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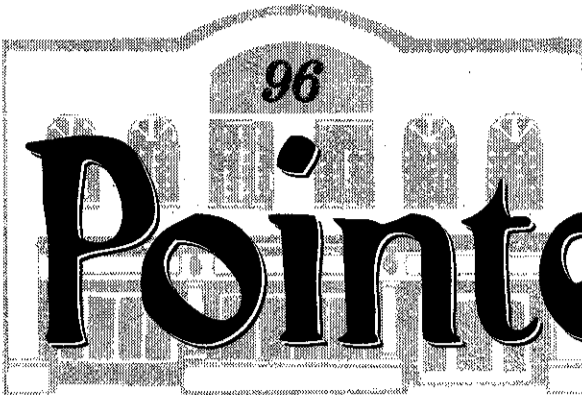
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Week ahead

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FRIDAY, DEC. 15

◆ Stroll through the Belle Isle Botanical Conservatory from 5 to 8 p.m. to see Detroit's collection of rare and unusual plants in a holiday-lit atmosphere. The event is hosted by the Belle Isle Botanical Society and the City of Detroit Floriculture Unit. Free mulled cider and doughnuts will be offered.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

◆ Santa Claus will be talking with children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Flagstar Bank, 19733 Mack. An opportunity to take a picture will also be available for a donation, with the proceeds going to the Van Elslander Cancer Center pediatric oncology department and Wigs 4 Kids.

◆ Join the Detroit Historical Society for a behind the scenes tour of John K. King Used and Rare Books store at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 for society members and \$25 for guests. For a reservation, call (313) 833-1405.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

◆ The 10 a.m. worship service at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church will be highlighted by the annual children's Christmas pageant. The youth present the story of Jesus' birth from a new perspective and use a variety of characters and traditional Christmas music. The church is located on the corner of Chalfonte and Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ St. Paul Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To make a reservation, call (586) 201-2508.

◆ A candlelight service of traditional Christmas hymns, carols and nine "Lessons and Carols," sung by the Christ Church choirs of girls, boys and men will be offered at 4:30 p.m. The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

MONDAY, DEC. 18

◆ The Grosse Pointe Children's Choir holds its "Sounds of the Season" concert at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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FYI By Ben Burns

Pointe's hometown hero



The mournful notes of taps will haunt the hills of Arlington National Cemetery shortly

after noon Friday as Grosse Pointe's first known fatality in the Iraq War — Marine Maj. Joseph "Trane" McCloud — is laid to rest with military honors.

McCloud and three other Marines died Dec. 3 in the crash landing of a helicopter in Lake Qadisiyah, a reservoir near Haditha, 250 kilometers northwest of Baghdad in Anbar Province. Twelve others

survived as the men jumped into the lake to get clear of the craft that was brought down by mechanical problems rather than enemy fire.

McCloud, 39, was a Marine's Marine. He exemplified what was best about the Corps in terms of integrity, courage and commitment. Like hundreds of other Marines he was a living symbol of the "always faithful" motto of the Corps — Semper

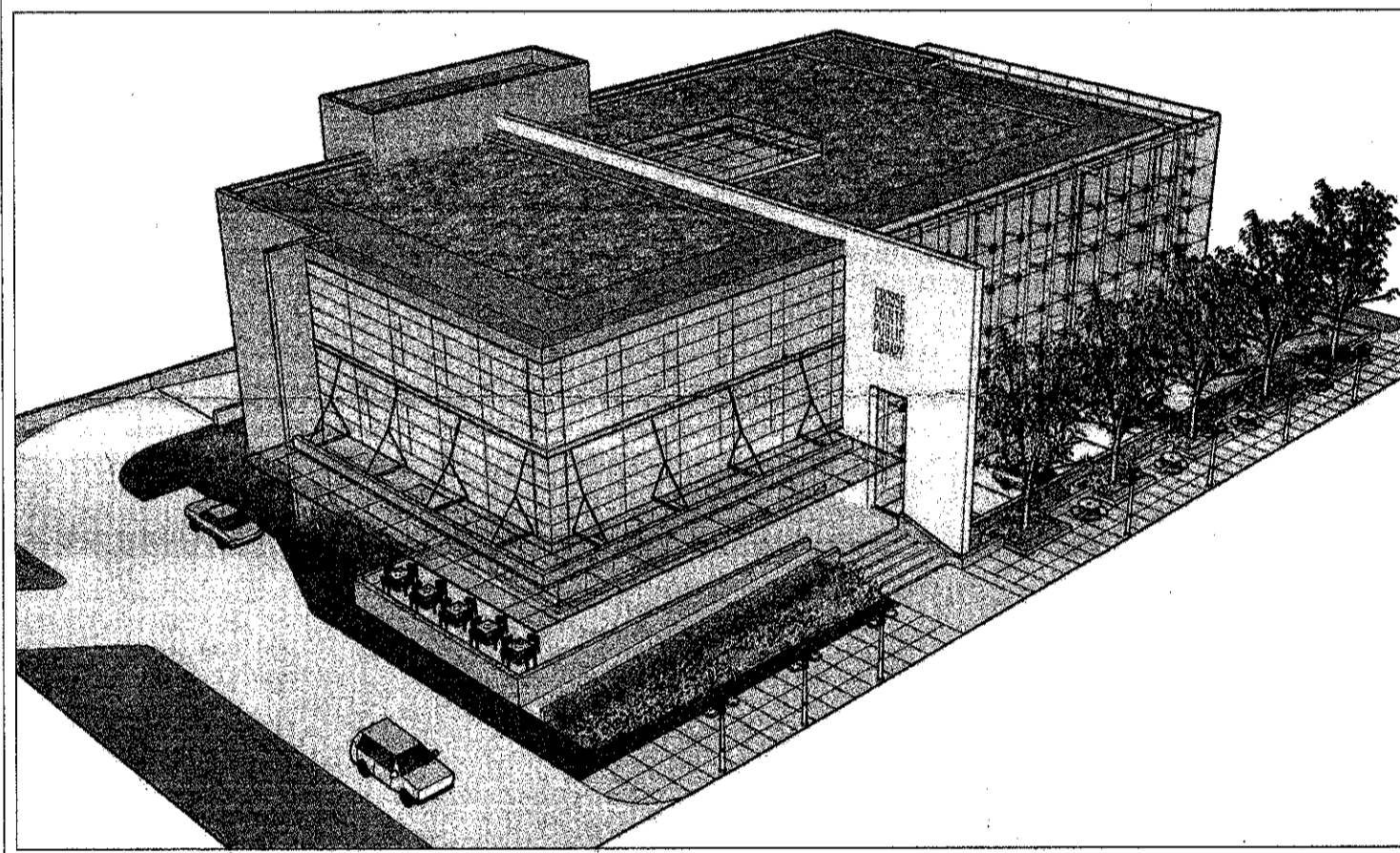
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He leaves behind his wife of 12 years, Margaret, and their three children — Hayden, 7; Grace, 5, and Meghan, 2 — his mother and stepfather, Roma and Carl Anderson, of the Farms; a brother, Richmond, in Scottsdale, Ariz.; a sister, Dawn, of Dover, Mass.; his father, Ron McCloud, of Elizabethton, Tenn.; his mother-in-law, Ann Hayden, of

Sayville, N.Y., and hundreds of friends from Grosse Pointe South, the Corps and the University of Tennessee where he graduated in 1989.

A family fund has been set up for his children at: Barnes and Sherry Financial, 703 Main St., Port Jefferson, NY 11777. The contact is Richard W. Barnes at (631) 473-7600.

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DRAWINGS COURTESY GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY/FANNING HOWEY AND ASSOCIATES

Fanning Howey and Associates, architects of the new Park and Woods branches, is so positive on the need to expand and re-design the library's Central branch that it has submitted yet another design, above — pro bono.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New edition of Central branch eyed

Board continues to discuss plans

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

Architect Jim Mumby of Fanning Howey and Associates

envisions a greater role in the community for the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central branch.

He sees its current location at the corner of Kercheval and Fischer with its close proximity to the Hill business district, schools and neighborhood as the perfect site for a library.

"We thought of this as a gateway building to the downtown area, more of a beacon to invite people in," he said.

Mumby, the architect of both the new Ewald and Grosse Pointe Woods branches, spent several months working pro bono with the library board to develop possible designs for a

new Central branch.

At the board's Nov. 27 monthly meeting, Mumby presented conceptual drawings of a library that looks towards the future yet pays homage to the current library.

"It's mid-century architect-

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G.P. FARMS

Shore work begun

Accretion area to be groomed, replanted

By John Lundberg
 Staff writer

Grosse Pointe Farms has commenced with its maintenance plan to spruce up the accretion area just above Pier Park on Lake St. Clair. The plan calls for clearing some of the vegetation in the area to make way for new plants and flowers that promise to vastly improve its appearance.

"It is our desire to introduce some native plants to Michigan (in the area)," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "It will be more aesthetically pleasing and have lower growth (than current vegetation)."

The accretion area has been an eyesore to Farms residents for quite some time. Invasive plants like phragmites, among others, are being removed to clear the way for flowers and plants like Black Eye Susans and holly, Reeside said.

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Free chili served

These two Grosse Pointe police officers enjoyed free chili during the 31st annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. City of Grosse Pointe residents Greg and Kris Hummel served chili to anyone passing by or watching the parade. Greg Hummel is pictured between the officers.

POINTER OF INTEREST

'You get this feeling of accomplishment that you can put these trips together.'

Linda Lloyd

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
Family: Dr. Larry Lloyd; children, Lawrence, Emily and Elizabeth
Claim to fame: Organizes annual trips for high school TV production students
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Yesterday's headlines

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WOODS COUNCIL STILL FIGHTING CENSUS: The Grosse Pointe Woods city council is not going down without a fight regarding the disputed 1980 census. The victims were killed when their private plane developed motor trouble and plunged into Lake Erie Dec. 8.

1981: Make room for baby

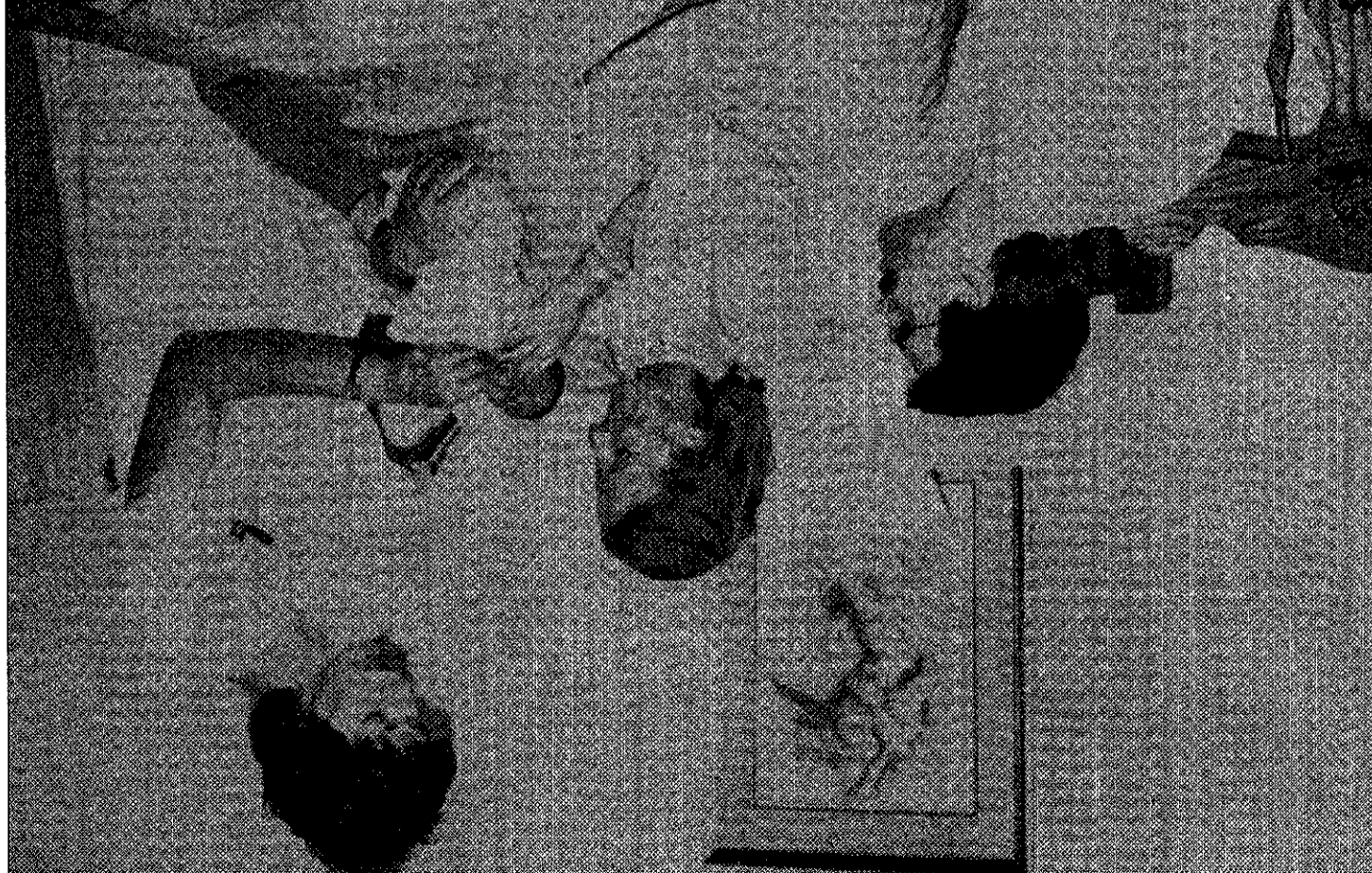


PHOTO BY ROBERT COOPER

1981: Make room for baby

St. John Hospital's new birthing room made its debut Thanksgiving Day with the arrival of Andrew Fromm, the first child of Frederick and Kathleen Fromm of Grosse Pointe Park. The birthing room, which departs from the typical hospital room, features Early American decor, with an Early American style bed, rocking and lounge chairs, a cradle, a television set and pictures on the walls.

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WENDY'S SITE PLAN APPROVED: The Grosse Pointe Farms city council approved the site plan for Wendy's International Inc. to open a restaurant by June, 1997.

PATTERSON ICE RINK TO GET SUPPORT FACILITIES: Ice skaters at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park will soon have a warming quilted the chain to upgrade the restaurant used to be.

POPULATION BOOM AT PARCELLS: The student population at Parcells middle school is more than 50 percent higher than what is considered 'optimal' for Parcells middle schools. To that end, a committee of teachers, parents, administrators and counselors has been formed to remedy the current over-population.

STATE DEMANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' FILES: School districts statewide are required to provide comprehensive information regarding their students, or face severe cuts in funding.

THE INFORMATION, WHICH INCLUDES A HISTORY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENTS, IS SUBMITTED TO A CENTRAL EDUCATION SYSTEM.

PREVIOUSLY, THE DISTRICT WAS ONLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUMMARY INFORMATION LIKE ATTENDANCE, ENROLLMENT, ACHIEVEMENT AND GRADUATION RATES.

IF THE DISTRICT DOES NOT FULLY COMPLY, IT STANDS TO LOSE UP TO \$3 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING.

HOUSE AT MACK AND FARMS BUYS LAST MOROSS DEVELOPMENT: Grosse Pointe Farms has purchased the last of eight houses, clearing the way for the redevelopment of the area at Mack and Moross.

MACK AND MOROSS: The \$295,000 price tag is very steep, considering the home was \$107,700.

THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS ON HOW THE FARMS WILL DEVELOP THE SEVEN-ACRE PARCEL AT MACK AND MOROSS.

METHODS ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO MUFFLE COMPRESSORS THAT OFTEN OPERATE ALL NIGHT TO FREEZE THE ICE SKATING RINK AT PATTERSON PARK IN GROSSE POINTE PARK.

THE MACHINES, WHICH ARE WRAPPED WITH SOUND INSULATION, HAVE DRAWN COMPLAINTS FROM NEIGHBORS BECAUSE OF THE NOISE.

PARK OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING CHANGING THE SIX COMPRESSORS'S COOLING SYSTEMS AND FANS TO REDUCE THE NOISE.

Options already under consideration include altering the scheduling of classes, building a permanent addition onto Parcells, and reclaiming the area leased to the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch.

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The cost of the project is estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and renovations are expected to begin next summer.

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By John Lundberg

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CENTRAL: Three stories on stilts

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ture and it needs to be replaced by mid-century architecture," said Mumby, "That's the spirit of the site, and we want to put that back into it."

Mumby's preliminary designs show a three-story building on stilts with clean, delicate lines accentuated by dramatic glass walls overlooking the Hill.

"I wanted it to have strength of simplicity and proportion," he said.

The building would house a 40,000- to 45,000-square-foot youth area and a 1,500-square-foot coffee cafe with outdoor seating on the first floor; the adult collections on the second floor would have a seating area overlooking Kercheval; and a large meeting room would be located on the third floor.

Both the cafe and the meeting room would be self-contained with separate entrances, enabling them to be open when the library is closed.

The design would expand Central's book collection which is considered one of the current library's weaknesses. Mumby estimates the new youth collection could hold between 40,000 and 50,000 books while 70,000 to 75,000 books could be on the shelves in the adult area.

"This would be a 30 to 40 percent expansion in the adult area," Mumby said. "It would-

n't surprise me if it's doubled in the youth collection."

Mumby designed the 62- to 65-car underground parking garage with 9- to 10-foot ceilings, good lighting and an open-air section to avoid having a dungeon feel.

The building would utilize economical, energy-saving and environmentally-friendly features including a green roof, displacement ventilation through the floors and high-performance double glass walls that would capture the sun's heat in the winter and deflect it in the summer.

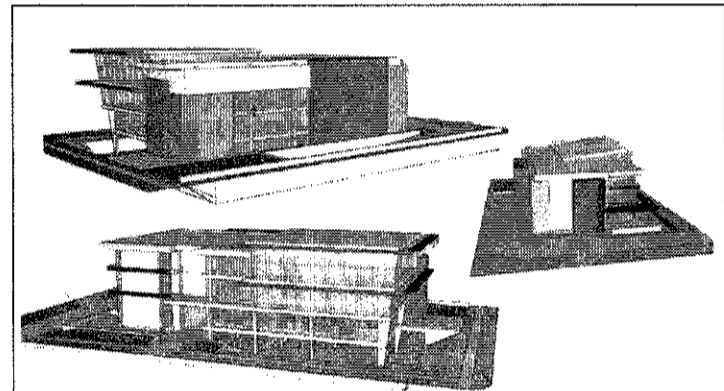
"We tried to make it a very simple, intelligent building," Mumby said.

When asked about a time frame and costs, Mumby conservatively estimated it would take between 24 to 26 months and cost about \$22 million to demolish the old building and construct and furnish a new one.

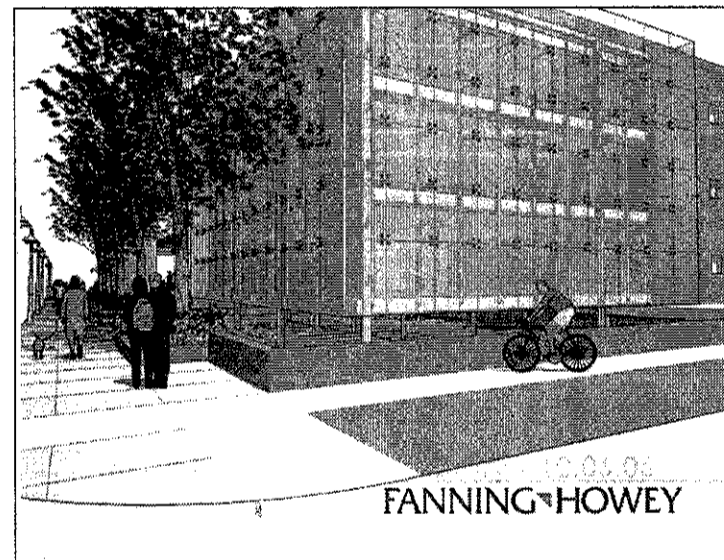
At the end of the presentation, Board President Laura Bartell thanked Mumby and his team for the months they have spent on the design. She emphasize that the board needs taxpayers approval for a new library and Fanning Howey has not been retained to be the architect of the site.

"We think it's very helpful for potential donors and taxpayers to visualize the site," Bartell said.

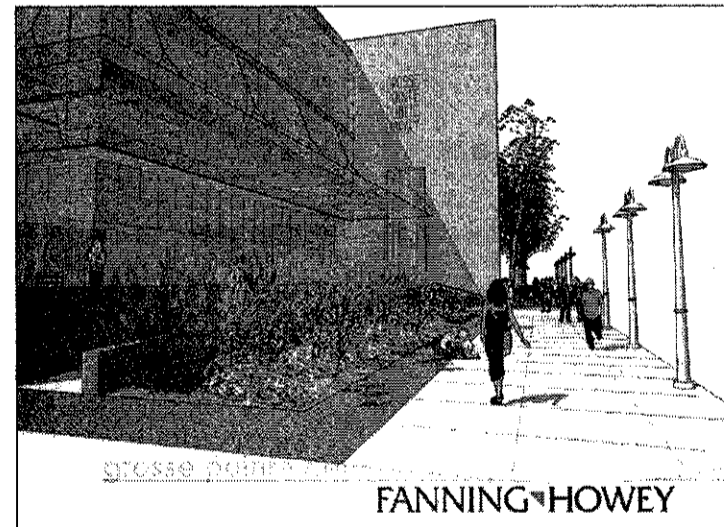
"The only way to get a library here, you need support of the entire community — the city, schools and business — everyone needs to make this project work," Mumby said.



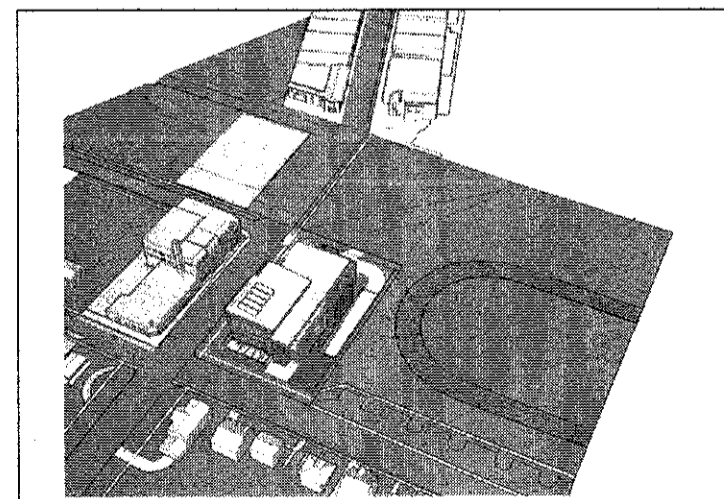
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Above are architect renderings of what a redesigned and expanded Central public library branch may look like, as well as its new footprint. The drawings are for discussion purposes only. No decision has been made concerning the Central branch.

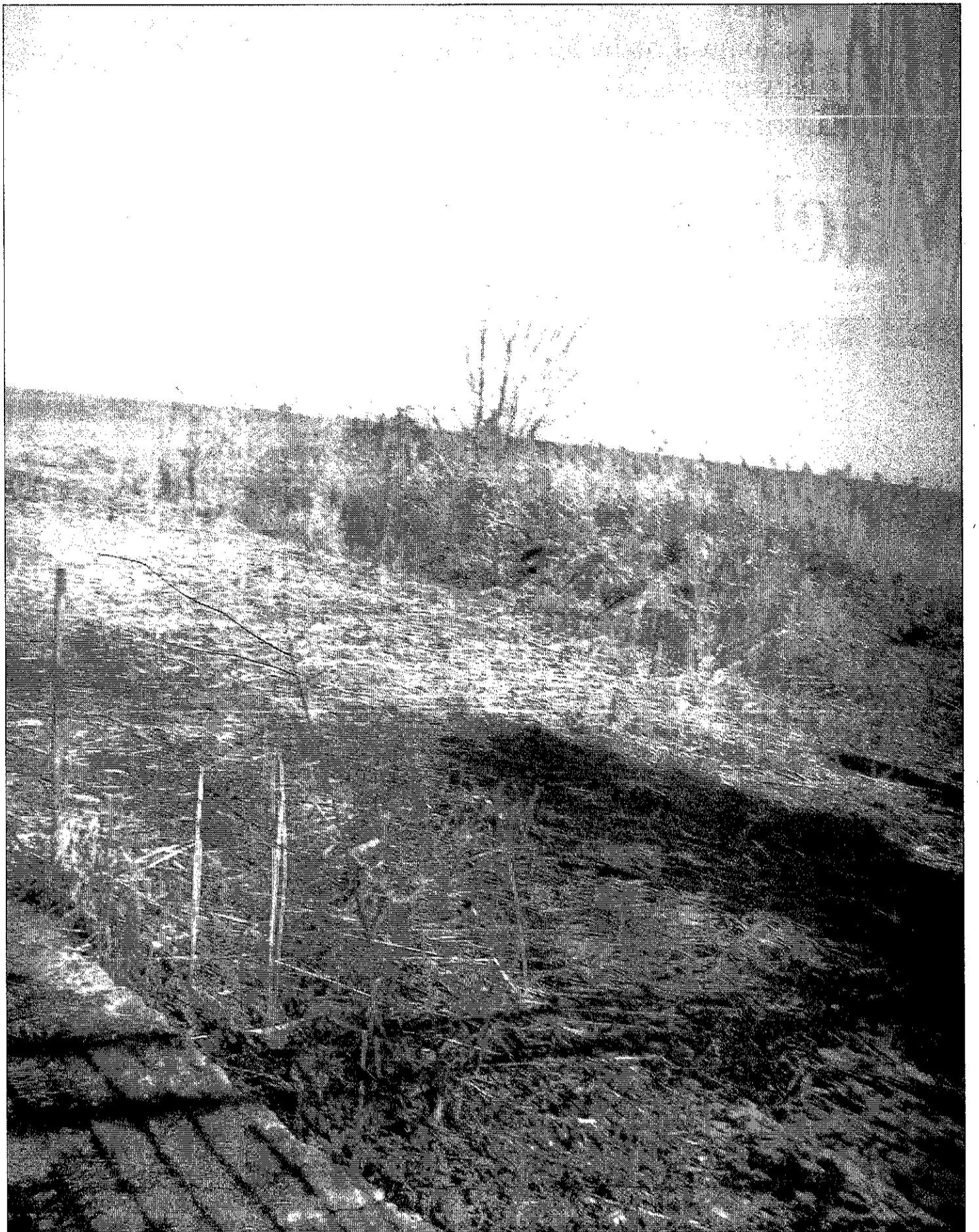


PHOTO BY JOHN LUNDBERG

Grosse Pointe Farms workers, with the help of an Ann Arbor environmental consulting firm, began grooming the overgrown corner of accretion where Lake St. Clair meets the Pier park breakwall. With Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approval, the Farms hopes to replace invasive plant species with native growth.

SHORE: Cattails won't be pulled

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To complete the project, the Farms must receive permission from the state Department of Environmental Quality before proceeding with

the new vegetation. The Farms has submitted an application, and has retained Environmental Consulting & Technology Inc. (ECT) of Ann Arbor, a consulting firm specializing in the resolution of environmental issues through project planning, management, and applied engineering.

Anne Baara, an ECT consultant assisting the Farms, could not be reached for comment.

Before proceeding, Reeside said the city approached the neighbors across Lakeshore and received their consent for the project. Although most of the area has been cleared, some vegetation will remain untouched because it is classified as protected by the state.

"This is a delicate process," Reeside said. "We are being careful and very sensitive to sections (of the area) that are protected."

Reeside singled out the cattail plant as one that will remain undisturbed.

Surveying and clearing the

area represent phase one of the project. The Farms plans to start planting the new vegetation next year if it receives the go-ahead from the state.

Reeside said the planting phase would cost about \$25,000, which the Farms plans to put out for bids.

Accretion is the accumulation of sediment and other organic material. Receding lake levels have also hampered the area's appearance, which exposes more of the shoreline.

"Our objective is to clean up and help make the area more eye pleasing," Reeside said.

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in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe Woods council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults. They are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

◆ The Grosse Pointe Shores Board of Trustees meet at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School choir holds its holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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POINT OF INTEREST

With all the aplomb of an insider, Linda Lloyd navigates her way around high-power TV execs so local teenagers can obtain access to their shows.

Backstage pass



Every year, Pointer Linda Lloyd takes a group of 30 Grosse Pointe public high school TV production students to either New York City or Los Angeles to tour various television studios. If students go on both tours, they get to experience business, climate and lifestyle differences between the east and west coasts.



By Beth Quinn
Staff writer

Linda Lloyd must have the TV production teacher Steve Gearty and five parents. After a few trips to Manhattan, Lloyd realized students need to visit Los Angeles to get a complete overview. Now the school district offers trips to the two cities on alternating years.

"New York and L.A. have two different types of studios," Lloyd said. "New York City television studios in New York City and Los Angeles, Calif., open to students of the TV production classes. It's a great opportunity for someone interested in TV production to see what it's really like to work in the industry." Lloyd said. Her stint as a volunteer travel agent began when she was 10 years old. She worked in New York where she worked for 10 years as a singer and actress. Even though her children weren't involved in TV production, Lloyd would later agree to help teacher Julie Corbett fulfill a wish to take her TV production students to TV studios in California, she takes the kids to Santa Monica to see the ocean. "It's so much fun to see the reactions of the kids who have never seen the ocean before," Lloyd finds encouraging situations to pursue a TV production career by giving them an insider's glimpse into the business to be gratifying. "We have had many students from Grosse Pointe go into television," she said. "It's a contact list of producers at most of the major television studios on both coasts. I've been really lucky finding the right people," Lloyd said. "When I call now they invariably want to do, and are willing to work hard and go beyond doing what they are asked. Those are the people they are looking for."

"Most of the producers are very helpful," she said. "They will give me suggestions and names and numbers of other producers to call." Last year in New York, the group received the rarely extended invitation to be inside the studio while "Good Morning America" was being taped. In the past, they have watched the show from the outside viewing area. Another of Lloyd's connections is the producer of "The Early Show," a University of York City are located in New York City and Los Angeles, Calif., big movie studios. L.A. is more spread out. The studios in New York City are located in Manhattan, Lloyd realized students need to visit Los Angeles to get a complete overview. Now the school district offers trips to the two cities on alternating years.

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Police, sheriff join to stop car theft

By John Lundberg
Staff writer

Law enforcement officers from the Pointes, Harper Woods, Wayne County, Detroit and parts of southern Macomb County are joining in a collaborative venture to dramatically reduce car thefts on the eastside.

in the eastside communities that have not been met," said Warren Evans, Wayne County sheriff. "We plan to assist them to put a dent in auto theft."

The auto theft group will combine police officers and detectives using a "systemic" approach to prevent car thefts, said Lawrence Meyer, Wayne County director of

field operations. The multi-tiered project will create data systems containing information on where car thefts are most prevalent, target chop shops where thieves sell their wares, and address flaws in the probation system that allow repeat offenders to go unaccounted.

"We plan to use all means of law enforcement necessary when analyzing the data," Meyer said. "We have to be innovative with our limited resources."

"This will be a data-driven collaborative partnership." Car theft has been plaguing the eastside for years now. In Grosse Pointe Farms alone, car theft this year is up almost 40 percent, said Dan Jensen, Farms police chief.

"(And) we're at the tail end when it comes to car theft in the Pointes," Jensen said.

Funding for the group is still being worked out after Wayne County was turned down for an Auto Theft Prevention Authority grant, Meyer said. Law enforcement officers have been communicating frequently to pool resources, and cooperation is the key, he added.

"Auto theft is a crime where thieves crossover borders (to commit their crimes)," Meyer

said. "We plan to take a small component of sheriff deputies, to them attach police from the Pointes, Harper Woods and southern Macomb County to form this unit."

One problem in particular is soft probation rules for repeat juvenile offenders, both Meyer and Jensen said. Often times, a juvenile will be arrested three times before seeing any real jail time.

The group plans to work with the Wayne County prosecutor's office to have electronic tethers attached to repeat offenders for closer monitoring.

"Kids who are at liberty tend to get into mischief," Evans said. "If we know what they're doing they're not going to be out stealing cars."

Evans and Jensen said part of the problem is with the schools and truancy issues.

"We have (teenagers) who are being trained in auto theft," Jensen said. "We sometimes find stolen vehicles that have just been abandoned and nothing stolen. It was just a test run or a joy ride. We need some (more strict) kind of enforcement measures."

The group is part of Evan's Action Plan. To stamp out auto theft, just simply making arrests is "just like sticking

DaimlerChrysler hot for car thieves

Car thieves on the eastside target cars manufactured by DaimlerChrysler AG. In fact, more than 90 percent of car thefts in Grosse Pointe Farms are that brand, said Farms Police Chief Dan Jensen.

But why?

The trouble is in the ignition system, which allows thieves an easier path to starting the vehicle, said Tom Kezhaya, co-owner of Joe's Garage in Detroit. Other manufacturers have ignition systems that will only start when the car's internal computer recognizes a signal coming from the key. Until recently, DaimlerChrysler models did not.

Kezhaya said newer DaimlerChrysler models now feature an ignition system with a chip that works in conjunction with the key. It has been installed on some models, but not all Jensen said.

"My son just bought a 2006 Jeep that doesn't have it," he said.

—By John Lundberg



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but will close Dec. 23. Offices will also be closed Monday, Jan. 1, and Tuesday, Jan. 2, for New Year's. SUPER! Centers will close Saturday, Dec. 30.

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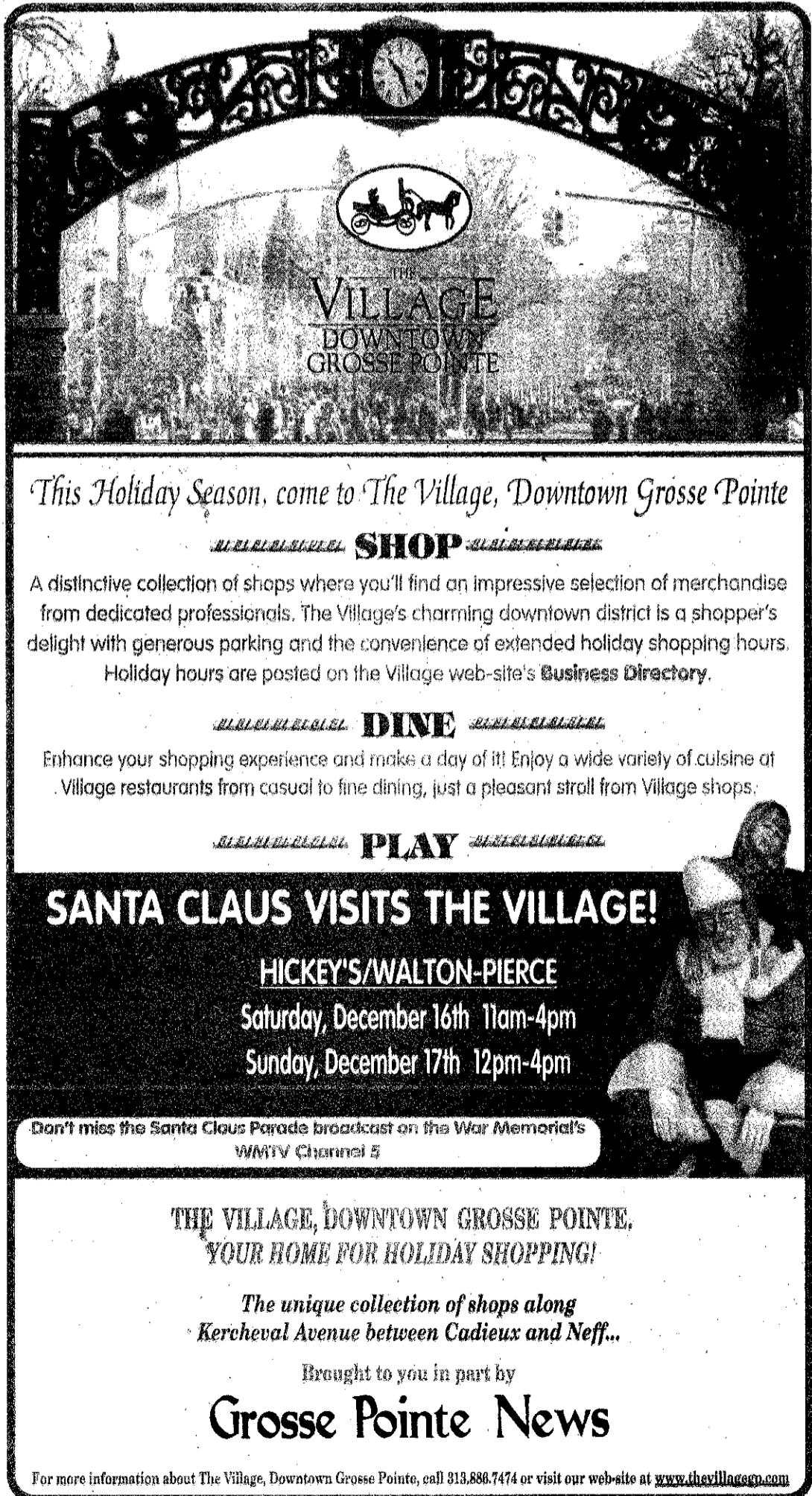
Motorists renewing license plate can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone.

Easy-to-follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

With the exception of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays, most offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. SUPER! Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

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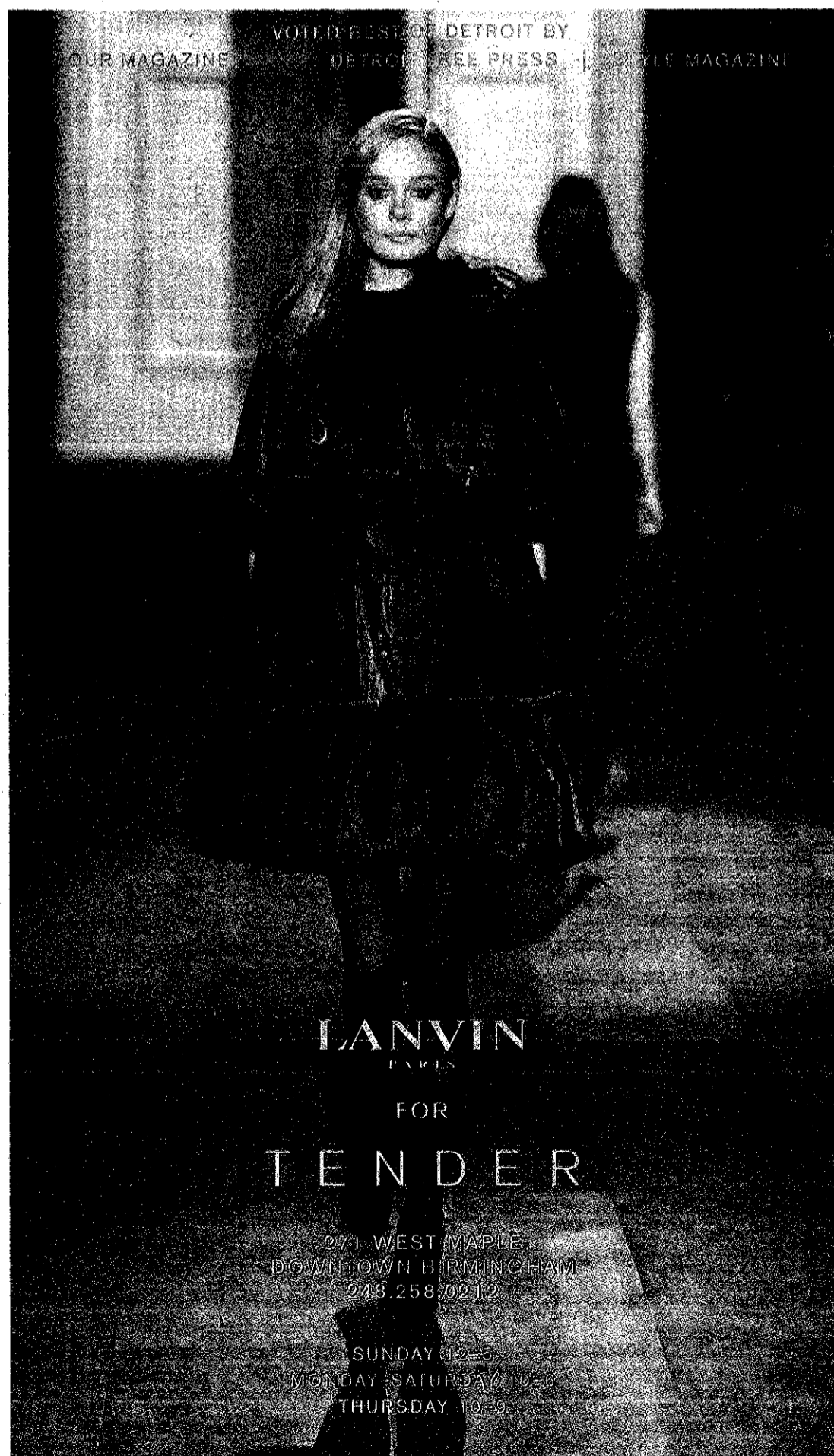
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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Beautification award winners honored

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated its 34th annual Beautification Awards Nights last month at the Lochmoor Club.

Winners received a certificate and residential honorees received a lawn sign to display on their property.

"It's a wonderful event where we can all get together

and honor those people who go above and beyond to make their businesses or homes a little brighter," said Angelo DiClemente, owner of the Dried Flower on Mack and a member of the Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission.

Business Award honorees were Automated Management Systems, Edwin Paul Spa, General Funding Corporation, Grosse Pointe Collection,

George Koueiter Jewelers, McDonald Financial Group, David C. Secord, D.D.S., M.S., String Beads!, Summit Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Kathleen E. Gibney, D.D.S., won the Business Renovation Award.

Residential award winners were James and Joelle Alibri, Clinton and Diane Barnard, Nancy Bordato, Joseph and

Suzanne Carolan, Richard and Rose Claggett, Keith and Rose Crawford, William and Christine Damm, Paul and Katie Lamberti, Jim and Bev Marshall, Kevin McCarthy and Kathryn Weir, Camille and Cora Michael, Jack and Shirley Patterson, Kelly Rahaim, Eleanor Russell and Michael and Diane Thoits.

Fernie and Debbie Carlesimo won the Residential Renovation Award.

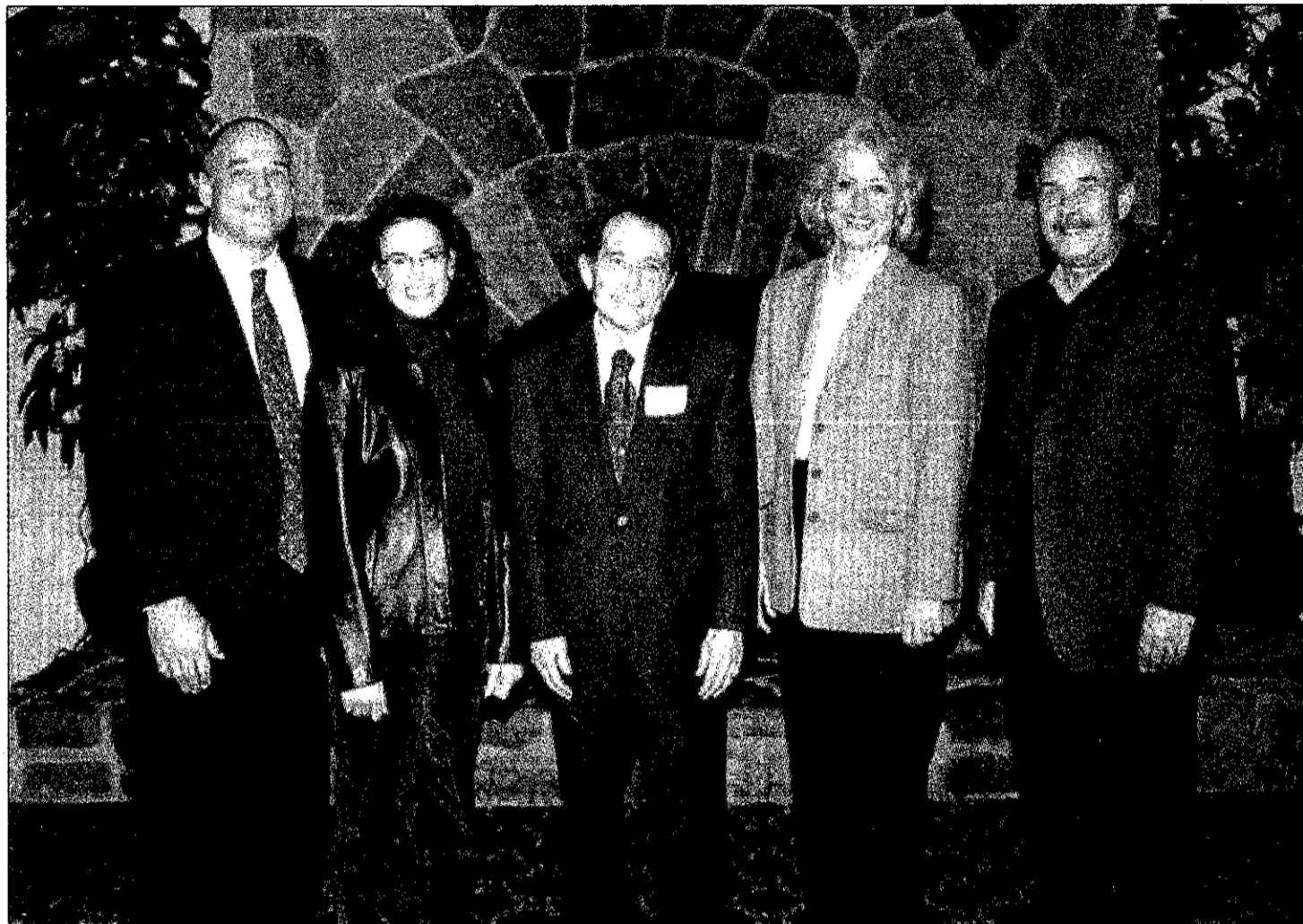
Members of the Mayor's Beautification Advisory Commission who viewed all of the nominations and cast a vote were William Allemon, Pamela Barnwell, Arthur Bryant, Lisa Gaglio, Gerald Hilton, Dennis Hyduk, Linda Ireson, James Kedich, Marge Kingsley, Mary Beth Nicholson, Carol Sauter, Heather Simmet, DiClemente and Fleming.

Deborah Mathews is the

Woods' Department of Public Works representative and Dickinson is the city council representative.

Mayor Robert Novitke and councilmembers Allen G. Dickinson, Vicki Granger, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Dona DeSantis Reynolds, Darryl Spicher and Peter N. Waldmeir were also in attendance.

Chairpersons for the evening were DiClemente and Bonnie Fleming.



Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, center, presented Kathleen Gibney, D.D.S., second from left with guest Greg Drawbaugh, with the Business Renovation Award, and the Residential Renovation Award to Debbie and Fernie Carlesimo, right, during the 34th annual Beautification Awards Night.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Council approves police car cameras

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Nine new digital cameras will be installed in Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety patrol cars.

Park City Council approved the purchase during Monday's meeting of the cameras for \$49,732, which is less than the \$52,000 price tag the city paid five years ago for the older style cameras.

"The cameras are a very effective piece of equipment for our services," Park Public Safety Director Dave Hiller said. "The officers feel they don't want to go on the road without a camera."

Hiller also said it will be too costly to repair the old cameras and the newer technology will make it easier to transfer information to a permanent location.

Sgt. James Hoshaw researched the matter and proposed the purchase of nine Mobile Vision Flashback Digital Video Systems, various supplemental items needed and credit on the old equipment.

Items purchased for the new system are nine digital video systems, two infrared

backseat cameras, one basic viewer software package, two access point antennas, one external USB flashcard reader, two LaCie 2TB Ethernet disk servers, one LaCie d2 DVD-RW drive, one APC Smart-UPS battery backup and one Dell desktop workstation.

In addition, the city will receive a \$4,500 credit for turning in the nine old Decatur system cameras.

The city will pay 50 percent at the time of purchase, using funds from the 2006 budget. The remaining 50 percent will be paid in July under the new city budget.

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EDITORIALS

School votes in November a good move

School elections in November. What a novel idea.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved the switch from May to November for trustee elections, a move that will save the district some \$1,000 to \$60,000 an election.

This is good news during these times of budget deficits due to fixed revenue vs. rising costs. The board, and, in particular, Trustee Fred Minturn who suggested the change, should be congratulated.

Many times, in all areas of personal and business finance, we continue doing things a certain way because "that's the way we've always done it."

Other than the fact that school board seats expired around the first of June, there is no particular reason why elections have to be in May. Next year, the terms of Minturn and Charles Sabino expire in June, but they will be extended six months to the end of 2007 to accommodate the new November election date.

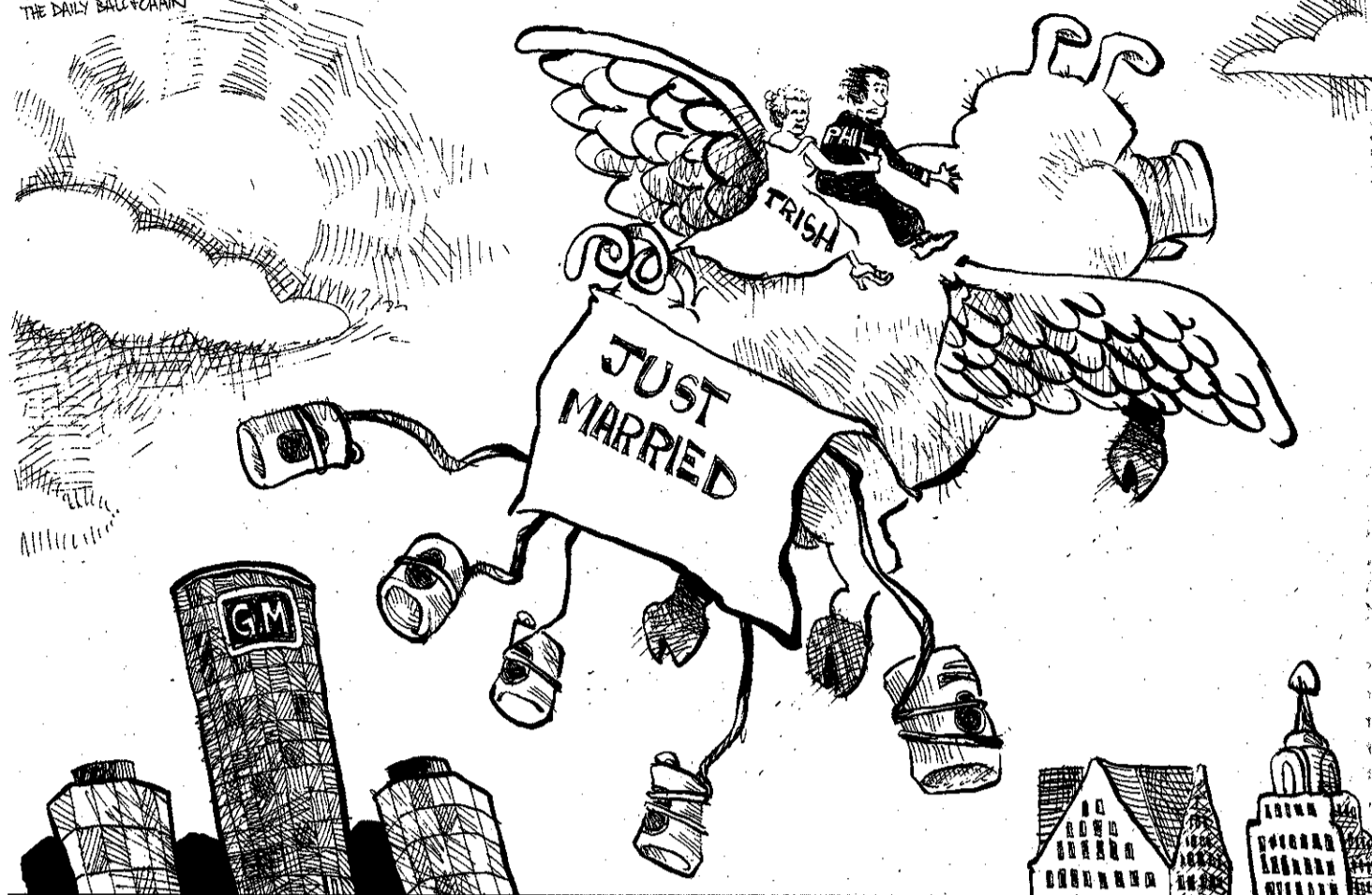
Henceforth, school board terms will expire on Dec. 31, rather than the first Monday in June.

Not only did the November election date meet with the unanimous approval of the school board, it was also favored by the group, Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education.

Spokeswoman Margot Parker, a fiscal conservative and former member of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, told the school board that while the savings for changing the elections were small compared with the district's projected \$3.5 million budget deficit, it nevertheless sends the right message that the school board is doing all it can to cut costs and save dollars for

PHIL HANDS

PHIL HANDS
THE DAILY BALL CHAIN



Grosse Pointe News editorial cartoonist Phil Hands is finally marrying his highschool sweet heart Tricia Moore.

Hometown heroes mourned

This week we are saddened by the deaths of two individuals — one a hero to his fellow Grosse Pointe South graduates and to the nation as whole and the other to his Wayne State University students and to readers and editors of the Grosse Pointe News.

Maj. Joseph "Trane" McCloud, 39, a 1985 Grosse Pointe South graduate, died Dec. 3 in a helicopter crash 250 kilometers north of Iraq.

Richard "Dick" Wright, 73, died Dec. 9 of congestive heart failure at his Grosse Pointe Park home. Though he was a Korean War veteran, he is best remembered today as a journalism professor at Wayne State and an automotive columnist for some two decades for the Grosse Pointe News.

Maj. McCloud was a natural leader, whether on the Grosse Pointe South football team or with the Marine Corps. He was described as a "Marine's Marine."

According to those in the Corps who knew him, Maj. McCloud "exemplified what was best about the Corps in terms of integrity, courage and commitment. Like hundreds of other Marines, he was a living symbol of the 'always faithful' motto of the Corps — Semper Paratus." See FYI columnist Ben Burns' excellent write-up for the fallen hero starting on Page 1A.

Mr. Wright was a quiet man. He taught legions of future reporters, including many who went on to work at the Grosse Pointe News, as professor emeritus at WSU.

He had a very interesting past. He learned to speak German and Russian while in the Army. He began his journalism career as a copy boy at the Detroit Free Press while attending Wayne State, from which he also earned a law degree. He is the brother of well-known cartoonist Larry Wright.

Both men — Maj. McCloud and Professor Wright — are hometown heroes in our book.

A memorial service for Maj. McCloud will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. A memorial service for Professor Wright will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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Republican Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, who handily just won re-election in November, encouraged school districts across the state to make the change by the Dec. 31 deadline to go into effect for 2007.

She also pointed out that the November date will also improve voter turnout of school votes, which traditionally garner only 10 percent of eligible voters.

In last November's election, voter turnout statewide was 53 percent. In the Pointes it ranged from 63 percent to 72 percent.

Of course, the school district may still schedule bond or certain millage elections during four approved election dates in February, May, August or November. We favor the November

general election or a spirited August primary election for any additional school district votes.

Good work, school trustees. Now, where else can we find non-classroom-related savings?

Correction

In last week's editorial, "Cable Reform Unlikely Here," we incorrectly stated that two cable companies serve the city of Harper Woods. According to City Manager Jim Leidlein, his city has only one cable provider. We apologize for the error.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.

Cable reform needs balance

To the Editor:

Your article in the Dec. 7 issue, "Cable Television Reform Legislation Picking Up," was hardly a balanced news article.

In fact, it didn't seem like a news article at all; there was no reporter byline, and it seemed more like a press release from (state Rep. Ed) Gaffney's office, given that he was the only person "quoted" within the copy.

The article's Q&A format was contrived; the "questions" were set-ups to allow Mr. Gaffney a forum to provide unchallenged answers that frequently stretched the truth.

And, not surprisingly, none of the tough questions involved with House Bill 6456 were asked, the "potential loss of

funding for local public access" being a perfect example of one of the many concerns with this bill.

An article that appears in the "News" section of the paper should attempt to have a fair and balanced approach. This article did not. Its proper place should have been the "Opinion" section of the Grosse Pointe News, with its source clearly noted.

MIKE TRUDEL
Grosse Pointe Park

It's Proposal A that limits spending

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see responses to my guest editorial because the issues need to be actively and openly discussed in the community.

However, the discussion

should be based on reasoned facts and not demagoguery.

The fact is that Proposal A, not board members or guest editorialists, limits what we can pay our teachers; the money for large raises or unpredictable surges in health care costs is not available. The only question is whether we lay off teachers and increase class sizes or try innovative new ideas.

If you place a high value on education and appreciate the efforts and quality of our teachers, as I do, then you may agree that layoffs and increased class sizes is an unfair burden on teachers, shortchanges our children's education, and places the quality of our school district (and thus our property values) at risk.

In which case, we are duty bound, to discuss and debate alternatives.

JOHN PALFFY
Grosse Pointe Park

Fortunate to have great teacher

To the Editor:

What a delight to read about one of my favorite teachers of all times, Nicholas Mizeres, who made anatomy fun, to learn (Dec. 7 Grosse Pointe News, Pointer of Interest,

"Teaching got under his skin").

I was fortunate enough to be allowed to attend his lectures on anatomy at the med school as well as participate in the lab experience. Few attorneys can make that statement.

Of all the teachers I have had, from Mumford to U of M to Wayne law in the '50s, Mizeres remains an exemplar in the teaching profession.

LARRY CHARFOOS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Red Cross in need of donations

To the Editor:

The holiday season is a time when families traditionally come together. But for some families, it is a time of grief and uncertainty after being left homeless by a devastating home fire.

Donations will allow the Red Cross to make sure hundreds of fire victims in the tri-counties are fed, clothed and warm this holiday season.

Please make a gift to your local Red Cross and see a difference right here in our community. Visit the Web site www.semredcross.org or call (313) 833-2632.

FREMAN HENDRIX, Chair
American Red Cross
Southeastern Michigan

OFFERING FROM THE LOFT

Relaxing the rules

Repeat after me, "I think I can, I think I can, I KNOW I can!"

Yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks and this is the year yours truly becomes the old dog.

Due to unforeseen changes of routines, schedules and daily life patterns, I am not operating on all circuits this season.

I am basically your traditional type, adhering to my comfort zone and rarely changing my holiday routines. We always send holiday greetings to at least 100 out-of-town friends and send relatively few cards in town, rationalizing that we see our local pals often and can wish them well face to face.

The out-of-town list will be shortened this year due to dif-

ferent priorities at this end. Perhaps cards will be sent early in January, then again, maybe not. I doubt many will notice. We will probably talk to more friends on the telephone and enjoy hearing their voices again.

Upon reviewing our lengthy gift giving list, we have agreed that the number of recipients is downright silly and many of our pals have decided to cease exchanging presents this year and instead will give to deserving organizations or persons whose needs are far greater than ours. These decisions were the result of a common-sense approach rather than a feeling of being overwhelmed.

Our customary Christmas Eve dinner has featured beef tenderloin as a main course for as long as I can remember.

This year we are opting for a simpler meal with minimal cleanup, so family and guests don't feel compelled to spend the most beautiful night of the year at our kitchen sink.

A hearty casserole will work just fine. After all, it is the people who share the meal together that matter, not what is on the plates. Less stress, less mess.

On Christmas morning there will be fewer gifts under our tree. Our children are grown, and we all have enough "stuff." Most of the clothing items we have purchased in the past were tolerated, but the wrong style, size, color, etc.

This year we will not have as many surprises, but will attempt to fill some requests we have solicited from our progeny. Our focus will be on the

grandchildren where it belongs. We novice "technoboots" will do our best to wade through the maze of gadgets and flashing "doohickeys" to make some younger eyes light up.

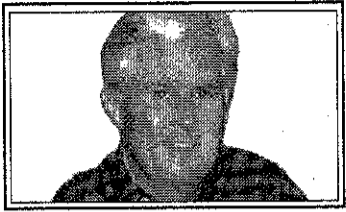
In summation, we will do the best we can despite life's little detours this year. Most importantly, we will all be together, loving and laughing, crying, pushing each other's buttons and holding each other as families do.

We wish you the same and the comfort of family and dear friends.

Stress relieving hint: Leave an inexpensive wind chime up near a window or door where you can hear it throughout the winter. Close your eyes and you will swear you hear angels singing.

I SAY By John Lundberg

1 car + 1 garage = 1 big dream



America. The word to me conjures a number of impressions. If we're talking food, I think barbeque. If the topic is movies, I see a western. Sports? Baseball. And when the thought of transportation is whispered, I immediately shout Cars!

The automobile. It has steered the country's sense of independence for a century now. It was Henry Ford who, through mass production and the \$5 workday, made the car once a plaything of the rich, available to all. He helped put the world on wheels.

And we haven't stopped driving.

Nearly two years ago, I was granted a special opportunity. You see, I own a 1966 Ford Mustang coupe. The car, which has been in my family for more than 20 years, was in a state of disrepair. And it had always been a dream of mine to reclaim it, but under my terms. I didn't want to just shell out thousands of dollars and watch its restoration from the sidelines. I wanted to know this car, to leave my personal brand on its rebirth.

Enter Joe's Garage. This eastside full-service garage has a history with my family. Not only had my parents, and later their children, been patrons for decades, but there existed a personal bond between the owner, his sons and crew, and us. We were customers, sure. But not clients of the common sort. We had a re-

lationship that transcended just money for service.

Joe Kezhaya and his two sons, Tommy and Joey, own the garage, which has stood at Ashland and Jefferson in Detroit since 1946. On staff are two other first-rate mechanics, Paul Rempala and Pat Weir.

I approached Tommy with my proposal: Could I rent a space in the garage with a hydraulic lift to pursue my dream. Mind you, this was not a common request. I would be entrusted with my own space in a profession that I was totally unacquainted.

Talk about a leap of faith for those guys.

Needless to say it was quite an education. For over a year I spent three mornings a week working on the car. I stripped the body raw. I had my first taste of rust residue, body filler dust, all the while washing it down with some hydraulic fluid

when one of the shock absorbers didn't want to leave politely. There were days that when I left I probably more closely resembled a 19th Century chimney sweep than anything else.

I was bloodied more than once. I shredded pants, shirts and gloves. One day, after being fairly saturated with undercoating, I casually asked whether the washroom dispensed water other than ice cold.

"This is a garage," shouted Pat from the other side of the bay.

Talk about cool.

There's also something else really neat about working with these guys: They own some awesome tools. Whenever my weak imitation of equipment failed, one of them would gladly lend me theirs. They mentored me, guided my path and welcomed me into their world.

It is an experience that will stay with me forever.

In the meantime, I left the restoration of the engine, transmission and brakes to the true professionals. When Tommy, Joey and the guys were finished, it would have impressed Chip Foose, of "Overhauled" fame.

Now we are talkin' performance here. A 302 small block with a four-barrel Edelbrock carb, a performance intake manifold and camshaft, ceramic-coated headers — I could go on and on.

As Tim Allen would say: "Ough, ough, ough!"

There were no shortcuts for safety either. The brakes, transmission and suspension system were upgraded for a street racer. Cosmetic upgrades were also first rate. In other words, this project was not taken on the cheap.

My experience also reached

me at another level. After working so intimately in this environment, it occurred to me that it would benefit anyone remotely interested to sample the experience. Believe me, they would walk away with a profound appreciation for the men and women who design, build and repair our vehicles. I know I do.

When the car was nearing completion, I had one more choice to make: the vanity plate. Several suggestions were offered. But there was one slogan, before it became a marketing term, which I always came back to. You see, when Ford produced its line back in the muscle car heyday, there was a period of time from final design approval to the first car off the line. That first car was Job One.

Considering the first-rate assistance I received reclaiming my Mustang, I think it's a good fit.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Are you tired of the holiday music since it started in October?

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



'We're not scrooges, but here at Mes Amies Salon we don't play it to give our clients a break while they're being pampered.'

RITA LACROIX
Grosse Pointe Woods



'It is everywhere except here at the salon, and my clients thank me.'

MONIQUE
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'Yes, it shouldn't start until after Thanksgiving.'

SARAH PONDER
St. Clair Shores



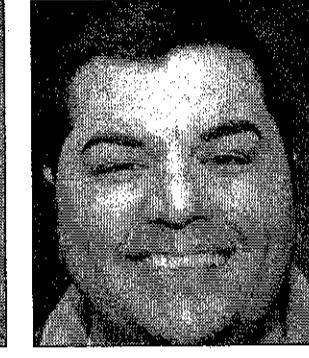
'Not this year I'm not, but I haven't heard it that much yet.'

MAYA PALMGREN
Detroit



'No, I love the music and I play it in my shop all day.'

NANCY CAROL
Grosse Pointe Park



'Yes. At T-Mobile we try to keep it festive but I am already tired of it.'

NASH HANNA
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI: 'I liked to be like Trane'

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Checks should be made out to Margaret McCloud with a notation "The McCloud Family Fund."

There will be a memorial service locally for Maj. McCloud at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m.

Terry Ayrault, of the Park, became friends with McCloud in the fifth grade at Trombly. McCloud was born in Elizabethton, Tenn., and his mother moved to Atlanta and then to Grosse Pointe.

"At first I was intrigued by Trane because of his unique name," Ayrault said in an e-mail, "a name that he advertised on a football shirt he wore with the words, 'Choo-Choo' emblazoned on the back."

Actually, Trane was a name the drawing southern youth had adopted from one of the stars on a '60s television drama about World War II com-

dos fighting against Rommel's Afrika Corps aboard a jeep armed with machine guns.

Ayrault was also attracted to Trane because of that accent. Having never traveled further south than Toledo, "hearing someone say, 'y'all' was the equivalent of hearing someone speak Mandarin.

"It was his attitude toward life and his physical toughness that always impressed me about Trane. So much so that as a kid I tried to be like Trane."

Trane was a feared Little League pitcher with a powerful arm and little control, Ayrault said. One time a Trane wild pitch actually sailed over the backstop, striking fear in the opposing line-up.

Ayrault also admired McCloud's encyclopedic knowledge of cars and the cars Trane restored, a lifetime hobby for the Marine.

"What he loved," another classmate, Al Ament, wrote, "was football, family, friends, Tennessee, old cars and old-fashioned music — not in that order, somehow all at once.

"He loved doing his best, which he did at everything, like his studies, being a dad, playing linebacker, being a soldier

or knowing whatever song of whatever singer on whatever album if it was from the '50s or '60s."

Ayrault played football at South with Trane under coach Russ Hepner, and McCloud won league honors as a linebacker.

"He played at about 135 pounds," Ayrault said, "but hit like a jackhammer. Ask anyone who ever played against him."

"Pound-for-pound, Trane McCloud was one of the toughest son-of-a-guns I'd ever coached," Hepner told Ayrault recently.

"The last time I saw Trane was Thanksgiving weekend 2005," Ayrault said. "He came into town for our 20th Grosse Pointe South class reunion. We gathered with other high school buddies at my house in our old neighborhood — a baseball-over-the-backstop throw from Trombly school.

He brought his wife (Margaret) and proudly introduced her to his old stomping grounds and his old friends. Other than Trane, we had all put on weight or lost hair. He looked exactly the way he did in high school. Same happy smirk. Same charm. We had a great



Maj. McCloud was last in town for his 20th high school reunion on Thanksgiving weekend 2005. From left at the reunion are Al Ament, Rich Lochbiler, Alex Mells, McCloud, Terry Ayrault and Mike Duffy.

time that night and promised to get together again at the 25th."

McCloud enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from the University of Tennessee and during Desert Storm served aboard the U.S.S. Missouri as it fired its 5-inch guns bombarding the Kuwait coastline. He was also aboard the ship when it saw action in Somalia, and when the ship was at Pearl Harbor for the 50th anniversary of the Japanese bombing, he was selected to escort President George H.W. Bush, who told his Secret Service men to stand down as his security was in good hands with the Marines aboard the Missouri.

After obtaining his commission, McCloud served as an infantry officer — a reservist on active duty. One assignment was with the Navy and Marine Corps News, where he produced a weekly television program broadcast to servicemen around the world.

McCloud served in the Philippines after 9/11, where Islamic extremists were mounting an insurgency, and then in 2003 he served as a military fellow on the staff of U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina for a year.




Maj. Joseph "Trane" McCloud had a lot of passions, including cars.

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Council OKs I-94/Allard updating

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Wayne County's Department of Public Services is ready to unveil its modernized traffic signals at the intersections of Allard/Eastwood and I-94 services drives.

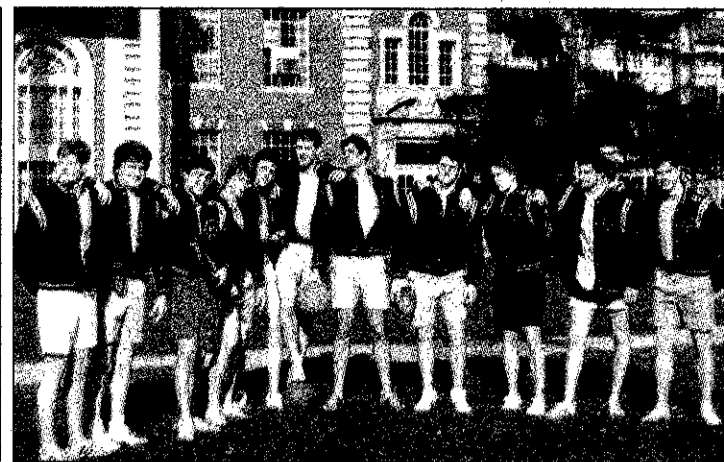
Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved its share of the \$114,100 total cost to install the equipment.

The Woods is responsible for 40 percent of the cost, which is an estimated \$45,640. Harper Woods will pay the remaining 60 percent (\$68,460).

"They make the rules and we have to stick to them," City Administrator Mark Wollenweber said. "The upgrades will help improve traffic flow in that area."

Wayne County's Engineer of Traffic Operations Victoria J. Holland said in a letter to

Wollenweber that the modernization will include six steel support poles, three internally illuminated case signs, vehicular indications with light emitting diode (LED) displays, pedestrian indications with light emitting diode (LED) displays and a solid state controller.



Pound for pound, Trane McCloud, last on the right, was one of the toughest members of the Class of '85 senior football players for Grosse Pointe.

MC CLOUD: Marines phenomenal

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Rep. Wilson said he viewed McCloud as family and that McCloud organized the congressman's staff into a team to run in the 2003 Marine Corps Marathon.

Trane's family and many friends received his last e-mail on Nov. 17 shortly before Thanksgiving:

"Sorry I haven't written more. I have been busy and most things I do besides eat and sleep, I can't talk about. I can say the Marines are doing phenomenal things every day.

"Thank you for all your support to me, my family and our troops.

"Semper Fi,
"Trane"

The C-130 pilot who transported Trane and the other three crash victims to Kuwait on their journey back to the U.S. sent this message to Roma Anderson thanking her for her work on a "Treats for Troops" campaign.

"I want to thank you and those you worked with for your thoughtfulness and selflessness you have shown with these gifts you are sending to us. With our long deployments, time away from friends and family, and all the negative news we see on CNN, it is easy to sometimes become dismayed about being here. We do well at looking for each other ... in this regard, but to be given this clear reminder that those at home care about our morale and well being means more than you know...

"Also, I want to tell you that I flew Maj. McCloud and the others who died in the helicopter crash out of Iraq into Kuwait for their trip home yesterday. There is so much I could say about this. I don't even know how to put any of it into words. Suffice it to say my heart hurts for every family member of every fallen patriot that I send home this way. I pray for them."

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G.P. WOODS

Dredging completed

A \$71,000 dredging program at Grosse Pointe Woods' Lakefront Park marina has been completed weeks ahead of schedule, according to Recreation Supervisor Melissa Sharp.

"Luckily, the dredging company had good weather this fall," Sharp said. "So they were able to remove between 1,200 and 1,500 yards of canal bottom soil, most of it near the entrance to the marina where it had become very shallow.

"Boaters, mostly the sailors with deeper drafts, should find it easier to navigate in the spring. Depending on water levels, the newly-dredged portion should be 4 to 5 feet deep next year," Sharp said.

Dredging was done by Malcolm Marine Corp. of St. Clair and cost \$71,408, paid from bond anticipation notes.



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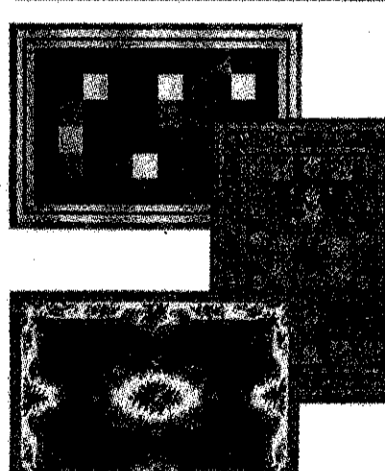
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Builder seminars set for Jan. 12, 17

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present an executive image seminar "Selling at the 2007 BIA Builders and Remodelers Trade Show" from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at its headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

The seminar, presented by the Executive Image Group, will cover how to qualify leads based on a conversation; how to motivate yourself after the show; understanding the life cycle of a lead; and how to get the lead to contact you after the show.

Registration fees are \$45 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

The BIA will also host its annual economic forecast for 2007 from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights.

David F. Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. will provide an outlook for the residential construction industry for the entire United States and the southeastern Michigan region.

Registration for the economic forecast event, including lunch, is \$40 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.



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Now open

The firm of Patrick F. O'Hara, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, was welcomed to the City of Grosse Pointe business community during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, Nov. 30. Taking part in the ceremony were from left, Shirley Heleski, accountant, Patrick F. O'Hara, C.P.A., Dale Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe mayor, Conrad W. Koski, C.P.A., Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce executive director, and Jenny Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce director of member services. The firm is located at 377 Fisher, Suite F.

Granholm unveils new plan

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm recently unveiled details of the Michigan Business Tax (MBT), to replace the out-going Single Business Tax (SBT), to make the state's business climate more competitive and ensuring that funding will be available for programs including public education, health care, and public safety.

The plan is built on the principles Granholm has outlined this year: a tax that is revenue neutral with a low rate and broad base that doesn't tax payroll or health care.

Under the governor's proposal, 77 percent of businesses will pay less taxes. In addition, the plan provides a \$150 million tax cut to Michigan businesses.

"The Michigan Business Tax is win-win. It's a competitive, pro-growth tax that will benefit more than three-fourths of businesses while protecting funding for critical programs like health care, public education, and public safety and providing a tax cut for Michigan businesses," Granholm said.

"I'm encouraged by the plan," said State Rep Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms. "We're still looking to see how it will effect the state and we need some time to see how it will help because we need our small businesses to help the state spur economic growth."

"Taxes on businesses clearly have an impact on the profitability of operating in Michigan," Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "It is encouraging to see the governor moving in a pro-active manner to replace the state's counterproductive SBT. Seventy-seven percent of businesses receiving a tax break can only assist. It will be interesting to see how the bill is fashioned so as to be revenue neutral."

"While the governor moves forward in improving the viability of our state, I would hope at some point she will look to relieve the burden of our residential tax penalties incurred at the point of home sales which penalizes both

buyers and sellers with little or no benefits to the tax collection agencies."

The MBT is based on the following principles:

- ◆ Create a business tax with the broadest base and the lowest tax rate possible.

The MBT has three components in the base: gross receipts, assets which will be taxed at 0.125 percent and business income which will be taxed at 1.875 percent. These rates are among the lowest in the nation and well below the current SBT rate.

- ◆ Benefit most businesses

The apportionment formula under the MBT is based 100 percent on a firm's percentage of Michigan sales, compared to the current SBT which is based 92.5 percent on sales and 3.75 percent each on the percentage of payroll and property.

- ◆ Eliminate the tax on payroll, benefits, and health care

Wages and benefits, including health care are not part of MBT's base.

- ◆ Ensure revenue neutrality to protect citizens from higher taxes or huge cuts in education, health care, or public safety.

The MBT raises the same amount of revenue as the current tax to protect education, health care, and public safety from devastating cuts while preserving the \$600 million in tax cuts that start taking effect this year.

- ◆ Help small businesses

Businesses with less than \$350,000 in gross receipts are not subject to taxation. The MBT is phased in for companies with gross receipts between \$350,000 and \$700,000 to eliminate the "cliff" effect in the current law. Small businesses may also choose to pay an alternative tax of 1.8 percent of adjusted business income.

- ◆ Help high tech companies

Technology companies that form the heart of the governor's 21st Century Jobs Fund will receive a \$125 million tax cut. Five of every six companies in these sectors will benefit. In addition, the MBT creates a new MEGA credit to

encourage research and development innovation in Michigan.

- ◆ Protect economic development tools

MBT retains the current MEGA compensation credit as well as the MEGA credit for high tech jobs, brownfield tax credits, historic preservation credits, and Renaissance Zones.

After presenting her plan, Granholm encouraged legislators to take up the legislation before they adjourn at the end of the year.

"For nearly two years, the Legislature has claimed tax reform as one of its top priorities," said Granholm. "These leaders have a chance to make a true difference in Michigan's future by creating a competitive tax climate that encourages businesses to locate and helps them thrive

here. But they must act."

Legislation to implement the MBT will be introduced in both legislative chambers. Sponsors are expected to be Sen. Bob Emerson, D-Flint, and State Rep. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga.

— Bob St. John

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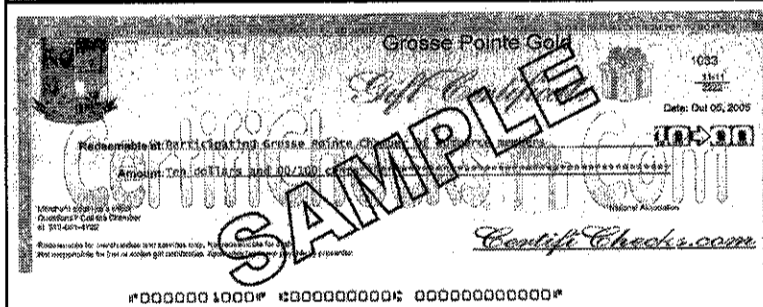
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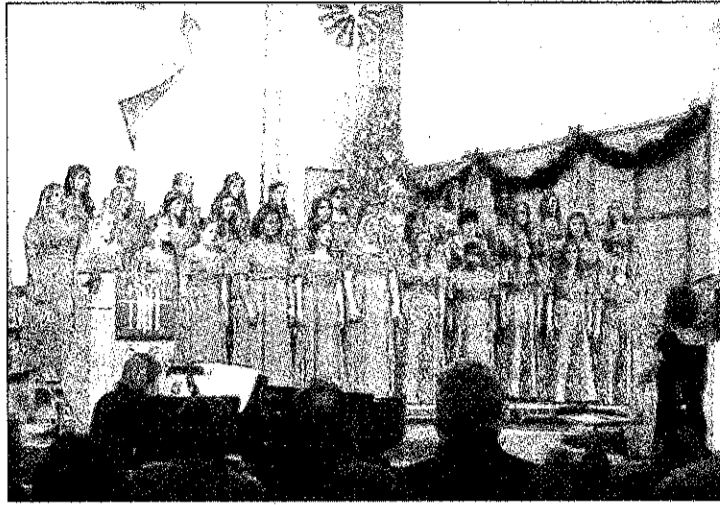
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Clean plate, dirty car

A clean, stolen license plate stands out on car caked with road salt PAGE 21A

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North High hosts huge holiday concert Dec. 15

This year's Grosse Pointe North High School Holiday Concert is at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The roster features all of the school's choirs in addition to, from left, the all-mens acapella group Acafella, Treble Choir and combined choirs. In addition, there will be performances by the Vocalese jazz group and soloists.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Gold cards will be honored.

Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop, 20485 Mack in the Woods. Remaining tickets, if any, will be sold at the door entrance by the multipurpose room. Alumni choir members are invited to attend this community holiday tradition.

More honors added to middle schools

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Middle school whiz kids will be offered extra honors classes next year whether their teachers like it or not.

Teachers and a minority of allies on the Grosse Pointe school board couldn't block installation of honors social studies and science curriculums beginning in the fall of 2007.

"We have a community that values the opportunity for additional rigor," said Board President Brendan Walsh, vot-

ing for the proposal. "Great organizations always find a way to get better. This proposal does that for the district."

"This program is important to parents," said Trustee Charles Sabino. "I don't think there's been one negative comment from a parent that we've received."

Board members this week endorsed the programs by a 5-2 majority. Trustees Alice Kosinski and Angela Kennedy were opposed.

Preparations will commence over teacher opposition.

For Karen Sullivan, a fifth-grade teacher at Ferry Elementary School, it's a case of jumping the gun.

She warned that looming changes in state education standards will render the district's new programs moot and force their revision a year after their premature implementation.

"(It) could result in courses that do not meet expectations (and) be wasted effort and wasted financial resources," Sullivan said.

The program will operate under pilot status subject to review and evaluation, according to Susan Altan, assistant superintendent of curriculum.

Honors courses resulted from trustees telling administrators to increase "academic rigor" in middle school.

"(The curriculum) is extremely vigorous as it is," said Roger Hunwick, a social studies teacher at Parcels Middle School. "It is better to take a look at remedial instruction."

Moreover, he said, "separating diverse learners" is against teaching philosophy.

Kosinski and Kennedy agreed.

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Gold Card dates

A misprint regarding Grosse Pointe South Choir concert dates sneaked through to publication in the school's system's Gold Card Newsletter.

Correct dates are:
♦ Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Pointe

Singers at Men's Garden Club meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

♦ Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe South Choirs at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, in the Farms.



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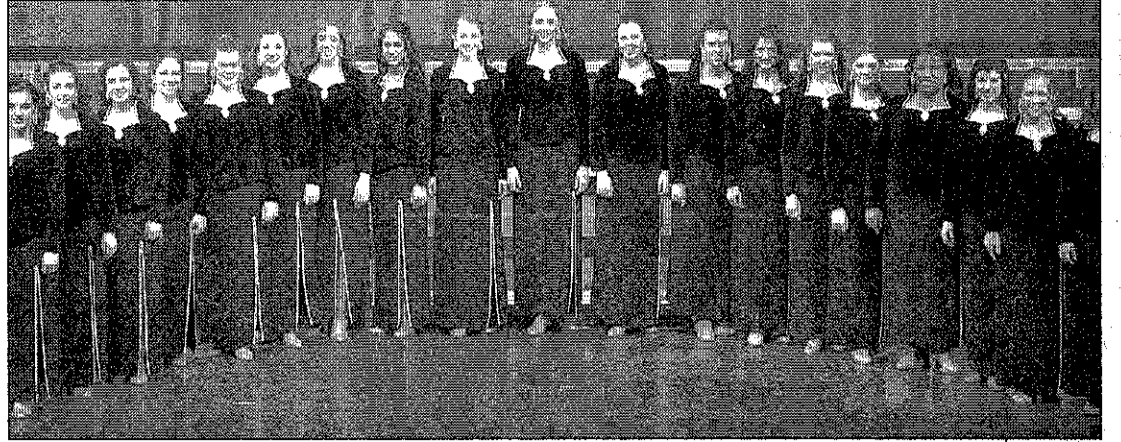
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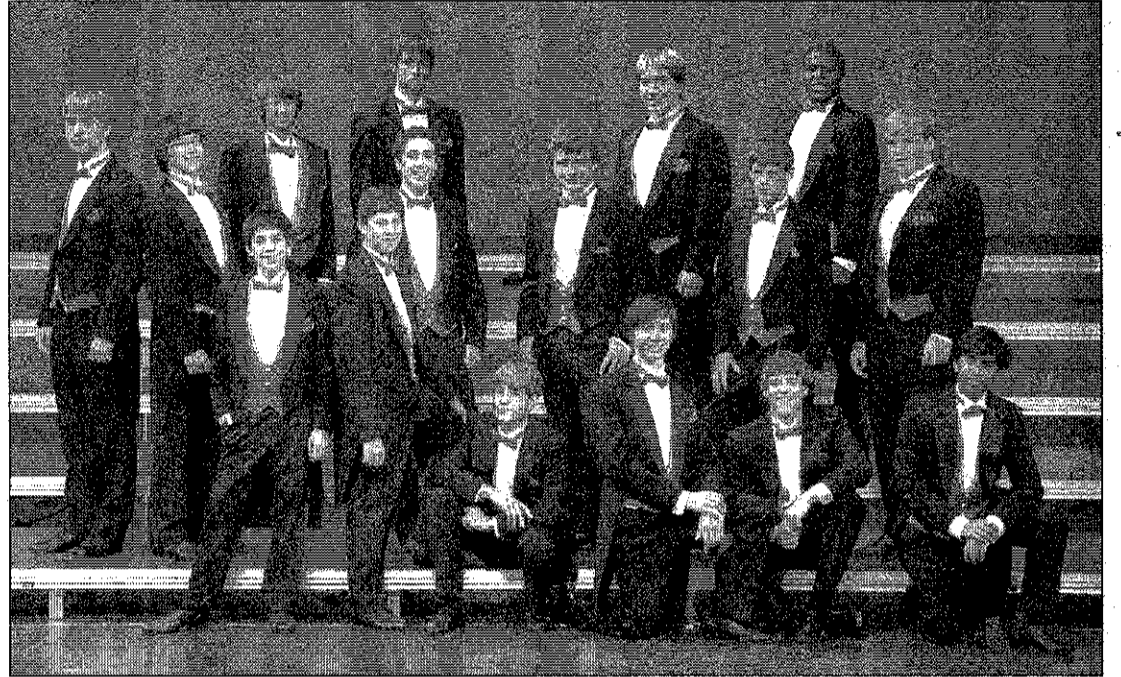


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South concert Dec. 20

Grosse Pointe South Choirs present their Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The playbill features Vivaldi Gloria, accompanied by members of the Student Orchestra, Tower Belles with bell ringing, Pointe Singers, Advanced Women and Men and Women's Glee. Performances will feature traditional holiday selections from pop to gospel. Ticket are \$15 for main floor, \$10 balcony and \$9 for students and senior citizens. Advance tickets are sold at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village of the City of Grosse Pointe or, if available, at the door the evening of the performance. For more information, visit gpsouthchoir.org. Performing will be, clockwise from top, the Freshman Women's Glee, Tower Belles, Freshman Men's Glee, Advanced Women and Pointe Singers.



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HONORS: Courses enhanced

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"Tracking and segregating students is contradictory to our strategic plan," Kosinski said. "The proposal is not based on any accepted benchmark stud-

ies or professional recommendations. It does not incorporate input of teachers who will be responsible for the successful delivery of the content."

Kennedy added, "I am concerned about the trend in high school academics demanding college level achievement. I cannot support the transformation of middle school into high school. I'm worried that we are raising a generation of uber children who can read

early but never enjoy literature, who are challenged but not engaged (and) who burn out before graduate school. This district lost two students to suicide last year with a known third attempted suicide. Enough is enough."

Middle schools already offer honors math courses.

Trustee Jean Dindoffer advocated the courses. She said the district has a duty to "challenge each and every student

each and every day, especially students who are at risk. Many children are under challenged and are at significant risk."

Lauren Radke, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, agreed. She doesn't want the district to yoke high achievers. She said better students "must not sit and wait for others to catch up."

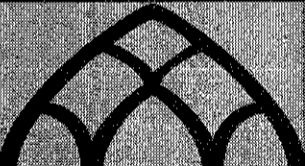
Now maybe Georgette Hogan's precocious fourth-grade son won't be so bored when he gets to middle school. As things are, Hogan said he often comes home from class feeling unchallenged.

"I urge you, regardless of the time line, to ratify the proposal," Hogan told trustees. "Why not be a leader in the state?"

Registration criteria for each curriculum has 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.



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Sunrise concert

Musicians with the Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band get into the act while performing "Feliz Navidad" during a holiday concert last Saturday at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

School elections moved to November

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Local school elections will take place each November. Members of the board of education this week switched the election calendar from May in order to save money by piggy-backing district matters on larger general elections. The district pays municipalities to hold elections. Partnering with cities to hold joint November elections is expected to save the district \$45,000 to \$65,000 per election, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business affairs. Trustee Fred Minturn, who serves as board treasurer, proposed the change last month to save money. He drew additional support because November

elections likely would result in greater voter turnout by capitalizing on people heading to the polls to decide state and national issues. Fenton said Pointe schools elections have typically drawn 2,500 to 9,000 voters. The new schedule must be filed with the secretary of state by Dec. 31 in order for the new election cycle to begin next year. Even with the shift, state law allows the holding of special school elections on consolidated election dates in February, May, August and November plus a floater date for certain circumstances. November elections mean that trustees, formerly elected in May, will see their terms extended six months in accord with November elections:

- ◆ Terms of Trustees Minturn and Charles Sabino, which had been scheduled to expire in May, 2007, will extend until Dec., 31, 2007.
 - ◆ Trustees Ahmed Ismail and Angela Kennedy are scheduled to serve until Dec. 31, 2008.
 - ◆ Trustees Joan Dindoffer and Alice Kosinski are scheduled to serve until Dec. 31, 2009.
 - ◆ Board President Brandon Walsh is scheduled to serve until Dec. 21, 2010.
- All terms shall be four years in length. At last week's board meeting, Margo Parker, a former Grosse Pointe Park council member representing Grosse Pointers for Excellence in Education, supported the change.

Promoting healthy money habits in youth

Nathan Dungan, author of "Prodigal Sons & Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM," will speak at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Grosse Pointe Academy Tracy Fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms. Dungan is becoming a sought-after speaker in America regarding money and values. He is president and founder of Share-Save-Spend. The organization helps people of all ages develop and maintain healthy financial habits. He has become one of the national media's go-to experts on family finances and the effects of mass marketing on young people. Dungan has been quoted on financial matters in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today and has appeared on CNN and PBS. The lecture is hosted by Christ Church Grosse Pointe and is open to the community. The topic is geared to parents who are concerned about their children's long-term financial welfare. Admission is free. In addition, Dungan will give a guest sermon on Sunday, Dec. 17 at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard. He will lead the discussion between services during the church's adult forum at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker at (313) 885-4841 or go online at christchurchgp.org.

Choirs with DSO

Groups from Grosse Pointe South High School choirs will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra next month. Performances are scheduled as follows:

- ◆ Thursday, Dec. 14, at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.;
- ◆ Friday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 p.m.;
- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., and
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.

For ticket prices and information, contact the DSO box office at (313) 576-5111 or visit detroitsymphony.com.



Catch a lucky star

There's still time to Catch A Lucky Star with a \$100 ticket that could be worth a grand prize of \$10,000 or two \$5,000 prizes. In addition, the 25th annual raffle to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods offers 20 prizes at \$1,000 each. Winning tickets are eligible for the three top prizes, which will be drawn on Friday, Dec. 15. The drive is a little more than halfway to the maximum of 900 tickets sold, as pointed out by Principal Patty Stumb and students, from left, fifth-grader Brielle Ahee, second-grader Michael Gassen and seventh-grader Marissa Nichols, all of Grosse Pointe Woods. To buy a ticket, contact a student's parent, a parish member, or phone the school at (313) 884-1070.

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Poupard readers hit their book mark

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A reading contest in Christy Heugh's third-grade class is over. Now her students at

Poupard Elementary School can continue doing what they've learned they like doing best — reading.

Classmates had until the end of December to read 100 books. Upon reaching the goal, 100 books would be donated to needy families through the Scholastic Book Club's Charity in Need program.

Heugh's group hit its goal ahead of schedule and isn't slowing down.

"We stopped counting at 107 books," Heugh said. "I've seen a huge change in an interest in reading for all of them."

Olivia Robinson, 8, said reading is fun.

"You get to read books other people wrote," she said. "There are a lot of exciting things you can do when you read."

Robinson liked the book, "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters." It's about two sisters vying to marry an African king.

"One sister is very mean and one is very kind," Robinson said. "The mean sister snuck out at night to meet the king first, but the king thought she was too mean so he married the other sister."

Caleb Danford, 8, can't get enough of "Harry Potter."

"It builds up your imagination," Danford said.

Classroom Cares is an optional reading program that involves children working together to reach a common goal. The process teaches youngsters the advantages of cooperation, responsibility and following projects through to completion for the benefit of themselves and others.

"Teamwork was a big part of it," Heugh said. "Parents came to me saying their child wanted to read to help children."

"We do a lot of teaming in the schools," said Principal Penny Stocks. "We even have teaming across grade levels. Reading is the most important thing we do in school."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Disadvantaged children will receive 100 free books thanks to Christy Heugh's students.

Classmate Brandon Hill celebrated two things last week — reading and his ninth birthday.

"Reading is fun because you can learn new words," Hill said. "I learned the word 'energize.'"

Andrea Jovanovski, 8, counted a book about dogs among her favorites.

"I learned that dogs can come in many different shapes, sizes and colors," she said.

Gabrielle Wren-Sledge-Cleveland, 8, gets excited recounting an installment of "Dragon Slayer's Academy."

"It's about boys and girls and there's this greedy principal who wants to get the dragon sold so they work the boys to death and they have to go into

this cave but the dragon says, 'You leave or it will be the end of your life' and they have to fight the dragon get out," Cleveland said.

Lots of books are on Cleveland's to-do list.

"I like reading books because you get to learn more things and get to build up your imagination and create stories so sometimes you can write a book and teach your friends and children to read or something like that," she said.

James Wilson, 8, read "Just Like Mike."

"It's about a little boy with magic shoes that make him jump really high," Wilson said.

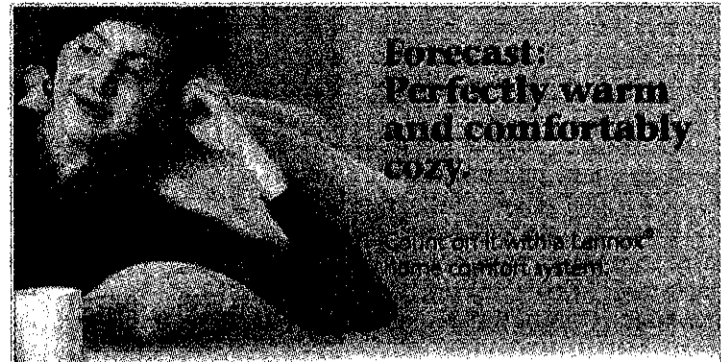
Taylor Jones, 8, recommends "My Life is a Three-Ring Circus."

"It shows how a girl named Michelle went to camp and wanted to be on the trapeze," she said. "She was going to get picked to act on the circus so she invited her whole family."

Heugh has been teaching for nine years. Her mother and aunt were teachers.

By second grade, Heugh knew she wanted to follow suit.

"There are so many satisfactions from teaching, but the biggest ones for me are seeing the light bulb go on for a kid who is struggling," she said. "Another is being everything besides a teacher: a nurse, a policeman, a librarian, a counselor. There are so many roles to being a teacher. Every day is a different day."



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Parcells helping Goodfellows

Parcells Middle School community has designated December as "Goodfellows month." Students, parents and teachers are donating proceeds from school-sponsored events to the Detroit Goodfellows charity that provides Christmas packages for 30,000 needy children. Classmates, from left, Joana Jackson, Chris Jenkins, Patti Scherer and Emily Turnbull are among students raising money for the 92-year-old charity supported by Pete Waldmeir, right, retired newsman and member of the Grosse Pointe Woods city council.

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Sue Deliso Garr

City of Grosse Pointe resident Sue Deliso Garr, 61, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Mrs. Garr had waged a courageous year and a half battle with cancer.

"Sue was incredibly strong and resolute," said her husband John T. Garr. "She simply would not let this disease disrupt her life which is why she was active almost to the very end teaching, traveling and visiting Erik and Suellen, our son and daughter, in Chicago."

Born on April 24, 1945, to Martin and Hortense Deliso, she grew up on Detroit's east side, graduating from Guardian Angels Grade School and Dominican High School before attending The University of Detroit where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1967 and a master's degree in business administration in 1980.

Licensed in Michigan, Mrs. Garr began her professional career as a certified public accountant in the private sector. Since she was passionate about teaching, she joined the faculty of the accounting department of Wayne State University School of Business in 1982 where she developed a keen interest in financial accounting and was a pioneer in distance learning techniques.

Mrs. Garr lectured at national, regional and local conferences on classroom technology; authored several textbook supplements on using technology to teach accounting concepts and was honored at Wayne State as "Outstanding Educator for the School of Business" and as "Outstanding Educator" by the student chapter of the Financial Management Association.

She served for eight years as a member of the Wayne State School of Business teaching evaluation committee and for six years on the Wayne State Commission on the Status of Women.

Personable and well organized, Mrs. Garr was heavily involved outside of the classroom. She was a board member of the Young Women's Home Association and treasurer of two condominium associations. She served as membership chairman of the Michigan Association of CPAs and was a nine-year board member of the Northeast Guidance Center where she also served as treasurer and chairman of the finance committee.

She was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Accountancy Foundation, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

Mr. and Mrs. Garr were married in 1969 after attending The University of Detroit together. An avid reader and traveler, Mrs. Garr had a life-long interest in art and art history. In recent years, she took monthly trips to Chicago where she served as docent at the Art Institute of Chicago, giving tours of the collection to children's groups.

Mrs. Garr is survived by her husband, John; two children, John Erik (Jennifer) and Suellen; one granddaughter, Katie; and a sister, Joy

Pecherski.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home at 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 18 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Michigan Cancer Center Development Office, Inflammatory Breast Cancer, 301 East Liberty St., Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (734) 998-6899.

M. Richard Marr

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident M. Richard "Dick" Marr, 83, of Bellaire, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility.

He was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Grosse Pointe and graduated from the Detroit University School.

Mr. Marr served in the South Pacific during World War II as a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy. Following the war, he graduated from Kenyon College.

He had a successful career as an independent insurance agent as the owner of the Marr Insurance Agency in Grosse Pointe. He was a longtime active member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

At age 53, he moved to Bellaire where he sold real estate for Vacation Properties Network at Shanty Creek for more than 20 years.

Mr. Marr is survived by his three children, William (Carol), Cam (Honer) and Richard (Ann); six grandchildren, Andrew Marr, David Marr, Barbara (Honer) Zaremski, Mark Honer, Katie Marr and Martha Marr.

He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; and brother, Robert.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Church In The Hills, Bellaire.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadow Brook Foundation, 4543 M-88 Highway, Bellaire, MI 49615 or to The Church In The Hills, 6401 Shanty Creek Rd., Bellaire, MI 49615.

Michael J. Murray

Michael "Mike" J. Murray of White Lake, 65, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006.

Mr. Murray was a loving, dedicated and proud husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He is survived by his wife,

Susan; children, Shannon (Todd) Andrus of Grosse Pointe Woods and Christopher Murray of Fenton; grandchildren, Chloe, Mason and Morgan; mother-in-law, F. Virginia Huntzinger; and brother, William (Ann) Murray.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ruth and William Murray; and brother, Steven Dennis Murray.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Perpetua Catholic Church in Waterford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VanElslander Cancer Center.

Share condolences on the family's online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Robert W. Reas

Robert W. Reas, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006.

He was born Oct. 23, 1921. Mr. Reas was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Reas; son, Scott (Guylaine) Reas; and granddaughter, Katie.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 15, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Memorial Fund, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Jean Tomlin Schwenk

Former Grosse Pointe resident Jean T. Schwenk, 89, of Winter Park, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.

She was born March 21, 1917, in Port Huron.

Mrs. Schwenk taught kindergarten for 30 years at Grosse Pointe University School where she enjoyed teaching little children.

Mrs. Schwenk is survived by her daughter, Linda (Tom) Ravoo; and granddaughter, Kristin Ravoo, all of Orlando, Fla.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Merritt Schwenk, who died in 2005.

No services were held as per Mrs. Schwenk's request.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Resource Center Inc., 1506 Lake Highland Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

Richard A. Wright

Richard "Dick" A. Wright, 73 of Grosse Pointe Park, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, of congestive heart failure after collapsing at his home.

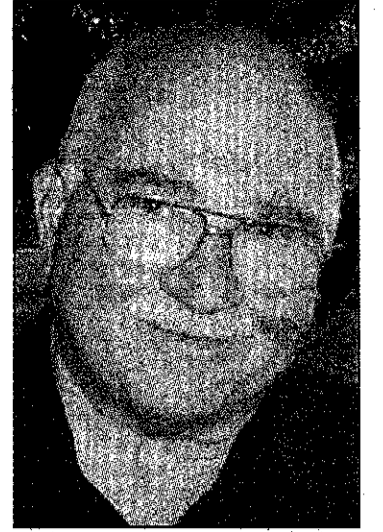
He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and joined the U.S. Army



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M. Richard Marr



Richard A. Wright

after graduating from high school. While in the service, he learned to speak German and Russian which led to an assignment monitoring radio chatter during the Korean War.

Mr. Wright's long journalism career started when he was a copy boy at the Detroit Free Press in the 1950s, while a student at Wayne State University. Over the years, he worked for the Detroit Free Press, Automotive News and The Detroit News before starting a second career teaching journalism at Wayne State University. He had earned his 20-year pin at WSU and was planning to retire following the spring term of 2007. He had the title of professor emeritus at the time of his death.

He contributed a popular autos column to the Grosse Pointe News for a couple of decades, with stories on classic car auctions as well as new vehicle models he had driven and evaluated.

He became seriously ill in July and never made a full recovery.

Mr. Wright is survived by his daughters, Judy and Debbie; son, Doug; longtime companion, Jenny King; sister, Barbara Pegg; brother, Larry Wright; five grandchildren; and former wife, Joan Wright.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 15, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625

East Jefferson in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness Inc., P.O. Box 17279, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Mary Barr Young

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Barr Young, 61, of Acton, Mass., died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006.

She was born Dec. 2, 1944, in Detroit, to the late Andrew Wilson Barr and the late Edith (nee Butler) Barr and was raised in Grosse Pointe.

She was a graduate of Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Mass., and a 1966 graduate of Pembroke College. She earned a master's degree in business administration from Babson College.

Mrs. Young was a former manager for Digital Equipment Corp., in Massachusetts. She was a dedicated community volunteer for organizations including Meals on Wheels, Planned Parenthood and area domestic violence shelters where she ran support groups for survivors of domestic abuse.

Mrs. Young cherished the summers she spent as a child in Greensboro, Vt., and through the years continued to enjoy time there with her husband, children and grandchildren. She was an animal lover

who was especially fond of her dog, Sophie, and was a nature lover who enjoyed taking long walks. She was a world traveler, visiting destinations including East Africa, Vietnam, Cambodia, China and New Zealand.

Her family remembers her as a devoted explorer of life, deeply curious and always open to new experiences as she followed her own path of self-discovery. She faced and overcame her fears with courage and grace that was universally admired by her family and friends.

Mrs. Young is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Alexander Loud) Young of Cambridge, Mass.; son, Michael (Karen) Young of Kittery, Maine; grandchildren, Adlin Loud, and Macy and Evan Young; sisters, Elsa Williams of Washington, D.C., and Katherine Barr of Durango, Colo.; and brother, Andrew Barr of Vero Beach, Fla.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl J. Young.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 9, in Littleton, Mass.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2007 Saturn Aura is designed for comfort, performance and the love of the drive.

Saturn reinvents itself with Aura



When a young woman visiting a neighbor took the time to come over and ask about and admire the Saturn Aura sport sedan parked in the driveway, we figured we weren't the only ones to find it a visually attractive car.

And the fact that the 2007 Aura made it onto the list of vehicles competing for the coveted North American Car of the Year award to be announced in January at Cobo Center added to its... well, aura.

This brand-new mid-size

sedan from Saturn is one in a series of surprising vehicles being introduced by General Motors' very competent-if-staid company that began building affordable and popular vehicles in Spring Hill, Tenn., well over a decade ago.

Earlier this year the snappy two-seat Sky began turning heads. It now is also available in a high-performance Red Line model. Is this a great name, or what?

Over the summer months, Saturn added the Green Line hybrid to the VUE sport utility family; the Outlook "crossover utility" goes into production in Lansing during this last quarter of the year; and the Aura will soon be offered with a gasoline-electric hybrid powertrain.

The gasoline-powered Aura can be purchased as an XE model with 224-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 with four-speed au-

tomatic or in the XR version with its 3.6-liter V-6 coupled with a six-speed automatic transmission. Saturn says this is GM's first application of the new six-speed automatic with the 252-horsepower 3.6-liter six in a front-drive vehicle. And in a Saturn, no less!

The XR parked in our driveway had a base price of \$23,945. It had been dressed up a bit with an \$800 leather premium trim package; with power-adjustable front seats and adjustable pedals for another \$425; an \$800 power sunroof; XM satellite radio added \$199, and there were those premium floor and trunk mats for another \$100. We do find it odd that most nice vehicles don't come with standard carpeted mats. It's not like owners are going to take them onto construction

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2007 Saturn Aura

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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

More angular than before, the 2007 Cadillac Escalade resembles the midsize SRX. The new Escalade has a sleek interior with soft-touch surfaces — a genuine luxury vehicle.

The new 2007 Cadillac Escalade AWD



This week we test drive one of today's ultimate SUV vehicles: the 2007 Cadillac Escalade all-wheel drive — base price: \$56,405; price as tested: \$65,685.

Popular with Hollywood types, sports stars and rock musicians, Escalade offers even more power in 2007 and can run the quarter mile as fast as a 1966 GTO — 14.6 at 97 mph.

Our tester's black raven exterior and 22-inch aluminum wheels — the latter a \$2,995 add-on — turned heads continuously. If these onlookers could only feel the sedan-like comfort from this monster, near 3-ton vehicle, their eyebrows would rise even higher.

Cadillac knows how to do luxury, but a corporate call for more power rang out. GM answered with an all-new, lightweight, all-aluminum 403-horsepower, 6.2-liter Vortec V8, resulting in the highest horsepower of any SUV that seats seven or more passengers. Cadillac also promotes its class-leading 19 miles per gallon highway fuel rating, although city MPG is 13.

Escalade's new engine optimizes torque at low speeds and increases horsepower at high speeds while decreasing emissions. To further help, a new Hydra-Matic 6180 six-speed automatic transmission provides

more low-end torque and two overdrive gears, a combination that affords more fuel efficiency and lower cruising rpm levels. This engine and transmission combination allows for a higher — lower numerically — rear axle gear ratio of 3.42, another piece of the fuel-efficiency puzzle.

Granted, if you're dropping 65 grand on a vehicle, the consumer expects this type of technology — especially when doing battle in the ongoing war between SUV "naysayers" and those who love, and need, bigger vehicles.

Inside, you can see and touch total luxury in every function and amenity. Among them are 14-way power front seats with heated cushions and backrests. The second row buckets are also heated, something other manufacturers disregard in their luxury vehicles. The smell and feel of top quality Nuance leather is second to none, while an \$8,405 option package includes DVD navigation, rear-view camera, rear-seat entertainment video system, power sliding sunroof, and a climate package that includes cooled front seats and a heated steering wheel.

Escalade features an easy-to-operate driver information center; free three months of XM Satellite radio; Bose 5.1 Surround Sound coupled to an AM/FM, DVD, MP3, six-disc CD changer with rear audio controls; remote starter; HID headlamps; power-fold mirrors with heat, memory, curb view and turn signals; power-adjustable pedals; heated washer fluid system; and "tri-zone" auto climate controls to keep

things nice for third row passengers.

On the road, Escalade's size does create some roll in hard cornering, but otherwise everything is "in control" for such a large vehicle. Cadillac creates a spectacular ride thanks to its road-sensing suspension, automatic rear-leveling control and then adds traction control at all speeds and 4-wheel anti-lock brakes for added safety. Escalade is built on the new GMT900 full-size SUV/truck platform, which offers improved torsional rigidity and stiffer components. All expected safety items are in place.

If we found anything to criticize concerning Escalade, it involves space. Our tester came with bucket seats instead of the bench in the third row. The result is seating for six (not seven), and third row adults can expect to have their knees cramped. Additionally, third row access isn't easy, especially for adults, even with the flip-forward second row actuated.

Just 16.9 cubic feet of cargo space behind the third row seats leads us to suggest that the Escalade ESV — which is 21-inches longer and offers 45.8 cubic feet of cargo space behind the third row — may be a better option for many buyers. Cargo space increases to 60.3 cubic feet if the third row is removed.

Important numbers include a 116-inch wheelbase, 5,665-pound curb weight, 26 gallon fuel tank, and 0-60 in just 6.3 seconds.

There are few vehicles that compare with Escalade, and those that do are lacking the legendary Cadillac reputation.



PHOTO BY WIECK

2007 Cadillac Escalade

There is plenty to enjoy with the Escalade in 2007, and we give it a stout 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Likes: Easy to drive; outstanding luxury amenities; new front grille, muscle.
Dislikes: Power sunroof an

option; cargo area; third row accessibility, city fuel mileage.
Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

AURA: Designed for comfort

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sites and deposit mud and clay on the floors, hence preferring no or rubber floor mats.

Saturn is keen to talk about the interior of the Aura and its low-gloss appearance and better-than-ever fit and finish. Yes, it is a classy interior with one of the best instrument panels we have used: what the driver needs to know and do are easily visible and within safe reach. Bravo.

We were surprised and disappointed to find no grab-handles or straps to help less-abled persons in and out of the car. That seemed like a huge oversight. Those power-adjustable front seats could be heated,

which is especially welcome in a leather-trimmed surface. We failed to notice the remote vehicle start button on the fob, which would have made for a faster get-away on some of our frostier mornings.

Saturn has put a tapshift, steering wheel-mounted shift control for drivers who want to "shift" without using a clutch pedal. Or, of course, if you forget or are otherwise occupied, the automatic will do it anyway.

The trunk in the Aura is cavernous. The short rear deck is deceiving. Once opened, you'll find a spacious area that's perfect for almost anyone's holiday shopping purchases. It's very likely to outlast either your energy level or the limits on your credit cards. Or both.

The Aura XR with its 3.6-liter V-6 and new six-speed automatic is rated at 20 miles per gallon in the city and 28 mpg on the highway.

Safety features include a

good passenger sensing system that is smart enough to differentiate between various-size adult front seat passengers and small children or child seats and adjusts air bag deployment accordingly. The Aura offers head curtain side-impact air bags as well as front seat-mounted thorax-protecting air bags.

Four-wheel disc brakes with an anti-lock braking system are standard on both XE and XR models; electronic stability control is standard in the upscale XR, and traction control is standard on the XE.

The Aura has a good, solid feel on the road and provides a quiet ride. It seems to be a real contender in looks and performance in the highly competitive sport sedan market segment. You'll likely have trouble beating the price and, as far as we know from talking with folks who own Saturns, the dealership experience.

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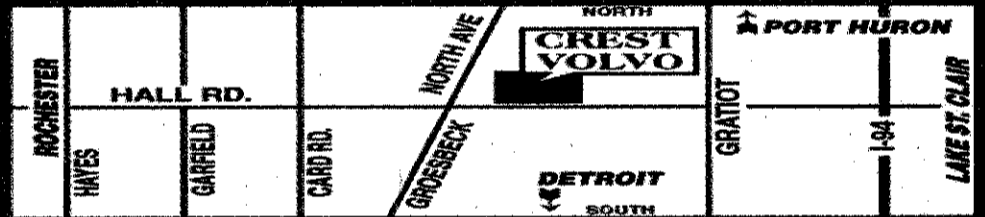
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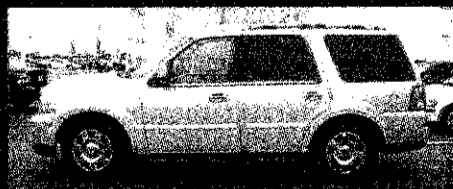
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Police detained a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman for panhandling after employees from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval reported she had been soliciting there several times during recent weeks.

Employees said the woman repeatedly entered the business and asked for money. Police found the woman and, when she provided a false name to police, was issued a citation for giving false information.

She was transported to Mack and Alter upon her request.

Fraudulent account

Police are investigating the identity theft of a City of Grosse Pointe woman who reported at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 a Detroit Edison was account opened in her name.

Police said the woman's name, phone number and social security number were used to establish the fraudulent account in Detroit.

Representatives at Detroit Edison were alerted. There are no suspects in custody.

No papers

A 37-year-old Detroit man was arrested following a traffic stop at Mack and Rivard at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Police stopped the vehicle for having a broken headlight, and arrested the man after he could not produce a driver license or proof of insurance.

The man's vehicle was parked and he was transported to the station where he posted bond and was released.

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft foiled

On Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:30 a.m., an unknown person broke the steering column of a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier parked in front of a home in the 1200 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park.

The car would not start.

Double theft denied

On Saturday, Dec. 9, an unknown person attempted to steal a 1998 Dodge Durango and a 2002 Chrysler Voyager. The vehicles were parked in front of homes in the 1300 block of Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park.

Neither vehicle could be started.

Busted

On Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:22 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a theft in progress.

A 2005 Cadillac CTS was warming up in the driveway of a home in the 700 block of Berkshire when it was stolen.

The vehicle was equipped with OnStar* and was tracked by police officers to the Warren and Seyburn area.

Tracks in the fresh snow led to a home in the 4800 block of Seyburn and the vehicle was recovered.

Two Detroit men, one 25 years old and the other 21 years old, were arrested.

Arrested

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 9:13 a.m., Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a larceny from a vehicle parked in front of a home in the 1300 block of Maryland.

The owner reported several items were stolen from the car.

Officers spotted the suspect carrying the property and after a short foot chase caught the 25-year-old Detroit man, who may also be responsible for two other larcenies.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Woods

Crash

On Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2:29 a.m., a 59-year-old Macomb Township woman crashed her car into the rear of an unoccupied parked truck on Brys near Helen.

When a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer arrived, the driver was still sitting in the vehicle and said she was not hurt. Her airbag was deployed.

The officer could detect an odor of intoxicants and asked the woman if she had been drinking.

The driver replied she had a couple of glasses of wine earlier in the evening. She failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .195 percent blood alcohol content on a portable breath test.

She was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Cash stolen

On Thursday, Dec. 7, at 9:35 a.m., a 52-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman reported someone stole approximately \$675 in cash from a cash box that was placed in a closet at the Grosse Pointe North High

School Performing Arts Center

The woman told police the theft occurred between 3 and 3:30 p.m. the day before.

Drunken speeder

On Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:27 a.m., a 26-year-old Roseville man was stopped for speeding on Vernier.

The officer detected an odor of intoxicants when the man answered some questions. The officer asked the man if he had been drinking and the driver replied he had two or three beers at a Sterling Heights bar earlier that evening.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .203 percent blood alcohol content when performing a breath test.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Drunk driver

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2:17 a.m., a 31-year-old Detroit man was pulled over by a Grosse Pointe Woods police officer at Harper and Allard.

A LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) check revealed the license plate on the light blue Cadillac he was driving was registered to a 1996 Dodge that was labeled abandoned.

The officer also detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area and the driver could not produce a driver license, registration or proof of insurance.

The man said he had some liquor and champagne earlier that evening.

He failed several field sobriety tests and a portable breath test reading registered .178 percent blood alcohol content.

The man was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, violating his parole and for a misdemeanor warrant.

—Bob St. John

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunk driving

A 55-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was arrested after refusing to take a breath test following a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Deeplands at 10:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Police stopped the car for a broken headlight, after which the man exited the vehicle and approached the squad car in an unsteady manner. Police also detected the odor of alcohol and asked the man to participate in field sobriety tests, which he failed. He then re-

fused to take a breath test and was arrested.

After he was taken to the station, police obtained a warrant to conduct a blood test and the man was taken to an area hospital. The man was then returned to the station and held. His vehicle was impounded.

Attempted theft

Police are investigating the attempted theft of a vehicle parked in a driveway on Vernier at 11:50 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

Police said the suspect attempted to back out of the driveway when the victim's daughter returned home. Police believe the suspect was frightened off and left the vicinity on foot. There are no suspects in custody.

Ineligible arrest

A 30-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested following a traffic stop at

Lakeshore and Fontana at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4.

Police stopped the vehicle for a broken headlight, and arrested the man for driving on a suspended license and having no insurance.

The man was released after posting bond.

—By John Lundberg

Grosse Pointe Farms

Clean plate, dirty car

A 24-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing a clean license plate on a car that was covered with road salt. A LEIN check revealed the plate belonged to another vehicle.

The driver could not produce identification and was arrested for driving without a driver license. Her car was impounded.

Drunk arrest

Police arrested a 36-year-old Sterling Heights man following

a traffic stop at Kerby and Piche at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Police stopped the vehicle for having no registration light on its license plate. Upon questioning the man, police noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .14 on a breath test. The man was arrested and police parked his vehicle.

Vehicle break in

Police are investigating the theft of a purse from a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Country Club Drive reported at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Police said the theft occurred while the victim was playing paddle ball and, after returning to her vehicle, noticed the passenger window smashed and the purse removed.

Police checked with the night watchman who reported hearing nothing out of the ordinary during the time the victim was away from her vehicle. The purse contained credit cards, coupons and gift cards.

There are no suspects in custody.

—By John Lundberg

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Alert teens were honored

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The day of Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, will be forever etched in the minds of three 13-year-old Pierce Middle School students.

Alex Bedan, Connor Flaska and Sean Millavec were at the corner of Jefferson and Westchester waiting to be crossed by a public safety ordinance officer when they overheard a call describing a white Cadillac driven by a person in-

involved in a home invasion that just occurred.

The boys saw the vehicle about a block away and notified the officer, who relayed the info to nearby patrolmen, who immediately responded.

Following a short pursuit, the vehicle was stopped and the occupant was taken into custody.

"The subject involved was responsible for this serious crime and has been charged by the prosecutor's office," Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director David Hiller said. "It is

believed that he is also responsible for other such crimes in the Pointes. It was due to the alertness of the three students that we were able to make the arrest and remove from the streets a dangerous criminal. I would like to recognize these students with a Civilian Commendation."

"You guys are so alert and sharp," Park Mayor Palmer Heenan said. "I'm proud of the three of you, who I think are celebrities in this community. You did a great job."

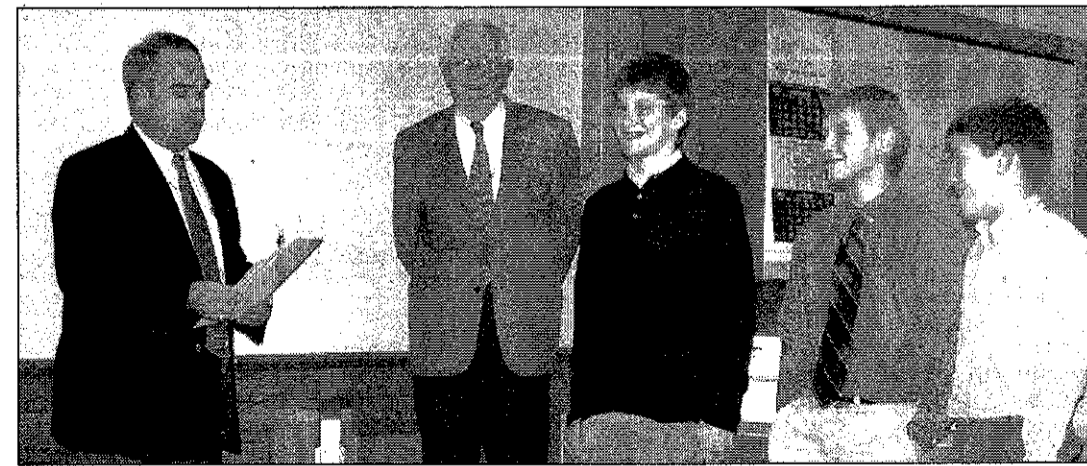
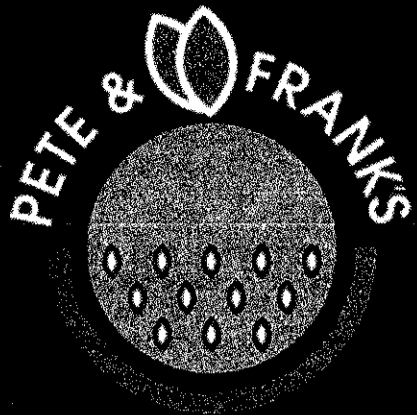


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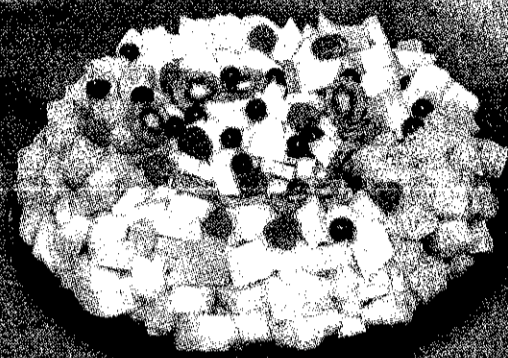
Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director David Hiller, far left, and Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, second from left, provided civilian commendations to Pierce Middle School students, from left, Alex Bedan, Sean Millavec and Connor Flaska.



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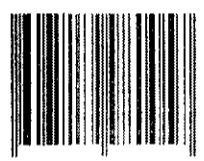


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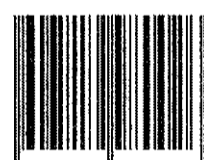


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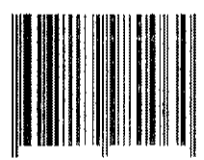


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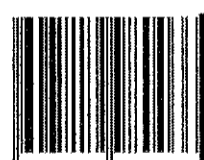


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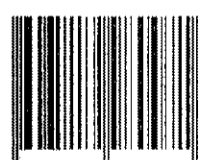


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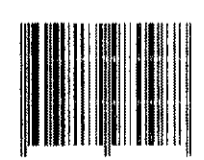


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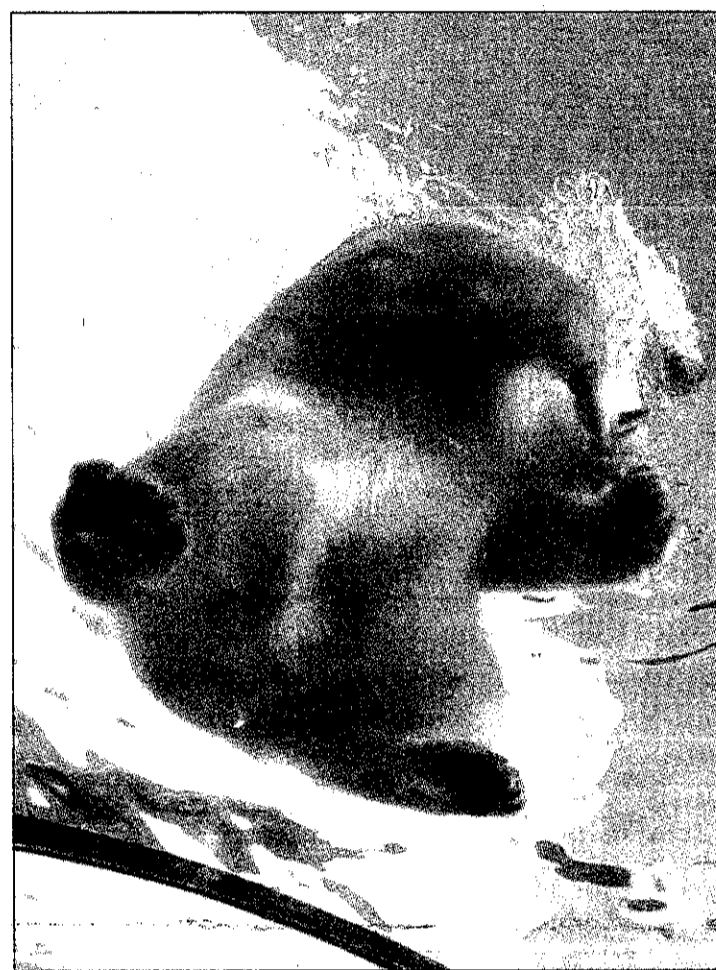
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Just because it's cold doesn't mean you can't enjoy the animals at the **Detroit Zoo**. Watch the monkeys frolic in hot tubs and polar bears play with fishcicles while butterflies flit about and giraffes talk over the wall.

Zooing in winter



By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Zoos and winter go together like hot chocolate and marshmallows.

"Most of the animals are much more active in winter than in summer," said Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoo.

Take Talini. During a cold spell last month the 2-year-old female polar bear spent her second birthday playing with fishcicles in the zoo's 45-degree swimming pool, part of the Arctic Ring of Life exhibit.

"Polar bears are well constructed for insulation against the cold," said Betsy Davis, mammal department supervisor for the Arctic Ring of Life. "Their fat is one to two inches thick for insulation. Their fur is translucent. It traps sunlight that travels down to their skin, which is black to absorb sunlight and keep them warm."

Polar bears in winter take to swimming the way people on Labor Day dive in the deep end. Likewise, the zoo's snow monkeys lounge in hot tubs mimicking natural hot springs found in their native Japan.

Amur tigers are native to Siberia, home to some of the world's harshest cold weather.

"Lots of outdoor animals thrive in winter," Kagan said.

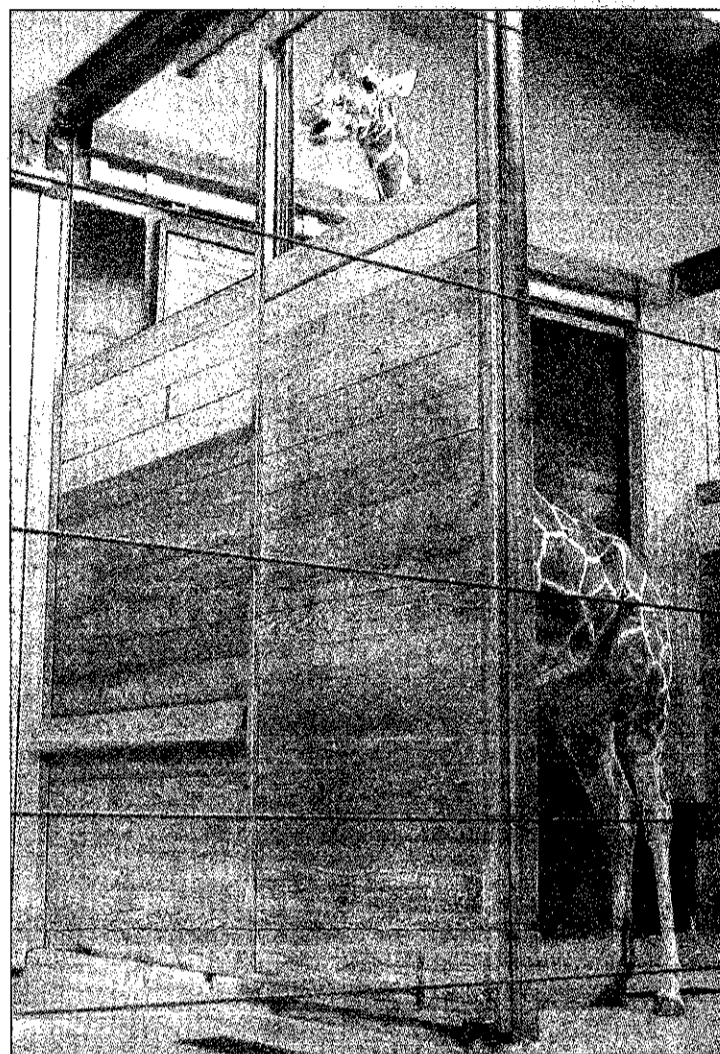
Some zoo inhabitants who aren't cold weather compatriots have indoor viewing areas.

Detroit's three giraffes, named Ajax, Chardo and Raspberry, seek shelter in an enclosure outfitted with a public viewing area.

Giraffes are curious animals. They're not shy about leaning down to investigate miniature visitors. They stare with seemingly bemused expressions, batting their long eyelashes in the style of flirting starlets.

"We're developing a new area to view giraffes which will allow feeding giraffes," Kagan said. "We hope to have that open by next summer."

The butterfly house is always a balmy 75 degrees. Not warm enough? Try the National Amphibian Conservation Center. Its 80-degree heat and 100-percent humidity represents a Costa Rican rain forest. The center is home to frogs, turtles, iguana and a sloth.



Above, Talini takes a swimming break.
At right, winter quarters put giraffes close to visitors.

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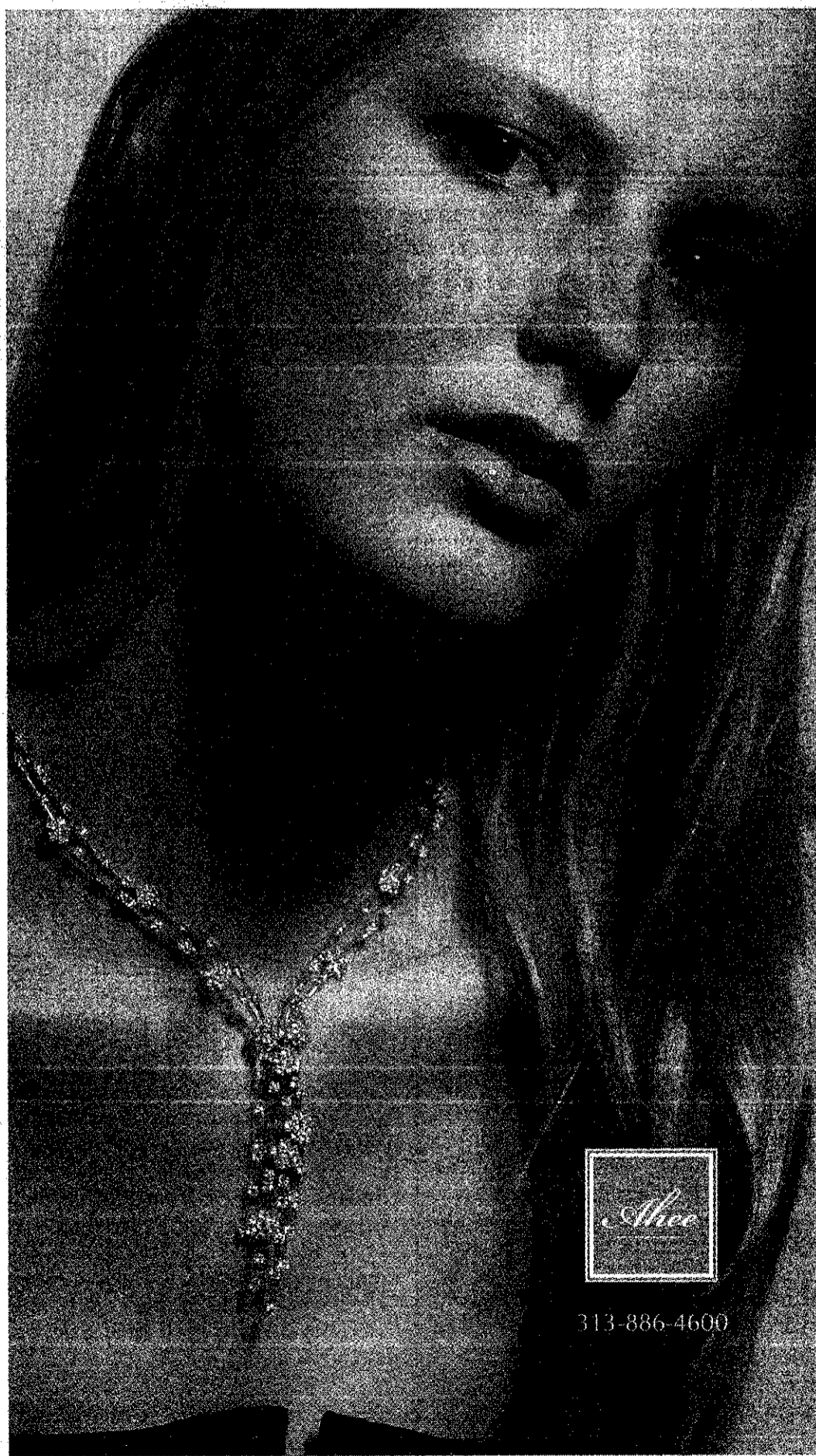
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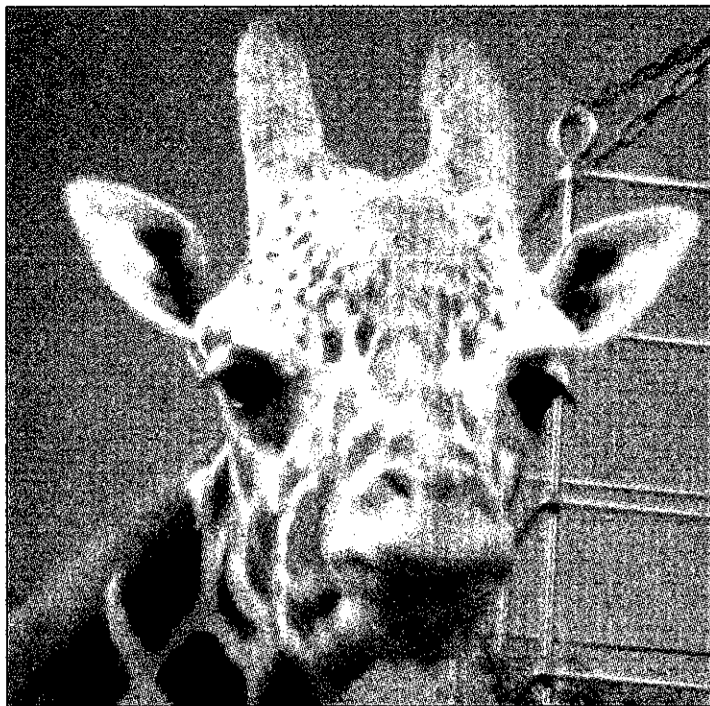
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Polar bears love birthday parties and birthday treats.



Zoo: Winter is play time

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"I like the zoo better in winter than summer," said Ann Holcomb, a docent in the center and former Grosse Pointe Farms resident living in Royal Oak. "There are fewer crowds."

But polar bears best evoke adaptation to winter.

Life is good for Detroit's polar bears.

"The coldest day of the year,

they're playing in the pool," Davis said.

The \$14.9 million Arctic Ring of Life portrays more than four acres of tundra. Saltwater in the 300,000-gallon, 10-foot-deep pool is cycled and filtered every hour.

"When we opened the Arctic Ring of Life and moved the polar bears here, they were not at all muscular," Kagan said. "They couldn't dive to the bottom of the pool. Over the years, this has been an environment that has encouraged healthy physical development and, we hope, psychological development as well."

Talini weighed less than two pounds when born Nov. 22, 2004. Her mother, Barle, had been born in the wild. Detroit zookeepers in 2002 rescued her from a circus in Puerto



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Sloths move so slowly that moss sometimes grows on their fur.

Rico.

Talini now is a playful 420

pounds of muscle, fat and fur.

"Talini is doing wonderfully," Kagan said. "She is thriving."

A 70-foot-long transparent tunnel through the swimming pool is a favorite spot for visitors and bears to watch each other nearly nose-to-nose. Talini sometimes sits on the tunnel and holds her head above water during swim breaks.

Then, after a breather, she rolls forward and pushes off on hind paws the size of catchers' mitts. She's back at play in a swoosh of spray and bubbles.

Her birthday party began with a gift of bear chow (fish, apples, pears, carrots, and sweet potatoes) frozen in a 55-gallon block of ice decorated by colorful layers of Jell-O.

"It took a few days to make because it was layer-by-layer," Davis said.

Next came a peanut butter-laced piñata shaped in the

number two.

Talini capped the day playing with fishcicles made of herring and capon frozen in a block of ice the size of a soccer ball.

Zookeepers often encase treats in ice to give polar bears something challenging to play with.

"It's more enriching to them," Davis said. "They have to use their claws and teeth to get at it. They love to play with stuff and rip things apart."

Still a youngster, Talini keeps close to her mother, but is becoming independent.

"We have begun introductions with the male polar bears," Kagan said. "Her mother could breed again. We're hopeful."

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The Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society has selected **Andrea Wittmann** for membership in its University of Michigan chapter, where she is majoring in literature, arts



Andrea Wittmann

and humanities. She is the daughter of Janet Wittmann of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Robert Wittmann. Wittmann is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Anne Marie Nouhan of Grosse Pointe will be among the members of two ensemble casts in Oakland University's upcoming production of "By Jupiter."

Nouhan, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High, is a sophomore musical theatre major. She had two roles in last season's productions.

pointe counter points

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DAR members stay committed to community projects

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution held a memorial service Dec. 7 in remembrance of Pearl Harbor with readings and prayers.

Members took more than 60 books and books on tape which will be donated to the Alida E. Lutz Veterans Administration Hospital in Saginaw.

Additional 2006 chapter service to the veterans include the following:

- ◆ Purchase of four televisions for patient use
- ◆ Funding for patient recreational trips
- ◆ Coupon books for hair

- ◆ Bingo prizes and help with Bingo games

- ◆ Laundry soap for veterans in nursing homes who have to do their own laundry

- ◆ Coffee for the visitor's lounge

- ◆ 100 phone cards with 35 minutes each

- ◆ 50 pill boxes for pharmacy distribution of medication

- ◆ 25 lap robes made by chapter members

- ◆ Assortment of personal items including soaps, shampoos and body creams

Membership in DAR is open to women more than 18 years old and able to prove lineal de-

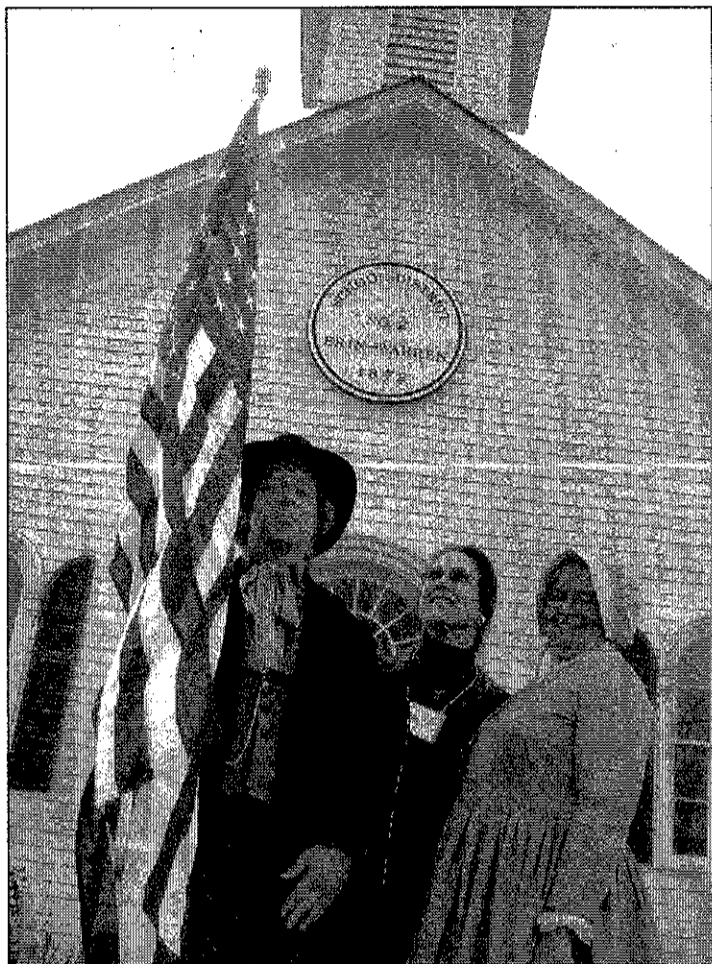


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In front of the Halfway School from left Ken Giorlando, historian, East Detroit Historical Society; Diane Sampson, Louisa St. Clair Chapter DAR Flag Chairman; and Suzanne Pixley, president, East Detroit Historical Society.



PHOTO COURTESY LOUISA ST. CLAIR CHAPTER NSDAR

Members of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated books and books on tape to Saginaw's Veterans Administration Hospital in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day.

scend from an ancestor who helped to further the cause of the American Revolution. Louisa St. Clair Chapter sponsors the John Paul Jones Society Children of the American Revolution for those under age 21.

Those interested in membership in either group can visit LSCDAR.com for more information.

37-star flag donated

Louisa St. Clair Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of Grosse Pointe presented a 37 star American flag to the 1872 Halfway

Schoolhouse.

The East Detroit Historical Society, which maintains the schoolhouse, has always wanted the 37-star flag as a teaching tool for visitors to the schoolhouse, particularly for young children during Michigan Week. A 37-star flag was flown over the schoolhouse when it was built.

In a ceremony during a luncheon meeting held at the schoolhouse Saturday, Nov. 4, East Detroit Historical Society board members, Suzanne Pixley, president, Sue Young, secretary and Ken Giorlando, historian accepted the flag and gave a brief history of the

Halfway Schoolhouse located at 15500 Nine Mile Road, Eastpointe.

Halfway School was named for the village in which it was built, half way between Detroit and Mount Clemens.

The schoolhouse is set up as it would have appeared in the late 1800s for students in grades one through eight. The schoolhouse is usually open from 2 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month and welcomes visitors who are allowed to page through school books from the 1800s. Display cases contain memorabilia from the era including a metal lunch box.

East Detroit Historical Society members in period costumes explain about the school and the customs during the late 1800s.

The 13-star flag was in use from July 4, 1867 to July 3, 1877. The 37th star was added when the state of Nebraska was added to the United States. There have been a total of nine different flags in use in the United States since the original 1776 flag. All changes to the flag always occur on the 4th of July. The red and white stripes are always consistent, representing the original 13 colonies that made up the first United States.

NEW ARRIVALS

Andrew Todd Southwell

Todd and Elizabeth Southwell of Glencoe, Ill., are the parents of a son, Andrew Todd Southwell, born Sept. 1, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Hart of Evansville, Ind., and the late Maurice Hart. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sharon Southwell of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Eldon and Ann Southwell of Flushing, and Leonard and Sohia Renusch of St. Clair

Shores are the great-grandparents.

Maya Shirley Rahaim

Robert and Susan Rahaim of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Maya Shirley Rahaim, born Sept. 6, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Susan DeSeranno of Grosse Pointe Shores and Don DeSeranno of Fort Lauderdale,

Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Kelly Martin-Rahaim of Grosse Pointe Woods and Robert Rahaim of Grosse Pointe Park.

Meredith Elizabeth Bayus

Ken and Beth Ann Bayus of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Meredith Elizabeth Bayus, born June 22, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Mary Ann Parus of St. Clair Shores. Paternal grandparents are the late George and the late Maxine Bayus.

Andrew Joseph Slavko

Jeffrey and Amy Slavko of St. Clair Shores are the parents of a son, Andrew Joseph Slavko, born Oct. 9, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Sue Whelan of

Grosse Pointe Woods and the late Frederick J. Boyle, D.D.S.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Sharon Cox of Shelby Township and Lawrence and Pamela Slavko of Berlin Township.

Nevlin and Frances Osewalt of Warren, Eva Cox of Sterling Heights and Norman and Marlene Kandow of Berlin Township are the great-grandparents.

Sophia Mae Rampersaud

Amanda Kathleen Brown of Grosse Pointe and Ravin and Rampersaud of Long Beach, N.Y., are the parents of a daughter, Sophia Mae Rampersaud, born June 9, 2006.

Maternal grandparents are Sarah and Ed Brown of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Janet Rampersaud of Atlanta, Ga.



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Music makers

Pediatric patients at the Van Elslander Cancer Center located at St. John Hospital and Medical Center have new opportunities to enjoy music thanks to a donation by the Eastshore Optimists Club which donated an electronic keyboard and MP3 music players with headphones to help young cancer patients pass the time while having treatments. The MP3 players were purchased with funds raised at a softball game last summer. Optimist members Skip and Mary Ann Uhl donated the keyboard. At the keyboard is Hadi Sawaf, M.D., of the Meade Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, with, from left to right, Eastshore Optimist Club board members Greg Jakub, Judy Latcha, president, and Brian Campbell. The Eastshore Optimists Club meets every other Thursday at Caribou Coffee in the Village, Grosse Pointe. Its mission is to support young people in the community especially children with cancer. For more information, go to esoptimist.org.

CLUB EVENTS

Pointer Bridge

A Christmas luncheon is planned for the Pointer Bridge Club members at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Alger House.

To cancel your reservation, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8566 no later than Saturday, Dec. 16.

Woman's Club

Wednesday, Dec. 20, marks the date for the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's annual Christmas luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Salvation Army's Evangeline Center, a home for abused women and their children, will be the recipient of the club's annual "gift-giving"

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

In 2005, 325 gifts and \$325 were donated.

The group will be entertained by the Soli Deo Gloria Ringers, one of six bell choirs of First English Lutheran Church, directed by Christina Judson.

The quartet will perform both sacred and secular Christmas music. There will be audience participation.

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

Couples retreat offered

The nonstop stressors of an overburdened society can knock the wind out of any relationship. Renewal Retreat for Couples allows your heart and soul time to realign, then the body, mind and spirit will follow.

A "Couple's Valentine's Renewal Retreat Weekend" will be held Feb. 16-18 in a log home on Lake Huron in Lexington.

Marla Ruhana, LMSW, will host and facilitate the weekend renewal for couples.

Space is limited and can accommodate five couples.

The package is \$985 and includes two nights, accommodations, all workshops, a romantic rejuvenation kit, gourmet meals, private rooms and all materials.

Workshops will be facilitated by Ruhana, Megan Gunnell, MSW/MT-BC and Ann Kucera,

MLS, and focus on "Why Your Souls Brought You Together," "Emotional Clearing," "Inner Journey with Breath and Sound," "Deepening Your Heart and Soul Connection/Black-Tie Formal Candlelit Dinner," "Two Hearts Beat as One," "Radical Forgiveness and Intuitive Integration" and private time.

Other retreats include "Connecting Women-Sisters at Heart" March 9-11 for \$475 per person and includes accommodations, workshop, spa, cuisine meals, materials and rejuvenation kits.

A 10 percent discount is offered on the women-sisters retreat if readers register for this before Jan. 1.

A mother/daughter retreat will be held April 27-29.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By David Noble

Who is my neighbor?

Two weeks ago I traveled to Pearlington, Miss., with several members of my congregation and about 75 other Presbyterians from across metropolitan Detroit. For a week we lived at a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance camp and were organized into work teams to help Pearlington residents rebuild their homes and their lives after the massive destruction from Hurricane Katrina. Over that week, we assisted about 10 homeowners by helping to wire their homes, remove and replace roofs, install kitchens, replace drywall and paint, among other things. During our last visit to Pearlington six months ago, our work was strictly limited to gutting the homes — removing all drywall, appliances, furniture, wiring, doors, windows, floors, etc. Progress has been made now that teams like ours

can begin to build and restore. But the scope of the work is enormous. The camp we stayed in plans to remain open for the next five to seven years. There will be that much work to do. Of course, a trip like this is not just about buildings. Much time and energy is spent listening to homeowners tell their stories, sometimes amazing and miraculous stories, of how they survived Hurricane Katrina and how they have labored for the past 14 months to put their lives back together. But that still isn't the full impact of these mission trips. Each week, all year long, thousands of volunteers are streaming to the Gulf Coast from many different churches and houses of worship across the country to lend a hand and an ear to the residents there. These volunteers and faith communities are being transformed as much as the Gulf

Coast is being transformed. It has long been the assumption that youth, not adults, should go on mission trips. I have led dozens of them. But now faithful adults across the country are organizing themselves to help people in neighboring communities and around the world. Each of the three adult mission trips I have participated in during the past year that have gone to Mississippi has doubled in size over the previous trip. More and more adults are being drawn into this work. Participants have reported satisfaction from helping someone in need, but they have also reported that they are not the same person they were at the beginning of the trip. Their spiritual lives and goals have been transformed. Faith communities like mine are becoming increasingly organized around hands-on pro-

jects that allow them to interact with the people being helped. No longer is a "checkbook" mission the only way to go. The New Testament story of the good Samaritan begins with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" One lesson from this story is that neighbors may be folks we have never associated with before. Adult mission projects are taking Detroiters to small towns across the Gulf Coast that are not tourist destinations. We are worshipping there with people of various races and creeds, working on their homes and finding ourselves challenged and changed, bringing back to Detroit, to our homes and places of worship and neighbors, a transformed understanding of who our neighbors are, both near and far. *David Noble is the acting interim head of staff, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.*



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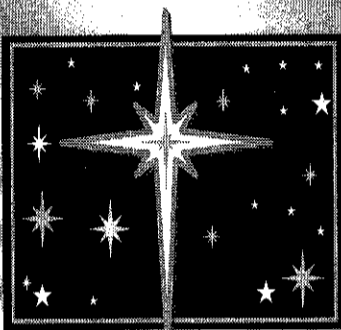
Kitchen shower

The Rev. Jerry Elsholz and his wife, Sandy, impersonated Martin Luther, the leader of the Protestant Reformation, and his wife, Katarina Von Bora, at a kitchen shower to help outfit the new Luther Center kitchen at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. The Women of the Church brought equipment or contributed funds for the cause.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Saint Clare of Montefalco Catholic Community
 Communal Penance Services with Individual Absolution
 Monday, December 18, 11:00 a.m.
 Monday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.
 Regular Mass Schedule
 Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
 Christmas Mass Schedule
 Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 p.m. (with Children's Nativity Pageant)
 12:00 p.m. Midnight Mass (Caroling begins at 11:30 p.m.)
 Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day
 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 New Year's Day
 Mary, the Mother of God
 Monday, January 1, 2007
 9:00 a.m. (not a day of obligation)
 Fr. David L. Brecht, OSA, Pastor
 Fr. James J. Sheridan, OSA Associate Pastor
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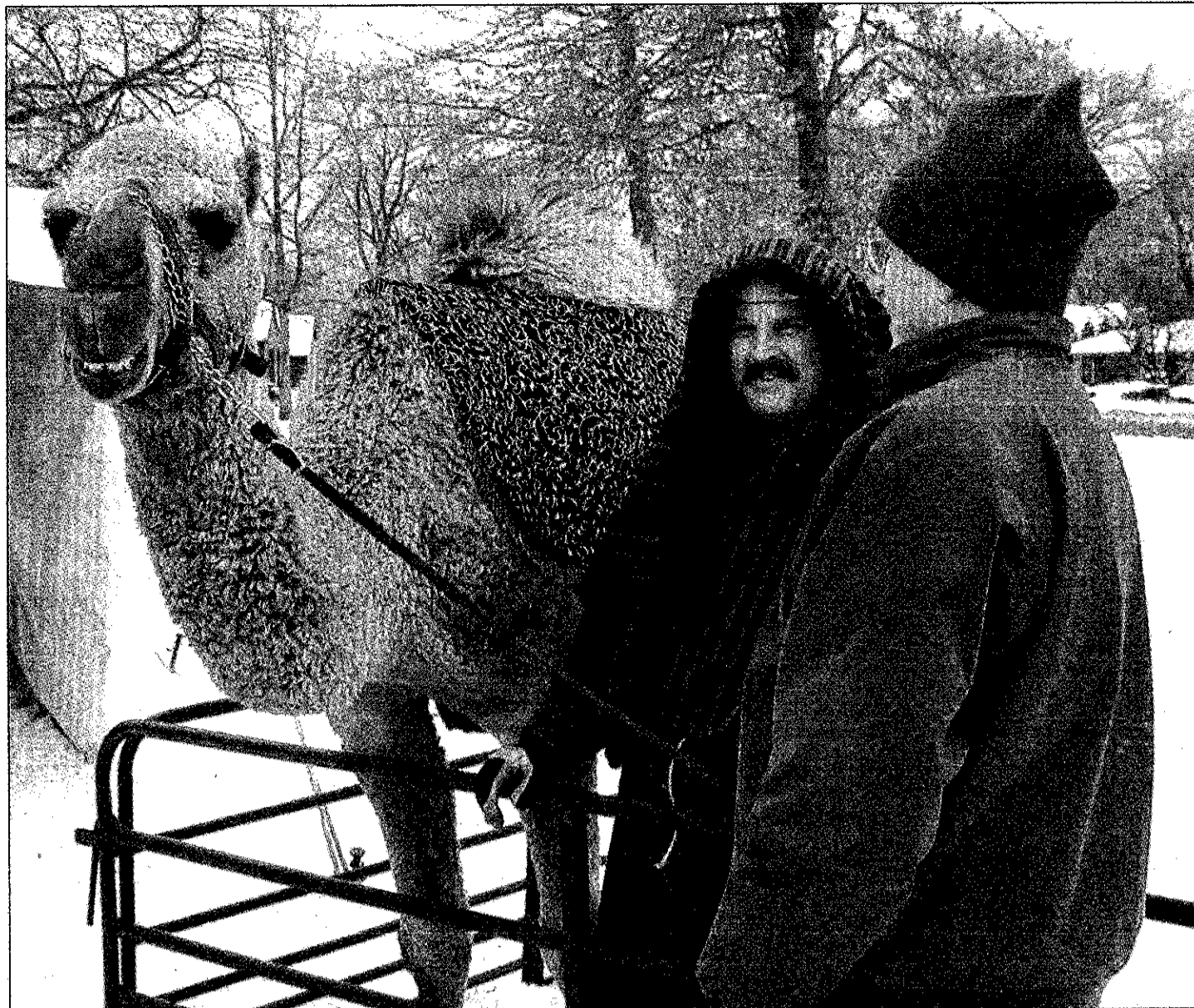
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 8:00 am Holy Communion
 9:05 am Christian Education
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 10:00 p.m. Candle Lighting Worship
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The community is invited to Christ the King's annual "Living Nativity" on Sunday, Dec. 17. Four performances re-enacting Jesus' birth will take place between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Included are live farm animals, readings and carol singing in a tent on the church's front lawn. Christ the King Lutheran Church is located at 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Food and beverages will be available in the church's downstairs assembly hall between performances.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christmas in all forms

The flavor of Christmas cookies and hot chocolate, the strains of well-loved carols and hymns, animals and children enjoying a re-enactment of the birth of Jesus: the community will savor all these and more at Christ the King's final Advent events, Dec. 15-20.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, the church will host The Judelairens in concert. The singing group has performed annually at Christ the King since 1998.

Its repertoire includes traditional carols and popular favorites with piano, flute, trumpet and percussion accompaniment.

A reception with beverages and home-baked Christmas cookies immediately follows in the church library.

Sunday, Dec. 17, will bring the reprise of Christ the King's "Living Nativity." Children from the community are invited to join the church's Sunday School in re-enacting the night of Jesus' birth in one of the four performances that will

take place between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Included are live farm animals, readings and carol singing in a tent on the church's front lawn.

Pizza, cookies and hot beverages will be available in the church's downstairs assembly hall between performances.

On Wed., Dec. 20, Christ the King's third and final Advent Fellowship Dinner and worship service begins at 6:30 p.m.

A hot pasta dinner with salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages will be served in the church library, followed by evening service in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

The final sermon in the series "Asleep and Awake: the Rhythm of Faith Before Christ Comes Again" will center on the account of Jesus raising Lazarus' daughter from the dead.

Christ the King invites community members to join them for each event. Each event is free and no reservations are required. Call the church office at (313) 884-5090 for more information.

Free Christmas concert

At 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, the musicians of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, present a free concert of Christmas music.

The hour of music will feature familiar holiday selections by the senior choir, chancel bells, brass ensemble, harp, flute and oboe.

For more information, call the church at (313) 881-6670.

Bell and string concert

A Christmas concert with a bell choir and strings will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Solanus Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit.

The Solanus Center will also be the site of the premiere showing of "The Prophet: Solanus Casey," at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Blood drive

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, sponsors a Red

Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the church.

Call (586) 201-2508 to make an appointment.

Walk-ins are welcome.

SOC's Lunch and Learn

Enjoy a hot lunch at 11:15 a.m. and listen to an interesting presentation during lunch at Services for Older Citizens, 17500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information on the programs and other services offered at the center, call (313) 882-9600.

Grosse Pointe North Singers

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Presenting Christmas carols for all to enjoy
Monday, Dec. 25, SOC will be closed.

Christmas meal

Enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner catered by the Blue Pointe Restaurant with desserts provided by Spectrum Home Care from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 at SOC.

The dinner will be followed by entertainment and a sing-along with Julie McMillan.

Make an advance reservation for \$12.

There will be a complimentary box lunch to take home and prizes.

SOC's Christmas afterglow tea

Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.

Identity theft protection

Wednesday, Dec. 27

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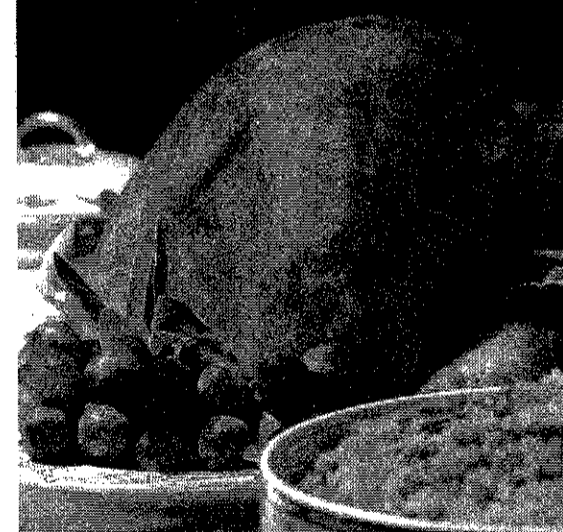
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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Keep holidays merry by following good sense



Dear Readers: Every holiday season, we select our favorite nonalcoholic drink from AAA's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," which promotes safety and fun with 30 fabulous alcohol-free recipes. This year, our favorite, submitted by Gerhard Schmied of Grand Rapids, was given a 5

Diamond rating by AAA.

Yuletide Royal

4 oz. nonalcoholic sparkling wine
2 oz. unsweetened pomegranate juice
1 oz. mango puree
1 oz. raspberry puree
Frozen raspberries
In a champagne flute, spoon raspberry puree first, then mango puree. Add pomegranate juice, slowly. Fill with nonalcoholic sparkling wine.
Garnish with frozen raspberries.

We also suggest sparkling cider as a substitute for the nonalcoholic wine if some of

your guests are recovering alcoholics. (Recovering people are generally advised to avoid drinking nonalcoholic wines and beers.)

The Great Pretenders Party Guide, now in its 28th year of publication, is part of AAA's ongoing campaign to reduce deaths and injuries caused by drunken drivers.

Having tasty, nonalcoholic beverages available can help hosts moderate alcohol consumption by guests as a party progresses.

Here are a few other pointers:

◆ Don't allow guests to pour their own drinks. Hire a bar-

tender or choose a designated bartender. Properly measure alcohol for each drink. One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of hard liquor.

It's the bartender's responsibility to monitor anyone who's overimbibing.

◆ Offer a variety of creative nonalcoholic drinks, served in festive glassware.

◆ Serve foods high in protein to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

◆ Plan games so drinking isn't the primary focus of the party. Games are great ice-breakers and make for memorable evenings. Search the

Internet for ideas.

◆ Close the cocktail bar an hour before the party ends and set up a dessert and coffee bar.

◆ End the evening with a drawing for a gift.

Ask everyone to put his or her car keys in a basket or bowl. Withdraw one set of keys to determine the winner.

If a guest is intoxicated, this has the added benefit of providing an opportunity to discreetly offer to drive the guest home or to call a cab.

As the host, you are liable for what happens when people leave your party intoxicated.

To obtain free copies of "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," visit the AAA branch office on Mack Avenue or call toll-free (800) 646-4222.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

The Jays are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They may be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Exec director hired

Bon Secours Cottage Health Services has hired Frank M. Sutter as executive director of its Ambulatory Network.

In this position, he is responsible for managing and growing the system's eight primary care clinics staffed by 36 family practice and internal medicine physicians. The clinics are located in Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, St. Clair Shores, Roseville and Warren.

Sutter comes to Bon Secours Cottage from Mt. Clemens General Hospital where, as vice president for physician services, he was responsible for the employed physician network that included 23 sites. He more than 25 years of health care management experience, including serving as director and practice administrator of the medical practice network for Providence Hospital. He also has experience working at St. John Hospital, Macomb Hospital Center, and Henry Ford Hospital.

Sutter received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Wayne State University and a masters degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

"We are extremely pleased that Frank Sutter is now part of the Bon Secours Cottage Five Star Care team," said Jeffrey A. Collins, CEO.

Comforting gift

Give the gift of comfort with a gift certificate from the Bon Secours Cottage Health Services Integrative Therapy Center at Cottage Hospital.

The center offers a wide variety of therapies, including Swedish, deep-tissue, myofascial release, sports and hot rock massages. The center also offers healing touch and Reiki, and pre-natal massage and infant massage instruction.

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Holiday Nights captures the sights, sounds and tastes of Christmas as it was celebrated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Throughout the Village, visitors will experience Christmas in the streets, in true Victorian and Edwardian style with live musical performances, hundreds of lit lanterns, ice skating and fireworks.

New this year is a 10-foot-tall, illuminated Victorian-style gingerbread house with candy decorations, handcrafted by The Henry Ford executive chef, Nick Seccia.

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As visitors continue their stroll, they can warm up around one of the 30 fire circles and listen to Christmas tales from storytellers or enjoy live music as they toast marshmallows from s'mores kits. Guests can savor the aroma of historic cooking coming from any of the homes in the Village, or sneak a peek at the Greenfield Village artisans inside Liberty Craftworks crafting Christmas ornaments. Also, kids and adults can try their hand at playing turn-of-the-century winter sports on the Village Green.

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From Bach to Broadway

Five student musicians entertained guests at the Nov. 2 GrossePointeopoly fundraiser for Special Kids at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Members of the Dorati Woodwind Quintet, selected by audition from more than 400 students participating in the Civic Youth Ensembles of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO), played music ranging from Bach to Broadway tunes at the charity event. The Dorati musicians perform at the DSO music center, rehearsing weekly with the Civic Orchestra, a pre-professional ensemble that offers training at the Max M. Fisher Music Center. They join Bob Williams, principal bassoonist of the DSO, for weekly coaching sessions as a woodwind quintet. Peter Sabino, 17, of Grosse Pointe Park plays clarinet, Andrew Adair, 17, of Lathrup Village plays oboe and Brigid Babbish, 17, of Bloomfield Hills plays bassoon. Laurel Frackzowski, 18, of Detroit plays French horn and 16-year-old Katherine Standefer of Chelsea plays flute.

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"Kolobok" will be presented Dec. 20, 21, 22, and 23. Other PuppetART productions in December include "Close the Window," a production celebrating Yiddish humor; on Dec.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Christmas calls for special cookie recipe



This is the season for Christmas cookies of all shapes and sizes. Cookie exchanges are happening all over the place and treasured family cookie recipes are getting their annual workout.

This year I'm passing along a special cookie recipe for you to make for that person in your life who has to watch their sugar intake.

These easy to make drop cookies rely on spices for their yummy flavor rather than sugar.

I first sampled the cookies at my gal pal Laura's house and could not believe that a cookie that's good for you could actually taste so good.

Applesauce Oatmeal Drop Cookies

1 cup flour
3 teaspoons cinnamon

2 teaspoons allspice
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
2 tablespoons Splenda
brown sugar substitute (optional)
2 eggs
1/2 cup salad oil
1 cup unsweetened applesauce (no sugar added)
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl combine the flour, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, nutmeg, baking soda, salt, oatmeal and brown sugar substitute.

Set aside. In a medium bowl beat the eggs lightly with a fork or whisk.

Whisk in the oil, applesauce and vanilla.

Stir in the raisins and the walnuts.

Add the wet mixture to the dry mixture and stir with a wooden spoon just until the batter becomes moist.

Drop the batter by rounded tablespoons onto a greased baking sheet.

Bake at 350 for 12 minutes.

Allow for the cookies to rest for a few minutes out of the oven before transferring to a cooling rack.

This recipe will yield about 36 cookies.

The batter will spread slightly in the oven so allow enough room on the baking sheets.

These spice packed cookies have a cake-like texture and a rich flavor that will stand up nicely to a cup of coffee or hot tea.

I opted to use the brown sugar substitute in my cookies.

Laura made a batch of the tasty cookies for her neighbor Maxwell Bigelow who has to modify his diet due to diabetes.

A special Christmas cookie for a special 4-year-old who loves a holiday treat like we all do (and probably take for granted).

Actually, these flavorful cookies are for all to enjoy and a smart holiday choice when everyone should practice a healthful diet.

Holiday tales will be featured at Detroit museum

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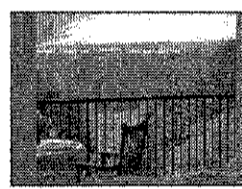
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Happy Feet is set in the great nation of Emperor Penguins. Deep in Antarctica, you're nobody unless you can sing, which is unfortunate for Mumble (Elijah Wood), who is

the worst singer in the world. He is born dancing to his own tune—tap dancing.

Mumble's mom, Norma Jean (Nicole Kidman), thinks this little habit is cute, but his dad, Memphis (Hugh Jackman), says it "just ain't penguin." Besides, they both know that, without a Heartsong, Mumble may never find true love. Leaving home, Mumble meets the Adelle Williams, led by Ramon (Robin Williams). The Adelles invite Mumble to party with them in Adelle Land, where Mumble seeks the counsel of Lovelace the Guru (also voiced by Williams), a crazy-feathered

Rockhopper penguin who will answer any of life's questions for the price of a pebble. Together with Lovelace and the Amigos, Mumble sets out across vast landscapes and, after some epic encounters, proves that by being true to yourself, you can make all the difference in the world.

It has been rated PG for some mild peril and rude humor.

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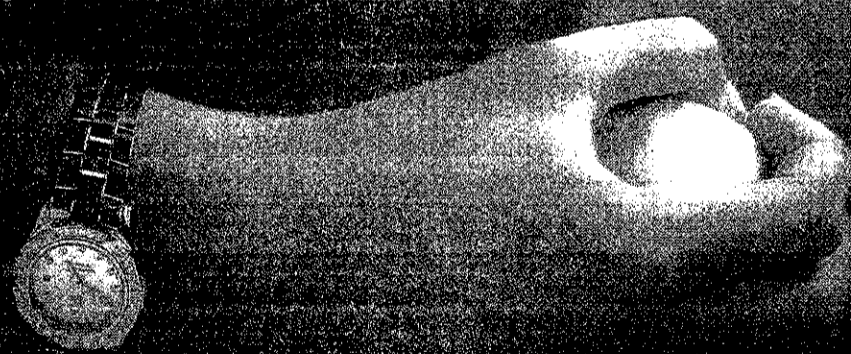


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South nips North in overtime



South's Geoff Osgood tries to catch up with North's Ben Scarfone.

Abraham's power-play goal decides tight battle; keeps Blue Devils undefeated

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

During the Stanley Cup playoffs, it has become a tradition during the intermission preceding overtime for the radio and television announcers to predict who'll score the winning goal.

If someone had asked Grosse Pointe South coach Bob Bopp for a prediction before Saturday's game with Grosse Pointe North went into overtime, he'd have been right on the money.

"If you had asked me before the overtime period what player would score, Ryan Abraham would have been the guy," Bopp said after Abraham's power-play goal with 3:44 left in the eight-minute overtime gave the Blue Devils a 5-4 victory against their crosstown rivals.

"He has something like 13 or 14 points in our first six games. He's scored a lot of big goals for us during his career here."

As well as both teams played, it probably would have been fitting to end in a tie, but Bopp was delighted with the win that kept South undefeat-

ed.

"It's great to win in overtime like that because you know the game is over," Bopp said. "But I've been on the other side, too, and there aren't many worse feelings."

Abraham scored the winning goal, but it probably wouldn't have happened without the efforts of defenseman Trevor John.

"He got the puck to Abraham in a good spot at the side of the net so he could score," Bopp said.

John's performance also impressed North coach Scott Lock.

"He's a phenomenal player," Lock said. "I thought he was the difference in the game. He made the perfect play on the winning goal. He waited until (Abraham) got by the goalie and made a great pass."

Before Abraham's goal, North had been applying heavy pressure for the first half of the overtime.

"I don't know how we didn't score," Lock said. "The goalie would either make the save, or somehow the puck would squirt through the crease."

North's Doug Rahaim tied

the game at 1:53 of the third period when he put a rebound into an empty corner of the net. Alex Davenport made a good play to set up the goal.

North opened the scoring at 3:31 of the first period on Davenport's first goal of the season. South came back to score the next two goals. Brian Auty scored at 5:18, assisted by Peter Altshuler and Arthur Griem, to tie the game. John put the Blue Devils ahead at 10:06 with Geoff Osgood and Joel Patterson assisting.

With 3:59 left in the first period, North's Scott Brown tied the score at 2-2.

North regained the lead at 2:50 of the second period on a power-play goal by Steve Rozelle, but South came back with a power-play goal from Lance Lucas at 6:24 and a goal by Griem at 12:29. Abraham and Griem assisted on Lucas's goal, while Altshuler and Auty had the assists on Griem's.

"If I was to pick a No. 1 star in this game, Arthur Griem would have gotten my vote," Bopp said of the sophomore defenseman. He's been a great

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Bowling might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you hear Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, but GPYC member Howard Smith put the club's

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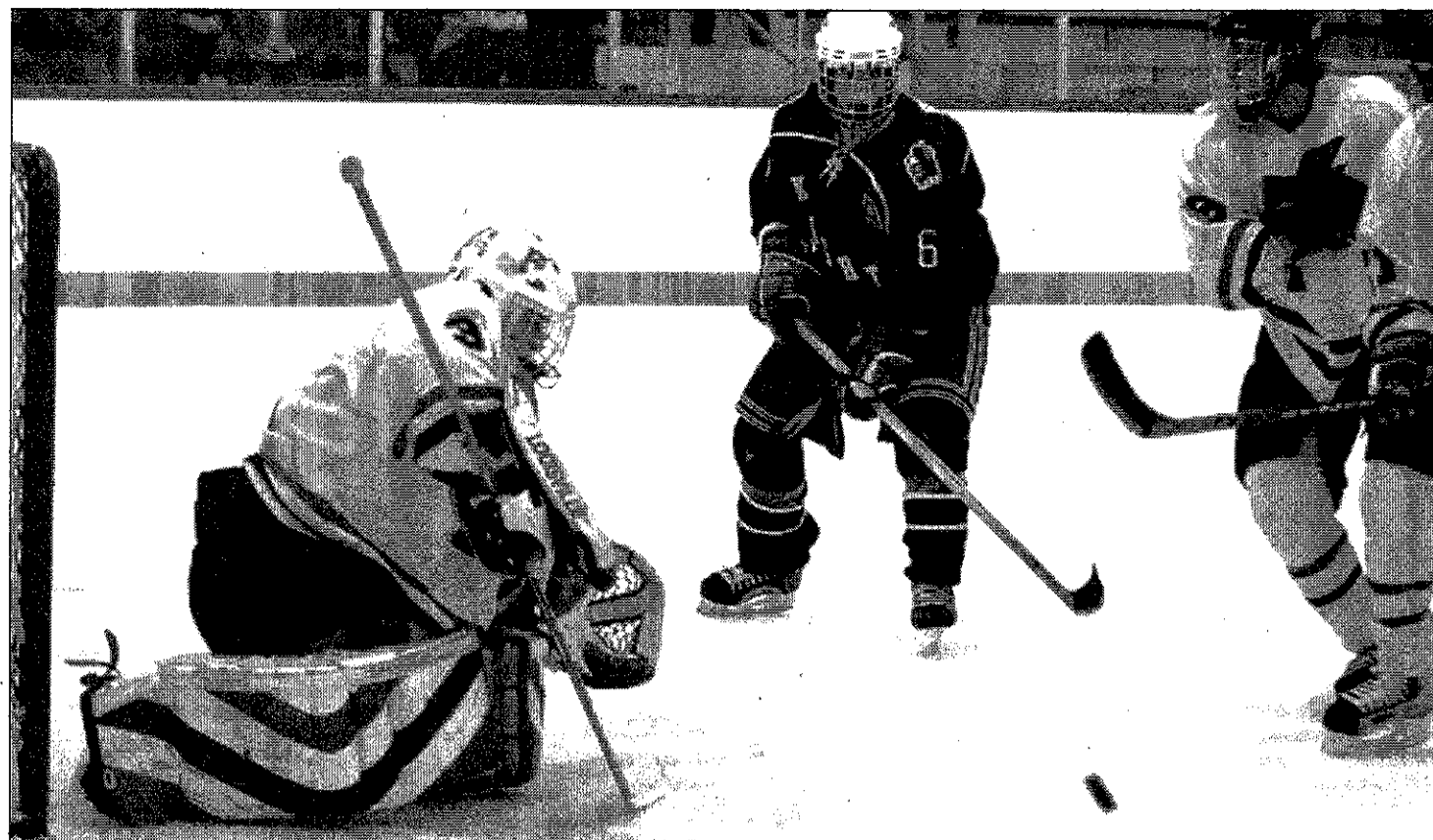


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ULS forward Mike Burchi (6) goes for the rebound against the Flint Powers defense on Saturday night at McCann Ice Arena. Burchi scored the first goal of the night for ULS in the 3-3 tie.

ULS skaters get a win and a tie

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

University Liggett School's boys hockey team earned a solid road win last week, beating Allen Park Cabrini 8-4.

"We were just coming off a bad loss to St. Mary Catholic Central; so getting this win at Cabrini was nice," head coach Terry Olson said. "We stayed out of the penalty box and hustled."

ULS was called for only three penalties compared with 13 in its previous game.

Freshman Dan Zukas had his first varsity hat trick to lead

the Knights' offensive output.

Other goal scorers were junior Mike Thomas, senior Kyle Lawrence, junior Michael Burchi and senior Mike Zukas (two).

Freshman John Stockmann, senior Ryan Deane, freshman Rory Deane, sophomore Drew Amato, Mike Zukas, Burchi, Lawrence and Thomas recorded assists.

Later in the week, the Knights hosted Flint Powers and tied 3-3.

"It wasn't a pretty game, but I will take the tie against a bigger, more physical Powers team," Olson said.

The quicker, smaller Knights used their speed to draw 13 penalties.

"Powers' bigger skaters couldn't keep up with our faster kids; so they were out of position and had to hook and grab to try to keep up," Olson said.

The Knights, trailing 3-2 late in the third period, used a two-man advantage to force the tie.

Dan Zukas, assisted by Thomas, fired the tying goal by Powers' goalkeeper Brad Witt with 2:01 left in the game.

Powers had a powerplay opportunity in the final minute of the game but couldn't get the

winning tally.

Five of the six goals scored came on special teams. Powers scored two power-play goals and one shorthanded tally (all in the second period), while ULS' final two goals were on the power play.

Burchi, from Rory Deane and Ryan Deane, scored the Knights' first goal.

Thomas, from the Zukas brothers, tallied in the second stanza.

Olson's hockey team stands 3-1-2 overall.

The Knights will host a tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16.



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Amanda Marsh, left, scored Grosse Pointe South's only goal in the Blue Devils' loss to Cranbrook Kingswood in a girls hockey game last week.

Cranes beat South

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team ran its losing streak to two games, falling 7-1 to visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week.

"We're mixing in several newcomers with our veterans, which is going to take some time," coach Ed O'Malley said. "Success will not come overnight. We didn't play very well tonight, but we will be a better team as time goes on."

"I know we will be a better team," head coach Bill Fox said.

It was the Cranes' first win

on the Lady Blue Devils' home ice. The Lady Blue Devils played without their top defenseman, Kathleen McDonald, who is due back from injury in a couple of weeks.

"The girls played with a lot of confidence," Cranbrook coach Valerie Edgington said. "We're passing the puck very well, which helped us get some good scoring opportunities."

The Lady Blue Devils' lone goal was scored by senior captain Amanda Marsh with Elizabeth McCaughy and Alex Rentz drawing assists.

The Cranes' Ariel Magidson and Audrey Stapleton, each scored twice.

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addition to our team. Some kids are winners, and that's what he is. He's not flashy. He won't go from end-to-end, but he's very steady and smart and he can play physical."

Auty got a chance to play against Ann Arbor Pioneer, and the sophomore forward has won a spot in the regular lineup.

"He deserved to get in the lineup and he's made the most of his opportunity," Bopp said. "He's one of our top nine forwards."

After Rahaim's goal tied the game for North, South goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer made several excellent saves to keep the Norsemen from taking the lead again.

"He missed the first 10 days or so because of an ankle problem and he's just now getting back to the strong play he gave us last year," Bopp said. "He saved the game for us late in the third period with the score tied at 4-4. North had a great scoring opportunity to take the lead and Trevor came up with the save."

Both coaches were pleased with the way their teams played.

"I thought everyone played well," Lock said. "Jeff Rohrkerper, Steve Coates and Alex Davenport were outstand-

ing, and we played great on the defensive side. (Michael) Neveux, (Evan) Skorupski and (Anthony) Pagiino — the guys we expect to play well on defense — played strong games. Eric Rohrkerper played well in goal, although two of the goals he'd probably like to have back.

"I liked our intensity. If we can play with that kind of fire and intensity in all of our games, we'll be all right."

Coates and Jeff Rohrkerper each collected two assists for the Norsemen.

"This was a big win for us," Bopp said. "I thought everyone played hard. We might have got caught up in the excitement and made things a little harder on ourselves. The experience of players like Trevor John and Scott Maxwell on defense showed in this game."

Both coaches also had good things to say about their crosstown rivals.

"South is a good hockey team," Lock said.

"They've got a lot of good players. It was an awesome game when the officials let us play."

Bopp wasn't surprised that North gave the Blue Devils all they could handle even though the Norsemen came in with a 2-3 record.

"We knew it would be a tough game," he said. "It's usually close like this. I was really impressed with North's physical play and the quickness of their forwards."

Both teams are on the road for their next games. North is at Northville on Friday, while

South plays at Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday.

South 8, Allen Park 2

South got off to a quick start, thanks to its special teams, and the Blue Devils never looked back.

Tim Shield opened the scoring with a power-play goal at 1:14, assisted by Trevor John and Ryan Abraham.

Lance Lucas made it 2-0 about 2 1/2 minutes later when he scored shorthanded from Abraham.

Alex Marshall made it 3-0 at 9:21 before Mario Martinez got Allen Park on the scoreboard at 10:36 with a power-play goal.

Joel Patterson scored the first of his two goals for South with 3:42 left in the period. Taylor Flaska and Brandon Brundige had the assists.

"It's good to see him score a couple of goals," Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp said. "He's one of those kids who's always working hard whether he's getting one shift or five shifts. It's good to see him rewarded."

South continued its onslaught in the second period. Patterson scored on a deflection of a shot by Brundige at the 41-second mark. Brian Auty, John Chancey and Flaska added second-period goals for the Blue Devils.

Maxwell had two assists in the second period, while Brundige, Peter Altshuler, Keith Sklarski, John, Patterson and Geoff Osgood picked up one apiece.

Allen Park's Dominic Rinna scored the only goal of the third period.

Baseball camp Jan. 20 and 21

The Dan Griesbaum Baseball School is accepting registration for its indoor camp which will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 21 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Times for the camp are 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

There will be instruction in hitting, pitching and catching. Players may sign up for only one session per day.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$90 for two days. Because of

Michigan High School Athletic Association regulations, the camp is open only to youngsters from second through sixth grade.

Brochures are available at the main office and the athletic office at South and at the Neighborhood Club.

There is no registration at the door.

For more information call one of the camp directors, Matt Reno at (313) 886-5537 or Dan Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834.

SMITH: Club member since 1984

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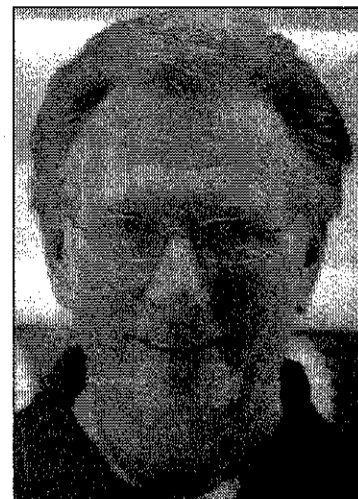
League.

Smith has been a member of the club since 1984 and has been active in the GPYC's bowling scene for more than a decade.

Smith's wife Dianna bowls with him on the club's Wednesday night mixed league.

"I've been bowling for 35 years so this was just as exciting for me," said Gordy Woods, the GPYC bowling professional. "When it happened, everybody was screaming and hollering."

Woods, who has been the club pro from 10 years, runs six bowling programs, along with a youth league on Saturdays, and open bowling.



Howard Smith

South alumni to play on Dec. 23

All former Grosse Pointe South boys hockey players are invited to play in the annual alumni game on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Sports Center.

SOUTH: Beats Eagles in opener

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pass the ball."

South led for most of the game against Eisenhower, but consecutive three-point baskets by the Eagles' Chris Blain and Justin Brege gave Eisenhower a 41-40 led with 6:35 to go.

On South's next possession, Herzog made a twisting layup, was fouled, made the free throw and the Blue Devils were ahead to stay. Cruse followed with a basket to make it 45-41 with just under five minutes left.

After Eisenhower's John Orlando stole the ball and went in for a layup with 58 seconds to go to cut South's lead to 52-48, Cruse and Saros each made two free throws to secure the Blue Devils' victory.

"That's a typical win for us," Ritchie said. "A battle all the way."

Cruse finished with 24 points and seven rebounds. Herzog had 12 points and Shirar collected nine points and seven rebounds.

Freshman guard Jarvis Wise also caught the eye of the South coaches for his performance in his first varsity game.

"He played some great defense, and he did a fantastic job of running the offense," Ritchie said. "He played 20 minutes and had only one turnover. You'd never guess he was a freshman. He's got a lot of moxie."

Justin Brege led Eisenhower with 18 points and Chris Blain had 12.

South begins Macomb Area Conference White Division play at home Friday against L'Anse Creuse North. The Blue Devils then travel to Port Huron-Northern for a game Tuesday, Dec. 19 before taking a two-week break for the holidays.

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