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THURSDAY, DEC. 6

◆ A performance of an Ice Skating Extravaganza begins at 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Park's Patterson Park. Admission is free. Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the Lindell Lodge.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

◆ Join the Polar Bear Plunge into Lake St. Clair from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. Hot chocolate will be available. For more information, call Stephanie Selvaggio at (248) 670-2957 or Scott Bragg at (313) 510-5598.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

◆ The Grosse Pointe South Mothers Club hosts a holiday walk through six Grosse Pointe homes from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (313) 300-7908. Early ticket price is \$20.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School library.
 ◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen hosts "Chat with Commish Killeen" from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court, 20025 Mack Plaza.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Park City Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. The dog park is to be discussed.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours meets at 5:30 p.m. at Ed Lazar State Farm Insurance office, 18352 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts "Sonny Sez," Detroit broadcaster Sonny Eliot and Draper Hill for a book discussion beginning at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Admission is free but seating is limited. To register call (313) 343-2074, ext. 220 or visit gp.lib.mi.us.

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All season facility

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

It's been more than two years in the making, but construction on a \$1 million multi-use ice rink and basketball facility has begun at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 8,300 square-foot facility, the brainchild of the Farms council and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation,

will have basketball courts during the summer. Refrigerated units below the surface will convert it to an ice skating rink during the winter.

A one-room building is also planned as a warming center for ice skaters and platform tennis, said Shane Reeside, city manager. The building, an architecturally scaled down version

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Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park will see an 8,300 square foot facility to be used for basketball and ice skating.
 PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

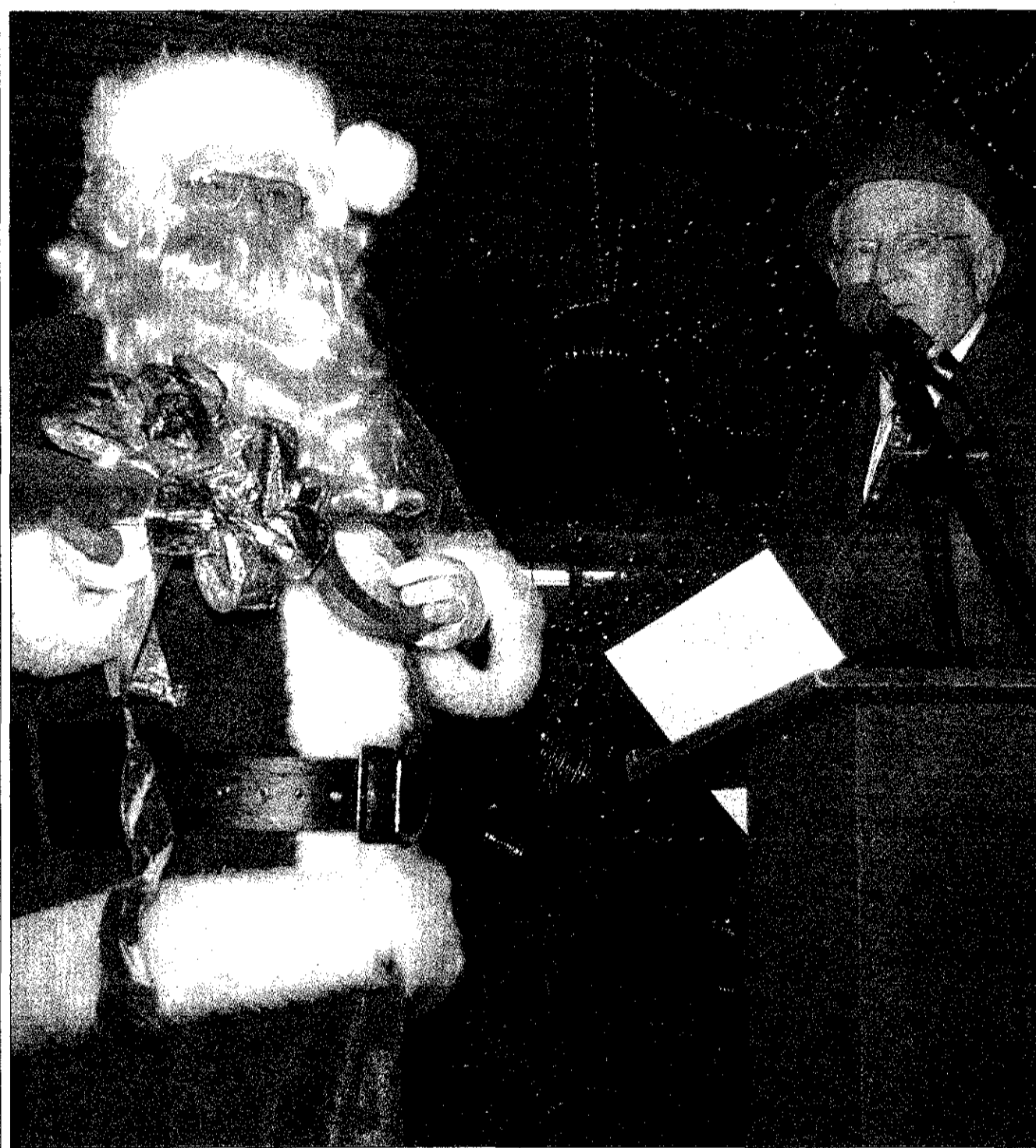


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Honorary resident

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer T. Heenan presents Santa Claus with the key to the city after the tree lighting ceremony at Windmill Pointe Park on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Perhaps Santa will use the key to open doors rather than going down chimneys.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

Campbell withdraws petition

By John Lundberg
 Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Don Parthum Jr. can finally begin pursuing his election agenda after council challenger Don Campbell withdrew his recount petition following a manual recount last week.

The Wayne County Election Commission certified that both candidates remained tied after a recount Thursday, Nov. 29. Each candidate picked up one vote — Campbell from precinct 2 and Parthum from the absentee ballots.

However, the election statute mandated that both candidates once again cast lots, which prompted Campbell to withdraw his petition.

"I wasn't aware that would be the case, but after reviewing (the law) it made sense to me," Campbell said. "My only goal was to have all the votes counted."

"It was contrary to my goal that we have another chance drawing and didn't want it done again. I was very satisfied with the results."

Campbell and Parthum tied for the last council seat in the regular election Nov. 6. The two then cast lots the following evening, with Parthum selecting the slip marked "Elected" from a box.

Campbell then filed for a recount, mostly concerned with potential for error with the optical scanning devices used to tally ballots. The county's election commission agreed to the petition, and their hand count resulted in another tie.

"It was honorable thing for him to do," Parthum said of Campbell's withdrawing of the petition recount. "He stepped up to the plate and did the right thing."

"I'm just glad it's all behind me."

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Woods moves to set up 501(c)(3)

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

It's been talked about for several years, but it now appears a 501 (c)(3) tax deductible charitable foundation may be a reality for Grosse Pointe Woods in 2008.

With The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation in place, the city would be able to accept donations that would enable the city to undertake major projects similar to those already in place in some of

the other Grosse Pointes.

Andrew Richner, an attorney with the firm of Clark Hill, reported to the council at its Dec. 3 meeting that he has filed the necessary paper work required by the state and is now ready for the foundation to set up a board of directors.

"In the 1980s our sister cities within the Pointes created foundations with the intention of improving the life of their residents," he explained. "We have looked at their arti-

cles of incorporations and by-laws and basically adapted those for our use."

Richner outlined the next steps the city must take.

"An interim board needs to be established, which I would expect to be the city council," he said. "With the council acting as the interim board, it would approve the bylaws, and then appoint the permanent board. Once the permanent board is in place, the ac-

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'People like to donate to charities because it really makes you feel good to help somebody.'

Kathy Eisengruber



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Age: 38
 Family: Husband, Bill
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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

◆ GIRL RECEIVES \$100 BILL:

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved returning a \$100 bill found in 1956 to the 7-year-old girl who found it.

Linda Charvats found the note while trying to catch butterflies at Monteith Elementary School, where she is a student. She turned it in to police, who attempted to establish the rightful owner.

More than a year later, the council recognized the futility of the search and approved returning it to Linda.

◆ SNOWBALLERS TO FACE TOUGH PUNISHMENT:

In an effort to discourage youths from taking aim with snowballs at cars and people, the five Grosse Pointes have established stiff penalties for violators. Those caught in the act are subject to a \$100 fine or 90 days in jail. A recent snowfall resulted in several motorists' complaints of juveniles hurling snowballs at their cars. A woman also reported being struck in the face with a frozen projectile.

◆ YOUNG BURGLAR FREE ON BOND:

A Detroit man was freed from Grosse Pointe Woods on a \$500 bond after he admitted committing more than 60 burglaries in the state of Michigan.

Leroy Johnson, 19, is charged with robbing a bakery on Mack. He was arrested by Woods police when he entered city hall on a separate matter recently. Woods police recognized his car as one that was near the bakery at the time of the robbery.

Under questioning, Johnson admitted involve-

ment to dozens of burglaries from St. Clair Shores to Eaton Rapids.

1982

25 years ago this week

◆ JUSTICE MOODY PUT TO REST:

Supreme Court Justice Blair Moody Jr., of Grosse Pointe Shores, was recently memorialized at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church after he died of heart failure.

Flags were flown at half staff at all state offices for the 54-year-old justice. Moody reportedly complained of chest pains and nausea after raking leaves and cutting grass at his home. He was taken to an area hospital and died later that night.

Moody was recently re-elected to the high court and was scheduled to begin his eight-year term in January. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; three sons, Blair III, Brian and Peter; and two daughters, Diane and Susan.

◆ PARK SUSPENDS RESTAURANT LAW:

Angry residents stormed out of a Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting recently after the council approved a six-month postponement of a city ordinance adopted recently to limit the hours of Park restaurants.

The ordinance was in response to neighbors complaints of unruly behavior of patrons of the Steak & Egg restaurant on Jefferson during the early morning hours. The council approved the postponement after the restaurant owner agreed to renovate the kitchen by painting, installing larger windows to open it up and increase lighting.



1957: Christmas is on its way

Pointe children swarmed Santa Claus as he made his entrance to the Village shopping district recently. Arriving in a wagon drawn by white ponies, Santa will make his headquarters in his own pink house at Kercheval and St. Clair. (From the Dec. 5, 1957, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)

The ordinance would have forced all Park restaurants to close down between 2 and 5 a.m.

◆ FARMS METER VANDALISM SPIKES:

Blaming a depressed economy and the popularity of video arcades, Grosse Pointe Farms police said vandalism to city parking meters have skyrocketed recently.

Since last February, the Farms reported 55 meters have been damaged, stolen or destroyed.

1997

10 years ago this week

◆ PLANNED YACHT CLUB EXPANSION PANNED:

A proposal to expand the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe Shores has one resident upset by what she claims are unanswered questions regarding her property on Lakeshore.

Mary Anne LaHood said the planned expansion will encroach onto her property she owns beyond the shoreline south of the yacht club. She also claimed that yacht club officials have approached her with

a monetary settlement and even offered her property elsewhere in the Shores as compensation.

◆ GARAGE FIRE CONTAINED IN CITY:

Public safety personnel from the City of Grosse Pointe, Park and Farms were able to extinguish a "fully involved" garage fire on Lakeside Court before it engulfed the primary residence.

Firefighters were dispatched after an emergency call and were able to contain the blaze within 45 minutes.

A 12-year-boy was treated and released for minor injuries sustained in the fire. Police believe the fire was accidental.

◆ LIBRARY BOARD LOSES TWO MEMBERS:

The Grosse Pointe Library Board accepted the resignations of Vicki Granger and Fran Schonenberg. The two members cited their recent election to city council positions as reason for the resignations.

Both agreed to stay on the board until their replacements are named.

2002

5 years ago this week

◆ COMPUTER HOGS TO GET BOOT:

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's administration will impose time limits on computer usage at its library branches in the near future.

The change comes after individuals abused computer privileges by taking up machine time for hours at a time. Under the new system, patrons will sign up for a computer and be allotted one hour for the adult computers and a half hour for the youth computers.

◆ NEW ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ON SLATE IN WOODS:

Neighbors of a more than 50,000 square foot assisted living facility recently approved by the Woods city council on Mack vow to fight the construction.

The facility's footprint will cover nearly 60 percent of the commercially zoned land on Mack between Brys and Aline that has set undeveloped for years.

Neighbors of the facility complained Woods city members ignored their concerns and threatened court action.

— John Lundberg

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Lavin's Activity Center receives a facelift

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

No matter how good something is there is always room for improvement.

Grosse Pointe Park's Lavin's Activity Center in Windmill Pointe Park received some enhancements this past fall.

In September, a drinking fountain was put in the main hallway near the locker room. Previously, the building's only fountain on the main floor was in the gymnasium.

"People had to interrupt karate or fitness classes in the gym just to get a drink of water," said the center's manager, Mary Beth Hathaway. "I thought, 'Why don't we just put one in the hallway.'"

The Okulski Theatre underwent a major facelift in October. New carpeting was installed along with an additional row of eight seats. The seating capacity increased to 138.

Hathaway said the next improvement for the theater is to upgrade the lights illuminating the steps.

The Meade Fitness Center was expanded to accommodate several new pieces of weight equipment.

"The additional space gave us more room to add different bench press equipment and better space to put the free weights," Hathaway said.

She said some patrons were displeased when two pieces of abdominal and back equipment were removed.

"Those pieces were designed for use in a clinic setting where a trainer would

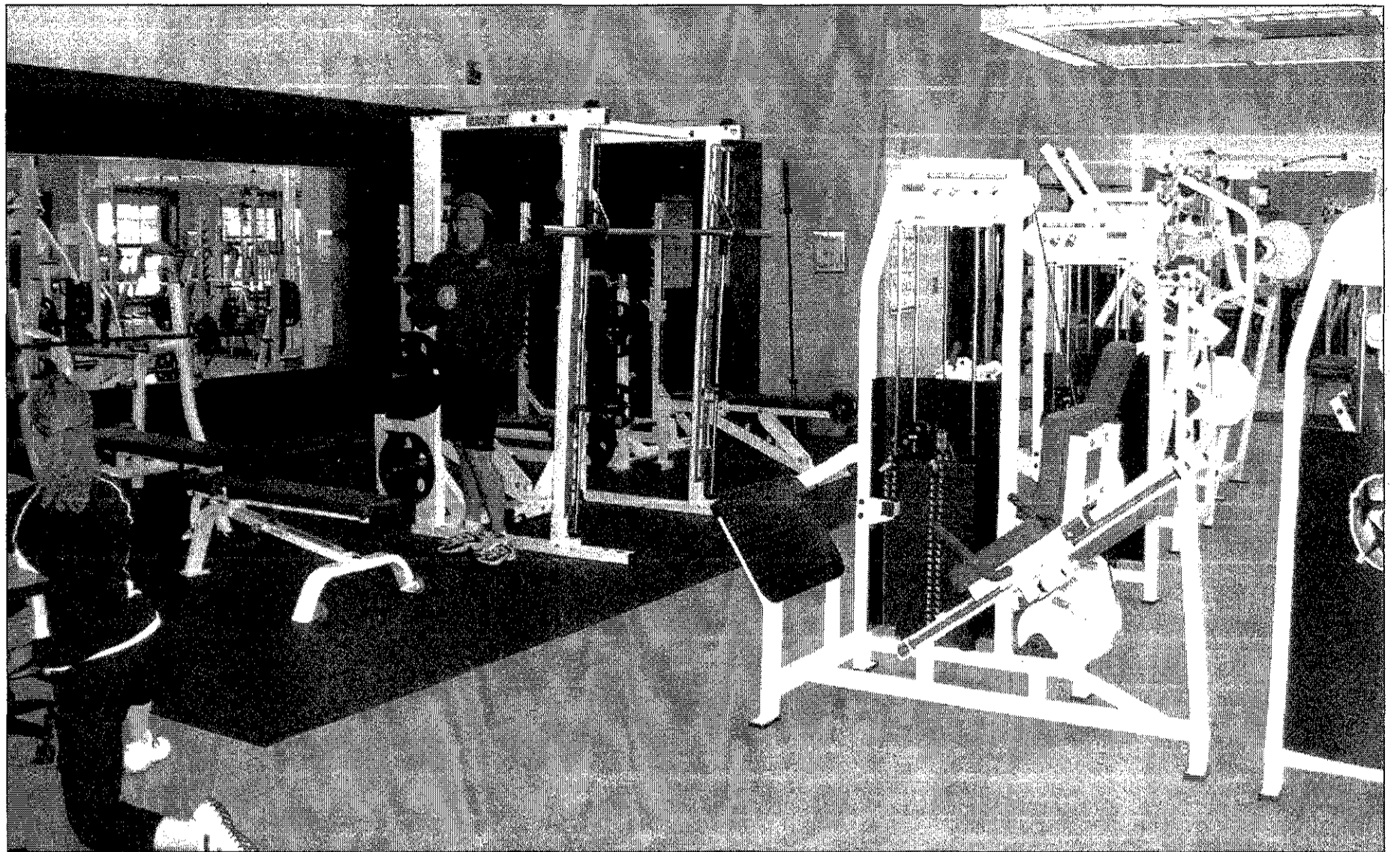


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Grosse Pointe Park's Meade Fitness Center was recently expanded to accommodate several new pieces of exercise equipment.

oversee their use," Hathaway said. "I sold them to a doctor with a back clinic."

However, these will be replaced by similar equipment designed for use by the general public, she said. Three new pieces of equipment, which target abdominals, the back

and inner and outer thighs, are scheduled for delivery in the next few weeks.

The basketball gymnasium got an upgraded sound system, amplifier and four ceiling speakers. Previously, fitness classes used a boom box-like component that sat

on a stand.

"The new sound system is a huge improvement, especially for large classes which fill up the entire gym," Hathaway said. "It fills the room with more sound."

The Park's swim team, the Mutants, recently raised mon-

ey to purchase two trophy cases located in the main floor hallway. They will showcase the team's awards since 1977.

The center also has new hours.

It is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through

Thursday; 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

It will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

It will close at 4 p.m. New Year's Eve.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Vernier Terrace discussed by city council

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

There hasn't been much said about it publicly since July, but that doesn't mean Grosse Pointe Woods city officials have forgotten about the property known as Vernier Terrace.

Ever since city council members, acting as the zoning board of appeals, denied a variance request by Sunrise Senior Living to build an assisted living facility on the site on July 2, there have been quiet discussions regarding the future of the three acre parcel.

In order to give direction to those talks, Mayor Bob Novitke kicked off a Nov. 26 meeting of the committee of the whole and with members of the planning commission by asking the question: "What do we want to see on that Vernier

Road property?"

The recurring theme of the discussion had to do with some type of senior housing, be it an assisted living facility or independent senior housing, and the recurring problem seems to be the property's R4 zoning. An area defined as R4 allows for high density multiple dwellings, with commercial use on the first and second floors.

According to assistant city attorney Chip Berschback, it is quite likely that the city will be seeing some renewed interest in the property in 2008. While nothing is definite, the owner of the property is discussing another senior living development and it was important for city departments to plan and be pro-active.

Doug Hamborsky, planning commission chair, asked city

officials for direction so that any development of the property can proceed smoothly.

"How can we get mechanisms in place to put a set of guidelines together that we can all work with? Our goal should be to clarify some of the language in the codes. The planning commission needs to know what everyone's thoughts are so that a developer can build according to the rules in place. We need to know what the hot button issues are and how to address them," Hamborsky said.

No one would like to know what everyone's thoughts are more than the Matt Kornmeier, director of property management for ANK Enterprises, the owner of the property.

"There is a need for me to get feedback from the city on this property," Kornmeier said. "I have a piece of property that

can't sustain itself any more. When the Sunrise development seemed a certainty, many of my tenants moved out. I now have ten tenants left in 56 units.

"At this point, no one will partner with me. I know the financial problems of the owner is not a concern of the city, but I need some guidelines from you."

Kornmeier indicated that he would like to see the property become a senior housing development. He feels that would make the most sense from a financial and demographic standpoint, though some council members disagree.

"We keep hearing the need, but I'm not sure I believe it," said council member Pete Waldmeir. "I don't see a vital need."

One of the basic problems the planning commission sees,

as does Kornmeier, is that when zoning ordinances were written, particularly the R4 designation currently in place for the Vernier Terrace property, housing units like senior assisted living developments were not widely recognized.

"Assisted living is not prohibited, but it is not exactly provided for in the ambiguous zoning for this property," Kornmeier said. "Until we have a change in zoning, it won't be developed."

Though not necessarily agreeing on senior housing, all parties agreed that redevelop-

ing the property is the best goal for both the city and the owner, and that smoothing the way for redevelopment is in the best interests of all concerned.

"I want us to be at a point where a developer can come in with a plan that he is reasonably certain will be approved," said council member Vicki Granger. "I also think it is important that we consider what Grosse Pointe Woods will look like 20 years from now. We need to make our city more competitive."

RINK:
Park uses
expanding

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of the park's recreational building, will house a fire place, kitchen facilities, and have a large flat screen television. Reeside said since the park went wireless earlier this year, residents should be able to access the Internet from the building.

"We've noticed over the past few years that residents have been using the park more," Reeside said. "We see this as a real opportunity to increase use of the park year round."

"It's an exciting project." The foundation is responsible for raising half the construction costs. The remaining funds will come from the Farms capital improvement fund.

"This has been the main capital endeavor of the foundation over the last two years," Reeside said. "They have worked very hard and are now looking for a major

'We've noticed over the past few years that residents have been using the park more often. We see this as a real opportunity to increase use of the park year round.'

SHANE REESIDE,
city manager

donor for naming rights to the ice rink."

The foundation, established by the Farms council in 1980, has left an impressive footprint in the Farms over the years. It has been the driving force behind several aesthetic enhancements in the Farms during that time. Among those projects were the reforestation of Pier Park following the storm of 1997 and the park's splash pad.

The park's tennis courts are slated to be removed and new ones built with improved drainage.

Reeside hopes construction on the ice rink will begin as early as next fall.

DONATION:
Foundation
in works

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tual application for tax exempt status can be filed with the Internal Revenue Service."

Richner could only speculate how long it would take the IRS to grant tax deductible donation status to the foundation, saying it could take as little as a month or as long as seven or eight.

"However, it would help to have the board in place, actively seeking grants and donations even before the IRS approves because then once it does receive approval the foundation can begin work immediately," Richner said.

Several of the other Grosse Pointes have had charitable foundations in place for a number of years.

In Grosse Pointe Park, projects such as the Lavins Activity Center and the George Helm Boardwalk

along the lake front at Patterson Park are just two examples of enhancements made possible by the work and donations of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.


Grosse Pointe Farms has just begun work on an ice skating rink at Pier Park that will be funded through the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation along with some city funds.


Mayor Bob Novitke acknowledged Richner's recommendation to appoint the city council as the interim board of the foundation, but put off further action on the foundation until January.

"We need to carefully consider who to appoint to the board," Novitke told the council. "They need to be non-political appointments with no connection to the council."


Council member Vicki Granger was disappointed that the process is taking as long as it is.

"We've been talking about this for 13 years," she said. "I'm disappointed that it is taking so long but I understand why we need to take our time."


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POINT OF INTEREST

Kathy Eisengruber is promoting the Neighborhood Club's philosophy of teamwork and camaraderie as she fulfills her duties as the club's director for development.

Developing goals for all ages

By Carrie Cunningham
Special Writer

For close to 100 years, the Neighborhood Club has been integral part of the Grosse Pointe community.

From the creation of Grosse Pointe's first public library, the first hospital, and the first gymnasium in the 1910s to its current focus on sports and recreation for all community members, the en-

tity is mesmerizing in its scope and sense of mission of serving others.

Kathy Eisengruber, named Director of Development for the Neighborhood Club in 2005, believes every adult and child can grow through camaraderie and team work. Her values have thus meshed favorably with the Neighborhood Club, and she has been thriving in her new job.

Eisengruber's life has been shaped by many things that make her the gregarious and intelligent woman she is today. The nexus between sports and the truism that everyone matters has helped define her generous and productive identity.

Throughout grade school, high school and college at the University of Notre Dame, she has been nurtured by the life-giving essence of playing

sports. During her youth she was encouraged by her mother to try many different sports such as volleyball, track, softball and basketball. Later she immersed herself in the vast athletic programs at Notre Dame. Stellar coaches not only introduced her to the healthy aspects of athletics, but also to its effect of building a caring and good sense of character.

"There's a lot of athletic tra-



PHOTO BY CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

Kathy Eisengruber, the Director of Development at the Neighborhood Club

hours, and instead of The Thrift Shop, she was hired as Director of Development, a job that had additionally been open.

Her experience in development is matched by a fervent belief in what the Neighborhood Club offers. From its nursery school to youth, high school and adult sports to all age leisure programs, the Neighborhood Club is a cornucopia of local activities.

Eisengruber says the youth athletics are the bulk and foundation of the Neighborhood Club opportunities. Hundreds of volunteers coach thousands of participants in every sport imaginable such as soccer, baseball, volleyball and basketball.

"We are trying to add value to the community by getting friends and neighbors and families to play together," she said. "Every kid matters here. It's not about winning. It's about sportsmanship and developing relationships."

Eisengruber further feels that the staff at the Neighborhood Club is like family to her, and they embody the selfless mission of the organization.

"Everyone is here for the right reason. No one is here for themselves. They are here because they believe it is the right thing for the community. They want to be a part of that," she said.

When not working for the Neighborhood Club, Eisengruber travels and reads voraciously. She worked as a waitress at Glacier National Park right after she graduated from Notre Dame, and she loves to ski.

She adores Grosse Pointe for its friendly residents and its proximity to Lake St. Clair.

Eisengruber seems to have found her niche at the Neighborhood Club, not only because of her love for philanthropy, but also because of her concern for people.

"People like to donate to charities because it really makes you feel good to help somebody," she said. "It makes us more complete as a human race."

dition (at Notre Dame) and that was important to me," she said. "It was a fitness-minded campus and a sportsmanship-minded campus."

For 12 years, Eisengruber worked in development at Notre Dame where she was director of the annual fund for the university. Not knowing whether she wanted to dedicate her life's work to development, she was certain it gave her great business experience.

"I loved it. It was very challenging. It exposed me to a lot of great things. I got to travel, and I worked with the President and members of the Board of Trustees," she said.

Eisengruber came to Grosse Pointe in 2001 to live with her husband Bill, who works for DTE Energy. She continued working for Notre Dame from 2002 to 2004 in Detroit until she heard about the Neighborhood Club.

In 2005, she received a Neighborhood Club brochure and was enticed by its offerings.

"I am one of those people who looks at everything that comes into my mail box. I remember reading through the program and thinking, What a great organization" she said.

She subsequently visited the Neighborhood Club when she found out there was an opening at the Thrift Shop. Her initial interview with John Bruce, the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Club, unexpectedly lasted six

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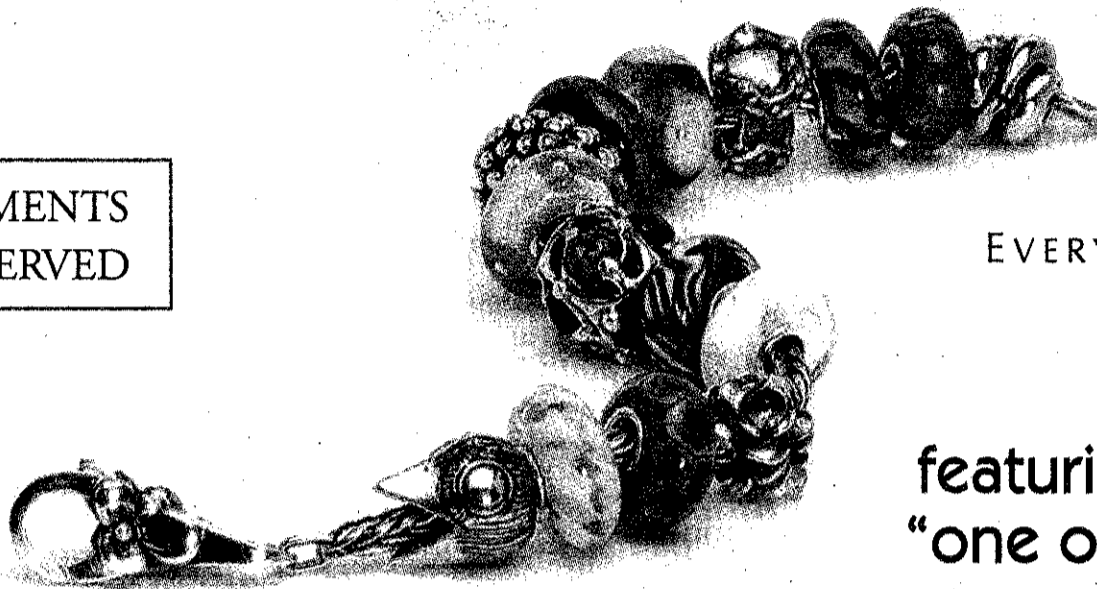
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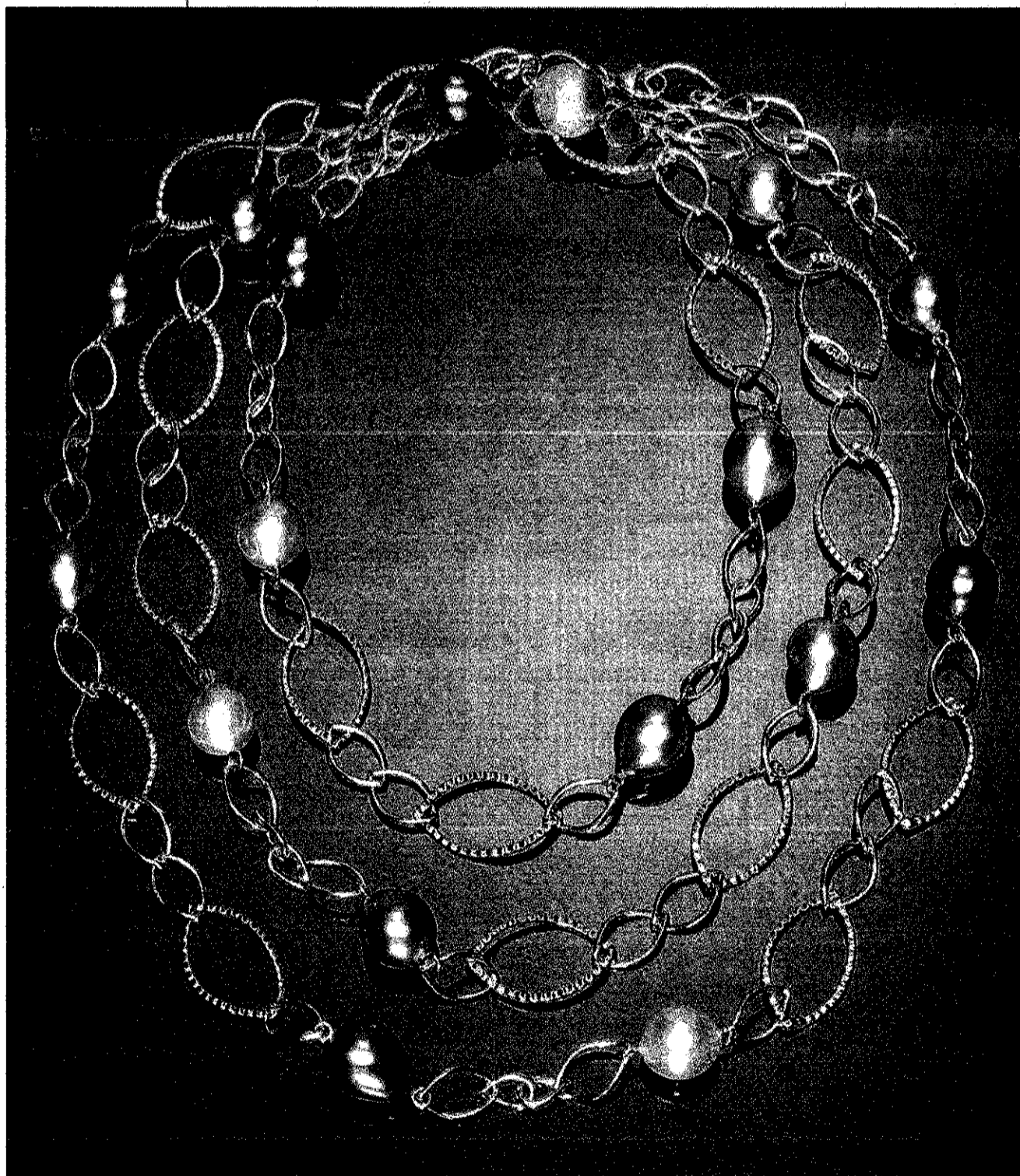
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Plans promote improvements

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When Grosse Pointe Park residents passed the \$7 million bond in November 2006, they opened the door for the conversion of multiple unit homes into single family residences.

In the spring of 2007, approximately 350 qualified owners on Wayburn, Lakepointe, Beaconsfield and Maryland between Jefferson and Mack received invitations to participate in the city's home conversion rehab program, said Kathy Willmer of the Park's financial department. The application deadline was June 14.

Twelve owners have applied for the program. Two residents are in the final stages of the conversion, Willmer said.

She estimates the typical grant will be \$15,000.

"It's a wonderful program," Willmer said. "The grant is a nice windfall."

According to Willmer, there are two minimum require-

ments to qualify for funding. Owners must eliminate multiple entries and install one main entrance. They also must remove the second kitchen used in the multiple unit.

The program requires the unit be reviewed by the city's inspector, and contractor estimates be submitted to and approved by the rehab committee prior to performing any work.

Residents in this district can also take advantage of the Park's facade improvement program.

"The program's incentive is to bring homes up to code," Willmer said.

Residents may borrow up to \$10,000 to enhance their home's exterior. The loan is due only when the house has a change of ownership, Willmer said.

"This program has been around for years and is very popular," she said.

Residents can obtain a list of qualified improvements at the Park's city offices.



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Santa's helpers

Grosse Pointe Park's Parks and Recreations Department held a holiday gift market as part of its holiday tree festivities on Wednesday, Nov. 28. More than 13 vendors filled the Tompkins Community Center selling holiday roping, wreaths and ornaments along with gifts for every member of the family. Park residents Jan and Bob Ramsey and Al Mazur manned the city's table offering commemorative plaques and ornaments.

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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Committees approved

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park City Council members approved the re-appointment of fellow councilman Gregory P. Theokas as mayor pro tem along with members of the board of canvassers, board of review and the recreation commission.

Ann Michaels and Carol Hackleman will be serving on the board of canvassers for

another 4-year term.

William Finn will stay on the board of review for three more years.

Mary Beth Hathaway was appointed for the first time to serve on the city's recreation commission. She joins current members Louis Cerre, Rita Gazarato, Roy Edmonds, Larry Haggart, Stacey Jarvis, Robert Klacza, Carla Palffy and Gerry Schilling. Their term ends with the next city election in 2009.



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GUEST EDITORIAL By Jack McHugh

State budget

For the past year, the public was told that even with nearly \$1.4 billion in new state tax hikes, severe cuts were still be required to "balance the budget."

Surprise! The "deficit" turns out to have been a gap between expected revenue and the level of desired additional spending. The state will spend \$900 million more this year than last, most of which is from state taxes and fees.

The following items from the recent-passed budget illustrate the overall pattern:

- ◆ Total prison spending will be \$2.01 billion, compared to \$1.94 billion enacted last year.
- ◆ The Department of Labor and Economic Growth will spend \$1.30 billion, compared to \$1.23 billion enacted last year.
- ◆ \$1.89 billion will be spent on universities compared to \$1.79 billion enacted the previous year.
- ◆ The Department of Community Health will spend \$12.05 billion compared to \$11.02 billion enacted last year.
- ◆ The Department of Human Services (Welfare) will spend \$4.59 billion, compared to \$4.47 billion enacted last year, and the department will gain 171 new employees.

There were a few cuts: Government arts grants will fall by \$2 million, four prison facilities will close, and a juvenile justice facility will downsize.

An attempt to contract out the state's foster child and adoption services to private social service agencies will be implemented to some degree, but much less than what was hoped.

That half-a-loaf foster care reform is a good example of how the political establishment's priorities are misplaced.

Despite bipartisan recognition that money could be saved and better outcomes realized for children from troubled backgrounds, what appeared to trump everything else was the possibility that outsourcing could replace some 800 government workers.

The same calculation has stymied every recent effort at bringing about transformational government restructuring, from prison privatization to devolving State Police road patrols to less costly county sheriffs.

The debate over these reforms is not ideological. Neither liberals nor conservatives benefit from paying corrections officers wages that an American Federation of Teachers survey shows are almost one-third above the national average for corrections employees.

The education of children is not advanced by granting school employees benefits so extraordinary that even a state panel chaired by former governors Jim Blanchard and William Milliken suggested they be scaled back.

The public is not served by a budget that includes \$150 million for raises to state workers — members of a class that on average already earns substantially more than Michigan residents in the private sector, even in many apples-to-apples job comparisons.

And, Michigan's economy is in serious trouble. Between 2001 and 2006, the real per-capita personal income of residents fell by 0.9 percent; nationwide it rose by 5.3 percent. The state's inflation-adjusted gross domestic product actually shrank last year, and our 7.7 percent unemployment rate is the nation's highest.

Most sobering of all, there are indications that Michigan's population may be beginning to fall, as has been happening in Detroit for several decades.

Michigan has become a poor state — and compared to the rest of the country, it's getting poorer.

One would expect state government's top priority to be finding ways to do more with less and make Michigan a place that encourages entrepreneurs and investors, rather than drive them away. However, the recent-concluded budget saga demonstrates that the real priority is to preserve the government status quo, quite literally at all costs.

This raises a disturbing question: Who runs state government?

Most people would answer "the governor," or "the Legislature," but lawmakers are beginning to look like the agents of a very different set of bosses — the state's public employee unions.

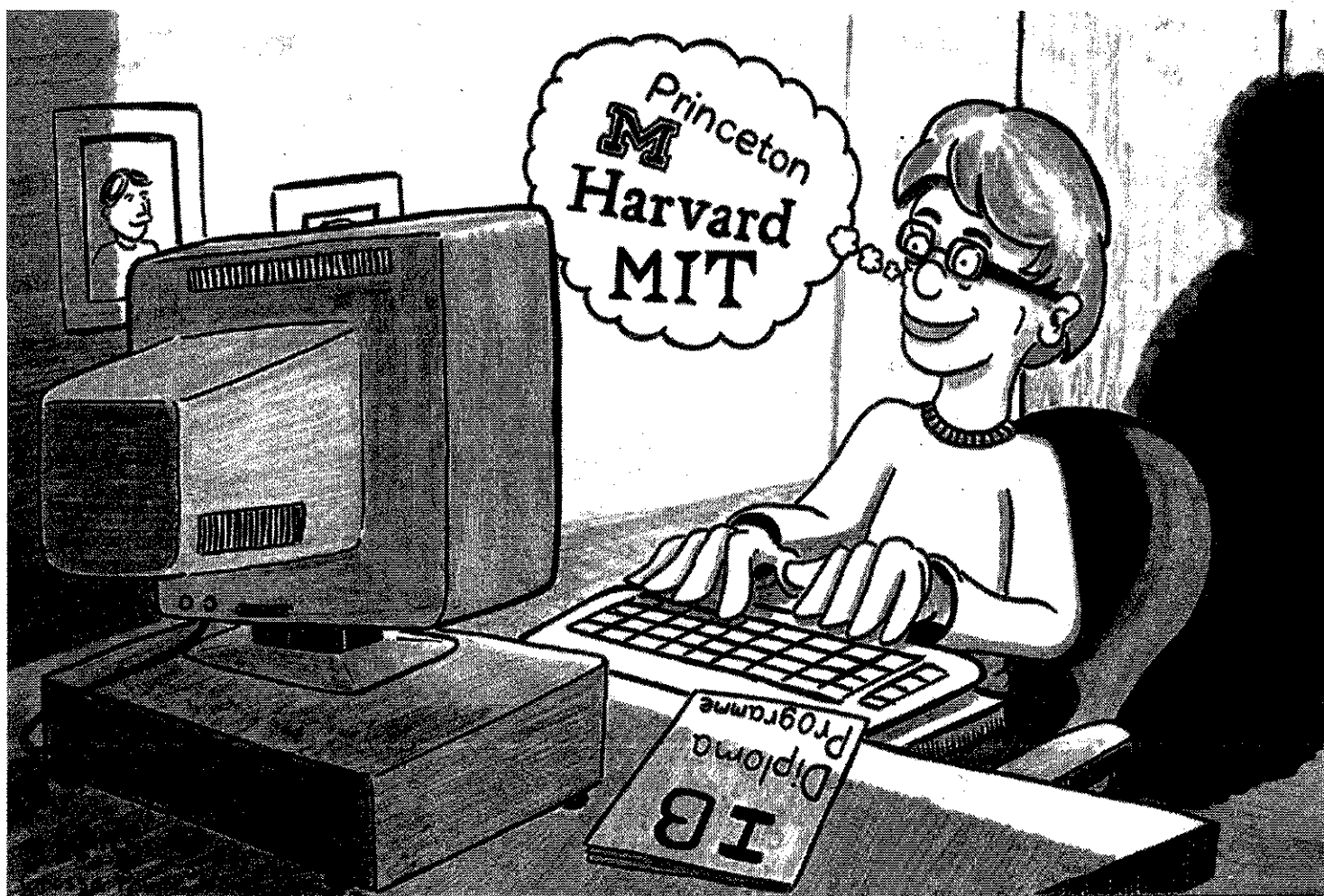
Michigan residents may not be aware of the powerful pressure these unions brought to bear in Lansing over the past year; those of us in Lansing saw it regularly in loud demonstrations, e-mail campaigns and uncompromising letters to legislators.

When the governor announced her budget back in February, public-sector union members in T-shirts were already handing out fliers supporting tax increases as an alternative to budget cuts.

There are now indications that lawmakers may postpone some of the tax hikes passed a month ago. This is promising only if lawmakers genuinely reduce spending to lighten the burden on the residents they serve — not just obsess on the hardships that may be faced by public servants.

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Legal right versus right

To the Editor:
In our society, which is gov-

erned by many laws, occasionally a situation arises when an individual has a legal right to take action, even though it would not be the right or fair

thing to do.

In the recent Grosse Pointe City Council election, two candidates, Donald Parthum Jr. and Donald Campbell, received the same number of votes. By law, the winner was determined by lottery and Donald Parthum Jr. won and was sworn in as councilman.

Donald Campbell, according to his legal right, requested a recount of the votes. When it was determined that the recount again was going to result in a tie, it was announced that according to the law, another lottery would have to be held to determine the winner. Since this was his legal

right, and he had nothing to lose, Donald Campbell could have allowed the second lottery to proceed. Instead, because apparently it would not be the fair thing to do, Donald decided to withdraw his request for a recount and allow the original result to stand, giving the race to his opponent.

I commend Donald Campbell for choosing to do the right thing over exercising his legal right.

I also congratulate Donald Parthum Jr. on becoming the City of Grosse Pointe's newest councilman.

STEPHEN L. SHOLTY
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GUEST OPINION By Deroy Murdock

Al Gore, global warming, untruths

When Nobel laureate Al Gore collects his peace prize in Oslo on Dec. 10, he should tell the gathered Norwegians exactly what he meant when he remarked about global warming:

"I believe it is appropriate to have an overrepresentation of factual presentations on how dangerous it is, as a predicate for opening up the audience to listen to what the solutions are." Gore said in the May 9, 2006, issue of *Grist* magazine.

"Overrepresentation?" Is that anything like "misrepresentation?"

Gore's approach infects the debate and even the methodology of so-called global warming.

From the former vice president to unseen academics, some who clamor for statist answers to this alleged climate crisis, employ dodgy measurement techniques, while others embrace hype and fear-mongering to promote massive government intervention to combat an entirely questionable challenge.

Worse yet, this applies to reputedly objective researchers, not just opinionated activists.

For starters, U.S. temperature data suffer from the "garbage in, garbage out" syndrome. As Anthony Watts, me-

teorologist, discovered, numerous NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration temperature sensors are situated not in open fields at uniform heights as required, but near parking lots, beside central-air exhaust ducts and even above barbecue grills. These artificially elevate temperature reports.

Since 1970, previously white-washed temperature sites have been painted with semi-gloss latex. Because it absorbs more heat, James Taylor Heartland Institute scholar, wrote in *November's Environment & Climate News*, "latex paint at official temperature stations may account for half of the U.S. warming reported since 1970."

Thus, America could reverse half the detected post-1970 warming, that aggravates climate activists, simply by stripping this latex paint and white-washing these observation structures.

Stranger still, NASA adopted a new technique in 2000 to calculate average annual temperatures. NASA essentially gave a 0.27 degrees Fahrenheit "bonus" to readings for the last seven years.

However, Steve McIntyre, Canadian statistical analyst of *ClimateAudit.org*, caught NASA's mathematical mistake. After the space agency admitted and corrected its glitch,

America's warmest year shifted from 1998 to 1934.

Global-warming enthusiasts should clarify why America was hotter during the less-developed Great Depression, yet cooler in purportedly carbon-choked 1998. In fact, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 were cooler than 1900 — three years before the launch of the Ford Motor Company.

"The alarmists, who trumpeted recent years as 'warmest ever!' in the United States (by a mere tenth of a degree), now dismiss this reversal — 2000 and subsequent years being cooler than 1900 — as just being a tenth of a degree or so," said Chris Horner, Competitive Enterprise Institute scholar. "Well, either that's a big deal whichever direction it falls, or it isn't. Which time are you lying?"

Meanwhile, the British High Court of Justice ruled, Oct. 10 that Gore's film, "An Inconvenient Truth," peddles convenient untruths. Justice Burton determined that "some of the errors, or departures from the mainstream, by Mr. Gore ... in the course of his dynamic exposition, do arise in the context of alarmism and exaggeration in support of his political thesis."

The court ordered that British secondary schools could present Gore's movie on-

ly if students receive a guidance note distancing the Education Department from "the more extreme views of Mr. Gore," and admitting there are two sides, not one, to global warming.

Burton cited nine points in Gore's "political film" that were either "apparently based on nonexistent or misunderstood evidence" or "upon lack of knowledge or appreciation of the scientific position." Among them: Despite Gore's contrary claims, melting polar ice caps will not raise sea levels by 20 feet in any century soon.

Daniel Botkin, University of California-Santa Barbara professor emeritus, recently lamented in *The Wall Street Journal* that some of his warming-oriented colleagues believe "the only way to get our society to change is to frighten people with the possibility of a catastrophe, and that therefore it is all right and even necessary for scientists to exaggerate."

Oslo's applause notwithstanding, egregious errors, distortions and lies have no place in what is supposedly unbiased scientific inquiry regarding one of Earth's most controversial questions.

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GUEST OPINION By Freddy Groves

Risk analysis shows no reasonable risk?

Here's a piece of heartwarming news, just in time for the holidays: A former

Department of Veterans Affairs employee was found to have the Social Security numbers of 1.8 million veterans in his possession, hidden on a home computer last June. After weeding out duplications, it was determined to be "only" 185,000 numbers.

This employee, apparently a member of a gang, worked for the VA Inspector General's of-

fice in Los Angeles for years and quit this year when he learned that a background check would be required. The VA Inspector General's Office said that the VA decided not to disclose the discovery because the file only contained veterans' Social Security numbers, not names, and there was "no risk."

No risk? In the wrong hands, a Social Security number is as good as gold.

With a few clicks of a computer mouse, a criminal can pair a name to the number. With a few more clicks, he's got

enough information to put together a whole identification package. Identity theft, in less than five minutes.

Let's say that stolen Social Security numbers are worth \$5 each on the street. Using the 185,000 numbers, that's almost \$1 million in street value alone, not including how much can be fraudulently purchased with them once they're turned into a full identification package.

The Veterans Benefits, Health Care and Information Technology Act of 2006 instructs the VA to promptly noti-

fy veterans of any data breach. The loophole in this case is the fine print that says there will be a "risk analysis" done to determine if there is "reasonable risk" of the information being misused.

I'd say that veterans' Social Security numbers being found on the home computer of a former VA employee, who's been arrested multiple times, constitutes more than a reasonable risk.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Can the Lions make late playoff push?



It's been years, but football fans can actually enjoy our beloved Detroit Lions battling for a playoff spot.

However, that bright light is beginning to fade, thanks to a second-half slide.

The Lions stand 6-6 after last weekend's fourth straight loss, 42-10 at Minnesota. Standing in the same room with the Lions are the rest of the National Football Conference teams.

Well, not all of them, but a larger number. Here is a list of teams that can pass the Lions during the final four weeks of the regular season — Minnesota, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, New Orleans, Carolina and Arizona, in no particular order.

At the halfway point of the season, the Lions were king of the town, boasting a 6-2 record, which included two wins over the Bears.

Then came a loss to Arizona on the road, followed by consecutive home defeats to the New York Giants and rival Green Bay Packers on Thanksgiving Day.

Inconsistency on both ends of the ball has led to the second-half slide. Watching the of-

fense get stuck in second gear draws fans' ire, which escalates to full-blown anger and cursing at the television, when the defense gives up another long completion to the opposition's wide receivers.

During the four-game slide, what has been the problem?

The offensive line can't protect quarterback Jon Kitna and they aren't opening holes for runningback Kevin Jones.

Offensive coordinator Mike Martz continues to call passing plays, which is leaving Kitna vulnerable to the opposition's pass rush. If Kitna isn't getting sacked, he is throwing interceptions.

All-pro wide receiver Roy Williams is not playing up to his potential, and rookie Calvin

Johnson is in the same boat. These are two stud receivers who aren't making an impact.

Of course it doesn't help that Kitna has little time to look downfield to complete passes.

The defense, which was outstanding during the first-half of the season, is turning soft like mashed potatoes.

The defense made below-average Minnesota quarterback Tavaris Jackson look like Joe Montana. It also gave up too many rushing yards to rookie sensation Adrian Peterson and his counterpart, Chester Taylor of River Rouge High School.

It doesn't get any easier as the Lions finish the season at home against Dallas (11-1), at San Diego (7-5), at home against Kansas City (4-8) and

at Green Bay (10-2).

That sounds like the Lions finish 7-9, beating only Kansas City. All of the teams battling Detroit for the final playoff spot have easier schedules during the final four weeks of the regular season.

It also doesn't help that the Lions lost to Philly and Arizona, which would mean losing the tiebreaker, if they are tied with the Eagles and Cardinals after 16 games.

The Lions have played with more inspiration against the better NFL teams, but they are going to have to play 100 times better than they have during the losing streak to beat red-hot Dallas and San Diego.

Here are predictions for the Lions' next two games. Dallas

37, Detroit 17; San Diego 31, Detroit 20. If this is right, the Lions' losing streak hits six games and puts their playoff chances near zero-percent.

How are the Lions going to stop Dallas quarterback Tony Romo and San Diego's dynamic duo of runningback LaDainian Tomlinson and tight end Antonio Gates?

Before the season, Kitna guaranteed the Lions would win 10 games. It looked like he was a genius after the team's 6-2 start.

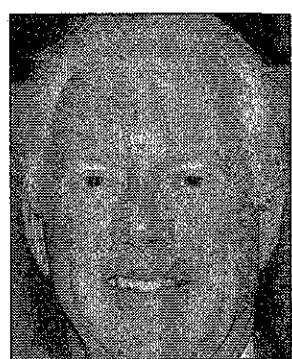
If they do lose their next two games or three of their final four, it will be another season of torment for Lions fans.

I have one question — when do the Tigers start spring training?

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

When do you start your holiday shopping?

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



'I do my shopping all year long and if I see something special I get it and tuck it away until the holiday.'

TED HUEBNER
Grosse Pointe Shores



'I start about two weeks before Christmas.'

CARSON CUETER
Detroit



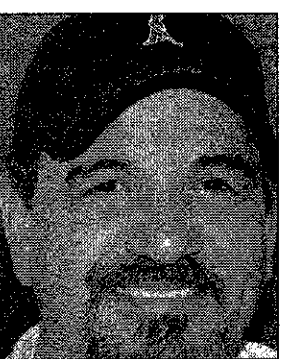
'Right after Thanksgiving.'

ADINA BISHOP
Grosse Pointe Park



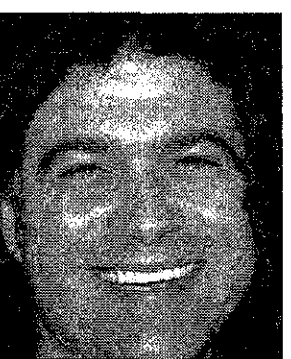
'Usually the day after Thanksgiving for the sales.'

KATHRYN CAREY
City of Grosse Pointe



'I don't do Christmas shopping.'

KEN IGNAGNI
Grosse Pointe Woods



'I start very early and usually shop online because there is more variety; I don't have to find a parking spot and someone will deliver it to my door.'

DAVID ZAFRANI
Detroit

FYI By Ben Burns

Eliot brings his charm to Grosse Pointes



The excursion was billed as "a flight to remember." It was a promise made by the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run that would include a flight to Xenia, Ohio on a golden September Saturday aboard a 1945 C-47 named "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The journey would commemorate the Prisoner of War reunion of three aviators from World War II — Norman Dale Stuckey, of Ohio, Al Williams of St. Clair Shores and Detroit's most famous weather man, Sonny Eliot.

Stuckey and Eliot were pilots and Williams was a top turret gunner. All three survived being shot down in separate aircraft.

They wound up in a prison camp on the shore of the Baltic northwest of Berlin. Through the miracle of the Internet you can take a photographic tour of Barth and the prison camp and read about what life was like behind German barbed wire in World War II.

The Web address is merkki.com.

Here is how that Web site describes Stalag Luft I:

"Stalag Luft I consisted of a strip of barren land jutting into the Baltic Sea about 105 miles northwest of Berlin. Two miles south of the main gate, a massive Lutheran church marked the northern outskirts of the village of Barth.

"A large pine forest bordered the west side of the camp and to the east and north, the waters of Barth Harbor slashed against the shore less than a mile from the barbed wire fence."

Enclosing the camp there stretched miles of barbed wire, in two rows, four feet apart, attached to 10-foot posts. Every hundred yards, a guard tower mounting a machine gun and a

pair of spotlights provided constant vigilance and permitted an unobstructed view of all within the confines of the enclosure.

"The Stalag was divided into five separate areas, called compounds. There were four for prison compounds; South or West, North 1, North 2 and North 3. The fifth area consisted of the German buildings in the center, well constructed, green grass and attractive shrubbery. The Oasis' as the prisoners called this area, was in sharp contrast to the prison compounds."

The trip to Xenia, which included a half day at the U.S. Air Force Museum aviation museum at Wright-Patterson Air Base, in Fairborn, Ohio, was hosted by Eliot's friends Roger Sherman and Jayne Bower, a WWJ news anchor as well as Randy Hotton, who piloted the C-47. Eliot took the co-pilot's seat for part of the ride.

Eliot, the son of a Jewish Detroit hardware store owner, enlisted weeks after Pearl Harbor. In an interview about his prison camp experience, he told The Detroit News columnist Neal Rubin, that it is not a good idea to be captured by folks you had just bombed.

Eliot's B-24 was called the Doodley Squat and Williams flew in the "Hamtramck Mama."

I don't know whether it was the sight of that "massive Lutheran church" at Barth or just Eliot's normally quick thinking, but the young man, who was born Marvin Eliot Schlossberg, experienced an instant conversion when he arrived at the Stalag and claimed to the German commandant that he was Lutheran.

There was little food in the camp and all three men lost 25 pounds or more. Eliot and Stuckey had never met Williams before the group gathered for the plane ride, which was remarkably quiet at 2,000 feet over the southern Michigan countryside. Yankee Air Museum officials had speculated that Eliot and Stuckey might be the last two survivors of the Stalag. But there are ob-

viously others out there from the greatest generation. Bruce Bockstanz, of the Woods, a past president of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, apparently was also one of more than 8,900 aviators held at Barth.

When the Barth camp was liberated at war's end, Williams said Russian tanks simply ran directly over the guard towers. All the German guards had fled. He said he wandered into Barth and saw horrific scenes, such as a mother dead beside a baby carriage with the infant dead in the carriage.

The German husband had killed them and himself so as not to be taken prisoner by the Russians.

Williams said he also saw Russians simply execute shop keepers in the town.

But what ever the experiences that Stuckey, Williams and Eliot had, they never diminished the trio's sense of humor. The three reminisced and joked while a commemorative cake, was cut in a hangar at the Xenia airport and the group posed for a picture in front of the C-47.

Eliot, Detroit's most famous weather forecaster, the man who put the Upper Peninsula community of Engadine on the map, was scheduled to celebrate his 87th birthday, at a party at WWJ radio Wednesday.

At least we think it is his 87th birthday since the irrepressible comedian has always shaved years off his age. He told News columnist Rubin he was 38, when Neal interviewed him a couple months back.

And, Marvin Eliot Schlossberg has felt like he was 38 for the past half century. His good spirits, kindness and joy of living are contagious so it is fun to be around him.

Annual Meeting

Annual meetings can be dull, cut and dried affairs or else they can be like the Services for Older Citizens yearly get together to report on its activities. They called it "Unveiling the Treasures in Our Community." And Sharon

Maier and her cast of staff and volunteers did just that last Wednesday evening at the Neighborhood Club.

The numbers tell only part of the story of SOC, but they are part of any annual meeting. They include: 9,609 hours of assistance during the past year was given to 6,314 seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The human side of that story

was told by the department heads: Case coordination by Nina Mondalek, Information and Assistance by Florence Kearing, Food and Friendship by Joan Thornton, Meals on Wheels by Shirley Snow, and Home Repair by Diane Bezy.

Each of them had heart-warming tales to tell of the work of SOC in our communi-

ty. There is an unattributed quote in the annual report section on Meals on Wheels that helps tell the story of what these folks are doing.

"Man can live about 40 days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope."

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Seasons collide

Some Grosse Pointe Park residents decided to go ice skating in Patterson Park rather than rake leaves like many fellow residents. The rink's refrigeration system freezes the fountain basin's water allowing Park residents to skate, even if the temperature outside hasn't frozen other skating venues. The park is observing the 10th anniversary of the refrigerated rink. An Ice Skating Extravaganza will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Admission is free.



PHOTO BY DALE KRAJNIAK

DSO brings music to the holidays

The annual "Home for the Holidays" Pops Series brings the season to life with concerts featuring music from around the world and two local choirs, Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 13-16.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" presents jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut and his own interpretation of Vince Guaraldi's score at The Max on Friday, Dec. 21.

A pathetic little Christmas tree, a beagle with an attitude and America's favorite lovable loser have made the television special "A Charlie Brown Christmas" a holiday standard for more than 40 years.

"The Night Before Christmas" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Dec. 22, offers a special "Super Saturdays at The Max" with two Young People's

Concerts and a Tiny Tots Caribbean-style Christmas with the percussion ensemble Southpaw Isle.

Also, the DSO has five new orchestra members to its ranks — Sarah Crocker, violin; Hang Su, viola; Úna Riordan, cello; Shannon Orme, clarinetist and bass clarinetist; and Michael Robinson, Jr., a trombonist and recipient of the DSO's African-American Orchestra Fellowship.

The DSO jingles, sings and rings through the holidays as conductor Alastair Willis leads a joyous concert series chock full of the season's best music.

For ticket information, call (313) 576-5111 or visit detroit-symphony.com. For group discount information, call Chuck Dyer at (313) 576-5130.

LED lights cast wrong holiday hue

Grosse Pointe Farms officials plan to re-evaluate its Christmas light decorations strung on the Hill and Lakeshore following many resident's complaints over their appearance.

The Farms is experimenting with LED lights that use five percent of the energy of regular bulbs. But it is not energy use that have been the source of the complaints.

It's the color.

"The lights have a decided blue fluorescent cast that makes them rather gloomy looking the people are telling (us)," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "Based on the number of negative comments we have received, we're going to re-evaluate its usage next year."

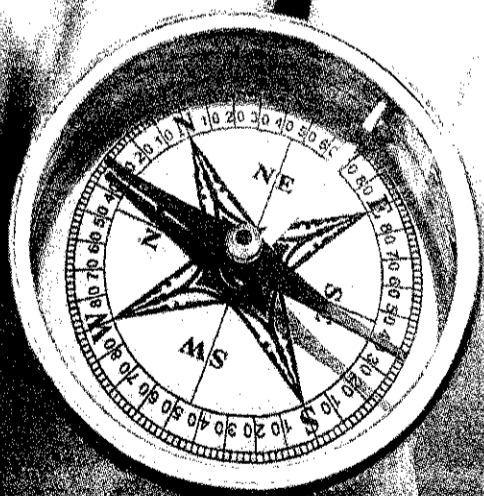
Although some have commented favorably about the lights, the verdict has been overwhelmingly negative, Reeside said.

—John Lundberg

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RECOUNT: Campbell withdraws

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Parthum said his next goal is pursuing a project he campaigned on. He thinks that a parking sticker program in the Village will help shoppers avoid plugging parking meters and receiving tickets.

"I've had a lot of positive feedback on that idea," he said. "People have been coming up to me telling me they liked it. I'd like to get it implemented."

As for the recount procedure, Parthum said it was a "great civics lesson."

"Don't let anyone tell you that your vote doesn't matter, because it does. It was a great learning experience for my kids."

Campbell said he has not decided whether to run again in two years.

"Besides, I'm all out of yard signs," he said. "It's too early to say."

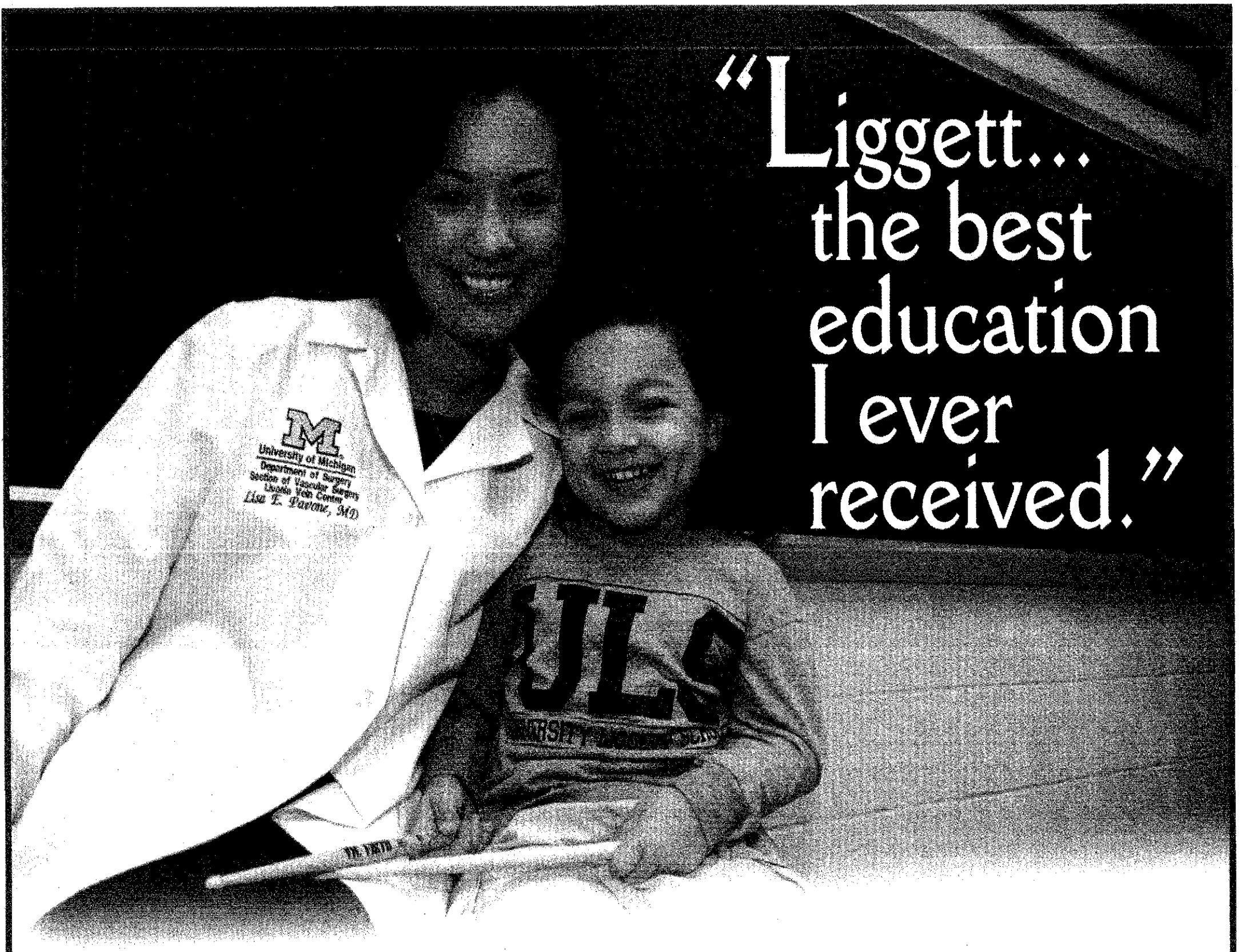
Polar bear plunge at Pier Park

The annual Polar Bear Plunge, held in many communities, will come to Pier Park Saturday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This year's motto is "Fight Global Warming, Keep Winter Cold." Event organizers will sell hot chocolate and cookies to raise funds for the Sierra Club of Michigan.

The plunge is a nationally coordinated event and an effective method to draw attention to global warming.

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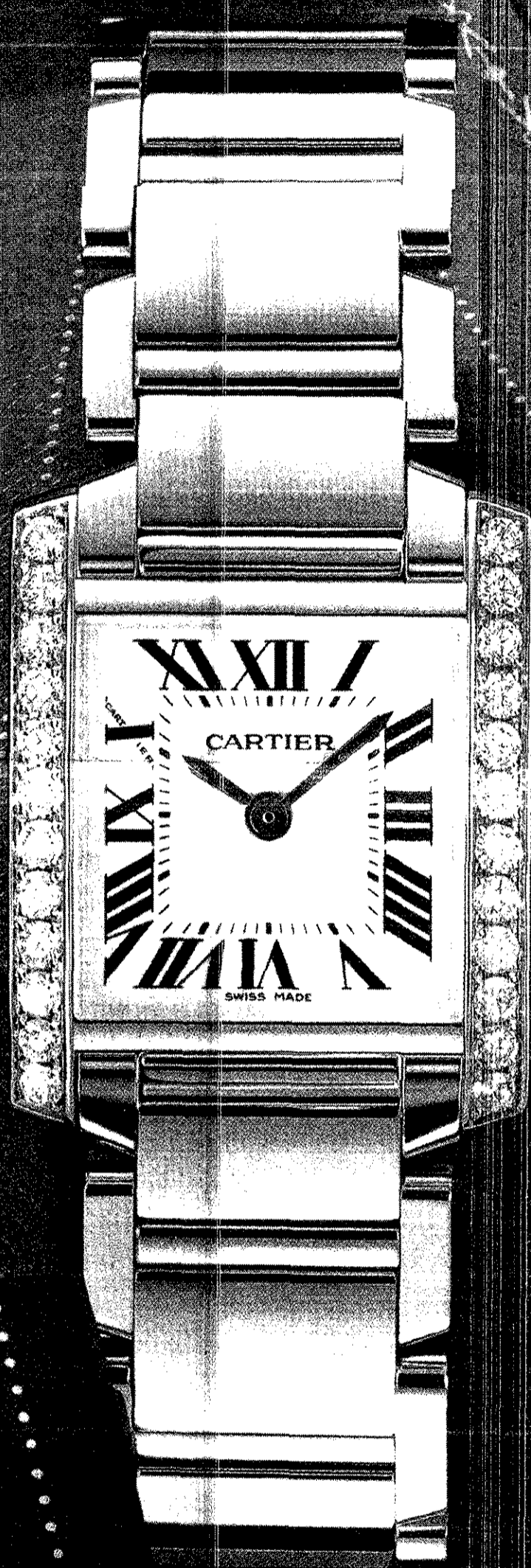
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FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Ferry hosts Santa

Ferry Elementary School held a holiday event last weekend for its students and their families. Almost 400 tickets were sold, allowing participants of all ages to shop for gifts, create crafts, eat a pasta dinner, munch on desserts and meet Santa Claus. Pictured above are members of the Grosse Pointe North jazz band that performed for the crowd, and above left is 7-year-old Darcy Graham, giving Santa Claus her Christmas list. Pictured left is Rachel Joy, 8, in front, and 9-year-old Anastasia Ditrapani, enjoying the chocolate fountain.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Audit slated as 'clean opinion'

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System received a clean bill of health during its annual audit.

Officials from BDO Seidman, the company which performed the audit, gave the district a "clean opinion," during the Nov. 26 board of education meeting.

A clean opinion of a firm's auditors states that the district's financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Board officials unanimously approved the audit report.

"We are very careful how we conduct business," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services. "There are a lot of compliance issues and we take care of the funds."

"We take a lot of pride in our work. The "clean opinion" says a lot about the district."

"This is an outstanding re-

port," said Fred Minturn, board of education treasurer. "Isha Smith, business manager, and Chris Fenton should be commended."

"This (outstanding distinction) gives us a cushion for what the state might do in the next year or so."

According to the report, the Grosse Pointe Public School System experienced an increase in net assets of \$5.8 million. The net assets increased primarily because of a planned decrease in spending and an increase in grants.

In total, long-term debt decreased by \$1 million due to paying down the early buyout incentive and paying down bonded debt and net capital assets increased by \$3.9 million due mainly to technology and science improvements.

Revenues increased \$5.4 million primarily as a result of federal grants.

Expenses decreased by \$5.1 million primarily due to the district's reducing the cost of doing business.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

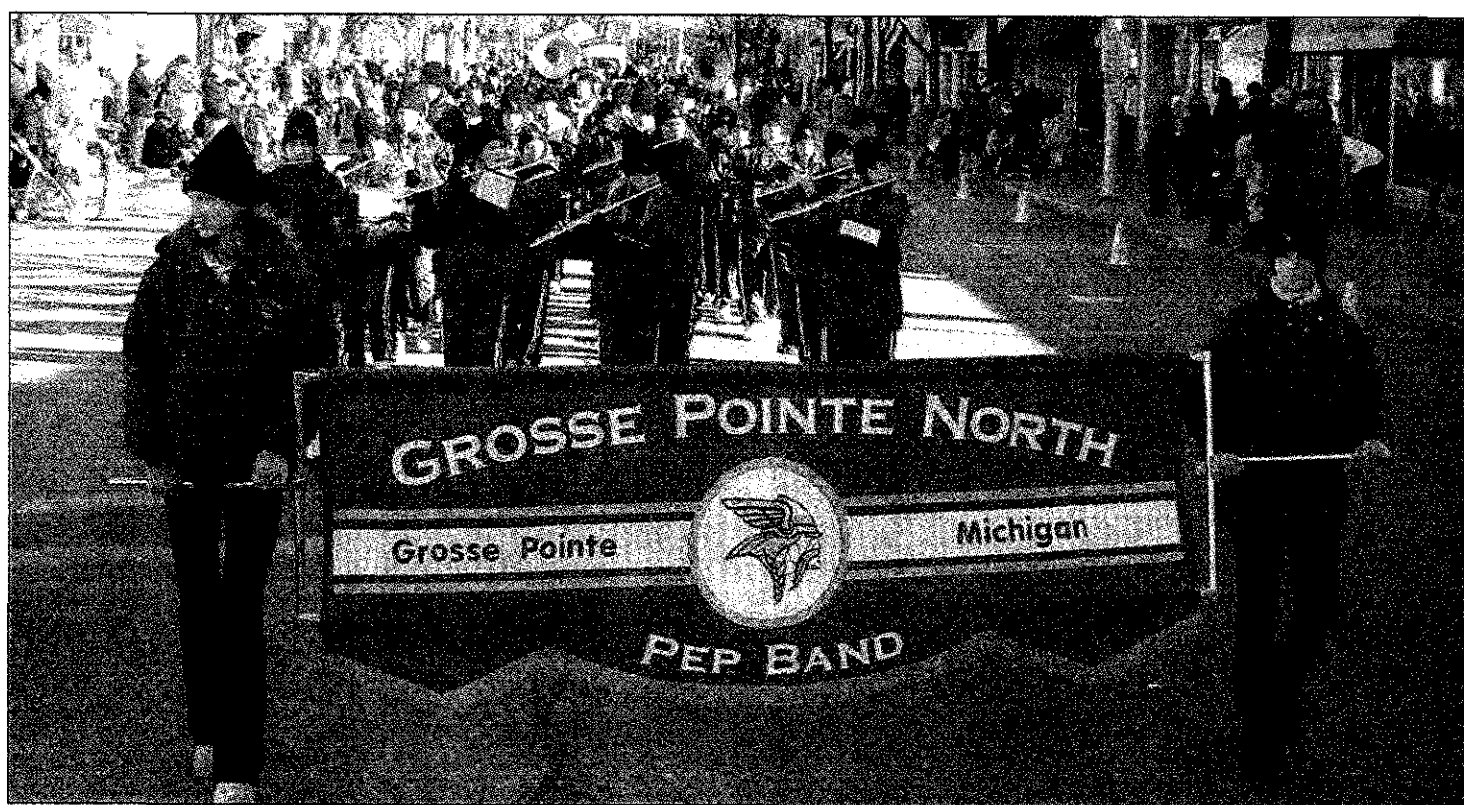


PHOTO COMPLIMENTS OF DAVE CLEVELAND

North in the house

Grosse Pointe North's Pep Band, under the direction of Dave Cleveland, performed in the annual Grosse Pointe parade that marched down Kercheval Friday, Nov. 23. The band played holiday favorites for Grosse Pointers who lined the street on a cold late morning.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

School's holiday CD in local businesses

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs present "Joy," their holiday CD.

This recording features several popular and classical holiday favorites including "White Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Ave Maria" and "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and more.

Pointe Singers, Advanced Women, Freshman Select and Tower Belles ensembles perform. The CD is \$10 and is available for purchase at

Boutique Bellissima, Dawood Boutique, Fresh Farms Market, Greenhouse Salon, Jerry's Party Store, Mr. C's Car Wash, and Something Special.

Proceeds from the sales support the vocal music program and scholarships for the students of Grosse Pointe South.

The choirs are directed by Ellen J. Bowen and accompanied by Richard P. Wolf III.

For more information, visit gpsouthchoir.org or call (313) 432-3638.

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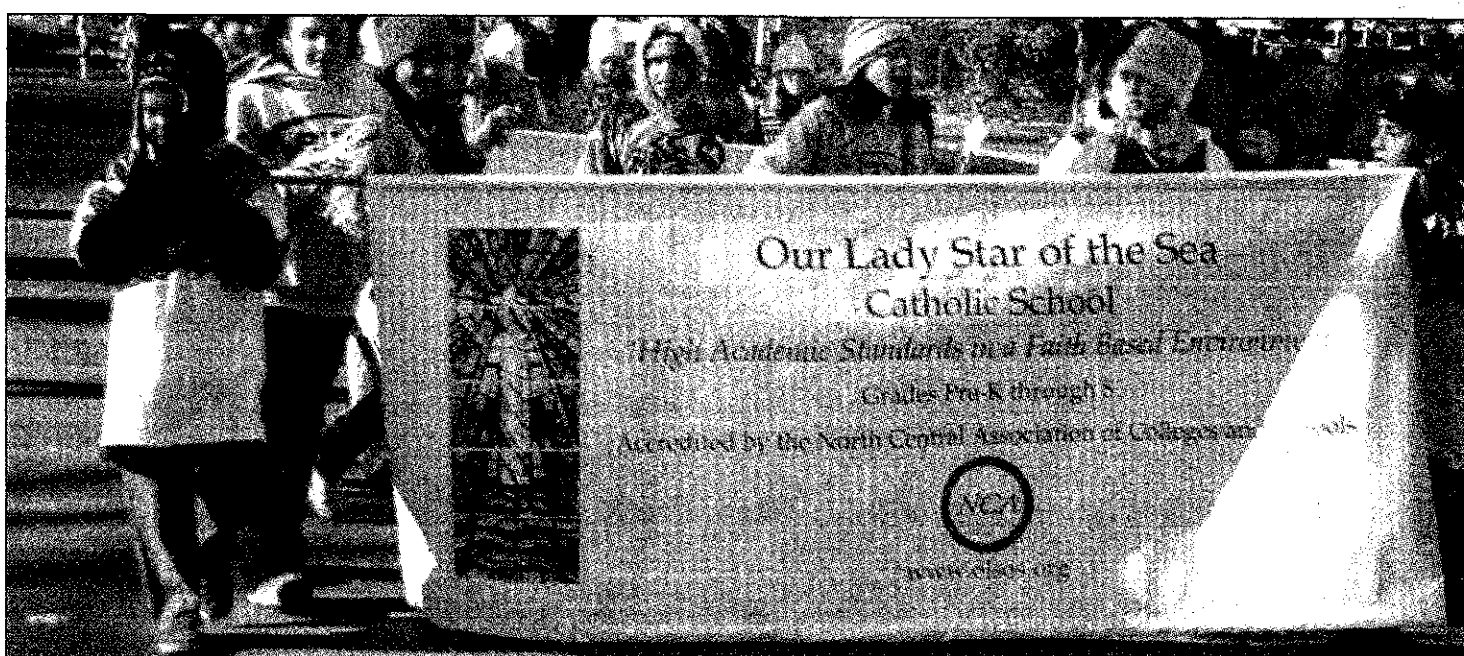


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Star makes parade

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School provided several students who, for the first time in school history, participated in Grosse Pointe's annual Thanksgiving Day parade Friday, Nov. 23. Pictured above are, from left, Matthew Orsi, Lucy Dodge, Christy Abiragi, Shelby Yonkus, Hanna Homsy, Caroline Gesell and Matt Homsy.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Contract signed

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

School officials and the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association/MEA members agreed on a new contract.

It was approved during the Nov. 26 school board meeting. It is a two-year contract, ending in 2009.

Assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations Tom Harwood handled the contract, which includes health benefits and a wage increase.

"I want to thank our support personnel," said Brendan Walsh, board of education president. "Each of these agreements is important.

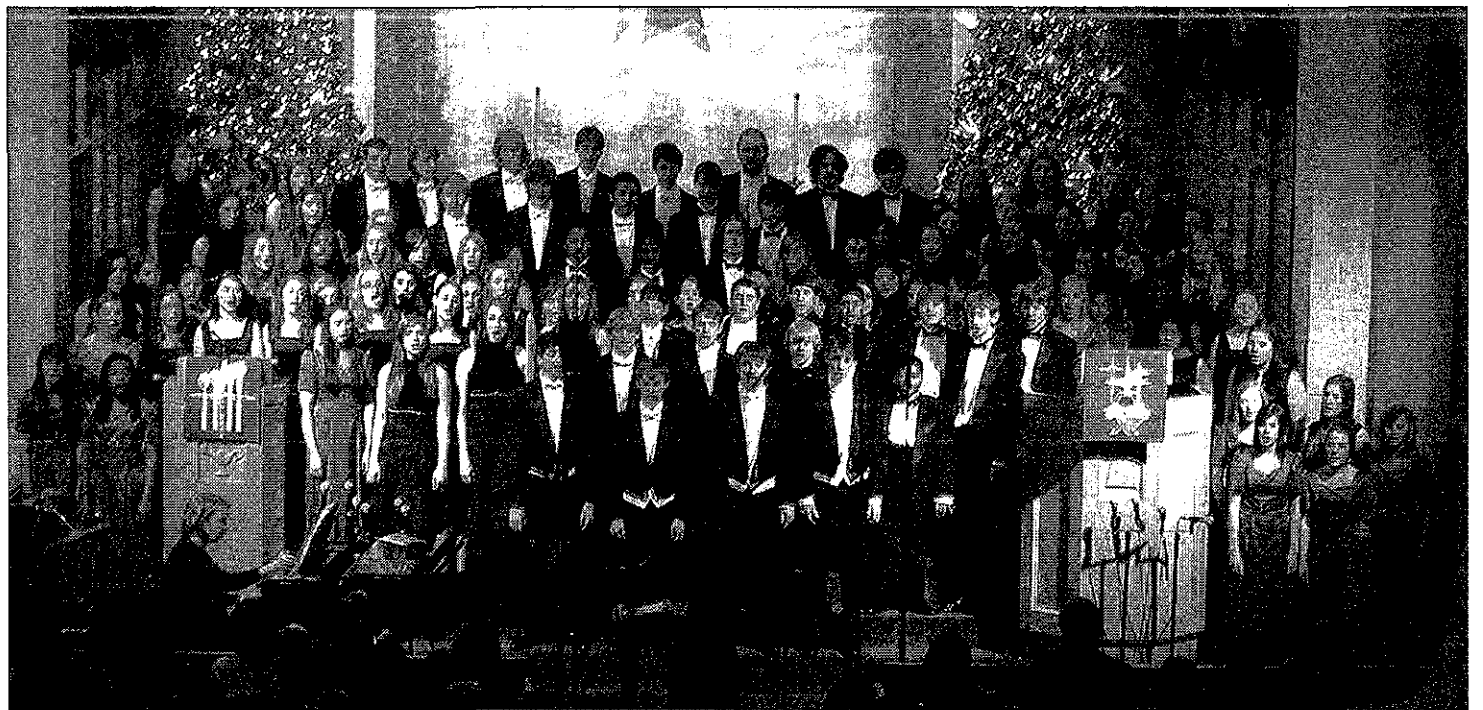
It's a great sign for the community."

The contract calls for a \$0.50 hourly rate increase across all levels for this school year and a

\$0.30 hourly rate increase for the 2008-09 school year.

Health care changes, effective Jan. 1, are options for all employees to either Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan 2 or current HAP; changes to \$5 generic/\$25 brand name prescription copay for BCBS PPO Plan 2 and elimination of two-year minimum insurance premium requirement election; spousal coordination requirement as outlined in eligibility section of agreement; increase in chiropractic copay to \$10 and office copay to \$10 with BCBS PPO Plan 2; MOPD 2x prescription rider, requiring two co-payments for three-month mail order prescription.

In addition, there is a health care benefit contribution of 2 percent of the total cost of employee health care benefits plan selection to the district in pretax dollars, beginning next school year.



Performing

Grosse Pointe North choirs holiday concerts are slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, and Friday, Dec. 14, at the First English Church, 800 Vernier, across from Grosse Pointe North High School. The program will feature holiday music by all the choirs, including a cafella, vocalese and soloists. Tickets are on sale at Wild Bird Unlimited or at the door. The admission is \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors and children 5 and under are free. Gold cards are accepted. For more information, call (313) 882-7774. Choir alumni are encouraged to attend and participate.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Fannon gets contract renewal

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Rebecca Fannon will be spreading more news throughout the Grosse Pointe Public School district.

The board of education approved her contract renewal, which pays \$20 per hour and includes health care benefits per the district's Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO Plan 2.

Dental and vision coverage are also provided as are Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPERS) contributions.

Fannon, who has been with the district for two years, is the district's community relations

specialist and works part-time.

"The contract includes some health benefits," said Tom Harwood, assistant superintendent of human resources and labor negotiations.

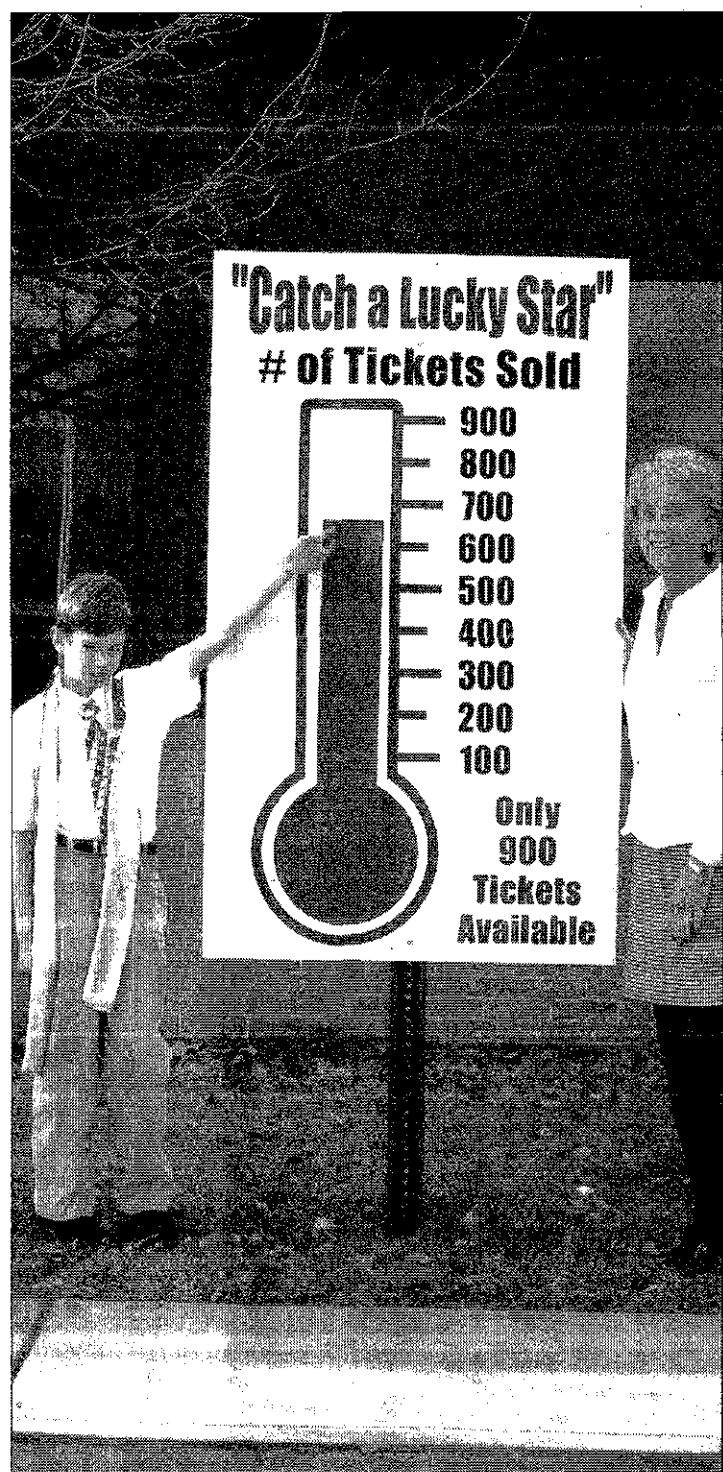
Board of education members applauded Fannon's efforts.

"Mrs. Fannon has done a remarkable job," said Alice Kosinski, board of education vice president.

"We value Mrs. Fannon's service with the district," said board of education trustee Joan Dindoffer.

Prior to working with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Fannon worked with C&G Newspapers.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



Raffle Dec. 7

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School is holding its annual "Catch a Lucky Star" raffle Friday, Dec. 7. The grand prize is \$10,000. Participants can also win other prizes, totaling \$40,000. Tickets are available for \$100 each. Contact Bob or Michelle Nichols through the school office at (313) 884-1070. Proceeds from the raffle, one of the school's biggest fundraisers of the year, go directly to the Star of the Sea School. Pictured above is sixth-grader Andrew Januzzi, left, and Principal Patricia Stumb.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

AP scholars are recognized

More than 90 students at Grosse Pointe North High School earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in more than 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP exams in May 2007 after completing college level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Four students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

These students are Martha Everett, Elizabeth Graney,

Laura Kovacek and Elizabeth Simon.

Thirty-five students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

These students are Sarah Adelson, Kathryn Brennan, Taylor Brennan, John Butts, Jamie Ding, Luke Donahue, Martha Everett, Cara Fuller, Elizabeth Graney, Kylie Hess, Kathryn Holm, Eric Jorgenson, Steven Joseph, Laura Kovacek, Graham Kozak, Rhochelle Krawetz, Andrew Lamont, Elizabeth Lentz, Aysha Majeed, Joseph McDonnell, Anthony Paglino, Daniel Plouffe, Corey Rapala, Afrah Raza, Matthew Romanelli, Zackery Schroeder, Christopher Schuster, Elizabeth Simon, Nathan Stano, Andrew Vanegmond, Paul Veltri, Matthew Vervyser and Michael Walton.

Fifteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honors Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

These students are Jennifer Barger, Ronald Bedway, Jennifer Bonapace, James Caruso, Yi Ding, Andrew Hanlon, Andrew Howes, Andrea Koueiter, Brian Like,

Emily Nelson, Dino Ruggeri, Gillian Seaman, Nicholas Segovia, Natalie Tocco and Katelyn Zemenick.

Forty students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher.

The AP Scholars are Jeffrey Beattie, Angela Bozell, Molly Cohn, Rebecca Dennis, Leigha Fisher, Ryan Foster, Allison Frantz, Joseph Fresard, Michael Hulway, Jonathan Ismail, Thomas Jones, Elizabeth Kalina, Robert Kempton, Kristin Krawchuk, Michelle Kuznia, Daniel Kvamme, Marie Lacombe, Brian Lockhart, Amber Mach, Colin Maloney, Nathan Masserang, Brianne McDonald, Breanna O'Mara,

Sam Palazzolo, Heather Poole, Lindsay Rader, Nikila Ravi, David Salazar, Juliana Schmidt, Amanda Schneider, William Schrage, Alexandra Scott, Bobby Seidarabi, Gregory Spencer, James Stano, Amy Surmont, Andrew Tomaszewski, Brian Vens and Larisa Zade.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams.

More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2007, 37 AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subjects.

Council seeks help

Educational Programs Leadership Council has commissioned a committee to explore the feasibility of implementing Chinese at all levels in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

That committee will investigate a number of items not limited to the following:

- ◆ Student interest level.
- ◆ Availability of highly qualified Chinese teachers.
- ◆ Funding for the class.

◆ Impact on existing languages.

◆ Issues specific to language acquisition that may vary with Chinese as opposed to existing languages.

The committee will make a recommendation to the council based on its findings. Parent volunteers are needed.

If interested, contact Matt Outlaw, assistant principal of Grosse Pointe North High School, at (313) 432-3211.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY KERRY PYTEL

Spreading joy

The Grosse Pointe South choirs were on hand to perform at the Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market that took place at Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park, outside and inside the Tompkins Community Center Wednesday, Nov. 28. Santa Claus also joined the group at this festive occasion to receive the key to the city from Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas, and flip the switch to illuminate the tree.

PIERCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students honored

Nine students in Mary Cary's drama class at Pierce Middle School won prizes in a mask creating contest.

In October, Cricket magazine sponsored a contest that involved creating a mask of a character from a story or anything of a whimsical nature.

Carey's students created

masks that could later be used in a play or skit.

Cricket is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed magazine. Winners' names and masks will be included in the January 2008 edition of the magazine.

Local winners are:

- ◆ 1st place Kiersten Kern (7th-grade)
- ◆ 2nd place: Antonia Bausley and Abby Grobbel (7th-graders)
- ◆ 3rd place: Erin Ivers and Evie Wheeler (8th-graders)
- Honorable Mention:
 - ◆ Allison Cornell
 - ◆ Zach Hasenbusch
 - ◆ Emily Mlynarek
 - ◆ Kaelyn Mocerl
 - ◆ Grace Metry
 - ◆ Christina Koehler
 - ◆ Rachel Forcillo

Granholtm honors students

"Thespian Day in Michigan," planned for Dec. 1, celebrates and honors high school theater.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a proclamation that sets aside that date to honor state high school theater activities.

The proclamation coincides with the annual Michigan Educational Theatre Association State Theatre Festival held this year at the Warren Consolidated School for the Performing Arts.

More than 750 students from across the state will meet to perform in main stage full length productions, competitive individual events, scholarship auditions and interactive workshops with professionals from across the country.

"Festival is a time for sharing the best work, while gaining skills and training that may not be available in your home school," said META Chapter Director Phillip Moss. "For the governor to recognize the work of so many hard working theater educators, and their students is very special, it says a lot about the humanity of this state."

The festival is open to schools that are active participants in the Michigan Educational Theatre Association, a chapter of the Educational Theatre Association.

The Educational Theatre Association and its International Thespian Society branch have been working since 1929 to honor excellence among students of theater and support the work of theater educators.

EdTA and the International Thespian Society have inducted more than 2 million members since its establishment and it continues to be the pre-eminent high school honorary society for theater.



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OBITUARIES

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

Myron Barlow, M.D.

Myron Barlow, M.D., 74, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, under hospice care at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Dr. Barlow was born in Hamtramck on April 22, 1933. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University, the University of Michigan Medical School, and Wayne State University College of Medicine Department of Dermatology.

Dr. Barlow was a well-respected Grosse Pointe dermatologist for 36 years and was on staff at St. John, Cottage, Bon Secours and Detroit Receiving hospitals. He also was a clinical assistant professor of dermatology at Wayne State University.

He belonged to the American Academy of Dermatology, Michigan Dermatological Society, Dermatological Therapy Society, American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society and the Detroit Academy of Medicine.

As much as he loved his chosen profession, he loved his family even more. Except for professional meetings, he planned all his vacations to be with his family.

Many happy times were spent up north at his home at Lost Lake Woods Club. Dr. Barlow loved golf, which he played at The Country Club of Detroit. He also played and enjoyed tennis with his friends and family.

After his retirement, he spent six months each year in his condo in Naples, Fla. He participated in many wonderful activities at the Parkinson Foundation of Southwest Florida.

Dr. Barlow was much admired as to how he handled his illness. His family said he never complained, but accepted his illness and made the best of it. Friends and family often sought his advice on all kinds of matters and he was always able to give good sensible advice.

He is survived by Arlene, his beloved wife of 45 years; his children, Laura (Frank) Charbonneau and Myron Paul (Suzanna) Barlow; grandchildren Troy and Collette Barlow, and Sarah and Elise Charbonneau; and sisters-in-law Karen Sunnucks and Ann Marie Marsh.

He was predeceased by his parents, Sam and Pauline Barlow; his brother, Dr. Peter (Chris) Barlow; and his son, David Michael Barlow.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, at noon Friday, Dec. 7. Interment will be in the St. Paul columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to The Parkinson Foundation of Southwest Florida, 6226 Trail Blvd., Naples, FL 34108; Camp Discovery Endowment Fund, a special camp for children with severe skin conditions, at Camp Discovery, American Academy of Dermatology, 930 E. Woodfield Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60179; or St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

William Edward Baubie II

Long-time Grosse Pointe Farms resident William E. Baubie II died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2007. He was 88 years old.

He was born May 28, 1919 in Detroit to Raymond and Edith Riley Baubie. He was named after his grandfather, William E. Baubie, a French-Canadian poet and attorney, who instilled in him the charm of telling a good story.

Mr. Baubie was educated in Detroit and started college at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, but interrupted his education to join the U.S. Army Air Force.

During World War II, he was a navigator on Crew 38, 61st Squadron of the 39th B-29 Bomb Group based in Guam in the South Pacific. He flew 20 missions over Japan, and attributed his experience during the war with teaching him about dealing with hardship.

His family described Mr. Baubie as a man who loved life. He experienced great highs and lows in his life, but generally considered himself a survivor.

Mr. Baubie married Elisabeth Robb in 1951 and was blessed with three children: Bill, Robb and Gina. He worked in investment banking at Baker-Simonds, E. F. Hutton and First of Michigan. He served on numerous local corporation boards including Vernors Inc., Detroit Savings Bank and Cottage Hospital.

He was president of the Country Club of Detroit, a place he loved for his opportunity to golf, play bridge and connect with friends and family.

Mr. Baubie also was a member of the Yondotega Club, The Grosse Pointe Club, and The St. Andrew's Club in Gulfstream, Fla.

Mr. Baubie's wife, Liz, died in 1978 after a long battle with breast cancer. He married Mary DeLong Harris in June 1982. They shared a love of worldwide travel as well as returning to family-centered places such as Manitoulin Island and the Huron Mountain Club. They also enjoyed spending time together in Delray Beach, Fla. at their winter home as Mr. Baubie loved being by the ocean. He took special delight in his grandchildren.

Mr. Baubie is survived by Mary, his wife of 25 years; daughter Virginia Eaton Baubie Whitney (Mrs. Charles R. Whitney Jr.); daughters-in-law Kim Baubie and Cynthia Baubie Gullickson; grandchildren Kathleen Elisabeth Baubie, Marjorie Edith Baubie, J. Robb Baubie Jr., Whitney Elisabeth Baubie, Stephanie Fruehauf Baubie and Elisabeth Blossom Whitney.

He also is survived by his sister, Sally Eaton Baker (Mrs. Sheridan Baker Jr.); stepmother Estelle Baubie Johnson; stepchildren Margaret Harris and David M. Harris and their children: Jennifer Miller, John McNaughton, Elizabeth McNaughton, Emily Harris and Sam Harris.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Liz; and sons J. Robb Baubie and Dr. William E.

Baubie III, both of whom died in 2000.

The Service of Celebration will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to Beaumont Foundation -Grosse Pointe, P.O. Box 3802, Troy, MI 48007-9620 or The Detroit Institute for Children, c/o The Development Department, 5447 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.

Andrew Junior Bremer

Andrew Junior Bremer of Fraser, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, following complications from a stroke. He served 27 years as the city manager of Grosse Pointe Farms retiring in 1991.

Mr. Bremer was a devoted husband and father. He met Kathryn, his wife of 56 years, while both were attending Hope College in Holland, Mich.

After his retirement, he and his wife spent winters in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. They have many fond memories of their times there.

Mr. Bremer's greatest enjoyment, however, came from his children, grandchildren and extended family.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; children Pamela and Brandt Droska and Jeffrey and Christine Bremer; and grand-family Shane Caughey, Thomas, Adam and Devin Bremer, Jamie, John, Morgan and Emma Clausen, and Amber Ed and Madison.

He also is survived by his dear sister, Harriett Brieve.

Per his wishes, Mr. Bremer was cremated and a private service was held in his honor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 34385 Garfield Rd., Fraser, MI 48026.

Stella Koehler

Grosse Pointe Park resident Stella Koehler, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, in Florida.

Mrs. Koehler was born Aug. 16, 1930 in Burgettstown, Pa., to Kathryn and Andrew Karp. She was a homemaker and 20-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Mrs. Koehler is survived by Louis "Doc," her husband of 55 years; daughters Deborah (Svein) Bjorkly, Denise (Ted) Jarema, Darcel (Mark) Butzu and Dianne Tas; and grandchildren Harry, Andrew, Katie, Ashley, Tracy, Mark, T.J., Jay, Angel and Madison.

She also is survived by her sister Katie Carter.

Mrs. Koehler was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at www.verheyden.org.

Lawrence Palmer Lamb

Lawrence Lamb, a well-known musician in the Detroit area for many years, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, following a long battle with cancer. He



Myron Barlow, M.D.



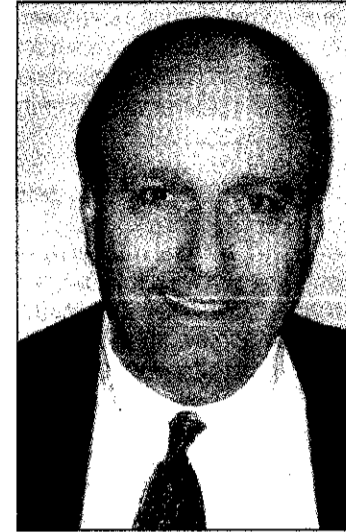
William Edward Baubie II



Stella Koehler



Lawrence Palmer Lamb



Anthony T. Milana



Glenys C. Weber

was 59.

Mr. Lamb was born in Grosse Pointe to Eleanor and Wallace Lamb, and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Whether he was playing piano, flute or clarinet, Mr. Lamb's family and colleagues remember him as a consummate musician.

What set him apart among his peers as having few equals, however, was his talent playing the tenor saxophone.

Musicians have always marveled at his intonation and his seemingly endless capacity for phrasing classic horn lines. He was one of those talented few who could make it look easy.

Throughout a long career, he played with many of Detroit's notable artists including Mel Ball & Colours, The Sun Messengers, The Bess Bonnier Quartet, Chet Bogan's Wolverine Jazz Band, The Blues Disciples and The Millionaires.

Additionally, he played for many theatrical musicals at the Fisher, Masonic and Birmingham theaters, as well as backing up many Motown greats.

In addition to his professional music career, Mr. Lamb repaired musical instruments. In 1972 he was hired by Weaver Music Co. in Allen Park as an apprentice to learn the trade of musical wind instrument repair. He worked there two years, followed by stints at Hewitts Music in Dearborn, and Royal Music in Royal Oak.

In 1983 he formed his own company, Windworks Inc., where he repaired wind instruments for many Detroit area school concert and marching bands.

Mr. Lamb is survived by his wife, Karen; and his two children from a previous marriage, Madeleine Ellen Lamb and Alexander Lawrence Lamb. He also is survived by his brothers, Charles and Albert, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7 at St. Alan Roman Catholic Church, 2345 Coolidge Road, Troy. A memorial tribute to Mr. Lamb will follow the Mass at the Club Venetian, 29310 John R, Madison Heights.

Anthony T. Milana

Shelby Township resident Anthony T. Milana, 63, died

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 in Detroit. He was the owner of Mama Rosa's Pizzeria in Grosse Pointe Park since 1968, serving the neighborhood for more than 38 years.

Mr. Milana was a member of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association and the Italian American Cultural Society.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Germaine; children Anthony (Jessica), Angela (Charlie) Seip and Sam; and his grandchild, Charles Anthony Seip.

Mr. Milana also is survived by his mother, Angeline; sister Betty (Roy) Sera; mother-in-law, Grace Palazzolo; brothers-in-law Frank (Vicki) Palazzolo and Carl Palazzolo; and many caring nieces,

nephews, cousins and dear friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Anthony.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Dec. 5, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester followed by entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests blood donations to the American Red Cross or memorial contributions to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, c/o Development Office, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.WujekCalcaterra.com.

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Chevrolet is mighty proud of its full size pickup, which was redesigned for the 2007 model year. And rightly so.

A standard LT2 model with 4-wheel drive, a 6.0-liter V-8 gasoline engine, and crew cab with second-row seating for three appears to have a price of around \$36,500.

That includes some biggies in the way of mechanical and safety equipment: Features such as a 6-speed automatic transmission, "Z85" handling and trailering suspension, 4-wheel antilock brakes, theft-deterrent system, and a year of OnStar's safe and sound service.

The dark metallic blue Silverado in question, with a list price of \$49,629, had a 6.6-liter Duramax Diesel powerplant under its hood. The diesel tacked \$7,200 to the final price; an advanced Allison automatic transmission was another

\$1,200; leather-trimmed seats were \$800, and 17-inch aluminum wheels were \$200.

Chevrolet spokesman Brian Goebel confirmed that buyers choosing the Duramax Diesel will pay extra for it. But the 6.6-liter engine delivers significantly more torque and greater towing capacity than the gasoline V-8s, which is very important to some buyers.

The price sheet for the Silverado was difficult to decipher, but it gave a good overview of what one can order on this sweat-resistant work truck that also knows how to behave at the country club.

One can choose between a bench front seat for three or adjustable bucket seats for two. Steering wheel radio controls are available — a manual tells you what the various hieroglyphics mean — as is a remote vehicle starter system, heated window washing fluid and outside mirrors that dim from bright headlamps, and have a power fold-in capability.

The 2008 Silverado line closely resembles the award-winning 2007 models with a few improvements, including standard XM satellite radio set-up on all models; available power-adjustable driver's seat on regular cab models with front bench seats, easier-to-read instrumentation and a couple of new exterior colors.

Also new is an integrated trailer brake controller available on extended cab and crew cab models. Previously, this feature was only available on heavy-duty models; it is integrated with the ABS system and provides immediate and measured brake force signaling to electric-controlled trailer



2008 Chevy 2500HD

brake systems.

There is no requirement for

external and/or aftermarket brake control systems. The

brake controller switch is conveniently mounted on the low-

er-left section of the instrument panel.

Auto show picks winning design

The Volkswagen Slipstream design sketch was the winner of the Los Angeles Auto Show's 2007 Design Challenge.

This year's theme, RoboCar of 2057, asked eight automotive design studios to form their vision of the future by depicting a vehicle that incorporates artificial intelligence engineered to make life easier and more attractive to consumers 50 years from now.

The Volkswagen Slipstream was chosen for how well it integrated into personal and work life, the level of innova-

tion and technology as well as its unique styling.

The Slipstream adapts to city and freeway driving. These two-wheeled, teardrop shaped pods travel in an upright orientation, that occupies one-fifth the size of a traditional vehicle, and when on the freeway, tilts horizontally to be more aerodynamic.

"Thinking 50 years in the future using autonomous driving and artificial intelligence was challenging for our design team," said Derek Jenkins, chief of Volkswagen Design. "We truly enjoyed

participating in the Design Challenge and winning is a definite plus."

Entries were judged by multi-discipline design professionals, who selected the winner based on its originality of creative concept, integration of robotics, and level of adaptation to a variety of environmental conditions and consumer needs.

"The scope of the entries was very impressive, and in the end it came down to which team had the most innovative and fun design that could be best applied to a daily

lifestyle," said Chuck Pelly, director of Design Los Angeles and partner in The Design Academy Inc. "Volkswagen's designers showed passion and ultimately created a brighter vision of 2057."

Designers entered two-dimensional renderings and concept descriptions predicting how the rapidly advancing field of artificial intelligence will integrate into the automobile to make life safer, more practical and attractive. In the past, participating studios

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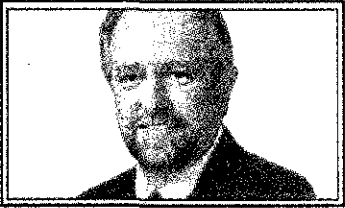
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SHOP TALK By Greg Zyla

Pony Car revival



Q. Greg, what are your feelings about the new 2008 Dodge Challenger and the new 2008-09 Camaro? I guess they let Ford have the full run of the Pony Car market for too long, right?

—Bob K., Pennsylvania
A. Bob, I agree with your sentiments as to Ford having control of the market. As for the new Pony Cars, I really like the 2008 Challenger and would love to sit one right next to my 1972.
 Right now I'm just dream-

ing, but owning a Hemi Challenger will again be possible, thanks to Chrysler. As for the Camaro, I think Chevy missed the "retro look" craze with its new design, which I feel is a bit too modern. Still, give the older GM fans like me time, and we'll grow to love it because of the three, it will probably be the fastest.

Ford, meanwhile, has the style just right as its "new" Mustangs are similar in looks to those great 1968 Cobra Jets and Mach 1s. I'll give Ford all the credit for starting this new "retro" styling craze, and I'm hoping GM looks at reintroducing the Trans-Am for Pontiac dealers.

Overall, the Dodge Challenger is the scarcest of the original Pony Cars and

was available only from 1970-1974. The Mustang and Plymouth Barracuda came out in 1964, the Camaro and Pontiac Firebird in 1967, Mercury Cougar and AMC Javelin/AMX in 1968, and finally, the Dodge Challenger in 1970.

As for GM dropping its Pony Cars back in 2002, and Chrysler way back in 1974, I am just glad they are back and welcome all these new cars with open arms. One thing we know for sure, the Plymouth Barracuda and AMC Javelin are not coming back anytime soon.

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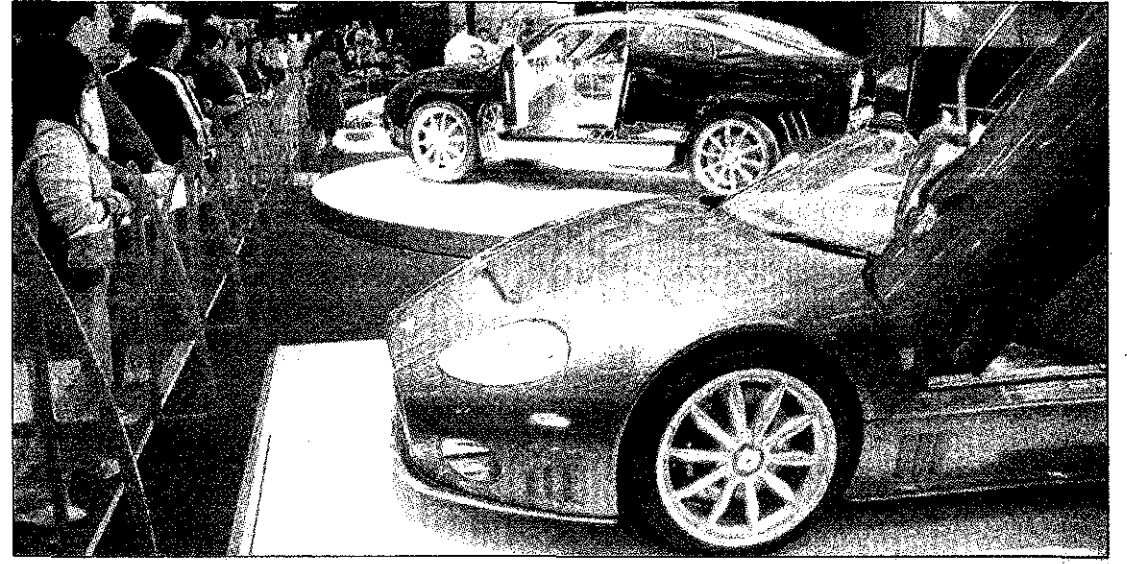
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have received impressive amounts of worldwide exposure among peers and media.

The purpose of the Design Challenge is to pit the auto manufacturers' Los Angeles-based design studios against one another.

The Design Challenge is part of the Design Los Angeles automobile designers conference that has evolved into an integral element of the Los Angeles Auto Show. More than 500 designers attended the event.



Some exotics at the Los Angeles Auto Show include Ferrari's debut of the new lightweight 430 Scuderia, and Porsche's debut of its most powerful 911, the new GT2.

Caught in the headlights: Tips to help avoid deer collisions

With the deer population increasing and living space for wildlife on the decline, the number of incidents involving a deer jumping into the path of a car has been steadily rising.

This is especially true from October through December, when male deer activity dramatically increases, resulting in a significant rise in the number of vehicular collisions.

A deer can appear to come out of nowhere, leaving only seconds to react. The collision can result in significant property damage and life-threatening situations.

To stay safe, consider the following:

◆ Watch the clock. Deer are most active from sunset to midnight, and during the hours just before and after sunrise, which are feeding times.



driving at a speed of more than 60 mph, you'll cover the length of a football field in the same time it takes to change a CD.

◆ Keep your eyes open. Deer don't run alone. If you see one, there are likely others nearby.

◆ Don't swerve. If a deer is suddenly in front of you, sound your horn to frighten it away. Brake firmly, but stay in your lane. Serious crashes happen when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and may hit other vehicles or lose control of their cars.

◆ Wear your seat belt. Most people injured in deer/car crashes were unbuckled at the time.

MetLife Auto & Home is offering a free brochure, "Deer Collisions: How to Avoid Becoming a Statistic," that can be obtained by calling (800) 638-5433.

◆ Watch your speed. It's not just the speed of the animal that plays a factor — it's the speed of the vehicle. If you are



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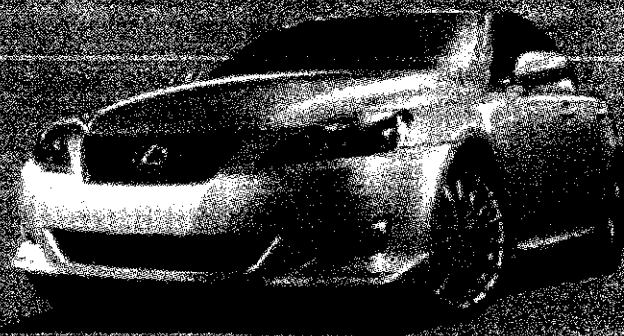
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"The only way we can provide such an affordable tuition for our 3- and 4-year-olds is through our grassroot fundraising efforts," Shina said. "On Saturday, Nov. 3, we had our annual Memorial Nursery Chili Cook-Off with a

live and silent auction.

"The event was a huge success this year, thanks to all of the parents, alumni, and businesses in the area. We couldn't have pulled this off without all of their contributions."

Susie Machuga, who has more than 30 years of teaching experience said she was very happy with the turnout.

"I always look so forward to this event. It brings out the best in everyone."

Memorial Nursery School still has openings in its 3- and 4-year-olds class. Call (313) 917-2277 for more information.



Pictured above from left, Mary Snell, Anita Shina and Meegan Waterston have stepped up to help Memorial Nursery School.



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Open in the City

Maier & Werner Salon in the City of Grosse Pointe at 17904 Mack is owned by Juergen and Kathy Koehler. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed the Koehler's to the business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, Nov. 1. Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, Pat Milne, chamber director of events; Mary Huebner, chamber president; Louise Fetherolf; Janice Konen; Lule Mance; Tammy Lerchenfelt; Terri Clark; Juergen Koehler; Dale Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe mayor; Kathy Koehler; Heidi Mason; Courtney Arioli; Erica Braun; Susan Presser; Chrill Brown and Emiko Boyle.

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bers. There are no fees associated with this program. "If you buy a \$20 gift certificate, you are able to spend \$20," said Mary Huebner, chamber president. "With each certificate sold a list of participants who accept the certificates is included. The gift certificates are available in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50 denominations." Gift certificates are available at the chamber office, 710 Notre Dame, and Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore. Gift certificates can

also be ordered on line at CertifiChecks.com or by calling (877) 770-4438. Additionally, people can access the chamber Web site at gpcc.cc. In the Member Benefits section click on Grosse Pointe Gold and order them on-line. "Gold certificates are an excellent gift for teachers, coaches, staff, family and friends," Huebner said. "They are wonderful stocking stuffers, birthday gifts, incentive awards, anniversary and graduation gifts. They can be used as a thank you to select customers or treat

yourself." Participants include book stores, restaurants, apparel, home and garden stores, wine and spirits, toy stores, salons and other specialty stores. "Our three hospital gift stores are wonderful places to shop. They too accept Grosse Pointe Gold gift certificates," Huebner added. "This holiday season we encourage everyone to shop and dine in your home town and support Grosse Pointe merchants by buying locally using Grosse Pointe Gold gift certificates."

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Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to City of Harper Woods School District in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

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Local businesses ready for holiday shoppers

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to start that holiday gift shopping.

Lists have been submitted, the car is gassed and families are heading in a dozen directions, some to Grosse Pointe's shopping districts.

Local businesses on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms include Something Special, The League Shop, which specializes in gifts of distinction, and LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists.

"Business was pretty good last year during the holidays and I hope this year's just as

ing items from the John Hardy, Tacori and Breitling lines of jewelry and watches.

Nina Taormina of Pat Scott Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods said Tag Heuer watches, Hidalgo rings, Journey diamond pendants, diamond studs and diamond solitaire pendants have been selling well.

"We have been getting a lot of orders for custom made jewelry," Taormina said. "That has been a popular item for customers."

Village Food Market on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms offers some of the best sale prices on meats, seafood,

wines and champagnes for holiday get-togethers.

"We really have some great foods and beverages to offer our customers that will make their holiday parties better," said store manager Frank Hermes. "We have an expert in every department if people have questions."

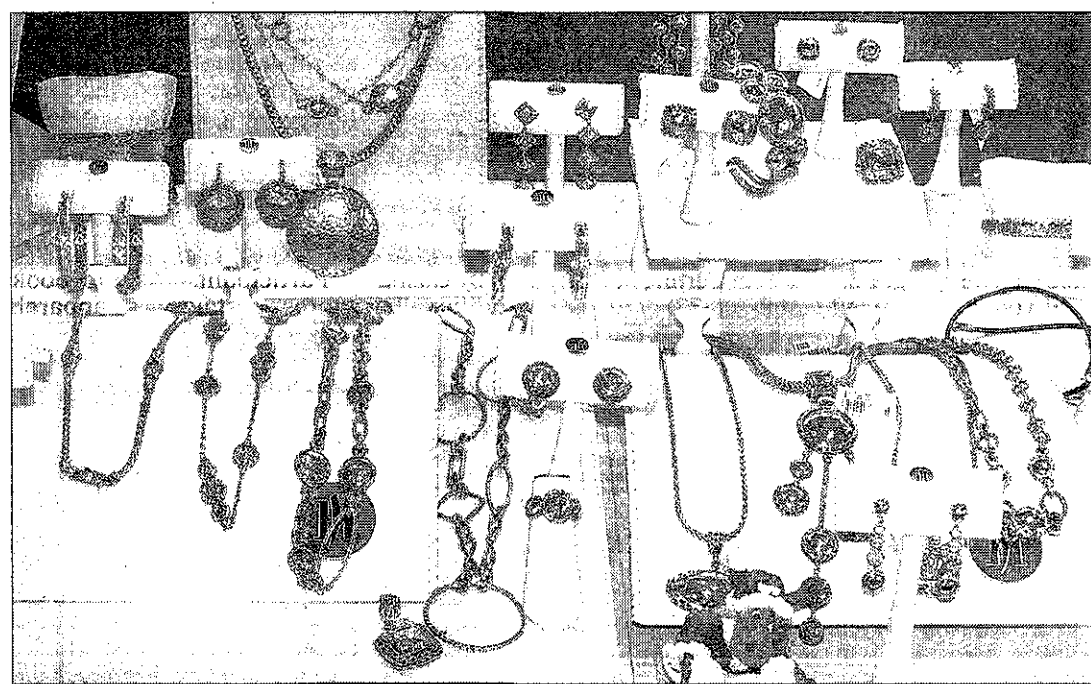
Hermes can be reached at (313) 882-2530.

Other ideas are gift certificates to a local eatery or coffee shop throughout the Pointes or to a book store.

For gift ideas for that hard-to-buy-for person, see Beth Quinn's feature article in next week's Grosse Pointe News.



A hot selling item at Something Special is a Vera Bradley purse, pictured above. Below, George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers has been selling a lot of John Hardy jewelry during the holiday season.



good, if not better," said Sandy Gillespie, owner of Something Special. "I hope residents stay close to home and shop locally since we help support the community."

Gillespie said some of her biggest selling items this year are Webkinz, which allow children and adults to communicate through the Internet using this stuffed animal/computer; Vera Bradley luggage; leather passport covers; Crocs; ornaments; personalized items; jewelry and Crabtree and Evelyn products.

Across the street at The League Shop, owner Pat Brinker said ceramic polar bears are a hot item as are handmade Byers' Choice Carolers and decorative bottle stoppers.

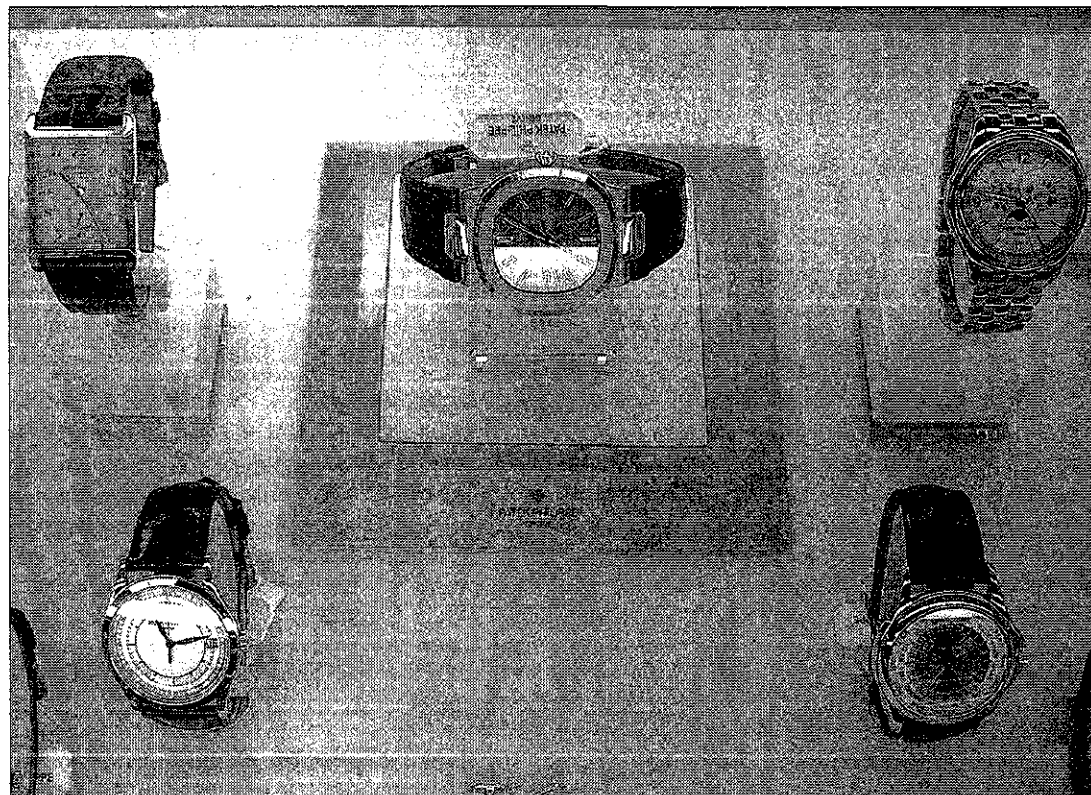
"It was interesting to see how fast the polar bears are selling," Brinker said. "People are coming in on a steady basis and now they have more room to browse since we expanded into the building next to us."

Dan LaLonde, owner of LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists, said some items that are traditionally popular are diamond engagement rings, diamond earrings, multi-colored stone rings, troll beads and pearls.

Staying with the jewelry theme, Anthony Ahee of Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, said popular holiday items are diamond hoops with different size stones, pearls, colored diamond jewelry and men's watches.

"Men are getting more and more into collecting nice watches," Ahee said. "We have some very nice pieces available for holiday shoppers."

Robert Koueiter of George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, said customers have been buy-



PHOTOS BY BOB ST. JOHN

Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers' top selling item so far this holiday season are men's watches.



Celebrate Christmas

The Friends of Vision invites you to view Elaine & Bengt Swenson's private collection of more than 200 Crèches from around the world during a preview party, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, which includes a lecture by Bengt Swenson, noted designer and collector. Reservations are required. Tiered ticket prices are \$150/archangel, \$75/Angel and \$50/Cherub. General admission is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$5 for groups of 10 or more. Proceeds benefit the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's program for the visually impaired and blind. For tickets, call (313) 824-4710 or visit eyeson.org. Pictured above getting ready for the festivities are City of Grosse Pointe resident Ellen Chapin, left, and Darlene Sulad of Grosse Pointe Park.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Gas stolen?

Police are investigating whether gas was stolen from a station in the 17000 block of Mack after it was reported one of the gas pumps was tampered with at 1:06 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

The credit card processor was vandalized, which could have allowed the suspect(s) to activate the pump, but not charge the credit card. It's unknown whether gas was stolen from the pump.

Sped off

Police are looking for a man who attempted to return several compact discs with a fraudulent receipt to a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 6:20 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26.

After the man was refused the return, he drove off in a

gray Cadillac and was later stopped at Cadieux and Harper. During questioning, the man demanded to speak to a supervisor and refused to exit the vehicle. When backup arrived, he sped off, striking one of the officers on the forearm. Police gave chase, but the driver eluded officers by possibly entering I-94.

The suspect is described as a black male, between 25 and 30 years old, wearing black pants and shirt and weighing 250 pounds.

Bike stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a mountain bike in the 500 block of Neff Lane reported at 1:41 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27. The bike's tires were locked, but not secured to a permanent structure.

—John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the City of Grosse Pointe police

department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 26-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Mack at 1:11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it disregard a red light. Police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man's facial area. He registered a 0.11 on a breath test.

Leaving the scene

Police arrested a 64-year-old Ferndale woman for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 2:47 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Police were alerted to a vehicle leaving the scene of a traffic accident and later spotted the woman's vehicle traveling with debris on her

front bumper. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. Police also observed open bottles of liquor and beer in the vehicle. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a 0.15 on a breath test.

No central air

Police are investigating the theft of a central air unit from a home in the 300 block of Merrweather reported at 1:18 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Police said judging from the conditions of remaining wires, the unit was taken some time ago.

Purse snatching

Police are investigating a purse snatching reported at 8:12 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Police said the victim was walking into a restaurant in the 18000 block of Mack when the suspect grabbed the purse. The suspect then fled toward

an area post office and was seen entering an older model sedan. It then sped off.

Fugitive arrest

A 21-year-old Detroit woman was arrested following a traffic stop at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Police stopped the vehicle for having defective equipment. During questioning, she admitted that she had never acquired a driver's license and didn't have the vehicle's paperwork. A Law Enforcement Information Network check revealed she was wanted on a warrant out of Sterling Heights.

Left unlocked

Police are investigating the theft of a jar of coins and a global positioning satellite system from an unlocked vehicle on Briarwood Place reported at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

—John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Farms police department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Wayburn theft

Between 1 and 11 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, the locks were cut on a garage in the 1100 block of Wayburn. A leaf blower, vacuum, power washer and lawn mower were stolen. Police are investigating.

Wayburn theft II

Police are investigating the theft of a Honda power washer taken from a garage in the 1100 block of Wayburn. The incident occurred between Saturday, Nov. 24, and Sunday, Dec. 2.

Wayburn theft III

Sometime between Wednesday, Nov. 28 and

Saturday, Dec. 1, hand tools, extension cords and a wheel barrow were taken from a garage in the 1000 block of Wayburn. Police are investigating.

Vehicles recovered

At 12:34 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, police officers observed a stolen motorcycle with a damaged ignition heading west-bound on Mack. The rider fled into Detroit and abandoned the bike on the I-94 service drive.

Officers reported the motorcycle was recovered soon after it had been reported stolen in Southfield.

Police also recovered a stolen Dodge Stratus soon after it was reported stolen from St. Clair Shores during the evening of Friday, Nov. 30.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to Public Safety Officer Erik Davis who celebrated 12 years with the public safety department on Dec. 2.

Congratulations to Public Safety Officer Leo DeRaedt who celebrates his 20th anniversary with the force on Dec. 7.

—Beth Quinn

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Park police department at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Lawn job

A Paget Court resident awoke Sunday, Dec. 2, to find that someone had driven over his lawn during the night, causing several deep ruts.

A Jeep that was parked in the driveway also had its windshield broken after it was apparently hit by flying dirt. Police continue to investigate.

Lock your car

Police are reminding residents to lock their vehicles when parked overnight. A briefcase was stolen Monday night, Nov. 26, from an unlocked Jeep on Lochmoor.

No license

Police stopped a 1996 Mercury for a burned out headlight on Vernier near Mack on Friday, Nov. 30, at 10 p.m. The driver was unable to produce a valid driver's license, and a Law Enforcement Information Network check re-

See CRIME, page 23A

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2008/09 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget as shown below:

2008/09 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget	
1. Services for Older Citizens (SOC)	\$ 7,885
a. SOC Minor Home Repair	\$ 40,000
b. SOC Countywide Housing Rehab	\$ 38,000
2. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	\$ 7,885
3. Improved Handicapped Accessibility for City Buildings	\$ 18,930
4. Administration	\$ 8,300
Total	\$ 121,000

Mark Wollenweber
City Administrator

G.P.N.: 12/06/2007

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE POSITIONS

One vacancy on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees will exist as of November 26, 2007, for the Harper Woods position (portion of the city that is in the Grosse Pointe School District). The position is for a term that will expire on June 30, 2010. Applicants must reside in the represented municipality and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office (313-343-2325), 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or on the library's website at www.gp.lib.mi.us. (go to the section under Library Board).

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Library Board, no later than December 31, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. Public interviews by the Harper Woods City Council will take place in January or February.

Submit applications to:
Secretary of Library Board
Library Board of Trustees
10 Kercheval
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

NOTICE OF REVIEW: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Community Center - Lake Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

From 9:00 a.m. to noon. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review will convene for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact.

G.P.N.: 11/29/2007 & 12/06/07

Kathleen L. Paul
City Assessor

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

To the Qualified Electors of Grosse Pointe Park & Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Township of Grosse Pointe - Wayne County, Michigan And Lake Township - Macomb County, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, December 17, 2007 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdictions in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

IN PERSON:

- * At your city/township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk **DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.**
- * At any Secretary of State Branch office located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- * At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- * At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- * By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THAT YOU WILL BE VOTING FOR:

Partisan Section Republican Party Presidential Primary President of the United States (vote for not more than 1)

Sam Brownback
Rudy Giuliani
Mike Huckabee
Duncan Hunter
John McCain
Ron Paul
Mitt Romney
Tom Tancredo
Fred Thompson
Uncommitted

Partisan Section Democratic Party President Primary President of the United States (vote for not more than 1)

Hillary Clinton
Chris Dodd
Mike Gravel
Dennis Kucinich
Uncommitted

JANE BLAHUT City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Park 15115 E. Jefferson 313-822-6200	MATTHEW J. TEPPER Assistant City Manager/City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Farms 90 Kerby Road 313-885-6600
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ROBERT GRAZIANI Township Clerk Township of Grosse Pointe 313-884-0234	Raymond Suwinski Township Clerk Lake Township - Macomb County 313-881-6565

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

GPN: 12/06/07

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

SECTION 00 1113

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

FLOORING REPLACEMENT AT BEACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
19475 Beaconsfield
Harper Woods, Michigan

City of Harper Woods School District will receive single prime sealed bids for Flooring Replacement at Beacon Elementary School until Board of Education local time on December 13, 2007 at the School District Offices, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications, will be on file at the Offices of the Architect, Wold Architects and Engineers, 901 Tower Drive, Troy, Michigan 48098, (248) 879-9888; at the following Plan Rooms: CAM, 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; FW Dodge Report, 20475 Woodingham, Detroit, MI 48221; and Reed Construction Reports electronic plan room at www.reedpr.com; bidding documents may be viewed online also from Plan Well at www.dunnblue.com by clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Flooring Replacement at Beacon Elementary School.

This project includes: Removal and replacement of existing carpeting and resilient base.

Dunn Blue Reprographic 1009 West Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 228-5600, facsimile (248) 288-1198, will provide complete sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The copies will be available about November 23, 2007. Both a deposit check in the amount of \$30 and a non-refundable check in the amount of \$70 made out to "City of Harper Woods School District" for each set ordered are required. The following information must accompany the deposit: Company name, mailing address, street address, phone and facsimile numbers and type of bidder (i.e. General, Mechanical or Electrical Subcontractor to General, or other). A refund of \$70 will be sent to prime contractors who submit a bid to the Owner and subcontractors for each set (including addenda) returned to Dunn Blue Reprographic in good condition within ten (10) calendar days of the award date, subject to the conditions of AIA Document A701. Refunds will not be given if the plans are returned to the Architect's Office.

Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to City of Harper Woods School District in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

All Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or the superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before June 15.

Board of Education

CITY OF HARPER WOODS SCHOOL DISTRICT
00 1113-F Advertisement for Bids

No. 074028

G.P.N. 12/06/2007

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Glenys C. Weber

City of Grosse Pointe resident Glenys C. Weber, 67, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, of complications from ovarian cancer. She died peacefully at home surrounded by family.

She was born Glenys Carmel LaCombe in Marquette on Feb. 3, 1940 to Sylvester J. and Hazel H. LaCombe, and grew up in the Upper Peninsula town of Munising.

Throughout her childhood, she was active in the Munising community, performing in local and school theatre, singing in her church choir, and was an accomplished pianist performing at school events, weddings and local church services.

She also modeled for local newspaper and magazine advertising throughout her young adult life.

Mrs. Weber graduated from William G. Mather High School in Munising in 1958.

Shortly after graduation she moved to Detroit, where she worked in the insurance and legal industries, and continued to model professionally for local newspaper and magazine ads.

In 1960 at a Notre Dame University football game, she met and fell in love with Walter "Dick" Weber, a local business owner from Detroit. The couple married on April 11, 1964 and together ran American Platen Company and the Dulin Office Machine Company until their retirement in 2001.

Mrs. Weber continued to play the piano in the company of family and friends throughout her life.

She collected rare antiques for her home and enjoyed many creative hobbies, of which her most passionate was gardening. Every spring and summer, neighbors could find her tending to the vibrant, lush gardens surrounding her family's home.

In recent months, Mrs. Weber enjoyed time with her closest friends, family, and her beloved "grand-dog," Emerson, who, throughout her illness, brought an abundance of true joy and delight to her life.

She is survived by her son, John R. Weber and daughter, Lynn C. Weber; sister Rochelle LaCombe-Hyland; brother Joseph (Christine) LaCombe; niece Lisa Hyland; and nephews Brian and Chris LaCombe.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made directly to the Weber family.

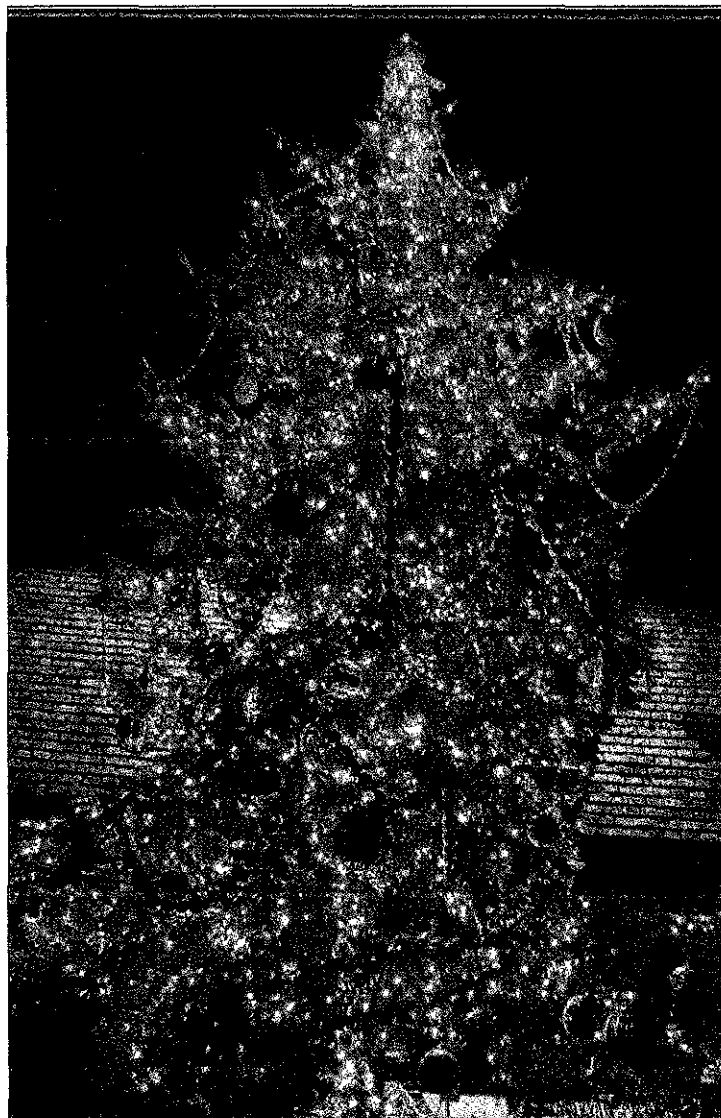


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A dazzling sight

Even Ebenezer Scrooge's heart would be warmed by the sight of the Grosse Pointe Park's holiday tree behind the Tompkins Community Center in Windmill Pointe Park. Approximately 150 Park residents participated in the tree lighting festivities on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

CRIME: Cars stolen

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vealed he was wanted on a warrant out of Lincoln Park.

Missing Person

A 78-year-old St. Clair Shores woman left her 80-year-old husband, who has Alzheimer's and their dog in their car, while attending a doctor's appointment at St. John Hospital at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

When she returned at 4:30,

the car was gone. Woods police was notified. An APB was released asking local law enforcement officials to be on the lookout for him and their vehicle.

At 8 p.m. that night, security personnel at Selfridge Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens notified Woods police that the missing man had appeared at the main gate, appearing confused and disoriented.

Police notified his wife, who picked him up.

—Kathy Ryan
Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Woods police department at (313) 343-2400.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all residents in the City of Harper Woods who meet the following qualifications by December 17, 2007, shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides for the Presidential Primary, scheduled for January 15, 2008.

- Shall be a citizen of the United States;
- Shall be at least 18 years of age by January 15, 2008
- Shall be a resident of this State;
- Shall be a resident of the City of Harper Woods for at least 30 days.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to become a registered voter at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. or any Michigan Secretary of State Office. Voter Registration Applications can also be obtained on line at www.harperwoodscity.org or www.michigan.gov/vote. The last day to register for the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary will be Monday, December 17, 2007. If you are unable to come at the above times, or if you are in doubt as to the status of your registration, or if you need assistance, please call 313-343-2510.

Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot for the Presidential Primary in the City Clerk's Office showing the list of candidates nominated. For the election January 15, 2008, qualified voters will be nominating Presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Mickey D. Todd,
CITY CLERK

POSTED: November 26, 2007
PUBLISHED: December 6, 2007

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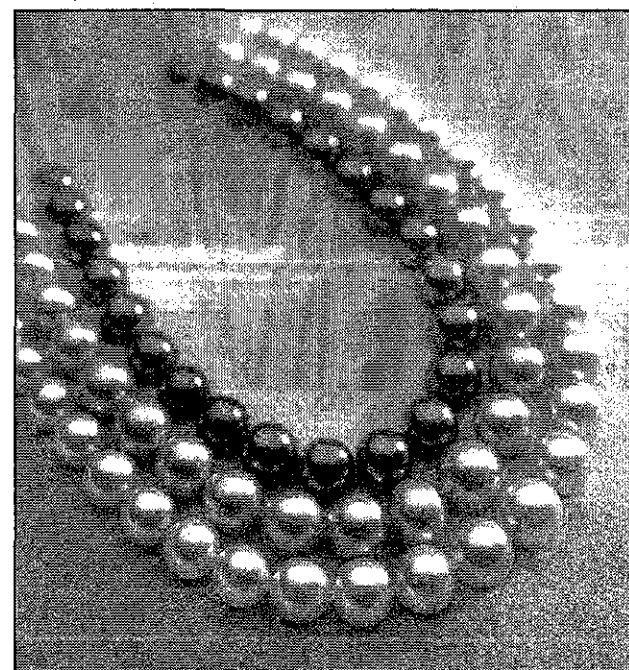
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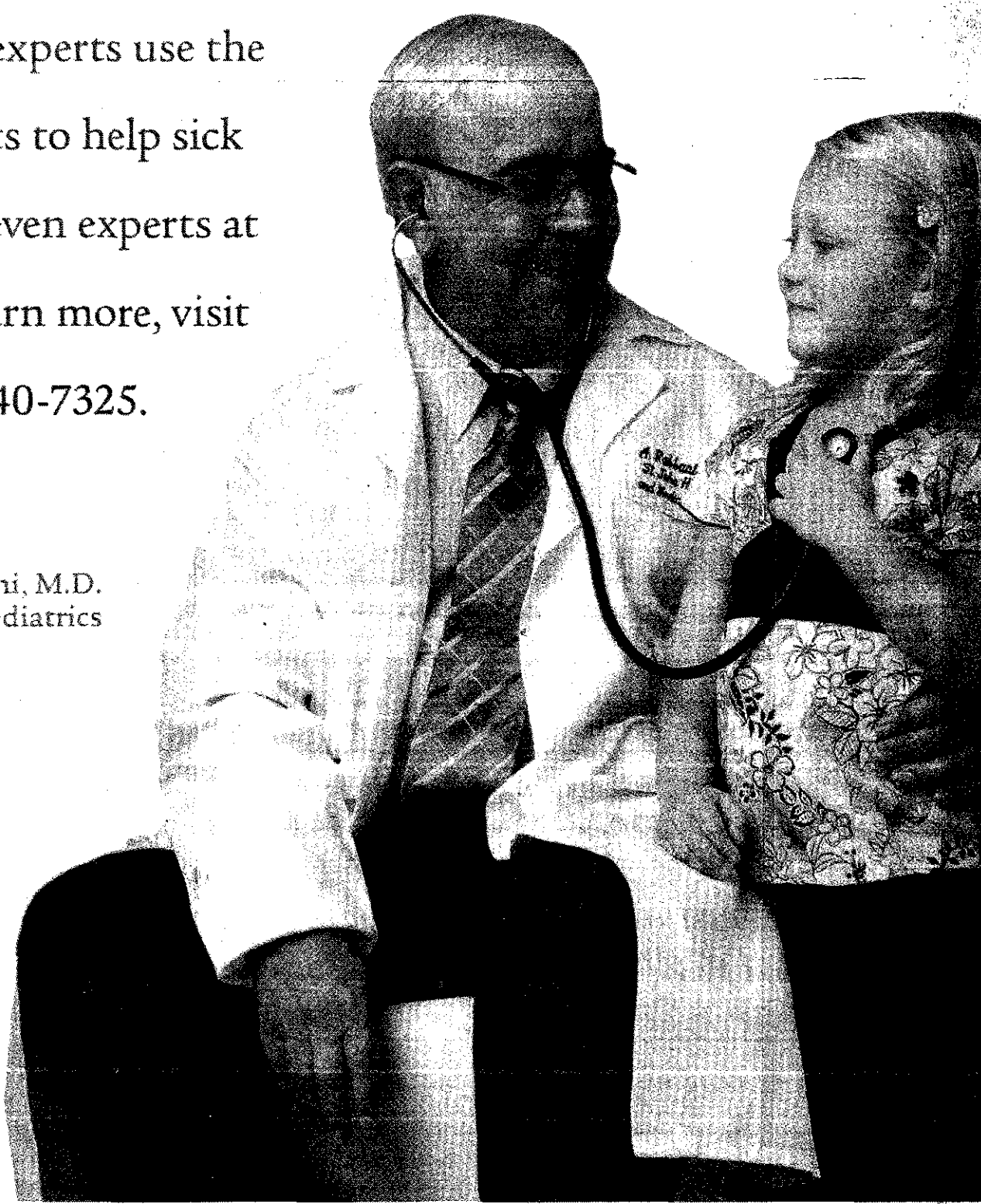
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Traditional holiday menus



PHOTO BY SUZY BERSCHBACK

From left, Charlotte Berschback, 16, and Maddie Berschback, 14, decorate their gingerbread houses, an annual holiday event at Mary Marie and Tom Berschback's home.

When family and friends gather for holidays, there is always a table laden with food. Someone may sneak in a new recipe but palates are set on the old tried and true **family favorite recipes.**

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

The holidays are peak times for family gatherings.

Leo Tolstoy wrote that every happy family is alike and every unhappy family is different. But even he might have been forced to admit that every family — whether happy or unhappy — has its own expectations about the food served at family gatherings.

Traditions and traditional food may even be part of the glue that keeps some families together. Food traditions are hard to break. Some family food traditions have been around so long, they're even hard to justify.

Four Grosse Pointers have been persuaded to share one of their family's favorite recipes.

Berschback

The Berschback family gathering on Christmas Eve includes six brothers, their wives, children and grandchildren. Karen Berschback (she's married to Jim) said the traditional get-together began in the 1970s. It has grown every year and now includes some 40 to 50 people.

The host and hostess duties rotate each year among the six homes, which are all in the Grosse Pointes.

"We used to have a sit-down dinner," said Suzy Berschback (she's married to Chip). "But now we just have lots of hors d'oeuvres. Each family group brings two hors d'oeuvres."

One of the Berschbacks' most eagerly anticipated hors d'oeuvre tradition is Hot Weenies.

Karen Berschback has made them for the last 10 years.

"It's the easiest recipe ever," she said. "It used to include mustard, but I eliminated the mustard many years ago and nobody noticed. I also used to bring toothpicks, but now I just put them in a crock pot and supply a spoon. It's especially popular with the teenagers and younger family members."

Hot Weenies

2 pkgs. small cocktail hot dogs (12 to 16 in a package)

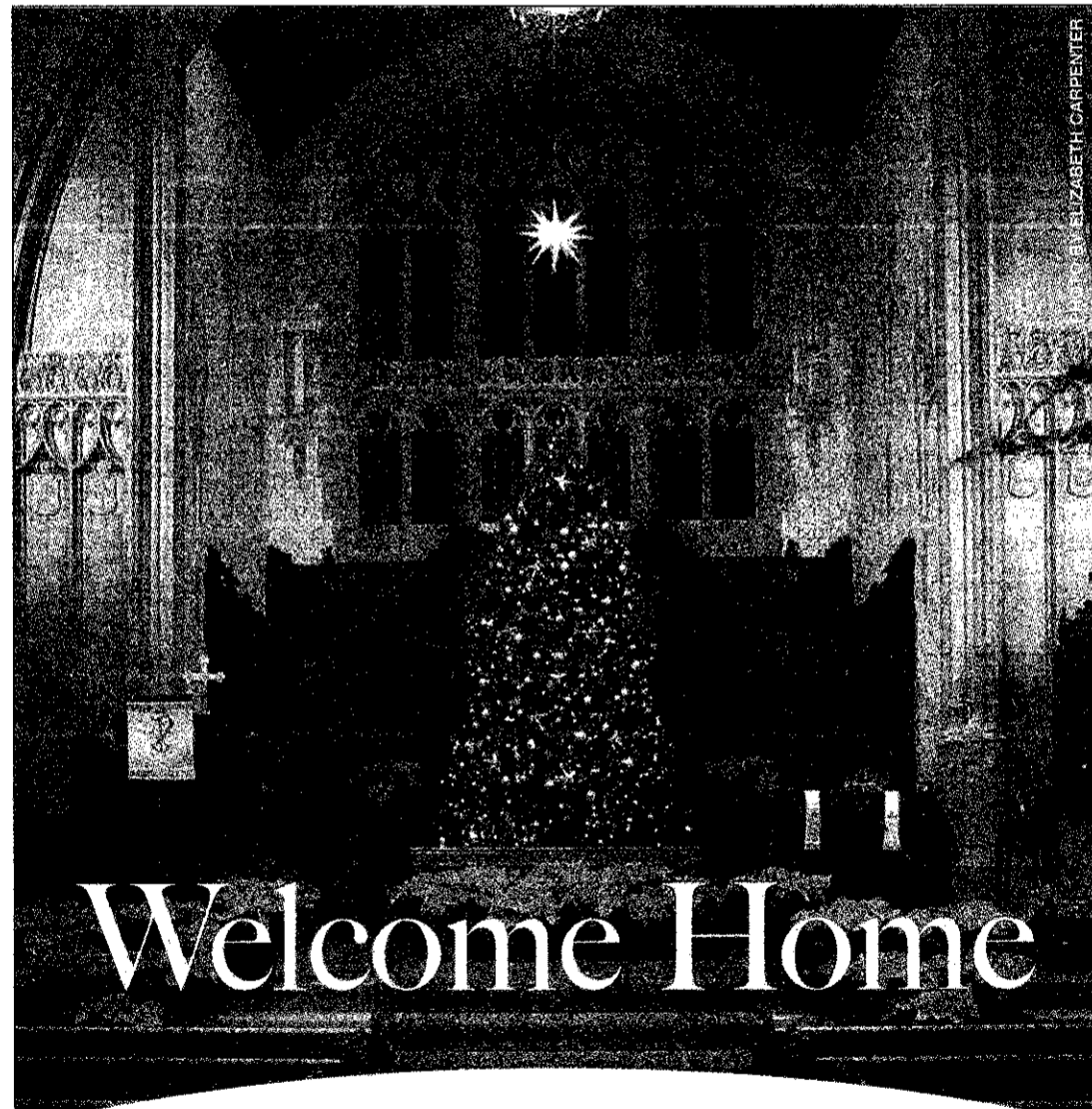
1 small jar currant jelly
Melt the jelly in a pan. Rinse and drain the hot dogs. Add them to the pan. Simmer and stir for a couple hours. Serve in a crock pot to keep them warm.

Doug Cordier

Doug Cordier of Grosse Pointe Farms has been cooking professionally for 25 years. With partners Dave Hohlfeldt, Chuck Kaess and Joe Dietz, (a.k.a. The Lobster Boys), the group has raised more than \$80,000 for various local charities. Cordier teaches Italian cooking at the Pointe Pedlar and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Cordier family holiday meals include a turkey cooked in a brown paper bag. The cooking method is so successful and produces such a tender and juicy result; it has been a family tra-

See RECIPES, page 2B



ELIZABETH CARPENTER

Welcome Home

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4 PM
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 9 & 11 AM
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CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE
Children will be invited to don costumes as shepherds and angels for this service commemorating the birth of Christ

7:00 PM CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRELUDE
7:30 PM CHRISTMAS LESSONS, CAROLS, COMMUNION WITH CANDLE LIGHTING
Christmas Bible readings and carols sung by congregation and choir in the beautiful candlelit sanctuary. Communion will be shared with all. Service concludes with ministers sharing the light of the Christ candle with congregation members as the sanctuary dims and all sing Silent Night.

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G.P. War Memorial hosts seasonal events

Holiday entertaining

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is offering three classes designed to make holiday entertaining easier.

Moms and children can work side by side to create a graham cracker house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8. Children aged 4 and above must be accompanied by an adult.

The fee is \$37 for one adult and child and \$10 for each additional adult or child with a limit of two children per adult. Graham crackers, frosting, candy decorations and a box to transport the house home will be provided.

Participants are asked to bring a can of frosting, a serrated knife and their

imaginations.

Wine for the holidays

Master Sommelier Claudia Tyagi leads an All About Wine for the Holidays class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. Tyagi will address how to choose a wine to compliment a holiday menu and what wines to serve with snacks and desserts.

She will serve five different wines that may help with menu planning and gift giving.

The class fee is \$65 per person. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Quick holiday meals

Donna Hollis, "The Inspired Chef," will demonstrate Wrap It in Puff Pastry for the Holidays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

On the menu is preparation of both a salmon and chicken pastry dish along with sides. The fee is \$50 per person.

Holiday tea planned

The Christmas Tea, a Grosse Pointe tradition, takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, and includes afternoon tea sandwiches, scones, sweets and tea plus live classical guitar entertainment.

The fee is \$27 per person and includes taxes and gratuity.

Beading class

Learn to make one-of-a-kind jewelry by attending the Beading 101 class from 7 to 9

p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Participants will make a pair of earrings and necklace or a necklace and bracelet set using a variety of beads under the direction of LouAnne Wattrick. No experience is needed.

All supplies, beads, tools

and bead box are included in the \$27 supply fee.

The class fee is \$28 per person or \$18 for returning students.

Fees are payable upon registration.

Early registration for all programs is encouraged by calling (313) 881-7511.

RECIPES: Favorites come to the table

Continued from page 1B

dition for more years than Cordier can remember.

"Not only is it a fun way to prepare the holiday bird, but the turkey requires very little preparation," he said. "The bird will cook at a lower temperature, with steam. It will brown itself inside the bag and become very moist. No basting is required."

"It probably should be called the 'Lazy Man's Turkey in the Bag.'"

Cordier has shared not only directions for preparing the turkey, but also the recipe for the family's traditional wild rice, mushroom and almond stuffing.

Wild Rice, Mushroom and Almond Stuffing

12 cups dried bread cubes or prepared stuffing in a bag
1 to 2 cups chopped mild onions

1 to 2 sticks butter
1 4-oz. packet of wild rice, cooked according to package directions

1/2 to 3/4 cups slivered almonds

1 to 2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

1 tablespoon rosemary, thyme and sage combination
Chopped turkey giblets (cooked separately)

1 beaten egg
Salt and pepper

Melt the butter and sauté the mushrooms, celery, onions and giblets. Transfer to a large bowl and add the bread, almonds, herbs, rice and egg. Toss. Stuff the bird with the mixture. Put the leftover mixture in the neck cavity or bake it in a separate container.

Nancy Solak

Nancy Solak of Grosse Pointe Farms said Seven-Up Salad is her family's traditional holiday dish.

"It became a tradition when my sweet Aunt Marge introduced it at one of our holiday dinners in the 1960s," she said. "A popular drink at that time was called a 7 and 7. The seven stood for 7-Up and Seagram's 7 whiskey. They were mixed with ice cubes to make a highball."

"Highballs are no longer part of our family tradition," she said, "but 7-Up Salad has survived the test of time."

Seven-Up Salad

7 oz. 7-Up (or another lemon lime carbonated beverage)

2 cups miniature marshmallows

1 3-oz. package lime Jell-O

2 3-oz. packages cream cheese, at room temperature

1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple, undrained

3/4 cup walnuts, chopped

2/3 cup mayonnaise

1 cup whipping cream whipped

In a pan, heat the 7-Up and marshmallows. Remove from stove and add Jell-O. Stir until dissolved. Add the cream cheese and beat with a hand mixer until smooth. Add pineapple and nuts. Chill until partially set. Fold in the mayonnaise and whipped cream. Chill until firm.

Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

The Grosse Pointe News' food columnist, Annie Rouleau-Scheriff, shared a recipe that her mother, Marguerite Rouleau, makes whenever the family gets together. It's either a salad or a dessert, she said. The family just calls it Red Jell-O and often before a gathering someone will check just to be sure it's part of the planned menu.

The recipe came from one of Rouleau's neighbors, but it has become a Rouleau family tradition.

"My mother makes this for every family gathering," said Rouleau-Scheriff. "She makes it every Christmas, every graduation. In fact, she made it for every one of her nine children's graduation parties."

Both mother and daughter have prepared the recipe hundreds of times. "It's delicious and usually is a big hit," said Rouleau.

Red Jell-O

Two large boxes strawberry Jell-O

2 cans 10-oz. crushed pineapple with juice

2 10-oz. packages frozen sliced strawberries, thawed

Two large bananas, mashed

1 1-lb. carton sour cream (do NOT use lite or low fat)

Dissolve Jell-O in four cups of boiling water. Add pineapple with juice. Add the strawberries and juice and the mashed bananas. Divide the mixture into two batches. Place one batch in a 9-inch by 13-inch Pyrex dish. Refrigerate until firm (about 1 1/2 hours).

Put a layer of sour cream on top of the Jell-O mixture in the dish.

Ladle the second batch of the Jell-O mixture over the sour cream. Chill until firm (about 1 1/2 hours.).

Serves 24 people.

Children's Chorus debut fundraiser

The newly formed Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus will debut at A Winter Fantasy fundraiser at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at the Detroit Opera House.

Chorus members will perform holiday favorites and staged scenes from Engelbert Humperdinck's classic opera "Hansel and Gretel."

An ongoing reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. in the General Director's

Circle Lounge.

Tickets are \$15 and quantities are limited. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance, call Megan Landry, Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus administrator at (313) 237-3261 or e-mail at mlandry@mot-opera.org.

A limited number of tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Proceeds from tickets sold

will benefit the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus and will help purchase supplies and uniforms.

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The two Grosse Pointe documentary videos "Recollections of the Past: 1650-1900" and "The Past as Prologue: 20th Century Grosse Pointe" are available together on one DVD and can be purchased at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

The cost is \$10 or a gift to anyone joining the society as a member.

The transfer of the two VHS videos to a DVD was made possible by a gift from St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

"As a long time member of this community, we understand the area's rich historical traditions," said Rhonda Welsh of the hospital's marketing department. "We were excited to provide a community sponsorship that supports the historical society's important work."

"Recollections of the Past: 1650-1900" depicts the significant changes in the communi-

ty as it developed from a wilderness visited by Indians to a quiet farming village and then an exclusive summer re-

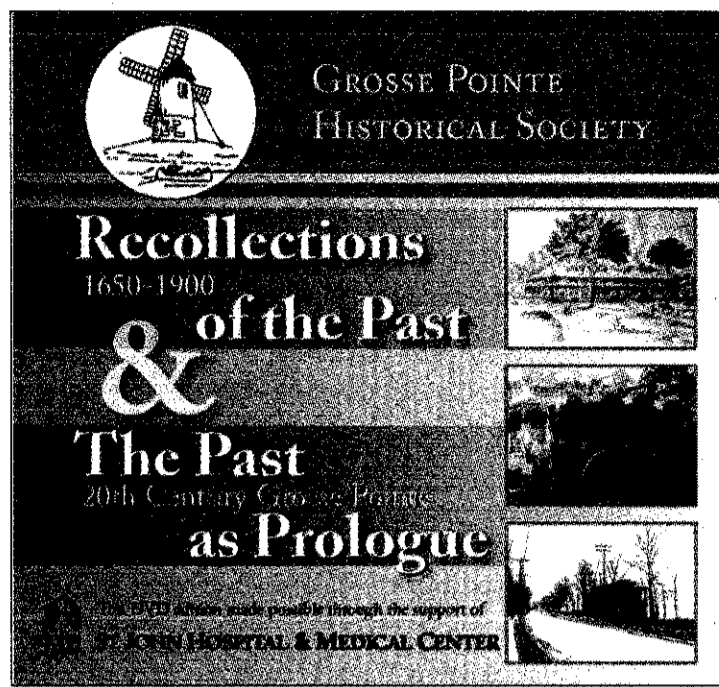
sort. Antique photographs, 19th century illustrations, memorabilia and anecdotes of the time are combined with

live action sequences which feature the retelling of local legends.

"The Past as Prologue: 20th Century Grosse Pointe" traces the changing lifestyle of Grosse Pointers during the 20th century. It investigates the community's development from an elegant summer colony through villages containing grand estates and mansions to its present five prosperous suburbs bordering Detroit. Photographs and comments from residents are interwoven with live action scenes featuring period surroundings.

The DVD is narrated by Joe Weaver from a script written by Kimberly Conley and Grosse Pointe Historical Society curator emeritus Jean Dodenhoff. The DVDs are each 28 minutes long.

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



Hair cut

Mary Reinman is a giver. For the second time in her 8 years, this Grosse Pointe Farms girl has donated her hair to Locks of Love.

Most recently, in November, Reinman had 10 inches cut. Reinman's mother suggested of donating her hair to the non-profit organization which makes wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment side effects.



'It's a Wonderful Life' airs at War Memorial

The Golden Age of Radio returns to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial when "It's a Wonderful Life" is presented at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9.

What started as a fundraiser for the Grosse Pointe Theatre in 2004 has become a new tradition. Conceived and directed by actor Marty Bufalini, the production features a cast of actors and crew who transport the audience back to George Bailey's story.

Advance reservations are suggested but tickets will be available at the door, space

Radio show

'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE'

Time: 4 p.m.
Day: Sunday
Date: Dec. 9
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Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$13 each for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (313) 881-7511. The show takes place at Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This year's show is followed by a pasta buffet featuring two types of pasta, both red and white sauce, garlic bread and salad. The buffet follows the show and is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 10.



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Collection

Kevin Krease of Grosse Pointe Farms, representing Lost and Found Ministries, visited the Lakeshore Optimist Club at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to collect men's socks and cold weather gear that will be shared with Detroit's less fortunate. Pictured, from left, are Optimists Jeff vonSchwarz of Grosse Pointe Farms, Nancy Grose of the City of Grosse Pointe, Doug Cordier of Grosse Pointe Farms, current president Dave Fries of the City of Grosse Pointe and Krease.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Farm & garden association

The Grosse Pointe Shores branch of Women's Natural Farm & Garden Association meet at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 7, at the Country Club of Detroit. Jean Elliott is the hostess.

For reservations, call Dolores Serra.

American Lung

Climb Detroit, a timed, competitive, stair-climbing event, part of two-day Climb Michigan American Lung Association fundraiser. It will be at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center.

The minimum age is 11.

There will be individual and team prizes awarded. Funds will be used for lung health education, research and advocacy to prevent lung disease and promote lung health.

Open Arms

St. John Open Arms holds a

holiday candle memorial service is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Wayne County Community College, 5901 Conner, Detroit.

This evening offers fellowship and reflection focusing on coping with grief during the holiday season.

To attend, call (313) 921-7983 by Monday, Dec. 17.

Book club

The Harper Woods Library Book club meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, for its annual meeting at the library. The group will select the 2008 reading list.

There will be holiday refreshments and a cookie exchange.

For more information, call Suzanne Kent, outreach librarian, at (313) 343-2575.

Women's Historical Club

The Woman's Historical Club of Detroit, founded in April 1877, is the oldest and longest-running woman's

study club in Michigan. The club meets two Fridays a month from September through May in members' homes. The first hour is dedicated to a presentation on a topic for the year which has been selected by the program committee.

This is followed by discussion and personal experiences relating to the topic.

Each member presents a paper once every two years. Some of the past topics have included Detroit's historic churches, South American countries and a study of the arts, observations, interests and passions.

A luncheon is provided by the hostess and the second hour is devoted to the presentation of a current event selected by each member. An annual meeting closes the year.

Current officers include president May Krager, vice president Ann McCleary, treasurer Margaret Hammond, recording secretary Noel Van Gorden, corresponding secretary Barbara Keaton and archivist Alice Dalligan.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Prayer service

The community is invited to a prayer service from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in the auditorium of Grosse Pointe South High School.

The event's focus is to pray for Michigan and its revival. Each hour a different topic will be addressed by eight local ministers.

Topics will include the schools, Detroit and repentance.

Attendees may come and go. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Grosse Pointe South senior Brad Stenman and 2007 South graduate Robert Tolnai have organized the event. Stenman holds a prayer service every day at South.

Cornerstone

Cornerstone Baptist Church choirs and orchestra host the Christmas musical, "After Darkness ... Light!" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The cost is \$1. Tickets can be reserved.

The church is located at 17017 12 Mile, Roseville. Child care is provided for children through the age of 3 years.

For more information, call (586) 445-8910.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 9

am. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

For an appointment, call (586) 201-2508.

A pint of blood can be distributed to three people.

Christ Church

Christ Church Detroit hosts a dedication at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, celebrating the completion of church improvements.

"Sunday's ceremony is the culmination of a five-year, parish-wide assessment of our ministry, the needs of the surrounding community, and the Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Capital Giving Campaign," said Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan, interim rector. "We determined that a number of updates to our historic, treasure-filled physical structure were essential.

"Among them are construction of a new, easy-to-find entrance from Woodbridge Avenue; removing physical barriers preventing easy movement among various parts of the church, especially for those with disabilities; providing additional space for Christian education; moving offices to more spacious quarters; improving restrooms; and upgrading wiring, plaster and paint throughout. Now, more than ever, we are a vibrant, hospitable — and attractive — parish, eager to share God's word."

Among the celebrants are

the Rev. Ervin A. Brown III, the 15th rector of Christ Church Detroit, who will be preaching. Other clergy joining the observance are the Rev. William Fleming, former associate rector, and the Rev. S. Scott Hunter, dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. They will be assisted by Flanagan, the Rev. Geoffrey

Piper and Deacon Joyce Treppa, who serves on the church staff.

The liturgy includes four processions with prayers offered for the dedication of the space.

"All are welcome to share our joy and our renewed commitment to the city of Detroit."

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Ron Zettle

Pray for state

People of all ages, from various denominations and churches, from all over the Metro East area are coming together to pray for the spiritual, economic and social revival of the nation, the State of Michigan and its cities.

This is happening at Ihope Detroit: the International House of Prayer East.

The vision of Ihope Detroit is to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a continuous flow of prayer and worship that changes the spiritual climate of our surroundings.

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The church is to be a training and equipping center for the next generation for the church at large.

Hope Leadership School meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Hope also is involved in various outreaches to the community and poor, putting feet to our prayers.

Local pastors meet for a noon lunch the first Wednesday of every month. Pastors come together for fellowship and prayer.

Rev. Ron Zettle, is pastor at Ihope Detroit, International House of Prayer East is located at 18250 Church, Roseville. The phone number is (586) 354-1140 or visit the Web site ihopedetroit.org.

Christ Church Detroit is the oldest Protestant church in the city of Detroit to continue worship on the same site.

The parish was founded in 1845, and the main church sanctuary, which is included on the National Register of Historic Places, dates from 1863.

For more information, call David Coleman at (313) 673-6519.

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The cost for a Wellness Package of all four screenings (including free osteoporosis screening) is \$129.

Life Line Screening

Grosse Pointe residents can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke.

Life Line Screening will be at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, on Thursday, Dec. 13. Appointments begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Edward Klaskin

mother:

Anne and Michael Klaskin of Winnetka, Ill., are the parents of a son, Michael Edward Klaskin, born May 2, 2007.

Maternal grandparents are Claudia and Joe Jeannette of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Paternal grandparents are Marilyn and Bob Klaskin of Lake Forest, Ill.

Norine Leander of Serman Oaks, Calif., is the great-grand-

William Henry Leins

Tracy and William Leins of Seattle are the parents of a son, William Henry Leins, born Aug. 7, 2007.

Maternal grandmother is Karen Vance of Key West, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Margaret and William Leins of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2007
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6:00 p.m., Children's Pageant
12:00 Midnight, Liturgical Choir (Caroling beings at 11:30 p.m.)
Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2007
9:00 a.m., Contemporary Music Group
11:00 a.m., Liturgical Choir
New Year's Eve
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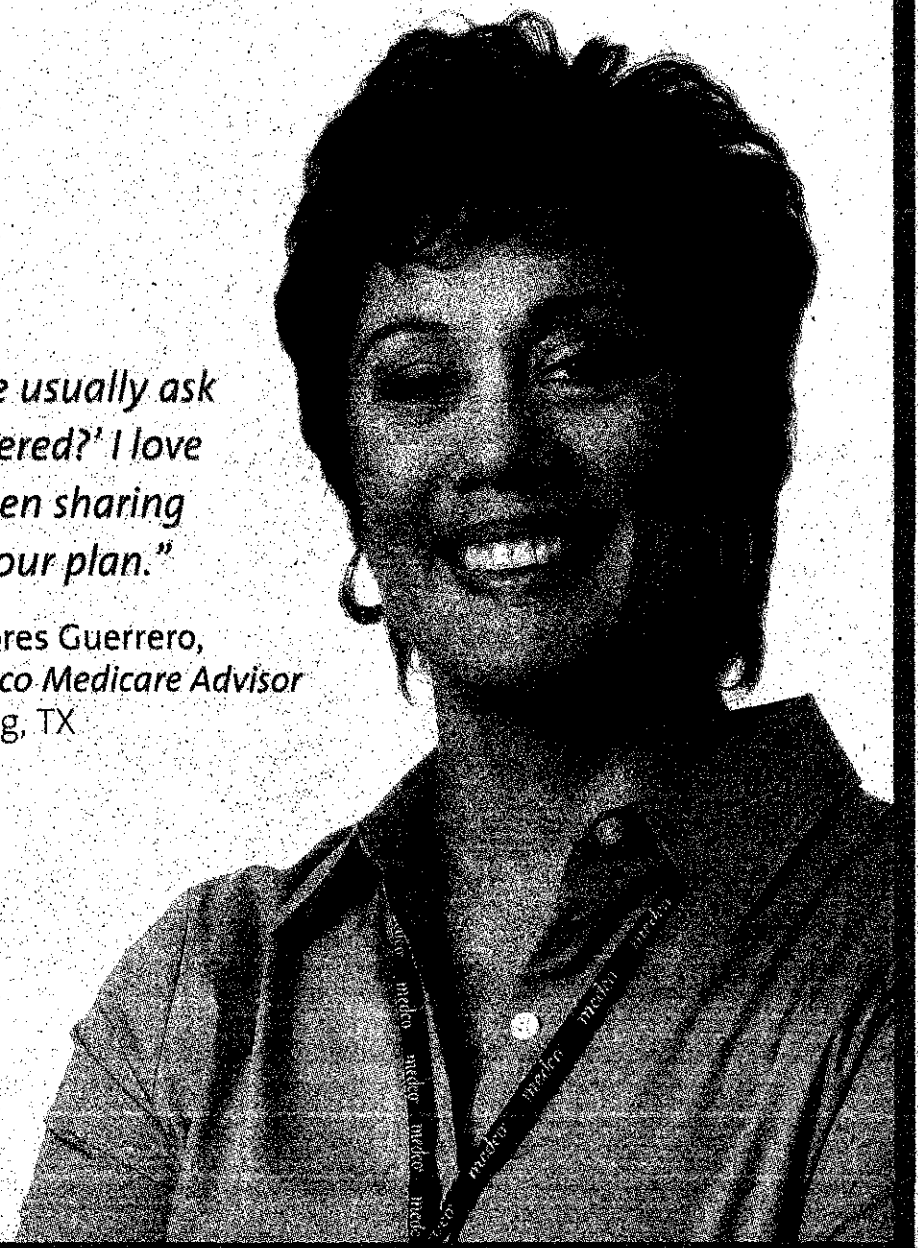
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

How much parenting is too much



Q. Any tips for parenting my teenagers? I know my son is not a man yet, but he's not a child either. It's hard to know how much "parenting" he needs right now.

A. Parenting a teen is so different than parenting a young child. We are still concerned for their safety and they still need our love and attention, but in very different ways.

I found a really good publication called "Navigating the Teen Years: A Parents Handbook for Raising Healthy Teens" from the

American Academy of Pediatrics. We have them available at The Family Center if you are interested. In it, there are many helpful tips in raising teens in today's world.

The publication helps us understand the worries about the potential risks out there — alcohol, tobacco or illicit drug use, dangerous driving, sexual activity and the pressures of school sports and fitting in.

The publication is set up in an easy to follow format and covers the four basic principles of parenting a teen and provides a tip for each one:

Principle No. 1: Tune into Your Teen: Some ways to foster a close relationship with your teen:

- ◆ Spend time together regularly, doing things your teen enjoys.

- ◆ Talk openly and honestly.

- ◆ Use positive communication skills, especially when there is conflict. For example, think BEFORE you speak and acknowledge your teen's point of view so he or she knows you are listening.

- ◆ Acknowledge the positive (not negative) qualities and behaviors of your teen.

- ◆ TIP: Take advantage of everyday times like driving your teen to school or watching TV to engage your teenager. Set aside a regular dinner "date" to check in. Ask about interests or activities and find out what's going on in your teen's life.

Principle No. 2: Guide Your Teen: Set expectations and rules.

- ◆ Focus on setting rules for safety with an emphasis on

providing guidance rather than using power and/or punishment.

- ◆ Provide opportunities to give and take.

- ◆ Be firm, but not overly restrictive or intrusive.

- ◆ Set some fixed "house rules" regarding health and safety first and then negotiate others with your teen.

- ◆ Be specific when it comes to rules about substance use.

- ◆ TIP: Your teen will be more likely to accept and understand your rules if you take time to teach them the values important to your family.

Principle No. 3: Respect Your Teen: It's really what we want, but they deserve it too. Here are some ways to build respect in your relationship:

- ◆ Stay involved, but give

your teen the privacy and space to be an individual.

- ◆ Encourage your teen to develop and express his or her own opinion and ideas.

- ◆ Don't be dismissive of your teen's beliefs if you don't agree.

- ◆ Make time to listen and be responsive to their fears or concerns.

- ◆ TIP: Teens also need to learn to respect themselves. If they seem worried about fitting in, use the opportunity to appeal to the value your teen places on independence.

Principle No. 4: Be a good role model: Remember when they mimicked you as a toddler? Its no different today. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- ◆ Don't smoke.
- ◆ Don't allow your teen to

drink or smoke in your home.

- ◆ Don't provide alcohol to teenagers in your home for safety and legal reasons.

- ◆ Don't drink and drive.

- ◆ TIP: The only way to keep our children from going astray is for them to have a role model they can respect.

Despite all the competing influences in the lives of our teens, parents remain their kids' first and best teachers. For more information as well as checklists that are easy to follow, write us for a copy of the brochure at The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Send questions to Mary Ellen Brayton LLC, NCC, co-director at above address; e-mail to familycenterweb.org; or call (313) 432-3832.

CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Eight ways caregivers can reduce stress



While everyone else is enjoying the hustle, bustle and joy of the holiday season, there are many caregivers who just want it over with.

Caregiving for a loved one creates a level of stress unmatched by most endeavors. Add to that the extra stress of family gatherings, gift buying, cooking and other obligations and it is almost unbearable.

How can caregivers better cope with this stress on top of stress? The following tips may help you weather the holidays

much better:

- ◆ Start your own tradition. We often feel bound by past holiday traditions, but it doesn't have to be that way. Instead of cooking for family members and guests, suggest someone else host the dinner. Or if your home is the only appropriate one, enlist the help of friends and relatives for everything from cleaning to preparing food. A potluck is a great idea - you can even assign specific dishes to make sure a complete dinner is provided.

- ◆ There are great ways to shop non-traditionally as well. The Internet is a fantastic way to buy food and gifts without leaving home. Another is by using catalogs. If you want to go out and shop, use the catalogs to make a list of specific gifts for each person. That way you

know exactly where to go and exactly what to get.

- ◆ Make sure you leave enough time to enjoy the holidays. It shouldn't be all about the hustle and bustle. The motto "everything in moderation" should be your guide through the holidays. There are many temptations abundant throughout the season — alcohol, sweets and rich food. Go ahead and have some, just don't over-indulge.

- ◆ Be prepared for unexpected circumstances: Something may come up, and probably will, so what can you do? If you can, change the situation. If you can't, accept it and move on. You cannot control life no matter how much you have planned.

- ◆ Laugh a lot.
- ◆ Try to keep to your regular

exercise routine or start one during the holidays. Walking five times a week is a great way to stay in shape. There is also something about pounding the pavement that helps release frustration and clear your head. If the snow is flurrying and drifting, find an alternative. Many health clubs have indoor tracks. If that doesn't appeal to you, there is always the nearest mall. Some open early just for walkers.

- ◆ Sometimes your loved one will not want to join in on the holiday celebration. A frail parent may no longer enjoy staying up to greet the New Year. Staying home with a companion or sitter may be more enjoyable than being dragged into a social situation that may be too tiring or uncomfortable. It is OK to attend holiday events

without your loved one. This may also help you to refuel. While away, you need to be completely away — mentally and physically.

- ◆ Ideally, caregivers should have a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly break. Take time out each day for yourself (yoga, meditation, reading, etc.). Every week, try to get out and go somewhere (the mall, coffee with a friend, library, etc.). Each month, take an evening and go out to dinner and a movie, a play or a concert. At least once a year, take a well-planned (and well deserved) vacation. Planning ahead for these breaks is imperative. You may need to arrange for respite care for your loved one. It can be done. You can care for your loved one, tend to your daily activities and enjoy the holidays.

We all do what we can and nobody should expect more than that from us — especially us. It is OK to ask for help.

You know that for the time being, your holidays may be a bit different than in the past. To get through them, certain little changes must be made in planning and celebrating. Make the most of them and avoid the coulda-shoulda-woulda syndrome. The holidays can be enjoyable for both caregivers and care recipients. Acknowledge your limitations and enjoy the here and now.

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PHYSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Maria L. Duenas, a neonatal-perinatal specialist

Maria L. Duenas, M.D., is board certified in Pediatrics and in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. Her specialty is

Neonatology and she is on staff at St. John Hospital & Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics.



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Q. What is your passion for healing and why did you become a physician?

A. I realized that I wanted to work with children since the beginning of my medical education. Children are delightful, trusting, honest, funny and in much need of love and attention when they are sick.

After completing medical school abroad, I came to the USA to receive further training in pediatrics. When I was training in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at SJH&MC, I was astonished to see premature babies the size of my hand being nurtured and cared for. This area of medicine caught my heart immediately, since hospitals in my hometown of Quito, Ecuador only had the ability to care for more mature infants.

I wanted to learn to care for extreme premature infants and use my knowledge and expertise to help babies and their families who otherwise

wouldn't have a chance.

Q. What are your areas of medical expertise and how long have you been practicing medicine?

A. I have been a full time practicing neonatologist at SJH&MC since 1987 when I finished a fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital. Because respiratory failure due to prematurity, infections or congenital malformations are the most common reasons for admission to the NICU, the management of respiratory failure is an area that interested me the most.

The survival of premature infants has increased significantly over the last decade due to a combination of factors, such as improved medical knowledge, tremendous progress in medical technology and equipment and extensive research and development of new medications. These advances have made



Maria L. Duenas, M.D.

the possibility of surviving without handicaps very possible, even for the most premature newborns.

Q. Can you describe your patient care philosophy?

A. In our NICU, we have embraced the principles of family-centered care. We focus on providing an environment that is conducive for parents to feel connected with their infant and health care providers.

Parents are encouraged to be part of the decision-making process and are actively involved in the care of their baby. They receive ongoing education throughout their child's hospitalization, which facilitates the transition from NICU to home, as well.

Q. What makes a good patient-physician relationship?

A. Since it is my privilege to take care of these patients, I believe in maintaining open and active communications and honesty with the parents.

Q. What are the most important things you would like patients to know about care/treatments?

A. There is no such thing as "one treatment fits all." Although we use treatments appropriate for the conditions we encounter, many of these may have unexpected or undesirable side effects. As a result of this, any therapeutic intervention we use has to be thoroughly explained before its use. It is important for the parents to feel they are making decisions with all the necessary information available to them.

Q. What's on the horizon in your specialty?

A. Many things are happening, like exciting therapeutic interventions including more efficient pulmonary surfactants to assist with lung function, continuous brain tissue oxygenation monitoring to improve neurological outcome and medications to improve gastrointestinal tolerance of foods in extreme premature infants.

Beaumont Hospital making house calls

Beaumont Hospital experts are making "house calls" to local community and civic groups.

Its Speakers Bureau offers more than 500 speakers from the hospital's medical and professional staffs to discuss a wide range of health-related topics free of charge to civic and service groups, social clubs and other nonprofit organizations.

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cerns specific to older adults including arthritis, care giving, hearing disorders and memory tips; legal issues including living wills and patient rights; and more.

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SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

Seniors should be prized more as they age



The four-wheeled De Dion-Bouton car, so named because it was built in 1887 for the French Count De Dion, is the oldest running automobile in the world.

This definition for automobile excludes large steam-powered carriages that were essentially rail cars without rails.

In its first demonstration drive, the car covered a 19-mile course at an average speed of 26 miles per hour. The following year it won the world's first car race.

The car is fueled by coal, wood and bits of paper and

takes about a half hour to work up enough steam to drive. Its top speed is 38 miles per hour.

"That's as fast as you want to go," says the founder of the auction company that is selling the car. "It feels like going 80 to 90 miles per hour in a 1910 car."

The car runs on thin tires of solid rubber wrapped around metal wheels.

The Henry Ford Museum has an American-made steamer dating from the 1860s. It's no longer safe to drive and probably wasn't even when Henry Ford bought it in 1930, says Bob Casey, curator of transportation at the museum.

The value of the car is estimated at between \$1.5 million and \$2 million which seems ridiculous simply because it's older than other cars.

If only seniors could be eval-

uated similarly.

However, there are a few examples of when this does happen.

Author Agatha Christie had a disastrous early first marriage to a fellow English would described as a "cad." Later, she married a nice man and their marriage lasted happily for years until he died. Christie noted that he was an archeologist and added that it was nice to be married to one.

"The older you get, the more interesting he finds you," she said.

The Hillary Clinton presidential campaign has also come to the conclusion that older women are very interesting people.

Ruth Smith, 87, drove 160 miles to Des Moines from Buffalo Center, Iowa, to attend Clinton's first rally in Iowa as a presidential candidate.

She went up to Clinton after the speech and told her, "My grandmother was the first person in town to vote and my mother was the second. I was born before women could vote and I want to live long enough to see a woman in the White House." Since that time, Smith's story has become a part of Clinton's stump speech.

At campaign events, Clinton spends extra time with older women on the rope line and repeats their stories to audiences.

Opinion polls show Clinton and Barack Obama in a dead heat in Iowa and in a three-way race in North Carolina, candidate John Edward's home state.

The Clinton campaign hopes to find an advantage with older women who might feel an emotional bond with

Clinton, seeing her as a daughter or seeing something of themselves in her.

An eerie happening

When the postman delivers my magazines, the first thing I do is "debone" them. This involves tearing out the ads on heavier paper attached within the magazine. Afterward, the magazine is much easier to hold.

When I'm reading a magazine at the doctor's office, it takes all my resolve not to debone it because it isn't really my magazine.

Usually I don't read these messages but recently in the process of deboning, one fell onto the floor. When I picked it up, I saw this intriguing message: "The first 'So Truly Real' 'breathing newborn,'" with a picture of what looked like a real baby.

Further messages on the ad: "When tiny Ashley was first put into your arms, she seemed like a small perfect miracle. Her relaxed gentle breathing tells you that even now she feels content to be loved by you."

The ad explains that a battery operated mechanism tucked inside the doll raises and lowers her chest in a life-like breathing pattern. The baby has skin of vinyl and wisps of hand-applied baby hair.

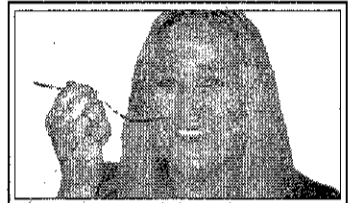
The ad emphasizes that this is not a toy but a wonderful addition to a collection. The cost for this miracle "baby" is \$125.

I wonder who else might buy this baby and why. I have a creepy feeling about this toy/baby, which is the first such emotion I've had in years of reading ads.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Spicy and cool tastes make refreshing appetizer



Meatballs have been around the "holiday party" forever. These days unfortunately, most people don't have time to make meatballs from scratch so you end up with perfectly shaped (store bought) meatballs that don't have all that much flavor.

This year, try my simple technique for homemade spicy sausage balls paired with a

cool cucumber sauce for dipping.

Spicy Sausage Balls with Cool Cucumber Sauce

2 lbs. spicy Italian Sausage (10 sausages)
1 15-oz. can beef broth
2 cups plain yogurt (whole or low-fat)
1 cup sour cream
1 English cucumber (seedless), peeled and shredded or finely chopped
1 to 2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1-2 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill (or 2 teaspoons dried)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease your hands and squeeze the sausage from the casings, a little at a time, then roll into a ball. You should get 8 bite-sized balls from each sausage.

Place the meatballs on a greased baking sheet. Pour the beef broth onto the baking sheet. Bake at 400 for 25 minutes. Carefully remove from oven and turn each. Return the tray to the oven and cook for another 25 minutes.

Garnish the sausage balls with chopped fresh parsley. In a medium bowl combine

the yogurt with the sour cream, cucumber, salt, lemon juice, garlic and dill. Taste and season with additional salt if necessary. The cool cucumber sauce and sausage balls can be made a day or two in advance.

These tasty little sausage balls will each have a shape of their own, giving them real homemade appeal. The cucumber dipping sauce is a refreshing change from the brown gravy you usually find meatballs swimming in.

Keep it simple, keep it flavorful this holiday season.

These tasty meatballs with cucumber dipping sauce provides a refreshing taste.



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REVIEW By Sally Schuman

Laughter takes center stage

"Laughter is like good medicine."

That "medicine" was handed out in liberal doses by Improv: BX55, an outstanding troupe of four improvisers, produced by George Bournias of Biz Team Theatricals. Lauren Bickers, Dave Davies, Nancy Hayden and Mike Lomas make up the talented team.

Each member shares a background from The Second City, and Bickers and Davies can be seen at The Planet Ant in Hamtramck.

Hayden recently returned from performing a two-woman show in Los Angeles entitled "Bottle of Red," which she co-wrote with Margaret Edwartowski. Hayden was a "Bottle of Red" all by herself as she brought forth a flamboyantly funny performance.

Lomas is part of Motor City Improv of which he is a

founder. He is the Don Juan of the troupe whose good looks and quick comedic comebacks stole the audience's heart. All in all, the mixture of talent between these four performers left the audience thoroughly entertained.

Harvey Colombo rounded out the entourage as the musical director, providing background and punctuation that made it a complete evening entertainment package.

Audience participation was standard fare for the first half of the evening. Joining the funny foursome on stage were two members of the Grosse Pointe News staff. Peter Birkner and Julie Sutton were each called upon to help provide more laughter.

Ever think about going pro?

Part of what the Biz Team does is teach improv classes and hold interactive work-

shops.

During the intermission, Grosse Pointe Realtor Diane Dennis, who had participated in one of its improv classes said, "I was really drawn to do something outside the box... to rediscover myself. The class taught me to laugh and respond in a positive way. You always set up the other person with an and then."

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe News and National Coney Island for sponsoring Friday Night Live: A Night of Improv Comedy on Nov. 23.

Another Grosse Pointe News sponsored production by Bournias and the Biz Team is Mary Bufalini's "It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Show" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Fries Auditorium in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Sally Schuman is on staff with the Grosse Pointe News.

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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Enjoying herbs, spices during holidays



It's the time of year when one might be met by the aroma of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg when walking into someone's home.

A gingerbread or spice cake may be baking in the oven. Can't you just smell it?

The use of herbs and spices during this time of year brings with it our cultural backgrounds and lots of historical perspective.

What's the difference between herbs and spices anyway?

Botanists call an herb any non-woody plant. For culinary purposes, an herb is defined as the leaf and tender stem of a plant used as a flavoring agent in food. In herbal medicine, it's a biologically active plant. Think parsley, chives, thyme, basil, dill, oregano or rosemary. Many herbs can be grown in

the U.S., indoors or out.

Spices are the dried parts of a plant, including the flowers, fruits and rhizomes, plus the seeds, pods, roots and bark. A rhizome is the underground, horizontal stem such as with ginger. Another distinguishing characteristic is the greater pungency of spices in cooking. Consider bark as cinnamon; root as in ginger, onion, garlic; buds such as cloves or saffron; the seeds of yellow mustard, poppy or sesame; the berry of black pepper; or the fruit of all-spice or paprika. All of these are tropical plants and trees.

Herbs can be used in either a fresh or dried state. Spices are almost always dried.

The history of herbs is mostly medicinal, although their use in food is mentioned in 1550 BC in an Egyptian source.

Pronunciation of the word "herb" incidentally, is not standard. Originally, no English speaker pronounced the "h," but now only Americans keep it silent. Besides pronunciation differences, there are also definitional differences between America and Europe. This is a

What's going on?

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result of the significant role herbs and spices played in European and Asian history.

When settlers came to this country from both Europe and Africa, they arrived with seeds of their beloved herbs. Many families in the colonies had their own herb gardens. Herbs and spices were used in specialty foods, for preservatives and special medications.

The culinary history of spices is more complicated due to the development of the spice trade. Wars have been fought and countries discovered because of treasured spices. Spices were not only prized for their culinary aspects, but also for their monetary or barter value. Pepper, the most historically valuable spice, was actually used as currency. The word "spice" which is related to "species," originally meant merchandise, especially imported Asian products.

In the 15th to 17th centuries, the Spanish, English, Portuguese and Dutch traders competed in the spice trade from the Far East. America's first millionaires made their money in the spice trade.

One reason for spices value as a trade commodity was the costly distance between the suppliers in Asia and the market, (first the Mideast, then Europe). However, compared to other goods traded between

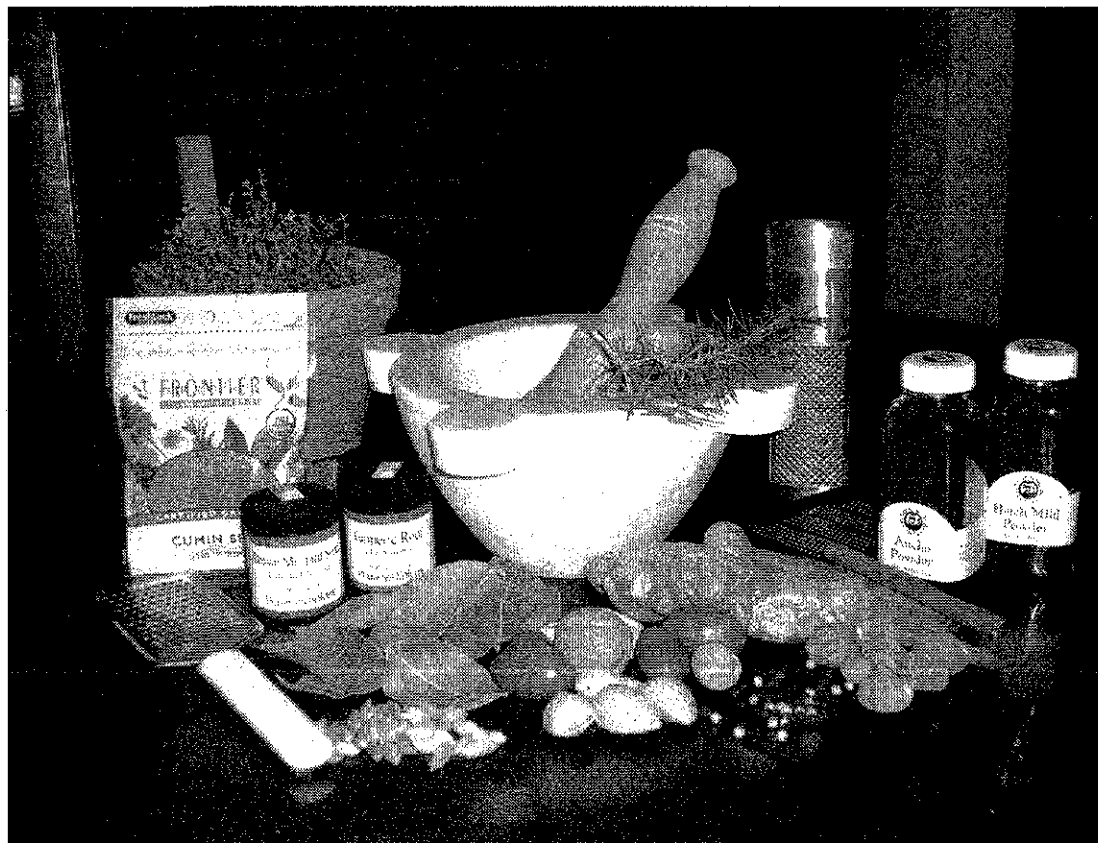


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Botanists, cooks and medical practitioners have different definitions of hers and spices.

the two regions, spices took up less cargo space, so their popularity was higher than bulkier products.

The resulting spice trade is an integral part of the history of the rise and fall of India, China and the Italian city states such as Venice, Holland, England and Portugal. The trade was anything but polite — piracy and ruthlessness are words that come to mind.

Gradually, as shipping became less expensive and herbs and spices were grown in newly found territories such as the Americas, their culinary value came to the fore. Today, the U.S., Germany, Japan and France are the biggest importers of spices, with India, Indonesia, Brazil and the Malaysia the biggest exporters.

Using herbs and spices in cooking helps in preparing exotic, gourmet dishes or ethnic meals. They also offer a way to cut calories in cooking. The calories in herbs and spices are far less than in breadings, batters, gravies, sauces and fried foods. They are also often a less expensive way to dress up more inexpensive foods.

And consider the use of herbs and spices as a substitute for salt and/or fat.

If you're just starting out using herbs and spices, remember to first use one you like. A second suggestion is to err on the minimal side. You can always add more, but you can't take it out.

More than one herb or spice can be used in a recipe. Begin

by using only one or two and as you gain experience, your taste will tell you how to proceed.

Here's a recipe courtesy of "Tastes of the Kasbah" by Pat Crocker, who writes, "Here the lamb is definitely not the star, but a bit player, taking a back seat to the vegetables. In fact, the lamb may be omitted altogether for a vegetarian version. Tomatoes and the okra serve to thicken the sauce, but if okra is not available, use 1/4 lb. green beans. Serve over rice, bulgur or couscous.

Vegetables and Lamb Tagine

1 lb. lean lamb
2 tsp. olive oil
1 onion, coarsely chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 tsp. Rose Advieh (see note below)
4 tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped
1-inch piece each: fresh ginger and turmeric, grated
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup each: cooked lentils or chickpeas, diced sweet potatoes and chopped red pepper
2 carrots, coarsely chopped
3 okra, coarsely chopped

Trim lamb, cut into 2-inch pieces. In bottom of flame-proof tagine or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and garlic, cook 7 minutes. Stir in Advieh and lamb; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile in a food processor or blender, puree tomatoes, ginger and turmeric to a soft paste. Add water and blend.

Stir pureed tomatoes, lentils and chopped vegetables into tagine bottom; cover and cook, adjusting heat to a gentle simmer; for 1 1/2 hours until lamb is tender and vegetables have formed a thick sauce.

Note: Rose Advieh is a fragrant seasoning blend made of 3 tsp. dried rose petals or 15 whole buds, stems and calyxes removed, 1 tsp. whole black peppercorns and 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon. Grind into fine powder using a spice blender or mortar and pestle. Makes 1 tsp.

However you choose to use herbs, be sure to spice it up!

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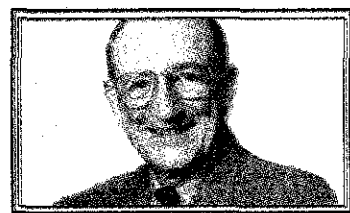
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STATE OF THE ARTS By Alex Suczek

Stratford undertakes growth, change



The most important and longest period of consolidation of the Canadian Stratford Festival's success has just ended with the retirement of Artistic Director Richard Monette.

For the coming season, new General Director Antoni Cimolino is leading a sea change in artistic leadership and mission that will give the festival global prominence and new artistic scope.

"It is important that Stratford be more present on the international stage," says Cimolino. "We need to tour and also to welcome great artists here for the first time so that our theater is not a surprise to them, so that it is known — and known well — internationally. We need to be able to present more seldom-produced classics and make contributions toward the interpretation of those works."

Those are strong words and bold goals that are already being implemented in changes to the festival's operations in ways that will bring exciting and important new experiences to the theatergoing public next summer. They raise ready expectations for the playgoers who already come from near and far to enjoy the Stratford experience.

Grosse Pointers especially

can look forward to what is coming with eager anticipation having made the easy drive to Stratford, Ontario, in increasing numbers ever since the theater's first season in 1953.

Since tickets are already on sale, the time is opportune to purchase them as Christmas gifts. Get on the mailing list by calling (800) 567-1600 or visiting stratfordshakespeare festival.com.

The changes enhance the festival's reputation as one of the finest repertory companies in North America. Its productions of great classics have always been of uniformly high quality, achieving brilliance with impressive frequency. Its season runs almost eight months and includes as many as 16 shows. Selected shows have been taken on limited tour, even to New York, and

provided an opportunity for actors to become international stars.

And it has not stood still in its development. It has changed not only with the times, but also by steadily enlarging its mission.

There have already been many important changes. Early on, the British artistic leadership that helped launch this amazing venture gave way to Canadian talent. Repertory shifted from emphasis on Shakespeare to a wider choice of ancient and contemporary plays and New York musicals. Premieres of new plays were added. Three new theaters were opened adding stages suited to a particular type of play and supplementing the thrust stage in the original festival theater that was designed for Shakespeare.

All this happened with only one artistic director at the helm at any time.

Under Cimolino's leadership, the festival now has spread the artistic responsibility among a troika of artistic directors whose origins and experience suit them well to the new mission. Marti Maraden, Des McAnuff and Don Shiplely all have years of experience at leading Canadian theater companies as well as acting and directing at Stratford.

Importantly, Shiplely has also

had experience overseas.

"Cross pollination with artistic visionaries around the world," he says, "will raise our profile and make us better."

Accordingly, several outstanding foreign directors will be taking the helm in the coming season; two with modern productions of classics they produced in other countries.

Not to forget the festival's long and successful traditions, they are restoring the emphasis on Shakespeare with five of the Bard's plays on the menu

in 2008 and a change back to the original name: The Stratford Shakespeare Festival. They will continue to present great musicals but move them all to the more suitable proscenium stage of the Avon Theater. And they are bringing back some of Stratford's most famous alumni.

To learn what plays they will present, who will star, and the impact on next summer's season, watch for the next two articles in this series.

Sing-a-long with chorus

The Lakeshore Chorus' annual Christmas concert at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial has been expanded to include dinner, a raffle and more entertainment.

Prior to the 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec 15, concert which includes traditional carols, comedy and a sing-a-long, a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the concert only are \$15 and available at the door, by calling (313) 885-7031 or at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, Grosse

Pointe.

Tickets for the buffet dinner, which includes a choice of chicken or beef stroganoff with sides and several dessert choices including cranberry pie and black forest cake, are \$18.50.

Dinner reservations must be made by Dec. 12 and can be charged by phone by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511, or in person at the memorial, located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms

Barenaked Ladies set to rock

Pop-rock band Barenaked Ladies will perform at the 2008 North American International Auto Show's annual black-tie Charity Preview Friday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center.

Band members Ed Robertson, Steven Page, Tyler Stewart, Jim Creeggan and Kevin Hearn are a top concert attraction. They began playing together in their teens at a summer music camp in Ontario, Canada.

Mixing socially-conscious observations with crafty lyrics, Barenaked Ladies have racked up hits like "Pinch Me," "If I Had A Million Dollars," "Brian Wilson," "The Old Apartment," "Too Little Too Late," "Falling For The First Time" and the Billboard No. 1 hit, "One Week."

"We're thrilled to have the

Barenaked Ladies perform at Charity Preview, it promises to be a stand-out event," said Carl Galeana, senior co-chairman for the NAIAS 2008.

"We've also received word that some manufacturers plan to feature some A-list celebrities, adding even more excitement and glamour to our gala than ever before."

Expected to attend the Charity Preview are: Rhythm and blues singer Kelis; DJ Funk Master Flex; Hall & Oates; Celine Dion; comedians Steve Harvey and Tommy Davidson; Kevin Bacon; Kid Rock; Jay Leno; Veronica Webb; Tony Danza; Jeff Daniels; The Apprentice star Omarosa; and TV host Rachel Ray.

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Tickets are \$400 each and \$390 is tax-deductible. For more information on the NAIAS 2008 Charity Preview or to purchase tickets, call (888) 838-7500. Tickets can also be purchased online at naiaas.com.

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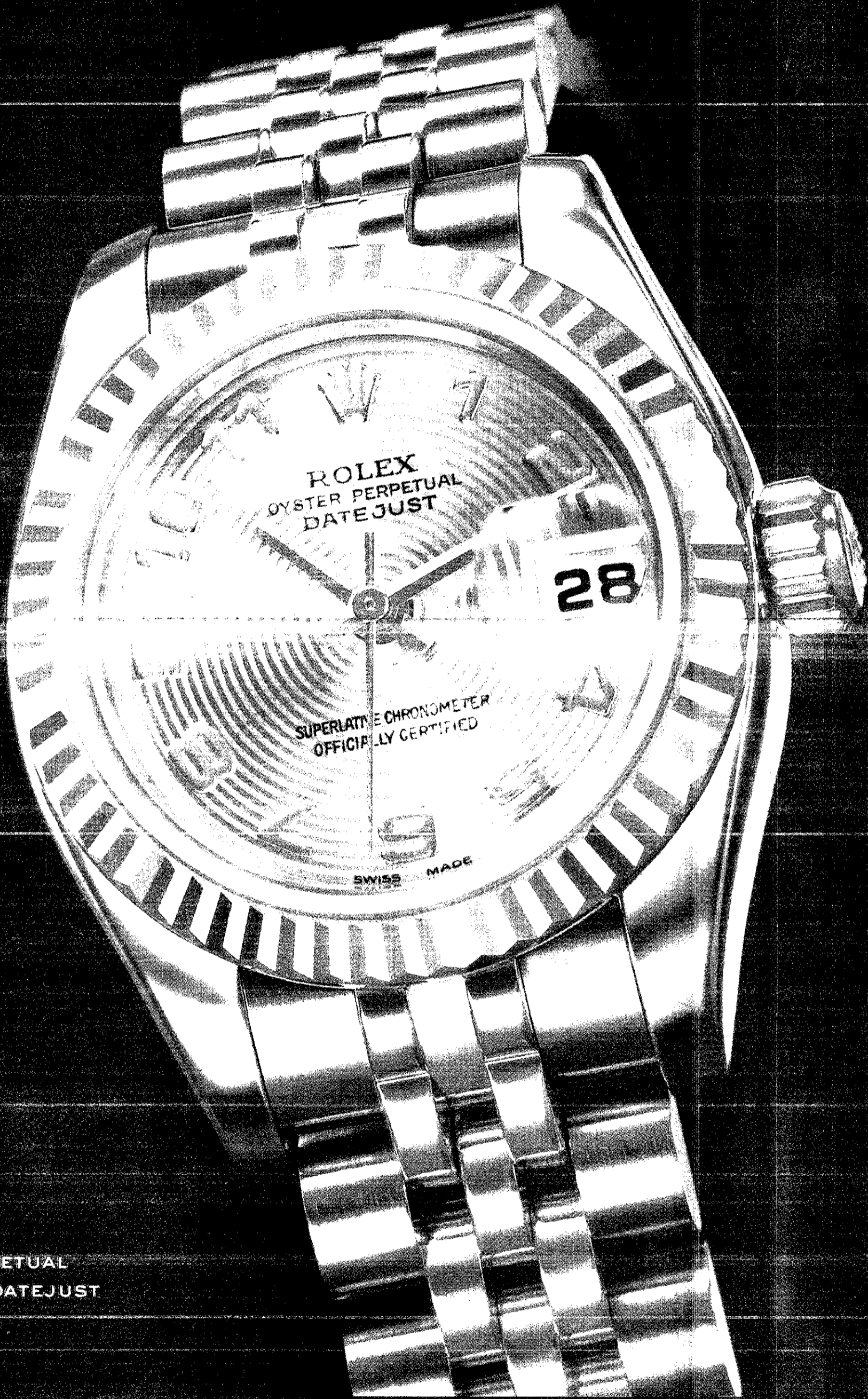
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Three-peat

North girls hockey team wins third straight ULS Invitational title **PAGE 3C**

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NORTH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Norsemen bumping the best

North posts victories against two state-ranked opponents

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team is making some pretty good opponents look ordinary.

Last week, the Norsemen posted a pair of impressive wins against ranked teams. North opened the season with a 45-34 victory against Livonia Ladywood, then rolled to a 54-

39 win in its home opener against Detroit Renaissance.

"We're fun to watch," coach Gary Bennett said after the Norsemen led from start to finish against Renaissance, which won the Class B state championship in 2005. "We made some mistakes, but we made a lot of good plays, too."

The good plays far outnumbered the mistakes.

North scored the first six

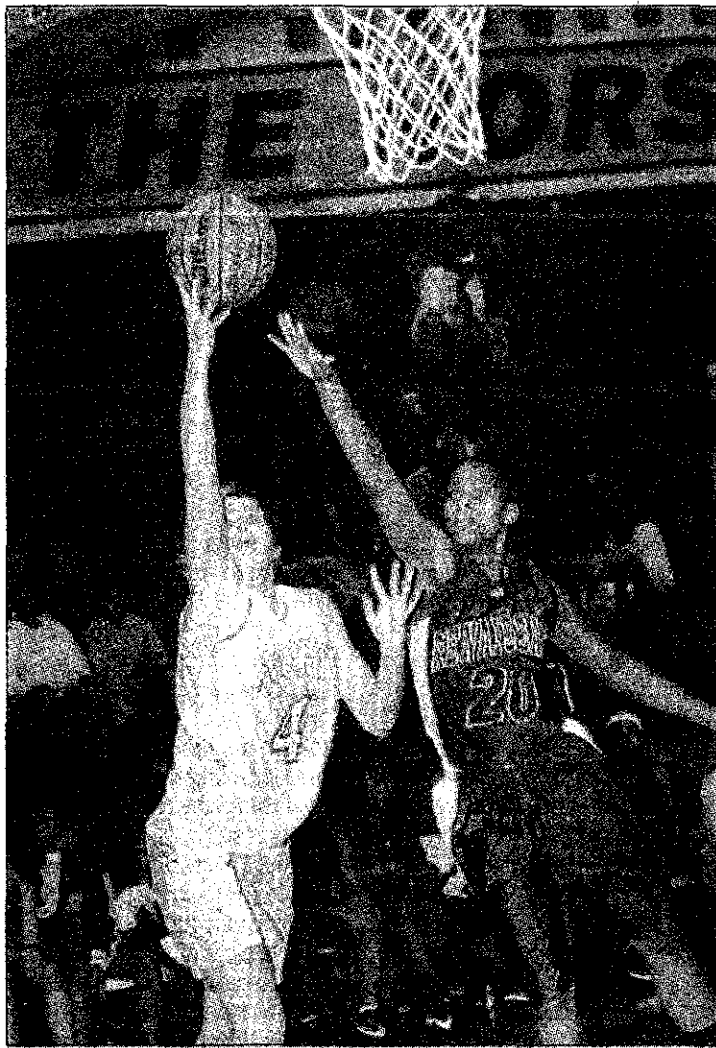
points of the game and never trailed. The lead was never fewer than 10 points after an 18-2 run by the Norsemen that started late in the first quarter and ended with 3:41 remaining in the second and North holding a 30-10 lead.

Renaissance came out strong to begin the second half. When Lorreal Jones hit a three-point basket for the Phoenix with just under three

minutes left in the third quarter, North's lead had dwindled to 37-25.

Renaissance had the basketball and was looking to cut the lead to 10 points, maybe even single digits, but North got a stop on the defensive end and came away with the rebound. The Norsemen's initial shot missed the mark but Jasmine

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North's Kelly DeFauw shows why she is one of the best all-around guards in the area. In the photo above, she drives past Samantha Hayes of Renaissance. In the picture at right, DeFauw plays tough defense against the Phoenix's Kiara Smith.



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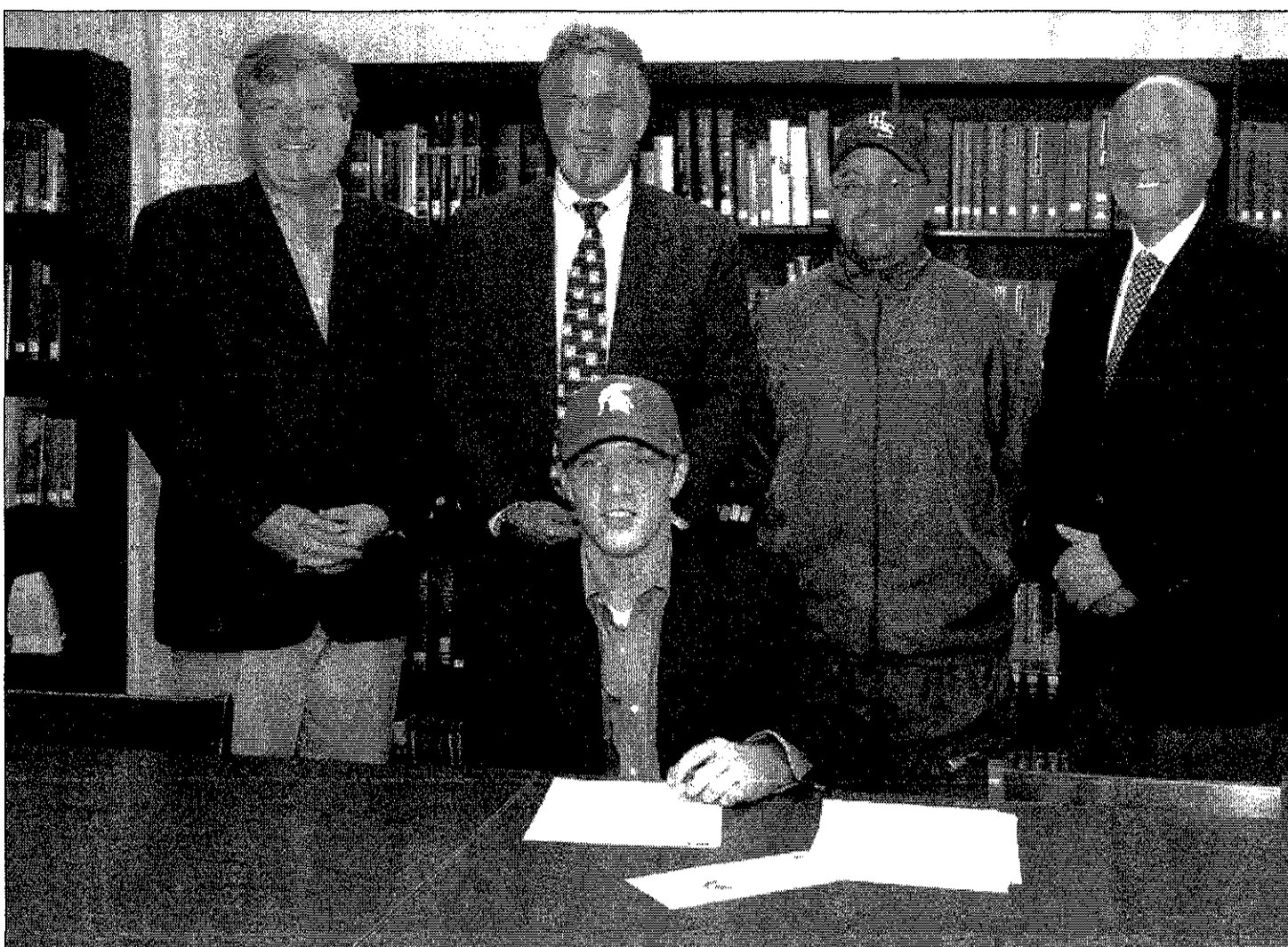
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Spartans' signee

University Liggett School's Curtis Fisher signs a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Michigan State University. Watching, from left, are his coaches from the Grosse Pointe Redbirds and ULS, Mike Getz, Dave Bergman, Dan Cimini, and Bob Conway.

North plays two foes tough

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team is still looking for its first victory, but last weekend the Norsemen got a lot closer.

They lost 3-2 in overtime to Trenton, then skated to a 3-3 tie with Davison in a showcase tournament at Davison.

"I felt that we could have won both games," said North coach Scott Lock. "I saw a lot of good things, but there are still some things that we have to improve on."

"The defense played better and our forwards forechecked better than they did at CC (a 4-1 loss to Catholic Central). But we didn't sustain the amount of consistent pressure that I would have liked to see. We sustained it in spurts. The same with the power play. We had better puck movement,

but not as much as I would have liked."

There was a lot of up-and-down hockey in the Trenton game, which had a furious finish to regulation time.

North was leading 1-0 with seven minutes left in the third period when Trenton tied the game. John Neveux had given the Norsemen the lead with a goal midway through the first period.

"It was a fluky goal — a deflection that went over everybody's head," Lock said.

With only 1:15 to go, the Trojans broke the tie. Lock pulled goalie Eric Rohrkemper for an extra attacker, and with 22 seconds left, Justin Kovacs scored the equalizer. Kevin Gibson, who assisted on both goals, took a shot from the left side. The goalie made the save, but Kovacs was wide open for the rebound.

"We did a good job of crashing the net on both of our goals," Lock said.

Trenton scored the winning goal with three minutes left in the overtime period.

The Trojans had a 31-21 advantage in shots.

"I didn't like that we gave up that many shots, but Rohrkemper played well in the net," Lock said.

The disappointing thing about the tie with Davison was that North let a pair of one-goal leads slip away.

"That was another game where we played well in spurts," Lock said. "We were all over them for the first six minutes of the game. Then it was like we were standing still for the rest of the period."

Michael Neveux broke the scoreless tie early in the second period with a power-play goal, but Davison answered

with a power-play goal of its own. The Cardinals went ahead 2-1, but Michael Neveux's second goal of the game sent the teams into the third period deadlocked at 2-2.

North regained the lead on Anthony Raymond's goal in the third period, but Davison pulled back into a tie with about five minutes left.

"After that, we played well," Lock said. "In the five-minute overtime we were all over them again. The goalie made a couple of nice saves, we hit a post, we hit a crossbar, but we couldn't put the puck in the net."

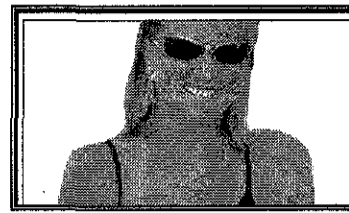
North outshot Davison 32-22.

Gibson collected two more assists for the Norsemen.

North's next game is against De La Salle at the Great Lakes Sports Arena in Fraser at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

A look back at 2007's sailing



details of the kegs...

And there is some great racing.

As I can't find any other Hoosier sailors to represent my undergraduate institution,

I've had the privilege of teaming with two Wayne Staters where I did a graduate degree, every year of the event: Tom Dawson, of Grosse Pointe, and Tim Proffit, of Grosse Pointe Park.

While all of us are respectably involved in many aspects of the sport in the area, the three of us never race together except in this event. And now it's been long enough where we have our own traditions:

Tom and Tim trade off skippering. I guess they both learned to share toys in the sandbox!

I bring the green and gold clothes, hats and beads. Girls are always in charge of the clothes.

We talk about practicing before the event and usually manage to squeeze in one session.

Practice does actually help, I'm always reminded.

And we surprise people. Despite much Internet trash talking that had us in the bottom of the fleet, we finished third this year, equaling last year's result.

What I like about our team compared to some of the others is our attitude. Sure, we want to do well, but we also want to have fun and challenge ourselves against some good competition. Isn't that what sailing is about anyway? That's how I think we should remember it.

Looking forward to next year:

The 2008 events are posted on the DRYA website at www.drya.org.

And so that we get our winter fix of the sport, Wednesday evening seminars will travel between yacht club sites with a variety of topics, beginning with "The Joy of Sailing" on January 9 at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. On Sail will bring more details of those during December.

Sandra Svoboda lives in Grosse Pointe Park. She can be reached at OnSail@grossepointenews.com.

SOUTH BOYS HOCKEY

Blue Devils skate to fourth straight

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Brian Auty probably earned some extra work for Grosse Pointe South's hockey team.

"Brian has played more on our power play than killing penalties, but after this game I think you'll see him more on the penalty kill," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp after South improved to 4-0 with a 5-1 victory at Woodhaven.

Auty earned the time on the penalty killing unit by scoring a pair of shorthanded goals for the Blue Devils. Those were his first two goals of the season, although he played well in the previous three contests.

South was leading 2-0 when Auty took a pass from Arthur Griem, skated along the boards, cut to the net and beat the Woodhaven goalie with a low shot just inside the goalpost at 6:07 of the second peri-

od. Sam Mott also assisted.

Early in the third period, Auty struck again.

He intercepted a pass on the Warriors' power-play breakout, and skated in alone to beat the netminder a second time.

Special teams were the difference in the game for South.

The Blue Devils' first two goals came on the power play.

Mott opened the scoring at 5:58 of the first period with a shot from the point that skidded along the ice and into the net. Jack Sklarski and Griem assisted.

Mott also figured prominently in South's second power play goal at 2:51 of the second period.

Once again, he took a shot from the point and this time it was tipped in by Lance Lucas, Tim Shield had the second assist.

"Mott has really played well — just like you'd expect from a

fourth-year defenseman," Bopp said. "He had a great tournament in Big Rapids, and in this game he was the best player on the ice."

After Auty scored the first of his two shorthanded goals, Shield made it 4-0 with a minute to go in the second period.

He scored on a shot from the high slot. Michael Blazoff and Chris Stephens had the assists.

In the third period, South's main goal was to preserve goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer's shutout.

"We talked in the third period about playing a lot of players and having everyone work hard for 30-second shifts to focus on keeping the shutout," Bopp said.

That was the only disappointment for the Blue Devils. With 10 seconds left, South took a penalty and Woodhaven

pulled its goalie for an extra attacker.

"Chris Shields had been winning all of his faceoffs, so I put him out there (to take the draw)," Bopp said. "He won the faceoff, but we didn't get the puck out, and they scored with two seconds left. I'm glad Chris did his job, but I was disappointed that we took a penalty so late in the game, and that we didn't get the puck out and keep the shutout for Trevor."

"Right now, we're playing a lot of players and many of them are doing well. Our veteran forwards like Tim Shield and Lance Lucas are off to great starts, but I think we're three lines deep again this season. We're also deep on defense with six seniors, who can play."

South's next action is at home on Saturday, Dec. 8 against Southgate Anderson.

South wrestlers win two meets

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team got off to a good start with a pair of victories in a double-dual meet with Warren-Mott and Utica and a fourth-place finish in the Lutheran Northwest Invitational.

South, under new coach Pat O'Donnell, had three individual champions at Northwest.

Joey Konen took top honors at 125 pounds, Blake Bowman won the 160-pound weight class and T.J. Carter was first at 171.

Griffin Forton (119) and Sergio Rodriguez (103) were runners-up in their division.

Heavyweight Reggie Lewis was third and Nick Peters finished sixth at 112 pounds.

South won four matches by falls in its 41-30 victory against

Warren-Mott.

Rodriguez got a pin in 1:15 at 103 pounds; Forton won by a fall at 3:01 in the 119 class; Max Thomas got a pin in 5:42 at 171; and Lewis pinned his heavyweight opponent in 3:20.

Winning by decisions were Konen 14-1 at 125, Bowman 4-1 at 160, and Carter 10-0 at 215.

South was even more dominant in the matches it won in the 48-35 victory against Utica.

Bowman had the quickest pin of the meet, taking only nine seconds to dispose of his opponent at 160 pounds.

Rodriguez, Forton, Konen, David Carter, Thomas, T.J. Carter and Lewis also won on falls. Forton, Konen and T.J. Carter each ended their matches in the first period.

North sailing team in second after strong Chicago regatta

Grosse Pointe North sent two five-person sailing teams to the annual Great Lakes Championship regatta in Chicago and the North crew took second place overall.

There were 24 teams in the event, representing 19 high schools within the Midwest

Interscholastic Sailing Association district which includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

North now ranks second in the MISAA standings.

Sailing for North were Chris Bill, Katie Bill, Daniel

Bracciano, Will Cyr, Brady Savage, Kelly Seago, Michael Seago, Ryan Seago, Emily Simon and Scott Stevens.

Grosse Pointe South's team of Sammy Barbour, Anthony Corio, Robert Declercq, Ian Hollerbach and Sarah Somes finished in fourth place.

South crushes defending champ

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team dismantled defending league champ Plymouth-Canton-Salem 12-0 Thursday, Nov. 26.

South beat PCS in the 2006 state championship game.

"The girls were motivated to beat the defending champs," head coach Bill Fox said.

"We wanted to show a better

effort than our opener against North, and I think the girls did that."

The host Lady Blue Devils scored eight goals in the opening period and added four more in the second before the game was stopped due to the mercy rule.

Junior Erin Shook, sophomore Jessica Snella and sophomore Emma Hull scored two goals apiece. Other goal scorers were sophomore Shannon

Gianino, sophomore Tara Bolton, senior Kathleen McDonald, senior Anna Shepard, junior Kelsey Burgess and senior Ashley Thibodeau.

The home team outshot its guest 37-3, including 24-1 in the first period.

PCS, which didn't lose a game last year, already have lost twice by lopsided scores.

South improved to 1-0-1 overall.

North still rules ULS tourney



Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team celebrates its championship at the University Liggett School Invitational.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Norsemen blank Cranbrook in final

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team won its third consecutive University Liggett School Holiday Tournament last weekend, edging Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 2-0 in the championship game.

Both teams were shorthanded. North played without senior captain Katie Latimer, out with a broken left collarbone, and sophomore Nikki Capizzo, who was playing in an elite soccer tournament in North Carolina.

Cranbrook Kingswood was missing its best player, senior Carolyn Gard, who has a broken right foot.

"We weren't at our best and I think the girls tired out a bit, but we were still able to play well enough to win a third straight tournament title," said North head coach Scott Dockett.

"Our girls played with a lot of heart this weekend and nearly came away with a tournament title," said Cranbrook Kingswood first-year head coach Terry Brooks. "We're getting better with each game. We missed Carolyn's leadership and scoring, but North also played without a top player."

Junior Lauren Walsh scored the Lady Norsemen's first goal, unassisted, at the 6:27 mark of the opening period.

Senior Rachael Lentz, in her first year as the starting goaltender, stopped 10 shots to record her second shutout. With six minutes left in the game, Lentz made a sprawling save to prevent the Cranes from tying the game.

"I really thought we had tied the game, but North's goalie made two outstanding saves on us," Brooks said. "That is the way the puck bounces sometimes."

"Rachael was very strong in net, and our defense played very well in front of her," Dockett said. "She is getting more confident."

Junior Alexa Lucchese put the Cranes away, scoring an insurance goal with 1:44 left. Junior Alexa Quinlan drew the lone assist.

Defense rules this game as North mustered only 16 shots on Cranes goalie Nina Kikuchi, while Cranbrook Kingswood was held to only 10 shots.

North beat Northville 5-3 in one semifinal. Walsh and junior Meredith Chicklas scored two goals apiece, while junior Angela Giorgio also tallied for the winners.

The Lady Norsemen built a 5-0 lead before the Mustangs made it interesting, scoring the last three goals of the game.

Host ULS finished fourth in the tournament, losing 8-1 to Northville in the consolation game and 5-2 to Cranbrook Kingswood in the semifinals.

"I thought we would have played a little better," said ULS head coach Laura Owczarski said. "Overall, we're a better team, but that doesn't equal more wins."

Against Northville, senior Toniqua Harvey scored, assisted by sophomores Paige Counsman and Morgan Ellis.

Lentz, Walsh and Lucchese earned all-tournament honors for North, while junior Janaya Gripper, Counsman and Ellis earned the honors for ULS.

In the Cranbrook Kingswood game, Counsman scored both goals.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North defeated visiting Livonia Ladywood 5-1. It was a rematch of last year's state quarterfinal game won by Ladywood.

"I thought we were kind of flat for the first couple of periods for some unknown reason," Dockett said. "The girls picked up their level of play in the third period, which we needed heading into the tournament."

The Lady Norsemen built a 3-0 lead midway through the

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South girls are finding the range

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's one big difference in Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team this season under new coach Kevin Richards.

The Blue Devils are becoming long-range bombers. "I believe in the three-point line, and I put a lot of emphasis on it," Richards said after South split its first two games this year.

Last year, the Blue Devils made only 23 shots from beyond the three-point arc.

"When I was at L'Anse Creuse North last year, we had three players who made 30 three-pointers," Richards said. One of the reasons South

didn't shoot a lot from outside is because the Blue Devils weren't good at it. Many times they would pass up open shots because they didn't have confidence that they could hit them.

"We're doing a lot of shooting drills to help build the kids' confidence," Richards said. "We don't want them to be afraid to shoot. If you're passing up the perimeter shots, the defense will tee off on that. We're going to miss some shots, everybody does, but we have three good offensive rebounders in Megan DeBoer, Chloe Srebernak and Aisha Rodney."

In two games this season, the Blue Devils have connected on nine three-point baskets.

South's new philosophy was never more apparent than in the third quarter of its 57-33 victory against L'Anse Creuse.

The Blue Devils scored 22 points in the quarter to pull away from a seven-point half-time lead. Kate Pangori hit three of the triples, while DeBoer and Ellen Switalski each connected on one.

South's strong second half was triggered by a pair of fine defensive plays by DeBoer and Srebernak, who finished the game with eight steals apiece.

"We talked at halftime about how the first three minutes of the second half would be huge, so Megan and Chloe each had steals and breakaway baskets to put us up by 11," Richards

said.

Rodney, a freshman, led South with 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Pangori scored 10 points. DeBoer and Srebernak each had five points to go with their eight steals.

Richards also praised the play of point guard Kelly Barry. "She did a great job of handling the ball and executing the offense," he said.

In its opener against Fraser, which was the state Class A runner-up in 2006, South lost 45-36, but there was a lot that encouraged Richards.

One thing was the defensive play of DeBoer against the Ramblers' Becca McHenry.

"Megan is going to be our defensive stopper and she did a

great job on McHenry in the second half, holding her to two points," Richards said. "She looks forward to the challenge of playing somebody good. She and Chloe play the passing lanes well."

Srebernak had six steals against the Ramblers.

Richards was also excited about the varsity debut of Rodney and the play of Pangori, one of the veterans on the young team.

Rodney finished with nine points and 13 rebounds, while Pangori led the Blue Devils with 10 points.

South plays at Lake Shore on Thursday, Dec. 6, then returns home to face Port Huron on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Red Barons South rolls past Barracudas

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons South varsity struck quickly in its 26-14 victory against the Mount Clemens Barracudas.

On the first play from scrimmage, Robby Kish connected with Jon Parker on a 54-yard touchdown pass. On the ensuing kickoff, Michael Nehra recovered a fumble and the Barons regained possession. Seven plays later, they scored again on a one-yard run by Eddie Mollison. The score was set up by Kevin Reck's diving catch at the one.

The Barons dominated the Barracudas on defense all afternoon, allowing only three first downs and 92 yards of total offense.

William Callewaert, Alex Baker, John Biaglow, Davis McGregor, Kurt Hamel, Adam Bolton, Luke Hessburg and Matthew Barnes dominated the line of scrimmage.

In the second half, the defense provided the Barons with excellent field position.

The first two scoring drives started on the Barracudas' side of the field.

Wide receivers Nino Genna,

Kyle Randolph, Axel Ivers, Josh Davey and Jack Sullivan did a fine job of downfield blocking to clear the way for Mollison and Wesley Cimmarrusti.

The Barracudas scored a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Junior varsity

Nate Gaggin threw touchdown passes to Nate Jones and Ryley Maher, and Josh Gall scored on a run to give the Red Barons South an early lead on the way to a 23-13 victory against Mount Clemens.

The linebacking corps of Jack Doyle, Dan Baird, Gall, Gaggin, Caleb Cimmarrusti and the Bracci brothers helped close holes on Barracudas runners.

Dylan Demkowicz, Neal Jeup, Bennett Jackson, Will Kruse and Gordy Post contained the outside running game, while Gall and Michael Blake had interceptions to stop Mount Clemens drives.

Centers Phil Nauert, Jack Strachan and Garrett Shell were perfect on snaps and opened the middle for runs.

Bret Kotas, Joe Fannon, Mike Schneider and Jake Diluigi were outstanding on off-tackle blast blocking.

Liam McIlroy was perfect on kicking extra points.

Freshmen

Sixteen different Red Barons South players carried the ball in a 27-13 victory against Mount Clemens.

The Barons scored on each of their first four possessions, including their first outside kickoff recovery of the season.

The offense produced a total of 209 yards, which enabled the younger Barons players to gain experience in the second half.

On the first drive, Jack Fry went 70 yards for a touchdown behind an outstanding lead block by Jake Crillo, which left the Mount Clemens defensive end on his back.

Cornerback Cam Kotas made several touchdown-saving tackles and had a 21-yard touchdown run.

Grosse Pointe's A.J. Stevenson, George Daley, Doug Graham, Sam Genna, Chris Smith, Jon Allen, Billy

Michels, Chris Gordon, Evan Gillooly, Demetrios Thompson and Michael Mitchell controlled the line of scrimmage.

Sam Blanzly nearly intercepted a pass on the Barracudas' first offensive play. He was helped by the rest of the defensive ends — Joseph Haddad, Tyler Quatrone, Michael Landuyt, Zach Due, Matt Millenbach, Sam Jones, Sean Fannon, Luke Davey and Jared Demkowicz.

Playing well at linebacker were Craig Engel, Luke Taber, Scott Brooks, Mac Cimmarrusti, Ryan McWood, Evan Jeup and Demkowicz.

Making tackles at cornerback were first-year Barons Jon Theros, Jon Martinuzzi, J.D. Gray and Michael Calcaterra.

Sterling Heights

The Red Barons South junior varsity rolled to a 38-13 victory against Sterling Heights, thanks to a fine effort from the offensive line.

Barons coaches said that the play of Hunter Benz, Jack Dennison, Noah Elliot, Conner Gillooly, Adam Jack and Alex Baljian was strong and improved. Defensive line play was especially strong from Cody Dawson, Derek Demkowicz, Gordon Fisher, Mitch Scheppeler and Tony Moore.

Nate Gaggin ran for a touchdown, intercepted a pass to set up a second score and threw a 50-yard pass to Jack Doyle to set up a third touchdown. Josh Gall scored on an eight-yard run after Doyle's catch.

Gall also intercepted a pass to set up a 28-yard field goal by Liam McIlroy as time expired in the first half.

McIlroy scored on a 30-yard run, breaking several tackles on his way to the end zone.

Caleb Cimmarrusti scored on a short run after catching two passes that kept the drive alive.

Richie Kish passed well and scored on a short run.

In other games, the South varsity beat Sterling Heights 26-0 and the freshmen posted an 18-0 victory.

ULS girls basketball team has to overcome inexperience

Dan Cimini isn't going to measure the success of his University Liggett School girls basketball team by wins and losses this year.

"We're not even looking at the scores this year," said Cimini, who took over as coach of the Knights. "We're just trying to learn the game and improve every time we play. The girls are competitive, and they

get frustrated when we're not doing well, but it's going to take a while.

"We have good athletes on the team, but they haven't played a lot of basketball. Our only player who is experienced is Ke'Ana Bryant."

That shows, too.

Bryant had 15 of the Knights' points last week in their 48-19 loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"They had one player on their team that is as good as some boys," Cimini said. "They jumped out to a 10-0 lead and we never were in the game."

ULS played better in its opener against Huron Valley Lutheran, but still lost 42-28.

"That was a big team with a lot of basketball experience," Cimini said. "They have nine seniors on the team."

ULS scored the first eight points as the Knights' 1-2-2 trap gave Huron Valley some problems, but eventually the Hawks' experience solved the defense. Another 7-0 run by ULS, sparked by Katie Sheehy, put the Knights in front 18-13, but Huron Valley ended the first half on a 10-0 run to take a 23-18 lead.

Sheehy led ULS with nine

points and Bryant had eight.

Also on the team are Rachel Goldberg, Charlotte Waldmeir, Catherine Vatsis, Megan Amicucci, Kristin Peterson, Jessica Warfield, Nicole Smith and freshman Nemet Williams. Danielle Vespa missed the first two games because of illness and Cimini was hoping to get her back in the rotation this week.

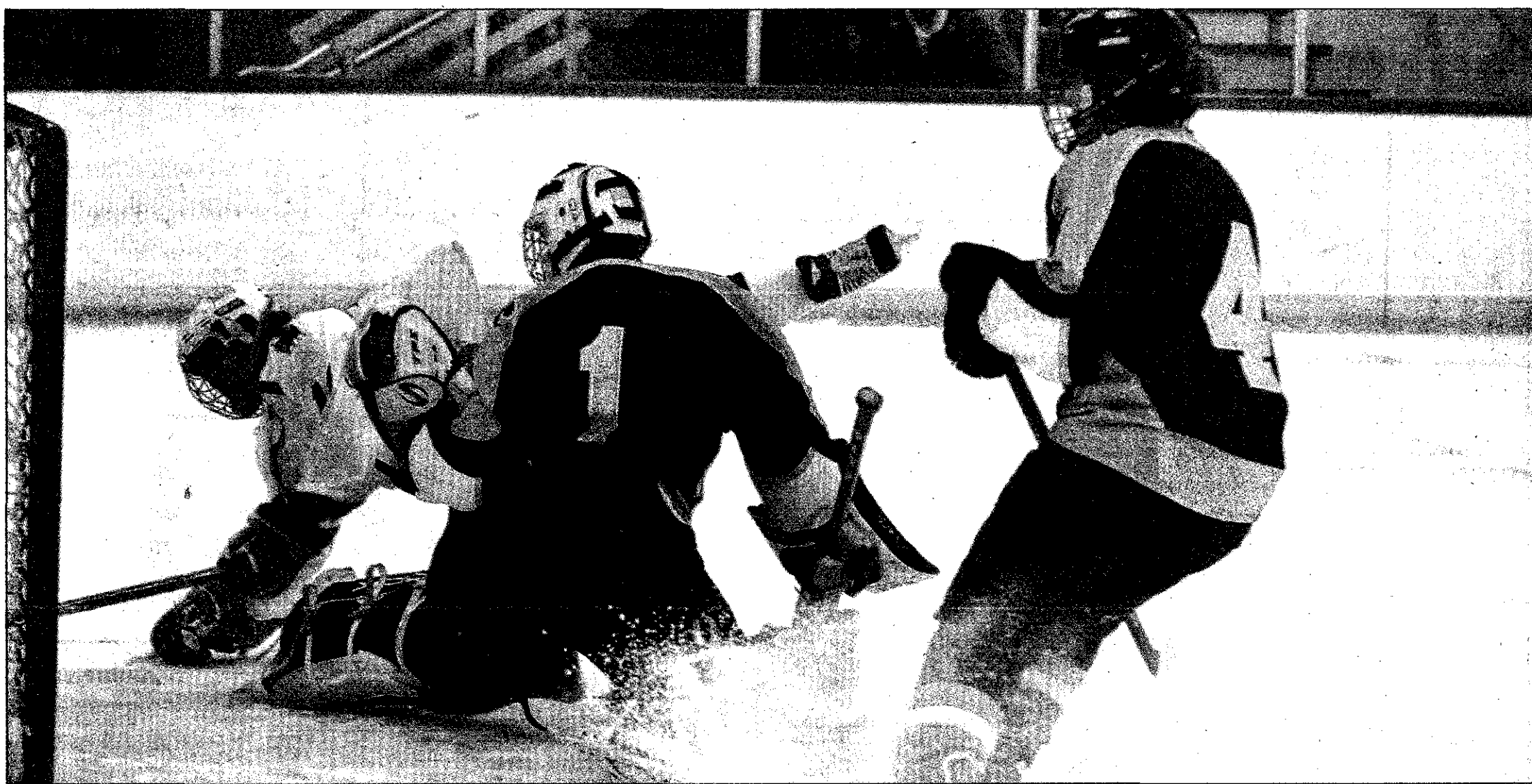


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ULS junior Steven Morris scores a goal despite getting flattened with a check during the Knights' win over Mattawan.

Knights skate past Mattawan

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

So far, so good for University Liggett School's boys hockey team.

Last weekend, the ULS squad pounded visiting Mattawan 7-3.

"We played a pretty consistent game from all of our lines," head coach Terry Olson said. "Beating Mattawan is a good win for us. They were ranked in the top 60 or 70 teams a year ago and they had some talent. We didn't back down and outplayed them."

The home team led 1-0 when senior Mike Burchi scored just

52 seconds into the opening period, assisted by Rory Deane.

Mattawan scored the next two goals to grab a 2-1 lead; however, the Knights ended the first period ahead 3-2 after sophomore Dan Zukas and junior Erik Litch tallied.

Deane and sophomore James Palmer assisted on the first goal, and Zukas and senior Mike Thomas assisted on the go-ahead goal.

Mattawan tied the game with a power-play goal midway through the second period.

It was all ULS after that, starting when Clarke Dirksen scored a power-play goal at the

3:50 mark and junior Steven Morris made it a 5-3 game with a tally at the 2:05 mark.

Thomas and Zukas drew assists on Dirksen's goal and Zukas and John Stockmann assisted Morris' goal. Stockmann, assisted by Zukas, gave the Knights some breathing room, scoring a goal at the 9:27 mark. Deane finished the scoring with a power-play goal at 7:32, assisted by Thomas and Zukas.

Freshman goalie Vernell Johnson earned the win, playing one of his best games of the early season.

Earlier, the Knights lost 7-2 to visiting Macomb Dakota.

NORTH: Beats Blazers in opener

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Kennedy battled for the offensive rebound, scored and was fouled. She made the free throw to complete the three-point play and North was back in front by 15 points.

"That was a big turnaround," Bennett said. "Jasmine has been playing well for us."

Kennedy's three-point play triggered a 13-3 run by the Norsemen that put the game out of reach.

Ariel Braker played a strong game, finishing with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four assists. Olivia Stander had 10 points and Kelly DeFauw scored nine.

Kennedy and Christine Klein each grabbed six rebounds, while Kayla Womack had six points and five rebounds.

"One of the best things about this team is that they all like each other," Bennett said.

"It's a special feeling that you don't always have on a team that's as talented as this one."

In the Ladywood game, North got off to a slower start than it did against Renaissance.

The Blazers held a 13-9 lead in the second quarter, but the Norsemen finished the first half with a 13-0 run.

"At halftime we talked about winning the second half," Bennett said. "There were some times when we tried to play too fast, but we settled down and were up by 17 points in the fourth quarter."

Stander led North with 12 points. Braker collected 11 points, eight steals and six rebounds. DeFauw chipped in with seven points.

The Norsemen host another perennial state power on Thursday, Dec. 6 when

South's opener is disappointing

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Jim Twigg is hoping that Grosse Pointe South's basketball team's opening act is just an aberration and not a sign of things to come.

"I thought we were a pretty good basketball team, and I still do, but you are what you do and tonight we weren't very good," the Blue Devils new coach said Monday after opening the season with a 53-27 loss at Utica Eisenhower.

South played well enough for a quarter.

The teams were tied at 13-13 when the first quarter ended. Then it all went south for the Blue Devils.

They went 15 minutes and 23 seconds without a basket. During that stretch the Eagles outscored South 28-2. When P. T. Shirar ended the drought with a basket with 2:06 remaining in the third quarter, Eisenhower led 39-15.

"They changed to a zone and we just lost it," Twigg said. "We didn't execute at all, and I'll take the blame for that. We've been working in practice on facing a zone, and I thought we were ready, but obviously we weren't."

Last year, South had one of the best defensive teams in the area, and much of the credit for that belonged to Twigg, who coached the defense for former head coach Jay Ritchie.

Twigg wasn't happy with the defense, either, in Monday's loss.

"Not only did we not execute on offense, but we let them stroke all of those three-pointers," he said.

Eisenhower made six three-point baskets in the first half, including a buzzer beater from beyond half court by Blake Reedy that sent the Eagles off at the break with a 31-15 lead.

Eisenhower's Dragan Bijelic, who led all scorers with 12 points, also was fouled while shooting a three and made all three free throws.

Bijelic also had eight rebounds and five steals. John Orlando added 10 points for the Eagles.

Jimmy Saros led South with eight points and Shirar had six. Saros and Shirar each grabbed seven rebounds.

Monday's game was the beginning of a busy week for the Blue Devils. They were scheduled to host East Detroit on Wednesday and visit Roseville on Friday.

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second period on goals by Walsh, Quinlan and Listwan.

The Blazers tallied late in the second period on a goal by Abby Kienbaum, but the home team put the game away, scoring twice in the final stanza when Kailey Sickmiller and Walsh scored.

ULS also played earlier in the week, beating host Walled Lake 5-2.

North improved to 3-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 5-0-1 overall; ULS stands 2-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 2-3 overall.



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University Liggett School goalie Janaya Gripper makes a save against Port Huron.

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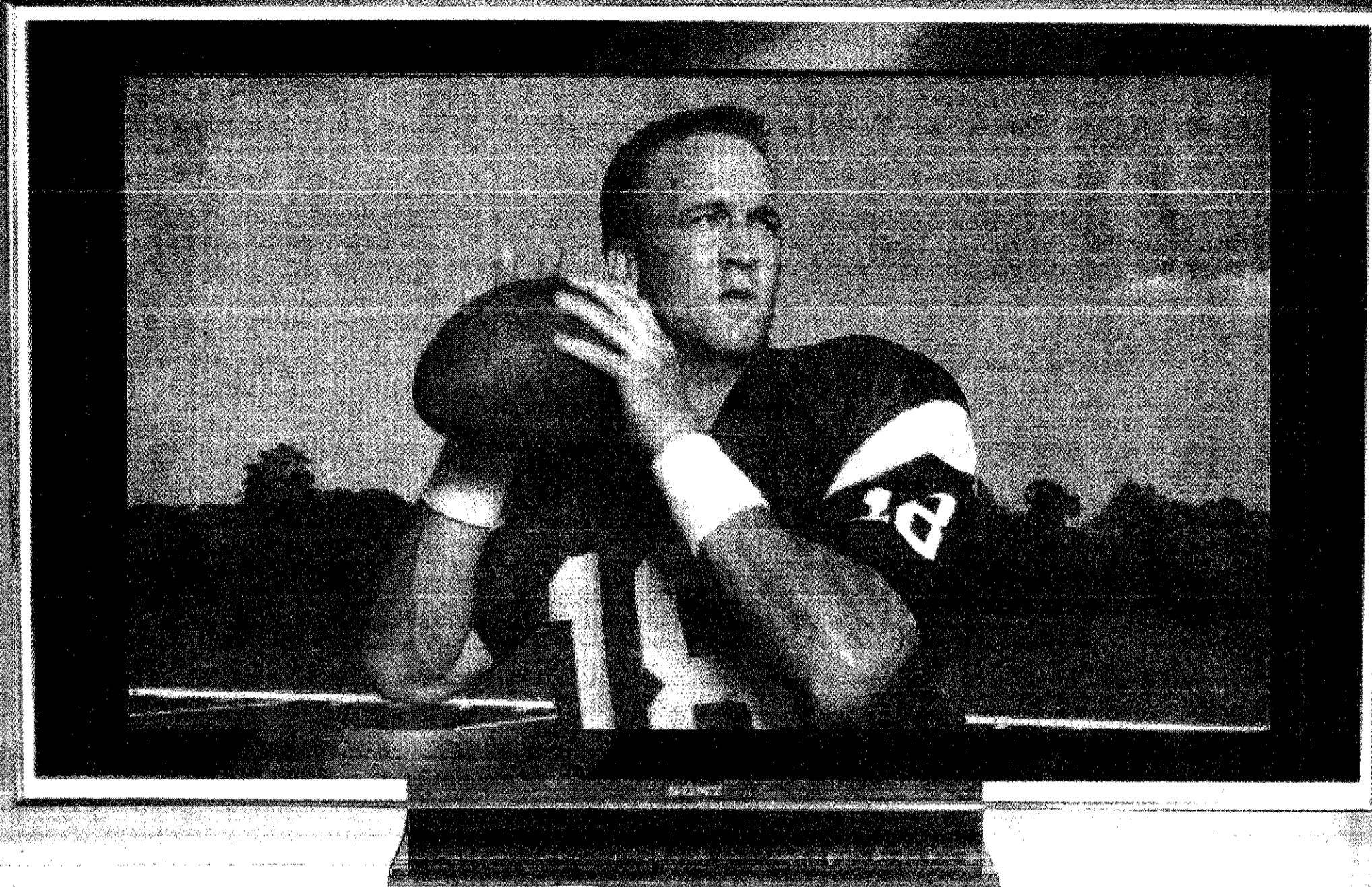
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