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**Week ahead**

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**SATURDAY, DEC. 9**

♦ Join Santa Claus for breakfast at the Farms Pier Park from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Children will also be able to tell Santa their gift requests. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation office.  
 ♦ Santa Claus will visit Flagstar Bank, 19733 Mack, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will photo opportunities for a donation which will assist the Pediatric Oncology department at the Van Elslander Cancer Center and Wigs 4 Kids.  
 ♦ Join the Detroit Historical Society as the Behind the Scenes Saturdays takes a guided tour of John K. King Used and Rare Books at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 for society members and \$25 for guests. Reservations are limited and may be made by calling (313) 833-1405.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 10**

♦ Toys R Us, 32700 John R, Madison Heights will be aiding the Capuchins from 7 to 10 p.m. A portion of each sale will go to the Capuchins ministries in Detroit. For more information, call (248) 585-5700.  
 ♦ Christmas with the Detroit Concert Choir is planned for 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors aged 62 and up, \$10 for those aged 8 to 21 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.  
 ♦ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 54th annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. at the First English Evangelical Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at Moehring Woods Flowers, at the church office and at the door.

**MONDAY, DEC. 11**

♦ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.  
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.  
 ♦ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High's Wicking Library.

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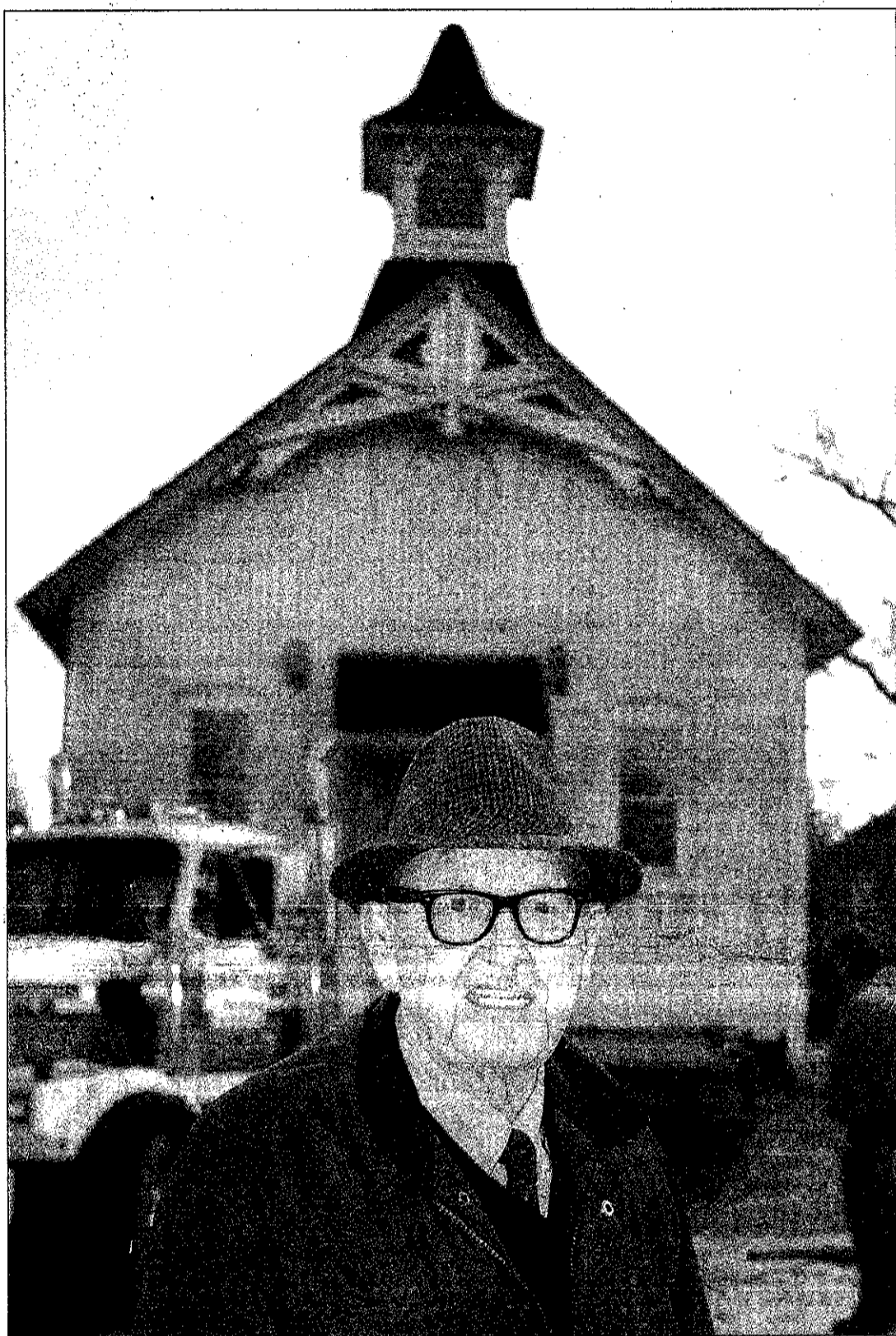


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## The big move!

Marc Alan, who donated the Cook Schoolhouse to Grosse Pointe Woods, was front and center as the oldest remaining school building in the Pointes was moved Tuesday to its new location in Ghesquiere Park, adjacent to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall. D&B House Movers began the big move at 9:30 a.m. after more than a month of preparations. Police blocked off the southbound lanes of Mack and crews raised and lowered the overhead wires to help the schoolhouse clear obstacles. It took the movers about an hour to complete the jaunt. Members of the Cook family, area residents and city officials were on hand to watch the historic move. More photos on Page 3C.

## 'Tis the season for Pointe merchants

By Bob St. John  
 Staff Writer

The holiday season is in full swing as Grosse Pointers have begun to check their shopping lists in pursuit of the perfect present.  
 Grosse Pointers, as well as people from surrounding cities, will be carrying shopping bags along shopping districts on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms, Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe, as well as the small shops in and around the five Pointes.

"Mack Avenue offers unique shops you will not find in the malls," said Jim Anderson, assistant vice president of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue. "We have little specialty shops that sell stuff such as beads, dried flowers for decorations and feed to attract birds. These items make great holiday gifts."  
 The Hill shopping district on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms will encourage male shoppers to browse its businesses during the Thursday, Dec. 14, event, "Men's Night." Something Special, which sells unique items, will stay

open later Dec. 14 to offer shoppers a chance to buy that special gift.  
 "I'm excited about the special Men's Night event," Something Special owner Sandy Gillespie said. "We have a lot of neat and hot-selling gift ideas such as Vera Bradley purses, Woodwick scented candles and glasses decorated with each state, several cities and even a few countries customers have visited."  
 Gillespie also said other big sellers are personalized ornaments, pillows, Holiday Specs

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**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

## Elections may be in November

Fall voting may save money, increase turnout

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

November school elections here we come.  
 Board of education members expect next week to shift the district election schedule from May to each November.  
 The move was proposed last month by Board Treasurer Fred Minturn as a way to save money and increase voter turnout. A unanimous board supported the idea at this week's meeting.  
 Paperwork is being fast-tracked. Changes must be filed with the secretary of state by Dec. 31 in order for the new

election cycle to begin in 2007. Anticipated annual cost savings reach several thousands of dollars.  
 The district spends \$45,000 to \$65,000 to hold elections in May, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs.  
 By piggybacking on November general elections, school issues could share the bill at a fraction of the overall expense.  
 Fenton said two Grosse Pointe city clerks told him the district would face no incremental costs "at all" to share a

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE**

## Help design parking deck

Public involvement wanted for project

By John Lundberg  
 Staff Writer

Though only in the infant stages, City of Grosse Pointe officials and architects from Rich & Associates are taking an egalitarian approach with the community regarding the construction of a new parking

garage behind the Kercheval Place development.  
 "(We want) the new garage to be a symbol of the revitalization of the Village," said Peter Dame, city manager. "We want to make sure that the garage design meets the community's goals and wants."  
 To that end, the city hosted a garage design kick-off meeting Nov. 29 to invite input from

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'When my grandson, Nicholas, was born, I broke down.'*

## Nicholas Mizeres



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Park  
**Age:** 82  
**Family:** Daughter, Stacy; grandson, Nicholas  
**Claim to fame:** More than 50 years teaching anatomy at Wayne State University  
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Yesterday's headlines

1956

50 years ago

◆ **AIR CRASH KILLS FOUR POINTERS:** Two couples from Grosse Pointe Park and their pilot were killed after their airplane crashed near Port Maitland, Ont., about 30 miles west of Buffalo.

Killed were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McFadden and Wesley Hopp of Royal Oak, who was the plane's pilot.

The cause of the crash is unknown.

◆ **FARMS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TOPS \$5 MILLION:** For the second time in its history, building construction in Grosse Pointe Farms has topped \$5 million in a 12 month span.

The largest project is Brownell Middle School with a price near \$2 million. In addition, 54 residence permits have been issued for a total of \$2.3 million.

The greatest year of construction in the Farms was 1950, when more than \$6 million was spent on new homes and businesses.

◆ **POINTE SCHOOLS TOUT TOP TEACHERS:** More than 80 percent of Grosse Pointe High School teachers have earned master's degrees, a figure which is well above average for school districts nationwide.

School officials said that the faculty's advanced degrees are one of the factors that make the high school one of the most outstanding in the country. In most schools the average teacher has only one semester of school above a bachelor's degree.

state and federal funds based on disputed 1980 census figures.

The fund allocates monies to communities based on census figures, which show the Woods lost 14 percent of its population over the previous 10 years. But Woods officials have disputed the count, claiming the census bureau missed more than 2,000 people when it conducted its count.

The census bureau counted 18,663 people living in the Woods in 1980.

◆ **PARK BUDGET ON TARGET:** Finances in Grosse Pointe Park are still in line despite cuts in state and federal revenues, officials said. The Park council was told by the comptroller's office that the city's \$4.2 million budget would remain balanced for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Last year, the city ran a \$119,000 deficit, which forced a reduction in its police force and other departments to stay in the black.

◆ **SEX EDUCATION A HIT WITH PARENTS:** The Grosse Pointe Health Education Council has received a thumbs-up from Pointe parents regarding its after school sex education program.

The program, in cooperation with Grosse Pointe public and private schools, have been educating youths about sex for the last several years. Students from the fourth through the sixth grades are the program's focus.

The program's chairperson, Julie Bourke, said she often receives compliments from district parents because the curriculum reinforces what they have been teaching at home.

Detroit, was elected as the Republican caucus vice chair. The freshman legislator will help lead that caucus, which provides the framework in which the Republicans operate in the house.

The caucus also decides which Republicans sit on which committees.

◆ **COMMISSIONERS SEEK EXTENSION OF TAX REFUND:** The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has gone to court seeking the extension of the real estate transfer tax refund that ended last May.

A hearing is scheduled next week in Wayne County Circuit Court to determine whether county residents remain eligible to seek a refund of a portion of their real estate transfer tax if they sold their homes between Jan. 11, 1990 and May 10, 1996.

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD TALKS OF TUTORING MUSIC STUDENTS:** Several members of the Grosse Pointe School Board are considering revising their policy regarding offering supplemental music instruction to students in lieu of classes.

The policy, which went into effect in July, has met criticism from parents in the district who think the school system should offer more instruction. The policy states that students can only receive music tutoring during lunch or before and after classes.

2001

5 years ago

◆ **RAIN PELTS THE POINTES:** Grosse Pointe was pelted with more than two inches of rain in just over a few hours, more rain than the area usually sees in the month of December. The storm flooded streets and made a mess of traveling throughout the morning.

Such heavy rain poses an environmental problem to the Pointes because of overloads to the sanitary sewer systems the communities use. Pointe officials said despite the severity of

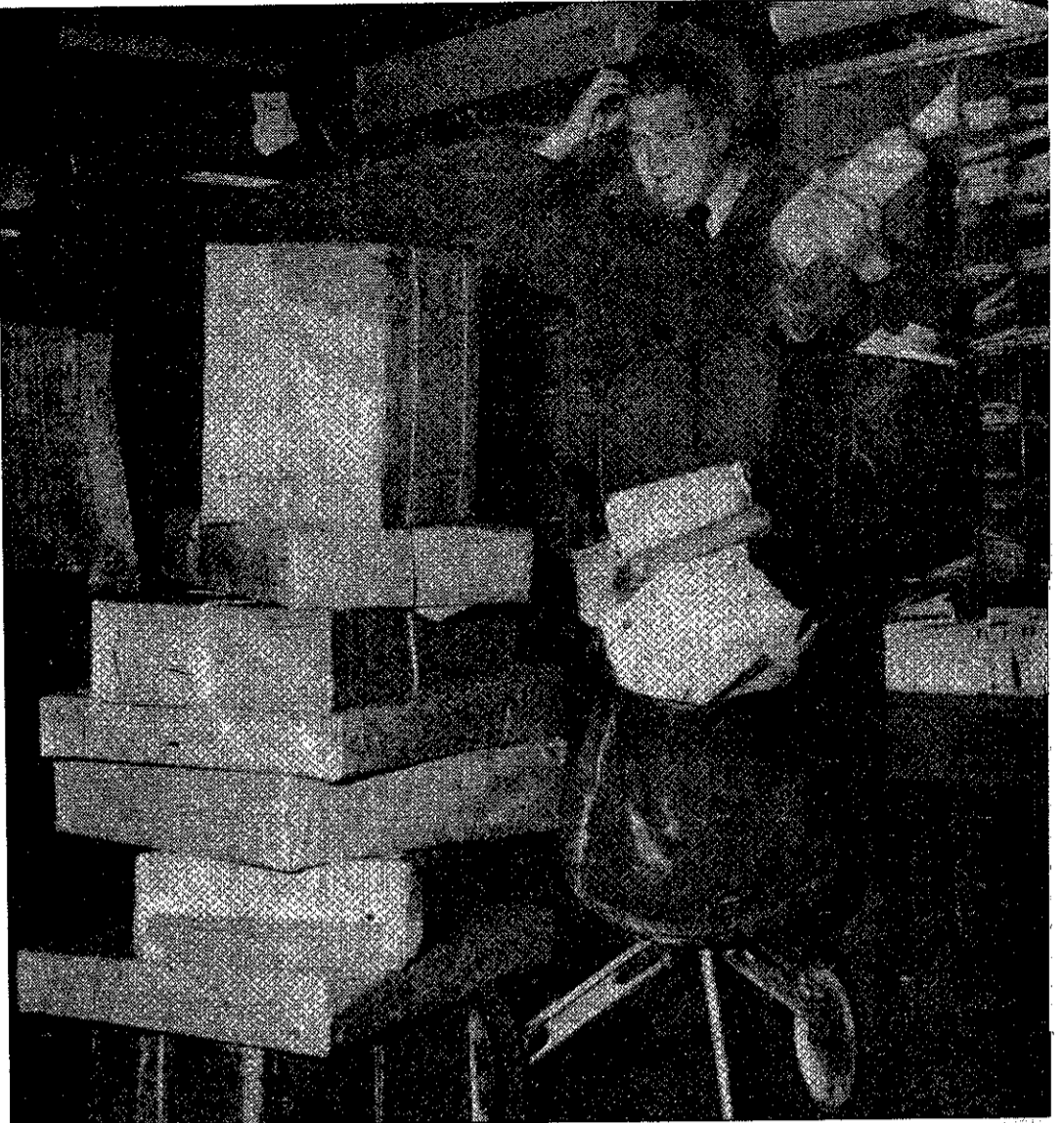


PHOTO BY FRED RUNNELS

1956: Dear Santa

Grosse Pointe postman Leonard Darge, overloaded with pre-Christmas mail, wonders how he will ever transport the huge pile of packages on his little mail cart. Darge is not alone in his plight. With the Christmas season upon us, mail carriers nationwide look forward to the lighter days after the jolly man from the North Pole takes his annual flight.

the storm, most of the storm water was treated.

◆ **SOUTH STUDENTS PERFORM WELL IN MATH COMPETITION:** Sixteen Grosse Pointe South High School students scored high enough to advance to the second round of the 45th Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

The 16 students were among 996 others statewide who performed well enough to advance

to the next level. The contest is sponsored by the Michigan section of the Mathematics Association of America.

◆ **KINDERGARTEN TUITION INCREASE PLANNED:** Due to projected increases in classroom salaries, benefits and

supplies, public elementary students will see a 4.1 percent increase in tuition this year.

The program will cost parents \$2,525 for the 2002-03 school year, a \$100 increase over 2001-02.

— By John Lundberg

1981

25 years ago

◆ **FEDERAL FUND CUT IN WOODS:** Grosse Pointe Woods stands to lose as much as \$21,000 in 1982 Community Development Block Grant funds, and possibly more in

1996

10 years ago

◆ **RICHNER NAMED TO LEADERSHIP ROLE:** 1st District State Rep. Andrew Richner was elected to a top leadership post in the state House of Representatives.

Richner, who represents the five Grosse Pointes and part of

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Mack parking meters covered for holidays

People visiting the Mack business community will get a break during the holidays.

City council approved to cover all city parking meters along Mack from Dec. 16 through Dec. 31. The Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue made the request and children from the Christ The King youth group will volunteer their time to cover the meters.

"This is something we have traditionally done," Mayor Robert Novitke said. "It sends a good message throughout the community."

"We feel this will help to promote business along Mack Avenue," Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue President Toni DiClemente said in a letter to city officials.

— Bob St. John



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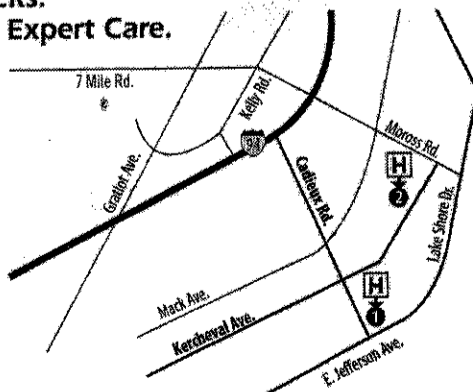
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## DECK: Aesthetics important

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residents regarding the new structure. On hand were representatives from Rich & Associates, a design architectural firm specializing in municipal garages, to field questions and present preliminary plans for the new garage. The city hired the firm at its Nov. 13 council meeting.

"We consider this (meeting) to be a reciprocal education process," said Rick Kinnell of Rich & Associates. "We understand that parking garages sometimes have a bad reputation in the community. They are considered ugly and not user friendly."

Rich & Associates has been in the parking garage business since 1963 and has constructed more than 2,000 worldwide, Kinnell said. The preliminary designs feature examples of ramping, stall geometry, internal and external traffic flow, signage and graphics, lighting and security.

But don't overlook appearance.

"We know that aesthetics are an important element here," Kinnell said. "We plan to construct (the garage) to fit into the context of the community."

The current plan is to have a bi-level garage with the potential to expand to three levels if needed in the future. It will feature level ground floor parking to accommodate a specialty grocery store expected to occupy the rear of Kercheval Place. If the Kercheval Place developer, St. Clair Grosse Pointe Associates, signs a lease agreement with a store, now believed to be Trader Joe's East, the project will begin as early as February, Dame said.

The parking structure will be automated, with customers taking a ticket upon entrance. When they are finished shopping, they will have the ticket processed in an automated pay station in the lobby of Kercheval Place and deposit the paid ticket when exiting the garage. This eliminates the need for an employee-staffed ticket booth in the garage.

"We plan to have a garage that is much more user-friendly and parker friendly," Dame said. "A lot has changed since 1973 (when the current garage was constructed). They now have glass elevators and glass walkways, which is important for security."

Right now the plan is for a facility to house as many as 209 vehicles, and "efficiency" was a frequently-used term at the meeting. To maximize the investment return, the more cars able to be parked the better.

But that won't be at the expense of comfort or safety.

The current stall geometry is proposed at nine feet wide and 18 feet long. Kinnell said that size is generous and larger than the stalls at Ace Hardware in the Village. The ramp to the second level is planned to be enclosed for weather considerations, and ambient lighting will be designed to meet the wants of neighbors.

"We plan to be sensitive to the community regarding the light and noise filtering out of the structure," Kinnell said. "That is our goal here."

The design right now is for 90 degree parking, but that isn't a done deal. Some residents expressed the desire for angled parking, which Kinnell said was manageable, but at a cost. He said that regardless of how you do the math, angle parking reduces the number of stalls in all the garages he has designed.

"We have to balance comfort and cost and the price tag that goes with it," he said.



PHOTO BY BOB ST. JOHN

City of Grosse Pointe resident Genevieve Tusa, right, shops for jewelry at Edmund T. Ahee with help from sales representative Mary Ann Paolucci.

## SHOPPING: Personalized service offered

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and Webkinz (stuffed animals that include a code and can interact with its owner).

"We offer shoppers some great places to eat and neat shops that sell the unique gifts people have on their list," said Mary Wells, president of the Hill Association. "We're also looking forward to our second Men's Night. It's a fun time for the business owners and men who are looking for that special gift for their wife or girl-

friend."

Joseph DuMouchelle International Auctioneers, Appraisers and Graduate Gemologists business partner Lindy Adducci said a hot holiday gift is jewelry.

"Diamonds are phenomenal buys," Adducci said. "We also offer private sales for our customers."

Pam Ahee-Thomas of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods said some gift ideas generating a lot of interest are pearl jewelry (white or black pearls), multi-colored stones by Marco Bicego, time pieces for men and women, men's bracelets by Sauro, Escada hearts in motion jewelry, silver and gold charms and large

colored stone rings.

Hickey's Walton Pierce (on Kercheval in the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe) owners Bill and Mary Jo Huntington said sales have been solid during the holiday season.

"We have been selling several items consistently, including Lilly Pulitzer down quilt vests, cocktail dresses, Robert Talbott and Vineyard Vines ties, Polo Ralph Lauren dress shirts, Lacoste knit shirts and sweaters and UGG down jackets."

Other hot-selling items at Hickey's Walton Pierce are cashmere sweaters and Rainforest outer coats, Mary Jo Huntington said.

Promotion manager for Grosse Pointe Village Association, John Denomme, said, "Our business owners here in the Village offer customers personalized service, which you don't get at the big national-chain stores. Stores in the Village offer quality merchandise for a good price."

What are some other holiday gift-giving ideas?

Gourmet foods to go along with wines and champagnes are on that list, said Village Food Market owner Mark Garmo.

"We offer fresh seafood, produce and meats, as well as specialize in home deliveries," said Village Food Market

manager Frank Hermes. "In addition, we sell liquor at the lowest possible price the state will allow us to."

Village Food Market's top-selling items for the holidays are whole beef tenderloins, prime rib roast, pies, jumbo premium crab legs, shrimp, lobster, exotic, organic and seasonal produce, specialty cheeses, specialty chocolates, kielbasa, honey baked spiral ham, unique pasta items and homemade sausage.

In addition, Village Food Market carries a great selection of fine wines and liquors from around the globe, Rachael Ray evoo (extra virgin olive oil), champagnes and beers, as well as more than 40 varieties of water. The store also carries candies for cats and dogs, which can be great stocking stuffers.

"We want to help our customers enjoy the holidays by helping them create meals that are perfect," Garmo said. "We have everything someone would want to create the best holiday imaginable."

The Village Food Market is located on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 882-2530 for orders or questions or visit its Web site at villagefoodmarket@comcast.net. Home deliveries are available.

Shoppers have two weeks to buy those gifts from more than 100 shops throughout the Grosse Pointes.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

# Heavy construction coming to Village

By John Lundberg

Staff Writer

As it now appears, residents on St. Clair south of the Village will see a flurry of construction activity early next year, and extending into the summer and fall.

Two major developments are taking shape right now that will represent a significant architectural change to the neighborhood.

On the street's east side, six houses will be razed to construct senior condos with 79 units by Sunrise Senior Living. Across the street, preliminary plans to demolish and construct a new parking garage behind Kercheval Place are taking shape.

Throw into the mix that these two projects may begin within several weeks of each other, and you have many logistical hurdles to overcome.

"We plan to be working very closely with (both projects) to minimize the (construction) impact on the residents as possible," said Peter Dame, city manager. "We are the controller on one project (the garage), and (will work with) the redevelopment (of the senior condo facility) with the Sunrise people for the protection of the neighbors to provide as minimal disruption as possible."

Dame said that construction traffic is not his main concern. Most or all construction vehicles, equipment and materials are planned to be housed in "staging areas" away from the street.

"Traffic is the least of all the impacts in what's going on," he said. "We are in position to coordinate this movement."

The biggest chore is keeping the neighbors "adequately screened" from the ambient noise and dust common to construction sites. Dame said the city will work with the contractors to reduce the "banging and noise." He also does not

foresee parking or traffic conflicts with neighbors if proper oversight is carefully executed.

"We are seeking the cooperation of all of the parties involved," Dame said. "We also plan in keeping the neighborhood aware of what's going on."

To that end, the city will distribute notices regarding facets of the construction to neighbors before and during the projects. He also alluded to the possibility of having shuttles for construction workers if parking demands exceed present capacity.

"The logistics will be a challenge," Dame said. "We're committed to working with the community to resolve these issues."

One advantage is the advancement in construction materials and equipment. If the garage contractors use what is called "pre-cast construction material," which is now the plan, material can be delivered on-site and assembled without any disruption to traffic flow.

"We are planning for the contractors to be using the (construction) site and (being) contained there, with as little imposition to neighbors next door," Dame said.

## G.P. WOODS

# Assessor gets raise

Grosse Pointe Woods City Assessor Kathleen Paul earned an increase to \$42.50 per hour for 1,300 hours on the job, which was approved by city council.

The pay increase was recommended by the Compensation and Evaluation Commission during its late August meeting. — Bob St. John

## SCHOOLS: Saving money sends message

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November ballot.

Such news is dollar signs to Minturn's eyes, an accountant and Grosse Pointe Shores trustee known to press colleagues for frugal management of tax dollars.

November elections are a goal of Margo Parker, spokeswoman for Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education and a former member of the Grosse Pointe Park city council.

"Although the savings are relatively small, it sends a message to the community that you're looking at everything to save some dollars for the taxpayers," Parker told the board this week during a public hearing on the issue. "You have said how much effort you have made to encourage more citizen participation in the school system. Having an election for school board and issues related to the board on a November ballot, where people will remember to vote, is a good stab

at getting that involvement."

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land cited cost savings and increased voter turnout this week when reminding school districts of the filing deadline.

"Districts can look ahead to the upcoming budget year and decide whether they wish to move their elections in an effort to save taxpayer dollars," Land said in a news release.

She said school elections traditionally garner less than a 10 percent turnout.

School election turnout in the Pointes ranges from 2,500 to 9,000, Fenton said.

Board members don't have to settle on annual November elections.

Mark McInerney, the school system's attorney, cited three other options: elections in May during odd-numbered years; odd-year November elections and even-year November dates.

If the Pointes makes the shift, special school elections for such things as bond and millage matters, could be put on any of four consolidated election dates in February, May, August and November, Land said. There's an additional "floater" date for certain circumstances.

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# Teaching got under his skin

**Nicholas Mizeres** began as a Wayne State University anatomy instructor when Dwight Eisenhower was president and the year the Red Wings defeated the Montreal Canadians for the Stanley Cup.

**POINTER OF INTEREST**

In 1954 Dwight Eisenhower was halfway through his first term as president; the Supreme Court banned racial segregation in public schools in the landmark ruling of *Brown vs. the Board of Education*; the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Montreal Canadiens to win the Stanley Cup; "From Here to Eternity" took the Academy Award for Best Picture; and a first class stamp cost 3 cents.

It was also the year that Nicholas Mizeres started teaching anatomy at Wayne State University.

"I feel very fortunate, blessed even, that I made a career of the one thing I loved, teaching," said Mizeres, of the City of Grosse Pointe. "To think that I was somehow instrumental in the lives of so many good people is very humbling."

Mizeres' influence is felt very widely indeed. Many of us are familiar with the board game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon," but for hundreds, if not thousands, of medical personnel in southeast Michigan it is the one-degree of Nicholas Mizeres.

"By the time I came to Wayne in the early '90s, he was an institution," said Brian Engel, M.D., a Grosse Pointe Park pediatrician. "He was the one who fueled my fire for the human anatomy."

Engel, 44, who shares a genetic link with the doctor, said that the medical practice in Warren has a collective history with eight other physicians, years. But it was his human touch that won him the praise of so many students.

"Nick was admired by the students not only because of his knowledge, but because his door was always open," said Art Hampran D.D.S., an adjunct associate professor in anatomy at Wayne State. "He was approachable and very fair in the testing and grading systems."

Engel is alluding to the volleyball games Mizeres would organize to relieve his students.

By John Lundberg  
Staff Writer



When not teaching, Nicholas Mizeres enjoys fishing. Here he displays a sailfin wrasse caught in the Pacific Ocean during a trip to Costa Rica in 2001.

daughter, and has been a fixture for decades at the beach. "Where there is young life, there is young fish," he said. "Where there is young life, there is young fish."

Engel, who is young and full of life, is only one of the many students who have benefited from Mizeres' teaching. He has a collection of letters and notes from students, many of whom have written to him over the years, expressing their appreciation for his teaching and his influence on their lives.

"I tried my best to help them find it within them," Mizeres said. "I tried my best to help them find it within them."

Mizeres, who retired from Wayne State in 1995, said that the shadow that Mizeres cast at his death was enormous. In Wayne State is enormous. In fact, if he ever has an anatomy question, there is only one source: Mizeres' book, "Human Anatomy: A Synoptic Approach."

"I wouldn't think of going to any other place," he said. "But that isn't the only connection that Engel has with the crowd down at the anatomy department. There are some people legged to take care of a new generation of Nicks," he said.

## VETERANS POST By Freddy Groves

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# Cable television reform legislation picking up

In a world where the telecommunications industry changes on an almost daily basis, the laws governing Michigan's cable franchise systems haven't been revised since the inception of cable in the 1970s.

The system adopted at that time gave local governments the power to award a monopoly on cable service to a single company.

In many communities, residents have one choice available to them if they want cable television service – that choice being the company awarded the monopoly by the local government.

“I think we need competition consideration before the Legislature adjourns for the year in mid-December,” said State Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, “I think it will be good for us. Competition will bring lower prices.”

Earlier this year, legislation HB 6456 would, for the first time in Michigan history, introduce real competitive alternatives to traditional cable service in Michigan. It would allow new companies to enter local markets to compete against the local cable provider.

“Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act,” was introduced Sept. 12 by State Rep. Mike Nofs, R-Battle Creek, local government in the state. By streamlining the franchise process at the state level and applying a uniform agreement, new competitors can quickly enter the market to provide Michigan consumers with more choices, lower prices and better service.

Consumer advocates like Michigan Citizens Action, new video competitor entered the market. And in Florida, any other sector of the telecom industry and are not the general public.

A 2005 Phoenix Center study found that build out requirements actually deter new competitors from entering the market, increase the profits of incumbent providers and harm consumers by stifling competition and the benefits that stem from it like more choices, lower prices and better service.

It's important to note that on telecommunications services in general, contrary to what many people believe, the majority of Michigan residents want competition in the cable industry. In fact, 58 percent of consumers believe there is not enough cable competition and 69 percent believe their monthly cable bills are too high.

Without competitive market pressure to hold prices down, national cable rates have risen 86 percent over the past 10 years. This is why Michigan consumers feel they are paying too much and are eager to reap the benefits of cable competition.

**Q: Will cities lose money under a new franchise system?**

No, Michigan cities will not lose revenue under a new statewide video franchise system. HB 6456 calls for municipalities to receive up to 5 percent of gross revenues from a cable or video provider, which is the same amount that cable companies currently pay under local franchise agreements.

In fact, in a competitive market, Michigan cities stand to benefit from increased annual franchise fee revenues because new competition would grow the size of the fee-paying customer pool.

A May 2006 study released by Crandall and Litan found that the entrance of telecommunications companies into the video market will cause the price of service to decline and the number of subscriptions to increase. Litan and Crandall estimate that the increase in subscribers will result in an extra \$9 million to \$14 million per year in franchise fees for

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HB 6456 because the legislation would deliver the wide range of benefits that vigorous competition has to offer.

**Q: Will passing House Bill 6456 really save consumers money?**

Yes. In any industry, healthy work everywhere immediately for to build out its entire network. A study conducted at Lawrence Technological University estimates that Michigan cable subscribers could save up to \$673 million annually with the introduction of cable competition.

Texas passed a statewide franchise law that resulted in an immediate 25 percent cable rate reduction in certain markets. In Virginia, Cox Communications cut its cable rates by 42 percent when a new video competitor entered the market. And in Florida, BrightHouse cable reduced its rates by 38 percent, thanks to new competition.

**Q: Has video legislation created any new jobs?**

The mere threat of competition in Michigan forced Comcast to hire 300 extra customer service workers in the Detroit-area alone. Research shows that investment in upgrading their network and improving customer service, as would be the case with new providers entering the Michigan video market, jobs follow.

A study released in March 2006 by Robert Crandall and Robert Litan found that the entry of telecommunications companies into the video market would add jobs at the local level. The study cites Verizon's \$2 billion investment to upgrade its network, which created between 3,300 and 7,400 jobs in 2005. In Michigan, \$972 million was invested in the technology sector from 2005-2006, creating 733 jobs.

**Q: Why doesn't the legislation require new entrants to meet requirements?**

No, HB 6456 prohibits all video services without build out requirements.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Harwell gives library perfect holiday gift

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

Could legendary baseball announcer Ernie Harwell also be Santa Claus?

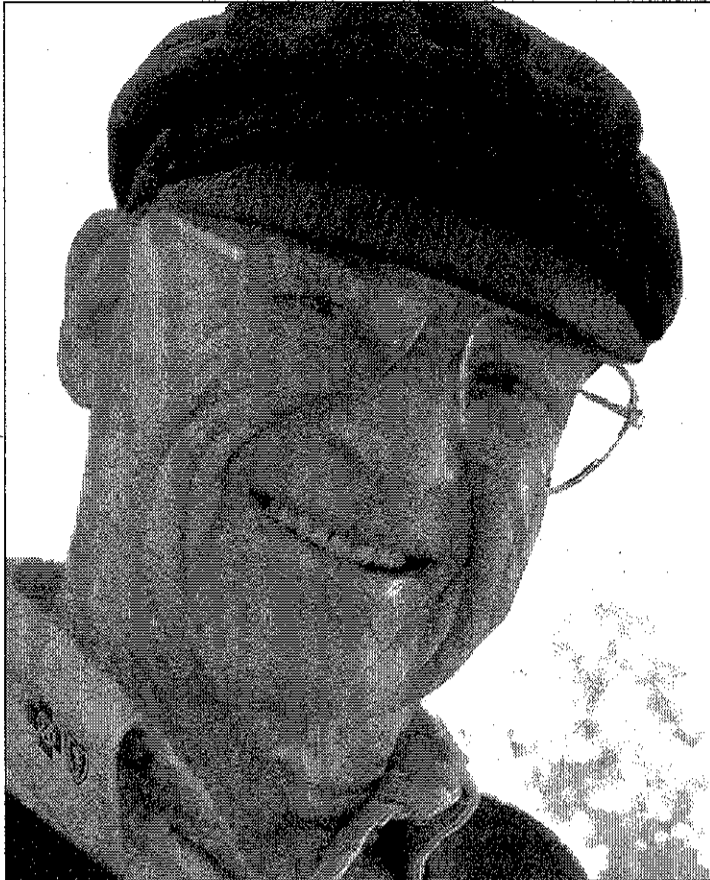
Even if he doesn't fly around the world on Christmas Eve delivering gifts, Harwell certainly has old St. Nick's generous spirit.

Just in time for the holidays, the former Detroit Tiger announcer has donated 300 copies of his latest work, "Ernie Harwell's Audio Scrapbook," to the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The library is selling the four-hour, four-disk audio book at each of its three branches for the listed price of \$19.84. Harwell will donate \$5 to the library for every CD sold.

"It makes a great stocking stuffer for someone for Christmas," said Marcia Scavarda, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation director.

While Harwell spent 42 of



Ernie Harwell

his 55 years calling plays for more than 8,000 Tiger games, the audio book does not focus on the Tigers but on baseball history.

The Hall of Famer guides listeners down baseball's memory lane that contains interviews, game calls and a conversation on the game's history between Harwell and Bob Harris, Duke University's basketball and football announcer. Among those interviewed are baseball greats Ted William, Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays, Yogi Berra and Connie Mack.

Prior to coming to Detroit, Harwell announced for the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Baltimore Orioles.

While working for the Giants, Harwell was the television announcer for the 1951 National League playoff game against the Dodgers in what was the first major sporting event televised from coast-to-coast in the United States.

The recent donation is not the first time Harwell has shown his support for Michigan libraries.

"Ernie has always been very generous to the Grosse Pointe Library," Scavarda said.

Harwell and former Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell are the forces behind the Tiger's Michigan Public Libraries Day at Comerica Park. For every \$20 ticket sold to the game scheduled on "Ernie and Tram" day, \$9 is donated to create endowments for Michigan public libraries. In 2005, they raised more than \$15,000.

Harwell has been a major supporter and benefactor of the Detroit Public Library. Throughout the 1970s, he hosted "Ernie Harwell Nights" at the main library where he announced the evening lineup, met fans and traveled with them via bus to Tiger Stadium.

Since 1965, Harwell has donated portions of his baseball and sports collection, which is estimated to be worth millions, to the Detroit library.

He added to his philanthropy by donating \$2 million in 2004. The library named a room in his honor at its main branch.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Committee seeks members

It's a chance of a lifetime to leave one's mark in Grosse Pointe.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is seeking members of the public to serve with library staff members and trustees on the building committee for a possible Central Branch library.

The committee will work with the design phase of the project. It will be a recommending body only, with all decisions made by the library director or the library board of trustees.

"It is hard to judge exactly how the meetings will go for this project," Director Vickey Bloom wrote in a memo, "but the two branch (Ewald and Grosse Pointe Woods) projects saw the committee working with due diligence, helping in the selection of an architect, and being part of a visioning session which ended in a consensus on aesthetics."

According to Bloom, the committees for the recently built branches were responsible selecting the short list of architects to be interviewed from the pool of candidates who responded to the Request For Proposal (RFP) for architects. The board interviewed those chosen candidates along with any firms the board was interested in interviewing.

If funds sufficient to construct a new Central branch are obtained, the committee will assist the architect in the process of designing the building.

To apply for a position on the committee, send a short resume by Friday, Dec. 15, to Grosse Pointe Public Library, Attn: Vickey Bloom, Director, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236.

- Beth Quinn

## REFORM: Cable TV rates better?

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Michigan cities.

**Q: What happens to cities that don't require cable franchises?**

Under the bill, if a city did not have an existing franchise agreement with an incumbent, and a new entrant wanted to provide service there, the city could set the initial franchise fee at up to 5 percent of gross revenues, and PEG (Portable Embedded GUM) support at 1 percent. If the city has a cable company there providing service today but no franchise agreement specifying a fee or PEG support, the cable provider would have to go to the new uniform system, and the city could get up to 5 percent franchise fee and 1 percent for PEG support.

**Q: When will rural consumers benefit from these new services?**

HB 6456 requires new video

service providers to reach at least 25 percent of the households in their service area within three years and 50 percent within six years; so a large portion of the population will quickly benefit from these services.

As the market demand for these products increases, providers will expand their services across Michigan in order to reach as many consumers as possible. Legislators in Indiana passed a bill similar to HB 6456 earlier this year and rural consumers were among the first to benefit from access to new advanced broadband and high-speed Internet services that were deployed as a result of the legislation.

After the bill passed, AT&T deployed broadband services to 33 new rural communities in Indiana and now towns as small as 268 people will have

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## Director presents check

Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Director Melissa Sharp presented a check for \$1,800 to the Children's Hospital of Michigan during the Nov. 20 city council meeting.

The donation resulted from lifeguard charity fundraisers spearheaded by Lakefront Park lifeguard Matt Mikula.

This year \$551 was raised during a July 22 night swim. Lifeguards donated their time and asked for contributions from people attending.

"I'm very proud of Matt," Sharp said.

In addition, lifeguards competed in a penny war, filling up chlorine buckets with as much change as possible. They raised \$897.75.

Their final fundraising adventure was Aug. 5 during the city picnic. Lifeguards offered children an opportunity to have their picture taken while sitting in a lifeguard chair with a rescue tube. They charged \$1 for the "sitting fee" and raised \$24.

Also at the city picnic, Mikula and his fellow lifeguards sat in a dunk tank, charging people for an opportunity to dunk a lifeguard, swimming instructor and coach. This event raised \$327.25.



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## EDITORIAL

## Shop locally for Christmas

**D**espite Michigan's lackluster economy, local merchants are optimistic this holiday season.

It is no secret retailers rely heavily on December shopping for making the bulk of their yearly sales. It is no wonder the day after Thanksgiving is referred to as "Black Friday." That is the day retailers' bottom line, hopefully, shows a profit.

True, retailers are hard pressed to compete these days. Direct mailing, catalogs and department and big-box stores have always been a thorn for local store owners, but on top of that today we have the ubiquitous and increasingly popular Internet.

Those offerings, however, lack the personal touch many of us prefer and enjoy and Pointe merchants offer.

Looking for jewelry? Every Pointe business district has quality stores where you can see and touch the merchandise. On Mack in the Woods there's Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers. On Kercheval on the lower Hill there's DuMouchelle's and on the upper Hill there's LaLonde Pongracz Jewelers and Gemologists.

Looking for unique gifts? There's Something Special on the Hill.

Attention male shoppers: The second annual Men's Night on the Hill will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14. Be sure to drop in at your favorite Hill stores. Refreshments (and possibly a glass of wine) will be served!

In the Village shopping district of the City of Grosse Pointe, Hickey's Walton Pierce continues the holiday tradition by carrying such Grosse Pointe favorites as Lilly Pulitzer down quilt vests, cocktail dresses, Robert Talbot and Vineyard Vines ties, Polo Ralph Lauren dress shirts, Lacoste knit shirts and sweaters and UGG down jackets. Cashmere sweaters and Rainforest outer coats are also very popular, according to owners Bill and Mary Jo Huntington.

And when doing your holiday food shopping, don't forget we already have a specialty grocer in town — Village Food Market on Mack near Moran.

Whether it is seafood or cuts of meat, Village Food has it. Owner Mark Garmo also stocks a huge selection of wine and liquor, as well as seasonal produce, specialty cheeses and chocolates and honey baked spiral hams.

Stocking up for the holidays is only a few minutes away. It is a sad fact we often overlook what is right before us. We take for granted what we have always had in our own communities.

Take the opportunity this holiday season to shop locally and let our local merchants know how much you appreciate them being here for us throughout the year.

## Cable reform unlikely here

**C**able industry reform is reaching high speed in Lansing, but will it make any difference in the Grosse Pointes?

It has been a longstanding complaint among Grosse Pointers that Comcast Cable is the only provider in town.

Ironically, Harper Woods has two competing cable providers — Comcast and Wide Open West (WOW). Because Harper Woods has a competitive market, Comcast is less expensive there than in the Pointes. In fact, Comcast is more expensive in all communities where it has a monopoly, we are told.

However, WOW told the Grosse Pointe News last year it had no intention of expanding its services into Grosse Pointe or any additional Michigan community.

Grosse Pointe Woods officials have been especially sensitive to the cable monopoly issue and met last year with SBC (now AT&T) to see about getting reduced rates for Woods dish subscribers. We have not heard whether those discussions are proceeding or whether they up in air.

The problem is the Grosse Pointes individually and collectively are too small to attract a major cable provider facing a competitive situation. Perhaps dish TV will be our only option besides Comcast.

There is nothing wrong with Comcast. Its offerings are good and, as far as we can tell, its Internet service is fast. But as with all monopolies, there is a tendency to charge more when competition is lacking.

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## Thanks for parade success

To the Editor:

The 31st annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade was a huge success. It takes a dedicated team of people to make such a large undertaking run smoothly.

The Village Association and the Hill Association wish to especially thank:

Santa and Mrs. Claus; The Village Association Board; The Hill Association Board; The Mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods; City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department; Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department; Grosse Pointe Farms Parks & Recreation; Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department; City of Grosse Pointe Public Works Department; Country Club of Detroit; Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade; the Berschback family; Chelsea Groustra; Clown Ministers of Regina; Mary and John Denomme; Dr. Mark Weber; the crew from WMTV 5; Pat Gast; Meaghan Dunham; Elaine Schweitzer; Sloane Barbour and Pointe Electronics; Flagstar Bank; Ace Hardware; Village Jewelry & Repair; Mike Kramer; Cindy Foxa; Jan Dunn; Wendy Jennings; the Langton family; Grosse Pointe Lions Club; Sheila, George and Oliver Young; Dean Valente; Dr. Ed and Chris Vermet; Leonard

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## Keeping pets safe this holiday

To the Editor:

The holidays are a time of great joy, but they can also be times of great danger for our cats and dogs.

Please allow me to share these tips for keeping animals safe this season:

- ◆ Keep tinsel, ribbons and ornament hooks away from prying paws. Cats have been known to eat decorations. If you see string hanging from your animal's mouth, never pull it out — doing so can cut her intestines. Call your veteri-

narian immediately.

- ◆ Make sure guests and children know not to share Christmas treats with cats or dogs. Chocolate can cause cardiac irregularities, seizures and even death in dogs.

- ◆ Keep plants such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies out of animals' reach — they can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and even death if eaten.

- ◆ Cover your tree stand with a decorative skirt to prevent animals from drinking pine needle- and preservative-filled water.

- ◆ Guests coming and going provide more opportunities for animals to slip out. Make sure pets are wearing collars and I.D. tags, just in case.

Here's wishing you and your furry family members a happy and safe holiday season!

LARRY SIEGLER, DVM  
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## Teacher compensation

To the Editor:

This is in reply to John Palffy's guest editorial "Teacher compensation reform," printed in the Nov. 30 Grosse Pointe News.

If you believe that Grosse Pointe teachers are overpaid, with all due respect, you probably don't value education highly to begin with.

You can't buy it at a discount store. To attract good men and women into the teaching profession, good salaries and benefits must be offered to them.

Michigan corporations are demanding well-educated graduates to compete in the global economy. We won't get them by spending our discretionary tax revenue only on foreign wars and the military. Sometimes it's a difficult choice, but it's a choice we and our elected representatives

have to make.

Proposal A has unquestionably hurt the Grosse Pointe schools. Unfortunately, none of John Palffy's ideas would help solve the real problem — the forced loss of funding.

It is naive to think that any employee bargaining agent could ever agree to a contract with automatic wage decreases based on unpredictable outside factors such as runaway health-care costs. That's not worth bringing up.

Another proposal was to encourage private donations, albeit Grosse Pointers have always generously supported school projects. But paying privately for "outstanding teacher performance" sounds a lot like merit pay, and where can we hope to find an all-seeing, trustworthy, omniscient judge to peruse the field and pick out the favored teachers?

Of course math and science teachers deserve good salaries, but so do reading specialists, English and foreign language teachers. What about the band teacher listening to his 40 out-of-tune student instrumentalists? Do we want to rob one to reward the other?

Teacher aides, tutors and volunteers have been utilized for generations in Grosse Pointe. They don't, however, take the place of a qualified, motivated, educated classroom teacher with a passion for working with students to learn and grow.

Mr. Palffy's guest editorial is, I believe, a sincere effort, but running through it is a troubling sense of anti-union animosity which detracts from his arguments. And I have yet to see a "For Sale" sign posted by a homeowner who was leaving because of a perception of failing Grosse Pointe schools.

MICHAEL BRADY  
Grosse Pointe Shores

## GUEST EDITORIAL By Leonard MacEachern

## Compensation for teachers

**J**ohn Palffy's Guest Editorial's ("Teacher compensation reform," Grosse Pointe News Nov. 30) suggestions for reform, within the Grosse Pointe school districts compensation to teachers, and advice to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, has some valid points and useful information. However, it is a misguided and misleading argument regarding levels of compensation for teachers.

If memory serves correctly, the last contract negotiation ended with a raise in teacher's salaries of slightly more than 1 percent per year more than a three-year period. Mr. Palffy has chosen to lump the current contract in with the contract negotiated

in 1999 to somehow come up with his statement regarding a "30 percent faster rise in salaries than inflation and revenues."

This statement could be lumped in the "there are lies, damn lies and statistics" category. Without belaboring this issue, suffice it to say when the 2000-2004 contract was negotiated around year 2000, the state and local community were in far better shape than they are now.

Tying compensation to revenues sounds like a valid point; every business owner (including me) would love to have an option like this. It is not a practical one though. Many business owners react to lower revenues like the district has and does: they lay off

people, or buy out employees who have been there for a long time, and ask the ones still there to do more.

Case in point: student numbers in certain classes for one teacher used as an example here, have gone from 127 students in five classes in 2005-06, to 145 students in five classes in 2006-07. Are teachers being paid more for the work involved with these larger loads? Of course they're not. But this represents a true reduction in costs for the school district. Who suffers? The students who have to cope with large classes, less individual attention as well as insufficient work stations, be it in a science or language lab to accommodate them.

Regarding comments for differentiated pay scale for disciplines; there are probably more teachers available on the open market for English and/or social studies related subjects than any other. I defy anyone to tell me students in every district graduating these days are better prepared to write now than even a dozen years ago.

Ask any employer this question about writing ability in graduates. Should those teachers receive more or less compensation just because there are more of them out there? How about if they happen to be outstanding teachers? Who determines that math and science are more or

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I SAY By Bob St. John

# Lions give fans Sunday headaches



**W**e had so much hope for our Detroit Lions to actually field a competitive team this season. Fans were treated to a summer of winning, compliments of our newly crowned American League champion Detroit Tigers. Only a World Series loss to the St. Louis Cardinals put a damper on what was a superb season downtown. The Lions' training camp began in July and their season started when the Tigers' ultimate season was in full swing. The baseball success had to rub off on the Lions, which have turned into perennial losers under the guidance of team President and CEO Matt

Millen. What has transpired since the beginning of the season has been only two wins in 12 weeks of gridiron action. The Lions beat the Buffalo Bills and Atlanta Falcons at Ford Field. Included among the 10 losses have been debacles against the Arizona Cardinals, who beat Detroit to end an eight-game losing streak, and the horrible San Francisco 49'ers. The Lions have also lost another Thanksgiving Day game to the Miami Dolphins, quarterbacked by former Lions scapegoat Joey Harrington. Remember Joey. He was another first-round draft pick (taken No. 3 overall in the 2002 draft behind David Carr and Julius Peppers) who was driven out of town only to come back and throw three touchdown passes to carve up Detroit on Turkey Day. Go figure. Loss No. 10 came Sunday, Dec. 3, at New England, 28-21. The Lions actually played

well enough to win this game, except when it was crunch time late in the third quarter and throughout the fourth quarter when the offense imploded and the defense couldn't stop quarterback Tom Brady and runningback Corey Dillon, who scored the winning touchdown, which was his third of the game. Chalk up another loss. Something positive did come out of the game. No, I'm not talking about playing well enough to win or achieving a "moral" victory against a Patriots team that has won three Super Bowls during the past five years. The positive I'm talking about is the loss enabled the Lions to stay on track for the NFL's worst-record, giving the team the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft. Before next year's draft, owner William Clay Ford should do us a favor and fire Millen. He has done nothing but make poor draft selections.

He has opted to draft players with questionable character, such as Charles Rogers and Mike Williams. Rogers was cut after three years of injuries, a suspension and poor attitude. Williams was inactive for several games and the few games he has played, he has been a nonfactor. First year head coach Rod Marinelli, in my opinion, has done an admirable job directing this sad-sack team. At least they give a solid effort week-in and week-out. The losses still mount and a 2-14 finish is a distinct possibility, but I think the team's future with Marinelli could be bright. Quarterback Jon Kitna is not the answer. The team does have playmakers in runningback Kevin Jones and wide receiver Roy Williams. The offensive line is below average and Roy Williams needs another receiver who can catch the ball and be a scoring threat. Detroit's defense is designed

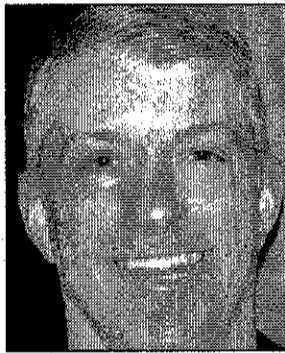
to bend, but not break. The defense does bend, but then again it also breaks. Who can the Lions draft? A legitimate quarterback might be a start. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy candidate QB, fits that bill. Quinn is big (6-foot, 4-inches, 227 pounds) and has shown he can throw touchdown passes and lead a team under pressure. All Quinn has to do next season is carry a clipboard, learning how to play the position at the pro level from Kitna. The Cincinnati Bengals did the same thing with Kitna a few years ago, drafting Heisman Trophy quarterback Carson Palmer (2002) out of USC. He didn't take one snap during his first year with the Bengals, but he started his second season and is now an All-Pro. The Lions haven't had a good quarterback since the days of Bobby Lane, and that was way before my days.

I have witnessed disappointing quarterbacks such as Chuck Long, Gary Danielson, Eric Hipple and Rusty Hilger attempt to lead this team out of the dumps. If Millen remains with the organization, our No. 1 or No. 2 draft pick would probably be another wide receiver or better yet Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith, who in my opinion is too short and doesn't have the talent to play QB in the pros. What can we, the fans, expect for the final four games of the 2006 season? Losses to Minnesota, Green Bay, Chicago and Dallas, leaving the Lions at 2-14. However, watch the Lions screw up getting the No. 1 pick by beating Minnesota or better yet, upsetting Chicago, which will be playing most of its backups since it will have wrapped up home-field advantage throughout the NFC (National Football Conference) playoffs. A note to the Lions. Just lose out and get the No. 1 pick.

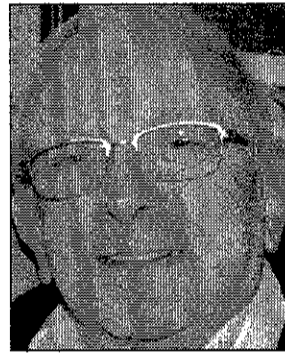
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

### Would you or have you ever stood in line or camped overnight to make a purchase?

*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 e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com*



'Absolutely not. If I am going to camp, it would be up north and in the summer, not in front of a store in winter.'  
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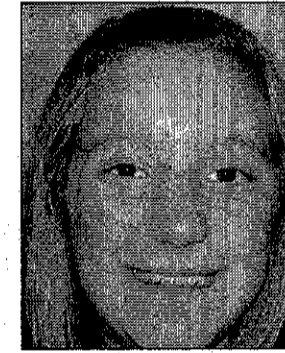
'No. I prefer to shop locally.'  
**DICK RUZZIN**  
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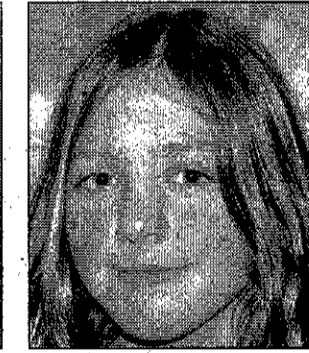
'No, because I do all my shopping in the Village.'  
**JOHN STEVENS**  
City of Grosse Pointe



'I probably would but it depends on the gift and if it would be worth the wait.'  
**CARLY VERKUIELEN**  
Grosse Pointe Farms



'I haven't, but I might because it seems like fun to hang out with friends and camp overnight.'  
**ALEX WELKE**  
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I haven't and it would depend on what I am waiting for and who I am with.'  
**ANNA BRUCKER**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI By Ben Burns

# Ode to 'Jim the Barber' of Fisher Road



**W**hile hundreds of Grosse Pointes spent hours chatting with Jim Langford for decades and counted him a friend, some of them didn't even know his last name. But he knew their names. The clientele ranged from a Who's Who of Grosse Pointe to ordinary citizens and sports stars. When world-famous Detroit Symphony Orchestra conductor Antal Dorati came in, he always was respectfully addressed as "The Maestro." Jim knew baseball players, like Dan Petry and Cecil Fielder, and hundreds of others who frequented his small shop at 395 Fisher in the City. Some of those customers knew Jim only as 'Jim, the Barber.' Three generations of Grosse Pointers spent time in one of Jim's three chairs, talking about life, sports, hunting, fishing, politics and what was going on in the world. It was a post-graduate education for Jim and his associates as they listened to folks talk about their lives, their hobbies, their businesses, their hopes and their dreams. The shop was a refuge from the busy world, a place where South High School sports contests were constantly analyzed. Grandfathers, fathers and grandsons got their haircuts before big business deals, games, proms and concerts. No one knows how many boys got their first haircuts there or how many pictures

were shot of that rite of passage moment — probably thousands. But everyone remembers that after a child survived the first shearing of locks that a loving mother might have allowed to grow fairly long, he would be treated by Jim to the sound of the cuckoo clock high on the rear wall. The one concession to modern hair care was a semi-screened-off chair in the back where you could get a hair cut by appointment; in recent decades it has been called "Dave's Corner" for **Dave Brown**, who owns the shop and practices his skill in that cubicle. Dave bought the shop when Jim retired in 1986 and has been running it ever since; although Jim would come back as a vacation fill-in from time to time, and word would get out and old customers would flock to the shop just to say hello. The shop has gone through several cuckoo clocks since that first one Jim used to delight the children. The hands tend to fall off when you push them around to the hour to get the bird to do its thing, but the tradition goes on.

A modest, Christian man, whose church was a vital part of his life, Langford never bragged about who he knew or repeated tales out of school about his customers. He also never discussed his Navy service in World War II aboard an attack cargo ship called the Pamina that saw support action at the largest Pacific amphibious assault of the War in the Battle of Okinawa; the ship was also in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, at the Japanese surrender ceremony to end the war. A guitar player all his life, Jim penned a song about his ship called "The Pamina Cannon Ball." The first two verses go like this: "A long gray hull and two cargo booms, "She's taking me away from home; "I'm on a ship, "The Queen of them all, "The Pamina Cannon Ball." "Who rolls around like a drunken whale, "Like a sailor on a mid-nite spree; "Her decks awash, "And my bunks on a tilt, "But it's home sweet home to me." Home sweet home for Jim was originally Tennessee, where he grew up before migrating to Detroit and working the line at Chrysler before going to barber college. He married his sweetheart, **Kathy**, who was also from Tennessee, and they had two children — **Tim** and **Barbara** — and were married for 45 years before Kathy died. The family attended the Northeast Church of Christ in Eastpointe for more than 40 years. Jim remarried to **Mary Jean** for nine years, and they spent his last few winters in Arizona, "where he loved it," according to daughter

Barbara. "He didn't like the cold." Jim died on Sunday, Aug. 13, and even though no obituary notice ran on "Jim the Barber," before his memorial service, 425 persons turned out at the Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester Hills. A piper played "Amazing Grace," and Jim was memorialized with military honors, arranged by Barbara. "He always cried when he talked about World War II," she said. "And he worried about the boys in Iraq." The folded flag was presented to

Tim's son, **Shane**. "He always said that he loved the folks in Grosse Pointe," Barbara said. "He said, 'My place of employment has been very good to me. I have met so many people. I've been truly blessed.' "I was very blessed," she added. "I was one lucky girl to have such a great dad." There's talk now of recording Jim the Barber's song that he wrote so many years ago. It ends: "Some day I guess, this war will end, "And we will go back home,


"We'll go on a ship, "The Queen of them all, "The Pamina Cannon Ball." "A long gray hull and two cargo booms, "We'll be on our way back home; "We're on a ship, "The Queen of them all, "The Pamina Cannon Ball." Ben Burns is the director of the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsb@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.



Jim Langford, the 'Barber of Fisher Road'

## Points about the Pointes

*Our flooded crawl space and times past... what was my lucky break and what did I learn?*



It seems like only yesterday I was photographing our oldest son, Jonathan, while he was climbing a tree. Now he is looking at colleges. What happened to all of the time in between? As I am sure you have experienced with your children, it seems like it went by in the blink of an eye. The only record I have of those years is in multiple boxes of pictures, which, up until a month ago were in our crawl space. Fast forward to a few days ago when we had the heavy rain, and we ended up with a few inches of water in our crawl space. What would have happened to all of those memories had they not been moved? Simple. They would have been lost forever.

You don't need to experience what almost happened to us. First, take your valued pictures out of the basement or attic and put them somewhere safe. Second, get them organized and let us scan them to DVDs. Put one copy in your safe deposit box and keep another copy to enjoy at home. It's a Holiday gift that you'll cherish. The cost to scan a shoebox of 1,000 pictures is only \$49. It's about the same money you'd spend to take the kids to the movies. There aren't many movies out that will bring you the joy over and over again of your family memories, are there?

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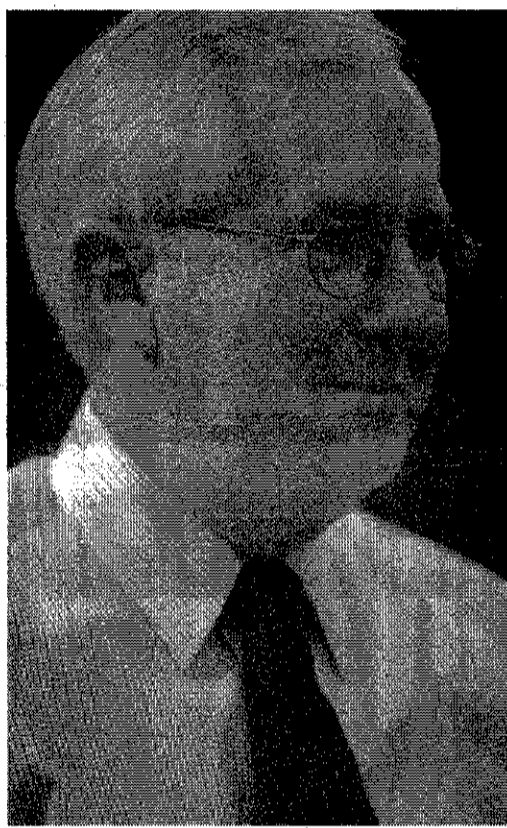
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## REBUTTAL: Unions not sole blame

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less important to the high school curriculum?

Compensation for teachers using merit pay sounds good in a guest editorial, but from a practical point, it is nearly impossible to administer and has a vast capacity to be abused.

There are many ways the board could help improve teaching performance. Two are noted here:

1) Tenure and degree are used for salary levels, much

the same as at the university level. The board should demand these tools be used more effectively than they are now. The period prior to granting tenure should be extended out from the four year period, during which contact with tenured teachers and their methodology should be taken advantage of to a larger degree than what is currently done. And obviously during that period, weaker instructors are identified and not hired into the system.

2) Presently, teachers with a general master's degree receive higher compensation than those without. Educators who are sincerely committed to their field of instruction, seek to attain as much knowledge as possible in their field

of expertise. The H.R. department should reward teachers who have master's degrees in their subject area of instruction, rather than a general master's in education. This would not cost a dime more, just a different selection process at hire; but it would encourage educators to acquire a professional background of greater depth to the significant benefit of the student.

Taxpayers should be educated about the school board, as Mr. Palffy suggests. And they should see that a fairly simple way of saving significant taxpayer money has once again been shelved this year for various reasons. This is called trimester scheduling. It is being put off yet another year, after a lengthy study by teachers and administrators recommended its adoption. There are factions within the school system that view this idea as a pox, and they have had a great effect at the school board level to keep the status quo. It is time to look past these objections to the benefit of the majority of students and to taxpayers.

While I feel unions in general have outlived their usefulness to a large degree, I would not place the blame of our schools funding levels on their shoulders exclusively, as Mr. Palffy seems to do. In the case of health care, it is a conundrum that General Motors has a devil of a time controlling. Teachers have been realistic with requests for salary raises in the last contract with the issue of health care costs in mind. Without a doubt, it must be a topic for negotiation in the next contract.

Teachers, especially middle school and high school teachers, serve a critical purpose, at critical times in our young people's lives. The pressure cooker teachers operate under day in and day out would drive many people back under the covers every morning. There are non-teaching duties, administrative duties, and after-school duties that each year become more complex and taxing.

Implementation of each one of these duties one by one, minute by minute, takes away from the function they are hired to do: teach our children.

Every new duty dreamed up by someone else multiplies the problem. These are some of the issues taxpayers need to be "educated about," to paraphrase Mr. Palffy. There are lines of people begging for jobs everywhere in the state of Michigan right now, not just for teaching jobs in Grosse Pointe. The problem is they could or may not do the job any better, and certainly could do it worse than the teachers we have working right now.

Leonard MacEachern is a life-long resident of Grosse Pointe, business owner and homeowner in Grosse Pointe Farms, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Detroit School of Business Administration. His spouse is a teacher with the Grosse Pointe Community School System.

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# Gift-giving etiquette

Gift-giving among company employees and between companies as a way of securing or rewarding business is common this time of year.

Company mailrooms see an influx of gift baskets and treats being sent from associates. Employees often engage in gift swaps among divisions or with those whom they are friendly.

## Gift-giving etiquette

◆ Gifts as a marketing tool: Many companies send gifts to massive lists of clients, associates and more in an effort to secure the company's image. Gifts may also serve as a thank you for solidarity to the company or a way of reconnecting after a cessation of business communication.

Keep in mind these guidelines when purchasing gifts:

Check the gift policy with the companies to which you plan to send gifts.

Some companies have strict rules against employees receiving gifts because it may appear as a mild form of bribery. Government officials and employees, writers and others who need to maintain an unbiased relationship with individuals may fall into this category. Other companies may place a limit on the gift amount.

Think about the message you want to convey in the gift. Choose one that reflects your business mantra and image.

Send gifts in a timely manner, especially if they are of the thank-you variety.

Certain gifts, such as food, flowers, calendars and other "useful" gifts that bear a company logo, are standards that will be appreciated over a wide sector of the business community.

Personalize gifts or cards whenever possible so your message doesn't seem canned.

Gifts should reflect the value you place on the relationship. Highly-respected clients should receive more attention and a more personal gift.

Be conscious of religious and cultural differences when sending gifts. You don't want to offend when your intent is to give thanks and celebrate the season. For example, be careful about sending certain colors of flowers overseas.

For instance, white chrysanthemums are mainly used for funerals in Belgium, Spain and France.

White flowers symbolize death in Japan. Yellow flowers symbolize death in Mexico and infidelity in France, according to (800) FLOWERS.

Check and double-check the spelling of recipients' names and company names when sending personalized gifts.

◆ Gifts among co-workers:

Whether you love or loathe exchanging gifts with co-workers, it is often commonplace to do so as a gesture of good will during the season of giving. In order to make it a success, keep the following in mind:

Set a price limit. Secret Santa games and grab bags are great for the office because they often require gift-givers to purchase a generic present of a specific value. By setting a cost limit, no one feels pressured to overspend.

Purchase a gift for anyone who works directly for you, such as an administrative assistant or associate.

It's a nice gesture and will show that you care about the relationship. As many administrators have attested to, the worst gift they ever got from an employer was nothing at all.

Don't give anything too personal, say a perfume or cologne fragrance. Save those gifts for family or friends you know well.

Choose gifts that show you've put thought into the selection, not offering something you just picked up at the corner drugstore on the way into work.

Items like stationery, a fruit or food basket, gift card or something that plays into a hobby or interest of a co-worker will probably be well-received. If giving food, keep in mind any dietary restrictions an individual might have, such as being a vegetarian or following a kosher lifestyle.

Don't fret about purchasing a gift for a boss, even though 53 percent of global executives surveyed believe their boss is the hardest person to buy a holiday gift for, according to the latest Executive Quiz from Korn/Ferry International.

Fine chocolates, liquor and gourmet gift baskets top the list of gift ideas for bosses. Better yet, rather than every employee each giving one little gift to the boss, pool resources and chip in to get a large gift that may be appreciated that much more.

Don't feel pressured to reciprocate. If someone gives you a gift unexpectedly, don't run out to purchase something in return.

A heartfelt "thank you" will suffice. Many people realize that holiday gift-giving budgets are tight, so be comfortable with the fact that you can't buy for all. If you want to send out a holiday message to everyone, consider personalized greeting cards.



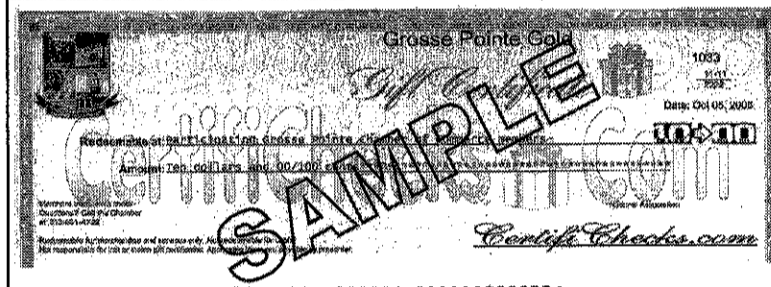
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Oxford Beverage & Deli, established in 1947, reopened under new ownership in early November. City officials and the local chamber of commerce officially welcomed the new owners to the business community during a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, Jenny Boettcher (Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce member service representative), Mary Huebner (Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director), Paul Bourgeois (owner), Sherry Bourgeois (owner), Robert Novitke (Woods mayor), Jo Bourgeois (owner), Dave Bourgeois (owner) and Mark Wollenweber (Woods city administrator). Oxford

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## Walsh puts Woods mayhem in context

Brendan Walsh, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, made a statement at Monday night's board meeting regarding the district's response to recent criminal activity in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Walsh discussed:  
 ♦ the Sunday, Nov. 5 arson at North High School, for which police have arrested two Woods teenage males enrolled in the school,

♦ the Sunday, Nov. 12 discharge of what police believe was a semi-automatic weapon outside a residence in the 900 block of Hollywood where a

private party had taken place and for which police have not made arrests, and

♦ the status of the district's residency enforcement policy.

Walsh said:  
 "Some recent events in our schools and community have generated a great deal of interest and understandable concern from residents.

"In anticipation of questions about how the Grosse Pointe Public School System has responded, the board would like to issue the following statement concerning three matters of community interest: the fire

at Grosse Pointe North, the incident in Grosse Pointe Woods that involved the discharge of a firearm, and the ongoing residency verification process.

"The Nov. 5 fire was started when individuals ignited some road flares on the roof at Grosse Pointe North.

"Public safety resources from the Woods and Shores responded rapidly and professionally, for which the district is thankful. The fire was quickly extinguished, but smoke and water damage necessitated the closure of North for a day. The ensuing municipal investiga-

tions identified Grosse Pointe North students as suspects.

"As provided by the Student

Code of Conduct, all suspected students were immediately excluded from school pending

the outcome of the district's in-

See WOODS, page 14A

## Web site survey extended

The Grosse Pointe Public School System district Web site survey has been extended to 5 p.m., Dec. 15.

The previous deadline of late November was moved forward to allow greater response from community

members and staff.  
 "We've had a little more than 1,100 responses so far, said Superintendent Susan Klein.

District officials encourage responses to help them tailor the Web site and commu-

nication methods to meet community needs. The brief survey can be accessed from the home page of the district Web site, [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org).

Printed versions of the survey may be obtained by calling (313) 432-3007.



## Pepped up and primed for the holidays

The Grosse Pointe North Pep Band contributes a tuneful aspect to this year's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. Band director Dave Cleveland is playing the tuba sticking up in the background.

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## Parcells Goodfellows

Students and teachers at Parcels Middle School have designated December as "Goodfellows month" and are

donating proceeds from several school-sponsored events to the 92-year-old charity that provides Christmas packages

for 30,000 needy children.

"Each year our student council selects a holiday charity to raise money for and this year they decided to help the Detroit Goodfellows," said student council advisor and teacher Kerry Pytel. "We have several events this month where we'll be accepting donations."

A \$5-a-ticket dance social will be held in the school gym on Friday, Dec. 8.

Teachers who participate in "dress down day" on Dec. 15 will be asked to contribute \$5 each.

Pytel said other groups in the school are conducting events such as "penny wars."

He added that the Goodfellows will receive \$1 from each DVD sold of a holiday concert recorded in the school auditorium by five Grosse Pointe elementary and three middle schools.

The Detroit Goodfellows distribute Christmas gift packages containing warm clothing, books, candy, toys and trinkets to children between the ages of 5 and 13 years of age. They also provide free shoes and emergency dental work for needy youngsters.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

# More middle honors

District administrators are studying ways to increase academic rigor in middle school science and social studies curriculums.

The front-running solution centers on establishing honors programs in both areas of study.

"This will be viewed as a pilot program subject to review and evaluation," said Susan Allan, Grosse Pointe schools assistant superintendent of curriculum. "We would want to evaluate the courses as they go along (to see) if it meets its objectives."

Planning includes how to shoehorn honors classes among regular course sections.

"The practicalities of middle school scheduling are likely to limit the number of electives available to students who are identified for multiple honors classes," Allan said.

Another hurdle concerns the emotional development of younger students.

Although some seventh and eighth grade students pack the brain power to tackle tough courses, experience shows they are more prone than their high school counterparts to drop the ball.

The question becomes more pointed when realizing that potential honors candidates will be steered toward the fast track as early as fifth grade.

"I have not found any other districts that currently offer accelerated courses other than math and world language," Allan said. "One reason is that individual students' maturity remains quite variable. The student who isn't ready for advanced study one year may (be) ready in the next."

Members of the school

board will consider the merits of science and social studies honors curriculums separately. Enrollment qualifications have already been outlined:

- ◆ **Science:** Registration criteria include enrollment in advanced mathematics, achieving Level 1 on fifth grade science and sixth grade reading MEAP tests, and earning minimum grades of A- in sixth grade science.

- ◆ **Social studies:** Registration criteria includes achieving Level 1 on sixth grade social studies and reading MEAP tests; achieving at least Level 5 on the Grosse Pointe writing assessment tests; and earning a minimum grade of A- in sixth grade social studies.

Performance standards haven't been set, but honors students would be judged according to advanced benchmarks and must maintain a grade of at least B- to stay in the sections.

Honors courses could be scheduled and structured by various methods, including accelerated learning, enrichment, classroom clustering and adding electives to the academic menu.

### Acceleration

Accelerated courses take a linear path to cover more material in less time. The method is least flexible but serves structured disciplines such as mathematics.

Benefits include allowing students to complete course work at an earlier grade level.

On the downside, acceleration sometimes involves skipping over seemingly less important areas of course content.

Overlooked details, like the

nap absent from the shoe of Napoleon's horse, could leave a crack in an otherwise solid education.

### Enrichment

"This implies designing instruction that uses more challenging materials, more complex activities, higher-order critical thinking and other techniques that challenge students to push more deeply into topics," Allan said.

Enrichment is flexible. It lets students explore high levels of complexity within the subject area. Such benefits must be weighed against unsuitability for subjects requiring acceleration.

"Enrichment courses are more useful for curriculum that is not very linear and that has topics, such as electricity, that can be taught on a variety of levels," Allan said.

### Clusters

Cluster grouping describes forming platoons of three to eight students of similar ability to provide learning partners. Allan cited math and language arts as examples.

Advantages include flexibility. Student needs, learning styles and interest can be accommodated. Grouping also allows interaction with a variety of learners.

Disadvantages include more need for staff development and teacher support. Clustering is less suited for linear subjects, which are often better suited for acceleration.

### Elective courses

Allowing better students to meet academic challenges

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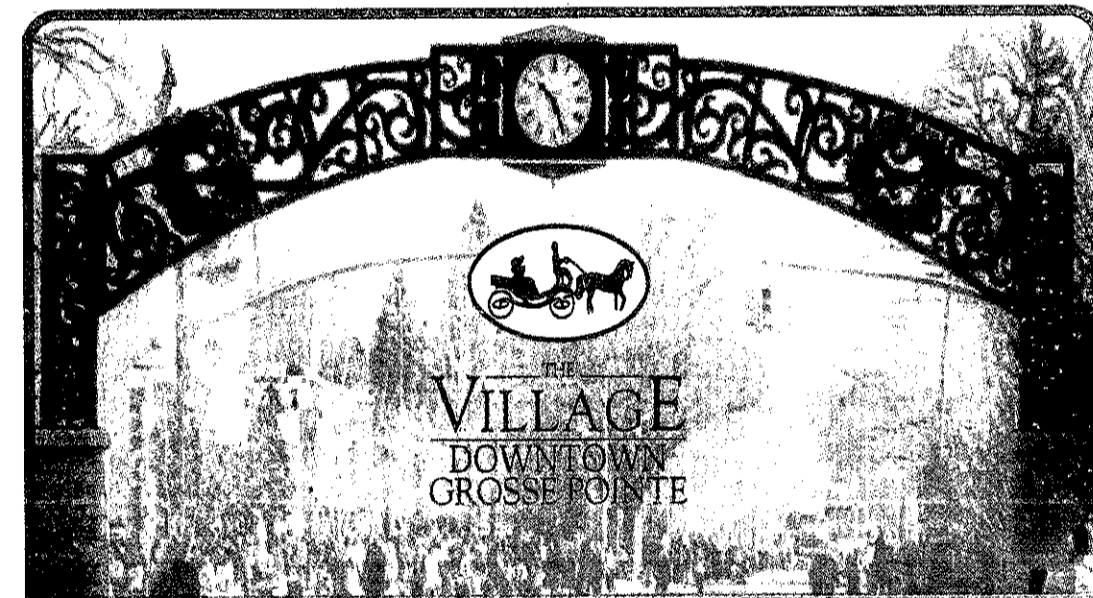
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## WOODS: Board boss talks crime

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vestigation and have not attended class since the fire. On Nov. 28, Woods police arrested North students in relation to this incident. State law now requires the school district to conduct our own investigation, which has already commenced.

"We have no specific timetable for when the investigation will be concluded; however, the students in question have been, and remain, excluded

from school pending the outcome of the investigation.

"Regarding the incident that involved the discharge of a firearm in Grosse Pointe Woods: Since this did not take place on school grounds it will continue to be handled by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Given our interest in the safety of our students and the relationship between the safety of our community and our schools, the district is concerned about the incident.

"We have learned from Grosse Pointe Woods police that to date no charges have been filed in the case. We have been told that no Grosse Pointe public school students are suspected. No Grosse Pointe students are under investigation

and no Grosse Pointe students are ever expected to be under investigation.

"The safety of our students and the security of our facilities remains a priority.

"While the incident is of great concern, we do not feel it is indicative of any deterioration in the safety of our facilities or students. We do not anticipate any procedural or policy change as a result.

"Safety is a priority. We enjoy outstanding relationships with municipal public safety organizations across all of the municipalities in our district. Dialogue with these organizations along with parents, students and staff are frequent to ensure a safe learning environment. We encourage residents who have concerns or suggestions regarding the safety of a school to discuss these with the building principals.

"The specific circumstances of these incidents do not have a direct connection to student residency verification; however public interest in this issue remains strong.

"The reregistration of all students preceding the 2005 school year was comprehensive, but it did not represent all of, or the end of, other activities that seek to ensure that the students attending our schools have the legal right to do so. Stringent verification of residency preceding enrollment remains a constant.

"District administration and the board, in conjunction with legal counsel, will continue to refine district policy relative to residency verification. Individual investigations also continue.

"Just last week, the administration reported to the board that since August, 2006, the district has conducted 66 individual residency investigations.

"This resulted in the confirmation that 46 of these 66 were legally entitled to attend our schools. Eleven students were excluded, and 9 remain under investigation. Enrollment and residency verification is a dynamic issue. Investigations are likely to continue.

"Concerned residents should view these activities as evidence that the district shares your concern and has taken pro-active measures to respond to this challenge."

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# Reprising Monteith's school song

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Monty's getting his groove back.

Monteith Elementary School alumni are helping resurrect the school's forgotten song and mascot, Monty the Tiger, established more than 40 years ago.

An appeal from Principal Chet Bauer for clues to the song's melody generated enough responses to begin re-

construction.

"Our goal is to restore the tradition and have every kid learn the song," Bauer said.

Bauer discovered the words when compiling the school's 50th anniversary cookbook. But he didn't know the melody.

The situation prompted Cindy Ireland, a circa-1960 Monteith graduate from Grosse Pointe Woods, to consult her scrapbook. She discovered a musical score she'd

used to perform the song on the clarinet in fifth grade.

"It's a little ditty," Ireland said.

"Paula DeCarlo, our vocal music teacher, has been given sheet music. We have actually had a couple of former students call and stop by to sing our school song," Bauer said. "It's a pleasant little melody."

DeCarlo is working with members of the school choir to perform "Monty's Song" dur-

ing the Monteith Winter Concert, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Parcels Middle School. The song was written by Monteith's first principal, Marshall Johnson, during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"We loved him," Ireland said. Bauer said a stuffed animal named Monty used to be kept in the school lobby.

"It was used to comfort children who hurt themselves on the playground," Bauer said.



## Choir CD reissued

The South High choirs holiday compact disk is back in stores after selling out last year. "Joy: The Choirs of Grosse Pointe South" costs \$15 and features 14 songs by six choral groups recorded during the 2005-06 season. Selections range from "Ave Maria" to the spiritual "Plenty Good Room." Direction is by Ellen Bowen. "Joy" is available at several area stores, including Farms Market in the City, Village Food Market in the Farms, Hickey's (Walton Pierce) in the Village, The Secret Garden in the Woods, George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers in the Woods, Dawood in the Village and Mr. C's Car Wash in Detroit. Order from Lisa Kelch at (313) 885-1656. Order forms will be available at gpsouthchoir.org.

## Eighth-grade parent night is next week

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School officials have planned the evenings as opportunities for parents and students to learn what the Grosse Pointe Public School System offers high school students.

## HONORS: Middle school changes

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through elective courses could provide both enrichment and acceleration.

Students could advance within a topic while moving in and out of honors courses at

various grade levels.

On the other hand, if elective courses are limited to only one semester, they wouldn't provide for students who are completing course work at an earlier level.

In addition, such classes may be difficult to schedule and would require development of an alternative curriculum.

Lastly, if enrollment is low, the elective course may not run.

—Brad Lindberg

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 6, 2006.
- To hold a Public Hearing on December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**RESOLUTION PASSED**

- To adopt the attached resolution (Attachment #1) in support of the Eight Mile Boulevard's "Eight Mile Corridor Keeper Program," and further, to direct the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the adjoining communities of Eight Mile Road as specified on the resolution.
- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
  - Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 78767 through 78941 in the amount of \$310,138.60 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
  - To receive and file for the audit 3rd quarter financial report.
  - Approve the purchase of a hand-held meter reader with software from Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$9,700.00.
  - Approve payment to the Children's Home of Detroit in the amount of \$14,511.50 for our City's proportionate share of the funding of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Youth Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006/2007.
  - Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$6,538.05 for services performed on the tax rolls.
  - Accept the low bid submitted by Premier Business Products for the purchase of a Toshiba E600 copy machine in the amount of \$11,797.00.
- To move the City of Harper Woods Primary Election date from the Tuesday following the second Monday in September to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August preceding the City's bi-annual General Election, and furthermore, that this resolution is adopted under the authority of Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954, 168.642.a(3), and furthermore, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the State Election Bureau.
- To accept the bid submitted by C & V Cement of Eastpointe in the amount of \$12,240.00 for the 2006 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Replacement Program.
- To accept the low bid submitted by Marine City Nursery Company for the purchase of 80 trees in the amount of 9,200.00.
- To approve payment to Plante Moran in the amount of \$6,000 for the City's participation in a feasibility study for a centralized emergency dispatch center with six other communities in Macomb County.

**KENNETH A. POYNTER,** Mayor  
**MICKEY D. TODD,** City Clerk

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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Larceny

On Thursday, Nov. 30, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., an unlocked green Diamond 21-inch bike was taken from the rear yard of a home in the 900 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

### Gone

On Friday, Dec. 1, between 9:30 and 11 p.m., a black I-pod Nano with a charger were taken from a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer parked on the street in the Wayburn/St. Paul area of Grosse Pointe Park.

### Toro taken

On Friday, Dec. 1, at approximately 5 a.m., the locked detached garage of a home in the 500 block of Barrington in Grosse Pointe Park was entered and a Toro snowblower and green John Deere lawnmower were stolen.

### Attempted theft

On Saturday, Dec. 2, between 6:30 and 7:45 p.m., an unknown person attempted to steal a 2005 Jeep Liberty parked in a municipal parking lot in the 15400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. The vehicle could not be started.

### Cherokee stolen

On Saturday, Dec. 2, between 4:30 and 8 p.m., a 1999 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from in front of a home in the 1400 block of Balfour in Grosse Pointe Park.

### Arrested

On Friday, Dec. 1, at 11:01 p.m., a 1993 Mercury Topaz was stopped for a traffic violation.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the car was stolen out of Detroit. A 30-year-old and 24-year-old man from Detroit were arrested.

— Bob St. John

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Bad plate

On Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2:10 a.m., a 22-year-old Detroit man was pulled over after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer observed the vehicle with no visible registration plate and weaving between lanes while traveling on Mack.

When the car stopped, the driver put it in reverse before realizing he was heading toward the police car.

The officer approached the car and could detect a strong odor of intoxicants and noticed the driver had vomit on his shirt, his jacket, and on the passenger seat.

The man was asked if he had anything to drink. The man responded he had two 12-ounce beers at a Detroit bar and told the officer the vomit came from a friend he recently dropped off.

The officer had the man perform several field sobriety tests and take a portable breath test, which registered .17 percent blood alcohol content.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and the LEIN check revealed he had two outstanding warrants out of Macomb County for larceny and Clinton Township for disorderly conduct.

### Off to jail

On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8:54 p.m., a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was stopped on Vernier after a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer noticed a taillight was broken on her 2004 Ford Taurus.

A LEIN check revealed the woman's driver license was suspended and she had a war-

rant out of St. Clair Shores for failure to appear in court and for violating a city ordinance. She was arrested.

### Wire cut

On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11:30 p.m., a 51-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man living in the 19000 block of West Williams Court reported to police that a wire to his garden spotlight was cut.

The resident said he thinks it was the work of an acquaintance.

### Saab stolen

On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2:50 p.m., a 33-year-old Harper Woods man went into a business in the 19700 block of Mack and returned to see an unknown man starting to drive his car away.

The victim tried to stop the vehicle, but to no avail as the Saab continued down an alley and disappeared down Stanhope.

The registered owner is the man's wife. Inside the vehicle was a black Calvin Klein purse valued at \$250, a black Ungaro wallet valued at \$250, credit cards, \$200 in cash, a black Calvin Klein briefcase valued at \$400, an empty Krista Crowley purse valued at \$280, a Dell laptop computer valued at \$430 and two sets of keys to the house and her employment.

### Stopped by police

On Friday, Dec. 1, at 9:45 p.m., a 31-year-old Harper Woods woman was stopped on Harper and Allard for having an improper display of her registration plate.

A LEIN check revealed her driver license is suspended.

She was arrested and the vehicle was turned over to her husband.

## Suspensions

On Saturday, Dec. 2, at 12:49 a.m., a 33-year-old Detroit man driving a white 1994 Dodge Ram was pulled over on Harper and Allard because his registration plate expired July 4.

A LEIN check revealed he had 17 current driver license suspensions and seven prior suspensions.

He was arrested.

— Bob St. John

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Garage entered

Police are investigating the breaking and entering of a garage on Bell Meade at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Police were called after the homeowner noticed the rear garage window was smashed. Nothing was apparently taken, and police put the residence under watch.

### Two men arrested

Police arrested two Pontiac men, aged 28 and 47 years old, following a traffic stop at 12:25 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, on Lakeshore at Clairview.

Police initiated the stop after the car was observed speeding down Lakeshore. Upon questioning the driver, a strong odor of intoxicants was noticed. After he failed several field sobriety tests, the man registered a .16 on a breath test. A LEIN check also revealed that the man was wanted on warrants from Oakland and Wayne counties.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check on the 28-year-old passenger also revealed he was wanted for a parole violation.

Both men were arrested and held for pick up. Their vehicle was forfeited.

— John Lundberg

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Beer and drugs

Police arrested a 47-year-old

Detroit man after a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

Police stopped the man after he made an illegal U-turn and suspected the man was driving under the influence due to his bloodshot eyes and his failure to answer questions directly.

After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .18 on a breath test. A further search of the man found marijuana in his coat jacket.

The man was arrested and his car impounded.

### Tech heist

Police arrested a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods youth after he stole a cell phone/palm pilot from the desk of the principal at Grosse Pointe South High School at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Police said the theft was caught on tape after the principal returned to his office and noticed the device missing.

### Late night partying

Police arrested a 22-year-old Farmington Hills woman after a traffic stop at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Police stopped the car after it made an illegal U-turn at Mack and Moross. The woman, who was a passenger, was arrested after a search of her purse revealed a bag of cocaine. A marijuana cigarette was also found in her possession. She was arrested and taken to the police station.

The driver was cited for the illegal U-turn and released. Another passenger was cited for having an open intoxicant in the car and was also released at the scene.

— John Lundberg

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Arrest warranted

Police arrested a 19-year-old Detroit woman after a traffic stop on Mack near University at 12:10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Police stopped the car because it had a broken headlight and the license plate was improperly displayed in the rear window.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the woman was wanted on an aggravated assault charge in Detroit. She was arrested and held for pick up.

### Van break-in

Police are investigating the theft of several items from a

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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
19617 HARPER AVENUE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers off the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of

**Receiving comments or suggestions regarding the 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Program.**  
These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate residents.

The City of Harper Woods expects to receive \$94,000.

The primary objectives of the Community Development Program are to assist low to moderate income families, preserve neighborhoods, assist in replacing the urban infrastructure and to assist in meeting special needs of seniors and physically disabled wherever possible.

LOCATION	POTENTIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITIES	AMOUNT
Kelly Road Census tract 5516 Blocks	Street Improvement Concrete, landscape, electrical and Water construction	\$50,740
City wide	SOC minor home repairs Assistance to elderly and handicapped based on income SOC Chore Program	16,000 8,930
City wide	Pointe Area Assisted Transit Handicapped transportation based on Income	8,930
City wide	Administration Program management	9,400
TOTAL		\$94,000

In addition, the City of Harper Woods may reprogram a portion of out 2005 CDGB funds originally designated for Kelly Road to the SOC Minor Home Repair Program.

The City of Harper Woods will apply for housing rehabilitation funds in the amount of \$30,000, which will be administered by Services for Older Citizens.

Please write or call the Office of Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225 313-343-2527

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**Mickey D. Todd,**  
City Clerk



# OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

## Priscilla I. Greaney

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Priscilla I. Greaney, 95, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born Feb. 1, 1911, in Detroit.

Mrs. Greaney enjoyed participating in senior citizen activities and reading the Grosse Pointe News from front to back.

She is survived by her daughter, Camelia Greaney; sons, Edward J. Jr. and James Greaney; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mercedes Soest and Eunice Valenzuela; and special friend, Amanda Battani.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward J. Greaney Sr.

A private memorial service was held.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Sisters of Bon Secours.

## Margaret Gregory

Margaret Rockwell Gregory, 96, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006.

She is survived by her children, Joan Mountford, Carole King and Mary (F. Stephen) Warner; and grandchildren, David, Laura and Christopher Mountford, Barbara King Dawson, Edward Gregory King, and Bradford and Andrew Warner; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Bruce Gregory.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Franklin Community Church in Franklin. Interment is at Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342.

Share memories with the family at [DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://DesmondFuneralHome.com).

## Charles F. Kalvelage

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Charles F. Kalvelage, 84, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at his home.

He was born March 23, 1922, in Detroit, to Francis and Anna (nee Cox) Kalvelage.

Mr. Kalvelage earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit in 1948. He served his country as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was the founder and owner, who never retired, of the Titanium Engineering Co., in Detroit. He was a past member of the Engineering Society

of Detroit.

In his spare time, Mr. Kalvelage enjoyed golfing, playing tennis, dancing and reading. He was active in the community as a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Lochmoor Club.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalind Kalvelage; daughters, Kay (Richard) Watnick and Virginia (Greigh) Hirata; son, Douglas (Evie) Kalvelage; grandchildren, Katey Kalvelage, Caroline and David Watnick, and Emma and Elizabeth Hirata; and brothers, Donald and Gerald Kalvelage.

He was predeceased by his son, Michael and his brother, Francis Kalvelage.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 21, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202, ([leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://leukemia-lymphoma.org)).

## Maj. Joseph Trane McCloud

Maj. Joseph Trane McCloud was killed in a helicopter crash this past weekend in Iraq.

Maj. McCloud graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1985 and the University of Tennessee in 1989. Immediately after graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps.

Maj. McCloud is survived by his wife, Margaret McCloud; son, Hayden, 7; daughters, Grace, 5, and Meghan, 2; mother, Roma and stepfather, Carl J. Anderson of Grosse Pointe Farms; father, Ron McCloud of Elizabethton, Tenn.; brother, Richmond McCloud of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sister, Dawn (John) Fattore and John Fattore of Dover, Mass.; stepbrother, Michael (Julie) Anderson; stepsister, Carey Kronk; and mother-in-law, Ann Hayden of Sayville, N.Y.

Funeral arrangements are being finalized for a funeral at Good Shepherd Church in Alexandria, Va., and burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

For more information, contact the Demaines Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA, (703) 549-0074.

## Ellen June Olsen

Ellen Loraine June Olsen, 77, of Cartersville, Ga., died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006.

She was born Oct. 31, 1929, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., to Emerson and Emma June. She graduated from LaSalle High School in Niagara Falls. She was proud to be a homemaker

and mother to five children.

Mrs. Olsen was active in the community as a member of the Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center (ALNEGC) and Welcome Wagon and volunteering for the Girl Scouts of America.

Her interests included playing golf and bridge.

She is survived by her daughters, Lee (Curtis Kam), Janet (Ron Henning), Judith and Patty (Jeff Baxter); son, Robert; grandchildren, Patrick, Jacquie, Michelle, Kim, Aaron, Cole, Spencer and Grant; great-grandchildren, Joey and Ben; sister, Carol Waddell; and brother, Emerson June.

She was predeceased by her sister, Marion Forknall.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Nov. 26, in Roswell, Ga. Interment is at Green Lawn Cemetery in Roswell, Ga.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, N.C. 28607.

## Marian Ann Roehm

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marian Ann (nee Mok) Roehm, 91, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center.

She was born April 27, 1915, in Detroit to Henry and Anna Mok, and was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for 55 years.

Mrs. Roehm was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Athletic Club and the Women's City Club. She was a volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital and Bon Secours Nursing Care Center for more than 20 years. She was philanthropic to St. John Hospital in Detroit and Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Suzanne "Cookie" Roehm; and sister, Patricia Umlauf.

She was predeceased by her husband, J. Ruppert Roehm.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Dec. 1, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. Interment is at Clinton Grove Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church building fund or to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

## Henry W. Ruifrok

Henry W. Ruifrok, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Ruifrok was born Aug. 4, 1915, in Des Moines, Iowa, and grew up in Saginaw. He



Charles F. Kalvelage



Maj. Joseph Trane McCloud



Ellen June Olsen



Marian Ann Roehm



Henry W. Ruifrok

earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture from the University of Michigan in 1938.

After attending Princeton University's Naval Officer Candidate School, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Personnel Department in Washington, D.C., until the end of World War II.

Mr. Ruifrok then moved with his wife, Grace, back to the Detroit area to make their home. In his early years, he was an architect for several local firms, but joined the Harley, Ellington and Day firm in 1960 as chief of the architectural department and later became partner. He was a project administrator for hospital and university projects.

Mr. Ruifrok was an avid sailor, participating for many years in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race. He also enjoyed skiing and golf.

He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Boat Club, and Otsego Ski Club. He had served on the board of trustees of St. Luke's Episcopal Health Ministries/Canterbury-on-the-Lake. Professionally, he was a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Michigan Institute of Architects and the English Speaking Union.

He was also a very active member of Christ Church

Grosse Pointe, having served on the building committee and provided the design for the original columbarium.

He is survived by his son, Charles (Cathy) Ruifrok of Grosse Pointe; and grandsons, Charles (Joanne) Ruifrok Jr. of Chicago, Ill., and Christopher Ruifrok of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Ruifrok was predeceased by his wife Grace Lambrecht Ruifrok, who died in 1999; and his daughter, Carolyn Ruifrok Mitchell.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to the Lorch Column Fund, College of Architecture, University of Michigan, 2000

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# UBS use approved

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods city council gave its unanimous approval for city officials to use UBS Financial Services Inc.

"It's always better to have a couple of sources who deal with city investments," City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said. "We have used the representative (James Essian, Jr.) in the past and we're comfortable with his decisions."

Essian changed companies, which is why council approval was necessary to give city officials Cliff Maison, Linda Kreger, Lisa Hathaway and Wollenweber use of UBS.

The contract gives the aforementioned city officials approval to handle all money-related issues with UBS.

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# Lt. Smith earns award

Detective Lt. Jim Smith, a 29-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety, was honored as a Distinguished Volunteer by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) for his work with The Guidance Center's Kids-TALK program.

"I'm flattered the guidance center nominated me for the honor," Smith said. "I definitely was not expecting it. I'm proud of the award."

Partners in the Kids-TALK program with The Guidance Center include Wayne County Family Independence Agency Child Protective Services, the Attorney General's Office Family Court, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the medical and mental health community. Together, they respond to the needs of children of alleged sexual abuse and their non-offending supportive caregivers to prevent future abuse.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER T. SEBASTIAN.  
Grosse Pointe Park Detective Lt. Jim Smith, left, received a distinguished volunteer award with his wife Mary Ann at his side.

Kids-TALK was established to provide a child-friendly environment to interview children of alleged sexual abuse as well as promote coordination and collaboration with law enforcement. Smith has been involved with the effort since its inception and sits on the Kids-TALK advisory board.

The program conducts interviews at three locations: the Hutzel Professional Building in Detroit, The Guidance Center in Southgate, and at the Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Building.

Founded in 1958, The Guidance Center is a behavioral health and human services organization dedicated to the mental well-being of children, adults and families in Southeast Michigan.

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 Dearborn Inn Nov. 16 with many fundraising volunteers and professionals in attendance.

"Lt. Smith has worked for many years as our partner to protect children in our community, and his leadership as the fundraising chair for Kids-TALK has contributed greatly to the program," said Mike Lott, CEO of The Guidance Center. "Recently, Lt. Smith was a champion in the production of the Kids-TALK Telly Award winning promotional video that was produced by Grosse Pointe's WMTV 5."

Proceeds from the dinner provide continuing education programs sponsored by the AFP — Greater Detroit Chapter, including programs for new professionals and forums for education on ethics and standards of practice.

## COPS: Keeping people safe

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van parked in a driveway in the 500 block of Lakeland at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Police were called when the owner noticed that a Blackberry and several dollars in change were taken from the vehicle.

## Obstructing police

A 31-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after giving police false information following a traffic stop at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Mack near University.

Police stopped the vehicle after it failed to use its turn signal. The woman could not produce a driver license and then gave a false name to police. A LEIN check revealed that the name she gave was a known alias for a woman wanted on a state warrant.

She was arrested and held for pick-up. She was also cited

for obstructing police, driving on a suspended driver license and failure to make a signal turn.

## Cards stolen

Police are investigating the theft of credit cards taken from the glove box of a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Washington at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26.

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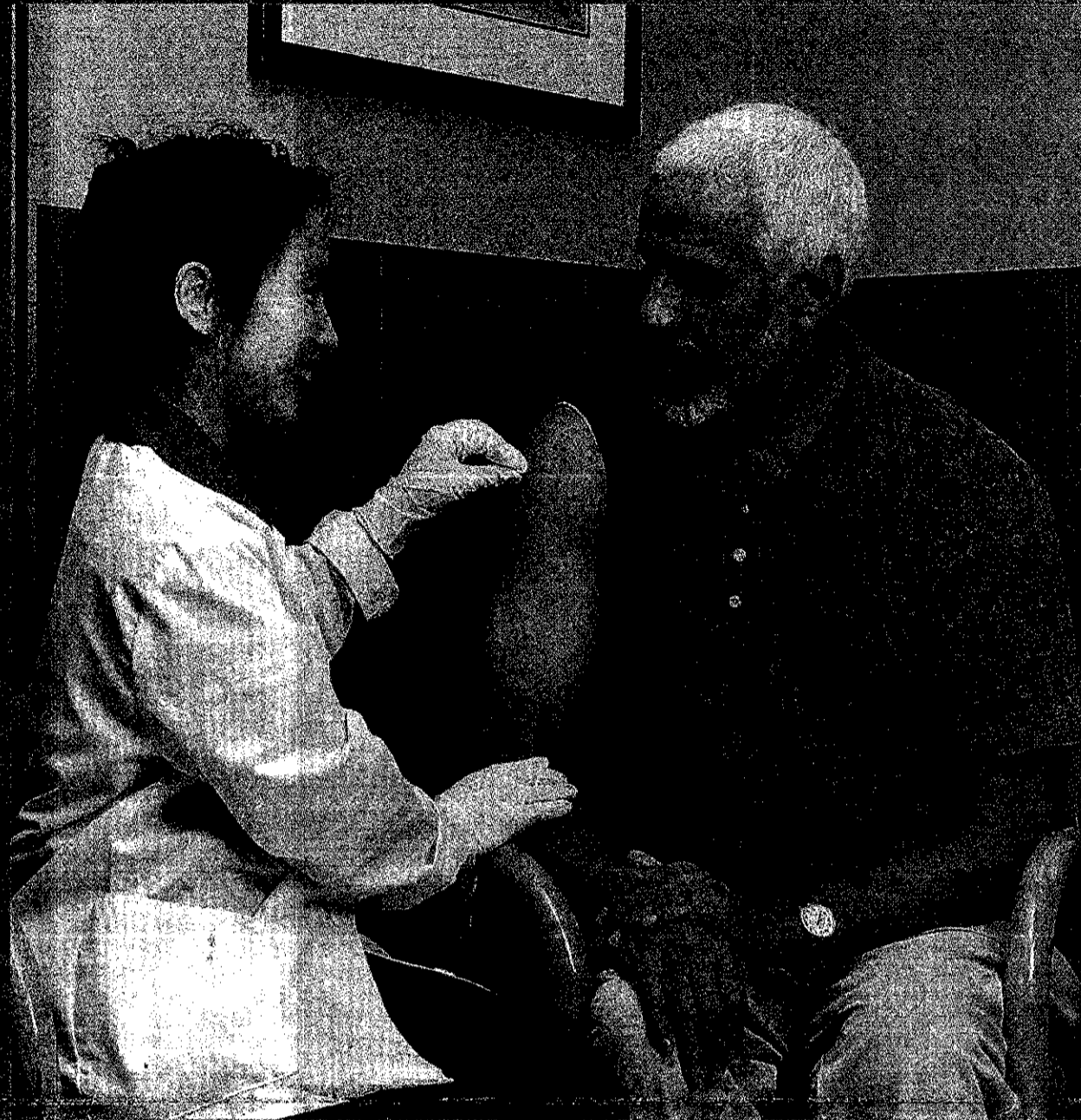
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**Mother Nature** will meet Father Christmas during the holidays when homes are decorated with the rich abundance, brilliant colored products from gardens and yards.

# Nature comes home

By Kathleen Peabody  
Special Writer

As we ready our homes for the holidays, consider bringing in some of Mother Nature herself.

Bringing nature indoors on these days leading to the winter solstice, Dec. 22, is easy and satisfying. Who doesn't like the scent of oranges or cloves, the look of holly berries or pine cones, or the taste of spiced apples or cranberries?

The shortest day of the year is Dec. 21. It is also known as St. Thomas Day, the longest night and the turning point of the gardeners' year. Many European traditions include the planting of seeds this time of year. Broad beans would be planted in England on this day and wise gardeners would check the skin of onions on St. Thomas Day to learn what the weather would be for the winter months ahead.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, growers take precautions to ensure a good crop of fruit. On that day, fruit trees should be bound with straw to ensure the crop.

Bring light and warmth into

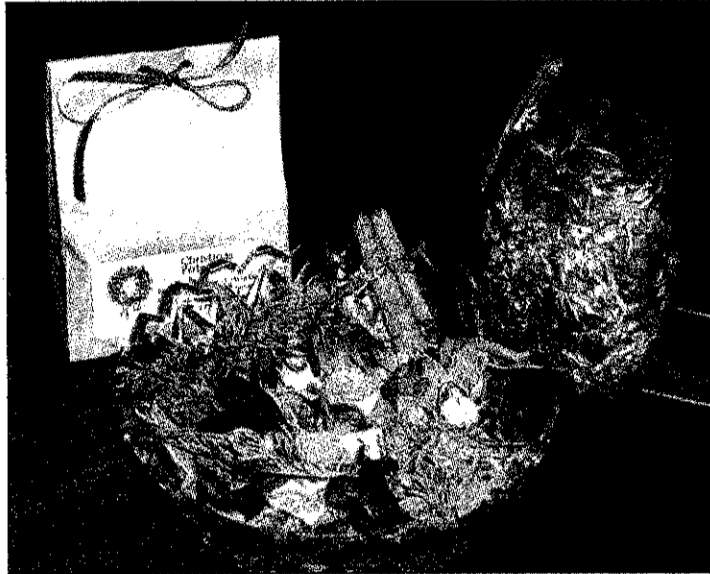
your home during this dark period. Enjoy the fragrance of fresh evergreens and rosemary, believed to be one of the manger herbs, and the sweetness of spices. Savor the wonderful traditional herbs, spices, fruit and evergreens, and work with them to feel a sense of accomplishment as the days lead to the beginning of a new year.

**Natural decorating**

When thinking about decorating your home for this stretch of time, be creative. Think not only of how your decorations will look but also the scent and, in some cases, the feel.

Although we believe the Christmas tree originated in Germany and came to the United States with German immigrants in the 19th century, the origins of the wreath are far older. During midwinter festivals in ancient Rome, evergreen branches and garlands were brought indoors, to serve as symbols of enduring life and to ensure a fruitful year.

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit, recently made and sold wreaths in different forms.



Make potpourri with greens from your garden and a variety of other additions such as rose petals, hydrangea flowers, cinnamon stick bundles and essential oils scented for the season.

One used to wire materials to a metal form, such as heavy greenery cut from your yard. Follow up with any decorations you would like such as dried hydrangea flowers, rosehips, or wired ribbon. Another version is to apply materials, such as bay leaves, to a rounded straw or foam base. These can be decorated with strung cranberries or gold ribbon.

Yet another idea is to create a base using grapevine. Wrap the freshly cut vine around a circle sized to choice. You can tuck the ends inside the form and hang the wreath as is. Or, wrap wire around it to make it a little more sturdy, followed by other materials on top. Make a culinary wreath by sliding



A rosemary tree can be made or purchased. Rosemary is the herb of Christmas and believed to be one of the manger herbs.

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# Hair donated to Locks of Love

Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

What a difference haircut makes.

For 8-year-old Meghan Korte of Grosse Pointe Woods, cutting 10 inches of hair in September was more than a haircut. It was a result of her caring nature, according to her father, Bruce.

Korte went to Melange in St. Clair Shores for the cut and to donate the hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

"I just wanted to do it," she said. The third-grader at Monteith Elementary School said she would grow it out again.

More than a year ago, Korte and her mother read an article in a magazine and together decided that she would continue to grow her hair, get it cut and donate it at the appropriate time.

"Everyone thought it was



Meghan Korte of Grosse Pointe Woods had 10 inches of hair cut by Bridget VanDyke of Melange in St. Clair Shores. The ponytail was donated to Locks of Love which makes hairpieces for disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

the coolest," said Bruce Korte when they learned why she had cut her hair.

Not only was she proud of herself and her selfless act, but her father said he was proud of her, as well. "She's a thoughtful, caring little girl."



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## Women helping women

The Lake Pointe chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors holds its 13th annual Holiday Auction and Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Trees, wreaths and baskets filled with gift items will be auctioned off. Proceeds from the event will benefit Genesis House III, a woman's shelter of the Detroit Rescue Mission, Turning Point, Inc. and local scholarship education programs. To purchase a limited \$30 ticket, call Pat Chasteen at (313) 884-7000. Among those planning the holiday luncheon standing are Barbara Flood, Sue Dungan, Kathy Burbuela, Judy Sieber, Karen Gennari, Sue Misjovski and Beth Pressler; seated, Sue Lieder, Shelley Millard and Vicky Colwell.

## Project HOPE has holiday luncheon

The very popular annual Project HOPE Holiday Luncheon and Boutique event takes place this year 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, at the Forest Lake Country Club, 1401 Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills. A luncheon will be served at noon. The boutique will showcase a wide variety of unique gift items for the holidays. Shoppers will be delighted by jewelry and accessories, sweaters, decorative seasonal items for the home, children's items, vintage baskets, candles, hand-painted dishware, bath and beauty products, scarves and handbags, to mention only a few, offered by many select boutiques from the Detroit metropolitan area.

The fund-raising event is presented by the Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere). The division was formed in 1963 in the Detroit area to support Project HOPE, whose thousands of volunteers around the world share in the mission of helping people, communities and nations develop the skills and knowledge to help themselves, through training in medical techniques and general health education. Working at home and abroad, Project HOPE conducts land-based medical and health education programs in 33 countries, across five continents. Recognized as a top charity for its strong fiscal management, Project HOPE annually disperses over 93 percent of its resources to such programs around the world.

Gwen Bowiby is the current president and Queenie Sarkisian is general chair of the event. Ticket prices are \$60, \$75 (patron) and \$100 (benefactor). For more information call (248) 855-0605.

## COMING EVENTS

### AAUW anniversary

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, invites community women to join members at the annual Christmas luncheon, this year celebrating the university women's 125th anniversary, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

The day features a presentation on the history of the Grosse Pointe Branch along with that of the national organization, as well as a tribute to the honorary life members of the branch.

The reception begins at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon at noon, general membership meeting at 12:30 p.m. and program at 12:45 p.m.

Tickets for the main meal luncheon are \$30 per person and may be reserved by calling Pat Petro at (586) 776-6429 or at work, (248) 443-1062. The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club is located at 655 Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Branch honorary life members are Mary Lou Boresch, Joyce Edwards, Tillie Friesma, Kay Kirby, Crit Leibbrand, Anita Leslie, Emily Millberger, Jane O'Halloran, Paula Preuthun and Gertrude Richerzhagen. President of AAUW-GP is Lynne Pierce of Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Friends and Neighbors

The Friends and Neighbors Club holds its annual holiday luncheon and shopping extravaganza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call Kelley Vreeken at (313) 884-8705.

### Marine Mart

The Great Lakes Marine Mart will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There will be artifacts, artwork, books, brochures, china, photos, ship models and souvenirs.

### Second Saturday

Christmas traditions in Grosse Pointe will be the topic of Sandy Marhoff's Second Saturday Pastimes from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She will talk about the simple but meaningful celebrations of old.

The activities are free but donations are suggested. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit gphistorical.org or call (313) 884-7010.

### An evening with Bess

"An Evening with Bess Bonnier" will highlight the Thursday, Dec. 14, evening for the Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe, which will be held at a Grosse Pointe private club. Pianist Bonnier has been a guest presenter at past Women's Connection meetings.

Socializing begins at 6 p.m. with the dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:45 to 9 p.m. Tickets for all three, for members are \$27 and \$29 for nonmembers. A \$5 fee is charged for the program only and payable at the door.

For more information, call Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201. To make a reservation, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855, by Monday, Dec. 11.

### Garden club

The La Societe des Jardiniers meet at noon Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the home of Sandy Magreta. The club will make a Christmas donation to St. Mary's Residence. A \$10 gift exchange will be followed by a holiday luncheon.

### Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for a merry Christmas silent auction fundraiser, hosted by Carol Stephenson. Co-hostesses are JoAnn Rothrock, Karen Joslyn and Lisa

Gandelot.

### Grand Marais Questers

The Grand Marais Chapter of Questers No. 215 holds its annual Christmas luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the home of Lee O'Bryan. In addition to the special lunch, there will be Christmas carols and reminiscences of past Christmas celebrations.

### GM Employees chorus

The General Motors Employees Chorus presents eight concerts featuring songs of the season.

The schedule is:  
Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church of Warren, 3000 E. 12 Mile.

Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at St. Barnabas, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe.

Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Sterling Heights United Methodist Church, 11333 16 1/2 Mile.

The chorus has been in existence for more than 70 years and has been self-supporting since 1978. Membership is open to anyone who loves to sing.

There are 50 members in the chorus and less than half are employed by, retired from or spouses of GM employees. The chorus gives between 20 and 25 concerts in churches, retirement homes and nursing homes.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Audrey Gabrielle Schena and Luke Jonathon Schena

Anthony and Kristy Schena of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of twins, Audrey Gabrielle Schena and Luke Jonathon Schena, born July 16, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are John and Kristine Piana of Harrison Township. Paternal grandparents are George and Marie Schena of Grosse Pointe Shores. Wilma Kroha of Roseville is the great-grandmother.

### Matthew Charles Wozniak

Alex and Amy Wozniak of Arlington, Va., are the parents of a son, Matthew Charles Wozniak, born Aug. 9, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Joan Balok of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Neil Wozniak of Collegeville, Pa. Charles and Rita Collins of Grosse Pointe Farms and John Balok of Shelby Township are the

great-grandparents.

### Vincent Anthony Guaresimo

Maggie and Dave Guaresimo, Washington are

the parents of a son, Vincent Anthony Guaresimo, born Sept. 26, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Ursula and Jerry Czachor of Washington. Paternal grandparents are Gail Guaresimo of Grosse Pointe Woods and Paul

and Susan Guaresimo of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Great-grandparents are Maureen Garceau of Grosse Pointe Woods, Anna Olszewska of Hamtramck and Elzbieta Czachor of Hamtramck.



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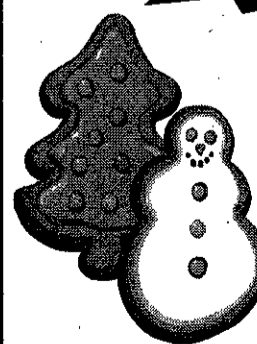
## Commendation

Amos Williams, at right, of the City of Grosse Pointe, received commendation from local Grosse Pointe attorney Tim Williams recently spoke to members of the Lakeshore Optimist Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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Cookies Inventory

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Fran Bachman

Trudy Hung prepares trays of Christmas cookies to be sold at the annual Cookie Mart at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Shoppers will fill boxes with their chosen cookies, breads and candies from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Funds raised help the charity work of the United Methodist women.

I enjoy taking a mental inventory and appreciating each instance that makes this Christmas season meaningful to me — not just events and social gatherings, but little signs of caring that I have been noticing around me. Some are good news items that show the Christmas spirit like the "Secret Santa" who gives cash to those in need.

that belonged to another child of God. In prayer I realized that the sports facility was God's place, that is only populated by His sons and daughters, all equally loved and lovable, considerate and completely honest in His sight. As I prayed, I came to the point that I just knew that the Game Boy would be returned to the rightful owner. The Game Boy had been lost on Saturday, and my friend had asked me to pray about it on Tuesday. When I went over to her house on Wednesday morning, she hugged me and said that she had just received a call from the sports facility saying that the Game Boy had been dropped off and she could pick it up anytime. They were very surprised that after that much time someone had decided to bring it back. Well, I would say that is a "Manger Moment" — just knowing that God's love resides within each of us.

I cherish the Christ-like generosity in this gentleman that is a reaction to an act of kindness he experienced when he was homeless 20 years ago. This is truly a "Manger Moment." One day two Christmas seasons ago my friend called me and said that her 7-year-old son had left his Game Boy video unit at a sports facility. When she had called to ask if anyone had turned it in, the person in charge said that she should not expect to get it back because anyone who had found it there was likely to just keep it for themselves, due to the area in which the facility was located. My friend was very upset because she couldn't afford to go out and buy another one and all of the Christmas presents her son was getting involved the Game Boy. She was very sure his Christmas was going to be ruined.

She asked me if I would pray for them. I agreed, but said that she had to do me a favor and see the person who had the Game Boy in a clearer light, a spiritual light, rather than as someone who would even think of keeping something

So my friend's son went on to have a wonderful Christmas, not just because he got his Game Boy back but because he was a witness to what the Apostle Paul writes in Acts 17: 26 that God "... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" and reflect the essential characteristics of a loving God who made each of us "all nations of men" — brothers and sisters, with no room for victims or victimizers.

Bachmann is a member of the local Christian Science church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Open Door series

The Open Door Series at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church presents its Seasonal Music Sunday during the 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, worship service in the sanctuary.

Heralding the holiday season, the Good News Singers and instrumentalists will perform several sacred classics of the Advent and Christmas season. All are invited to sing some of these seasonal selections. A freewill offering will be taken; a nursery is available.

Refreshments will be served at the reception afterward in the lounge. The event is under the direction of Robert Foster, music coordinator. First English is served by the Rev. Walter Schmidt and the Rev. Jerry Elsholz, associate pastor.

The church is located at 800 Vernier and Wedgewood in Grosse Pointe Woods. For further information, call at (313) 884-5040.

Advent dinner worship

The public is invited to Christ the King's second Advent Fellowship Dinner and evening

worship on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The worship theme in this penitential season is images of spiritual "sleep" and alertness in the Bible, as a means of helping people to examine their lives in Christ and turn to him for forgiveness as they begin the new church year.

The power point sermon on Wednesday, Dec. 13, will center on the corrective imagery of sleep as found in Jesus' parable of the 10 virgins, where he warns how indifference and distraction could bankrupt faith in him before he returns.

Christ the King members will serve a 6:30 p.m. casual dinner in the library prior to the service, with a main course, salad, beverages and dessert. The dinner is free of charge. For more information, contact Pastor Tim Holzerland at (313) 884-5090.

Lessons and carols

A candlelight service of traditional Christmas hymns, carols and nine "Lessons and Carols," readings telling the Christmas story will be sung by the Christ Church Choirs of Girls, Boys

and Men at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

The community is invited to this free concert.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Detroit Concert Choir

Christmas with the Detroit Concert Choir is slated for 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for young adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling (313) 882-0118. Tickets will be available at the door.

Judelaire's

The Judelaire's perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Mack and Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Woods. A freewill donation will be taken following the performance.

Community chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 54th annual Christmas concert, "Tis the Season," at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10, at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The chorus is directed by Anna Epley-Speck and will feature organist Robert Foster and guest violinist Jordan Broder and student musicians from Grosse Pointe North High School.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Advanced tickets are available at Moehring Woods Flowers in Grosse Pointe Woods and at the church office. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Prayer service

The 85 voice St. Paul Festival Choir performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at a Christmas Prayer Service for Peace, "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The choir is directed by Lawrence R. Przybysz, and will feature Christmas melodies. St. Paul on the Lake String Quartet will also be performing. A freewill offering will be taken.

Proclamation for First English Ev. Lutheran Church's anniversary

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council recognized the 110th anniversary of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church with a proclamation.

The council designated Oct. 21 as First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Day. The church moved to the Woods from Detroit in 1956.

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# Unhappy with Medicare plan? Then switch

By Robert Goldberg

While the overwhelming majority of senior citizens are happy with their prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, some have realized that the plan they picked was not what they wanted or needed.

Seniors who fall into this category have good news: From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D will offer an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that recipients can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Unhappy seniors should jump at this opportunity to switch.

Many will discover that insurance providers listened to their complaints and are now offering even better plans than

before. For example, several plans now cover the much talked about "doughnut hole," meaning that out-of-pocket costs have dropped significantly.

Many others have lowered the co-pay for drugs.

Finally, more plans have added many new medicines that were approved by the FDA as recently as last month.

All told, seniors will have more opportunity to lower their out-of-pocket drug costs and tailor their drug plans to their medical needs.

So even seniors who are pleased with their drug coverage should examine their options.

Whether they want to sign up for the first time or change plans, seniors shouldn't delay. This open-enrollment period

happens only once per year, from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31.

This enrollment period makes Part D different from traditional one-size-fits-all government health plans, where there are no options.

Just look at the prescription drug plan offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which lowers drug prices and reduces costs in three ways.

First, by law, the VA can command below-market prices.

Second, to reduce prices further, the VA limits the choice of drugs through a national formulary, which offers only 30 percent of the drugs available under Medicare.

Finally, the VA delays and limits access to new medicines.

Every drug given "priority" status by the FDA since 1995 is available under Medicare Part D, but not on the VA formulary. For instance, there's a drug called Gleevec that is now first-line therapy against stomach cancer, one of the world's most painful diseases.

But before the VA will dispense Gleevec to veterans, they first must try an older drug known for its harsh side effects.

Only if patients fail on that medication can they use Gleevec.

The VA also automatically delays access to new drugs for a year, regardless of whether affected veterans will even live that long.

That's why those who are dependent on the VA system lead shorter lives and have ac-

cess to few of the newest drugs.

The Medicare drug benefit takes the opposite approach. Rather than offering seniors a single price-controlled government plan, it leverages market forces to create competition, which leads to lower prices, better service and more choices. In fact, both Medicare and the Congressional Budget Office found that private competition offers the same savings as a government-run system with more choice and less bureaucracy.

Under Part D, private companies compete for the business of seniors.

That's why three out of four seniors enrolled in the Medicare drug program are satisfied, and nearly three-fourths expect their drug costs

to stay the same or decrease thanks to the plan.

More than four in five seniors say they've had no problems getting their drugs. And because of the program, 20 million seniors who had no previous drug coverage are now insured.

In the coming weeks, seniors should take advantage of the open-enrollment period and sign up, or switch to a new plan that better meets their needs.

And they should pay attention to any effort Congress makes to take those choices away.

Choice is what the new Medicare program — and better health — is all about.

Goldberg is vice president of The Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

## Minimize computer pains



The use of computers continues to expand each year, and so do the aches and pains resulting from long periods of time at the computer.

While seniors do not use computers for as long as those in the workplace, they have less flexibility in their joints and muscles. Frequently they have lower vision, which can contribute to problems.

Here are some things I have learned about protecting yourself from many of the common aches and pains resulting from computer use.

### Posture is important

- ◆ Sit straight, back against the chair and feet flat on the floor.
- ◆ Tuck in your chin and have a slight curve at the neck rather than a forward head and neck.
- ◆ If you don't have a chair that supports your lower back, use a special support pillow, or even a rolled-up towel.
- ◆ Keep shoulders and neck relaxed.
- ◆ Position the monitor correctly. Studies show that the lower the computer screen, the more a user tenses neck and shoulder muscles. Adjust the monitor so that the upper half

of the screen is in your normal line of vision. The proper viewing distance from your computer is 20-24 inches.

◆ Keep your wrists relatively straight while typing to avoid carpal tunnel syndrome. Wrist support pads can be very helpful.

### Exercises

Here are a few exercises to do before you type.

- ◆ Extend and stretch both wrists as if doing a handstand. Hold for a count of five.
- ◆ Straighten both wrists, relax fingers, then make tight fists. Bend wrists down while maintaining fists for a count of five. Straighten both wrists and relax fingers for a count of five.
- ◆ Finish with arms dangling at your sides, shake hands and arms for a few seconds. These exercises can be done anytime

you feel your muscles tightening.

◆ Take short breaks at least every hour to let your muscles relax.

Eyestrain and other vision problems can be caused by computer use.

The human body was designed for movement. Maintaining a sitting posture for long periods of time is unnatural for people. So, too, is staring at a computer without breaks. Experts have found that while using computers, people have a reduced average blinking time. This can cause short-term dry eyes.

### Other tips

◆ Make sure the monitor has a high enough illumination to match the surroundings. Be aware that using an antireflection screen reduces illumina-

tion.

◆ Overall illumination of the room should be no more than three times brighter than the screen.

◆ Adjust screen brightness and contrast properly so it feels comfortable for your eyes. Use a desk lamp if possible instead of an overhead light.

◆ Control glare from overhead lights and uncurtained windows. One way to reduce eye fatigue is to turn away from the screen occasionally and focus on an object further off. Once your eyes are acclimated and see the far-off object clearly, return eyes to the computer screen.

Hope these tips are helpful. Cain may be reached via her e-mail: [ruthcain@comcast.net](mailto:ruthcain@comcast.net)

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# Local volunteers honored on philanthropy day



Bill and Joan S. Gehrke



Irene Stempnik, auxiliary president, St. John Macomb Hospital; Mary Bringer; and Chery Allen, director of volunteer services, St. John Macomb Hospital

Three local volunteers have been recognized for their commitment and dedication to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) and St. John Macomb Hospital (SJM).

They were honored as "Distinguished Volunteers" by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the National Philanthropy Day Recognition Dinner, held Nov. 16.

Joan S. Gehrke, of Grosse Pointe, was recognized for her commitment to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC). Her dedication and work led to the 2005 development of a new St. John Hospital Foundation, which

has raised more than \$23 million. As chair of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board, her strategic insights, community connections and love for "the ask" have set an example for other board members.

Debra Van Elslander, of Grosse Pointe Shores, was honored for her commitment to SJH&MC. She joined the St. John Hospital Foundation Board in 2005 as chair of the nominating committee. She has been supportive in board development and assisting with fundraising.

Van Elslander's commitment to SJH&MC was also illustrated by bringing forward a leadership gift from the Van Elslander Family Foundation for the St. John Hospital expansion and renovation campaign.

As a result, the new 144-bed patient tower will be named the Van Elslander Pavilion.

Mary Bringer, of Warren, was recognized for her 25 years of volunteer commitment to SJMH. She currently serves as a buyer for the hospital gift shop.

In 2005-2006, Bringer was instrumental in helping the SJMH Auxiliary raise \$209,000 to support emergency department renovations, purchase equipment and provide scholarships for teens and nurses.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents 27,000 members in 180 chapters in the United States, Canada, Mexico and China, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs.

Proceeds from the National Philanthropy Day Dinner provide continuing education programs sponsored by the AFP - Greater Detroit Chapter including programs for new professionals and forums for education around ethics and standards of practice.

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## Calendar benefits children

Hospices of Henry Ford has 2007 calendars for sale.

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The program helps children live as fully as possible while providing care and support to the child and their families at home, in a hospital or through the Hospices of Henry Ford Residence.

Photographs for the calendar were donated by Heather Brown of Reflections Photography in Roseville and Erin Drallos of Footprints Photography in Clarkston. Drallos is the founder of The American Child Photographer's Charity Guild, which provides families who have a child with a terminal illness complimentary portrait sessions.

The portraits help families with the grieving process by giving them memories they can hold onto for a lifetime.

Amy Colletti of Chesterfield Township, whose daughter Abby has a brain malformation known as holoprosencephaly, and has benefited from the pediatric hospice program was also instrumental in coordinating the project.

To purchase a calendar for \$10, call Kaleidoscope Kids at (313) 874-6400.

# Nomads always travel in first class

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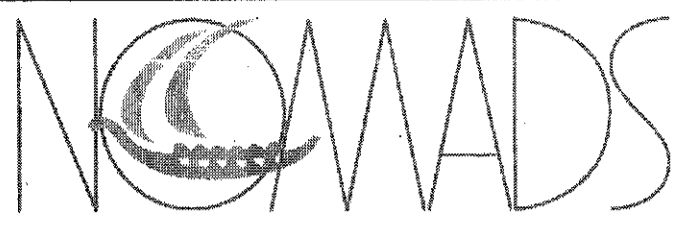
By Ann L. Fouty  
Acting Features Editor

Taking a trip is exciting. The anticipation of seeing new sights has travelers anxious to begin their journey. It opens a world of new adventures; a new chapter in a life's story highlighted by making new friends.

Sometimes those pages are stuck together and it takes longer to read one page than another, the planning, the booking and contending with commercial travel.

Since 9/11 and subsequent terrorists' threats, air travel has turned into long lines and short fuses. When once carry-on luggage translated into bags containing a little bit of everything, today, even a diaper bag is searched and water bottles are suspect. All travelers are subject to the once over, if not a twice and thrice over. There is really no way around the wait at the airport. Air travel has definitely changed in the past five years making a trip extend a day on either end as travelers arrive hours prior to the flights to wait in lines before boarding.

A nonprofit organization of flyers called the Nomads has found a short cut to air travel.



They are subject to the same regulations and inspections as commercial flights, but they have a couple of advantages — the lines are shorter, there is free parking and personal baggage handling, not to mention fellow travelers are all sitting in first class and are in high spirits because they are all going on vacation.

Some 100 Nomads pass through inspection quickly and board their plane in less time than it takes to park and walk to the terminal for commercial users.

"It's the convenience," said Marilyn Zimmer, a Nomad since 1983, of the reason she and her husband have taken 110 trips.

Each trip is a new chapter in their log book. Zimmer keeps a journal, highlighted with her photographs, golf scores, restaurants and sights. She said she and her husband, Paul, the volunteer treasurer of the Nomads, have golfed at midnight in the Northwest Territories, gone snowmobiling in Yellowstone and taken a boat to a floating hole on a golf

course in Idaho — things she said she wouldn't otherwise have booked on her own.

The convenience, the camaraderie and the first-class seating keeps the Zimmers coming back, flying to points across the globe, with a single trip to Europe in all the years they have been members of the Nomads.

Nomads fly from Detroit Metro with many Grosse Pointe residents aboard, including Dick Strowger, who joined four years ago. "It's just a marvelous experience," he said.

## Inception

The Federal Aviation Administration created a category for air travel clubs. A group of area businessmen with an interest in flying chartered with the state as a nonprofit organization in August 1965. The Flying Clubhouse took off in December for Ft. Lauderdale for a New Year's Eve party. From a DC-7B which traveled 88,500 miles in the first year, to the Boeing 727-200, the Nomads are trip-



Attending a balloon festival in the Southwest is just one example of trips that Nomads book, a trip that members might not book on their own.



Paul and Marilyn Zimmer of Grosse Pointe Woods have been Nomad members since 1983 and have taken 110 trips with the nonprofit organization. They even observed their 40th wedding anniversary with a Nomad trip.

ping around the world, all in first class.

Strowger said he has been flying for years, both on business with a CPA firm and for pleasure. And he has seen flying change.

"Since 9/11 there are problems, hurdles we have to get over, from the safety standpoint. It has created discomfort. It has affected travel," he said. When once friends would hop on a plane out of Metro and fly to Chicago, now they drive the few hours to the Windy City to avoid the airport hassle.

He added that though there are many retirees in the group and come from all over southeast Michigan, families are members, as well, taking trips seen in the once-monthly published Nomads magazine. Members choose the trips from long weekends in the Southwest to a longer vacation in Europe traveling the Rhine or basking in the Caribbean's sun.

They send in a check and more times than not, Zimmer said, there is a seat on the Nomads plane for that vacation. The plans, the reserva-

tions and tours are taken care of by Nomads. The next step is just a matter of waiting for the vacation date to arrive. It's off to the private airport terminal for a flight piloted by experienced pilots and co-pilots and serviced by flight attendants who are getting a free trip and air miles.

The cost, Zimmer said, is no cheaper than going through a regular travel agent, it's the convenience that makes it worthwhile and adds another chapter to the book.

For more information, call Nomads at (734) 941-8000.

## Junior League of Detroit announces its board of directors

The Junior League of Detroit 2006-2007 board of directors includes president Ann W.

Baxter, president-elect Lisa Fildes, Sonya Ackman, Kate Halladay, Christi Nyquist,

Kimberlee Tripp, Sheri Kline, Kristy Stoll, Karen Strehlke, Janie Reuther, and Jane Fox.

For more than 90 years, the Junior League of Detroit has contributed many volunteer hours and millions of dollars developing creative, innovative, and effective solutions to address a variety of community needs in the city of Detroit.

In 1995, league members decided to dedicate financial and volunteer resources to elevating the lives of children. Through this goal-centered approach, the projects and pro-

grams of the Junior League of Detroit are directed to broaden the educational, recreational, health and cultural opportunities for Detroit's children.

In 2004 the Junior League of Detroit embarked on its most recent signature project: the Belle Isle Nature Zoo. In part-

nership with the Detroit Zoo, the Junior League of Detroit offers fun and educational week-end programming opportunities for children and their families from September through June. Details can be found on the Junior League of Detroit Web site [jldetroit.org](http://jldetroit.org).



Standing from left to right, Karen Strehlke, Kate Halladay, Janie Reuther, Ann Baxter, Kimberlee Tripp and Lisa Fildes; seated in the front, from left to right, Sheri Kline, Jane Fox, Sonya Ackman and Christi Nyquist. Not pictured is Kristy Stoll.

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FAMILY DAZE By Debbie Farmer

# Plan on passing down the family traditions

Lately I've been wondering what happened to all the meaningful family traditions I had planned on passing on to my children.

Even before the birth of my children, when I imagined what it might be like to be a mother, I yearned to recapture the traditions I had when I was a child. I envisioned leisurely family dinners together, camping vacations every June, and cutting down our own Christmas tree.

When I've tried pointing this out to my husband and kids over the years, they've never seemed to understand.

It used to be cute when my daughter asked, "What's a tradition?"

"Well," I paused, the first time she asked me this she was

about 8 years old: "It's something a family does together." She thought about this for a moment.

"Like when we hold the tools for daddy when he fixes the garage door?"

It's not so funny when I bring the concept of a family tradition now, and my daughter says something like, "Yeah, I've read about those in social studies."

After all, she's 14. If we don't have established family traditions by now, there's a problem. And, of course, it's not like we don't do things as a family. My daughter, over the years, has been enrolled in everything from Girl Scouts to ballet lessons, and my 11-year-old son has belonged to numerous sports teams. They let me pretend I can help them with their homework. But, still, some-

times it seems as though our only family activity is waving to each other as we pass in the hallway.

Now, don't get me wrong. I think extracurricular activities are wonderful for nurturing confidence and creating self-esteem. But it can pull time away from the hours we have together as a family, and of course, when I can do something like pull off a delicious meal so we can have a leisurely dinner together, our conversations have never been what I imagined they would be.

When my kids were little, I'd get questions like, "What if cats could sing?" Or: "How come pizza doesn't yell when you bite it?"

Now, it's more likely to be something along the lines of, "Do you think Ryan Seacrest and Paris Hilton would make a

good couple?"

Either way, not exactly stimulating and thought-provoking parent and child conversation. Oh, of course, this hasn't happened every time. Every once in awhile, my children will accidentally mention something substantial like the mess in the Middle East, and we'll talk about something deep, but usually someone will realize what's going on, and interrupt with something like, "Hey, did you see that two-headed pig video on YouTube?"

So recently, it became obvious to me that, if I was ever to get through a whole family dinner having the type of worthwhile and substantial conversation that I could remember and treasure forever someday in my old age, I needed to set some guidelines.

"OK," I said, "starting tonight

there will be no tap dancing vegetables on the table, or any sentences that involve Britney Spears, American Idol or belching," I added, looking at my son. "We're only going to have stimulating, introspective conversation."

At first, my family gave me odd looks as if I had suggested they eat their meal with the baboons in the primate exhibit at the local zoo.

But they eventually accepted it, especially after I once again explained my hope to establish a long-lasting family tradition of meaningful conversation during the family dinnertime. And, unlikely as it seems, we began talking more about what has been going on in our own lives, rather than what's been going on with some celebrity who we'll almost surely never meet.

However, just as I was thinking that maybe, just maybe, our family dinners might finally start fostering a lasting bond of mutual love and respect, my daughter broke the silence.

"Mom," she said, a little too cheerfully, "What does it feel like to know that you only have a few good years left until we go away to college, and that you still haven't achieved all of your goals for having family traditions?"

Just for that remark alone, I give her what she deserves and take us all camping.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother of two children, holding down the fort in California. She is also the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat" and can be reached at familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

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### Meet the author

The highlight of the evening will be 5:45 p.m. as guests gather around the Christmas tree in the mansion's front hallway to hear local author Carol Hagen read her newly released children's book "The Night Henry Ford Met Santa."

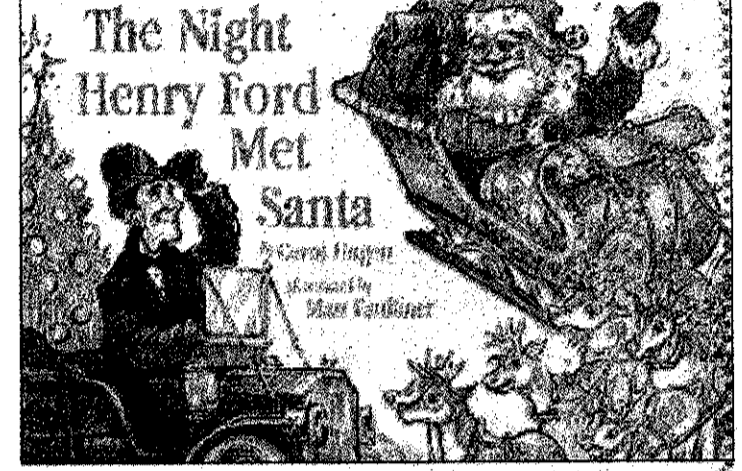
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The book reading is free, but space is limited and reservations are required.



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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Cranberries are inspiring



Leftover homemade cranberries were the inspiration behind this recipe for a zesty, spicy cranberry concoction that you ladle over a block of cream cheese and serve with your favorite cracker or bread.

The ingredient combination brings a whole new dimension to cranberries and the presentation screams festive.

### Spicy Cranberry Sauce with Cream Cheese

1 16-oz. can whole cranberry sauce  
1 4-oz. can chopped green chilies  
2 tablespoons sliced green onion  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
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1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
2 8-oz. blocks cream cheese

Assorted crackers or toast points

Combine all ingredients, except the cream cheese, in a medium bowl and stir well.

To serve, place a block of cream cheese on a serving platter and ladle half of the cranberries over the cheese.

Surround the platter with an assortment of crackers. Garnish with long, thin slices of green onion.

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The Trees for Troops program will collect and deliver more than 11,000 real Christmas trees to families at a

dozen military bases across America. The Trees for Troops program provides a way for all Americans to show their appreciation for the sacrifices that U.S. troops and their families are making this holiday season. Members of the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA) and at least 20 state or regional Christmas Tree Associations are donating the Christmas trees. FedEx Freight is providing free shipping.

The Trees for Troops program kicked off in November when an international shipment of fresh, farm-grown

trees from Ohio and Indiana growers departed for military installations in the Middle East.

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, based in Chesterfield, Mo., is a not-for-profit foundation that advances the Christmas spirit for children, families and the environment.

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## GIRLS HOCKEY

# North wins ULS tournament



Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team celebrates after winning the ULS Invitational with a 6-0 victory against Northville.

## Norsemen beat Northville in championship game; defeat Cranbrook in semis

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team won the ULS Holiday Tournament for a second straight season last weekend, beating Northville 6-0 at McCann Arena.

"We outplayed them and controlled the entire game," Grosse Pointe North head coach Scott Dockett said. "I'm proud of the girls for staying focused even though we had a one-goal lead and had a player in the penalty box heading into the third period."

"I'm very happy with how well my girls played," Northville head coach Bill Holden said. "We lost our legs in the final period, but overall we did a nice job containing one of the best teams in the league."

Freshman goalkeeper Victoria Bogen earned all-tournament honors, posting her first varsity shutout.

"Tori was outstanding the entire weekend," Dockett said. "Our defense let her hang out to dry a few times in the semifinal, but tonight in the finals everyone played well in front of Tori."

Kate Zemenick, also named to the all-tournament team, recorded a hat trick to lead the Lady Norsemen. Senior Marissa LaValley, junior Katie Latimer and sophomore Angela Giorgio also scored goals.

"We have passed the puck pretty well, which has allowed us to generate a lot of scoring chances in both games," Dockett said. "We have a week of practice to get ready for South."

The Lady Norsemen beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 6-3 in the semifinals.

Zemenick and LaValley (one shorthanded) each scored two

goals, while senior Sarah Hughes and junior Rachael Lentz (North's third all-tournament player) also tallied.

The Lady Norsemen's other standouts were sophomore Alexa Quinlan, sophomore Lauren Walsh, junior Meredith Chiklas, junior Christie Listwan, junior Kara Yeager, sophomore Alexa Lucchese, senior Pelicia VanOverbeke and freshman Nicolette Capizzo.

Host ULS finished fourth in the tournament, losing the consolation game 9-1 to Cranbrook Kingswood and its semifinal game 5-3 to Northville.

"We played very well against Northville and in the first 10 minutes of the game against Cranbrook," ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said.

"I don't know what happened against Cranbrook because we just fell apart. I know we can play much better because we did against Northville."

Against Cranbrook Kingswood, senior Monique Squiers (an all-tournament selection) scored.

"We had our hands full against Grosse Pointe North, but I was happy to see the girls play better against Liggett," Cranbrook Kingswood head coach Valerie Edgington said.

In the Northville contest, senior Meghan Wilson (an all-tournament selection) scored, as did Squiers and junior Jacqueline Nicholas.

Senior Elizabeth Palmer, who assisted on Wilson's tally, was also an all-tournament performer.

In other action last week, North beat host Port Huron 5-1, while ULS lost 9-2 to host Walled Lake.

Grosse Pointe North is 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 5-0 overall; ULS is 0-1 and 0-3.

## North boys beat two tough foes

By Chuck Klonek  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team got a couple of victories against quality opponents last weekend but coach Scott Lock was most impressed with the improvement shown by the Norsemen.

"Those are both really good teams," Lock said after the Norsemen beat Davison and Muskegon Mona Shores by identical 4-1 scores. "I think they can both be a force in Division II."

"We're only two weeks into the season, so I'm most concerned with using these games as a measuring stick and to have our team improve."

North's tough schedule continues this week. The Norsemen were scheduled to play Cranbrook Kingswood on Wednesday, then they have their first home game of the season on Saturday against a strong Grosse Pointe South team.

Steve Rozelle scored a short-handed goal, an even-strength goal and a power-play goal in North's win against Davison.

"He's been real solid," Lock said. "He scored five goals in our first three games. He got hurt on a late hit after scoring his third goal Friday, so he wasn't himself in Saturday's game. He's playing on (Jeff) Rohrkemper's line. He's a playmaker and he can score. He's a nice addition to our team."

Scott Brown scored short-handed for North's other goal, while Dante Deserrano and Rohrkemper both played well and had two assists apiece.

The game was scoreless after the first period, but North scored three times in the second period.

"It was a good team effort," Lock said. "We took it to them right from the start. Every line contributed and our defense was real solid. (Evan) Skorupski didn't play, so we had four rookie defensemen

who did a nice job — Charlie Thibault, Brandon Davenport, Anthony Raymond and Michael Colasimo — along with (Anthony) Paglino and (Michael) Neveux."

All four North lines figured in the scoring against Mona Shores, which had beaten Trenton 4-0 a day earlier.

"Mona Shores is really fast," Lock said. "We were a little sloppy in the first period, but we came out ahead 2-1 and played pretty well the rest of the game."

Ben Scarfone, who had a strong game against the Sailors, opened the scoring with a power-play goal, assisted by Brown.

John Ross scored his first varsity goal, assisted by Colasimo to give North a 2-1 lead.

After a scoreless second period, Doug Rahaim and Colasimo scored in the third period for the Norsemen. Davenport, Jeff Holme and Scarfone had assists on the

third-period goals.

Both of North's sophomore goalies bounced back from earlier defeats with strong performances during the weekend.

Eric Rohrkemper won the Davison game, while Michael Rahaim was in the nets for Mona Shores.

"It was good to see both of them bounce back and play well," Lock said.

Earlier, North lost 5-1 to Brother Rice in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game.

"We dominated the game but we ran into a hot goalie," Lock said. "Their coach even said that we deserved better."

North outshot the Warriors 36-15.

Brother Rice led 1-0 going into the third period, but the Warriors scored three quick goals before Rozelle scored a power-play goal for the Norsemen. Jeff Rohrkemper and Doug Rahaim assisted on Rozelle's goal.

## South receiver earns All-State football nod

Grosse Pointe South's Jimmy Saros has been one of the top receivers in Michigan high school football the last two seasons and this year he has the postseason accolades to prove it.

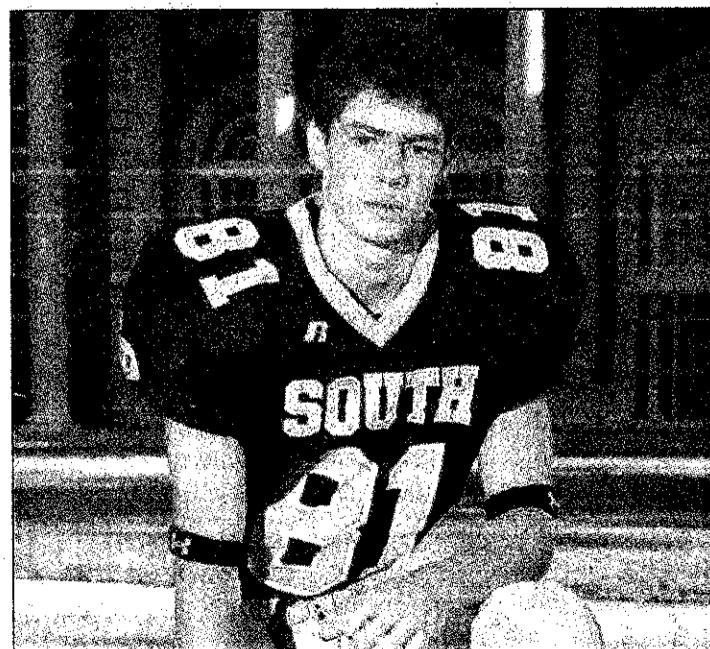
Saros, a junior, was named to the Associated Press Class A All-State team and was also on the All-State first team selected by the Detroit News.

Saros had 75 receptions for 996 yards and 11 touchdowns. He led the state in both receptions and yards and was among the leaders in touch-

downs. "Jimmy is the best receiver in the state of Michigan and one of the hottest receiver recruits in the country," said Ryan McCartney, who was South's offensive coordinator and receivers coach last season.

"He's just an unbelievable athlete. He has great speed, runs great routes and has great jumping ability. Many of the coaches we played against said that he was the best receiver they had seen in years."

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Jimmy Saros received All-State football honors.

## South skaters edge Pioneer, 4-3

By Chuck Klonek  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South coach Bob Bopp was happy to see Tim Shield's name on the scoresheet last weekend after the Blue Devils' 4-3 victory against Ann Arbor Pioneer in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game.

"It was good to see Tim in on the scoring in this game," Bopp said. "I think he feels that he hasn't been playing well because he hasn't been scoring, but that's not the case at all. The truth is, he has been playing great for us. He's been winning faceoffs, making big hits and moving the puck well."

Shield and Trevor John each collected a goal and an assist against the Pioneers, while Ryan Abraham had a goal and two assists.

Bopp expected Pioneer to give South its toughest test of the young season, and he wasn't disappointed.

Both teams played well in a scoreless first period, although the Blue Devils had the edge in shots and scoring chances.

Pioneer opened the scoring at 7:37 of the second period with a power-play goal.

"It was a great shot," Bopp said. "Trevor (goalie Trevor Sattelmeier) had little chance on it."

Less than a minute later, South tied the game on a power-play goal by Abraham, assisted by Geoff Osgood and Shield. Pioneer regained the lead at 11:17 on a slick passing play, but once again South answered quickly with the equalizer.

Once again it was a power-play goal by Shield, assisted by Osgood and John at 13:13.

Bopp said that the game was difficult to play because so many penalties were called.

"This was the first game that I felt the officials didn't do a good job," Bopp said. "It was frustrating for the players from both teams because there seemed to be penalty after penalty. With the new rules this year, things had gone well until this game."

It didn't take long for South to take its first lead of the game once the third period started.

At the 22-second mark, John moved in from the point and scored on a shot from the slot. Abraham and Shield assisted.

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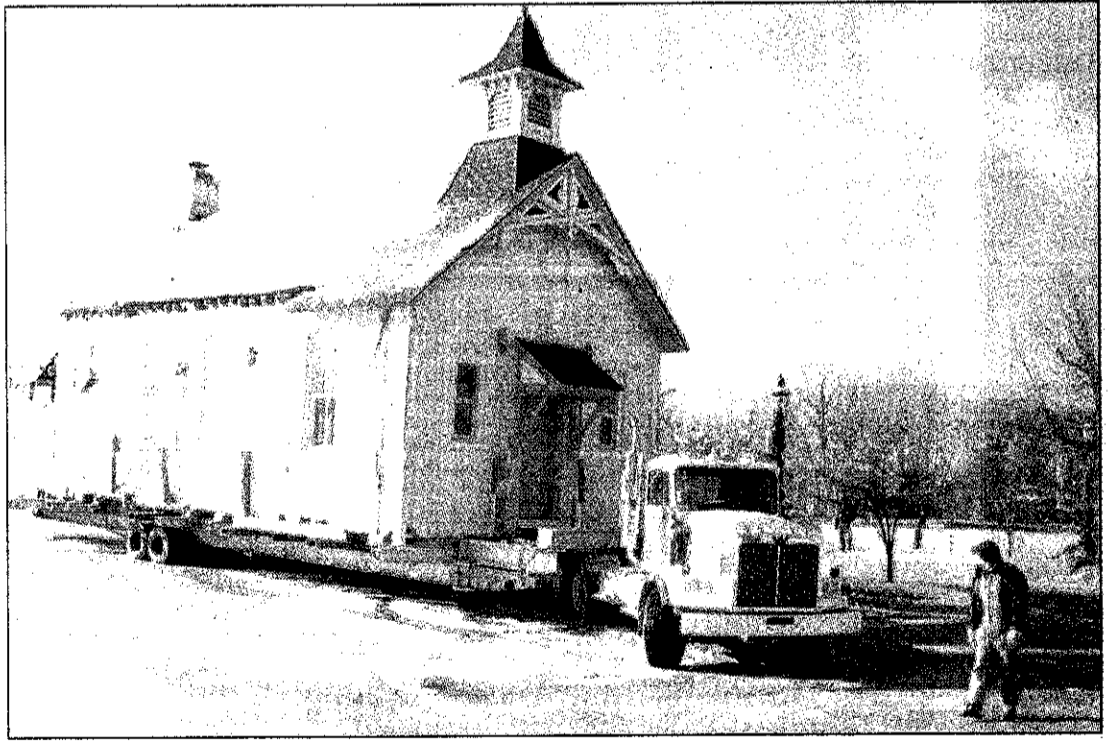
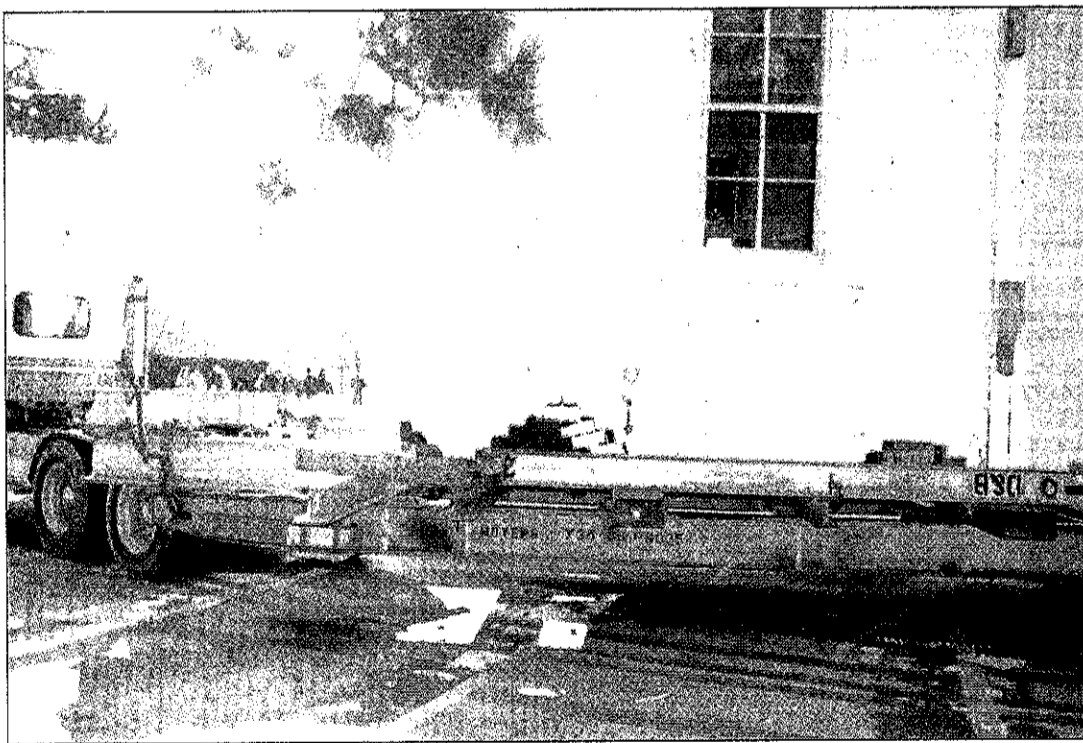
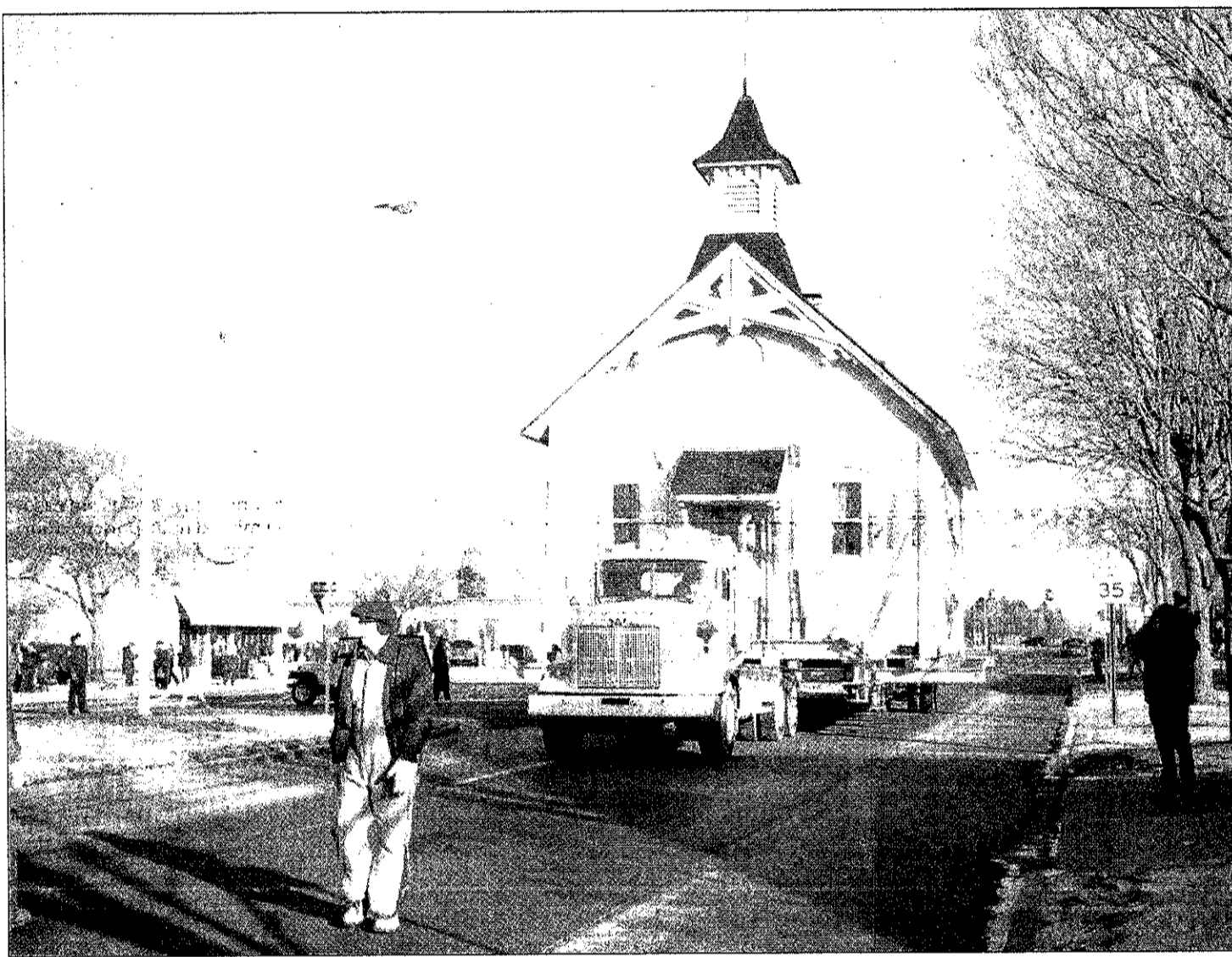


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# Historic schoolhouse moves

Historic Cook Schoolhouse in Grosse Pointe Woods moved to its new home in Ghesquiere Park Tuesday, Dec. 5. It took city officials and D&B House Movers a few months to get all of the planning in order. The schoolhouse had to be raised off its foundation and placed on timbers, which made it sturdy enough for the short trek down Mack. Water, gas and electricity had to be shut off and overhead wires had to be raised to allow the tall structure an obstacle-free path.

ABOVE: Cook Schoolhouse at its final moments at the old home on Lochmoor and Mack. LEFT: D&B House Movers taking it easy down Mack en route to Ghesquiere Park. BELOW LEFT: It took Woods Department of Public Works employees days to carefully prep the building to be loaded onto the truck and moved without damaging any part of the schoolhouse. BELOW RIGHT: The schoolhouse motors into Ghesquiere Park. BOTTOM LEFT: A view of the schoolhouse entering city hall grounds. BOTTOM CENTER: Building owner Marc Allen was on hand for the big move. BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the Cook family were also on hand to view the big move.











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