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concert from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Fries

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Club meets at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial at 11 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Grosse Pointe

meets in the Park city hall at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Monday, Dec. 8

Tuesday, Dec. 9

South High School choirs.

ing is limited.

# Santa comes to town!

Kevin Kelliher, 5, above, of Grosse Pointe Shores, gives his wish list to Santa during the Shores holiday tree-lighting ceremony on Sunday. A few days earlier, Santa arrived in the Pointes during the 28th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade presented by Northern Trust featuring the Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band, below. At bottom, Santa received the key to the Pointes and Harper Woods from, from left, Mayor Kenneth Poynter of Harper Woods; Dr. James Cooper, president of Grosse Pointe Shores; State Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms; Male Dale Scrace of the City; Mayor Robert Novitke the Woods; Mayor James Farquhar of the Farms; parade Grand Marshall Debbie MacDonald, an investigator with the Michigan Humane Society; Mayor Palmer Heenan of the Park; and Ellen Durand, president of the Village Association, which co-hosted the parade with the Hill Association. See stories, page 10A.





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# Local retailers look for a great holiday season

By Bonnie Caprara Staff Writer

"Black Friday," the day Eastland Center after Thanksgiving, is a good day for local retailers. That is the day they hope their books stop showing red

are ahead as they anticipate the coming weeks to be the prime time for holiday sales.

"Traditionally, Thanksgiving weekend is a meantime, the individual mall weekend," said Ed stores draw people on their Russell, president of The own." Hill Association.

"As we get closer to Christmas, people don't want to fight the throngs at the mall; they choose to stick closer to home to get their last-minute shopping done. With this being a bedroom community, we see the holidays as being a little quieter.'

Russell said sales and revenues were "on track" for Hill merchants over the Thanksgiving weekend, and added the holiday shopping season really doesn't start until this weekend for Hill and Village merchants.

Ken Poulos, president of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue, agreed: "Mack Avenue isn't known for its 5 a.m. door busters."

Poulos added: "There was a lot of traffic on Mack, but I don't know if revenues were up or down, but business has picked up since Grosse Pointe Woods held up to its promise to finish the water main work."

Traffic and parking indiwhich is holding its own for said. the second year without an anchor retailer.

being closed is really nothing new from last year," said Mike Kramer, board member of the Grosse Pointe

■ Bigger, better hosts happy shoppers, page 20A

■ Retailers have Now their brightest days the advantage locally, see related editorial, page 8A

Kramer and Association President Ellen Durand said some retailers were using coupons to draw in customers for the post-Thanksgiving weekend and through the holiday shopping season.

"Competition is tough," Durand said.

She said sales and revenues have been about the same as this time last year for many Village merchants.

"Business is tough but steady; nobody is saying it's horrible," Durand said. "People are more conservative in their buying habits. They want more value and

Customer service continues to be a draw to Village merchants.

want "They things wrapped up and taken to their cars," Durand said. "Customer service is what The Village is all about."

Russell said an increase in special orders and higherend items have been the trend on The Hill.

"We have unique mercators were the same as last chants who tend to carry year in The Village as well, unusual items," Russell

Such amenities may be the drawing cards shoppers "The impact of Jacobson's are looking for once they get past picking up the category busters, such as toys and televisions, the weekend

Village Association. "In the See SHOPPING, page 10A

# POINTER OF INTEREST

# Maggie Durant

Home: City of Grosse Pointe

Age: 25 Family: Father, W. Clark; mother, Susan; sister, Hope Redmond, 27; brothers, T. Clark, 23; John, 20

Occupation: Business analyst working with entrepreneurs or companies seeking to enter emerging markets

Quote: "I've always wanted to use Spanish and work abroad; I've been fortunate to have had opportunities to do so. See story, page 4A



Maggie Durant

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# yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ The eighth annual Men's Night will be observed in the Village next Monday.

The first men's-only shopping night has been repeated every year with even larger numbers of stags taking advantage of the additional shopping hours.

On this one night per year, participating merchants in the City of Grosse Pointe's central shopping district add many extra services, such as additional clerks, models, gift wrappers and personal shoppers to advise the gentlemen.

■ Grosse Pointe Shores is now using a mechanical device to detect and record the speed of automobiles. The gadget works on the same principle as radar.

Readings are accurate to within two miles per hour. Police anticipate it will abolish the courtroom plea, "I wasn't driving that fast.'

■ Charles Ward of Grosse Pointe Park, an 11-year-old school safety boy, will receive hero's honors next week at a rally in Maire School.

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from the Automobile Club of over the years. Michigan.

On Sept. 18, Ward was guarding his corner at Kercheval and Cadieux more customers will be diswhen two unidentified youngsters entered the path of an oncoming car. Ward thrust himself between the children and the auto and pushed the pedestrians back to the curb.

The youngsters, a boy and girl, hurried home for lunch before they could be identified by Ward or Patrolman William Wildecker, who witnessed the action.

### 25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe school officials report the new elementary school lunch program has started without a hitch. More students are participating than expected.

A balanced meal is offered each day for 70 cents in elementary schools and 75 cents in secondary schools.

■ Grosse Pointe Farms officials, acting on advice from the police department, remove much of the parking liberties allowed on Moross.

The action is in response Ward will be given the to the large numbers of Lifesaving Medal Award parked cars being struck

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Thurber remembers. "He had a very orderly and methodical mind. He was very disciplined and because of that he was able to compartmentalize his life. When it was time to study, he gave himself wholly to study. When he played football - which he liked very much - he devoted everything he had to it. When he was having fun, he had fun.

■ A proposed ordinance

requiring valet parking for

restaurants seating 150 or

cussed at next week's meet-

ing of the Grosse Pointe

10 years ago this week

■ Chuck Klonke, sports

editor for the Grosse Pointe

News, recommends the per-

fect Christmas gift - "Lions

Pride, Sixty Years of Detroit

Klonke coauthored the

book, which chronicles the

Lions from the time they

moved to Detroit from

Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1934,

to the disappointing 5-11

reelected to her fifth term on

the Grosse Pointe Farms

City Council, is named an

honorary life member of the

Michigan Municipal League.

30th anniversary of the

assassination of President

John F. Kennedy, Grosse

Pointe resident Donald

Thurber recalls their college

with a searching mind who

was propelled by curiosity,"

"He was a good student

friendship at Harvard.

■ As the nation marks the

Gail Kaess, recently

Woods City Council.

Lions Football."

finish last season.

"I think that's why he was able to accomplish everything he did because he gave everything he wanted to do the time it needed."

## 5 years ago this week

■ Pundits are comparing Grosse Pointe Park's new limitations on cellular towers to locking the barn door before the horse has been

# 50 years ago this week



# Mission accomplished

Hunting was good near the lodge of James Murphy, right, at Smokey Lake near Iron Mountain. William Martin, left, general manager of Tracy Motors in Grosse Pointe Farms, bagged the 500-pound bear at noon on Nov. 16. The host shot the deer. Hoists in the Tracy service department, located on Kercheval and Hall Place, came in handy to display the prizes. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Dec. 3, 1953 Grosse Pointe News.)

stolen. There are no commercial antenna towers in the Park

"If someone wants to place a tower in our city, we'll have something in place to deal with the issue," says Greg Theokas, councilman.

■ The Village shopping area is closer to receiving a \$1.4 million makeover now that City of Grosse Pointe officials have reviewed design concepts for a streetscape beautification project

Plans include wider sidewalks to welcome increased numbers of pedestrians, curb bump-outs to improve traffic flow, ornamental features such as old-fashioned

street lights and dozens of new trees that will be watered by an automatic underground irrigation sys-

Five University Liggett School students are named Michigan the Interscholastic Tennis Association Coaches Division IV All-State team.

Chosen are Allison Ricci, Julie Megler, Lauren Ealba, Nayla Kazzi and Kim Wattrick.

In addition, ULS coach Chuck Wright is named Division IV Coach of the Year.

- Brad Lindberg

# Corrections

Corrections will be printed on this page every week. If there is an error of fact in any story, call the newsroom at (313) 882-0294.

The picture of the boys raking leaves on Make a Difference Day on the front page of the Nov. 20 issue of the Grosse Pointe News identified the Kerby students incorrectly. They are, from left: Joshua Trempus, Stephen Fleming, Gordy Post and Ryan Wood of the Kerby Wolf Cubs, Pack 481







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# News

# Tying an emerald ribbon 'round the old ash tree

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

In the tradition of yellow ribbons displayed in sentimental support of military personnel serving in harm's way, some of the Pointes' most visible ash trees have been marked with emerald bows symbolizing their vulnerability to a deadly little green bug from southeast Asia.

The gesture is most visible along Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores.

But the potentially devastating impact of the emerald ash borer invasion is most dramatic in the first block of Hawthorne. A half-dozen of the block's nearly 80 ash planted on municipal right of ways have already been

"We're trying to raise awareness in the community of the ash borer," said Lynn Kurtz, president of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. "We don't know that all the ash trees are going to die. But we know that we need to pay attention to them."

No ash trees in North America found infected with the emerald ash borer have survived.

Death occurs when borer tree's cambium layer, just ing the circulation of water and nutrients.

The smattering of losses on Hawthorne could be a southeast Michigan have shade.



Emerald ribbons tied around ash trees on Hawthorne, left, and Lakeshore, right, in Grosse

sign of things to come.

Each year the borer lion more are dead. creeps outward from where at least five years ago beneath the bark, disrupt- tucked in a crate of imported goods delivered to western Wayne County.

shown decline. Seven mil-

larvae tunnel through the it arrived in North America epicenter where ash was overplanted as a hardy land. If the Pointes go the replacement to elms lost to way of other communities Dutch elm disease, sections of new subdivisions have mile core zone of infestation, Half of all ash trees in been denuded of deciduous

Photos by Brad Lindberg

Pointe Shores dramatize the urban forest's vulnerability to the emerald ash borer.

The Shores has 336 ash growing on village property. In suburbs close to the It's not known how many specimens are on private within the 2,473-squareall ash will disappear.

We want to raise money to either replace the trees we lose or for whatever is appropriate at the time," Kurtz said.

State and federal officials cite huge deficits when predicting little if any public money will be available to help remove infested trees or plant replacements.

Michigan might qualify for tree-related federal emergency funds under the umbrella of homeland secu-

An effort involving the Michigan State Police is

under way to declare the infestation a threat to public safety.

The strategy depends on convincing federal officials that a legitimate danger is posed by diseased trees falling on people, property and power lines.

So far in the Shores, the borer's financial impact hasn't matched the worrisome prospect of flying insects sweeping into town unbridled by natural predators or proven chemical controls.

"We're still looking to see what impact it will have on us," said Brett Smith, Shores director of public works. "Right now, it hasn't been major. So far we've only lost small trees." We haven't had to take down haven't had to take down any large ones yet, but I'm sure that's going to come soon."

raised through the foundation's ribbon campaign could prime the community to quickly plant replacement

"It makes people aware of trees that are at risk," Kurtz

effort perked inquiries the day it began.

People started asking questions Saturday morning when about a dozen volunteers from the Impact Club at Grosse Pointe North High School were tying ribbons.

We were in groups of two to four kids walking up and down Lakeshore," Lindsey Kurtz, Lynn's 15vear-old daughter and member of the Impact community service group. explained to a whole bunch of people that we were doing it to raise awareness."

Because village offices were closed for the weekend, many curious callers sought answers from the public safety department.

Dispatchers were issued a written explanation of the campaign. Dispatchers also told residents they would be receiving flyers this week from the foundation about funding a replace program.

"It's generated a lot of phone calls," said Brett Marshall, a Shores resident and owner of a tree service who is volunteering to help save his community's ash "It's definitely resource. done its job."

The Shores isn't alone in its search for an ash borer defense.

The Farms is scheduled to receive an award this week from the Michigan Green Industry Association for, in

part, injecting ash trees with pesticides.

In the Park, city forester Brian Colter and members of the Grosse Sointe Audubon Society are conducting studies at the city's two lakeside parks to attract borer-eating woodpeckers.

# Singing group may have to wing it without wheels

By Bonnie Caprara

Staff Writer The show will go on, even

if the bus doesn't.

For the past 40 years, members of the Grosse Lakeshore Pointe Barbershop Chorus have put on one-day marathons performing Christmas songs for nursing home residents. For the past 10 years, the chorus has received grants from the City of Grosse Pointe to charter a bus to transport the chorus.

However, this year, funds were not available.

The money came through the SMART tax," Assistant City Manager Brian Vick said. "In the past, we used to subsidize programs like the barbershoppers and other groups. I understand they're trying to do a good thing, but all of our money went to Assisted Area Pointe Transportation (PAATS)."

The City was allocated \$10,000 to subsidize charter bus service through the SMART tax. PAATS provides transportation for handicapped and senior citizens in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"We need a bus," said John Wearing, chorus manager. "We can't have that many cars going from place to place."

# Gasoline prices plummet

Average gasoline prices across Michigan dropped 6.1 cents per gallon this week, while falling 3.6 cents per gallon in metro Detroit, reports AAA Michigan.

The statewide average for self-serve unleaded stands at \$1.476 per gallon, according to the auto club's statewide survey. The average is 15.3 cents a gallon higher than a year ago, and ranges from \$1.359 to \$1.669.

In metro Detroit, drivers are paying an average \$1.429 per gallon, 16.8 cents more than last year. The price range is from \$1.349 to

\$1.549. AAA Michigan surveys 300 gas stations weekly.

For daily updates, visit the Web site fuelgaugereport.com/MImetro.asp.

planned for a Sunday, Dec. 14, tour that covers nursing homes from Fraser to Detroit. Many of the 50-plus singers are senior citizens.

"They get no entertain-ment," Wearing said. "When the guys start singing, the tears start rolling. We start singing at 10 a.m. and finish by 7 p.m. We're exhausted by the time we finish, but it feels so good."

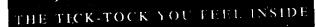
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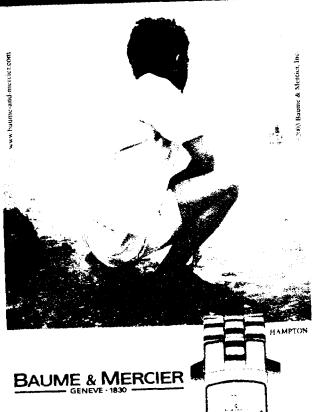
The chorus has 10 stops tributions to charter a bus. He said the charter bus company they've used in the past has agreed to cut \$25 from the \$525 fee.

> "So far, we're winging it," Wearing said. "I hate to ask the guys to pay for the bus when they're already giving up their time to sing.

For more information, contact Wearing at (313) 882-5793.









Points about the Pointes Selection of our Library Board members..

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the League of the involvement of the School Women Voter meeting about the Library Board. Board in the Library Board It focused in on the member selection process, its member selection process was new Library Foundation and the wisdom of the current Library Board's financial decisions.

process for the Library Board members is a self will take this opportunity to do what they can perpetuating one (much like the process for selecting the mayor used to be in Grosse Pointe Farme). The Library Board members beginning the distribution without representation we as taxpayers have suffered for years. Farms). The Library Board members basically hand pick which applicants for any open Library Board seat they would like in their 'club' and send it to the School System for rubber stamping. The likelihood of someone ending up on the Board who wanted to question how our money is

being spent (or anything else) is slim to none. During the past meeting of the School Board,

will our School Board help fix the problem? visited. A new policy is in

the works and will possibly be put into effect Many of you may not know that the selection early next year. Hopefully, the School Board

It will be interesting to see if our School Board. has the moral strength to do everything in their power to fix the problem. It will indeed be ironic if they don't, as they are teaching our children about the importance of this problem, and how it drove our founding fathers to risk their lives to create this basic right we take for granted daily. Ahmed Ismail (ahmed ismail@comcast.net)

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# Young business analyst sets her sights overseas

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

At only 25 years old, City of Grosse Pointe resident Maggie Durant has already discovered that she can make a difference in the lives of others.

Using her finance and Spanish degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Durant has studied, worked, and done economic research in places such as Spain, Mexico, Chile and Brazil.

"I've always wanted to use Spanish and work abroad; I've been fortunate to have had opportunities to do so," she said.

Just three years out of college, Durant is focused on improving the economies in emerging markets.

"It seems that there are a lot of opportunities for improvement in emerging markets," she explained.
"Strong businesses can improve lives.

Upon completion of her bachelor's degree, Durant worked as a business analyst in Chicago for McKinsey & Co., a global management consulting firm. She worked with large national retail and healthcare corporations. and even an oil company entering in Mexico, to examine strategy, marketing and organization issues.

After spending nearly two with McKinsey, Durant was accepted to participate in a fellowship with McKinsey Global Institute, an economic think tank. She was the only analyst selected from a pool of prospective fellows worldwide.

"I applied for the experience because I wanted to combine my interest in the issues that business managers and government poli-tymakers face in emerging markets," Durant said. "It was so exciting that I got it. It was such a great opportu-

During the fellowship, which was based in San Francisco, Durant led the investigation of the impact of foreign investment on the retail sector and on retailers in Brazil.

"It was especially interesting because we looked at it from the perspective of both the companies who invest in the investment." she said.

# **POINTER OF INTEREST**

than 30 interviews with government officials and the heads of major retailers such as WalMart and Carrefour.

Through the process, Durant came across many challenges. Many times, she had to work with a translator to communicate with her had difficulty collecting concrete data for her research.

The hardest part of the work was assessing the extent to which the informal, or extra legal market affected the performance of the foreign players and the rest of the sector, since, by definition, there is no data on the informal market," she said.

But Durant's conclusions were thorough.

One of our interesting findings was with WalMart," she said. "It surprised me that a company could be incredibly successful in one emerging market and struggle so much in another. WalMart has been overwhelmingly successful in Mexico, but still struggles in Brazil.

"In Brazil, because of incredibly high taxes, informal retailers who evade some of their tax obligation have a significant advantage, enabling them to undercut WalMart's prices. WalMart is still small there and so it can't make it up in purchasing power. In Mexico, there is a much lower tax burden so informal retailers do not have much of an advantage. Plus, WalMart is the largest retailer there, so it carries a lot of weight with local suppliers.'

After completing her research in Brazil, Durant presented her findings and discussed the implications with an advisory board consisting of country experts and leading academics from Harvard University and the Institute for International Economics.

Now back in Grosse Pointe, Durant is grateful for the opportunities she has school and may also do gradeconomics. She is currently doing volunteer work for her father, W. Clark Durant, who is founder and chairman of the Cornerstone Schools in Detroit.

"I'm helping to work on an expansion plan for them,' she said.

Durant looks to the interview subjects. She also future, and at such a young age, realizes there is much more to come.

Eventually, what I'd like to do is work with entrepreneurs in emerging markets, specifically America, or work with a company that is looking into entering emerging markets," she said.

In the meantime, Durant is focused on the present, which, in addition to her school and volunteer work. is spent with her family: her father; her mother, Susan; her sister, Hope Redmond, 27; and her brothers, T. Clark, 23; and John, 20.

Durant is also quite active and enjoys the outdoors. She has participated in five marathons across the country and has twice participated in the National Outdoor Leadership School, once Rocky trekking  $\mathbf{the}$ Mountains while she was in high school and again last year in the Himalayas.

No stranger to a challenge, these experiences placed Durant in extreme weather and alpine conditions. Her trip to the Himalayas was cut short following nuclear threats from Pakistan.

But she's never dismayed when faced with a challenge in a foreign land. Being overseas brings comfort to Durant. As with her work in the business world, she enjoys the challenge of communication in a foreign country. She hopes to use this dedication and her experience in developing economies to make a differ-

"As I learned this past year, even small improvements can have a major impact on the productivity of a country, and therefore, foreign markets as well as had through McKinsey. She on the standard of living of the countries that receive plans to apply to business the locals," she said, with



Photo by Brad Lindberg

# Turkey time

Giving thanks for the bounties of a free society which they themselves help protect, officers serving a special 30-hour holiday shift in the City of Grosse Pointe pamper a 22-pound turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Lt. Eddie Tujaka, left, spoon feeds PSO Ed Peljak a taste of gravy while Peljak, designated chef for the day, bastes the bird to a golden brown which would make a Pilgrim proud. When done, the turkey will be served to the shifts' seven officers on a 24-inch platter donated for the occasion by the mother of PSO Matt Kramer. City public safety officers work 24-hours shifts with roll call at 7 a.m. On Thanksgiving, duty extends a few hours so police can man the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, when Santa arrives in the Village from his North Pole workshop to open the Christmas shopping season.

This year's holiday wasn't all turkey and parades. Mid-way through the shift, City officers helped extinguish a house fire in Grosse Pointe Park.

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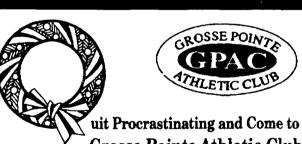
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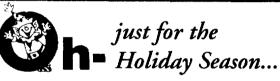




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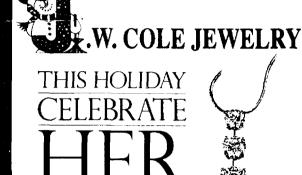
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# Christmas spirit hits shoppers

etailers are counting the biggest shopping gain in four years this holiday season. That is great news for all the merchants in The Village, on The Hill, on Mack Avenue and at Eastland Center.

Retailers, particularly mom-andpops, have had a tough go of it the first three years of the new millennium, but signs are positive.

Third-quarter growth this year, the fastest in 20 years, kicked off the holiday sales optimism, which carried into "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving.

According to the Financial Times, "Black Friday" refers to the day when many retailers look to get out of the red.

The Financial Times reports that ShopperTrack, the outfit that collects sales data from 30,000 stores, estimated that day-after-Thanksgiving

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sales were up 4.8 percent over 2002.

That is significant because last year's sales also were strong on the Friday following Thanksgiving. It was only later that holiday purchasing fizzled.

The National Retail Federation reported similar gains over the Thanksgiving weekend. It predicts an overall 5.7 percent increase in holiday sales, the largest increase since 1999. By comparison, last year's increase over the year before was 2.2 percent.

Visa USA reported Thanksgiving sales up 12 percent, but much of that may be due to the popularity of debit cards instead of checks.

Local retailers are reporting increased activity as measured by traffic and parking indicators.

Ken Poulos, president of the Mack Avenue Business and Professional Association, said business has picked

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up since the City of Grosse Pointe Woods completed its Mack water main project for the year as promised.

The Village shopping district in the City of Grosse Pointe is going through its second season without Jacobson's as an anchor store. Merchants there are drawing people on their own, according to Mike Kramer of the Village Association.

In Grosse Pointe Farms, Judy Collins of the Hill Association, said cold, rainy weather may have dampened some holiday sales on the Friday after Thanksgiving, though parade attendance brought many out into the cold.

The parade went through The Hill for the first time this year and was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

WalMart and other large retailers reported mega-sales, but we urge shoppers to buy locally as much as

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"There's a trend toward shopping at local stores," Art Nitzsche, president and CEO of TeleCheck of Michigan, told Grosse Pointe News reporter Bonnie Caprara. "They know the customers; they know the market, and they know what people want."

He believes specialty retailers may have an advantage because the profits margins are much higher.

"Retailers in the Grosse Pointes should do well," said Nitzsche, a Farms resident. "They don't (always) offer discount prices, but they don't offer discount quality."

Our local businesses are here to serve you. Patronize them, and they will be here for you throughout the year. They, too, cannot profit without our support.

Christmas is only three weeks away!

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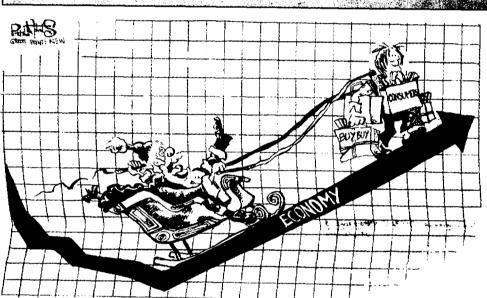
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# errorism comes in green

'n the War on Terror, we are missing the FBI's No. 1-ranked domestic terrorism threat - environmental terrorists.

In December's Environment & news. the Heartland Institute's "monthly newspaper for common-sense environmentalists, scientist Jay Lehr cites at least a halfdozen instances of "eco-terrorism" in the United States this year.

Most of the atrocities were committed by groups with innocent-sounding acronyms, such as ELF and ALF. But what they stand for sounds much more ominous: Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front.

On Aug. 1, ELF took credit for burning to the ground a 206-unit apartment building in the densely populated University City area of San Diego. Not only was the \$50 million loss due to arson the largest single incident caused by eco-terrorists to date, but it also was completely senseless in that ELF claimed the action was taken to protest "urban sprawl."

On Aug. 28, a biotech lab was bombed in Emeryville, Calif. Fortunately, no one was injured, though significant property damage was reported.

This bombing followed a Sept. 26 attempt to blow up another of the company's offices. The explosives were discovered before they could be detonated. The company was one of several biotech firms being targeted because it uses animal testing to ensure the safety of cosmetics and household products.

Sept. 23, ALF terrorists destroyed computers and lab equipment and threw red paint on the walls of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

During September, eco-terrorists vandalized more than 100 SUVs throughout Southern California. While causing \$1 million in damages, the perps left messages such as "Fat, lazy Americans" on the vehicles.

The U.S. Forest Service on Oct. 6

found one of its construction sites in New Mexico vandalized. Government vehicles, electrical equipment and a water trailer were damaged. The prises was the outpouring of Forest Service was upgrading roadside culverts to prevent erosion.

Nevertheless, terrorists left graffiti of "ELF," "swine" and swastikas on the government property.

We are not surprised to hear of acts by militant environmental and animal activists coming out of La La Land (California), but Michigan has been targeted as well

On Sept. 23, ELF planted incendiary devices in a water bottling plant in Michigan's Martiny Township. The homemade firebombs were discovered before they could be ignited. ELF justified the attempted arson in order to stop the water bottler from "stealing water."

In a related development, a Mecosta County circuit judge has ordered the bottling company to cease pumping water from its wells. The judge ruled the company was endangering well, lake and stream water levels even though the company was pumping half of the amount of water it was allowed under a permit from the Michigan Department Environmental Quality.

It appears much of the funding for these eco-terrorists is coming from larger, more well-known organizations, such as PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and Greenpeace. Although both groups have publicly repudiated groups such as ELF and ALF, PETA has been accused of giving \$70,000 of its taxexempt funds to ALF, and Greenpeace is thought to have given some \$10 million to non-exempt organizations from 1998 to 2000.

How does PETA respond to watchdog groups that question its use of taxfree funds? It calls them "whores for the meat and tobacco industry."

Terrorism — the killing of innocents no matter what the cause - comes in many shades, including green.

# Letters

# Giving thanks To the Editor:

On Sunday, Nov. 23, 1,000 men, women and children enjoyed delicious turkey dinners at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit. We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped us by supporting this project.

It was a memorable day, and the spirit of Thanksgiving was alive and well in every corner of the kitchen thanks to the hard work of so many in this community.

Turkeys were donated and cooked prior to the date by well over 100 volunteers. They came from all over the Grosse Pointes and the metro area. A special thank you to all who cooked and delivered a turkey. We couldn't have done it without you!

One of the greatest surlove and generosity we received from the parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church and especially Deacon Rich Shubick and Linda Pelerin.

Although this was our sixth year hosting the pre-Thanksgiving dinner at it always Crossroads, requires a lot of stressful planning. A major sponsor from previous years was unable to participate this time.

Just as we were wondering how we would manage without them, along came Deacon Rich and Linda Pelerin, who demonstrated to us what real giving and unconditional love are all about.

They, and so many other members of St Paul's, showered us with donations of turkey, money, time, talent and prayers. It is difficult to convey with mere words how grateful we are to all of

In addition, Linda Pelerin was able to secure incredibly generous donations and offers of food from various local businesses, including Tony Marchiori Catering, Jack's Waterfront Restaurant, Sweetheart Bakery, The Hill Seafood and Chop Rouse, Lucy's on the Hill and Ferlito's Family Dining Restaurant.

As always, Farmer Jack's Mary Buffa cheerfully filled in some important gaps for us with last-minute bakery items, and other members of the staff there went out of their way to help us maneuver 1,100 rolls and a lot of groceries through the checkout quickly and easily.

Another generous donation of turkeys came from the teachers at The Grosse Pointe Academy. Their annual effort, organized by Ellen Krease, is one that we count on and it continues to make a significant contribution to the success of this event.

Many of the people who supported this most recent dinner have worked with us on this project for years. Others were involved for the first time.

Whether you cooked a turkey in advance, made a donation of food or money to cover the costs of the meal, came down early Sunday morning to start preparing the dinner, worked a hectic afternoon serving 1,000 dinners or stayed late to help clean up the biggest mess around, on behalf of all of

thank you. blessed Christmas.

> Charles and Yolanda Turner **Grosse Pointe Farms**

# Clarify library issues

To the Editor:

In response to the library issues raised in the recent letter "Library issues," Nov. 20, Grosse Pointe News, we would like to take the opportunity to clarify a number of key points for the benefit of all of our residents.

Under the document which created the Grosse Pointe Public Library as a district library the members of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees are appointed to serve on the board by the Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Schools. None of the appointed trustees participated in the creation of the District Library. According to the Library of Michigan, 82 percent of District Libraries have appointed boards. The school board is currently working on a revised procedure for its appointment process.

Salaries and benefits received by our librarians include both a pension plan and health coverage. The average salary of a Grosse Pointe Public Library librarian is in excess of \$43,000. On the pension program, the most senior librarians are

covered by the Retirement System, to which the library makes contributions. New employees have the opportunity to participate in a 403(b) retirement plan with matching contributions from the library. The turnover of staff is not 100 percent. The average tenure of the librarians is 10.6 years.

There have been no final

decisions in any lawsuit or unfair labor practice claim in these contract negotiations. We are working diligently toward the approval of a new contract.

Finally, regarding the decision to hire a fundraiser for the library, the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board participated in making such a decision. During a 1998 Friends board meeting the minutes our brothers and sisters who reflect that "the Friends will live with such great need, not take the lead in fundraising, but instead We are honored to know take the role of library advoyou and pleased to share cate and promoter. The with you a commitment to Library will hire a director serving the poor. We wish of development and support you all a very happy and staff to conduct major fundraising, create a longrange plan, actively promote planned giving, and help the Friends promote the library." The recommendation was approved unanimously by the Friends board.

Equally important in the decision to hire a fundraiser was the lead time necessary to plant the seeds to conduct a successful capital campaign. More recently, the board concluded that an additional investment was necessary as the building plans have come closer to fruition. The cost of the development consultants cannot be compared to the annual fund amount. Their tasks are aimed solely at developing a capital campaign. The library fully expects that the value of the consultants will be at least three times what is expended. Money raised by the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation goes to the library. Only a portion of the Friends money raised is contributed to the library, a percentage determined by the Friends board.

We encourage all of our residents to become actively involved in the preservation and enhancement of our library system. It is a publicprivate partnership. It is a responsibility we take most seriously as we continue to make investments and improvements to benefit all

See LETTERS, page 10A

# Dear Santa,

I don't want much for Christmas this year. I am more fortunate than many in that I have most everything I need.

I have a family who cares for me. I have a warm home and plenty of clothing. I don't go hungry. (Though the scales tell me I should once in a while.)

I have an interesting, challenging job and good employers. We have a good pastor, a friendly church and good friends. I have good health. (Although my

doctor says my cholesterol is high.)

I could always use clothing, but only because my waistline keeps getting bigger. I'm not putting clothes on my Christmas list this year, though. I vow to lose weight by April for my father's wedding. (He's a widower. We are all kind of anxious about a new addition to the family.)

I don't need any more golf stuff. I have clubs I'm not even using. (Oops, I forgot. I could always use more golf balls. I seem to keep losing

Maybe, Santa, you could talk to my good friends Mayor Palmer Heenan and Joe Dillon, Esq., to invite



me again next year to their respective clubs for a round of golf. It is always a treat to get a chance to play the beautiful courses at the Country Club of Detroit and the Lochmoor Club.

Oh, and maybe you could put a word in to another esteemed friend, John Carlisle, Esq., to get my

father-in-law and me more boxing tickets. (I don't necessarily enjoy boxing, but my father-in-law grew up watching it. I have to admit, though, watching it ringside is a thrill.)

Perhaps, Santa, you could get me a few golf lessons. Hopefully, I will be able to knock a few strokes off my

game next year. (It seems I haven't improved much in five years of playing the game. But, as I try to convince myself, I enjoy it for the outdoors.)

My biggest wish for Christmas and the coming New Year, Santa, is for peace in the Middle East and prosperity for all those who have been laid off, can't find work or who are underemployed.

Contrary to "no-growth" advocates, a stagnant economy is not good and is definitely no fun. I wish for the economy to continue its positive signs from the third quarter and hope for a prosperous New Year.

It may sound strange, but

I wouldn't mind seeing interest rates go up a little bit. Sure, the low rates are great for buying a house or car, but they don't do much for savings.

Also, Santa, I wish for continued gains in health care and curing disease especially cancer, which claimed my mom.

Finally, Santa, my fervent wish this Christmas is that not a single child goes without this holiday season. I'm not talking about just material things, such as toys, but also the most necessary gift, love.

Merry Christmas to all our loval readers and friends.

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# <u>Streetwise</u>

Question of the Week:

What is your favorite Christmas carol?



Karen Horn

"Silent Night. I love it in church on Christmas Eve when they turn off all the lights and light a bunch of candles. It's beautiful."

Karen Horn **Grosse Pointe Farms** 

"Frosty the Snowman." **Courtney Calcaterra Grosse Pointe Farms** 



Courtney Calcaterra



Frederic DeHaven

"I change every year. This year, I like the Huron Canadian Carol.

Frederic DeHaven City of Grosse Pointe

"Silent Night. To me, it embodies the spirit of Christmas.'

Amy Desel City of Grosse Pointe



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Theresa Sullivan

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Theresa Sullivan

City of Grosse Pointe

"Frosty!" Sarah Desel City of Grosse Pointe



Sarah Desel

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



A former U.S. Air Force buddy is looking for David Morrison of Grosse Pointe.

# Searching

There is something about reaching retirement that causes folks to look back at the friends they made along the journey and wonder what ever happened to them. Eric Hughes graduated from a high school in Perth Ambov, N.J., and joined the U.S. Air Force in the mid-'50s

He met David Morrison of Grosse Pointe at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1956 or 1957, where they both worked as teletype operators in the 27th air division.

Morrison, a great jazz enthusiast, who collected the albums of the jazz greats, was also a die-hard Michigan State football fan. He told Hughes he planned to attend MSU when he got out of the service. The pair

became great friends. But they lost contact with each other in 1960 after Hughes was transferred to Washington, D.C., and Morrison was at Travis Air Force Base in California. After he got out of the Air Force, Hughes spent a career as a federal govern-

ment program analyst. If you know what ever happened to David Morrison, who would be 66 or 67 now, let me know where he can be reached, and I will give him Eric Hughes' contact numbers.

# Xmas auction

If you want a special tree or wreath or just want to get in the Christmas spirit, you should tour the 19 Christmas decorations on The Hill that are part of a silent auction fundraiser for the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Each participating business has a window sign saying: "Come In and See Our Tree/Wreath."

My reviewer reports there

by Ben Burns are tall trees, short trees, skinny trees and full trees. There is an elegant Winter Wonderland at Cottage Hospital, a golden tree at the Greenhouse, chocolates on the Upper Crust/Petite Fleur tree and a tree decorated with kitchen equipment at Mutschler

Kitchens. The Bank of Grosse Pointe has a jaw breaker star as a tree topper. The League Shop has a folk art family tree and Sylvan Learning Center a tree with flash cards and pencils.

Opening bids on the items start as low as \$25 and as high as \$400.

The Family Center located on the Grosse Pointe North High School campus supports families facing the challenges of raising healthy, well-adjusted children through lectures, workshops and the like.

# 90 years young

Mel Stander and his "Gentlemen of Swing" will perform their 15th annual free Christmas concert this Saturday (Dec. 7) at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Twelve of the 16 member orchestra are between 75- and 91vears-old, and the other four "kids" are 55 and over. Stander, himself, will be 90 this month.

The concert will feature Dr. Richard Ferrara on

banjo and Tony Russo on trombone. The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club Chorus will be accompanied by May Krager at the

# Oprah guest

**Grosse Pointe News** monthly health columnist Debra Jay of the Farms appeared on Oprah Winfrey's show recently. Debra and her husband, Jeff, write on substance abuse once a month and have written several books. If you get a chance to hear either or both of them, don't miss it. Debra impressed Oprah so much that she was invited back for a future show, according to

# Black history

Stewart McMillan will host a black history tour of Detroit, on Wednesday, Dec. 10, that will make stops at the Tuskegee Airmen's Museum, Elmwood Cemetery and the Detroit Historical Museum. The \$40 tour includes a buffet lunch at the Art Building on Woodward. You may call (313) 922-1990 for more information.

Ben Burns of the City of Grosse Pointe is a professor in the journalism program at Wayne State University. He can be reached at burnsben@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 882-2810.



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# Santa Parade kicks off the Christmas season

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"When the really, really

big band came with all the

little puppies and dogs," she

Christmas. She wants to

City liked the Detroit Fire

parade. Wakely said the

little stinky when we get

But they're going to be a

dogs didn't mind the rain.

Department Clowns.

walked the dogs.

home," she said.

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Tory Spangler, 11, of the

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

So many bands marched down Kercheval last Friday it seemed like auditions for The Music Man.'

But all 10 bands, plus a Scottish pipe and drum corps, took center stage during the longest ever Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Banner reviews came from thousands of people lining the parade who didn't let cold rain dampen their day.

"Excellent. Wonderful," said City of Grosse Pointe resident Beverly Leinweber. Her tan face peeking from under a hooded parka attested to her returning from Florida in time for the annual parade.

"Bad weather, wonderful turnout," Leinweber said.

"It was fun," said Manuela Koziarz, 14, flute player in the Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band.

Norsemen gave themselves a workout marching and playing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "The Grinch.

player Dave Tuba Cleveland, North's band teacher, took the bad weather in stride.

"Words cannot express the way I feel right now," he said.

veteran parade Katie, liked the parade's Even

watchers were impressed animal theme. with the 104 organizations and special guests recruited for the lineup.

"It is a bigger parade," said Mark Weber, head of said. She was referring to the Grosse Pointe War the Dakota High School Memorial.

War sentatives of anchors Weber Memorial broadcasts of the parade over WMTV-5 cable.

"Despite the weather, it was a great day," he said. "It's a wonderful community event.

For the first time in its 28 years, the parade was routed through the Hill business district of Grosse Pointe Farms in addition to the Village shopping area of the

"It's a logical marriage," said John Denomme, promotion manager for the Grosse Pointe Village Association. "It's a contiguous parade route going through two communities and two shopping districts."

The association sponsored the parade in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Hill Association.

Michael Bowles, 10, of Pointe Grosse Woods, watched the parade from outside his mother's office on the Hill.

"I liked the bands," he

8-year-old sister, His

Pointe South Class of 1993! of our citizens. The full Our 10-year reunion is on scope of rebuilding the sys-Saturday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 tem is beyond the resources p.m. at the Grosse Pointe of any one group. Hunt Club. We invite members of the Please e-mail your updated contact information to

public to attend our monthly board meetings. For a schedule of meetings or any other information,

please feel free to call the director at (313) 343-2325. John Bruce President, Grosse

Pointe Library Board Vickey Bloom Director. **Grosse Pointe Public** Libraries

Class of 1993

To the Editor:

We are searching for you

parade but drew waves from onlookers. "People are happy to see police out here, rain or shine

Marching Band and repre-Golden or snow or sleet," she said. The parade started at 10 "I love dogs," Katie said. a.m. At 11:31, Santa Claus She wants a yellow lab for

arrived in the Village. "It's great to be in Grosse

Pointe today," he said to a crowd of children and local officials.

"The children of our com-Maggie Fragel, 11, of the munity look forward every Farms, said the parade was year to visiting you," said "great. I liked it when people City Mayor Dale Scrace. "I understand they have three Claudia Wakely of the City included two of her - the Toy Village, Damman Hickey's/Walton Pierce." three Bernese mountain dogs, Otis and Andy, in the

'That's right," Santa said. Scrace gave Santa a key to the City and proclaimed him mayor of all the Pointes and Harper Woods for the day. Lisa Monticello, a public There was never so jovial a

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class list.

safety officer with the City transfer of power. bike patrol, pedaled the

"Thank you very much, route wearing foul weather Mayor," Santa said. Turning gear. She wasn't in the to the crowd, he said, "I'm looking forward to visiting with all you boys and girls. We wish you a merry Christmas."

After the ceremony, Terri Berschback, parade director. was already planning to upstage herself next year.

"And the sun's gonna be shining," she said.

By noon the temperature

had dropped a degree or two.

plopped to earth with the sound of a finger smacking an open palm. But every once in a while,

Raindrops grew heavy and

something new and soft drifted downward.

Katie Bowles, the 8-yearold dog lover, looked outside the window of her mother's office on the Hill and saw something that momentarily took her mind off a yellow lab named Max.

"It's snowing," grinned.

# Shopping

From page 1A

great spots for you this year after Thanksgiving, said Fred Marx of Marx Layne and Co., which handles accounts for many Detroit area retailers.

"We're seeing a comeback with specialty retailers,' Marx said. "They offer more specialized items than what is offered at the mega malls good watches, nice crystal. beautiful robes - and there's a lot going on in the kitchens and media centers. The Grosse Pointe retailers excel in these categories. We think the independent merchants will fare well this holiday season.'

"There's a trend toward shopping at local stores,' added Art Nitzsche of Grosse Pointe Farms, president and CEO of TeleCheck of Michigan. "They know the customers; they know the market, and they know what people want."

Nitzsche said his business has seen a double hump in The Reunion holiday spending so far this

season. "The high-end items, such as jewelry and diamonds, are doing very well, but because of the unemployment, there are also sound,

and moderately priced items," Nitzsche said.

He also said specialty retailers may have an advantage over big-box and mall retailers this season because the profits margins are much higher.

"One survey I read said 50 percent of items purchased the day after Thanksgiving were sale items, which have a much smaller profit margin than regularly priced items," Nitzsche said. "Retailers in the Grosse Pointes should do well; they don't offer discount prices, but they don't offer discount quality.'

Improving economic indicators may also help fuel the gradual build to the holiday shopping season for area retailers as well.

"People are feeling better," Marx said. "While people aren't taking money out of their investments, a lot of people have refinanced their homes, which has given them more disposable income. And while some of the online businesses do well with books and durable goods, people want to go to the stores to shop, not just for the gifts, but for the Bill Scott large sales in the discount socialization."

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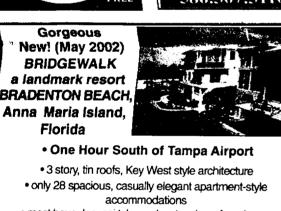
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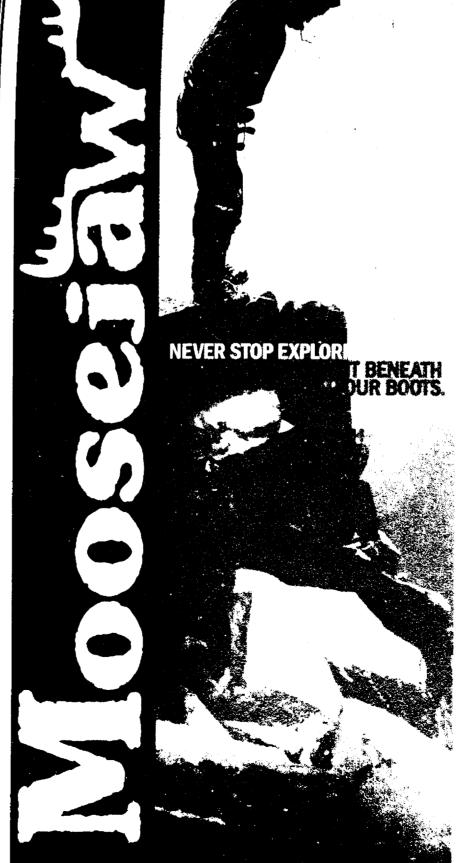
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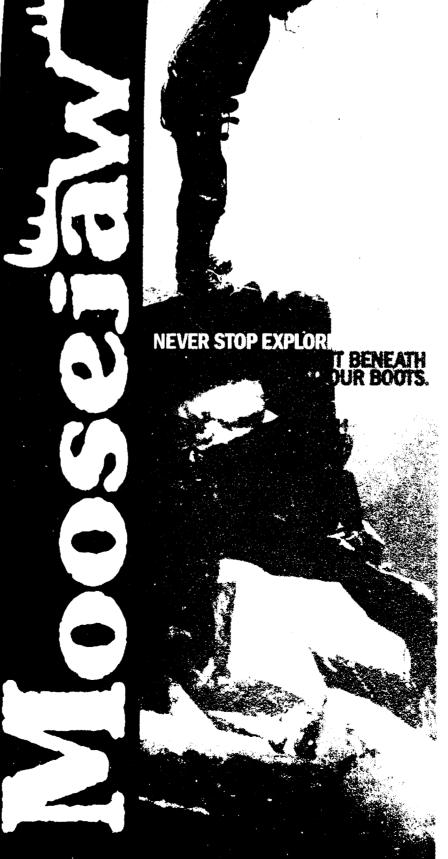
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# Brownell principal aims to empower students

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Mike Dib admits he waswas in school.

ioral standpoint," said Brownell Middle School's said years. principal.

But it was his school experiences which prompted Dib students. "They're going to enter the field of education. He wanted to make a difference in the lives of the unexpected and that's other students like himself.

"I think we all want to have a sense of belonging and self worth. All kids can learn; it's really the teachers who make the difference."

— Mike Dib

teacher or principal to know who I was," he explained. "Maybe, if someone had talked to me or said hi to me, that would have made a difference. I think we all want to have a sense of belonging and self worth."

Dib took this educational philosophy to schools for 14 years, teaching grades second through sixth at schools these kinds of issues. Kids in Fraser and at Poupard, Mason and Richard elementary schools.

"I went into teaching thinking that I'd be more receptive and have a greater degree of patience and acceptance for kids with behavior or academic issues, because I did," he said. "All kids can learn. It's really the teachers who make the difference — they're in the trenches with the kids every day. But it's the role of the principal to empower the teachers and support them with what they do in the make good choices and real-

After spending five years principal of Maire n't the best student when he Elementary School, Dib joined the Brownell commu-"I wasn't a model student nity, an experience he has from an academic or behavenjoyed for nearly four

> "Middle school is the best," he said, thrilled to interact with that level of through so many changes at that age. You have to expect what makes it so much fun.

> > You never know what's going to happen every five minutes. There are a lot of good things going on. The kids have such a positive energy, and they're willing to speak their minds, which very refreshing."

Dib feels that middle school is an important time for a child's education, especially for deal-

always wanted a ing with social situations.

"It is so important that we try to help with this transitional period as much as shown an interest in me, possible," he said. "Kids come in here as sixth-graders, and right away, they're in a bigger school with all these new students. Relationships are formed pretty early, whether they are good, bad or indifferent. We're always dealing with are torn in so many directions they still want to go play tag, but they are also wanting to be cool. A lot of times, kids don't know how, to handle these kinds of situations. If we can give them some kind of skills, to let them know that they're not alone, it will empower them in so many ways.'

The term 'empower' is very important to Dib. So much that he is working directly to form a program at Brownell that empowers the students to be able to ize that they have options.

"We want the kids to know that they are in this school with so many kids, and they don't have to take people being mean to them," Dib said. "We want kids to feel empowered that they can stand up for themselves and say if they feel uncomfortable and have the courage to make new friends. We want them to have the confidence to provide something positive and have some kind of control.

Starting in January, Dib is bringing empowerment workshops to Brownell to help students with some of these things.

"It's still in the planning phases," he said, with hopes of having the group called Girls Empowered come and talk with seventh grade girls and later with their

"The girls will talk about of friendships, issues cliques, bullying, respect and using the word 'empowered," Dib explained. "We'll discuss how we can work together."

Another plan is to bring author Rachel Simmons to the school, who wrote the books "Odd Girl Out" and "Odd Girl Speaks Out," an event that Dib also invited girls from Parcells and Pierce middle schools to join.

"We're also going to have a kind of panel discussion with counselors from the high schools and some high school girls," he said, adding that issues of nutrition, selfesteem, body image and friendship are important

Dib is looking forward to all the empowerment plans that are in the works at Brownell.

This is just the first step," he said. "We want to get parents and teachers and kids all working on the same page. Through the entire school, we want to encourage the whole idea of respect, responsibility and compassion for others.



# Ten South students score in statewide math competition

Ten Grosse Pointe South High School students qualified for the second part of the 47th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize competition, sponsored by the Michigan section of the Mathematics Association of America. Part II of the MMPC will be administered on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Pictured above are South teachers Dick Underwood and Tom Berschback with the students. In the back row are Gopal Trivedi, Ralph Zade, Richard Zuidema and Kirk Willmarth. In the front row are Emily Samra, Elizabeth Lynch, Jackie Madison, Stephanie Royer and Christina Jacovides. Brock Jackman also qualified for the second part of the competition.

# Mason students appeal to the senses

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Mason School's special education students are exploring the five senses with a program that also teaches about production and marketing.

"We are creating various products and then selling younger students. everything for a profit," said teacher Julie Walkley. "It's called Mason Mites.

The products created by the students include seeps, potpourri and bath salts.
"The kids in our class are

melting, scenting and pour-ing the soaps themselves,"

Walkley said.

Karen Listwan has enlist-Elementary ed her class in the hands-on project as well. The students range in age from five to 10 years old. Having worked at the high school level for 10 years, Walkley is excited to bring this project to the

"It's a wonderful thing for the kids," she said. "It's to teach them different kinds of universal work skills, like attending to a task or working as a team. The work is purposeful, and the students get to see what it looks like at the end. They've really

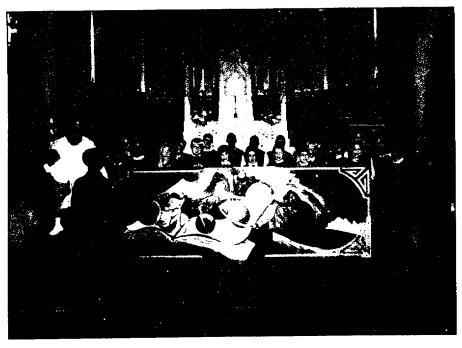
vested in it and are excited to go to the workroom. It's been really nice."

Nancy Salassa, Marsha Bossack and Michelle Ferrari have been assisting Walkley and Listwan, in addition to a large amount of parental support.

"I couldn't have done this without them," she said. "It's such a wonderful experience for all the kids. We're really

excited about it."

The products will be en sale at the Parcells Middle School Craft Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday,



# Detroit muralist unveils work at The Academy

"My mom always said you should do something you love to do; that way you will give it your all," said muralist Kevin Cartwright to sixth-graders at The Grosse Pointe Academy during his opening remarks last winter. The Detroit artist spent five art classes with the students to help them create a mural. He involved the students in the eight steps he has developed for creating a large piece: creating a focus, sketching, drawing, drafting, cartooning, tracing, transferring and finally: the completed mural. The theme of the mural is knowledge and reading.

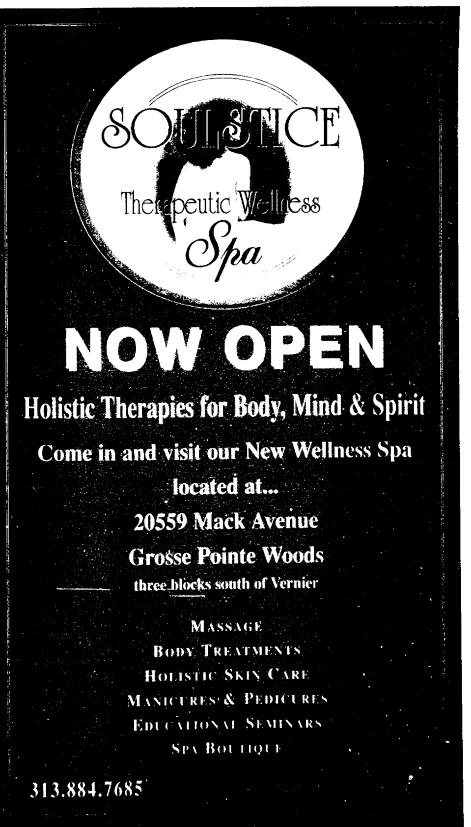
Cartwright unveiled the completed mural before students in grades four through eight during an assembly on Monday, Nov. 17. The piece, which is titled "Exploration," will be installed in the art wing on the third floor

of the school building.

Cartwright studied at the Center for Creative Studies and Mott Community College in Flint and has been artist-in-residence for the Detroit Public Schools, teaching classes on murals with literacy themes. His works can be seen in metro Detroit schools and police precincts, Plaka Cafe in Greektown, and Wayne State University.

"Huge pieces impact," he said of his work. Pictured above are Academy seventh-graders with Cartwright, his wife

and their three children.



# St. Paul students enjoy renovated science labs

Staff Writer

becoming the nation's next astronauts, engineers and scientists.

As the sign reads above the door to the school's newly refurbished science labs, students will now be able to explore the world of science with hands-on learning and experiments.

We went from top to bottom and refurbished the entire lab," said St. Paul principal Cynthia Leaman. "It's exciting to have the project completed. Everyone is thrilled with the results."

been ill-equipped for modern science classes.

"It sat idle for the years I've been here," Leaman said. "It was neglected and underused.'

The renovations included new flooring, a fresh coat of

wood and the tops of the as a class. St. Paul Catholic School tables. The gas and water students are on their way to faucets are now in working condition, and, according to Leaman, "they're in tip-top

shape. A safety shower was added to the room, bringing it up to code. Staff members went through all the equipment and discarded items that were obsolete and broken. Additions to the lab were made according to the school's new science textbooks, purchased by the Teacher-Parent Guild last year, with funds from the annual auction.

We went through the new Until now, the lab had textbooks, found all the science experiments, and purchased the appropriate equipment," Leaman said.

One of these new purchases was a vision explorer microscope, which allows for microscopic material to be projected onto two television

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"Everything has been tied into the books. We've been able to not only renovate the lab but also to tie it into the learning that is going on," Leaman said.

Another big addition is the new portable lab.

"It is self-contained and can go to our first floor rooms for our younger students," Leaman Teachers can wheel it right into the classrooms. It has a sink, electrical plugs, and a chemical-resistant, waterproof top."

The school has also been equipped with new safety goggles and lab coats which have "St. Paul Lab" embroidered on them.

"It has brought excitement to the school and allows the kids to begin looking toward the future,' Leaman said. "We're trying to let the students know that the future lies with them. They're very excited. It brings hands-on learning to the curriculum. Now they can see science happening as it performs right before their eyes.'

The textbooks were purchased, and the renovation work was organized through a study group made up of teachers and parents in the scientific field. The entire process took nearly two years to complete.

"We spent some time evaluating the textbooks and then began looking for equipment," Leaman said.

The team of Mike Novak, Betty Zaranek and Sarah Provenzano were instrumental in the process, as was the school's maintenance department.

"It's all so exciting," Leaman said of the work that has been done.



# Star artwork honored

Our Lady Star of the Sea School was well represented in the recent art exhibit at Trinity High School in Harper Woods featuring the works of area middle school students. Sixth-grader Natalie Navetta (center) of Grosse Pointe Woods received the first place blue ribbon for her still life. Second place ribbons were awarded to eighth-grader John Nasuti of Eastpointe for print making (left) and sixth-grader Anthony Patton (right) of Detroit for the mask he created.

## Sheila Chaps named head of lower school at ULS

Sheila Chaps, who has been serving as the head of the lower school at ULS for the 2003-04 school year on an interim basis, will continue in the position through next

"Sheila has done a remarkable job in her short tenure," said Matthew Hanly, ULS head of school. "She personifies the ULS values of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and compassion. I was thrilled to ask her to become a 'full player' on my team and to have her accept immediately.

Star's special guests

Our Lady Star of the Sea School's Parent Teacher Guild brought PuppetArt/Detroit Puppet Theater to the school on Tuesday, Nov. 25 to present "Kolobok," a Russian version of the "Gingerbread Man" to the stu-

# Yule be Boppin'

Grosse Pointe South High School's band will present its annual Yule Be Boppin' concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the school's auditorium.

The jazz band, jazztet and vocal jazz ensemble will be featured in the concert.

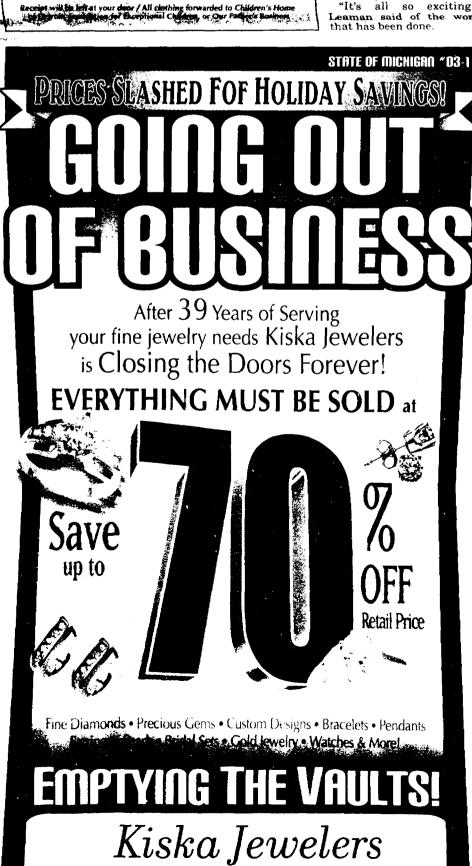
A reception will immediately follow the show in Cleminson Hall. Admission to the event is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

### South debate team

Grosse Pointe South High School's debate team performed well at the Birmingham Groves Invitational Debate Tournament held last month.

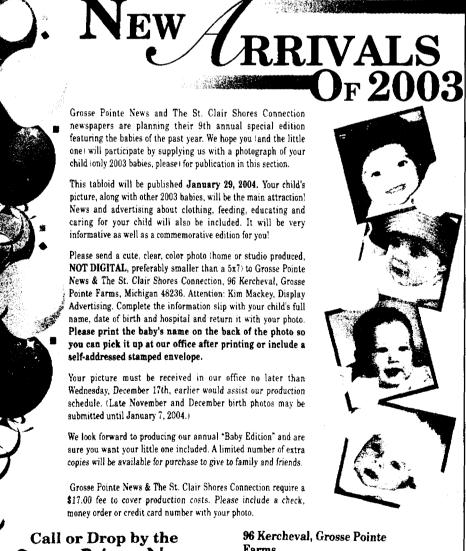
South's team of Shannon Montgomery and Alice Walker made it to the quarterfinal round of the junior varsity division from a field of 39 teams.

Walker also won recognition as eighth speaker overall.



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# Kerby fifth-graders create original puppet show

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Paper mache, fabric and the makings of a puppet show presented by a select Kerby Elementary School last week.

As the culmination to the reading of the classic novel. "Bridge to Terabithia," fifthteachers Blyzinski and Matthew Eszes used the idea of a puppet show for class members to exercise their creativity and promote reading among other students.

We have activities like this all the time," Blyzinski said. "The students were selected to participate in the puppet show based on how well they worked as readers and independent learners."

The group included Joseph Moeller, Charlotte Abby Newman, Conner said

Dixon, Maddie Berschback, Maureen Rembisz of the Martin, Paula Friedrich, Leah Noecker and real human hair served as Daniel Dusina. The students tion process by parents group of fifth-graders at Doug Dossin and Jocelyn Dombrowski.

"There's a storm, and two animals are caught under a tree," Dossin said. "The kids talk to a magical spirit in Pat the woods to help free the animals.'

The script, written entirely by the group of fifthgraders, involved puppets created by the students in art class. The characters included three children and animals such as a bear, a duck, a racoon, a rabbit and a ferret. The students well, working with student and had to learn to cooperall the art projects.

Dossin, Liz Dombrowski, interdisciplinary project," Kerby

many skills required to organize the production.

They spent a lot of time were assisted in the produc- on this play: they made the puppets themselves; they wrote the script; and they're doing the acting," Dossin added

> The play, which carried a message of believing in oneself and helping others, was presented to the school last Tuesday. Teachers were impressed with how well the project was carried out.

"The students learned to use their reading experiences to build their own imaginative worlds and imaginative thoughts," Eszes said.

"They developed this prodesigned the set backdrop as ject from beginning to end teacher Renee Griesbeck on ate with one other in the process," Blyzinski added. "I "This puppet show was an was so impressed with their ability to manage their time principal and work as a group."



Photo by Jennie Miller Pictured above, a group of fifth-graders at Kerby Elementary School created a puppet show for fellow students based on the book, "Bridge to Terabithia."

The students wrote the script; created the puppets, and performed the play in front of their peers. Cast members included Joseph Moeller, Charlotte Dossin, Conner Dixon, Liz Dombrowski, Abby Newman, Maddie Berschback, Hayley Martin, Paula Friedrich, Leah Noecker and Daniel Dusina.

# Maire parents come together to improve school landscape

By Jennie Miller Staff Writer

Maire Elementary School has undergone an extreme makeover, thanks to the dedication of some hard-

working parents, faculty

and students. The landscape surrounding the school was completely torn out this fall and replaced with one that is both aesthetically pleas-

ing and manageable. "The old landscape was overgrown and full of weeds," said Carol Jackman, a Maire parent who volunteered her time along with her husband, Ed, who served as the unofficial project leader.

"We pulled out just about every bush," he added.

The landscaping plan was drawn out by Dennis Harrigan, building engineer at Trombly Elementary School, and Karl Pfaehler, Maire's engineer. Jim Corbett, a landscaper by trade, checked out the design and made some suggestions of his

"We wanted to enhance the front of the building," Harrigan said. "We wanted to bring in some color but also keep it low maintenance."

funds raised by the school's PTO, the group of twentysome volunteers planted close to 60 new bushes and flowers.

"There are 20 upright junipers, three hydrangeas, 20 different yews, seven lilac bushes and six verbetums," Jackman said.

The volunteers spent several weekend days getting their hands dirty at Maire.

"It was a lot of work," Harrigan said. "The parents really came together. It was a nice experience to see everyone working as hard as they were. The result is a huge improvement.'

The group still has more work to do in the spring.

"We're going to do a perrenial garden in the back of the school," Jackman said.

# Contest will recognize creative fifthgraders

Fifth-graders from all over southeastern Michigan are invited to wield their creative energies in the sixth annual Imagineers contest on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford. The deadline for team registration is Friday, Dec. 5.

For more information, call Robin Rund at (313) 441-3000, ext. 325.



Pictured above, a group of volunteers works on the landscaping at Maire Karl Pfachler, Maire student Stewart Chrumka and parents Lori Caruso and Mar-

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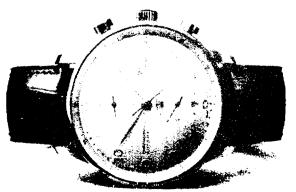
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## Camilla Jennings Adams

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Camilla Jennings Adams died on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at her home in Marquette.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Adams attended Miss Newman's School for Young Women, Olivet College and the University of Michigan, where she studied science and child psychology.

She met her husband Robert H. Adams, while vacationing at her family's residence in Ontario. They were married in 1948 and enjoyed a life-

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She retired with her husband to Marquette in 1986, where they spent many hours redecorating their historic Victorian home.

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included reading, research, Association. gourmet cooking and community activities.

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She is survived by her Mrs. Adams was a mem- husband, Robert; her six ber of the Questers, Christ children, Kurtis, Kristin (John) Kosinski, R. Clark Jeffrey School (Marcie), Todd (Maureen) Brooke (Peter) and Bertolini; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Nov. 22, at She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or the Mrs. Adams' interests Lake Superior Hospice



Paul Joseph Collins

# Paul Joseph Collins

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Paul Joseph Collins, 60, died on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Born in Detroit in 1943, Mr. Collins graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in the Class of 1961 and earned his bachelor's degree Western Michigan University in 1965, where he also earned his master's degree in 1967.

He worked as an art and history teacher for Detroit Public Schools prior to his retirement.

Mr. Collins was an avid reader and followed Great Lakes ships.

He loved animals and helped care for his immediate family's pets, even though he had none of his

Mr. Collins was a friend to the Greyhound Rescue Society and Greenpeace.

He is survived by his brother, Russell John (Mary J.) Collins; his nieces, Merritt Collins, Kendal Collins and Kelsey Collins; and his sister-in-law Laura Collins.

He was predeceased by his brother. Michael Julius Collins.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

# James R. Graham

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident James R. Graham, 75, died on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at his home in Brighton.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Graham graduated from the University of Detroit.

He retired in 1993 from his position as both head of the architectural department and senior vice president of Giffel's Inc. in Southfield.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architecture, the Michigan Society of Architecture and was on the board of the Board of Commissioned Architects.

Mr. Graham was an avid gardener and woodworker; he loved to do creative projects with his children and grandchildren. His favorite times were spent doing things with his family.

Mr. Graham was a very active member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he also served on the Ushers Club and church council.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; his children, Kerry (Michael) Edick and Kent (Michele); his grandchildren, Emily Edick and Nate and Gillian Graham; and his brothers, Erwin (Ellen) and Robert (Clara).

A funeral service was held on Friday, Nov. 28, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Arrangements were made by A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



Florence Bodman Muir

# Florence Bodman Muir

Florence Bodman Muir, longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, in Bloomfield, Conn. Mrs. Muir was born Feb. 11,

1903, daughter of lawyer Henry Bodman and concert pianist Florence Taylor.

Mrs. Muir could drive an automobile when she was 12 and reached maturity in the Jazz Age. She loved its music, its dances, its gaiety, its energy and its spirit of independence. She played the carefree cosmopolitan for a year in New York City before she was 20, competed in championship golf tournaments in Florida and California in her early 20s, and married Bill Muir when she was 24.

She raised her family during the Depression years, worked tirelessly for Planned Parenthood, Friends of the Land, Franklin Settlement, Hospital, the Cottage Republican Party and the Blood Bank during World War II and the Korean War.

For decades thereafter she raised countless dollars and contributed her wisdom to establishing the Blood Center of Southeastern Michigan. In 1989, she retired from her beloved Red Cross Board.

Mrs. Muir lived a century. She was indomitable, skeptical, flirtatious, shy, humorous, courageous, self-doubting, empathetic, playful, aloof, smart, prudent, organized, generous, frugal, supportive, proud and devotedly protective of her family.

Mrs. Muir is survived by two sons, W. Howie Muir II, of Simsbury, Conn. (Annie (Graf) and Elenor (Reid), William K. Jr. (Pauli) of Berkeley, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A service will be held in remembrance of Mrs. Muir, at her gravesite in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, in mid-June 2004.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blood Program Michigan Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave, Detroit, MI 48201; the Clarence Livingood Educational Lectureship Fund, Henry Ford Hospital, Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI 48202; or the Northern Michigan Hospital, 416 Connable, Petoskey, MI 49770.

# Catherine Ann "Kay" Smith

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Catherine Ann "Kay" Smith, 87, died on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Mrs. Smith graduated from long illness. Cass Technical High School in Detroit and the Chaffee Nobel School of Expression.

She also attended Wayne University State worked at Parke Davis Co.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Sarasota Yacht Club and a life member of the Lochmoor Club.

She volunteered at Mote Laboratory and Museum in Sarasota, Fla., was active in the Girl Scouts of America and Cub Scouts activities, and has volunteered at Cottage Hospital since 1950. She recently began volunteering at St. John Hospital with the new babies.

Mrs. Smith also enjoyed her winters in Sarasota, traveling, gardening and golfing with the "ninegolfing with the holers" at Lochmoor.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Kay Webb; her son, Dr. Bradley Fraser Smith (Daria); her grandchildren, Alexander Webb, Christine Ann Livingston, Morgan Mandeville Smith and Ian Fraser Smith; and her great-grandchildren, Kailey Nicole Livingston, Paige Elizabeth Livingston, Jenna Christine Livingston and Jack Harrison Webb.

She was predeceased by her husband, Brent M. Smith

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop at Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interment is in the Columbarium Armonds Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota, Fla.

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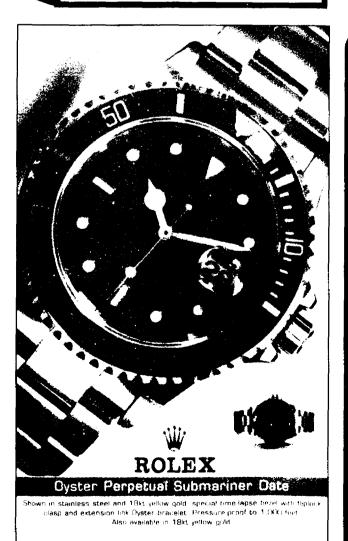


Catherine Ann "Kay" Smith

# Leslie Weller

Leslie Weller, 50, of Grosse Pointe, died on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, in Born in Detroit in 1916, St. John Hospital after a

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# **Obits**

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She attended University Liggett School and graduated from Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn., and Tufts University in Boston, Mass.

Miss Weller, a journalist and photographer, worked at many newspapers throughout the country, including The Detroit News. More recently, she operated a freelance writing business from her home

Miss Weller was an expert equestrian. As a member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and the Metamora Hunt Club, she won numerous awards at horse shows.

She belonged to the Farmington Alumnae Association of Michigan and was a member of Sigma Gamma.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara T. Weller of Grosse Pointe Farms; her brother, Gordon T. Weller of Marysville; her sister-inlaw, Lynn Van Dine Weller; two nieces and a nephew. She was predeceased by her father, Gordon A. Weller, in September.

A private funeral service will be held at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

# George Hammond Williams

George Williams, 78, passed away peacefully at Jupiter Medical Center in Florida on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

Born in Grosse Pointe, Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945, graduated from the University of Detroit High School and attended Wayne State University.
Mr. Williams was prede-

ceased by only saven weeks by Mary, his loving wife of

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George Hammond Williams

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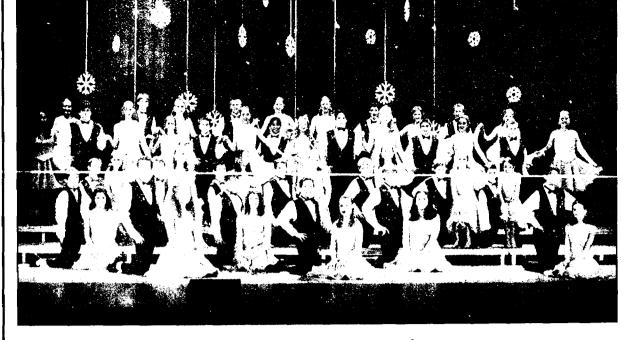
His grandchildren, Dan, Greg and Kate, loved him dearly.

A successful broadcasting executive for more than 30 vears, Mr. Williams was respected and well-liked by those who worked with him. He was a kind and generous man who loved life and spending time with his fam-

Mr. Williams loved sports, especially University of Michigan football.

He was an avid golfer until 1987 when he took ill, which limited his physical activities but not his warmth, sense of humor and zest for life.

He will never be forgotten Hammond and will forever remain in



# Parcells' Mack Avenue Magic performances Parcells Middle School's award-winning show choir, Mack Avenue Magic, performed Thursday at

the annual Detroit Thanksgiving Parade.

The choir will perform again Sunday, Dec. 7, at 8:15 p.m., at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club; Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 a.m., for the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club Breakfast; and Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Holiday Concert in Parcells' auditorium. Mack Avenue Magic is also planning to perform for seniors at Bon Secours later this month.

the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church Tequesta, Fla., on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m.

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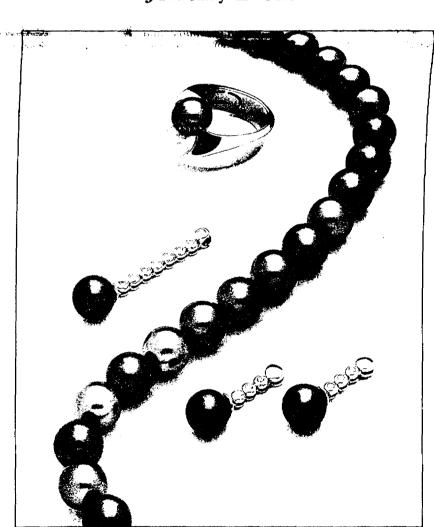
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All major indices again continued upward, thanks to a buying frenzy on Monday, Nov. 24.

For the week, the Dow spurted 154 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 9,782.

The Nasdaq Composite gained 3.5 percent, up 66 points, closing at 1,960.

Floor traders welcomed the beginning of December, since it is usually an upmonth, thanks to reinvestment of year-end cash dividends, bonuses and profitsharing.

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close

If you were German, you'd use the right chart, which showed 0.834 euros for \$1 at the close.

You'll notice on the left chart, when the dollar "drops" the number increases, showing you'll need more dollars to buy the same euros.

Barron's (Dec. 1) featured an article, "The Big Slide," by Jim McTague, which quotes Goldman Sachs' economists, Bill Dudley and Jim O'Neill.

They expect the dollar to continue sliding, with a wink and a nod from the U.S. Treasury.

The econ-duo expects the dollar to slide another 20 percent over the next couple years. It's 1.20 now, plus 0.24, equals \$1.44 per 1 euro!

Goodbye Mercedes, VW, BMW, Heineken, Gucci, Moet, etc., etc.!

McTague figures a room at the Paris Ritz now goes for E565, or \$678 overnight. That would go to about \$814, before taxes and tips for the concierge and chambermaid.

Europeans will watch their U.S. stocks and bonds depreciate the same percentage as the dollar decline. Meanwhile, the Fed continues to print paper money and bank deposits.

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Isn't it ironic that the granddaddy of all widow and orphan stocks — AT&T (T) — dropped out of the Top 20 this past year?

Also gone this past year is Travelers Insurance B. The two replacement stocks were Oracle Corp. (ORCL, on Nasdaq) and SBC Communications (LTS' former telephone provider).

The four biggest winners

for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 are:

- Avaya, +455.1 percent;
   Lucent Technologies, +154
   percent;
- Agere Systems B, +141.4 percent; and
- Intel Corp., +115.4 percent.
- The four losers were:
   Verizon
- Communications, -15.3 percent;
- SBC Communications, -14.1 percent;
- Johnson & Johnson, 8.2 percent; and
- Microsoft, -0.5 percent. Overall, the 20 stocks have gained an arithmetical average of +57.4 percent (add the 16 increases, subtract the four decreases, and then divide the total by

This is proof positive that the following Grosse Point the old "buy and hold strategy" is a winner again. How many of these Top 20 stocks the following Grosse Point investment-related firms John M. Rickel CPA, P.C. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

Stock Market at a Glance

do you own?

Joseph Mengden is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and former chairman of First of Michigan. "Let's Talk Stocks' is sponsored by the following Grosse Pointe investment-related firms: John M. Rickel CPA, P.C. and Rickel & Baun P.C.

# How much is that doggie in my Windows?

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They began from an idea Adam Powell had way back in 1997 while sitting in a dingy, little computer room in Nottingham, England, while eating pizza. (If English pizza is anything like English hamburgers, I pity him.)
His Web site

(www.neopets.com) was launched on Nov. 15, 1999.

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By Mike Maurer

According to Powell, NeoPets is the greatest virtual pet site on the Internet. (Humble, isn't he?) And it is hard to argue with him.

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If you visit the "World" page, you can find out about the world of Neopia, where all Neopets live. They also have cool stuff like greetings, how-to-draw guides, the Neopedia and even a Neopian pronunciation guide.

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NeoGames to earn points, which can be used to keep your pet healthy and happy. If you go to the "Explore"

page, you will see the various lands and islands that make up planet Neopia.
Here are just two: Meridell and Krawk Island.

A medieval land from the past, Meridell has recently been discovered by a group of unlikely adventurers. (No hints.) Visit Meridell for great games (mostly involving vegetables), faerie quests, bull's-eye, frog kissing and puzzles. (Yes, I did say frog kissing. Yummy!)

Krawk Island is a small piece of land off the southern coast of Mystery Island and is inhabited by pirates.

Visit Krawk Island for exciting games, buried treasure, a great restaurant and a swashbuckling academy! Just in case you need to learn how to buckle your

Last, I recommend a visit to the "Newbie" page. It's a great way to get started. Don't go to Terror Mountain on your first visit, or you may wind up with a dead

Moving along to a new subject, this is probably the first of several holiday season Internet columns I will write. It has to do with shopping online without getting burned.

Which Web retailers are most equipped to handle the holiday surge in demand?

Last Friday, the Internet research firm Gomez began its Holiday E-tail Performance Index (etailindex.com), which provides an up-to-the-minute look at home page speed in an effort to alert consumers as to which sites deliver the best response times and availability through December.

It doesn't matter how fast e-tailers take your order if delivery is pokey.

In another study, consumers were asked in a Goldman, Harris Interactive

Nielsen/NetRatings survey which search engines or shopping portals they had visited to find online stores over a one-week period.

The study showed that 40 percent had gone to Yahoo's search or directly to Yahoo Shopping.

Google ranked second with 37 percent of the traffic.

EBay came in third, followed by Microsoft's MSN, Amazon, Ask Jeeves and BizRate. Only 2 percent of those

surveyed said they went either to Time-Warner's AOL Shopping or Shopping.com. The study also showed

that consumers are allocating more bucks to online shopping.

For the year, consumers

plan to spend 23 percent of

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Eastland mail has geared up for the holiday season with enchanting Christmas displays, like the one with Santa's elves, above left, and a sparkling collection

of lighted trees, reindeer, bears and soldiers in the grand court on the right. Eastland full of cheerful, expectant shoppers

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

shopping activity after Thanksgiving with a host of Christmas displays and events that ushered in the holiday season. Shoppers from the metro Detroit area enthusiastic about the shopbeginning holiday spirit.

A spectacular combinasoldiers adorned the grand court. Down a little bit farther in the mall's main drag was a display of Santa's workshop, "Santa's sleigh

toy elves busy at work and a Eastland was a swarm of reindeer standing nearby.

The mall's theme for the post-Thanksgiving weekend was "Shop with the Stars." Impersonators of stars like Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and were for the most part Elvis Presley visited the mall. Seating areas were ping opportunities and the sprinkled about for satisfied but weary shoppers.

"It's a family experience. tion of glowing Christmas We thought we'd bring trees, reindeer, bears and something to market that would entertain them," said Eastland Director Marketing Denise DeSantis.

Some shoppers were very

service department," with lucky, having won free shop- was also looking for good of them, they had about half trying to find gifts at good \$30 to \$4,000. The winner of the \$4,000 shopping spree sponsored by Channel 9 received free food in addition to the shopping money

> everything for mood." Christmas," said Detroit shopper Tamara Northington.

Northington shopped at Bath and Body and Marshall Fields. She bought some candles at Bath and Body and liked searching she said. for bargains offered by Marshall Fields

after Thanksgiving is a Fields, Target and KB Toys for her.

"I get up early every year," she said. "Everybody's out shopping. "This starts the beginning Everyone is in a good

> St. Clair Shores resident Tameka Littleton was taking a rest in the mall after some early morning shop-

"I was excited. Now I'm winding down. I'm tired,"

Littleton went to the mall Marshall Fields. with her friend Gwen crowded malls," she said, vide a lit Janie Davis of Canton Burnette. Between the two adding that she was just she said.

ping sprees ranging from deals at the mall. Shopping a dozen bags from Marshall prices. perennial and joyful ritual filled with toys, clothes and games

> Detroiter Richard Hautau searched for toys, clothes, stocking stuffers and electronic goods. He went to Target, Marshall Fields and Radio Shack.

> "I think it's going to be a strong season," he said. "People are getting into the swing of it."

> Michelle McGee of Detroit entered the Christmas season a bit intimidated.

"I'm not ready for the

Staffers at the multitude of stores in the mall were eagerly trying to sell as many goods as they could during the festive weekend.

"I'm happy to sell my product," said Carrie Manning, who was selling CD holders for Disc Gear. "I feel really excited. It gets me in the mood for Christmas."

DeSantis hopes that the mall's efforts to create an enjoyable shopping experience pleased shoppers.

"We're just trying to provide a little bit of comfort,'

# HW MEAP results good as talk emerges to replace test

By Carrie Cunningham Staff Writer

Fourth and fifth graders in the Harper Woods school district fared well on last year's MEAP test, scoring above state average levels. The test results have come in at a time when legislators are should be changed or replaced.

For English language arts and math, fourth-graders garnered 63.6 percent and 72.8 percent rates of profi-

averages are 10 percent for a lot of room for improve-English and 43 percent for ment." math.

In the fifth grade, 84.9 percent of students achieved proficiency for science, and 24.4 percent won proficiency for social studies. The state questioning whether the test averages are 45 percent for science and 11 percent for social studies.

"I'm pleased with the ele-mentary test results. I'm less pleased with the tests of our older kids," Superintendent test.

ciency respectively. The state Dan Danosky said. "There's

Legislators in the area have been questioning whether to replace or revamp the MEAP. A town hall meeting transpired in Taylor to talk about the issue.

Among the issues that will be examined are whether the MEAP is too rigorous and whether it should be replaced by a less expensive

Because the MEAP tests you're reportcritical thinking skills and ing it on a MEAP scores not just basic skills like reading and math as is the case in other states, Michigan Danosky. often does worse when compared to other states.

Testing in schools has whether to become particularly signifi- change the Fifth Grade cant with the advent of the No Child Left Behind legislation. In 2005, all states have to test third-through eighthgraders.

as the state standard when costs a little over \$150 while

Legislators test to make Science Social Studies it comparable to other states.

With a budget crunch, the aders.

"It may not be fair to use it compared to other tests. It

basis," said "Percentage of students deemed and will examine English and Language Arts

a test like the ACT costs \$40, Danosky said.

"I expect in the next couple of years, we'll see some major changes," Danosky said.

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# Stolen cars

A blue 2003 Dodge Caravan parked in front of a house in the 19200 block of Raymond in Grosse Pointe Woods was stolen between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

A Lincoln Park woman had her light blue 1989 Buick four-door stolen from a parking lot in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods between 4:02 and 4:38 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

A blue 2002 Dodge Caravan was stolen in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park between 7 and 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

A 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck was stolen from a parking lot in the 16000 block of Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park between 7:30 and 8:11 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

A Grosse Pointe Farms man, who left his 2003 Pontiac running in front of a house in the 2300 block of Prestwick in Grosse Pointe Woods, noticed someone took off with his car as he entered the house at 11:52 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28.

# Theft from car

A Sterling Heights man, who left his car unlocked

# **Tech**

From page 18A

their holiday shopping budget online, up from 17.5 percent last year and 15 percent in 2001.

Now, all I have to find is an online Santa with a virtual lap.

Have a tech question or subject you would like addressed in this column? Want to comment or add your two cents worth? My e mail address is mtmaurer@comcast.net.

between 11:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, in the 20600 block of Mack returned to find three credit cards, his driver's license and business cards missing from his wallet, which was left on the front seat.

# House fire

Grosse Pointe Park firefighters put out a fire in a rapid interior attack in the second floor of a house in the 1400 block of Maryland at about 7:37 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

# Lancaster B&E

A house in the 1800 block of Lancaster in Grosse Pointe Woods was broken into between 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29.

A .22 caliber Ruger handgun, a Sony Playstation 2, a DVD player, a laptop computer and a computer monitor were taken from the house. A jacket with a flat head screwdriver was found in the house.

# Open hydrants Grosse Pointe Woods pub-

lic safety officers spent the hour between 3 and 4 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, turning off fire hydrants that were opened in the 20000 block of Wedgewood, the 1500 block of Edmunton, the 21000 block of River and the 1000 block of North Renaud.

# Too boosed up

A 15-year-old girl has recovered from alcohol poisoning after being dropped off by two unidentified youths at a local hospital at p.m. about 11:30 Saturday, Nov. 29.

Hospital employees said the girl had a blood alcohol level of 0.24 percent, and it appeared she had been left outside for some time. The girl was incoherent when Woods public safety officers tried to interview her at the

hospital.
The homeowners of the

# **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

at 11:30 p.m., and saw no smoke in the basement of a evidence a party had taken place. However, the residents' 16-year-old son and a friend, another 16-year-old and could not provide details of the evening. The boys, who recorded blood alcohol levels of 0.191 per cent and 0.110 percent respectively, were cited for Renegade being minors in possession of alcohol.

The incident is being followed by the Woods' detective bureau.

- Bonnie Caprara

# Alarm works

Two unknown men who were seen using a baseball bat to smash the door window of a store in the 17300 block of Mack left the scene a few minutes before City of Grosse Pointe police arrived. Officers had been alerted by a burglar alarm.

A nearby business owner witnessed what police logged as a failed breaking and entering on Saturday, Nov. 29, at about 7:20 p.m.

The suspects were last seen in a silver four-door

# 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."

Officers from City of Grosse Pointe accepted the explanation shortly after 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

# Pellet gun

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 3:30 p.m., City of Grosse Pointe police warned two youths in the 800 block of Rivard that it is illegal to shoot pellet or BB guns within city limits.

# Sewing smoke

home in the 900 block of Lincoln in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Officers discovered smoke Woods boy, were incoherent coming from an old sewing machine that had been in operation a few minutes earlier. The unit was unplugged and allowed to coel.

ripped

A black 2003 Jeep Renegade station wagon was stolen within 10 minutes of its last being seen parked in the 100 block of northbound Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 3:45

Lights out

A 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was pulled over for speeding and arrested for drunken driving on Moran near Lakeshore on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 2:49 a.m. A Farms public safety officer said the man's black 2002 Nissan Pathfinder was traveling 52 mph without

The driver said he and his two passengers had stopped at a night spot for drinks after a Red Wings game.

"He mumbled as he spoke," said a Farms officer. "(He had) impaired balance and (an) inability to follow simple instructions."

The driver registered a .134 percent blood alcohol level. Officers found an open can of beer in the vehicle. Police impounded the SUV because the passengers were intoxicated.

# Feisty drunk A 27-year-old Detroit man

reportedly threatened Grosse Pointe Farms officers upon being arrested for drunken driving on Friday, Nov. 28, at 2:53 a.m.

The homeowners of the On Sunday, Nov. 23, at An officer saw the man house said they were out for 1:09 p.m., two squad cars driving his teal 1992 Pontiac heavy set, 5-foot-4, wearing

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the evening, returned home responded to a report of Grand Am erratically on Mack near Warren.

"He admitted his driver's license was suspended and he may be wanted," police

said. The man struggled at the scene but was restrained and cuffed by three officers. A background investigation was complicated because records indicated the man

may have an alias. Police were certain the suspect had four outstanding warrants. Three warrants from Detroit totaled \$2,259 and concerned alcohol and driving violations. A \$1,350 warrant was for violating probation in Berklev.

At Farms headquarters, the man cursed Farms police and the city of Berkley.

"Once in the cell (he) continued to rant and threaten officers," police said. "He kicked the wall and mattress with vigor as he marched about the cell."

communities Because holding warrants for the man were unable to pick him up, Farms police released the him on \$100 bond. He was assigned a court date of Dec. 17, at 8

# 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.

The larcenies occurred on Wednesday, Nov. 26, between 7:50 and 8:28 p.m.

suspect described as slim, about 5foot-4, with black hair in a pony tail. She wore a gray sweatshirt with the inscription "Property of," blue jeans, white tennis shoes and carried a dark purse.

The second subject was

a dark sweater and blue ieans.

# Dead drunk

Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man for drinking and driving on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 2:16 a.m.

A patrolman saw the susgreen nect's Thunderbird drift and strike the curh.

The man admitted drinking four or five beers since about midnight.

"He denied feeling intoxicated," police said. "(He) offered to walk home. As (he) spoke, he slurred his words. Spit collected at the corners of his mouth."

His blood alcohol level was recorded at .14 percent. Tests showed the level rose to .17 percent by 3:26 a.m.

During processing, police asked the man whom to contact in case of an emergency. "Just let me die," he reportedly answered.

# Schwinn found

A chrome Schwinn BMX bicycle was found in the 200 block of Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms on Friday, Nov. 21. The resident who discovered the bike was unable to determine its owner and handed the matter to police on Monday, Nov.

# Road hogs

Two 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores males were warned about driving recklessly on Lakeshore on Saturday, Nov. 29, shortly before 10 p.m.

Shores police received several calls that the pair were stopping their vehicles in traffic and, upon proceeding, refused to let other motorists pass.

Officers stopped teenagers on Vernier near Michaux. One suspect drove a 1998 Chrysler LeBarron with an expired license plate. The other suspect drove a 2001 Ford Explorer.

– Brad Lindberg

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# Holiday warmth

Harper Woods policeman Dan Duggan, a court officer, has helped organize a blanket drive administered by the Red Cross for the homeless and those affected by disaster. Above, Duggan stands with some blankets next to the collection bin in the foyer of Harper Woods City Hall.

Duggan contacted city employees and urged them to reach into their hearts during the holiday season and donate a blanket. So far 25 blankets have been collected.

"I think it's the time of year that people are into giving," said Duggan. "The employees recognize the need."

With hopes of keeping a lot of people warm, Duggan expects to call more employees, including ones from the departments of recreation and public works.

"City employees are very generous and kind people," Duggan said.

# Police Briefs

# Car tires, rims taken

A woman said she parked her car in the 19600 block of Fleetwood on Friday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. When she returned to the vehicle the next morning at 8 a.m., the four tires and rims were missing. No one had permission to use the car or car parts. The woman was told by police to contact her insurance company.

# Car door vandalized

A woman said she parked her red Dodge in the rear of her apartment lot in the 21200 block of Kingsville at 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28. When she returned at 12:45 p.m. the next day, she noticed damage to the driver door handle. No entry was made, and nothing was taken.

# Speeding car eludes police

On Saturday, Nov. 29, police were on patrol and observed a light-colored Chrysler turn westbound on Kingsville from Rockcastle. When police attempted to get the plate number, the car fled southbound on Alstead.

Police activated their overhead lights, but the car refused to stop. It drove west-bound on Moross then southbound, speeding all the way. The police lost track of the car and went back to the station.

# Car damage, theft

A woman said at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, her car was intact in the parking lot of a store in the 20900 block of Harper. At 8 p.m., she found the passenger window broken and a CD player stolen. There were no suspects.

# Bike stolen

A man went into his home in the 19400 block of Washtenaw after leaving his bike in the driveway on Saturday, Nov. 29. Twenty minutes later, the bike was gone from the driveway, and the man suspects an acquaintance he knows.

# HW Thanksgiving filled stomachs and hearts

**By Carrie Cunningham** Staff Writer

The Harper Woods community celebrated Thanksgiving with lots of food, family and friends. They were grateful for the people in their lives and for their general well-being.

"It was a really good day," said Mayor Ken Poynter, who saw the Lions game with his son and later spent time with good friends. "I think we should be thankful for being Americans and living in (an) excellent community."

"It gives us a time to reflect on what's important in our lives," said library director Dale Parus.

Many people in the Harper Woods community visited other places in Michigan to celebrate the holiday. Parus went to St. Clair where he ate turkey, stuffing, potatoes and string beans with his sister and brother-in-law as well as his wife, mother-in-law and daughter. He started off the day by watching the parade in downtown Detroit.

"We were the traveling family that day," Parus said. "We were grateful for our family coming together."

ily coming together."

Resident Sue Hedemark went with her

husband and three children to a farm in Pinckney, MI, where they visited with more than 40 relatives. She was glad her children were able to meet with members of her extended family.

"They see how many people care about them." Hedemark said.

Residents Sandy Eklund and Alex Shanoski stayed in Harper Woods for the holiday. Eklund had a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries and vegetables with her husband and two children.

"I'm just thankful we have each other," Eklund said.

Shanoski saw three of his children and some grandchildren. They ate a 20-pound turkey, homemade gravy, candied yams, salad and shrimp. Shanoski's sons carved the turkey in a tremendous fashion, he said, and the participants of his Thanksgiving dinner all had a good time.

"Everyone felt at home with each other," he said.

The start of the holiday season, this year's Thanksgiving brought sustenance to the Harper Woods community both in terms of food and relationships with each other.

# City Briefs

# Johnston Park ice rink

At the council meeting on Monday, Nov. 17, resident Joe Szolach inquired whether the city would establish a skating rink at Johnston Park. The city used to have a rink in the space about 8 years ago. The problem, City Manager Jim Leidlein said, is that the city doesn't get cold enough to adequately maintain a rink. Nontheless, the city will look into it, Leidlein said.

# Wreaths for sale

The Harper Woods Dad's Club is selling wreaths for the holiday season. They cost \$14 and are 24 inches in diameter. They will be delivered Saturday, Dec. 6. "They're the best I've ever seen," said resident John Bruneel. To purhcase a wreath, call the Harper Woods High School at (313) 839-7400.

# City appearance and crime

Resident Alex Shanoski said he was concerned with the appearance of the city at the Monday, Dec. 1, council meeting. A car is illegally parked on Woodland, he said.

Another resident was concerned aboutcrime in the city. The woman said she has been a victim of many crimes and feels endangered.

Mayor Ken Poynter agreed that the city must be made

"We should feel free to go anywhere 24 hours a day," he said.

# Traffic study

As a result of a recent traffic accident on Littlestone, the city has asked AAA to perform a traffic study to determine whether a stop sign should be placed in the area. City Manager Jim Leidelin said signs often create more problems than they solve.

Traffic counters will also be instituted. At the Monday, Dec 1, council meeting,

At the Monday, Dec 1, council meeting, many residents were upset about dangerous traffic.

Resident John Marchese said he was

angered by the traffic situation and frustrated that the city was undertaking studies instead of putting up signs to prevent accidents.

Paula Lancaster, who has a child that goes to Tyrone, was also concerned about the traffic.

"I'd like to see some resolution to it. People have to realize when they're driving a car, the pedestrian has the right of way," she said. "If people are made to follow rules, they'll follow suit."

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# Marching through the Pointes

The Harper Woods High School Marching Band wound its way through the city of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms for the parade the day after Thanksgiving. It was one of many bands performing. A mile long, the parade included Mayor Ken Poynter as well as brownies, cub scouts, service groups, dogs and Santa Claus.

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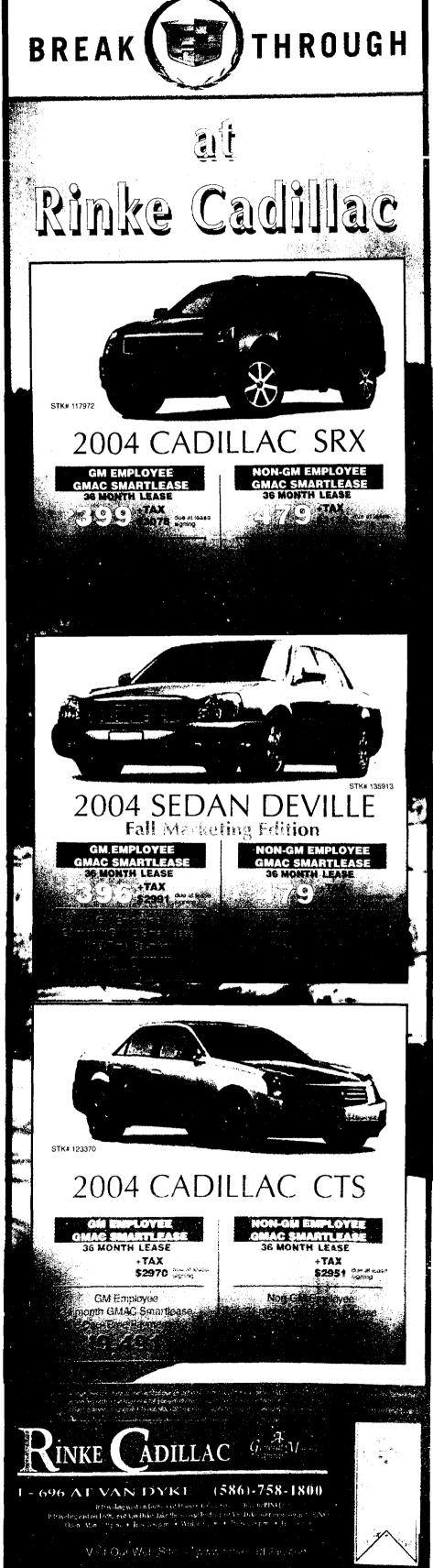








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# Authors seek Indian Village history in the Pointes

By Madeleine Socia

Special Writer

They have an archive with hundreds of photographs, blueprints and documents at their disposal, but authors Thomas W. Brunk, Ph.D. and Robert W. Cosgrove know that to really tell the story of Indian Village, one of Detroit's premier historic neighborhoods, they have to look to Grosse Pointers for answers.

After all, the two communities are not just connected by common roads, they share an uncommon amount of familial, social and architectural history.

Cosgrove, an insurance agent and the adjunct curator of the Glancy Train collection of the Detroit Historical Museum, has lived in Indian Village with his family since 1965.

A noted preservationist, historian and author, Brunk is also a professor of art and architectural history at the College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit Mercy. He has lived in the Village since 1972.

Both men have been active in the Indian Village Association and have collected and chronicled the neighborhood's picturesque past for many years. Now they have teamed to create a comprehensive history of the area for Wayne State University Press. They hope it will be published next year.

'After 30 years, we thought we had enough material," said Brunk, explaining why they choose to write the book now. "It is time that we do this before it is just lost."

"We will cover the histories of many of the 4,500 families who have lived here since 1895, their architects and the styles they choose," Cosgrove said. "Also, Tom and I will cover the development of the Village and the inter-relations

with Detroit and the Pointes.
"From our standpoint, we're interested in getting our work known within the Pointes since there are undoubtedly many

Pointers with photographs and family insights that would be important to include in the book."

Located just 10 minutes southwest of the Pointes in an area bordered by E. Jefferson, Seminole, Burns and Mack, the enclave of 351 still-elegant single-family homes was once Detroit's gold coast. Its history dates back to 1811, when Abraham Cook purchased the ribbon farms of the St. Aubin, Rivard, McDougall and other families.

The acreage, known as the Cook Farm, was divided among his heirs after Cook's death in 1847. His sonin-law, John Owen Sr., a banker and shipping magnate who became Michigan's treasurer, was named executor

With the help of his friend, merchant James Burns, he reunited the original parcels of land over the years through purchase and inheritance. Many Detroiters became familiar with the area because the Hamtramck Race Course was located there, as was one of the first Michigan State Fairs.

of the estate.

In 1893, the Cook Farm Company Ltd. was organized to "buy, sell, lease, improve and subdivide the estate." Organizers planned to develop a "first-class residential district on a generous scale" under the whimsically romantic name Indian Village.

To ensure the quality of their product, the Cook Farm Company controlled the size, setback, materials, and minimum cost of the dwellings, along with the titles, until each home was completed to its standards.

The principals of this new venture read like a Who's Who of Grosse Pointe's summer colony. They included noted lawyer George H. Lothrop, husband of John

Owen's daughter Frances Owen, who enjoyed the breezes of Lake St. Clair at his parent's retreat Summerside.

Also listed was one Frederick E. Driggs, trustee for the children of Detroit furrier Henry A. Newland, a former son-in-law of James Burns, and his second wife Martha Alger Joy. The Newlands summered in the Pointes at Bellehurst until they

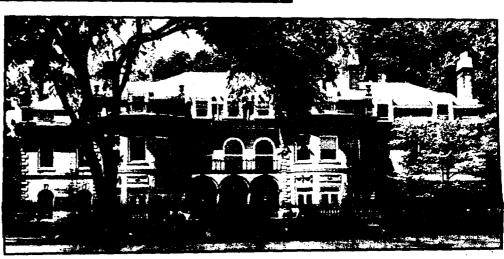
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The William B. Stratton house at 2550 Iroquois, above, was built in 1916.

In 1913, John B. Ford moved his Italian manor, which was built in 1904, (at the left) from East Jefferson in Indian Village, to its present address, 15520 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park (below). The house was the Junior League of Detroit's 1998 Designers' Show House.



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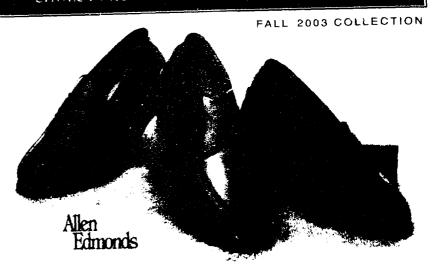
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# **Edsel & Eleanor Ford House** offers holiday activities, tours

House continues to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a mix of old and new holiday programs and activities that began just in time for Thanksgiving. The historic home, dressed in festive Christmas decor, will play host to a variety of holiday specialty Nutcracker and holiday teas and other events and activities. These activities include an all-new holiday open house that will give visitors sensory experience of Christmastime in the early 1930s.

The historic house has become an annual holiday destination for many metro Detroit families and an ideal setting for entertaining outof-town guests. Each year, visitors of all ages wander the home's 86-acre grounds and explore many of its 60 rooms. More than 7,000 people are expected to visit this holiday season.

# **Holiday Tours**

As the mainstay of the season, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House holiday tours are always popular with visitors. The Christmas decorations in the house are influenced by Eleanor Ford's elegant style of decorating. In the Gallery, the home's largest room, a 15-foot Christmas tree is adorned with ornaments influenced by the time period. It towers above festively wrapped presents and an electric train circling its base.

Each room that is decorated in the season's best tells a unique story about how the Ford family shared holiday traditions. Outdoors, the Fords' daughter Josephine's playhouse, built to three-quarter scale, is decorated for the holidays in the theme of Mother Goose nursery

Holiday tours have begun

available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and from noon to are sold out. 4 p.m. Sundays.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children 6 to 12 years old; children 5 years old and under are free. The house is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's

# Holiday Open House

For those interested in an evening candlelight stroll through Ford House, an allnew Holiday Open House offers highlights from the holiday tours with an intimate, one-of-a-kind experi-

Unlike the general holiday tours where guests are led from room to room by a docent, visitors will have the opportunity to explore the first floor of the house on their own while being surrounded by the sights, sounds and smells of Christmastime. Electric candles will cast a warm glow throughout the home, which will be filled with the sounds of the Festival Flutes trio and the smells of cinnamon and fresh evergreens. Wassail, a traditional Christmas cider drink. will be served in the Activities Center. charming playhouse also will be open that night for visitors to peek at Josephine Ford's miniature childhood

The Holiday Open House runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Tickets are \$7 a person.

### Other Family Activities at Ford House Sold Out

Nearly 1,000 tickets have lready been sold to the annual favorite Ford House holiday

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford and will run through including Nutcracker Teas, ouse continues to celebrate Sunday, Jan. 4. Tours are Holiday Tea & Tours and Holiday Tea & Tours and Holiday Traditional Tuesdays through Evenings. All of these events

## Shopping and Dining

Before or after exploring the house and grounds, visitors can stop for lunch or dessert in the Tea Room, which is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

There is also an opportunity to fit in some holiday shopping in the Gallery Shop, which is filled with an assortment of Christmas ornaments and decorations as well as unique books and other items relating to Ford House. The shop is open Tuesdays through Sundays during tour hours. Admission tickets are not required to visit the Tea Room and Gallery Shop.

Since opening to the public in 1978, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House has shared Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving and maintaining the house and grounds for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, and gardens and grounds events. For more information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-

# Tuesday Musicale slates holiday concert

The Tuesday Musicale of Detroit will present a holiday concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods,

Joan C. Haggard, organist, will perform works by Daquin, Jongen, Dietner and Konkel.

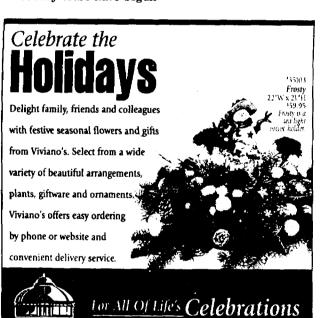
Mary Sue Ewing, soprano, will perform works by J.S. and Vaughan Williams, accompanied by pianist Mary Behnan.

Gerda Bielitz, Terese Edelstein, John Miller and Sylvelin Bouwman will perform Haydn's Quartet in D

The Tuesday Musicale Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Ruth Brennan and accompanied by pianist Patricia Fletcher, will perform carols and works by Nelson, Albrecht and Printz.

Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 848-9930 or (586) 739-5707.

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# History.

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.The combined "A" list status and economic clout of the investors ensured that buyers would not be hard to come by. Many affluent couples were looking for an alternative to the once fashionable area around Detroit's present-day University Cultural Center, which was becoming too commercialized for their tastes.

The expansion of streetcar lines, the development of Detroit's East Grand Boulevard and the opening of the bridge to the Frederick Law Olmsteaddesigned urban playground on Belle Isle in the 1890s also hastened the migration to the east side. And, of course, the opportunity to cut the commute to one's Grosse Pointe "cottage" also contributed to the area's almost instant success.

The first grand house, a double mansion built for Dr. Theodore A. McGraw and his son-in-law, attorney Clarence A. Lightner, was built in on East Jefferson Ave. This set the precedent for the neighborhood's professional character.

Like Grosse Pointe, the tree-lined streets of the Village displayed the work of such lauded architects as Albert Kahn, George D. Mason, Robert O. Derrick and Leonard B. Wileke, who created gracious homes and magnificent mansions in a variety of classic styles.

A few, including Louis Kamper, Frederick L. Smith, Theodore Hinchman, Walter MacFarlane, James S. Rogers and William B. Stratton, husband of Pewabic Pottery founder Mary Chase Perry Stratton, called the area home.

Among their neighbors were many names that are also prominent in Grosse Pointe history such as Edsel B. Ford, Ernest C. Kanzler, Harley J. Earl, Lawrence D. Buhl. Wesson Seyburn and Edward Russel, of the much esteemed "one I Russels." to mention but a few.

By 1922, Dau's "Blue Book," Detroit's venerable social secretary, listed 58 families on Burns, 74 on Iroquois and 111 on Seminole. These residents hobnobbed with friends and relatives who joined the growing year-around population of the Pointes at the Indian Village Tennis Club and The Liggett School, both of which opened in the Village in 1913.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Frank Sladen, 83, former headmaster of The Liggett School, recalled that Indian Village provided an almost ideal, homogeneous setting for children in the 1920s and 1930s.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Sladen, who helped to found the staff of Henry Ford Hospital, he grew up in the family home on Seminole, not far from his maternal grandparents on

"Éverybody knew everybody," Sladen said, "It was so much fun down there. When you were old enough to ride a bicycle you could go over to Belle Isle to the Boat Club or to skate on the ponds. It was very much a neighborhood. People in the big houses were just like us in the little houses. It was very open, very much an oversize family affair.

Yet as his life progressed, Sladen, like many of his neighbors, was drawn to the Pointes. In 1929, he began to attend the newly built Detroit University School on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods. Like many of his neighbors, he was shuttled out to the "country" campus by Latin teacher and coach Francis McCann.

"Once you went out there and had fun with the people, you realized that their life was centered after school in the Pointes, Sladen said. "One of the things that drew me was Memorial Church, It had a wonderful youth group. So at 12, I joined the church, and except for about 6 years, I have been a member ever since.

Sladen's grandparents moved to Grosse Pointe in the 1930s and his parents followed in 1945.

By the beginning of the Great Depression, some of the gilt began to fade. Only 10 homes were built in Indian Village between 1930 and 1940, bringing the total to 374. Drawn by the wide open spaces, churches, clubs and schools, the trickle of Villagers flowing toward the shores of Lake St. Clair became a steady stream.

Some of them, like the J.B. Ford and the Lewis Henry Jones families, liked their Indian Village houses so much that they had them Windmill Pointe Drive or Provencal Road.

Even John Owen III, who took control of the Cook Farm Company Inc. upon his father's death, acquired a Grosse Pointe Farms address by 1940.

When the stock market crashed, some former residents were caught in between the communities, owning two substantial properties with little hope of selling either. Several prominent Pointers decided to turn a profit by converting their Indian Village address into rooming hous-

Though it seemed like a disaster at the time, this actually proved fortuitous to the future of the area.

The Indian Village Association was founded in 1937 to illuminate the rooming houses and institute fair property taxation. It sued the boarding house owners on the issue of single family occupancy. Approximately five lawsuits and seven years later, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld the Association's

position in lower court decisions on single family occupancy.

The willingness of residents to band together for the common good, along with the single family designation, a progressively open attitude toward integration, and a fun-loving, neighborly spirit helped Indian Village to thrive as other Detroit neighborhoods declined in the years after World War II.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Catherine O'Brien McCuish, president and chief executive officer of the McCuish Group, has many fond memories of growing up in the house at 3030 Seminole that her parents purchased in 1962. Concerns about security were offset by confidence in the neighbors' attentive attitude and the congenial atmosphere enhanced by community events such as Christmas caroling and progressive dinner parties.

She also appreciated the unique opportunities the district offered. "The primary advantage was growing up in a diverse socioeconomic area," McCuish said. "It was a very close community, and everyone always looked out for each other."

The O'Brien children attended Grosse Pointe Academy, McCuish said. "I loved the Grosse Pointe Academy and did not mind the commute since it was less than a half hour. We had a car pool with different residents from Indian Village and Lafayette Park, so it was nice to get to know other students as we grew up together."

In recognition of Indian Village's unique combination of social and architectural history, it was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places on March 24, 1972. It is also a State of Michigan and Detroit Historic district.

Since 1973, many Pointers have made the pilgrimage to the annual Indian Village Home and Garden Tour, an event sponsored by the Historic Indian Village Association together with the Indian Village branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association and the Indian Village Men's Garden Club.

Some residents send their children to the Detroit Waldorf School, which took over the campus of the old Liggett School when it moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1968 to become part of University Liggett School. Still others play tennis at the still-active Indian Village Tennis Club.

Today, the ties that bind the two communities remain tight.

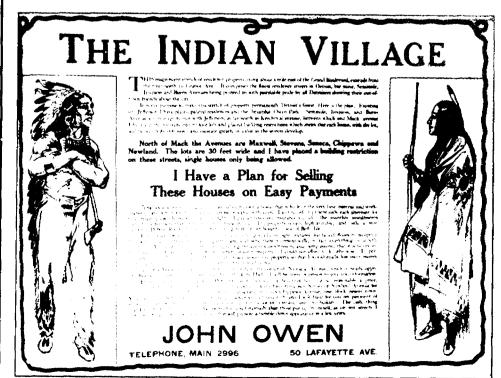
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Detroit's elite were enticed by advertisements like this one which appeared on July 13, 1907.

# Detroit Historical Society, Fisher Building are 75

A record-breaking guest list of more than 400 people is expected to enjoy dining, dancing and history at the 2003 Detroit Historical Society Ball on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Detroit's Albert Kahn-designed Fisher Building. The black-tie event is sold out.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of both the Detroit Historical Museum and the Fisher Building, so "Diamond Anniversary" has been adopted as a theme. Silver and white with gold accents will serve as the ball's color scheme.

Co-chairmen for this year's ball are Amy Farbman of Bloomfield Hills, Barbara Fisher of Grosse Pointe and Lois Shaevsky of Bloomfield Hills.

The Society will unveil its new Adopt-a-Class program during the event. Due to state and federal budget cuts, the number of schools that are able to visit the museums and learn about Detroit's history has dramatically decreased.

For every \$400 raised, a class from metro Detroit will be able to visit either the Detroit Historical Museum or the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Proceeds from the event support the Detroit Historical Museums & Society's exhibition and educational programs.

Big fat fundraiser: More than 1,000 people recently gathered for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese America Children's Medical Fund Luncheon at on the church, Philoptochos the Ritz Carlton-Dearborn. The benefit, held every 18 months throughout the United States, provides financial assistance for research and the medical care of critically ill children.

The Detroit chapter of the Philoptochos National Ladies Society hosted this year's "Being There For The raised more than \$300,000 for the fund.

Five hospitals in the seven-state Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit each received \$25,000 for their children's programs and are scheduled to receive another \$25,000 in December.

"We are extremely grateful for the grant money that will help us provide continued research and service to the children for our cancer survivor program," said Dr. Jeff Taub of Hematology and Oncology at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; Children's Hospital of Cincinnati; Riley Hospital Philoptochos chapter has for Children, Indianapolis; and Children's Hospital of Buffalo also received grant money for their innovative children's programs.

Nia Vardalos, creator and star of the movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," was the special guest of the luncheon.

She opened her remarks by sharing stories about her childhood, growing up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and her ambition to make theater her lifelong dream.

"Our Greek Orthodox Church and fundraising all went together," she said. "And for as long as I can remember, Philoptochos women have been helping others. Whether it was helping the orphans, organizing a bake sale or helping to raise funds to put a new roof women were ready to help. No fundraiser was too big or too small for them.

"My parents always said that it was important to help the less fortunate. They led by example.

"My mother has been a lifelong member Philoptochos and at one

benefit. The time was the president. She November luncheon alone was always busy helping to raise money for people with multiple sclerosis, diabetes and other diseases. My father was president of our church," she said.

After the luncheon, Vardalos went to Children's Hospital of Michigan to most with the children.

The event marked the ninth National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund luncheon. General chairman was Maria Stavropoulos of Bloomfield Hills. Grosse Pointe Farms resident Catherine Kotsis, president of the Diocese of Detroit Philoptochos was co-chairman, along with Ann Feles of Bloomfield Hills.

"To date, the national raised \$1.25 million for children," Kotsis said.

Other Grosse Pointers serving on the committee were Angie Bournias, Cardasis, Rina Cherpes, Joan and Dick De Ronne, Mary Gaggos, Amalia Kyriazis, Toni Mellos, Jeff Petersen, Koula Pervanis, Harriet Stoukas, Patti Theros, Lvdia Villeneuve, Madelyn Torakis, Santhy Volis and Dorthea Williams.

Gift shopping: Holiday shopping could

take a historic turn this season with creative gift ideas from the Gallery Shop at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The house, an annual Yuletide destination for many metro Detroit families, has one-of-a-kind merchandise: whimsical tree ornaments, holiday dinnerware and jewelry, books, videos, puzzles, magnets,

shirts and miniature cars.

Located in the Activities
Center, the Gallery Shop is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 1 to 5

Mary Ann Van Elslander. p.m. Sundays. The shop is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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to visit the shop. Since opening to the public in 1978, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House has shared Eleanor Ford's vision of preserving and maintaining the house and grounds for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits, and gardens and grounds

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events.

— Margie Reins Smith



# Nutcracker luncheon

High winds and downed power lines did not deter some 400 Detroit Symphony Orchestra supporters from attending the DSO Volunteer Council's 31st Annual Nutcracker Luncheon and Boutique on Nov. 13 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

Close to 40 Boutiques were featured at the event, selling holiday wares and fine gifts between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Co-chairmen Barbara Gates of Sterling Heights and Sheila Vanfield of Detroit were enthusiastic about the event which raised approximately \$36,000 for the DSO's educational and outreach programs.

Grosse Pointers who attended, from left, are Gloria Clark, benefactor cochairman; Barbara Fisher and Adel Amerman, bostesses co-chairmen; and

# Trivia test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. Music: Who was known as "the March King"?

2. Presidents: How many children did President John Tyler have?

3. General knowledge: What is the Statue of Liberty primarily made of? 4. Myths: In Roman

mythology, who was the twin brother of Romulus? 5. Literature: Who wrote ne novel "To Kill a the novel

Mockingbird"?

6. Theater: The play "M.
Butterfly" won a Tony award in what year? 7. Language: A muscat is

a type of what?
8. Science: Mariology is

the study of what? 9. History: In what century was the Thirty Years War

10. Insects: What is a group of ants called?

Answers 1. John Philip Sousa

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7. Grape 8. The Virgin Mary) 9. 17th century

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"God put me into this world to get certain things completed. Right now I am so

far behind, I will never die." So it is written and posted above my study desk at home. And the stacks of papers and books all but drowning the desk space verify that truth. There are also numerous other tasks that continue to need my attention. Yet, when I die

God will not give me an "incomplete" or "fail," but a gracious "pass."

That is the peace and joy of it all. There were three mid-November celebrations of the completion of my 70 years of life. My wife's design of the invitation to the third and largest festivity within seven days included a picture of me at about age 17.

A staff colleague remarked, "He used to be a good-looking man." On the other hand, I felt encouraged by the old saying: "There are three stages in mankind (sic) - youth, middle-age and 'My, aren't you looking good."

From 17 to 70 has been a blessed journey. When I was 17 my parents decided to apply for immigration to these United States. After some difficult but meaningful years (I was born the same year Adolf Hitler came to power), years that were marked by my family's and other German citizens' nonviolent objection to our own government's policies and practices, we found our home and farmland overrun by the Russian invasion.

We supported our government and our troops. My father was a German soldier. But during the 1944/45 12 days of Christmas, we were fleeing to the west-

ern part of our country. Soon I found myself included in a select higher education program in the city of Hannover, one of the many postwar occupied places with an "Amerika Haus," where I filled my free moments with books, magazines and films about what in 1952 became the promised land for our family of six.

Oh yes, the gymnasium (high school) experience included English, Latin, Greek, French and related histories and cultures. All that was a significant component of my being able to complete college in two years. After four additional years of study at Luther Theological Seminary and Creighton University, I become at age 24, one of the youngest ordained Lutheran pastors anywhere.

After various parish, campus and specialized ministries at state, national and international levels, I have been privileged to serve for five years in a joyful and hopeful transition building assignment at St. James on the Hill.

The new pastor has arrived. He will be officially installed at a 5 p.m. festive liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Then I will enjoy the position of pastor emeritus at St. James, roaming and ruminating in one of the offices in the undercroft.

With Nancy, my extremely talented and hospitable wife of more than 44 years, I hope to be spending some regular time with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, even while eagerly being open by bishop's appointment to other assignments here and

The Hill. The Farms and all the Pointes have been a most pleasing environment, though we all need to be challenged to grow beyond our settled-ness of mind and heart.

As this year of church, of calendar and of so many other significant time measures concludes, I look back on my past 70 years with great thanksgiving.

I recall words of that profoundly reflective Swedish Lutheran layman Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations General Secretary, who in his pursuit of peace was shot down by enemy forces he sought to help:

"For all that has been, 'thanks.' To all that shall be, 'Yes."

Seventy - and counting.



# Harvest Fest

St. Paul School recently held its Harvest Fest. The evening for parents, students, grandparents and friends included activities, food and games for all ages, even outdoor glow-in-the-dark golf. Proceeds from the event will be used for school enhancements.

Chairmen, from left, were June Keane, Kate Brennan and Heather

# Dominican Literacy Center offers free training for tutors

The Dominican Literacy Center will offer 12 hours of free tutor training for those who would like to 15. volunteer to help adults learn to read.

The tutoring workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, at the center, on the campus of Dominican High School and Academy.

All materials will be provided. The registration deadline is Thursday, Jan.

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A reception with refreshments will follow the concert. For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

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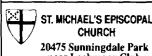
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# Health

# Party hosts can lift holiday spirits without the bottle

Responsible party hosts know that holiday celebrations don't have to center on alcoholic drinks. Good cheer can be experienced with few alcoholic beverages or none.

The best parties are those that are well-planned and take into account who's on the guest list, said Jerry Jaker, executive director of the Minnesota Institute of Public Health in Mounds View, Minn.

The best parties let guests know that "a drink" doesn't necessarily mean an alcoholic drink. Especially with children and nondrinkers present, it's important to offer an attractive variety of nonalcoholic beverages. In fact, with children on hand, strongly consider an alcohol-free party.

As a party host, let your guests know up front that they don't have to have an alcoholic beverage. If you offer drinks upon their arrival, begin by listing a range of nonalcoholic beverages followed by drinks with alcohol.

An excellent approach is to avoid letting alcohol dominate your entertainment. You can welcome guests and "break the ice" by directing them to people they know or to games or activities that will engage them. Once they're relaxed they can choose a beverage based on taste rather than a need to relieve social anx-

The nonalcoholic drink should be presented as

However, the holiday-

party season and the gather-

ing of family during this

time can also produce a

triggers in the onset of

reservations

carry-on bag, as opposed to

to leave the key with a

neighbor who will water the

plants and pick up the mail

can spoil even the best-tast-

list of everything that must

items you will need before

you leave. Knowing you

have everything carefully organized will ease the ten-

Don't skip meals — An

empty stomach could spur a

checked luggage.

Make lists -

sion of a long trip.

headaches.

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these tips:

equally appealing as an alcoholic beverage. For instance, offering wine in long-stemmed crystal glasses appears more attractive than soda pop offered in cans. The possible implication: Wine is more important and thus more desir-

A great way to prevent over-served guests is to designate someone to serve drinks. Do not have an open bar, Jaker suggests, because people tend to imbibe more when pouring their own drinks. A bartender can limit the amount, frequency and stiffness of the drinks.

Party hosts need not offer guests a limitless supply of alcoholic drinks. Instead, figure on one or two drinks per guest who drinks. Nothing can ruin a party faster than an inebriated guest who becomes obnoxious, unruly or ill. Intoxicated guests can change the mood of a party. People start feeling uncomfortable and often think they have to watch what they say or do.

"When Uncle George gets tipsy, it's neither comical nor cute," said Jaker. "You don't want to laugh off Uncle George." Always be on alert for signs of excessive drinking. If necessary, inform the overindulgent guest that he or she has had enough, and do it graciously. Enlist the help of a spouse or friend if necessary to get the message

Bear in mind it's not always the number of drinks that impairs driving ability. As few as two drinks may compromise driving ability for some guests. Medication, body weight, amount of food eaten. fatigue, health and mental attitude can all play a factor in the way a body responds to alcohol. You can help prevent guests from drinking too much by limiting salty, thirst-inducing appetizers. Generous helpings of cheese, meat, vegetables, and fruits are nutritious and help absorb alcohol.

If in spite of your best efforts a guest has drunk too much, do everything possible to prevent him or her from driving. That might mean asking a sober guest to drive an impaired one home or having the person stay in your home until he or she is sober.

Holiday parties offer adults an opportunity to serve as good role models for children. "In homes where alcohol is not the focus of holiday celebrations, children are less likely to grow up thinking that drinking is the key ingredient to having a good time," said Kris Vanhoof-Haines, a prevention services specialist at Hazelden in Center City, Minn. "Kids are keenly aware of persons whose anti-drinking talk conflicts with their behavior. Parents need to walk their talk

when it comes to alcohol use. Kids really question and challenge their parents when they're being sent mixed messages.

The Minnesota Prevention Resource Center, a regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources Network funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, offers two pamphlets as guides to respon-

sible party hosting: 'Nonalcoholic Party Drinks" (\$3.50), which provides recipes for attractive nonalcoholic beverages and hosting tips, and "Recipe for a Successful Party" (50 cents), which offers tips for party hosts. To order copies, call (800) 782-1878 or visit www.emprc.org.

This health column offers information needed to help

prevent substance abuse problems and address such problems. It is provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minn., that offers a wide range of information and treatment services on addiction. For more resources, call Hazelden at (800) 257-7800 or check its Web site at www.hazelden.org. Direct your inquiries to mduda@hazelden.org.

# Welcome to our wonderful world

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan Special Writers

Ask two people to stand near you for 60 seconds. Have one repeatedly ask you for your name, address, age and Social Security number. Have the second simultaneously distract you with pointless noises, annoying touches and odd hand motions in your face.

Welcome to the world of Andrew Langan Coutilish.

Andrew, our almost 3year-old son, has fragile x syndrome, an inherited genetic condition. One out of 250 women and one out of 800 men carry the fx gene, which interferes with the production of a special protein necessary for normal development.

Fx may cause differences ranging from mild learning problems to severe cognitive impairment, behavior issues such as hyperactivity, anxiety and short attention span, and/or autistic-like features such as poor social skills, poor eye contact and hand-flapping.

Andrew also has a dual diagnosis of autism, a complex developmental disability resulting from a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain. Autism is four times more prevalent in boys than girls and knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. The number of those diagnosed with autism continues to grow.

What all this means is our son has challenges. They are complex and multilayered. They will not go away, no matter how much Yiayia (Greek for "grandmother") wants to sweep them under the

He will not be "fine"

not develop normally. And he needs lots of help.

But this column isn't only about Andrew or the help he needs. It's about sharing our experiences regarding having a special needs child in hopes that we will help other parents cope and learn from our experiences. We have learned many lessons in a short time span since Andrew's blood test results brought us his fx diagnosis on Oct. 10, 2002. Among those lessons:

• Learn all you can about your child's special needs and the special education system from therapists, teachers, doctors, books, magazines, associations and the Web, but listen carefully because the best information often comes from other parents through support group meetings, association events, listservs, therapy clinic lobbies and your child's school.

• The earlier you begin taking advantage of available services through the school system, neighborhood therapy classes and private clinics, the better chance your child will have of improving, learning and becoming his or

her best self.
The Grosse Pointe public school system continues to be among the best, and the Barnes Early Childhood Center has dedicated, talented and caring staff helping our young children with spe-

cial needs. • Be involved in your child's individualized education plan so he or she receives an appropriate education. Be active. Be heard. Be a special needs

· Each special needs

caring and supportive community of family, friends and professionals. Surround yourself with folks who support you. You will need them.

 Every child deserves to be a part of the community-at-large. Take your child everywhere, and either ignore the stares or use the opportunity to educate those who are staring.

• Know after any "special needs" diagnosis, your child will continue to be first and foremost - your child. (Ours continues to be "the cutest ever.") Secondly, he happens to be a special needs child.

This is a roller coaster world of suffering, lost hope, love and amazement. It may take much longer to get to the "normal" milestones, but when you do, they are much more gratifying and enriching. It's like the parable of preparing for your vacation to Italy only to end up in Holland. It's not Italy, but you make the best of it. You learn wonderful things, appreciate life more and bond with amazing people that you never would have known.

And most of all, you discover the person whom you most admire is the mini me who looks like

you. Welcome to our wonderful world.

Grosse Pointe residents Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a special needs child with fragile xsyndrome [fragilex.org]. Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.ed mblangan@hotmail.com.

# Working with a good doctor

Communication is the key to building and maintaining good relationship with your child's doctor.

It's OK to ask your child's pediatrician questions, but it's important to make sure he knows that you trust him to make decisions, diagnoses and write prescriptions based on the best course for the health of your child.

Don't be afraid to give your pediatrician feedback about your office visit experience, such as whether you felt rushed during the appointment or needed more information about a prescription or procedure.

A good doctor will want to work with you to provide the best care possible for your

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from National Headache Foundation The holiday season is tra- headache. ditionally a busy time filled you're unable to follow your with happiness and good normal eating schedule, cheer. With celebrations, pack snacks for the trip. family gatherings and office parties, it represents the Avoid foods such as ripe cheeses, processed meats and chocolate, which may most social time of the year.

Tips for a headache-free holiday

cause headaches in susceptible people

Avoid last minute shopping - Hot stores and long tremendous amount of lines are enough to give the stress and tension, two key most ardent shopaholic a tension-type headache. This year, why not utilize catalog million or online shopping opportuexperience nities as a stress-free option. Also start holiday shopping recurring early, slowly accumulating headaches, more than the 33 million sufferers of arthritis, gifts for friends and loved

diabetes and coronary heart Be aware of smoke and disease combined. To baffle perfume-filled rooms holiday headaches, the Both are typical celebration Headache Foundation (NHF) offers environments, which can days, you should make a trigger headaches. If possible, get some fresh air or Plan in advance — A find an area that is relativewell-planned trip can ease the stress of holiday travelly smoke and perfume-free.

Don't disrupt your noring. Be prepared for extra mal sleeping and waking long lines and wait times at patterns the airport and arrive at Those latenight parties can also lead to least two hours before your scheduled departure. If you headaches by tempting you to stay up past your bedtime plan to travel by car, plot your course and make all and wake up later than usual. Try to go to sleep and in advance. It is also advisable awaken the same time to bring medication in a

everyday. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation — Try to sip your drink Forgetting slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. ing turkey dinner. Make a

Alternate alcoholic with ments, be done and of all important non-alcoholic beverages such as soda or water. Avoid red wine, which contains tyramine, a naturally occur-

Therefore, if ring amino acid known to trigger headaches. Try a glass of white wine instead.

Schedule personal time — Holidays bring families together for quality time, but being with your family over several days, perhaps in close quarters, may be stressful. Have realistic expectations about the visit. Plan to visit friends, take long walks and give yourself a break from all that family togetherness. If you are traveling with children, bring their favorite toys and games to keep them entertained.

See your healthcare provider - If you find that you are experiencing more severe frequent or ne bolispecific appointment with your healthcare provider for an accurate diagnosis and to develop a treatment plan.

The National Headache Foundation (NHF), founded in 1970, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare providers who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate biological disease, and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of

For more information on headache causes and treatwww.headaches.org or call

(888) NHF-5552 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# Know Your Skin by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

One in ten babies may be born with red or pink birthmarks called vascular lesions.

These lesions may be hemangiomas which may

disappear without treatment during childhood. Other vascular birthmarks continue to grow with the child as he gets older. These lesions are called port wine

Because port wine stains last a lifetime, they may deepen in color and develop nodules which bleed. Children with these birthmarks should be seen by their dermatologist to determine whether treatment is appropriate.

Most commonly treated using a pulse dye laser, treatment can begin as early as possible, even in infancy to obtain the best results.

To learn more about the treatment of vascular lesions, contact your dermatologist or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates with offices in Grosse Pointe and New Baltimore. You can reach them at (313) 884-3380.

# Auditions Grosse Pointe

Theatre will hold auditions for "The Miracle Worker," the story of Helen Keller. Auditions begin at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, for children; and at 10 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, for adults. Performance dates are Feb. 29, March 3-7 and March 11-13.

For more information, call co-producers Mary Lou Britton at (586) 779-8974 or Ann Foglesong at (313) 885-

# Pancetta enhances Brussels sprouts

Last week I enjoyed a superb Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Kenny and Peggy Scheriff of Nesconset, N.Y. The traditional Italian meal included meatballs, sausage and stuffed shells — a mere prelude to the turkey, stuffing and trimmings that followed.

My contribution this year was port cranberries, sweet potato casserole, bourbon corn pudding and Brussels sprouts with balsamic vinegar and pancetta.

The Brussels sprouts were the best that I have ever prepared. Pancetta is an Italian bacon that has been cured in salt.

If you can't find it, use regular bacon. This quick and easy Bon Appetit recipe is the perfect side dish for your upcoming holiday meal.

# **Brussels** sprouts with pancetta

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

2 lbs. Brussels sprouts, washed, trimmed and halved 6 oz. pancetta, thinly sliced and chopped

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Brush a heavy large-rimmed baking sheet with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. In a large bowl, toss the Brussels sprouts, pancetta (or bacon), and garlic with the remaining tablespoon of olive oil. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Scatter the sprout mixture on the prepared baking sheet.

Roast the sprouts at 450 degrees for 20 minutes, or until tender and brown. Toss several times while roasting.

Don't forget about your sprouts or they will surely

Remove baking sheet from the oven and drizzle the sprouts with the balsamic vinegar and the thyme. Toss well and return to the 450 degree oven for 5 more minutes. Transfer the sprout mixture to a serving bowl. Serve hot.

You can roast the



sprouts up to three hours before serving. Hold at room temperature and finish with the balsamic vinegar, thyme (and 5 minutes at 450 degrees) when you are ready to serve.

The flavor from the pancetta (bacon) pairs well with the sprouts. The high oven temperature gives the sprouts a caramelized finish.

As with the entire meal that Peggy (my sister-inlaw) served, Brussels sprouts with balsamic vinegar and thyme were enjoyed by all.

It's a delicious side dish to bring to the table and a great new way to serve Brussels sprouts.

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# **GPCC** plans concert

Grosse Community Chorus will present its Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at First English Ev. Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$3 for children. Tickets are available at the church office and at Moehring Woods Florists, 20923 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. For information, call (313) 882-

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Great Britain's other royal

By Helen Gregory Special Writer

As the holidays barrel down upon us, we're told to relax and celebrate. Most adults, especially women, know that "relax and celebrate" is an oxymoron, what with massive cleaning, writing cards and invitations. shopping, wrapping, more shopping, preparing feasts and, in general, going mad.

At least it's an escape from the news. A little. But how do you escape the madness? The days are short. The lists are

You'll need a break. Television is no solution. It's mesmerizing, soporific and overloaded with holiday stuff.

The computer is as hypnotic as the TV.

Exercise could help, but will you do it after you've been on your feet all day shopping?
You'll feel more like

falling into an easy chair in front of one of the thought-sucking screens.

The best relaxation that might let you get back into the fray revived is light reading.

Cozy British mysteries lead the pack of fast reads for quick escapes. You'll be mentally involved in the process of solution and, once done, mind activated, you'll forget the book and go back to work.

For those who don't like mysteries, but do like light, there are Regency romances.

The best are witty and not overloaded with intrusive or boring detail.

Cozies and Regencies are short, under 300 pages, many under 200 pages. If they run longer, they probably need edit-

It would be like running an animation over 90 minutes long or a stage comedy over 2 hours, counting intermis-

The queen of British cozies as well as queen of Regencies is one prolific

writer using two names: M.C. Beaton and Marion

creating some new ones. As M.C. Beaton, she has published the 14th Agatha Raisin mystery. Woods librarian, Peggy

Haunted House" begins as pushy zaftig Agatha gives up men just as a

Bored to death and needing distraction, she takes on the case of a crotchety old woman who lives in a house that appears haunted.

woman's children ask Agatha to look into it.

wants in on the action and everything begins to move fast. Agatha fans should love it

Agatha Raisin series, start with the first, Quiche of Death." The ongoing Agatha story lends much humor to each mystery.

Agatha as much as Hamish Macbeth mysteries because she was such a cheat.

flaws tend to make her ing, certainly funny.

don't make the mistake of reading too many in a

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Chesney. I've told you about her already, so this is an update. She has just come out with two new good choices, revisiting a memorable character and

Kitchel, thinks it is one of the best Agatha Raisin stories. I agree. "Agatha Raisin and the

handsome man moves in next door.

When the old woman falls down the staircase and breaks her neck, the

Agatha's new neighbor

If you've never read the "Agatha Raisin and the

Initially, I didn't enjoy

That phase of her character disappears within a few novels, but her other human and oddly endear-

If you like the series,

All mystery series depend on formula. It

keeps them cozy. But if you read too many in a row, they won't comfort you. They'll bore you. Worse, they can turn you off the form. It's much like overdosing on choco-

Meanwhile, as Chesnev. she's written numberless very popular Regency romances, mostly in sets of six. It's amazing the variety she finds while holding to her formula. Now, she's trying a romantic mystery series set in Edwardian England. The social structure hasn't improved since the Regency. But that's jolly old England.

The mystery, "Snobbery with Violence," plays out very well, with Captain Harry Cathcart, a saturnine son of a baron who "fixes problems" for the elite who don't want their lives hung out to dry in the parlors and the press.

Lady Rose Summer's parents hire this questionable hero to find out if her suitor is a cad.

She's furious with Harry, but eventually they work together to solve the murder of a guest at a lavish party.

Some Chesney fans dislike finding bloody murder in their romances. But, given a chance, this has the ingredients of a very good series indeed, with a mysterious hero and a spunky heroine Beaton's (and even Chesney's) fans could enjoy. So, if you need a break,

settle down with a cup of tea, hot chocolate or coffee and read a Beaton or Chesney book.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us.

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8:30 am The S.O.C. Show Guests: Jean Thoraton & Henrietta Kotula Exercise

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9:00 am Vitality Plus A half-hour aerobics exercise class. Repeated: Midnight

Host attorneys. David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, share tips, give advice and interview local authorities on gardening.

Host attorneys. David Draper and Douglas Dempsey, take an inside look at current legal issues. Repeated: 6 PM, 5 AM 9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture

Repeated: 9:30 PM, 12:30 AM 10:00 am Who's in the Kitchen? Guest: Michael Hardy - Wines & Mix Finances Drinks

Cook while laughing with host Chuck Raess. Watch as delectable dishes are made from scratch by noted Chefs, local celebrates and guess who? Repeated: 6:30 PM, 1 AM

10:30 am Things to do at the War Memorial Guest: The 28th Annual Grosse Pointe "Santa Claus Parade"

Louising Wattrick and Emmett Hynous Co-host an informative look at what's happening at the War Memorial. Repeated = 30 PM, 1.30 AM 11:00 am Musical Story Time Jamboree

Miss Paula, the Merry Music Maker and Miss ReadAbook, offer a half-hour of stories and music for Repeated 6:30 AM

11:30 am Out of the Ordinary Guest: Becky Stevens - Holistic Healer at Taxlor presents a show to help enhance Body. Mind and Spirit Repeated 3DPM, 230 AM

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit Guest: Honorable Spencer Abraham, U.S. **Energy Secretary** Teatures nationally known guest speakers discussing

current topics in the business community Repeated 3 AM 1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop

Topic: Fall Colors Part II of II Renowned local artist. Carol LaChiusa, demonstrates

watercofor techniques simple enough for beginners,

yet challenging to the experienced artist Repeated: 5:30 PM, 4 AM

<u>1:30 pm</u> Inside Art

Guest: Harvey Thompson - Jazz Singer Explore the artist's creative process and medium without Robert Maniscalco. Repeated 10:30 PM, 4:30 AM

2:00 pm The Legal Insider Guest: Dodd B. Fisher - The Mold Controversy

2:30 pm The John Prost Show Guest: Roger Short - City of Detroit

Timely topics are discussed with Detroit and Grosse Pointe guests by long time host John Prost Repeated: 10 PM, 5.30 AM

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Repeated 6:30 AM 4:00 pm Vitality Plus A hall-hour of step or kick boxing exercise. Repeated 9.PM, TAM

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plicat youth show teaturing anddle school students reporting on a variety of educational topics. Repeated: 8.50 PM. 730 AM

5:00 pm Positively Positive An uplitting half hour of positive attitudes and ideas, hosted by learne McNeil and laz Aiken Repeated 8PM, 8 AM

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# What to buy your favorite gardener for Christmas

If you ask gardeners what type of garden gift they'd like, the answer might be a load of compost or mulch. Compost and mulch are difficult to wrap and put under a Christmas tree. Perhaps a gift certificate for early spring?

Here are some ideas for the gardener on your Christmas list:

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ciated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a

reception in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse

with a bodice embroidered with paillettes and Austrian

crystals. She carried a bou-

quet of mini white calla

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Warren and Julie Rewers of

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• Many gardeners love tools, and top-of-the-line garden tools may be out of their price range. A gift of well-made pruners, loppers, or a beautiful watering can could do the trick. Hit local garden-related stores or nurseries for quality items.

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and you're good to go. How about a subscription to one of the dozens of horticulture magazines. Visit a local bookstore and check the magazine rack for a full look. You may see Organic Gardening, Garden Gate, Garden Design or any number of others. Perhaps your gardener is interested in learning more about a specific subject such as herbs, perennials or organic gardening. There may be a hint from your gardener in some previous conversation.

 Gardeners continually consult their reference books when a problem arises. Some titles might include "American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants" or the "Michigan Gardener's Guide" by Boland, Coit and Hair, which offers help in growing native plants or those that will grow in our region. Nationally known Alan Armitage has a new book on perennials titled "Armitage's Garden Perennials: A Color Encyclopedia."

 Help your gardener relax by offering a gift certificate for a therapeutic massage. Our community now offers a variety of places including the Valade Healing Arts Center at the Van Elslander Center. Perhaps a hammock would be the perfect gift. What better way to put your feet

• Gardeners are general ly nature lovers too. Visit Wild Birds Unlimited for a selection of bird and other natural items. "Natural Gardening for Birds" is a book to help your gardener create a bird-friendly gar-

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To add a little sweetness to the tea, try the Friar Rick's Wildflower Honey, which is sold locally by the Earth Works Garden. This is honey made by the bees of Capuchin Brother Rick Samyn's organically grown garden. Reach them at (313) 579-2100, ext. 211.

Local health food stores or specialty shops have a great line of food-related items. Couple them with a kitchen gardening book such as Thompson's "The Kitchen Garden" or "Cooking from the Gourmet's Garden" by Castle and Kourick.

As for me, I'm hoping for a rain gauge. Good ideas are in the Wind and Weather catalog, online at www.windandweather.com. Happy shopping.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. E-mail her at kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net.



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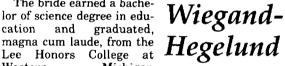
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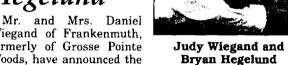
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Klapchar of Canton, Ohio. Ushers were Chase Cooper, David Cooper and Cooper of Orcas, Wash., Michael Klapchar of Canton, Ohio, and the groom's brothers, Kenneth Spezia and Thomas Spezia of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They live in



Wiegand of Frankenmuth, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daugh-





for Older Services Citizens will present a talk about taxes at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the The couple cruised the Caribbean. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods.

about taxes at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150

Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The presenter will be Susan Griffith Royer, CPA.



Bloomfield, Maria Tocco of 2003, at the Ladybird Grosse Pointe Park, Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas. The Rev. Bonnie Connor officiated at the sunset ceremony, which was followed by

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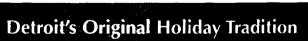
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For more information, call Events include a chil- Jeanne Bocci, race director, dren's one-mile run/walk at at (313) 886-5560; or fax

# Gentlemen of Swing concert

a local orchestra directed by Auditorium of the Grosse gist who plays the banjo. Pointe War Memorial.

Featured performers will be Denise Stevens and the first-come, first-serve.

The Gentlemen of Swing, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club choral group and Tony Mel Stander, will present its Russo on the trombone. annual Christmas concert Other guest performers from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, include Dr. Richard Ferrara. Dec. 7, in the Fries a Grosse Pointe dermatolo-

> The concert is complimentary and seating will be



Among those who planned the event, standing from left, are Darlene Collier; Karen Gennari; Beth Pressler; Judy Sieber; Pat Chasteen, president; Lynn Amato; Sue Dungan; Mike Brown; and Jeanne Tabaka, president-elect. Seated, from left, are Julie Mellert; Karen Blumke; Barbara Flood, event chairman; Tom Deuel and Evie Douglas.

# Women Realtors plans lunch, auction

The Lake Pointe chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors will hold its 10th annual holiday luncheon and auction on Friday, Dec. 5, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Trees, wreaths, and baskets filled with gift items will be auctioned off, includ-

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mation, call Mary Saylor at (313) 884-2643.

The League of Women

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Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. The

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p.m.; dinner will be served

The guest speaker will be

Thomas D. Watkins Jr.,

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Wednesday, Dec. 10.

ing a golf tree with gift certificates from 10 different private and public golf courses, valued at about \$4,000. The chapter's new officers will be installed.

The auction always ends with a raffle of donated gifts donated by local businesses, including a weekend at Boyne Highlands Resort.

will benefit Genesis House III, Turning Point Inc, and the Lake Pointe chapter of WCR's educational pro-Tickets are \$25 and are

limited. They may be purchased by calling Karen available at both concerts. Gennari at (313) 886-3400,

# **Concert Choir** performance will be Dec. 14

The 80-voice Detroit Concert Choir will present "Music of Christmas," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. Director Gordon Nelson will present new and old Christmas carels.

Tickets are \$15; \$12 for seniors and students. For more information, call (313) 882-0118.

The choir rehearses on Mondays at Grosse Pointe North High School. Its office is at Woods Presbyterian Church. Nelson lives in Grosse Pointe Park. Grosse Pointe members of the choir include Stan Harr, Mike Johnston, Judy Jogan, Judy Leonard, Jan Stewart, Jane and Russ Yamazaki, Donna Abdoo, Diana Barone, Marie Zacny and Valerie Hudson.

The award-winning choir will also present "Music of Christmas at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke in Bloomfield Hills. They have a holiday CD recording, "Sweet Sounds of Christmas," which will be

# Smoking affects sexual function

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. I saw a newspaper article about smoking affecting the sexual performance of men. I was a firefighter, and inhaled all kinds of toxic smoke for 25 years. I am 65 and have been impotent for 15 years. Could the smoke I inhaled fighting fires have caused my impotence?

A. Men who smoke 20 or more cigarettes a day run a 60 percent risk of suffering from erectile dysfunction.

I cannot find information that links, noneigarette smoke to erectile dysfunction. That's not to say it couldn't, but only that the information is scanty.

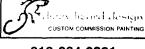
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The Windmill Pointe Questers will meet at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House for a private tour of the house and a luncheon. For information, call Sophie at (586) 296-9646. Send checks to Sophie. Guests are wel-

# Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at a private club in Grosse

Kathy Nardi will give a demonstration on how to decorate for the holidays and how to make a special holiday decoration. For reservations, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

# G.P. Artists

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association will hold its holiday exhibition and boutique through Saturday, Jan. 3, at the GPAA Art Center, 1005 Maryland in Grosse Pointe

The opening reception is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

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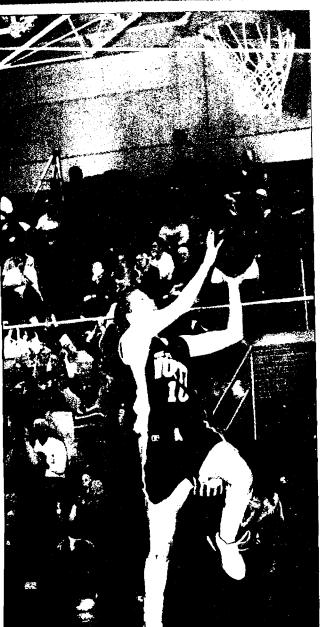


Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap led Grosse Pointe North in

# South repeats at Big Rapids tournament

By Chuck Klonke

Sports Editor lt didn't take Grosse Pointe South's hockey team long to get rid of the rust

from a lengthy layoff. One minute into its game against the host team in the Big Rapids Invitational, Anthony Swancoat scored a goal and the Blue Devils were on their way to a second straight championship in the tournament.

"We hadn't played a game worked the puck along the weekend," Bopp said. "He is in eight days, and when we delayed an hour while we waited for the refs to show up, so I was a little concerned we might get off to a slow start," said coach Bob lines in the opening period, Bopp after South's 4-2 victory over Big Rapids in the semifinal game.

On the second shift of the game, Joey Parke took a

# pass from Nick Andrew and Third time no charm for North's girls

By Chuck Klonke Sports Editor

beaten twice.

having to play an opponent ly in critical situations. that their team has already

The third time is often a charm — for the other team. Gary Bennett admitted that season to the end. he was concerned about havthe opening round of the Pointe South because the

Red Division season. But most of all he was concerned because he knew had that Eisenhower improved each time North

Macomb Area Conference

played the Eagles. "We're very evenly matched teams," Bennett said after the Eagles ended North's tournament run with a 47-39 victory.

"You could see that they had improved the last time we played them, and they've

Kevin (Eisenhower coach Kevin Donahue) has gotten Basketball coaches dread them to be tougher, especial-

Eisenhower evenly matched, but they both improved as much as any teams in the Grosse Pointe North's league from the start of the

The Norsemen started 0ing to play Eisenhower in 6, playing against teams like Detroit DePorres, Detroit Class A regional at Grosse King, Birmingham Marian Livonia Ladywood. Norsemen had defeated the Eisenhower lost four of its Eagles twice during the first five games, but the Eagles' opponents included Inkster and Fraser.

Bennett has been coaching for 29 years, including the last 22 at North, but this year's team holds a special place among the squads that he has guided.

"We had so much more improvement this year than any other year," he said. "We had girls who couldn't step on the court in our first game, but they contributed

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the slot and he fired the puck past the Cardinals'

South, which used all four struck twice in the last 3 1/2 minutes, and the first of the two goals came from an unexpected source.

Brandon Krajniak took a pass from Paul Kossak, skated across the blue line corner of the net. Dan Rosso Harris. also assisted.

"Brandon played two strong games for us this

boards behind the net. He a very defensive detensegot to the rink the game was made a pass to Swancoat in man. We don't look for him to score a lot of goals but that was a great shot and a big goal for us."

With 1:17 left in the first period, Swancoat took a pass from Mark Diebel and scored his second goal of the game to make it 3-0.

South increased its lead to 4-0 with 6:48 left in the second period on a goal by Robbie Barrett, assisted by and fired a shot into the top Pat LaRiviere and Stefan

After the Blue Devils were

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# Norsemen win first in critical situations." Not only were North and league hockey game

Grosse Pointe North's came out flying last week when the Norsemen opened the Michigan Interscholastic League season Hockey University against Detroit Jesuit.

"We came out ready to play, which is a different story than our first game (a 4-3 loss to Allen Park in which North scored all three of its goals in the third period)," said coach Scott Lock.

"We played well the whole game. I was especially happy with the way we stayed out of the penalty box. I was able to do a much better job of rolling the four lines, and all the defensemen played, too."

Before the game was four minutes old, the Norsemen had a 3-0 lead.

"Every line had somebody ay well," Lock said.

"Everybody did just what we asked them to."

Colin Brown scored twice for North, but Shaun Fulton, John Dallas, Drew Davis and Shawn Hunter added a goal apiece.

Tignanelli "Andrew played very well, and Julian Horrie had a very good game on defense for his first time out," Lock said.

"Hunter played well. Peter Baratta had a good game. We probably could have scored four or five more goals. We had a lot of chances."

Jordan Zielke was in goal for the Norsemen and he made 16 saves.

"He played well when he needed to," Lock said. "I told him that he doesn't have to win games for us, and to just

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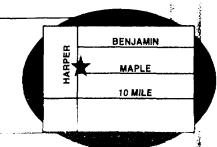
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# South defense makes it easy for substitute goaltender

its second game of the seagoalies sidelined by illness and injury, so the Blue Devils' defense made things easy for their replacement.

Megan McCaughey donned the goalie's pads for the first time and got the victory in a 10-0 shutout of Bloomfield

South scored four times in the first four minutes and the Blue Devils' defense kept the inexperienced Knighthawks out of the South offensive zone for most of the game.

Hillary Inger had two goals and an assist for the Devils. Emily Shefferly, Amanda Marsh, Katie Gilbride, Shami Entenman, Sarah Parker, Stacey Campbell, Michelle O'Donoghue and Caitlin Larisey added a goal apiece.

Amelia Altavena collected

Grosse Pointe South's Palffy, Katie Gerow, Katie girls hockey team went into Dosch, Emily Gilbride, its second game of the sea-Parker, Campbell, Shefferly son with all three of its and Marsh added a goal apiece.

> Defensemen Kristin Inger, Emele Williams, Linda Stanek and Jessica Palffy were instrumental in keep-

Bloomfield goalie Sarah Tienan played well as she made 29 saves.

South opened the season with an 8-1 victory over University Liggett School.

The game was close through the first period and a half as ULS played well

stopped a barrage of shots by the Blue Devils.

Parker got the first goal of the season for South at 8:12 of the first period. She dove in front of the Knights' net and tapped it over the goal line as she slid past.

Campbell made it 2-0 on a

utes later. Parker dug the puck out of the corner and passed to Campbell.

ULS answered 20 seconds later when Inga Moss picked up a loose puck from a scramble in front of the net and scored. Monique Squiers assisted.

South broke the game open with four goals in the second period. Campbell

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up by four goals, there was a parade to the penalty box and Big Rapids scored twice with a two-man advantage.

"There were some very questionable penalties," Bopp said. "We were just happy to get the second period over and regroup."

South continued to get work on its penalty killing in the third period when the Blue Devils were sent off three times, to once for the Cardinals.

"Our penalty killing was very good," Bopp said.

One of the key players on the penalty kill was Harris.

'Stefan was our best defenseman in this game,' Bopp said. "With all the penalties and confusion in the third period, he made a lot of good decisions on the

Bopp said that he felt good about South's chances in the title game against Notre Dame from the time the Blue Devils began warming up, and he wasn't disappointed as South skated to a 3-1 victory

"After the warmup, it was easy to see that the team came ready to play," Bopp said. "We played well from start to finish."

South scored one goal in each period. Barrett opened the scoring at 9:02 of the first period after taking a

pass from Brian Gatliff.
The Blue Devils were solid on defense, holding the Irish to only three shots in the first period.

Gatliff made it 2-0 at 4:10 of the second period on a power-play goal assisted by Barrett and Diebel. Diebel capped the scoring with 8:45 left in the third period. Tom Porter and Gatliff collected

the assists. "Mark Diebel is a fun player to watch," Bopp said. He plays as hard as he can every second of every shift and his effort paid off in this game. He had a few points and move into the regional and a lot of strong shifts.

Notre Dame spoiled goalie Mark Grignon's shutout bid with a power play goal that went in off a South defenseman's skate.

"In this game, it seemed like Trey Shield and Sean O'Brien were on the ice more than half the game," Bopp said. "Those two play well together. It was good to see Sean have such a strong game. He is a very talented player and there's no limit to how good he can be.'

Bopp was pleased with the play of centers Parke, Barrett and Diebel.

"I think it would be hard to find a team with three better centers," he said.

Grignon, who made 19 saves against Big Rapids and stopped 15 Notre Dame shots, was named to the alltournament team along with Barrett.

"Those were both good choices, but they could have easily picked Trey Shield, Brian Gatliff, Anthony Swancoat or Mark Diebel," Bopp said.

South is idle until Saturday when it plays at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

"I'll be glad when we start From page 1C playing twice a week again.' Bopp said. "We've played be himself. That's what he three games and we've played well in all three.

"I expected we'd be a good team this year, but we've started even better than I thought. The players have a great attitude. We've been able to stay focused as a team and not worry about individual stuff. That's something we have to continue to do.'

and goalie Allison Jones shorthanded goal five min- knocked in the rebound from Marsh's shot at 4:37. Fifteen seconds later, Shefferly scored from the faceoff circle, assisted by Parker and

Altavena. At 5:22 Dosch scored on a shot from the blue line after taking a pass from Amanda Palffy. Palffy then capped the scoring with the rebound

of Campbell's shot. South added two more goals in the third period, both by freshmen. Larisey took a pass from Marsh and scored on a wrist shot. Palffy

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"I couldn't be prouder of them. All I ever ask of them is to play hard and improve, and that's what they did. It's been a wonderful year."

Although Eisenhower played well, the game wasn't one of North's best.

The Norsemen missed several inside shots, they didn't pass the ball with their usual precision, and they had some lapses on defense.

"We missed so many easy shots," Bennett said. "We did some things poorly on defense, too, but if we made our layups we'd have been right in it."

Eisenhower took an 11-10 lead on a basket by Kara Kinzer with about five seconds left in the first quarter, and by halftime the Eagles had extended the margin to 22-12.

North used a 12-2 run in the third quarter to close the gap to 28-26, but a long three-pointer by Mandy Phillips with two seconds left sent Eisenhower into the fourth quarter with a 31-26 lead.

"That was a big shot,"
Bennett said. "I don't think
she realized she had that
much time because she took it from NBA range.

"Eisenhower finished some critical shots. Maybe they weren't the greatest shots, but tonight they went

After Eisenhower boosted its lead back to seven points in the first minute of the fourth quarter, baskets by Caitlin Bennett, Katie Kaufmann and Meghan Potthoff brought North within a point, 33-32, with about six minutes left.

Eisenhower then went on a 10-2 run to seal the victory final against Fraser

"It might have been different if we had just been able to get the lead," Gary Bennett said, "but we weren't able to get over the hump.'

Another telling statistic was the 24 turnovers committed by the Norsemen. Many of those came on bad passes.

That was about eight or nine more (turnovers) that we should have," Bennett said. "And they turned a lot of those into baskets."

Kaufmann, the senior on the North squad, ended her high school career with an impressive performance that included team highs in points (eight) and rebounds (seven).

Caitlin Bennett finished with seven points and Potthoff had six. Liz Andary had five rebounds and Kelly Rusko collected four assists.

Phillips led Eisenhower with 13 points and eight rebounds. Kristy Singletary tossed in 11 points and Kinzer scored nine.

did (against U-D Jesuit). He made some timely saves.

"The two goals he gave up were on the power play and a shorthanded goal on a 2on-1 when we were up 6-1. so I wasn't too concerned with that."

North travels Cleveland this weekend to play a pair of prep schools in the area.



Grosse Pointe South's players and coaches celebrate after the Blue Devils won two assists, while Amanda their second straight Big Rapids hockey tournament championship.

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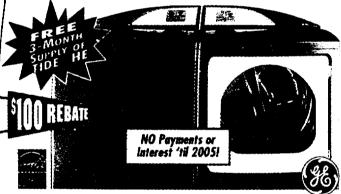
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The Grosse Pointe Eagles show off their trophy and medals after winning the Notre Dame Thanksgiving tournament's sixth-grade division. In front are Benjamin Rossi, left, and Jarvis Wise. In the middle row, from left, are Nick Hess, Leif Rodney, Mark Ghafari, Chris Shirar, Marc Palazzolo and Carl Collins. In back, from left, are coaches Jerome Wise, E.F. Rossi and Mitch Shirar. Not pictured are Dean Butts and Brendan Petz.

# **Trinity** upset in regional

By Bob St. John Sports Writer

CENTER LINE - Trinity Catholic's girls basketball team was upset last week, losing 76-62 to host Center Line St. Clement in a Class D regional semifinal game.

"Everything we tried didn't work on either end of the court," head coach Phil McCune said. "We tried several different defenses, but it didn't make any difference because St. Clement's players made every shot they threw up."

The 76 points were the most the Lancers gave up this season as they tried to beat the Crusaders for the third time this year.

"I have to give Dave (Feldman) all of the credit because he had his girls ready to play, and they executed their game plan, while we didn't," McCune said. This was a valuable learning experience for our girls because they weren't anywhere near this stage of the playoffs season. last Trinity's program has made huge steps this season, and the future is bright.'

The Lancers struggled throughout the game but held a 15-14 lead after the first quarter.

They trailed 33-27 at the half but were outscored 23-10 in the third quarter.

Biggs helped the Lancers trim the deficit to 11 midway through the fourth period, but St. Clement put the game away with a late 6-0 time, and held St. Clare to run.

Taylor finished with 26 points, while Biggs had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Junior Nicole Gailliard chipped in with 10 points, followed by sophomore Jasmine Hamilton with five. Trinity finished 19-4.



The St. Paul fifth and sixth grade boys Red Team won its age group championship at the St. Clare Thanksgiving basketball tournament. In front, from left, are Dan Dusina, Charlie Miller, Alejandro Blake and Matt Starrs. In the middle row, from left, are Mike Esse, John Laciura, Nick Faiver and Chris Cahill. In back, from left, are Will Quinn, Nicky Diehl, Corbet Conroy and Christian Koppin.

# St. Paul takes first

Defense can mean the difference between a basket-ball team that's simply good and one that wins champi-

In the recent St. Clare Thanksgiving Tournament, the St. Paul fifth and sixth grade boys Red Team won its age group championship with defense.

"After the game, one parent told me our defense was stifling, and I guess it was," St. Paul coach John Conrov 16-8 in the title game.

"We really had good defense the entire tourna- Knights fall

St. Paul led 7-6 and halfonly one basket in the second half.

Offensively, the team was led by Corbet Conroy, who had a game-high 10 points. Aggressive Nicky Diehl had four and one of the team's leaders, Nick Faiver, added two points.

Point guard John Laciura did an excellent job directing the offense and was one of many strong defensive players. Others who stood out defensively were Chris Cahill, Christian Koppin and Alejandro Blake.

Center Will Quinn was strong in the middle once again. Charlie Miller, Mike Esse, Matt Starrs and Dan Dusina each grabbed important rebounds.

St. Paul reached the finals said after his team defeated by defeating Holy Family a very good St. Clare squad 24-12 and beating St. Clare

# in overtime

Stephanie Papish scored her second goal of the game overtime to Northville a 4-3 victory over University Liggett School in a girls hockey game.

Elizabeth Palmer, Jordan McIlroy and Inga Moss scored the Knights' goals.



The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Breakers '89 finished first in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Association U15 Girls White Division. In front, from left, are Jenna Lankford, Erin Hughes, Marian Schmidt and Christine Shucker. In the middle row, from left, are assistant coach John Walton, Emily Walton, Beth Ansaldi, Katherine Tietjen, Kara Trowell, Madeleine Bossonney and assistant coach Jacques Bossonney. In back, from left, are Lindsay Krall, Elizabeth Palmer, Amanda Marsh, coach Dan Kelly, Amy Hathaway, Liz Lightbody and Amanda Palify. Not pictured are Katie Galea and Elizabeth Carrier.

# Eagles are thankful for two tournament championships

had a busy Thanksgiving weekend, but one they'll remember for a long time.

The team competed in tournaments hosted by Notre Dame High School and St. Clare Montefusco Elementary School and won both of them.

"We had committed to the Notre Dame tournament earlier and when St. Clare invited us to theirs, Bob Conway said that he would made sure we didn't have any scheduling conflicts,' said E.F. Rossi, one of the Eagles coaches.

The busy week didn't seem to bother the Eagles because they won both games by championship huge margins.

In the St. Clare tournament, the Eagles opened with a 26-22 win over

victory over the host Falcons. That victory was highlighted by a stifling defense and strong rebound-

Those were the same ingredients the Eagles used in the championship game when they beat Royal Oak Shrine of the Little Flower

In each of the victories, all 10 Eagles players made significant contributions as they shared the ball and played tenacious defense.

The Eagles also had a close game to start the Notre Dame tournament as they edged Warren St. Anne 28-

In their next game, the Eagles beat St. Mary 20-11.

The Eagles were clicking on all cylinders in the 40-14 title game victory over St. Veronica. Everyone in the Livonia St. Michael. They Eagles' lineup scored at

The Grosse Pointe Eagles followed that with a 30-11 least four points and the sixth-grade basketball team victory over the host Grosse Pointe team outre-Grosse Pointe team outrebounded St. Veronica 35-15.

The Eagles shot 45 percent from the field and had 15 steals.

This is the second year for the Eagles, who are coached by Jerome Wise, Rossi and Mitch Shirar. In their first season they posted an 18-12 record against Detroit area teams and against outstate squads in several tournaments.

The 10 players on this year's team are Dean Butts, Carl Collins, Mark Ghafari, Nick Hess, Marc Palazzolo, Brendan Petz, Leif Rodney, Benjamin Rossi, Chris Shirar and Jarvis Wise.

The Eagles are 6-0 this year and getting ready for the start of league play in the sixth-grade division at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Shelby Township.



The Grosse Pointe Blue Demons basketball team won the eighth-grade division championship at the Notre Dame Thanksgiving Tournament. In front are Frankie Ferretti, left, and Pat Gustine. In the middle row, from left, are Cale Mannesto, Jimmy Saros, Peter Stern, Max Pearson and James Costa. In back, from left, are cosches Jim Seros and Tim Kottan. P.T. Miller, Michael Koltun, Tim Quinn and coach John Costa.

# Blue Demons earn praise for their defensive performance

Notre Dame basketball coach Don Sicko knows defense.

He has coached some excellent defenses at the high school and college level, so when he's impressed with the way a team plays defense that squad can take pride in its performance.

When the Grosse Pointe basketball team received its and Livonia St. Anne. championship trophies after winning its age group at the Notre Dame recent Sicko told the squad that it ond half. was the best eighth grade defensive team he had seen in more than 30 years of

coaching. "Their defensive pressure and techniques were far beyond their years," Sicko

He was also impressed with the way the Blue Demons played on offense, telling them that their speed, ball-handling and court sense are superb."

meant a lot to these kids, our players are Grosse

even more than winning the Pointe residents, and they Notre Dame championship,' said Blue Demons head coach Jim Saros. "It made the kids fell like a great coach noticed their talent and hard work."

The Blue Demons won the

lue Demons eighth-grade over Roseville St. Angela cially, defense.

In their 62-14 semifinal win over St. Anne, the Blue Demons' defense allowed Thanksgiving tournament, only two points in the sec-

This is the fourth season of travel basketball for the Blue Demons, who won the Organization Youth Basketball Association seventh grade state championship last year.

The Blue Demons play some 40 games each season against from teams Michigan, Ohio and Detroit's inner city.

"Our goal is to play the ourt sense are superb." best basketball teams we the classroom they can't "Coach Sicko's words can find," Saros said "All of play on the team," Saros

are getting a reputation for being one of the best eighthgrade teams in the state. These kids work hard. They practice or play games five or six days a week.

Saros preaches having fun title with a 66-21 victory and learning the proper funover Orchard Lake St. Mary. damentals of shooting, pass-They also posted victories ing, ballhandling and espe-

"If kids are having fun and they are practicing the right techniques, success will follow," Saros said. "If a player is not having fun, then we are not doing our jobs as coaches.

"We tell the players, 'practice does not make perfect,' rather 'perfect practice makes perfect.' So we work endlessly on lefthanded dribbling, shooting and passing.

All of the players on the Blue Demons are multisport athletes. They are also excellent students.

"If they don't perform in

# Breakers win league crown

Association Breakers '89 finished in first place in the Michigan State Premier Soccer Association under-15 girls White Division.

The Breakers were dominant during the fall season, posting an 8-0 record while outscoring their opponents

Improved offensive and midfield play, combined with solid defense and goaltending were the trademarks of the Breakers' season.

Lindsay Krall scored 10 goals to lead the offense. while Amy Hathaway scored eight goals and Kara Trowell had six.

Madeleine Bossonney and

The Grosse Pointe Soccer scoring threats at the forward positions.

The Breakers controlled games, making it difficult John Walton.

consistent offensive attack. Katie Galea, Erin Hughes, Liz Lightbody, Elizabeth Palmer and Emily Walton

for the opponents to mount a

anchored the midfield. The solid defense corps allowed less than a goal a The defensive strength came from the

strong play of Beth Ansaldi, Elizabeth Carrier, Jenna Lankford, Amanda Marsh, Palffy Amanda Christine Shucker.

The Breakers also had outstanding goaltending Marian Schmidt were also from Katherine Tietjen, who

posted three shutouts.

Dan Kelly is the head coach. His assistants are the midfield in most of their Jacques Bossonney and

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completed the scoring with her second goal of the night. Linemates Parker and Kristin Inger passed the puck until Palffy got into position for a clear shot into the corner of the net.

South goalies Whitney Hughes and Maggie O'Brien combined for nine saves. Jones made 27 saves for ULS.

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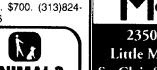
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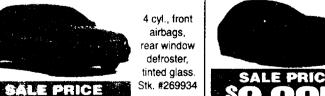
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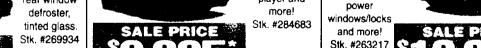
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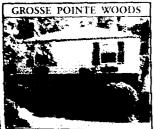
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Outstanding location and neighborhood close to Village and Malre. Great space and floor plan. Large bedrooms. Big kitchen, family room, recreation room with pool table area and fireplace. Newer windows, central air. \$279,900 GP72BIS 313-886-5040



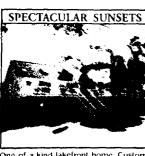
bedroom brick ranch with updated furnace, central air, windows and hol water heater. Living room with gas fireplace and kitchen with oak cabinets. Finished basement, \$212,900 GP48ELI 313-886-5040



Heavy updated three bedroom center entrance on deeper parkilke yard. fea-turing updated kitchen. Family room with skylkints, two fireplaces, most appli-ances. partial finished basement, over-sized garage, newer carpeting, \$229,900 GP21ROS 513-886-5040

schools, three bedrooms, three car garage, new kitchen 2003, ceramic bath,

of with quality upgrades through



throughout. Paverstones, granite, glass block, copper rails, stone light house, lighted waterfall, foundain in lake. Custom walk-out, really too much to mention here. Gorgeous! \$799,900 CL\$7ALC 248 620 7.200



English Tudor. Three floors of grace and tangust futor. Times most of gase, and relegance with a carriage house. Two story foyer leading to sunken garden, from restored with ceramic tile and marble throughout. This home will not disappoint you! \$2,150,000 GP94LAK \$13-886-5040



Restored bungalow with lovely oak kitchen and open floor plan. New roof 2003, hardwood floors, new carpeting in bedrooms. Lovely master bath with jacuzzl and separate shower. Family room, finished basement with bath. \$184,900 GPB1BEA 313-886-5040

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Don't drive by this one! Kitchen with eating space, a formal dining room, living room and family room leading to outside deck. Large bedrooms with

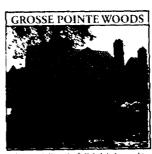
master featuring a walk-in closet and bath. A must see, \$330,000 GP69HAW

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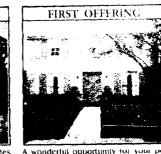
Rose Terrace Tudor offers two story Great Room, updated kitchen with granite counters, three fireplaces, sec-ond floor library, first floor laundry, large three season room, perfect circu-lar floor plan. \$750,000 GP18ROS 313-886-5040



This split level duplex home provides an open concept with volume cellings, first floor master suite and large library. Finished extra deep basement offers wet bar, exercise area and full bath. Much more. \$499,000 GP70TRO 313-886-5040



This great Woods full brick bungalow offers two full baths, newer kitchen with maple cabinets and ceramic tile floor. Three bedrooms, beautiful fire-place, formal dining room, carpeted basement. Warranty, \$208,900 basement. Warranty GP73ALL 313-886-5040



A wonderful opportunity for your personal touch. Three bedroom, two and one-half bath, center entrance Colonial with a deep lot. Certificate of occupancy is complete. Short walk to the Village. This home awaits you. \$343,500 GP96LAK 313-886-5040



Sought-after rental area in the Park. Each unit features three bedrooms. large living rooms with natural fireplaces and formal dining rooms. Crosse Pointe schools and parks. \$189,000 QP44BEA 313-886-5040



Lovely three bedroom, two bath brick bungalow. Great eat-in kitchen, appliances stay. Gas forced air heat, air conditioning, two car garage and a deck in fenced yard. Seller is finishing basement. Home warranty. \$205,000 GP73BEA 313-886-5040

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True "Lakefront" home set on the tip of a secluded point with panoramic views from Peche Island to the Eastern horizon. Freighters glide through the spectacular setting. \$2,680,000 GP34LAK 313-886-5040

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Exceptional condition. Gorgeous new kitchen with built-ins, fabulous woodwork, newer marble bath with cherry vanity. Spectacular master bedroom with vaulted ceilings. New furnace, air and roof 2003. English garden. \$595,000 GP47WAS 313-886-5040



Great family home with large lot, pation of garage. Ritchen, newly finished hardwood floors. Open staircase adds charm along with natural fireplace. Walk to schools and shopping. Very nice block in the Park. \$188,500 SC30LAK 586-778-8100



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Spacious two-family, south of Jefferson. Perfect for extended family or snowbirds looking for peace of mind in having someone to keep an eye on things while they're away. Lots of updates. New price makes this a steall \$449,000 GP88TRO 313-886-5040





This is the home that you have bee waiting fort Beautiful three bedroom ranch on quiet street. Newly decorated kitchen: oak cabinets, custom tile recessed lights and cathedral ceilings Cedar paneted and glass room \$178,000 QP45LOC 313-886-5040



uper sharp brick ranch. Grosse Pointe new 3D roof, great floor plan. Wonderful all brick block. FHA, VA terms. This home has new berber carpet. A 101 \$110,900 GP33HUN 313-886-5040



Wonderful home on St. Clair River. Two evels of gracious living with in-ground pool. Enclosed summer house with kitchen and fireplace. Three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, deck, two boat houses, steel sea wall. \$549,500 GPTINRI 313-886-5040

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Custom built five bedrooms, three bath



Unique limestone home. Newer bath 2003, new carpet, copper plumbing, central air and furnace, newer cherry cabinets, sun porch. Two bedroom apartment on second floor with separate tilitles and entrance. Private \$219,900 GP68MIL 313-886-5040



Wonderful waterfront, totally redone. Addition in 2000 has a master suite, doorwall balcony overlooking water, skylights, gorgeous master bath jacuzzi, standup shower, cathedral ceiling ceramic tile Finished basement \$289,900 GP35MAP 313-886-5040



basement support this fantastic true log home. Natural fieldstone fireplace, master suite with walk-in closets and bathroom with tub and shower. \$699,000 CH54ATW 586-949-5590



Fabulous brick Colonial on a large canal lot. Four larger bedrooms with first floor master suite. Balcony overlooking huge Great Room with fire-place. Three car garage, deep free flowing canal, with direct lets. access



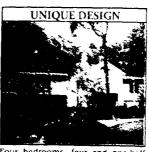
Traditional four bedroom home on out. Nitchen opens to family room with hardwood floors, fireplace and doorwall to private yard. Finished lower level with recreation room. \$629,900 BH27AYR 248-642-8100



View the ships from around the world. Very private setting. Large lot. Beautiful home. Three bedrooms, pri-



Gorgeous two bedroom, three and one-half bath home with two car attached garage. Finished lower level, huge rooms, elegant master suite. White kitchen with granite counter tops. Portico overlooks rainw \$859,900 PL5PRE 734-455-5600



Four bedrooms, four and one-half bath contemporary Colonial with unmatched quality in materials. Built in 1997, extensive use of maple, granite and glass throughout. Private setting and multiple exterior decks. \$1,895,000 BH46LAH 248-642-8100



Custom with over 8,000 finished feet. Four bedrooms, four full baths, one powder room and four fireplaces. Entire master bedroom wing with pillared bath, six closets, fireplace and urivate staircase to loft \$940,000 RO85ELK 248-652-0000



Condos on the North Channel of the St. Clair River. Historic details throughout. The exterior recreates architecture from the turn of the century. Two piers extend out over the river. Garage and boatwell. Six units. \$399,900 CH98TAS 586-949-5590





vate office or additional suite. Deck and boardwalk overlooking river. Beautiful landscape \$659,000 CHSSEA SOCIAL SERVICES



Approximately two-thirds acre lot, backing to Fairway Park and Rouge River. Remodeled throughout, white kitchen, private muster suite and walls of windows overlooking park-like yard. Great for entertaining \$724,900 BH15UN



Just a lew blocks from downtown Birmingham. Updated roof, kitchen, stainiess steel appliances, hot water heater, windows and hardwood floors l'inished basement, two car attached



cherry and granite kitchen, updated baths and master suite with marble bath. Neutral decor, newer furnace and air conditioning. Basement, deck and two car garage. Home Warranty. \$500,000 BH14GH 248.64.2.8110



Stunning Cape Cod on the banks of the Rouge River. Dream kitchen with fireplace, Great Room with fireplace, Great Room with professional sound system and a master and juntor suite to compliant at the state of the state junior suite to compliment the overall layout. Three Car attached garage iayour. Enree car affached garage. \$499,900 BH30LAH 248.642-8100

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