will serve next year as vice president.

Other members of the board of directors are Carla Butterly, Bolton-Johnston Associates; Pat Chasteen, Sine & Monaghan GMAC; Jessica Mitchell, Tappan & Associates; George Smale, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer; and Myrna Smith, Bolton-Johnston Associates.

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Pictured, left to right, are Kay Agney, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors outgoing president, Higbie Maxon Agney; Jim Danaher, Higbie Maxon Agney; Robert Edgar, Johnstone & Johnstone; and Fred Kilcline, Kilcline Appraisal Service.

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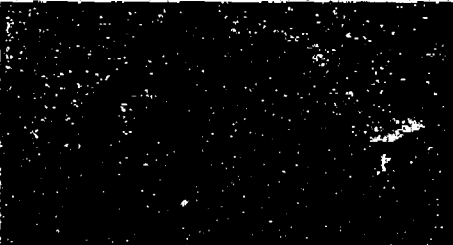
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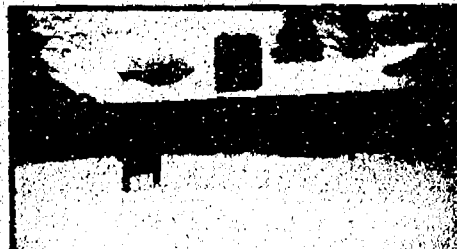
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(LGP60888) 313-886-5040 \$426,900



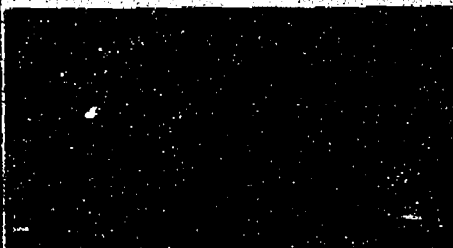
GROSSE POINTE PARK Spacious
Four bedrooms, two full baths. Master with private sitting room. Gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry, family room, formal dining, living room with fireplace. Recreation room, enclosed porch, patio, hot tub. Prime location.
(LGP88LAK) 313-886-5040 \$340,000



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.
(LGP44888) 313-886-5040 \$299,999



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Cu-De-Sac
Chef's kitchen, marble counters, Pergo floor, island. Newer full bath in master bedroom, bonus room would make perfect nursery or hobby room. Outdoor kitchen makes this three bedroom, two and one half bath home a must see.
(LGP888EL) 313-886-5040 \$294,000



GROSSE POINTE FARMS Custom
Spacious brick Cox and Baker Cape Cod with three bedrooms, two updated full baths. Gorgeous living and dining rooms with finished hardwoods and natural fireplace. Updated kitchen, newer roof and windows. Two car garage.
(LGP21CHA) 313-886-5040 \$282,900



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.
(LGP54888) 313-886-5040 \$274,900




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.
(LGP88CAD) 313-886-5040 \$269,000



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!
(LGP798TA) 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 Updated
Newer thermal windows, furnace and roof. Natural fireplace, central air, wet plaster walls with coved ceilings and formal dining room. Waterproofed basement. Copper plumbing. All major appliances.
(LGP88NOR) 313-886-5040 \$209,000




GROSSE POINTE PARK Charming
Enjoy all the Grosse Pointe amenities including the private lakefront parks. Large deck perfect for entertaining. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Kitchen appliances. Ready to move in.
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GROSSE POINTE PARK Condominium
Great opportunity to purchase south of Jefferson in a high-end neighborhood. Fifteen minute commute to downtown. Second floor unit with two bedrooms. Spacious rooms, large closets and fireplace in living room.
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GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS Attention
Attractive Harper Woods ranch. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. One and one half baths. Doorwall leads to roofed patio with lights. Central air, alarm system, newer windows. Attached two car garage. Home warranty.
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DETROIT Indian Village
Multi-family. Unique opportunity. Believed to be the only two-family in historic Indian Village. Natural fireplace in both units, separate utilities, two car garage. Old world charm. Family room, master bedroom with private bath.
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FIRST OFFERING

CHARMING all brick center entrance Colonial. Hardwood floors, solid six panel doors, coved ceilings and lovely sunrooms. Spacious living room with fireplace, formal dining room. White kitchen with ceramic tile floor, new windows throughout. Finished basement with half bath. #1

FIRST OFFERING

UPDATED TUDOR. Updated house featuring a new kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances, new tear-off roof and a finished basement with full bath and steam shower. Home also features large bedrooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, sprinkler system and new landscaping. #2

FIRST OFFERING

A RARE OPPORTUNITY! Near the Village, a \$500 square foot, five bedroom home with a buildable 62 x 156 lot included in the price. Home features a new furnace, kitchen with eating area and butler's pantry, large bedrooms, two staircases, and 3 and one half baths. This opportunity won't last long! #3

FIRST OFFERING


BEAUTIFUL three bedroom ranch in "Canyon Pointe" Estates. Meticulously maintained throughout. 2500 sq. ft. Wonderful open floor plan. New kitchen - 2005. New tear-off roof, gas forced air furnace and central air in 2000. First floor laundry. Two car attached garage. Private yard. #4

FIRST OFFERING

LARGE FAMILY ROOM; Beautiful brick three bedroom Colonial featuring a large family room with fireplace, newer kitchen, roof and windows. This home also features a finished basement, hardwood floors, large bedrooms, deck and two and one half car garage. Move in today! #5


FIRST OFFERING

WELL MAINTAINED four bedroom, two and one half bath home on a large 76 x 255' lot with views of Lake St. Clair. Newer kitchen with granite counters, newly refinished hardwood floors, newer windows, furnace and A/C. A great buy as is or for new construction. #6

FIRST OFFERING

UNIQUE well maintained townhouse in the city of Grosse Pointe. This special property features six bedrooms, three and one half baths, a large private front yard, light oak paneling and beautiful light from three sides of building. #7

FIRST OFFERING

GREAT FARMS LOCATION. An incredible home in impeccable condition. Spacious new kitchen, beautiful living room with fireplace, formal dining room, large bedrooms, updated baths and a finished basement. Tremendous closet space. New windows. #8

FIRST OFFERING

A PERFECT 10! Wonderfully updated two bedroom Colonial with a new kitchen, new family room, new windows, new vinyl trim, newer furnace and central air, new paint, a finished basement and so much more! #9

FIRST OFFERING


WELL MAINTAINED and beautifully updated 1,400 sq. ft. home loaded with charming original details including Pewabic Tile, French doors, hardwood floors, enclosed porch, fenced yard, dead-end street and much more! #10


FIRST OFFERING

IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED four bedroom Woods brick home loaded with updates, featuring a newer roof, furnace, central air, windows and two and one half car garage. Home also features a fireplace, hardwood floors, patio, sprinkler system, and finished basement with half bath. You will not find a better maintained home! #11

FIRST OFFERING

COMPLETELY REDONE to perfection! New high end kitchen with granite counters, eating space island. Master suite with fabulous new bath. Second floor laundry. New half bath. New mechanicals plus a sharp finished basement with wet bar and sound system. Plus family room and attached garage. #12

\$1,450,000

FARMS - 5,800 SQ FT with "extreme makeover" by noted Pointe Builder. Combines 31 x 20 GREAT ROOM open to 20 x 16 KITCHEN, unbelievable MASTER SUITE, 10 ft. ceilings, five fireplaces, six bedrooms, 5 baths and so much more, spacious 230 ft. deep lot - call for brochure or private showing. #4

\$529,000

LOCHMOOR BOULEVARD French Colonial on large manicured lot. New family room (23x17) with 10 foot ceilings, new kitchen with hardwood floors and granite countertops. Newer furnace, central air, electric, roof and windows. Expansion possibilities. #19

\$445,000

GREAT HOUSE, GREAT LOCATION! Three bedrooms, two and one half bath French Colonial with attached garage. Cherry Mutschler kitchen that opens to the family room, multiple fireplaces, living room with cathedral, master with bath and sitting room, and a den highlight this wonderful house. #20

\$429,000

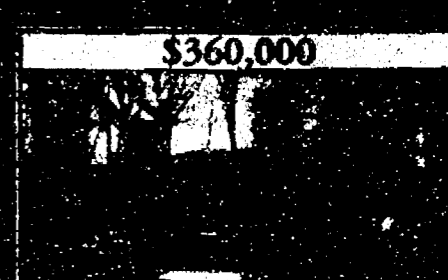
COMPLETELY UPDATED four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial on North Oxford. New open concept Kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Updated baths, new windows, newer roof, master suite with steam shower, and large finished basement. Attached garage, paver patio and hardwood floors. Truly a "10"! #7

\$409,000

ARCHITECTURALLY CHARMING "Mr. Vernon" Colonial, over 2,450 sq. ft. with a beautiful master suite with fireplace and new bath. Spacious rooms with hardwood floors, solid six panel doors, custom moldings and detailing. Updates include new roof (tear off), furnace, kitchen and windows. Family room plus finished basement, attached garage and large fenced yard. #3

\$399,000

FARMS - expansive Cape Cod with 2,150 square feet, two full baths - both new, larger FAMILY ROOM, Pella windows, new "Shaker" white kitchen. Everything new throughout. Decorate perfect. #21

\$360,000

LOVELY RANCH on large lot in Grand Pointe Farms. This three bedroom, two bath ranch has been well-maintained, has large porch and a gracious layout for entertaining. A full unfinished basement with laundry also has plenty of potential. Call for a private showing. #23

\$299,999

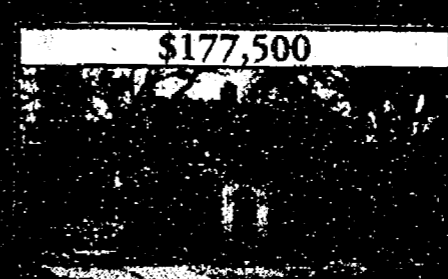
MOVE RIGHT INTO this completely updated home in the Windmill Pointe Area. New "dimensional" roof, landscaping, kitchen, Pella windows, exterior siding and gutters. On a large lot near Bromby and parks. Fantastic finished basement, family room and great backyard. #37

\$269,000

NEW KITCHEN AND BATHROOMS!!!!!! Detailed Colonial loaded with updates featuring a new kitchen with granite, new baths, new roof, new furnace and central air and new hardwood floors. Master bedroom with half bath, large bedroom sizes and large rear deck. Entire home freshly painted. Move in today. #27

\$219,900

EXCELLENT LOCATION Woods ranch with newer kitchen, furnace, central air and roof. Good size family room with enclosed porch. Fireplace in living room. Two car attached garage. #30

\$177,500

RECENTLY UPDATED. Woods Colonial featuring a new open kitchen with eating space, updated full bath, new tear off roof, new windows, hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace and finished basement. Home also features a new rear deck overlooking a large lot. Priced to sell. #32

\$164,900

BRICK BUNGALOW with private, beautiful perennial gardens and expansive decking. New roof, new air/furnace, new windows, and new copper plumbing. Finished basement with great wet bar and full bath. #33

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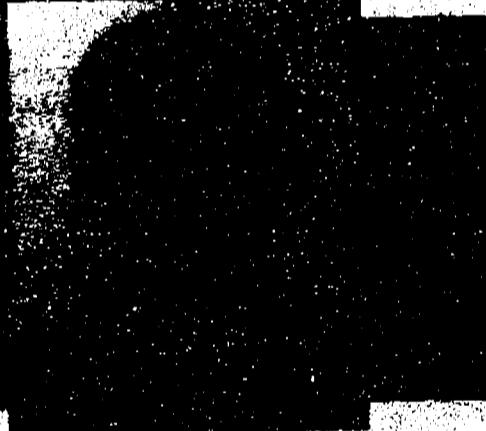
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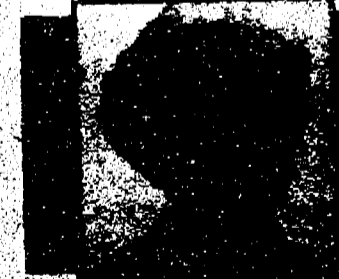
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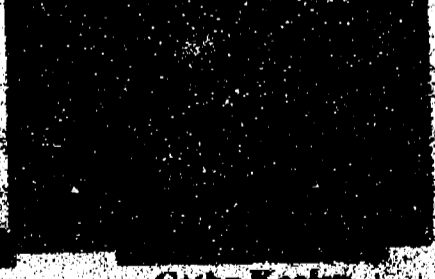
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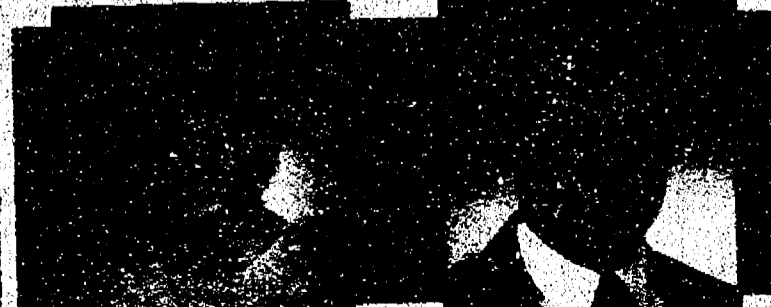
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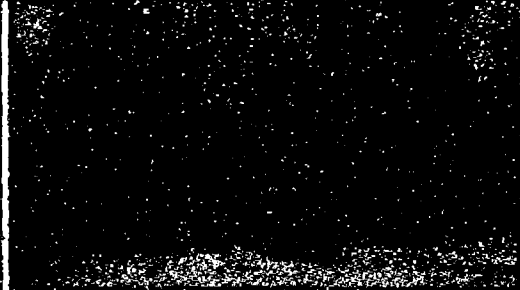
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788 NEFF

Completely renovated, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow located close to shopping, schools and parks. There is a master suite on second floor with sitting room (skylight) and bath with Jacuzzi. The new kitchen with wood floor, open floor plan and finished basement are just some of the special features. \$239,900.

FIRST OFFERING



674 RIVARD

This adorable brick ranch is a real gem. Located on a 50x200 foot lot there is room to grow or just enjoy the private backyard. The kitchen has been updated and there are newly refinished hardwood floors and a finished basement. \$212,000.

FIRST OFFERING



1875 BEACONSFIELD

Character abounds in this cozy home located close to schools, shops and the West Park Market. Nestled at a dead end street, this home offers a gas fireplace in living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen, and front porch. The upstairs bath has been remodeled and includes ceramic tile. \$179,900

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1848 HARVARD • GROSSE POINTE PARK

Outstanding classic colonial with four bedrooms, two and a half baths and newer kitchen with granite counters and top of the line appliances. The master bedroom suite boasts a master bath with double sinks and extra large shower. There is a family room and third floor walk-up bonus room. \$399,900

FIRST OFFERING



2224 LIBERTY • ST. CLAIR SHORES

Stunning 4 bedroom, 4 bath home located on one of St. Clair Shores widest canals. Whole house remodeled in 2001 to include second floor addition. There is a family room with vaulted ceiling, maple kitchen with stainless steel appliances, resort inspired master suite including cathedral ceiling, two walk-in closets and private bath with jetted tub. The steel seawall, 40' deck, and docking for a 40 ft. boat will keep you home this summer.



621 WASHINGTON • GROSSE POINTE CITY

Value, Value Value... Lots of room to grow in this five bedroom, four bath home located near the Village boasts newer windows, large updated kitchen, newer roof and windows, and even a three car garage. This is the home you've waited for! A great buy \$399,500.



102 KERCHEVAL FOR LEASE

Construction is beginning... Approximately 3,200 square feet on first floor 4,000 square feet on second floor. Call Connie Dunlap at 313-570-7515.



2422 BROWN

Breathtaking views of Lake St. Clair from this third floor end unit of 490 on the Lakes. This condo has been updated to include an enclosed porch, updated kitchen with appliances, library with built-ins including a wine cooler, and tasteful decor throughout. The condominium complex includes a boat well, pool, club house, tennis court, garage and carport. \$364,000

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Japanese collectibles are big with collectors

By Anita Gold

Q. How can I find out the value of colorful items made in a variety of charming shapes such as animals, people, baskets, trays, trinkets, and everything else from swans to salt and pepper shakers to ships to soldiers and just about everything else imaginable marked "Made in Japan?"

— Marge O'Connor, Indianapolis.

A. You'll find countless examples in full color with their identifications, marks, measurements, backstamps, and current values and lots more in the hot-off-the-press "Collector's Encyclopedia of Made in Japan Ceramics — First Edition Identification & Values" by Carole Bess White available in a huge bright and beautiful 255-page hardcover edition so colorful it'll hurt your eyes for \$27.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box 3009, Paducah, KY 42002-3009. You'll adore this book that no doubt will remind you of certain items marked "MADE IN JAPAN" you remember being in your home when you were a youngster.

Q. For the last eight years or so, I have been collecting plush beanbags. Currently my total inventory is over 4,000 items which includes TY, Warner Bros., Disney, Puffkins,

Meanies and various advertising — miscellaneous beanbags. I would like to sell my inventory but not on the Internet. Are there any local contacts that would be interested in dealing with me? Also is there a price guide listing the current value of all (or nearly all) plush bean bags produced?

— J.S., Elmhurst, ILL.

A. Check out the following Beanbags Plush Web sites and links (which will tell you what you want to know regarding their selling prices). If you don't have a computer, call your local library and ask for help in using its computer. Or call a friend who has a computer. To search for Bean Bags Plush, Babies Bags, Ty Beanie Babies & More go to the Web sites theturtle-trail.com, btoystore.com, collectorsparadise.com and ebay.com. Also call Gigi's Dolls & Sherry's Teddy Bears (who deal in Beanies and plush) at (773) 594-1540 in Chicago known to be the largest doll shop which attracts collectors from here, there, and everywhere.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60659. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with a copy of this column and the name of the paper in which it appears for a reply.

Builder's prelicense class offered

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive builder's prelicense seminar offered by Grosse Pointe Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute.

The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2, 7, and 9, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes,

real estate investors and operators and building trades who want to work legally in Michigan.

Unlike one-day seminars, you learn on your own. The seminar is comprehensive, including math as well as blueprinting.

The cost of the seminar is \$100 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Preregistration with payment is required no later than Friday, Jan. 27, to Grosse Pointe Community Education. For more information, call (313) 432-3550.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Lovely 3 bedroom ranch with newer roof, windows, furnace, air. Updated kitchen. Finished basement with half bath. Private backyard with patio and 2 car garage.

NEW \$193,500




GROSSE POINTE PARK
Excellent all brick multi family investment or place to live with rental unit. Very clean and well maintained with AC, hardwood floors, appliances. Finished basement with wet bar, shared laundry facilities and shared two car garage.

PRICE REDUCTION \$349,900




GROSSE POINTE FARMS
Wonderful rustic New England Colonial located on a cul-de-sac off Lakeshore Road. Home sits both in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores! Two story foyer and dining room. Cathedral ceiling family room! Paneled library. Cherry wood kitchen with island.

\$219,900




GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Utahy delightful Woods bungalow. Pride of ownership is evident from the moment you step inside. Muchler kitchen with new tile flooring and appliances. Gleaming perfectly finished hardwood flooring. Newer windows and roofing. Two full baths. Nicely finished basement with additional half bath.

\$239,900



GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Spacious family room used as third bedroom. Stunning architecturally enhanced facade. Large kitchen featuring a vaulted ceiling with sky light. Kitchen also features a sizable, natural light filled breakfast room that leads to the deck. Pella windows and doors offer a formal living room.

\$1,795,000




Rare opportunity, built in 2002 with great attention to detail throughout. Gourmet kitchen features Downview cherry cabinetry, granite counter tops and built in appliances. Spacious great room adjoining kitchen. Marble foyer with open staircase, 9 foot ceilings and first floor laundry. Spectacular first floor master suite.

\$319,000




Fantastic location in the heart of the Farms. Recent updates include: new kitchen with custom cabinets, granite counter tops and eating space. New windows and new roof. Great circular floor plan with formal dining room and natural fireplace in living room.

\$424,900




Outstanding English Tudor with beautiful natural woodwork throughout. New kitchen, finished hardwood floors, new carpet. Freshly painted. Everything has been done.

\$539,900



A must see! New kitchen with marble counters, granite island, custom cabinetry, stainless appliances and gorgeous details. Spacious five bedroom gem with new and updated baths. Great family living with sensible use of all 3,500 square feet.


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GROSSE POINTE WOODS
Beautiful new construction. Four bedroom, 2500 square foot Colonial with a two-story entry hall.

\$369,000




Over four thousand square feet. This home has been extensively remodeled. Most recent improvements: updated kitchen with corian countertops, natural fireplace, hardwood floors, newer windows, updated bathrooms, two newer furnaces and central air.

\$199,000



Beautifully renovated two family! New maple kitchens with ceramic floor and backsplash, countertops, stove, refrigerator. Newer carpeting. New roof. New gas forced air. Copper plumbing! Two car garage with opener. New full bath! Every room updated to the "T".

\$119,900



Don't miss out on this charming two bedroom ranch. New kitchen with granite. Living room with natural fireplace. Refinished hardwood floors throughout. New plantation shutters. Updates since 2003, windows, siding, gutters, garage door with opener, electrical, plumbing, basement waterproofed.

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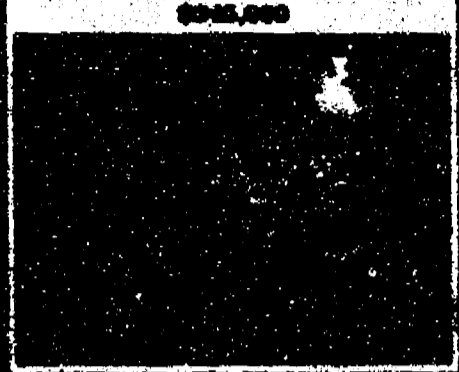
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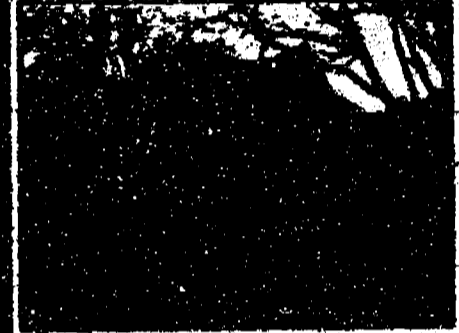
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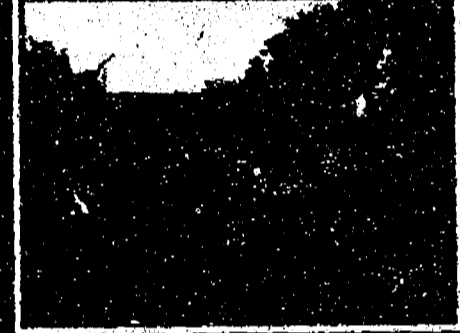
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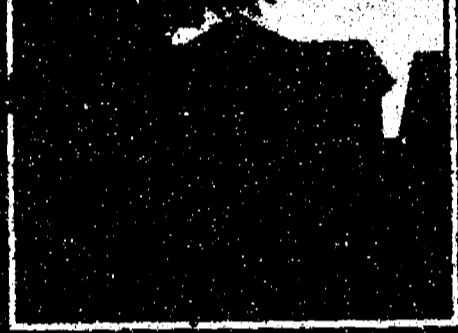
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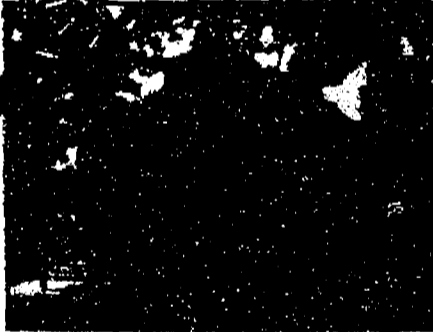
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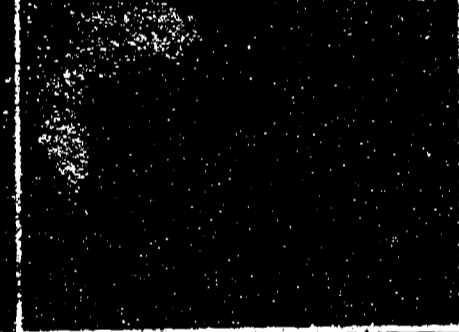
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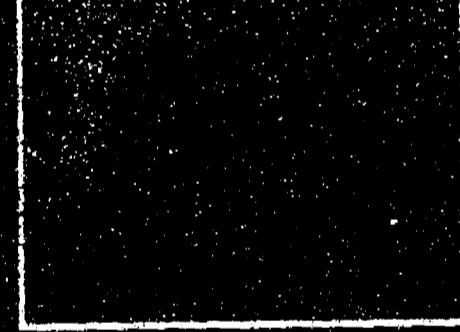
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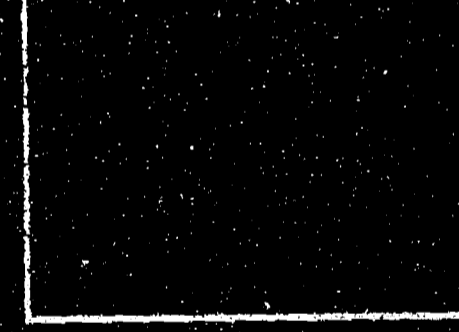
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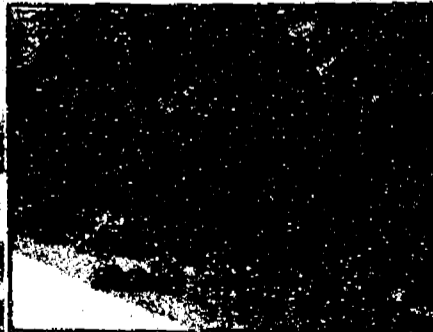
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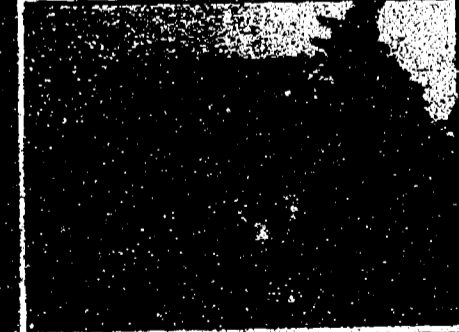
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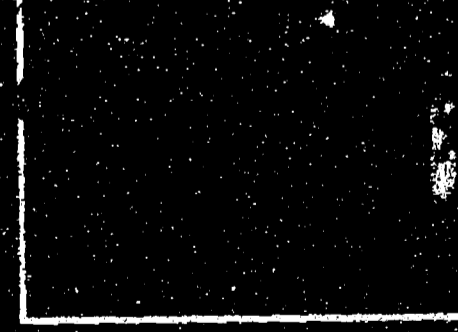
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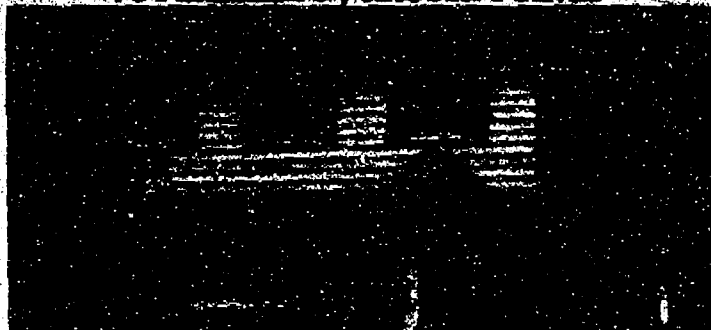
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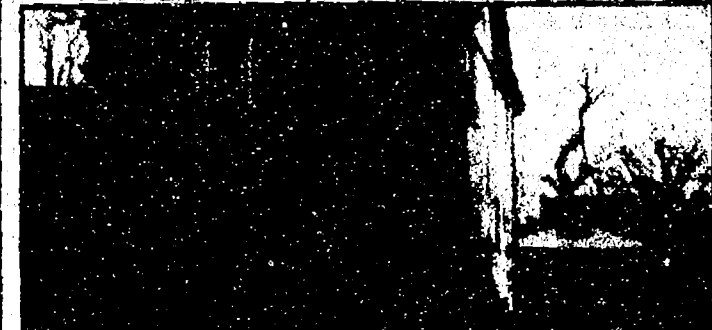

784 LAKELAND, GROSSE POINTE


Beautifully and excellently cared for home! Superb colonial on desirable Lakeland Road. Generously deep lot. Living rooms with natural fireplace. Formal dining room. Bright and cheerful kitchen with loads of cabinets and counters. Refinished oak floors. Open atmosphere as the family room and breakfast room stretch the entire width of the house overlooking the yard. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Finished basement with office and recreation room. Two car garage with an extra work room attached to the back. Central air and more. Priced to sell at only \$399,000.

20 HAMPTON, GROSSE POINTE SHORES

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Gorgeous center entrance colonial a few doors off Lakeshore Road and in walking distance to GP Shores waterfront park and the GP Yacht Club! Circular floor plan takes you on a tour through the foyer, to the living room with NFP, and the family room overlooking the extra wide backyard, formal dining room, kitchen with eating space. Powder room in back hall which leads to the 2 1/2 car attached garage. Four generous bedrooms with 2 full baths. Finished and divided basement with loads of elbow space. Numerous updates. Central air. Sprinkling system and so much more. 2,800 sqft! Hurry and see this special home in a great neighborhood at \$575,000

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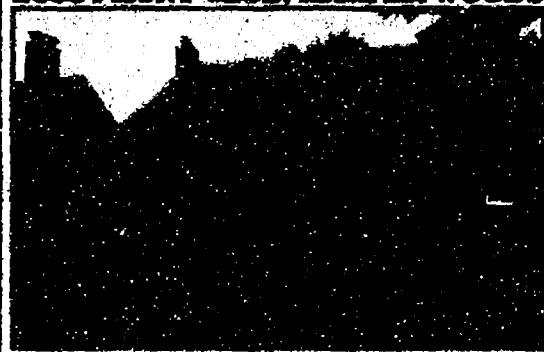

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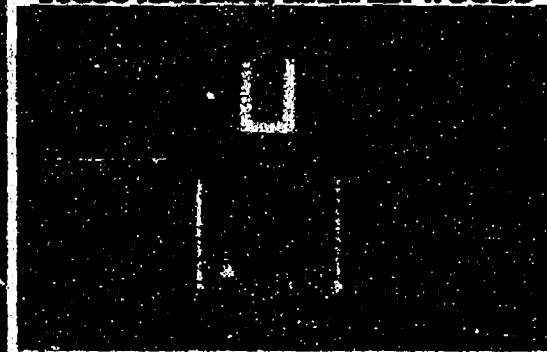

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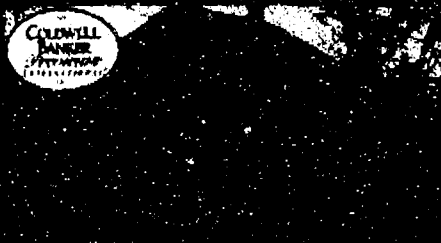
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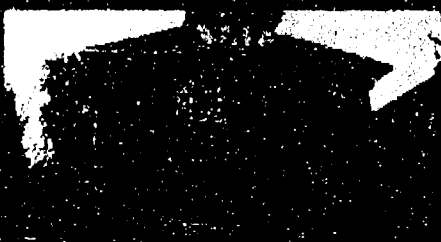
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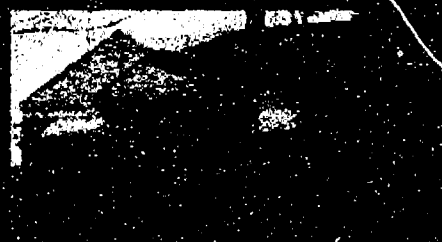
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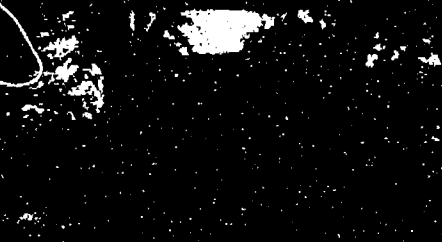
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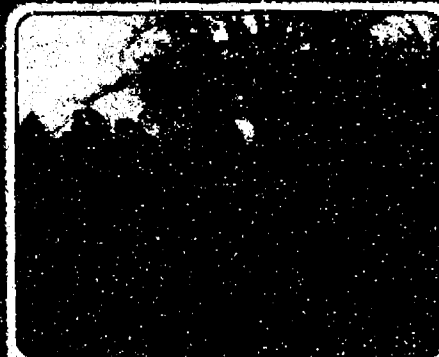
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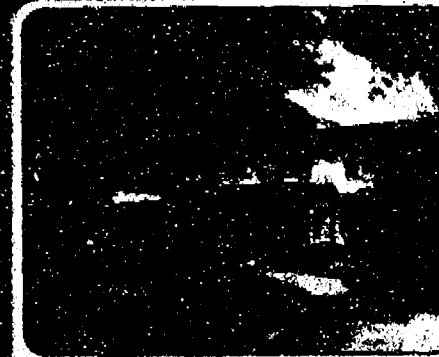
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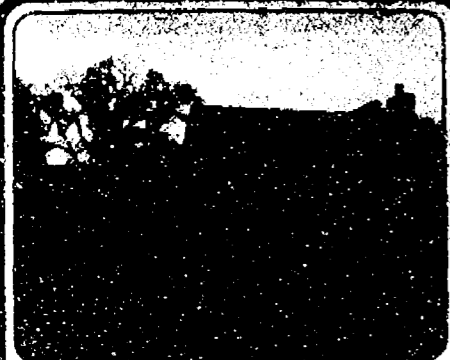
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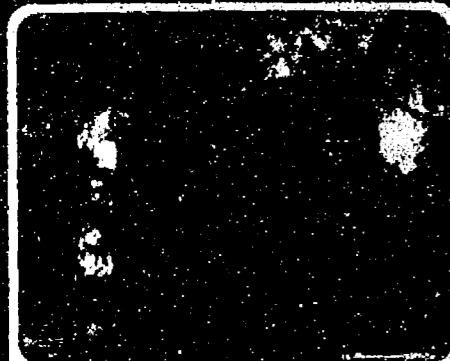
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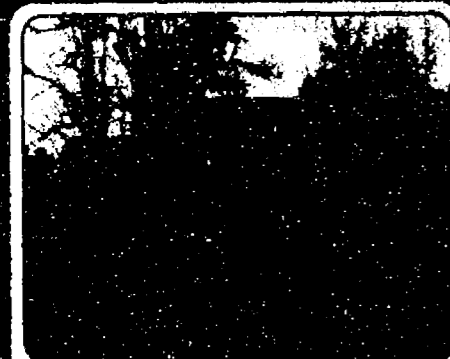


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Home Tips

By JoAnn Derson

• "If you have a lot of bread left over, freeze it to use as bread-crumbs in later recipes, or as croutons."

— P.D. in Illinois.

• If you've ever had a tough time threading a needle, try this trick. Spritz the end of the thread with a shot of hairspray. It makes the thread stiffer, and it goes right through with no fuss.

• "When I get a contact sheet for my pictures, I save it and use the little pictures for calendars and craft projects. They are perfectly sized for lockets, too."

— J.J. in Florida.

• "The combination of 1 part warm water and 3 parts baking soda makes a great paste for removing rust spots. Simply use an old toothbrush in a circular motion to smear in the paste and wipe away rust."

— C.B. in Alaska.

• "I had a dresser that was partially broken, and I was getting rid of it. Some of the drawers were still

good, though, so my husband attached casters to the bottoms, and now we use the drawers in all kinds of places — under the bed mostly, but he uses the larger drawers in the shop."

— T.L. in Virginia.

• "To discourage barking in a dog, try this inexpensive trick. Use a tin can with a lid, and put a few pennies inside. When the dog barks, shake the can. It will get his attention, since he probably won't like the noise. You have to keep it up for about a month, but it worked on my dog, and he was a real barker!"

— E.C. in New Mexico.

• "To keep sauces from splattering and dirtying the inside of your microwave, cover the food with a damp paper towel or a coffee filter."

— E.C. in Utah.

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Good reasons why you might need an appraisal

By David Uffington

While many things you own likely don't have significant cash value, there are a number of reasons why you might need an appraisal of certain items:

• To determine the value of an estate to probate a will and divide property among the heirs.

• For replacement value insurance coverage (you won't be able to make a claim unless the item's value has been determined).

• Because it's required by the IRS for charitable donation deductions.

• To determine whether an item has only sentimental value and can be used every day, or if it needs to be kept in a bank box.

• To establish a value before a sale, division of property due to divorce, or liquidation in case of bankruptcy.

• To establish a basis for future depreciation.

• To document the age and origin of a piece that is to stay in the family.

item than a full formal appraisal because the value is based on the bids an item is likely to get, not necessarily the value.

— A verbal appraisal is for those who are only curious about an item's value or authenticity.

— A formal appraisal, which details on paper the item's value and description, is given by a certified appraiser.

An appraiser should be a certified and licensed member of a professional organization, such as International Society of Appraisers, the American Society of Appraisers or the Appraisers Association of America Inc.

Steer clear of an appraiser who bases his fee on the value of the item, or who expresses interest in buying the item. In both cases you are likely to get skewed values.

And unless you know your appraiser well, stay with the item during the appraisal process. It's too easy to swap one gem for another in a ring, for example.

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There are several types of appraisals:

— An auction house appraisal is likely to put a lower value on an

Landscaper

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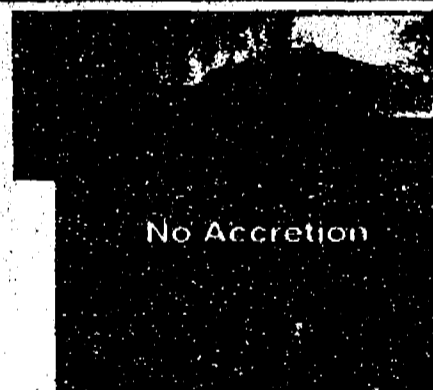
look much more complicated than they are. Setting up your pond "right" in the beginning with plants, fish, and a biological filter system will reduce the amount of work in maintaining it. Your garden center pond experts can help you start off on the right foot. People who start ponds usually start small and grow as they learn. The best way to learn about ponds is to have one. Mistakes may happen along the way, but once you get started you will love the relaxing effect you receive from the garden pond. There are many great pond books available to help you.

Success for the beginner lies in

keeping your project simple. It's best not to renovate the whole landscape at once. Instead, work on one area at a time while having a plan for the entire yard. Garden ponds, paths, patios, garden architecture, theme gardens and garden art are just a few aspects of the landscaping you could address.

David Soulliere is a Michigan certified nurseryman at Soulliere Garden Center, 23919 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, Between Nine and 10 Mile. Phone (586) 776-2811 or go to www.michigangardens.com on the Internet for further gardening information. E-mail at gardencenter@wideopenwest.com.

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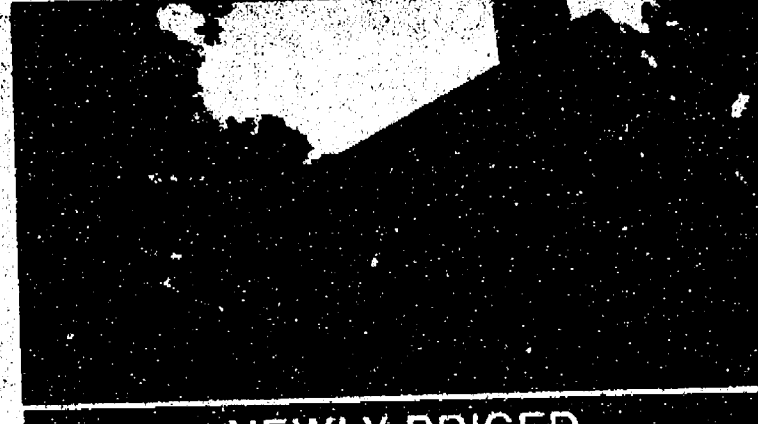
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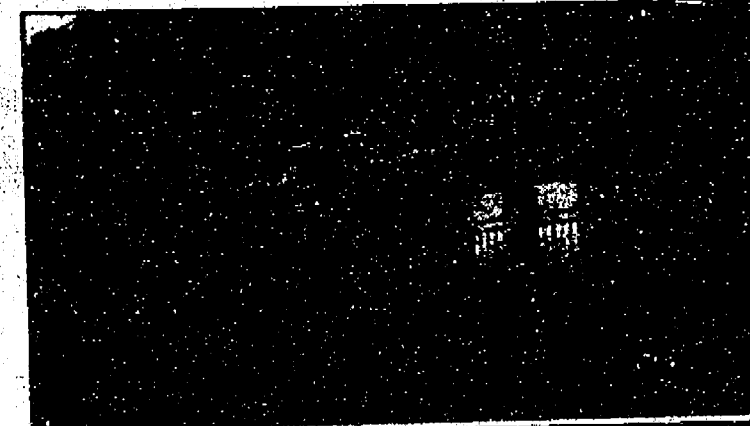
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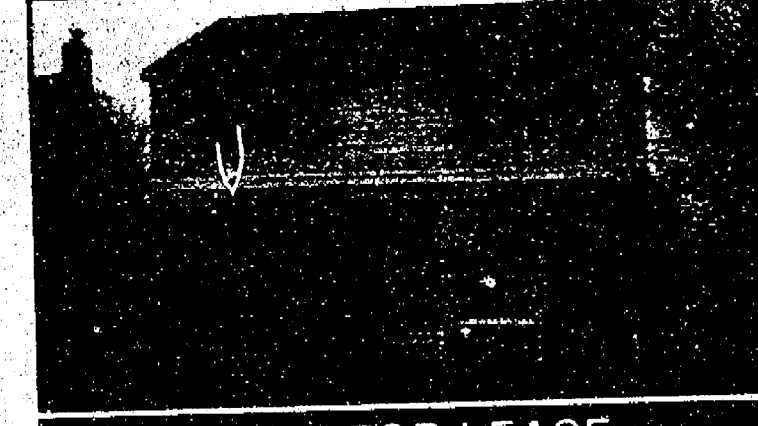
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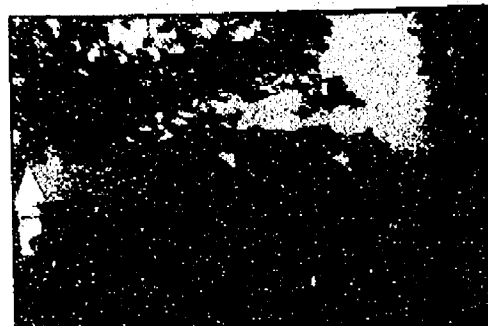
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