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**THURSDAY, NOV. 22**

♦ **Thanksgiving**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 23**

- ♦ Pre-parade festival is at 9:45 a.m. on Kercheval between Cadieux and Notre Dame.
- ♦ The 32nd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade steps off at 10 a.m. going down Kercheval, beginning at Lewiston and Kercheval. It goes through The Hill and The Village of the City of Grosse Pointe.
- ♦ The Authentic Dickens Carolers appear in concert at 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village.
- ♦ The Village Aglow tree lighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Friday Night Live: A Night of Improv Comedy will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. It will feature the comedy troupe, Improv: BX55. The show is for adults. For more information, call (586) 771-8600.

**MONDAY, NOV. 26**

- ♦ The board of trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch library, 15175 E. Jefferson.
- ♦ The City of Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ♦ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School library.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 27**

- ♦ The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11:15 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Hudson Mead will speak about the "polar bear" men who fought the Russians in World War I. Mead is a member of the Michigan Historical Commission and the Detroit Historical Society. For more information about the Men's Club, call membership chairman John Prost at (586) 774-6400.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 29**

- ♦ Holiday Meals on Wheels spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 25003 Little Mack, St. Clair

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Winter coat

The historic Cook Road school house is sporting a new coat of . . . what else? . . . red paint . . . this month, workers near completion on exterior renovations of the building in Ghesquiere Park. A new roof and bell cupola were installed last month. Interior work still needs to be completed before the building can be opened to the public. An official dedication date has not been set.

## Going once...twice...Sold!

By John Lundberg  
 Staff Writer

The historic Old English cottage house, once the property of the estate of Edsel & Eleanor Ford, will remain intact and even see some upgrades. The home, tucked back in the woods across the street from the estate on Lakeshore, sold for \$625,000 Sunday at an auction run by DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit, said

Bob DuMouchelle, gallery general manager.

"It's exciting that the house will be preserved," he said. "It's my understanding that the (buyer) intends to restore it and bring it up to his liking."

The winning bid for the 2,150 square-foot house was put in by a Chicago-based physician, DuMouchelle said. The Albert Kahn-designed house, built in 1930, was originally listed at \$1.2 million.

Once the property of the famous estate, DuMouchelle said it was gifted away years ago to a former employee. The former owner recently built a home and decided to sell the cottage house.

"It's a wonderful piece of property," DuMouchelle said. "I'm really happy because the (new owner) is going to be hiring Detroiters to help restore

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## Council recount is a go

Commission agrees to look at tie vote

By John Lundberg  
 Staff Writer

The Wayne County Election Commission decided Monday to accept the recount petition filed last week by Don Campbell, City of Grosse Pointe council challenger, who finished in a tie with Don Parthum Jr.

Both Campbell and Parthum received 563 votes.

Campbell subsequently was not elected to the council after drawing lots with Parthum on Nov. 7, the evening following the election.

City Clerk Julie Arthurs said the commission will determine the time and place for the recount, presumed to be held in the city council chambers.

Election officials indicate the recount will take place some time after Nov. 22.

Campbell said he is seeking a recount because precincts 1 and 2 at Maire Elementary School lost power for most of the afternoon and evening of election day, forcing the machines to run on generators. He also claims that the optical scanning devices used to tally ballots have a history of "programming errors," and other "malfunctions."

Arthurs said that tabulation machines never shut down due to the power outage at Maire and the election "went smoothly."

The tie-breaking method entailed Campbell, chosen alphabetically, to select heads or tails in a coin flip to win the right to pick from one of two slips of paper marked "Elected" or "Not Elected" from a box.

Incumbents John Stempfle and John Stevens were returned to the council.

Parthum took his oath of office last week along with other council members Stevens and Stempfle.

**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'We have an outstanding group of physicians and outstanding employees.'*

## David B. Stephens

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms  
 Age: 62

Claim to fame: President and CEO of St. John Hospital and Medical Center

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St. Clair Shores & Grosse Pointe

Yesterday's headlines

1957  
50 years ago this week

1982  
25 years ago this week

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HONORED:** Twenty-one members of the senior class at Grosse Pointe High School were awarded the highest scholastic honor as they were elected into the National Honor Society.

The 21 students represent 15 percent of their class which, according to the Society's constitution, is the maximum percent of any single class for membership. The students are rated by faculty members on the basis of character, leadership and service.

◆ **GAS STATION ROBBED:** Grosse Pointe Farms police are looking for a suspect in the theft of \$90 in cash from a gas station on Mack.

The station owner thinks the money was taken out of the cash register when he went out to help service a car.

◆ **WOMAN INJURED IN CAR CRASH:** A 27-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was injured when the car she was driving was rear-ended on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Stephanie Lentine was stopped at a traffic light at Lochmoor when a car driven by Harry Bossuyt, also of St. Clair Shores, plowed into her.

A female passenger of Bossuyt's was also injured. Bossuyt was issued a ticket.

◆ **COTTAGE BUYS NURSING HOME:** Cottage Hospital took its first step into the extended health care field by acquiring Belmont Nursing Center on Harper in Harper Woods.

The acquisition of the center is the first for the hospital and is designed to extend its health care services to facilities other than hospital care.

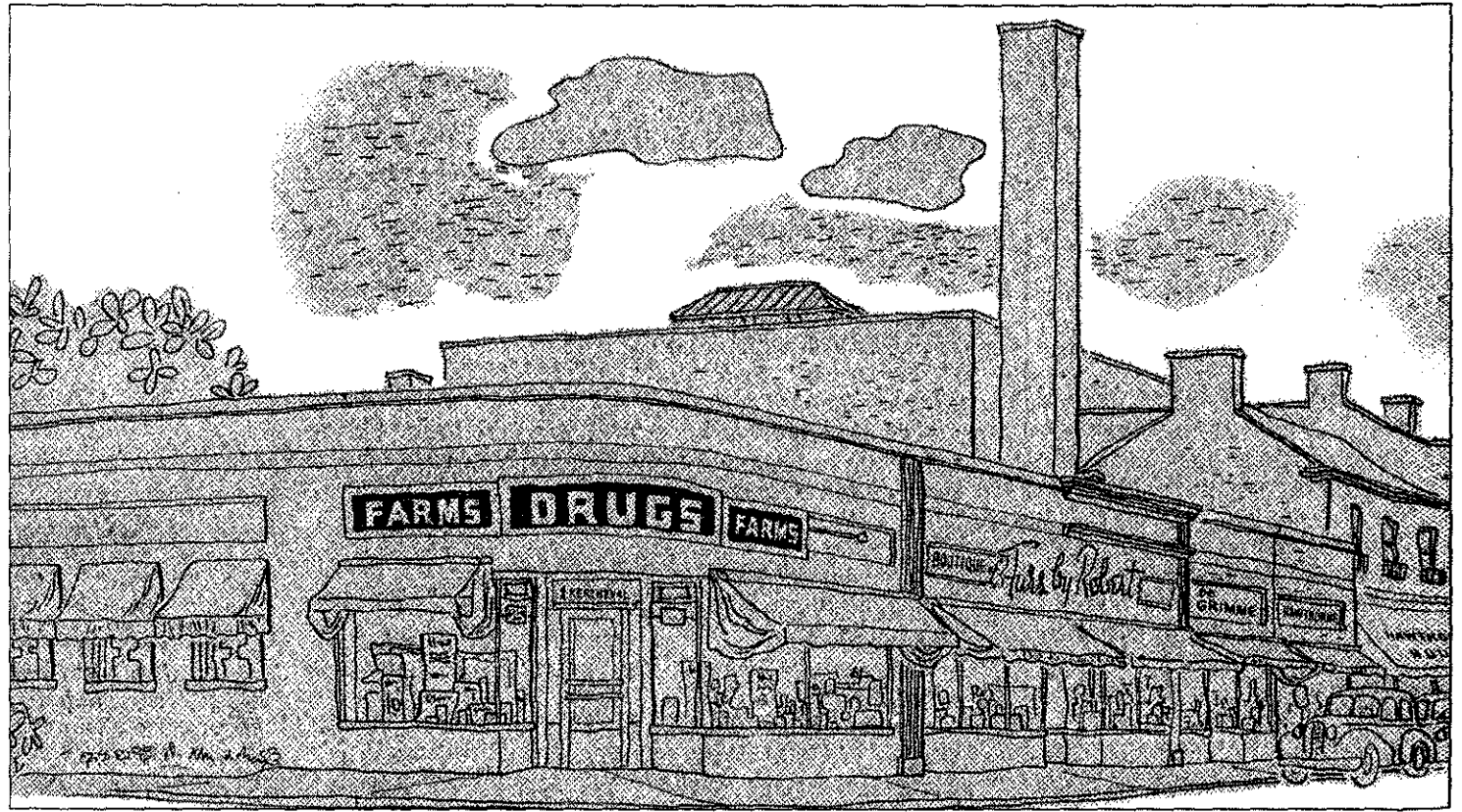
The 103-bed facility will be renamed Cottage-Belmont Nursing Center.

◆ **SOUTH LOSES IN FIRST ROUND:** The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils were defeated in the first round of the state playoffs, falling 17-7 to Milford Lakeland High School.

The Blue Devils finished with a perfect 9-0 regular season record, their first since 1954. Coach Russ Hepner was named Free Press All Suburban Coach of the Year, backed by the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

◆ **PARK COOLS TOWARD DISTRICT COURT:** The Grosse Pointe Park city council appears to be getting cold feet regarding a proposal to convert its municipal court system into a district court.

The city council for the third time tabled the proposal at its city council meeting, citing concerns about the power over



## 1957: Memory Lane

A local artist's sketch reveals the businesses that occupied the Punch & Judy block on Kercheval, between Fisher and McKinley in 1957. The businesses located there included a furrier, an art gallery, the famed Hawthorne House-Grosse Pointe's original family restaurant, and the Punch & Judy Theatre. The block was constructed in the 1920s. (From the Nov. 21, 1957 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

staffing, salaries and facilities that would be placed in the judge's hands if a new court was created.

The Park council was the on-

ly one of the five Pointe communities to endorse the legislation to create a district court system in the Grosse Pointes last May.

1997  
10 years ago this week

◆ **BERM REDUCES PARK FLOOD PLAIN:** The construction of a berm that began in 1996 is nearly complete, which will dramatically reduce the federal flood plain in Grosse Pointe Park.

By building berms along key points of Lake St. Clair's shoreline, a barrier was created to protect low-lying areas of the city in case the lake reaches levels higher than the yearly average.

Another reason for the berms is residents who live in flood plains are mandated to purchase flood insurance.

◆ **INCINERATOR BROKE:** The Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Authority board voted to discontinue the incineration of trash at the Clinton Township on Jan. 10, 1998.

The plant will be converted to a solid waste transfer station with rubbish being hauled by City Management Inc. to a landfill.

The conversion was made necessary because the Authority has dried up its reserve funds and can no longer afford to incinerate refuse.

◆ **CITY CONSIDERING CHANGING BUSINESS HOUR ORDINANCE:** In an effort to adapt to the ever-changing business climate, the City of Grosse Pointe is considering extending its Sunday hours of operation for businesses until 10 p.m. The current closing

time for businesses other than restaurants, drug stores and gas stations is 8 p.m.

The city only recently extended the closing time to 8 p.m. a few years ago; before that the closing time was 5 p.m.

2002  
5 years ago this week

◆ **CITY CHANGES VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCES:** In an effort to attract and keep more businesses in the Village shopping district, the City of Grosse Pointe council made sweeping changes to its commercial district zoning ordinances, including increasing building height to four stories in the center block of Kercheval and the addition of hotel and residential uses on the third and fourth floors.

◆ **EXPANSION OK'D:** The Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved the expansion of Christ the King Lutheran Church on Mack and Lochmoor.

Construction of a 6,440-square-foot single-story addition to the church's east side is expected to begin within a year, with a completion date set in two years.

Work will include a basement of equal size. Woods officials suspended a 75-foot setback requirement to allow the addition to extend within 48 feet of Sunningdale resident's property.

— John Lundberg



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# Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade lineup

Grab your mittens and an extra scarf, the 32nd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will delight crowds lined up along Kercheval on The Hill and in the Village.

The following list are the units which will be there for spectators' viewing.

Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Division  
 Grosse Pointe City police car  
 Fire trucks from Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park  
 Banners and representatives from the Village Business Association and Hill Business Association  
 Banner and representatives from Pentastar Aviation  
 Banner and representatives from St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Crest Volvo and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital  
 Crest Volvo Emergency Car  
 Grosse Pointe Highlanders  
 Banner and representatives from the Grosse Pointe News  
 Celebrating New Year's mini float  
 Banner and representatives from WMTV5 Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
 Detroit Fire Department Band  
 Cub Scout Pack #19 Maire  
 Detroit Fire Department Clown Corps  
 Banners and representatives from CVS Pharmacy Store #8081 and Aitken - Ormond, Shores and Neesley Insurance  
 Kerby Cub Scout Pack #481  
 YMCA Adventure Guides  
 Girl Scout Troop #3090  
 Richard  
 Banner and representatives from Village Ace Hardware  
 Anchor Bay Marching Band  
 Mary Treder Lang for 2008 state representative  
 Banners and representatives from Village Toy Company and Kennedy & Co.  
 Grosse Pointe South Senior Class Homecoming float  
 Banner representing the Frohlich Family  
 Cub Pack #290 Mason  
 Banners and representatives from Pat Scott Jewelers and Flagstar Bank  
 Celebrating Valentine's Day



**Detroit Fire Department Clown Corps will once again join the Santa Claus parade in Grosse Pointe.**

Cheerleaders  
 Banner and representatives from Tassels  
 Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium  
 Brownie Troop #881 Kerby  
 Bresser's Sleigh  
 Cub Scout Pack #74 Richard  
 Eastside Fury Percussion Ensemble  
 Banner and representatives from Sunrise Assisted Living of Grosse Pointe Woods  
 Sunrise Bus  
 Taylor Shrine Club Tin Lizzies  
 Banner and representatives from the Grosse Pointe Lions Club  
 Grosse Pointe Lions float  
 Banners and representatives from Hickey's Walton  
 Pierce and Merrill Lynch  
 St. Clare of Montefalco float  
 Grosse Pointe Hunt Club  
 Banners and representatives from Robert Loomis & Associates and Comerica  
 Celebrating Easter mini float  
 Brownie Troop #2921  
 Grosse Pointe Academy  
 The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods  
 Grosse Pointe Power Squadron  
 Banners and representatives from Big Boy International and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation  
 Centerline High School Marching Band  
 Jr. Girl Scout Troop #2355 Richard  
 Brownie Troop #1645 Richard  
 Celebrating the 4th of July mini float  
 Banners representing Bologna Building Company and UBS Financial Services, Inc.  
 Gift of Life float  
 Jr. Girl Scout Troop #3259 Defer  
 Banner and representatives from Wayne County Community College District  
 WCCCD Holiday Family Traditions Essay Contest Winners  
 Grosse Pointe Soccer Association  
 Grosse Pointe North Pep Band  
 Cub Scout Pack #85  
 Monteith  
 Banner and representatives from Sanders Candy Shop  
 Sanders crew  
 Brownie Troop #2118 Poupard  
 Banner and representatives from Sunrise Senior Living on Vernier  
 Sunrise on Vernier bus  
 Redford Township Unicycle Club  
 Banner and representatives from Pongracz LaLonde Jewellers and Mutschler Kitchens  
 Celebrating Thanksgiving mini float  
 Banner and representatives from Checker Sedan and Morgan Stanley  
 Old Checker Cab  
 Brownie Troop #940 Defer  
 Antique fire engine  
 Banners and representatives from Grosse Pointe Florists, Inc. and State Farm  
 Pam Mowatt  
 Detroit Boat Club rowing crew  
 Cub Pack #147 Defer  
 De La Salle Marching Pilots  
 Banner and representatives from the Grosse Pointe Athletic Club  
 Friends and family of the Grosse Pointe Athletic Club  
 Santa's Castle float  
 Banner and representatives from Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe  
 Regina Clown Ministers  
 Star of the Sea students  
 Antique Hydroplane  
 Cub Pack #34 Ferry  
 State Representative Ed Gaffney  
 City mayors in horse drawn carriage  
 Brownie Troop #22 St. Paul School  
 Little Miss Christmas Tree  
 Banners and representatives from St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Crest Volvo and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital  
 Banner and representatives from Pentastar Aviation  
 Banners and representatives from the Village Business Association and the Hill Business Association  
 Dakota Cougar Marching Band  
 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus

mini float  
 Banners representing Allemon's and State Farm Ed Lazar  
 University Liggett students  
 Banner representing Radar Industries  
 Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan  
 Girl Scout Troop #2911 Ferry  
 Banner and representatives from Biggby Coffee  
 Biggby Van and friends  
 Warren Woods Tower Titan Marching Band  
 Banners and representatives from The Private Bank and Russell Development  
 Girl Scout Troop #4011 Maire  
 Banners and representatives from Higbie Maxon & Agney and Ferris Baker Watts  
 St. Joan of Arc students  
 Banners and representatives from Salon Seventy Six and Wachovia Securities  
 Harper Woods High School Marching Band  
 Banner and representatives from Smith Barney  
 Grosse Pointe Park Little League  
 Celebrating St. Patrick's Day mini float  
 Banner and representatives from Pointe Fitness & Training  
 Pointe Fitness & Training Fitness Float  
 Grosse Pointe Red Barons



## Holly Fest

Holly Fest chairs Beth Moran and Lois Warden gather festive items for The Family Center's annual fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 29. The dinner and auction will be held at the Grosse Pointe Club. Auction items include four tickets to "The Lion King" with dinner and a limo, lunch followed by the ballet, "Peter Pan," vacation homes in Colorado and the Outer Banks, a party with the macaroni penguins at the Detroit Zoo, and a Red Wings hockey stick signed by Steve Yzerman. Proceeds will support Family Center programs. Tickets are \$80 or \$150 per benefactor and are available by calling the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods at (313) 432-3832.

## SOLD: Cottage has new owners

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it." He added that there was some confusion caused by the auction.

Apparently, the Edsel & Eleanor estate foundation received several phone calls thinking it was the property up for auction.

But that could be a blessing in disguise because it reminds area residents what a gem the

Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate is and what it means to the community, DuMouchelle said.

"They received a number of calls of support for the estate," he said. "You never know, but it might increase the number of visitors to the estate."

DuMouchelle said the auction received "great attendance," with people sharing their fond memories of the property.

"School children from Liggett used to place time capsules there," he said. "There's a lot of local history on that property. It was fun to hear all the stories people had."

"We're keeping history alive."

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS

# Woods, Shores seek new water supplier

By John Lundberg  
*Staff Writer*

It may have taken a few months, but a study examining the cost benefit of Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods tying into the water plant in Grosse Pointe Farms looks very favorable over the long term.

Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said because the plant would need to be expanded to accommodate the communities, costs "would go up initially. But over the long term there appears to indicate a substantial savings to both the Woods and Shores."

Reeside added that because of economies of scale, there could also be a savings for the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe, who currently get water from the Farms plant.

Last May, the Detroit Water Board sent out rate estimates to its member communities that reflected enormous increases in the Woods, Shores and Park. Mike Kenyon, Shores village manager, said the final number had rates increasing in the Shores by 23.3 percent and by 17 percent in the Woods.

Because of distance, the Park could not tie into the Farms, but Park City Manager Dale Krajniak has hinted at constructing a water plant to service the Park.

"This rate increase is going to spur (this issue forward)," Kenyon said. "This is coming sooner than later."

Reeside is hoping to set up a meeting with the Shores and Woods councils in early January to go over the figures.

The Detroit Water Board presented a new model contract to all of its consumers last May. The figures are based on

a new model contract drawn up by Detroit's Water Board. Under the contract, Pointe officials say the board assumes communities are going to max out in water consumption during peak hours, even if they efficiently conserve water during that period.

"We do a great job limiting our water," Kenyon said last May. He added that this could be just another example of how the Pointes carry the brunt of a rate increase because of its affluent reputation.

Mark Wollenweber, Woods city administrator, said the Woods approached the Farms two years ago about tying into the plant at Pier Park. He said that because the Woods typically uses higher water pressure, which would be reflected in rate charges, the discussions didn't amount to much.

If the communities come to an agreement, minimal digging will be required. Kenyon and Wollenweber said directional boring allows the communities to tie in with little disruption to landscaping.

Wollenweber said it is the same technique used when the Woods replaced its water line on Mack a few years ago.

In addition, a pilot program would be required for water

testing by the state's Department of Environmental Quality before any formal contractual agreement between the communities could be consummated.

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## WEEK AHEAD:

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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**David Stephens** found retirement boring. He needed a change. Instead of returning to his former career in banking, he has taken the reins of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

# Committed to quality services

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

David Stephens may have traded in his banker's stripes for hospital scrubs, but that doesn't mean he has traded in his commitment to customer service.

If anything, he has strengthened it.

After spending many years in the banking industry, Stephens, 62, of Grosse Pointe Farms, came out of retirement to take the interim president position with St. John Hospital and Medical Center. In July, 2007, he was appointed president and CEO.

And he's enjoying every minute of his new professional life.

"I had retired from Comerica Bank in 2004," he said. "I had been on the board at St. John and when they asked me to step in as interim president, I was ready. I was bored with retirement and I was looking for a new challenge."

"When I realized how much fun I was having, I threw my hat into the ring when St. John started looking for a permanent president."

Floor to ceiling windows in his office at St. John's Mack and Moross complex give Stephens an unprecedented view of the facility. Not only does he like what he sees, he is also proud to be a part of the changes taking place at St. John, but in the health care business as well.

"This is a fabulous hospital," he said. "It's a very special place and I'm proud to be a part of it. These are challenging times in the health care industry, especially in Michigan with its tough economic climate."

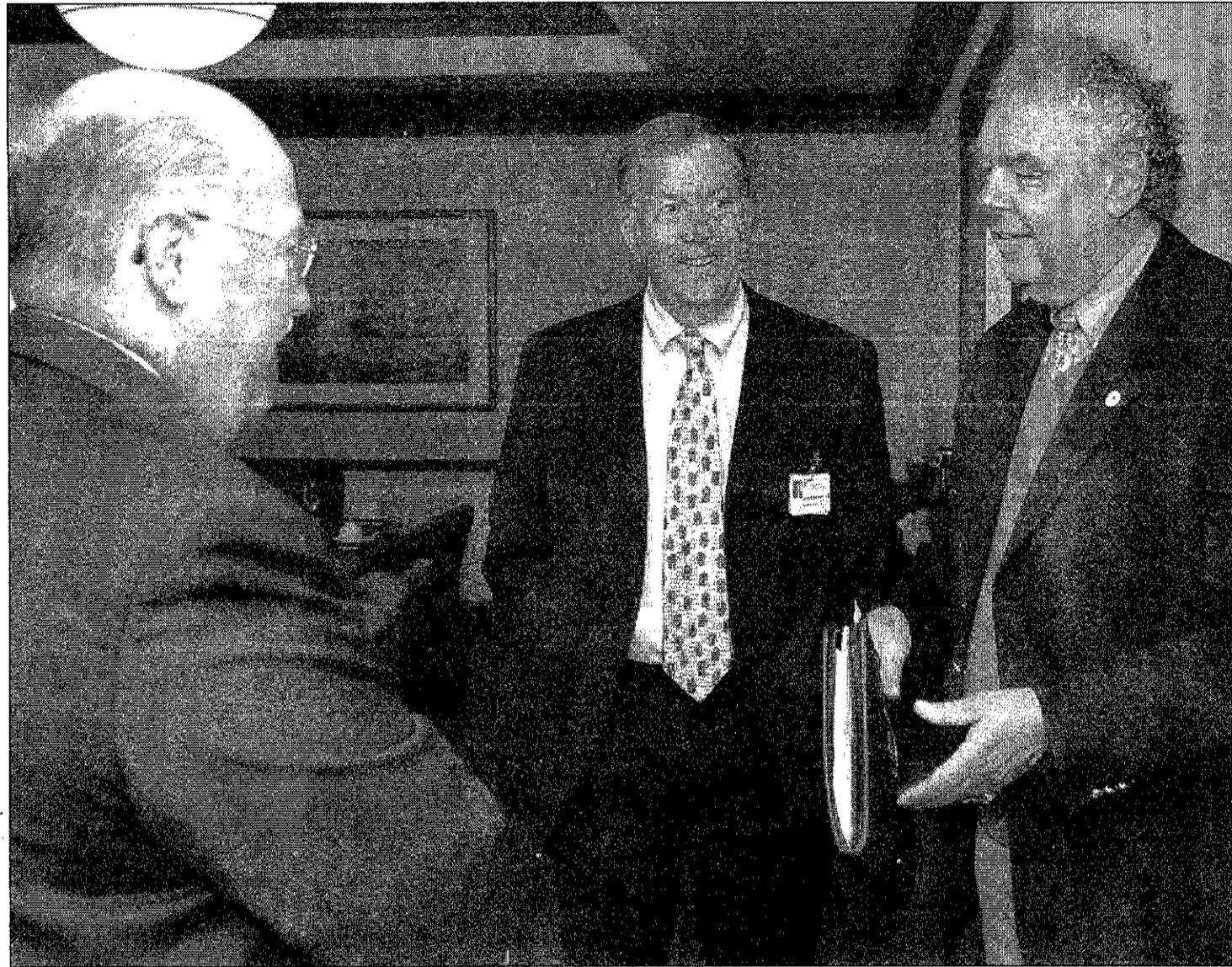
Originally from New York, Stephens graduated from Syracuse University and holds an MBA from Babson. He was involved with the banking industry in Boston for several years before coming to Detroit in 1994, when he joined Comerica Bank.

"Bank mergers were common out east," Stephens said, "and frankly, I was getting tired of them."

"The opportunity presented itself at Comerica and I was assured that there were no mergers in sight, which was one of the main reasons I decided to come to Detroit and take the position with Comerica."

"On my first day of work here in Detroit, they announced the merger with Manufacturers," he said.

As senior vice president in



Jim Orosz, M.D., chief medical officer of St. John Hospital and Medical Center; president and CEO of St. John Hospital and Medical Center David B. Stephens; and Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Mark Wollenweber during the Mayor's Breakfast that St. John held to update city officials about the Van Elslander Pavilion.

*All the competition will make us better.*

DAVID STEPHENS,  
St. John Hospital and Medical  
Center CEO

charge of the personal trust department and a veteran of bank mergers, Stephens stepped in and worked toward a smooth transition for customers of both Manufacturers Bank and Comerica, while establishing a strong leadership team. He moved on to become executive vice president in charge of private banking, chairman of Comerica Bank and Trust (Florida) and a member of the Comerica Management Council.

"I spent most of my career focusing on ways to make a banking institution more customer-focused and friendly," he said. "I designed the first alliance between a bank and a major brokerage firm in order to establish trust services for clients and also expanded private banking services."

When he joined St. John, he brought his financial acumen, merger experience and strong sense of customer service along. He said he is very proud of the direction St. John

is taking in leading the way in patient satisfaction.

"This is a fabulous hospital and medical complex," he said. "We have an outstanding group of physicians and outstanding employees. Our goal is to make St. John a regional destination hospital, meaning that when someone from

northern Michigan or another state needs serious medical services, St. John will be the hospital they are referred to." Stephens cites the new Van Elslander Pavilion as a major step toward developing St. John as a destination hospital. The 144-bed tower features private rooms and a hotel —

like lobby, with services such as radiology and cardiology services located in the pavilion.

"We know from surveys that people want private rooms," Stephens explained. "We have put together a strong team that is focused on services and patient care. Let's face it,

when someone is the hospital, there is a great deal of stress. There are little things that can be done to make their stay less stressful, from free television and phone service, to extended visiting hours."

Stephens is focusing on the medical staff as well.

"We're working at putting in place a physician concierge service, where a physician can call just one number and make all the arrangements for his patient, from rooms to tests to surgical procedures. Again, our focus is on simplifying the process," he said.

And then there are the mergers.

"Well, I'm used to dealing with those," he said with a laugh. "But I think all the competition will make us better."

Stephens still finds time to escape to his cottage in Ohio with his wife, Mary Ann, and enjoy his grandchildren. The licensed U.S. Coast Guard captain, also wiles away free hours on his 38-foot Pierson True North power boat docked at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

But for now, he is most proud of the time he spends guiding St. John through some tough times for medical care providers.

"There's no doubt that we have to find a solution to the health care problems this country is facing," he said. "And those of us in southeast Michigan are facing an enormous financial strain, just in uncompensated care and bad debt."

"But I'm proud of St. John and our commitment to quality patient services whether the person can pay or not. That's our mission."

## The Newport Beach Reader

Jeffrey T. Rogg of Grosse Pointe Farms took the Grosse Pointe News along to read at the Newport and Balboa Pier in Newport Beach, Calif. in October, when he attended a family reunion. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words, to: Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com.



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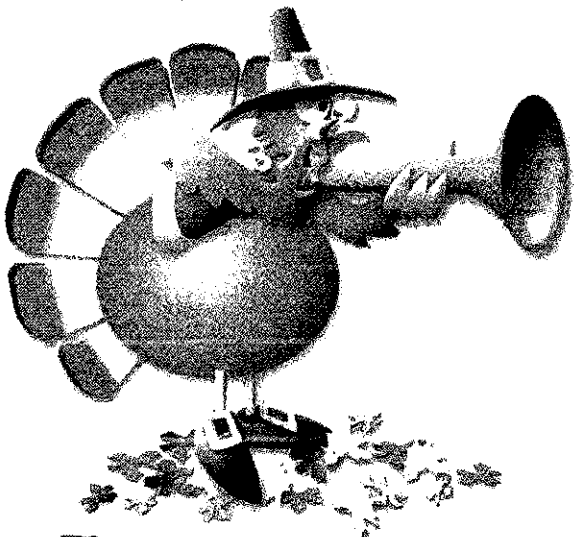


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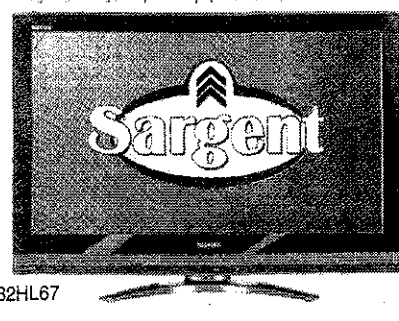
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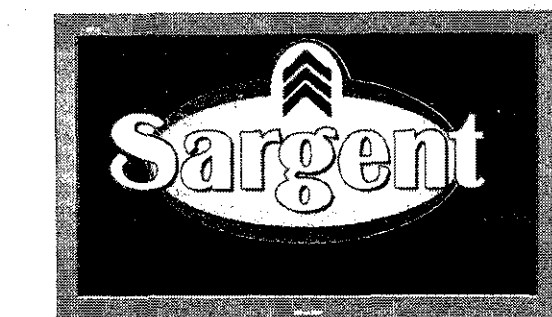
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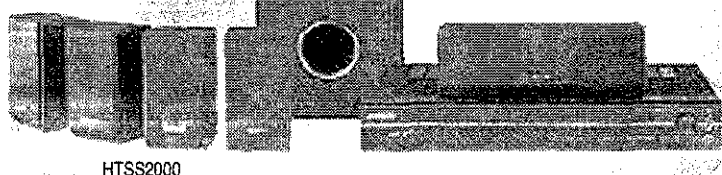
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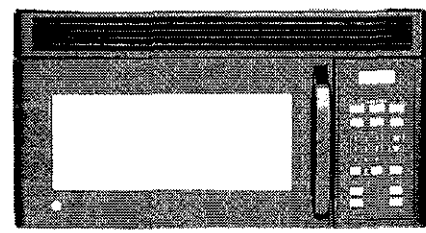
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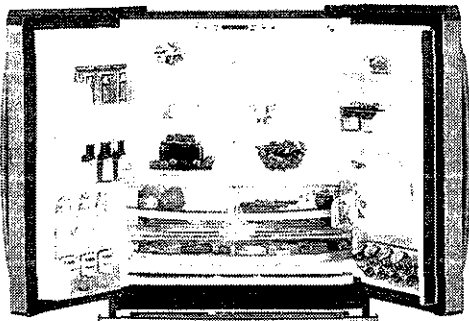
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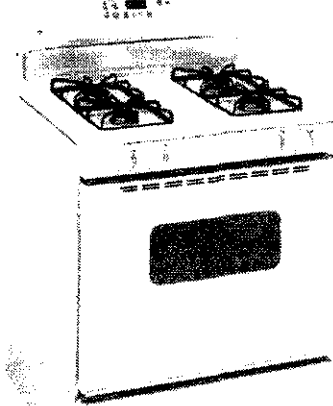
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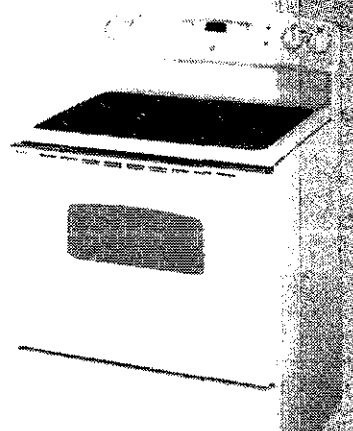
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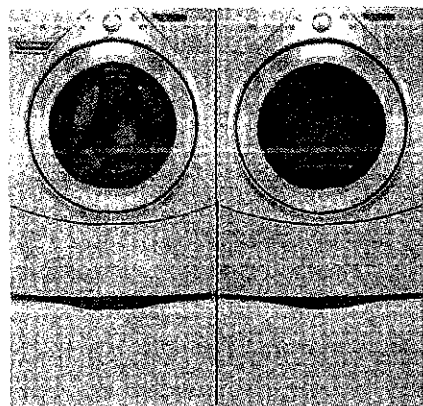
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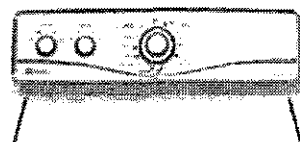


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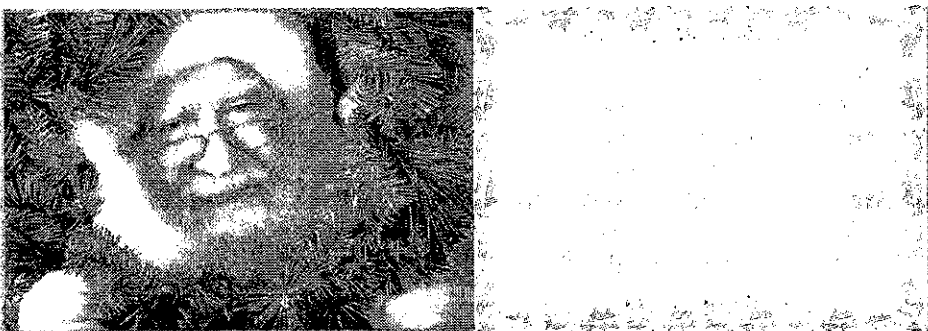
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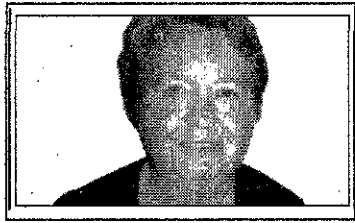






I SAY By Kathy Ryan

# Winter bore brings out dreaded blues



I hate winter. OK, OK, I know what you're thinking. Yeah, yeah, we all hate winter come March, when spring is not springing on schedule. No, I really hate winter, starting right now.

I hate winter to the inner core of my being, which is just about where the cold settles in on those frigid January mornings, and is probably why I can never warm up between December and the first of May. It probably doesn't help that I will, on that rare day in February when the sun actually shines, put the top down on my convertible just to have a fleeting reminder of what summer is all about.

And for those of you who drive past me and laugh, little do

you know that I have heated seats. And the heater is going full blast. And I have on long underwear. So there!!

I have yet to find one redeeming quality in winter. It's cold, it's sloppy, it's dark, it disrupts lives and has the ability to shut down some of the most necessary of services like schools, for days.

Winter simply requires too much thought. What am I going to wear? How many layers? Will I need boots? Where's the snow brush for the car? Where's the car? Where's the snow shovel? Where's the dog? Where's the salt? How come my gloves never match? Shall we plan something for Saturday night, or is the weatherman serious about the foot of snow headed this way?

All summer requires is a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and some flip-flops. Winter requires a staff, not to mention socks, preferably a matched pair.

Did you ever hear of anyone storing up food for summer? Gin maybe, but food? Of

course not!

And speaking of clothes, let me digress for a moment. Ok, is there anyone out there sporting opposable thumbs who doesn't know that when it's cold outside, it's best to put on warm clothes? Do we really need to be told that repeatedly by television announcers?

How many mothers have actually stood by the back door and said, "I know it's Feb. 5th, sweetie, and I was going to let you wear your bathing suit and Crocs to school, but thankfully I heard on the morning news that I should dress you in layers to ward off frostbite in the 22 below windchill outside."

"Phew, got to me just in time!! Those television people saved your little nose from freezing right off your face!!"

I'm thinking that if you're bright enough to know how to open a door, you're bright enough to put on a jacket without being told, when upon opening said door, you discover that it's cold. And anyone who chooses not to dress ap-

propriately is probably in high school and can't be told anything anyway.

And please, no more reports on frost bite. If the hysteria is true and "exposed flesh" can turn black and fall off in mere seconds, how is it that those high school girls running around in outfits exposing far more flesh than their grandmothers' would approve, aren't losing limbs and digits at record rates?

When was the last time you saw a high school kid wearing a hat?

I mean a warm hat, one that would ward off frostbite. Have you noticed there's no hat and no frostbite, and that both of their exposed ears still match?

Ok, back to winter. Dare I bring up heating bills? That will get you feeling warm all over, as well as sobbing over your wallet. I live in an 85-year-old house. Our heating bills in January and February rival the GNP of a small Third World country. We've had drafts so strong that we had to tether

small animals and crawling babies for fear they will be blown half way across the dining room.

We never did find that airborne gerbil we lost back in the winter of '93.

Winter loathers face their biggest challenge right about now, just as winter is getting started.

We have to convince the terminally cheery among family and friends that snow, honestly and sincerely, is not needed to make Dec. 25 Christmas. It's Christmas whether the window panes are frosted, or in the case of my house, frozen over, or warm water laps at suntanned toes.

Where others see family and loved ones coming over the river and through the woods amid dancing snowflakes and pine trees dressed in a coat of white, I see slush, extra doormats and puddles of dirty snow melting off the boots of my guests onto my freshly cleaned carpet.

Hello, snow lovers!! It's Christmas in Cancun, too!!!

You don't hear them crying about the lack of snow, do you? So stop already!!!

I have lived in Michigan all my life. I know Michigan is touted as the winter wonderland state and I have tried to make peace with it. The sledding hill at Patterson Park is lovely and the skating rink is nice, well, if you're a penguin.

I have skied, my children and grandchildren ski. In a true case of loving the sinner but hating the sin, I really like the people at the local ski shop, and I grudgingly admire the way they try to make the best of a really bad situation, namely winter.

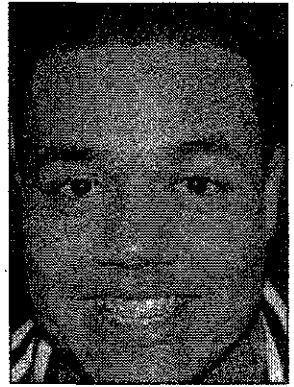
But I would like them so much better if they sold bathing suits and pool noodles instead.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to watch "A Summer Place" and think warm thoughts, while sipping some of that gin I stored up last summer while I plan my Memorial Day, 2008 barbecue. Hurry summer!!

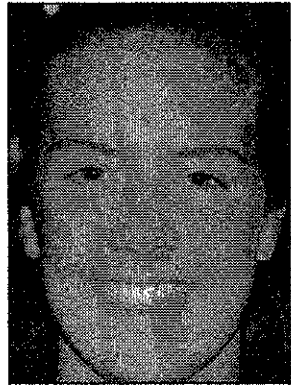
STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

## In the spirit of the holiday, for what are you thankful?

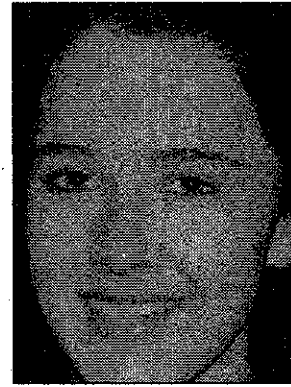
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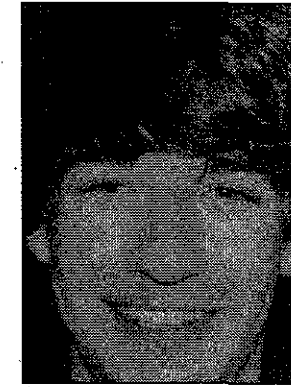
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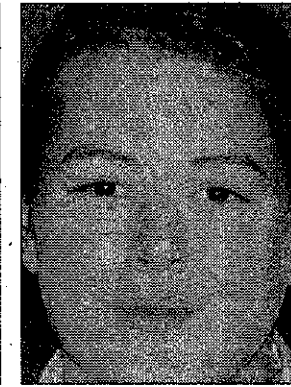
'Friends and family.'  
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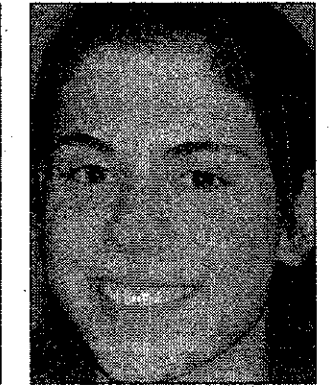
'I am thankful there's a holiday completely centered on food.'  
CHARLOTTE BERSCHBACK  
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'My family, friends and my life in general.'  
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Grosse Pointe Park



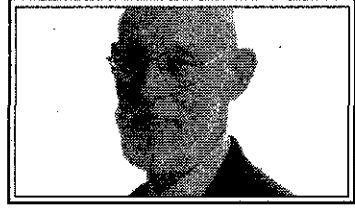
'I am thankful for the long holiday weekend.'  
ERIKA KAY  
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am thankful for my friends, who study with me at Caribou.'  
MEGAN SAX  
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns

# Peace Corps: life-changing experience



The Peace Corps was borne in the Kennedy years, an era of hope; hope that we could improve the world, one volunteer at a time.

So far 187,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries. Today, there are 7,749 volunteers or trainees at work in 73 countries, most of them (59 percent) are women.

So if you need something to be thankful for in this Thanksgiving, think good thoughts about the 310 Michigan men and women currently serving in foreign lands.

Two, of the seven percent of Peace Corps volunteers who are married, are Jason and Rebecca Hill, both 28, who will be in the Dodoma region of Tanzania.

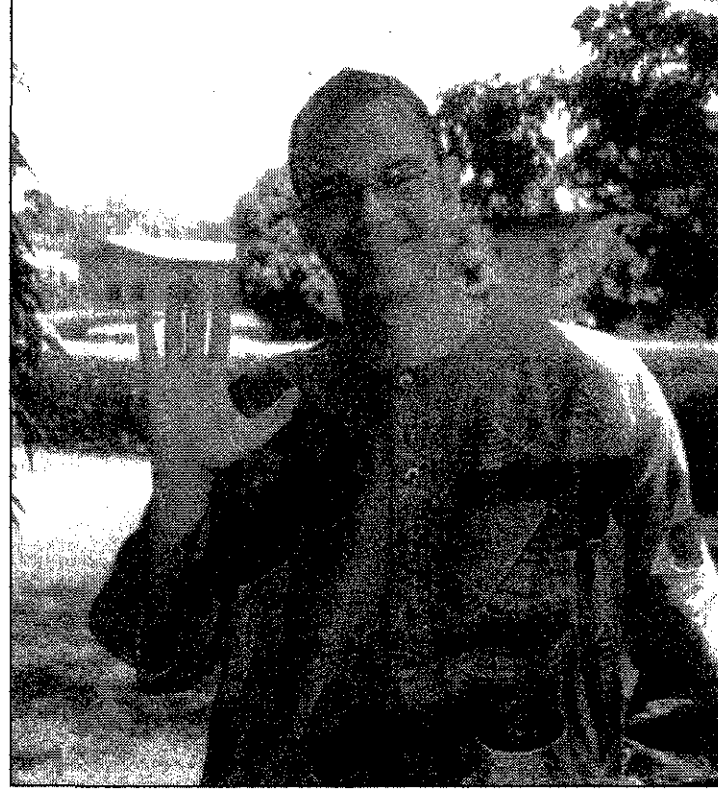
They work in an area that includes 10 villages and walk or bike from village to village or the main town about 30 miles away, I'm told.

Jason is a South and Michigan Tech grad and Rebecca attended North Carolina State.

Another volunteer is Ben Fouty, the son of Grosse Pointe News Features Editor Ann L. Fouty. The 24-year-old Michigan State University graduate is a business advising volunteer in Benin in northwestern Africa.

Both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan rank in the top 20 schools for the number of alumni, who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps.

Some of Ben's projects in



Ben Fouty, above, joined the Peace Corps, and is one of 187,000 volunteers who span the globe helping those less fortunate.

Benin include working on a literacy program; helping school masters set up such programs; using his civil engineering experience to supervise the restoration of an earthen irrigation dam, that involves teaching the Beninese to cast concrete; setting up savings and loan programs for women; and building a library at a local high school.

The Hills' projects in Tanzania include: introducing villagers to modern bee keeping methods and helping set up a cooperative; assisting with the planting of household gardens to diversify diets; collecting rainwater to help during the dry season; teaching the facts about HIV/AIDS; and using music, singing and theater to teach.

"We take for granted all the information that's available to us in the U.S.," Jason said.

"Here there is a lot of misinformation and speculation, so we're trying to find an interesting way to educate people on the facts. These young adults are very enthusiastic and will help deliver the messages across several villages."

What do the volunteers get out of it?

"The exchange of culture and ideas is the most important, which happens through the projects," Jason said.

"Simply the goodwill of being here and being polite and a friend is where some of the greatest change occurs."

Rebecca agrees that small things such as daily interaction with friends and the village children has taught her the most.

Jason recently finished installing a system in a villager's home so the owner can start a cell phone charging business. People currently have to travel

30 miles to have their phones charged, he said.

"It's these kinds of ideas that we hope will catch on in the community and inspire other innovations," Jason said. "And it's this kind of assistance that builds incremental goodwill in the community."

"We joined the Peace Corps because we wanted to travel, live overseas and contribute," Rebecca said. "Originally we thought two years was a long time, but you really do need two years to make a substantial difference. Plus, the Peace Corps takes care of you with living stipends, health benefits and a great support system."

Ben Fouty tells a similar story and says volunteers help each other adjust to cultural changes. The volunteers who really succeed are able to improvise quickly, and are OK with always being different, he said.

"One really has to be sure they are coming for the right reasons, partly to save Africa, but more so to go off and do some fun work in a different place. You won't save the world, but you get the chance to try, which is a great thing to do," he said.

"One is always a foreigner here, and the Beninese never let you forget that, but it still is a load of fun and the best job on Earth."

The Hills are scheduled to end their tour in the summer of 2008, and Fouty is slated to be in Benin until September next year.

Peace Corps volunteers have proven to be particularly successful when they return to life in the U.S. The alumni include company CEOs, U.S. senators and representatives, journalists, authors and company founders.

Contact the Peace Corps at 800-424-8580 or visit peacecorps.gov.

### Golden Parade

Watch for a passel of golden retrievers and their owners in Friday's Grosse Pointe Santa parade. For the ninth year, Ro Arabia is organizing the happy family pets and their owners. Owners have to preregister with Ro at (313) 885-3647 and be on site with their pet and a pooper scooper by 9 a.m.

### Belated

I have been remiss in not noting the death of the Bouvier-bearded collie, Sandie, aka "Thunderfoot," this past summer.

Sandie, a Michigan anti-cruelty dog, was adopted after Margherita J. Wiszowaty of St. Clair Shores saw the 70 lb. animal on Channel 2.

Sandie made the front page of this newspaper walking in the Pooch Prance in September 1997. She also visited folks at the Georgian East Heartland Senior facility in the Woods and St. Joan of Arc School in St. Clair Shores.

"She touched the lives of so many in a six to 10 mile radius; it's amazing," Wiszowaty reported.

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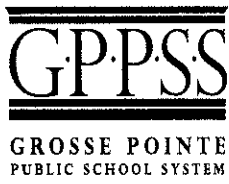
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## Holiday Family Traditions Essay Contest Winners Look for these Contest Winners in the Santa Claus Parade

### Defer Elementary



**ISSAC MATTHEWS**  
Grade 4  
Principal - Mr. Wardie  
Teacher - Mr. Backman

**Our Christmas Dinner**  
"Once the house is all cleaned up, we focus on what we are going to do during the dinner. The part I am focused on is helping to make the turkey. I will play the piano in front of my family too. They always clap!"

**MICHAEL GRADY**  
Age 8 - Grade 3  
Principal - Mr. Wardie Teacher - Mrs. Gout

**Going to Grandma's Cottage**  
"Our Christmas tradition is something not everybody does. It is unusual because we go to a lake cottage in Indiana. We go to visit my grandmother, who lives there alone. By the week of Christmas Eve, I have many gifts on my mind. I put them on a list that my Dad emails to St. Nick in the North Pole, asking him to visit me at the lake, instead of in Michigan."



### Trombley Elementary

**EMILY PICCIONE**  
Age 10 - Grade 5  
Principal - Mr. Fitzpatrick Teacher - Ms. Lengal

**Our Christmas Eve**  
"On Christmas Eve, we go to the Children's Mass at St. Ambrose. One year I was Mary and my doll, Paula, was Jesus. We usually have a pizza dinner. Then we make a fire and each opens one present. My cats and dog all snuggle together in front of the fire. Next we vote on a movie and most of the time it is: "It's a Wonderful Life."



### Maire Elementary

**DIVYA MEDA**  
Age 8 - Grade 3  
Principal - Mrs. Satut Teacher - Mrs. Easlick

**Diwali—Festival of Lights**  
"Diwali comes in November and is celebrated for five days as a symbol of victory over evil. Everybody prays to God, buys jewelry, new clothes, crackers and everyone prepares so many sweets and lots of food items...everyone invites their relatives and friends for a party in the night to have the delicious feast."



### Monteith Elementary

**ERINNE LUBIENSKI**  
Age 8 - Grade 3  
Principal - Mr. Howell Teacher - Mrs. Smith

**The Lubienski Sing-Along**  
"Every year since my Dad was little my Aunt Andrea has invited the family over for a Christmas Sing-Along. It is a great time when all my cousins are there...my Aunt Andrea plays the piano. She plays lots and lots of songs. Everybody shouts their requests. I always request 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!'"

**CAROLINE WEAVER**  
Age 7 - Grade 2  
Principal - Mr. Howell Teacher - Mrs. Reinhard, Mrs. Liagre

**My Family Christmas Traditions**  
"On Christmas Eve my family goes to church, we write our Christmas lists and we hang our stockings. On Christmas morning my brother, sister and I have to wait by the stairs before we open presents because my mom wants to get us on tape. We always sing Happy Birthday to Jesus on Christmas morning and eat cake!"

### Richard Elementary



**MOLLY PADDOCK**  
Age 10 - Grade 5  
Principal - Mrs. MacDonald-Barrett Teacher - Mr. Havern

**A Trip to Grandma's House**  
"Grandma lives in Metamora where there are lots of trees and hills. When we blow into her house, the girls drink some tea while the men are cutting down the Christmas tree. After we are finished with tea, we hurry on over to a hayride. We are delighted to meet up with our cousins to get some hot chocolate. Afterwards, we snuggle around the fire and sing Christmas songs."

### Ferry Elementary



**PADDY SCHMITZ**  
Age 7 - Grade 2/3 Magnet Program  
Principal - Mrs. Hinz Teacher - Ms. Guest

**Santa Claus Parade**  
"My name is Patrick and I was born in Germany and my twin brother and sister were born in England where there is no Thanksgiving. We saw our first Thanksgiving parade last year and really liked it—especially the dogs. Could I please bring the twins on the float too?"

**KUVIN SATYADEV**  
Age 6 - Grade 1  
Principal - Mrs. Hinz Teacher - Mrs. Gill

**Diwali**  
"My family and I celebrate Diwali in America. It is an Indian festival. We light a lot of lamps in our home. It is celebrated on the day the good king Rama comes home with his wife Sita after defeating the evil king Ravanna. We exchange candies. In my home we take a bath and wear new clothes. We burst fire crackers in the front or back yard. This is the most fun part of Diwali."

**ANDREA SCAPINI**  
Age 10 - Grade 5  
Principal - Mrs. Hinz Teacher - Ms. Bramos

**Christmas with My Family**  
"Every Christmas I look forward to special traditions with my Dad. Starting Thanksgiving Weekend until Christmas Day, my Dad and I read holiday books and watch Christmas movies one after another. Our favorite tradition is to snuggle up with our blankets in front of a fire to read, How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. My Dad has memorized most of the book!"

### Poupard Elementary



**RACHEL MALINOWSKI**  
Age 7 - Grade 2  
Principal - Mrs. Stocks Teacher - Mrs. Konczal

**Christmas Day**  
"My family celebrates Christmas because we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Christmas morning we wake up. We open our gifts. Then my aunts and uncles and my grandparents come over and mom and papa make breakfast. We eat and then open gifts from each other. Then later the other half of our family comes over for dinner. I love Christmas because I get to spend time with my whole family."

**KAMERON FEKETE**  
Age 10 - Grade 5  
Principal - Mrs. Stocks Teacher - Mrs. Tawile

**My Family Tradition**  
"A tradition that my family does every year at Christmas is getting the traditional Blue Spruce Christmas tree. There are many different varieties of trees neatly arranged in rows, which make our fun time easy, due to the maze like lot. First, we play tag, weaving in between the trees, with a couple of yells from Mom and Dad to be careful. Then as we start getting tired, we play hide-and-seek. After the long awaited word from Mom and Dad, "What do you think of this tree?" we know our fun will soon be ending."

## CHALLENGE: Letters to my grandchildren

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### No limits?

However, it was the success of the space program — and the visions of a new era of plenty it promised — that made faith in technology virtually a new theology. Super-optimism reached a pinnacle in the summer of 1969, when our astronauts completed a round trip to the moon. President Richard M. Nixon set the tone when he characterized the landing as “the greatest week since the creation of the Earth.” His hyperbolic rhetoric (rebuked by Rev. Billy Graham) was followed by a virtual gusher of prophecies that a different planet had come into existence.

Wernher von Braun, Adolf Hitler’s wartime racketeer, by now an American hero, pontificated that the “conquest” of space was “the salvation of the human race.” A euphoric NASA executive exulted, “Today’s science fiction is tomorrow’s reality.”

Not to be overshadowed, other enthusiasts provided a road map of work in space that would lead to such projects as mining the moon, manipulating the Earth’s weather from space platforms, exporting polluting industries to asteroids, mounting shuttle trips to other planets, constructing colonies somewhere in outer space to serve as “backup stations” for Earth’s inhabitants, and discovering vast new sources of energy in the event that Earth’s fossil fuels were depleted.

Never before had experts described a future where resources would be available for unlimited growth. Buoyed by such forecasts, world leaders foresaw a future of ample resources for all humankind. U Thant, the Secretary General of the United Nations, called for a decade of global development. Taking his cue from futurists, who asserted that all limits to growth had been removed, he proclaimed, “It is no longer resources that limit decisions, it is the decisions that make the resources.”

The aura created by this rhetoric influenced the thinking of people around the world. In the United States, it fostered sky-is-the-limit expectations. It left a giddy impression that conservation of energy and other natural resources would not be necessary. It implanted in the minds of Americans the idea that technologists could craft solutions to seemingly insoluble problems. Indeed, some folks who called themselves “futurologists” offered assurances that if Earth’s fossil fuels were used up, “extra-terrestrial substitutes” could be imported from unspecified locations in outer space.

### A new perspective

Today, as the world comes to grips with the crucial issues posed by the depletion of the planet’s reserves of fossil fuels, it is vital to put technology into perspective. Technology is a sword with two sharp edges. It has the potential to be the salvation of the human race, as scientists, engineers and the design professions craft thousands of large and small machines and inventions to conserve energy.

But technologists have also produced machines and devices that encourage people to squander energy. The British scientist C.P. Snow put this dilemma in focus when he wrote, “Technology... is a queer thing. It brings you great gifts with one hand, and it stabs you in the back with the other.”

The experts agree that teams of scientists and engineers can design coal-burning electric power plants that do not emit carbon. The world’s automakers are already producing fuel-efficient cars which could mean big reductions in demands for petroleum.

There must be a profound change in attitudes and expectations for such strategies to be adopted. The ever-rising bill for imported oil is putting the dollar in peril and undermining the source of our economic strength. The one-auto-one-person culture is now an

Achilles’ heel in our economy. Your generation must abandon the illusion that cheap energy is an American birthright.

Promoters of nuclear electricity are touting it as the answer to the global warming impasse. The nuclear option also has a shining side and a dark side. The bright side is the reality that it is carbon-neutral and emits no particulate pollution. The dark side has two facets. The first relates to the safe storage of dangerous radiation by-products that have a half-life of 10,000 years. Despite repeated assurances, this problem has not been resolved.

The second issue, linked to the rise of international terrorism, concerns well-founded worries that this is a bad time to expand a technology that could — think Iran, think North Korea — fall into the wrong hands. Diplomats and anti-proliferation experts are asking,

“Wouldn’t it be wise to postpone proliferation until the current wave of violence subsides?”

Stewart Udall celebrated his 87th birthday in February. He is one of America’s environmental pioneers. The former congressman served as Secretary of the Interior in the Kennedy and Johnson cabinets and pushed for the Clean Air, Water Quality, and Clean Water Restoration Acts and Amendments, the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966, and other groundbreaking green laws. He also helped to establish four national parks, six national monuments, nine national recreation areas, 20 national historic sites, and nine national lakeshores and seashores, including two in Michigan — the Pictured Rocks and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshores.



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## Golden leaves

Some brilliant fall colors appeared late in the Pointes this year, giving a long wonderful eyeful before winter’s white appears.

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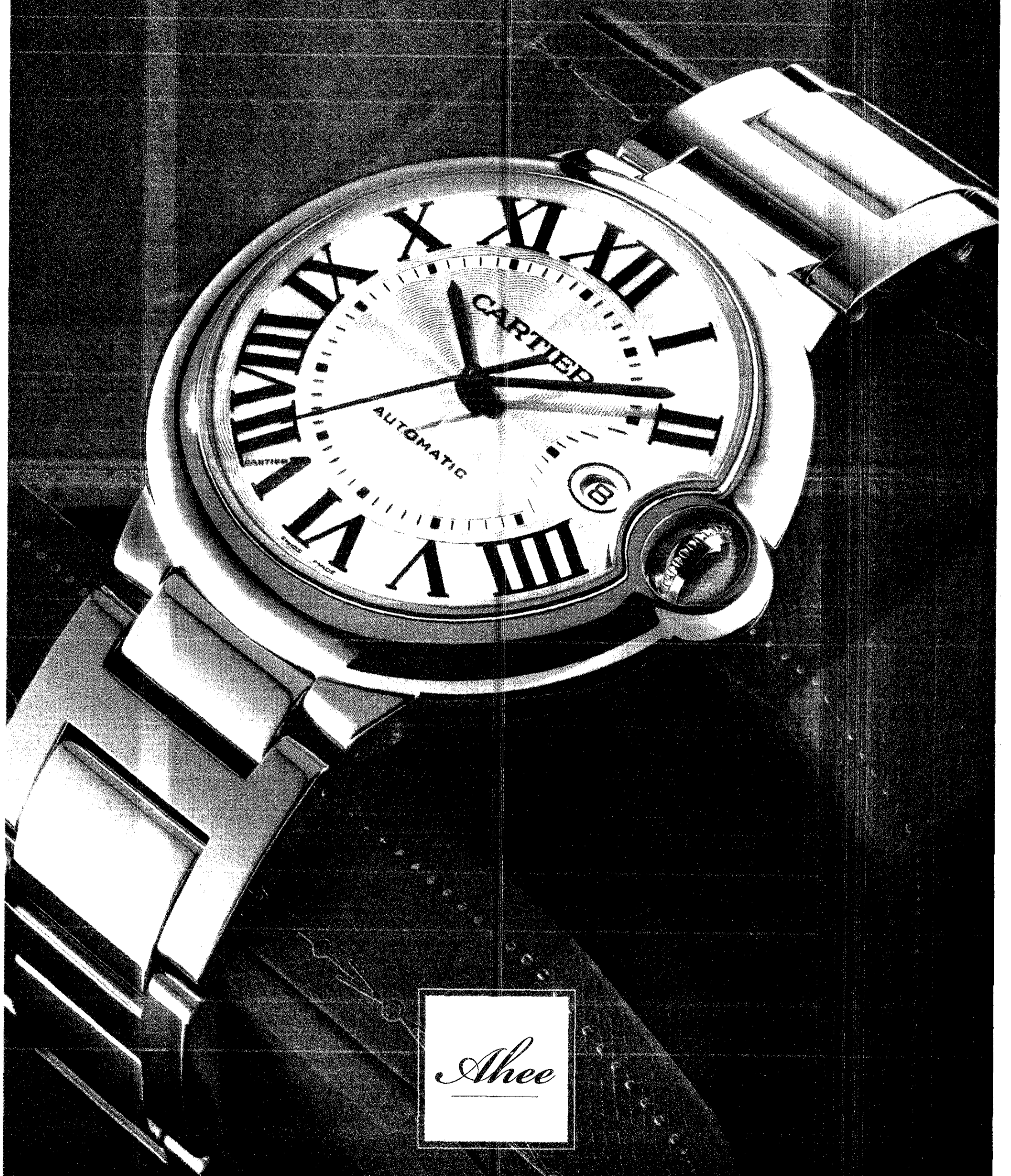
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GROSSE POINTE NORTH



## Making North proud

Grosse Pointe North alumni Kyle Serilla, Alex Weatherup and Matthew Romanelli, returned home to perform as members of the University of Michigan Glee Club that held a concert Friday, Nov. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Community Performing Arts Center. Pictured above from left is Romanelli, Serilla, Mandy Scott, Jed Scott and Weatherup.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## School offering new scholarships

University Liggett School is offering a new scholarship open to eighth-graders throughout the region.

Called the Liggett Scholarship, five full scholarships for \$20,000 and five half-tuition scholarships for \$10,000 are being offered.

"We are noticed in the Grosse Pointes, but not widely in the region," said ULS Head of School Joe Healey. "We need to be a presence to families across this region, and let them know we're looking for the brightest and best."

"This scholarship opportunity will allow a wider range of people to see ULS as a great institution to give their child or children a college preparatory education."

To receive the merit-based scholarship, eighth-graders must qualify by taking a test to be scheduled for a Saturday and Sunday during the latter part of January.

Candidates must also submit an essay, have a teacher recommendation, and a list of their current grades.

After all the criteria is met and the student takes the test, the top 10 percent will be called back for an interview.

"We understand financing an independent school education is a major investment to fami-

lies," Healey said. "These scholarships can lessen that burden."

"We offer a full range of scholarships and half-scholarships to current students as well. We want to bring in new students, as well as keep our current ones."

During the past year, ULS' scholarship programs dished out \$1 million in financial help to families.

—Bob St. John

## Choir sings

The Grosse Pointe South choirs will sing holiday carols at a friend's or loved one's home in the Grosse Pointe Public School District, area nursing homes and hospitals between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14.

There is a minimum donation of \$10 (prepaid) per location and \$20 (prepaid) for nursing homes and hospitals.

For more information and holiday caroling order forms, visit the choir's Web site at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org), or call the Grosse Pointe South Performing Arts office at (313) 432-3638.

Orders are due by Dec. 8.

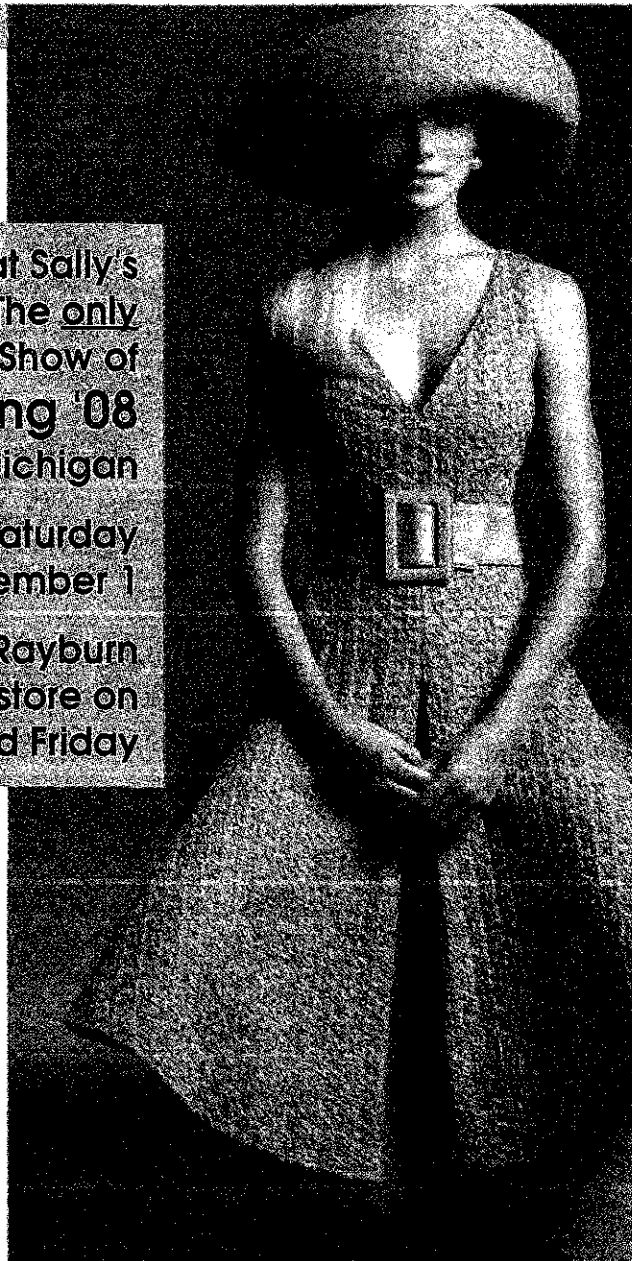
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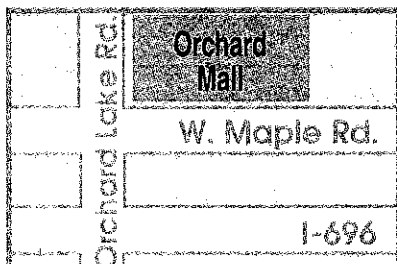
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Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Joe Healey attended a boarding school in Connecticut followed by undergraduate work in philosophy at Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana in Rome, and graduate work in theology, Semitic languages and literature at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Healey earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University in near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Hebrew and the Old Testament. Healey is an ordained Episcopal Priest whose "ministry" became education. He has a strong sense of what it takes to lead a great educational institution, having served as a dean at Hobart College in Geneva, New York, as Headmaster at Haverford School in Haverford, Pennsylvania, and most recently as Head of School at Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York City.

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BROWNELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Students and their families gather for the Thanksgiving dinner prepared entirely by Dona DeSantis-Reynolds' class.

# Students present delights

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Invitations were sent, dishes were prepared and students learned during Dona DeSantis-Reynolds' life-study class at Brownell Middle School.

Last week, her seventh- and eighth-graders invited parents and grandparents to eat a complete traditional Thanksgiving meal, prepared entirely by the students under DeSantis-Reynolds' tutelage.

"We do this every year before Thanksgiving, but this year we made it a complete meal, complete with all of the fixings we enjoy," DeSantis-Reynolds said. "This was something fun for all of us and now their parents and grandparents can enjoy the hard work of cooking all of this great food."

The menu included a turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, pumpkin pie, milk and apple cider.

Joining the celebration were Suzanne Klein, Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent, and Mark Wollenweber, Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator.

"Each class was assigned a specific duty, like preparing the mashed potatoes or sweet potatoes," DeSantis-Reynolds said.

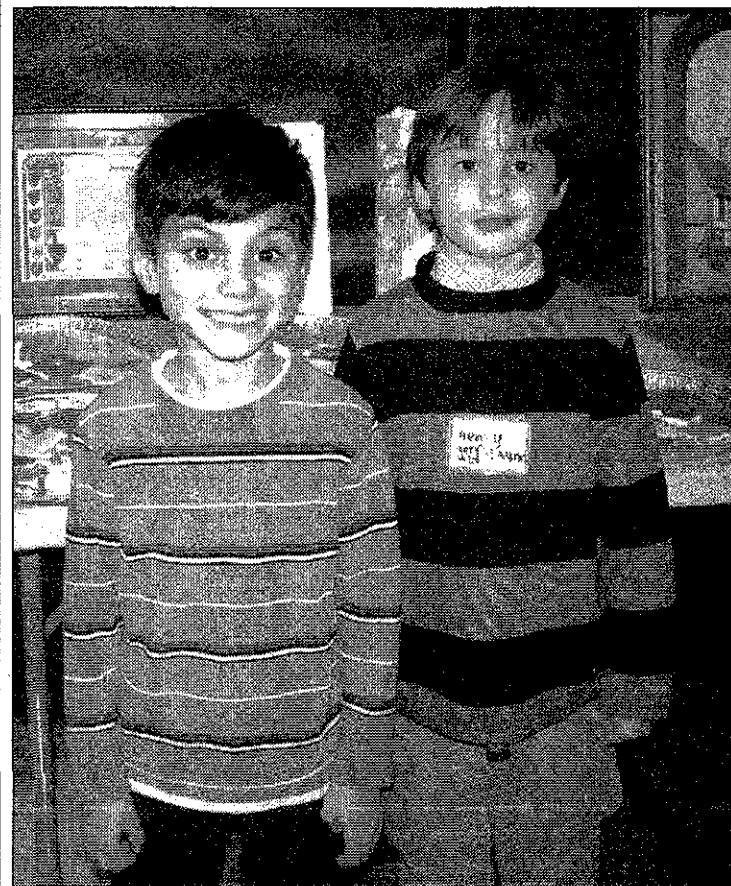
"I like doing this project because it involves all of the students and it takes a team effort to get it all done, so their parents and grandparents can enjoy the meal."

The students placed dinnerware and linens for approximately 60 guests. It was a full house.



Brownell students Jackie Haley, left, and Emily Vreede finish serving whipped cream for the pumpkin pie during their class project.

TROMBLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

Trombly Elementary School students Athan Papas, left, and Henry Ayrault have been working on the multi-cultural project since the beginning of October.

# Children learn about equality

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Students from Trombly Elementary School's multi-age class presented parents and grandparents with a potluck lunch last week.

Mary O'Meara and her students, who range from age 6 to 8 and grades first through third, had been planning the meal complete with dishes from cultures from around the globe, since the beginning of October.

"We're celebrating diversity," O'Meara said. "It makes us a stronger country, community and classroom."

Parents were encouraged to bring a dish common in their heritage, such as Ukrainian, Greek, Polish and German.

"We've talked about how this is similar to Thanksgiving,

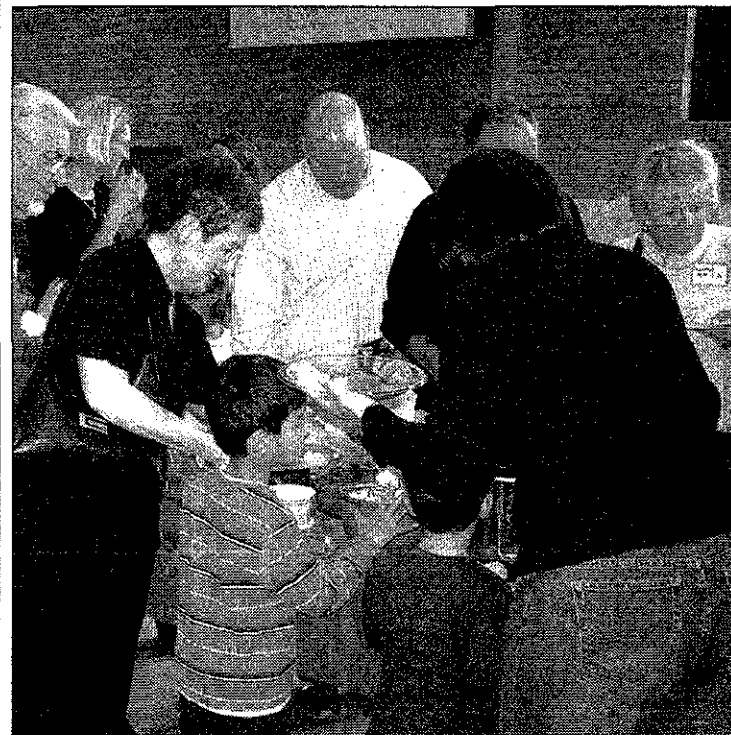
bringing families together to share a meal," O'Meara said. "The kids had a lot of fun putting this project together and everything came together nicely."

"This is really a neat idea," said Rebecca Papas, whose son, Athan, is in the first grade. "This brings all of us together, and teaches our children that everyone is equal, no matter what background they're from."

"This unit teaches respect of others, and that it is OK to be different," said Lisa Ayrault, who also has a son in O'Meara's first-grade.

The students liked it, too. "I liked the family project because it was fun," Athan Papas said.

Each student also constructed a collage that highlighted their cultural background.



Trombly parent Terry Ayrault, center, and other parents and grandparents fill plates of foods from cultures around the globe.

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## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

## Foundation helps programs

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Students throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School System once again benefited from the generosity of a few.

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education donated more than \$3,800 to Grosse Pointe North High School and Poupard Elementary school.

The foundation's donation of \$3,500 went to support North's Challenge Day program and \$318 went to purchase additional materials for Poupard's writer's workshop.

The board of education unanimously approved the donation during Monday night's meeting.

"I had the privilege to speak with a North teacher and they said the challenge program was described as 'powerful,'" said Alice Kosinski, board of education vice-president.

"We are pleased again to be supportive of the wonderful programs here at the Grosse Pointe Public School System," said Lorna Utley, foundation president.

The foundation has donated \$150,000 to the public school System since its inception.

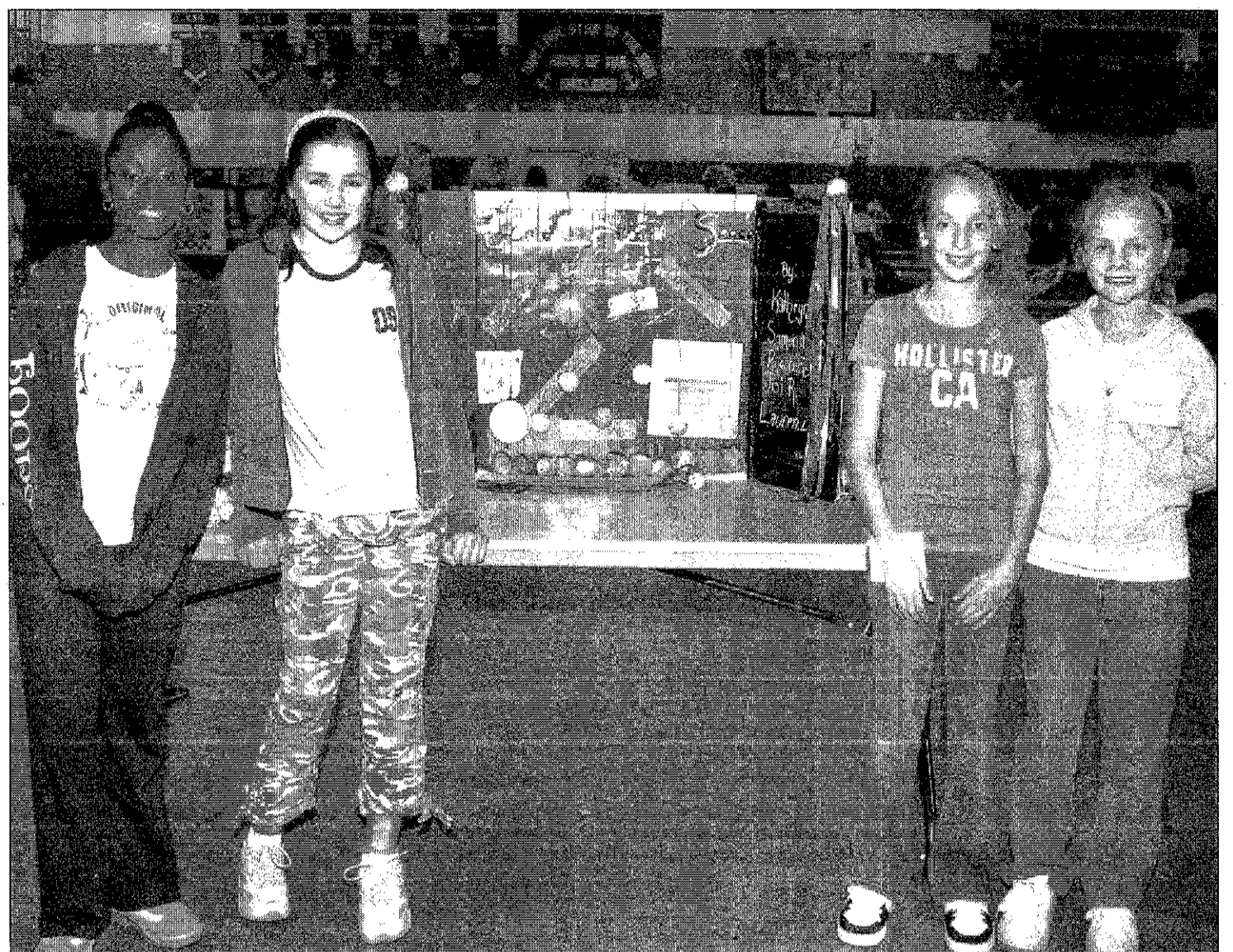


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## MAIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Playground gets name change

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

The Maire Elementary School playground is now the Karl Pfaehler Playground.

Grosse Pointe Board of Education members approved the change at their Nov. 12 meeting.

Pfaehler was an engineer at Maire at the time of his death last year.

"I have been a Maire mom for 10 years and I did lunch duty for eight years," said board member Angela Kennedy. "Every day Mr. Pfaehler would say, 'thank you Mrs. Kennedy.'"

Board of education members signed a resolution stating Pfaehler served the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 26 years and touched countless lives in many ways at Maire and throughout the district.

He supervised the safety patrol and after-school wood-working classes for students. He also gave his own time to support the Maire holiday craft workshop and other special events, the resolution said.

Maire Principal Kathleen Satut, members of the PTO

and other supporters generated interest in having the board of education change the name of the playground to honor Pfaehler.

## Science is No. 1

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at Our Lady Star of the Sea created science projects for the school's annual Science Flight Night. Some of the students involved were from left, Joi Reddick, Lauren Lorincz, Samantha Schervish and Kathryn Lechner.

## G. P. S. S.

## New math books on the way?

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

New math books could be on the horizon.

Susan Allan, assistant superintendent of curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology, presented the idea to Grosse Pointe Board of Education members at their Nov. 12 meeting.

The text, Glencoe Pre-Algebra, offers a wide selection of problems at various levels to engage all learners, Allan said.

It provides opportunities for students to think critically and express their thoughts in writing.

The cost would be \$12,843, which would have to be approved by the board during the next meeting.

Allan provided board members with background information. She said that changes in the state curriculum have required substantial review of the mathematics courses and curriculum.

Back in 2007, the board approved the new curricula for middle school and grade 9 courses.

Allan also said high school Pre-Algebra is a remedial course that addresses the same curriculum objectives as the regular middle school eighth-grade course.

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## Village newcomer

Ann Taylor Loft is the newest business to call the Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe home. Located at 17014 Kercheval, the store officially opened for business Nov. 6. On Monday, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and city officials welcomed the store to the business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, Jenny Boettcher, chamber director of member services; John Stempfle, city councilman; Don Parthum Jr., city councilman; Christopher Warnack, store manager; Sue Rotta, district manager; Dale Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe mayor; Kris Pfahler, city councilman; John Stevens, city councilman; Pete Dame, City of Grosse Pointe city manager; and Pat Milne, chamber director of event planning. Ann Taylor Loft's phone number is (313) 640-5581.

## PEOPLE

**JOHN PATRICK O'LEARY**, an attorney with Blake, Kirchner, Symonds, Larson, Kennedy, Smith, has been listed in the Woodward/White publication "Best Lawyers in America." It marks the 16th consecutive year that O'Leary has been so named. He was listed in his specialty, medical malpractice defense. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. He has served as a commissioner in the State Bar of Michigan and is a past president of the Detroit Bar Association. O'Leary is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and is a diplomate of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**CHRISTINE Z. DICKINSON, M.D.**, a specialist in nuclear medicine and nuclear cardiology, has been named medical director of Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Department. Dickinson received her medical training at the University of Utah School of Medicine. She completed residencies in internal medicine and nuclear medicine at Vanderbilt University Hospital. In addition, she completed fellowships in nuclear cardiology at Vanderbilt University Hospital and in cardiovascular medicine at the University of California, Davis. She is board certified in internal medicine and nuclear medicine. She is also certified in cardiac CT angiography. Dickinson was previously director of nuclear cardiology at William Beaumont Hospital, where she practiced for the past 15 years. She practices at General Radiology Associates in Mount Clemens. Dickinson is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**J. ANDREW RENTZEL** was appointed business relationship manager of the new Peoples State Bank's Grosse Pointe Woods office on Mack. The announcement was made by Michael J. Tierney, president and CEO. Previously, Rentzel was vice president, business banker at J.P. Morgan Chase. He has more than 10 years experience with business development and sales training. He will be responsible for the profitability of the branch through the development of business relationships with current and new customers. Rentzel is a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

**LAURA S. COVINTREE** has been promoted to chief development officer of Lighthouse of Oakland County. Covintree, previously the senior development officer of Lighthouse, leads a team to raise funds to underwrite many programs Lighthouse provides to the community. In addition, she manages volunteers, in-kind giving, database, special events, public relations, community outreach,

grants, major giving, and corporate and individual giving. Prior to joining Lighthouse, Covintree held management positions in fundraising and development departments at St. Joseph's Healthcare, The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center and the National Conference for Community and Justice. Covintree, a graduate from Adrian College, holds an accreditation for Certified Fund Raising Executive and is a board member of the Clarkston Community Historical Society. Covintree resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

**AMY M. JOHNSTON**, a principal in the Troy office of Miller Canfield, has been inducted as a fellow into the Litigation Counsel of America. In addition, she has been named co-chair of the State of Michigan Delegation of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. At Miller Canfield, Johnston's practice includes petroleum marketing litigation, franchise litigation, product litigation and torts, corporate discovery management, and product safety. She is an experienced lead trial lawyer in complex commercial, franchise, product liability, and business and personal injury matters primarily for corporate defendants. She is named in "Michigan Super Lawyers," ranked among the top 5 percent of lawyers in Michigan and is listed in Marquis Who's Who of Emerging Leaders 2007. She serves as Master of the Bench of the American Inns of Court, and is president and serves on the board of directors of the Catholic Lawyers' Society. Johnston is also a member of the Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Ohio Bar Association, and the Association of Defense Trial Counsel. She received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Detroit School of Law, and holds a B.G.S. from the University of Michigan. She resides in Grosse Pointe Woods.

**JOHN R. AXE**, an attorney and president of the law firm Axe & Ecklund, was named the 13th Michigan Congressional District Chair by the Rudy Giuliani presidential committee. He also headed the group, Citizens for Michigan, which sought to make changes to the state's constitution. Axe is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

**ELIZABETH D. MACMILLAN** was recognized as a chartered property and casualty underwriter at the CPCU Society's Greater Detroit Chapter meeting held Nov. 8 at Oakland Hills Country Club. She is an insurance agent at Donald K. Pierce & Company on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe. MacMillan is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

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# 2nd annual business expo



Dan Aitken, above, represented Aitken-Ormond, Shores and Neesley Insurance.



Jeri Unger, left, and Sharon McMillan of Grosse Pointe's own The Little Blue Book.



Lori Maue, representative of the City of Grosse Pointe's Cavanaugh's Office Supply and Stationery Store.

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## Business success stories

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's second annual business expo was bigger and better than its inaugural effort.

"We are very fortunate to have the outstanding chamber members participate in the expo," said Mary Huebner, chamber president. "It is because of them this event is so successful."

"This expo is a good example of the variety of members we work with, and the strength of our business community," said Jenny Boettcher, chamber director of member services.

"The expo vendor spots sold out in one week," said Pat Milne, chamber director of event planning.

"We could have added another 20 vendors if space allowed."

"We received inquiries from as far as Grand Rapids asking for more information about the event."

Big Boy Restaurants International CEO Tony Michaels gave a rousing speech during the event, talking about how Grosse Pointe News publisher Bob Liggett helped rescue the long-standing company from bankruptcy.

"Bob took the time to listen," Michaels said. "So many jobs were saved and the brand name was saved."

Michaels said times were tough for Big Boy and higher ups in the company were bailing out.

He said he, too, thought about leaving, as he had a family to support.

"I called my father, a longtime Big Boy employee, to get his advice," Michaels said. "He told me it's not about me and the money, but it's about the people in the company and told me to stick with it."

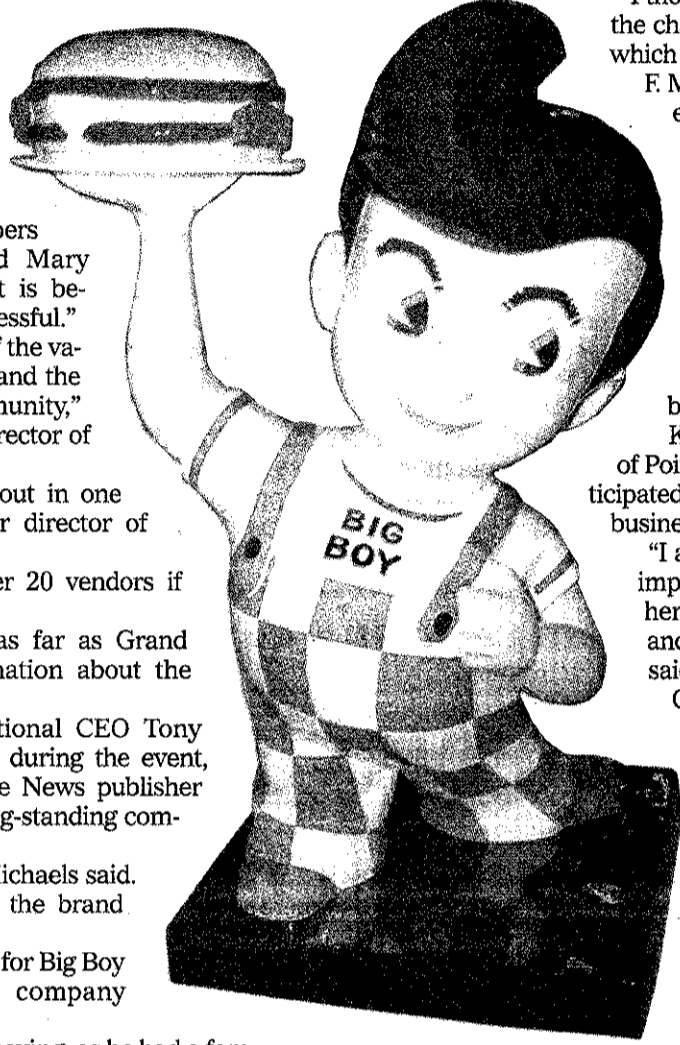
"I did" and the reward was great, when Bob bought the company. Big Boy is thriving once again, because we put the customer first whenever we make a decision."

Michaels said Big Boy is back as big as ever, touting a new slogan, "It's a Michigan thing."

The slogan spotlights the many year-round outdoor recreation destinations and activities available in the state.

"Tony Michaels is such a wonderful speaker," said Huebner. "I'm glad he could be our keynote speaker of our expo. He has a good story to tell."

Local businesses, many of whom participated for the first time, spoke highly of the expo.



"I thought it would be a good idea to join the chamber to support the community in which I grew up," said John Martin of John F. Martin Photography. "This is my first expo. I want to be more involved in the Pointes, and I thought this would be a great place to start."

"I talked to other exhibitors and got an idea how nice it is to be a part of the expo, because it gets your name out in the community," said Brendan J. Battersby of Home Instead Senior Care in Grosse Pointe Woods. "This has been a nice experience."

Ken Welch, Park resident and owner of Pointe Fitness and Training Center participated to increase public awareness of his business.

"I am a part of the community and it's important to let people know we're here, supporting the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities," Welch said.

Connie Bukowski, owner of Cavanaugh's Office Supply and Stationery Store, also said she enjoyed the event.

"This is our first expo and I can say it's a lot of hard work to set everything up, but it is well worth it, because this gives us a chance to mingle with the public and let everyone know who we are," said Bukowski.

Businesses and individuals who participated were Aitken Ormond, Shores and Neesley Insurance; AL-

COS Insurance; American Laser Centers; AT&T; Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe; Cavanaugh's Office Supply and Stationery Store; Chase Bank; Crest Volvo; Cruise Planners; Ed Lazar State Farm Insurance; Family Center; Flagstar Bank; Franklin Bank; Frontier 3 Advertising; Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society; Grosse Pointe Athletic Club; Grosse Pointe Florists; Grosse Pointe Geek; Grosse Pointe Historical Society; Home Instead Senior Care; H. T. Ewald Foundation; HomeCare Assistance of Michigan; Jane McFeely; John F. Martin Photography; Karm's Painting; Little Blue Book; Latcha Design Group; Moehring-Woods Flowers; Pointe Fitness and Training Center; Pointe Vision Care; Print Xpress; Rabbit Lane Chocolates; RS Business Services; State Sen. Martha Scott; Shakley-Sheehy; Services for Older Citizens; Smith Barney; Something Special Gifts; Sunrise Assisted Living; Wells Fargo Reverse Mortgage, and Your Personal Vault Self-Storage.



Above, Tony Michaels, Big Boy Restaurants International CEO, spoke about how Bob Liggett rescued the company from bankruptcy.



Rebecca Gieseke, left, and Christopher Hurd, represented Chase Bank.



Flagstar Bank was represented by, from left, Samantha Quilter, C. Scott Cressy, Dino Morelli, Jim Anderson and Patrick Berns.



Eric Turin, above, represented Frontier 3 Advertising, located in the City of Grosse Pointe.

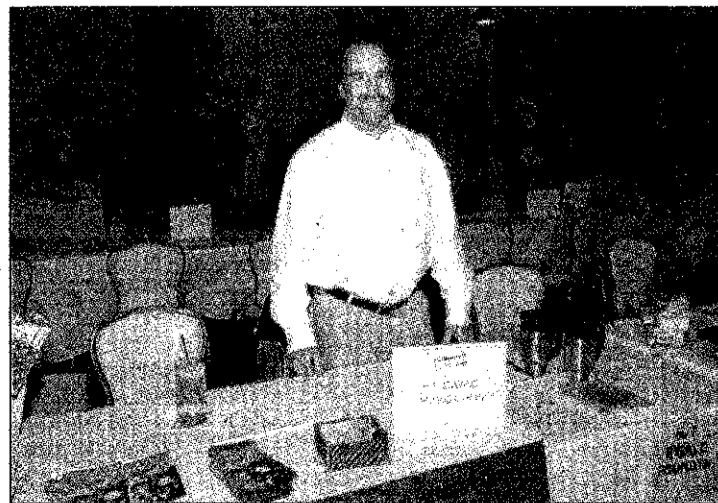


Judy Hart, above left, and Sandy Gillespie represented Something Special. Below, Ted Ewald represented the H.T. Ewald Foundation during the second annual Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce business expo.

Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Paul Sloan, above left, and Mike Skinner participated, as did Brendan J. Battersby, of Home Instead Senior Care, below.



Grosse Pointe Florists owner James Farquhar, right, and Pointe Fitness and Training Center owner Ken Welch, left, enjoyed the second annual business expo, as did Grosse Pointe Geek business owner Joe Bracken, below right, and Dan McDuffee.

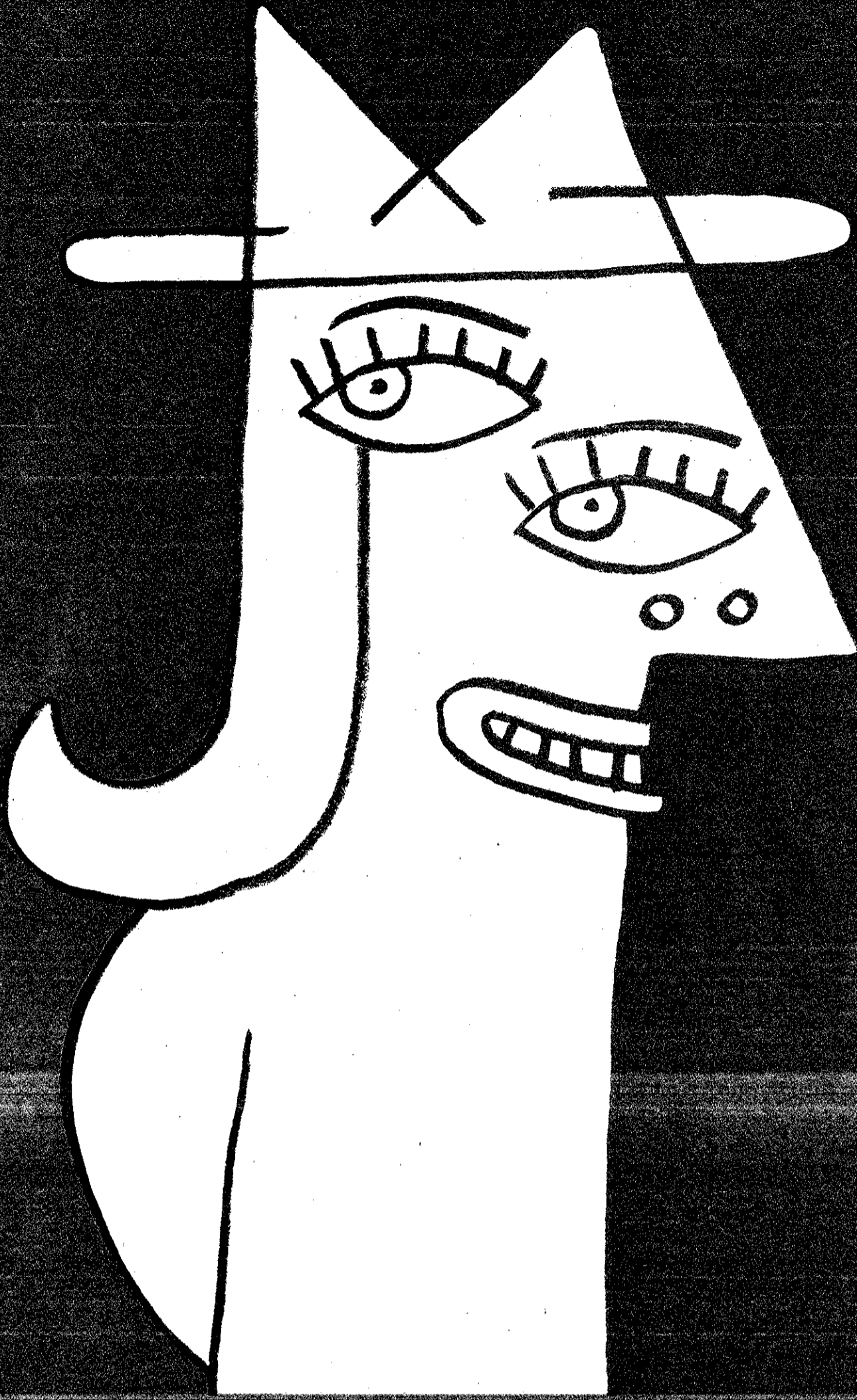


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**AUTOS** By Jenny King

The 2008 Scion xB is designed to be the affordable, fun hatchback Toyota customers are requesting. The Scion xD subcompact five-door hatchback replaces Toyota's xA.

## Scions make increased safety standard



**W**elcome to the Toyota 2008 Scion xD and xB. The former had its origin a few years back as the xA five-door subcompact.

Aerodynamic? Not especially. Head-turners? Usually. Though it looks much the same following its makeover, the xA has been rebadged the xD.

Toyota said it worked with several partners on the xD. Daihatsu Motor Co. handled the engineering and assembly of the upper body — the exterior, interior and electronics. Toyota Tokyo Design was responsible for the exterior styling. And ED2 Toyota Europe Design Development did the interior styling.

New framework for the front seats is designed to reduce body movement during cornering, braking and accelera-

tion and should help reduce driver and passenger fatigue.

The rear seat, with 60/40 split backs, offers three Isofix positions for attaching child safety seats. The rear seats have a 6-inch forward-backward range, expanding the usefulness of the rear cargo area. There is a storage tray under the cargo floor.

Under the hood is a new 1.8-liter four, which, with the standard five-speed manual transmission, is rated at 33 miles per gallon on the highway and 27 mpg in the city. A redesigned, lighter four-speed automatic is available and adds a slight boost to acceleration, Toyota said.

The new engine uses dual variable valve timing, which Toyota said is new for a compact engine and helps the small four develop 128 horsepower. The xA had a 1.5-liter, 103-horsepower four.

The xD has standard front side air bags and a side curtain shield. These were optional on the xA.

The xD is a fraction of an inch longer and wider than its predecessor and rides on standard 16-inch wheels, compared with 15-inchers on the

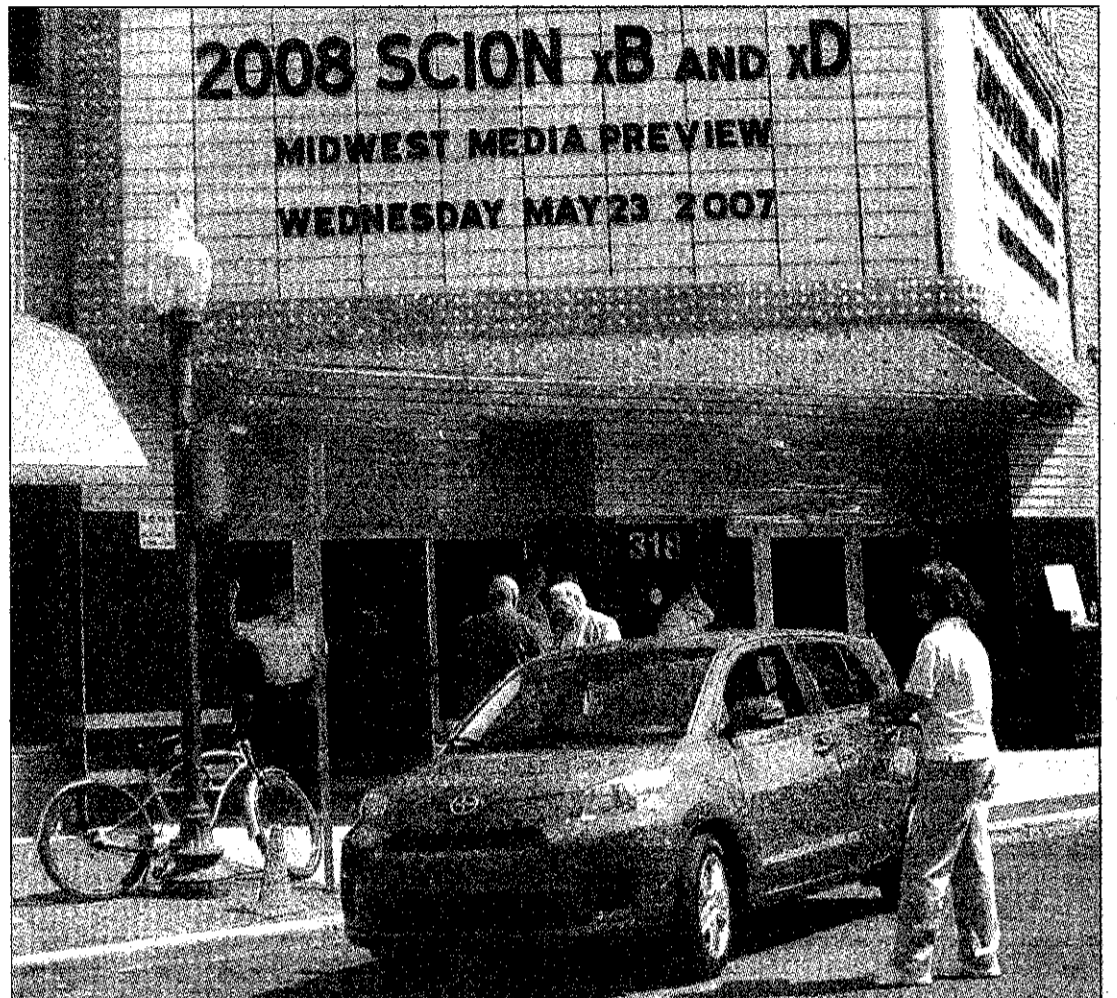
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The xD includes antilock braking and electronic brake-force distribution and brake assist. Traction control and vehicle stability control are a \$650 option.

Front headrests are "active." In the event of a rear end collision, the body is pressed backward. That force presses a lower unit at the base of the seat back which by a cable activates the upper unit of the head rest. The upper unit moves up and forward to keep the occupant's head from whipping backward.

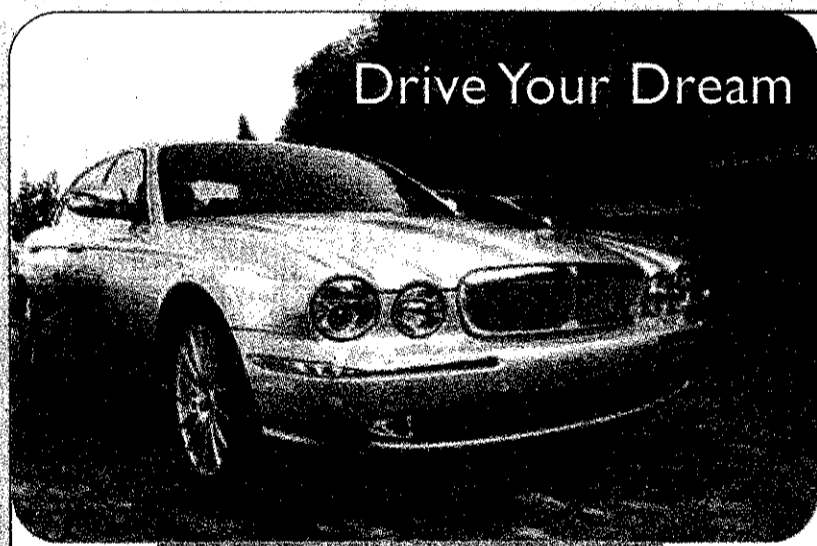
The price tag on the xD driven read \$15,350, to which some \$1,300 in options were added. A \$620 delivery and handling charge brought the total to \$17,244.

If you have some extra money to invest, Scion offers a wide range of accessories including wheels as large as 18 inches, premium audio systems, a navigation system which can play DVDs on the screen when the vehicle is in "park," illuminated scuff plates, special shift knobs and interior illumination accents.



The diminutive Scion xA has been rebadged the xD for 2008. It features some safety upgrades and a larger, more powerful engine. Check out the sculpted front fender areas with raised headlights.

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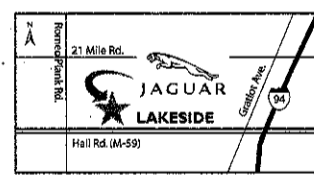
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

The 2007 Suzuki Grand Vitara is recognized as "Best Buy" by Consumer Guide. The five-passenger Grand Vitara has played a key role in Suzuki's record-setting sales of last year.

## '07 Grand Vitara 4wd XSport performs



This week, we're driving the 2007 Suzuki Grand Vitara XSport—base price: \$22,899; price as tested: \$22,899.

This year found minimal enhancements and upgrades, while its manufacturer enjoys accolades topped by a nomination for "North American Truck of the Year," voted on by independent auto journalists. Chevy's Silverado won.

The Japanese automaker's five-passenger SUV now features a tire-pressure monitoring system, and a trip computer that informs the driver of cumulative average fuel economy, and estimated miles before refueling.

Beyond that, Suzuki hasn't messed much with what is a popular model in the crowded and competitive compact SUV market.

The XSport Utility sits in the middle of three Vitara choices, as a base Sport Utility sits at the "entry level", while the Luxury Sport sits at the upper tier. Starting prices among the three models range from just under \$20,000 to just over \$25,000, and all three are available in two-wheel or four-wheel drive, and with manual or automatic transmissions.

Suzuki may still have more of a reputation for motorcycles than SUVs in America, but the Grand Vitara strikes us again in



2007 Grand Vitara 4wd XSport

2007 as one very sharp and sophisticated truck.

And its beauty is more than skin deep, as our test model came with a standard 2.7-liter, V6, 24-valve, double-overhead cam engine that delivers 185 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. This engine gives Grand Vitara a tow rating of 3,000 pounds, enough for a standard boat or trailer full of motorcycles.

However, fuel-mileage ratings not towing anything sits at 19 city and 23 highway, not bad for an SUV. Ford's similarly sized Escape, with a 2.3 liter four-cylinder engine, gets better ratings at 22 and 27 miles

per gallon.

We enjoyed a five-speed automatic transmission on our tester, which comes as standard equipment on the XSport as does the Four Mode full-time four-wheel-drive system with low range. Models equipped with Four Mode can be towed with all four wheels on the ground to reduce driveline wear and prevent non-driving miles from accumulating on the odometer.

For this, we give a "tip of the hat" to Suzuki for the benefit of the RV crowd. An Electronic Stability Program with Traction Control is standard equipment on the Grand

Vitara, another notable.

All three Grand Vitara models feature a new, lightweight, yet rigid unibody construction enhanced with a built-in ladder frame, that Suzuki says offers both refined on-road ride and rugged off-road performance. We agree, and note that this sizable vehicle had little roll while cornering.

With a carefully engineered control layout and close attention to materials, the fit, finish and layout of Grand Vitara's interior is functional and attractive.

Standard features include air conditioning, cruise, digital clock with outside temperature and adjustable center armrest, with internal storage.

Standard interior extras that the XSport package include a

CD/AM/FM/MP3/WMA/XM ready audio system with seven speakers, and a tilt steering wheel with stereo controls, SmartPass Keyless Entry and Start. Not placing the key in the ignition is a nice convenience, but where do you put your keys so you don't forget them when you exit the vehicle?

Other exterior features standard on the XSport include power heated mirrors, fog lamps, full spare tire cover, privacy glass, and roof rails. Always an attraction is Suzuki's seven-year, 100,000-mile transferable powertrain limited warranty plus 24/7/365 Roadside Assistance.

Other important numbers include 103.9-inch wheelbase, 7.9-inch ground clearance on the 4WD model, 17.4-gallon

fuel tank and 3,682-pound curb weight.

This is truly a great vehicle for the price. Its elegant exterior and interior belie the fact that it has a solid four-wheel drive package allowing you to rough it up when necessary. That said, we give the Grand Vitara an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

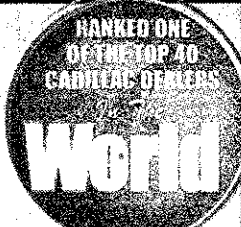
Likes: Sharp looks, functional, affordable, no destination charge, and the optional high-end 6 CD stereo is discounted as a value "credit" of \$300.

Dislikes: V6 should perhaps be a four-cylinder with better gas mileage on base models, and then up the ponies on its model 185-horse V6.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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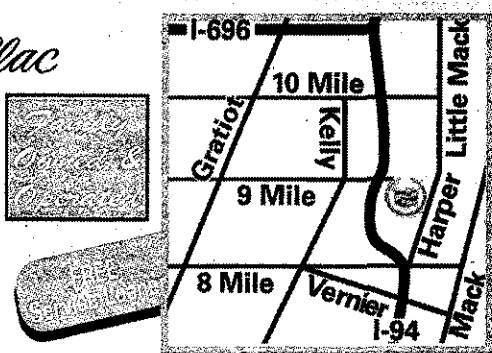
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Perhaps no longer as "cute", but now with more interior space and engine power, the 2008 Scion xB hopes to bring new buyers to the Toyota brand, while turning earlier model advocates into repeat customers.

## AUTOS: Large XB in demand

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The xD is built on the Yaris architecture and assembled in Japan.

### Scion xD grows up

One could say the Scion xA has matured into the look-alike xD. Its larger sibling, the xB, is still growing up — and we hope it never matures.

The boxy xB puts on several inches and pounds for 2008 and, while far more practical, may be losing some of its craziness as it evolves.

Wide body panels at the side rear have cut off some visibility and, as at least one fan has said, gives the new xD the ap-

pearance of a small panel van. On the other hand, this gives owners additional square inches on which to put their graphics, which is a favored pastime for many.

The all-new xB's wheelbase is four inches longer than the original; the urban utility vehicle is a full 12 inches longer and almost three inches wider. As for that weight gain: up 625 pounds for the xB with five-speed manual, and up 636 pounds for the automatic.

At its introduction several weeks ago, many expressed disappointment that the '08 xB is less fuel efficient than its predecessor. Estimated numbers for the 2.4-liter, 158-horsepower four-cylinder engine are 22 mpg city and 28 mpg highway for both the five-speed manual and four-speed automatic transmissions.

That's a dramatic decline from the 31/34 rating for the

2007 xB with automatic and 31/35 for the earlier xB with manual transmission.

Like the xD, the 2008 xB now sports standard 16-inch wheels. Vehicle stability control and traction control are standard. So is a first-aid kit. And there are audio controls on the steering wheels.

Second-row split seats fold flat and front seats will completely recline, which provides more cargo space on the passenger's side and a napping opportunity on the driver's side — it's not recommended while driving.

Toyota spokespeople emphasize this larger xB is what customers want. Time will tell.

As you might expect, bigger is more. Along with its size, the base price of the new xB increased — by some \$1,600, from the high \$14,000s to close to \$16,300 for the model with five-speed manual transmission.

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

# Crossover has 'Edge' in safety arena



This year we test drove the all-new 2007 Edge, Ford's first ever crossover that offers minivan, automobile and SUV attributes in a good-looking package—

ly long 111.2-inch wheelbase and wider tracking not only softens the ride; it gives Edge a confident feel on the highway. Although the tough-built AWD system merges well with its four-wheel fully independent suspension, Edge is indeed a luxury cruiser when asked, and is based on Ford's highly regarded Mazda6 ideology.

Outwardly, Edge's corporate chrome grille is most prominent, merging nicely into a "greenhouse area" that fea-

ment. Our tester came in higher-cost SEL Plus dress. Right from the start, we really liked Edge's performance, thanks to Ford's new, larger, 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which replaces its older 3.0 V-6. Producing 265 horsepower and 250 pound-feet of torque, the engine mates well with a similarly new 6-speed automatic transmission allowing 25-highway and 18-city EPA numbers.

Our initial drive included a trip from Baltimore's Inner Harbor to the mountains of Pennsylvania. Working the Baltimore Beltway was a breeze with more than enough power for passing and merging. When we took to the mountain roads, however, we became aware that Edge is a bigger vehicle that weighs a good bit, and sportscar like handling is not present. Still, it handles curves well enough.

Some standard features include front air bags, seat-mounted side-impact air bags for the front seats, side curtain air bags with rollover protection for both rows of seating, 4-wheel disc anti-lock brakes with AdvanceTrac Electronic Stability Control, a tire-pressure monitoring system, and a personal safety system. Your Ford dealer will gladly explain all the items that result in Edge's top safety award.

Edge SEL Plus AWD starts at \$30,720 and comes with all the expected features and then upgrades most materials over the entry level SE, which starts at \$25,595. Other options on our model included a reverse sensing system \$245 and recommended, DVD Navigation \$2,380, Sirius Satellite Radio \$195 and a Class II Trailer Tow Package \$350.

Other important numbers include a 20-gallon fuel tank, 4,098 pound curb weight, and

up to 70 cubic feet of cargo space with seats down. Thanks to a 60/40 rear bench that folds flat and an optional folding front passenger seat, consumers can carry items up to eight feet in length.

We like the fact that Edge is

built to seat five and does not offer a cramped third row of seating.

We rate Edge a deserving 8 on a scale of 1 to 10, and recommend driving the new Edge if shopping in this crowded category.

Likes: Looks, versatility, new engine, roomy, driving comfort, security.

Dislikes: Back seat a little small, pricey, somewhat heavy in the turns.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated auto columnist.



2007 Ford Edge SEL Plus AWD crossover utility vehicle

base price: \$30,720; price as tested: \$36,385.

Edge is off to a good start in the security arena too. It is the recipient of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's highest rating for mid-size SUVs for front and side impact tests, and thanks to similar rear crash protection, won the Institute's 2007 "Top Safety Pick" award.

Ford presents one of its best overall designs with the new Edge. It's wider than an Explorer and looks bigger in person than we thought. A fair-

tures a short hood, laid back windshield and sleek, sporty side and rearward design. Out back, there is a noticeable tailgate angle that is both pleasing to the eye and mechanically easier when loading large packages into the cargo area. Up top, an optional panoramic twin glass cover (\$1,395) travels over the whole roof and provides passengers with a nice view of the sky. Prominent fender flares and large, 18-inch chrome style wheels (\$395) assist Edge in making its final, and quite nice, aesthetic state-



## Acadia is luxury family vehicle

The GMC Acadia "crossover" sport utility vehicle features a roomy and accessible three-passenger third-row seat. It is designed to offer adequate legroom, good visibility and an optional view of the DVD screen located above and behind first-row seats. Another option is a large sunroof for the benefit of second and third-row passengers.

The vehicle pictured, an SLT 2 model with a \$44,860 price tag, is equipped to the max. Acadia drivers will likely have to get accustomed to many obstructions to over-the-shoulder visibility: high-backed and slightly raised rear seats with headrests, and thick roof pillars. The 6-speed automatic transmission tended to lag or surge at certain speeds.

The standard engine for all three Acadia models is a 3.6-liter V-6, rated at 18 miles per gallon city/26 mpg highway for models with two-wheel front drive and 17/24 for models with all-wheel drive. The base SLE with front-wheel drive starts at \$29,990. Its standard equipment includes seating for seven, automatic transmission, 4-wheel disc/antilock brakes, remote keyless entry, head curtain air bags for outboard passengers in all rows, 18-inch wheels and one year of basic OnStar service.

A new panic brake assist feature has been added to the 2008 Acadia. The system automatically develops maximum brake boost to mitigate a driver's tendency to brake without using enough force in a panic situation. Also, Acadia AWD models feature a new active on demand all-wheel-drive system that delivers a more refined driving experience.

Other changes for Acadia's second year on the market include an available second-row console partnered with a pair of captain's chairs. The console is capable of folding flat into the load floor. The standard StabiliTrak electronic stability control system now features new rear wheel oversteer control for improved control on slippery surfaces and direct state rollover mitigation that supports preemptive oversteer control on evasive lane changes.

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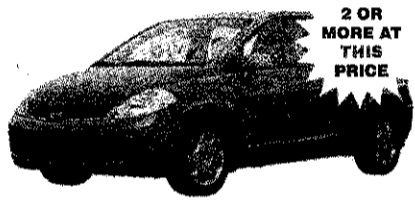
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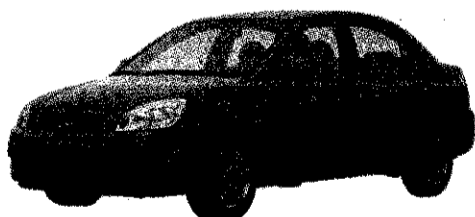


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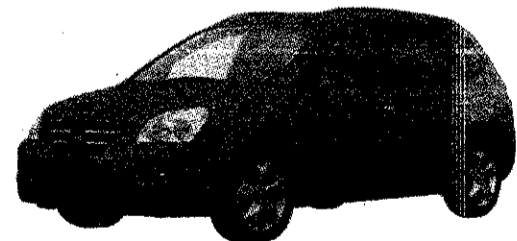
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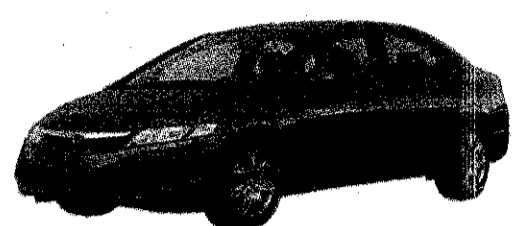


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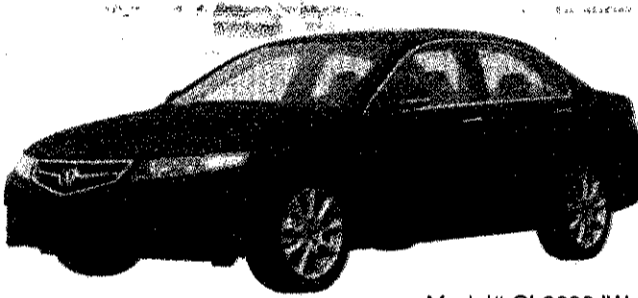
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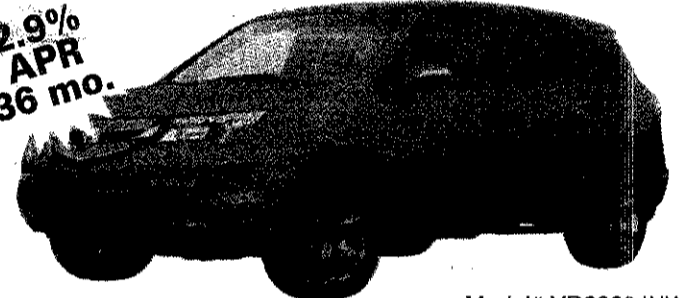
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# G.P. father, son design memorial for pets

By Patti Theros  
Special Writer

The loss of a family pet prompted a father and son to create mini monuments to memorialize the death of fuzzy friends.

After the death of his pet hamster, Fluffy Jr., 9-year-old Grosse Pointe resident Alex Owens asked his dad, Andy Owens, if they could put a memorial in the yard to remember the pet.

Andy Owens, a sculptor and designer, along with Alex, came up with the mini monument memorial concept for Fluffy Jr.

Once completed, Andy Owens thought about marketing mini monuments that can be personalized and placed in gardens or indoor house

plants.

He got to work and sketched the concept using computer-aided design software and sent it off to a manufacturer.

"My son and I designed it in memory of a hamster, but it can be for all spectrums of pets. It's great because it's lightweight, easily installed and made of durable stone-like material," Andy Owens said.

There are three available designs — a cross, a dome and a moon.

Owens said he designed the monument to bring families together as they grieve the loss of a pet.

"The process of preparing this mini monument is different than other memorial plaques," he said. "For our mini monument, our customers

apply vinyl letters to the surface. Most memorial plaques are already engraved when you receive them or cannot be personalized at all.

"I wanted the mini monument to be unique. In other words, you and your family can gather around the dining room table and come up with the words you want it to say. It is much more personal than ordering an engraved item that just shows up in the mail."

And how does Alex Owens feel about his memorial for Fluffy Jr.?

"She was so sweet. I feel better," Alex said.

The mini monuments can be purchased online for \$28.50 at [maywoodoutdoor.com](http://maywoodoutdoor.com).

For more information e-mail Andy Owens at [info@minimonuments.com](mailto:info@minimonuments.com).



Andy and Alex Owens with mini monument memorializing Fluffy Jr.



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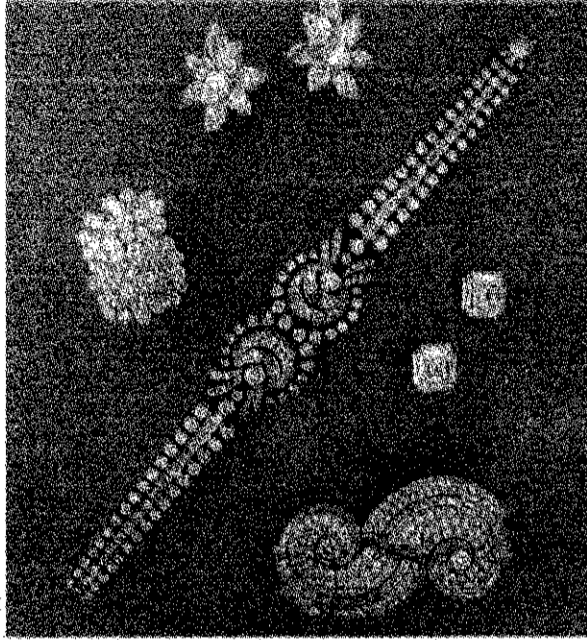
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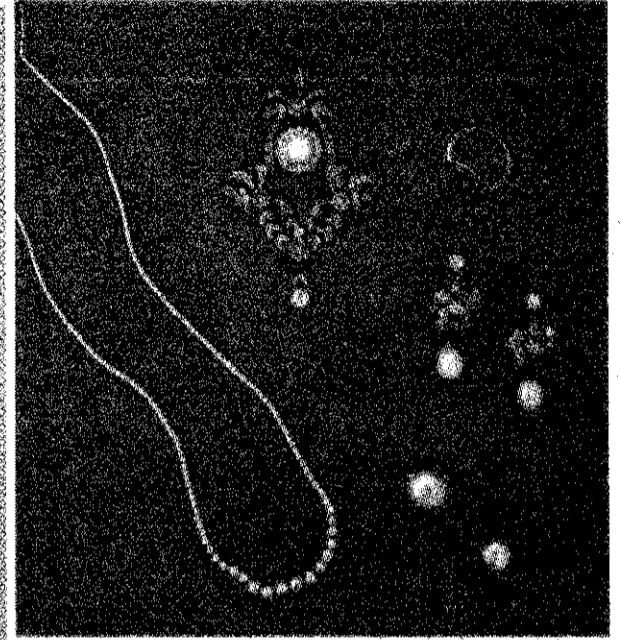
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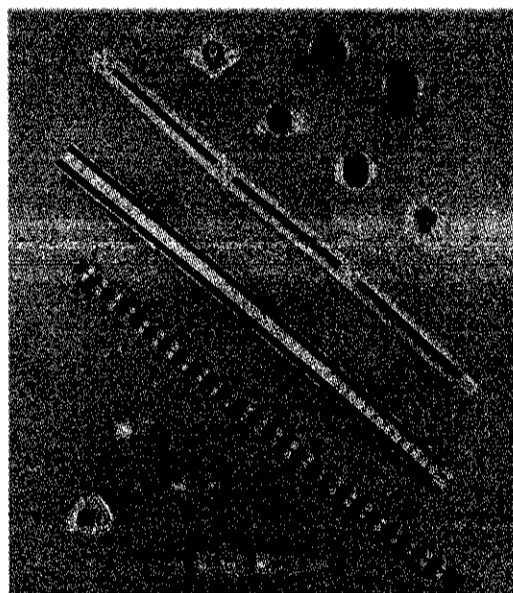
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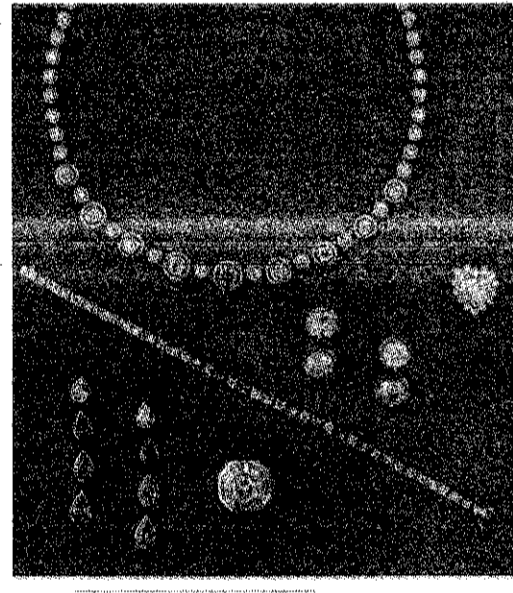
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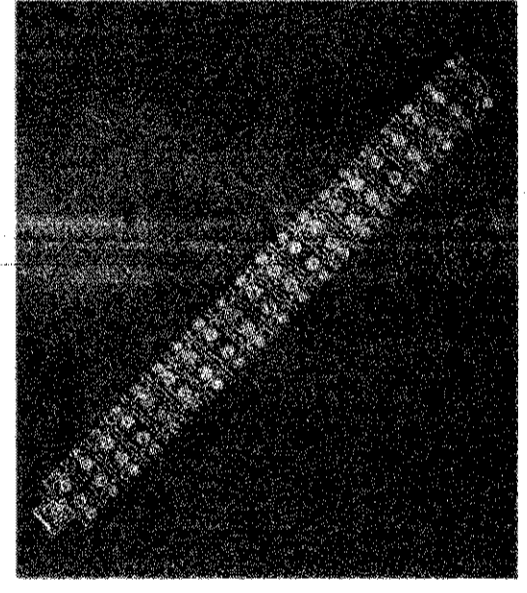
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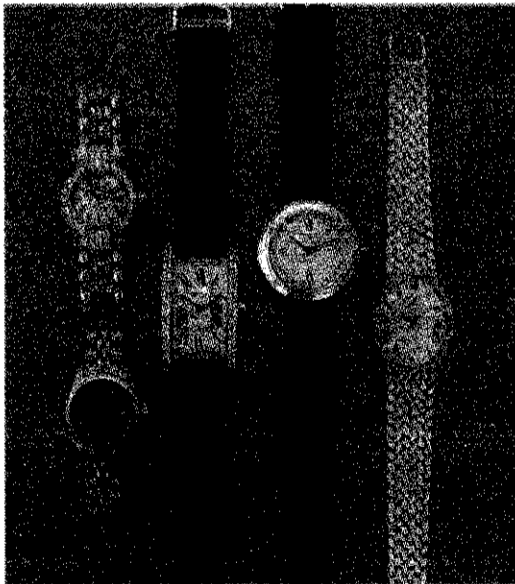
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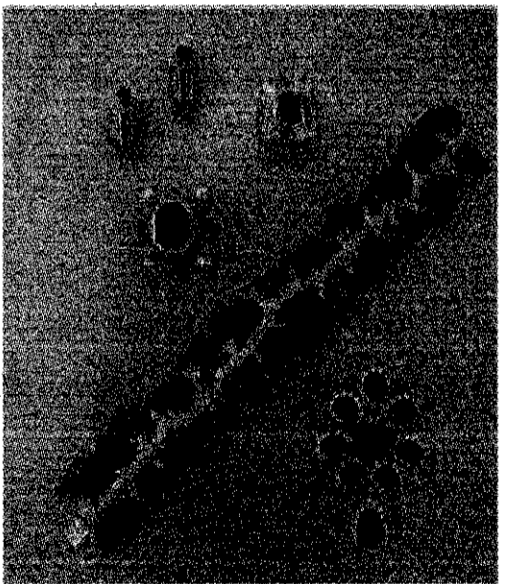
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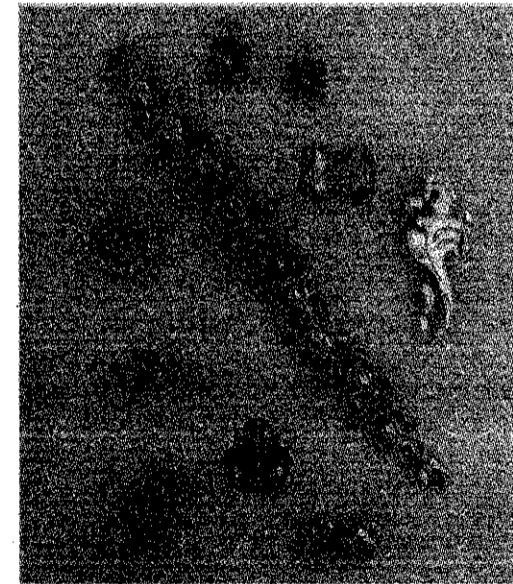
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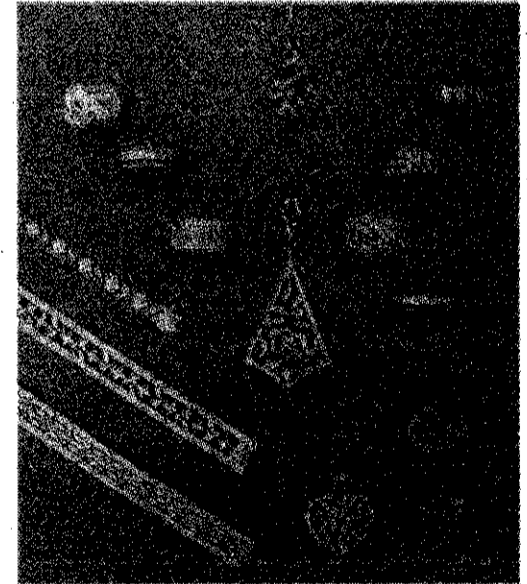
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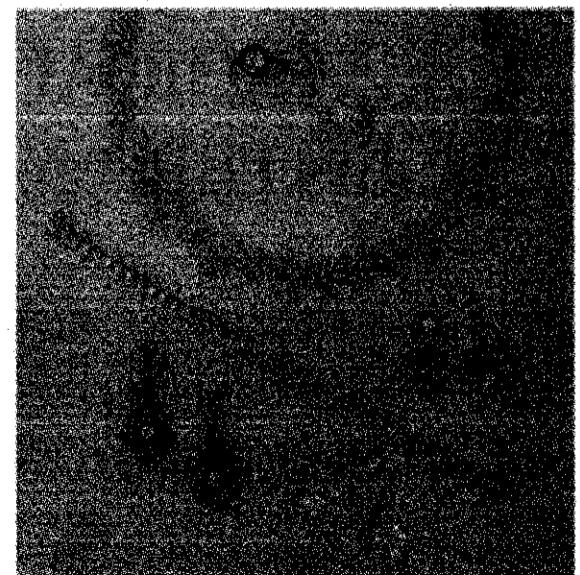
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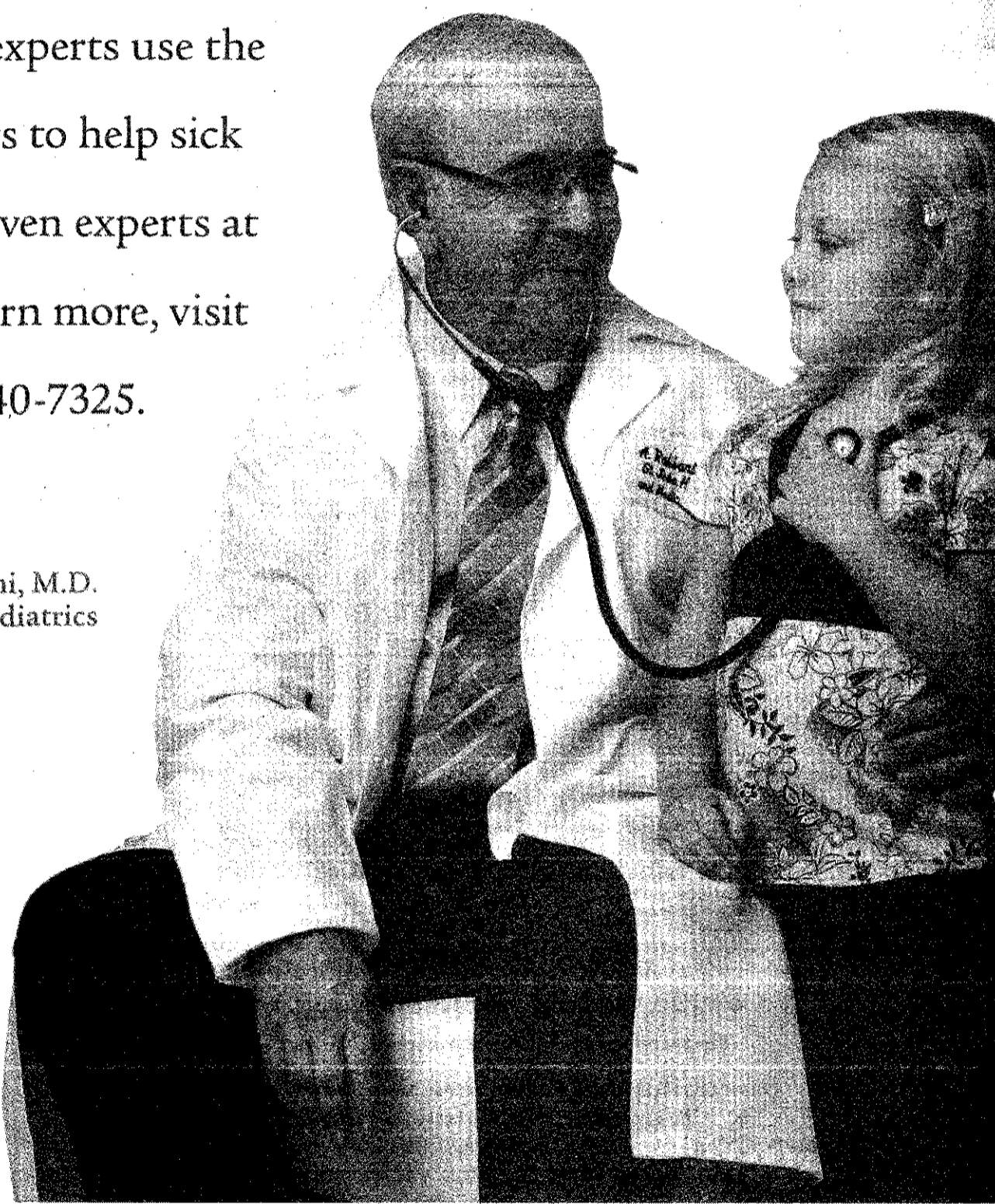
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After six and one half long years of renovations and expansion, the **Detroit Institute of Arts** has redefined its role as a cultural leader in Detroit and perhaps the world. It's new focus is to be more user friendly.

# Experiencing art

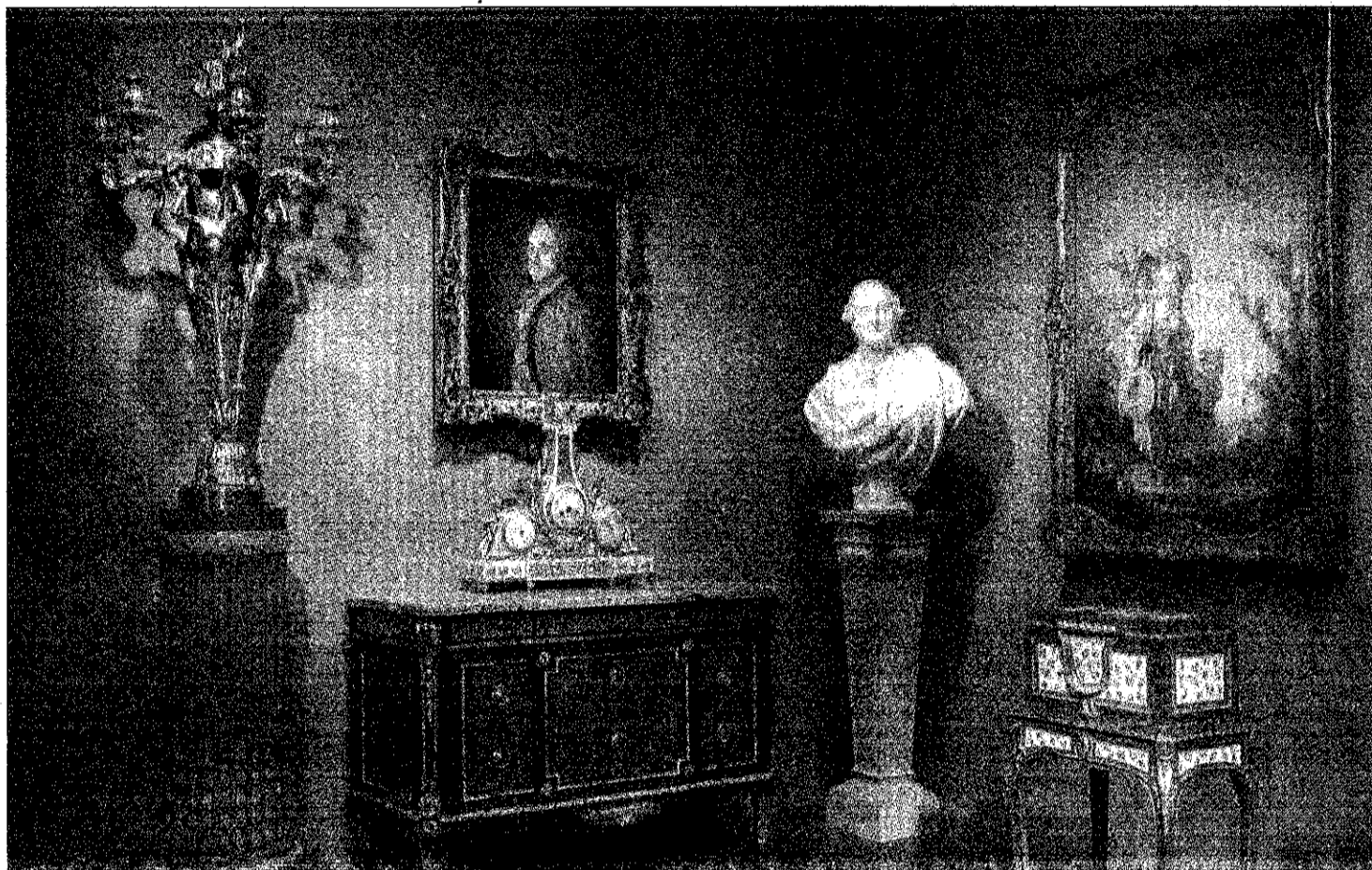
By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

If you are looking for something free to do over the Thanksgiving weekend, check out the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The DIA is celebrating the completion of its six and one half years, \$158 million building renovation and expansion by staying open for 32 consecutive hours after a grand opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 23. The marathon celebration will end with an official closing at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 24.

Museum officials hope the free admission and special extended hours will give more people the opportunity to be among the first to see the new DIA.

"This is a day that we have been waiting for for a long time and we are ready to celebrate," said Graham W.J. Beal, DIA director. "I invite the public to come and experience a beautiful new DIA with galleries designed to better engage them with one of the nation's finest art collections."



A section of a gallery at the DIA called Made in Paris featuring objects made by the finest craftsmen in Paris and purchased by 18th century aristocrats.

While the museum remained open in some fashion for most of the six-year project, it closed at the end of May this year to complete construction and re-install art into the galleries.

Throughout the grand opening celebration, the museum will offer special activities in galleries and public spaces. Many local artists will be on hand to perform, including live jazz in the American galleries, dancers in the African galleries and a basket weaver in the Native American galleries.

The renovation project which began in 2001 includes extensive infrastructure upgrades, increased gallery space, expanded visitor amenities, an improved traffic pattern and a new granite façade on the north and south wings. Upgrades to the air handling, electrical, temperature and humidity control systems were added to provide the optimal environment for the collection.

The project added nearly 58,000 square feet, including the new 31,383 square-foot

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# Communication key when planning holidays

By Debra Pascoe  
Special Writer

It's time to make that call; the one to the ex you've been putting off to discuss who gets the children on what days this holiday season.

But before picking up the phone, lower your defenses — and that martini — and pay close attention to what one expert has to say about putting an end to that annual battle.

Sean Hogan Downey, LM-SW, LMFT believes the first step is approaching the discussion as an adult.

"If they are not past fiery foes to being courteous, the kids suffer, period," she said, advising parents not to be selfish or vindictive and be ready to compromise.

"If you are diametrically opposed to giving one inch, both of you are not loving your kids enough," she said. "Be the one who becomes the most adult."

The situation, she said, can intensify when at least one parent remarries into an existing family.

Before calling either ex, Hogan Downey suggests the adults in the new blended family decide what's most important to them when celebrating the holidays and what's nonnegotiable.

Issues to consider are religion, culture and past family traditions.

"A remarried family is a family and they need to estab-

lish themselves as a family," she said, advising children be left out of the decision-making.

"A family is not a democracy. The parents have to be in charge and establish themselves as a family even though one of them is not the biological parent," she said.

Keeping the religious views of both parents in the blended family is most important, Hogan Downey said.

"The families need to be sensitive to religious expression," she said, adding it's up to the new parents to decide what faith will be followed or if each member will observe their individual religious rituals.

With the nonnegotiables on the table, Hogan Downey said it's time to make the call.

"Say what day is most important and ask if that can work," she said. "Some may have to split the day or the evening."

"Each has to figure out timing, rituals, what we do and when — and that part is difficult in even regular families. It gets really complicated and eating four turkeys is better than creating a war."

Hogan Downey said it's not uncommon to trade off holidays year to year. And that can get more complicated if one of the families schedules a vacation during that period.

"The children can be guilt ridden if one of their parents is alone for Christmas," she said. "Even though they're



Sean Hogan Downey

sunning their bods, they can feel extremely bad."

That, she said, is where the other parent has to let the children know he or she will be fine. A reminder that the following year, the plans will change will help both the children and the parent left behind, she said.

If a decision or compromise cannot be reached, she suggests turning to a couple's therapist, minister, mediator or a mutual friend trusted by both parties to help make a decision.

Now for the children. While the children should not have input on who gets whom and when, they should have a say in how the holiday is celebrated — within reason, Hogan Downey said.



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Books on step parenting are available at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

"Kids love customs," she said. "They also have their own customs and they don't want to relinquish them."

"A lot of tradition centers around decorating the tree, when it goes up, who gets the tree and how it's decorated," she said, adding creating a new tradition for the new family is also a good idea.

Hogan Downey suggests asking the youngsters what's important to them. If you don't get an answer, ask about their favorite holiday food and incorporate that in the celebration.

"Children are romantics and believe it or not 15-year-olds are romantics; they just don't want to tell you," she said.

What may be most vexing for the children is moving from house to house during the holidays.

"This creates emotional issues because kids go to new people that may or may not like them. They're not going to say it, but you can tell," she said, adding younger children are more resilient.

"It becomes more difficult for children between the ages

of nine and 15," she said. "Teenagers don't talk much about it."

Regardless of the child's age, Hogan Downey said it's important to attempt to maintain a schedule when it comes to eating and sleeping.

And most important, she advises parents to take care of themselves.

Hogan Downey's presentation, *Remarried Families: Making the Most of the Holidays*, is available on CD at the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public libraries.

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The new design of the Detroit Institute of Arts provides open and spacious galleries such as the Native American room which has display cases highlighting a few items representing a particular theme.

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south wing addition. According to officials, the museum is now a more visitor-focused museum with many new highlights designed to enhance one's overall experience. New labels, tours, classes and reading materials provide the widest possible range of ways to engage with art—from aiding the novice museumgoer, to contemplative spaces for the connoisseur.

New amenities at the DIA include a new Café DIA, more seating in the galleries, a larger museum shop, and improved directions and visitor information.

Since the renovation necessitated emptying all the galleries and putting the art back when finished, the project afforded the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rethink how the DIA presents its collection to the public.

To plan the reinstatement, three cross-departmental teams were formed that included curatorial, education, con-

servation, marketing and development staff. The teams researched the collections, and determined what stories the objects had to tell. They developed ideas or storylines that guided the gallery installations.

Instead of grouping objects strictly by time period or style, many of the DIA's more than 5,000 objects are now arranged by themes.

Some examples are:

- ♦ Art and the Cycle of Life, displaying objects from African cultures used to commemorate milestones that mark life's journey: birth, adolescence, marriage and death.
- ♦ Grand Tour of Italy, which tells the story of the Grand Tour taken by wealthy young men in the 18th century to complete their education. Paintings and sculptures from Venice, Florence, Naples and Rome are similar to those a "grand tourist" would have seen and purchased.
- ♦ Images of Spiritual Power, showcases Native American objects carved with faces and forms of humans and animals. These objects played important roles in ceremonies that honored spiritual powers.
- ♦ The Dutch Golden Age, showcases the DIA's Dutch collection. The works of Rembrandt and his contempo-

raries are installed around a half-dozen stories that convey the themes of faith and industry central to 17th century Dutch society and culture.

The reinstalled galleries also integrate technology that responds to the needs and expectations of the 21st century visitor, while enhancing their interaction with the art, officials said.

Visitors can have a "virtual" dining experience in 18th century Europe or dance along with a life-size video of an African ceremony.

Digital books will allow the viewer to see multiple pages of a book that before would have only one or two pages displayed at a time.

In addition, visitors can use a handheld computer to take a multimedia tour of Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry murals at their own pace and level of interest.

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Auditorium, home of the Detroit Film Theatre, also underwent a makeover. Renovations to the 1927 theater included repainting, new seating and updated stage rigging, sound and lighting systems.

The renovation restored the original color palette of gold, silver, deep blue and taupe.

The refurbishment of all 1,117 original seats achieved the correct historic appearance coupled with modern comfort and safety features, officials said. The new seats match 1925 sketches made by Paul Cret, architect of the 1927 building.

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# Christmas show features work of Grosse Pointer



Grosse Pointe resident Laura Bishop has used her talents at the Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace.

Holiday revelers will see firsthand the handiwork of Grosse Pointe resident Laura Bishop at the Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace Nov. 29 through Dec. 2 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Bishop created many of the displays at the show, including the Christmas Village Towne Square featuring holiday vignettes and old world character style storefronts, the Designer Holiday Outlet and Designer Christmas Tree Lane which showcases "Winter Chic," "Peppermint Twist" and "Urban Whimsy" among its themed trees.

The trees will be raffled off as a benefit for Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center and Bishop is assisting with that fundraiser.

Most of the décor and ornaments from the trees will be available at the Designer Holiday Outlet exhibit in addition to other gift and decoration items.

"Over 250 exhibitors from

22 states will be under one roof to simplify the Christmas shopping experience -- and it's guaranteed to be more fun than the mall," said Elizabeth Smith, show manager for Southern Shows.

"Our show features gifts, décor items, food, games, candles, fashion and accessories, cakes and candies, books and arts and crafts."

The Plymouth Canton Educational Park's Culinary Program takes over the Gingerbread Village with icing and candy decorated houses created by students. Their bakery will offer Christmas cookies and candy cane danish.

Also featured are:

- ◆ An opportunity for attendees of all ages to make an ornament using recycled materials, silver shreds and colored sand from Arts & Scraps.

- ◆ A How To Workshop for creating wreaths and sharing decorating ideas.

- ◆ The Meijer Santa Pavilion featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus sitting on gold thrones

surrounded by musical bears playing trumpets, clarinets and other instruments. Photos are available for a \$5 donation to the University of Michigan Burn Center

- ◆ Build-A Bear Workshop On Tour

- ◆ Hands-on children's activities

- ◆ Holiday wreath and light display

- ◆ Carolers, harpists, dancers and stage performances.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admissions is \$10 and children 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 and available at Meijer's customer service desk. Group tickets for 15 or more are offered in advance online for \$7.50.

On site parking is available for \$5. For more information, visit

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## CLUB MEETINGS

### Detroit Concert Choir

Detroit Concert Choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson, presents the holiday concert "Christmas Around the World" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market, Mount Clemens and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Detroit.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for 8- to 21-year-olds. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For more information or advance tickets, call (313) 882-0118.

Those in the choir from the Grosse Pointes are Gordon Nelson, Stan Harr, Donna Abdo, Lyndsay Briggs, Judy Jogan, Judy Leonard, Michelle Metes, Peter Owns,

Sam and Veronica Smith, Jan Stewart, Benjamin Wrobel, Russ and Jane Yamazaki and Marie Zacney.

### Elvis

The Mabry Center, 23397 Mound, Warren, presents "Have a Blue, Blue Christmas" with Darrin Hagel at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased by visiting [tix.com](http://tix.com).

### Speech development

Lesley Boykin, a speech language pathologist and founder of Let's Talk Kids and Pediatric Potentials will address speech and language development in young children at 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 26, in the Assumption Nursery School Toddler Center, 22150 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

She will discuss children's development, speech delays and speech therapy and why early intervention is important.

For reservations, call (586) 772-4477.

Admission is free.

### Bus trip

Right to Life of Michigan sponsors a bus trip for the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Jan 21 through 23.

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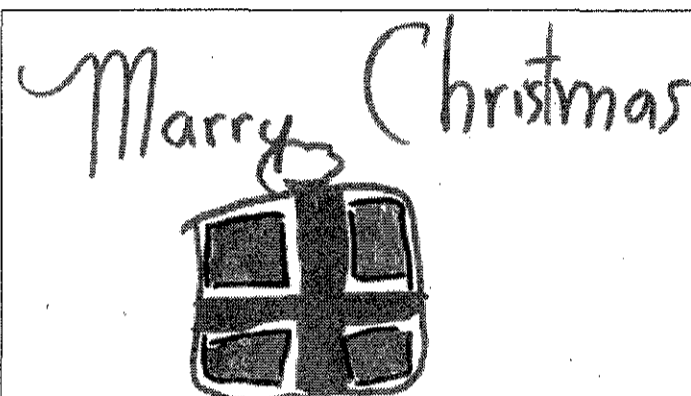
### Women's Expo

AMVETS Post No. 57 Ladies Auxiliary present a Women's Expo from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the AMVETS Hall, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

There is a \$3 entry fee which includes a door prize ticket and free hors d'oeuvres.

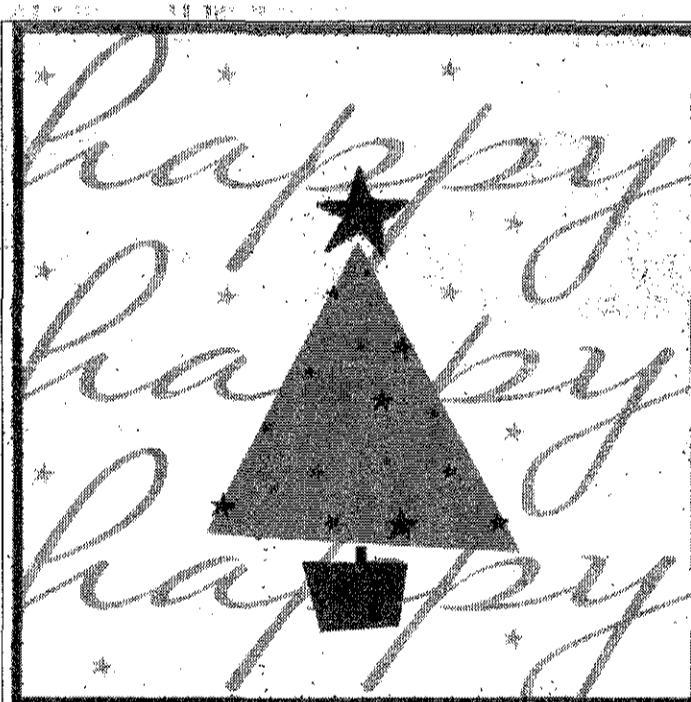
Personal care, jewelry, home care, kitchen and food items will be available.

Janna Kisskait of Edward Jones will discuss on women's financial issues at 6:30 p.m. A presentation on nursing home admission/Medicare and Medicaid misconceptions about wills and trusts will be presented by Patrick Bond of Bond Estate Planning and Elder Law at 7:15 p.m. Jose Rahaman of Your Time Fitness will discuss fitness and nutrition at 8 p.m.



## Greeting cards

Tau Beta Association presents its 2007 holiday greeting cards to benefit The Children's Center. There are five designs of original works in a box of 20 cards for \$25. Cards can be personalized and a variety of verses are available. For more information, call the center at (313) 262-0960 or visit [thechildrenscenter.com](http://thechildrenscenter.com).



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## Knitters

The U.S. Postal Service recently hosted a ceremony to unveil its newest stamp "Holiday Knits." From left, at the event are knitting expert and City Knits owner Karen Kendrick-Hands, who made the super sized knitted likeness of the stamp in the background and Pat Johnson, chaplain of Hospices of Henry Ford's Kaleidoscope Kids. The postal service and City Knits have partnered with Kaleidoscope Kids to ask the public to donate hand knitted items to benefit Kaleidoscope Kids. The specialized program sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford provides care to children with life-limiting illnesses from before birth to early adulthood and support to their families. For further information on the knitting donations and drop off sites, visit [HenryFord.com](http://HenryFord.com) and click on press room at the bottom of the Web site, then click on press releases, or visit [CityKnits.com](http://CityKnits.com), or e-mail [pjohnso2@hfhs.org](mailto:pjohnso2@hfhs.org) or [cityknits@sbglobal.net](mailto:cityknits@sbglobal.net).

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Stephen D. Bahr of Grosse Pointe Woods has joined Sigma Alpha Lambda, National leadership and Honors Organization at Western Michigan University.

Thomas Cameron, a junior at Wisconsin Lutheran College, has been elected president to college's student senate. He is the son of David and Lynne Cameron of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Amanda O. Henderson has graduated from the Army Reserve Officers' Training

Corps Leadership Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

She is the daughter of Thomas H. and Merle D. Henderson of Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2002.

Andrew VanEgmond was one of 20 high school seniors awarded Michigan State University's Alumni Distinguished Scholarship and University Distinguished

Scholarship awards for 2007. He attends Grosse Pointe North High School and is the son of Thomas and Jeanne VanEgmond.

VanEgmond is interested in history and secondary education. Extracurricular activities include cross country, track and the academic quiz bowl.

Lauren Elizabeth Wolcott of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the spring semester. She is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.



## Generations

Four generations of Schwartz women got together in early November with, from left, Charlotte Horn, 5 months, Liz Horn, of Columbia, Mo., Elizabeth "Betty" Schwartz of the City of Grosse Pointe and Nancy Angers of Columbia, Mo. Angers graduated from Grosse Pointe High School.

**4B | CHURCHES**

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## Community chorus

The Open Door series of the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus under the direction of Anna Speck performs its 55th annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the sanctuary of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Holiday memories," is the title of the program which features Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus," "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Away in the Manger," accompanied by Joseph Palazzolo.

"A Santa Medley" featuring the Grosse Pointe Children's Choir, under the direction of Carolyn Gross and Heather Albrecht, will be accompanied by Leslie Vrumm.

As is tradition, audience members will be invited to join the chorus in singing some favorite Christmas carols.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door.

ing in the Christmas season. A special appearance will be made by Santa Claus. Cookies and punch will be served following the event. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

## LTA

"The Gospel of St. Matthew" is the topic of the Lay Theological Academy's 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, seminar at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

The common lectionary begins reading Matthew's gospel account. While his account has much in common with Mark and Luke, Matthew fascinates the reader with his own distinctive portrait of Jesus Christ.

What does Christ say about discipleship? About the church? About salvation? The cost is \$5. For more information, call St. Paul's at (313) 885-7022.

## Carol-a-long

Be a part of the 27th annual carol-a-long in the sanctuary of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Participants are invited to sing sacred and secular songs of the season.

The Good News Singers and Good News Ringers, under the direction of Christina Judson, will assist in singing and ring-

## Tree walk

Each Thursday in December the Christmas Decorations Committee at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts a Christmas Tree Walk spotlighting the more than 25 Christmas trees and other decorations throughout the complex culminating in a festive afternoon tea.

The tour begins at 2 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at First English, 800

Vernier, in Grosse Pointe Woods. Tea will be served afterward with tea sandwiches and an assortment of sweet breads and holiday cookies. Admission to the walk and tea is \$5 per person payable at the door. Call the church at (313) 884-5040 to make reservations.

The committee is chaired by Kyle Clor of Grosse Pointe Shores; event chair is Waynette Hostetler of Sterling Heights.

## Winds and strings

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents its seasonal celebration, "Holiday Brass," at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, at Christ Church Grosse

Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., and at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, at Christ Church Cranbrook.

A holiday sing-along will begin 45 minutes prior to each concert.

The performances will include festive selections arranged for brass instruments. The 75-member Pointe Singers from Grosse Pointe South High School will be highlighted at the Dec. 9 concert. The program includes Charles Theodore Pachelbel's "Magnificat" and William Byrd's "Earle of Oxford's March," as well as a selection from "Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

Advance tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors (60 and older) and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at (248) 559-2095 or online at [detroitchamberwinds.org](http://detroitchamberwinds.org). Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 more than the

stated prices.

**St. Clare**

Jason Evert will present a program on "Romance Without Regret" from 6:30 to 8

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church at the corner of Mack and Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. There will be a free-will offering. For more information, call (313) 647-5050.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Sienna Eva Sheehy

Brian and Carol Sheehy of Chicago, Ill., are the parents of a daughter, Sienna Eva Sheehy, born Sept. 10, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Clark and Arlene Neher of DeKalb, Ill.

Bob and Judy Sheehy of Grosse Pointe Woods are the paternal grandparents.

George Ross of Shelby is the great-grandfather.

### Genevieve Susan Hardy

Kevin and Elizabeth Hardy of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a daughter, Genevieve Susan Hardy, born Aug. 13, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Susan Vanden Boom of St. Clair Shores. Charles and Susan Hardy of Alto are the paternal grandparents.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Michael Wemhoff** of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated with honors with a degree in biological sciences from DePaul University in summer 2007 graduation ceremonies.

**Meghan Worrell** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated with honors, earning an anthropology degree from DePaul University in summer 2007 graduation ceremonies.

**Mark Lapansie Jr.**, a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, was named to the

dean's list at the University of Michigan, School of Engineering for the winter semester.

**Natalie Jean Nichols** of Grosse Pointe was named to the summer semester dean's list at Michigan State University in the college of veterinary medicine. She is majoring in veterinary technology.

**Brian Charles Cornillie** of Grosse Pointe was named to the Michigan State University

dean's list for the summer semester.

He is majoring in telecommunications, information studies and media in the Communication Arts and Sciences.

**Stephen Blair Shier** of Grosse Pointe has been named to the Michigan State University dean's list for the summer semester. He is majoring in education.

**Cathe O'Rourke Bourbeau** of Grosse Pointe has been named to the Michigan State University dean's list for the summer semester. She is majoring in child de-

velopment in the College of Social Science.

**Jenna Marie Maynard** of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named to the Michigan State University dean's list for the summer semester. She is majoring in psychology in the College of Social Science.

Army Reserve Pfc. **Brian P. Johnides** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Cheryl Johnides of Grosse Pointe Woods and is a 2004 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.



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 Peter C. Smith, Preaching  
 Church School: Crib - Eighth Grade  
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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

# Times change and so do our reactions



It seems Thanksgiving Day snuck up on me. All that warm weather was one reason. Also responsible was the blooming of my miniature rose bush. Each of these last cold mornings I would look out the window to see if it had survived. Not only had it survived but was blooming as it never had during the summer. To my even greater surprise were the few buds that had developed after the cold descended on us. They had

burst into beautiful flowers. Maybe the rose bush is showing me that we're at our best at maturity. I thought you might like to know how George Carlin, comedian and philosopher, views aging. He points out the only time we like to get old is when we're kids. The following are his words: "If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "I'm four and a half!" You're never 36 and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. 'How old

are?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! and then the greatest day of your life...you become 21. "But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?" "You become 21, you turn 30, then you're pushing 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you reach 50 and your dreams are gone. "But wait! You make it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you become 21, turn 30, push 40, reach 50 and make it to 60.

"You've built up so much speed that you hit 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you hit Wednesday! You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you hit lunch; you turn 4:30; you reach bedtime. And it doesn't end there. "Into the 90s, you start going backwards: 'I WAS just 92.' Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' "May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!" Here's more from Carlin on how to stay young. 1. Throw out nonessential numbers, such as age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That's

why you pay them. 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." 4 and 5. Enjoy the simple things. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. 6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourself. Be alive while you are alive. 7. Surround yourself with what you love: family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home

is your refuge. 8. Cherish your health: If it's good, preserve it. If it's unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, to a foreign country but NOT toward the guilt. 10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. And always remember: *Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.* I wish you all a happy and satisfying Thanksgiving. Reach Ruth Cain at ruth.cain@comcast.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

## Topics vary with children's age



I've heard some programs that The Family Center has sponsored, like last year's annual parenting symposium in March, "How Much Is Enough," were recorded. How could I find out what programs were taped and learn where to get one to borrow? Yes, we do sponsor several programs throughout the year on various topics from preschool through adolescent issues. We did record several of the speakers at our symposium in March but have recorded sev-

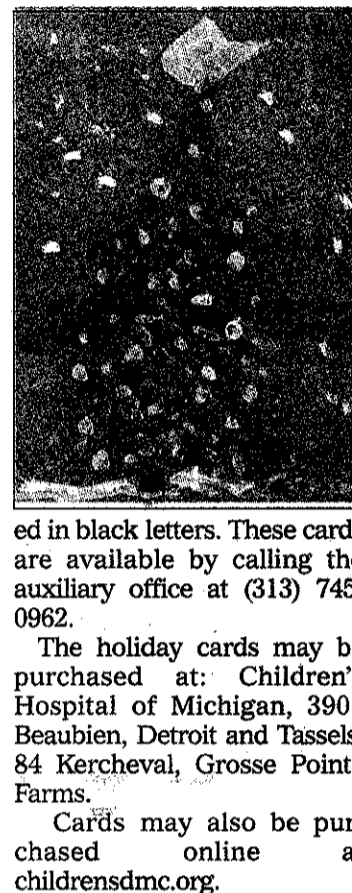
eral of our other popular programs from the last three years as well. They are now available in DVD format at the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods libraries in the parent education section. There is no charge for rental and they can be used by parents, mother's groups, PTOs or other local groups for discussion purposes. Currently available on DVD are: ♦ Remarried Families: Making the Most of the Holidays — Sean Hogan-Downey ♦ Promoting Maturity — John Bernardo ♦ Depression in Children & Adolescents — Dr. Laura McMahon ♦ Drinking, Smoking & Parties - a panel discussion of local teens and law enforce-

ment ♦ How to Say "No." The Difference Between Enough and Too Much — Jean Illsley Clarke ♦ How Much is Enough? Raising Likable, Responsible, and Respectful Children — Jean I. Clarke ♦ In Tune with Your Child's Temperament — Pamela Lemerand, Ph.D. ♦ Parenting with Love & Logic - Bob Sorenson Ph.D. ♦ Getting Ready For College: Promoting Healthy Independence — Panel discussion with Fran Carnaghi, Erika Johnson and Sean Hogan Downey ♦ Immunizations: The Myths, The Facts, The New — Patricia Vranesick of the Michigan Department of Health ♦ Promoting Sexual

Responsibility in our Adolescents: A panel discussion with parents and professionals ♦ The Pressured Child — Suzanne Haynes, MSW ♦ Expectations & Consequences: The Importance of Collaboration When Establishing Limits — Ross Flynn, LMFT ♦ Child Predators: Hidden Dangers on the Internet - a panel discussion with representatives from the U.S. Attorney General's office, the FBI, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Wayne County Prosecutors Office Send questions to: Info@familycenterweb.org or Mary Ellen Brayton LLC, NCC, Co-director The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## Cards available

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary holiday cards are available for \$20 for a pack of 20. "The Auxiliary has raised money for Children's Hospital for nearly 60 years. We are proud of our commitment to the hospital and know we have made a difference in the lives of children," said Frances Eldis, president of the auxiliary. The cards were designed by a 7-year-old and feature a holiday tree on the front. The inside of the card reads: "May Your Holiday Be Filled With Love And Peace." Cards may be imprinted with the sender's name for an additional cost. Special gift cards are also available by making a donation to the hospital in honor of a loved one. For a minimum donation of \$5 per card, the donor will receive a special holiday card with an enclosure card bordered in foil and print-



ed in black letters. These cards are available by calling the auxiliary office at (313) 745-0962. The holiday cards may be purchased at: Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit and Tassels, 84 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cards may also be purchased online at [childrensdmc.org](http://childrensdmc.org).

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## 6B | ENTERTAINMENT

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

## Let's all give thanks for the bees



After watching a CBS News report on honeybees, their decline and the trouble we may be in if they continue to fade from our existence, I called on a local honeybee keeper to learn more.

In an earlier column, I wrote about the waning population of honeybees, mentioning Colony Collapse Disorder in which hives are affected by a virus or malady that is depleting the bee population internationally.

During the CBS report, a multi-generational family beekeeper talked of how their bees and hives are transported across the country to help pollinate various fruits. What went through my mind is how I would feel if my house was put on a truck and driven to another state where I was put to work and returned after the job was completed. I don't know how many beekeepers do this, but it made me wonder about the stress on the bees and their collapsing population.

The nearest honeybee apiary of which I'm aware is found at EarthWorks Garden, part of the EarthWorks Urban Farm on Detroit's east side.

EarthWorks is a unique program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen that promotes sustainable farming practices, nutrition, and care for the Earth. In the spirit of St. Francis, they hope to connect people with each other and the environment to build relationships and community.

According to Stacey Malasky, EarthWorks Growing



Top, healthy bees buzzing away at the EarthWorks Garden Apiary.

At right, what looks to be boxes sitting in a field are really the harvested EarthWorks Garden and the hives where bees live. The top three drawers are where the bees make their honey. The bottom two are where the queen, the babies and nurses who care for the babies live. The Capuchin Monastery is in the background.

Healthy Kids program coordinator, the virus is absent from the more than 30 hives they tend. Their hives are stationary, meaning there's no renting of the bees or hives for commercial use.

In speaking with Malasky, I learned more about how bees are used at the EarthWorks Urban Farm.

"In working with the children in our Growing Healthy Kids program and with the adult volunteers, we use our bees as an education tool," said Malasky. "The kids work in the hives to actually harvest and extract the honey from the hives. And they take home a jar."

Malasky said one can hear a pin drop during classes on bees. She claims it is the cutest thing to see one of the children don a bee costume during the discussion on bees and hives.

The bees work to pollinate more than 25 edible food crops grown at the location, Malasky

said. Once harvested, the food is made available to Gleaners Food Bank and in part to the Women Infant Children program in Detroit. Malasky stated that next year even more produce will go toward feeding those at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"We use our gardens as models by showing that bees are part of the circle of life," Malasky said.

During this year's honey harvesting class at EarthWorks Washington Township location, 40 adults and 30 children learned how honey is made. "It was a week-long extraction marathon with more than 1,300 pounds of honey gathered from all of our locations," she said.

What do bees like best to help pollinate various plants? Malasky said herbs are a real draw, including flowering basil, thyme, lavender and clover. The last nectar source for autumn was the New England



aster. They also like sunflowers, zinnias, oregano and mints.

What about those various honey flavors? Bees must have access to at least six acres of the same plant to create specialty honeys such as buckwheat, orange blossom or red clover.

EarthWorks Garden sells wildflower honey derived from a multitude of nectar sources for \$5 a jar. The beeswax is found in its "value added products" of hand balm (\$3) and jam both made from the beeswax and fruit. Gooseberry, black raspberry and currant jam is \$5 per jar.

Call EarthWorks at (313) 579-2100, ext. 204 to purchase or volunteer. Really sounds like

fun and I can attest to the flavor of the honey.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving weekend, I'll be thankful the volunteers at EarthWorks Garden provide health food sources for so many of our needy. Also, that they have created a wonderful learning environment for children and adults right in the middle of the city.

Here's a recipe to enjoy before or after that big turkey.

### Cinnamon Honey Fruit Salad

2 tablespoons honey  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 seedless orange, juiced  
1 large apple, cored and

diced  
1 cup seedless red or green grapes  
1 cup strawberries or blackberries

Whisk honey, cinnamon and orange juice in large bowl and add fruit and toss. Serve immediately or chill for up to 4 hours. Serves 4.

Tip: One tablespoon of dark rum added to the orange juice, honey and cinnamon is a decadent addition.

Tip: Crisp fuji apples are excellent in this salad.

Kathleen Peabody is an Advanced Master Gardener, who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at [kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com](mailto:kpeabody@grossepointe-news.com).

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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary  
11:30 am Tech Pointes  
12:00 pm VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST  
1:00 pm The SOC Show  
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
2:00 pm The John Prost Show  
2:30 pm The Legal Insider  
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
3:30 pm Watercolor Workshop  
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
5:00 pm Positively Positive  
5:30 pm The SOC Show  
6:00 pm The Legal Insider  
6:30 pm Who's in the Kitchen  
7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
7:30 pm VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST  
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## 'Doubt' premieres at repertory theatre

The Pulitzer Prize and Tony award winning "Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley will run through Dec. 30 at the Detroit Repertory Theatre.

Geared towards people of all faiths, the play is about the moral integrity of a priest and the struggle between faith, certainty and doubt.

The lead character is Father Flynn, a charismatic priest whose presence in a Catholic school is an invigorating change. Sister Aloysius is a veteran nun and no fan of what she sees as loosening standards. Inevitably, the two face off and the situation is shocking.

Donald Muller, a troubled boy and the only African-American student in the school, may have been sexually abused and Sister Aloysius is absolutely certain that Father Flynn is the molester.

The performance features

Ray Schultz, a graduate of the Hilberry program at Wayne State University, as the amiable Father Flynn, and Barbara Busby as the stern, self-righteous Sister Aloysius. Jenny Burleson of Ann Arbor portrays the young nun, Sister James and Janee Ann Smith of Detroit portrays the mother of the young boy in question, Mrs. Muller. Charlotte Leisinger directs the performance.

Doubt will be the centerpiece of the theater's cabaret style New Year's Eve celebration.

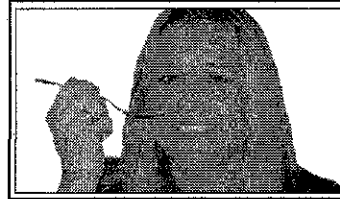
"Doubt" runs every Thursday to Sunday through Dec. 30 with curtain times at 8:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door and can be purchased at the box office, all TicketMaster outlets or by phone at (313) 868-1347 with MasterCard or

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The Detroit Repertory Theatre is located at 13103 Woodrow Wilson. For more information, visit [detroitreptheatre.com](http://detroitreptheatre.com).

**A LA ANNIE** By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Have you got turkey?



**T**omorrow is Thanksgiving. On Friday you'll have a fridge full of leftovers (if you're lucky) and a house full of hungry children.

Be the coolest mom on the block and turn your leftover turkey into homemade "hot pockets" like Val Champine has made for her now grown children over the years. With just a few ingredients and in about a half hour you'll be serving up a hot lunch your kids will love.

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salt and pepper to taste  
1 tube of 8 crescent  
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a medium bowl, combine the turkey with the cream cheese, 2 tablespoons of the melted butter, milk, chopped onion and parsley. Stir until well blended.

Taste and season with salt (if necessary) and pepper. Set aside.

Unroll the crescent rolls and divide the dough into 4 rectangles (2 crescent rolls to each rectangle) on a greased baking sheet. Pinch together the perforated cut on each rectangle.

Measure 1/2 cup of the turkey mixture onto the bottom and spread half of each

rectangle.

Carefully fold the top half of the rectangle over the bottom, using your fingers to seal the edges of the dough together around the filling. Brush the remaining tablespoon of melted butter over the pockets and bake for about 18 minutes, until the pockets are golden brown.

Pair Val's turkey hot pockets with a bowl of tomato soup or a fresh garden salad and lunch is served.

Thanks Val. Happy Thanksgiving from my kitchen to yours. Eat well.



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Left over turkey is a hot commodity.

## eBay auction benefits historical society

You can get it on eBay and benefit the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Former antiques dealer Diane Reh will list items given to the society from local household sales companies on her site and give a portion of the selling price to the society.

Log on to eBay.com and sign in. Click on the site map. Under the "More Ways to Find Items" category (scroll down on the

left), click on "Search for Items." Under the search column on the left, click "Items by Seller." Enter decodiane as the seller's user ID, check "Include completed listings" and click on search. A list of items will appear and indicate which ones will benefit the society.

About 60 percent of the final price will be given to the society.

Reh was contacted a few

months ago by society member Nancy Pacitto who wanted a better venue than a garage sale to sell her collected items.

With the money already raised on eBay, the society purchased a laptop computer to use in the resource center and at the Provençal-Weir house at events and on Second Saturdays.

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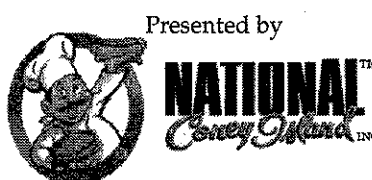
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Grosse Pointe North's Nikki Capizzo has that sinking feeling as she watches Grosse Pointe South's players celebrate after scoring the tying goal with less than a second remaining in their crosstown battle last weekend.

## South ties North in final second

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Junior Erin Shook scored a power-play goal as time ran out, helping the Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team tie arch rival Grosse Pointe North 4-4 last weekend.

The goal appeared to have crossed the goal line just tenths of a second after the clock read 0:00, but officials ruled it was good.

"We were lucky to get that tie because North played a very good game," South head coach Bill Fox said. "I thought we played nervous and too tentative out there. We were fortunate to get the tie because we can play better and we will."

Host North had a chance to win the game, but a potential game-ending clearing pass was held in the zone.

North goaltender Rachael Lentz made the initial save and Shook's rebound slid under her pads for the tying goal.

"In my heart we won the game, but on the scoreboard we tied," North head coach

Scott Dockett said. "It's disappointing to tie because I thought we did everything right to win, but didn't clear the puck when we needed it the most."

The host Lady Norsemen held four one-goal leads and each time, the Lady Blue Devils scored the next tally to tie.

North junior Alexa Quinlan tallied a power-play goal with 3:01 left to give the home team a 4-3 lead.

Earlier in the third period, Quinlan scored a shorthanded goal and senior Anna Shepard scored on a rebound two minutes later to tie the game 3-3.

In the opening period, freshman Megan Bergeron scored for the Lady Norsemen and junior Kelsey Burgess had a powerplay goal for the Lady Blue Devils.

Shepard's goal at the 6:20 mark of the second period offset senior Christie Listwan's goal in the beginning of the stanza.

Lentz, in her first season in goal, stopped 17 of 21 shots, while her counterpart, C.J.

Jarboe of South, saved 13 of 17 shots.

North played without senior all-league player Katie Latimer, who will miss four weeks recovering from a broken left collarbone, suffered in the third shift of the team's season-opening 4-1 road victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

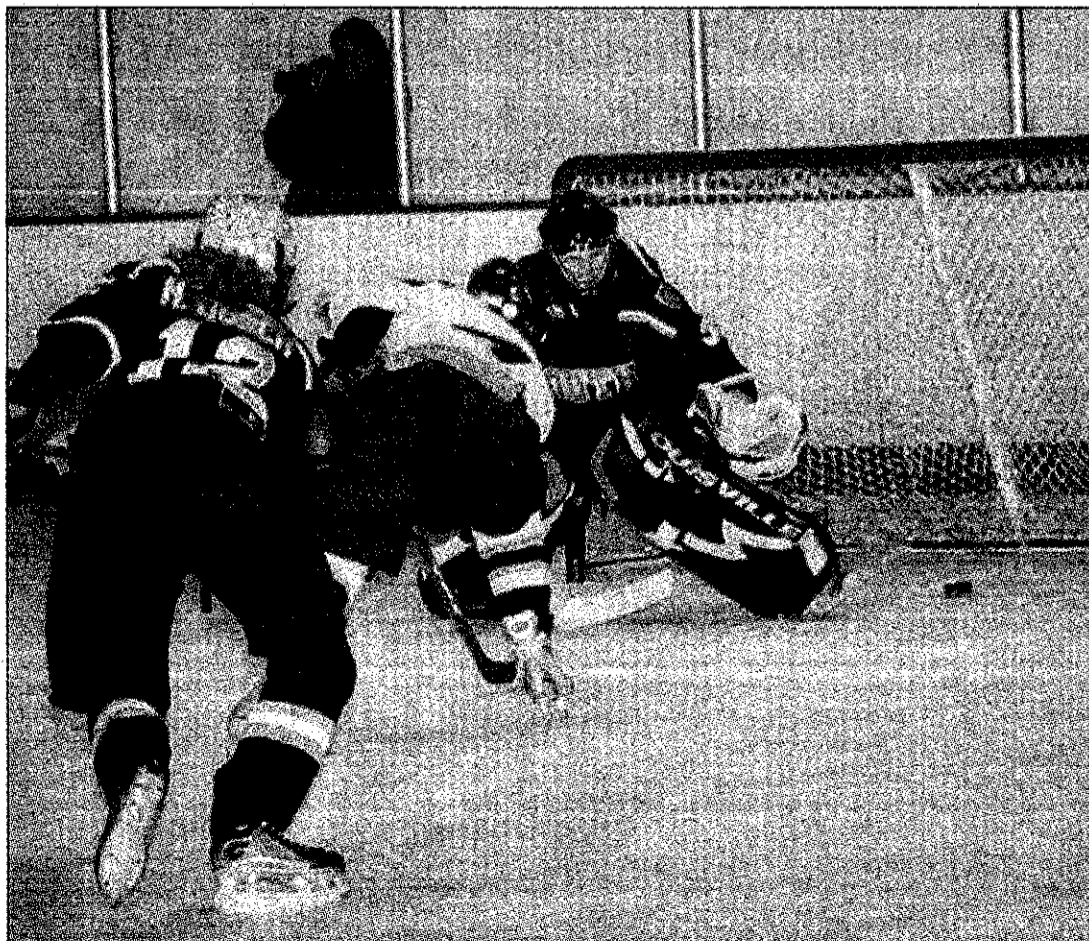
"I knew something was wrong when I was checked and fell on it," Latimer said. "At least the pain is going away, but I miss being on the ice with my teammates. This stinks sitting on the bench and not playing."

Latimer will rejoin the team before the holiday break.

Junior Lauren Walsh scored two goals, while Quinlan and sophomore Nicolette Capizzo tallied one apiece.

"We outplayed Cranbrook the entire game," Dockett said. "It's nice to go to Cranbrook and get a win. However, the win wasn't so sweet since we lost Katie for a month with the

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North's Megan Bergeron opened the scoring as she beat South goalie C.J. Jarboe on the wide side.

## South starts in where it left off

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

The more things change the more they stay the same.

It's a new season for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team, which won the state Division II championship last year.

However, the Blue Devils seem to be starting right where they left off, when they beat Muskegon Mona Shores 4-3 in overtime in last year's final.

Tim Shield, who scored the overtime winner in the state championship game, got South's first goal in its season-opening 5-1 victory against Saline last weekend.

"Last year's team was a special team," South coach Bob Bopp said. "Lance is a very fast and physical player and in this game he really played well for us."

One of the things Bopp has been trying to impress on this year's team is that it has to get off to a good start in its games.

"We played a lot of overtime games last year, even though we felt that in a lot of them we were the better team," Bopp said. "One of our goals this year is to start quicker and get

a jump on teams, not let them hang around."

That's exactly what the Blue Devils did against Saline.

Shield opened the scoring with a power-play goal, assisted by Lance Lucas and Arthur Griem at the 3:51 mark of the first period. Before the period ended, South had three more goals. And the Blue Devils held a 15-4 advantage in shots.

On Shield's goal, he took a pass at the side of the net and made no mistake in putting the puck under the crossbar.

Lucas got a goal of his own at 9:56, assisted by Shield and Jack Sklarski.

"Lance's goal was all because of his work in front of the net," Bopp said. "Lance is a very fast and physical player and in this game he really played well for us."

Griem scored with 1:15 left in the first period, assisted by Shield and Sklarski; and Michael Blazoff wrapped up the first-period scoring when he scored from Brian Auty with 43 seconds remaining.

Griem is another player who played a key role in last year's state championship.

"Arthur is such a good defen-

sive player and defense comes first with him, but with that said, he has scored a lot of points since he has been on the South team," Bopp said. "With Arthur and four-year captain Sam Mott playing together on defense, I don't think you'll find two better defensemen on a team."

Jimmy Morris scored to give South a 5-0 lead less than two minutes into the second period. Blazoff got the assist.

Morris is one of the newcomers to the Blue Devils squad, and Bopp is predicting a fine career for the sophomore center.

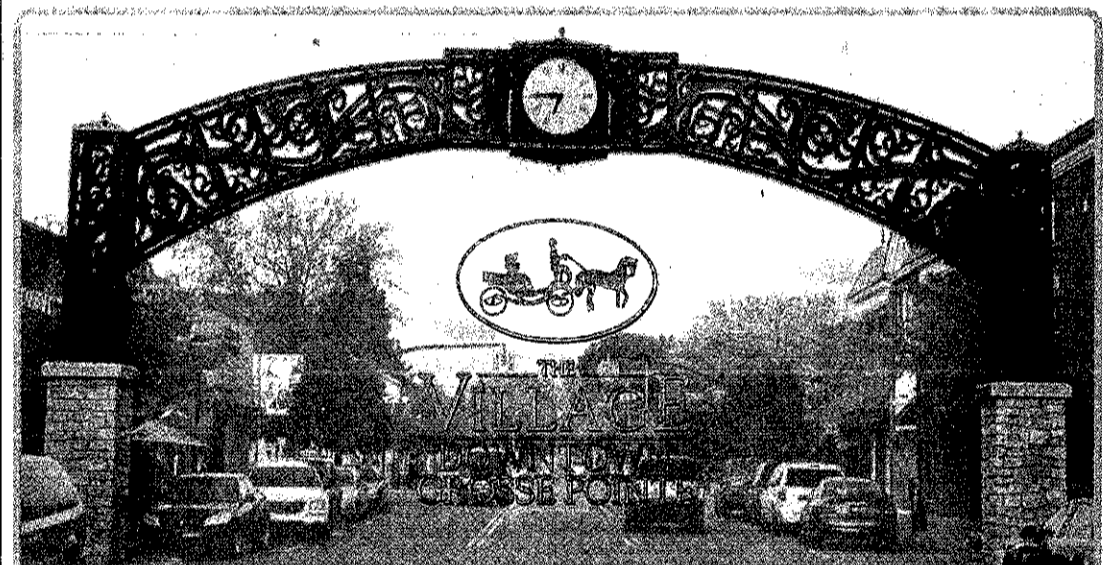
After Morris's goal, Bopp's worst fears were realized.

Morris was cross-checked from behind in front of the net and that started a parade to the penalty box that disrupted the flow of the game.

"We can't fall into that trap," Bopp said. "Our game is not to take penalties. We're a highly-skilled team, and we have to stay out of the penalty box."

Saline spoiled goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer's shutout bid with 5:41 remaining in the third pe-

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Grosse Pointe South took a large delegation of swimmers to the Division II championships last weekend at Oakland University. In front, from left, are Lindsey Phillips, Michelle Martinelli, Nora Oliver, Kacey Murphy, Kendall Effinger and Michelle Champagne. In back, from left, are Molly DeWald, Tori Bruce, Jennifer Dunaway, Ellen Henrichs, Melissa Oddo, Jackie Stevens and Katy Streck. DeWald earned All-State honors with her fifth place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

## Swimmers shine at state

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South both had some impressive performances at last weekend's Division II state swimming championships at Oakland University.

North's Jenny Rusch scored in two individual events.

She was fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle. Rusch had a time of 24.45 in the 50 preliminaries, and she was clocked in 24.53 in the finals. Her best time in the 100 was 53.71 in the finals.

South's Molly DeWald finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke. Her preliminary time of 1:06.25 broke the school record for the event and qualified her as South's first All-American candidate since 2001.

The Norsemen's 200 freestyle relay team of Rusch, Caitlin Mathews, Maresa Leto and Jackie Shea was seventh in 1:41.90. The same quartet placed 11th in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:44.55.

Rusch's performance and that of the 200 freestyle relay made it 20 out of the last 21 years that the Norsemen have produced at least one All-State swimmer.

South's 200 medley relay

team of Tori Bruce, Jennifer Dunaway, Kendall Effinger and DeWald took ninth place by winning the consolation final in a season-best time of 1:52.25.

Bruce, a sophomore, also took ninth place in the 100 backstroke by clocking a personal-best time of 1:00.3.

South's other scorer was Dunaway, who touched 15th in the 100 breaststroke. It was the fourth straight season that Dunaway qualified and placed in the state meet.

Other solid performances from South swimmers came from Melissa Oddo, 23rd in the 100 breaststroke; DeWald, 21st in the 50 freestyle; and Bruce, 33rd in the 50 freestyle.

South's 200 freestyle relay team of Kacey Murphy, Ellen Henrichs, Effinger and Jackie Stevens was 20th, while the 400 freestyle relay team of Lindsey Phillips, Katy Streck, Effinger and Stevens finished in 22nd place.

North finished 14th in the team standings with 55.5 points, while South was 18th with 43 points.

Farmington Hills Mercy won the team title with 346.5 points. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central was a distant second with 216.

## ULS girls hockey team gets victory in its season opener

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

The University Liggett School girls hockey team opened its season in style last week, beating Bloomfield Hills United 7-2.

"It's nice to get that opening win and start the year 1-0," head coach Laura Owczarski said.

The host Lady Knights scored five goals in the first seven minutes of the opening period and cruised during the final two and one half periods.

"Those quick goals gave us a huge lift," Owczarski said. "We are going to be better than people think, even though we lost a lot of girls from last year's squad."

Alex Boll scored twice to lead the offensive charge.

Other goal scorers were Amanda Boll, Mariah DeBruhl, Medea Shanidze, Morgan Ellis and Paige Counsman.

Janaya Gripper started in net, stopping four of five Bloomfield shots. Tori Ellithorpe played the final two periods, stopping eight of nine shots.

Owczarski's team improved from two wins in 2005 to five victories and a tie a year ago.

"I think we have a legitimate chance to be .500 this season," Owczarski said. "We don't have the explosive scorers like last year with (Elizabeth) Palmer and (Monique) Squiers, but we have a nice group of girls who work hard and have a great attitude."

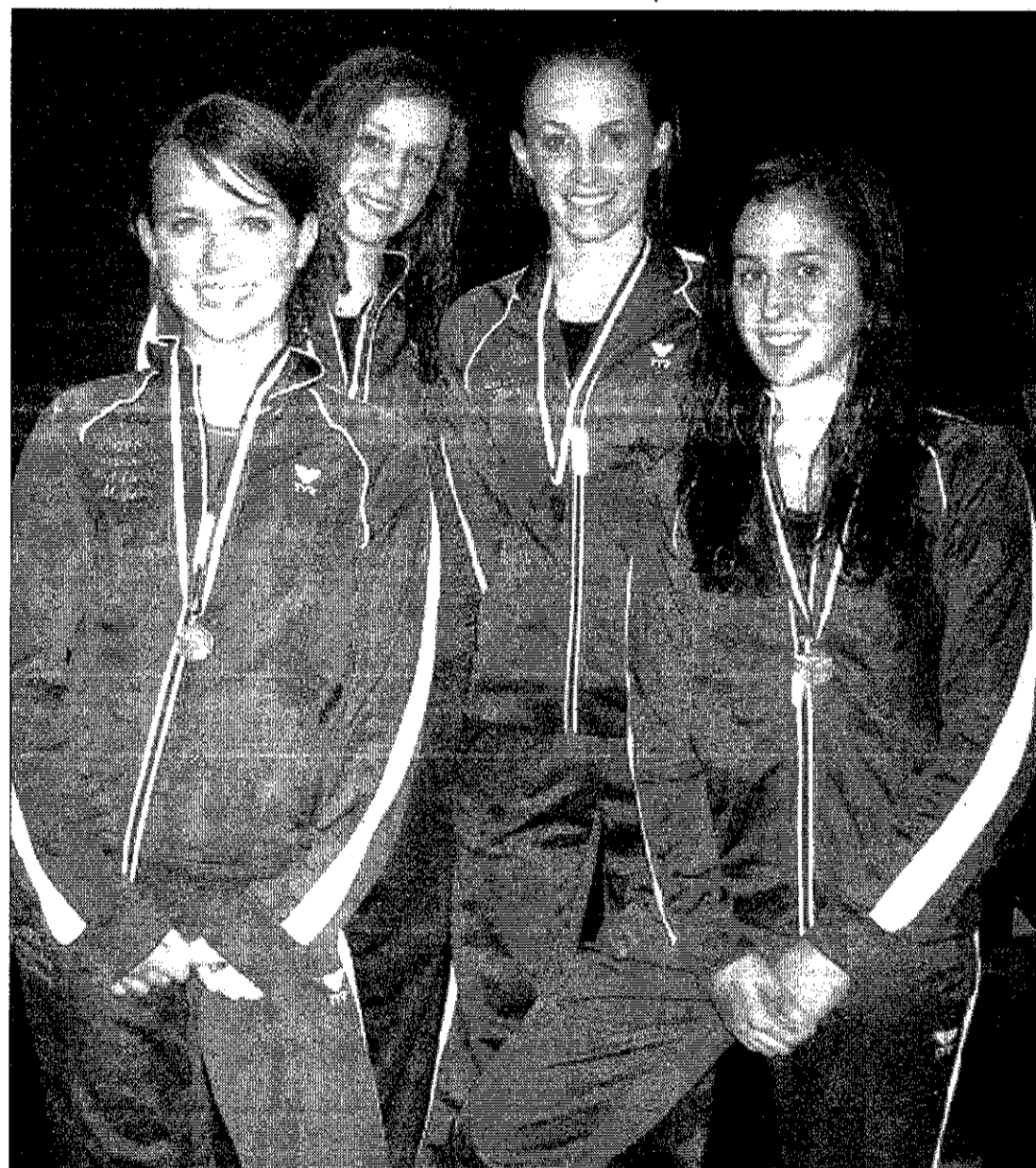
Counsman is a newcomer to the team. She played travel hockey the past couple of sea-

sons and adds speed and goal-scoring ability to the squad.

Others to watch are Liz Smith, Toniaqua Harvey, Mariah Passalacqua, Leann Raymond, Natalie Peracchio, Jacqueline Nicholas, Gem Manalo and Cora Smith.

"Counsman really gives us a player who can put the puck in the net and we have an improved goaltender with Janaya," Owczarski said. "Overall, I think we're a better team at this stage than a year ago."

ULS competes in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division II with Harper Woods Regina, Bloomfield, Walled Lake, the defending division champ, and this year's title favorites, Port Huron and Farmington Hills Mercy.



Grosse Pointe North swimmers, from left, Caitlin Mathews, Jackie Shea, Jenny Rusch and Maresa Leto earned All-State honors at last weekend's Division II championships at Oakland University.

### ULS BOYS HOCKEY

## Season begins with victory over Avondale; a loss at Country Day

By Bob St. John  
Staff Writer

Head coach Terry Olson was pleased with the opening week for his University Liggett School boys hockey team.

"Overall, we had a decent couple of games," Olson said. "We're a young team and not overly big, but our kids have a great attitude and they're ready to play hockey."

The visiting Knights opened the year with a 5-1 win over

Auburn Hills Avondale.

Mike Burchi had two goals and two assists to lead the squad, which trailed 1-0 before scoring five unanswered goals.

Dan Zukas, Chris Leahy and Rory Deane also tallied for the Knights. Mike Thomas (two), Mac Decker, Deane and Erik Litch recorded assists.

Chris Ralstrom and Vernel Johnson shared the goaltending duties. Olson said both played a strong game.

Last weekend, the visiting

Knights lost 6-3 to Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

Drew Amato, Deane and Leahy scored. Thomas (two), John Stockmann and Amato had assists.

"We played fairly well, despite the final score," Olson said.

"We can play with that team, but had a few lapses during the second period that was the difference in the game."

The ULS hockey team is 1-1 overall.

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injured shoulder." North is 1-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

When Latimer returns, the Lady Norsemen will be one of the top teams to beat in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Dockett's squad (13-6-1) lost to Livonia Ladywood in the state quarterfinals a year ago after finishing fourth in Division I in the regular sea-

son. Dockett said defense and experience are the team's strengths.

Returning players Quinlan, Lentz, Walsh, Listwan, Kara Yeager, Alexa Lucchese, Capizzo, Latimer, Meredith Chicklas and Angela Giorgio give the Lady Norsemen speed and depth.

Newcomers are Bergeron, Taylor Moody, Kailey Sickmiller and Jacqueline Reardon.

Joe Lucchese is Dockett's assistant coach.

Fox will also guide one of the league's top teams. Last season the Lady Blue Devils slipped, finishing below .500 at 9-11.

"Last year was a big disappointment," Fox said. "We never

seemed to gel as a team, but I don't see that happening this season. The girls will play more aggressively this season."

Returning players Jenna Huitsing, Jessica Snella, Maria Hartman, Mary Dosch, Sarah Auk, Shepard, Shook, Alexandra Rentz, Kathleen McDonald, Ashley Thibodeau, Maggie Miller, Shannon Gianino and Jarboe form a solid nucleus.

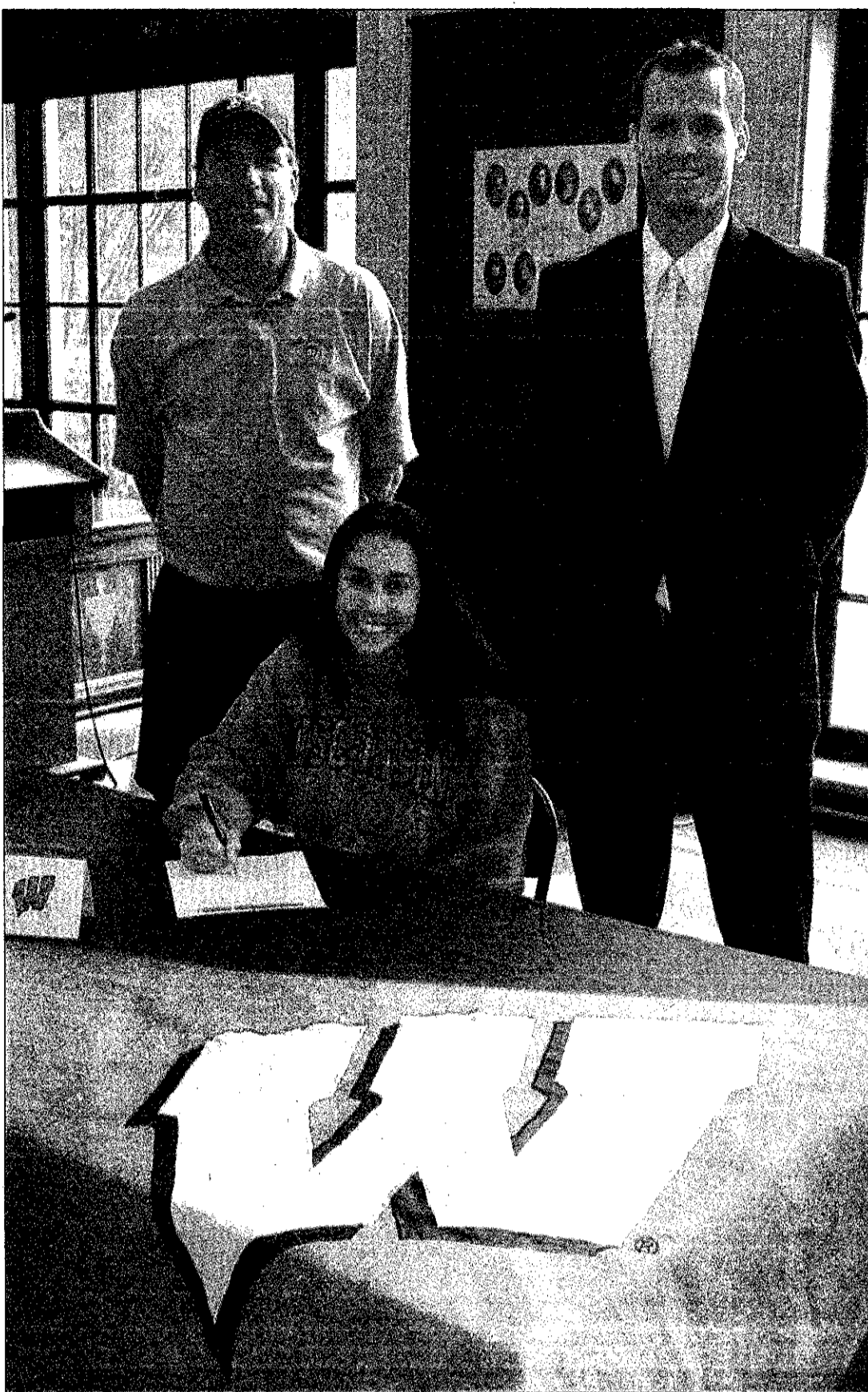
Newcomers are Tara Bolton, Simone Arora, Burgess, Emma Hull, Kathryn Repicky, Christine Daudlin and Chantel Chuba.

League coaches predict North and South will finish in the top three in the regular season.



Kelsey Burgess scores Grosse Pointe South's hockey team's first goal of the season on this slap shot. South teammate Emma Hull sets a screen in front of Grosse Pointe North goaltender Rachael Lentz.

PHOTO BY DR. J. RICHARD DUNLAP



Angela Chupa signs her letter-of-intent to play tennis at the University of Wisconsin. Watching are Grosse Pointe South girls tennis coach Mark Sobieralski, left, and South athletic director Brandon Slone.

# South's Chupa picks Wisconsin

By Chuck Klonke  
Sports Editor

Angela Chupa got a chance to visit a lot of college campuses while she traveled the country as a highly-ranked junior tennis player, and none made more of an impression than the University of Wisconsin.

So last week, when high school seniors could sign letters-of-intent, the Grosse Pointe South senior put her name on a tender from Wisconsin.

"We took advantage of school holidays to travel to more than 20 national tournaments and my mom made us visit college campuses wherever we played," Chupa said. "We usually had a chance to meet an admissions officer and the tennis coach, so when the time came to make a college decision, I was well-informed."

Her criteria for picking a college was threefold.

"It had to have a great academic program in bio-medical engineering. I met some of my professors and they seem really nice to work with," Chupa said. "There had to be outstanding team chemistry. It seems like all my teammates are easy to get along with. And the atmosphere in Madison is one of the finest around."

"Other programs came close, but Wisconsin nailed it. Madison, my team and the university are a perfect fit."

Chupa was impressed with head coach Brian Fleishman and assistant coach Katie Daugherty, a former Badger player. They also imparted some words of wisdom.

"They told me that senioritis was not an option, which is something I wouldn't give in to anyway," she said.

Chupa isn't the first Grosse Pointe to play tennis at Wisconsin. She's following in the footsteps of Paul Van Wallegem and Alex Conti.

The Chupa family returned to Grosse Pointe during the summer after spending four years in Bradenton, Fla., so Angela and her sisters, Mary and Carolyn, could train at the famed Bollettieri Tennis Academy.

"What I really liked about Florida tennis is the level of play and the camaraderie among the competitors," Angela said.

"It's very much like the programs in Spain, which have turned out some very good players recently. They encourage each other to get better. We compete on the court, but off the court we're all pretty much good friends."

The girls stayed at Bollettieri's for a year, then left to work with Tommy Thompson at the USA training center in St. Petersburg.

"It was all world-class training," Chupa said. "I learned a lot about myself. It prepped me for some great wins, but along the way I never lost sight of the really important goal, my education."

Among Chupa's victories this summer were wins against the No. 2, the No. 35 and the No. 43 ranked players in the USA 18 rankings.

"In Florida I had a chance to improve my game from a technical standpoint by competing

against the best players in the world," Chupa said.

South coach Mark Sobieralski is delighted to have Angela and her two sisters on the Blue Devils' squad next spring.

"Not only are they good players, but they're good kids," Sobieralski said.

"They lead by example. I'm really excited about this season."

Angela began playing tennis when she was a 7-year-old at Wimbledon Racquet Club.

Her coach was Drew Mascarin.

"Drew's sister, Suzie Keane, told me and my sisters at a practice once that we needed to develop more of a competitive attitude," Chupa said. "My parents pushed us to pick a sport, either golf or tennis, mostly because they both played golf and tennis. Even though we liked driving golf carts, we loved hitting moving objects."

Mascarin recalled something that made Angela and her sisters stand out from the rest of the youngsters he teaches at Wimbledon.

"She had the hand-eye coordination that some players just have naturally," he said. "All the Chupa girls had it. It's also how they start moving to the ball. Some just naturally know the correct stutter step to take."

"It's fun when you see the natural talent. And when they're willing to put in the hard work like Angela has, this (scholarship) is the payoff. There aren't many players from here that sign with Big Ten schools."

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

# Red Barons South team wins 16-6

A ball-control offense and a tenacious defense led the Grosse Pointe Red Barons South varsity to a 16-6 victory against the Northeast Detroit Shamrocks.

The Barons held the big, fast Shamrocks to 160 yards in total offense.

The performance was helped by the swarming defensive play of Brian Hall, Patrick Murtagh, Michael Nehra, Luke Hessburg, William Callewaert, Eddie Mollison, Connor Martinuzzi, Wesley Cimmarrusti, Jon Parker and Jon-Kyle Searcy.

The Barons got on the scoreboard in the second quarter with a 12-play, 43-yard drive capped by Robby Kish's touchdown pass to Cimmarrusti.

Strong running by Mollison and Chris Weldon set up the score.

The Barons opened the second half with an 81-yard drive. Mollison scored on a 16-yard run.

The victory featured fine blocking from Kyle Randolph, Matthew Barnes, Patrick VanBiesbrouck, Kurt Hamel, Adam Bolton and Michael Stavale.

### Junior varsity

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons South's offensive line created huge holes for the team's running backs in a 42-13 junior varsity victory against the Northeast Detroit Shamrocks.

Cody Dawson, Noah Elliot, Cannon Gillooly, Adam Jack, Tony Moore and Nicholas DeBrunner paved the way for the ground game.

The passing game with Richie Kish, Josh Gray and

Nate Gaggin was also effective with protection from Jack Martin, Matt Mandardo, Jack Stenheur, Bennett Jackson, Michael Schneider and Alex Baljian.

The highlight of the day was a 60-yard scoring strike from Gaggin to Ryley Maher.

Dylan Demkowicz and Jack Doyle combined for four running touchdowns, and Michael Blake also ran for a score.

Kickers Liam McIlroy and Will Kruse also performed well.

### Freshmen

The Red Barons' freshman offense got on track with a 34-13 victory against Northeast Detroit.

Jack Fry, Louie Casselman, R.J. Stewart and Joseph Haddad combined for 250 rushing yards.

Sam Blanzly completed a 27-yard pass to Henry Buzolitz for a key first down, and a 19-yard touchdown pass to Zach Thalgott.

Centers Sean Fannon and Jon Martinuzzi were perfect on the exchanges.

The offensive line of R.J. McCarren, Mitchell Donovan, Chris Gordon, Evan Gillooly, Billy Michels, A.J. Stevenson, Ryan McWood, Evan Jeup, Jake Crillo, Zach Due, Zach Simmet, Matt Millenbach and Max Kmak controlled the trenches.

Defensive ends Sam Jones, Jared Demkowicz, Tyler Quatrone, Michael Landuyt, Sam Blanzly and Haddad did a good job of containment. Middle linebacker Brian Blanzly made 12 tackles for the Red Barons.

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riod. That was one of the few things that disappointed Bopp.

He felt that play should have been whistled dead before the goal because a Saline player closed his hand on the puck, dropped it to the ice and flipped it toward the net. It went in off a crowd of players in front.

"He didn't face many shots, but he deserved a shutout," Bopp said. "He made three great saves during the game, one on a breakaway. Heading into his junior year, Trevor has already won two regional championships and one state championship. It's very early in the season, but Trevor seems to be at the top of his game."

"It was a great start to the season. This team is very confident and it seems to have great chemistry. We lost some big-time players off last year's team, but we picked up some good young players, and we have a lot of our key people back."

This weekend, South makes its annual trip to the Big Rapids tournament. The Blue Devils open with Notre Dame Prep on Friday. The other semifinal game will match Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central against Big Rapids. The championship game will be played on Saturday.

## South alums have game with varsity

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team will hold its annual alumni game on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. at City Sports Center.

All former South varsity-hockey players are invited to attend the event, which will run until about 8 p.m.

The alumni players will scrimmage against the varsity.

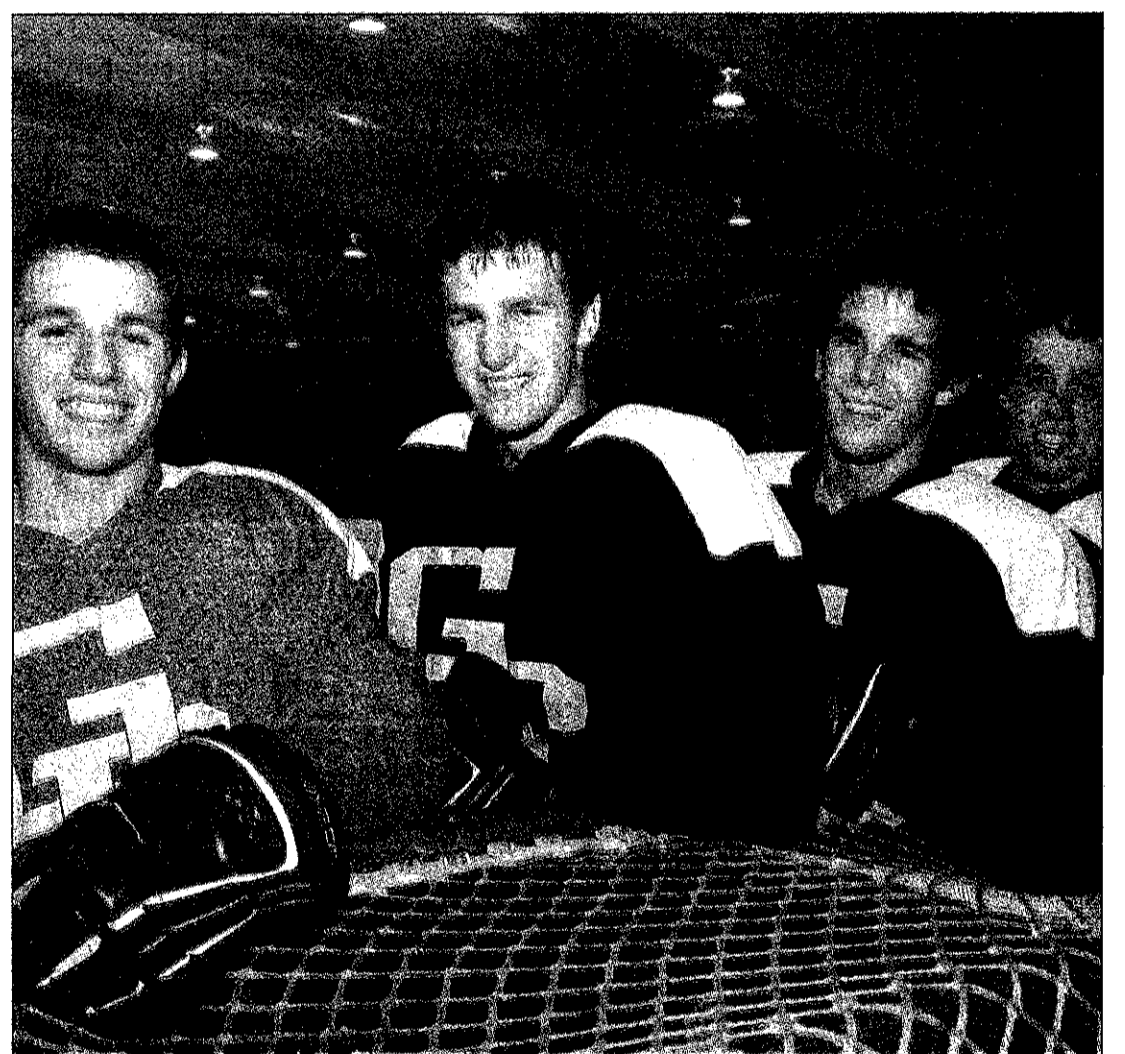
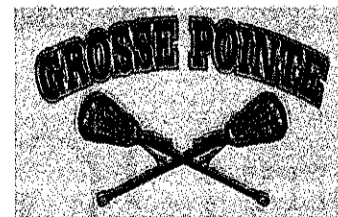


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Grosse Pointe South's defending state Division II hockey champions will be led this season by captains Tim Shield, Sam Mott, Arthur Griem and Lance Lucas. Shield, Griem and Lucas each scored goals last weekend in the Blue Devils' season-opening 5-1 victory against Saline. This weekend the Blue Devils will play in the Big Rapids tournament.

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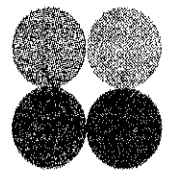
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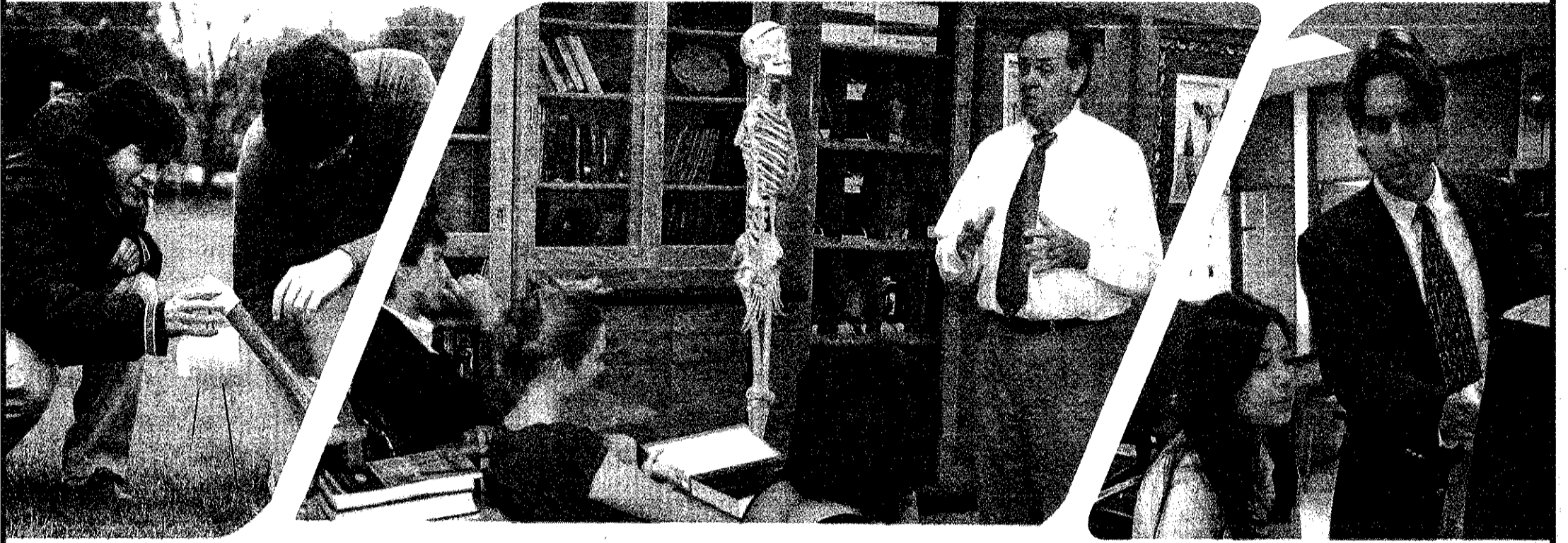
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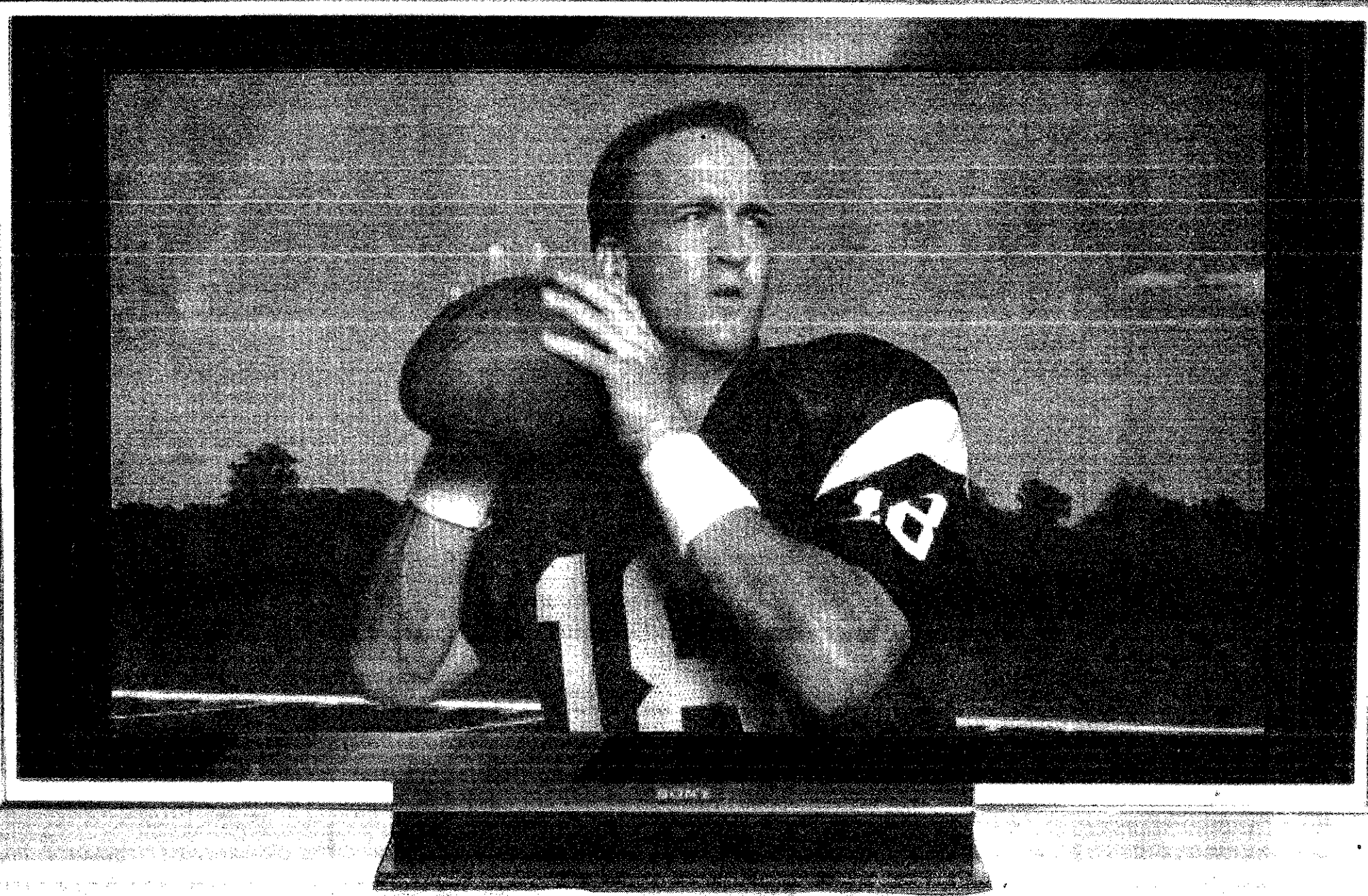






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