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THURSDAY, DEC. 13

◆ Some of the women who contributed to the cookbook "Sweet Traditions — Cookie Exchange Recipes, Menus and Ideas" will be at a book signing from 4 to 7 p.m. at Pointe Pedlar, 88 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

◆ An old-fashioned barn raising for a people shelter at the St. Clair Shores Brys dog park begins at 9 a.m. at Brys and Harper. Construction help is needed. Dogs and donations are welcome. For more information, call Swany Construction at (586) 777-1516.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Barbershop Harmony Society presents "A Barbershop Christmas" at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features The Lakeshore Chorus, South High Suspension and quartets, The Silver Bones, and In the Neighborhood. A buffet dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 881-7511. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery and Wild Birds Unlimited.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Post Office, 1864 Mack, will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accept packages and passport applications.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

◆ During halftime at the Grosse Pointe South High School vs. Grosse Pointe North High School girls' varsity basketball game, beginning at 7 p.m., a shoot-out contest will be held as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There will be prizes for everyone making a shot and a grand prize for the person making the most shots. A 50/50 drawing will be held and donations can be made at the door.

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, hosts a "Chat with Commish Killeen," from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Park City Municipal Court, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ The trustees of the Grosse

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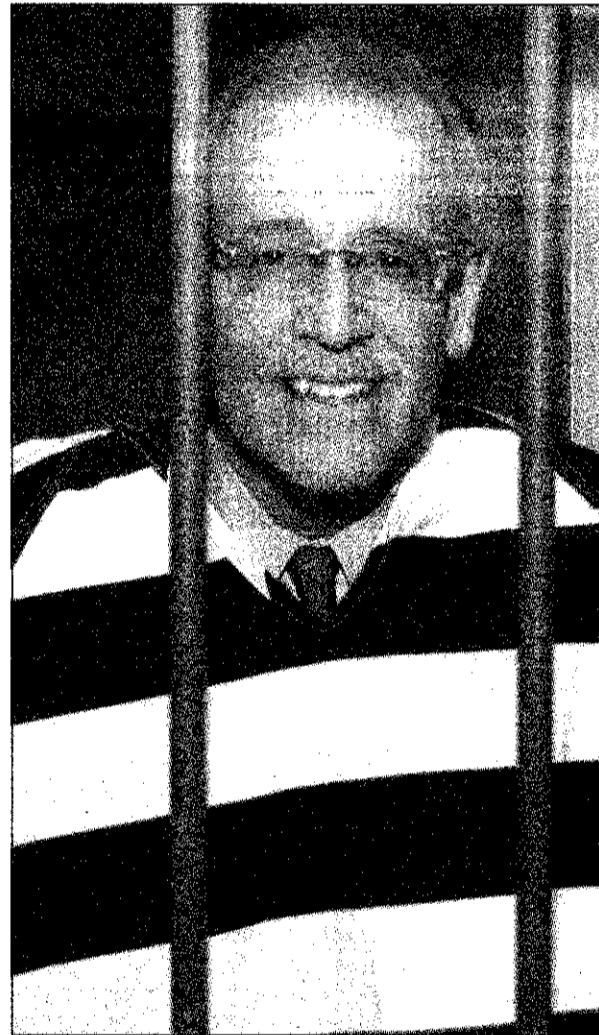


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Donating jail time

Grosse Pointers spent time "in jail" raising money to help send two children to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's summer camp, Camp Cavell, in Lexington. The camp is geared toward children of all capabilities and offers an opportunity to swim, horseback ride, do crafts and play hockey. The Original Pancake House on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods hosted the MDA fundraiser, which involved employees dressed as mock police officers putting local business people behind makeshift bars for a one hour timeframe. At left is Steve Morrish from Merrill Lynch. In top photo are City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer J.P. Cormier, left, and Grosse Pointe Farms fire inspector Tom Shimko. To volunteer at the camp, call Bev Weingarten at (586) 274-9000.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brownell discussion heats up

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

It isn't a matter of will a structure be built at Brownell Middle School.

The heated debate now centers on just how big or small the multipurpose room will be.

After years of discussion, Grosse Pointe school board members took another step toward making a decision during Monday night's work session.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail and Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services, outlined several architectural plans provided by

the architect firm GMB.

"We knew going in that this would be the most challenging project because of the available space, other projects had priority and how it would affect surrounding neighbors," Fenton said. "I think we have provided several plans that are either a good, better or best option available."

Each plan is contingent on the project budget.

The \$2.5 million budget plan originally proposed to voters will allow approximately half of Brownell's student body to use the multipurpose room at the same time.

Next up is \$3 to \$4 million for a more upscale project and the ultimate plan, using a \$5.5 million budget, will create a multipurpose room large enough to accommodate the middle school's entire student body, plus allow each high school's entire orchestra to perform in a venue constructed solely for excellent sound.

"We revised some plans, but one thing that has to be addressed is a new parking lot and additional parking spaces, which can be accomplished under each project," Ismail

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Trustee Haley retires

Dedicated, public-minded man steps down

By Beth Quinn
Staff Writer

When James Haley, 80, announced his decision to end his 11 years of service on the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees, he stressed that he was retiring and not resigning.

Board President Bob Klaczka said he reluctantly accepted Haley's letter of intent to leave his position as the trustee representing Harper Woods.

"Jim's emphasis that he was retiring and not resigning shows his high level of dedication and commitment he brought to this position," Klaczka said.

Haley suffered a stroke several months ago which left

him physically unable to attend board meetings, Klaczka said.

"While Jim suffers from physical ailments, his mental ability has not been diminished in any way," Klaczka said.

Haley's keen insight, vision and wit made him a valued board member, Klaczka said.

"Jim Haley set the benchmark for pragmatic, conservative and common sense decisions," Klaczka said.

Klaczka added that Haley was a consummate public servant, having served in Harper Woods as a school principal, school board member and president and mayor of the city.

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Council stalls land plan idea

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

It took several years for the Grosse Pointe Farms city council and developers to decide the best use for the property at Ridge and Moran.

When it was all said and done, the council approved a site plan and rezoning of the three-acre parcel last year to build four new homes.

And little has happened since.

To that end, Ridge Pointe LLC, the property developers, have applied to have one of the four lots placed into the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO program to help attract a buyer to construct a new home.

The three-year-old tax abatement program entitles

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POINTER OF INTEREST

"I'm having a great senior year."

Lauren Nixon



Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Age: 18

Family: Mother, Kathy; brothers, Will and Scott

Claim to fame: Grosse Pointe North High School swimmer and state swimming qualifier

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Yesterday's headlines

1957

50 years ago this week

♦ **TWO YOUTHS DIE IN CAR CRASH:** Two 17-year-old high school students were killed after the car they were driving in crashed into a tree at Lakeshore and Lochmoor recently.

Robert Lowrey of Grosse Pointe Park and Larry Schmitt of Detroit were declared dead after a fire consumed the car following the accident.

Four other youths were severely injured in the accident and are receiving treatment at an area hospital.

♦ **SCHOOLS SUPER DEFENDS TEACHING METHOD:** Following an outcry in the national media decrying the decline of math and science specialists in the U.S., Grosse Pointe schools Superintendent James Bushong came to the defense of district teachers.

Bushong took special exception to what he regarded as misstatements and inaccuracies in recent media reports about the poor state of the math and science curriculum in the district.

He also attributed the criticism to a nationwide "hysteria" about the nation's decline from prominence in the scientific field.

♦ **CASH TAKEN FROM**

PARK BAR: Thieves got away with \$900 from a bar on Mack in Grosse Pointe Park after they hid until closing time and made off with the loot.

Police believe the suspect(s) hid in the basement until the bar closed. They then broke in to the cash register and exited the building.

Park police said they have two men under suspicion, but have not yet filed charges.

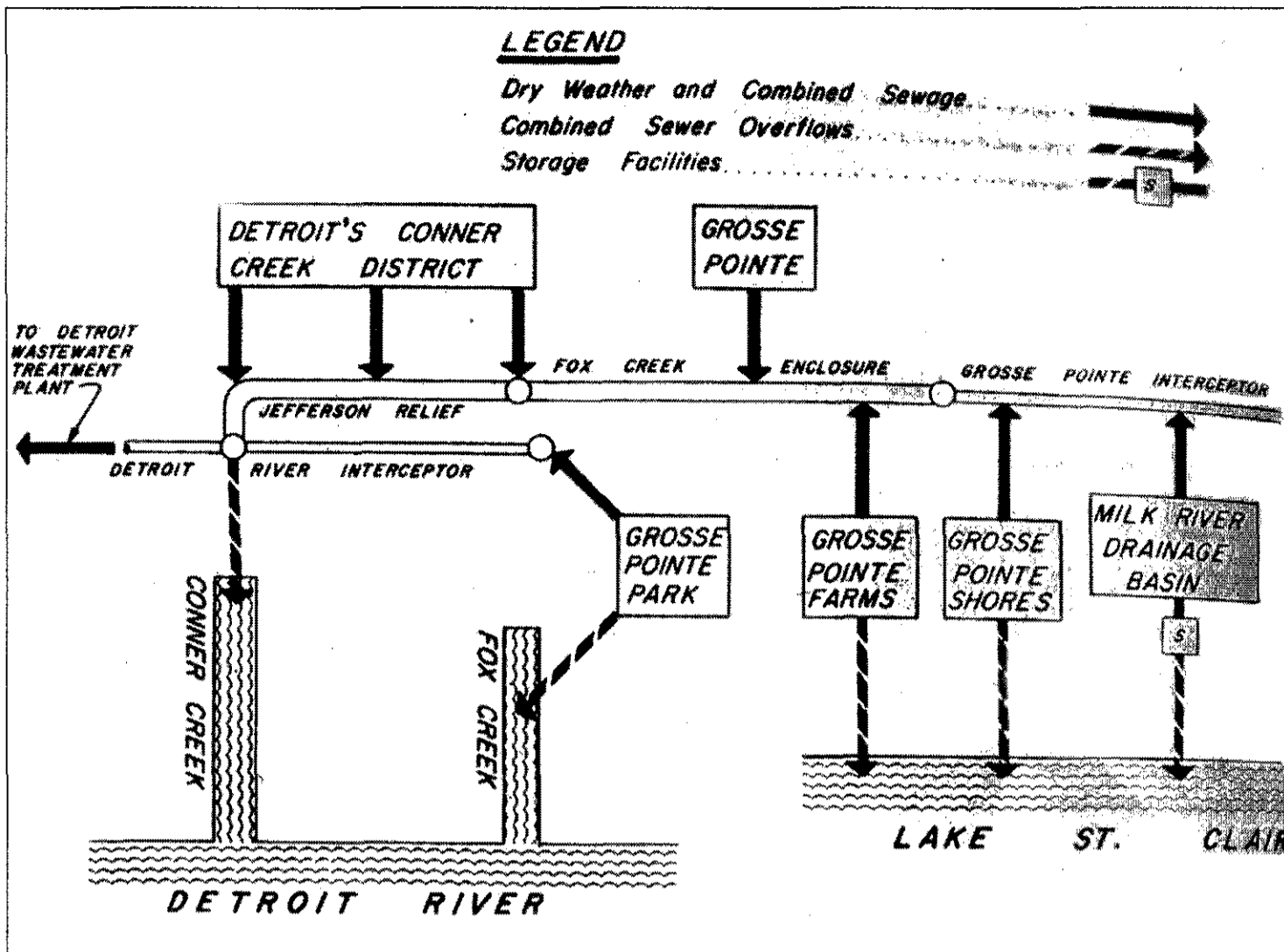
1982

25 years ago this week

♦ **POINTE OFFICIALS COOL TO POLLUTION STUDY:** A Wayne County drain commissioner's study concluded that four Grosse Pointe communities dump tons of sewage into Lake St. Clair every time it rains hard.

During dry times, Pointe sewage is sent to the Connor Creek pumping station and treated for pollutants. But when a storm comes through, the sewage system cannot handle the additional capacity and the excess is dumped untreated into the lake.

Pointe officials disputed the study, saying the conclusions are not supported by data. They also said it would be better to examine Connor Creek, which regularly accepts overflows from other communities during heavy rainstorms.



1982: A polluted study?

Pointe officials criticized a recent Wayne County drain commissioner's study blaming the Pointes for widely contributing to the pollution in Lake St. Clair. (See related story.) Above is a chart of the Pointe sewage system. (From the Dec. 9, 1982 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.)



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♦ **SHORES VOTERS GO TO POLLS:** Residents of Grosse Pointe Shores will decide a \$1.3 million bond issue to renovate the Village's 67-year-old municipal building.

Village officials say the renovation is necessary to cure space and structural defects in the aging building. The Shores has been discussing the renovation of the Albert Kahn designed building for several years.

♦ **FARMS TO REVIEW CLUSTER OPTIONS:** The Grosse Pointe Farms city council will review its current zoning ordinance regarding one-family residential attached cluster options.

The reevaluation is in response to a number of recent cluster developments that some residents believe threaten the aesthetic ambience in the Farms.

1997

10 years ago this week

♦ **SCHOOL BOARD OKS CONTRACT:** The Grosse Pointe school board approved part-time music Supervisor Sy Levine's contract as instrumental music program supervisor.

Levine, who has been working as a consultant for the school district, will work for a daily rate for the duration at the "pleasure of both parties."

School administrators be-

lieve Levine will work for the district through 1998 to help the district implement changes to the program.

♦ **FAHRNER NAMED TO WOODS COUNCIL:** Just over a month since losing his city council post in the general election, Thomas Fahrner was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to fill the post of Thomas LeFevre, who recently resigned.

Woods officials said Fahrner was chosen partly because he finished a close fourth in the recent election and that he had 20 years experience as a councilman. He was appointed in a 5-1 vote.

2002

5 years ago this week

♦ **CABLE RATES GO UP AGAIN:** Comcast Cable rates were again increased, drawing complaints from Pointe residents who want to see more competition.

Cable rates have increased more than double the rate of inflation recently. Comcast negotiated franchise rights for Pointe communities after the breakup of Grosse Pointe Cable in 1994.

Pointe officials say it is difficult to attract another cable provider into the Pointes because the market is too small.

♦ **RECYCLING RATES DECLINE IN POINTE:** The cost of curbside recycling and household hazardous waste collection will decrease more than \$56,000 in the Pointes over the next three years.

Tringali Sanitation offered the reduced collection rate as part of an incentive to help the company expedite long-range financial planning.

According to company representatives, the firm averages 17,972 curbside stops for recyclable materials in the Grosse Pointes each week.

♦ **MAN BOUND OVER FOR HOME INVASIONS:** A Detroit man charged with three counts of home invasion in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms was bound over for trial by Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora.

Gary Doppelberger, 39, waived preliminary examinations on charges of home invasions that took place in the 600 block of Rivard in the City and in the 200 block of Mount Vernon in the Farms.

He stood mute in the arraignment of a third charge of home invasion which occurred in the 700 block of Rivard.

Because of past convictions, Doppelberger faces possible life in prison if convicted of the charges.

— John Lundberg

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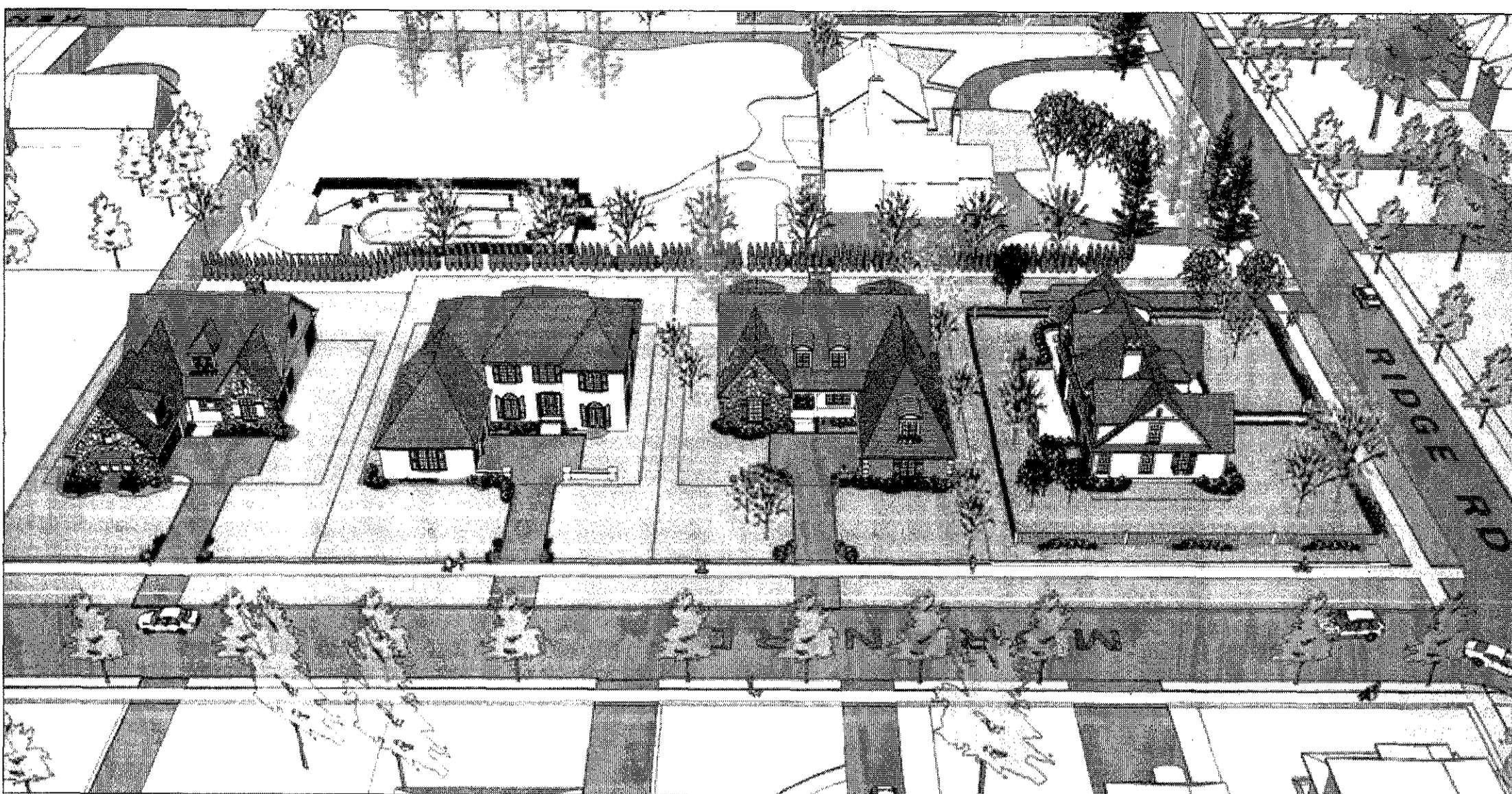
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A proposed site plan for four homes on Ridge and Moran.

RIDGE: Site plan studied

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the developer to a property tax abatement on all taxes in 2008 — the construction period — and then returns 50 percent of all property taxes generated between tax years 2009-14 to the land bank. The bank would then return those tax proceeds to the developer.

On Monday night, the developers asked for the Farms endorsement of the application, which the council decided to defer to a later date.

At issue is the council's lack of knowledge about the program, resulting in several council members expressing objections over the application. Chief among their concerns was how it would affect the Farms property tax collections for the parcel.

"I really don't know what it is that is front of us (regarding the proposal)," said Councilman Louis Theros.

"What is it going to cost us?"

"(You are attempting) to cram this down our throats and have us accept this on assumptions made out of thin air."

Kathy Makino of Ridge Pointe said the application was made to attract a buyer in the depressed housing market.

She stressed that the program was not intended to take property taxes away from the Farms, but to increase property taxes in the future with new homes being constructed.

"We're just asking for your help to build homes," she said. "It's unbelievable what we've been through the last three years (with this housing market)."

This is the first residential application to the land bank made in the Farms. Last September, the Sterling of Grosse Pointe and the Morningside development for Lots 2 and 3 in the Village received the overwhelming endorsement by the City of Grosse Pointe council to join the bank.

"In today's highly specula-

tive residential market, the TURBO provides the developer a flexible source of additional support that can be used in a variety of ways," wrote Corey Leon, land bank application preparer, to the council. "The long-term new taxes from this potential development will outweigh this initial support and may encourage housing starts in an otherwise tough housing market."

The council voted to defer the request to be able to study it more.

"You're asking us to make a great leap of faith here," said Councilman Terry Davis. "We are not going to abrogate our responsibilities."

The detached home sites

You're asking us to make a great leap of faith.'

TERRY DAVIS,
Councilman

will be 85 feet wide, except for the corner lot, which will have nearly 100 feet facing Moran and 135 feet on Ridge.

Landscaping for the four lots will include a variety of ornamental grasses, ground cover, perennials, evergreen shrubs, ornamental trees and larger canopy trees.

There are several existing mature trees that provided the framework for the proposed landscaping.

HALEY: Dedicated to community

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"He has all the experience you could ask for to be on a public board," Klaczka said. "The fellow has incredible experience."

During his tenure on the library board, Haley served on the planning, personnel, development, nominating, finance and the Woods branch interior committees.

Under his watch, the library increased service hours, opened a second facility on Sundays and expanded story time for children.

He also was instrumental in the planning of the recently built Ewald and Woods branch libraries.

Haley served as a mentor for many of his fellow board members, said John Bruce, former board president.

He said Haley brought a sense of responsibility to represent his constituents and primary goal was to fulfill the needs of the public. Haley made sure the board always did its homework and answered pertinent questions, Bruce added.



PHOTO BY JENNIE MILLER

James Haley, far left, recently announced his retirement from the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees. In September of 2003, Haley and fellow trustees John Bruce, Kay MacDonald, Robert Klaczka, Library Director Vickey Bloom, Laura Bartell, Harvey Weaver and David Bergeron took part in the ground breaking ceremony for the Ewald branch, which opened in January 2005.

answered pertinent questions, Bruce added.

"Jim Haley was always good at keeping us all focused about what it is all about," Bruce said.

Haley was also a team player, he added. "He worked well with all

points of view," Bruce said. "He respected the process."

"When Jim speaks, we listen very carefully and follow his advice."

The library board is currently seeking a resident who lives in the portion of Harper Woods

served by the Grosse Pointe Public School System to fill this post.

The position is for a term that will expire June 30, 2010.

"I could only hope for someone with half of his experience," Klaczka said.

BROWNELL: Need for full scale facility

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said.

Throughout the past several months of discussion, neighbors have spoken out, saying the original plan would be better suited for the space allotted. They also said the biggest project would be too big for the space.

During Monday night's work session, several Brownell stu-

dents spoke on behalf of the largest project, concurring that it would provide students with better facilities that are more conducive to learning.

Brownell teachers and Principal Mike Dib also spoke on behalf of the largest project. All asked the school board to consider the \$5.5 million plan because having a full-scale facility would allow the entire school body to meet together and host district events, such as music concerts.

School board President Brendan Walsh said the board will not make a decision until all of the facts are presented and a budget is put in place.

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Pointe Public Library hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

◆ The Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council meets at 7 p.m. at 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

◆ As part of its Afternoon Out series, Grosse Pointe Park's Parks and Recreation Department is showing the movie "White Christmas" at 1 p.m. in the Lavin's Activity Center in Windmill Pointe Park.

It will be followed by a post movie Stretch & Stroll in the gymnasium.

Coffee and cookies will be served before and after the movie.

The event is open to all Grosse Pointe Park residents. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

◆ Local Business Networks, Grosse Pointe Chapter meets from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at the AAA of Michigan office, 19299 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (586) 206-4958.

Four suspects nabbed in home invasions

By John Lundberg
Staff Writer

Police have arrested four males suspected in three separate home invasions in the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores.

City Detective Ron Wiczorek said the four broke into homes stealing jewelry and electronics to purchase drugs.

The first break-in occurred Nov. 15 on Grosse Pointe Court in the City, when the suspects forced open a screen and crawled into the dwelling.

They then robbed houses in the Woods and Shores. "At first we didn't have much to go on," Wiczorek said. "We then heard that

three of the suspects had been arrested."

"We went down to the Wayne County jail and got partial confessions."


A 15-year-old suspect later turned himself in to police and was detained at the Wayne County Juvenile Home.

The suspects, two from Clinton Township, one from Eastpointe and one from Grosse Pointe Woods, range in age from 15 to 19 years old.

The modus operandi of those who were arrested was having three of the suspects break into the houses, while one waited in the car as a look out.

They were able to sell the

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Lauren Nixon is having a great senior year. She studies hard and loves to play sports. Topping off her final year in high school, Nixon has qualified for the state swim finals.

She's soaking up the memories

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North senior Lauren Nixon is putting an exclamation mark on her final year of high school.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident heads into the holidays by adding qualifying for a third straight state swim finals appearance to her resume, which includes a 3.7 grade point average.

Nixon was a member of the 200- and 400-freestyle relay teams that qualified for the state finals in November. She made the trip with her teammates, but did not compete due to a coach's decision.

"I'm having a great senior year," Nixon said. "It was great to make the state finals, but I am going to take a break this winter while I prepare for the girls lacrosse season in the spring."

Nixon's swimming career began at the age of 6. She has been a part of the Shores' city summer program, which escalated into all-star status during her four years of high school competition.

Her entire athletic and academic career has been watched in the heavens by her father, Jim Nixon, who died when she was 5 years old.

After the long illness, Nixon, the youngest of three children, was tucked under the wings of her mother, Kathy, and older brothers, Will, 24, and Scott, 22.

"I was pretty young when my dad died and really didn't understand what it was like not to have a father," Lauren said. "As I get older, I really feel his loss."

"It was tough when Jim died because here I was, a single mother raising three small kids," Kathy Nixon said. "I have had a lot of sup-



Lauren Nixon, above, is anxious to start her fourth year as a member of Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team. It will be her third on the varsity squad.

PHOTO BY STEWART PHOTOGRAPHY

port from Will, Scott and Lauren, as well as my family and friends."

"My goal was to raise my three kids."

Will and Scott have always been protective of their little sister. They made sure she was in good hands during her elementary years at Monteith and middle school years at Parcels.

"My brothers did all of those brotherly things, like beat me up some-

times and they never treated me like a sissy," Nixon said. "However, they always look out for me and I'm sure they will for the rest of my life."

"They're my big brothers."

Nixon, despite posting solid swim times, including 26.5 seconds in the 50-freestyle and 58.5 seconds in the 100-freestyle, said she wants to play lacrosse at Michigan State University in the fall, while majoring in mathematics.

"I love to play sports, but I'm also a good student," Nixon said. "I study hard and when I graduate from MSU I want to teach math."

"I also want to play lacrosse, which I fell in love with as a freshman at North. It's a great sport and I think I can play at MSU if I work hard enough."

During her freshman year at North, Nixon played on the junior varsity lacrosse squad.

Varsity lacrosse head coach Bill Seaman put Nixon on his squad during her sophomore year and she played sparingly.

Last year, Nixon was one of the Lady Norsemen's top defensive players. She even scored eight goals, thanks to her speed, according to Seaman.

Nixon played an instrumental role in helping North advance to the state semifinals before losing.

"I love lacrosse and last year's success was awesome," Nixon said. "We had such a good team with a lot of talented players."

"I never knew about girls lacrosse until I got to high school. Now, I can't get enough lacrosse and I hope to have a great final season this spring."

In addition to swimming and lacrosse at North, Nixon played several years of soccer, basketball and softball for the Neighborhood Club. She also participated in fencing for a short time and ran track at Parcels.

She is also getting it done in the classroom as her 3.7 GPA indicates.

Kathy has always made academics a priority in the Nixon household.

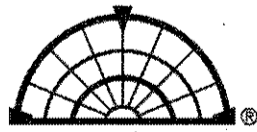
Will graduated from college a couple of years ago and Scott will graduate from college this spring.

Kathy has also gone back to school, taking classes at Wayne State University, where she will graduate in the near future.

Nixon said she will enjoy the holiday break before coming back in January, ready to be a team leader on the lacrosse team and maintain her good grade point average.

One thing is for sure, when Nixon receives her high school diploma in June, Kathy, Will and Scott will be clapping and her father will be looking down with a huge smile on his face.

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Officials look to future

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Even though the Grosse Pointe Board of Education sailed through the current budget, it hasn't stopped members from thinking about the future.

"There is still a lot we can do to with our future budgets, including trying to save the district another \$1 million," said board of education treasurer Fred Minturn. "It is possible and I think we can do it outside the classroom."

"We don't ever want to increase class sizes or fire teachers."

Minturn suggested the

board use a balanced score card to keep track of the budget, which would yield a clear picture as to how money is spent. He also said it would be a good idea to reinvest the money saved from future budgets.

"In general, the concept of driving toward a target is a good idea," said board President Brendan Walsh.

Another concern discussed was the continuous rise in health care costs, as well as slight drops in enrollment.

"Graduating classes are larger than incoming freshmen classes," said assistant superintendent of business and support services Chris Fenton.

"Our projections have the district losing approximately 120 students per year; which would be a reduction of about \$1.1 million from the state."

District superintendent Suzanne Klein met with principals from each of the district's nine elementary schools to discuss enrollment numbers.

She said the numbers might be lower due to parents keeping their children in young 5 programs instead of sending them to full-fledged kindergarten.

Minturn and Fenton will be taking a closer look at next year's budget and updating the school board during a meeting after the first of the year.



North Pole News

Santa Claus took time out from hearing children's requests to catch up on news and read about Grosse Pointes' good boys and girls. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Watch for your picture.



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Home for the holidays

Tanaijah Foreman, Dominique Bradfield and Tanaiyah Foreman stand on the porch of their new Habitat for Humanity house following its dedication Dec. 8. Bradfield and her two daughters hope to move into the three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home by Christmas. The Lakepointe house was one of 12 built during a Habitat blitz build this summer. The Grosse Pointe Partners, a contingent of 10 churches, were vital in building the homes in an area that needed to be reclaimed. "Their work makes a difference," said Habitat spokesman Jack Van Heck.



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GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Committee appointments approved

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved the following committee appointments at its meeting on Nov. 19.

Beautification Commission — Pamela Barnwell, Gabriella Boddy, Mary Beth Nicholson, Carol Sauter and Heather Simmet.

Citizens Recreation Commission — Bill Babcock, Kenneth Gutow and Thomas Jerger, DDS.

Community Tree Commission — George Gray, George Martin and Michael Skaff.

Historical Commission — Bruce Bockstanz, Delmar Harkenrider and Suzanne

Kent Local Officers Compensation Commission — Daniel Curis.

Planning Commission — Carroll Evola, Grant Gilezan and Michael Zolik.

Senior Citizens Commission — Walter Lawlis, Russell Nahat and Mary Lou Solomon.

Board of Canvassers — Frederick Motney, Democrat and Gustave Rener, Republican.

Construction Board of Appeals — Walter Kiehler and John Vitale.

Downspout Board of Appeals — Joseph Ahee and Joseph Shock.

Building Authority Committee — Ross Richardson.

The council also approved

the following council representatives to city commissions and boards:

Beautification Commission — Art Bryant.

Community Development — Al Dickinson and Pete Waldmeir.

Citizens Recreation Commission — Vicki Granger.

Community Tree Commission — Lisa Pinkos Howle.

Historical Commission — Art Bryant.

Local Officers' Compensation Commission — Bryant.

Planning Commission — Joe Sucher and Granger.

Senior Citizens' Commission — Waldmeir.

Council members were appointed to the following com-

mittees:

Cable TV Ad Hoc — Pinkos Howle and Mayor Robert Novitke.

Compensation & Evaluation — Pete Waldmeir, chair, Sucher and Novitke.

Construction — Granger, chair; Dickinson and Novitke.

Finance — Dickinson, chair; Pinkos Howle and Novitke.

Fireworks — Novitké, chair; Granger and Pinkos Howle.

Judicial Liaison — Pinkos Howle, chair; Sucher and Novitke.

Mack Ave. Business Study — Dickinson, chair; Sucher and Novitke.

Public Relations — Waldmeir, Chair; Granger and Novitke.

Canadian reader

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SUSPECTS: Four charged by police

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jewelry to a gold shop on Gratiot in Eastpointe. The owner was interviewed by police and confirmed the identity of the suspects, Wieczorek said.

All four suspects attend the same alternative school in St. Clair Shores. Police confirmed that they all left the

school at the same time Nov. 15 ostensibly to commit the robbery in the City. They then pawned the items and bought drugs, Wieczorek said.

"We're always happy to work with other Pointe police departments in solving a crime," he said. "Our main objective here was getting these guys off the streets."

Wieczorek said the 15-year-old has been released to his father. Two suspects are currently in the Wayne County jail and one was released on an electronic tether. They are all charged with breaking and entering and theft.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Lawrence W. Reed

Michigan needs worker freedom of choice

Michigan is a state rich in natural beauty and resources, skilled laborers and entrepreneurial capability. But our future potential is being frittered away by political leaders, who cannot muster the courage to fix the fundamentals.

Poor policy and snake oil remedies have come to define Lansing these days as our state's economy languishes. Rising taxes and government spending are about to take a bigger bite out of a shrinking private sector.

Regulatory agencies that seem to lack adult supervision are choking growth. A pervasive entitlement mentality deters the transformational thinking that the state desperately needs. Politicians call for more money for universities even though students are staying in Michigan for the education but leaving for the jobs.

Relative to other states, Michigan's per capita income has been in free fall since 2000, and now stands at an astonishing 7.8 percent below the national average — unprecedented since the Great Depression.

If recent trends in income continue, Michigan will be poorer than Alabama during our next governor's first term. Outbound migration is now almost as high as it was during the painful 1982 recession.

It's time to fix one of the most important fundamentals of them all, our labor climate. The state's expensive ads featuring actor Jeff Daniels are no match for the ubiquitous perception around the country that compulsory unionism makes Michigan an undesirable business location. Perhaps nothing we could do would more effectively erase that harmful image and help jumpstart our economy than for Michigan to endorse worker freedom of choice through voluntary unionism.

Twenty-two states never compel union fees or membership as a condition of employment. A 2007 study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy labor policy analyst Paul Kersey reveals some startling numbers about how Michigan compares with them. Between 2001 and 2006, gross state product in those states grew by an average of 18.1 percent, compared to Michigan's paltry 3.4 percent, the slowest of all 50 states.

During the same five-year period, employment declined in Michigan by 4.8 percent, while it grew in the voluntary union states by 6.4 percent. By any meaningful measure of jobs and income, growth in voluntary union states far exceeds all other states and especially Michigan.

Adjust for bonuses and the cost of living and even many non-union auto workers in places like Tennessee are earning more and have more job security than unionized auto workers here.

Employee freedom of choice does not mean unions are forbidden. It simply means they must earn the willing approval of workers. The leadership of organized labor protests that this burdens them with representing "free riders", who opt not to pay dues, but that's a "burden" they lobby in Washington to keep. Besides, unions are not an unqualified benefit that workers should be forced to pay for, particularly if union policies price some workers out of their jobs or contribute to a business climate that drives employers away.

Fixing the labor climate by adopting freedom of choice is not an option in the current legislature, which will not even seriously consider repealing the state's costly union subsidy called the Prevailing Wage Act.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has shown utterly no leadership on such issues.

The state's public sector unions flexed their considerable muscle in Lansing by blocking spending cuts and pushing for job-killing tax hikes in the recent budget debate. If unionism is to be made voluntary in Michigan in the foreseeable future, it must happen by citizen initiative through a ballot measure.

Ultimately, voluntary unionism is not anti-union. It is decisively pro-worker. It encourages unions to be more accountable and responsible. Not only does it yield a healthier economy, which benefits all of us including schools and governments, it gives workers options and opportunities they don't have in a compulsory environment.

If anyone thinks that what Lansing has been doing this year will make Michigan a magnet for jobs and enterprise, they are sadly mistaken. It's time to consider what's proven effective in states that compete with us.

The evidence is overwhelming that freedom of choice in the labor market sends an unmistakable message that a state is open for business.

Lawrence W. Reed is president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute based in Midland.

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LETTERS

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

IB program

To the Editor:

In reading about the Grosse Pointe Board of Education's quest to bring the IB program

to this system, "Officials uncertain about IB" (Nov. 29 Grosse Pointe News), I'd like to offer a few comments. I have two grandchildren in Florida who are in a four year

public school IB program. Just this one school offers the program, which draws from high schools in the 16 towns within the entire county.

Other high schools in the county compensate for this brain drain by offering concentrations in the arts, technology and vocational training.

Taxpayers in the entire county subsidize the IB program.

How would Grosse Pointe justify an IB program with just Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School participating?

Which school would host the program?

Would we be robbing Peter to pay Paul?

My four children went to Grosse Pointe public schools and took AP classes in high school. One went to an Ivy League School, the others to equally prestigious schools.

The resultant discord, not to mention the enormous cost of introducing an IB program in an already superior two-high-school district, seems to be a bad idea.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON Grosse Pointe Farms

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

An inevitable holiday headache

As the holiday season approaches, several inevitable occurrences will try our patience.

Along with people jostling in lines, the NASCAR-like jockeying in the parking lots, out of stock merchandise and interminably long lines for Santa, we also have to endure the banes of holiday shoppers, temporary help in stores and holiday decorated "tip jars."

Let's start with temporary help.

Most temps receive only perfunctory training. Why spend time thoroughly training people who will only be employed for a short time?

In that regard, I'm reminded of a company that won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award several years ago — Pal's Sudden Service in Tennessee, a fast food chain.

The company spends as much time training part-time and temporary help as it does permanent employees.

When asked "Why?" the response from Thom Crosby, president and CEO, was: "We train our temps and part-timers in the same manner as our permanent staff. What if temps and part-timers remain on our payroll due to increased business? We end up with untrained staff and customer service quickly deteriorates."

As consumers we expect flawless customer service year-round. During the holidays we are not surprised by lapses in service, but exceptional organizations provide a high level of customer service year-round.

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Speaking of customer service, have you noticed a proliferation of tip jars? They seem to be surfacing everywhere.

At one time, these "courtesy canisters" were commonplace only at car washes. Now these jars are fixtures at coffee shops, ice cream parlors, service stations, card shops and delis.

For the holidays these canisters are festooned with bright ribbons and ornaments. The message is clear — "I've wait-timed on you for 35 seconds, so I deserve a tip."

The jar invariably contains an abundance of singles and maybe even a five spot, which implies that others found the service extraordinary and acted accordingly.

It's just a matter of time before the jars make an appearance in hospital emergency rooms as a way of getting moved to the front of the line.

On a recent trip cross-country we stopped at a rest area in Indiana, and I found a tip jar solidly anchored in the men's restroom. Now I've been in hoity-toity establishments where a restroom attendant hands you a towel, brushes down your suit, gives you a spritz of cologne and holds the door and thus a tip may be in order. But in a highway rest area? Come on!

Is someone changing my oil and rotating my tires while I'm inside?

My message is, "Since when did I become responsible for increasing the minimum wage in your store, and what makes you think that your spending a few seconds with me entitles you to a tip?"

This tipping practice is only effective if the clerk sees you depositing money in the jar, and maybe it's just me, but I have encountered some of the worst service in establish-

ments that display a tip jar. Tipping is a practice to reward and single out exceptional service. Sometimes I inscribe notes on the bill such as "great food" and "exceptional service." I then tip accordingly.

If I've developed a good rapport with the waiter or waitress I'll ask them to rate their service on a scale of one to 10. The feedback is usually priceless.

Once I had a waiter who provided extraordinary service, and when asked to quantify his service he stated somewhat facetiously that he had performed poorly and would immediately enroll in a remedial waiter service course. His humor and personality got him a 25 percent tip.

If some of this makes me sound like the Scrooge that stole Christmas, so be it. On the other hand, I'm still leaving cookies for Santa to ensure he'll return each year, so maybe I've succumbed to tip jar mania too. Oh well.

In the meantime, I hope my butcher isn't reading this. Otherwise, that special oyster dressing we ordered may contain the shells the oysters came in. Maybe he'll have a tip jar on the counter and I can stay in his good graces.

Bill Kalmar is former director of the Michigan Quality Council.

GUEST OPINION By Francis Shrum

Think of those who have it worse off

Have you even noticed how often we find ourselves in the middle of some crisis that crept up unawares?

Life sometimes seems like a series of unrelated events that we are caught in, helpless victims enrolled in some sort of crisis management workshop that has no conclusion.

Like falling dominoes, our day can begin with a small mishap — a power fluctuation in the night that deactivated

We can get so close to the trees that we can't see the forest and the whole day gets ruined. Or we can engage in a mental practice I've found helpful during times of stress.

our alarm clock, a flat tire, a sick child, a runaway pet — and go from bad to worse.

We can get so close to the trees that we can't see the forest, and the whole day gets ruined. Or we can engage in a mental practice I've found

helpful during times of stress.

This practice is called "Remember There's Always Somebody Worse Off Than I Am."

Now, I'm not talking about taking pleasure in other people's misfortunes, or putting

other people down to build myself up. It's just a mental exercise that reminds me that no matter how askew events in my day have become, someone else, somewhere, is having it worse.

Take, for instance, some morning when I head out to work with a nice, hot drink nestled in my cup holder. I ease out into traffic, hoist my cup to toast the day — and promptly burn my tongue. I

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I SAY By Ann Fouty

Sleep — the perfect way to end the day



"Now blessings light on him that first invented this same sleep! It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak; 'tis meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, heat for the cold and cold for the hot. 'Tis the current coin that purchases all the pleasures of the world cheap; and the balance that sets the king and the shepherd, the fool and the wise man even."

Miguel de Cervantes

Sleep is one of the best activities in which everyone "actively" participates. No matter what age or background, it's a function of life that is needed and sought after every day. If we don't get sleep, it can lead to depression, health problems and accidents, says a national survey.

More importantly, it can lead to crabbiness and someone saying behind your back, "What's her problem?"

Thus sleep is an activity built into our daily schedule. With the lengthening hours of the darkness, hibernation is all around us — the animals and plants are going into the restful mode.

A lazy, rainy day in December (or any other month) is perfect for an afternoon nap. Perfect being the operative word.

The exact pillow plumpness, a soft light blanket, a minimum of sounds except the drumming of the raindrops on the roof and against the windows, and a book on the chest is the picture for a good nap of 20 minutes or two hours.

It should be just enough time to feel refreshed, but not enough to interfere with nighttime sleep, the best sleep of all.

Obviously, there are acceptations to this. Take for example, the recliner sleeper: An unexciting sporting event and a recent good meal consumed, is one way to put anyone to sleep,

complete with sound effects. The car sleeper, who wakes up with a kink in the neck, or the desk sleeper, who is really "just resting my eyes" are two other examples of exceptions.

The exhausted toddler is a classic. One minute he is nosily chasing the dog and the next, he has dropped in his tracks, on top of the dog, and both are sound asleep.

The activity of napping is different from the multi-hour sleep in bed. The latter must be preceded by rituals to achieve the exact level of sleepiness.

In humans, we prepare for long hours of sleep with rituals. Since it's a winding down of the day, we do ritualistic clean-ups by washing the face and watching the day's events go

down the drain. We don comfortable clothing, brush teeth, and look this way and that at them in the mirror. A quick brush of the hair, a little night toning and moisturizer and hand cream, a yawn and stretch, and it's time for dreamland.

The final rituals vary in the last few moments of consciousness. Do you turn out the light and turn on a night light? Do you read a few passages from your bedside book? Prayer and meditation is proven to calm the breathing and send one off safely into dreamland. Is the window open or shut? Add purchased sleep inducers — medication, a soothing sound machine or the regular humming of a fan — and the stage

has been set for sleep. Do you plump up the pillows or stack them just right?

Do you pull up the sheet up but not the blanket? Do you burrow or do you stretch out? One of my high school science teachers talked about his toes. He was a wrestler — compact and solid. He liked a sheet and light blanket and slept on his back.

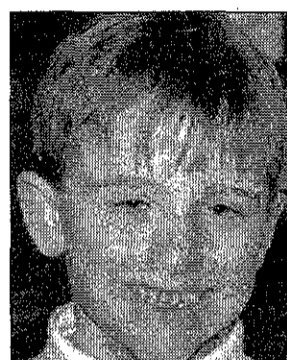
Anything more than that, such as a quilt or comforter, and he said his toes got tired of holding the blanket up; they actually ached in the morning. That's no way to begin a day especially after the blessings sleep brings.

Sleep is the perfect equalizer; the perfect way to end the day.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

Do you have a Christmas list and if so what is on it?

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



'Webkinz, a football and an iPod.'
QUINN NEHR
Grosse Pointe Woods



'Yes, I do and it is mostly DVDs and household stuff.'
DENISE BOVA
Harrison Township



'Yes, a digital camera and an American Eagle gift card.'
OLIVIA JONES
City of Grosse Pointe



'Transformers action figures.'
GRIFFIN JONES
City of Grosse Pointe



'I would like a ticket to go to South Africa for a volunteer vacation.'
SONILA SEJDARAS
St. Clair Shores



'On my list is a wish for drilling to never be allowed in the Arctic, for people to help climate change slow down so the ice doesn't melt away and to save wildlife habitat.'
POLE R. BEARANWR
Fairbanks, Alaska

FYI By Ben Burns

WWII vets face memories at war memorial



When 80 World War II veterans were flown to Washington, D.C. in early November to visit that conflict's memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Peter Kernan of the Shores was there.

"The highlight of the trip for me," Kernan reported, "was my conversation with Sen. Bob Dole, the Kansan, who was seriously injured in Italy during the war and ran for president."

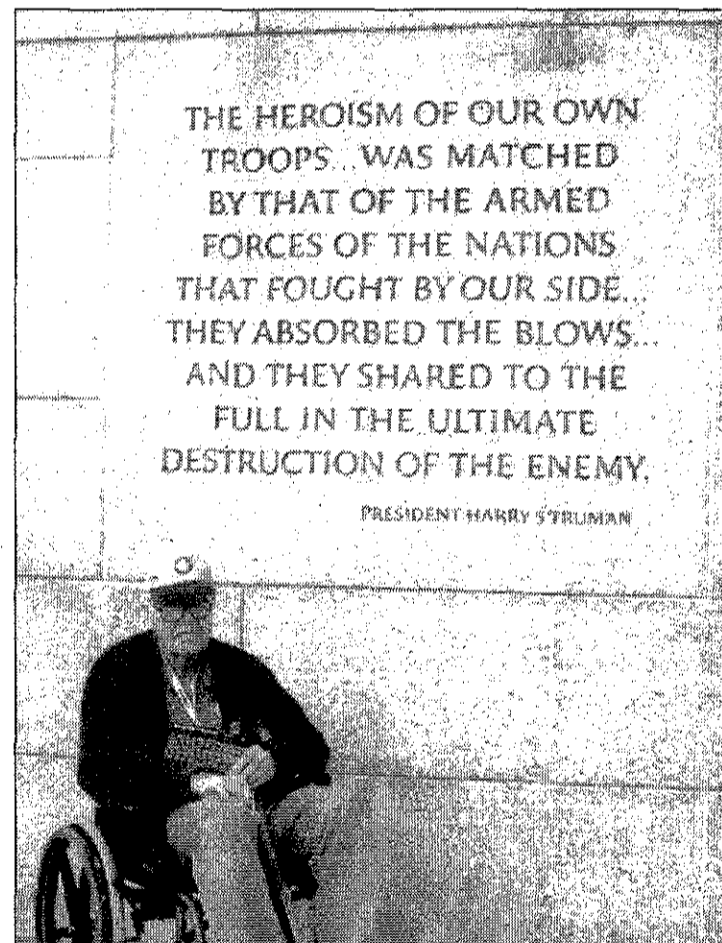
Kernan, a B-17 navigator in World War II was shot down twice and listed as missing in action, when his crew was grounded in the Ukraine

The pilot had managed to get the plane, "The Bette Jane," to friendly territory on one engine. His crew lightened the load to stay at 1,000 feet altitude by throwing out machine guns, cases of ammunition, helmets, flak jackets and the tool box. They finally unscrewed the belly gunner's module and let it plunge to Earth to keep them aloft.

Dole, an infantry man, joked to Kernan when he learned he was in the 8th Air Force, "Oh, you Air Force guys with your clean sheets and warm barracks."

Kernan responded by telling Dole the 8th Air Force had 30,000 fatalities, the largest number in any unit in the war.

The trip was the brainchild of the Royal Oak American Legion Post that honors World War II vets. Kernan arrived in style at the Westin at Metro in a limo and slept in a nice room courtesy of Ford Motor Company Executive Travel. Kernan was employed by Ford for 41 years after graduating



Peter Kernan at World War II Veterans Memorial

from Notre Dame with an engineering degree.

He and his companions breakfasted for free at the National Coney Island before boarding a 6:36 a.m. flight to Reagan National Airport.

"When we arrived at the departure gate at Metro in the morning, we were met with much extended applause from the 50 or so people gathered there. Very heartwarming indeed," Kernan wrote.

In the Washington area, they visited The National World War II Memorial's Freedom Wall that contains more than 4,000 gold stars — each representing 100 U.S. service men and women killed in the war. They were bused to Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the changing of the guard before returning to the airport and flying home by 6 p.m.

"I tried to pay for a Manhattan drink on the flight home," Kernan reported. "The

flight attendant said the cocktail was on Northwest Airlines."

He was met by a Metro car and returned home in a limo. Kernan will be 83 Dec. 18.

Since he is color blind, he had to memorize the charts to deceive the screeners who would have prevented him from serving in World War II. Most of the veterans of that war are now in their 80s and some are in their 90s.

If you know Kernan, wish him a happy birthday and thank him for his service. In fact, if you know any veteran of World War II, thank him or her. They are a vanishing breed.

The trip was sponsored by Honor Flight Michigan, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a Web site at honor-flightmichigan.com. The group pays for the flights with donations from companies and individuals. It points out that the youngest World War II veteran is over 78 and it includes a Will

Rogers quote in its brochure. "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by."

Joy

If you buy "Joy," the holiday CD from the Grosse Pointe South choir, you can listen to Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus from the "The Messiah" without getting into the debate whether Britain's King George II actually stood during a performance — thus starting a tradition — or if he was even there that day.

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in your car.

The \$10 CD also includes "White Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Ave Maria" and more from the Pointe Singers, Advanced Women, Freshman Select and Tower Belles.

You can buy it at Fresh Farms Market, Boutique Bellissima, Dawood Boutique, Greenhouse Salon, Jerry's Party Store, Mr. C's Car Wash, and Something Special; or visit gpsouthchoir.org; or call (313) 432-3638.

Proceeds support the vocal music program and scholarships for South students.

Movies

Detroit Historical Museum Curator Michael Hauser will take you back to 1917 when

more than a dozen movie theaters were concentrated along Monroe Street near Campus Martius in Detroit, if you sign up for his lecture from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the museum.

Hauser, who designed the current exhibit, "Detroit: The Reel' Story" is also co-author with Marianne Weldon of "Downtown Detroit's Movies Palaces," part of the Images of America series published by Arcadia Books, sponsors of the author series at the museum at 5401 Woodward.

The event is free for society members and \$10 for guests. For more information or reservations, call (313) 833-7935 or visit detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

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jerk the cup away and spill dark, hot liquid down the front of my clean white shirt.

Now this could be a real downer, unless I remember those boys in Louisiana, who stole some gunpowder from Walmart. They were standing around smoking when somebody flicked an ember off a cigarette and ignited their ill-gotten gains. They were treated for minor burns, then promptly sent to jail.

That's worse off than I am.

The other day I had one of those fairly common experiences in which a person lays something on top of the car while they unlock the door. Then they get in and leave whatever it is laying up there, when they drive away. In this case, it was a travel pack of my favorite CDs.

We drove away, and at the first intersection it flew off and skidded across the street, scratching up some of my best tune discs.

I played chicken with a couple of cars to rescue my music from the roadway, getting some odd looks and a honk or two.

Now, this could be a real downer unless, of course, I

start thinking about that fellow up in Michigan, who recently had some trouble with his brakes. They apparently threw some sparks and ignited the load of hay he was hauling on a trailer and in the bed of his truck.

This man reportedly tried to unhook from the trailer but couldn't. So he decided to make a run for open country in search of an isolated spot to put the fire out. Unfortunately, speed and wind only exacerbated the problem, and he began losing huge chunks of burning straw onto the road side, igniting a series of small fires as he went.

Observers were astonished to see truck and trailer speeding down the road with 30-foot

flames billowing from its load.

Now, by the time they got the fire put out, this fellow suffered a much greater loss than a couple of CDs.

So, I'd have to say he was worse off than I am.

Still, there are a few angles from which even his story can be viewed positively.

For one thing, the area had recently had plenty of rain, so the grass was good and green and the fires he set along the roadway didn't spread far. He also wasn't charged with any kind of wrongdoing in relation to his fire — which makes those boys in Louisiana worse off than he is.

Francis Shrum is a columnist who writes for King Features Syndicate.

LETTERS: Tremendous gift giving

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Thanks many

To the Editor:

On Nov. 18, more than 800 hungry men, women and children enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen, thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people, most from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The following day, the leftovers from that meal provided dinner to another 250 hungry

individuals.

This year marked our 11th pre-Thanksgiving dinner at Crossroads, located in Detroit's midtown area. We are thankful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many in this community.

Prior to the dinner, the Grosse Pointe News printed an article detailing our project and the need for turkeys to be donated. As in the past, the response was incredible. Not only did we have enough food to serve large portions to every dinner guest on Sunday as well as at a dinner the next day, but we also were able to bag up the remaining turkey and distribute it to needy clients from our social service units.

This was a tremendous gift for those living on such meager budgets that any meat is a luxury.

The Kordas family, Grosse Pointe residents and owners of Metropolitan Baking Company, again graciously provided bread rolls for the dinner. And, Woods resident, Terry Valerio of Advantage Sales and Marketing donated 144 pumpkin pies through Spartan Markets.

We are extremely grateful for these very generous donations.

Most of our volunteers have worked with us time and again. However, we always welcome some new friends to the ranks.

All work hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this huge project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, help collect food, offer storage space, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in our hot, cramped kitchen serving the food and washing dishes.

They treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

Each year we are amazed at the outpouring of generosity given by so many involved in pulling this meal together.

The continuing economic situation in Detroit is dire. As in previous years, thousands of people are struggling daily just to survive. They are facing ever more difficult challenges as unemployment, a lack of affordable health care, and the rising costs of just about everything, which leaves them with precious few resources.

In too many cases, food is a scarce commodity. Often times, we see young men and women rummaging through the garbage dumpsters in Crossroads' parking lot, looking for discarded food.

Shamefully, half of Detroit's children still live in poverty and three quarters are members of low-income households. The physical and emotional effects of extreme hardship at such a young age can last a lifetime.

The coming winter will only increase the heartache for those with not enough food, inadequate shelter, too few clothes and frostbite bring a constant threat.

With this in mind, it was an inspiration to see such a spirit of giving for our pre-Thanksgiving meal.

The Detroit metro area is well known for its generosity, and at Christmas time we are especially aware of the needs of the poor.

It is our hope, once again, that those of us who have been blessed with such abundant gifts will remember that poverty and despair know no season. Need exists all year long.

We are proud to have had an opportunity to work with the many friends and neighbors, who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLIE
TURNER
Grosse Pointe Farms

New era

To the Editor:

I just wanted to point out that I appreciate the new and improved Grosse Pointe News Web site.

I was trying to find an old article and it was much easier to maneuver than a few months ago.

Keep up the good work!
ZOILA BROWN
Grosse Pointe Shores

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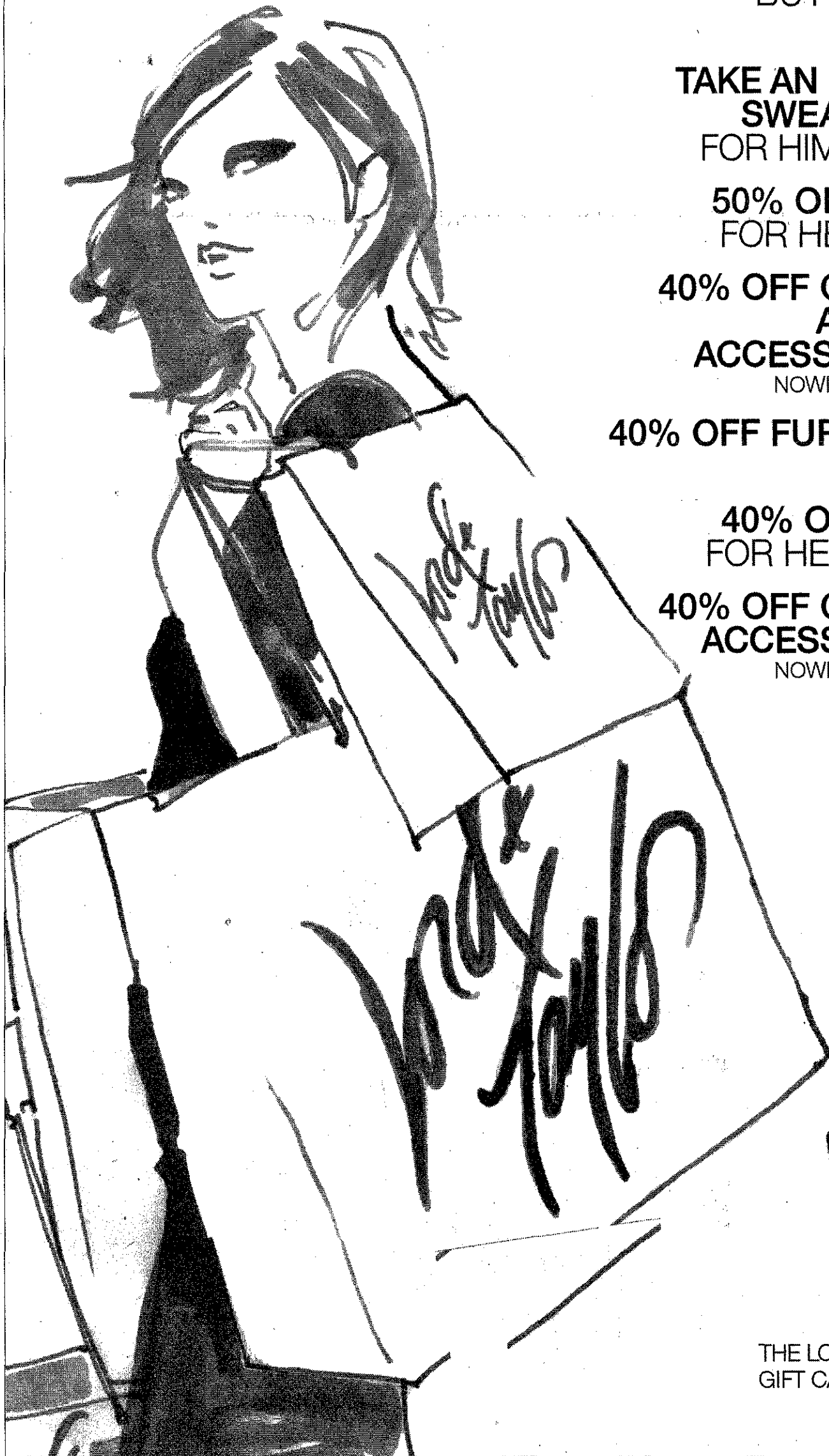
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VETERANS POST By Freddy Groves

Make plans for '08

With the New Year coming, it's a good time to do a little review and planning. What do you want to accomplish next year?

Have you contributed your story to the Veterans History Project?

You can contribute via audio or video, or written personal narrative, old letters or some visuals like photos. Get specific information at loc.gov/vets or call (888) 371-5848.

This isn't the same as the National WWII Memorial's Registry of Remembrances. The Veterans History Project covers all wars, not just World War II.

Do you live near a VA hospital?

Call volunteer services and put in some time. Maybe you'll be asked to drive a golf cart

around the parking lot picking up veterans coming in for medical care, who might have a hard time walking. Maybe you'll be asked to just talk to one guy, who never gets any company or mail. Ask about providing transportation to veterans, who can't get in for medical care.

Are your affairs in order? If something happens to you, do your loved ones know where your paperwork is? Is it organized? Make it easy on them and take care of that business now.

Are you getting all the benefits you're entitled to?

If you've tried and were turned down, call the American Legion Veterans Affairs and

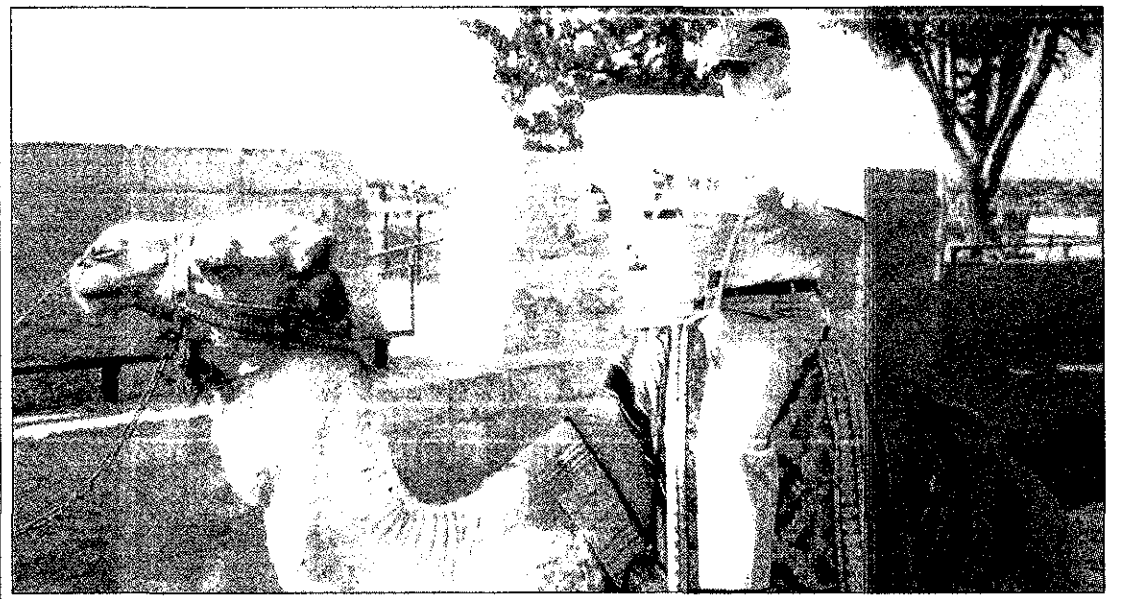
Rehabilitation office at (313) 964-6640 or (313) 964-6641 or visit legion.org.

Check govbenefits.gov online for programs you might be eligible for or call them at (800) 333-4636.

Assemble all your medals. A little scruffy and battered? Order a set of replacements.

Know a young veteran's family that might be going through tough times right now? Send a grocery store gift card anonymously through the mail. That's something they can always use.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.



Jerusalem News

Robert Ternes of Grosse Pointe Woods took time out of his travels to Jerusalem to catch up on his hometown events by reading the Grosse Pointe News. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

Driver program

The American Association of Retired Persons Driver Safety Program reminds drivers of the following safety tips:

- ◆ Practice good scanning habits.

- ◆ Pay attention to the total traffic scene when driving.

- ◆ Look at least one block ahead in city driving or a quarter mile ahead in suburban rural driving.

- ◆ Glance slightly to the left and right of the roadway to look for approaching danger from cross streets.

- ◆ Check the rear view and side mirrors periodically.

- ◆ Maintain a three-second trailing distance by locating a fixed point ahead. When the vehicle ahead passes that point, start counting seconds, 1,001, 1,002, 1,003. If your car arrives at the fixed point before three seconds, adjust your speed and repeat.

- ◆ Keep a "space cushion" around your vehicle on all four sides. Space cushions give drivers maximum maneuvering room in case of an emergency.

- ◆ Stay alert at intersections.

- ◆ Be alert to cars from all directions.

- ◆ Remember right-of-way is something given, not taken.

- ◆ A vehicle that "comes out of nowhere" may indicate decreased peripheral vision.

- ◆ A near miss with a car approaching from the right may indicate a problem with depth perception.

"These tips are good rules for all drivers to live by," said Steve Gools, AARP Michigan state director. "We are responsible for maintaining our driving skills all the time no matter what our age."

According to the Federal Highway Administration, there are about 75 million licensed drivers age 50 and older in the United States. By 2025, a quarter of all drivers will be over age 65.

The AARP Driver Safety Program holds an eight-hour course for people wanting to refresh their driving skills. For more information, call (888) 227-7669 or visit aarp.org/driver/online.

Lake levels

The following lake levels as of Dec. 7 are offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

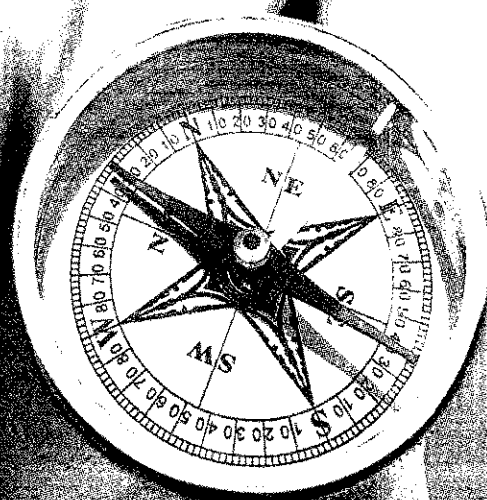
Currently, Lake Superior's water level is 4 inches higher than it was at this time last year. Lakes Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie are 11 to 13 inches below their levels of one year ago, while Lake Ontario is 21 inches lower than last year's levels.

All of the Great Lakes, with the exception of Lake Ontario, are in their period of seasonal decline and are forecasted to fall 1 to 3 inches over the next month.

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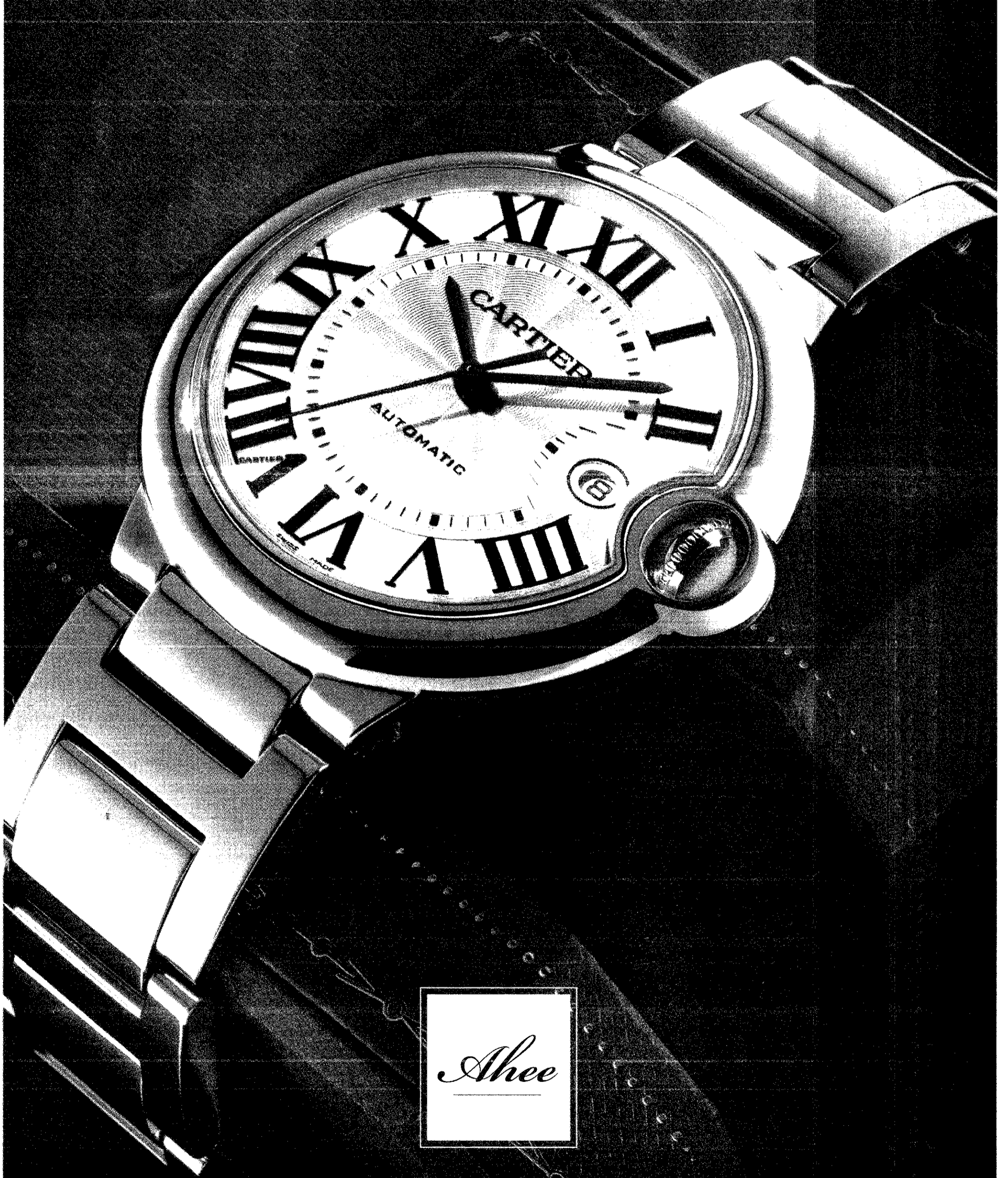
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GPS choir performs

The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir presents its annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson, Detroit. Highlights include Schubert's Mass in G, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" and other popular holiday classics. Also featured will be the South chamber orchestra, directed by Ellen Bowen, with thanks to James Gross, and Belles and Beaus Handell Ensemble directed by Christine Judson. Ticket prices are \$15 for main floor, \$10 for balcony and \$9 for seniors and students (bal-

cony seating). Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit gpsouthchoir.org or call South's performing arts department at (313) 432-3638.



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Students enriched by the need to read

In mid-October, teachers at The Grosse Pointe Academy challenged students in grades 4 to 8 to a reading contest.

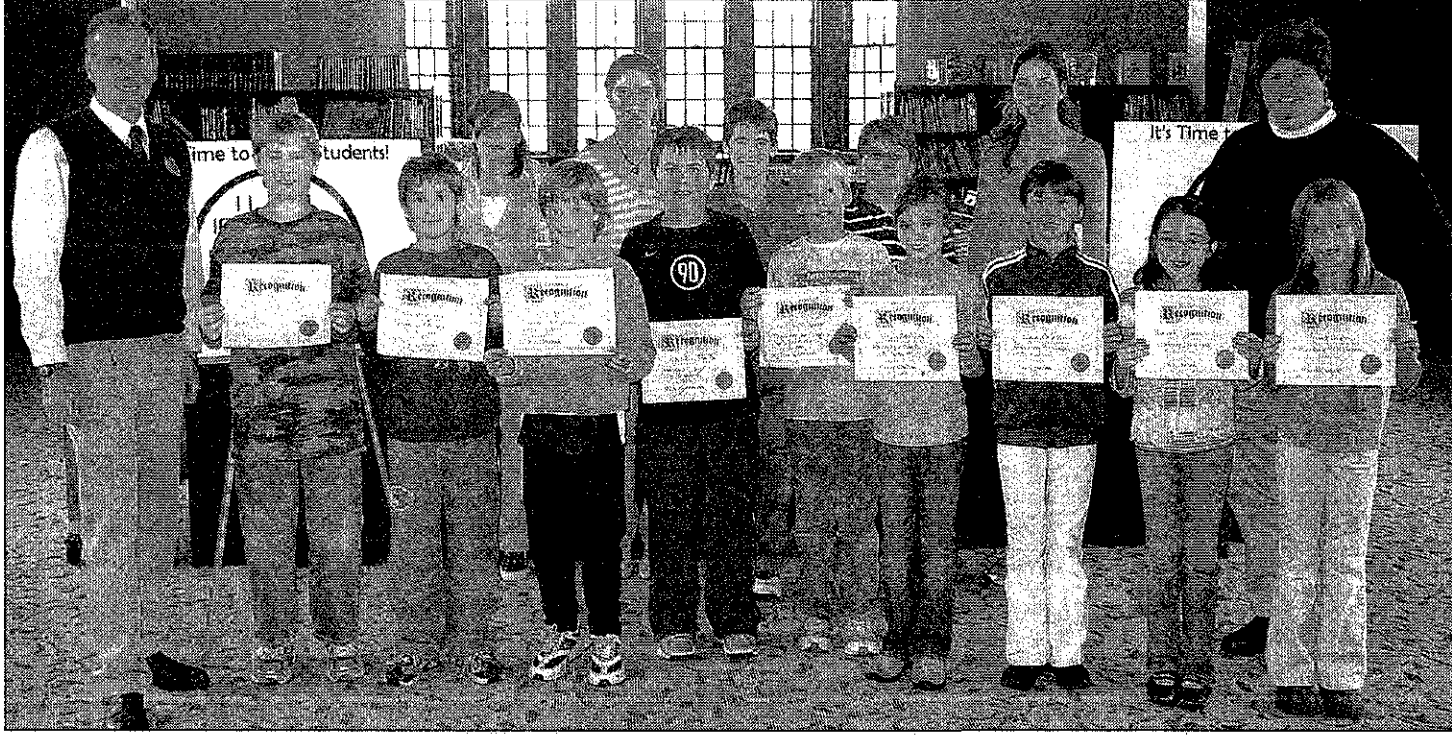
Who could read the most pages, the students or the teachers?

A theme was created, "It's Time to Read," and the race was on.

Two clocks were created to track the progress of the two teams. For every 300 pages read, the hand on the clock moved one minute closer toward the ultimate goal of 18,000 pages.

Three weeks into the contest, time ran out for teachers. The students had logged in enough pages to claim first place, reading 24,266 pages compared to 16,282 pages by the teachers.

The students were awarded a free dress day. As promised, the teachers dressed in school uniforms on Friday, Nov. 16, for their second place showing.



Pictured above are grades 4 to 8 principal Scott Tily and librarian Jane Baetens, both in full school uniform, with the top readers in each grade. They are, front row from left, sixth-grader Karstan Minanov; fifth-graders Nikolas Minanov and Sam Williams; fourth-graders Christian Smith, Robert Whitaker, Grace Scarfone, Leonie Leslie, Rachel Lannen and Anna Crane. Back row from left, seventh-graders Morgan Westwood, Giovanna Posselius and Conor Tily; and eighth-graders Welling French and Katarina Goitz.

The students were awarded a free dress day. As promised, the teachers dressed in school uniforms on Friday, Nov. 16, for their second place showing.

"There are no losers when it comes to reading," said librarian Jane Baetens, who coordinated the contest.

Recognition certificates were awarded to students who read 500 or more pages. Certificates will continue to be awarded throughout the year. "We want our students to continue to take time to read," said Baetens.

"Our goal was not to beat them. Our goal was to encourage a lifelong love of reading. Beating them would have been nice, however."

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Holiday festivities

The Grosse Pointe South jazz band and jazztet, under the direction of Dan White, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Music Hall Jazz Cafe in downtown Detroit. South has performed at this venue the past nine years. They will join nationally acclaimed drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts, trumpeter Jim Rotundi and trombonist Steve Turre. White's musicians will perform holiday tunes, along with venerable jazz standards. The jazztet, a four-piece combo, will open the concert followed by the award-winning 20-piece jazz band. Tickets for the Yule Be Boppin' Holiday Jazz Concert at the Jazz Cafe, 350 Madison off the Chrysler Freeway, are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. Advance tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval in the Village in the City of Grosse Pointe. For additional information, contact (313) 432-3642.

Barnes always special

The elementary school tucked into a Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood was built to accommodate the growing population of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Constructed in 1956, the school on Morningside was named in honor of John R. Barnes, the district's superintendent from 1947 to 1950. He had also been supervisor of instruction.

Due to declining enrollment, Barnes as an elementary

school was closed in Nov. 1983, but didn't remain empty for long.

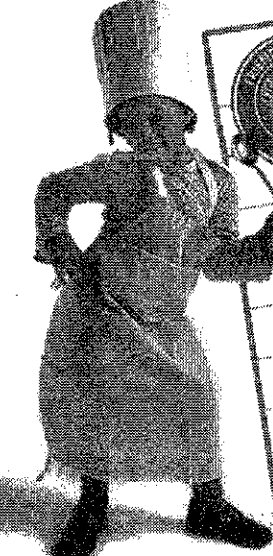
The following year community education moved in and the classrooms were once again in use. The special needs student population was expanding and schools could only find room for those classes in odd places.

Former Student Services Director Pamela Lemerand decided those children needed a space of their own. She point-

ed to Barnes as the perfect place to house the expanding programs.

Refurbished and brightly painted, the school now houses the Early Childhood Center which includes preschool and kindergarten-age children with special needs, all day kindergarten, Department of Students Services, Special Education and the Department of Community Education and the Family Center.

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Alumni to meet

All members of the Grosse Pointe South class of 2007 are invited back to the school for an alumni holiday gathering from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, in Cleminson Hall. The afternoon will give stu-

dents a chance to visit with former teachers and classmates. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Sherry McRill at (313) 881-0325 or Liz Jenzen at (313) 882-3986.



Advertising Correction Notice

The Lowe's tab in this week's newspaper contains an error. An incorrect image was displayed on the Front Cover for the SKIL 14.4-Volt Single Speed Cordless Drill/Driver Kit (#278341). The image displayed a 14.4-Volt SKIL drill with a Lithium Ion battery and the advertised Special Value is for a 14.4-Volt SKIL drill with a Nickel Cad battery.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

District receives lighting bids

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The lights will be a little brighter in the upcoming months in the Grosse Pointe North and South gymnasiums.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of business and support services, received several bids for replacing existing fixtures with energy efficient models.

The board approved Fenton's recommendation of McNulty Electric Inc, which supplied a bid of \$130,000.

Other companies submitting bids were Great Lakes Power & Light, \$132,352; Shoreview Electric, \$138,800; Envision Electric Contracting, \$163,415;

Fresard Electric, \$241,814; and Patti Electric, Inc. \$57,600 just for the South job.

The bid specifications included removal of all existing light fixtures in the gyms and replacing them with new energy efficient T8 fixtures, Fenton said.

The number of fixtures to be replaced is 63 at South; and 96 in the main gym and 54 in the upper gym at North.

Fenton said the South bid includes replacement of old wiring and electric panel, and the North bid includes occupancy sensors in the weight room.

The project will be funded from the Sinking Fund, Fenton said.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Host with the most

The Mothers Club of Grosse Pointe South is hosting the annual Alumni Gathering from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in Cleminson Hall. South parents and faculty will greet the class of 2007 graduates with refreshments and musical entertainment provided by the South Performing Arts Department. Pictured above with the South Alumni banner is the formal welcoming committee from left to right, Al Diver, South principal; Sherry McRill, Mothers Club Alumni co-chair; Don Girodot, parent; Dan Griesbaum, South baseball coach; Michael Wasilewski, English department chair; Suzanne Klein, superintendent of schools; and Liz Jenzen, Mothers Club Alumni co-chair. All 2007 graduates are encouraged to attend and socialize with your former classmates and teachers.

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students enjoy holiday party

The John D. Pierce National Junior Honor Society of Grosse Pointe gathered Tuesday, Dec. 4 to celebrate the holidays and make blankets for Trinity Social Ministries of Utica.

The 43 blankets created by members Pierce Middle School teachers will benefit the homeless who take part in the ministry's Shower, Supper and Sack Lunch program.

The program serves about 80 homeless people per day with numbers increasing to up to 100 during the winter months, when the ministry offers nightly shelter to many whom live under tarps in wooded areas near Utica.

"I want to congratulate all the NJHS members, who put in time and energy into making blankets," said Claudia Zwirner, Pierce Middle School social studies teacher and NJHS faculty council member.

"I am proud to be a part of such a great organization and even more importantly, a fabulous group of people," she said.

The NJHS is not quite done with its volunteer work. There are still more blankets to make and the job will be completed by the members during their lunch breaks.

In addition to helping the homeless, members can be found tutoring their peers and students at Trombly and Defer Elementary schools.

"This is awesome and precisely why your service is such an important part of what makes [NJHS] an outstanding

group of well-rounded people," Pierce Principal Gary Buslepp told members at the Dec. 4 gathering. "You positively impact others."

— By Ted Berkowski

G.P. SOUTH

Students honored

Fifteen Grosse Pointe South High School students qualified to compete in the second part of the 51st annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

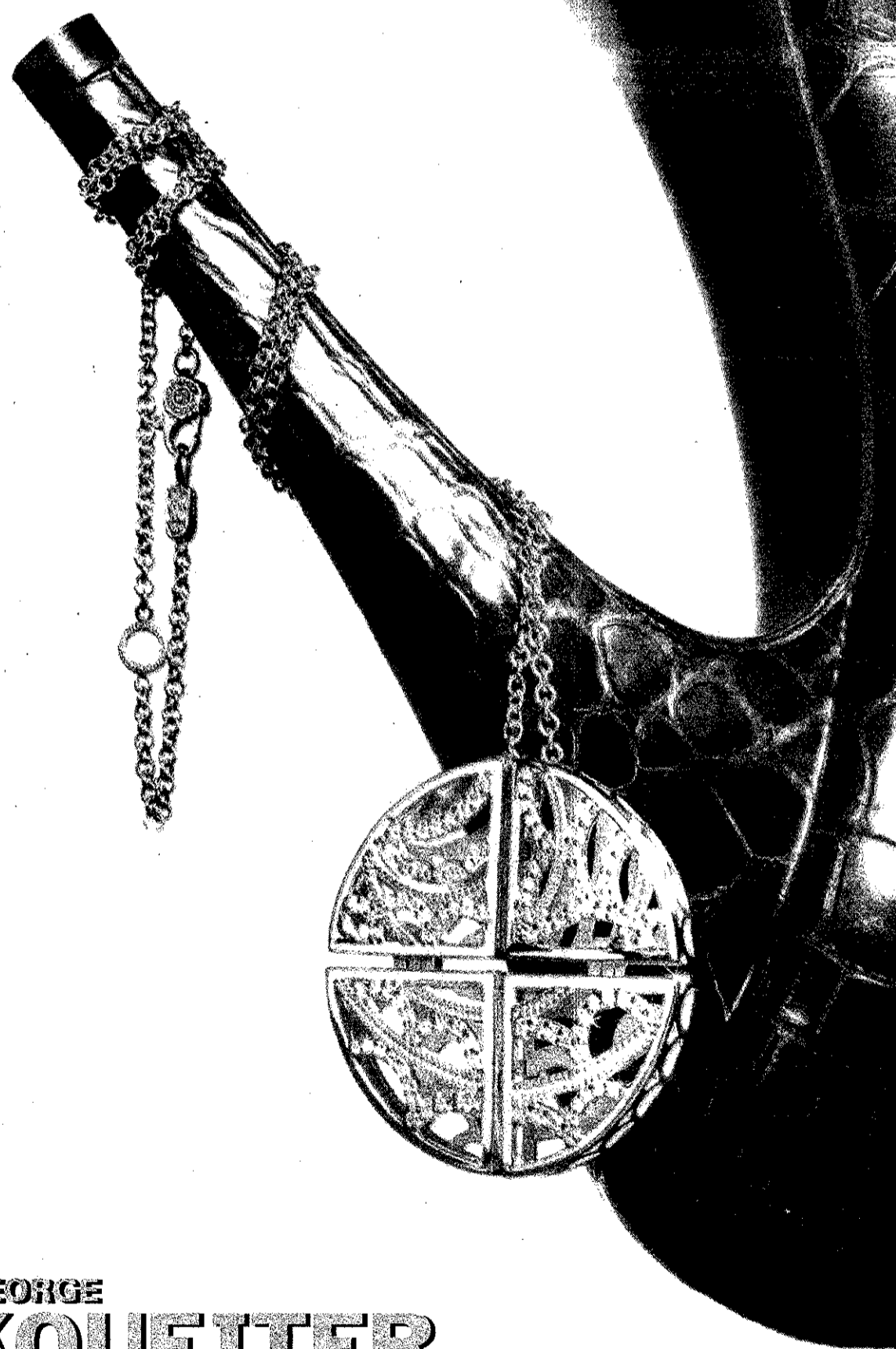
Sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America, Part II of the exam was administered Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The Part II exam consists of five challenging problems to which the students must provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results.

These 15 South students are among the top 1,000 students, who qualified for the more difficult Part II.

The students who were honored are Christopher Clement, Robert Montgomery, Sam Mott, Evan Welch, Alex Cha, John Gies and Brad Menchi; front row, seated from left, Dan Dou, Liza Dzul, Marissa Gawel, Natalie Rhodes, Grace Cho, Eva Dou, Lyle Baumgarten and Sam Barbour.

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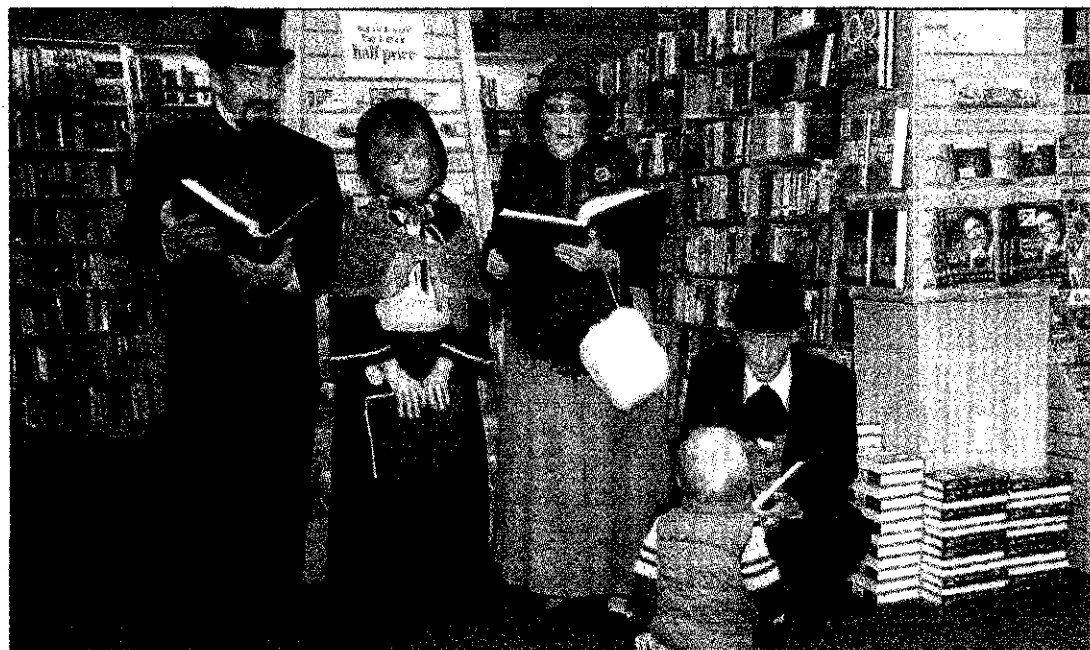
16A | BUSINESS

Ho, ho, ho

Borders book store in the City of Grosse Pointe hosted an open house Thursday, Dec. 6. The store gave customers a chance to relax while shopping for holiday gifts. Pictured right is one of Santa's helpers, Borders employee Lauren Linsalata, watching Cassidy Kline color a picture and Chloe Kline writing a letter to Mr. Claus. Pictured below right are employees from left, Yolanda Blackwell, Abby Barefield, Sage Medvedik and Linsalata, dressed for the occasion. Pictured below is 1-year-old Andrew Medvedik watching and listening to chorale group performers, from left, Paul Silver, Diane Calhoun, Peggy O'Shaughnessy and Steve Stewart.



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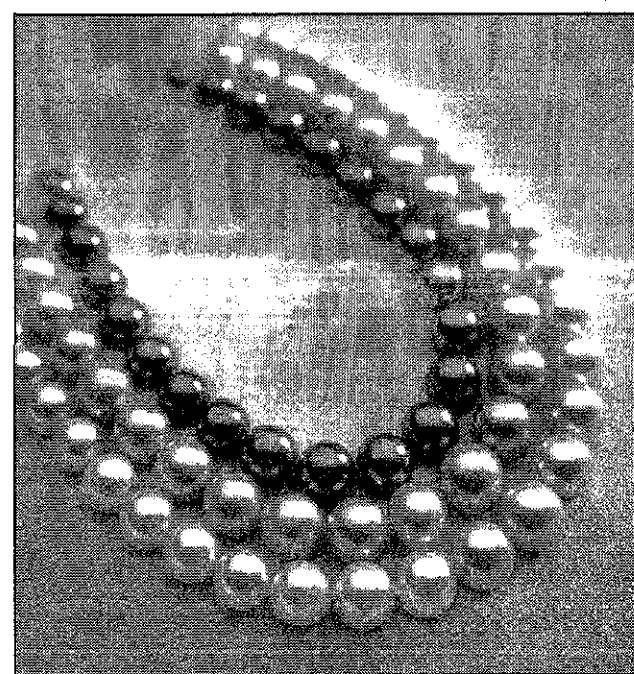
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Convenient shopping

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce held its inaugural Presents in the Pointes event Thursday, Dec. 6. Two old-fashioned trolleys were the means of transportation for dozens of Grosse Pointers, who went holiday shopping at several business locations. A hostess was on each trolley to provide information, while chamber of commerce employees were at the Beaners on Mack wrapping presents. In addition, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Flute Ensemble held a performance at the Hill Seafood and Chop House on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, and at City Kitchen on Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe.

BEVERLY HALL BURNS, a firm principal and member of Miller Canfield's Labor and Employment Law Group, was elected to the board of directors of the Michigan Humane Society. It is the largest animal welfare organization in Michigan. Burns practices labor law and specializes in school labor matters. She is recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America" and "Michigan Super Lawyers." Active in civic affairs, Burns

has served as past chair of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors, serves on the board of directors of the Economic Club of Detroit and the Detroit Athletic Club. She is a fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, and past chair (2004-2006) of the board of trustees of the Michigan Women's Foundation. She is a former member of the MSUAA's national alumni board. Burns lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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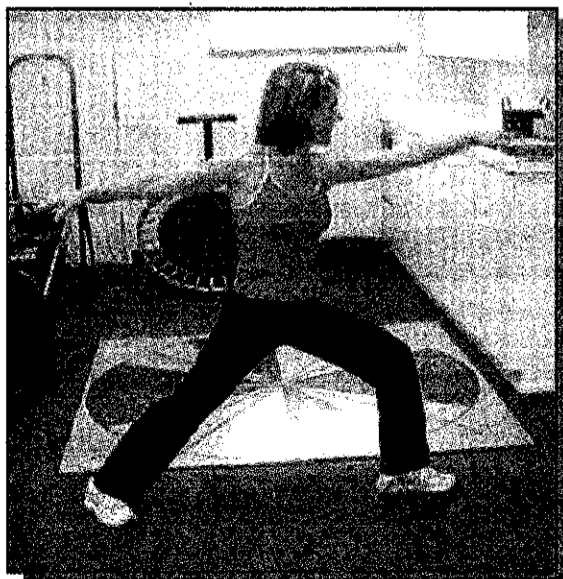


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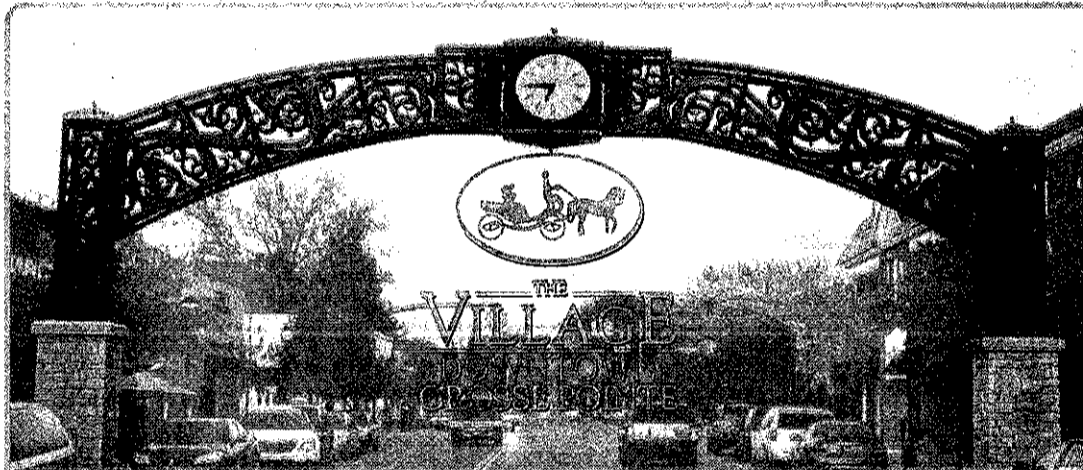
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18A | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

The all-new 2008 Cadillac CTS is a world-class luxury competitor. This showpiece sedan is exciting to drive and is named the 2008 Motor Trend Car of the Year.

2008 Cadillac CTS performs, impresses



The 2008 Cadillac CTS comes with built-in sticker shock. No, not the kind that makes you blanch or begin perspiring heavily in the dealer showroom.

The shock is that the luxury intermediate has a base price in the low \$30,000 range. If you are waiting for the anticipated arrival in a few years of an \$8,000 Chinese-built Chery, you may not be impressed with a window sticker of say, \$33,000. But, when you check out the technology, interior and exterior designs, and conceivable residual value of a Cadillac CTS, you still will be impressed.

A base CTS comes equipped with a 2.8-liter V-6 engine with a six-speed manual transmission. The six-speed automatic with shift control is an option as are a 3.6-liter, 263-horsepower V-6 and a 304-horsepower direct injection version of the V-6 engine. The new 304-horsepower V-6 produces lower hydrocarbon emissions, Cadillac said.

Rear-wheel drive is standard. All-wheel drive is available for the first time in the CTS and adds about 250 pounds to the curb weight of the luxury sedan.

In the "little things mean a lot" category, here were some pleasing CTS discoveries. The driver uses a real, old-fashioned

key in a traditional ignition slot — no special keyless fobs to confuse and perplex, although the "EasyKey" is an option.

Other pluses: the CTS has a beautiful clock on the instrument panel that had hands on it and some numbers; and the sport sedan runs on regular unleaded gas, so there's no need to use the \$3.60-per-gallon stuff. One could open the fuel filler door by pressing on its edge instead of searching high and low inside the vehicle for the right button to push.

And there were buttons aplenty. Both driver and front seat passenger can push buttons to control individual heating and cooling as well as the degree of toastiness you'd like from your heated seat.

A cunning information screen rises out of the center of the instrument panel in order to display entertainment functions and, if you have ordered one, the navigation system data.

The test vehicle had the 304-horsepower V-6 under its hood and an automatic transmission.

A Thanksgiving Day sojourn to Traverse City gave the CTS a chance to strut its stuff. Having four-wheel disc brakes with an antilock system, traction control and GM's StabiliTrack provides the driver with the knowledge that some great technology is at work to keep the vehicle right on the highway where it belongs.

Somewhere around Clarkston on I-75 on a slippery, wet and snowy morning, a beautiful copper-colored Nissan Z-car suddenly found itself in an awkward position on



A purposeful new profile distinguishes the redesigned 2008 Cadillac CTS, at rest here after a drive to snowy Traverse City.

the right shoulder of the highway. Brake lights went on fellow travelers' vehicles and one driver switched suddenly from the inside lane to the outside lane.

For a while we all drove with extra caution, especially when passing a forlorn pickup or sedan that was stranded on the median, awaiting a tow.

North of Flint, construction on I-75 squeezes the highway from three to two lanes — lanes without much wiggle room. Suddenly a voice interrupted the radio: "Attention, in two miles the lanes are narrow."

"That's highway information picked up by the XM satellite system on the car," said David Caldwell, Cadillac spokesman.

Caldwell said the real-time information provider, Navteq, lets drivers know of unusual highway situations. Actually, roadside signs warned well in advance of the skinny lanes, but better too much informa-

tion than surprises. It gave the same warning traveling south in I-75 that evening and a day later in the Detroit metro area.

Caldwell said that information — "ohmygosh alerts" — can be switched off.

Navteq will also provide the driver with an update on roads selected via the DVD-based navigation system. Using green, yellow and red, it describes traffic conditions, allowing you to select another route if there's more red than you care to deal with.

Traverse City was enjoying the results of its first snowfall of the season on Thanksgiving. For the most part, roads were clear. But one wide intersection challenged the CTS, as it brought traction control into play in a throbbing effort to make a left hand turn in a couple of inches of slush. Then the StabiliTrack went to work to keep the vehicle from oversteering and heading into

oncoming traffic.

The CTS for review, with the larger engine and automatic transmission, priced out at \$34,545. Some options packages were added. They included the \$3,300 "performance collection," which consisted of 18-inch wheels and tires, high intensity headlamps with washers, sport suspension, heated seats with leather surfaces and heated windshield washer fluid.

A summer tire performance package was \$1,240. And an upgraded entertainment package with navigation system and satellite (XM) radio was \$3,145. This package includes a 40-gigabyte hard drive device that allows pause and rewinding of live radio. Cadillac's Caldwell said the hard drive provides up to 60 minutes of "buffering" of the car's radio. You can pause a live broadcast to make a phone call, exit the car to complete an errand or

"rewind" to listen again to what was being played.

The navigation system does speedy route calculation and displays freeway exit information via expandable icons. This optional system uses an eight-inch diagonal, high resolution infotainment display head with full touch screen operation, he said.

Want sapele interior wood trim? That's an additional \$495. The packages and trims plus a \$745 destination charge brought the grand total to \$43,470.

Motor Trend placed this sport sedan on a pedestal, when the enthusiast magazine named the Cadillac CTS its Car of the Year for model year 2008. This undoubtedly will have some people scrutinizing the CTS even more closely, perhaps hoping to find flaws; it also will put it on shopping lists where it may not have appeared in recent years.

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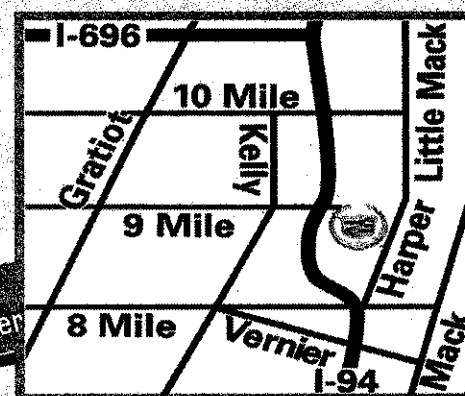
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AUTOS By Jenny King

The sleek, luxurious Lexus IS350 sport sedan is engineered for performance driving - Safety features include a range of structural reinforcements with front and rear crumple zones

Lexus IS350 is wolf in sheep's clothing



The Lexus IS350 is a gift-wrapped package of technology plus luxury and convenience features, that would satisfy most appetites for a sport sedan that's perhaps not too athletic but very accommodating.

With a 306-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 under its tasteful hood, and a six-speed automatic that also allows you to "paddle shift" from the steering wheel. The IS350 is probably quite capable of burning up the roads, but never lets on. Lexus says its zero-to 60 mph time is an impressive 5.3 seconds.

There are two additional IS models: the IS250 with a 204-horsepower 2.5-liter six and rear drive, and the IS250 with the same engine plus all-wheel drive.

If you are accustomed to front drive, you'll soon notice the huge interior profile of the drive shaft running the length of the car to the rear drive components. You may also notice how differently a rear-drive vehicle handles in the snow. The car seemed to want to spin those rear wheels and give up on slippery surfaces. At some point, traction control will come to your assistance.

Four snow tires are the answer, said a trusted colleague with a lifetime of automotive experience. Traction is a greater problem with big wheels and tires, he added.



The Lexus IS350 has a powerful 3.5-liter V-6 under its stylish hood; be prepared to do zero to 60 mph in under six seconds.

Standard safety features include driver and front passenger knee air bags, front seat-mounted side air bags, and front and rear side curtain air bags. The lighting in this car is magnificent. The headlights appear to shed their clear brightness in an 180-degree swath.

You can see more peripherally when driving at night. And the "puddle lamps" on the side-view mirrors illuminate the ground and door areas for

good entrance visibility.

The test vehicle used a smart key fob and was started by depressing the brake pedal while pushing the starter button, which takes its signals from that fob. A cautionary note: The fob may seem convenient, but it's easy to leave in the vehicle if you aren't locking up, and does not emit a signal that it has been forgotten.

Lexus is big into luxury and performance packages for the

IS. You may want to work a second and third shift, if you are inclined to purchase them atop the starting price of \$35,705 commanded by the IS350.

For example, there's a \$4,200 luxury package that includes 18-inch alloy wheels, special tires, high-intensity and adaptive front headlamps, heated and ventilated leather front seats, rain-sensing wipers, and a power rear sunshade.

For another \$500, you may add intuitive parking assist, which will help you with angle and parallel parking, but does not feed the meter on your behalf.

There's a \$3,990 navigation system with audio upgrade; dual sport exhausts and rear ground effects run just over \$2,000 and another wheel upgrade with a \$1,375 price tag.

During a week of driving on various road surfaces, I was

able to nudge the average fuel economy up ever so slightly, but did not hit the 22 miles per gallon level. The official EPA ratings are 21 mpg city and 28 highway.

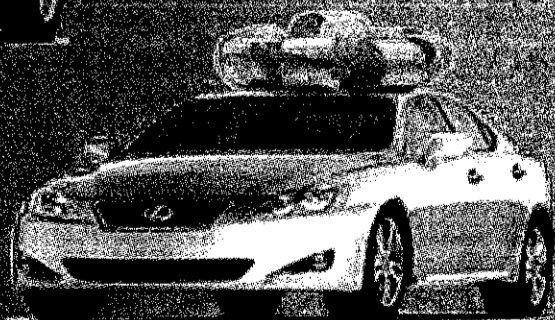
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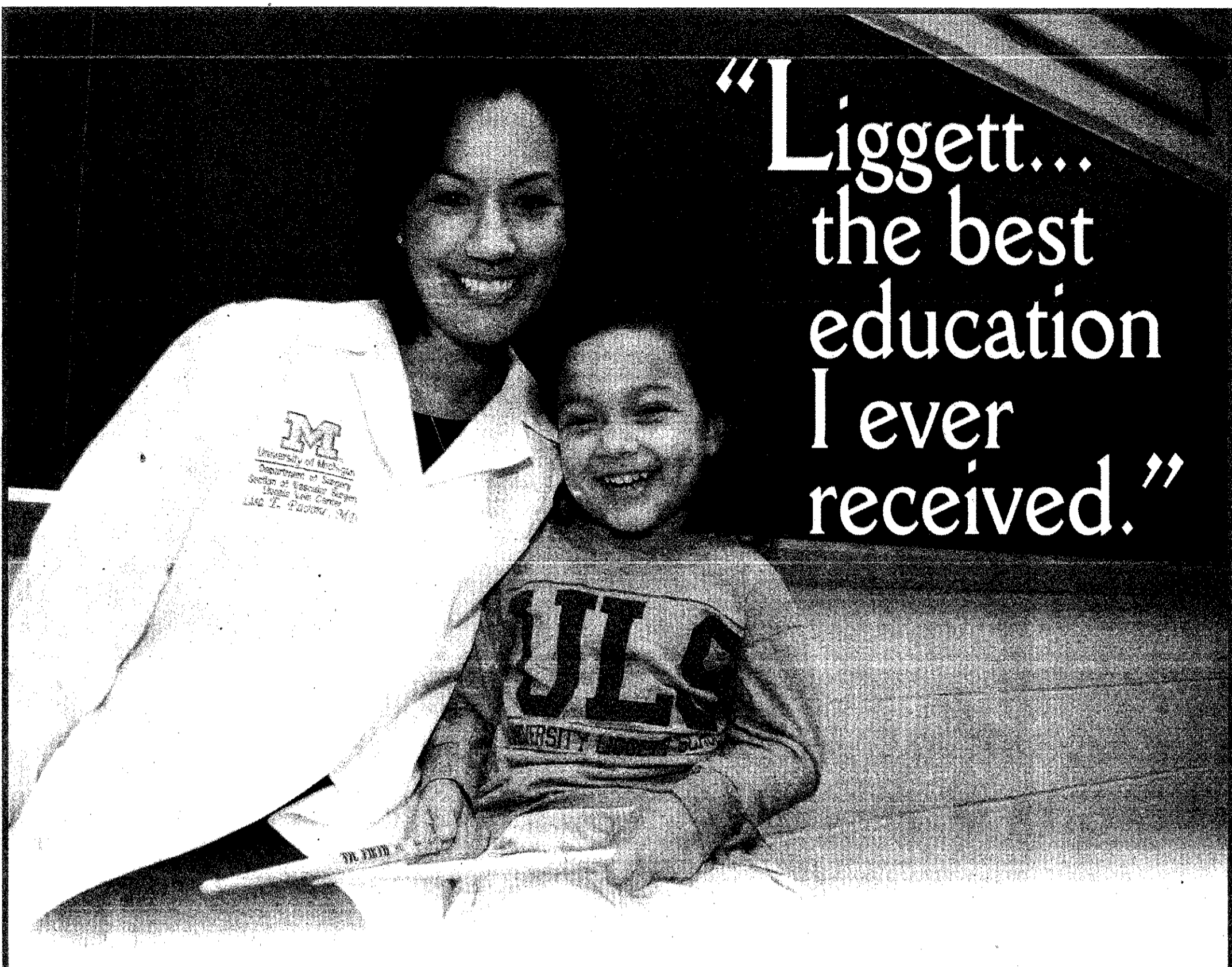
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NEWS III

POLICE BRIEFS

Threatening calls

Grosse Pointe North High School received two bomb threats last week **PAGE 22A**

Beginners swim class is for adults only

By Margie Reins Smith
Special Writer

It's 8 a.m. Saturday morning. A handful of reluctant swimmers gather on the pool deck at Parcels Middle School.

The air is thick and humid. Voices bounce back and forth on the tiled walls. Lights are bright. The water is cool; aqua-colored. One by one, students ease themselves into the shallow end of the pool.

Instructor Robin Hartnett's class of adult beginning swimmers are ready to go through their paces. "These people are inspiring," Hartnett said.

Jeff Moore and Carolyn Verbeke, seniors at Grosse Pointe North High School, and Charlotte Berschback, a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School, assist Hartnett with the nine-member class. Some members are afraid of the water; some can swim a little; some can swim, but want to learn the correct technique. With three expert swimmers and Hartnett, class members get nearly one-on-one attention.

"Arch your back," Hartnett tells one swimmer. "Get your whole legs working," she says to another. "Get some flippers. Try kicking with flippers, then without flippers."

Denise Elam of Detroit, a grandmother, is proud of her progress. She thinks she was thrown into the water when she was a youngster because



PHOTO BY MARGIE REINS SMITH

Instructor Robin Hartnett demonstrates a swimming stroke for Stephen Dueweke during a beginning swimming class for adults held at the Parcels Middle School pool. Hartnett explains why she likes teaching the class. "These people are inspiring," she said.

she has always feared water and never learned to swim.

Last spring, Elam signed up for one of Grosse Pointe Community Education's classes, Parent and Child Swimming. She enjoyed a half hour each week in the pool with her 4-year-old grandson.

Melvin Sanders and Elam own a health food store, Energy 4 Life, located on the Detroit side of Mack at Bedford. Sanders also signed up for the class with his 4-year-old granddaughter.

Hartnett said the children were playing Spiderman, a water exercise in which they (and their parent or grandparent) make their way around the pool while holding onto the edge. When Elam discovered she couldn't touch the bottom anymore, she turned to Hartnett.

"I can't go any farther," she said. "I can't swim."

Hartnett suggested the adult beginners class. Elam enrolled. Sanders signed up too. "I had some experience swimming," he said. "But I never took a formal swim class and I never was an effective swimmer. I need some help."

At this Saturday's class, Elam holds on to a kickboard, puts her face in the water and practices kicking.

"I'm so much farther than I ever thought I would be," Elam said. "It's a wonderful, liberating experience that was all but

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 58-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop at Mack and Moross at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area and his eyes appeared glassy.

After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .28 on a breath test.

His vehicle, in which police found a partially full bottle of liquor, was impounded.

Beer run

Police are investigating the theft of a case of beer from a grocery store in the 18000

block of Mack reported at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

A man tried to purchase the beer with a check written on a woman's account. When the clerk refused the transaction, the man grabbed the beer and fled the store.

He is described as a bald male, 6 feet 1 inches tall and weighing 200 pounds.

Purse pinched

Police are investigating the theft of a purse left outside a restroom stall at Grosse Pointe South High School reported at 6:35 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The purse was later found with \$180 in cash missing.

Felon arrested

Police arrested a 28-year-old Port Huron man following a traffic stop on McKinley Place at 8:18 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

A Law Enforcement Information Network check of the man revealed he had several driver's license suspensions and was wanted on a felony drug warrant out of Port Huron.

Bad buzz

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Mack at 8:46 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Police stopped the vehicle for speeding. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her facial area. Police also said the woman was slurring her words.

After failing field sobriety tests, the woman registered a .17 on a breath test.

Her vehicle, in which police found an open can of beer, was impounded.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Home invasion

Police are investigating the theft of diamond earrings and miscellaneous costume jewelry from a home in the 900 block of University reported at 5:06 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

The victim discovered the robbery when she went to let her dog out and after returning home and found the back door unlocked.

She discovered the jewelry missing from a room upstairs.

— 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 Park

Laptop stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a Dell laptop computer from a Pontiac G6 parked on the street in the 1000 block of Wayburn. The incident occurred sometime between 2 and 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Burning rubber

At 3:31 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 all fire apparatus of the public safety department responded to a call that smoke was in the basement of a house in the 800 block of Pemberton. Upon investigating, firefighters found the rubber belt on the washing machine burning.

Home invasion

Police are investigating a home invasion that occurred after the side door of an apartment in the 800 block of Trombley was forced open.

Jewelry, cash, a laptop computer and a Play Station 3 were taken sometime between 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Pushing parole

At 3:31 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 police responded to a call from a citizen who said a man was pushing a lawnmower down the 1400 block of Wayburn.

After detaining the 45-year-old Detroit resident, police determined he was a parolee. The man was arrested for possession of stolen property and narcotics and held for pick up by the Department of Corrections.

Missing a lawnmower?

The owner of the above mentioned lawnmower is unknown. It is an orange and black electric model.

Police believe the lawnmower was stolen from a home in the area of Charlevoix and Wayburn.

Those with information can call Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to public service officers Anthony Blain and Ryan Willmer who are celebrating six years with the public safety department. They started on the same day, Dec. 12, 2001.

— 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

Hydrant snatching

A fire hydrant knocked over during a police chase following a purse snatching Friday, Dec. 7 was later stolen.

Public Safety officers notified the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works department that the fire hydrant had been knocked over at Mack and Prestwick. A city employee checked the damage and left to get the proper tools to fix the hydrant. When he returned, the fire hydrant was gone.

Bad check

A man arrested for passing a bad check slipped out of his handcuffs at the Grosse Pointe Woods police department, escaped and was later found in a nearby backyard.

Police were called to a grocery store on Mack Friday, Dec. 7 after two males, both from Detroit, attempted to pass a bad check. One suspect is wanted on a probation violation in Harper Woods, the other on several warrants for felony forgery.

Bomb threats

Police and school officials responded to two bomb threats last week at a local high school.

On Monday, Dec. 3 at 12:02 a.m., police and school employees performed a sweep of the school following the discovery of a threat written on a girl's bathroom wall.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, a student reported a bomb threat written on a boy's bathroom wall.

A search of the building was conducted overnight and nothing was discovered.

School officials are reviewing hallway cameras.

Drug bust

A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods student at a local high school was arrested for possessing marijuana on school property at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

Missing person?

An elderly woman was involuntarily committed to a local psychiatric hospital after police found her rifling through a trash receptacle.

Police were called to Mack and Hampton at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 to assist the woman. She refused to give police her name and her only possession was a bag of spoiled food.

Police have contacted local police departments to see if the woman had been reported missing.

See Crimes, page 25A

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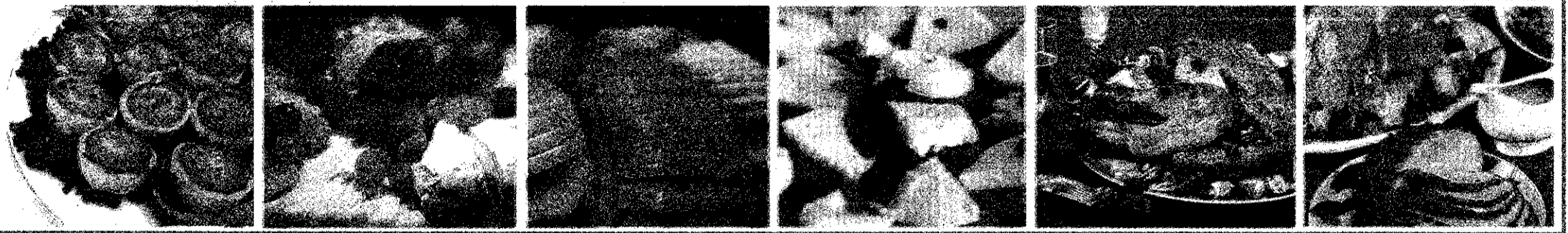
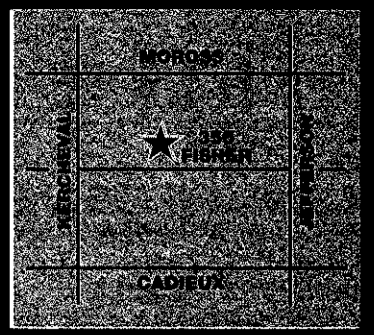
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OBITUARIES

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.

Walter Appleton

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Walter Appleton, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Appleton was born Nov. 25, 1922 in Hamtramck to Edmund and Anna Jablonowski. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and a retired Detroit Public School System principal.

Mr. Appleton served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a veteran of the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He earned three medals, five battle stars and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Appleton loved to travel. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Mens Club and the Hamtramck High School Alumni Breakfast Club.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; sons Gregory and Douglas Appleton, daughter Carol Holloway, and grandchildren Christopher (fiancee Brittany McKinley) and Amy Holloway.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake Street, St. Clair Shores, followed by burial at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

Vivian Colpaert

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Vivian Colpaert, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007.

She was born March 22, 1922 to Victor and Susan Graham in Owen Sound, Ontario, and moved to the Detroit area as a young child.

Mrs. Colpaert enjoyed painting.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Kent (Debbie), Todd, Carise (John), Brad (Katie); and great-grandchildren Spencer, Austin, Molly, Johnny, Collette, Kyle, and Gracie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Roger; sons Larry and Don; and sister Doris.

A funeral service will be handled by the Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Shirley Elizabeth Klauer

Shirley Elizabeth (Simon) Klauer, 82, unexpectedly passed away in her home on Crystal Lake Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007.

Mrs. Klauer was born in Detroit to Mary and Howard Simon. She developed a passion for music from her father, a composer and theater organist, and went on to a career as a piano and organ teacher.

Mrs. Klauer wed Leslie Hamilton Klauer on Aug. 18, 1945 at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. The

couple lived in Grosse Pointe until 1991 when they moved to Crystal Lake.

Mrs. Klauer was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood Chapter BJ, Periwinkle Garden Club of Frankfort, Altar Guild of St. Philips Episcopal Church, Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Kappa Kappa Gamma and ASCAP.

She will be remembered always by her gift of humor and warmth of spirit. She loved to play practical jokes on her family and friends.

She adored nature and was a strong advocate for animal welfare. Her home was a testament to her skill and passion for gardening.

Mrs. Klauer was an avid golfer and tennis player. She played locally with her many friends in Orange Beach, Ala. over the past several years.

She is survived by her husband, Leslie Klauer; children Sue (Tom) Bohnhorst, Cynthia (Dan) Bertalan and Mark (Diane) Klauer; grandchildren Jaime and Lauryn Jelenchick, Brendan and Elizabeth Bohnhorst, and Daniel, Patrick and Samantha Klauer; her sister, Marjorie Lohheit; and her sister-in-law Phyllis (Klauer) Klann.

She also is survived by her beloved cat, Lucky.

Mrs. Klauer was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Howard Simon; and her brothers-in-law, Orville Klann and David Lohheit.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28 at St. Philips Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Hwy., Beulah.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Philips Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Hwy., Beulah, MI, 49617 and the Benzie County Animal Welfare League, P.O. Box 172, Frankfort, MI, 49635.

The Bennett-Barz Funeral Home in Beulah is in charge of arrangements.

William K. Miller

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William K. Miller, 64, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 26, 1943 in Passaic, N.J. to Doris and George Miller. He was a 1961 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and a 1966 graduate of Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Miller was a safety director for Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company in Detroit.

He was a member of the Young Republicans, First Society, Delta Tau Epsilon Fraternity, Boulder Lakes Golf Club and the Detroit Boat Club.

Mr. Miller had a variety of interests and hobbies. He was an avid golfer, voracious reader and had a keen interest in airplanes and trains.

He also was a creative cook and enjoyed sharing good food with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; step-daughter Leigh Leonard; stepson Rick (Linda) Leonard; and grandchildren Emma and Alec Leonard.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 8 at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian

Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, with interment in the church's Memorial Garden.

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 or Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Richmond Watson Smith Jr., M.D.

Richmond Watson Smith Jr., M.D. died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, in Camden, Maine. He was 90 years old.

Dr. Smith was born June 17, 1917 in Walpole, Mass. His paternal ancestors were among the first settlers of that state and their descendants served in the Revolutionary War. One ancestor was a colonel, who served under George Washington.

Dr. Smith attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated from Yale University School of Medicine in 1942.

He interned at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, where he met Margaret Trimble, whom he married in Grosse Pointe in 1943.

Dr. Smith served three years as a war-time medical officer in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to a destroyer in the Pacific. He served during the battle of Leyte Gulf and the early phases of the Okinawa assault.

After the war, Dr. Smith completed his residency and a research fellowship at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Upon returning to Henry Ford Hospital in 1953, Dr. Smith established the Division of Endocrinology.

In 1966 he became chairman of the Department of Medicine. During this period, he and colleagues conducted significant research in osteoporosis. His findings pointed to a role for vitamin D in treatment and prevention of this bone disease.

Dr. Smith authored and co-authored more than 50 papers in a number of clinical journals and orchestrated one of the first studies on the effectiveness of the hormones ACTH and cortisone in inflammatory eye disease.

He was a member of the American College of Physicians, The Endocrine Society, The Central Society for Clinical Research, and The American Federation for Clinical Research. In 1969, the affiliation of Ford Hospital and the University of Michigan led to his appointment as a clinical professor of medicine.

In the 1930s, Dr. Smith sailed along the Maine coast and vowed to one day build a stone house near the water. That dream was realized when he retired in 1979 and with his wife, Margaret, he created drawings for and built a house in Port Clyde overlooking the ocean.

In the ensuing years, he served as facilitator of the integration of Penobscot Bay Medical Center and the Camden Community Hospital and was active in the development of Northeast Health. He served on the boards of Knowlton Home Health and the



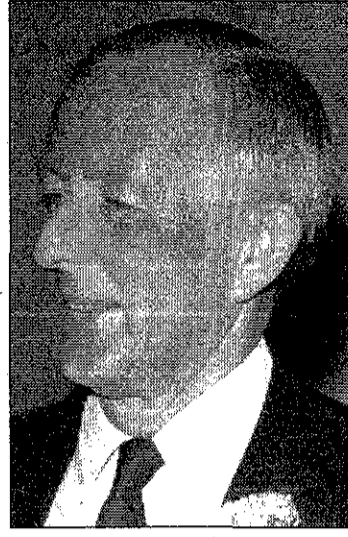
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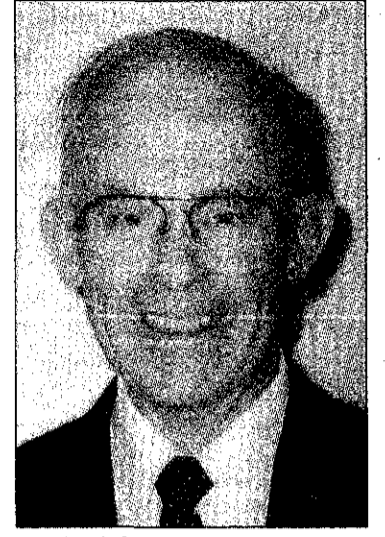
William K. Miller



Richmond W. Smith Jr., M.D.



Rosemary Westbrook



Paul Michael Zavell, M.D.

Penobscot Bay Medical Center.

His interest in the environment led to his work as a volunteer steward and preserve manager for the Coastal Mountain Land Trust.

Dr. Smith will always be remembered for the compassion, keen intelligence, warmth, and wry humor that touched the hearts of family, friends, and patients alike.

He is survived by his daughters, Cecily Johnson of Portland, Maine, and Stephanie Stein of Ross, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Trevor and Colin Johnson, and Meredith and Nathaniel Stein.

Margaret, Dr. Smith's wife of 63 years, predeceased him in May 2006.

At his wish, a memorial service will not be held. A memorial stone is being placed in his family's plot at Woodlawn Cemetery in Princeton, Mass.

A gathering of family and friends to honor the lives of Richmond and Margaret Smith will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, 101 Mt. Battie St., Camden, ME 04843.

Rosemary Westbrook

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Rosemary Westbrook died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007. In recent months she had resided in a skilled nursing facility in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Born and raised in Hamburg, N.Y., Mrs. Westbrook enjoyed a successful professional career as a cosmetic sales representative. She traveled extensively throughout the country in the course of her work, at a time when few women did.

It was while traveling on business in Virginia, that she met her future husband, Oscar Burke "Tommy" Westbrook. After her husband's death, she relocated to Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Westbrook was active in a number of charitable and social organizations during her years in Grosse Pointe.

She was a member of the Bon Secours Assistance League, the St. Paul Altar Society, Welcome Wagon, and Theatre Arts. She enjoyed playing bridge and golf, shop-

ping and being in the company of her many wonderful friends.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Westbrook, son-in-law Doug Bowman; and grandson Dylan Burke Bowman, all of Oakland Calif.

Paul Michael Zavell, M.D.

Paul Michael Zavell, M.D., 80, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Dr. Zavell was born in Indiana Harbor, Ind. on Aug. 25, 1927. The family later moved to Flint.

After one year at The Johns Hopkins University, he was called for service in the U.S. Army.

Upon his discharge, he returned to college, graduating from Johns Hopkins in 1951. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa. He loved golf and organized the university's first golf team.

In 1951 he began his medical studies at The Johns Hopkins Medical School, receiving his medical degree in 1955. He was a member of Phi Chi.

After graduation, Dr. Zavell returned to Michigan and started his residency training in pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital. There he met and married his wife, Patricia Lynch, who was a social worker.

Registration deadline nears for presidential primary election

The last day to register to vote in the Jan. 15 presidential primary election is Monday, Dec. 17.

"The primary is the first opportunity Michigan residents have to affect the election of a new president," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "If you are not yet registered to vote in Michigan, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Voter participation is the foundation of our democracy."

People must be at least 18 years old by election day and

be United States residents to register. They must also be residents of the Michigan city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters can register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at Michigan.gov/sos.

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CRIMES: Keeping the police busy

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Overexposed

A 49-year-old Trenton resident had a crack pipe and marijuana, but no pants when police arrested him for drug possession at 2:26 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Police were called to a restaurant parking lot on Mack following a report of a suspicious car. The man's car was impounded.

Purse snatching

A resident on N. Renaud had her purse snatched while she was in her home's garage at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

During a brief struggle, the purse strap was broken and the purse snatcher fled in a late model Lincoln parked in the street.

Grosse Pointe Farms police chased the suspected car until it hit a fire hydrant at Mack and Prestwick. The driver and passenger, both from Detroit, fled on foot and were later apprehended.

Both Grosse Pointe Woods and Farms police are investigating, as the car matched the description of one used in an armed robbery in the Farms Nov. 28.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Airbag deployed

A 49-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man was arrested for drunken driving following a traffic stop on Lakeshore at 10:28 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Police stopped the vehicle after observing it driving with its hazard lights on and having its passenger side airbag deployed. When questioning the driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from his facial area. Police also said the man was slurring his words. After failing field sobriety tests, the man registered a .24 on a breath test.

No soliciting

Police arrested a 22-year-old Hazel Park man and 18-year-old Oak Park woman for illegal solicitation at 6:14 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Police said the pair was working for a college marketing firm. Both had been warned against soliciting the day before.

Both posted bond and were released.

— John Lundberg

Those with information on these or any crimes should call the Grosse Pointe Shores police department at (313) 881-5500.

SWIMMING: Taking the plunge

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impossible for me until now."

"Jason Sturdivant usually comes with his mother, Ruby," Hartnett said. "They're both learning. Before September Jason never swam. He was afraid."

Jason holds a kickboard and kicks the entire length of the pool. He rests a bit, then kicks all the way back. Berschback stays beside him in the water.

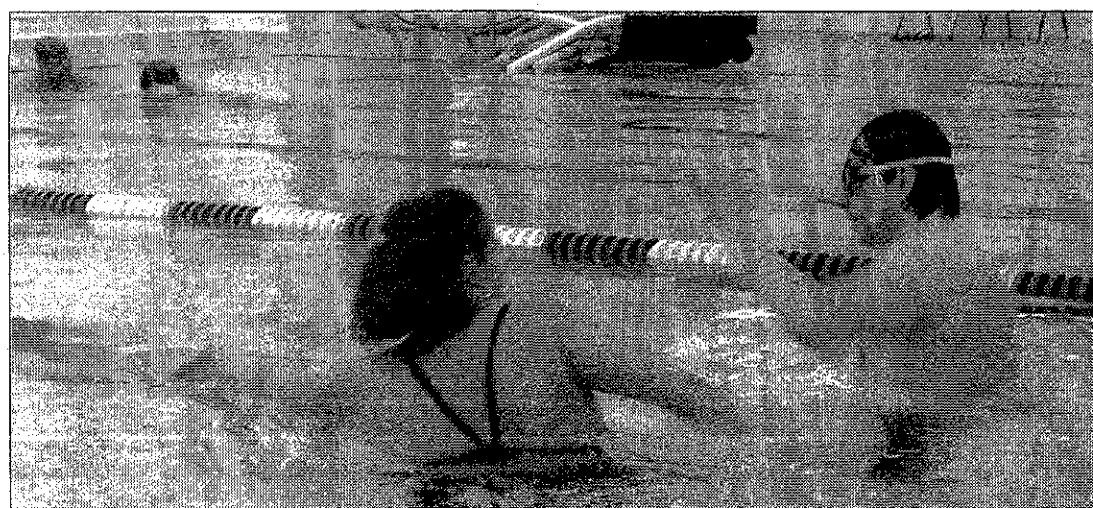
"Outstanding," Hartnett said. She turns to Berschback: "Find a way to make his kick more efficient." He tries the same exercise while wearing flippers. "Take a really big sweep," Hartnett says.

Ruby Sturdivant said she grew up in the South and never learned to swim. "I was horrified of water," she said.

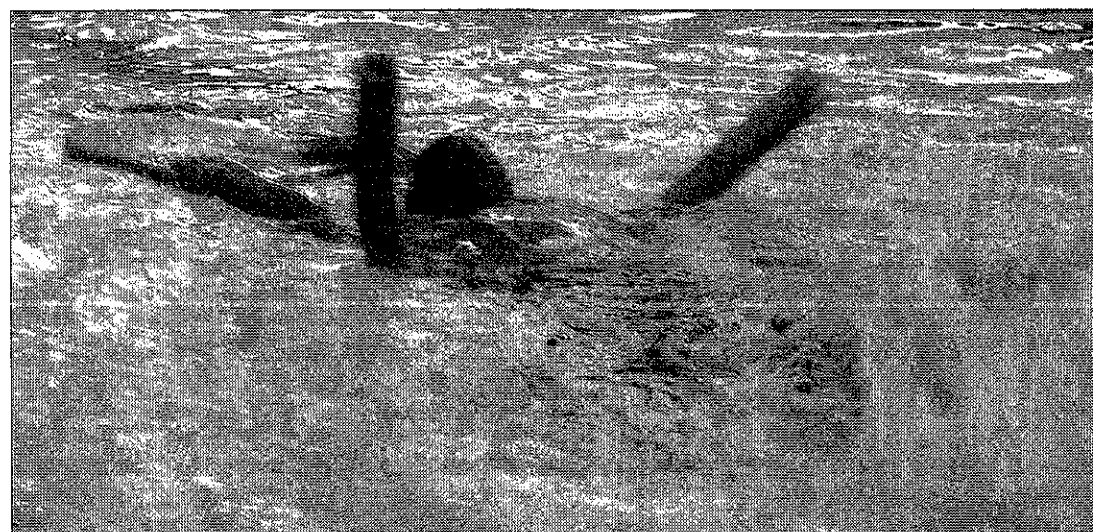
"I look forward to Saturday mornings," Hartnett said. "These students appreciate this and I love being here."

"My goal is to swim a full length," Sanders said. "Before I die I want to enjoy going to the beach. I've been to the Bahamas, to beaches, on cruises. But I want to enjoy being near the water."

"Robin is wonderful," Sturdivant said. "I feel so safe and relaxed with her. I'll probably sign up for this class again."



Instructor Robin Hartnett demonstrates the freestyle stroke for Melvin Sanders, above. Ruby Sturdivant practices her kick.



CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2007

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilwoman Vivian M. Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse City Councilwoman Vivian M. Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 19, 2007, and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held November 26, 2007.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 82404 through 82516 in the amount of \$450,459.46 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$27,895.05 for professional services during the month of October 2007 for the following projects: High School Project, #180-091; Johnston Park Tennis Courts, #180-096 and the 2007 Sewer Cleaning & TV Inspection, #180-100. (3) approve payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Guardian Enterprises, Inc. for their assistance in repairs to the City's main sanitary line and with two main breaks. (4) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$6,142.00 for the purchase of water meters and supplies for water meter installation. (5) approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$8,048.68 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of October 2007.
- 2) to accept the proposal from Waste Management for a one-year contract extension, through August of 2008 in the amount of \$33,370 per month for refuse collection and disposal.
- 3) to approve payment to AAA Pipe Cleaning Corp. in the amount of \$27,988.11 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2007 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Program, #180-100.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Mickey D. Todd, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2007

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 5, 2007 and the Special City Council meeting held November 13, 2007 and furthermore, receive and file the minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held November 7, 2007.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda (1) approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 82244 through 82403 in the amount of \$480,431.73 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance in the amount of \$8,953.24 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the city, including City Hall, the Library, DPW and the I-94 service drive. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County Department of Public Health in the amount of \$11,236.00 for inspection services in the Cross Connection Control Program for the period January through September 2007.
- 2) To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Article VII, Division 2 Requiring Identification Requirements for Solicitors," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 25, Article III of the Harper Woods City Code of Ordinances to Change the Language Governing Vehicle Impoundment," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 4) To accept the low bid submitted by Delta Construction Associates in the amount of \$14,640.00 for the purchase and installation of 6 flag poles to be erected behind each of the entrance signs to the City on Kelly Road, subject to final approval by the City Engineers
- 5) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing labor contract negotiations.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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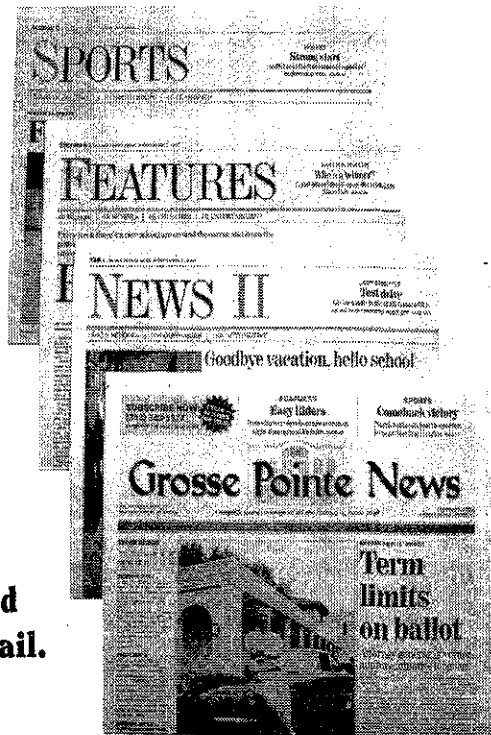
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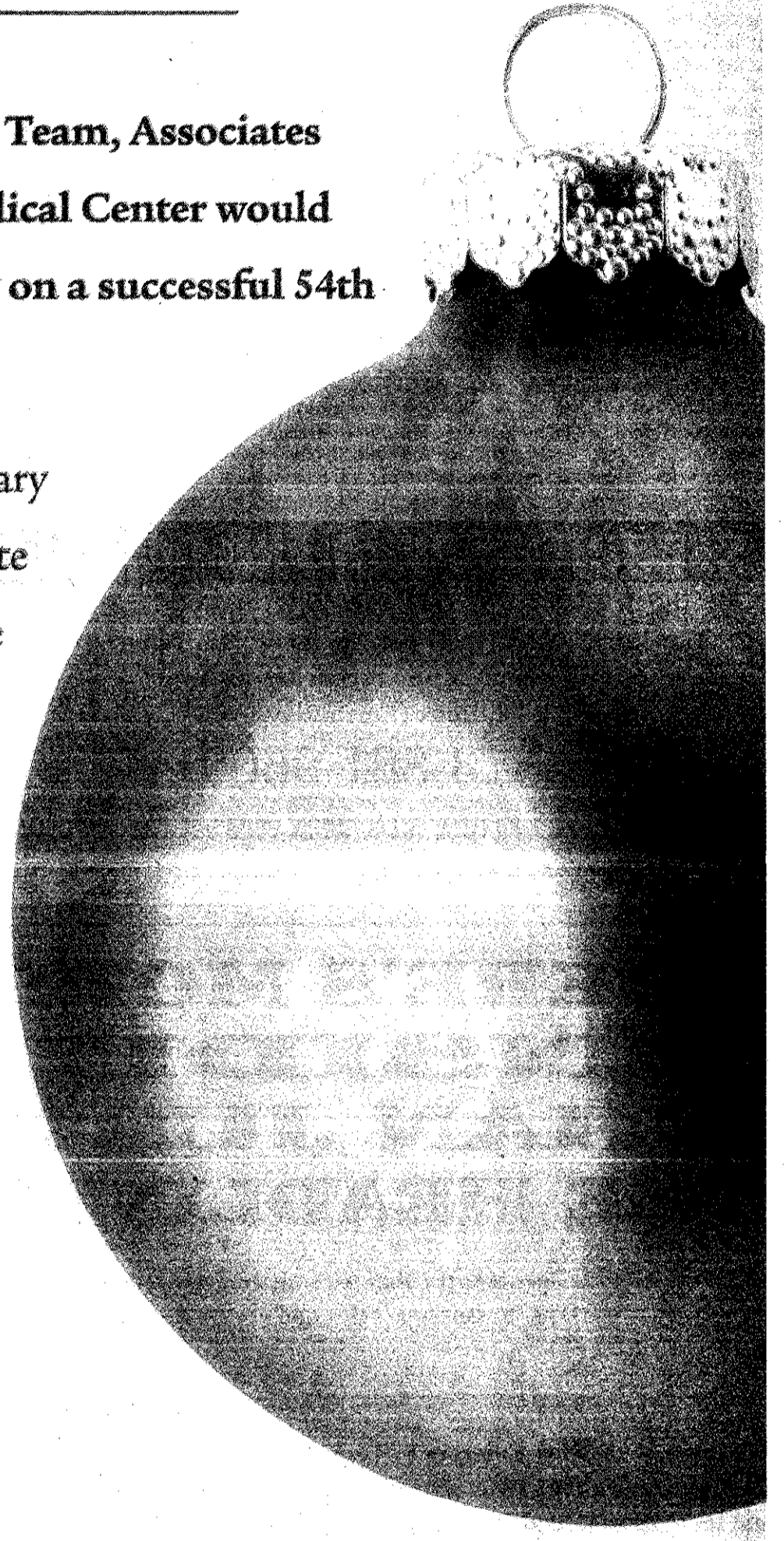
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With less than two weeks until Christmas, even Santa might be panicking about what to give some people on his list. Fortunately, local merchants have some great ideas for that **perfect gift**.

Shop close to home

By Beth Quinn
 Staff Writer

There's one in every family — the person from whom it is hard to shop.

Perhaps it's the teenager, who only wants money; or the man, who has everything; or the woman, who says she doesn't want anything.

You want to get them something, but finding the right gift can be challenging.

Fortunately, many local merchants have great gift ideas to help even the most frustrated holiday shoppers.

And, better yet, all these suggestions cost less than \$100.

What do you do when you want to buy clothing for your favorite female but don't have a clue what size she wears?

Head to At Last in Grosse Pointe Woods and pick up a few pieces of Van Klee Knits. It is a one-size-fits-all line of lightweight and wrinkle-free knit sweaters and tops.

"What I love about this line is that there is no age barrier," said owner Dorothy Troutman. "I've had customers buy these knits for teenagers and a woman in a nurs-

ing home."

She is also selling jewelry made by Michigan artist Carl Schneider, who uses exotic gemstones for his one-of-a-kind creations.

"His jewelry is very upscale but very reasonably priced," Troutman said.

She also suggests giving a piece from the Tracy Porter collection. The colorful and whimsical pottery features a wide array of housewares such as trays, mugs and vases.

"It's just a fun line," Troutman said. "Young people just love to give it to their girlfriends."

If you are looking for something for your favorite chef, stop by Pointe Pedlar on the Hill and pick up an Emile Henry Flame Top casserole dish.

"It is very versatile," said co-owner Carmela Rowsel. "You can sauté something on the stove and then put it in the oven. People just love it."

Rowsel also suggested giving a cutting board that is good for the environment. The store carries boards made of bamboo.

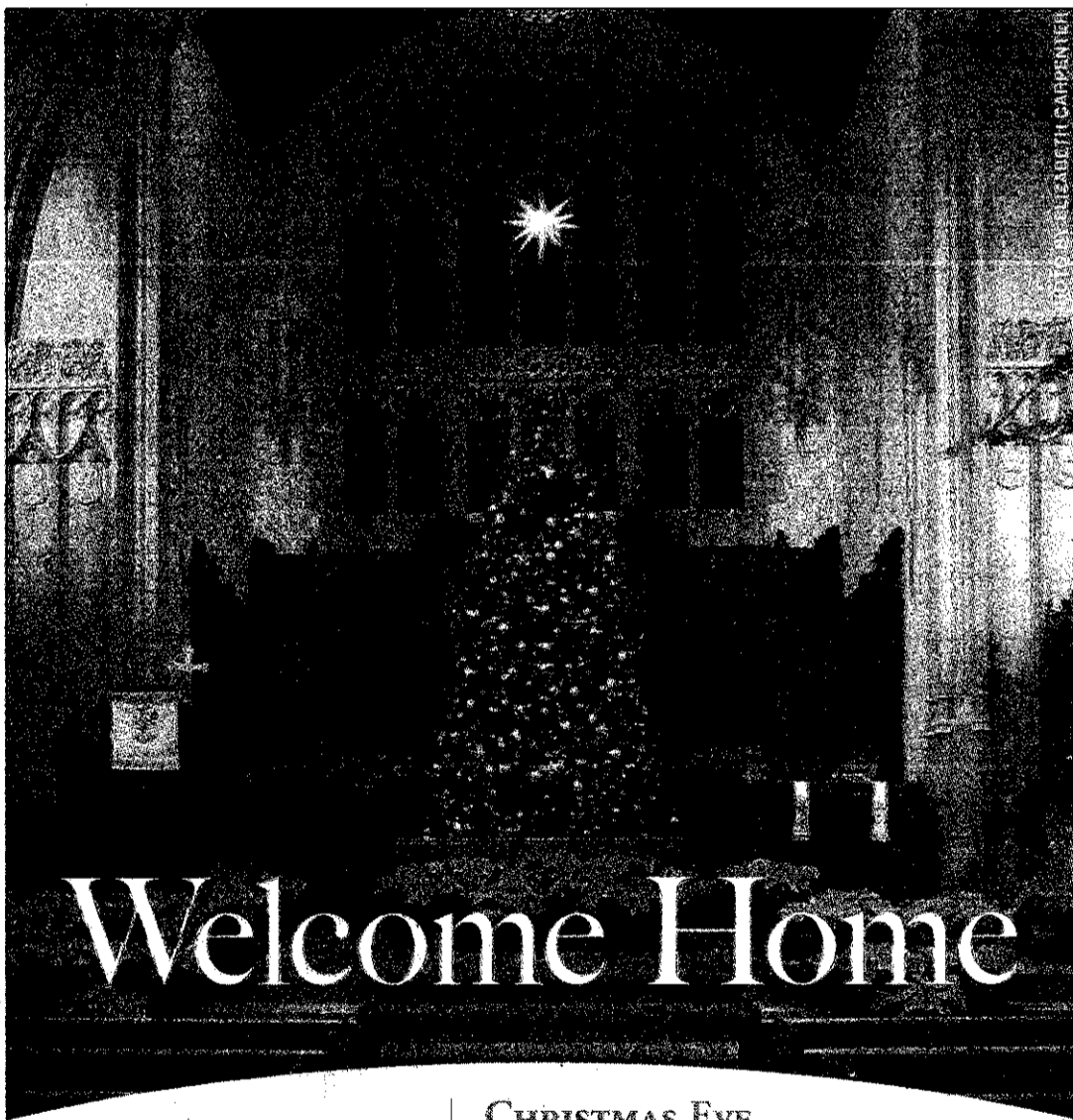
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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A young Village Toy Company customer, Jonathan Cameron, 8, is all aglow as he holds an armful of some of this season's popular toys — a Poof football, a Playmobile, a Lego set, a Creativity for Kids kit and a Webkinz monkey.



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source," Rowsel said. "They are hardy and beautiful."

If you are looking for a gift that won't be duplicated, Rowsel said that Aunt Sadie's Candles are unique to Pointe Pedlar. They come in a wide variety of fragrances such as bayberry, fir tree, apple and pumpkin.

"Their fragrances are unbelievable," Rowsel said. "People will try one and they keep coming back for more."

Bikes, Blades and Boards on Mack in Grosse Pointe Park has a variety of gifts for the under 25 crowd or those who wish they were under 25.

Bob Brian, one of the store managers, said that a brand of headphones called Skull Candy is always popular, especially with snowboarders.

"They are very comfortable and have more personality than the white headphones that come with the iPod," Brian said. "Kids seem to love them."

He also recommends giving a hoodie sweatshirt. Nomis and DC are two very popular labels.

He said "you can't go wrong" getting your snowboarder a snowboarding DVD or a pair of goggles.

B3 also carries a bicycle global positioning system which any serious cyclist would love to find under the

Christmas tree.

"This system keeps track of your route," Brian said. "You can download it onto a computer and compare your trip to other people around the world."

Eleanor Walsh, owner of Pretty Things in the Village, suggests giving your favorite female a gift to help her stay warm this winter.

Her store carries a large selection of pajamas and nightgowns - ranging from the traditional to "pj's with personality."

Walsh said pretty or snuggly bathrobes have been very popular this year.

"Many of my customers love what I called 'the marshmallow robe,' because it is fluffy and warm," Walsh said.

She suggests giving a pair of Rumba Panties.

"They are very cute and frilly," Walsh said. "They come in all sorts of fun prints. They are silky and have ruffles. Everybody loves them."

Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods has something for the nature-lover on your list.

Owner Rosann Kovalcik suggests giving the book, "First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story," which a true story about a hummingbird that makes its nest on a clothesline.

"It's a wonderful story and has great photographs of this mother hummingbird and her two chicks," she said. "Anyone would enjoy reading it."

This could be paired up with a hummingbird feeder made of recycled glass.

"It is very upscale and really



Bikes, Blades and Boards employee, Steve Harnadek, models and holds gifts ideas which cost less than \$100. He is wearing a Burton Logo hat, a plaid Nomis hoodie, Electric EGIS goggles and DC Josh Kallis skateboard shoes. He's holding an Enjoy Complete skateboard and a Skull Candy Full Metal Jacket headphones.

beautiful," Kovalcik said. Wild Birds also sells suet feeders made out of recycled materials such as milk jugs.

Kovalcik noted that more finches than ever before are coming to the Grosse Pointes; so the new quick-clean finch feeder is a popular item.

She said Michigan-made Lakeshore Candles and The Cherry Republic condiments have been selling well.

"People are trying to support companies in Michigan," she said.



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Susan Starr of Grosse Pointe Farms admires a beautiful ornament as she shops for gifts at At Last.

Kovalcik also suggests giving a magnetic fish bowl that comes with two artificial gold fish.

"They are easy pets for kids," she said.

Harper Sports in St. Clair Shores is doing a gangbuster business in Crocs shoes, especially the Furry Mammoth, said owner Bill Seppalla.

"Ladies will come in looking for them to give to their kids and husbands," Seppalla said. "We can't keep them in the store. It's a pretty amazing phenomenon."

Seppalla recommends giving your athlete Under Armour apparel. The company originally created form-fitting and moisture wicking clothes to be worn under sports uniforms, but the line has expanded into regular T-shirts, sweat-shirts and sweatpants.

"It is really popular for all sports," Seppalla said.

He suggests giving specialty sports socks as stocking stuffers.

"It sounds silly to give socks as a gift, but every athlete would appreciate having a really good pair of socks," he said. "Nowadays, every sport has its own sock."

And for the most important people on any holiday gift list, Ellen Durand of The Village Toy Company has a number of gift ideas for children.

Durand said both boys and girls would enjoy playing with Playmobiles.

"There are a great variety of Playmobile toys which are German-made and of high quality," she said. "Some cute new ones are In the Woods Cabin and Noah's Ark."

Durand also suggests the arts and crafts line, Creativity For Kids.

"They have make your own lip gloss, pillows and pictures

frames. They have anything you can imagine," she said.

The store also sells the remote control RokenBok toys which allow children to create their own construction sites.

"The starter set is a nice gift to give," Durand said "Later, you can add on to it."

Durand noted that German manufacturer, Steiff Collectibles, is offering a less expensive version of its high-end stuffed animals.

"The quality is incredible," Durand said. "They are making smaller animals in order to make them affordable."

Another collectible is the ever-popular Madame Alexander dolls, Durand said. The company has recently added a few new series such as The Wizard of Oz.

"There are many exceptional toys for under \$100 which will last for a long time," she said.

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Her path has lead her to dig deep

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

"I have a rule. If something comes into my mind three times, I must do something," said Lori Wood Knapp, 1978 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

From that rule, clean well water is flowing and thousands of lives in remote parts of eastern Africa have been improved through the Warm Hearts Foundation of which Knapp is the founder and president.

What began as helping Grand Rapids' poor has turned into providing clean water sources and schools to Kenya and Malawi people. Some 89 villages and more than 250,000 people have benefited from her foundation through 156 wells. Additionally, she and her attorney husband, Mike, have opened a safe house and orphanage.

"You can't believe the difference a well makes," she said during a recent visit to her sister, Lisa Vreede of Grosse Pointe Farms. "Their (villagers) eyes are brighter. Their skin is clearer. There is grass on the playing field. The atmosphere is phenomenal."

Thanks to the Knapps and hundreds of donors and their warm hearts, girls of a boarding school no longer rise at 4:30 every morning to walk to a water source for their 1 1/2 liters of water, their daily allocation. Farmers have irrigation and towns have safe drinking water.

In 2001, she learned of a wells being drilled in Kenya. That story returned to her thoughts three times. From those returning thoughts, the experience of passing out scarves and gloves and helping to serve Thanksgiving dinner in a Grand Rapids soup kitchen, the foundation for Warm Hearts was laid.

She found Reach the Children, a volunteer group leaving for Kenya in six months and decided to go but was placed on the waiting list.

At the last minute, Knapp was invited to deliver medical and school supplies, books and build a library. Though disappointed it wasn't a mission to drill wells, she jumped at the chance to travel to Africa. After the delivery was made in May 2002, Knapp and the group spent some time at an elementary school with a population of 500. Another 100 girls were in a boarding high school.

"The risks are overwhelming for girls," she said, thus

making it necessary for them to attend boarding school.

It was here in Molo, Kenya, she saw the stacks of plastic pails. She watched the young students carry their water every day.

Knapp knew she had her assignment turning Warm Hearts into a 501(c)(3). To get it off the ground, \$30,000 was needed to complete engineering studies, geology reports and drill a well. In nine months, the money was raised and sent to Africa.

Drilling can be a challenge with the lack of professional well drillers, the rain and the mud.

Despite the mud and the driller's truck getting stuck, Knapp's first attempt was better than she had hoped. The drillers, she said, struck what we call an artesian well with 10,000 liters per household of pure, clean water gushing forth.

"There was so much water we could share it with the farmers," she said. "The farmers were thrilled. We could bring more children and 100 high school girls (to the school). There would be employment."

Due to Knapp's foundation and its many orders for wells, the price charged has dropped from \$4,000 to \$2,000 per well because the driller and his crew are continually employed.

According to Knapp, raising money has been through word of mouth and through her Web site lori@warmheartsfoundation.org. Funds have also come from the Brownell Middle School students, Linda Brock's second grade classroom at Kerby Elementary School and parishioners at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

"The message is evolving," she said. "I feel like there is such a need for people to hear the joyful stories. Everyone knows what the problems are. I don't focus on the problems; I focus on the joy and solutions. It's important that we hear about the joy."

Knapp continues her joyful story. Clement, Chiwaya was struck with polio at the age of three and lost the use of his legs. His mother gave him to a Catholic bishop because she couldn't care for his needs and that of his siblings.

"He was destined for great things," Knapp said, with her hands wrapped around a colorful mug filled with cooling hot chocolate. At 14, Chiwaya



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Above, a hand pump bringing a Malawi village fresh water brings smiles, jobs and a better quality of life. At right, Carolyne Ndeta, left, and Lori Wood Knapp.

got his first pair of crutches. He earned a high school diploma. With \$500 in his pocket and a plane ticket to Grand Rapids, Chiwaya didn't know it but he was on his way to meet Knapp.

Knapp's friends noticed the young man at the airport and listened to his story. From that chance encounter, Chiwaya had found a home.

Aquinas College bestowed on him a degree of political science and community leadership, a study program created specifically for him. At the same time, he and Woods began an e-mail correspondence.

He asked, would she add Malawi to her list of projects? Children were walking two hours to school and sitting under trees with their teacher because classrooms were at a premium.

Knapp raised the money and sent it ahead to buy bricks for the school.

Two by two, the bricks went up the mountain; a mountain which took Knapp more than two hours by truck to ascend. Through Warm Hearts Namatanda, Malawi, has two wells and a school with four classrooms for grades one

through four. Soon there will be more classrooms for children in grades up to eight with the government providing the staffing.

There is yet another joyful story of Warm Hearts success.

Who would benefit most from a school in Nairobi, Kenya? Nehemiah and Carolyne Ndeta, who both grew up poor, asked the question. They looked in the poorest part of town to establish their school.

Ndeta knows what education means. As a child, he would sit outside the classroom window for his knowledge and sneak in when the teacher wasn't looking.

When it came time for the national high school test, the teacher advised him he could sit in the classes only if he received the highest score. He did. Now he and his wife have built a school in the Suato slum. Ndeta works construction part of the day and Carolyne takes in laundry at night to keep the school financially sound.

Thinking only a handful of students would show up the first day, they instead found 50



eager children waiting. Now there are 1,300 children in the primary and high school grades.

"We fell in love with the kids," Knapp said and it is here she intends to build more classrooms having completed a Warm Hearts orphanage in 2006.

Knapp's efforts have been noticed.

This fall she was awarded the 2007 Humanitarian Service award from her alma mater, the University of Michigan, from which she graduated in 1982. A paralegal by profession, she has worked

for Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Chicago offices.

Vreede is thrilled by the honor but not surprised by her sister's generosity.

"It was coming from the heart. She has a passion to want to bring water to those in need. She found that first great opportunity. Brownell joined the first project and raised nearly \$5,000 in penny jars wars. That was five years ago. Everything Lori's done is the philosophy to give a hand up not a hand out."

"This is where my path has taken me," Knapp said.

CLUB EVENTS

Woman's Club

Wednesday, Dec. 19, marks the date of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's annual Christmas luncheon celebration at 12:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Community service chair, Fran Ahee, said that The Salvation Army's Evangeline Center, a home for abused women and their children, will again be the recipient of the club's annual "gift-giving" program.

Attendees should bring wrapped gifts for children of all ages and their mothers. Pastoral Care Administrator Major Donna Miller will accept the gifts on behalf of the Center.

Club members will be entertained by the University of Liggett Lower School Choir directed by Grace Fenton. The choir is a non-auditioned group of 43 children, ages 8-11 years, who spend one afternoon per week for rehearsal.

The woman's club meets at 12:30 p.m., the third Wednesday of the month in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and is open to all current and former Grosse Pointe women and business owners. New members and guests are welcome.

For more information, call Pam Zimmer, membership chairman at (313) 882-9087 or president Marilyn Richardson at (313) 884-4056.

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Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired and blind, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The group also meets from 10 to 11:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Pointer Bridge Club

A Christmas luncheon is planned for the Pointer Bridge Club members at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Alger House.

To make a reservation or to cancel, call (313) 886-7595 or

Assistance league takes on seasonal programs

Members of the Assistance League to Northeast Guidance Center is engaged in seasonal outreach programs.

The Adopt a Family project provides new clothes and toys to nearly 300 children. League members recruit families and churches in Detroit and the Grosse Pointes to sponsor families. Using monetary donations to the program, league members become personal shoppers and complete the wish lists of children in the guidance center programs. Gifts are individually wrapped and delivered to the families in time for Dec. 25.

The league also organizes a Christmas stocking program in the Grosse Pointe schools. This year Maire Elementary and Pierce and Parcels middle schools' students filled stockings for the Northeast children consumers. When a child or teen arrives for a December appointment, a full stocking is given to the child.

The third project is the annual Consumer Christmas Party. After hours of gift wrapping and baking cookies, league members present each consumer party guest with a new sweater or sweatshirt and a plate of some of the 1,750 homemade cookies. For several years, the league's knitters also have given each guest a

hand knit scarf.

The Assistance League to Northeast Guidance Center is one of the benefactors of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association Auto Show Preview Charity Event on Jan. 18.

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Story of Jesus' birth is always anticipated

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

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What makes it so anticipated after all these years?

"The story catches the imagination," explained Rev. Walter Schmidt of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. "A child born in a manger, a feeding trough. God taking on human flesh. What would you rather have? A phone call or e-mail from your son or a personal visit? The story itself has that freshness and captures people."

The telling of this important story is placed in the hands of children throughout Christian congregations, including those at First English Evangelical Lutheran, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In 20 minutes, 45 children tell the story of their Savior's birth during the 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, worship service.

The presentation of a children's program at First English Evangelical adds to the season, no matter how old you are,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The choir of children will raise their voices during the children's Christmas pageant.

said Gerry Udell, parish educational director for the past eight years and this year's children's program director.

This year, Udell said, the children will perform "The Christmas Letter" from the Martin Standard Publisher.

It begins when a mother and two children receive a letter saying Grandma and Grandpa can't make their annual trip for Christmas. The letter goes on to explain it's not what you receive for Christmas but the receiving of Christ's birth. The story evolves through other play participants reading letters from the appropriately

costumed main characters: Mary, Joseph, the innkeeper, an angel, shepherds and the Wise Men. Jesus also responds.

Letter reading is interspersed with familiar carols and children reciting verses from the Gospel of Luke.

"We look for what tells the true meaning of Christmas," Udell said in explaining the choice of scripts. "The text must be theologically based and I run it through with the pastors. We are a traditional church and like to hear the story," she said. "I see different ways to present the story to



Mary, played by Allison Cornell, and Joseph, played by Noah LaMugno, rehearse their lines for the upcoming children's pageant at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

bring it into every day life.

"Variety helps keep the story fresh."

She and her host of volunteers select the leads based on stage presence. There are mi-

crophones to help the voices

project for the congregation but each child chosen must be comfortable in front of a group, Udell said. Main characters use the wireless mics and the

readers use the lectern.

"Everybody takes pride in the child, who puts something together," she said. "It's about the children telling the story of Christ. It's a big day for them."

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Heritage Presbyterian

Heritage Presbyterian Church, 23415 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, hosts a carol-along at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church.

Refreshments will be served. Santa is expected to join the event.

Children's choir

The Grosse Pointe Children's Choir, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, presents "A Choir's Christmas" at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 17, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets at \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults are available at the War Memorial.

Children's program

St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool present their children's Christmas service at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The story will follow the Gospel of St. Luke. The community is invited. Refreshments will follow the program in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. (For more information, call the church office at (586) 777-0215.

adults; feeding them before the performance, providing them with beds, breakfast and a sack lunch for the following day.

"I don't know how we were picked," said Jerry Wyrick, the

church's director of worship and administration. "We are excited to have this opportunity."

Watoto means "The Children" and these children, through their songs and stories are spreading a message of hope for Africa's children.

The goal of Watoto is to raise the next generation of Ugandan leaders by pursuing

excellence in academic and practical skills, integrity in conduct and moral values, each child becomes a responsible and productive citizen.

Since 1994, the Watoto Children's Choirs have toured internationally as ambassadors for orphan children in Uganda. Each child in the choir has experienced personal tragedy, having lost one or both parents in the African AIDS crisis or other calamities. Eight orphaned children

are raised together with a "mother" and provided with an education. Those who are chosen for the touring choirs present music and a multimedia presentation in a fusion of gospel and contemporary African style.

The event is open to the public. There will be a free will-offering to help cover their expenses.

More information about the choir will be available that evening.

Creches

A display of creches from around the world may be viewed from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be received.

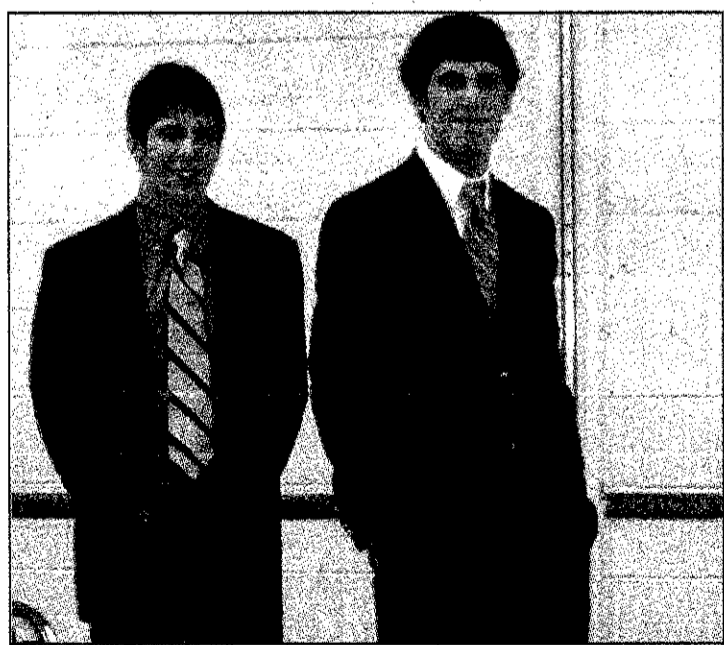
Watoto choir

Watoto Children's Choir presents a program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Church members will be housing 18 children and 11



Watoto Children's Choir to sing at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 19.



Service award

Alex and Max Hunt of Grosse Pointe Shores were honored at Services for Older Citizens (SOC) annual meeting with the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteers achieving 100 hours of service at SOC. This award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to encourage and recognize outstanding volunteer service and inspire others to volunteer. It honors those who have made serving a central part of their lives and that when you help your neighbor, you are helping your nation. As a certified organization of this award, SOC was proud to present the first award ever given in Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods to these Grosse Pointe North High School students. "We hope that by their example more students will become more involved in their community and experience the numerous rewards of volunteering," said Mary Rose Nelson, Director of Volunteer Services at SOC.

Meals for seniors' pets

Meals for Mutts and Meows is offered through SOC.

Volunteers deliver wholesome pet food to the homes of low-income seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Since July, SOC has delivered 10,800 meals to area pets.

This holiday season, SOC is planning a delivery of holiday goodies to all its Meals for Mutts and Meows clients.

"Giving a little something to clients' pets really puts a smile on the faces of our seniors. It makes them feel special," said

Debbie Pommerville, SOC director of development.

Holiday wish list

- Canned and dry dog food
- Canned and dry cat food
- Chew toys
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- Rawhide bones
- Holiday bags
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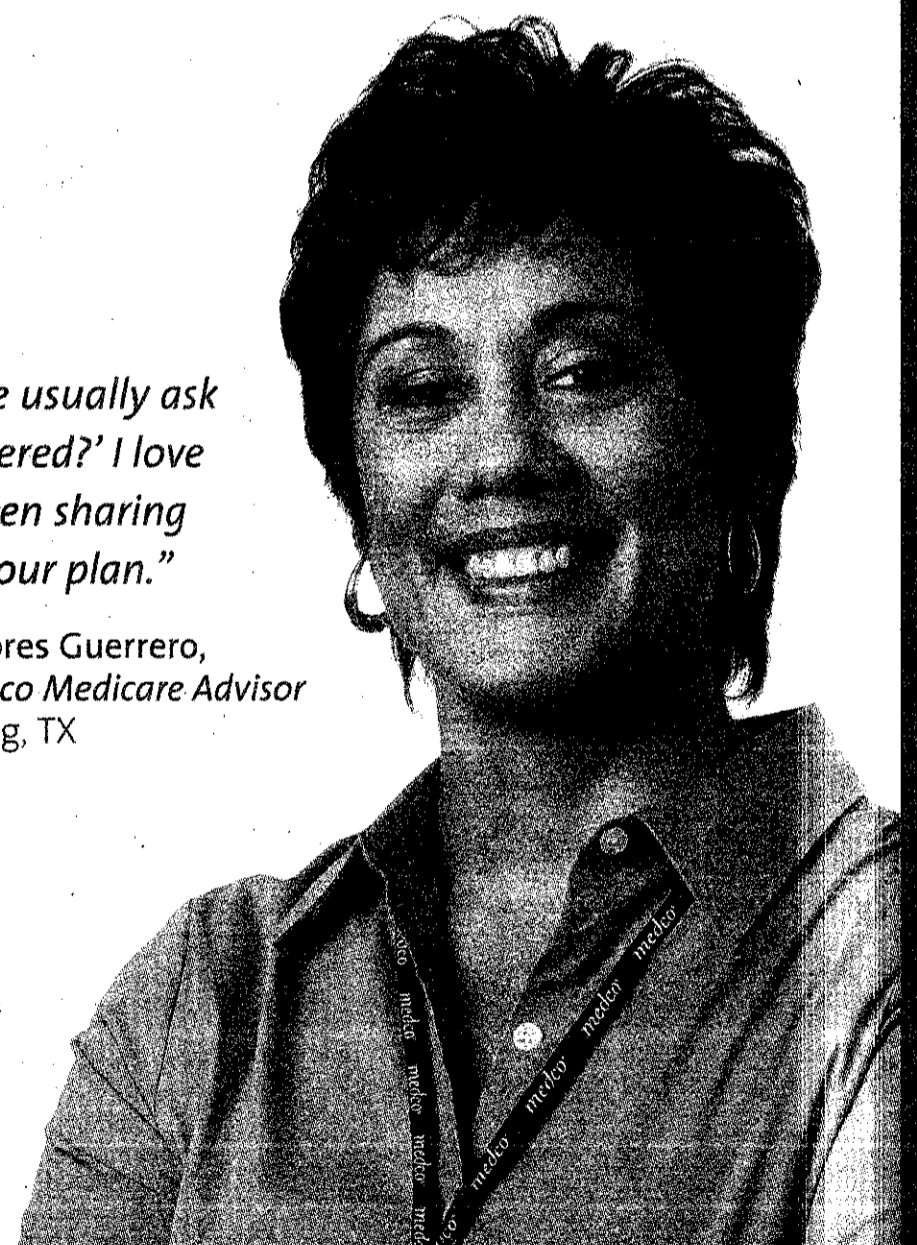
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HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Party tips for safe holiday cheer



Cinnamon Cheer

- 1 1/2 oz. Cranberry juice
- 1 1/2 oz. Apple juice
- 1 1/2 oz. Pineapple juice
- 1 1/2 oz. Lemonade
- 1 1/2 oz. Hot water
- 1 Cinnamon stick

Mix all liquids in a tall glass. Garnish with a cinnamon stick. Serve warm.

Makes 1 serving. Entertaining comes with responsibilities. According to the National Highway Transportation Administration, approximately one person dies every half hour from alcohol-related automobile accidents. To feel confident that guests won't get behind the wheel intoxicated, follow these tips for combining fun with safety:

- ◆ When serving alcohol, serve plenty of food. Protein

helps slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream, but salty snacks cause people to drink more.

◆ Offer a variety of interesting nonalcoholic drinks served in fancy glassware.

◆ Designate a bartender and instruct him or her to pour light drinks. Guests can't gauge how many drinks they've had if you over-pour cocktails or top-off partially consumed glasses of wine.

◆ Plan entertaining activities to engage your guests. Charades is an old classic. A new favorite party game is called "Apples to Apples." Holiday sing-a-longs get everyone involved. Other creative ideas are available on the Internet. Drinking shouldn't be the main focus of the party.

- ◆ Stop serving alcohol nine-

minutes before the party ends. Set up a dessert buffet with coffee and tea. This is a great time for door prizes.

◆ Be sure every guest who leaves your party can drive safely. If a guest has surpassed the legal limit, enlist the services of a designated driver (arranged for in advance), call a cab or invite him or her to spend the night.

◆ Never serve under-aged guests. You will be legally liable. Don't ask children to serve alcohol to adults.

Things to remember:

- ◆ Don't rely on coffee or fresh air to sober up guests. Only time works.
- ◆ Beer and wine are just as intoxicating as hard liquor. One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1 shot of 86 proof liquor.

◆ Don't rely on how someone looks to determine if someone is fit to drive. Have your bartender monitor and limit drinks. If someone has over-imbibed, your bartender should notify you.

◆ Carbonated mixers cause alcohol to be absorbed into the bloodstream more quickly. Fruit juice and other sweet mixers mask the taste of alcohol and may encourage guests to drink more.

◆ If you, as host, choose to drink, do so moderately.

When you know your limit, you can help set limits for your guests.

◆ Blood alcohol content does not begin to decrease when guests stop drinking. It takes 20 to 40 minutes for alcohol from a drink to be absorbed into the body.

Entertaining requires more than insuring that guests enjoy themselves.

By disregarding safety issues regarding alcohol, the host can be held liable for costs associated with accidents, including medical bills and property damage, and compensation for emotional pain and suffering.

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

They may be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

How do you deal with temper tantrums



Q. My two year old is beginning to throw tantrums. I can deal with them at home but in the grocery store or the mall it is embarrassing. Any suggestions?

A. Parenting a toddler is definitely not easy. I think these years are the most trying of all. There are many resources you can go to for information on tantrums. One

piece of literature that I found very helpful is from the Talaris Research Institute in Seattle, Wash., called "Here Comes a Tantrum." It explains that tantrums happen no matter how hard we try to understand our child's needs. Sometimes we just can't prevent a child from kicking, screaming and crying. It's not fun for parent or child and it can be a helpless and embarrassing feeling—especially when it happens in public.

What causes a meltdown? It's often hard to pinpoint the cause. There is a lot going on inside toddler's head. She truly

wants to be independent, but her skills don't yet match her desires. Not only is your toddler learning how to handle a lot of different emotions, but also how to handle being hungry, tired, bored, or overwhelmed.

Sometimes our busy schedules are more than a toddler can handle.

Most parents can recognize the early signs of frustration that may lead to a meltdown. Maybe it's a frown, sighing or pulling away or an attempt to communicate that is not very clear. A child could go from smiles to stomping and

screaming within seconds. But the good news is tantrums do not last forever. In fact, usually by age 4 or 5 they seldom occur.

Tips

◆ Stay close and stay calm: As tough as tantrums are for you, keep in mind your child is not having fun either. Stay close and calm, talk softly and let her know you understand. You're helping her feel safe and she's learning to manage her emotions by watching how you handle hers and yours.

◆ That's not all right: Once your child has settled down,

ask her what she was feeling. Was she "angry" or "frustrated" or "hurt?" If someone was hurt by her she needs to know that her behavior is not acceptable.

You might say, "It's not all right to hurt someone." If she didn't do anything wrong, don't punish her for having a tantrum. Instead, talk to her about her behavior and let her know that her feelings are important.

Remember, tantrums are a normal part of child development and a signal of your child's growing independence. And tantrums usually disap-

pear by 4 or 5 years of age—so hang in there. Try to use them as another "teachable moment."

For more information from The Talaris Research Institute visit: talaris.org.

The Family Center is a local non-profit organization that depends on donations. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832. Send your questions to: info@familycenterweb.org; or address them to: Mary Ellen Brayton LLC, NCC, co-director The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Information from Beaumont covers the gamut

Seeks volunteers

Beaumont Hospice is seeking community members to volunteer their skills to support the care of people with terminal illness and their families.

Volunteers must be 18 or older, have excellent listening skills and be sensitive to the needs of terminally ill people and their families. Most hospice volunteers work in hospitals, nursing homes or in patients' homes located in the tri-county area.

Hospice volunteers perform a wide variety of activities including sitting with patients, active listening, reading, assisting with errands and writing letters. Volunteers are asked to provide two hours per week of service while assigned to a patient and family.

Volunteer assignments are determined by where the volunteer feels most comfortable. In addition to visiting patients in their homes, opportunities exist for providing administrative support in the hospice office.

Training sessions for hospice volunteers are held quarterly at various locations. Call the

Beaumont Hospice office at (248) 743-9405 for more information.

90-day diet

Not everyone needs major weight loss to feel and look better. Sometimes, just 10 to 30 pounds can tip the scale in favor of weight loss.

Those that want to lose up to 30 pounds have a new option at Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control Center that has a proven record of helping participants take pounds off sensibly and keep them off.

The center offers a comprehensive approach to permanent weight loss and is staffed by physicians, exercise physiologists, psychologists and registered dietitians. Research shows that the Beaumont Diet, established more than 15 years ago and designed to help overweight people who need a boost in their weight loss regimen, works so well that 75 percent of patients maintain an average weight loss of 43 pounds after three years.

The 90-Day Diet includes:

- ◆ Use of an on-site exercise facility supervised by an exer-

cise physiologist

◆ Assistance from a registered dietitian to create a personalized meal plan

◆ Ninety minutes of instruction followed by six one-hour interactive sessions in a classroom environment led by a physiologist, a dietitian and a psychologist.

◆ The option to use high-quality, clinically proven meal replacements as a tool for weight loss.

During the classroom sessions, participants will cover a variety of topics including nutrition basics, portion control, emotional eating and exercise. On the weeks without class, there will be weigh-in and exercise sessions.

"The Beaumont 90-Day Diet is a fast-track program designed for healthy adults with a body mass index between 25 and 30 who have no major health problems," said Wendy Miller, medical director of the Weight Control Center. "Our goal is to begin the process of change regarding healthful eating and physical activity."

The cost of the program is \$200. For more information or

to register, call the Weight Control Center at (248) 655-5900. The center is located in the Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge, Royal Oak.

Information center

When seeking information on a very specific subject, a library can seem overwhelming.

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak offers the Health Information Center, a resource library containing brochures and a book designed to address the medical and social concerns of senior citizens. It

provides older adults and their families with easy access to information on the concerns of older adults.

A variety of topics contained in the center's collection include health maintenance, care giving, housing, legal and financial information including Medicare coverage and local community resources available to assist older adults.

To complement the services provided by the center, staff members from Beaumont's department of Older Adult Services are available for con-

sultation on such issues as caring for an aging relative, making decisions about living arrangements and choosing an insurance to supplement Medicare.

Consultations and brochures at the center are provided free of charge to the general public.

The Health Information Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located on the first floor of the Beaumont Medical Office Building, 3535 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 108, Royal Oak.

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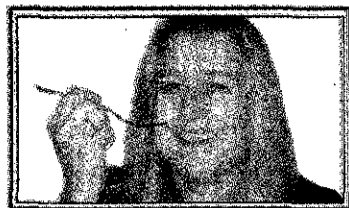
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Dip into the nut bowl



of sweet, spicy and savory mixed nuts.

These tasty morsels are very similar to the ones you'd find on the bar at the Union Square Café in New York City.

Everybody seems to dip their hands into the nut bowl this time of year (and I'm not talking in-laws). Try your hand with this easy recipe for a combination

Sweet & Sassy Holiday Nuts

2 11.5-oz. cans UNSALTED mixed nuts (5 1/2 cups)
3 tablespoons butter, melted

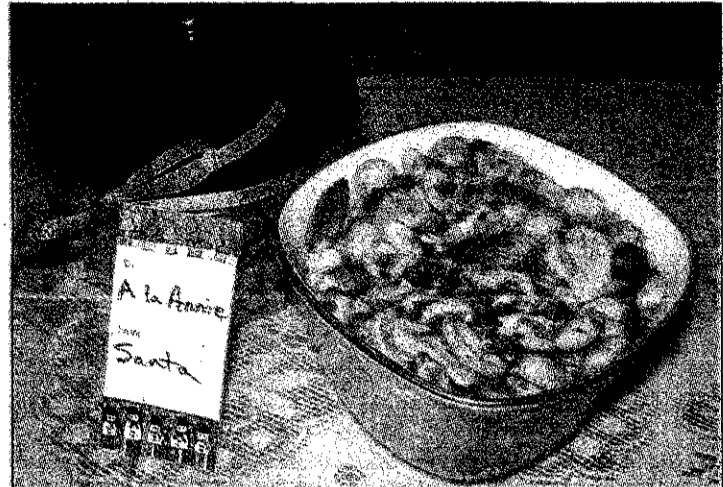


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Sweet & Sassy Nuts are just the berries for holiday parties.

2 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 tablespoons coarse salt
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 cup fresh rosemary leaves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread the mixed nuts over a baking sheet and cook for 15 minutes at 350 degrees, tossing gently after about 8 minutes.

Transfer the nuts to a medium bowl and toss with the melted butter, followed by the brown sugar, salt and cayenne pepper. Lastly, toss in the rosemary leaves.

The nut mix at Union Street Café has walnuts, pecans, cashews and hazelnuts. Pick and choose your favorite unsalted nuts. Coarse salt is available at the grocery store.

Sweet & sassy holiday nuts will dress up any gatherings that might come your way these next few weeks. Bag the nuts in fancy cellophane and share them with your friends.

I sent my sweet and sassy nuts to the office's of the Detroit Economic Club where the reviews raved. Thanks guys.

Detroit Choral Artists perform holiday concerts

The Detroit Choral Artists will perform the sounds of the season in three upcoming concerts.

They join members of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak.

The group will also perform holiday concerts at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at St. Mary's of the Hills, 2675 John R, Rochester Hills; and at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

at the Kirk in the Hills, 11340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+) and children (18 and under). Checks and cash will be accepted at the door. For further information, call (248) 594-7574.

Summer of SOC was a great success

In two summer fundraising events, SOC was the winner.

Treasure Island Auction at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Activities Center brought in many old friends and welcomed new faces.

The event was part of a summer of SOC, filled with parties sponsored by friends of SOC,

who spread the word about SOC's programs and how they are help seniors in the community.

The summer concluded with the Buried Treasure Auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Funds raised in these two events will be used support senior services.

DIA: The best of the best are here

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tunes that he combines into his performance.

Saturday, Dec. 22

◆ Drop-in Workshop: 1 to 5 p.m. Learn about a traditional Inuit game and decorate a simple stick to look like a snake.

◆ Artist Demonstration: 1 to 5 p.m. Andy Malone's whimsical machines and drawings have been shown in more than 30 exhibitions since 1995. He lets visitors test a prototype of his new board game.

Target Family Sunday, Dec. 23

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for youth and adults ages 6 and older: 1 to 5 p.m.

Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Adventures in Drawing for ages 5 and younger with an adult: 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore creative expression through drawing with assistance from museum instructors.

◆ Kwanzaa Tales 2 p.m. Tonya Dallas shares Kwanzaa tales.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

◆ Holiday Puppet Show: "The Day it Snowed Tortillas" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Creative problem-solving is the key ingredient in this folktale from Mexico about luck, love and lunch.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Becky Hart, associate curator for contemporary art, discusses works in the exhibition and Julie Mehretu: City Sitings.

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1 to 5 p.m. Make a puppet using a wide range of materials.

Thursday, Dec. 27

◆ Holiday Puppet Show: "The Day it Snowed Tortillas"

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Creative problem-solving is the key ingredient in this folktale from Mexico about luck, love and lunch.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dr. Nii Quarcoopome, curator/department head of African, Oceanic & Indigenous Americas art, discusses works in the museum's African galleries.

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1-5 p.m. Make a puppet using a wide range of materials.

Friday, December 28

◆ Holiday Puppet Show: "The Day it Snowed Tortillas" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Creative problem-solving is the key ingredient in this fabulous folktale from Mexico about luck, love and lunch.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Nancy Barr, associate curator of graphic arts, discusses "The Best of the Best" in New York school photography in the exhibition Best of the Best: Prints, Drawings, and Photographs from the DIA Collection.

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1 to 5 p.m. Make a puppet using a wide range of materials.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: 6-9 p.m. Explore endless possibilities for creating things with paper and learn to make cards, envelopes and boxes.

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for youth and adults ages 6 and older: 6 to 9 p.m.

Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Adventures in Drawing for ages 5 and younger with an adult: 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore creative expression through drawing with assistance from instructors.

◆ Music: Don Walden Ensemble 7 and 8:30 p.m. Don Walden teams with some of his colleagues from the Detroit jazz scene to celebrate the holiday season in style.

There will also be a surprise special guest.

Saturday, Dec. 29

◆ Holiday Performance:

"Stregna Nona & the Magic Pasta Pot" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. See what silliness ensues when a magical pot, a hardheaded helper and a spell gone wrong meet and fill the streets of a small Italian village with pasta.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hope Saska, curatorial fellow of prints, drawings and photographs, will discuss a painting by Henry Fuseli called The Nightmare in the "Era of Revolution" gallery.

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1 to 5 p.m. Make a puppet using a wide range of materials.

Target Family Sunday, Dec. 30

◆ Holiday Performance: "Stregna Nona & the Magic Pasta Pot" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. See what silliness ensues when a magical pot, a hardheaded helper and a spell gone wrong meet and fill the streets of a small Italian village with pasta.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Larry Baranski, associate curator of film and video, will discuss the DIA's historical auditorium and restoration.

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1-5 p.m. Make a puppet using a wide range of materials.

◆ Drawing in the Galleries for Youth and Adults ages 6 and older: 1 to 5 p.m. Artist/instructors help participants create pencil drawings to take home.

◆ Adventures in Drawing for ages 5 and younger with an adult: 1 to 5 p.m. Children explore expression through drawing with assistance from museum instructors.

Monday, Dec. 31

◆ Holiday Performance: "Stregna Nona & the Magic Pasta Pot" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. See what silliness ensues when a magical pot, a hardheaded helper and a spell gone wrong meet and fill the streets of a small Italian village with pasta.

◆ Curator Gallery Talk: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. George Keyes, chief curator and curator of European paintings,

◆ Puppet Drop-in Workshop: 1 to 5 p.m.

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SOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils bounce back fine

Come from behind to defeat Roseville; Crush Shamrocks

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

The real Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team stood up and was accounted for last week.

It wasn't the team that lost its season opener to Utica Eisenhower but the one that bounced back with impressive victories against East Detroit and Roseville.

"When we play good defense, work the ball inside and execute we're a pretty good team," said coach Jim Twigg.

While the Blue Devils led from start to finish in a 60-42 win against East Detroit, South's 47-43 win against Roseville was more of a test.

"Roseville's a pretty good team," Twigg said. "They came out energized and led 19-10 after the first quarter and 30-19 at halftime. We took some bad shots and had some turnovers that led to fast breaks."

That's when Twigg gave the talk that most coaches give when their team is trailing by a considerable margin at half-time.

"I told them not to try to get it all back at once, to chip away

at the lead, and that's what they did," Twigg said. "Our experience probably helped there."

"In the second half, we did a great job of working the ball inside and defending. We have a lot of confidence in our defense."

Everything clicked for the Blue Devils in the second half, and with about three minutes remaining in the game, they had taken the lead.

One of the keys to the victory was holding the Panthers' Brandon Gooch, who had averaged 25 points in Roseville's first two games, to 13.

"Jimmy (Saros) just made his life miserable," Twigg said. "He had 13 points, but most of those came early in the game on fast breaks. Jimmy made a number of great defensive plays in the second half."

Offensively, the Blue Devils were led by center P.T. Shirar, who finished with 20 points and nine rebounds.

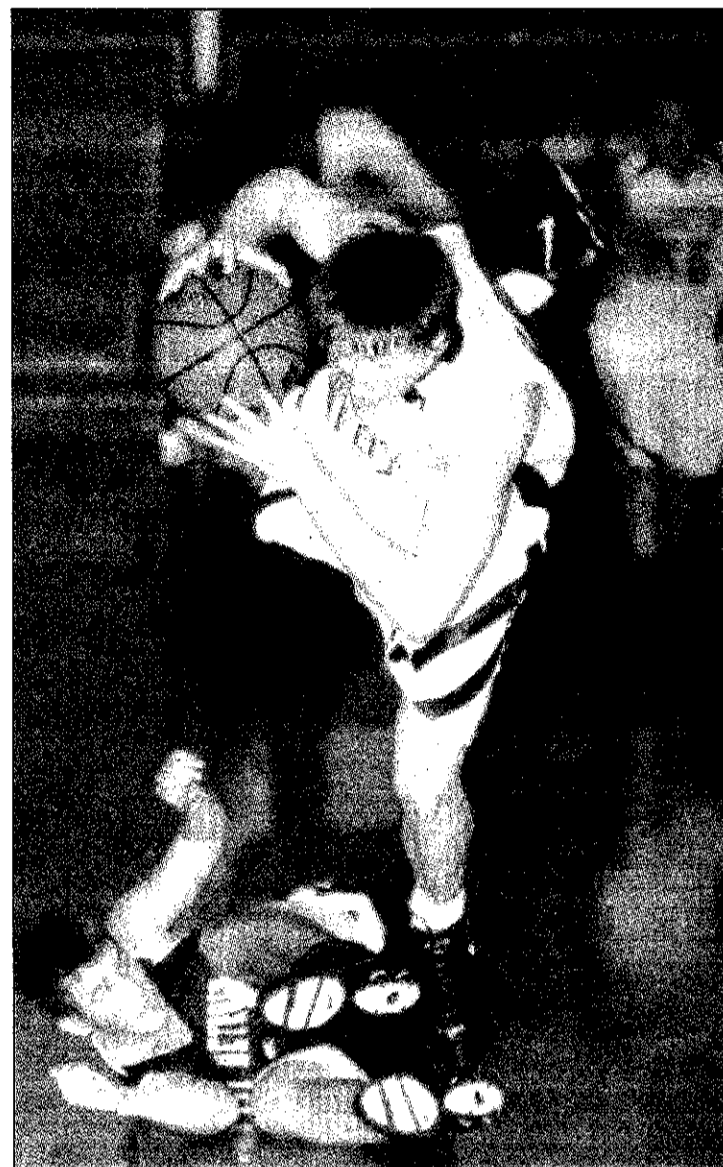
"P.T. just dominated in the middle," Twigg said. "He made big play after big play."

Tim Quinn also played a major role in South's win. He had nine points and a career-high



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Grosse Pointe South's P.T. Shirar (55) fights for a rebound during the Blue Devils' victory against East Detroit.



Tim Quinn gets one of his five steals in the East Detroit game.

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Alex Rentz scores one of her three goals for Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team.

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Hat trick carries Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team posted its second straight shutout, beating Livonia Ladywood 3-0 Thursday, Dec. 6, at Detroit City Arena.

"It was a tough beginning for us and the girls didn't play particularly well," South head coach Bill Fox said. "I lit a fire under the girls between the first and second period, which

worked because we really took it right at Ladywood after that sluggish start."

The host Lady Blue Devils, coming off the 12-0 pasting of Plymouth-Canton-Salem a week earlier, led 1-0 on the first of three goals by senior Alex Rentz.

It was their only shot on net 10 minutes into the opening period. The Blazers had their opportunities, but junior goalkeeper C.J. Jarboe stood her ground.

The Blue Devils managed only four first-period shots.

Fox's fireside chat helped his team outshoot the Blazers 21-3 in the second period and 9-1 in the third stanza.

Rentz scored her other two goals midway through the second period. Senior Kathleen McDonald drew an assist on the first goal at the 6:35 mark, while McDonald and senior Anna Shepard assisted on the second tally at the 4:05 mark.

"I thought Rentz, Jarboe and

(Ashley) Thibodeau were outstanding tonight," Fox said. "Ladywood played a pretty good game and this was a good win for our team."

"Our short bench eventually wore us down," said Ladywood head coach Bruce Peck. "We had a few chances and played pretty well against, I think, one of the league's best teams."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0-1 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.



ULS sophomore Paige Counsman, No. 5, scored the Lady Knights' lone goal against Farmington Hills Mercy.

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ULS skaters get a split

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

The University Liggett School girls hockey team dropped a 7-1 home decision to Farmington Hills Mercy Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The Lady Knights didn't play up to their usual standards, while the Marlins played its best game of the year behind first-year goalie Alessi Nehr.

"We had our chances in this game, but we hit a couple of posts and a few shots just trickled wide of the net," said ULS head coach Laura Owczarski. "This could have easily turned out to be a win, but for some unknown reason we're not getting any breaks."

Mercy scored 21 seconds into the opening period when Sophie Juncaj tallied with Maura Gregory getting the assist.

ULS tied it when sophomore Paige Counsman scored an unassisted goal at the 11:53 mark.

The Marlins scored the next six goals to turn the game into a rout.

Gregory, Juncaj, Maura Malone (two), Katie Martel and Jacq Roberge scored during the first two periods.

The seven goals were the most allowed this season by Knights goalie Janaya Gripper, who has turned in several outstanding performances in the nets this year.

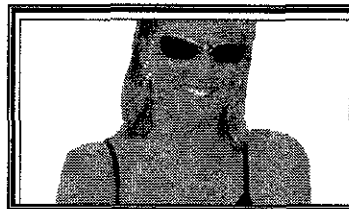
"This was definitely our best game of the young season," said Mercy first-year head coach Pat Gregory.

"Alessi, playing only her sixth game in net, made some nice saves in the second period that allowed us to maintain a lead we built to a comfortable margin."

The Lady Knights rebounded nicely in their next game, blasting host Bloomfield Hills Unified 8-0 to improve to 3-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 3-4 overall.

ON SAIL By Sandra Svoboda

Wishing for a sailing movie



Why couldn't Warren Miller have been a sailor? If only he'd been living out of his van in a yacht club parking lot some 60 years ago instead of at the foot of ski areas in the Rockies.

If only he'd had a chance to spin until he was dizzy in a match racing pre start.

If only he'd arrived on Mackinac Island on a sunny summer morning, leading his class after three days on Lake Huron.

Maybe then, sailing would have what skiing does: Warren Miller movies.

Last weekend, Miller's 58th (!) annual ski movie screened at Royal Oak Music Theatre. Hundreds of people made their annual pilgrimage to see some of the sports characters, extreme skiing and exotic locations with a heart-pumping soundtrack playing along.

I went with four other sailing women and all we could say was, "Where's the sailing movie like that?" Well, after we said, "When are we going skiing?"

But you get my point. Part public relations for the sport, part ability to live vicariously through the subject, part pure love for all things snow, Warren Miller movies have appeared annually. They began decades ago with Miller himself touring with them, sitting on stage to provide live narration.

Now, they're blockbuster events with corporate sponsorship. The four shows in Royal Oak were accompanied by Jeeps parked outside and sponsor swag inside. "I'll put this in my sailing duffel bag," one of my friends said of the REI SPF 30 lip stuff.

The films have product placement — but it's not outrageous. Although we did wonder why there weren't limes in the Coronas...

Don't get me wrong — I'm not complaining. I'm jealous. I wish sailing had this and maybe some day it will.

And maybe Warren Miller offers some lessons.

"The ski industry wouldn't be where it is now if Warren hadn't done what he did back in the day," says Craig Oberlink, one of the movie tour's spokesmen. "The Warren Miller movie brought a lot of great exposure to places that people had never heard about before like Sun Valley, Idaho, and Mammoth Mountain, Calif., and places he traveled around to."

You could argue the chicken-egg theory — that Miller's films succeeded because of skiing's growth during the last decade. But clearly they've contributed to the sport's successes as well.

When on the big screen, you combine all-ages participation, athleticism, a love-hate relationship with Mother Nature, competition, recreation, friends, family, spectacular geography and infinite gear-purchasing ability, how can you miss?

See, it's just like sailing...

In some racing news: Congratulations to Ron Sherry, the Clinton Township ice boating king who's also an active Lake St. Clair sailor. Gov. Jennifer Granholm awarded him a 2007 Michigan Heritage Award, recognizing his "master iceboat building and his engagement with and support of this maritime winter sport."

An apparently this runs in the family. His children, Griffin, TJ and Caroline swept the podium at the first-ever "Ice Opti North Americans" held last weekend.

Families from New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan traveled to Wampplers Lake in the Irish Hills.

Chris Van Tol, now the United States' top-ranked match racer, made his first appearance in Europe. Team Van Tol — Chris, brother John, Mike Hoey and Don R. Wilson from Chicago.

Wilson is relatively new to match racing so he crewed for the Van Tols.

Chris warns that we'll be seeing a lot more of Wilson as a skipper in match racing events.

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Matthew De Clercq of Grosse Pointe Park races on the ice in the first Ice Opti North American championships.

PHOTO BY GRETCHEN DORIAN



Grosse Pointe North's Kelly DeFauw signs her letter of intent to play basketball at Northwood University. Watching the Norsemen's point guard are her parents, Marie and Paul, and North coach Gary Bennett.

Northwood is DeFauw's pick

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

There's a reason that colleges hold summer camps.

It helps them get an inside track on some prize recruits.

That's how Northwood University landed Grosse Pointe North's Kelly DeFauw.

"I went to the All-Star camps at the college every summer, and I really liked it there," said DeFauw, who recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Timberwolves.

"Coach (Jeff) Curtis seemed interested in having me play there. I liked the players on the team. They have a good busi-

ness program, which is what I'd like to go into. I wanted to stay in Michigan so my family could see me play. Everything was just a perfect fit."

DeFauw has been a perfect fit for the Norsemen for the last four seasons.

She's an excellent point guard and is one of the top defensive players in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"She's one of my all-time favorite players to coach," said North coach Gary Bennett. "When I come to practice and see her, it always puts a smile on my face. She's always in a good mood, just a joy to be around. I'll really miss her

smile next year."

Bennett doesn't find much fault with DeFauw's play, but when he does have some constructive criticism, he knows it will be taken the right way.

"Some kids get mad and they'll pout all through practice, but not Kelly," Bennett said. "She can laugh at herself. And then she'll go and work on whatever you've talked about."

DeFauw said that her four seasons at North have gone by quickly.

"I can't believe it's almost over," she said. "It's been fun. I didn't really feel like I belonged when I was a freshman because everybody was older.

Everybody else had been together for a while, and they knew all the plays. I was afraid to make a mistake. It was a lot easier for me my sophomore year. I knew the plays, and I just felt more comfortable."

A lot of folks are expecting big things from North this year.

The Norsemen were ranked as high as second in the state in some polls.

"Last year, nobody expected much from us, but when you come into the season ranked second or third, there's a lot more pressure," DeFauw said. "We're playing some good teams, but we have high expectations ourselves."

Braker is dominant force in North's victory over Marian

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Marian's basketball team didn't have any answers for Grosse Pointe North's Ariel Braker.

Braker scored 21 points and grabbed 16 rebounds last week to lead the Norsemen to a 49-39 victory against the Mustangs.

"We did what we wanted to do, and that's get the ball to Ariel," said North coach Gary Bennett after his team improved to 3-0.

The game was never really in doubt, although Bennett felt that the Norsemen didn't play their best for the full 32 min-

utes.

"I thought we were focused in spurts, but we gave them too many open looks on defense," Bennett said. "At times, we didn't play real smart basketball. There's no reason for the amount of turnovers that we had."

"We didn't execute as well as we can. We would have been in trouble if we had played somebody as athletic as we are."

North was leading 5-4 when the Norsemen went on a 15-0 run.

Kayla Womack had eight of the points in the spurt as she was the beneficiary of some crisp passes from Olivia Stander and Kelly DeFauw.

Stander had five points during the run that gave North a 20-4 lead with 4:44 left in the first half.

Marian's Michelle Lindsey hit two three-point baskets late in the half to cut the lead to 26-16 at the break.

The third quarter belonged to Braker, who scored nine of North's 13 points in the period that ended with the Norsemen leading 39-27.

North had another good stretch in the fourth quarter. Twice the Norsemen had possessions in which they ran nearly a minute off the game clock.

They also clamped down defensively on the Mustangs,

forcing two consecutive turnovers that led to a basket by Christine Klein and a pair of free throws by Braker.

Womack finished with 10 points and Stander had nine points and five assists. DeFauw had four assists. Klein and Jasmine Kennedy each had three steals.

Braker's 16 rebounds matched Marian's team total.

Lindsey led Marian with 16 points, while Anina Cicerone chipped in with eight points.

North, which is now 3-0 overall, will play at Utica Ford II on Friday, then visits crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South for a game on Monday, Dec. 17.

North-South game is cancer fundraiser

The girls basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South will be trying their hardest to beat each other on the court on Monday, Dec. 17, but they'll also be working together for a common cause.

The Blue Devils and Norsemen will raise money for the American Cancer Society when they meet in South's gym for their annual game at 7 p.m.

The teams will host a shooting contest at halftime of the varsity game, which will include prizes for making a shot, along with a grand prize for the person who makes the most shots.

A 50-50 drawing will be held,

and donations can be made at the door.

All money collected will be presented to the American Cancer Society as part of the Coaches vs. Cancer program, which the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan is participating in this year.

It's a program that basketball teams across the country participate in to increase cancer awareness and to raise money to help fight the disease.

Other promotions will continue through the season. There will be a Suits and Sneakers event in February, which will coincide with teams around the country working together in the effort.

SOUTH: Sophomores play well

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13 rebounds.

"Tim made a number of hustle plays, getting loose balls, offensive rebounds, keeping the ball alive under the basket, and blocking shots," Twigg said.

Two sophomores, Leif Rodney and Jarvis Wise, also played well.

"Rodney energized us off the bench," Twigg said. "Leif is an excellent passer and he got the ball inside."

"Jarvis started for us last year, and sometimes I forget that he's just a sophomore. We're asking him to do a lot more things this year than we did last year. Last year we just

asked him to bring the ball up, get into the offense and pass the ball. This year we also want him to take shots and penetrate the center of the court."

In the East Detroit game, South was never really challenged after leading 18-4 after the first quarter.

By halftime, the Blue Devils had a 32-13 advantage.

"We did a good job of attacking everything they threw at us," Twigg said. "There were a few times when they came out at halfcourt to pressure Jarvis and he just blew past them."

"They did some trapping in the second half and things got a little sloppy, but we played pretty well."

South got several fast-break baskets from Saros and Quinn.

Quinn had career highs of 16 points and nine rebounds, while Saros and Shirar finished with 14 points apiece. Quinn also had five steals.

Saros makes AP All-State

Jimmy Saros put the final touch on a fine football career at Grosse Pointe South when he was selected to the Associated Press Division I and II All-State team for the second year in a row.

The selection as one of three receivers on the AP team was one of several postseason honors garnered by Saros. He was named to the Detroit News Dream Team, and that paper's Division I All-State team for the second time. He also made the Detroit Free Press All-State first team.

"I don't think any other South football player has ever been named first-team All-State by the Associated Press for two years, let alone the other All-State teams selected by the News and Free Press," said South athletic director Brandon Slone.

"There aren't too many days that we don't get mail or calls from college coaches about Jimmy."

Saros has been recruited by more than 100 universities, but has narrowed his choices to a few Ivy League and Big Ten schools. He was impressed by a recent visit to Brown University.

Saros caught 58 passes this season and finished his career at South with 200 receptions, which is the second-highest total in Michigan high school history. Mike Koster of Lowell holds the record with 214, but he did it in 40 games. Saros accumulated his total in only 27 games. He had 2,546 receiving yards and 25 touchdowns, despite facing double teams many times during the last two

seasons.

"Jimmy is deserving of every honor he receives," said South coach Tim Brandon. "He's the hardest-working player I've ever coached. I hope younger players will follow his work ethic and dedication. In four years, he never missed a practice or a game."

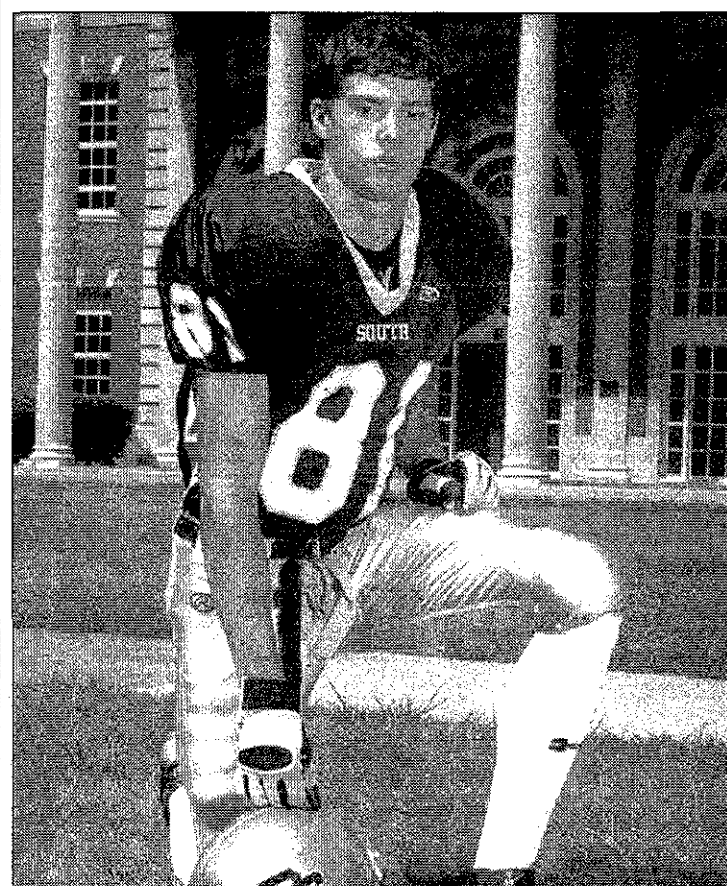
"He's a great leader, and quite frankly, a great young man. He conditioned in the weight room so hard that he also started at free safety and returned punts and kickoffs. He basically never came off the field — a testament to the great physical condition he was in."

Blue Devils offensive coordinator Ryan McCartney, a fine high school receiver himself at South, has coached Saros since his freshman year.

"I knew the first time I saw him that he was going to be something special," McCartney said. "This is the kind of young man you want all of your players to emulate — great leader, hard worker, excellent student, yet totally humble. Jimmy has all the tools to succeed in college — great size, speed, leaping ability, moves and he's absolutely the best 'ball catcher' I've ever seen."

Saros was voted most valuable player by the South coaches, was a captain of the football team and made the all-Macomb Area Conference White Division team for the third straight season.

He's also an outstanding basketball player and was first-team all-conference the last two seasons and is serving his second season as captain.



South's Jimmy Saros made the Associated Press All-State football team for the second straight year.

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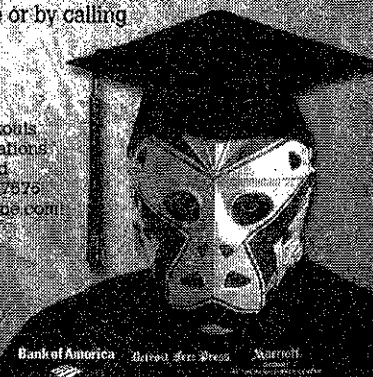
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Norsemen hold off De La Salle

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey fans might not have any fingernails left by the end of the season.

The Norsemen played their fourth nailbiter in five games last weekend when they beat De La Salle 2-1.

"It looks like we're going to have a lot of close games," North coach Scott Lock said. "It looks like this year we're going to win with defense. We might not have the explosive offense we've had in the past. But that might not be a bad thing. You win championships with defense."

Lock made a move before the De La Salle game to try to spark the offense. Anthony Raymond moved up from de-

fense, and played well.

"I'm happy with what he brought," Lock said.

Even without Raymond at the blue line, North's defense turned in a solid performance against the Pilots, who were ranked third in the state coming into the game. The Norsemen did a good job of keeping De La Salle's shooters to the outside for most of the contest.

"In the first period our defense was phenomenal," Lock said.

"We got a little bit sloppy in the second period, but we were better again in the third."

Goalie Michael Rahaim turned in a fine performance, stopping all but one of the 22 shots the Pilots took at him.

"We're getting good performances from both of our

goalies," Lock said. "Rahaim has really improved a lot in the last two years. Both he and Eric Rohrkemper have save percentages of 91 and their goals-against is under two a game."

Justin Kovacs broke a scoreless tie at 7:55 of the second period when his shot went in off the pads of De La Salle goalie John Kleinmans. Ben Scarfone assisted on the goal.

The Pilots tied the game with 1:25 left in the second period. David Sikorski came down the right wing, lost control of the puck momentarily, but quickly regained control and sent a shot toward the net that seemed to fool Rahaim.

Rahaim made a good save on Bill Coole in the first minute of the third period and Kovacs gave North the lead again at

1:26 when he jammed the puck into the net from a scramble in front. Michael Colosimo got the assist.

It was the fourth goal in four games for Kovacs.

"I've been happy with his play," Lock said. "He has a lot of skill and playmaking ability. He does a good job of going to the net."

North spent most of the last seven minutes of the game killing penalties. Rahaim made a slick glove save on Ethan Steiner with 8.8 seconds left. That came moments after a loose puck sat precariously in front of the crease until the Norsemen cleared it out of danger.

"Dante (Deserrano) played well, especially killing off the penalties, and he gave us a lot of energy," Lock said. "Kevin

Gibson played a solid game, too. He played a lot of minutes."

Earlier, North dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker in overtime against Cranbrook Kingswood.

"That was a tough loss because we had a 2-0 lead after two periods," Lock said.

Cranbrook tied the game with five minutes left in regulation, then won it during the first shift in overtime.

"Cranbrook is a hard-working team and very disciplined," Lock said.

"They keep coming at you. When they clear the puck out, they get it to the neutral zone before they turn it over. We didn't always do that."

Kovacs opened the scoring for North in the first period, then Scott Brown provided the

Norsemen with a 2-0 lead with a second-period goal.

"We had a chance to make it 3-0 on a power play late in the second period, but we couldn't score," Lock said. "That would have been a big goal."

Cranbrook got back in the game early in the third period, when North failed to clear the puck. The Cranes kept it in the attacking zone and finally scored on a shot that Rohrkemper was screened on.

Rohrkemper played well for North.

"Jimmy Tocco was solid up front and Brown played a good game, too," Lock said.

North hosts Muskegon Mona Shores on Saturday at the Mount Clemens Ice Arena. They also play at home on Wednesday, Dec. 19 against University of Detroit Jesuit.



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Dante Deserrano, shown here fighting off a check by De La Salle's James Fish, played a strong game, especially in a penalty-killing role for Grosse Pointe North.



Grosse Pointe North's Scott Brown skates down the ice with De La Salle's Joe Arena in pursuit of him.



North goalie Michael Rahaim is ready for any action that might come his way. Rahaim and Eric Rohrkemper provide the Norsemen with a strong goaltending tandem.

Power play goals spark South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

A coach is always happy when the work he puts in during practice pays immediate dividends.

Grosse Pointe South hockey coach Bob Bopp had to be delighted with the way the Blue Devils performed on the power play during their 8-0 victory against Southgate Anderson.

"We spent Friday working on the power play and getting better puck movement," Bopp said. "We have skilled people on our power play, but we need more movement. It paid off in this game."

South scored three power-play goals in the game that was halted with just under five minutes to go by a mercy rule. In five games, South has seven power-play goals.

The Blue Devils' first goal came on the power play. Lance Lucas scored the first of his two goals at 11:14 of the first period, assisted by Tim Shield and Sam Mott.

"Lance is off to a great start this year," Bopp said. "He has seven goals and 10 points in our first five games. He's a tough, hard-working, hard-

nosed kid."

With 35 seconds left in the period, Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin scored his first high school goal. Rudy Vandenbroeck and Nick Cinqueranelli assisted.

South broke the game open with three goals in the second period.

Lucas scored his second of the game while the Blue Devils were shorthanded at 8:36. Shield got the assist.

After Lucas's shorthanded goal put South ahead 3-0, Southgate lost its composure and the Titans began a parade to the penalty box.

Jack Sklarski scored two quick goals for the Blue Devils, the first coming on a power play at 10:16. He got the second at 13:59, and completed his hat trick and the game at 10:17 of the third period.

Lucas and Brandon Brundige assisted on Sklarski's first goal, while Arthur Griem and Shield had the assists on the second. The third goal came from Alex Marshall.

"Jack has been playing great for us, but I think he was getting a little concerned that he hadn't scored yet, so it was

great to see him get the hat trick," Bopp said. "The line of Lucas, Sklarski and Shield has been unstoppable. They have a combined 33 points in five games. I think a big reason they are playing so well is that they are all such unselfish players. Nobody cares about the individual stuff, they're so team-oriented."

Brian Auty, who scored twice in South's last game, added two more goals in the third period. The first came on a power play at 42 seconds, and the second was at 5:27. Michael Blazoff assisted on both goals, while Cinqueranelli assisted on the second.

Brett Johnson made his second start of the season in goal and recorded his second shutout.

"Brett is playing with a lot of confidence," Bopp said. "In this game he made three great saves, including one on a breakaway."

South plays twice this week, both games on the road. The Blue Devils were scheduled to play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Wednesday, then travel to Wyandotte for a game on Saturday against a tough Roosevelt team.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Lance Lucas collected two goals and an assist in Grosse Pointe South's 8-0 victory against Southgate Anderson last weekend. In five games this season, Lucas has collected seven goals and a total of 10 points.

Lake Shore no match for defense-minded South

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball coach Kevin Richards wasn't the least bit concerned that Megan DeBoer was the only Blue Devils player that failed to score a point against Lake Shore last week.

That's because the senior guard contributed more than her share to South's 54-29 victory.

"She's such a good defensive player," Richards said. "She guarded Lake Shore's best player, who had scored 24 points in their previous game, and held her to four points and only one field goal late in the game."

"She's the perfect team player. It's nice to have somebody like that on the team. She does so many things well, and she'll

score when we need her to." Another senior, Kate Pangori, provided the offensive spark early for South. She scored all 14 of her points in the first half and fired in four three-point baskets.

"Kate's playing with a lot of confidence," Richards said. "She shot 4-for-8 and a couple of her threes were deep ones."

While two of the seniors played key roles in the victory, so did a couple of the younger players on the South squad.

Aisha Rodney scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, while sophomore Kim Leverenz provided a spark off the bench.

"Aisha had six offensive rebounds," Richards said. "She's really good around the basket. Kimmy came off the bench and hit a three. She was very aggressive offensively. That's a

role that we want her to take coming off the bench."

South's lead reached 30 points before things got a little sloppy toward the end of the game.

"I pointed out some of the mistakes that we made, and the girls probably wondered why I was doing that after our win but we're trying to set goals game-by-game," Richards said. "We want each player to take responsibility for doing certain things. If we correct those little mistakes now, we'll be a better team at the end of the season."

"We don't want to just beat the teams we should beat, we want to be competitive and have a chance to win every game we play."

South has a tough game on Monday, Dec. 17 at home against Grosse Pointe North.



Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team captains this year were, from left, Bridget Dennehy, Amanda Elskens, Jeannie Hollerbach and Katharine Zurek.

South runners honored

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team wrapped up its season with several special awards.

Ashley Thibodeau earned the team's Most Valuable award. This season, Thibodeau led the Blue Devils to a state regional championship, a 13-2 dual-meet record and was South's leading runner in the state meet.

During her career at South, Thibodeau earned four varsity letters, ran on four regional champions and was a state finalist all four years.

Sophomore Katie Steen was the Blue Devils' Rookie of the Year. She finished the season with South's second-fastest time, and was a regular on the varsity seven after the second

meet of the year. Steen was also instrumental in South winning the regional and qualifying for the state championships.

Freshman Nanette Motschall and senior Nicole Stieber shared the Most Improved award.

Motschall started the season running the 5,000-meter course in 29 minutes. By the end of the year she was around 22 minutes, and had earned a varsity letter.

Stieber's time drop was from 27 to 22 minutes. She earned her fourth letter.

South's 70 runners from the sophomore, junior and senior classes combined for a 3.68 grade-point average, and 67 of the 70 earned all-league acade-

mic honors in the Macomb Area Conference.

At the state level, Thibodeau and Steen earned All-State academic honors by placing in the top 30 in Division I.

Varsity team members Thibodeau, Steen, Jeannie Hollerbach, Bridget Dennehy, Katie Lanza and Ellen Muniga combined for a 3.85 GPA — the second highest in the state.

Special Captain Awards were presented based on team spirit, work ethic and commitment.

They were presented by captains Dennehy, Amanda Elskens, Hollerbach and Katharine Zurek to Chelsea Semmler, Sarah Youngblood, Elena Elskens and Stephanie Garbarino.

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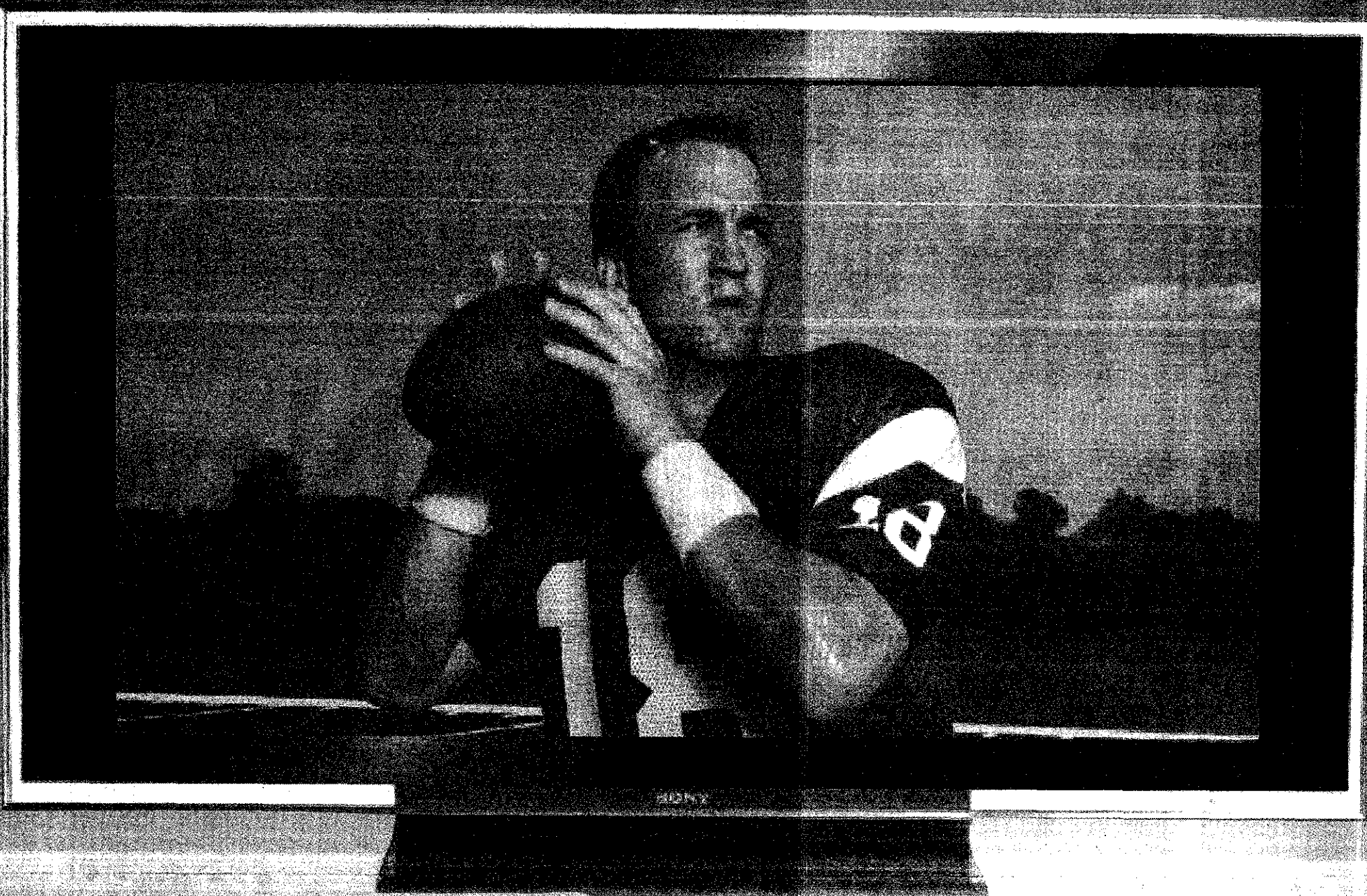
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