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THURSDAY, DEC. 4

◆ The Un-Holiday Party at the Detroit Yacht Club is from 6 to 10 p.m. at yacht club, 1 Riverbank, Detroit. A \$5 donation will be given to local charities. A cash bar will be available. Hubbell Street Jazz Band will perform. For a reservation, call (313) 824-1200 or e-mail memedesignandevents@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

◆ The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield and the Grosse Pointe Children's Choir present a holiday concert at 8 p.m. in Jefferson Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

◆ Parcels Middle School presents its 33rd annual Holiday Bazaar at 9 a.m. Admission is \$4 and \$3 at 10 a.m. Strollers are not permitted.
 ◆ The Barkery, 16849 Kercheval, hosts the Midwest Small Breed Rescue for dog adoptions from noon to 3 p.m. Call (313) 343-0443 for details.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

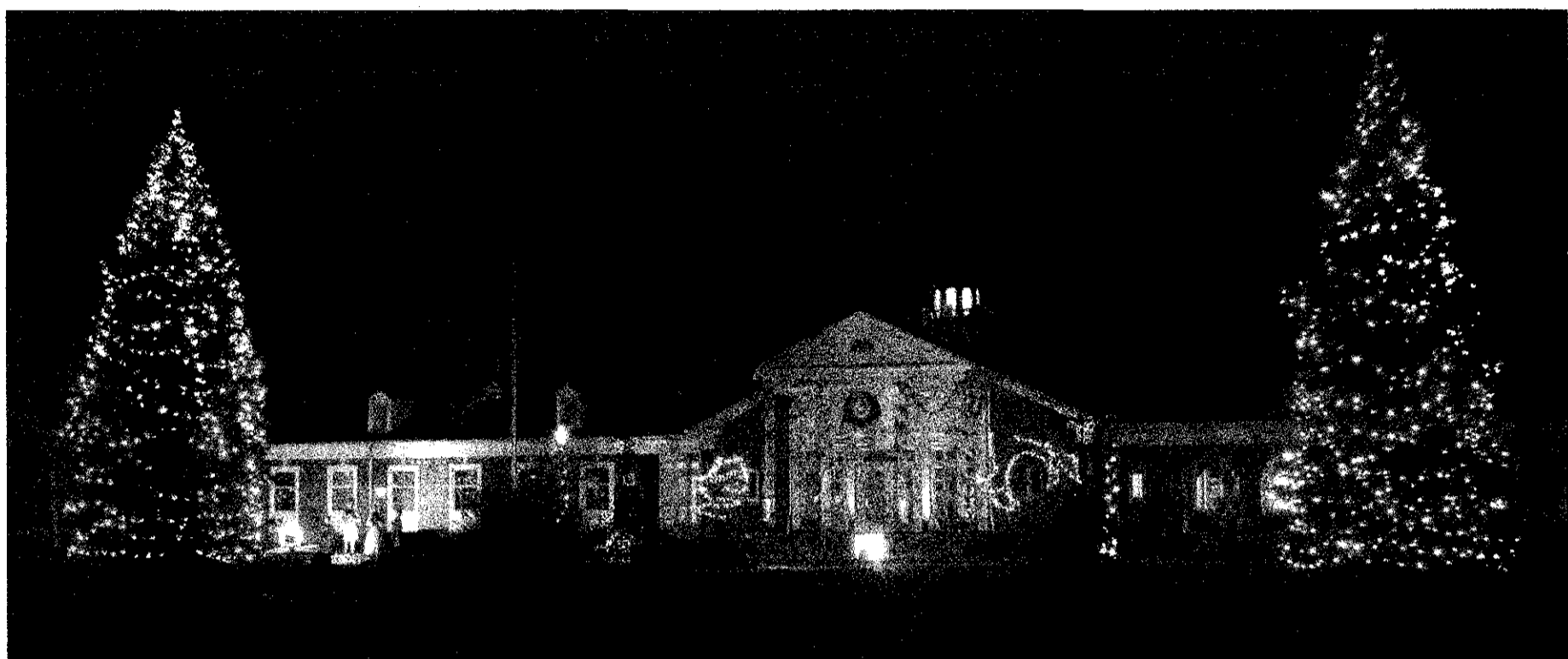
◆ A holiday concert featuring Mel Stander and His Gentlemen of Swing will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$5.
 ◆ Grace United Church of Christ, Lakepointe and Kercheval, has 80 creches on display from 1 to 3 p.m. Activities for elementary-age children will be available. Admission is free.

MONDAY, DEC. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe South holds high school orientation night at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. The program will focus on ninth grade curriculum. For more information, call (313) 432-3010.
 ◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Farms council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
 ◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wicking Library.

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Christmas comes to town

Above, Grosse Pointe Woods municipal complex on Mack put on its holiday decor last week during the annual tree lighting. Below, Girl Scouts Troop 4011 from Maire Elementary School dressed as colorfully decorated Christmas trees for the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus parade, Friday, Nov. 28. For more photos of the parade, turn to page 4C. Tree lighting photos can be found on page 5C.



GROSSE POINTE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Santa given key to the community

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

The guest of honor had a great time during the 33rd annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.
 "It's wonderful," said Santa, addressing a crowd moments after stepping off his parade float in the Village on Friday, Nov. 28. "The elves told me I'd have a good time here. They weren't wrong."
 City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace gave Santa the key to the community.
 "On behalf of all the mayors and citizens of the communities and all the children of Grosse Pointe, I want you to take this key to our hearts,

have a marvelous visit in the Village and a safe Christmas Eve. You have a lot of traveling to do," Scrace said.
 "What a great day in Grosse Pointe," said Ellen Durand, president of the Grosse Pointe Village Association, which along with the Hill Association, put on the parade.
 Pentastar Aviation was grand sponsor with presenting sponsor Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and, as presenter, the Grosse Pointe News.
 "This is always the highlight of the year," Scrace said. "Let's make sure this year, above all years, we support our local

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Arrest made in car larcenies

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

A high school dropout with a burglary record has added to his criminal resume by breaking into cars parked overnight in Grosse Pointe Farms.
 "Cars were unlocked that I went into," admitted Michael Derek Albane, 19, of Detroit, in a two-page, handwritten confession to Farms detectives.
 "We believe he's responsible for upwards of 25 break-ins of vehicles in Grosse Pointe Farms in the last week," said Detective Mike McCarthy during Albane's arraignment Saturday, Nov. 29, before Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora.
 Albane is charged with a stealing credit cards, a felony punishable by up to five years



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Michael Derek Albane, 19, of Detroit, left, fills out paperwork for a court-appointed attorney during his arraignment in Farms court. Farms Lt. Detective Rich Rosati testifies to Albane's spree of car larcenies. Handcuffed to Albane is Demitrius Givens, 18, of Detroit, second from left. Givens was arraigned for a July bicycle theft and assaulting an officer.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

"This was a historic election. I can't believe I'm going to be such an important part of it."

Harry Kalogerakos



Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Age: 52
 Family: Wife, Jackie; children, Bob, John and Emily
 Claim to fame: Delegate to the Electoral College
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Yesterday's headlines

1958

50 years ago this week

◆ **VOTERS APPROVE SCHOOL TAX:** Electors of the Grosse Pointe School District approved a five-year extension of the nine-mill school tax levy by a 5-to-1 majority.

◆ **WOODS HOME FIRE:** Grosse Pointe Woods firemen battled a three-hour fire at a \$50,000 home on E. Doyle Place, bringing it under control within an hour.

The fire, which originated in the basement, is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion of piled up materials in a section of the basement. Damage to the house was estimated at \$25,000.

◆ **POLIO CASES UP:** The 11th and quite possibly last case of polio this season was reported in the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Health District last week.

The 11th victim was a 2-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms girl. The total number of cases in the district last year was seven.

1983

25 years ago this week

◆ **TRAFFIC WOES CONTINUE:** Traffic problems in the northwest end of Grosse Pointe Woods continue to plague residents and the Woods City Council.

After using barriers and one-way streets over the past four years, council decided to remove all restrictions, except a one-way sign on Brys, as it tries to find a permanent solution to traffic problems.

Residents of Roslyn however, say the interim solution isn't working. One resident says as many as 4,000 cars use the street each day.

◆ **PARK FAMILY ROBBED**

IN HOME: A Grosse Pointe Park family answered a knock on the door and found themselves face-to-face with three robbers who ransacked their Windmill Pointe Drive home.

The residents were ordered to lie on the floor while the robbers made several trips to and from the house carrying televisions, jewelry and cash. The residents were unharmed.

◆ **SOUTH GOLFER IS SUPER:** Grosse Pointe South High School senior Jud Kotas was named to the 1983 Boys' All-State All-Class "Super Team."

Kotas ended the golf season with a 75.0 tournament average which included three medalist honors out of the four tournaments in which he participated.

1998

10 years ago this week

◆ **PARKING HOLIDAY IN WOODS:** Shoppers who frequent the many stores in Grosse Pointe Woods will be receiving a special Christmas gift: a break from having to feed the parking meter.

Members of the Mack Avenue Business Association will place coverings over the parking meters on Mack declaring there will be no need to put money in the meters.

◆ **PARK PASSES TOWER RULES:** The Grosse Pointe Park City Council passed ordinances controlling the placement of radio towers in the city—even though there aren't any commercial antenna towers now in the city.

Recent controversies in other Grosse Pointe communities over the placement of towers, usually to service cellular telephones, persuaded the council to consider passing its own ordinance.

◆ **FALSE IDENTITIES:** A Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer pulled over a ve-



FROM THE DEC. 4, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1958: Santa arrives

Snow flurries heralded the arrival of Santa Claus in The Village. In a traditional "White Christmas" atmosphere he greeted the children beneath the snow encrusted branches of a 35-foot-tree, located on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. He then took part in a tree-lighting ceremony that officially opened Christmas Street.

hicle for running a stop sign.

As the driver, a Woods resident, went through his wallet, the officer noticed what appeared to be a driver's license.

When the suspect produced another license, the officer asked about the one he had seen in the suspect's wallet. The suspect said it was another license. The officer asked to see it as well.

The one license indicated the suspect was 17; the other, 21.

The officer cited the suspect for carrying false identification.

2003

Five years ago this week

◆ **EMERALD RIBBONS FOR ASHES:** In the tradition of yellow ribbons displayed in support of military personnel, some of the Pointes' most visi-

ble ash trees have been marked with emerald bows symbolizing their vulnerability to disease.

The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation is hoping to raise awareness in the community of the ash borer and its deadly aftermath.

◆ **GIRLS ON FILM:** Two unknown female teenagers were recorded on a security video breaking into second-floor lockers at a high school

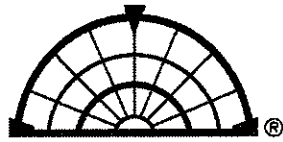
in Grosse Pointe Farms. An administrator thinks the girls were on campus from another school in connection with a basketball game.

◆ **SNEAKY BOSS:** A woman hiding among bushes in the 800 block of St. Clair told police she was "checking on the arrival time of her employees." City of Grosse Pointe officers accepted her explanation.

—Karen Fontanive

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For pets and owners who have everything

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Christmas is going to the dogs this year with pet stores and dog boutiques featuring unique items for pets and the people who are owned by them.

For the pet owners on your list, check out the line of Ursula Dodge pottery that is being carried by Pointe Pet Supply, 15133 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The line features hand painted dishes, coffee mugs, teapots and more, all with whimsical designs featuring both cats and dogs. Pointe Pet also carries the Naylor hand painted pottery for both pets and owners.

For the dog that has everything, Cheri Musial, Pointe Pet Supply's owner, showed off a battery-powered plastic ball that actually lights up so you and your dog can play fetch after dark. The balls come in several different colors and run \$12.99.

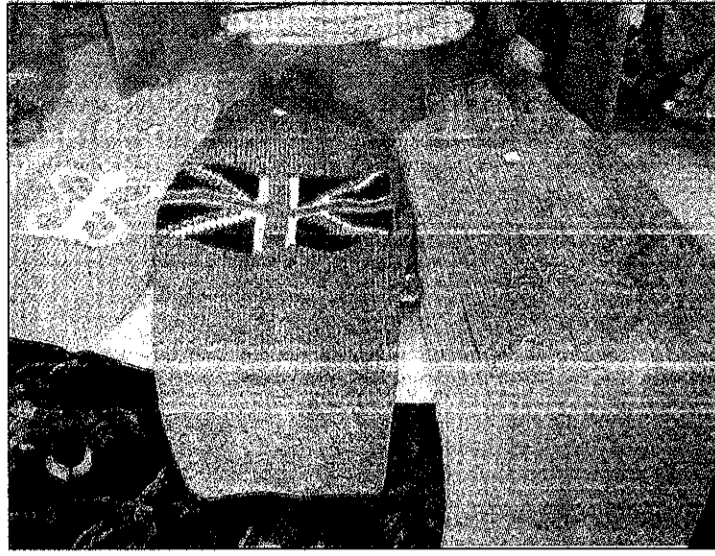
And if you know of anyone getting a new puppy for Christmas, the new puppy and the new owner will appreciate,

a stuffed puppy that comes with a heartbeat. It will help soothe the new puppy to sleep, reminding it of its littermates. A good night's sleep can be had for only \$19.99.

During the month of December, Pointe Pet is offering 25 percent off all its dog beds, no matter the size. If your favorite hound already has a dog bed or a favorite sleeping spot, consider a radiant heating insert to keep it warm when the thermostats are turned down this winter.

And not to leave out our persnickety felines, Pointe Pet Supply offers organic catnip toys, beginning at \$4.95.

Your dog is sure to make the best-dressed list in a Chilly Dog sweater offered by The Barkery Pet Boutique on Kercheval in the Village. These 100 percent wool sweaters are made in the Northern Highlands of South America by descendants of Inca Indians. Butterflies, argyle, the British Union Jack, and the ultimate Grosse Pointe sweater, a pink and green turtleneck with a whale on the back, are just some of the designs. Chilly



PHOTOS BY KATHY RYAN

Stop by The Barkery in the Village to see what the well-dressed Grosse Pointe pooch will be wearing this holiday season.

Dog employs two families to knit the sweaters, and follows Fair Trade guidelines. For additional information on the sweaters, stop by The Barkery or visit chillydogswear.com. Sizes range from teacups to Great Danes, and if you don't find what you want, owner David Codd will be happy to order one for you. They run from \$35 to \$45.

E-mail a favorite pet picture to Codd and it will be printed on canvas. What a perfect gift for the pet owner who has everything except a portrait of their pet. Prices range from a 12-by-14-inch canvas for \$53 to an 18-by-24-inch canvas for \$99. And if you don't have the perfect picture, stop by The Barkery for a portrait with Santa on Friday, Dec. 19. Call



Pointe Pet Supply Limited is featuring hand painted pottery by both Naylor and Ursula Dodge this holiday season for both your favorite pet and your favorite pet owner.

(313) 343-0443.

And for the pooch that has everything, including fleas or a dirty coat, the Grosse Pointe Dog Wash on Mack in Grosse

Pointe Woods is offering gift certificates for an either do-it-yourself bath, or bath and trim by owner James Mixen or his staff. Prices start at \$14.

Call (313) 600-1688 for additional information.

Traditional toys in style

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Minutes after Santa Claus climbed down from his sleigh in the Village following last Friday's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Ellie Havern, 7, was the first child to climb onto his lap.

She asked him for a Samantha Doll for Christmas.

"A Samantha Doll?" Santa confirmed. "So, if you find her under the tree, it will be all right?"

If Santa gets his wires crossed and delivers the doll down the wrong chimney, no worries. Ellie's grandfather, Bob Hackathorn of Grosse Pointe Woods, will make things right.

"A Samantha Doll?" Hackathorn confirmed. "I will make note of that."

Ellie, was visiting her grandfather from Grand Rapids, met Santa at the Village Toy Company, where traditional toys are in fashion.

"Dolls are back," said Ellen Durand, owner of the store in



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

See TOYS, page 6A Ellie Havern, 7, wants a Samantha Doll for Christmas.

Humane society benefits from enterprising twins

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Enterprising Kerby first-graders Gwen and Julia Hudson have raised more than \$680 for the Michigan Humane Society by making Christmas ornaments.

For a donation, friends, relatives and neighbors are given a hand-decorated plaster ornament in the shape of dog bone, heart or star.

The twins, who live in Grosse Pointe Farms, considered raising money first for California then for Texas. Their parents explained people don't necessarily raise money for states but rather contribute to a cause close to their hearts.

"The girls wanted to do something nice to help others. They adore animals, especially dogs and cats," said their father Tim, a professional fundraiser.

The family contacted their friend, Tina Ford, who is on the board of the Michigan Humane Society. She directed the girls on the finer points of securing donations for the non-profit.

This is the first venture into fundraising for the girls, who to date have made 88 ornaments with donations ranging from \$2 to \$25.

The 6-year-old Hudson twins



PHOTO BY TIM HUDSON

Gwen, left, and Julia Hudson, right, sit with Michigan Humane Society board member Tina Ford. Gwen and Julia are making Christmas ornaments and donating the proceeds to the Michigan Humane Society.

paint the ornaments a solid color, adding glitter and polka dots in a variety of colors. Ornaments can be personalized. The girls' mother adds a ribbon or bow to hang the ornament on the Christmas tree.

The most popular ornament is the 3-by-1 1/2-inch dog bone decorated with pixie dust and polka dots their mother, Jennifer said. A close runner-up is the dog bone with silver glitter.

Jennifer said they haven't

spent much on supplies because the girls do craft projects regularly, thus ribbon and glitter were already in the house.

A bonus for this project is a math lesson, Jennifer said.

The girls are practicing counting by twos and fives. They are also learning accounting by keeping a record of donors and donations.

To order an ornament, e-mail jentim@aol.com. In the subject line type in "humane society."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Wild Birds Unlimited offers gifts for the birds and the bird watchers.

Ten reasons to shop at Wild Birds

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There are a minimum of 10 reasons to pick up a few Christmas presents at Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods.

A bonus, said owner Rosann Kovalcik is the merchandise is primarily made in Michigan or the United States and items come in a variety of price ranges.

Top selling 2008 gift items are for the bird lovers and for the environmentally conscious and include candle bowls, heated bird baths and deicers, bird feeders in a variety of styles and sizes, soy candles and stone owls. Earrings made at Silver Forest in Vermont would fit nicely into a Christmas stocking.

"These are selling like no tomorrow," she said of the earrings which run around \$20.

Cherry Republic, located in the heart of Michigan's cherry

lands, offers everything cherry gross sales to agriculture and from salsa to chocolate covered cherries. Cherry Republic will donate 1 percent of its

environmental causes, such as

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Harry Kalogerakos will be one of 16 Michigan residents casting their ballots for our next president as a delegate to the Electoral College.

Casting a ballot, making history

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

December 15 will be a historic day in American history and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Harry Kalogerakos will be a part of it.

That third Monday in December is the day that delegates to the Electoral College gather in state capitals across the country to officially elect Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States.

Kalogerakos, 52, along with 16 other electors from across the state, will cast their votes on the floor of the state Senate in Lansing, with Lt. Gov. John Cherry presiding.

"This was a historic election," Kalogerakos said. "I can't believe I'm going to be such an important part of it."

The duties of the Electoral College are defined in Article 11, Section 1 of the United States Constitution and have been in place since 1788. But few understand the process and what being an elector entails.

Kalogerakos is happy to give anyone a primer.

"There is one delegate for each congressional district and one for each senator," he explained.

He was selected as the Democratic elector from the 13th Congressional District, which stretches from Grosse Pointe to Wyandotte. There were Republican delegates chosen as well, but they will be sitting this one out at least in Michigan.

Casting an Electoral College vote is laden with symbolism and ceremony and the official

ballots and certifications are stored in Washington, D.C. at the National Archives. A hundred years from now, Kalogerakos' great-grandchildren will be able to view his official ballot.

"My father is 83 years old and lives on Long Island. He's a retired history teacher, and he served as chairman of the history department," he said. "I'm so grateful that he will be here to see such an historical event as this."

Long active in the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, including serving as president, Kalogerakos said he had first thought of becoming a delegate to the national convention held this past August in Colorado.

When that didn't seem feasible, he sought the Electoral College delegate position. These positions are chosen by each party's congressional district operations, with the nominees approved by the party at state conventions held in September.

This year Kalogerakos received the nod from the 13th District.

A lawyer by vocation, a political junkie by avocation, Kalogerakos has been involved in local politics since moving to the Detroit area from New York's Long Island, where he was born and raised.

He and his wife of 30 years, Jackie, raised three children while juggling political volunteer jobs, even opposing each other in a precinct election.

"We ran against each other for precinct delegate, and she beat me by two votes," he said



Harry Kalogerakos spends his spare time checking political blogs.

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

with a laugh.

In addition to volunteering, Kalogerakos was a paid staffer on John Kerry's 2004 run for the White House. But it was a volunteer job that is one of his

favorite memories and is an example of his belief that to be involved, you just have to show up.

"I've had some great adventures," Kalogerakos admits.

"Many just came from being in the right place at the right time. A perfect example is when I was volunteering on the Mondale campaign in 1984 and someone asked me if I

would be willing to unload luggage from his campaign plane. I thought, 'why not?' Jackie came too. We ended up at the executive terminal at Metro, waiting on the tarmac, talking with the Secret Service agents. We were right there when Mondale got off the plane and when he spoke to the press.

"The next day we returned, bringing our oldest son along, and loaded the luggage onto the plane, and again, we were right there with Mondale. It was great fun and how else could you get to be so up close to a candidate?"

Kalogerakos has a long list of volunteer jobs performed on various political campaigns, but he considers his official duties on Dec. 15 the highlight, with Tim Bledsoe's election to the Michigan State House as a close second.

"Our efforts were directed toward the state House," Kalogerakos said. "We saw it as winnable, especially after seeing how close Tim came in the 2006 election."

While winning is certainly preferable to losing, Kalogerakos said that win or lose, he will always treasure the friends he has made through his work with the 13th District Democrats.

"This is such a dedicated group of people," he said. "I can't say enough about them. I can't tell you how many friends I have made, how much I enjoy working with all of them. We have an incredibly dedicated group. I also appreciate how involved my wife and kids are. It's really a family thing with us."

BIRDS: Items made in U.S.A.

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the Leelanau Conservancy Land Preservation and Conservation, Kovalcik said.

Wild Birds offers the candle bowl in two sizes from \$24.99.

It's safe around children and pets. The fragrance from these wax works of art, Kovalcik said, lasts a year and releases the fragrance without a flame.

The backyard birds can be treated special this year with heated bird baths from \$64.99. It comes in a small size or large size. They also can be purchased with or without a stand.

If the backyard already has a bird bath, the store at 20485

Mack carries heaters which can be inserted. The heater, Kovalcik said, can be used in either a metal or plastic bird bath.

Ohio-made stone owls come in four sizes and range in price from \$5.99 to \$99.99.

Kovalcik said, "People just love them. They can be used outdoors or in a kitchen or bathroom (featuring) granite."

Snuggling up with a good book when winter winds howl

means securing a copy of "For the Birds." Written by three sisters who own a Wild Birds Unlimited store in New Mexico, they share tips for attracting a variety of birds to the backyard.

The book costs \$19.95. Along with a good book,

brew a cup of Great Lakes Tea. The Michigan-owned business has Mackinaw Breeze, a Ceylon premium black tea blend seasoned with a honey bead.

When the winter winds subside, the birds will be looking for food. This year's popular

bird feeders are shaped like snowmen for \$14.99. Fill the feeder with peanuts and enjoy watching birds eat the goodies.

A snowman made of seeds for \$15.99 is another hot seller, along with the \$16.99 seed wreath, or seed tube feeders, starting at \$29.99.



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Wild Birds Unlimited has gift items to warm both the bird watcher and the birds.

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TOYS: Classics back on gift list

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the City of Grosse Pointe. "Good quality dolls, baby dolls, collectable Madame Alexanders, including high chairs, bassinets and things to go with them."

Toywise, this year is a tried-

and-true Christmas. Classic, family games are making gift lists.

"I think families want to be home for the holidays and involve everybody," Durand said. "So, we've seen a huge increase in puzzles and games: Strategy games, visual games, number games, letter and word games."

A popular game, "Beware of the Dog," challenges players to steal a dog's bone "before he reaches out and chomps you," Durand said.

At the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in St. Clair Shores, customers are mixing the old with the new.

Model boats and balsa wood airplane kits — some dating to the 1960s — sell alongside toys that partner with high technology in an attempt to take kids' imaginations to places they've never gone before.

"The top-selling toy this year is Webkinz," said Rick Claggett, of the family-owned store.

Webkinz is a line of stuffed

animals billed by the manufacturer as "the exciting online experience where your plush pet comes to life."

"Half of, if not most, toys have some sort of Internet interaction, whether people going to the Web site to play related games or whatever," Claggett said.

Claggett said parents are buying toys that are proven winners: "Just old fashioned, reliable toys. The big seller this summer was cap guns. We couldn't keep them in stock."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Gwen Peters tests the merchandise at the Village Toy Company.

CARS: Judge sets bonds high

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in prison. At least one charge of larceny from a motor vehicle is anticipated, McCarthy said.

The threats are minor to what Albane faces in Detroit.

"I'm kinda in a rough situation right now with the Detroit homicide division," he told Rumora during the unusually chatty arraignment, where defendants typically stand mute. "I'm a murder witness. If I run from them, I go down for first-degree murder."

"What do you mean you're a murder witness?" Rumora asked.

"I was witness to something that happened around me with two of my friends," Albane said.

Albane hoped his role in the murder case would assure Farms authorities that he wouldn't skip out on the charge without having to post a high bond.

Rumora saw it the other way around.

"I have concern about protection of the public," Rumora said. "A high bond is warranted."

Rumora set bond at \$50,000 cash. He entered a not guilty plea on Albane's behalf, gave him paperwork to request a court-appointed attorney and scheduled a preliminary hearing in Farms court at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 3, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

Albane, unable to post bond, was taken to the Wayne County Jail until the prelim.

Criminal history

Albane, unemployed, said he didn't finish his senior year at South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores, where "I was on probation for underage drinking and got caught taking money out of another student's gym locker."

"He's currently on probation for a (marijuana) drug offense out of St. Clair Shores," said McCarthy. Albane disputed the claim.

Until recently, Albane had been living in Roseville with his mother.

McCarthy said Albane's record includes a June guilty plea in Roseville for breaking into a car.

About a month ago, Albane and his mother moved to the 5000 block of Anatola in Detroit. The street ends at Mack near Touraine and Calvin in the Farms. Almost all car B&Es reported in the Farms during the past two weeks occurred within short walking distance of the Anatola address.

"Left my house at about 4 or 5 a.m. to go through cars," Albane confessed about breaking into the night of Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-28. "I was alone and not using a car. I took credit cards, sunglasses and a little money."

He claimed to have gone on a spree the previous week with two friends.

"Us three broke into a few cars," he wrote. "We started together, then separated on a street. I believe the only thing I got that night is some change."

"He says he doesn't know why he was doing it, although we suspect narcotics use," said McCarthy, also skeptical that Albane had accomplices.

Caught

Shortly after 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, Farms dispatch received a 911 call from a woman in the 300 block of Ridgmont reporting a man wearing a gray, hooded sweatshirt trying

to enter her parked car.

Headquarters was loaded with officers.

"The midnight shift was holding over for the Santa Claus parade," said Dan Jensen, public safety director. "The day shift was gearing up for the parade. (Albane) picked the wrong day and the wrong time."

Numerous officers responded to the 911 call. Farms police received backup from City Sgt. Mike Almeranti and police dog Raleigh.

"(Raleigh) signaled that there was a subject on the other side of a fence behind the garage," said Farms Officer Vincent Finn. "(I) climbed the fence and in the rear of 411 Touraine found (Albane) hiding behind the garage."

Finn recovered from the area a prescription bottle, two sets of glasses and a bottle of Lauder Beyond Paradise perfume.

Officer Bryan Ford recovered credit cards, a flashlight, sunglasses, lighters, a marijuana pipe and 2.4 grams of marijuana.

"Albane said the drugs were stolen out of a car," McCarthy said. "You know what? They're his drugs now. Possessing stolen marijuana is still possessing marijuana."

While Farms officers booked Albane, Raleigh returned to City police headquarters and got ready to march near the front of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

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Sunday sweep nets three B&E suspects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

In Lt. Rich Rosati's undercover unit, martinis are shaken, not stirred.

Rosati, head detective in Grosse Pointe Farms, has been using a homing device to keep tabs on a suspected house-breaker.

The bug is magnetized and sticks to cars, like the one Bond, James Bond, used to tail Goldfinger's Rolls Royce.

"James Bond's tracking device was a lot easier to conceal," Rosati said. "Ours takes a little bit of doing to place it."

Detectives had already obtained a warrant to arrest three alleged home invaders when Rosati tagged one of their cars with a global positioning unit.

"We'd been tracking him for three days," Rosati said. "We hoped to catch him in the act to bolster our case."

When that didn't happen, officers on Sunday, Nov. 23 arrested all three.

Arraigned in Farms Municipal Court on felony counts of attempted home invasion were:

- ♦ Anthony Thomas Milano,

19, of Grosse Pointe Park,

- ♦ William Charles Francis III, 19, of Grosse Pointe Woods and

- ♦ Kieran James Reilly, 18, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Penalties are five years in prison, no fine. Milano, charged as a habitual offender, could serve 7 1/2 years if found guilty.

Farms Judge Matthew Rumora set bond at \$50,000 cash for Milano and Francis, and \$25,000 cash for Reilly.

All three were sent to the Wayne County Jail. They're due in Farms court for a preliminary hearing at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 3, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline.

B&E attempt

The trio is accused of trying, shortly after 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, to break into a house on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Kerby, half a block from police headquarters.

"The homeowner yelled and scared them off," Rosati said. "As they were running away, she recognized Milano as someone her son knows as an acquaintance. He had been in her house. It's Milano's M.O.

to break into houses of people he knows. If you don't know Tony Milano, you're OK. If you do, he's going to break into your house."

Rosati knows Milano from the days the suspect was growing up on Detroit's eastside.

"He's been doing stuff like this for years," Rosati said. "He did a little time in county jail, but for the most part, has been able to dodge real time."

Francis has "some" criminal history, Rosati said. "Reilly is a virgin, his history is almost nil."

Police think the three suspects last month attempted to break into a house on Trombly in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Detroit police are investigating a robbery case possibly involving Francis and Milano," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. "Detroit police learned we had both suspects in custody and sent two detectives here to interview them."

Sunday sweep

Three days of remote tracking hadn't turned up anything useful.

"We decided to close this

thing," Rosati said.

Milano was first up. "I like to take the war back to home invasion suspects," Rosati said. "I like when we break into their homes to give them a sense of what it must feel like to have their house broken into."

Three detectives, two officers from the emergency response team and two Park officers — due to the possible Trombly connection — knocked on Milano's door in the 900 block of Nottingham.

"We gave him five seconds and broached the door with a battering ram and took control," Rosati said.

Francis was next.

"We went to his house on Anita," Rosati said. "His mother stated he wasn't home and she'd been having quite a bit of trouble controlling him. She said he was at his girlfriend's house in the 1000 block of Three Mile in Grosse Pointe Park."

When officers arrived on Three Mile, Francis had just

left.

"His mother didn't honor our request not to call him," Rosati said. "Officers found him crouched behind a garage on Audubon. They arrested him."

Reilly came last. "We went to Bournemouth for Reilly and got no answer," Rosati said. "Apparently his mother got hold of him and he turned himself in Sunday evening."

Interrogations followed. "They denied their involvement," Rosati said.

Due to Reilly's clean record, prosecutors offered him a deal to testify against the others.

"He didn't want any part of it," Rosati said. "I told him I'd be able to hand him his life back. Especially because he's 19, he'd probably get in a diversion program and the charge would almost disappear after six months."

Rosati said he intends to seize Milano's black Jaguar S-type that his mother gave him.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

♦ A Christmas Tea is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Music will be provided by James Abud. A cost of \$29 includes tea, afternoon tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, tax and gratuity. For a reservation, call (313) 881-7511.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 12

♦ The 2008 White Christmas Ball will be at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. For ticket information, call the Fontbonne Auxiliary office at (313) 343-3675.

SANTA: Brings smiles to crowd

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merchants, whether they're in the Village, on the Hill, Fisher or Mack. Let's shop local this year."

Thousands of people lined the parade route on Kercheval from Lewiston in the Farms to Cadiuex in the City.

Applause greeted music and Christmas carols played by 11 marching bands. Grosse

Pointe North High School's pep band made a return visit to the parade this year while South High's pep band marched for the first time.

Other popular attractions were unicyclists, Detroit Fire Department clowns and Hunt Club horses. Santa brought up the rear on a float complete with sleigh and eight flying reindeer.

Terri Berschback, in her fifth year as parade director, was pleased by its smooth operation.

"I'm quite happy," she said. "There were no catastrophes. I hope all the merchants that were nice enough to donate to

the parade saw the smiles on everybody's faces."

Bob Hackathorn of Grosse Pointe Woods attended the parade as part of a Thanksgiving family reunion.

"We had all of our family together," said Hackathorn. "It's the best part of Christmas. Better than presents."

His daughter, Courtney, attended from Cleveland.

"This is our favorite thing to do," she said. "All of us get together on Friday morning and make a day out of it."

Hackathorn's granddaughter, Ellie, 7, of Grand Rapids, met Santa at the Village Toy Company.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Richard Williamson

General Motors: venerable, but vulnerable

General Motors is on the verge of bankruptcy because it "builds cars that nobody wants to buy." If you haven't heard that line in the bailout debate, you haven't been listening. "They're a dinosaur in a sense," Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I hate to see this because I would like to see them become lean and hungry and innovative. And if they did and put out the right products they could survive."

Such facile rhetoric has been in vogue since at least 1978 and

While anyone who covers the industry can come up with any number of blunders by the Detroit Three, building unwanted products is not one of the biggies. Not anymore. That was a completely different era.

is as obsolete as a Chevy Vega.

In 2007, more than 9.3 million "nobodies" bought GM cars and trucks, keeping the brand in a dead heat with Toyota as the world's largest automaker. It was the second-best sales year in GM's 100 year history.

Were buyers just being charitable? Does "nobody" want a Corvette? Do the more than 600,000 potential buyers lining up for the new 2010 Camaro not really want one? Clearly, no one wants to buy the Cadillac CTS, Motor Trend magazine's Car of the Year.

And what about the fact that Chevrolet dealers were screaming for more Malibus this year to satisfy demand? Was that just public relations? What about Malibu's selection as 2008 North American Car of the Year by the fussy Detroit auto show press and the remodeled model's ranking as best mid-size car in initial quality by J.D. Power and Associates?

Chevrolet sales grew more than 4 percent in 2007 to 4.5 million vehicles, with a nearly 34 percent increase in Europe and a 22 percent rise in Asia. There must be a lot of "nobodies" in China, because GM ranks as the best-selling import brand there.

And apologies all around for those nasty old trucks that boosted market share for the Detroit Three in the 1990s. GM sold 3.8 million globally in 2007, an increase of 33,000 or 1 percent.

As someone who has been reviewing cars for nearly two decades, I can think of few GM products I didn't want to buy, though some of the early Lumina and the misbegotten Pontiac Aztek were quite resistible. The problem isn't that "nobody wants" a GM product, it's the fact that in a hyper-competitive world, a company that once dominated is going to see its market share inevitably slip. Thus, every action appears defensive.

The fact is GM, Ford and Chrysler are still "paying for the sins" of the '70s and '80s long beyond their expiration date. Korean car maker Hyundai, meanwhile, is wreathed in laurels for reversing its quality fiascos of the 1980s and is devouring market share from the Detroit Three as well as Japan Inc.

When I say the domestics are paying for their sins, I mean that literally. GM products bear consistently lower sticker prices than their Asian and European competitors, despite the fact they typically offer a richer menu of standard equipment and better power options.

Take the Cadillac CTS, for example, which retails for \$38,980 and comes with a navigation system and OnStar Service as standard equipment. If you turned to import competitors, you might pay \$50,625 for a BMW 5-Series or \$45,675 for a Lexus GS350 without the system.

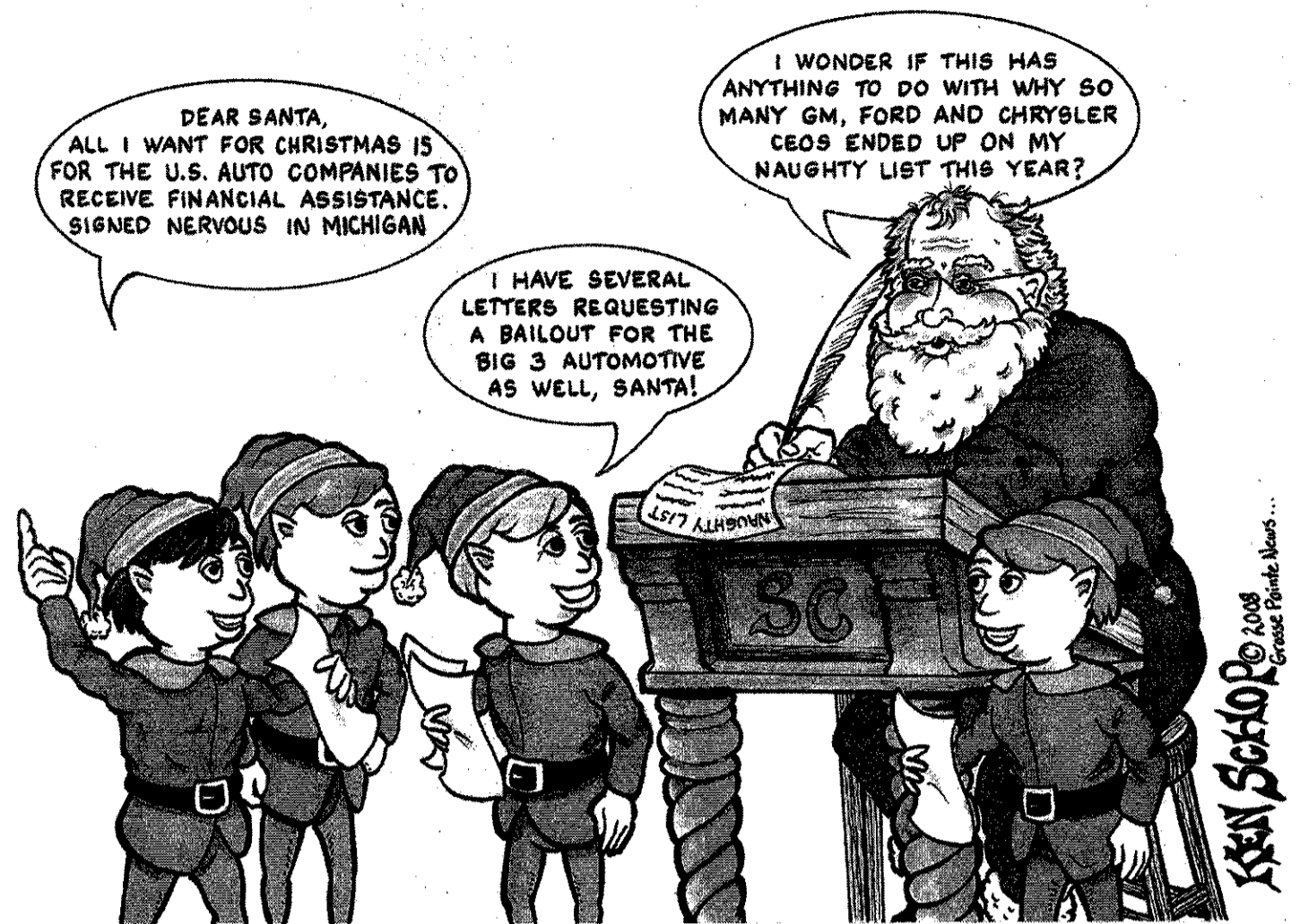
But the Detroit Three are not just paying for their past sins, they're also paying for their past successes. The thousands upon thousands of retirees GM still supports were working on the line when factories were running overtime to keep up with demand. The plants they have closed were built for less competitive times.

In 2004, health care cost GM \$1,525 per vehicle, compared to Toyota's \$201, according to the management consulting firm A.T. Kearney. And health care costs increase with age. Toyota had only 250 retirees in North America in 2004. GM covered about 340,000, including spouses. And those contract provisions were painstakingly negotiated in many a midnight mediation over the decades.

It was inevitable that GM, Ford and Chrysler would lose the commanding market share they enjoyed after World War II.

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Boomhower, Kristen Buisch, Ed Russell, Jennifer Hein from Einstein Bagels, the Vermet family, Wendy Jennings and Tim Cenowa.

I hope that the parade has set the tone for everyone to have a happy holiday season!
TERRI BERSCHBACK
Director
Grosse Pointe
Santa Claus Parade

Thanks Raleigh

To the Editor:

This letter is to Raleigh, the City of Grosse Pointe police dog.

Dear Raleigh, one of the City of Grosse Pointes finest, we, the canines and felines of Ridgemont in Grosse Pointe Farms want to commend you on a job well done.

On Friday morning we were watching out our windows in our warm homes and saw you in action.

With the help of your partner, Mike, you apprehended someone who hopefully will get the help and rehabilitation that he needs.

Thanks again Raleigh, you are our hero!

DIANE VANDENBOOM
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

Christmas trees — keep it real

If getting a real Christmas tree seems too much trouble, consider the case of Frederick Dominguez and his three children.

After church on Sunday, they headed into the Northern California mountains to find a tree and lost their bearings. They spent three days huddling in a culvert from snowstorms until rescuers found them and flew them out with helicopters.

And you thought driving to the local Christmas tree lot and shoving the thing onto the back of your car was a pain?

There is a great culture struggle afoot in the land. It's the quiet battle between patrons of real and artificial Christmas trees. It's quiet because no one who trudges down to the basement every year to unpack the fake tree is going to want to brag about it, even if it's a state-of-the-art model with built-in lights, fully hinged branches and — as the artificial-tree seller Treetopia boasts of its models — "an extra-long extension cord with on/off foot pedal."

Feeling all warm and fuzzy yet? A silent majority has nonetheless been moving to artificial trees. Fakes have risen from about 50 percent of all trees to as much as 70 percent now.

This brazen raid on market share has instigated a fierce counterattack by the National Christmas Tree Association. The association is not inhibited by the holiday season from viciously negative attacks on

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fake trees as un-American monstrosities that expose you and yours to — "Dangerous chemicals!" "Manufactured in China!"

Fake trees are indeed overwhelmingly made in China — 85 percent. But the chemical in question is polyvinyl chloride, which doesn't represent a threat to hearth and kin.

The natural tree people have their own safety issues. To listen to fire officials warn about the hazards of an inadequately watered natural tree makes bringing a Douglas fir into the home sound almost as foolhardy as singing carols around a Molotov cocktail.

Pass the eggnog, and the fire extinguisher. Then there's the environment. Greens can't stand the idea of cutting down a live tree, only to cruelly display it for a few days, then discard it by the side of the road.

Here, though, the natural tree people have a strong case: Fakes are destined to live on for countless centuries in landfills, while natural trees can be mulched and are farmed, and replenished, like any other crop. All that tree-growing contributes to the ultimate Christmas value, at least in a certain segment of America: carbon sequestration.



The back-and-forth arguments obscure what should be a common sense tree compromise. Adults with no children or with grown children can be forgiven for opting for the convenience of a fake tree, so long as it is not — sampling again from Treetopia's offerings — pink, candy apple red or silver stardust.

A decent respect for the opinion of mankind demands that even a fake tree be green. But parents with small children must — on pain of critical behind the back clucking from neighbors — choose natural trees.

A natural tree is part of the delight of Christmas and what makes it a season of sweet an-

tipication for children. There's the excitement of picking out a tree, setting up a tree, decorating a tree and — of course — finding what's under the tree on Christmas morning.

It's all about the buildup, and the magical sense of the out-of-the-ordinary, to which having an honest-to-goodness 6-foot pine tree in the living room, shedding needles and leaning precariously toward catastrophic collapse, makes an irreplaceable contribution.

Once this compromise is accepted, we can begin to fight over the really important stuff: white lights or colored lights?

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

A bailout lesson from Lincoln



Interest in Abraham Lincoln has risen with the publication of James McPherson's new biography, "Tried by War." My knowledge of Lincoln began in childhood, from lessons by my parents and school teachers, as did most everyone's I grew up around. There are tons of books about Lincoln. One that impressed me most was the six-volume set by the poet Carl Sandburg. Despite my intention to read every word of Sandburg's work, I gave up. "A book should be read as

deliberately as it was written," someone once said. Six volumes? As a shortcut, I bought a copy of "The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln," published in eight (or was it nine?) volumes. There's nothing like leafing through source material to give a concise view of a person's makeup.

I eventually sold my set to John King bookseller, thinking if I ever needed to wade through Lincoln's correspondence and speeches I would go to the library. I never figured the Grosse Pointe Public Library would ditch its set, too. Lincoln's collected works aren't in the card catalog.

Sifting through the volumes, I came across a letter Lincoln wrote that made a great impact on me.

The letter is Lincoln's answer to his brother's latest request

for a financial bailout. The future president was weary of such requests and, in his response dated Dec. 24, 1848, presented a strategy that wouldn't so much help his brother, but would help his brother help himself. Here it is, with a sentence or two removed due to limited space:

Dear Johnston:
Your request for eighty dollars, I do not think it best to comply with now. At the various times when I have helped you a little, you have said to me, "We can get along very well now," but in a very short time I find you in the same difficulty again.

Now this can only happen by some defect in your conduct. What that defect is, I think I know. You are lazy, and still you are an idler. I doubt

whether since I saw you, you have done a good whole day's work, in any one day.

This habit of uselessly wasting time, is the whole difficulty; it is vastly important to you, and still more so to your children, that you should break this habit. It is more important to them, because they have longer to live, and can keep out of an idle habit before they are in it, easier than they can get out after they are in.

You are now in need of some ready money; and I propose that you shall go to work, "tooth and nail," for somebody who will give you money for it.

Let father and your boys take charge of your things at home — prepare for a crop, and make the crop, and you go to work for the best money wages, or in discharge of any debt you owe, that you can get.

And to secure you a fair reward for your labor; I now promise you that for every dollar you will, between this and the first of May, get for your own labor either in money or in your own indebtedness. I will then give you one other dollar.

By this if you hire yourself at ten dollars a month, from me you will get ten more, making twenty dollars a month for your work. In this, I do not mean you shall go off to St. Louis, or the lead mines, or the gold mines, in California, but I mean for you to go at it for the best wages you can get close to home — in Coles County.

Now, if you will do this, you will soon be out of debt, and what is better, you will have a habit that will keep you from getting in debt again. But if I should now clear you out, next

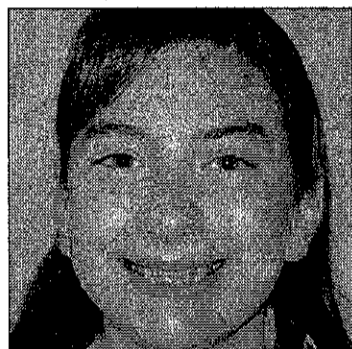
year you will be just a deep in as ever. You say you would almost give your place in Heaven for \$70 or \$80. Then you value your place in Heaven very cheaply, for I am sure you can get with the offer I make you get the seventy or eighty dollars for four or five month's work. You say if I furnish you the money you will deed me the land, and if you don't pay the money back, you will deliver possession - Nonsense! If you can't now live with the land, how will you then live without it? You have always been kind to me, and I do not now mean to be unkind to you. On the contrary, if you will but follow my advice, you will find it worth more than eight times eighty dollars to you.

Affectionately,
Your brother,
A. Lincoln

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What is on your Christmas list?

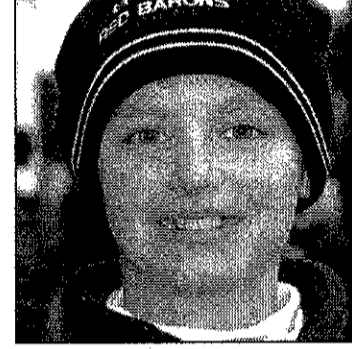
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Longview, Texas



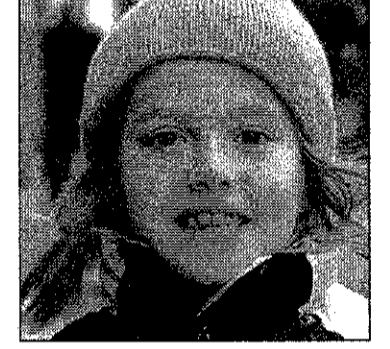
'An American Girl doll, an iPod shuffle, Pixels and Piranha Panic.'
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City of Grosse Pointe



'Wii, a skateboard, an Xbox 360 and some new shoes.'
ANDREW TROST
Grosse Pointe Farms



'Furniture for my American Girl doll Kit, a husky, Mia, the American Girl and accessories for the Mia doll.'
EMMA TRIPP
City of Grosse Pointe



'Bratz, the littlest shop, Mia, an American Girl doll, clothes and money.'
SARA TROST
Grosse Pointe Farms

FROM THE ARCHIVES By Suzy Berschback

Grant's Castle, the old mill and more



Just beyond what is now Moran Road stood the Grant homestead then known as Grant's Castle. This home has an interesting history.

In 1774, Alexander Grant, a retired officer in the British navy, married Therese Campau in Detroit. About a year later, Commodore Grant had constructed a mansion of considerable size on his property in Grosse Pointe. Although research has failed to bring to light any information concerning the size of the house, it must have been very spacious because it was the home of a family of 12 daughters and a son, which the Commodore and Madame Grant had.

The property, according to the various abstracts which have been presented, had a lake frontage of nine acres and a depth of about 71 acres. The estate, therefore, was about 640 acres which, was a large piece of property for those days, even around Detroit.

Another residence, rich in historical interest, was the home of Mrs. T. P. Hall, whose ancestors, the Godfrey family, obtained an estate by letters patent from Louise XIV dated Sept. 15, 1668. The Godfreys named their estate

"Tonnanour" and Mrs. Hall took this name for her estate on the shore of Lake St. Clair.

It was on this estate that a grotto was constructed which commemorated the legend of the "Loup Garou," an evil beast who pursued a French maiden to this spot. She throws herself at the feet of a statue of the Virgin imploring aid and protection. As the Loup Garou leaped upon the rocks, he immediately changed to stone by the Virgin, who had needed the maiden's plea.

The old windmill, from which Windmill Pointe received its name, was erected on a point of land which extended into the lake at the foot of what is now Lakepointe Avenue. The mill, described as being operated by wind power, was round and about 30 feet high. The foundation was of cobblestones with limestone above; the exterior was covered with a mixture of sand and limestone. The stones came from the shore of Lake St. Clair, near where the mill was constructed.

Old French records show this mill, together with a house and barn, to have been on this property as early as 1759. The house was then occupied by Jean Baptiste Leduc, who, because of and proof to the contrary, might be considered the builder of the mill. Jean had a sister, Josette, who was slightly older than her brother and who eventually became half owner of the mill.

One night Josette died suddenly soon after having de-

clared that she would leave her share of the mill to the devil. Many conflicting tales have grown up around this mill and about Josette and her brother.

Doubtless, there is more to this strange death of Josette than is recorded but until any new bibliography concerning the tragic circumstances comes to light, the mystery remains essentially as it is recorded here.

The mill itself was undoubtedly a crude affair, but it served the community and the framers on both sides of the river with a means of grinding their grain.

It performed the work more quickly and more efficiently than the hand method used before the mill was constructed. The fact that the Indians and farmers from the other side of the river crossed the lake in small boats loaded with grain would indicate a lack of grist mills on the river. The mill gave service until about 1800 when it was abandoned. About 1848, Maglory Beaufait, then the owner the property, improved the mill by building a log house and barn adjacent to the mill facing the lake. About 1865, William G. Moran, son of George Moran, obtained possession of the property and decided to build a new home. He tore down what was left of the old mill and used the limestone blocks for the foundation of his new house.

In 1876, William B. Moran, on the death of his father, Judge Charles Moran, inherited a sum of money which he

used to acquire the land of his cousin, William G. Moran. The property was adjoined on the east.

About four years later, William B. Moran formed a partnership with another cousin, Charles G. Moran, to form a realty company after having reclaimed some of the marsh land near the old mill. They named this parcel of land after the old grist mill, the foundations of which still remained on the point of land extending into the lake.

They named it the "Windmill Pointe Development Company."

In 1916, the Windmill Pointe Land Company was organized by a group which subdivided the property and developed the lake front by filling in both sides of the Pointe where the old mill had once ground the grain of the nearby farmers. This new improvement necessitated the removal of the foundations of the old mill which were still on the Pointe. This was the last of the old mill.

The general philanthropic movement during the early decades of the 20th century, no doubt, played a large part of Mary Manning's inspiration, when she planned and had erected in 1912 and 1913, 32 cement black cottages for the working men's families, who lived in the Village of Grosse Pointe.

They were built on property owned by her husband, Frederick H. Wadsworth and cost \$1,500 apiece to construct. They supplied the need, which existed at the time in Grosse Pointe for better homes for the working class.

With an eye to the future, generous sized lots were plotted out; many were 250 feet in depth allowing for ample garden and play space. The cottages were identical, being about 24-by-24 feet with six rooms and a bath. They were built on posts sunk into the ground and had no basement; stove heat was used. This method of heating was very common at the time.

The cottages rented for a small sum per month.

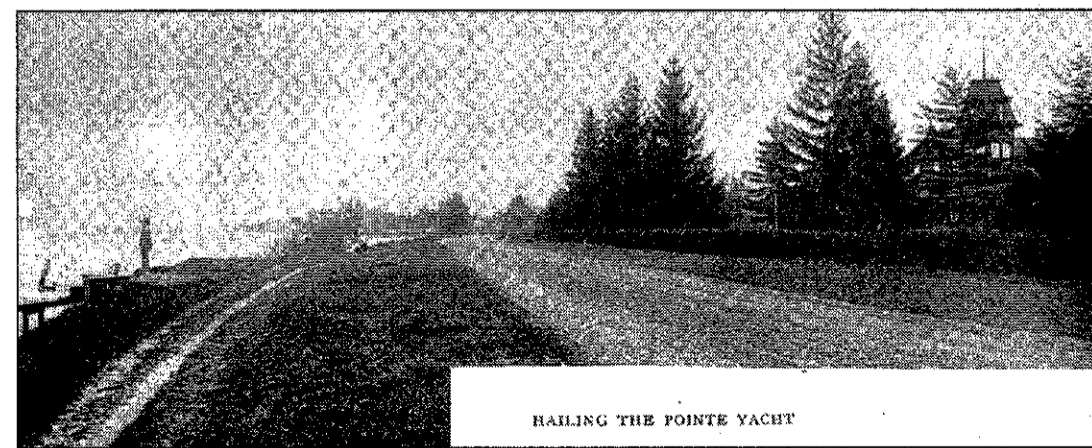
Through the years, some of them have been torn down in order to make way for more substantial and large dwellings. Now, only about 12 are still standing. With the construction of higher class dwellings and the transition from a rural community to an urban community during the past decade, the cottages, which are still standing are used for purposes other than those originally intended.

One, on the corner of St. Clair, was formerly used by the

Wayne County Library Commission and later by the Grosse Pointe Board of Education as a public library. It is now used as a home.

Another dwelling across the street is still used as a private home.

The building on Maumee near St. Clair has been used for some time by the City of Grosse Pointe as a city hall and the one next door was occupied by the "thrift shop" operated by the Neighborhood Club of Grosse Pointe before it was moved to the cottage on St. Clair.



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BIG THREE: Wanted products

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Asia and Europe crawled out of the postwar rubble and hit their stride when American industry was growing fat and lazy.

Since then the import brands have expanded their fleets to compete in every market seg-

ment, complete with U.S. factories. The Detroit Three lost their virtual monopoly in full size trucks when Toyota got serious about the Tundra, and Nissan rolled out the Titan, both built in southern U.S. states hostile to unions and offering extravagant economic incentives.

GM has 7,000 dealerships, many of which are protected from closure by antiquated state laws. Toyota has 1,500.

While anyone who covers the industry can come up with any

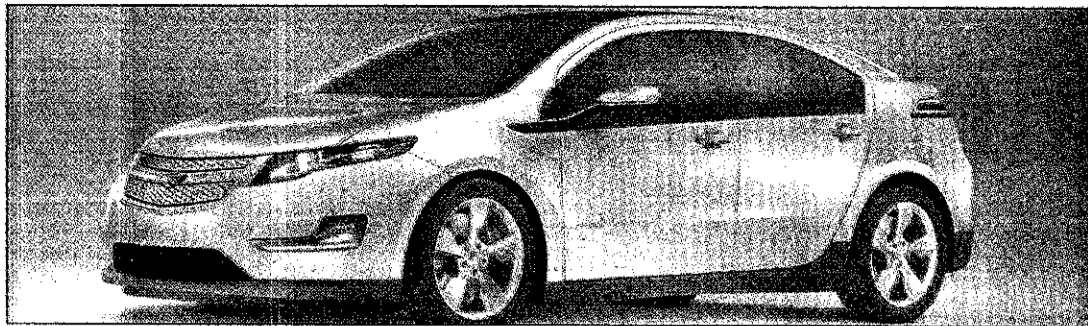


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The 2011 Chevrolet Volt.

number of blunders by the Detroit Three, building un-

wanted products is not one of the biggies. Not anymore. That

was a completely different era. Part of their recent trouble

came because they built vehicles people did want. Until a year ago, they had a hard time supplying enough Yukons and Silverados for a market flush with cash and credit. Toyota and Nissan were fighting hard for a piece of the action. When pump prices spiked, all of the makers were caught with fleets of gas guzzlers that few buyers could afford, even if they wanted them.

But were the automakers to blame for high fuel prices? There's a good argument to be made that the U.S. invasion of Iraq — a government action — and related world instability contributed to the soaring fuel prices that endangered not only the auto industry, but the world economy.

That's not to say that GM didn't have plenty of high quality, fuel efficient cars. With 20 models that get 30 miles per gallon or more, GM offers more than any other maker. They also offer the most hybrid vehicles, ranging from the Malibu Hybrid to Cadillac Escalade. If you want conventional frugality, there's the dutiful little Chevy Aveo, which, at \$12,120 costs about \$2,000 less than a Toyota Yaris.

If it survives, GM will produce plug-in hybrids within a couple of years that should allow most commuters to go to work and back without running their internal combustion engines at all.

GM still catches a lot of grief for scrapping the electric EV1 in 1999, but the two-seater was believed to have cost GM \$80,000 per unit and could only be leased, not sold. It was a costly boondoggle briefly mandated by one state — California. Nonetheless, GM soldiers on with development of the Volt, a hybrid designed to run primarily on battery power that might enjoy better success, but certainly won't save the company.

GM is also playing a key role in the development of so-called "Intelligent Transportation Systems" that will make driving safer and more efficient. Cars that drive themselves are not that far off. Eleven years ago, GM linked eight Buick LeSabres electronically in a system called "platooning." Drivers at the event known as Demo 97 did not have to touch the accelerator, brake pedal or steering wheel.

GM's sophisticated OnStar communications system is also seen as a bargain basis for future communication between vehicles. The system would also provide 360-degree visibility and would cost much less than the government's proposed \$3 billion to \$10 network.

GM could be the beneficiary or the victim of government action, but the government has been deeply involved in the automotive business for most of its existence, from catalytic converters to air bags, which, by the way, GM pioneered.

Should the U.S. government lend taxpayer dollars to the Big Three? We're talking about a loan here, not an outright gift like the hundreds of billions of dollars we have poured into Iraq, including \$9 billion in cash that simply disappeared.

Some respected economists argue that bankruptcy may be the only way for GM to hack the Gordian knot of contracts, laws, regulations and debts dating back to an era of black and white TV. But GM questions whether the world's largest automaker could survive bankruptcy. Who would trust a warranty or parts supplies for a company that might not be around next year?

If you're occupying an ivory tower or a talk-show microphone, you have the luxury of debating economic theory. If you are among the one out of 10 workers who depend on the auto industry for your daily bread, the question is a little more immediate.

At the end of the day, GM may go under, taking much of the world's economy with it. To think that they survived the Great Depression, but perished in their 100th year would be a bitter pill to swallow. But let's hope historians don't blame their demise of the brand on cars that "nobody wanted."

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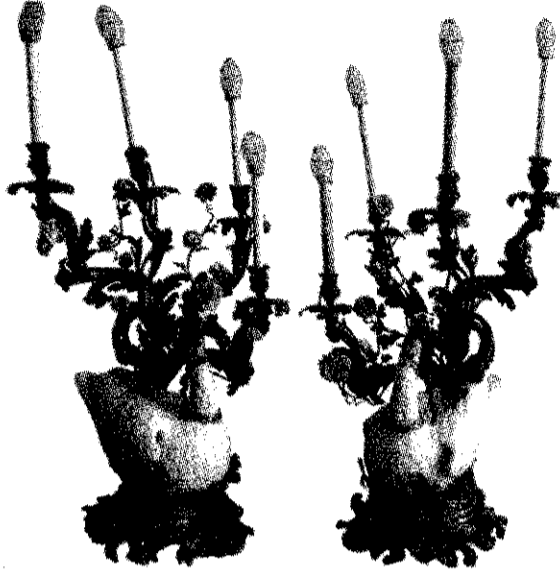
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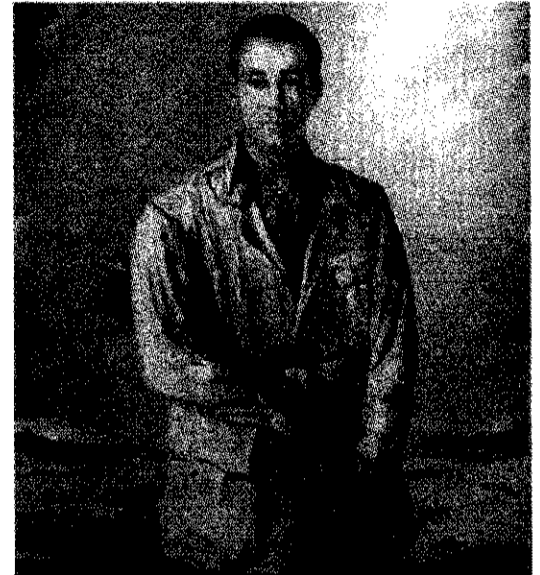
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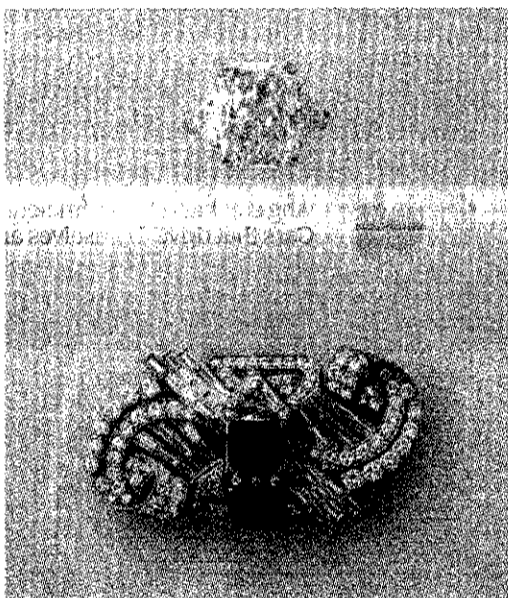
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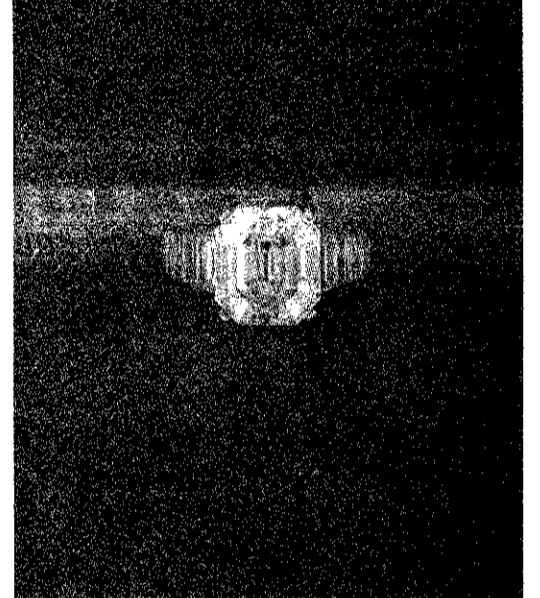
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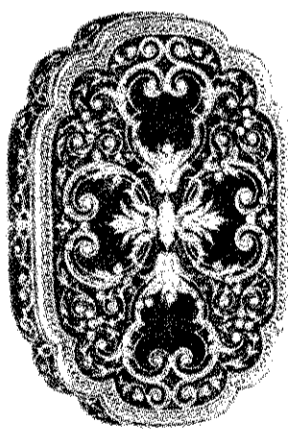
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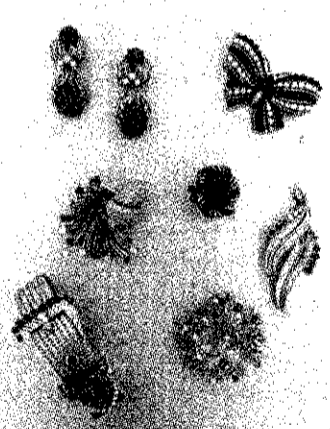
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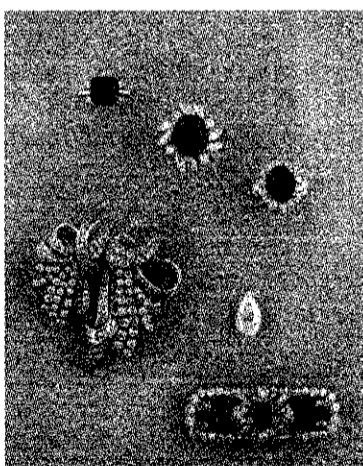
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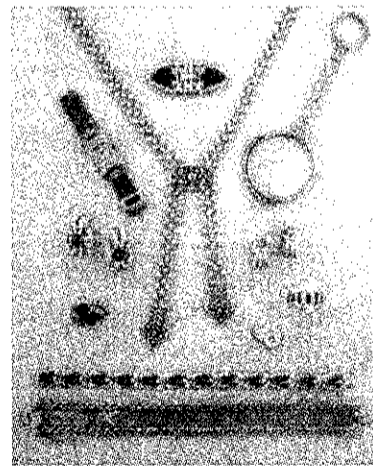
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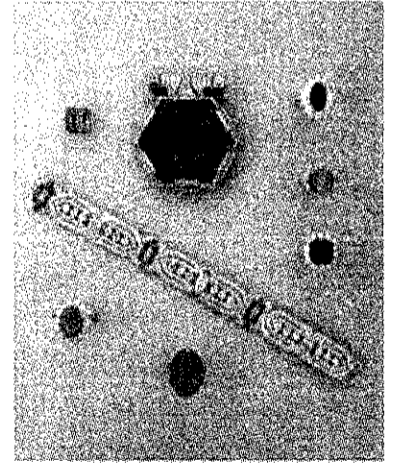
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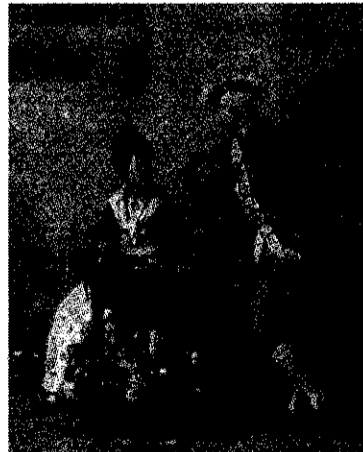
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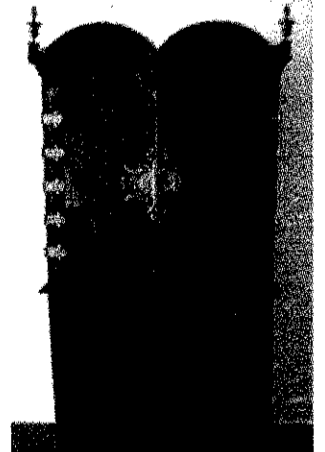
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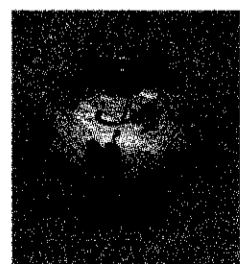
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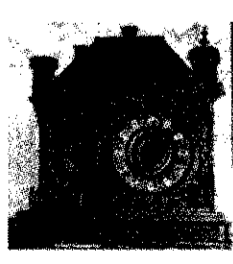
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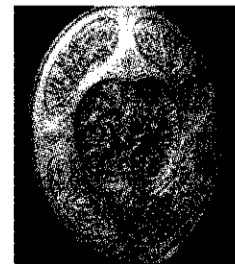
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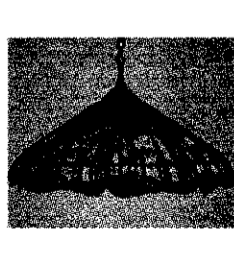
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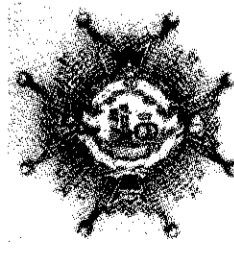
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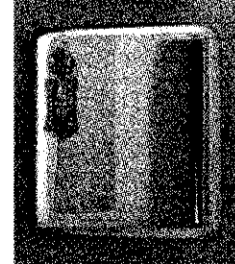
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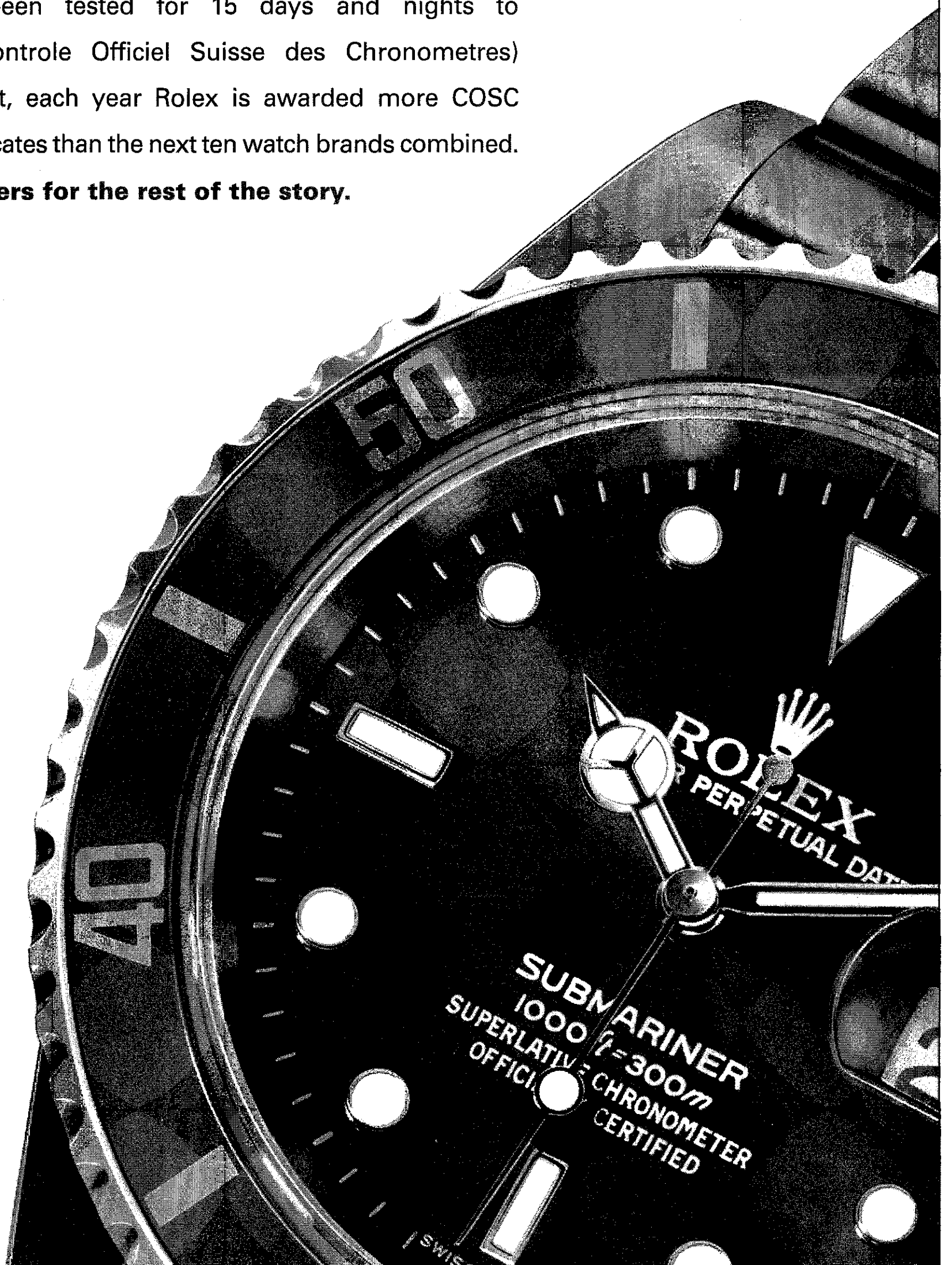
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Pistons' positive message

Detroit Pistons Year Round Hoops Director Aaron Smith, above, delivered the message, "Hoops Before Homework," during a 60-minute assembly Friday, Nov. 21 to the students at Grosse Pointe North High School. Smith, along with Pistons mascot, Hooper, entertained the students while talking about developing positive life skills. The students were also able to view a Pistons championship ring and the authentic championship trophy.

Saying 'No' is important

As most parents know, just saying, "No" is easier said than done.

During the Grosse Pointe Academy's annual McMillan Lecture Series, parenting expert David Walsh recently discussed "No: Why Kids of All Ages Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It."

According to Walsh, self-discipline is a key character trait that leads to success in school and in life. It helps kids stay on task, finish a task, stay focused, be engaged, take on a challenge and make better decisions.

"Self-discipline helps kids resist the siren call of entitlement — 'Gotta have it and gotta have it now,'" Walsh said. "Parents who say 'No' and use the parenting skills of 'No' are re-discovering parenting strategies that work."

As an example, Walsh referred to what parenting experts refer to as the Marshmallow story.

"Almost 40 years ago, a group of scientists performed a very important experiment with children," Walsh said. "Parents brought 3 and 4-year old boys and girls into a room one by one, where the scientist presented them with a choice. They could either eat a marshmallow that he gave them right away, or they could wait until he came back with a second marshmallow."

"Some of those little boys and girls gobbled up that marshmallow before the door was even closed; others did



Grosse Pointe Academy recently hosted parenting expert David Walsh during its annual McMillan lecture series. Shown above, from the left are, board president Bret Wacker, lecture series sponsor Thayer McMillan, Walsh, faculty member Wendy Demartini and Head of School Phil Demartini.

whatever they could to wait for that second marshmallow.

"The important thing about the experiment is that the scientists followed those children all the way through their growing-up years — through elementary school, the teenage years, into early adulthood. The conclusion of the experiment was that the ability to wait for that second marshmallow was an amazingly strong predictor of those children's success and happiness through school and into early adulthood. That experiment was really a measure of a critical success factor: self-discipline."

Walsh is the author of nine books including the national best seller "Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen." His latest

book, "No: Why Kids — of All Ages — Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It" serves as the focal point of the Say Yes to No" campaign, which teaches parents and educators how to instill self-discipline in America's children.

He is a frequent guest on national radio and television shows including the "Today Show," "Good Morning America," "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition."

Walsh has received numerous awards including the Council on Family Relations' Friend of the Family Award.

The lecture series is a gift from Thayer and Gioconda McMillan given in memory of William Charles McMillan III.

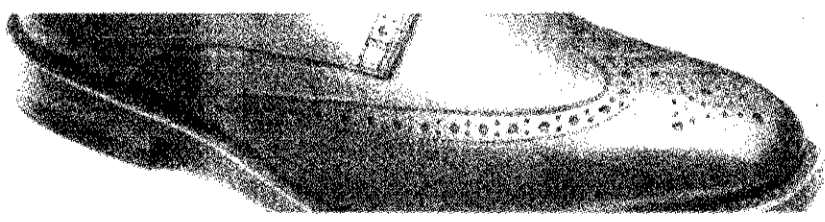
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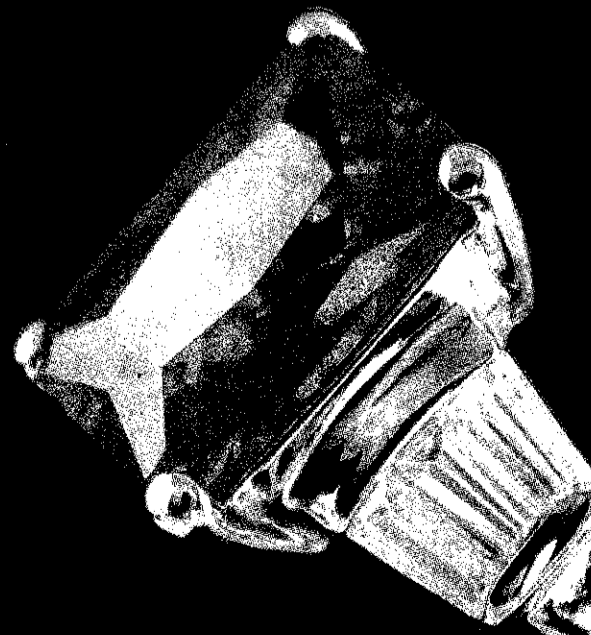
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University Liggett School seventh grader Nicholas Wu answered the most questions correctly to earn the school's geography bee championship Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Wu is now eligible to take a test to determine if he will represent the school at the state geography bee.

Students scoring in the top 15 percent on a qualifying test, which was taken by all Liggett Middle School students, were eligible to take part in the bee. The participants were eighth-graders Connor Borrego, Robert Babcock, Matthew Ninivaggi, Stella Gatzke, George Teftsis, Andrew Zinkel, Libby Stallings, Elizabeth Watson and Spencer Swider; seventh-graders Tommy Fair, Annie Grech, Richard Ferrara, Nicholas Wu, Vincent Scarfone and Jacqueline Diggs; and sixth-graders Mackenzie Lukas, August Bonacci, Nick Azar, Isabelle Sakalaris and Griffin Wray.

The students started the competition by answering questions taken from the 2009 National Geographic School-Level question booklet.

The final round consisted of Wu and the second-place winner Watson writing answers to three questions. Wu answered two questions correctly to win the title.

'Yule Be Boppin' jazz concerts

Grosse Pointe South High School's jazz band will perform the eighth annual Yule Be Boppin' holiday jazz concert twice this season. The shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Hard Rock Cafe, 45 Monroe at Campus Martius, Detroit and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Music Hall Jazz Cafe, 350 Madison, Detroit.

The concerts will feature holiday favorites along with jazz standards.

The two events will feature the 21-member band along with students performing in smaller ensembles.

Admission to the Hard Rock performance is free. The restaurant is contributing 10 percent of the entire day's proceeds to the school's band and orchestra program.

Admission to the Music Hall event is \$10 per person and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The South jazz band is the first high school jazz ensemble invited to perform at either of these two professional venues.

The band recently recorded its first commercially-available CD, "Live at Cliff Bell's," which may be purchased at both shows.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDLUT

Packing up cans

In addition to homework and lunch bags, the entire student body, from kindergartners to fifth-graders, at Kerby Elementary School put canned goods in their backpacks last month for a good cause.

The students collected nearly 1,200 cans for Operation Can Do, which will be taken to Gleaners Food Bank. Helping to pack the food into boxes and loading up cars are, from left, student council president Maggie Wright, secretary Callie Zingas, treasurer Justin Vorhees and vice president Madeline Roeske.

'Dark Knight' for teens

The Grosse Pointe Public Library teen advisory board's high school movie night will show "The Dark Knight" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The PG-13 rated movie is part of director Christopher Nolan's Batman series. It stars actors Christian Bale as Batman and Heath Ledger as the Joker.

Attendees will have the chance to win "The Dark Knight" DVD or gift certificates to Blockbuster Video.

The event is open to students in grades nine through 12. A valid school picture identification card must be presented at the door.

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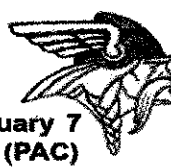


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Striking a Shakespearean stance

Artists from the Stratford Shakespeare Festival spent two days in November conducting acting workshops for local students at three locations — Grosse Pointe South High School, University Liggett School and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. During their Advanced Placement literature class, South students learned about the art of the tableau — posing a dramatic scene. Students, from left, Nicole Pytel, Sarah Siwak, William Angell, Emily Owens and Kendall Effinger performed a tableau of King Lear and his three daughters.

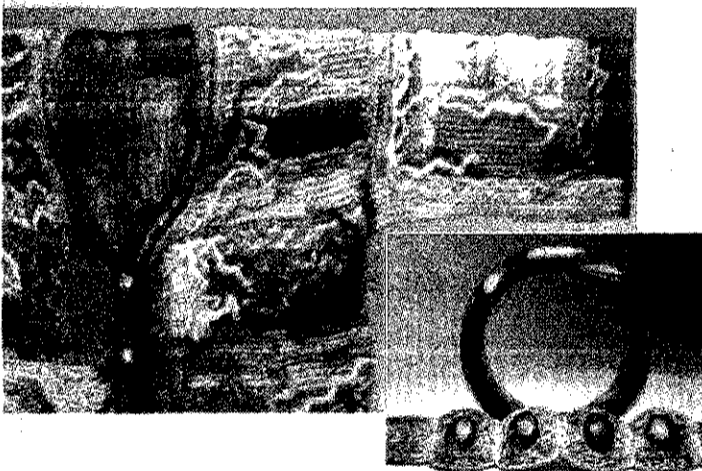


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Star power

Teeny-bop pop star Britney Christian recently wowed Our Lady Star of the Sea School students during an assembly to promote healthy lifestyles. She intermixed singing eight songs while discussing good nutrition, perseverance and assertiveness. Christian is the official spokeswoman for Milk Rocks! which is a campaign sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy promoting the benefits of milk as a healthy alternative to sugar-based drinks.

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Shop local means community success

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Shop local is more than a slogan.

In today's economy, it means the success of a community.

Driving a few minutes to pick up a train or doll at the Village Toy Shop in the City or selecting a pair of earrings at Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers in the Woods seems the logical choice rather than driving 30 minutes to the mall, where service is not as personal.

Spending money with merchants from Eight Mile to Alter is money which will be funneled right back in the Grosse Pointes and to support charities close the hearts of merchants.

"Residents should never forget store owners invest in our community make it better," says Mary Huebner, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

President. "I see how much our locally owned stores do. It's the local stores who donate services for fashion show, hair and beauty tips, massages and more. Restaurant owners donate food and gift certificates.

"The local store owners care about who is investing in our neighborhood while national chains make decisions based on share owner value," she says.

Merchants are organizing Music on the Plaza, Winter Fest, Mack Avenue Days, trick-or-treating, parades, the Greatest Block Party, sidewalk sales and more to keep the Pointes a family-oriented, desirable place to live, Huebner says.

Owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Rosann Kovalick says through her customers she is able to donate to environmental causes.

"We are proud to support Metro Beach with feeders and

seed; the Environmental Interpretation Center at U of M Dearborn with feeder donations and seed at cost and Whitefish Point Bird Observatory with donations of feeders and seed. All of this would not be possible without the support of the community," she says.

Huebner reminds Grosse Pointers that business owners' taxes support city services. Salaries paid to the employees are returned to the community.

As Kovalick points out, her employees live in the Grosse Pointes, St. Clair Shores and Madison Heights.

The sales associate who makes up a basket of goodies at Special Favors or the one who wraps up the shirt and tie at Hickey's (Walton Pierce) clothiers is generally someone with whom the customer is acquainted.

"We usually know the people helping us and that makes



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Local shoppers go loco with the selection at the Village Toy Company.

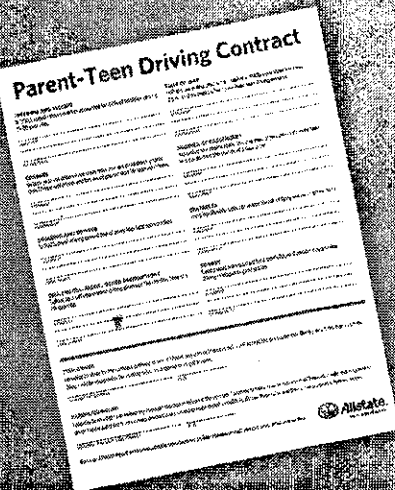
it more fun," Huebner says. Combining friendly cus-

tomer service, convenience and comparable prices, shop-

ping local is a win-win for the Grosse Pointes.

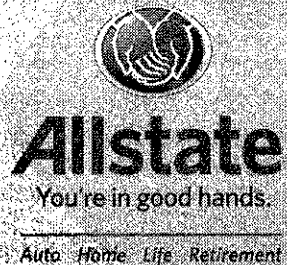
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Car stolen

A black 2007 Nissan Infiniti four-door was stolen at a service station while its owner, a 44-year-old Farms man, went to the lobby to buy a beverage. "He noticed his car speed off northbound on Marseilles (in Detroit)," said an officer. "(The victim did not observe the driver."

The incident occurred at 7:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Wheels snatched

Four wheels of a GMC Tahoe parked in the driveway of a house in the 700 block of University Place were stolen during the night of Monday, Nov. 24. The vehicle's owner discovered his vehicle at about 7:30 a.m. propped on cement blocks.

"A neighbor stated he heard some noise around 5 a.m., and a car speeding from the area, but did not get up to look," said a public safety officer.

Eagle eye

Shortly after a public safety officer had at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24 reviewed a day-old security video of a man suspected of shoplifting wine at Kroger grocery store in the Village, the officer recognized the suspect and a male companion in a parking lot behind the store.

"Upon making eye contact with (me, he) turned around and walked toward the back of the parking lot, while (the second man) entered the store," said the officer.

Police arrested the second man, a 24-year-old Mount Clemens resident, on an unspecified felony warrant from 16th Circuit Court.

The investigating officer returned to the store and arrested the shoplifting suspect, a 21-

year-old St. Clair Shores man. Officers said they found a hypodermic needle in one of the man's pockets.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Sebring stolen

A 2001 Chrysler Sebring four-door owned by a female employee of Kroger on Mack at Moross was stolen from the store parking lot between 3 and 6:40 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29.

The owner said her car was locked and secured with The Club.

Bagel burglar

A 19-year-old female salon employee was opening shop in the 18500 block of Mack at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28 when she saw a man take a dozen bagels out of her parked car. She told police the man was homeless.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Fire run

A stove fire in a home on Audubon on Monday, Nov. 24 at 9:50 a.m. was quickly extinguished, with little damage.

Suspect arrested

A suspect in a car theft was

located under a porch in the Kercheval and Alter Road area on Friday, Nov. 28 at 1:27 a.m., thanks to the assistance of the City of Grosse Pointe K-9 unit.

—By Kathy Ryan

Grosse Pointe Shores

Watching wildlife

A 56-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was cleared of wrongdoing when questioned at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27 for driving suspiciously in the area of Sheldon and Deeplands.

"(She said) she noticed the coyote in the area and had stopped to watch," said an officer.

Just a drill

Two minutes after firefighters were dispatched at 2:03 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24 to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, they were told to return their two fire trucks and a squad car to headquarters.

House officials informed the dispatcher that a fire alarm was just a drill.

Tails hit & run

A female Detroit motorist reported to Shores police shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 that she was tailing a 2004 Cadillac Escalade whose driver hadn't stopped after hitting her Jeep Commander in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The woman and police met up with the alleged hit-and-run driver at a house on Lake Shore Lane.

"(He) was extremely intoxicated," said a public safety officer.

Police noticed "fresh damage" to the driver-side of the Escalade.

Shores officers turned the man over to Woods authorities.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Hit in the garage

A Huntington resident returned from vacation on Saturday, Nov. 29 to find considerable damage to his garage door, the car parked inside the

garage, a work bench in the garage, and the outside wall of the garage.

It appears that a car struck the garage door with such force that it pushed the parked car into the tool bench, causing the back wall of the garage to bow out. A neighbor reported hearing a loud bang about 1 a.m., but did not see anything.

Hit & run and caught

A 67-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 11:44 p.m. when he stopped in a parking lot at Harper and Eight Mile to vomit and urinate.

In the meantime, a witness had called police, reporting that a car had struck two vehicles on the I-94 freeway, but

did not stop. From the description given by the witness, police identified the car and driver after he was arrested in the parking lot.

Pot found

A routine traffic stop on Saturday, Nov. 29 right after midnight found a driver with both a suspended license and a bag of pot. The 34-year-old Detroit resident was arrested.

Too much cheer

A 70-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was arrested on Monday, Dec. 1 at 2:55 a.m. for driving while intoxicated after police stopped him for speeding.

—Kathy Ryan

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Man robbed in garage

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Other than hiding his face with a black ski mask and holding a chrome revolver in his right hand, the man who confronted a Grosse Pointe Shores resident in his garage last month night looked normal.

"Give me your watch," said the gunman. He wore a white button-down dress shirt and gray slacks.

"No," answered the 74-year-old male homeowner.

The gunman repeated the demand three times, the last time with emphasis.

"(He) pointed the gun closer to (the homeowner's) chest and stated he was going to shoot him," police said.

The unknown robber at 10:38 p.m. Nov. 13 got away with the resident's 15-year-old, \$18,000 Rolex Presidential watch.

"The suspect got into an awaiting vehicle parked on Shorecrest Circle just west of Lakeshore," according to an investigation by Shores Sgt. Kenneth Werenki.

The encounter occurred as the victim arrived home in the 900 block of Lakeshore from what he said was a "jewelry party" at a jewelry store on Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

"When he exited his vehicle inside his garage, a lone male was standing at the entrance to the

garage pointing a gun at him and stated, give me your watch," Werenki said.

Police think the gunman followed the resident from Southfield.

While the victim drove home on Jefferson at Marter in St. Clair Shores, he noted passing an older-model, burgundy Chevrolet traveling slowly in the left lane. The victim told police the Chevy was "in rough shape."

Two Shores public safety officers responded to the robbery scene.

Officers from Grosse Pointe Woods and St. Clair Shores cordoned off the neighborhood at key intersections.

City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Mike Almeranti and his police dog, Raleigh, tried to track the suspect.

The scent ended around a hedgerow near where Werenki said the getaway car had been parked.

Stephen Poloni, Shores public safety director, advised motorists to be aware of fellow drivers, especially during the upcoming holiday season.

"Due to economic times, we want people to be aware of who's around them and be more cautious than normal," he said. "If you suspect someone is following you, or if you see someone suspicious, continue driving to the police department. While driving, call 911. If you don't have a phone, drive right to the police department."

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2009 Volvo C30 doesn't look like the typical Volvo. It's small, with a European profile that loses the hint of boxiness that still surfaces in current Volvo design.

Volvo enjoys sportier look with C30



A year ago Volvo took the plunge and brought its sporty C30 four-passenger two-door hatchback to the North American market.

It debuted at the North American International Auto Show as a design in January of 2006 and as a real car at the Paris show the following September.

Products marketed here over recent decades by the Sweden-based member of Ford Motor Co. have morphed from affordable, practical, rather plain-looking sedans and wagons into a more expensive lineup, which might even be described as "near-luxury."

Base priced around \$23,000, the C30 is very likely to attract the attention of coupe buyers seeking unusual styling, affordable payments and the status owning a Volvo brings today.

Volvo designed and built the iconic P 1800 sports coupe between 1961 and the early 1970s. One would not have expected to find one's high school English literature instructor back then behind the wheel of the interesting and sexy car.

But things have changed and a bright red C30 or C30 R model would not be out of place on any school parking lot today.

How do you bring buyers in to have a closer look at a new hatchback when there already are many attractive vehicles in

the same category? Volvo believes its R Model is a good answer to the question. A step up from the base C30, the "R-Design" offers goodies such as attractive black and cream leather seating surfaces with an embossed logo; a special grille with matte silver trim, and a special finish on the outside mirrors, aluminum inlays in the interior, plus a sport steering wheel and sport pedals.

Volvo says its new preferred package, offered on the base T5 and R-Design, includes a power driver's seat, front fog lights, trip computer, leather parking brake cover, keyless drive and an upgraded sound system.

Bluetooth hands free phone interface is a new stand alone option for both models. Also available is the Volvo HDD-based navigation system with detailed intersection and building footprints. Volvo says free Real Time traffic updates and Map Care that provides two free map updates will be available half-way through the 2009 model year.

Another newby for this and other Volvo nameplates is complimentary factory scheduled maintenance beginning with the 2009 model year vehicles. Available to retail customers, who purchase their new Volvo through the Volvo dealer network, the program covers the first three years or 36,000 miles — whichever comes first.

Base or R Model, the C30 customer gets a snappy 227-horsepower turbo-charged five-cylinder engine rated to deliver an average 19 miles per gallon in the city and 28 mpg on the highway. The front-



The 2009 Volvo C30 hatchback uses a modified wedge shape that distinguishes it from others in the Volvo family.

wheel-drive hatchback has a standard six-speed manual transmission. A five-speed automatic with an auto-stick function is a \$1,250 option.

The C30 is the only Volvo to offer the special "custom build" ordering process. A one-time charge of \$300 opens up a long list of options, accessories, exterior colors and interior combinations. These custom build special orders enable customers to select from more than 30 options that comprise features like Blind Spot Information System and rear park assist.

Though the C30 has many strengths, easy access to the rear seating area is not one of them. The back of the driver's seat folds forward when a handle, where a safety belt guide might be located, is lifted. Then it is necessary to press a nearby button to move the entire power seat toward the steering wheel. The driver's safety belt is capable of sliding rearward

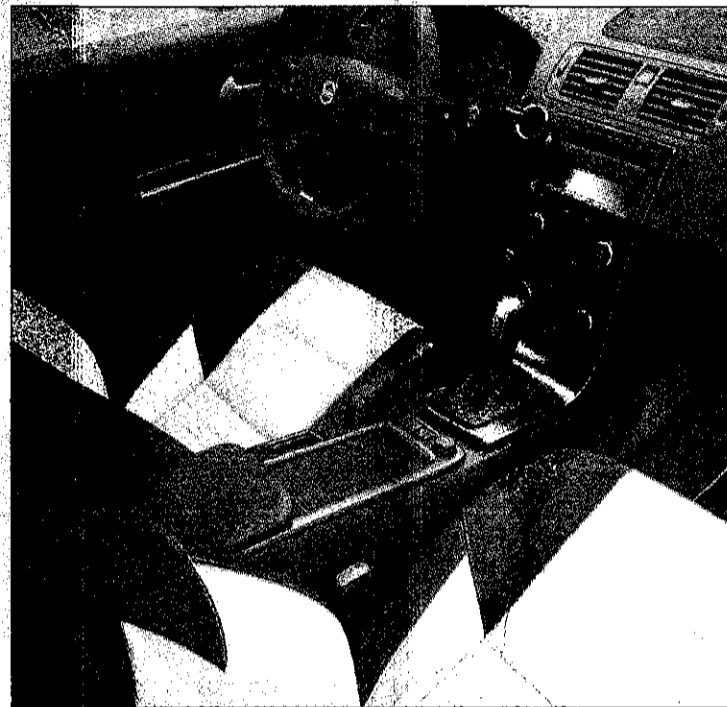
along a rod at its base so the entering rear seat passenger won't trip or have to squeeze beneath the belt. Complicated. Ugh.

On the front passenger side, again the back of the seat folds forward. Then the entire seat follows suit by sliding toward the instrument panel. But it does not automatically return to the earlier position without grabbing the adjustment bar below the front of the seat and pushing it rearward. It's a two or three handed operation for sure and not one you want to do too often with the cold winds of winter blowing up the back of your jacket.

It seems to be easier for the rear seat passenger to enter on the side of the front passenger. And once inside, the two rear seats are very comfortable, with adequate leg, foot and ankle room, if the front seat folks are considerate and not too long-legged.

For the C30, the "hatch" in

hatchback refers to the rear window which pops up to expose the storage area. Rear seat



Two-tone leather seating surfaces and aluminum trim features add style to the moderately priced Volvo C30 for 2009.

passengers are just ahead of this compartment. And it would be simple enough for one of them to turn around and get started on the chocolate chip cookies in one of the grocery sacks. There is no barrier other than the backs of the seats.

The Volvo nomenclature still uses letters and numbers: S is for sedan, V is for versatile — also known as the station wagon — and C is for coupe.

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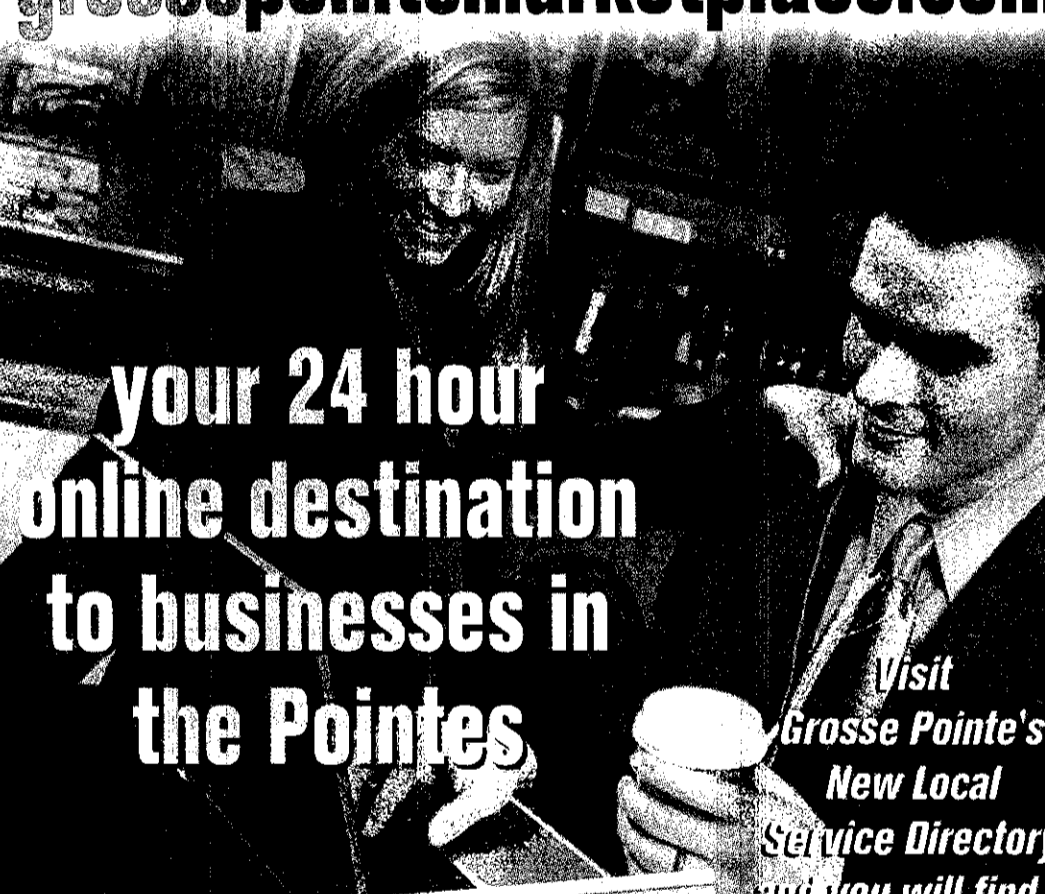


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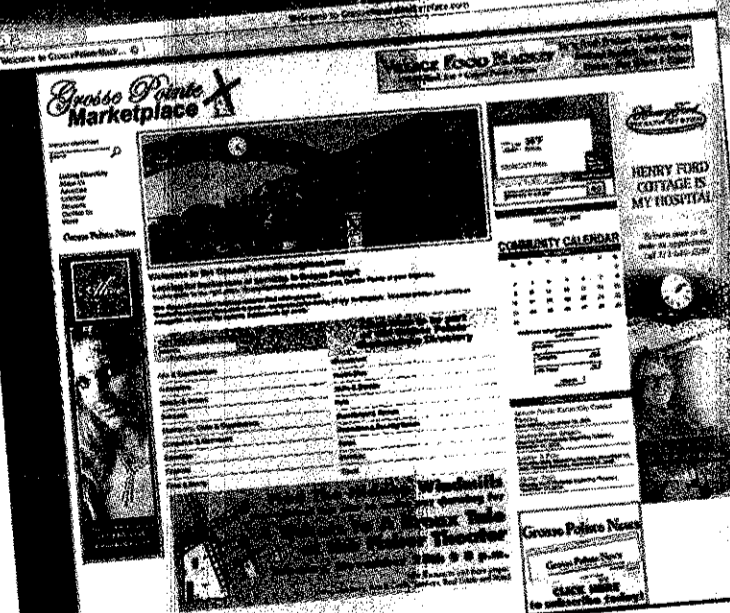


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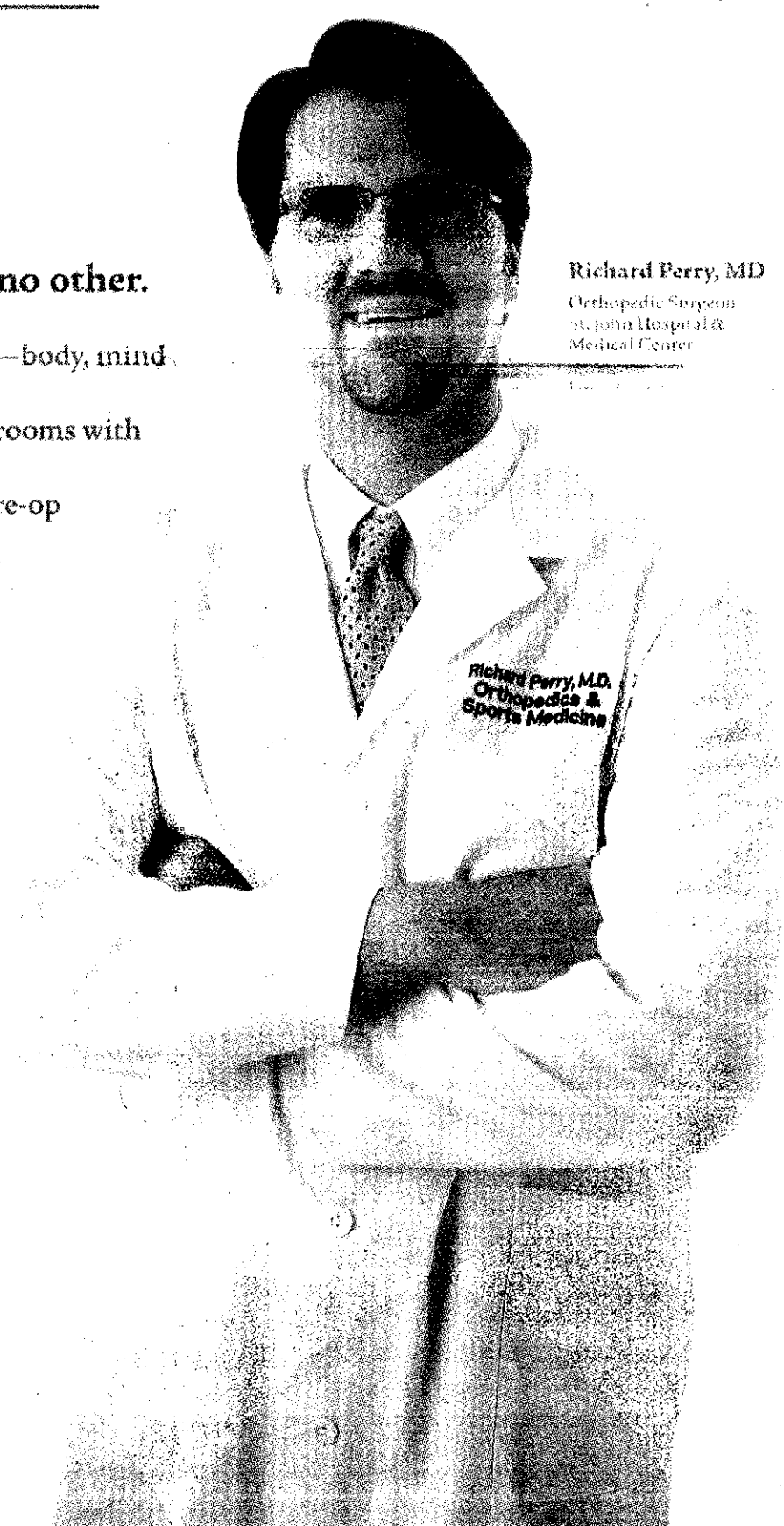
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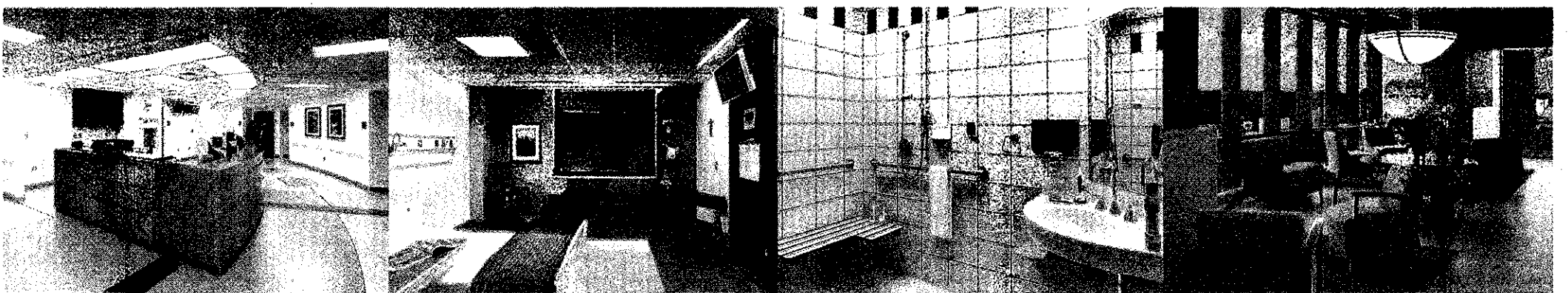


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OBITUARIES

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Jimmy F. Bloink Jr.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jimmy F. Bloink Jr., 71, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 at his home.

He was born Nov. 25, 1937 in Detroit to Jimmie and Emma Bloink Sr. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1957 to 1963.

Mr. Bloink was the former owner of Jimmy Bloink Furniture. He also owned many real estate investments and east side hotels. He was also a former member of the Grosse Pointe Shores Council for four years.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Mr. Bloink is survived by his wife, Anita; daughter, Melissa (Ted) Dickson; son, Jimmie F. Bloink III; grandchildren Katie, Emily and Nathan Dickson and Stephanie Bloink; his sister, Gayle Lehman; and his brother, Robert J. Bloink.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 1 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Howard Smith Buhl

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Howard Smith Buhl, 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, of cancer. He was living in Annapolis, Md.

Mr. Buhl was born Nov. 1, 1936 in Detroit. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School, in Lakeville, Conn. and attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1957 and was assigned to the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif.

After a 20-year career in advertising, Mr. Buhl owned and operated Uniglobe Town and Country Travel Agency in

Warren for 25 years. He retired in 2002.

Mr. Buhl was a board member of 100 Club of Anne Arundel Co., and Lakeside Camp Association in Roscommon. He was an enthusiastic participant in the U.S. Naval Academy sponsorship program, an avid bird hunter, and supporter of Ducks Unlimited, the South River Federation and many other environmental causes. He sailed in numerous Mackinac races. One of Mr. Buhl's passions was duck hunting in Canada. He especially enjoyed spending time at his beloved St. Luke's on Mitchell's Bay, Ontario and at a family cottage on Higgins Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Yerges Buhl of Annapolis; his sons, Howard S. (Susan) Buhl Jr. of Grosse Pointe Park and Jeffrey C. Buhl of Arlington, Va.; brother, Arthur H. Buhl of Nashville, Tenn.; sisters, Mary Elise Buhl Chapman of New Vernon, N.J., and Catherine Gay Buhl Buck of Lake Forest, Ill.; and three grandchildren, John Christian, Peter Anthony and Thomas Foster Buhl.

He was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Mary Gene Buhl.

A memorial celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 6 at the Country Club of Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Higgins Lake Foundation, P.O. Box 753, Roscommon, MI 48653; Lakeside Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. Joseph Torrence, 5805 Summerset Drive, Midland, MI 48640; or the CG Memorial Fund, c/o Jill Baker, 212 1/2 Old Stage Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

William W. Hayduk

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William W. Hayduk, 85, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 at St. John Hospital and Medical

Center.

He was born April 13, 1923 in Goodeve, Saskatchewan, Canada to John and Theodosia Hayduk. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1948. On June 19, 1948, one week after graduation, he married his wife, Elaine.

Mr. Hayduk was a proud veteran having served in the U.S. Army during World War II and as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

He worked as an engineer for Chrysler Corp. until his retirement in 1987.

Mr. Hayduk was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He enjoyed traveling and had traveled throughout the world.

He is survived by Elaine, his wife of 60 years; sons, Mark (Sharon), Brent (Rayisa) and Don (Crystal); grandchildren, Matthew, Stephen, Jessica, Katie and Meghan; and his sister, Barbara.

A memorial service will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Barbara Anne Jackson

Surrounded by family, Barbara Anne Jackson, 88, died peacefully at her St. Clair Shores home, Friday morning, Nov. 21, 2008. A former Grosse Pointe Woods resident, she was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1938. In 1941 she married Donald Jackson, her loving husband of nearly 64 years.

A devoted mother of three, Mrs. Jackson was proud of being a homemaker and an excellent cook. She enjoyed painting, sculpting, reading and playing tennis and golf.



Jimmy F. Bloink Jr.



Howard Smith Buhl



William W. Hayduk

She also loved family vacations to northern Michigan and Florida.

Mrs. Jackson was active in her church. While living in Detroit, she served as program director at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Upon moving to the east side, she joined Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, playing a key role in church fundraising, beautification and member outreach. For her many years of service, she was named Woman of the Year by the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in 2004.

Mrs. Jackson also was committed to her community. She was a volunteer at Luther Haven Nursing Home in Detroit for 10 years. While there, she started and supplied a sundries cart visiting all the residents several times each week, worked as a hairdresser and served as a personal secretary to Pastor Barb Andrews. Through her sorority, Alpha Tau Beta, Mrs. Jackson was involved with fundraising for the Michigan League for Crippled Children and The March of Dimes for more than 50 years.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Donald (Sylvia) Jackson of Tempe, Ariz., Tracy (Doug) Blatt of Grosse Pointe Farms and William (Debra) Jackson of Okemos; grandchildren Brian, Lauren, Callie, Will, Jeff and Scott; and great-grandchildren, Jackson, Campbell, Coco and Griffin.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald W. Jackson, who died in 2005.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, Detroit.



Barbara Anne Jackson



Matthew Berrien Smith

Matthew Berrien Smith

Grosse Pointe resident Matthew Berrien Smith, 60, died peacefully at his home Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008.

He was born Sept. 5, 1948 in Detroit to James M. and Elizabeth Smith. He joined a family of three wonderful older sisters: Sally, Nancy and Lucy.

Mr. Smith was the husband and dearest friend of Susan (nee Axsom) for 35 years. Always a proud father of his sons, Damon and Nathaniel, he felt blessed to welcome Damon's wife, Gareth, and Nathaniel's wife, Liesl, into his family. Most recently he became a loving and smitten grandfather to Evalyn and Olivia.

Mr. Smith graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and the University of Michigan, majoring in English. After graduation, he taught in Ann Arbor at Clague Middle School and Huron High School.

He then switched gears to fo-

cus on corporate training and video production at Magnetic Video in Farmington Hills where he managed the educational products division.

He later became self-employed designing and running creative problem solving seminars at Fortune 500 companies both in the Detroit area and nationally.

Returning to the classroom in the 1990s, Mr. Smith taught at Kennedy Middle School and Lake Shore High School in St. Clair Shores. He received an Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in the 1995-96 school year and in 2003 was given the Peacemaker of the Year Award by the Macomb County Youth Violence Prevention Council.

After retiring in 2005, he continued to stay in touch with students, encouraging them in their post high school endeavors.

Mr. Smith was best known to his close friends as a poet, storyteller and collage maker. He was an active participant in performance poetry during the 1990s. He both competed in and judged slam poetry events at the Heidelberg in Ann Arbor.

He was a member of the 1994 Ann Arbor Slam Team competing at the National Slam Poetry Competition in North Carolina. He was the host and "slam master" of the first Detroit-based slam poetry series at the Magic Bag Theater's "Word Slam."

Mr. Smith also edited several poetry anthologies, and performed his poetry on radio, television and at a variety of theatrical events. After retiring from teaching, he focused much of his writing effort on memoirs of growing up in the Detroit area.

Mr. Smith and his wife shared a love of travel and interest in different cultures. They taught and studied in Taiwan for a year in the 1970s before returning home to start a family. In 2002 they were able to return to Asia and travel in China.

In 2007 they attended the Michigan Hemingway Society's annual meeting in Petoskey, where Mr. Smith was recognized for an "a la Hemingway" vignette about their life in Taiwan.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren, mother and sisters, he is survived by his brothers-in-law, Michael (Lucy) Hofmann and Floyd (Sally) Bailey; and many dear nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, James Morgan Smith.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 16 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial donations may be made to the All Saints fund at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 16 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Helen F. Rice

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Helen F. Rice, 88, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at her home in Jupiter, Fla.

She was born in Detroit to Helen and Peter V. Barr and graduated from Southeastern High School in 1936. She attended Detroit Business Institute and worked as an executive secretary at McDonald and Company Investments in Detroit.

Mrs. Rice was a longtime volunteer at Children's Hospital of Michigan and also volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital. She loved opera, playing bridge and Tigers baseball.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Mrs. Rice is survived by her son, Kenneth J. (Leslie) Rice;

daughters, Nancy (James C.) Dee, Arlene (John D.) Lewis and Carolyn (Donald T.) Darling; grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Holdt, Kieran J. Dee, Ryan J. Dee, John C. Lewis, Melanie (Colin T.) Darke, Maureen Lewis, Carly (John) Rejc, Aaron K. Rice, Phillip J. (Katherine) Darling, Adam B. Darling and Casey Darling; and great-grandchildren, James and Delaney Holdt and Lindsay Darke.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph J. Rice; and brother, Edward L. Barr.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1450 Centrepark Blvd., Suite 210, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

Helen Cassidy Stevens

Former Grosse Pointe resident Helen Marie Ervin Cassidy Stevens died

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 in Florida. She was 92.

Mrs. Stevens was born Oct. 13, 1916 in Detroit to Herschel Charles and Mabel Helen Guina Ervin. She attended Thirle School and St. Agnes School. In June 1934 she graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Monroe, then attended Sienna Heights College in Adrian and Wayne State University.

She married George Leo Cassidy in 1937 and in 1943 received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State. She taught third grade for the Grosse Pointe Schools at Lochmoor School and also worked in the Grosse Pointe Public Library system.

She and her husband had three children. While raising her children, Mrs. Stevens earned her master's degree in education from Wayne State in 1964.

Mrs. Stevens was a member and active volunteer of many organizations including the American Association of University Women, Friends of the Library, the Founders Society Detroit Institute of

Arts, League of Catholic Women, American Bar Association Wives, the Women's District Golf Association, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Womens Altar Society of St. Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association, Pointe Bridge Group, Grosse Pointe Women's Symphony Association, the Grosse Pointe Women's Club, Women's City Club of Detroit, Christ Child Society, Womens' Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Detroit Historical Society. She was one of the organizers of the Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives as well as a book reviewer and program chair for the Pointe Book Club in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Stevens volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League and Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital.

Mrs. Stevens loved bridge, golf, league bowling, piano, and needlepoint.

She liked to travel and was an amateur photographer; 8 mm cinematographer and edi-

tor.

In 1969, her husband, George, died. After his death, she became a circuit court librarian in Detroit and a court recorder and judge's secretary in Dearborn.

She maintained a widow's membership with Bayview Yacht Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Boat Club and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

In 1982, Mrs. Stevens moved to North Palm Beach, Fla. to live with her daughter. She became active in her new community and while participating in social and religious activities, met Burrowes G. Stevens Jr. They wed in 1994.

She participated in the Elderhostel Conferences on a number of campuses throughout Florida and Georgia. She enjoyed spending time at the Stevens' cottage on Great Diamond Island, Maine and listening to music through the concert series at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In 2006, Mrs. Stevens was placed in hospice care in Florida. In spite of her declin-



Helen Cassidy Stevens

ing health, she displayed a graceful and dignified manner.

She is survived by her husband, Burrowes of Jupiter, Fla.; son, Kevin Clarke Cassidy of Houston; daughters Denise Anne Cassidy of Shorewood, Wis. and Mary Sheila Cassidy of North Palm Beach; three grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her first husband, George Cassidy; and her sister, Elizabeth Anne Ervin Kelly.

The Alcatraz reader



Jack and Gari Kersten of the City of Grosse Pointe took the Grosse Pointe News along when they visited Alcatraz Island. 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.

The Florence reader



Christie Abiragi of Grosse Pointe Shores took the Grosse Pointe News along when she, her family and the Rev. Bill Herman visited Florence, Italy. The seventh grader at Our Lady Star of the Sea is on the Ponte Vecchio, the Old Bridge, overlooking the River Arno.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Pursuant to MCL 211.53b, the Board of Review convenes the Tuesday following the second Monday in December for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact.

Kathleen L. Paul
City Assessor

G.P.N.: 11/20/08 11/27/08 12/4/08

CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE

AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on December 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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The above vehicles can be viewed 1/2 hour prior to the auction, at Woods Towing. Payment by cash or certified check only. Cars listed may be pulled or released prior to the auction by the Harper Woods Police Department.

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Sgt. Robert Bensinger
Traffic Safety Section



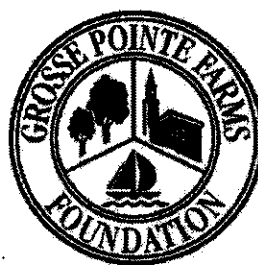
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For more than 25 years the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation has been enhancing the quality of life in our community by providing extra amenities that make the Farms an outstanding place to live, work and play. To date we have raised over 2 million dollars to be used to improve the quality of life in the Farms. The Foundation raises money to support improvements and special activities that are unable to be supported by the Farms general fund budget.

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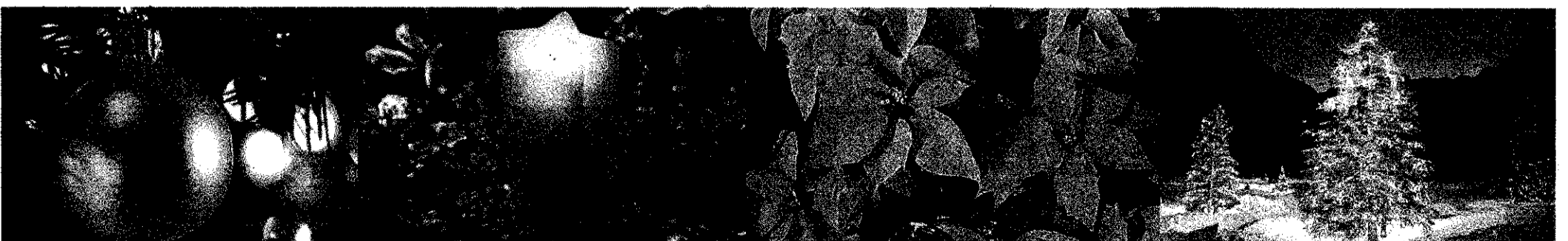
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Local actress, **Andrea Deck**, has returned from London for her film preview in Grosse Pointe Park.

Roll 'em

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

Andrea Deck knew early on that she wanted to be on stage. Little did she know it would take her from Grosse Pointe to London and back again or that at 21 she would already have a resume that included stage and screen work with international connections. She also never imagined she would be hosting, in her hometown, a sneak preview of a movie in which she played one of the lead roles. But one look at her resume tells you it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. Deck, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2005, where she was active in both the music and drama programs. "I played Amalia in 'She Loves Me,' Emma in 'Anything Goes' and Cinderella in 'Into the Woods,'" she said. Deck also studied private voice and competed in the Michigan State Vocal Music Association Solo Competition being named one of the top 12 vocalists in the state. A sopra-

no, she sang with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in several holiday concerts. She attended the Cincinnati College — Conservatory of Music for a year following her graduation, where she studied singing, but found it not quite as fulfilling as she thought it would be. "I found I wanted a more rounded education," she said, "and though I loved singing, I had a never-ending fascination with acting, particularly in film. I left Cincinnati to venture overseas to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School." She was in good company, as alumni of Bristol Old Vic include Gene Wilder, Daniel Day-Lewis and Patrick Stewart. It was there she discovered acting was both her passion and her career path. She also knew she wanted to study in London, but felt some more experience was necessary before applying to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. She returned to the States after her year abroad and settled in Chicago, where she was able to get some acting experience before auditioning for the London Academy. Work was

steady in Chicago, including some commercial work, but it was an open audition call for a student film at DePaul University that took her acting career down yet another path. "I had very little experience in front of the camera and figured it would be a good idea to work on some student films to get some and to meet young filmmakers," Deck explained. "After a series of auditions, callbacks, readings with different male counterparts and singing, I finished the audition process. However, I did not hear anything for about three weeks and just when I thought it had been another 'close, but no cigar' situation, I got a call from the director offering me the part of Jill. Needless to say, I was over the moon." Keeping in mind that it is a student film, Deck warns everyone not to be put off by the title, explaining it explores the comedy, tenderness and difficulty between two young lovers, when she decides to become a nun. She plays the role of Jill, with Peter Oylo playing the part of her boyfriend, Rob, a

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Ho, ho ho! Merry Christmas!
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Sausage makers

For the 10th year, Joy Rakowicz of Grosse Pointe Shores hosted dozens of friends and relatives to make Polish kielbasa from a recipe brought over from Poland by their grandmother in 1918. This year was no different. The multi generations gathered in Rakowicz's garage, basement and kitchen to clean casings, hand grind the meat and cook the ingredients. In the end, the 35 people made 270 pounds. Some will be given as presents and the rest will be frozen to eating throughout the year. From left, Paul Rakowicz, John Rakowicz, Tom and Michael Miller, Justin and Joy Rakowicz, Mark Griffith and Gina Stormes. Seated from left, Mary Beth Leija and Merri Miller.



New board

The new Board of Directors of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial are, first row from left, Assistant Treasurer Anne Ugval, Treasurer William Giovan, Vice Chairman William Brownscombe, Chairman Richard Allison, Secretary Elizabeth Klein, Co-Assistant Secretary William Jennings, Co-Assistant Secretary Leslie Vyletel; second row from left; Glenn Brown, Billie Deason, President Mark Weber, David Cornillie, Gary Spicer, Mark Krueger and Don DeSeranno. Not pictured are Susan Davies and Linda Lloyd.

MOVIE: Park to roll out red carpet

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singer and songwriter. The title of the movie sums up the plot, I'm In Love with a Nun. A trailer for the film can be seen at this Web site, http://digg.com/movies/I_m_in_Love_with_a_Nun_trailer
The film has been submitted to film festivals in America and abroad for consideration, but there will be a sneak preview of the film before it makes its international debut at 7 and 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Okulski Family Theater at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets are \$5, and advance purchase is recommended. Call (313) 882-1367.

Ron Eltena, the movie's director, will attend the screening, along with Deck, Oylae and some of the crew members and will take questions af-



ter the screening.
There also will be a showing of the making-of-the-film featurette.
Deck loved her experience making the film, and can't wait to share it with her family and friends including her two biggest fans, her parents, Pat

and Larry Deck.
"I can hardly begin to describe how much I learned doing this film. Being that virtually all of my experience and training is in theater, the idea of having a camera in my face, and doing the scene over and over and over again was com-

pletely foreign to me. I found that focus and discipline in shooting scenes out of sequence and many times over again a major physical and mental challenge. However, when all is said and done, I loved every minute of it and found something uniquely exhilarating about it all."

Deck will return to London and her classes after the holiday break. She will complete her studies in 2011. With all she has done, including Shakespeare and Shaw, she has two characters, fairly opposite of each other, that she considers her dream roles, "Mary Poppins" and Cecily in "The Importance of Being Ernest" by Oscar Wilde.

"I love anything by Oscar Wilde," she said. "He is my favorite playwright."

Following graduation, she's not sure where she will go.

"It's hard to say, because you kind of go where the work takes you, but I aspire to work in film in the United States."

And a film debut in one's hometown is a good place to start.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Fox Creek Questers

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the home of Susan Hartz. Marlene Harle is the hostess and Georgie LeDuc is co-hostess.

Members are asked to bring a special toy from a past Christmas. A \$5 donation for the scholarship fund will be accepted.

Jewelry sale

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center hosts a gently-used jewelry and accessory sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the hospital adjacent to the LeFontbonne Gift Shoppe. All proceeds will benefit the Holistic Nursing Program. This is a cash sale only.

Lakeshore Optimist

The 18th annual Coats for the Cold Clothing Collection by the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe will be Saturday, Dec. 6.

All types of clean clothing for children or adults will be accepted and given to either the Grace Community Church's Outreach Ministry My Father's Business, or the Foundation for Exceptional Children.

"We typically collect a couple rooms worth of clothing each year," said Krys Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Woods and Optimist president. "This serves a dual-purpose: The clothing is recycled to benefit those who can use them; and eastside residents

can clear out their closets and receive a tax deduction."

Christina Gaitley, director of My Father's Business, talks about how a family of five who lost everything in a fire asked My Father's Business for help. Due to the generosity of the community and the Optimist Club, she said, the family was provided with suitable clothing and most importantly, winter coats.

In another recent case, an elementary school social worker called on behalf of a student's family. Neither this student nor his four siblings had a coat and would not be able to attend school when the weather got colder.

"Our monitoring system and ever-expanding coordination with area churches, organizations and individuals has gone a long way toward assuring that every coat and cold weather item we receive is made available to those who need it most," Gaitley said.

To donate clothing, call the Optimist Hotline at (313) 359-6126 any time until Dec. 5, leaving a name and address.

Optimist volunteers will pick up the bags placed on the front porch between noon and 3 p.m. Dec. 6. A receipt will be left.

Clothing may be dropped them off at 717 University Place, City of Grosse Pointe any time between Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 5.

Holiday concert

A holiday concert with Mel Stander His Gentlemen of Swing, featuring vocalist Denise Stevens, will be playing

from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets to see the 18-piece orchestra are \$5.

The program includes music from the 1940s and 1950s and a sing-along.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Gold party

American Diamond Importers (Coughlin Jewelers) will be at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, for a charitable gold party.

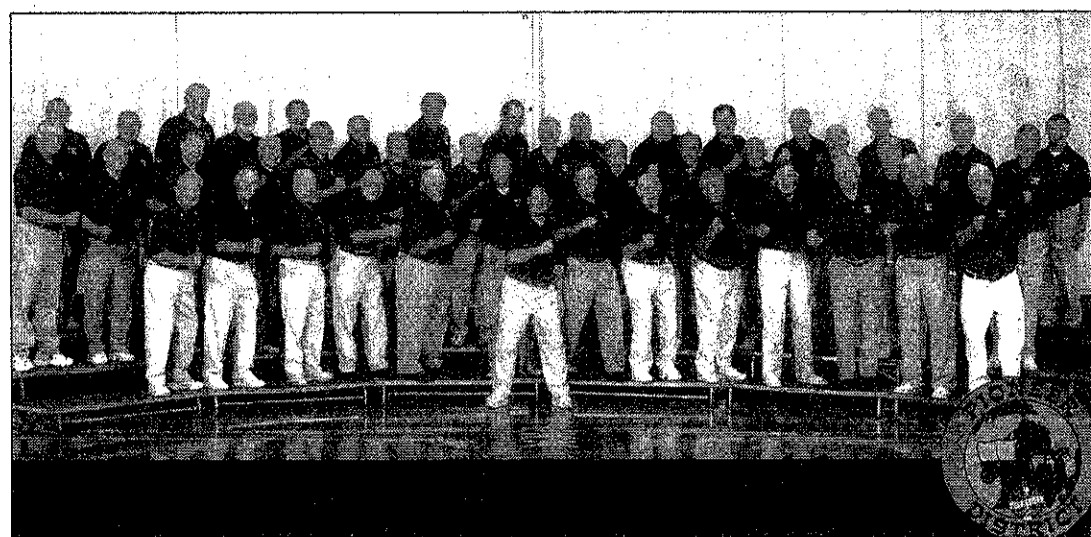
Attendees are asked to bring gold jewelry of any color or quality to the event. The American Diamond Importers staff will use fair market value to purchase the items and write checks. American Diamond Importers will make a 10 percent match donation, based on the event's total sales, to the Goodfellows.

The event is free and open to the public.

Wine tasting

Master sommelier Claudia Tyagi will teach an All About Wine with the Holidays class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tyagi will address how to choose a wine to compliment a holiday menu and what snacks and desserts to serve with what wines. She will serve six very different wines that may help with menu planning and gift



In harmony

The Grosse Pointe chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents "Getting Them Back in the Pews," a one act Christmas musical at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features the Lakeshore Chorus and quartets. Advance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling (586) 791-0149.

giving. The fee is \$68 per person.

Residents of all communities can attend. Early registration is encouraged by calling (313) 881-7511.

The cost is \$29 and includes tax and gratuity.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511. Reservations are required.

Spanish Language

The Grosse Pointe Spanish Language Meetup Group gathers at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Caribou Coffee in the Village. For more information, visit meetup.com.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday,

Dec. 11 at the Lochmoor Club. Socializing begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker Patty Rice's topic is "Forever Amber." She will tell stories about amber jewelry, myths and folk remedies attributed to amber. She will also tell how to distinguish between fake and real amber. Rice attended Kalamazoo College and Michigan State University, where she earned a doctorate degree in education.

The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for nonmembers. The program only is \$5.

For more information, call Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201 or Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855.

Grosse Pointe Rotary Club

The Rev. Peter Henry of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church gave a message of hope and comfort during the Nov. 24 meeting of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

Rick Swaine and Donna Hoban of Beaumont Grosse Pointe were the Dec. 1 speakers.

Mary Huebner has been with the club for three years and Bill Huntington for 32 years.

The Rotary club has 106 members and 65 that have perfect attendance.

Members voted to give \$5,000 to the district's foundation and \$3,000 to the Rhode Island Polio Plus efforts.

A dozen from the Grosse Pointe South High School's Interact Club went to the Children's Center to organize and fill family meal sacks for Thanksgiving distribution.

Several students raked leaves for five seniors in the community and three attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

Interact meets at 3:05 p.m. Thursdays in Room 297.

Meet our member

Mark Brooks has served as president 2007-08 and has been a Rotarian since 1996.

His father, John, is a Rotarian both in Grosse Pointe and Florida and has served as president of the local club and twice as District governor.

Mark and his brother, J.C., own the Brooks Allstate Insurance Agency.

Mark and his wife, Molly, have two children. He has run the 50/50 raffle.

The first of five drawings will be held during the meetings. For more information, call Mark

at (586) 777-8686.

To learn more about the club, contact the president at Marv80@comcast.net.

Scholarship

Area Rotary clubs are accepting applications for their Ambassadorial Scholars program, which grants up to \$25,000 for a scholar to study abroad during 2010-11.

Application forms can be found at the Rotary International Web site.

Rotary's international activities are financed and managed by its Rotary Foundation. Since it began the program in 1947, nearly 38,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships' program. About 800 scholarships are awarded each year. Through grants totaling about \$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries have studied in more than 70 nations.

The purpose of the program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professional pursuing vocational studies.

While abroad, scholars served as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homeland's Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars will share their experiences.

For more information, call John Cobau at (313) 885-1650.



Campaign chairs

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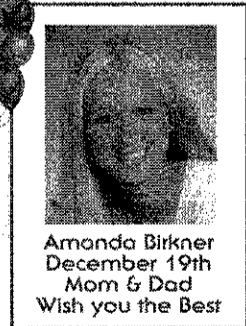
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

Motives for action

So simple. So instructive. So powerful. It's only 11 verses in the Bible (John 8: 1-11). It describes a minor incident that took place more than 2,000 years ago on the other side of the world in the Middle East.

A controversial popular preacher is targeted by opponents who attempt to ensnare him into breaking the law.

But Jesus' unconventional response in this incident not only defuses the volatile situation, it brings changes in character; illustrates the grace of God, and leaves us a clear example to follow.

A lynch mob is ready to act as judge, jury, and executioner against a female who was caught in the act of adultery. There's no question of her guilt or of the accuracy of the accu-

sations against her.

Jesus doesn't try to protest her innocence or avert the mob's attention to effect an escape. Instead, he refuses to be caught up in the mob mentality, and seemingly acts inattentive.

When pressed for a response as to whether they should proceed with killing the guilty woman, Jesus doesn't directly answer their demands, but instead dictates that "he that is without sin among you" throw the first stone at her. And he again diverts his attention from them. His words have an effect on the group, though.

They are befuddled and "convicted by their own conscience" and eventually all leave the scene without taking action so that just Jesus and the woman remain. Jesus refuses to condemn her, and advises that she "go, and sin no more."

We can speculate as to why Jesus responded as he did. But we can't escape the necessity for following Jesus' example.

If the Christian Savior didn't condemn an obvious sinner, then those who profess to follow Jesus today should similarly measure their response to perceived outrages or sin.

Such are the changes in the current political landscape or controversial social topics of school theater performances. Let's take a stand to remain mentally strong and alert, not get caught up in dire predictions and let our actions stay based on the biblical guideline that, "all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matthew 7:12).

Kent Commer is a member of the local Christian Science congregation.



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The secret is the sauce

In preparation for the 350 people who attended the spaghetti dinner at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, volunteers started two days before. They prepared three types of sauces, totaling 40 gallons and made 70 pounds of pasta. In its seventh year, the dinner raised money for the St. Ambrose chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Nicole Mannino, left, served up pasta.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Madrigal Chorale

The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield and the Grosse Pointe Children's Choir perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Admission is free.

The children's choir is under the direction of Heather Albrecht and Erica Latowski.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Association meets from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the church's Fellowship Hall. Faith matters will be the topic of speaker George Arsenault.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church hosts Nancy Piatek of

Community Liaison Nursing Unlimited at a Christmas lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her topic is "Dissolving Depression @ Holidays." Reservations may be made by calling (313) 881-7511.

The event is part of St. Paul's Bereavement Ministry seminars.

Judelaire

The Judelaire Christmas group performs at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the

Fellowship Hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods hosts the group at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Judelaire will end its season at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

The Judelaire are under the direction of Stan Harr, president of Detroit Performing Arts.

A free will donation will be accepted at each performance. For more information, call (586) 552-1180.

Gift gathering

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Detroit Concert Choir

Artistic director and Grosse Pointe Park resident Gordon Nelson conducts the 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir in its holiday concert "Joy to the World" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Detroit and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at St. Martin de Porres, 31555 Hoover, Warren.

Ticket are \$20 for adult; \$18 senior (62 up); and \$10 young adult (8-21). Advance group rates for 10 or more are available. For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

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Enjoying the 2008 White Christmas Ball preview party are, from left, Tom and JoAnn Miller of St. Clair Shores, Victoria Keys of St. Clair Shores, Mado and Dr. Kim K. Lie of Grosse Pointe Park, Stephanie and Patrick J. Kerzic.

White Christmas Ball preview party hosted by Fontbonne Auxiliary

The 2008 White Christmas Ball committee and underwriters gathered for the annual Preview Cocktail Party at the Grosse Pointe home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Kerzic on Lake St. Clair.

The Nov. 14 party, coordinated by co-chairs Patricia Connelly, Phyllis Howard and Bonnie Jobe, provided guests with a preview and launched the 55th annual White Christmas Ball, La Vie Parisienne. The evening fea-

tured French crêpes, gourmet food, champagne and the music of James Morisi and Caren Bayer.

Proceeds from this year's ball will support the Lymphoma Clinic and Research Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Funds will help create personalized lymphoma care for patients.

Funds provided to the hospital by the auxiliary's White Christmas Ball have totaled

more than \$4 million.

This year's event will honor Dr. and Mrs. Kim K. Lie of Grosse Pointe Park, who are philanthropists and hospital volunteers.

The 2008 White Christmas Ball, chaired by Victoria Keys, will be held at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn Friday, Dec. 12.

For more information about the auxiliary and purchase tickets, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Leigh Ann VanDyke

How low energy neurofeedback affects ADD



Q. What is Low Energy Neurofeedback and how might it help my child diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder and anxiety?

A. The LENS system provides feedback to the brain in the form of an extremely weak electromagnetic signal. Although the feedback signal is weak, it senses measurable changes in the brainwaves, all without a conscious effort from the individual receiving the feedback. This is especially welcome with young children or those unable to fully consciously cooperate.

In my practice, as a licensed counselor, I see children and adults with ADD/ADHD, anxiety, autism, depression, learning disabilities, fibromyalgia, migraines, and more. As a former school counselor, I worked

with young students with disabilities, learning difficulties and ADD. After becoming aware many were doing neurotherapy as an alternative to medication, I became trained and have been providing neurotherapy for more than four years. I have seen it diminish symptoms associated with many of these disabilities.

Q. How is it performed?

A. During the session, the patient sits in a comfortable chair and the neurofeedback practitioner places an electroencephalograph lead at different sites on the patient's head. A computer connected to the EEG encoder analyzes the brainwave signal and signals the encoder to produce feedback that precisely tracks, and is offset from, the brain's own signal at that point in time.

The procedure is completely painless and results often are noticed immediately.

The result of this training is a changed brainwave state and greater ability for the brain to regulate itself for higher, more flexible functioning.

Q. What are the potential risks or side effects?

A. No adult or child has reported the LENS has harmed them or produced any new symptoms. The most general symptom is feeling tired or wired for a few hours, after which there may be a "rebound" and the person feels an uncommon sense of well-being.

Q. Where can I find a neurofeedback provider?

A. There are many neurofeedback providers, usually licensed psychologists, counselors, neurologists, nurse practitioners and neurofeedback technicians. This treatment is available in the Grosse Pointe area as well as Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Macomb Township and at Crittenton Hospital.

Leigh Ann Van Dyke M.S. LLPC is a licensed counselor in private practice in Grosse Pointe and works as a counselor at NeuroHealth in Crittenton Hospital. Contact her at (586) 469-6955, by e-mail at neurowellnesscenter@gmail.com, or neurowellnesscenter.vpweb.com. E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org. To volunteer or contribute, visit www.familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

First a friend, then a host



Every year, AAA publishes the "Great Pretenders Party Guide" for celebrating holidays safely without sacrificing the fun.

The guide features non-alcoholic drink recipes from many of the AAA Diamond-rated establishments throughout the Midwest and tips for hosting responsibly.

Many people get behind the wheel of their cars after drinking too much at parties. AAA believes we can work together to eliminate this major cause of injury and death on Michigan's roads by reducing or eliminating the alcohol we serve our guests.

Creative, nonalcoholic

drinks served in fancy glasses are festive and enticing. The party guide publishes 27 alcohol-free recipes categorized as spicy, fresh, brisk, zesty, smooth and tart. Here are two of our favorites.

Michigan Cherry Cider Cocktail

Submitted by the Earle Uptown, Ann Arbor

1 tsp. tart cherry juice concentrate
3 oz. fresh apple cider
20 oz. ginger ale

Cold — Mix cherry juice and cider in a shaker. Pour over ice, top off with ginger ale and garnish with a maraschino cherry.

Hot — Mix cherry juice, cider and ginger ale in a glass coffee mug. Microwave for 30 seconds and garnish with a maraschino cherry.

Coffee Mocha Punch

4 cups strong chilled coffee
1 quart chocolate ice cream

1 quart vanilla ice cream
1 cup well chilled whipped cream

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

Pour chilled coffee into a punch bowl and add walnut-sized chunks of ice cream. Whip cream, salt, sugar, almond extract and vanilla until soft peaks form. Fold into punch.

Sprinkle with nutmeg and cinnamon. Serve in highball glass.

AAA offers helpful safety guidelines for holiday party-givers.

Here are a few:

◆ Plan activities like party games, door-prize drawings or amateur fortune telling. Planned activities engage people and make for less active consumption of alcohol.

◆ Don't let guests mix their

own alcoholic drinks. Choosing a reliable bartender will help keep track of the size and number of drinks guests consume.

◆ As guests RSVP, confirm at least one member of the group is prepared to be a non-drinking designated driver.

Be a friend first and go to the Grosse Pointe AAA branch at 17640 Mack Avenue to pick up a free "Great Pretenders Party Guide" or download it at autoclubgroup.com.

Jeff and Debra Jay are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms. They 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." Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.



Benefit

Kicking off the Jump, Jive and Wail Roaring '20s event are co-chairs, from left, Beth and Dr. John Popovich of Birmingham, Betty and Bill Brooks of Detroit and Evonne and Dr. Michael Simoff of Northville. The event will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit and benefits the Josephine Ford Cancer Center, Catherine M. Price Cancer Endowment fund. The endowment assists cancer patients who lack the resources to cover their cancer treatment expenses. Tickets are \$125, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. For more information, call Katie Groves at (313) 876-9237 or via e-mail kgroves1@hfhs.org.

Breast cancer patients sought for drug trial at Karmanos

Women with HER2 positive metastatic breast cancer are being sought to participate in a clinical trial by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Institute.

This Phase II trial is part of an international study to further test a new drug, Trastuzumab-DM1, in development by Genentech.

The trial is conducted by Patricia LoRusso, D.O., Karmanos director of the Phase I Clinical Trials Program and a professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University.

"We are actively recruiting women to join this study and encourage them to call us for additional information," LoRusso said, adding eligible patients must have HER2 positive metastatic breast cancer, tumors measurable by radiographic evaluation, progressed on Herceptin, Tykerb and Xeloda, and show no current evidence of brain cancer.

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Individuals, companies honored as heroes

Several companies and individuals, including a Grosse Pointe Farms doctor, were recently honored at the 14th annual Heroes of Breast Cancer Awards by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Following is a list of recipients and the awards they received for their leadership and inspiration in the fight against breast cancer.

Leadership Awards — Recognizes those who help bring about a society that encourages people to speak out about their illness, a society where funding for breast cancer research is improving each year, and a society where more and more people are learning about breast cancer.

Individual Award — Sen. Patty Birkholz, R - Saugatuck, and Sen. Buzz Thomas, D - Detroit

In 2007, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation allowing for two new income tax check-off boxes: Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Prevention and Treatment and the Prostate Cancer Research Fund. Senators Birkholz and Thomas worked collaboratively, generating bi-partisan efforts to accomplish this. Dollars collected for Amanda's Fund go to the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program to provide free breast and cervical cancer screening services to low-income women. Money collected for the Prostate Cancer Research Fund will be given to prostate cancer researchers in Michigan.

Organization Award — Tobacco-Free Michigan

Tobacco-Free Michigan is a grassroots organization dedicated to promoting tobacco-free environments and to improving health and quality of



PHOTO BY PATRICIA A. ELLIS

Some of the 2008 Heroes of Breast Cancer Award recipients include, from left, Michael Simon, M.D.; Wei-Zen Wei, Ph.D.; Deborah Shavers and Sean Shearon.

life through education and advocacy. Comprised of more than 200 Michigan organizations and individuals, TFM leveraged its network to protect the Healthy Michigan Fund in Michigan's 2009 budget. The coalition worked with health care providers and patients and with lawmakers and their constituents to protect funding of services spanning multiple chronic diseases and many kinds of cancer. This included the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, through which low-income women have access to cancer screening services.

Media Award — Recognizes "online and television work that communicates important messages about breast cancer."

WDIV Local 4 News Morning Team - Rhonda Walker, Guy Gordon, Paula Tutman, Lauren Podell and Eric Braate. The station was recognized for its coverage of breast cancer education, screening and early detection and as a major media sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, and the 2008 Komen Detroit Circle of Promise.

Philanthropy Awards — Recognizes those who "dedicate resources and talents to benefit the cause of breast cancer."

Individual Award — Sean Shearon

Cancer survivor Shearon set a goal of walking 18 marathons in 18 days through Michigan — The Victory Walk — to raise awareness and money for breast cancer programs at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. He began in Sault Ste. Marie July 27 and completed his more than 450-mile walk Aug. 14. Shearon, now 43, was 12 years old when he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer that formed in the soft tissue and muscle of his shoulder.

In 1984, his mother lost her battle with breast cancer.

Organization Award — Plante & Moran, Southfield office.

On a weekend retreat last winter, a group of the female partners brainstormed about a charity project, selected the Komen Race for the Cure and set a goal of raising \$50,000. Their efforts totaled \$53,643.

Scientific Distinction Award — Recognizes demon-

strated leadership in breast cancer research.

Wei-Zen Wei, Ph.D., a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, is a professor at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Department of Immunology and Microbiology, and Wayne State University School of Medicine. Wei and her team have been working on a series of cancer-fighting vaccines to help prevent HER2-positive breast cancer, which accounts for 20 to 30 percent of breast cancers. The new vaccine may be used to prevent cancer from recurring in women and may prevent HER2-positive breast cancer from occurring.

Community Service Awards — Recognizes those "whose efforts reach the community with the importance of breast cancer early detection, cancer care, and/or survivorship in a volunteer capacity."

Individual Award — Adnan Hammad, Ph.D., director of Community Health & Research Center, ACCESS. Hammad established and directs the health services program for the Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services.

His holistic approach integrates public health research with environmental, mental health and primary and specialty medical care. A volunteer professor at Wayne State University and a consultant at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Hammad serves in regional, national, and international organizations.

His breast cancer research has focused on examining trust and cancer literacy, reducing health disparities and barriers of access to heredity breast cancer assessment. One of Dr. Hammad's com-

munity programs offers extensive breast cancer education, outreach, and screening.

Organization Award — Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

This professional organization provides education, information, tools and resources to 18,000 members around the state. A Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure sponsor for five years, the organization's New Professionals Task Force has spearheaded involvement in the battle against breast cancer. Contributions range from strategic planning, financial oversight, decorating pink ribbons, welcoming dignitaries and producing videos to reviewing grant applications. The group has also leveraged its resources to focus the attention of lawmakers on breast cancer public policy.

Compassionate Caregiver Award — Recognizes a health care professional "whose treatment of breast cancer patients has been marked by exceptional technical skill, combined with sensitivity and compassion."

Michael Simon, M.D., M.P.H. Medical Oncologist, Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine. At the Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, Simon serves as a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology. He is a member of Karmanos' Population Studies and Prevention Program, director of its Genetic Counseling Service and a member of Susan G. Komen for the Cure's African American National Advisory Council.

Simon's research has focused on adherence to screening guidelines; risk manage-

ment; diet, nutrition and exercise; drug interactions; genetics and genetic counseling; early-stage, advanced and metastatic disease; clinical trials; medical ethics; cultural attitudes; and treatment disparities.

The Geri Lester Courage Awards — Presented to an individual whose battle with breast cancer has "inspired family, friends and community." Lester was one of the leaders of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure and integral in the development of the Heroes of Breast Cancer Program.

Deanna Stephens, now deceased, was a breast cancer research nurse at Wayne State University and the Karmanos Cancer Institute for 22 years. As a breast cancer survivor, she comforted patients with personal and professional expertise, shared her experiences and kept in contact with her patients after they left her care.

Stephens traveled to breast cancer research seminars, workshops and symposiums increasing her knowledge of the latest breakthroughs in the disease and in her last year, she participated in her first dragon boat race as a breast cancer survivor.

Deborah Shavers, now deceased, volunteered to participate with Karmanos Cancer Institute researchers in using the Computerized Ultrasound Risk Evaluation (CURE), a new breast imaging methodology based on the principles of ultrasound tomography. The technology, which does not use harmful radiation and does not compress the breast, will overcome limitations of current breast imaging techniques and could help detect breast cancer at its earliest stages.

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Special delivery

Services For Older Citizens volunteer Phyllis Winters, left, delivers meals to 101-year-old Irene Eisenhart of Grosse Pointe Park every Friday. Last week, Winters took Eisenhart a special Thanksgiving basket filled with goodies and stopped to talk. "As we visit, Irene smiles and talks about her family and granddaughter and how exciting it is to have a new member in the family," Winters said. "She talks about her own lifetime and shares this: 'Life was interesting at times and serious at times,'" she said. "And what kept me young was helping others, church, family, friends and fun. It was a merry-go-round, I kept busy and worked and had a great social life." When asked what she was thankful for this year Eisenhart replied, "my family and the people who help care for me now, to have lived this long. I am grateful for the love I have gotten over my lifetime."

Meals for Mutts and Meows needed

Think pets at holidays For many seniors, taking care of their pets isn't as easy as it used to be due to expense or physical limitations. Services for Older Citizens Meals for Mutts and Meows is dedicated to delivering pet food to the homes of low-income seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. This holiday season, SOC is planning a special delivery of holiday goodies to all its Meals for Mutts and Meows clients. "Giving a little something to client's pets really puts a smile on the faces of our seniors," said Debbie Pommerville, director of development. "It makes them feel special." The Meals for Mutts and Meows Holiday wish list includes: canned and dry dog food, canned and dry cat food, chew toys, kitty litter, rawhide bones, holiday bags, dog and cat treats, blankets, grooming products and gift certificates for vet visits. For more information or to donate food or supplies, call Pommerville at (313) 882-9600. Since July 2007, SOC has delivered 32,400 meals to area pets.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

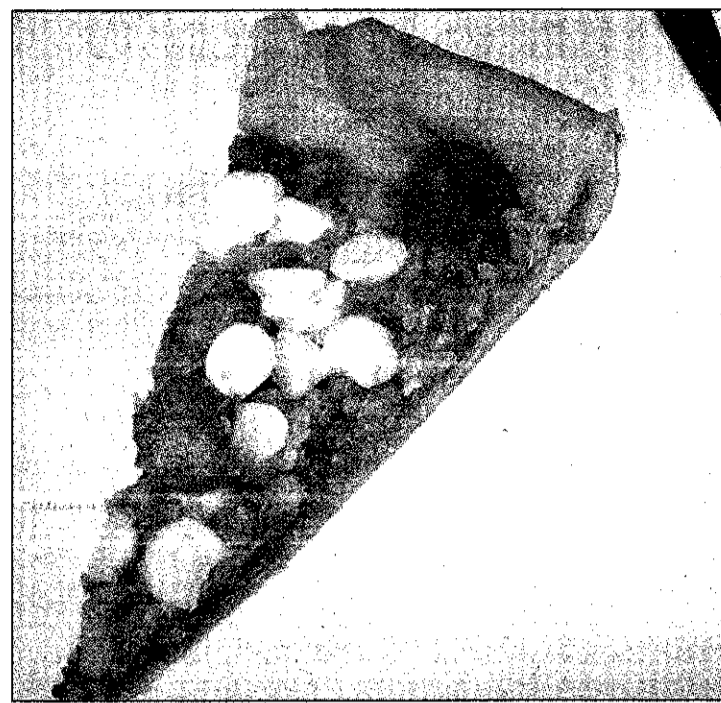


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Holiday cookies should include this "pizza" recipe. Try it, you'll like it.

Holiday's first cookie recipe



I toted the first cookie of the official season to my sister's house on Thanksgiving. It was consumed so quickly that I have only a few memories of it to share. I created a "pizza" cookie with white chocolate chips and butter and brown sugar. Nestled on a crust made from crescent dough, this easy to put together dessert pizza is sure to be a crowd pleaser. The recipe is a take on a cookie that my sister Colette likes to make. (She is after all, the family baker.)

Unroll the crescent dough and fit it into a 10-inch quiche (or tart) plate creating a 1/2 inch crust around the rim. Set aside. In a small sauce pan melt the butter then stir in the brown sugar. Bring the mixture to a boil for just one minute. Remove from heat, stir in the cinnamon and spread the butter/sugar sauce evenly over the crescent dough. Sprinkle the chopped walnuts over the crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Carefully remove from oven and scatter the white chocolate chips over walnuts. Cut 8 maraschino cherries (4 red and 4 green) in half and place around the edge and center of the pizza for decoration. Return the pizza to the oven for just 5 more minutes. Remove from oven, cool and cut into slices to share.

White Christmas "Pizza" Cookie

- 1 tube crescent dough
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts (or other nut)
- 2/3 cup white chocolate chips
- red and green maraschino cherries (optional)
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

To make a square pizza fit the crescent dough into a 9-by-13 inch (the crust will be a bit thinner) and increase the nuts and the chips to 1 cup each. If you're not a lover of white chocolate, go ahead and use the chocolate chips you probably have on hand. Bring a special Christmas cookie to the party this year. Bring a white chocolate pizza. Thanks Colette.

Holiday events at Ford House, zoo and historical society

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, dressed in holiday décor, offers seasonal tours.

From the flocked modern tree adorned with pink and purple teardrop shaped glass ornaments made for a party hosted by Eleanor Ford to the 15-foot Christmas tree in the grand gallery space, each room tells a story about how the Ford family shared holiday traditions.

Outdoors, Josephine Ford's Play House is decorated in gingerbread house fashion with

icicle lights and candy canes lining the path.

Ford House Holiday Tours run through Sunday, Jan. 4 and are offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for children 6 to 12 years old; children 5 years old and under are free. The house is closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information,

visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Detroit Zoo

Old St. Nick takes a breather from his holiday schedule for waffles at the Detroit Zoo several times this holiday season.

The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held in the zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

The jolly old elf will visit with guests and every good little girl and boy will receive a holiday gift. Souvenir photos will be available at an additional cost.

The event also features costumed characters, arts and crafts and holiday movies in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery Theater.

Seating is limited and advance reservations are neces-

sary by calling (248) 541-5717, ext. 3750.

The cost, which includes zoo admission and parking, is \$35 for adults and \$30 for children 12 and under. The cost for society members is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under.

Historical society

The Detroit Historical Society latest film series with "A History of Hudson's," showing at 1 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Each screening is free with museum admission.

The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, is open Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.



Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is decked out in holiday trimmings.



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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Gardeners working to save the planet



Unless you've lived in a cave the past few years, the term "greenhouse gases" is familiar. But what does gardening have to do with it?

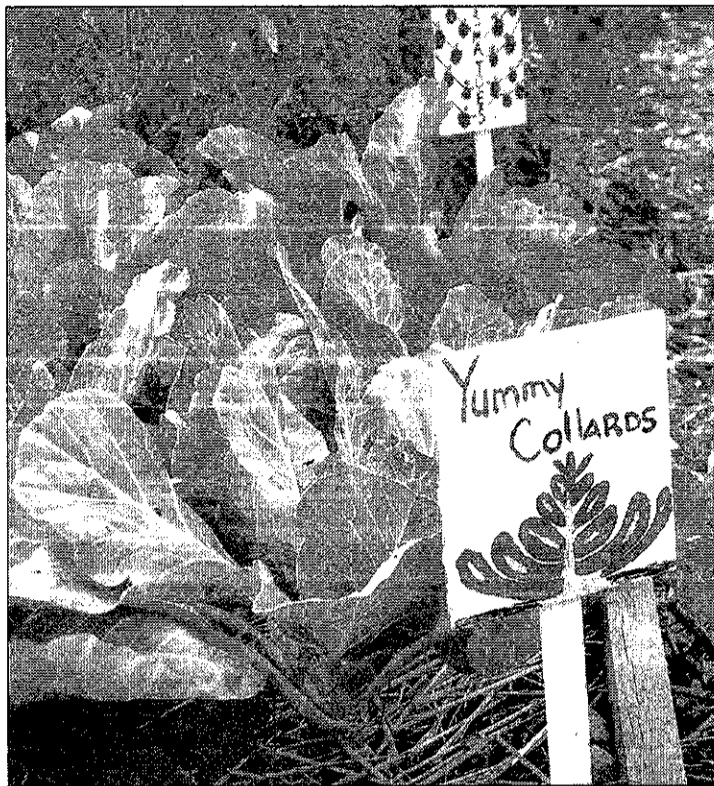
"Biochar" or "agrچار" is possibly the most important development in agriculture and horticulture of this century.

It is the concept of adding charcoal to soil, which remarkably improves both its productive capacity and its ability to trap the greenhouse gases which are the cause of global warming. The definition here of adding charcoal is charred organic materials, not ashes.

Using nitrogen rich fertilizers (such as what's used by the grass greening companies), puts nitrous oxide into the atmosphere. According to an article in "The Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener," by Jean English, "research in Colombia showed that adding biochar to soils reduced the problem by 80 percent, while also eliminating methane emissions from the soils. Methane is a far worse greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide."

Agrچار is a black carbon byproduct of a process called pyrolysis, which involves heating green waste or other biomass without oxygen to generate renewable energy.

Tim Flannery, Australian of the Year and renowned scientist, conservationist, writer and explorer is a major advocate of agrچار and pyrolysis. In The Bulletin magazine,



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Agrچار, adding the charcoal to the soil from burning plant material under controlled, low-oxygen conditions, has been found to enhance the crop production and reduces the amount of greenhouse gases added to the atmosphere.

Flannery recently ranked "fostering pyrolysis-based technologies" fourth among his five steps for saving the planet, because they convert crop waste into fuel and agrچار which can be used to enhance soil fertility and store carbon long-term.

The concept of using biochar holds such promise it is the sole subject of an international conference in England this September. In addition, an International Biochar Initiative has been started and an amendment to the 2008 Farm Bill, added by U.S. Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo. approves grants "for research, extension, and integrated activities relating to the study of biochar production and use, including con-

siderations of agronomic and economic impacts, synergies of co-production with bioenergy, and the value of soil enhancements and soil carbon sequestration."

How it works

English writes in "Biochar, Agrچار, Terra Preta — Black Gold for Soil, Long-Term Carbon Storage for Earth:"

As plants photosynthesize, they take CO₂ out of the atmosphere.

When biochar is made, some carbon returns to the atmosphere when the plant materials is burned (during pyrolysis), but calculations suggest that 20 to 50 percent of the carbon in dry plant material can remain in biochar and when added to the soil, can remain there for hundreds or thousands of years (far longer than most of the carbon in compost or plant or animal residues added to soils, which oxidize and return carbon to the atmosphere fairly quickly), so biochar production is 'net carbon negative.'

Soil scientists study the "living," the "dead," and the "very



dead" categories of organic matter.

The reason biochar lasts so long in soils is because it is very dead: highly broken down and resistant to change.

Biochar does not replace the living fungi, bacteria, plant roots or earthworms that make up the organic matter already in the soil. It also does not replace the dead organic matter fraction but does supplement them.

The December 2008 issue of "Avant Gardener" magazine explains that the world's richest soils are in Amazonia in Brazil.

The early Indian dwellers of that region burned trees and tilled in the charred remains.

They are thought to have moved frequently thinking their slash-and-burn operations depleted nutrition from the soils. These Indians really moved because the weeds grew so well that they overwhelmed the crops.

Recent testing has shown

that adding both charcoal and fertilizer can increase crop yields almost tenfold. An example of success in England's fertile soil was the addition of 20 pounds per 200 square feet. The soybean biomass doubled. The wheat biomass tripled.

Think of what might take place as the technique is applied on agricultural soils worldwide.

This relatively low tech approach could be taught in rural communities in developing countries.

So what can you do? Join in the research by saving some charred wood from the fireplace this winter and adding it to some test plants next year.

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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An evening Christmas

A Christmas celebration will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provençal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval. There will be live music, complimentary refreshments, holiday treats and Christmas décor and exhibits, hosted by Cyndee Harrison and Nancy Pacitto. Tour of the Provençal-Weir House, which has been decorated for the holiday season by Pacitto and Fox Creek Quester, Marlene Harle. Holiday music will be performed by the duo, Seasonal Strings. The duo is Lynne Bacon, Grosse Pointe Academy music teacher, member of the Grosse Pointe Symphony and a Rose Terrace Quester and her sister, Marianne Melton, who is in the Royal Oak Symphony. For information, call (313) 884-7010, or visit gphistorical.org.

Take advantage of local happenings

DHS ball

The Detroit Historical Society Ball takes place from 6:30 to 12 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Proceeds from the black tie event, which features a silent auction, support the society's exhibition and educational programs at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Entertainment includes a "Dancing with Detroit's Stars" competition. Monica Gayle of Fox 2 News serves as mistress of ceremonies.

Benefactor tickets are \$600 per person with patron level tickets at \$400 and junior patron level for those 35 and under at \$250. Premium tables may be purchased for \$10,000, with platinum tables available for \$7,500 and gold tables for \$4,000.

For tickets or information, call Alison Piech at (313) 833-0481.

The event is co-chaired by Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park, Marianne Endicott of Grosse Pointe Shores, Vivian Rogers Pickard of Bloomfield Hills and Sydell Schubot of Franklin.

Marine Mart

The Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group annual Marine Mart is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Early admission begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Marine Mart, a flea market for Great Lakes enthusiasts, features holiday shopping with more than 40 exhibitors and nautical items.

Regular admission is \$7 for adults at the door and free for children 12 and under. Early admission at 9:30 a.m. is \$10 for adults. For more information call (313) 833-1980 or visit detroithistorical.org and click on "Upcoming Events and Programs."

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Dearborn native David DeCosta returns to the Detroit area as Frank Sinatra in "The Rat Pack is Back!" now playing at the Gem Theatre through Jan. 4.

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Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, (tickets: \$25); 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14; 8

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War Memorial holiday events for children

Several child-centered holiday activities are planned at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial this holiday season.

Santa arrives in style via helicopter for Brunch with Santa from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7. Each child receives a gift and Santa makes a visit to each table. Parents may bring a camera and entertainment is a magic show provided by Oopsy Daisy.

Brunch is \$16 for adults, \$13 for children and complimentary for infants under 1 year of age not occupying a seat. The child's plate includes French toast sticks and the adult plate

features chicken salad croissant and cookies for all.

Reservations are required by Dec. 4 and tickets should be picked up in advance.

Bedtime Stories with Santa is from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, and Santa will read his favorite stories as youngsters dressed in their pajamas have milk and cookies.

Tickets are \$6 per person and adults are no charge. Children may bring pillows and blankets but must be at least 4 years of age.

A Graham Cracker House making class takes place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday

Dec. 13. Children aged 4 and up must be accompanied by an adult.

The fee is \$39 for one adult and child and \$10 for each helper or \$77 for two houses for one or two adults and two children and includes graham crackers, frosting, candy decorations and a box to transport the house.

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

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore Drive in Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

The Henry Ford Museum season activities

Stay indoors for the holidays at The Henry Ford Museum.

Through Jan. 4, holiday-themed activities including storytelling, crafts and a visit from Santa Claus will take place at the museum and are free with membership or admission to Henry Ford Museum.

Activities and programs for Holidays in Henry Ford Museum include:

- ◆ A 25-foot Christmas tree decorated with hundreds of ornaments representing America's traditions and innovations.

- ◆ Santa Claus will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 24.

- ◆ The museum houses one of the largest vintage model train displays with seven trains chugging away on seven different tracks and 40 gingerbread buildings, including some models of buildings in Greenfield Village. Try a hand as an engineer by working the railroad on a G-gauge model train layout.

- ◆ The Polar Express 3D rolls into the IMAX Theatre.

- ◆ Children can create and take home post-WWII era replicas of chenille candy canes, chenille elf ornaments and a Santa mobile and color holiday bags and a holiday coloring sheet.

- ◆ Listen to daily readings of holiday stories told by master storytellers.

- ◆ Visit the museum's Out of

this World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television, featuring more than 40 costumes and related memorabilia from films and popular television programs.

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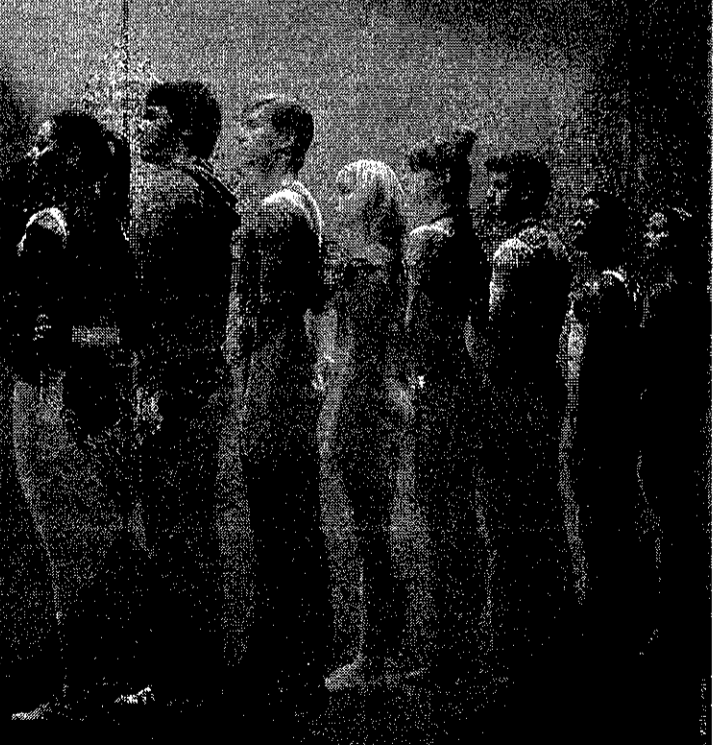
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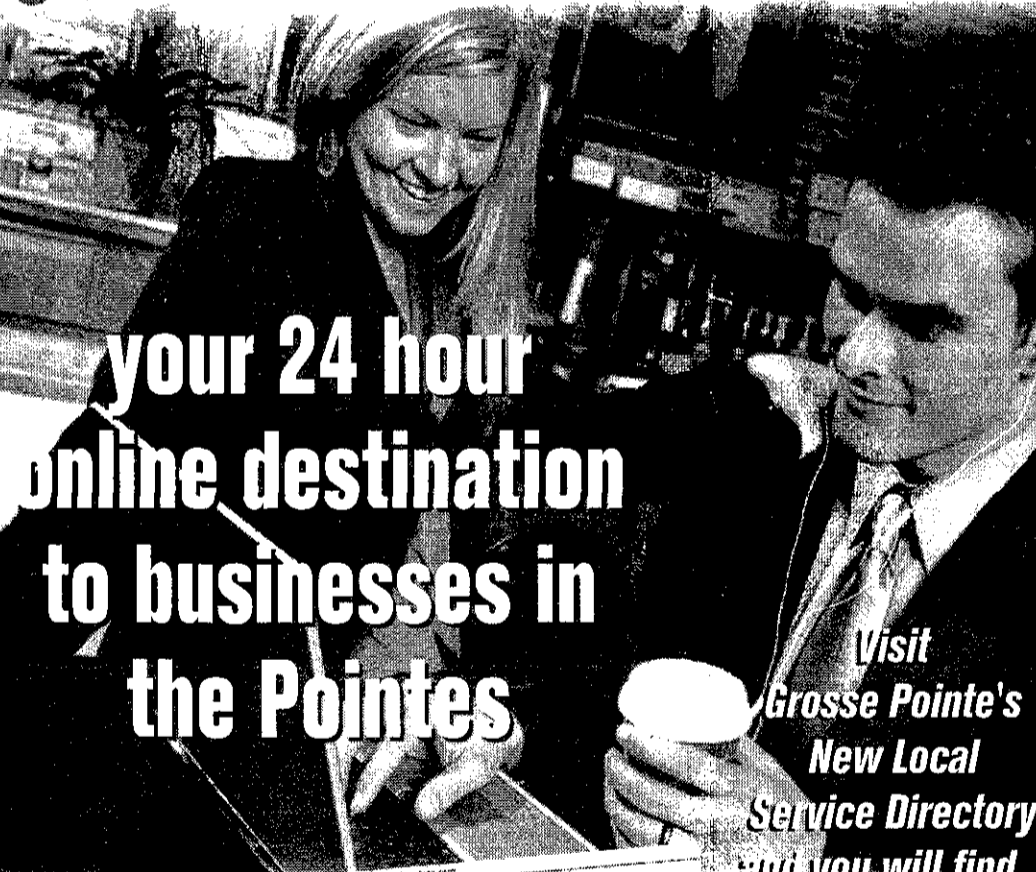
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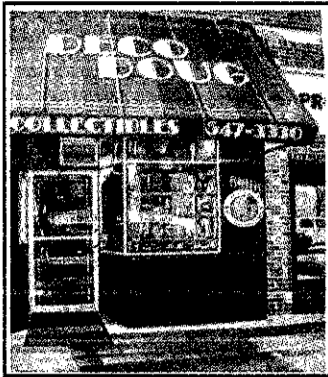
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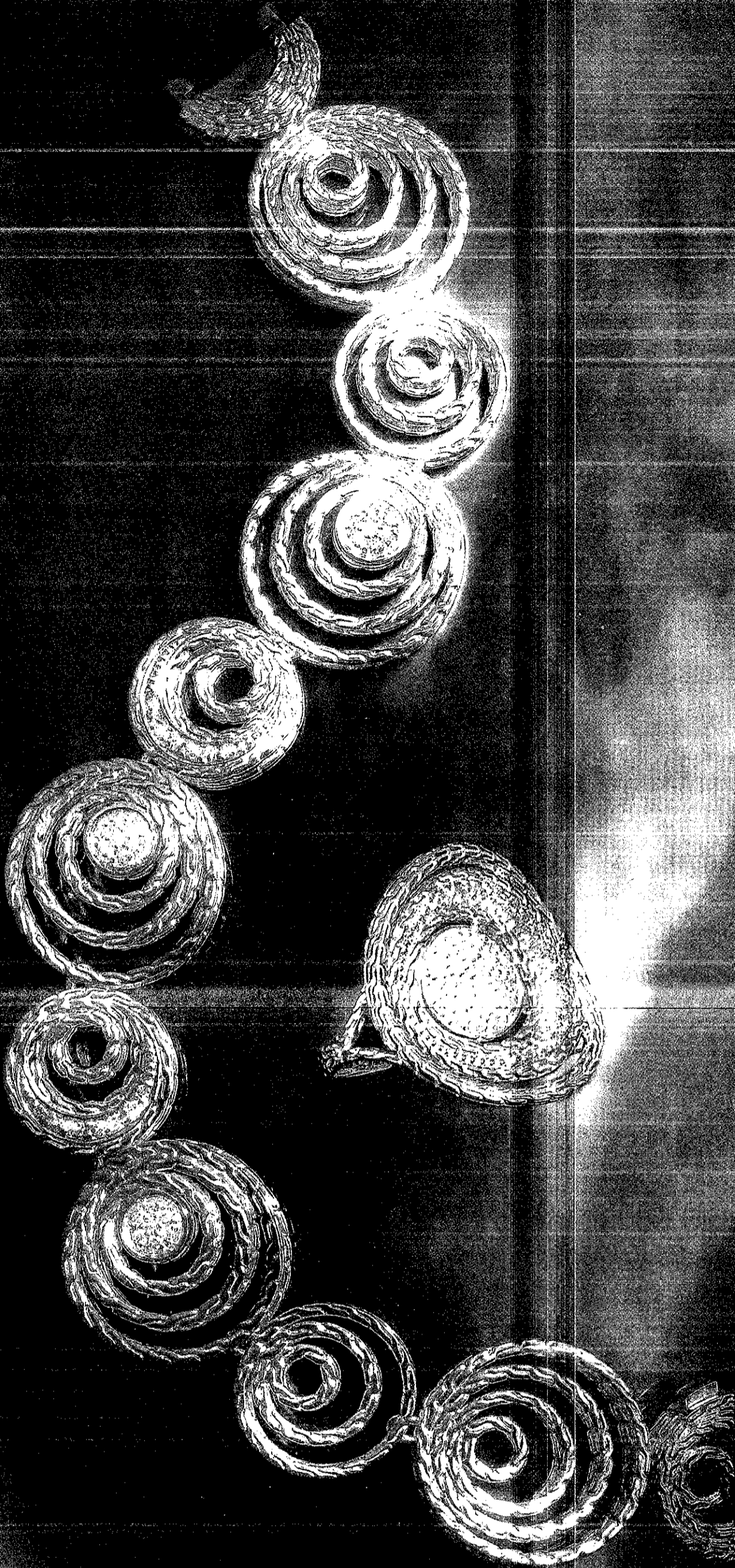
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Norsemen come up short in opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team opened its season Monday night with a 59-53 loss to Rochester.

It was the Lady Norsemen's first game as a defending state champion. The 2008 state title banner is in the rafters for all to see.

Playing without standout

Ariel Braker, who is still recovering from off-season knee surgery, the host Lady Norsemen were led by seniors Jasmine Kennedy and Olivia Stander.

"I know I have to step up and play a little better because Ariel isn't playing yet," Kennedy said. "It's my job to get to the low post, score and rebound."

Kennedy was the player of the game, scoring 22 points

and grabbing 13 rebounds, while Stander poured in 20 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent the opening-game defeat.

It was a nip and tuck game throughout the first three quarters.

The Falcons led 10-8 after the opening quarter and 26-21 at the half. The Lady Norsemen grabbed a 35-34 lead late in the third quarter

before the visitors ended the period with a 4-0 run to take a 38-35 advantage.

Behind Sarah Browe who scored 18 points, the Falcons surged to a double-digit lead, 47-36, with five minutes left before the Lady Norsemen made their move.

Kennedy scored eight points, while Stander and Kayla Womack each hit three pointers to bring the home team within a point, 51-50, with 2:09 left.

Browe canned a three-pointer on the ensuing possession to give Rochester a 54-50 lead and it would never look back. The Lady Norsemen also had trouble guarding the Falcons' quick point guard, Ashley Keyes, who added 11 points and several assists.

It's the second straight year North has lost to Rochester.

"We're going to have to play some tough competition without Ariel, so the girls need to play hard and smart basketball," North head coach Gary Bennett said during the preseason.

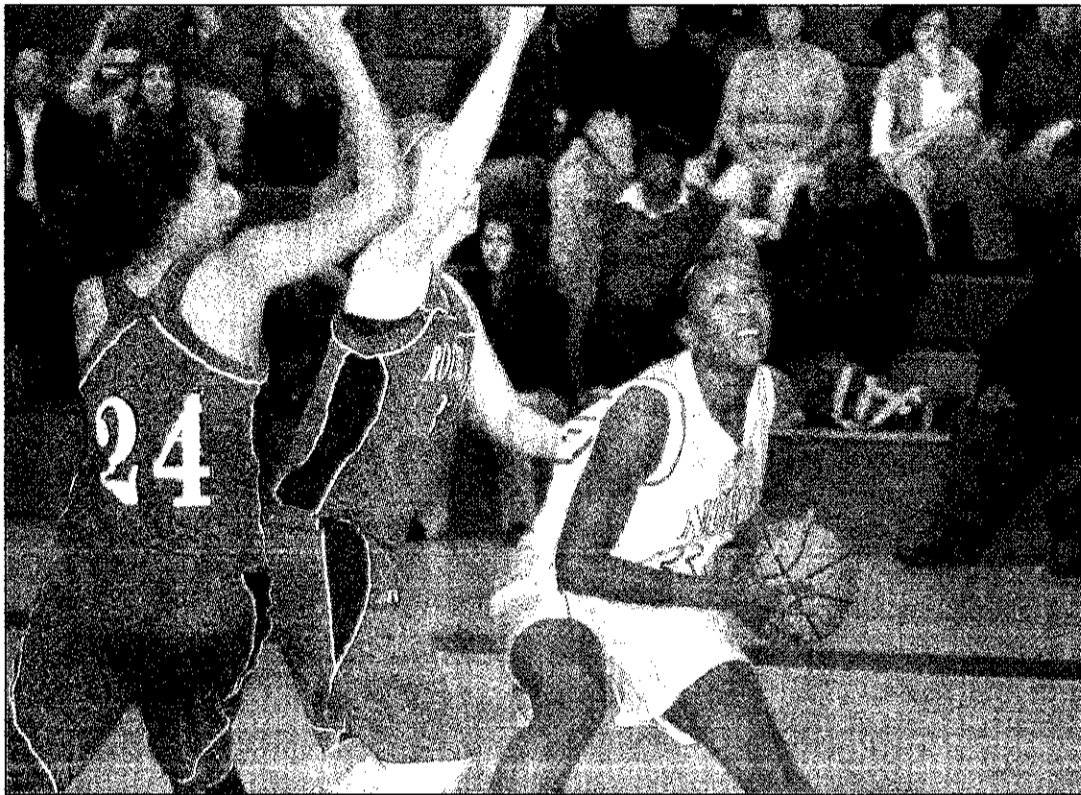
Womack finished with eight points, followed by Sarah Bigham with two and Madie Kent with one.

Both teams made 10-of-14 free throws, while North committed only 10 turnovers to Rochester's 13.

Grosse Pointe North stands 0-1 overall.



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Senior Jasmine Kennedy, No. 30, had quite an opening night, netting 22 points and 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to prevent a Grosse Pointe North defeat.

Grosse Pointe North senior Olivia Stander scored 20 points in the season opener against Rochester.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Lady Knights cruise by Saddlelites

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The duo of junior Paige Counsman and freshman Haleigh Bolton is going to be dangerous this season.

They scored all of the team's five goals, helping host University Liggett School girls hockey team's season-opening 5-2 victory over Warren

Regina.

"Getting the win on opening night is great, but I want the rest of the girls to shoot and score goals instead of waiting for Paige and Haleigh to do it," head coach Laura Owczarski said.

Bolton, making her ULS debut, opened the scoring with a goal at the 11:28 mark, assisted by Counsman.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Paige Counsman scored two goals to help University Liggett School's girls hockey team win its season opener.

Counsman's tally made it 2-0 at the 6:03 mark as senior Alex Boll drew the lone assist.

"I thought Boll really played a strong game," Owczarski said. "Overall, I thought the girls were a little sluggish and didn't play up to their potential. They will have to play better for us to beat the tough teams ahead of us."

Bolton's unassisted goal at the 11:05 mark of the second period made it 3-0 and she recorded the hat trick with a power play goal at the 9:39 mark. Counsman had the assist on the power play tally.

Counsman's backhand goal beat Regina sophomore goalie Kelsey Erne at the 10:38 mark to round out the Lady Knights' scoring.

The Saddlelites were able to score twice in the final 10 minutes to avoid being shutout for a third straight game.

"I thought we played better tonight than in our previous few games," Regina first-year head coach Katie Juiano said. "We have a long way to go, but at least I saw some positive signs from my team."

Another positive sign was junior Morgan Ellis playing at full speed for the Lady Knights. She suffered a severe ankle injury early in September while playing volleyball and never returned.

The Lady Knights stand 1-0 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 standings.

Up next for ULS is its annual tournament Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6. Competing in the tournament are Northville, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and three-time tourney champ Grosse Pointe North.



Freshman Haleigh Bolton's first game as a varsity high school hockey player was one to remember. She scored a hat trick against Warren Regina.

BOYS HOCKEY

ULS drops 2 of 3 in opening week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After splitting its first two road games of the season, the University Liggett School boys hockey team returned home to an 8-2 loss to Romeo.

"Our mental and physical game isn't where it needs to be," head coach Rob McIntyre said. "We were outplayed, except for a few short periods of time when we displayed some very good hockey."

"The guys have to get back to basics and play sparter hockey."

The Knights played an even opening period as senior Erik Litch scored a powerplay goal, assisted by junior Dan Zukas and freshman Jake Hodges.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring when junior Zach Soulliere tallied at the 10:11 mark.

For the second time in three games, the Knights caved in to play a horrible second and third period.

They were outscored 3-0 in the second stanza against Romeo and 4-1 in the final period.

Junior Rory Deane rounded out the scoring with a goal late in the third period. Zukas and freshman Patrick Gushee drew assists.

"We have to practice harder and make sure we're mentally and physically into the game," McIntyre said. "This isn't the kind of hockey we will play, I guarantee that. The guys will practice hard and play better hockey."

ULS opened the season with a lopsided 7-1 loss to host L'Anse Creuse North.

Zukas scored a power play goal in the first period to tie it 1-1. After that, it was all Crusaders who scored six unanswered goals to run away with the outcome.

McIntyre's squad rebounded the following night, using a Zukas goal in overtime to edge host West Bloomfield 4-3.

"I know our kids will get more consistent at both ends of the ice," McIntyre said. "We will get to where I want us to be."

The University Liggett School boys hockey team is 1-2 overall.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Junior Rory Deane scored a goal against Romeo, but it wasn't enough to prevent a loss.

BOYS HOCKEY

North opens with sweet victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team opened its season last weekend with a tough 3-2 overtime win over host Muskegon Mona Shores.

"Bottom line is we got the win even though we didn't play as well as we should have," North head coach Scott Lock said. "Mona Shores had a pretty big and noisy crowd and there were too many penalties by both teams, but somehow we found a way to win."

Senior Nick Hartman scored the winning goal four minutes into overtime.

Senior Justin Kovacs put the Norsemen ahead 1-0 and senior Jimmy Tocco tallied to make it a 2-0 game.

Mona Shores scored to cut it to 2-1 at the end of the second

period and it tallied midway through the third period to force overtime.

Senior Eric Rohrkemper earned his first victory of the season in net for the Norsemen, who stand 1-0 overall.

"I think our guys will come out and play with more emotion in our next few games against St. Clair Shores and DeLaSalle," Lock said. "I expected a little more energy from our guys and I don't know why they were flat."

"At least they were able to play well enough to get a big road win."

Coming up for the Norsemen are league road games Saturday, Dec. 6, against Warren DeLaSalle and Tuesday, Dec. 9, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

BOYS HOCKEY

South breathes easier after win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team earned its first win of the season last weekend, beating host Big Rapids 3-2 in the consolation game of the Big Rapids Tournament.

"This was a must win for us," South head coach Bob Bopp said. "That was the way we approached the game. We were no wins and two losses going into this game and even though we know we were not playing very well, we could have easily won both games."

The Blue Devils scored first when Kelly Odonnell-Daudlin scored on a powerplay, assisted by Brian Auty and Mack Sterr.

Halfway through the second stanza, Big Rapids tied the game, but with 1:30 left in the period, Miles Knight scored with assists from Keith Sklarski and Chris Shields.

Auty scored an unassisted goal 30 seconds into the third period to make it a 3-1 game.

Big Rapids scored with 5:23 left, but the Blue Devils' defense held tight and goalkeeper, Trevor Sattelmeier, made the key saves to preserve the win. For the game, Sattelmeier had 21 saves.

In their semifinal game, the Blue Devils lost 2-1 to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Prep scored one minute into the game as the Blue Devils came out flat and uninspired, according to Bopp.

Matt Reck tallied with just more than three minutes left in the opening period, assisted by Mack Sterr and Peter Marshall.

Midway through the second

period, Prep scored the game-winning goal on a powerplay.

Johnson got the start in net and had the puck covered, but the officials did not blow the whistle.

A Prep player moved in and poked the puck out of Johnson's glove and into the net for the goal.

The Blue Devils were outshot 25-15, but had several quality scoring chances.

The Blue Devils opened its season Saturday, Nov. 22, losing 5-4 in overtime to host Southgate.

Southgate scored first, but at the 10:32 mark of the first period, Sklarski evened it up with a shorthanded unassisted tally.

Auty made it a 2-1 game, scoring with only one tick left in the opening period.

The Blue Devils scored two more goals early in the second period. The first tally was by Jimmy Morris, assisted by Auty, and the second was a powerplay goal by Auty, assisted by Odonnell-Daudlin and Nolan Monforton.

Southgate came back with a goal to make it a 4-2 game with one period left to play.

The home team scored at 7:31 to draw within one goal and it tied it with a goal with just five seconds left in the third period.

Four minutes into OT, the Blue Devils turned over the puck which Southgate turned into the game-winning goal.

Grosse Pointe South stands 1-2 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is their home opener at 7:25 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, against Woodhaven.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Lady Norsemen fall in opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team lost its season opener, 2-1, to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

"We must have outshot them by a 3-1 margin, but their goalie was hot and we didn't get any production from our No. 1 line," head coach Scott Dockett said. "Cranbrook's defense did a nice job forcing our forwards to take shots that

gave the goalie a good eye at stopping the puck."

Sophomore Kailey Sickmiller, assisted by senior Jacqueline Reardon, scored the Lady Norsemen's lone goal.

"We played a good game in our opener, but we have work to do to get better," Dockett said.

North is 0-1 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division I standings.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Amato earns state's top tennis accolade

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Tennis anyone?

University Liggett School senior Drew Amato made the most of his final year of high school tennis, earning Division IV All-State First Team honors this fall at No. 1 doubles.

His trek began with freshman Peter Eckrich as his partner and halfway through the year head coach Chuck Wright made the switch to senior Aziz Jan, who was playing No. 3 singles.

It worked well as Amato and Jan formed a smooth team that won several big matches, including one in the state finals against Grayson Oake and Tyler Siebert of Buchanan.

They won 10 of 15 matches at No. 1 doubles to earn the state's top honor.

"It's a nice accomplishment to win All-State, especially after coach Wright made the switch halfway through the season," the 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident said. "I worked hard and had a lot of fun this fall playing with Peter and then Aziz."

"Drew matured a lot this season and he was a leader on the court," Wright said. "It was nice to see Drew and Aziz earn that All-State honor since they were a doubles team for only half of the season."

"They played with a lot of poise as seniors."

Amato has played tennis since he was in grade school, but stopped playing for a couple of years.

He took it up again when he started high school and slowly moved up Wright's depth chart.

Last season, he played No. 3 doubles, but moved up to No. 1 doubles toward the end of the season.

He played No. 1 doubles with



Drew Amato

then senior Steven Saurbier, but lost their first match in the state finals.

Now that his high school tennis career is over and he finished with a flourish, Amato is concentrating on his favorite sport, ice hockey.

This is his fourth year on the varsity squad. He spent the first three years playing for head coach Terry Olson. This season, ULS' head coach is Rob McIntyre, who Amato has known since he began playing hockey for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association in grade school.

He first laced up a pair of skates at age 4 in the GPHA's open skate program under Jan Orr.

It didn't take him long to become adept at skating. He then told his father, Tom, he wanted to play hockey.

"It's been fun watching Drew play hockey through the different levels," Tom Amato said. "I can't believe this is his final year of high school hockey and I hope it is a season to remember."

Amato, at 5-feet, 10-inches tall and 150 pounds, scored three goals during his sophomore year, but picked up the

pace last season, netting 10.

This season, he is one of the Knights' captains and plays on the No. 1 forward line with senior Erik Litch and junior Dan Zukas.

"We have some high hopes this season playing for coach McIntyre," Amato said. "I am looking forward to playing with my linemates and using my speed and our team chemistry to hopefully score a lot of goals."

"I know I'm going to have to perform on the ice."

Amato wants to continue playing hockey at the collegiate level, but said he will probably have to settle on competing on a club team.

"I'm not sure where I will go to college next fall, but a possibility is DePaul University (the largest Catholic university in the nation and the largest private institution in Chicago with more than 23,000 students)," Amato said. "I'm thinking about majoring in business."

Pursuing a business degree would follow in his father's footsteps. Tom Amato has a degree from Wayne State University in chemical engineering and a business degree from the University of Michigan Business School.

Amato is the eldest child of Tom and his mother, Jo Marie. He has a sister, Gabriella, 12, and a brother, Nick, 9.

He has a good grade point average at ULS. He spent his early childhood years in Clinton Township before his family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods.

Amato went to Ferry Elementary and Our Lady Star of the Sea before enrolling at ULS for high school.

"I have a lot of friends who play sports at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, but we don't play them in hockey," Amato said.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Drew Amato is a captain and on the No. 1 line for the University Liggett School boys ice hockey team under first-year head coach Rob McIntyre.

"My wife and I thought about sending Drew to North or DeLaSalle, but he had a lot of friends at ULS and it's a great school," Tom Amato said.

This first semester of his senior year, Amato has geology, environmental science, advanced placement government, pre-calculus and journalism.

"My favorite class is journalism," Amato said. "I have loved being a ULS student and I have a lot of pride being a Knight."

Amato will make his college choice after the first of the year,

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

South freshmen finish season with perfection

Grosse Pointe South's girls freshmen volleyball team capped off an undefeated season by beating Eppler Middle School in their final match of league play.

In yet another solid match, the Lady Blue Devils won 25-12, 25-10, 15-6.

"The girls once again performed with tremendous skill and execution," head coach Meredith Lathrop said. "I am so very proud of the continued excellence and the never-give-up attitude of this group."

The squad also won three tournaments to add to the season's final totals.

"Everyone is looking forward to watching these girls

mature as JV and varsity players in the future," Lathrop said. "Team leadership was inspired by captains Olivia Ray, Libby Griffith and Dana Hanrahan."

"However, each player added the necessary ingredients in obtaining our winning season."

Lathrop also applauded the efforts of passers Ali Ciaffone (libero), Paige Moore, Katherine Campbell, Carolyn Lanza, Courtney Bilderbeck, Emily Vreede, and Zita Barnette.

"Our setters, Olivia Ray and Chelsea Merrill, worked hard all season to give their hitters that perfect set," Lathrop added. "The hitters, Dana

Hanrahan, Libby Griffith, Megan Grambo, Emily Jackman, and Cathy Palazzolo, raised their level of play all season long, often paralyzing unsuspecting opponents with the fury of their punishing hits.

"The positive attitudes and crazy outbursts, on and off the court, along with the constant teamwork displayed, played a key role in the girls 11-0 season."

"No matter what the score was, they never gave up, and always came back to win. It was pure pleasure for the parents and the coaches to watch them perform at such a high level of play."

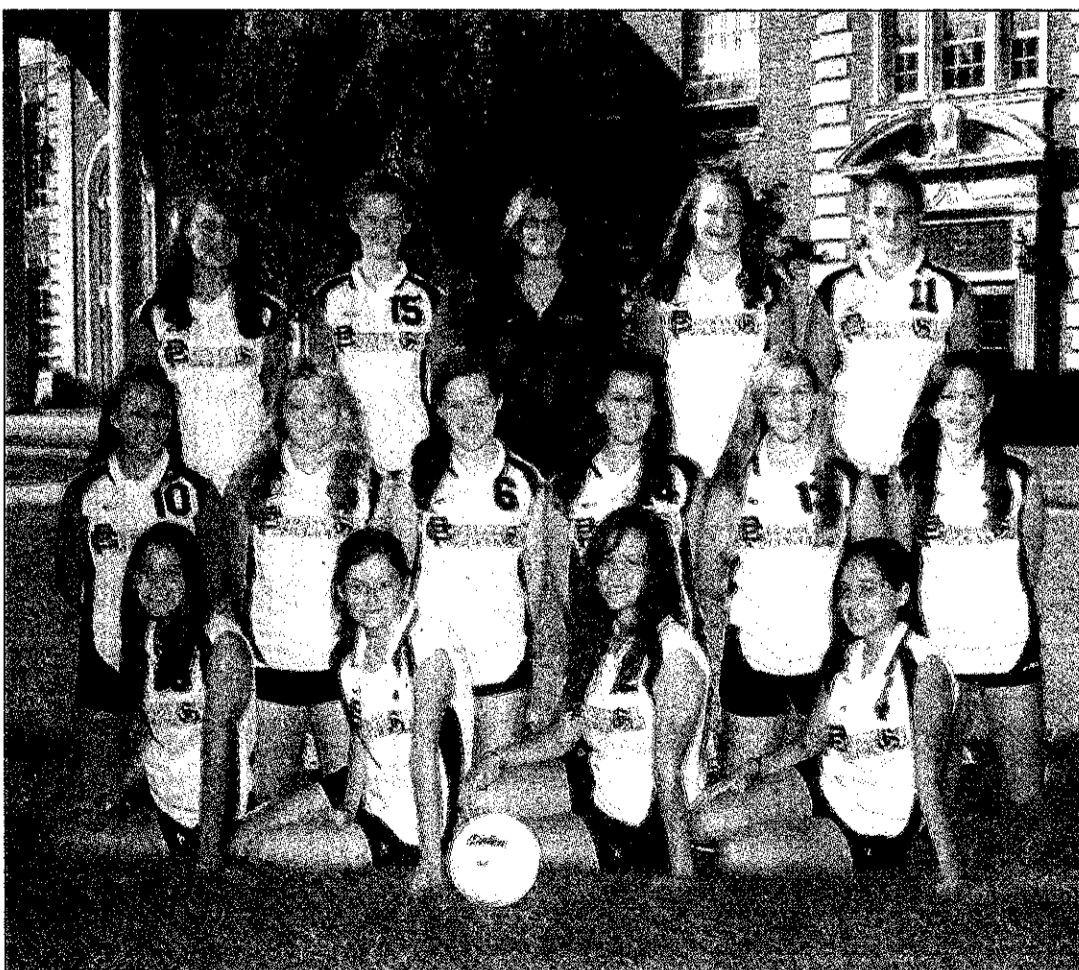


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The Grosse Pointe South girls freshmen volleyball team completed its season undefeated under head coach Meredith Lathrop.

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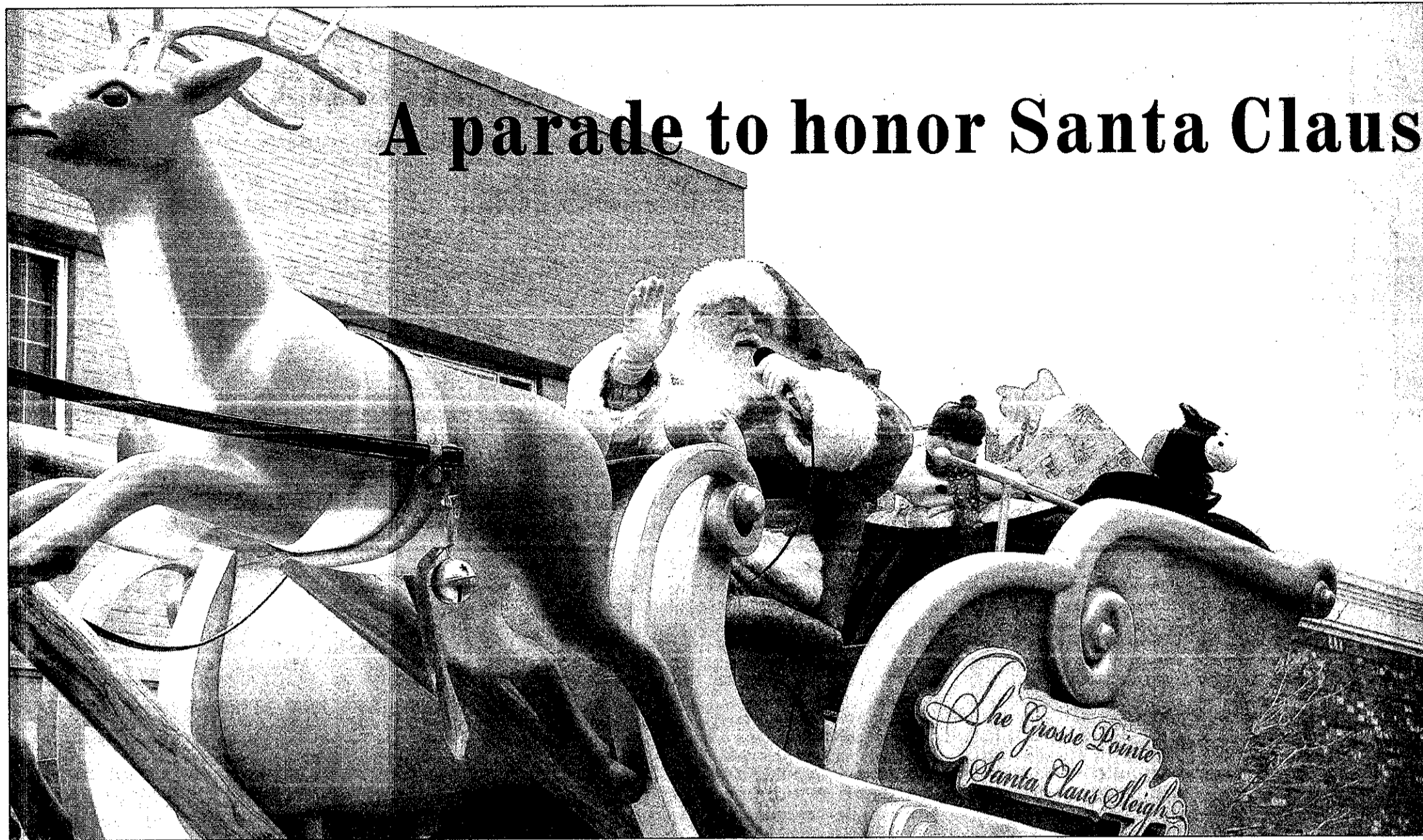
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A parade to honor Santa Claus



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Top, Santa Claus in his sleigh ushered in the holiday season for the Grosse Pointes. Above, the Big Boy float. Above left, Raleigh, the police dog, and his handler. Left, prior to the parade, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club sponsors a walk/run. Joel Gilpin and Lindsay Dorherty were the race winners. Below left, Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band played holiday songs. Below center, the unicyclists are a popular unit in the parade. Bottom left, what's a parade with colorfully dressed clowns? They entertained thousands of residents and guests who lined Kercheval from the Hill to the Village, Friday, Nov. 28.



Tree lightings



Santa and Christmas Carol walk into the crowd to spread holiday cheer.



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Four-year-old Jack Bidigare helps Mayor Robert Novitke pull the switch to light the Christmas trees on the lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.



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Sam Nehra, Luke Nehra, Jessica Boehmer, Natalie Boehmer, Rochelle Wolfe and Elizabeth Wolfe visit Santa during the Grosse Pointe Farms Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Pier Park.

Robert Carswell, 3, is a little boy with big ambitions. "I want 100 bulldozers for Christmas," he said. "One hundred? What would you do with them?" "Ride on them."

Robert's father, Gene, and mother, Beth, had heard it all before.

"One's not good enough," Gene said. "He needs 100." Gene said odds are good that his son will discover at least one bulldozer among presents under the family tree on Christmas morning.

The same likelihood holds for his 4-year-old sister, Ally.

"I want a cupcake maker," she said. The Carswell family braced a cold rain Sunday evening to attend the Grosse Pointe Farms Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Pier Park.

Festivities quickly moved inside the community center. The Power Chords vocal quartet performed carols. The Festival Flutes played music of the season. The Merry Music Maker entertained children. About 75 residents, mainly children with parents in tow, fidgeted until Santa Claus arrived.

Farms Mayor James Farquhar officiated lighting the tree, which is really lights strung up a flag pole in the parking lot traffic island.

The ceremony began with a moment of silence honoring the late Ed Smith, former commodore of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club.

"Ed contributed a lot of effort to the park and city," Farquhar said.

Walking in the rain from the tree lighting to the community center, Farquhar offered his own Christmas wish.

"I'd like to see the country rally together and work on all our issues as one as opposed to fighting each other," Farquhar said.

— By Brad Lindberg



Above, the Grosse Pointe North High School choir sings songs of the season during the Grosse Pointe Woods' tree lighting ceremony.

Below, holiday wishes from, back row from left, Kristine Minturn, Ana Meda and Alison Lamanski; front row from left, Claire Tallerico, Myra Lamphier, Alex Pullen and Alexia Ternyak, and Santa Claus. The young women are members of the Grosse Pointe North High School choir.



Tree of honor

Since 1988, the lighting of the Douglas fir in front of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital has served as a beacon of the holiday season at the top of "The Hill" in Grosse Pointe Farms. The tree was given in honor of Elise Morley Fink by her children and grandchildren in recognition of her 50th year of service as a hospital trustee and as an honorary board member. The tree was later rededicated and a plaque placed in memory of Elise and her son, Peter, who served on the boards of Cottage Hospital and Henry Ford Health System for 17 years. Multiple generations of the Fink family were on hand as Elise Fink Jones was given the honor of ceremonially lighting the tree Monday evening, Dec. 1. The celebration also was attended by local business members of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce as well as leadership, staff and friends of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

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ACROSS

1	Poke
4	Aries
7	Sick and tired
12	Carte lead-in
13	"— lazy river ..."
14	Draft in an apartment?
15	Hobbyist's abbr.
16	Robin's nickname
18	Swelled head
19	Nudge
20	Ignore rudely
22	Writer Buscaglia
23	Bar
27	Discoverer's cry
29	Painting on plaster
31	Corn
34	"Uh-oh!"
35	Soak up
37	Lead
38	Water barriers
39	End of a school's URL
41	Durante trademark
45	Grab
47	Hostel
48	1943 Rooney/ Garland musical
52	Cover
53	Farewell
54	Born
9	Pop
10	Work with close to
11	Apiece
17	"Bow-wow!"
21	Incompetent sorts
23	Hold the scepter
24	Cleo's slitherer
25	Rocks
26	Section of L.A.?
28	That girl
30	Bread grain
31	Frenzied name
32	Lawyers' org.
33	Doctrine
36	"Cheers" order
37	Flew very close to
40	Prince William's mum
42	Lubricated
43	Insinuating
44	Be philanthropic to
45	Pond-surface matter
46	Ogled
48	Shapely leg (Sl.)
49	Berlin's "What'll —?"
50	Disencumber
51	Shelter

DOWN

1	Green gemstones
2	Straighten
3	Ronstadt's "Blue —"
4	Hayseed
5	Moon mission name
6	Perhaps
7	Circulate
8	Still, in verse

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HINT: There might be more than one answer hidden in the six columns or two diagonals. Can you find 8 words? Happy Hunting!

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Col. 4: EASING
Col. 6: LEDGES / SLEDGE

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