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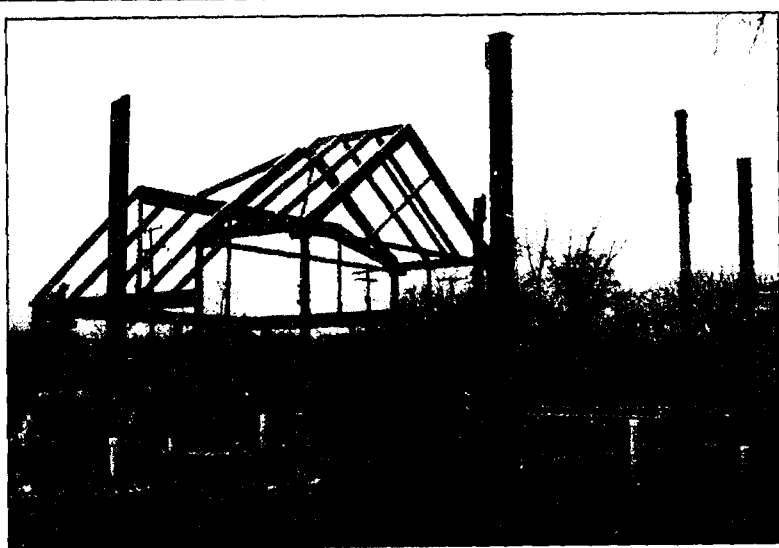


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Park branch wee bit tardy

The steel skeleton of the future Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library signals that construction is well under way. Although three weeks behind schedule due to the steel fabrication process, S&G Construction workers are picking up the pace during the cold winter months. See story, Page 2A.

Library receives gifts totaling \$1.25 million

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

An aggressive fundraising campaign has yet to begin, but the Grosse Pointe Public Library has already announced gifts from private donors totaling \$1.25 million.

The announcement was made during a meeting of the library board on Monday, Dec. 15, by Bill Rands, president of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, and Mike Schmidt, senior consultant for Hodge, Cramer

& Associates, Inc.

"We are really excited about this and pleased with the success we've had so far," Schmidt said.

The monetary donations come at a time of great celebration for the library, as planners close a year of intense planning and design of two new branches. Construction for the Park branch is currently under way on the corner of Jefferson and

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School board to formalize library board appointments

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Next month, the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will vote on a new policy that dictates specifically how a member of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board is appointed.

"The district has not had, up to this point, a written policy for the nomination or selection process of library board members," said Grosse Pointe School System superintendent Dr. Suzanne Klein.

The new policy came about after concerns were raised last year regarding this process.

"We sought to find a process that would be more open, and mirror, to the extent possible, the process the school board uses in other appointments," said school board president Joan Dindoffer.

Written by members of the school board's policy committee, the policy continues the guidelines created under The District Library Agreement: that the board is made up of seven members, one from each of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, and an additional "at-large" member.

One new provision is that the announcement of any library board vacancies must be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in each library facility.

For a vacancy following the expiration of a term of office, the announcement must be published no later than the second Monday in February of each even-numbered year.

For a vacancy created dur-

ing a term of office, the announcement must be made within 10 days of the individual's departure.

The policy goes on to allow for residents of the appropriate municipality to submit their names in writing to the secretary of the library board for consideration of appointment to the library board. These names will then be submitted to the secretary of the school board, who will publicly announce the names and invite comment at the next school board meeting.

For vacancies following an expired term of office, the names must be submitted no later than the second Monday in March.

For vacancies created during a term of office, the interested individuals will be notified of a date to contact the secretary of the library board in a published announcement.

The school board will then consider the qualifications, interests, attitudes and desires of the candidates and may interview candidates. A decision will be made at the school board's regular May meeting, if the vacancy followed an expired term of office, or within 45 calendar days of receiving the names of candidates.

"We feel that this is a fair and open process and offers opportunities for new prospective library board members to throw their names into the hat and to be considered; and continues to offer the opportunity for members of the public to make comment on those nominees," Dindoffer said of

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'Run for Your Wife'

Grosse Pointe Theatre will present its third production of the season. "Run for Your Wife," is a British comedy about a taxi driver who runs on a tight schedule. He has to, because he has two wives in two different towns outside London.

Things go awry, he is thrown off schedule and he is forced to cover his duplicity not only with the wives, but with their respective town detectives and neighbors.

Performances will be on Sunday, Jan. 11; Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 14-18; and Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24.

The director is John Casey of Grosse Pointe Woods. Co-producers are Marianne Casey of the Woods and Elizabeth Kruse of Grosse Pointe Farms. Stage manager is Jane Burkey of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The cast includes Rick Mason, Kim Gebbie, Joy Raya, Jeff Lindbloom, Ken Kelley, Clarke Scholes, Chris Oakley and Steve Terleski.

From left, are Kim Gebbie (wife Barbara); Rick Mason (the taxi cab driver); Joy Raya (wife Mary); and Jeff Lindbloom (a neighbor). For tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 19

Visitors to the Kroger store in the Village will be able to taste free samples of nonalcoholic party drinks served by staff members from AAA Michigan's Grosse Pointe branch office between 3 and 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22

The Mack-Moross Amoco is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Marines will be at the station with state-of-the-art military vehicles to pick up the toys and meet the public.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Municipal offices are closed today and Thursday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Construction bids for the combined auditorium-gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School are well within the \$995,000 approved by voters last spring.

Low bidder for the general contract is awarded the job for \$631,170. Electrical work adds another \$52,725. Plumbing costs total \$148,053. With the addition of \$41,000 in architectural fees, the project will be built for \$872,948.

The general contractor plans to break ground almost immediately and complete the job in 365 days.

■ Grosse Pointe Woods' 10-year string of having no traffic fatalities, which began prior to the community changing its name from Lochmoor Village, ends with the death of a 16-year-old Harper Woods bicyclist who is hit by a motorist on Bournemouth.

■ An Ecorse woman who

had been licensed to operate a state children's boarding home is found guilty of cruelty to children in the beating of a boy found abandoned last year in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The infant had been found in a shopping bag discarded in a field near Kercheval and Provencal in July, 1952. His skull was fractured.

Many persons sought to adopt the child, who was rushed to Cottage Hospital and brought to health by doting nurses. But the Children's Aid Society had better ideas.

While under care of the Ecorse woman, it has been established in Wayne County Circuit Court, the boy was beaten half to death, suffering deep lacerations to the right side of his face and a two-inch welt stretching from his jaw to his ear on the left side of his face.

25 years ago this week

■ Temporary barricades

at the intersection of Brys Drive and Helen and near Brys and East Eight Mile will stay put for a while.

The status quo is achieved by consensus of area residents, including those on Roslyn where traffic has increased dramatically as a result of the street closures nearby.

■ The 62-year-old sexton of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is robbed of \$70 at gunpoint.

The crime occurs in an isolated portion of a church building while a wedding between two Detroit police officers takes place in the church proper. The gunman gets away.

■ Student journalists at Grosse Pointe South High School once again capture the Pacemaker Award, the nation's most prestigious honor for high school journalism.

Pacemaker is awarded annually by the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the National Scholastic Press Association.

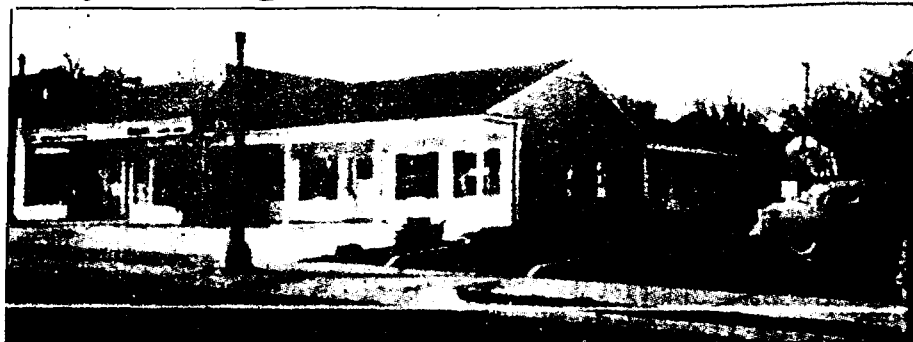
10 years ago this week

■ Although state Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe Woods, hasn't announced his intention to run for elected office in Washington D.C., a poll shows him leading all candidates in the race for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Don Riegle at the end of his current term in December 1994.

■ Fans of classical music give a standing ovation as Harmony House record chain opens a classical-only store in the Village.

"Harmony House was looking for a location for our second classical music store, and this was the logical location," says Bob Jacobson, store manager. "A lot of our customers in Royal Oak, where we opened our first

50 years ago this week



New building adds charm to Fisher

This new structure on Fisher Road at St. Paul, built by Harold Du Charme and designed by architect John Lockyear Pottle in Early American influence, gives a brand new business impetus to the block-long campus shopping center. The building houses the new Gillis furniture shop, the Ann Louise Beauty Salon, the Bayne Optical shop as well as a number of professional offices. A fully black-topped parking area at the side and rear of the building is provided for the convenience of customers and patrons. (From the Dec. 17, 1953 Grosse Pointe News.)

classical store in 1990, come from the eastside and have been saying we should open a store here."

■ Grosse Pointe South High School's unbeaten Blue Devils hockey team rides high after winning the University Liggett School Invitational.

grew out of an enrollment that stalled at 76 students, only 58 percent of the level expected.

■ J.P. Simon's power play goal with 2:21 left in regulation allows Grosse Pointe North High School's boys

hockey team to beat crosstown rival South High 2-1 in the championship game of the University Liggett School Holiday Invitational hockey tournament.

—Brad Lindberg

Park library slightly behind schedule

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

As the cold creeps in, S&G Construction workers are picking up the pace at the site of the future Park branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Although work was delayed for three weeks due to steel fabrication, library planners are optimistic about the work done thus far.

"Things are really moving well," said Paul Rivetto, a partner at Plante & Moran CRESA. "We've had four months of really good weather."

Since construction started

on July 28, all of the underground work is in; the floor slab has been poured, and some electrical work has been completed.

"We continue to be pleased with the progress in the park," said John Bruce, president of the library board. "Although we are disappointed that we lost three weeks, we are pleased that the construction firm is managing the project to keep us moving for an October 2004 opening."

Workers are currently busy on the five-week process of constructing the building's steel skeleton. The board approved the continuation of work throughout the winter months on Monday, Dec. 15, at an additional estimated cost of \$103,000.

Masonry work will begin following the steel construction, proceeding for seven weeks, followed by brick work, which will take another eight weeks.

"This work is conditional on the weather more than anything else," Rivetto said.

"Mother Nature has so far been treating us nicely," Bruce added with a smile.

This additional cost for winter work was unexpected, according to library board members, but the project remains under its estimated budget of \$5.8 million.

Planning continues for the construction of the future Woods branch, set for completion in the latter part of 2005. Advertisements have been placed for a construction manager, with bids expected for approval at the library board's February meeting.

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Retiring Farms city manager Solak honored

A resolution honoring the accomplishments of Rich Solak will be hung in Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, where he is winding down his 31 years of municipal service.

Solak will retire as city manager at the end of the year. His tenure spanned eight mayors.

"Richard Solak has serviced his community in a most exemplary fashion..."

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Grosse Pointe Farms City Council resolution

Solak has serviced his community in a most exemplary fashion, with loyalty and pride, synonymous with the highest traditions of the management," reads the resolution signed by Mayor James Farquhar and the City Council.

Solak could often be seen

in the community giving personal attention to municipal projects and residents' concerns.

"The City Council extends its appreciation to Richard Solak for the substantial

contributions he has made in promoting the betterment of the community by advocating projects and stressing service which would further improve the quality of life its residents now enjoy," the resolution reads.

Solak's career path began as deputy city clerk. He was promoted through the ranks to administrative assistant, city clerk and assistant city manager before his current position.



Richard Solak

As his career nears its end, city leaders credited him for upgrading facilities at Pier Park. He acted to repair the lakeside resource when straight-line winds knocked over numerous trees and a pavilion in the late 1990s.

Solak also worked on Joy Bells pocket park outside the water treatment plant at Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard. He was involved in beautification efforts along Mack Avenue, Lakeshore and Richard Place.

— Brad Lindberg

Water mains break patience of DPWs

By Bonnie Caprara
Staff Writer

Even though temperatures haven't dipped below the freezing point long enough to harden the ground, water departments in some of the Grosse Pointes are already experiencing record-breaking numbers of water main breaks.

"From September to December so far, the number of water main breaks is in the 60s," said Joe Ahee, the public service director in Grosse Pointe Woods. "In that same time period in 2000, we had 20; in 2001 we had 34; and in 2002 we had 61. If we didn't have phases I and II of our Mack water main project completed, we would've had more breaks."

The numbers are also high, but not as staggering, in Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Shores, which have had 15 and four water main breaks respectively so far this season.

"We normally get about

five to 10 breaks in a season," Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said.

"We've had four this winter season, which begins in November," said Shores Department of Public Works Director Brett Smith. "Normally, we don't get any breaks this time of year — not until the end of December or the beginning of January."

The blame is being placed on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), which put its new Water Works Park II Water Treatment Plant online earlier this fall.

"As we've increased output at that plant, it's resulted in increased pressure," DWSD spokesperson George Ellenwood said.

Ahee, Krajniak and Smith all said water pressure running through the mains from Detroit has been typically measured at 70 pounds per square inch (psi) with spikes of 78 to 80 psi.

Readings of 50 to 55 psi are considered normal.

None of the cities quantified how much the flood of breaks is costing. However, the Park recently made a premature purchase of a backhoe loader, partially brought on by recent excessive wear and tear. Ahee said the breaks have resulted in "a lot of overtime" in the Woods.

Ahee said Woods customers have encountered low water pressure when the mains have broken with few breaks resulting in total loss of service for a couple of hours while the mains were repaired.

Ellenwood said the DWSD has been able to alleviate pressure problems over the past three weeks as the plant reduced its output from its original chlorine water treatment system to its new ozone treatment system.

"Their problems should be ending," Ellenwood said.

Boat fees rise in City — a lot faster than the marina

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Construction crews got off to a shaky start last Friday driving pilings for docks at the new Neff Park marina. But, financially, the project is on firm footing.

To make sure it stays the course, the cost to rent slips in the City of Grosse Pointe is going up in price to help bankroll the operation.

New rates range from \$550 to \$1,400 depending on boat size. Last season,

smallest slips rented for \$431. The largest went for \$1,174.

Even without the increase, rates would have been revised for the coming year. The new marina's \$2.2 million transformation will result in a simplified layout with docks of more standard dimensions. The old harbor had 162 wells of 24 different sizes.

"We used to have a whole array of different-sized wells," Overton said. "Now we only have six-sized wells. We consolidated our rates."

The general increase will help pay for the new harbor, which is funded by usage fees, not taxes.

Rates break down according to well size:

- \$550 for one of 23 wells measuring 22 by 9.3 feet, which accommodate boats

16 to 21 feet long.

- \$650 for one of 21 wells 24-by-10.3 feet, for boats 21 to 23 feet long.

- \$900 for one of 84 wells 30-by-11.3 feet, for boats 24 to 29 feet long.

- \$1,150 for one of nine wells 32-by-13.4 feet, for boats 30 to 31 feet long.

- \$1,200 for one of 11 wells 34-by-13.3 feet, for boats 32 to 33 feet long.

- \$1,400 for one of eight wells 38-by-14.3 feet, which hold boats 34 to 37 feet long.

Also, a new fee payment schedule goes into effect next fall. Renters must pay 50 percent of their annual bill by Nov. 1. The balance will be due Feb. 1.

"That way we get people to commit early to a well," Overton said. "If they choose not to commit, we can release that well to the wait-

ing list."

The waiting list contains about 170 names, Overton said.

Construction has been "relatively slow," said Brian Vick, assistant city manager. "The material they've been dredging has been very soupy. They've had to work extra hard making sure they're not dumping a lot of water at the same time."

"However," Overton added, "we increased their work load by adding six inches of dredging. It's going to take them a little longer. Their goal is to have the harbor driven before the ice sets in."

The first of 400 pilings started being placed last Friday, but workers seemed stuck in the mud.

"They got four in 10 hours," Vick said. "They're taking extra time to make

sure pilings get put in the right location."

"We have stressed many times that it's a tight marina," said Overton, an avid sailor. "There's no room for error. A few inches either way makes a difference when you're trying to put your boat in. That's part of the painstaking process, at least initially. Once they get a groove going, they'll go more quickly."

"The schedule has them finishing at the end of March," Vick said. "It was an ambitious schedule. They are proving to be human."

Workers haven't been loafing.

"The contractor is working extra hours to push the project through," Vick said. "We're not being charged extra for that."

City police recruit their first chaplain

Rev. Robert Wright has been welcomed as chaplain of the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

Chief Skip Fincham drafted Wright to assist when officers make death notifications, investigate domestic family problems, help in disaster situations or other high-stress matters.

Wright is in his fifth year as senior pastor of Grosse Pointe Pastoral Methodist Church in the Farms. He's been in the ministry for more than 20 years.

"Rev. Wright has worked with this department for the last two years with our PACE organization, Police and Community for

Equality, and has been a tremendous asset," Fincham said.

Wright is the City's first police department chaplain but has been police chaplain in the Farms for a couple of years.

A few weekends ago, Wright dropped by both departments with apple pies.

Fincham is impressed by the rapport Wright has developed with officers.

"Police don't talk to you if they don't feel comfortable with you," Wright said.

Wright belongs to the International Association of Police Chaplains.

— Brad Lindberg

Gifts

From page 1A

Lakepointe, and bids are already coming in for a construction manager for the future Woods branch on the corner of Mack and Vernier.

"These generous gifts underscore the library's mission and demonstrate the strong support from the Grosse Pointe community," said library board president John Bruce. "It is very heartening to know that individuals in our town genuinely care about the future of the Grosse Pointe Library system."

The fundraising efforts have only just begun, having officially started in July when the library foundation was formally established, under Rands' leadership.

"This is just exciting and positive and wonderful," Rands said of the successes shown so far. "It's amazing

to think that we only started in July. We're still in the formative stages."

Rands and Schmidt emphasized that there is still much work to be done as the library moves forward with construction.

"This is just the beginning — we're continuing our efforts," Schmidt said. "(The year) 2003 has been an excellent year as far as really getting the foundation established. As the trustees continue the planning and vision of the new library system, the foundation will continue to do our part to help realize that vision as well."

To planners, that vision is clear. The new libraries will encompass more than 40,000 square feet of space at a cost of \$16 million. Planners hope that the new facilities will aptly provide the services, programming and special events the community deserves.

"The foundation will stick with the policy of being an advocate for the concept of having excellent libraries for Grosse Pointe — not just good libraries, but excellent libraries," Rands said.

Library board members were pleased with the efforts of the library foundation.

"We're very impressed by the work that has been done, and we take this as a real compliment from our community for the good work that the public library has done," Bruce said.

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Saddam's capture good world news

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This is tremendous news for the United States, our allies, the Iraqi people and the entire Middle East.

Time and again, we have heard leaders of the Arab world agree that Hussein was a brute, a killer and a destabilizing influence in the Middle East. We were warned that if we invaded Iraq, we had better not let Hussein slip through our fingers.

For a while there, it looked doubtful. For some nine months, we have been engaged in running fire fights with insurgents and ducking suicide and mortar bombings in our attempt to stabilize the country and find its butchering leader.

Despite Democratic criticism, our allied forces and Iraqi colleagues are making progress. Already, health care services in Iraq have surpassed pre-war levels, according to the State Department.

Opinion

Yet all this good news is bad news for the Democratic hopefuls for president next year.

The Democrats have been making political hay out of the failure to find Hussein and to restore peace in Iraq. It must have been a major blow to the nine Democratic contenders when they woke up Sunday morning to learn that what they secretly dreaded had happened: The dictator was caught; he was cooperating, and the beginning of the mop up in Iraq has begun.

The good news in Iraq coincides with another blow for the Democrats: an improving economy. We are sure the Democrats were hoping for a continued down economy and a languishing war in Iraq to help them recapture the White House. It appears, fortunately, they will not get their wish.

But while our president has every right to gloat, he is not doing so. Instead of taking all the credit, President Bush is praising coalition forces and promising to turn the dictator over to his own people for trial

and sentencing.

Not too many leaders or countries have, or would today, treated their enemies so humanely.

President Bush at his Dec. 15 year-end news conference said Hussein must account for his atrocities in a public trial.

"There needs to be a public trial, and all the atrocities need to come out, and justice needs to be delivered," said President Bush, adding he is "confident it will be done in a fair way."

We do, however, have to acknowledge the Democrats who are taking the good news for what it is and not politicizing it. One such Democrat is our own U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit.

In a press release she says the capture of Hussein is good news for the Iraqi people, and she agrees with the president about an Iraqi trial.

"Saddam Hussein should face a trial established by the Iraqi governing authorities and face charges on the human rights allegations raised

against him," she said.

Kilpatrick correctly points out that it appears we still face significant challenges in Iraq. The same day of the announcement of Hussein's capture, there were two suicide bombers who killed several members of the Iraqi police.

"Though Hussein is in the custody of U.S. officials, the violence that has been perpetuated against our brave men and women serving in Iraq the past several months continues," Kilpatrick said.

Hussein's capture is a significant first step toward completing the mission in Iraq and bringing our troops back home to America to be with their families, the congresswoman said.

President Bush acknowledged back on May 2 that the road to Iraqi freedom would be arduous. "The transition from dictatorship to democracy will take time, but it is worth every effort. Our coalition will stay until our work is done. Then we will leave, and we will leave behind a free Iraq."

We sincerely hope the Iraqis will have a chance to create the same freedoms we and other liberated countries of the world enjoy.

We also look forward to Hussein's revelations concerning his real or planned weapons of mass destruction and his harboring and abetting terrorists. After all, it was for those reasons we invaded the sovereignty of another nation.

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Library board accountability

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board will no longer be a closed book.

Next month at its regular meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will vote to adopt a new policy for appointing members of the public library board.

The new policy, in effect, will take the appointing of members to its own board out of the hands of the library board.

Currently, vacancies are determined by a consensus of the library board president, the mayor of the city of the departing member and the vacating member him- or herself.

The nominee is then presented to the school board, which retained nominal control of the library district after it was spun off to the library board in 1994. The school board, often lacking other nominees or input, would then rubber-stamp the library board nominee.

Under the school board policy committee's recommendations, the library board would be required to publish an announcement of the vacancies in the newspaper.

Vacancies and the names of interested candidates would then be forwarded to the school board secretary, who will announce them at a public meeting.

The school board will also have the opportunity to interview and review the qualifications of interested library board candidates.

The seven-member library board will continue to be made up of one member-at-large and one member from each of the six communities within the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Library board members serve staggered, four-year terms commencing July 1 of the even-numbered years in which they were appointed.

We believe the school board's policy is a good step toward making the library board, a large spender of tax dollars, be more directly accountable to elected officials. In this case, school board members.

Currently, the library board is self-perpetuating with no real democratic control. Ideally, the library board would be directly elected by the public, but short of that, the school board's plan does move in the direction of accountability.



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district before July 1994, and who transferred to the district library. Their pensions with the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System (MPERS) were protected by the District Library Establishment Act of 1989. Currently, nine of a total staff of 31 are transferees from the school district.

Contrary to the library's claim, turnover is a serious problem. Since 1995, for a total of 11.5 librarian positions, there has been a turnover of 11 librarians. Two transferred librarians took early retirement and the remaining nine took positions elsewhere for higher pay and better benefits. Support staff has experienced a similar rate of turnover. Needless to say, a high turnover of employees affects the quality of service, not to mention staff morale.

In addition, the library's assertion that the average salary for librarians is in excess of \$43,000 is misleading. There are presently two separate groups of librarians, namely the 1994 transferees from the school district and the post-July 1994 new hires, for a total of 11.5 librarians. Of the 10 librarians who transferred in 1994, only five remain, of which one is the director. Only the director has received annual pay increases and currently receives a salary comparable with other library directors in the metro area. Two of the transferred librarians had their salaries frozen and the other two most senior librarians each had their 1993-1994 salaries reduced by \$6,000 and frozen. None of the salaries of the trans-

ferred employees has kept up with inflation. Their salaries are still higher than the current GPPL salary schedule but they are most certainly in line with comparable metro area salaries for librarians with their responsibilities and years of experience (28 and 24 years for the two senior librarians). The average salary for the remaining 7.5 librarians hired after July 1994 is \$34,275 with an average of 3.6 years of service. All but two of the 7.5 librarians were hired in 2000 or after. Their average salary is \$31,082, with an average of 1.8 years of service. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average salary for librarians in the Detroit metro area for the year 2001 was \$53,010 and for support library personnel it was \$28,680.

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and equitable manner as they do their school teachers and their municipal employees.

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Letters

Library salaries

To the Editor:

The staff of the Grosse Pointe Public Library (GPPL) is compelled to respond to the statements made in the Dec. 4, letter to the editor from the president of the library board and the director of the library. Specifically, we take issue with their assertions regarding salary and benefits.

In 1994, due to school finance reform under Proposal A, the Grosse Pointe Public Library was required to separate from the Grosse Pointe School District and create an independent district library. Subsequently, both the librarians and support staff have experienced a series of major losses in salaries, health coverage and pension benefits.

As of 2002, according to the most recent annual statistical reports compiled by the Library of Michigan and the Detroit Suburban Libraries Roundtable (DSLRL), plus a review of current metro area library contracts, the salaries for the librarians and support staff in Grosse Pointe are now the lowest in Southeast

Michigan. Over the course of nine years, GPPL salaries have gone from one of the highest to the lowest. The Library of Michigan and the DSLRL surveys include libraries comparable to Grosse Pointe such as West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Clinton Macomb, all of which have recently built multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art new libraries and still manage to provide superior benefits to their employees and pay considerably higher salaries than are presently provided by the Grosse Pointe Library. The surveys also include smaller libraries such as Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Roseville and St. Clair Shores. They too pay higher salaries and provide much better benefits.

Currently, the starting salary for GPPL librarians is \$30,000 with a maximum salary of \$39,500 after 10 years of service. Librarians are required to have a master's degree in library science, a standard requirement for librarians nationwide. The support staff at GPPL, who provide clerical support in the circulation and processing of library

materials, also have the lowest salaries of the libraries surveyed, with a starting salary of \$20,488 and a maximum of \$23,220 after 10 years of service.

Most, if not all, of the libraries surveyed offer their employees full family health coverage and a defined benefit pension plan or, at least, a defined contribution plan of 8 percent to 15 percent of salary with no required match by the employee. GPPL, on the other hand, provides for single health coverage only and employees needing family coverage are obliged to pay an additional \$5,000 out of pocket annually.

As for pensions, GPPL does not provide them for employees hired after July 1994. In lieu of a pension, the library board has agreed to contribute up to 3 percent of salary to a 403B plan, providing the employee matches it with an equal amount. In 2002, with a total of 21 eligible employees, the library contributed a total of \$7,528.68 into the 403B plan for the 10 employees who could afford to contribute something. The only staff members with pensions are those hired under the school

Soldiering on to fight AIDS

I remember when I first became concerned and troubled about the AIDS epidemic. I read an article about the disease by the writer Andrew Sullivan titled "When Plagues End" in 1996.

I had heard of AIDS and the deaths it caused, but I was not aware of how pervasively it ravaged its victims, both physically and emotionally. Sullivan recounted the effects of the epidemic on the gay community — the deaths, the isolation and the brutal physical costs that the disease incurred — and described the fragile hope that was emerging with the advent of the protease

inhibitor drugs that made the disease a treatable illness and no longer a death sentence. The article was astounding in its searing emotional honesty and its ultimate theme of survival amidst carnage.

While new drugs have become available to manage the disease, AIDS is still a global and local problem. The plague has ended in the sense that there are means to fight it, but it is growing rapidly, and there is scant money available to give the increasing number of victims the drug cocktails they need for survival. Some 40 million people on Earth have AIDS/HIV, according to a United Nations Report.

Sub-saharan Africa has been struck particularly hard by the disease. Over 600 people die of AIDS illnesses every day in South Africa, and 5.3 million South Africans have AIDS/HIV out of a population of 45 million.



I Say

Carrie Cunningham

In Sub-saharan Africa, 11 million children have lost one or more parents to the disease. The Economist magazine reported that there could be 200 million AIDS orphans in the region by 2010.

In Michigan, more than 15,000 people have AIDS/HIV, and Barbara Murray, executive director of AIDS Partnership Michigan, says Detroit is the epicenter of AIDS in the state, with African American women becoming the fastest growing group with the dis-

ease.

While the numbers are staggering, many politicians and activists across party lines have stepped up to try to stem the disease. South African President Thabo Mbeki plans to spend \$680 million through 2007 for AIDS/HIV treatment. President Bush said America would fight the global AIDS epidemic with a promise of \$3 billion. Following his lead, congress is ready to approve \$2.4 billion to fight the epidemic.

The Clinton Foundation, a charity established by former President Bill Clinton, has created a deal with drug makers to make the anti-AIDS drugs less expensive.

Locally, groups like AIDS Partnership Michigan are spending every day fighting the disease, helping victims get medical attention and offering them case management services. Murray says living with and treating the disease is often hard for Michiganders. About 35 percent of victims also have mental health issues, and the poor with the disease often have no health insurance. Victims have to take a cumbersome three to 30 pills a day to treat the disease.

"If life doesn't come easy for you to begin with, living with that regimen is difficult," Murray said.

Murray says she would like to see more leadership on the issue among Michigan politicians, church

leaders and educators. Access to condoms should be discussed, and children should receive age appropriate sex education, she said.

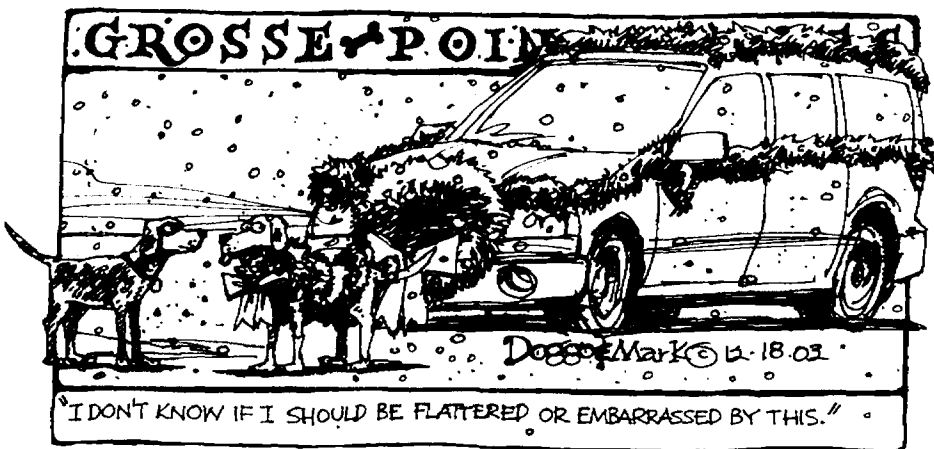
Expressing sorrow and heartbreak about the impact of the disease, Sullivan invoked in his article words from the writer Mark Helperin who said, "The war was still in him, and it would be in him for a long time to come, for soldiers who have been blooded are soldiers forever...That they will never allow themselves to heal completely is their way of expressing their love for friends who have perished."

Scores have perished and continue to perish from AIDS. As we fight and work to democratize Iraq, we should also commit to ending the global health threat of AIDS. With the perseverance of the heart of a soldier, we can combat the disease

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

What is your favorite Michigan sports team and why?



John E. Quinlan

"The Wolverines. They're uncontaminated by professional sports."
John E. Quinlan
Grosse Pointe

"The Red Wings. My dad's liked them since I was little. It's kind of been embedded."
Whitney Carroll
Grosse Pointe Park



Whitney Carroll

"I guess I would say the Pistons because I watched the Lions yesterday. I like basketball."
Brian Powers
Grosse Pointe



Brian Powers

"The Red Wings. I've been a hockey fan for 40-plus years."
Al Sako
Grosse Pointe Park



Al Sako

"The Wings because they win. I like hockey, too."
Lauren Guastella
Grosse Pointe Park



Lauren Guastella

"It would have to be the Red Wings. They bring good spirit into Detroit, which the city needs."
Elizabeth Distel
Grosse Pointe



Elizabeth Distel

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

fyi

by Ben Burns



Whangleberry

"Former Grosse Pointe Cleans Out Safe Deposit Box and Finds Fortune" was a headline suggestion offered by John Sanford, a nephew of the 20th century's most famous author, Ernest Hemingway.

Sanford, 72, a 1949 graduate of Grosse Pointe High, was referring to the Sotheby's Auction House sale in New York of 10 items of Hemingway memorabilia, ranging from a World War I letter from Italy where Hemingway served as an ambulance dri-

ver to a rare, signed, first-edition copy of the author's 1924 book, "In Our Time." Only 170 copies were printed.

The book is signed by Marcelline Hemingway Sanford, Ernest's younger sister, a long-time Grosse Pointe resident and member of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board when she died in December 1963.

The lot sold a week ago for a "hammer price" of \$108,750, from which Sanford will pay a Sotheby's commission and taxes.

One of the letters sold Dec. 10 from Ernest to his

younger sister called "In Our Time" a "whangleberry," which roughly translated means it was super, and he was proud of it.

However, Marcelline's dad didn't think so, according to Sanford. He bundled up his six copies and shipped them back to the publisher, declaring, "He would not tolerate such filth in his home."

Marcelline gave one of her two copies to a friend and then tried to buy more, but they were all sold, Sanford said. Hemingway

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Points about the Pointes

Questioning the way things are... when do we stop trying to make them better?

The other day, I got home very late from the store. My son and I sat down to catch up on the day and what was happening at the store, my construction sites and how things were going for him at school. The conversation led to all of the magazines on different subjects I received in the mail that day, and why I read about so many different things. When I told him that they were all things that I was very interested in, and if I read about them maybe I could help make the things they were about better, the bombshell question was dropped.

"Dad", he said, "Why are you always spending so much time at meetings trying to make so many different things better?"

After a little soul searching trip to the kitchen, I came back to the dining room and told him that my way of looking at everything was taught to me by

my mentor Carl Joyner. Carl was the only boss I have ever had and the man from whom I bought the store from when I graduated from North in 1970.

Carl and I had a simple agreement. Both of us were allowed to question everything the other one did at the store, no matter what, and to present a way to make it better. If the other one didn't have a good explanation as to why it should stay the way it was, then the questioned item or policy got changed. No exceptions or sacred cows, period.

My son liked that rule, and now we have adopted it at home. Hopefully, Carl Joyner's rule about questioning the way things are will guide my son's life as it has mine. Think of the great things we could accomplish if we all adopted Carl's rule!

.....Ahmed Ismail (ahmed.ismail@comcast.net)

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Letters

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Many thanks for 17 terrific years serving you, the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Diane Zedan
City of Grosse Pointe

Medicare editorial useful

To the Editor:

I really appreciated reading the Dec. 11 opinion article, "Drug plan will sink Medicare."

It is the only illustrated facts and figures informa-

tion I have seen spelling out the "what ifs" of this passed Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

I wonder how many of our congressional representatives took the opportunity to digest such information, as you printed, before voting on this 100 page plus bill?

How terrible for senior citizens without prescription drug coverage to find out it would be cheaper if you didn't take the plan!

Wasn't the main purpose of this bill to help people without prescription drugs?

Now we know why AARP ran ads favoring the Medicare Bill before it was voted on by Congress; they

are insurance representatives (profits) first and people second. Goodbye AARP membership.

Jim McWatt
Grosse Pointe Woods

Indian Village history revisited

To the Editor:

I enjoyed the Dec. 4 feature on Indian Village history, including the "before and after" photographs of the magnificent stone mansion built for John B. Ford, scion of the downriver chemical family.

His home was part of what has been called the "lost Indian Village," 16

stately residences erected on Jefferson Avenue, then the "Queen" of Detroit's exclusive thoroughfares.

Sadly, all of the homes on the south or river side of Jefferson were torn down with a total and brutal lack of city planning or concern for historic and architectural preservation.

Contrary to the 1913 date cited in the article, at which time Indian Village was still thriving, the Ford home was not relocated to Windmill Pointe Drive until 1927-28, when it was moved by barge and trucks and carefully reconstructed stone by stone under the supervision of the original architect, Charles

Kotting.

By then the Indian Village/Jefferson Avenue area had admittedly begun to decline. In 1928 the Detroit real estate market crashed, one year before the stock market. It was the end of the construction phase for the three picturesque streets of Burns, Iroquois and Seminole and the beginning of a continuing struggle to preserve and survive.

Michael Brady
Grosse Pointe Shores

Sneering at Catholic rituals

To the Editor:

I was shocked by your editorial of Dec. 11 ridiculing the Catholic Church.

The sexual abuse scandal which has recently rocked and embarrassed us Catholics is clearly newsworthy, affects society as a whole, and is an appropriate subject for editorial comment.

Your editorial opinion on the lack of leadership and

openness on the part of Catholic bishops may well be timely.

I do not, however, understand how the way we conduct our worship service within our churches has sufficient public weight to merit comment by your editor.

Especially inappropriate is the sneering mockery you direct at our recent changes in ritual practice.

You point the finger at us and declare that "the Catholic Church has far more important things to worry about than nodding, kneeling and singing."

Your scornful taunt may have some basis, but I suggest that you take your own advice.

Surely the editor of the Grosse Pointe News has more important things to do than to ridicule the ritual practices of the Catholic Church.

Msgr. Dennis Harrity
Pastor
Our Lady Star
of the Sea
Grosse Pointe Woods

FYI

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called his sister "Dear Antique Ivory" or "Dearest Carved Ivory" in his letters and signed them, "Old Brute," "O.B." or "Ernie."

After graduating from The High, Sanford got an English degree from Yale and then attended graduate school in business administration at the University of Michigan for a year. He moved west and spent 25 years in banking before retiring. He then sailed a 42-foot sloop from Chicago to San Francisco via the East Coast, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal from 1978-79. He made a stop at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on his journey and sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on July 21, 1979, Ernest Hemingway's 80th birthday date.

Since retiring, Sanford has become an independent Hemingway scholar and has edited a book on Hemingway and lectured around the country. He plans to return to Grosse Pointe next September for his 55th class reunion.

Attitude

Former Grosse Pointer **Tim Kent**, whose sea odysseys this year rivaled the mythic perils of Hercules, reports he considers it a successful 12 months.

Kent, now of Milwaukee, placed second in the Around the World Alone sailboat race aboard the Everest Horizontal; survived the capsizing and loss of the craft in a later race to Bermuda; found the aban-

doned craft amid miles of trackless ocean; had it towed to Bermuda for repairs and refitting; discovered the boat cast up on the rocks and further damaged during Hurricane Fabian, which struck the island; and now must make the boat seaworthy and get it out of Bermuda before year's end to avoid the tax man.

His plan is to sail the damaged craft several hundred miles to Charleston, S.C., where a friend in the boat business has offered to truck Everest to Milwaukee so Kent can oversee the refitting.

"Over the last two years, I have met hundreds of wonderful people; some of them my competitors, the support crews and event staff, but most of all the supporters and volunteers who did so much to make Everest Horizontal a success," Kent reports via e-mail from tim.kent@everesthorizontal.com.

Kent has been doing a lot of public speaking on such topics as risk management, goal setting and attainment motivation as well as talks about the race around the world. The story of the capsizing of Everest Horizontal will appear in the January and February issues of Cruising World Magazine.

"I have learned a lot from my kids (Whitney and Allison) over the last year," Kent reports. "Who could forget Whitney's note to me in the cockpit in South Africa that read, 'The difference between an adventure and an ordeal is attitude.'"

"The girls had a gym teacher who would not let

them leave the basketball court on a missed shot; they had to keep shooting until they sunk one so that they could leave the court with a success. Everest sitting on her mooring in Bermuda is a missed shot to me. I need to get her back here to Milwaukee to begin her refit. I will not walk off this court on a miss."

Now there's a man with attitude.

Habitat

Jack Williams is a quiet, soft-spoken guy who is one of my heroes. After he retired from a management post at a big department store years ago, he really went to work — building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

The first one I heard about was at the corner of Laurel and Hardy out in Macomb County. I kid you not. That was at least a decade ago. Williams has worked on dozens of others since.

Williams advises me that more than 200 Grosse Pointers worked this year on Habitat for Humanity houses at a job site north of Michigan Avenue and west of I-96 in Detroit.

New Habitat homeowners not only have sweat equity in their residences, they go to classes to learn about home repair, financial responsibility and neighborhood responsibility.

A survey of Habitat homeowners showed 68 percent improved their financial status even with making payments on a new home; 25 percent said that

their children are doing better in school; 23 percent report improved health; nearly six out of 10 reported less family conflict; and four out of 10 resumed their formal education, Jack said.

As homeowners pay off their mortgages, most of the money goes toward funding another house. If you would like to contribute to the Habitat Grosse Pointe Partners, a 501c3 organization, you may send a check to 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. If you want to work on a house, most local ministers and priests can put you in contact with a Habitat representative.

Retiree

The Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr. of St. James Lutheran, that pretty, little church on McMillan on the Hill, is getting ready to formally retire. That probably means he will work just as hard or harder but not have the same title.

He tells the story that once early in his ministry he complained to his wife about never being able to get anything done in his office because people were constantly walking in to speak with him. His wife, Nancy, said, "Isn't that what a minister is for, to be there for the constant interruptions?" Definitely a wise woman.

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

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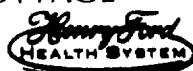
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Kerby students embrace holiday spirit of giving

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Expressions of pride and joy erupted in the gymnasium at Kerby Elementary School on Monday when students were shown a pile of more than 200 Christmas presents.

But the presents weren't for Kerby students.

During the weeks since Thanksgiving, the school community has been working together to provide for a happy holiday season for 20 needy families in Detroit. Through St. Jude Catholic Church's annual family adoption project, Kerby students, faculty and parents were able to cross items off many children's wish lists.

Kerby principal Maureen Rembisz was proud to help teach the students that it is better to give than to receive.

"We have all come together to help make a lot of people really happy," she told the gym full of students as she thanked them for their efforts.

A "giving tree" had been created in the school's main hallway with ornaments containing an individual's information such as his or her age and an item to donate for Christmas. Families chose an ornament

from the tree and purchased gifts from toys and games to clothes and toiletry items.

The entire school worked together for this successful project, one of many spearheaded by the Kerby Reaching Out program, organized by parents Alicia Carlisle and Betsy Schulte.

"We weren't surprised at the success of this project because of all of the successful projects we've done in the past," Schulte said. "The Kerby community has always gone above and beyond what we've expected. They really come through for these things."

The Rev. Brian Cokonougher from St. Jude, also known as "Father Brian," personally thanked Kerby students for their efforts on Monday.

"My church helped over 100 families this year and the reason we were able to do that is because (Kerby) adopted 20 of those families," he said. "They appreciate it so much."

Last year, the school came together to donate more than 500 winter coats and other warm items to area charities.

"This is just so wonderful," Carlisle said. "The Kerby community is incredibly generous."



Photo by Lisa Vreede

Kerby Elementary School students and staff gather in front of the more than 200 Christmas presents collected for 20 needy families through a partnership with St. Jude Catholic Church.

RE/MAX offers 20 scholarships for area high school seniors

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan presents the second annual "American Dream" scholarship program for area high school seniors.

Students in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties can apply

for 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each through Feb. 1.

The scholarship program was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary.

Because the program was

so successful in its inaugural year, RE/MAX decided to make the scholarship contest an annual event.

To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role that higher education plays

in helping to achieve that dream.

Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity.

"We originally established the 'American Dream' scholarship as a way to acknowledge a special year for our company, and at the same time

communicate RE/MAX's belief in the importance of education as a means for today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan.

"However, once we saw how many students across our four-county region were interested in the scholar-

ship, we knew we had to make this an annual program."

For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at (248) 644-6420. Applicants may also check on-line at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX office.

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Poupard's principal gives faculty spa treatment

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Poupard Elementary School was the place to be on Tuesday, Dec. 9, when prin-

cipal Penny Stocks gave her faculty its Christmas present.

Staff members were welcomed with a day at the spa, with seven employees from an area salon on hand to deliver

pampering essentials from manicures to massages. They visited the school's "spa" during breaks and enjoyed the relaxing benefits of their holiday gift.

"This is overwhelming," said physical education instructor Deborah Raab with a grin on her face as she treated herself to a warm foot bath. "It feels good to be spoiled like this for a day and to feel appreciated. This gift shows us that Penny really thinks about our workday and cares for us."

Before coming to Grosse Pointe in the fall as one of five new elementary school principals, Stocks had been treating her former staff every year with a day at the spa. She decided to carry over the gift to her new school.

"I wanted to show the entire staff how much I appreciate them and understand the stress of their jobs," she explained. "They work so hard and put in such long hours, they need to be pampered."

Stocks thought of this particular gift because it allows her staff to relax for a day and feel appreciated through the pampering of professionals.

"I thought this idea was really unique," she said. "The Olympia Salon and



Susan Marshall, Poupard Elementary School's secretary to the principal, enjoys her Christmas manicure with the help of April, an employee of the Olympia Salon and Spa.

Spa has been really great working with me these past four years."

Although her previous staff had caught on to the annual gift, Poupard's faculty was unaware of the wonderful day they were to experience.

"I told them to come hungry and wear comfortable clothes," she said with a smile.

Stocks had also prepared a feast of breakfast and lunch in addition to the spa treatment. The staff lounge was filled with Stock's own

recipes of quiche, chicken Caesar salad, soup and different kinds of cheesecakes.

"I hope this lets everyone know that I love my staff," she said. "We're all in this together — I see them all as friends, colleagues and partners."

Photos by Jennie Miller
Physical education instructor Deborah Raab enjoys a relaxing foot soak, one of the many services provided at Poupard's "spa" last Tuesday, a gift from principal Penny Stocks.



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Academy hosts chess invitational

The Grosse Pointe Academy hosted its first chess invitational on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. Students from local elementary schools were invited to participate in a fun-filled evening of tournament-style chess. Players were matched by grade level for three rounds of play, and trophies were awarded for first, second and third places.

"This was our first attempt to bring the community together for an evening of chess," said Academy organizer Wendy Demartini, who in addition to teaching first grade is the director of the school's chess program.

"We are so pleased with the number of students who came from other schools," she said. "We are planning another event in the spring and hope even more schools will participate."

The tournament was run by Dr. Ed Mandell and Manis Davidovich of All The King's Men in Warren.



Pictured are the winners of the chess invitational. In the front row, from left, are Academy students Gregory Jolly, Jared Dempsey, Jared Demkowicz, Derek Demkowicz, Nikolaus Schumacher and Somers Brush, and Eric Hackenberger of Pierce Middle School. In the back row, from left are Archer Hauk of Maire Elementary School, Ryan Sonheim of Richard Elementary School, Academy students Jeffrey Woolstrum, Dylan Demkowicz and Conor Tilly, Tori Overton of Richard, Ben Cornillie of Eton and Nicole Fountain of Richard.

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Students excel at Howe Military Academy

Two Grosse Pointe Park students received honors at Howe Military School for the second six weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year.

Cadet Kevin Yaklin, a 10th grader and the son of Kathy and Bill Yaklin, made the Headmaster's List by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

He has been attending Howe since December 2002.

Cadet Michael Carter, a 12th grader and the son of Karen and Mike Carter, made the Superintendent's List by attaining a 4.0 GPA in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

He has attended Howe since January 2002.

Howe is a private co-educational school, grades 5-12, in northeastern Indiana.

South students test personal transport device

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

Science students at Grosse Pointe South High School took a ride into the future last week when they were able to test-drive a Segway.

The 80-pound personal transportation device includes the latest technology to weed its way into the masses with its low cost and energy-efficiency.

Mike Gendich, an engineer, inventor, entrepreneur and scientist, brought his Segway to South on Thursday, Dec. 11, for Greg Heffner's environmental science classes and Mark Davids' physics classes.

Heffner's classes are currently studying alternative

forms of energy and eco-friendly forms of transportation.

"The students saw a whole new kind of transportation they had never considered before," Heffner said. "They saw other ways to view the future of transportation."

Nearly 400 students were able to view the Segway, ask questions of Gendich, and even take a test-drive of the machine.

"My most precious memory of that day was seeing the absolute ear to ear smiles of joy and satisfaction on most of the kids' faces as they mastered this tricky new technology," Heffner said. "Many of the kids said it was the coolest thing they'd ever done."

The Segway, which costs just under \$5,000, operates on gyroscopes. An individual stands on a platform and leans forward, backward and sideways to move the Segway in different directions and at different speeds. It can also travel up and down stairs.

Gendich answered a slew of questions from the future scientists and engineers.

"These kids were exposed to an inventor who thinks differently from conventional thought," Heffner said. "He has a tremendous philosophy on life. He is a self-made millionaire, doing military guidance systems for rockets."

"The kids were just fascinated by him," he added.



Photos courtesy of Greg Heffner

Grosse Pointe South High School science student Elias Farhoud practices using the Segway, a personal transportation device that operates on gyroscopes. The device was brought to the school by Mike Gendich, an engineer, inventor, scientist and entrepreneur.

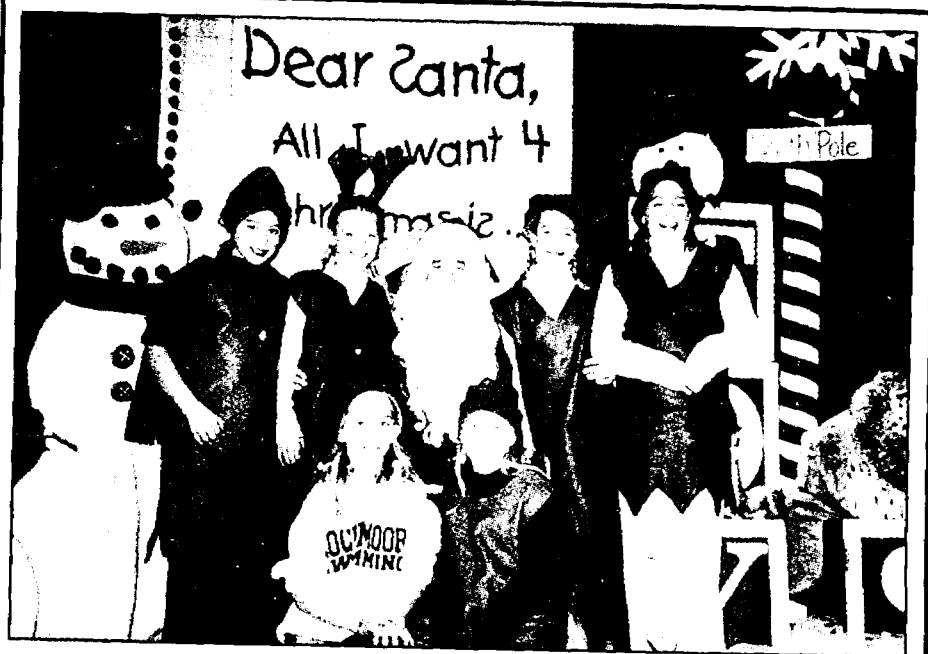


Photo by Tammy O'Shea

Ferry holds annual Santa Breakfast

Ferry Elementary School held its annual Santa Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 13. Many students shared their Christmas wish lists with the man himself. In the back row, from left, are Denye Toma, Megan Bergeron, Santa Claus, Meghan Williams, Rachel Neveux. In the front row are Kaitlin O'Shea, Megan Tomasi.

Ferry is currently collecting items for its auction on March 6, 2003, at Assumption Cultural Center. The auction will raise money for the school's educational and enrichment programs. For more information or to make a donation, call Amy Kallias at (313) 556-7827 or email her at akallias@att.net.

Students of the month

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has named its students of the month for November and December. Students of the month are those students with excellent attendance and dedication to their volunteer jobs.

Safety patrol students are on duty at intersections near schools to help students cross streets safely. They are at their posts every school day, before and after classes, in all kinds of weather. These students include Annie Cara, Trombly; Sarah Warnez and David Like, Ferry; Cody Shrader, Celeste Hamre, Nicole Szymanski and Clark Wells, Maire; Alex Fly, Mason; Rebecca Sloss and Matthew Miller, Monteith; Cassie West, Teunte Bennett and Brooke Baker, Defer; and Joanna Manos and Joe Biglin, Richard.

Service squad students help with safety rules inside school buildings and perform other tasks as needed, such as helping in the school office. These students include Tyler Hoffman, Trombly; Gordon Russell and Peter Romanelli, Ferry; Katie Nowak, Nate Zimmeth, Tyler Mogk and Cooper Hartman, Maire; Taryn Smith, Mason; Morgan Lynch and Katherine Maggart, Monteith; and Emma Maniere, Andrew Stieber and Sydney Burke, Defer.

Library squad students assist the school librarian before class by doing such tasks as shelving books and distributing audiovisual materials to teachers. These students include Alex Graves and Kara Toma, Ferry; Meredith Bury, Maddie Groezinger, Cleste Hamre and Britta Hamre, Maire; Stephen Morrison and Emily Joseph, Monteith; and Karlene McGarry and Abigail Stapleton, Defer.

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HW leaders and residents glad Hussein caught

HW high students participate in mock Salem witch trial

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Harper Woods leaders and residents were pleased that Saddam Hussein was captured over the weekend. Feelings of America's righteousness and gratitude that the gift of freedom can now be bestowed on the Iraqi people as well as relief that the conflict might end soon comprised the range of opinions.

"It's about time he got brought to justice," said Mayor Ken Poynter. "I'm glad they caught him."

"The capture of Saddam Hussein is a great day for the people of Iraq and for the United States as a whole and even our small community of Harper Woods," council member Hugh Marshall said. "We should thank the brave men and women of the armed ser-

vices who are doing a fantastic job. They're the ones who have given the Iraqi people the gift of freedom and that's one that should be cherished. We look forward to a prosperous relationship with the Iraqi people."

Resident Sue Hedemark was happy for her children's sake. One of her children had asked about Saddam Hussein recently, revealing to Hedemark that he troubled the child. Hedemark said the capture showed children the justness of the cause and America's indomitable spirit.

Having served in the army during the Desert Storm war, Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Costantino felt vindicated in a way.

"I thought we should have kept going then and caught him," she said. "I'm really excited. It looks as if our persistence paid off. One more force of evil is not terrorizing us."

Other city leaders hoped Saddam's capture might usher in an era of peace.

"The situation will end more quickly," City Manager Jim Leidlein said. "I'm hoping that it will shorten the hostilities."

Library director Dale Parus echoed Leidlein, saying he was cautiously optimistic that Hussein's capture "will bring a lasting peace to the region."

Library service drive

The library is partnering with Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Metro Detroit and the Red Cross in a community service drive.

Donate canned goods to Gleaners or new twin-sized blankets to the Red Cross.

Drop boxes are located inside the library. Items will be accepted until January 3.



Photo by Carrie Cunningham

Eleventh grade students at Harper Woods High School participated in a mock Salem witch trial to show how just our court system is today. From the left are juror Jamar Vester, juror Jarrell Peoples, instructor Monica Lenhart, witch Rebecca Dennis and witch Kaitlin Carolan.

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

Mix a strict group of prosecutorial crusaders with a group of perplexing, enigmatic women, and you make the Salem witch trials, a societal devouring event where justice went awry.

A group of eleventh graders at Harper Woods High School got the chance to reenact the storied, haunting period in history with a simulated witch trial. Students played the roles of all of the characters in the trials, including the judging magistrates, the girls who accused the witches of afflicting them, and the witches themselves. Added to the group was a group of jurors who recorded the trial.

Monica Lenhart, a government instructor, conjured up the idea of the witch trial to elucidate the evolution of our court system, a more equitable avenue to truth and justice than the process of convicting witches hundreds of years ago.

During the trials, students saw how witches did not have lawyers and were

condemned for being different or for supposed hints of wrongdoing.

"You're talking about ruining someone's life just by accusing them," said Lenhart.

Kaitlin Carolan, who played the role of a witch, did not like the feeling of being judged.

"I think they were treated very badly," she said. "It was weird being accused of those things that were not real."

In Salem, the only way witches could respond to the overzealous judges was to proclaim their innocence.

Lenhart and students said the witch trials shed light on our currently just judicial system.

"This is where we started," Lenhart said. "We have a court system today that respects people's rights."

"It taught us how different our court system is now and how fair and just our court system is," said Rebecca Dennis, another simulated witch who supposedly practiced voodoo.

Jurors Jarrell Peoples and Jamar Vester enjoyed the spectacle of the trials

and the heated interactions.

"It made us think more to find out which witch was accused and which wasn't," said Peoples, adding that it revealed how conflicting evidence can be detrimental to justice even in our court system today.

After the mock witch trial, students watched a video of the Salem trials and got to compare their experience with the historical reality.

Lenhart also tied in the themes of witch hunting as expressed in Arthur Mitchell's "The Crucible." She discussed with students how prosecutorial quests have figured prominently in American history.

"In the Salem witch trials, it was being a witch. In the McCarthy era, it was being a communist," Lenhart said.

Lenhart hoped the simulated trials showed how damaging an unfair court system can be.

The mock trials were also a unique and enjoyable way to learn about American history, Lenhart said.

"It was definitely entertaining," Lenhart said. "They had a fun time with it."

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Second annual Winterfest offered sparkling holiday fun

By Carrie Cunningham
Staff Writer

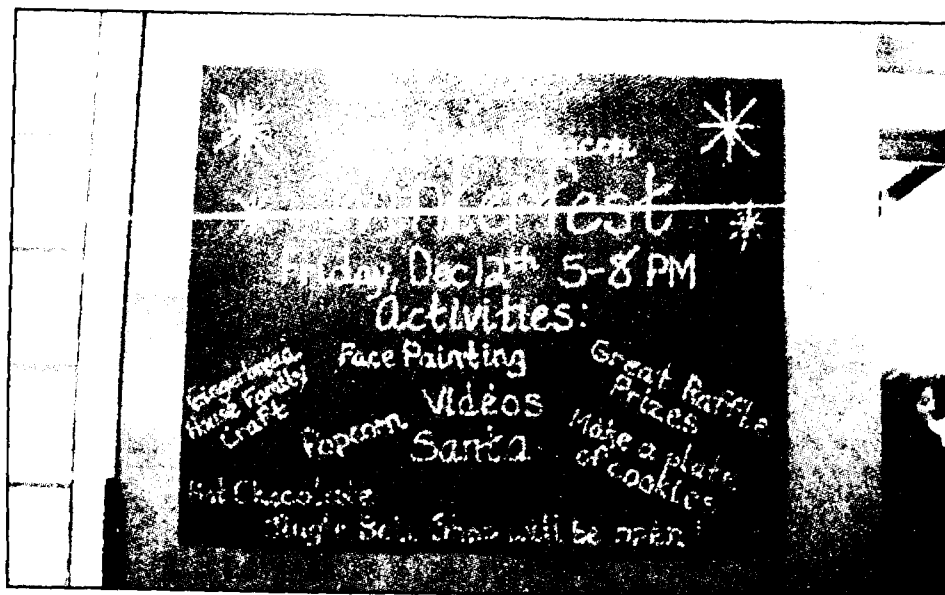
Winter can be joyous. Harper Woods families relished the array of activities offered at the second annual Winterfest celebration held at Beacon Elementary on Friday, Dec. 12.

A number of goods were on hand to purchase. Popcorn was for sale for 15 cents. The proceeds will go to help needy Beacon families. Families could buy Christmas cookies. The Jingle Bell Shop offered a host of goods for every member of the family. Baseballs, soccer balls, crayons, stuffed animals and candy were at the store.

"Oh my gosh, it's greater than expected," said Judi Boyer who sold material at the Jingle Bell Shop.

"It's good. We have a lot of volunteers and a lot of attendants," said Sandy Eklund in the midst of a crowd of participating families. "Everyone seems happy."

Kits to make gingerbread houses were given out, and children decorated cookies. Middle and high school art classes painted on peoples' faces various designs such as peace signs, flowers,



A Winterfest sign with sparkles described the fun events that took place.

Photos by Carrie Cunningham

rainbows and hearts. Children drew on paper on tables in the gymnasium. Santa Claus was present to hear childrens' Christmas wishes. A student from Macomb Community College made ice carvings. Raffles with prizes took place. The Tyrone choir sang Christmas carols such as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Jingle Bells."

"I like it. It's so much fun. The kids like it," parent

Patricia Tucker Taylor said. "It's something for the community. Everyone gets together."

Tiffany Chismody and Becky Maddigan, two seventh-graders who were involved with face painting, said the highlight of Winterfest was the opportunity to make gingerbread houses. Others agreed with them.

"The gingerbread houses are the best," said Ashley

Hooper.

Mayor pro tem Cheryl Costantino was at the event with her daughter Catherine.

"It's fabulous. The kids are having a great time," she said. "They're decorating cookies. It's a really fun thing for the kids and the community."

A festive and happy event, Winterfest looks to become an annual holiday tradition.



Second-grader Mia Matlouchin meets Santa Claus at this year's Winterfest.

Police briefs

Car theft

A man in the 20400 block of Fleetwood said he last saw his car on Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. The next day he found the car missing. No one had permission to use the vehicle, and nothing of value was in the car.

Counterfeit money

On Friday, Dec. 12, a manager of a store on the 18000 block of Vernier said he believed two subjects made purchases with \$20 bills he believed to be counterfeit. When questioned, the subjects ran away, getting into a Dodge. Police were informed the next day at 12:45 p.m.

Stolen beer

A man at a store in the 20400 block of Harper said at 3:15 on Friday, Dec. 12, he observed an unknown man. While the first man was helping customers, he looked up and saw the subject holding three cases of beer. The subject walked out of the store without paying for the beer. Police were informed at 3:30 p.m.

Vehicle theft

A woman said she parked and locked her car in a lot of a church in the 19800 block of Anita at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. When she returned at 5 p.m., the vehicle was gone. She was the only one with keys, and no one had permission to use the car. No valuables were inside.



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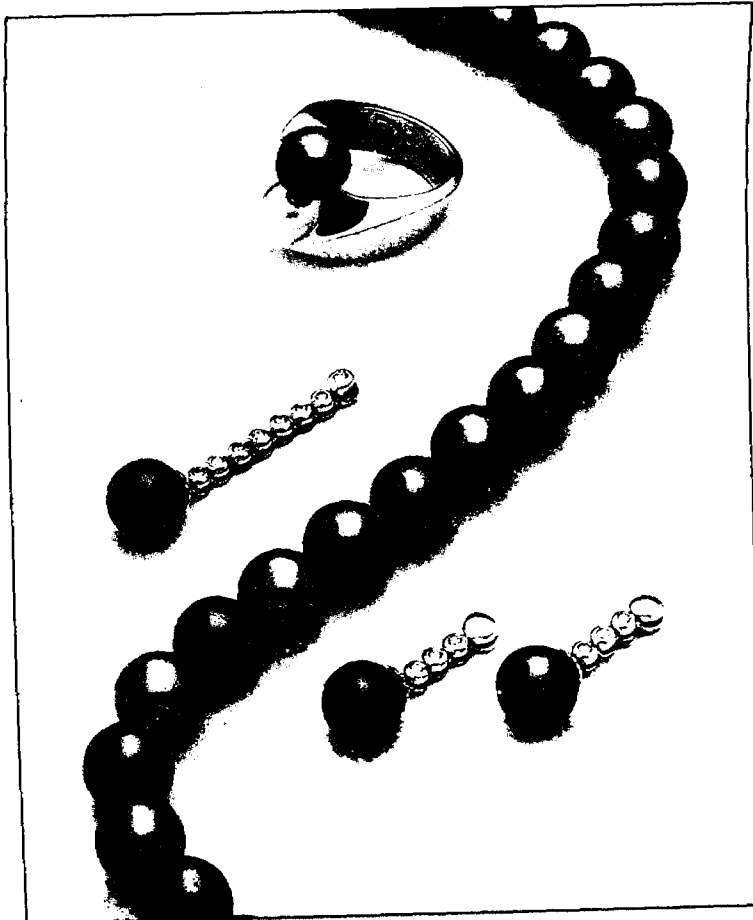
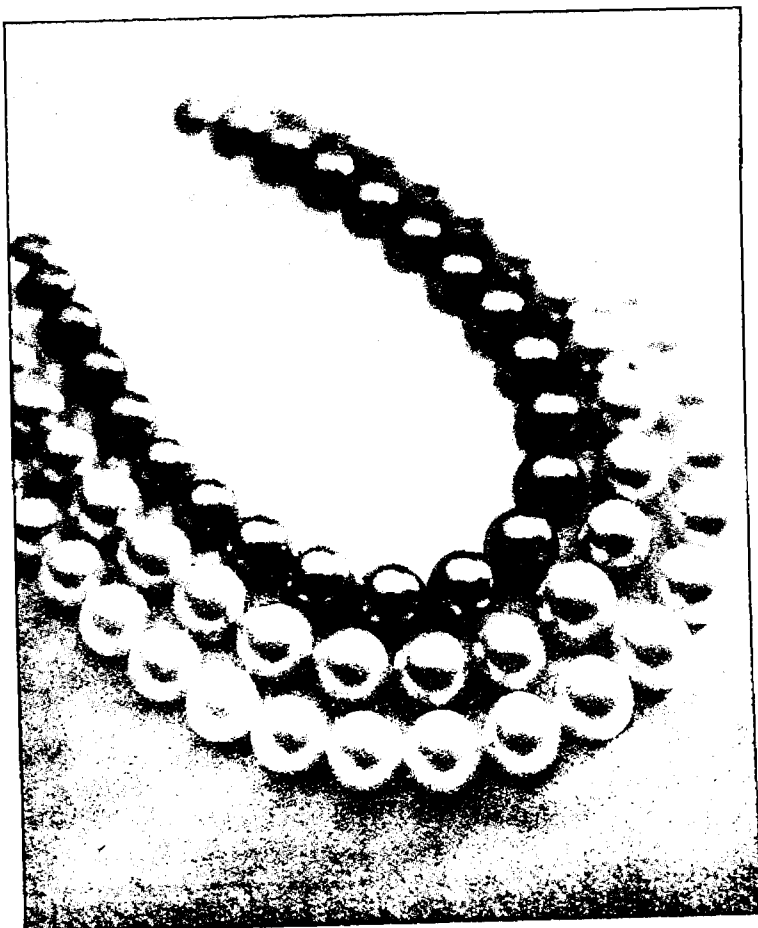
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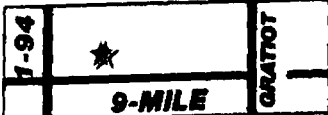
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Richard James Anglin

Richard James Anglin, 60, died on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at his home in East Leesburg, Ind.

Born in Detroit in 1943, Mr. Anglin earned his bachelor's degree in zoology from Indiana University in 1965. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, as well as the school's alumni association.

Mr. Anglin was a retired entrepreneur and sales representative. He was a member of the Tippecanoe Lake Country Club in Leesburg, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anglin; his sons, Jay Wesley (Angela Marie) and Ryan Christopher; and his grandchildren, Lauren Hunter and Mitchell Wesley.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lauren H. and Mitchell W. Anglin Trust Fund, 6096 N. 300 E. Leesburg, IN 46538.

Born in Muskegon in 1910, Mr. Bordeaux graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1934. He went on to serve as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Bordeaux also worked in the accounting department of the Chrysler Corp. for 38 years.

He enjoyed music and art, having played the clarinet in the college band. The St. John Nursing Care Center chose one of Mr. Bordeaux's drawings for its 2003 Christmas card.

Mr. Bordeaux is survived by his nieces, Bobbi Bordeaux and Kristi Karas. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Helen; his sisters, Josephine and Eloise; and his brothers, Louis and Jerome.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joan of Arc Building Fund and the Capuchin Monastery.

Ruth Doll

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ruth Doll died on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Moorings Park in Naples, Fla.

While in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Doll was a former president of the Theater Arts in Detroit. She was involved in many cultural activities as well and at the same time was an avid golfer at Lochmoor Club and the Club at Pelican Bay in Naples.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her daughter, Marilyn Korest (Alan); her sister, Ellen Biehl; her stepdaughters, Kate (Bob) Aldrich, Beverly (George) Schaffer and Sherry (Wilson) Andrews; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at The Bower Chapel in Moorings Park. Memorial

contributions may be made to The Bower Chapel Endowment Fund, Moorings Park Inc., 120 Moorings Park Drive, Naples, FL 34105.

Gertrude W. Hull

Gertrude Whelden Hull, of Lancaster, Pa., died on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Hospice of Lancaster County after a brief illness.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Hull was a graduate of Grosse Pointe Country Day School and Connecticut College for Women. She was a member of the Tau Beta Society. She began her business career at the J. Walter Thompson Co. in Detroit.

Mrs. Hull and her late husband of 41 years, Charles B. Hull III, owned the former Multilectric, Inc., in Lancaster, where she served as vice president and treasurer for more than 20 years.

A resident of Lancaster since 1955, Mrs. Hull served on the boards of the Women's Republican Club, Rockford Foundation, Junior League of Lancaster, Lancaster Summer Arts Festival, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Bank, Lancaster General Hospital Foundation, Lancaster General Services Corp., and the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design.

In recognition of her leadership role in the endowment campaign that secured collegiate status for the College of Art and Design, Mrs. Hull was awarded the Kenneth R. Bernhardt award and named a lifetime honorary trustee.

She was a prize-winning needlepointer, and, with her husband, an avid traveler and collector of art by both local and international artists.

She is survived by her son, Charles B. Hull IV (Maria Rinaldi); her daughters, Dena Hull (Michael) Walker and Toni Hull (Vladimir) Kvachev; her

grandson, Reid Barnard Walker; her step-grandson, Denis Kvachev (Tanya); and her sisters, Roxanne Isbey, Bonnie Franks and Darden Carr.

Merriam Jane Noormann

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Merriam Jane Noormann, 82, died on Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at her home in Sterling Heights.

Born in Detroit in 1921, Mrs. Noormann graduated from Northwestern High School in 1938 before receiving her bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1943. She earned her master's degree in education from Saginaw Valley State College in 1979.

Mrs. Noormann served as a teacher for the second and third grades in the Lake Shore School District from 1960 to 1983. She had previously worked at Standard Federal Savings Bank. She was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club and attended St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Kenneth H. Freye (Cheryl W.); and her grandsons, Cpl. Justin A.

Freye, USMC, of San Diego and Andrew W. Freye of Winthrop, Maine.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hermann A. Noormann; and her daughter, Catherine Ann Noormann Freye.

A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Monday, Dec. 15.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Evelyn A. Trowell

Evelyn A. Trowell, 69, of St. Clair and Boca Raton, Fla., died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003.

Born in Detroit in 1933, Mrs. Trowell graduated from Denby High School.

Through her lifetime, Mrs. Trowell enjoyed world traveling, boating, skiing, golfing, entertaining, garden clubs, chorus groups, and the theater. She was a long-time member of the Detroit Yacht Club. She also enjoyed hospital volunteer work.

Mrs. Trowell is survived by her daughter, Susan (Jim) Szabo; her nieces, Barbara (Ted) Jozefowicz,

Cheryl (Kevin) Rafferty, Christine and Francis; her grandnieces and grandnephews, Edmond, Melissa and David Jozefowicz and Shannon Rafferty; and many dear longtime friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert H. Trowell; and her sister, Marion Anne.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Kracer Funeral Home of Boca Raton, Fla. Interment is in the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church columbarium. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



Evelyn A. Trowell



James Bordeaux

James Bordeaux

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident James Bordeaux, 92, died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at St. John Hospital.

Insurance fraud costs everyone

Insurance fraud is America's second-largest economic crime. Each time someone stages a crash, files a false claim, reports an auto theft that never happened, or exaggerates the value of lost, damaged or stolen property, it costs you, the consumer. There are ways you can help stem this \$30 billion-per-year problem that translates into increased costs and higher premiums: report fraud whenever you see it, and take your own preventive action so you don't become a victim.

First, stay alert for scams. Resist the temptation to buy goods from strangers at prices well-below market value; the items could be stolen. Keep your insurance policy numbers confidential to thwart the theft of your identity and become "scam-baiters" who refer you to a particular body shop or doctor for a "special

deal" after a crash. If you know of or suspect there may be an auto theft chop shop operating in your area, report it. Call the HEAT hotline, (800) 242-HEAT to report auto-theft-related information, including insurance fraud, chop shops, carjackings and auto theft rings. All tipsters remain anonymous and you may be eligible for a reward if your tip leads to an arrest and successful prosecution.

You can also help by making your vehicle less of a theft target by having its windows etched this summer. AAA Michigan, in participation with the Michigan Auto Theft Protection Authority, is offering free etching of your vehicle identification number (VIN) into its glass. This number placed into the glass in an inconspicuous spot makes it harder for thieves to sell its glass and hence makes it less of a theft target.

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Saddam's capture affects markets, elections & world history

Our press deadline prevents LTS from giving our readers a comprehensive analysis of Sunday's Iraqi announcements as regards their effect on our stock market. The following column was prepared before Sunday's breaking news.

No question Dow would break 10,000

Only eight more trading days before the year ends. Mutual funds and hedge funds are trading furiously to add trading profits to their 2003 scorecard.

Since most mutual funds don't match the performance of their moving target — the S&P 500 Index annual percentage gain — the catch-up is especially desperate. Their shareholders won't feel the tax pain of the short-term profits until next year because mutual funds typically use an Oct. 31 tax year.

Computer-propelled program trading has increased to over 40 percent of NYSE volume, which overall is down slightly in 2003.

Thus, non-program trading, including us individuals, is off about 12 percent this year.

Last week, the Dow

sputtered another 179 points, or 1/8 percent, closing at 10,042, pushed by spectacular gains of General Motors (up more than 8 percent), Walt Disney (rose 6.3 percent) and Coca-Cola (climbed 5.3 percent).

The Nasdaq Composite struggled in vain, again failing to close above 2,000. Instead, it eked out an 11-point gain, closing at 1,949.

But the Dow is still way below its all-time high of 11,723 on Jan. 14, 2000. However, it has regained far more than it lost after the bubble burst than either the Nasdaq or the S&P 500.

The three biggest Dow winners since it first broke 10,000 in 1999 (it has fallen and regained 10,000 some 18 times since) are 3M (MMM, about 81.47 last Friday), which soared 128 percent in four years; Alcoa (AA, about 34.83), up 66 percent; and Caterpillar (CAT, about 78.02) gained 65 percent.

How many of these three stocks do you own? Better to own winners than losers. AT&T, "Ma Bell," (T, about 18.98) dropped 77 percent in the same four years (unadjusted for spin-offs).

Let's talk...
STOCKS

By Joseph Mengden



It's a gas!

Last week's New England blizzard ignited energy prices, with crude oil (\$3.04/bbl) and natural gas (7.221/mm btu), both new seasonal highs.

The biggest squawks came from the heating and electrical providers, who typically have 80 percent or more of their future fuel costs covered by fixed-price forward purchase contracts. If they can push consumer price increases through their regulators, they will have windfall profits!

When natural gas was \$2/mm btu, many industrial fuel users switched from dirty coal and fuel oil to super-clean natural gas, including Ford Motor's Rouge power plant.

Now natural gas is scarce and more costly, not only because of the winter weather, but also as a result of the recent housing

construction boom. Will we ever see \$2 gas again?

Many fuel experts doubt it! Natural gas futures trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX NG). A single contract is for the delivery of 10,000 mm (million) btu (a measure of heat delivered). Each trade requires a buyer and a seller.

On Thanksgiving Friday (Nov. 28), natural gas closed at 4.925. Last Friday's price of 7.221 represents a run-up of 47 percent in two weeks, an unusual price spike. And the winter solstice doesn't arrive until next Sunday, Dec. 21!

Readers will recall LTS first wrote about the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) on May 29 and explained how weather research scientists first discovered, in the late 1990s, the 12- to 20-year warm-cold-warm cycles over the northern Pacific Ocean, and how they

affected the climate of western United States.

Much research information is available at the PDO Internet site. According to these weather experts, we are presently in the first third or first half of the current "cold cycle."

Remember, on last Oct. 16, LTS quoted, with tongue in cheek, the New York Times headline, "U.S. Sees Heating Costs Roughly at Last Year's Levels."

The three natural gas stocks then recommended by Vince Kruse of Oppenheimer on the Hill were (prices Oct. 10 vs. Dec. 12):

- 1) Devon Energy (DVN), 48.47 vs. 59.10 = +22.4 percent;
- 2) Anadarko Petrol. (APC), 43.01 vs. 48.08 = +11.8 percent; and
- 3) Nexen (NXY), 29.17 vs. 32.83 = +12.5 percent.

How do you beat that performance for nine weeks? Had you purchased these stocks, would you 1) stand pat or 2) take short-term profits now?

Another question? Would you sell short a NYMEX NG contract at today's prices?

Stock Market
at a Glance

Friday Close, 12/12/03

Dow Jones Ind.	10,042
Nasdaq Comp.	1,949
S&P 500 Index	1,074
\$ in EUROS	1.2294
Crude Oil (Bbl.)	33.04
Gold (Oz.)	409.40
3-Mo. T-Bills	0.88%
30-Yr. T-Bonds	5.09%

'January Effect'

There hasn't been much talk about the annual phenomena, the "January Effect," this year.

Since there hasn't been much, if any, tax-loss selling this month, there aren't many cheap stocks to pick off the floor.

So this strategy might better be put back in the closet for another year.

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.

Business People



Margot Parker, a senior associate with Services Marketing Specialists Inc., has been recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals for her distinguished volunteer achievements and philanthropic contributions to Alternatives for Girls. She was honored at the association's annual dinner on Nov. 13 at the Marriott Renaissance Center.

Parker

Parker, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is past board chair of Alternatives for Girls, and has raised over \$1 million in capital campaign. She also serves in numerous other volunteer capacities, including serving on the board of ClearLink, and is a past trustee of Leadership Detroit.

Frederick R. Keydel has joined the law firm of Berry Moorman PC in its Detroit office as counsel (retired).

Keydel has written extensively and lectured on estate and trust topics throughout the United States and is listed in The Best Lawyers of America. He is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Christmas spirit found in the Village

Trapped indoors by the mighty snowfalls (all one-eighth of an inch)? You might want to take time to do some lazy — but local — browsing over the Internet.

It couldn't be easier.

First stop would be The Village (www.thevillagegp.com). Its Web site has gotten quite sophisticated, with some stores even allowing you to shop online. They have a directory of merchants, including links to make it easy to sort out stores that sell via the Web.

The directory is broken down by Beauty and Fitness, Clothing/Apparel, Food and Groceries, Home Accessories, General Retail, Gifts and Collectibles, Professional Services and Restaurants.

My favorite is Beauty and Fitness. I lie! Everyone who knows me, knows Food and Restaurants would be at the top of my Christmas list.

Hey, then I can do a column on New Year diets! Back to business. There

is also a link to Village events and even employment opportunities.

Did I mention that the home page has a picture of the Village's Starbucks Coffee? Did I mention you could probably find a Starbucks coffee in my backyard, or at the 17,000-foot-high base camp on Mount Everest? They do get around.

Obviously I couldn't cover all the Web sites, but here are a couple of insights. Starting with food, of course, I liked the Bruegger's Bagels site. You couldn't buy online, but you can learn everything about them. It even tells you how to eat bagels. So can I, in just two words: Open wide!

One last tidbit (today, 19 years after the first Bruegger's Bagel Bakery opened in Troy, N.Y., there are now approximately 250 Bruegger's in 18 U.S. states. (I refuse to make a lame, "Lotsa dough" joke.)

In the interest of equal time, there is also an Einstein Brothers Web site

Pointers on
Technology

By Mike Maurer



for you to visit.

I highly recommend a visit to the section called General Retail. Collectibles, if just for the various store hours. Nothing frustrates a lazy person more than getting up at 4 p.m., driving to the Village and finding their favorite store closed.

You name it (Gymboree; Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window Fashions; Rennell and Company) the Village Web site is worth a visit.

Note to Villagers: If you have something interesting for me to write about, e-mail me at the address below. (Christmas gift-giving note: I wear an XL.)

And now it's time to close

so that you can slide the newspaper under the Christmas tree water tray to catch drips. Come on, you know your own house.

So I'll close with a joke told to me by a third-grader:

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has No L. (Don't get it? Ask your third-grader.)

Happy holidays!

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.

Toast to Grosse Pointe's
newest bank

Gary Cortner, president of The Bank of Grosse Pointe, and Ed Russell, owner of Russell Development, toast the opening of the bank at its grand opening on Nov. 19. The bank opened its doors at 63 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms. Its staff of private bankers personally monitors client relationships and provides access to trust and money management services, in addition to customized deposit accounts and borrowing facilities, including residential mortgages.

"Our new offices will further enable us to offer the unique and personal services to our clients that they have come to expect," Cortner said. "We work in a very different manner than traditional banks, and our offices and staff reflect these differences."

Russell Development oversaw the refurbishment of the bank's new offices.

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Park break-ins

A computer, stereo and compact discs were taken from a basement storage area of a house in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park between Sunday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 4.

An unknown person broke a stained glass window, entered a house in the 1100 block of Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park and took \$20 in loose change between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

Thefts from cars

Overnight on Sunday, Dec. 7, a 1995 GMC van parked in the 15000 block of St. Paul in Grosse Pointe Park was entered, and several power and hand tools were taken.

A compact disc changer was taken from a car parked in a driveway in the 600 block of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods sometime between 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, and 6 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

Forty-five compact discs were taken from a 2001 Saturn four-door parked in

the 800 block of Beaconsfield between Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13.

Bike found

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers recovered a red and silver Schwinn mountain bike left on the side of a garage in the 600 block of Hollywood on Monday, Dec. 8.

The bike was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Roslyn on Nov. 1. Detectives are investigating a juvenile suspect.

Resident wipes out scam

A resident in the 2200 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods was a quick picker-upper of a possible scam conducted by two middle-aged men on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The two men came to the resident's house and asked to come inside the house to interview him for a paper towel promotion.

The resident declined and then called the paper towel manufacturer, which said it had no such promotion.

The men were reportedly seen in a brown van.

POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen cars

A 2003 Chrysler Town and Country minivan was removed from the street in the 1200 block of Three Mile Drive in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Thursday, Dec. 11.

A blue 2002 Dodge Caravan was stolen from a driveway in the 19800 block of Holiday in Grosse Pointe Woods between 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11.

A 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport parked in the street in the 1400 block of Harvard in Grosse Pointe Park was taken between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

A black 2002 Dodge Intrepid was stolen from a driveway in the 2100 block of Bryn in Grosse Pointe Woods between midnight and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

A 2004 Chrysler Sebring parked in the street in the 15000 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park was taken between 1:15 and 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

A 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix was taken from the 1300 block of Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park during the night of Sunday, Dec. 14. Public safety officers found the vehicle in Detroit at 6:35 a.m.

Neighbor finds cards, ID

A resident in the 600 block of Hidden Lane in Grosse Pointe Woods turned in several credit cards and pieces of identification that were strewn across the lawn on the side of his house on Thursday, Dec. 11.

Woods public safety contacted the card holder, who said the cards were left in her wallet inside her unlocked car the night before. Some family photos, medical insurance cards and \$40 cash were still missing.

Animal cruelty

A family in the 600 block of Briarcliff in Grosse Pointe Woods found their pet rabbit riddled with seven to 10 BB or pellet holes in its cage at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. The rabbit was last seen alive at 5 p.m. on

Wednesday, Dec. 10.

A local youth is suspected.

Larceny suspect

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers caught a larceny suspect, who had been under surveillance, on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The suspect, a 34-year-old Park man, was caught after a short foot pursuit in the area of St. Paul and Maryland at 10:50 p.m.

Call for drunken driver

A cell phone caller tipped off Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officers to a drunken driver of a white 1997 Jeep at Mack near Vernier at 2 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

Officers caught up with the vehicle at Moross and Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms where they issued the driver, a 39-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man, a series of field sobriety tests and a PBT, which registered a blood alcohol level of 0.116 percent.

The driver posted \$100 bond and was given a court date of Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Beer heist

An unknown man driving

a white, late model Pontiac Grand Am pulled up next to a beer truck making a delivery to a store in the 20400 block of Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods and helped himself to five cases of beer at 10:55 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

Eggings

A Grosse Pointe Woods man stopped a carload of local teens he saw throwing eggs at a house in the 800 block of Hampton on Friday, Dec. 12, at 11:36 p.m.

The resident called for a public safety officer but said, "They looked like a good bunch of kids; I don't want to press charges."

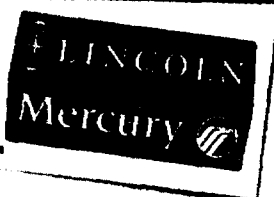
The teens are also suspected of eggging the front door of a house in the 800 block of Blairmoor that evening.

The officers advised four of the teens involved. The Woods' youth officer will be contacting the parents of a 16-year-old Woods boy who admitted eggging the Hampton house.

Purse stolen

A Grosse Pointe Shores woman had her purse stolen out of a friend's car at a gas station in the 20700 block of

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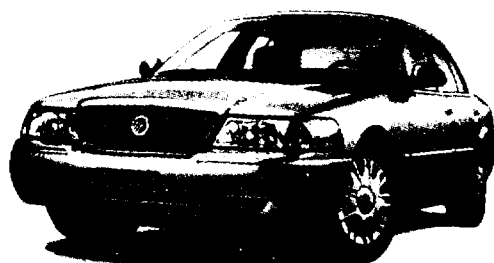
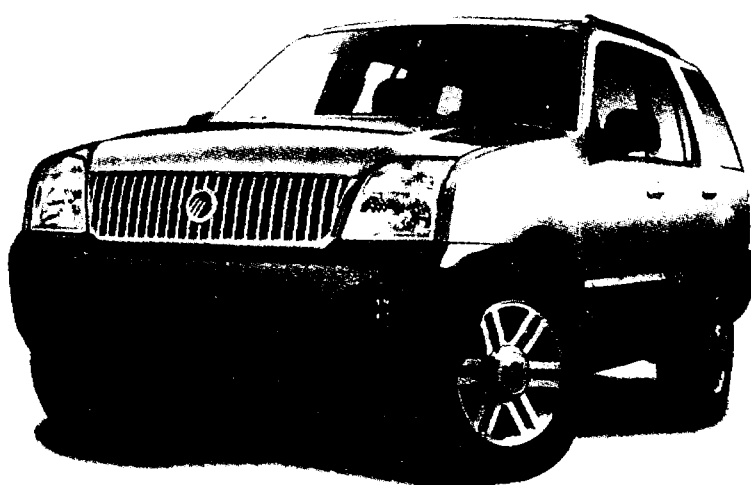
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Safety

From page 21A

Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods at 10:10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The purse contained a cell phone, makeup and \$50 cash. The woman said she and her friends were inside the gas station at the time of the theft.

Drunken driver

A 22-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman was pulled over by a Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer early morning on Sunday, Dec. 14, for speeding in inclement weather, almost hitting a vehicle stopped at Mack and Vernier and nearly striking two curbs.

The woman admitted to having four drinks at a nearby bar to a Grosse Pointe Woods public safety officer. A PBT recorded her blood alcohol level at 0.191 percent, and she was arrested for drunken driving.

— Bonnie Caprara

Christmas vandals

An 8-foot toy soldier gave its life to no avail last week in defense of a 12-foot snowman on Lochmoor in Grosse Pointe Shores.

A resident said both inflatable lawn decorations were vandalized sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and 12:30 a.m. that night. The snowman had been slashed. A public safety officer found the toy soldier impaled with a driveway

reflector.

Fire bugs

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman found a "home-made concoction probably mixed with paint thinner" burning at the intersection of Fordcraft and Ballantine on Friday, Dec. 12, at 11:03 p.m.

The officer extinguished the flames with his shoe.

Officers think the incident might be related to a similar occurrence in neighboring St. Clair Shores. In that community, police said unknown suspects in two silver cars threw a pumpkin filled with gasoline onto a lawn on Rosedale. The pumpkin did not ignite.

Thefts from parked cars

During the night of Wednesday, Dec. 10, thieves took a brief case from a vehicle parked in the first block of Willow Tree. The next morning at 9 a.m., the victim discovered the case and its belongings discarded on Hawthorne.

In an other incident, a Red Line DKNY purse was taken from a car parked on Sheldon. The victim discovered the theft on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10:15 a.m.

Fleeing man

On Tuesday, Dec. 9, shortly before midnight, police from three Grosse Pointes corralled an 18-year-old Detroit man who fit the bill of a fleeing criminal.

A Farms patrolman had discovered the man slumped down in the driver seat of a stolen Chrysler idling in the 400 block of Moran.

"This area has been the scene of recent vehicle thefts and break-ins," said the patrolman.

Upon being detected, the suspect put the car in gear and left the scene. Police lagged behind intentionally.

"There was no attempt to initiate a full pursuit," said the patrolman.

As officers converged on the area, the suspect abandoned his vehicle in the 200 block of McMillian and ran between houses.

"(He) was tall (and) thin, wearing a black track suit," said a City officer.

Officers found him hiding in the bed of a pickup truck parked behind a house in the 700 block of Washington.

"(He) sat up and started screaming, 'I'm being robbed by guys with AK-47s,'" police said.

Police found two walkie-talkies in his pockets.

The Chrysler had been reported stolen from

Southfield. Its license plate had been falsified.

The vehicle contained a flashlight, Sony car stereo, Sony portable Walkman CD player, Cobra radar detector and four wrapped cuts of frozen meat: ribs, steak, stew and round roast.

The man is suspected of trying to steal a 2001 Chrysler four-door that had been parked in the 400 block of Moran during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 8. The vehicle owner found the car's steering column damaged on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Car entered

During the night of Monday, Dec. 8, someone stole a garage door opener from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 300 block of McKinley in Grosse Pointe Farms. A second vehicle owned by the victim also had been entered, but nothing was taken.

Crack carrier

On Monday, Dec. 8, at 3:46 p.m., a 21-year-old man wanted for assault with a deadly weapon in his hometown of St. Clair Shores was arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A patrolman spotted the man driving his teal 1992 Ford Probe without a seat belt on Mack near Bournemouthe. The his driver's license had been suspended.

Police searching the man's pockets found a rock of suspected crack cocaine and related paraphernalia in a cigarette pack.

Tip pays off

Parents told Grosse Pointe Farms high school administrators last week of a 17-year-old male student from the Park who was suspected of possessing marijuana. The tipsters learned the suspect's name while questioning their son about his drug supplier.

Farms police interviewed the Park student on campus shortly before 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. A search of his backpack turned up a clear bag containing seven smaller bags of suspected marijuana.

The suspect was turned over to his mother. Detectives will follow up.

Sneak thief

A black 1994 Plymouth Voyager van seen sneaking out of a Grosse Pointe Farms parking lot was traced to a woman living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

On the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 11, the driver bypassed the parking

Military vehicles collect Toys for Tots

Military vehicles will deploy to the Mack & Moross Amoco station in Grosse Pointe Farms next week in support of giving children a merry Christmas.

On Monday, Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Humvees (the real, heavy-duty military smash-the-bad-guys Hummer) and similar equipment will be on hand for the public to view while donating to the U.S. Marine Reserves' Toys for Tots program.

Toys for Tots collects new toys for underprivileged children. Donated toys should be unwrapped so Marines can separate them for boys and girls of separate age groups.

Rick Graham, station owner and resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, was quick to agree to the display when presented with the idea.

"Sure," Graham said at the time.

attendant by exiting through a narrow pedestrian walkway behind the 100 block of Kercheval on the Hill.

An officer met the vehicle's owner. She paid the \$8 due.

Three in one

A routine traffic stop resulted in police catching a carload of lawbreakers in Grosse Pointe Farms on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 12:17 p.m.

The driver, a 41-year-old Southfield man stopped for no taillights, had three outstanding warrants and four driving suspensions. He was wanted on civil, drug and driving charges.

A 28-year-old passenger was on parole from Detroit. His parole stipulated that buses would be his only form of transportation. A 35-year-old passenger had three driving suspensions.

The three men were turned over to Detroit police.

Meat eater

A 46-year-old Detroit man with a history of criminal convictions, including felonies, was arrested for shoplifting groceries in the Village last weekend. A senior citizen had reported the man walking on Kercheval with packages of meat falling from beneath his oversized winter coat.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2:30 p.m., a Grosse Pointe Park officer arrested the suspect on Kercheval at Audubon.

Officers from the City processed the suspect before forwarding him to St. Clair Shores on a \$500 warrant for retail fraud.

The Park officer discovered the man carrying five large bags of jumbo shrimp worth \$64.95 and 11 packages of steak valued at \$181.23.

City car thefts

A teal Plymouth Acclaim four-door parked in the 600 block of Washington was stolen sometime after 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. The owner reported the vehicle missing at 1:18 a.m. the following morning.

A white 1998 Dodge van was reported stolen from a woman living in the 700 block of Neff sometime after 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. By 10:22 p.m., Warren police discovered the van abandoned and idling.

Also on Dec. 9, a City officer found a van in the 700 block of St. Clair that had been stolen the previous day from a Detroit resident.

During the night of Monday, Dec. 8, someone tried to steal a 2001 Chrysler Concord parked in the 500 block of University Place. The vehicle's ignition was punched out.

Hit twice

City of Grosse Pointe police said a store in the 300 block of Fisher was broken into twice last week.

In the first incident, reported at 12:55 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, officers found a hole in one of two glass front doors. Caah registers had been opened and \$150 taken, a store owner told police.

At 10:20 p.m. that night, an officer discovered glass of both front doors had been broken. Damage totaled \$600.

"All registers in the store were left empty by the management so nothing appears to have been taken," an officer said.

A black rubber flashlight was found in a parking lot next to the business.

Shoplifter

A man seen shoplifting a \$128 red parka in the Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe on Friday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m., was arrested when he returned to the area the next evening.

A store clerk in the 16800 block of Kercheval in the City of Grosse Pointe reported the man acting suspiciously.

His description matched a suspect wanted for stealing a coat the day before from another store in the Village.

Upon first-person investigation police recognized the man from a previous conviction for bike theft.

He also was wanted for retail fraud third degree and public order crimes in Detroit.

3 shoplifters

City of Grosse Pointe police caught three Detroit teenagers suspected of stealing three compact disks from a store in the 17100 block of Kercheval at noon on Friday, Dec. 12.

The trio were seen jumping a fence into the 600 block of Neff.

"(They) looked in my direction and immediately jumped the fence into the (500 block of) Lakeland," said a pursuing officer.

Officers caught the youths, two of whom were 14 years old and one 17.

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'04 Axiom XS gets high rating

By Greg Zyla

This week we test drive the four-wheel-drive 2004 Isuzu Axiom, an intriguing combination of looks, comfort and impressive out-of-the-box engineering.

This midsize SUV can pull up to a fancy social function and not look out of place. At the same time, it has plenty of functional four-wheel-drive performance features that, for its price, make it quite a vehicle. The five-passenger Axiom falls in between Isuzu's smaller Rodeo and its seven-passenger Ascender.

Our tester's Excessive Red paint scheme, which Isuzu nicely complements with just the right amount of chrome, was impressive. The Axiom's front is tall and stout-looking, and the back is sharply squared off. A spoiler at the top rear helps soften the decline, and we really liked the look.

The interior is just as attractive, with a gorgeous combination of soft, light-beige leather, black composite and, again, the right splash of chrome. The great looks are accentuated by great comfort. The wide, soft seats sit very low to the floor — it's like being in a car, not an SUV. That also makes entry and exit easier.

What the interior gains in looks, however, it gives up in functionality. The six-CD changer is located in what normally is storage area in the center console. Isuzu has incorporated the emergency-brake lever into the center console area as well, taking away more space. There is hardly enough room for a cell phone.

Another oddity is that the cruise control on-off switch

is on the dash to the left, while the "set" and "resume" functions are on the right-side steering column lever, as is the norm. Why are they separated?

Other interior notables on our XS model include a multi-information display in the center of the dash — an orange-lighted screen showing everything from radio tuning to outside air temperature, fuel mileage and even a calendar/service reminder; four-way power passenger seat; power moon roof; leather-wrapped steering wheel; cruise control; 60-40 split-folding, reclining rear seats; and automatic

climate control.

The technology in the Axiom's 3.5-liter V-6 engine is worth talking about. Isuzu uses Direct Injection, where the fuel injectors are inside the combustion chamber, not in the intake runners. This creates an optimal fuel-to-air ratio that maximizes power, torque and fuel efficiency while lowering emissions. The resulting 250 horsepower is impressive, and the 17 mpg city and 21 mpg highway fuel ratings are acceptable for the size of the engine.

Another Isuzu technology worth noting is the Torque

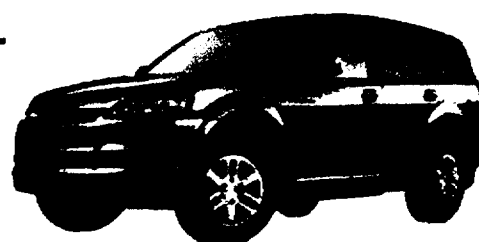
on Demand four-wheel-drive system. This computerized traction-control system gathers input from 12 areas and processes it every 20 milliseconds to predict and correct individual wheel slippage, immediately applying power where it's needed.

Yet another performance enhancement comes from the Axiom's Intelligent Suspension Control, a dual-mode suspension system that you can change with the push of a button on the center console. It can take your ride from comfort to sport to match the conditions, another indication

that Isuzu went to great lengths to combine off-road and true off-road performance in this model.

Other key mechanical features include a winter start transmission, independent double-wishbone front suspension and power-assisted, engine rpm-sensing steering.

Important numbers include a 19.5-gallon fuel tank, 4,500-pound towing capacity, maximum cargo space of 84.5 cubic feet, 106.4-inch wheelbase and



2004 Isuzu Axiom

4,240-pound curb weight.

The Axiom stands up well in price and performance against tough competition from the Toyota Highlander, Buick Rendezvous, Mazda Tribute and Mitsubishi Endeavor. If it's a toss-up otherwise, you might find yourself going with the Axiom because of its great looks inside and out. We rate it a 7.5 on a scale of 10.

— King Features Syndicate

Santa's sleigh loaded with goodies for car enthusiasts

By Greg Zyla

Thanks to some extra persuasion from Rudolph, our secret meeting with Santa and his friends concerning what's hot in 2003 gift-giving for automobile buffs took place recently.

Here's what we found as best gifts for car and truck lovers everywhere:

Ralphie from "A Christmas Story" is making sure that a new set of Craftsman Tools are under the tree for his dad, who needs them to keep his heating system and car running.

Frosty likes car-care products to clean, wax and even buff out scratches. These products are great stocking stuffers, as is the dual-pack Armor All cleaner and protector wipes.

Kriss Kringle is hoping for several computer-based driving sims, especially Electronic Arts' new "2004 NASCAR Thunder," which features a new graphics engine and lots of extras that other games haven't duplicated. At \$49.99, it's

Kringle's top pick for this season. Other favorites include EA's "Need For Speed: Hot Pursuit 2" (\$29.99); Atari's "Test Drive" (\$19.99); Codemasters' "Colin McRae Rally 3" (\$49.99); and the "Indy Racing League IRL Series" by Codemasters (\$29.99). Most are available for all computer and game platforms.

Rudolph showed us an air tank, from Campbell Hausfeld, which holds seven gallons of air and has many uses around the hobbyist's garage. At less than \$18, this is a great buy.

Santa is again carrying the EverStart Battery Chargers on his sled. Costing only \$14.99 to \$29.99, they offer 6- and 12-volt options for your car, truck, lawn tractor, boat or motorcycle.

Tiny Tim loves the new Hemming's Motor News "Abandoned Autos" 2004 calendar, which sells for \$11.95. He also likes 2004 date books with car and truck themes.

Prancer says your auto lover will love a set of Bosch

Platinum plugs (prices vary depending on engine size), while Fram air and oil filters also make a low-cost gift for the do-it-yourselfer car lover.

During the year, the elves build lots of model cars and trucks from AMT/ERTL.

Pink antifreeze and other shop talk

By Greg Zyla

Q. Greg, I have a 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, and I would like to change the antifreeze since it is two years old. My dilemma is that the old, original antifreeze is pink in color. Since Prestone is green, I don't know where to get the pink antifreeze, or if Prestone green antifreeze is compatible. Please advise.

— Joe P., via e-mail.

A. Joe, don't switch over or mix your pink with the green antifreeze. These antifreezes are basically incompatible. There are two distinct types of coolant used in cars today. They are the traditional antifreeze

we've been using for many decades (the green and yellow brands) and the new organic coolants (pink and orange) called OAT (Organic Acid Technology).

The main difference is the rust inhibitors. The greens and yellows are good for about 50,000 miles and two years or so, while the new pink and orange organics are supposed to last for 100,000 miles or five years.

The reason you don't want to mix the coolants is because if you do, each of the coolants will lose its rust-protection inhibitors after, say, 25,000 miles or maybe two years max. However, your car won't overheat if

listed this year are readily available at auto, department, computer and bookstores nationwide, so there's no problem finding them. Happy Holidays.

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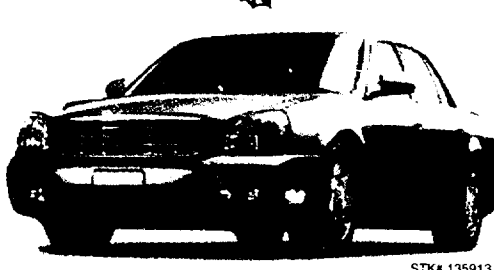
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2004 VW Touareg; hard to spell, but easy to like

By Steve Schaefer

If I say to you, "Volkswagen," I'm guessing you picture the little Beetle in your mind. It's as likely as if I ask you to imagine a pink elephant. Decades after the old rear-engine, air-cooled econo-bugs disappeared from American showrooms, the company successfully introduced the front-engine, water-cooled New Beetle, and we accepted it. The memories are that strong.

Now, try to get your mind around a \$50,000 Volkswagen that looks like a Ford Explorer, weighs two and a half tons, and has — gasp — a 310-horsepower V8 under its hood. Yes, it doesn't fit the picture, but here comes the 2004 Touareg, at your service.

The Touareg, named after an African tribe, is not just any off-roader. My test model came stuffed with every imaginable indulgence, from leather seats to 19-inch alloy wheels to a 375-watt 11-speaker audio system and plenty of other high-tech electronic devices. Like other members of the burgeoning luxury SUV segment, this car is less truck than it is go-anywhere superwagon.

Once you get over the initial tall SUV impression, you will find plenty of Volkswagen styling cues. The grille resembles that on the popular Jetta and Passat. The taillamps, too, look familiar, as does the prominent shoulder along the side. Volkswagen logos sit in the center of the grille and the tailgate. A wide black band along the lower sides keeps the car from looking too tall. The optional 19-inch alloy wheels still leave plenty of room above them in the enormous wheelwells.

Although my Wheat Beige tester was the topline

4.2-liter V8 model, you can also buy a version with a perfectly good 3.2-liter V6 that puts out 220 horsepower and 225 pound-foot of torque. That engine saves a couple of hundred pounds, a couple of miles per gallon, and drops the price a bit. The V8 gets mileage ratings of 14 city, 18 highway, which is about normal for this kind of rig.

Both models come with a six-speed automatic with Tiptronic sequential shifter. You can let the computer do the work, but if you want to select the gears yourself, just slide the lever over and then push forward to shift up and pull back to downshift. I spent about five minutes shifting and then let the excellent mechanism handle the chores. You can pop the shifter into "sport" mode, which keeps the car in each gear longer for better acceleration.

The interior of the Touareg is where the real luxury shines. The eight various-sized chrome-rimmed gauges sit in the dash behind individual round windows. The aluminum accents on the doors and dash surround rich wood sections. The plastics are rich and lustrous, the carpets thick, the controls substantial. The leather chairs are throne-like.

Luxury is manifest not only in looks but also in function. Dual-zone climate controls are standard, as are privacy glass, 12-way power front seats, a trip computer and compass, remote keyless entry, a self-dimming inside rearview mirror — the list goes on and on. There's even an air-conditioned glovebox.

In my tester, the optional navigation/sound system filled the center console with information, but it took a while to figure it out. I still wasn't sure of every-

thing after a week of playing with it. I liked the little Touareg photo of sand dunes that appears in the dash center display when you start the car.

My Touareg's optional air suspension provided a library silent ride along Bay Area freeways and local lanes. You can set the system to adjust vehicle height automatically, lowering for freeway travel and rising to 9.6 inches of ground clearance for the offroad. I was loath to risk my \$50,000 baby in the backcountry, but the Touareg's road manners were certainly unimpeachable.

The 4XMOTION permanent four-wheel-drive system automatically moves the power between the front and rear axles to account for changes in driving conditions. In the normal "high" setting, the Electronic Drivetrain Management locks the differentials automatically to give maximum flexibility to the traction system. There is also a "low" setting that uses a reduction gear to enable serious offroading. Many SUVs don't provide this much choice or flexibility.

Some things are a little odd. The key, for example, always goes in the same way, and when you turn it, the car starts and the key springs back to the original position. The outside door handles have little black circles on them that look like thumb buttons but don't seem to do anything. The stereo is top notch, but the CD changer is stuck in back behind a panel that looks like it covers a toolkit.

The Touareg introduces some eye-opening prices into Volkswagen showrooms. The V6 model base prices at \$34,900, and the V8 model starts at \$40,700. With the Premium Plus

package, \$7,300; 19-inch alloy wheels, \$1,200; Winter Package, \$600; and rear differential lock, \$550; my

tester came to a princely \$50,965. Sure, you could buy almost three New Beetles for that, but it

wouldn't feel this wonderful.

— AutoWire



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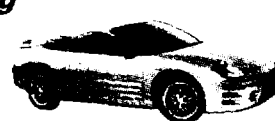
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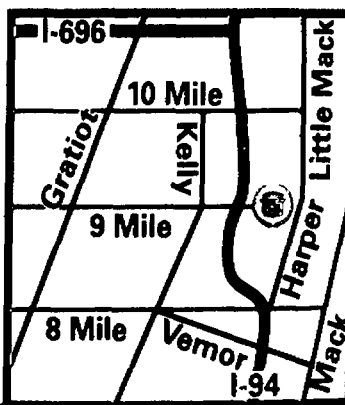
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Chicago studio exhibits artwork of ULS grad

By Jennie Miller
Staff Writer

For Josh Moulton, 25, following his passion has turned into a successful career. Interested in art since he was a student at University Liggett School, Moulton now dedicates himself full time to painting and is getting ready to open a solo show next month in Chicago.

"Art, for me, is a deeply rooted daily routine just as eating, walking or speaking is for most people," he said.

This highly anticipated event will take place at the Bell Studio in Chicago from Jan. 6 through Feb. 15, and will feature a myriad of Moulton's recent paintings.

"I am constantly producing work because I am constantly seeing images that I deem worthy of a canvas," he said of his many works of art.

Moulton was a "lifer" at ULS, graduating in 1996. While in high school, he did artwork for different departments, including painting the mural on the football field house. His former teacher, Jim Pujdowski, still follows his work.

"Josh was my student when I first started teaching here," he said. "He has always been self-



Josh Moulton

motivated and extremely dedicated to his artwork. He puts a lot of thought into his work. He paints to paint, and is always thinking about art."

Moulton took his obsession beyond ULS and received the Deerpath Art Scholarship at Lake Forest College, where he majored in studio art and founded the school's art club. During his college years, he also traveled to London and Florence pursuing his passion. It was during this time that Moulton knew he couldn't follow another career path.

"Art is a necessity for me; it's something that must be done in order to survive," he said.

For two years following graduation, Moulton worked in the business world, saving money and pursuing his art career on the side. He actively exhibited his work and joined the Chicago Artists' Coalition and Friends of the Arts of Chicago.

He donated a piece to his

alma mater, as well as a painting to an auction for the Legacy Committee of the Chicago Maternity Center.

But perhaps the most exciting aspect of Moulton's effort was in May 2003, when Oncor International purchased eight of his paintings for its corporate office in Chicago.

It was around this time when Moulton decided he was financially able to dedicate himself full time to his passion.

"I am excited about my future as an artist," he said. "I have accomplished so much already due to an ambitious start at a young age. My enthusiasm and excitement for producing work makes me an eager and conscientious learner."

Proud of his former student, Pujdowski has been out to Moulton's art shows in the past, and receives regular emails with new paintings attached.

"I'm so happy for him," he said. "I think he'll always be painting. A lot of people have great ability, but it's up to them what they do with it. Josh is getting better all the time. It's a lifelong obsession for him."

Moulton's work is on display in homes throughout the Pointes.

Janet Weingarten of Grosse Pointe Woods cherishes her paint-



Josh Moulton's paintings can be seen at the Bell Studio in Chicago from Jan. 6 through Feb. 15.

ing of an Italian scene. The piece hangs in her foyer, welcoming every guest into her home.

"It brings a lot of life to the area," she said.

Weingarten has followed Moulton's growth as an artist since he was in grade school.

"We've admired Josh's work since he was young," she said. "I like his themes and his use of color and expression."

Elaine Schweitzer of Grosse Pointe Farms asked Moulton to create an original piece of art just for her family. It hangs over the fireplace in her living room.

"We have a very big family and we used to live in New York," she explained. "We had this street corner that we loved so much; it was one of our favorites. Josh had never seen it. He went online to find a picture of it, and we gave him pictures of our kids. He made this painting to look like a street scene with people walking by, but

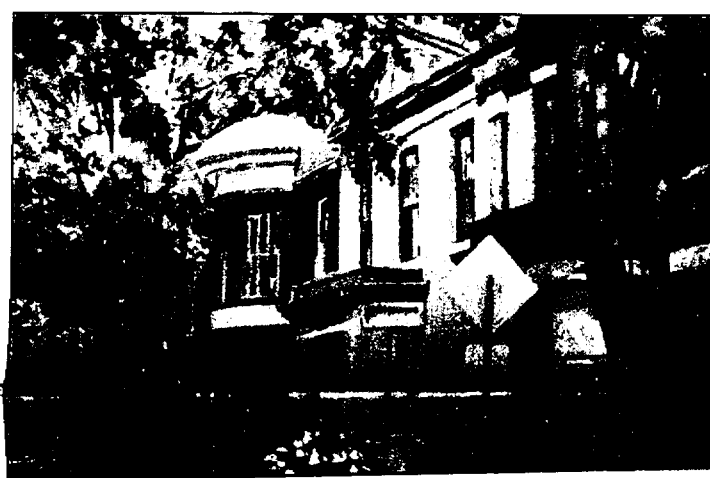
it's actually our family. It's really wonderful."

Joan Kitchen of Grosse Pointe Farms also commissioned a piece of work from Moulton.

"I have a piece of colorful flowers that we asked him to do," she said. "It's in our family room. It is really beautiful. The flowers look so real, you could reach out and touch them."

Moulton has done paintings of everything from landscapes and city streets to portraits and abstract images. He continues to travel to find inspiration for his work. In addition to his trips to Europe, Moulton recently traveled around Croatia and hopes to visit other countries to extend his reach around the world.

Moulton's work will be on display and available for purchase at his solo show at the Bell Studio next month. For more information or to view more of his paintings, visit www.joshmoulton.com.



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Standing Apple Torte is special holiday treat

Each year I try to bring you a really special dessert for your holiday table. This year's recipe comes from the kitchen of Joy Scheriff of Babylon, N.Y. Standing apple torte is a very, very old recipe from somewhere in England, where Joy was born. This rich and luscious variation on an apple theme was easy to prepare and can be made a day before serving.

Apple Torte

1 3/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
8 to 10 large Granny Smith apples peeled, cored and cut into 6 wedges each
Cinnamon for dusting

Topping

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg

Confectioners' sugar for dusting

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Generously grease and flour a 9-inch spring form pan. Set aside. Combine the flour and the baking powder in a small bowl and set aside. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan; remove from heat and stir in the sugar.

Let cool for 5 minutes and stir in the eggs. Add the flour/baking powder mixture, and stir for several minutes until well incorporated.

The mixture will be dense and resemble a wet pizza dough. Turn the dough into the prepared pan, and spread evenly across the bottom of the pan.

Starting in the middle, stand the apple wedges up in the dough, side by side, until the entire pan is full. The dough will rise up around the apple wedges while baking. Dust cinna-

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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



mon over the apples, and bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour.

With 5 minutes baking time left, melt the 1/2 stick of butter in a small pan. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar, followed by the remaining egg.

Carefully remove the torte from the oven, and lower the temperature to 325 degrees. Pour the butter topping mixture evenly over the top of the torte, and return to the 325 degree oven for an additional 20 minutes.

When the torte is golden on top, remove from oven and place on a cooling rack until the tort is completely cooled. Some of the apple wedges will be browner than others.

When the torte is cooled, carefully release the outer band, and transfer to a serving platter. Store at room temperature. tightly covered. Before serving, dust the torte with confectioners' sugar, and garnish with fresh mint leaves and maraschino cherries.

Fresh whipped cream or vanilla ice cream sit nicely with this most delicious torte.

It's important that the wedges of apple are thick because of the long cooking time.

Skinny wedges will result in a mushy torte.

I thank my sister-in-law Joy for sharing this terrific holiday dessert recipe. Standing apple torte will bring Joy to your world.

Modify holiday traditions to include special-needs kids

By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan
Special Writers

Say you have prepared the perfect holiday dinner, down to the dessert your family has enjoyed for generations.

In walks your young nephew with autism.

He screams.

You freak.

Happy Holidays?

The holidays and other special occasions can be exceptionally stressful times for families with children who have special needs. It becomes more stressful when family

thanks.

The parent likely knows of a toy that would be therapeutic as well as fun for the child. Or perhaps the parent would love, instead of another toy, money toward a therapy fund to help pay for a music therapy class or a great summer day camp.

Many parents would welcome the opportunity to give suggestions to their relatives and friends regarding gifts for their children with special needs. And many parents, when receiving gifts, might enjoy a gift of an evening of babysitting

X-tra Special Advice

for Parents of Special-needs Children

members don't understand or assist with the accommodations, which are necessary for your children.

We are no exception. We have learned it is not enough to educate family members about how our son, Andrew, has special needs and what it all means, but we also must teach them about his unique diet and social habits.

Take Christmas, for example. This is the birthday of his papou (grandfather in Greek). We will, again, beg and plead with his Big Fat Greek family members to sing "Happy Birthday" softly and not scream and clap loudly afterward. The sensory input is way too much for Andrew to bear.

Seeing Santa Claus may also be too much to bear.

Your child with special needs may be too anxious going to a loud, bright, crowded shopping mall to wait for a photo to be taken by strangers. Wouldn't it be heavenly if someone in the family offered to dress up as Santa and the photo could be taken in the warmth and safety of a home in which the child is comfortable?

You may have a New Year's Eve tradition for the family to dine together late in the evening. If your child must eat earlier because of medication needs, perhaps the traditional time could be adjusted so the child would not be off his or her medication schedule.

Isn't the celebration more about togetherness than the time of the meal? Ring in the New Year earlier if it helps out a family member.

The giving of gifts, at any time of year, is an amazing tradition. But when no one in a family seems to know your child well enough and gives him gifts that are too much above his cognitive ability and current functional level, a parent may be feeling tears instead of

much more than a cashmere scarf. Time for a bit of child-free rejuvenating would be something to look forward to after the New Year.

The point is, ask.

To quote the great Wayne Gretzky, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take."

Whether you are a friend or a family member of someone with a child with special needs, there are many ways for you to help keep the special occasions at this time of year special, instead of especially stressful.

Everyone may need to use a bit of creativity with the necessary accommodations, but we can all arrive in 2004 with smiles on our faces after removing the question mark in Happy Holidays.

Our last column went to print before we added a special thank you to Mouse Scharfenaker, MA, CCC-SLP. She is the brilliant woman who created the simple exercise we described in the lead of our last column. It illustrates how it may feel to be a person in a state of hyperarousal.

Mouse and her colleague, Tracy Stackhouse, OTR, have a wonderful new Web site, developmentalfx.org, which showcases their not-for-profit organization. It is mainly for families affected with Fragile X Syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disorders, but it has quite a bit of good information including an excellent section on sensory integration.

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 X syndrome [fragilex.org].

Send your questions or comments to tcoutilish@dmac.wayne.edu or mblangan@hotmail.com.

Christmas traditions from around the world

Christmas is celebrated in nearly every country, but not always in the same way.

The following is a sampling of Christmas traditions from around the world:

Greece: During the holiday season, most households

Toys for Tots

The Mack-Moross Amoco station will collect new, unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22. Marines will be at the station to pick up the toys and meet the public.

in Greece have a shallow wooden bowl with a piece of wire laid across it. A sprig of basil wrapped around a wooden cross hangs from the wire and rests in the water in the bottom of the bowl. Every day, the cross and basil are used to sprinkle holy water in each room. It is believed that this ritual will keep the killantzaroi, mischievous goblins, away from the house.

China: Christian children in China hang muslin stockings, hoping "Dun Che Lao Ren," or "Christmas Old Man" (their version of Santa), will fill them with

treats. Christmas trees are called "Trees of Light" and are decorated with paper flowers and lanterns.

Spain: Tradition has it that the Three Wise Men gave their gifts to the baby Jesus on Jan. 6. Every year on that night, before going to bed, Spanish children put out shoes filled with barley or straw for the Wise Men's tired camels.

In the morning, the shoes have been emptied of food and filled with small presents from the Wise Men.

Iraq: In Christian homes in Iraq, it is traditional for the family to gather in the

courtyard of the house on Christmas Eve.

One of the children reads the story of the Nativity from an Arabic Bible, and then a bonfire of dried thorns is lighted.

The bonfire is important, because the fate of the home for the next year depends on how it burns. If the fire burns down to ashes, the family will have good fortune; if the fire goes out before burning all the way down, it is a bad omen for the future.

— King Features Syndicate

NEW ARRIVALS OF 2003

Grosse Pointe News and The St. Clair Shores Connection newspapers are planning their 9th annual special edition featuring the babies of the past year. We hope you (and the little one) will participate by supplying us with a photograph of your child (only 2003 babies, please) for publication in this section.

This tabloid will be published **January 29, 2004**. Your child's picture, along with other 2003 babies, will be the main attraction! News and advertising about clothing, feeding, educating and caring for your child will also be included. It will be very informative as well as a commemorative edition for you!

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Your picture must be received in our office no later than Wednesday, December 17th, earlier would assist our production schedule. (Late November and December birth photos may be submitted until January 7, 2004.)

We look forward to producing our annual "Baby Edition" and are sure you want your little one included. A limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase to give to family and friends.

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The Babies of 2003

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G.P. Theatre to hold auditions, workshop

Grosse Pointe Theatre will hold auditions for "The Will Rogers Follies, a Life in Revue," which will be presented during the first two weeks of May.

Auditions will be Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8.

Call (586) 773-3048 or (313) 885-6086 for times and details.

Workshops for "The Will Rogers Follies" will be held on four Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at the the-

ater's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The aim of the workshops is to introduce choreography to be used in the show and to introduce the complicated music, which is largely unknown.

Attendance at the workshops is not mandatory, nor does it guarantee casting.

For more information, call producer Gwenn Samuel at (313) 885-6086.



**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis
Henry Echlin IV**

New-Echlin

Dawn Denise New, daughter of Diane and David Murray and John Alex New of Royal Oak, married Lewis Henry Echlin IV, son of Harry and Margaret Echlin of Grosse Pointe Farms, on Dec. 31, 2002, at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Detroit.

The Rev. Joseph Gerardi officiated at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Cuisines.

The bride wore a strapless satin gown decorated with beaded appliques.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Elisabeth Godfrey of Southgate.

Bridesmaids were Amy Stea of Royal Oak, Angela Barren of Harrison Township, Dawn Buzzell of Taylor, Sue Mello of Traverse City, Nicole New of Redford Township, Melissa Gentile of Clawson, Liz Canis of Minneapolis and Ann Echlin-Rice of Portsmouth, N.H.

The flower girl was Ariana New of South Rockwood.

Attendants wore black or black-and-white floor-length dresses of their own choice.

The best men were the groom's brothers, Hobey Echlin of Detroit and Ray Echlin of Newport Beach, Calif.

Ushers were Mark

Mathews of Grosse Pointe Farms, John Emmert of Australia, John Lawnzak of Royal Oak, Michael Ansley of Royal Oak, Pete Ulbrich of Grosse Pointe, Rick Darke of Chicago, Brad Armstrong of Novi and Brad Stedem of Los Angeles.

Ushers were Lucas Wright of Royal Oak, Craig Harper of Grosse Pointe, John New of South Rockwood and Gene Godfrey of Southgate.

Jesse Taylor of Taylor was the ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore a black floor-length dress and a corsage of red and pink roses.

The groom's mother wore a black floor-length dress with sheer sleeves.

Soloist was New.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and environmental studies from the University of Michigan. She is a supplier diversity manager with Federal Mogul.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Michigan State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He is a commercial truck marketing manager with Ford Motor Co.

The couple traveled to Sedona, Ariz., and Budapest, Hungary. They live in Royal Oak.

Echlin-Rice

Margaret-Ann Hoatson Echlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Echlin of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Norman John Christopher Rice III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rice of the City of Grosse Pointe, on Sept. 19, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth, N.H.

The Rev. Marvin La Bute officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Wentworth By-the-Sea Country Club in Rye, N.H.

The bride wore a strapless silk-satin gown that fea-



**Mr. and Mrs. Norman
John Christopher
Rice III**

tured a dropped waist, an A-line skirt and a chapel-length train. Her fingertip veil was of silk tulle and she carried a bouquet of white Casablanca lilies.

The maid of honor was Becca Walter of Minneapolis.

Bridesmaids were Beth Pinker of Philadelphia, Pa.; Kelly Bruneau of Essex Junction, Vt.; Dawn Echlin of Royal Oak; the groom's sisters, Ann Roth of Chicago and Valerie Rice of Grosse Pointe; Stephanie Webster of Burlington, Vt.; and Ronda Wojcik of Portsmouth, N.H.

The best men were Dave Applegate of Boston and James Bellanca III of Grosse Pointe.

Groomsmen were the bride's brothers, Hobey Echlin of Detroit, Ray Echlin of Newport Beach, Calif., and Lew Echlin of Royal Oak; Dan Gick of Honolulu, Hawaii; David Roth of Chicago; and Rick Weinberg of Ann Arbor.

Ushers were Derek Gamble of Portland, Maine; Mathew Murphy of Boston; and Geoff Simons of Portsmouth, N.H.

Scripture readers were Shannon Keete of Chicago, Elizabeth Bourke of Grosse Pointe and K.C. Geacy of Grand Haven.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from

the University of Vermont. She is residential program coordinator, developmental services of Strafford County, N.H.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in management and engineering, both from Dartmouth College. He is director of business and corporate development for Aprisma Management Technologies.

The newlyweds traveled to Nantucket for their honeymoon. They live in Portsmouth, N.H.

The couple lives in San Diego, Calif.

Panagos-Sebastian

Georgia Christine Panagos, daughter of Anna and George Gaggos of the City of Grosse Pointe, married Trevor Glenn Sebastian, son of Gary and Judy Sebastian of Commerce Township, on June 29, 2003, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

The Rev. Tom George and the Rev. Tom Michalos officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Villa Penna.

The bride wore a strapless ivory silk gown that featured embroidery on the bodice and train. She carried 36 long-stemmed ivory roses.

The matron of honor was Laurel Kalkanis of Boston.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Shelly Radnothy of Eustis, Fla.; Amy Spence of Grosse Pointe Park; Andrea Lappin-Roth of Harper Woods; Joanna George of Sterling Heights; Elena Zachary of St. Clair Shores; and Alissa Sparks of Waterford.

Junior bridesmaids were Jonnie Burton of Grosse Pointe Farms and Demi Gizas of Safety Harbor, Fla.

Flower girls were Nikki Kouknas of Valparaiso, Ind.; Stephanie Gryebet of Grosse Pointe Farms; Konstantina Kostakos of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Victoria Radnothy of Eustis, Fla.

Attendants wore sage and ivory floor-length satin dresses and carried bouquets of lavender and white tulips and wax flowers.

Koumbaro was Dr. Stephen Kalkanis of Boston and best man was John Sparks of Waterford.

Groomsmen were Dr. Jon Radnothy of Eustis, Fla.; Dion Gizas of Safety Harbor, Fla.; and



**Mr. and Mrs. Trevor
Glenn Sebastian**

Fla., Daniel Roth of Harper Woods, Art Nichols of St. Clair Shores, Jonathon Shindorf of Waterford, Jean-Pierre Joassin of Novi and David Eidson of White Lake.

The ring bearer was Michael Radnothy of Eustis, Fla.; crown bearer was Webster Burton of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The mother of the bride wore a celery silk floor-length sheath and matching jacket and an orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a plum silk chiffon floor-length dress with a beaded bodice and an orchid.

Choir and prayers were under the direction of George Raptis. Accompanist was Mrs. Xanthi Volis.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hispanic studies from the University of Michigan and graduated with a degree in education from the U of M's honors masters program. She teaches Spanish language/culture in Troy.

The groom graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in business management and management information systems. He works for Advance Watch Inc.

The newlyweds honeymooned at a resort in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. They live in Sterling Heights.



**Mr. and Mrs. Gao-Ya
Chen**

McAndrew-Chen

Susannah Elizabeth Hume McAndrew, daughter of Michael and Ann McAndrew of Grosse Pointe Farms, married Gao-Ya Chen, son of Rong-Sheng and Nami Chen of Tokyo, on Nov. 23, 2003, in Taipei, Taiwan.

The wedding banquet was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Taipei.

As is the custom, the bride wore three ensembles: a wedding dress of beaded champagne chiffon, a peach-colored gown with a white fur stole and a traditional red silk qipao.

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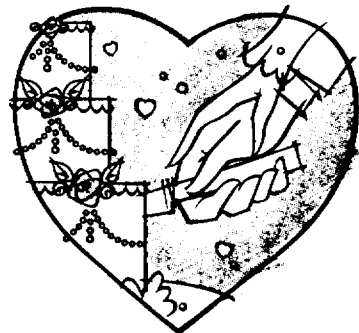
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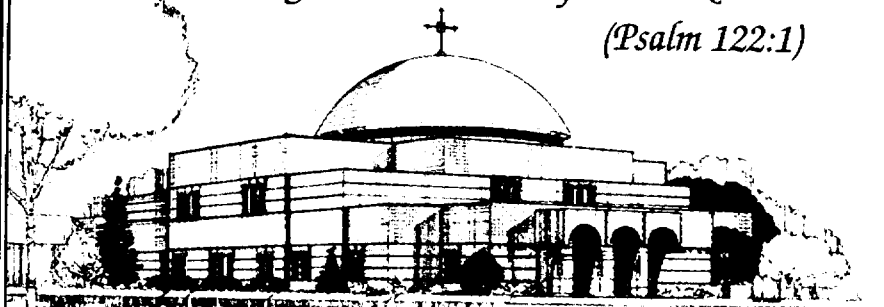
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The Pastor's Corner Welcome

The Rev. Bradford G. Whitaker
Christ Church Grosse Pointe

While serving on staff at another parish, I was sitting in one of our Christmas Eve services next to our rector. The church was, of course, packed with a standing room-only crowd. Mike, one of the other assistants, was making the Christmas Eve announcements, and he finished them with the following:

"Our Christmas Day service tomorrow will be at 10 a.m., and for those of you who are interested, our EASTER services will be at 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m."

Laughter rolled through the church as everyone quickly got his point that Christmas and Easter bring in those persons who only attend church on those occasions.

My boss just put his head down and groaned under his breath. I guess I can see the humor in the "harmless joke," except that I am sure some in the church felt embarrassed by his comments.

Bottom line: Part of the birth story of Jesus is that there was no room for him in the inn and a barn had to suffice. If we, who call ourselves Christians, find it important enough to celebrate the birth of God Incarnate, we certainly can find room in our hearts to welcome all persons who are seeking to worship Christ on that holy night.

In fact, we ought to roll out the red carpet and offer them the best seats in the house.

I would not want to presume to speak for my fellow colleagues from other denominations, but I suspect that people who do not have a church home and find themselves drawn to a place of worship in the area on Christmas would be welcomed with open arms.

More importantly, we are called to extend that hospitality on any day that people seeking God find themselves in a place of worship.

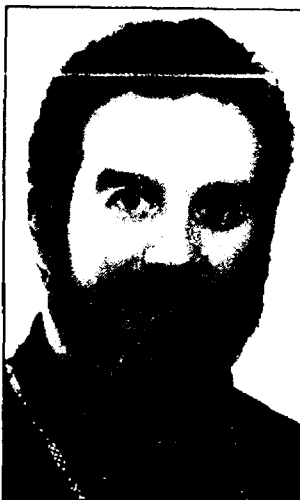
We are blessed with many fine places of worship — Christian, Jewish and Muslim.

As someone who has found Jesus Christ to be the path for me to God, during this Holy Season for Christians, I pray that all those who offer spiritual direction and those who seek to find God will be brought together by God's Holy Spirit.

Peace.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church marks one-year anniversary of fire

The devastating fire of Dec. 20, 2002 hurt Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, but not its members and their spirit.



Rev. Michael Varlamos

The fire spread quickly through the church that celebrated 25 years on Marter Road last year. The cost to rebuild was several million dollars. The structural restoration has just been completed and a temporary certificate issued for the reopening day, Sunday, Dec. 21.

That day will hold special meaning to many and especially the Rev. Michael Varlamos, who became the priest of Assumption in July. He has held all worship services in the banquet room of the cultural center, setting

up and taking down the altar to allow other activities to take place.

The fire was stopped from spreading to the center by quick action of the Rev. Tom Michalos, associate priest. While attending a luncheon in the foyer of the center, he observed smoke in the church. He called emergency and evacuated the guests, students attending classes, office, and custodial personnel, and the staff of in-house caterer Tony Marchiori.

"Our losses were great but we were blessed with no injury or loss to human life," said Michalos.

The fire department was commended on their immediate response and how well they handled the tragedy.

Monsignor Bass of St. Joan of Arc spent five hours in the cold helping the clergy carry precious artifacts that remained to safety. Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and the Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon offered a sanctuary.

In past years, Rigdon brought many of his parishioners to icon tours of the church. The iconography of the church will not be restored for another year. The plaster must cure before canvas and paintings can be applied.

A team of volunteers and staff members dedicated hours, days and months to seeing to the completion of the restoration. Grosse

Pointers Steve Mellos and Mike Bertakis led the effort with their committees.

Ernest Zachary, parish council president, praised Mellos and Bertakis and the committees for their efforts.

Other restoration committee members are Bill Caruso, John Korachis, Ted and Anna Niforos, John Sheoris, George Sirdenis and Harriet Stoukas. Project Grosse Pointers are Steve Mellos, Louis Theros and Joan De Ronne.

"The outpour of caring and support has been overwhelming from neighboring churches, residents, businesses and organizations (from Boy Scout troops to senior citizens)," Theros said.

"As we reenter our church, we realize that it is a time for renewal," Varlamos said. "We will be laying the foundation for the future, yet carrying the legacy of the past."

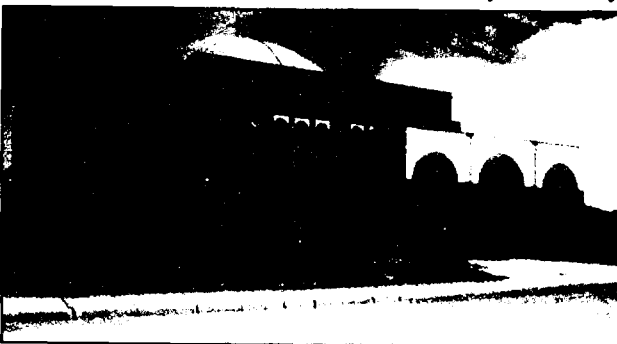
In April 2004, Assumption

will celebrate 75 years.

His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit appointed Varlamos to the Assumption Church. He served the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth, for more than 14 years.

Varlamos looks forward to meeting each of his new parishioners and getting to know the community. He lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with his wife, Presvytera Tina, and their four children, Nicholas, 12, Olymbia, 11, Stavroula, 8, and Panayioti, 6.

The reopening of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church will be celebrated with a procession from the center to the church at 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy follows at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow for parishioners and local civic leaders. Cultural Center activities and classes will resume fully in January.



Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Mary and Joseph were special people

By the Rev. Sam Jackson
Eastside Community Church

Most of us know the basics of the Christmas story, but just what made Mary and Joseph so special? Of all the human beings in all of human history, what prepared them for the incredible task of raising and caring for Jesus?

If we look at their lives closely, as recorded for us in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, it's apparent that both lived in faith-filled ways that prepared them for the responsibility of caring for God's Son.

Let's take a closer look at the traits that made them ready for this unique opportunity in history.

First, both of them were people of deep and commit-

ted faith. Their faith wasn't the Sunday-go-to-meeting kind, but a living and active faith that was fleshed out day to day and prepared them to answer God's call for service in extreme conditions.

Mary, for her part, was a virtuous woman who took her faith seriously and God's presence in her life seriously.

When visited by the angel Gabriel and told of God's unbelievable and difficult plan for her, Mary reflected upon a lifetime of service to Him, and with faith, forged in the fires of obedience and trust, responded, "Behold, the servant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word."

Likewise, Joseph's

lifestyle of faith enabled him to view a seemingly impossible situation from God's perspective instead of his own and allowed him to step forward in obedience to stand with Mary in what seemed to be outrageous circumstances.

Matthew records Joseph's response this way: "And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him."

Deep, committed faith empowered Mary and Joseph to trust and obey God in extreme situations.

The second characteristic we see in them is an ability to serve God in mundane and humble circumstances. Once the angelic visits had ceased, Mary and Joseph were faced

with humble and ordinary surroundings for people of their era.

They traveled humbly, either walking or using a donkey. They lived humbly, residing in simple housing that provided only a feeding trough for a nursery.

When God's gift, Jesus, finally arrived, He came humbly, as a tiny infant, born naturally, normal in both His appearance and behavior.

Aside from the comforting visits of shepherds and wise men, which actually may have been months, if not years apart from each other, the new couple could only depend on God's promise of faithfulness as they carried out their parental duties under otherwise unremarkable cir-

cumstances.

We can all learn from Mary and Joseph's faith. God wants us to nurture and develop our faith in such a way that when the unexpected change in the economy, the broken relationship — we'll be ready to make a difference in our community and the world by stepping forward to the challenge in faith by continuing to serve others.

God also wants us to develop the kind of faith that enables us to carry on in faithful service when life seems monotonous and unremarkable. He wants us to see the opportunities to serve in going to work every day, changing a dia-

per, chatting with a friend and spending time with our loved ones.

The story of Mary and Joseph is ultimately a story of ordinary people who demonstrated an unyielding faith in the extraordinary God.

Take some time this holiday season to renew your commitment to serve, whether in extreme times or mundane ones — that others see your faith in action and be drawn to the Hope within you. Merry Christmas!

Eastside Community Church's Sunday services are at 10 a.m. in the Harper Woods High School auditorium. Call (313) 647-0000 or visit www.eastsidecommunitychurch.com.



Christ Church Grosse Pointe
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SATURDAY, December 20, 2003
5:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, December 21, 2003
8:00, 9:00* and 11:15* a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite (Advent 4)

10:10 a.m. - Decorating and Lighting of the Garden Christmas Tree

4:30* p.m. - Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Choir of Boys, Girls and Men

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Pageant and Choir of Men and Boys

8:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Choir of Girls and Men

10:30 p.m. "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten with the Girls Choir and Harpist

11:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with the Choir of Men and Boys

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with hymns

SATURDAY, December 27
5:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, December 28

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Blessing of Toys and reception to follow

11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Christmas Hymn Sing

(Crib and toddler care 8:45 - 12:45)

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9:05 a.m. Christian Ed., 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 24th, 2003
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
10:30 p.m. Carol Prelude Service
11:00 p.m. Festive Holy Communion Service

December 25th - Christmas Day
11:15 a.m. Low Mass in the Chapel

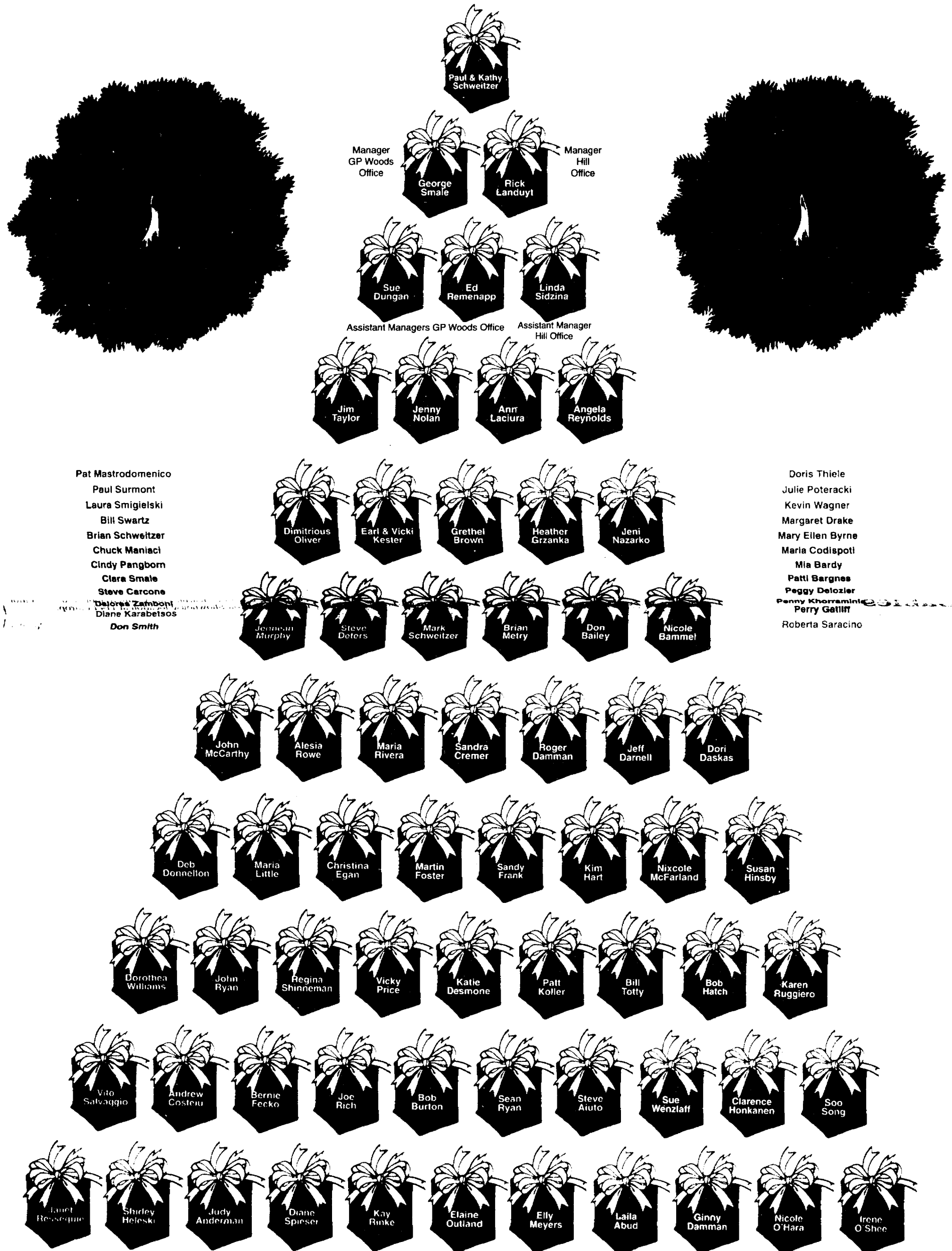
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Depression is never normal

Depression is never normal, at any time or any age. The holidays however, can be an especially troublesome time for older adults. Seniors, their families, friends and caregivers need to be sensitive to coping with depression around this time of the year.

The holiday season is traditionally a time to gather with family and friends and reflect upon the past while toasting the new year ahead. For the elderly, the holidays can be an emotional time that can lead to depression.

"It's important to remember that events and traditions associated with the holidays can often trigger a heightened awareness of losses and limitations in older adults, resulting in the emergence or worsening of depression symptoms," said Dr. Albert Bayer, a geriatric psychiatry expert in private practice and clinical coordinator for Michigan's Health Care Quality Improvement Organization (MPRO).

"Depression is not a normal part of aging, nor is it a natural reaction to changes associated with aging," Bayer said. "Families need to be in tune to the emotional needs of loved ones. When symptoms of depression are effectively recognized, they are typically very sensitive to appropriate treatment."

Some of the more common symptoms of depression in seniors include:

- Persistent sadness.
- Withdrawal from regular activities.
- Slowed thinking or

response. Staring off into space.

- Lack of energy or interest in things that were once enjoyable.

- Weight changes. Changes in sleep patterns.

- Inability to concentrate.

"We all experience an influx of emotions around the holidays, but it's important to remember that older adults may feel more acutely the passing of time, the absence of loved ones who have passed away and the distance of children who may have moved away," said Vicki Boyle, RN, BSN, MPRO. Boyle is a project manager for a special study on depression in the elderly.

"If someone suspects a senior in his or her life is depressed, the best gift of all is seeking help for that individual," Boyle said. First steps are important:

- Talk to the senior and see if you can figure out what's bothering him or her.
- Encourage the senior to see a physician; if she is apprehensive, go with her. An illness can trigger depression.

- If the senior is in a nursing home, talk to the staff.

"Support is necessary. Be persistent until you get to the source of the problem," Boyle said.

The experts concur that depression is not an inevitable part of growing old. Depression is treatable.

For questions on senior mental health, see your physician. For information or questions on senior health care topics, visit MPRO online at www.mpro.org.

New hearing aids are hip, high-tech

(NAPSI) — One in 10 Americans, almost 17 million under 65, suffer to some degree from hearing loss. Overexposure to excessive noise is to blame for nearly a third.

Everyday sounds louder than 80 decibels can be harmful to your hearing. Some common hazards include: loud rock concerts, car stereos, jet plane takeoff, lawn mowers, truck traffic, subway noises and many others. These loud environmental noises that multiply each year, have caused more baby boomers to suffer from hearing loss than any preceding generation.

Common hearing loss signs include:

- Asking people to repeat themselves frequently.
- Feeling as if others are mumbling much of the time.
- Experiencing difficulty distinguishing voices from background noise.
- Avoiding crowded places because it is hard to hear conversations.

Allowing hearing problems to remain untreated can seriously strain relationships with friends, family and colleagues. Nonetheless, about 80 percent of Americans with hear-

ing loss are not using any type of hearing aids. Admitting that you have a hearing impairment or being diagnosed with hearing loss is especially difficult for those in their early 40s and 50s, equating it with getting older.

Even more difficult is taking the next step and actually wearing hearing aids. Research and anecdotal evidence, however, suggests that hearing aids can help people enjoy better relationships, build self-esteem, improve mental health, show greater independence and improve quality of life.

Contrary to common perceptions, hearing aids aren't large and bulky anymore and are much more sophisticated than past devices that simply amplified noise. Instead, today's hearing aids are designed to incorporate the latest digital technology into tiny, discreet devices that are practically invisible and often placed entirely inside the ear canal.

For instance, Phonak Hearing Systems, an Illinois-based hearing aid manufacturer, helped revolutionize the industry with key technological advancements and innovations over

the past 10 years.

Three of these advancements include: AudioZoom[®], which allows wearers to zoom through background noise to be able to hear conversations more clearly in noisy places; WatchPilot[®], a remote control that allows wearers to discreetly adjust their hearing aid's features such as volume from a wristwatch; and most recently Perseo[®], the first hearing device that allows

for maximum customization so you can choose the way you hear in quiet and noisy situations according to your specific hearing needs.

Hearing loss shouldn't stop you from participating in life.

Ask your doctor for a referral to an audiologist or hearing specialist for a hearing check. It is recommended that you have your hearing checked every four years or annually, if you're over the age of 45.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2003

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor James C. Farquhar Jr., Council members Douglas F. Roby Jr., Peter W. Waldmeir, Therese M. Joseph, Joseph T. Leonard, Charles S. "Terry" Davis III, and Louis Theros.

Those absent were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Solak, City Manager; Reeside, City Clerk; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Tolliver, Assistant Director of Public Service; Ferber, Director of Public Safety; Jensen, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Huhn, Parks & Recreation Director; Homminga, Water Superintendent.

Mayor-Elect Farquhar presided at the Meeting.

The Council presented a Resolution/Proclamation to former Councilwoman Frances L. Schonenberg for her meritorious service to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Council presented a Resolution/Proclamation to Richard G. Solak, City Manager, who is retiring from the City after 31 years of service.

The Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, which was held November 10, 2003, as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the minutes of the Public Hearing held November 10, 2003 as submitted; and further, adjourned the appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Sherer of 427 Lothrop, to Monday, January 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.; granted the appeal of Eric Hagelthorn of 168 Kerby Road; granted the appeal of Barbara Nickels at 47 Edgemere.

The Council adjourned the fence permit appeal for 203 Moran to Monday, January 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council approved the Junior League Detroit Showhouse location at 114 Lothrop.

The Council approved the bid of Mid-State Security for the water filtration plan security system.

The Council approved the purchase of communications equipment for the Pier Park.

The Council approved the purchase agreement for 163 McKinley.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Shane L. Reeside as City Manager, effective January 1, 2004.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:
• Proposed Schedule of Council Meetings, 2004:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR YEAR 2004

The Regular Meetings occurring on the following dates are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall, 90 Kerby Rd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236 (313-885-6600).

January 5, 2004	June 21, 2004*
January 26, 2004*	July 12, 2004
February 9, 2004	August 9, 2004
March 8, 2004	September 13, 2004
March 22, 2004*	September 27, 2004*
April 5, 2004	October 11, 2004
April 19, 2004*	October 25, 2004*
May 10, 2004	November 15, 2004
May 24, 2004*	December 13, 2004
June 7, 2004	

*Indicates Work Session or Additional Council Meeting, as needed, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

- Statement of Attorney's Fees from Dickinson, Wright.
- The Annual Tree Planting Program, 2004.
- Cross Connection Program Fee Schedule.
- The Council received the Public Safety Department Report for September 2003.

The Council adopted a resolution that immediately following adjournment of the Regular Meeting a Closed Session shall be held for the purpose of discussing certain real estate and litigation matters.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

James C. Farquhar, Jr. **Shane L. Reeside,**
Mayor City Clerk

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Babies

Jaden Everest Spitz

Dr. Jonathan and Jlyn Spitz of Glenellyn, Ill., are the parents of a son, Jaden Everest Spitz, born Oct. 22, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kwak of Elgin, Ill. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Werner Spitz of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Jacob Jonathan Spitz

Dr. Daniel and Jodi Spitz of Tampa, Fla., are the parents of a son, Jacob Jonathan Spitz, born Nov. 19, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Baedke of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Werner Spitz of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Great-grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hopponen and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baedke, all of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Victoria Elizabeth Frederickson

Suzanne and Gregory Frederickson of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a daughter, Victoria Elizabeth Frederickson, born Oct. 18, 2003. Maternal grandparents are Stephanie Germack of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Frank Germack Jr. Paternal grandparents are Charles and Myrna Frederickson of Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Volunteers are needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. Anyone who has two hours of time to donate at least once a month, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600.

By Matilda Charles

The Botox industry — and that includes the manufacturers and its "delivery system," i.e., the cosmetic surgeons who inject their patients with the preparation — had been targeting women in their late 20s and 30s who have begun to panic over the appearance of their first wrinkle. It is now going after women in their 50s, 60s and older.

If you're part of this age span, its message to you is clear: If you're not using Botox to erase your wrinkles, you're missing out on the benefits of a modern fountain of youth. And, on the assumption that people tend to follow popular trends, the Botox industry's publicity releases tell us that large groups of women are getting together in living rooms around the country to get their shots while enjoying a social experience. They're even comparing these gatherings to Tupperware parties.

The facts are that a Botox injection is not the equivalent of a shot from the Fountain of Youth. Nor does Botox "erase" wrinkles. What it does is temporarily paralyze the muscles around the wrinkles. And what you get is a smooth surface that looks as if it's been ironed into place. What's more, it will have to be ironed again in a few months to maintain the effect. If people were

really honest about what their mirrors reflect following a Botox treatment, they would see an expressionless mask that's more likely to put off people than attract admirers.

If you want to look younger, you need to take care of yourself from the inside out: Exercise regularly; maintain a healthy weight; don't smoke, and, of course, eat the right foods, including blueberries. As a matter of fact, studies show that a diet rich in blueberry extract fed to rats helped improve short-term memory loss and even reversed a loss of balance and coordination.

Botox or berries? The first offers a temporary youthful effect; the second a lasting healthful reality. Which would you choose?

Write to Matilda Charles in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mails to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

SOC to see 'The Producers'

Services for Older Citizens will sponsor a trip to the Masonic Temple on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to see "The Producers." A bus will depart at 11:45 a.m. from the Neighborhood Club and will return at 4:30 p.m. Tickets, which include transportation, are \$54 for residents; \$57 for nonresidents.



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Know when to take antibiotics

By Dr. Keith R. Hoffmann
Special Writer

It's becoming increasingly difficult to treat some common infections because of antibiotic resistance. Antibiotics often are inappropriately prescribed to treat viral infections, for which they are ineffective.

Because of this improper use, some bacteria which are present in the environment on our countertops, phones, toys and hands, are more frequently exposed to certain antibiotics.

These "smart" bacteria now recognize the overused antibiotics and are changing their genetic make-up. Consequently, the next time they are exposed to the antibiotic, they can resist it. As a result, we are facing the risk that some antibiotic medications may no longer work to treat many bacterial infections.

When are antibiotics needed?

Antibiotics are not effective for viral infections, common cold, chest cold, influenza, most coughs, most sore throats, some ear aches, runny nose (sometimes even if mucus turns greenish) and laryngitis.

Antibiotics are effective for some bacterial infections, strep throat, some sinus infections, some ear infections, and urinary tract infections.

Colds caused by viruses

A cold is the most common of all upper respiratory diseases. Colds are caused by any one of more than 200 different viruses and will not improve with antibiotics.

The common symptoms of a cold are a low-grade fever within the first 24 to 48 hours, fatigue, runny nose, itchy, watery eyes, sore throat and a ticklish, dry cough. As many as 80 percent of upper respiratory infections are caused by colds and don't respond to antibiotics.

Cold sufferers who choose to continue their busy schedules and "tough it out" are only sharing their virus with family and friends. The best way to treat a cold and reduce its spread is to stay home in the early "contagious" stage (usually the first 24 to 48 hours).

Also, maintaining a busy schedule through a cold may run a person down and weaken his or her immune system. The cold then lingers for more than 10 days, blocked sinuses become ideal breeding grounds for bacteria, and a secondary bacterial infection requiring antibiotics can develop.

To relieve some symptoms, take over-the-counter products like acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil) for pain, and decongestants to open nasal passages. Persons with high blood pressure shouldn't take some decongestants and cough medicines, and are advised to first check with their physicians. Drinking plenty of fluids — especially warm ones — will help soothe sore throats and loosen mucus.

Influenza caused by virus

Influenza, "the flu," is also caused by a virus and can resemble a cold, but symptoms are much more severe. The flu hits suddenly, usually between November and April. Fevers are typically higher and body aches and fatigue brutal. Nasal congestion, sore throat and a dry cough also may be present.

Sufferers feel very sick for at least three days, and are usually out of commission for seven to 10 days. It may take weeks for weakness to disappear. Like colds, antibiotics will not work to cure or lessen flu symptoms. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot in late fall.

There is a popular misconception that the flu consists of fever, vomiting and diarrhea. However, the influenza virus attacks the respiratory tract. Vomiting, diarrhea and feeling nauseous can be related to the flu, but these symptoms are rarely the main symptoms of influenza.

Other viruses, bacteria or even parasites are the cause. Flu shots will not prevent you from contracting these stomach or intestinal bugs, which usually pass within 24 to 48 hours.

Sinusitis caused by bacteria

Sinusitis is a bacterial infection that often occurs after having a cold. During a cold, the mucus membranes in the sinuses sometimes swell. Mucus then becomes trapped within the sinuses, and the bacteria normally found in the nose multiply, causing an infection. Your physician might prescribe an antibiotic for sinusitis.

Besides a stuffy nose, symptoms of sinusitis may include the presence of thick, yellow-greenish mucus, headache and pain in the upper jaw, teeth, cheeks, forehead and around the eyes.

Sinusitis sufferers also may develop a fever and feel tired or weak. An untreated sinus infection can lead to ear infection, bronchitis and even pneumonia.

Increasingly, health care professionals are depending on their patients to be proactive regarding their own health care. Our immune systems are equipped to fight off a variety of infections without antibiotic intervention. Try treating the above symptoms at home with over-the-counter products like decongestants and acetaminophen or ibuprofen to relieve pain.

However, if cold symptoms persist for more than seven to 10 days, especially if accompanied by fever, greenish drainage and extreme fatigue, call your physician.

Dr. Hoffmann is a Bon Secours Cottage family practitioner with East Area Family Physicians in Roseville. For an appointment, call Bon Secours Cottage Physician Referral at (800) 303-7315.

St. John Hospital appoints executive vice president

Ronald F. LaPensee of Grosse Pointe has been appointed executive vice president for St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He will be responsible for hospital operations, management culture development, process improvement, budget performance and achieving results related to SJH&MC's strategic plan.

LaPensee comes to SJH&MC from Saint Francis Care in Hartford, Conn., where he was senior vice president and chief operating officer.

LaPensee is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE) and earned a master's degree in hospital

administration and public health from Yale University, School of Medicine.



Ronald F. LaPensee

Dizziness has many possible causes

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Q. For some time I have been troubled with a feeling of lightheadedness bordering on being dizzy. The sensation is greatest when I stand up, lie down or roll over in bed. None of my doctors has offered a diagnosis or cure. Can you offer any help?

— M.B.

A. If, by "dizziness," you mean a sensation as though you are on the verge of passing out, then a case can be made for orthostatic hypotension, a sudden drop in blood pressure upon rising.

When people rise from a seat, get out of bed or make any quick change from a horizontal or semi-horizontal position to a vertical one, the body must make rapid adjustments. Such changes cause blood pressure to dip because blood remains in the lowermost parts of the body. The heart does not have enough blood to supply the brain, and people complain of feeling woozy. Thankfully, a healthy body can keep blood pressure up when these positional changes are made. If it cannot, people feel woozy.

Doctors diagnose orthostatic hypotension by taking

a person's blood pressure seated and then taking it after the patient rises quickly to the standing position. Taking more salt, rising more slowly and elevating the head of the bed are sometimes the only treatments needed. At other times, the doctor must prescribe medicine.

If, by "dizziness," you mean a sensation of spinning like a top, then the inner ear is a likely culprit. This kind of dizziness occurs when a person turns the head to the side or upward. "Vertigo" is the official name for this kind of dizziness. Many times doctors can make the diagnosis of this problem in the office and treat it there. The cause of this kind of vertigo is the displacement of small crystals from one chamber of the inner ear to another where they should not be and where they kick up a fuss. The so-called Epley maneuvers, a series of head movements, can often restore the crystals to the chamber where they ought to be.

This is a superficial discussion of a vast topic that has many causes. Readers interested in more information can order the Vertigo pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 801W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Q. I am 85 years old. I injured my left thigh muscle in 1988. Lately it has been bugging me really bad. I ride my stationary bike an hour and a half five days a week. I also exercise my legs with weights. I hope you have some advice for me.

— J.G.

A. I am in awe of your program.

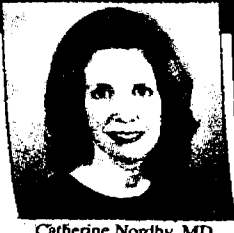
I find it hard to implicate an injury that occurred 15 years ago as being the reason why your thigh muscle hurts now. The only way you are going to get to the root of the problem is to pay the family doctor a visit.

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SCOPE

The work includes complete site development and construction of all architectural, mechanical and electrical trades for the facility, as well as all phasing as required between the library and school.

DRAWINGS

Site plan approval plans for the project may be obtained from Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc., the project architect, at 28001 Cabot Drive, Novi, Michigan, beginning December 11, 2003. Please call Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. prior to picking up plans at (248) 848-0123.

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- ✓ Building drawings ready May 15, 2004 for bidding.
- ✓ Remaining construction phases to be coordinated with library, school, and city.
- ✓ Building Occupancy October, 2005.

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Know Your Skin

by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



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Holiday greetings from the Wal-Mart Grinch

By Helen Gregory
Special Writer

No doubt you've read about the woman in Orlando, Fla., who was first in line at Wal-Mart for its incredible sale on DVD players — \$29.

I understand people wait all night for prime positions in line, sort of like tickets for Springsteen, Stones and Streisand concerts.

When the doors opened in the morning she was trampled. People who tried to help got knocked over for their efforts. She ended up in the hospital.

With their kind generosity, Wal-Mart, learning of her plight, offered to hold the machine for her at the sale price. All she had to do was come in and get it. Whoopee-do.

Despite my feelings about frivolous lawsuits, I was

beginning to think the woman should put in a call to Geoffrey Feiger and make a total circus of it.

Just then, WWJ news radio announced that Wal-Mart had investigated the woman in question.

According to Wal-Mart, she once worked for them and had a history of bringing injury lawsuits.

I couldn't verify this fact with a separate source. Maybe it's true.

It brought me back to my original anti-lawsuit position.

But that doesn't let Wal-Mart off the hook. The initial response brings back warm-hearted memories of Ebenezer Scrooge and Simon Legree. Wal-Mart couldn't even spring for a bouquet of flowers, the cheap DVD player and a get-well card, all delivered



The Book Return

to the hospital. It might have been a tad more humane without admitting responsibility.

Do Wal-Mart's mealy-mouthed charity ads ("We collected 50,000 pounds of paper for recyclers, saved our money and took it to Wal-Mart to buy self-destructing clothes and stuff for the needy") annoy you?

Wal-Mart, wrapping itself in the flag (made in China), has a decade behind it of selling cheaply made products from Third World countries' slave labor.

"But," you say, "at least

their help is local."

Hate to pop that bubble, but they're currently under investigation for using illegal aliens who are willing to work long hard hours for starvation wages with no benefits.

Wal-Mart claimed it was the fault of third-party contractors who hired smuggled Eastern Europeans (so much for due diligence). Previously, the feds have been able to track the aliens and the middlemen.

Nonetheless, this October, after a five-year probe, the government, for the first time, implicated executives at Wal-Mart itself.

One radio ad for an independent store tells us, "If you find it at a lower price, it's probably stolen." Using slave labor is comparable to stealing.

And you wondered why Jacobson's closed. Quality

costs money.

At Central and Woods branch libraries under 381.149, you'll find Robert Slater's love song to Wal-Mart ("The Wal-Mart Decade: How a New Generation of leaders turned Sam Walton's Legacy into the World's No. 1 Company").

Wal-Mart's executives claim that "the most sued entity in the U.S." survived by "beefing up its PR department."

No mention of their interesting cost-cutting strategies? Tsk. Tsk.

To get back to Wal-Mart's roots, look for Sam Walton's 1992 autobiography, "Sam Walton: Made in America." Times have changed since his death 10 years ago.

In the library I didn't find these less than glowing books on Wal-Mart that Amazon lists. The following titles may interest those who want more than a paean to the super-giant. Bill Quinn's paperback "How Wal-Mart is Destroying America and the World and What You Can Do About It," Al Norman's

hardcover "Slam Dunking Wal-Mart" and Don Taylor's practical hardcover "Up Against the Wal-Marts: How Your Business Can Prosper in the Shadow of the Retail Giants," show promise.

Jacobson's is gone already. F.A.O. Schwartz, Lord and Taylor and other high-end stores with quality goods have filed for bankruptcy. Kmart is still in trouble. Other discounters are nervous.

When Wal-Mart moves into an area, business at nearby, high-end or discount stores drops 40 percent, just like the little shops in Grosse Pointe folded as the chains moved in. Wal-Mart wouldn't succeed if millions of Americans didn't shop there.

After the jingle bells ring, and before the New Year's horns toot, the last sounds we'll hear will be more doors closing.

And we'll be the ones pulling them shut.

You can reach Helen Gregory online at hgregory@gp.lib.mi.us.

Christmas decorations

By Debbie Farmer
Special Writer

We all know that you can size up people pretty quickly by the way they dress, what kind of car they drive, and the sort of company they keep. But, frankly, I think you never really know people until you see what kind of outdoor holiday decorations they have.

It happens every year. Come December, people who don't so much as display a lawn ornament suddenly cover their entire yard with Nativity scenes and pinwheel angels and jumbo plastic candy and all that. It's amazing.

Take our neighbors, for example — a nice, quiet, conservative couple who don't even leave their car parked on the driveway overnight. As of yesterday, they are the proud owners of five movable reindeer, a light-up tree, a sleigh, and a 10-foot inflatable snowman.

Not that anything is wrong with this. I'm all for showing holiday spirit and all that. But for as long as I've known them, there was nothing, NOTHING about them that suggested this was coming.

I can see how this could happen. Christmas decorations, much like commercial jingles and chicken pox, are contagious.

Take our neighbors down the street. One year they bought a lovely outdoor Christmas tree with lights for their front yard. A few days later, eight wooden reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh appeared in front of the house next door. Shortly after that, a six-foot, fiber optic Frosty-the-Snowman showed up

Family Daze

By Debbie Farmer



a few houses down, followed by a group of electronically animated elves singing Jingle Bells in the front yard of the house across the street.

Coincidence? I think not.

One of the perks of holiday decorations is that you have an excuse to drive around, commenting on other people's yards. Sometimes this can be depressing. Not because of the cold, mind you, but because by a cruel twist of fate some of the yards — the very same yards you've snubbed all year long — suddenly look like something out of a Norman Rockwell painting, while yours has only a shoddy-looking tree made from a stack of aluminum cans.

Another interesting thing about Christmas decorations, besides their obvious festive appeal, is that they explain a great deal about the people who have them. I mean, you can tell which people, exactly, are handy with a scroll saw, and which people spend their weekends roaming craft fairs; which family is deeply religious; and which family is more of the gingerbread-man type.

In fact, there are a lot of

houses in the neighborhood that we refer to by their Christmas decorations all year round. Even in midsummer, the house around the corner is known as "the house with the blue icicle lights." The one across from the park is where the "family-who-has-a-thing-for-ice-skating-penguins" lives.

What about our house? Well, we put up our traditional Christmas display — lights, which are still up from last year.

I'm not sure what this says about us.

Frankly I don't want to know.

However, this year my husband has added three handcrafted wooden reindeer. Of course, he claims it has nothing to do with our neighbor's elaborate display because "competing with friends over yard decorations is just plain silly."

Meanwhile, when we came home today our neighbors had added a dozen plastic candy canes and a couple of polar bears.

Coincidence? Maybe. I'm not too worried.

Except, that is, for the fact that my husband just headed outside to measure our lawn for a full-sized Santa's workshop.

I hope that January gets here soon.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California. She's also an author. You can order her new book, "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat," at Amazon.com or your local bookstore. She can be reached by writing familydaze@oasisnewsfeatures.com.

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It showed that the average number of cardiac-related diagnoses in hospital emergency rooms per snowstorm day vs. those on a non-snowstorm day increased by about 22 percent.

Who should think twice before heading out to shovel?

Simmer says anyone who has a personal or family history of heart disease, has already sustained a heart attack, has high blood pres-

sure, high cholesterol levels, a history of smoking, a history of inactivity, a history of back problems or has recently eaten a large meal.

If you're healthy, active and still plan to tackle the snow, Simmer asks that you consider this important checklist.

- Avoid stimulants (i.e. caffeine and nicotine) that will raise your heart rate and cause blood vessels to constrict.

- Drink water to avoid dehydration. Breathing cold air dehydrates the body.

- Dress in layers. You can always remove a layer if needed.

- Be sure to warm up and stretch your muscles before shoveling. Muscles are less likely to be injured during physical activity after a warm-up.

- Pick the right shovel. A smaller shovel will lessen the load one has while moving snow.

- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.

- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.

- Remove heavy snow in two stages. Begin by skimming off the snow from the top, then remove the bottom layer. Avoid overloading the shovel.

- Try to remove snow soon after the storm. Freshly fallen, powdery snow is easier to shovel than the wet, packed-down variety.

- Take it slow. Begin shoveling slowly to avoid a sudden demand on the heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed.

- Wear a scarf or mask. Inhaling cold air may constrict arteries, decreasing your heart's supply of oxygen.

- Stop if your body feels pain or discomfort. No one knows your body as well as you do.

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2:00 pm The Legal Insider
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When is a Christmas cactus not a Christmas cactus?

One of the highlights of our family's holiday season is the blooms of what we have called our Christmas cactus. The blooms with their lovely colors come at a time of year when we long to see flowers at their finest.

We laugh about the fact that perhaps they are truly a Thanksgiving cactus because their blooms arrive in late November rather than December. Little did I know that there really are three different "holiday" cacti: Christmas cactus, Thanksgiving cactus and Easter cactus.

Thanks to the passion of a Victorian Belgian cactus grower, the Genus carries the elongated botanical name of *Schlumbergera*, named for Friedrich Schlumberger. Three, possibly five, species are included in this Genus.

Easter cactus is not included in this genus. The Easter cactus is known as



By Kathleen Peabody

Rhipsalidopsis, and the difference is in the flower and other characteristics.

All of these "holiday" plants are from the cacti family, but then the explanation gets confusing.

Cacti continue to pose problems for botanists as they are studied. They are regarded as a primitive group of plants and still active in their state of evolution.

Grown natively in Brazil, *Schlumbergeras* are tree-perchers (epiphytes) with arching or drooping, thin, flat, green stems as young plants. When older, the stems become woody and brown. Although I've never witnessed them, the fruits of the plant are berries.

A parent of the Christmas cactus is the crab cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*). If you look at the stems of the plant, you can see how it got the name of crab cactus. It has overlapping stems with segments 1 to 2 inches long and up to 1 inch across.

The Thanksgiving cactus (*S. t. bicolor*) is an early blooming plant with flowers that have white tubes and deep rose-pink margins to the petals.

The later flowering *S. t. salmonea* has salmon-pink blooms with some white in the tubes. Some varieties include the red "Gertrude W. Beahm," the orange "Llewellyn" or "Parna" which is light crimson with

an orange throat.

Hybridizers have gone out of their way to grow varieties of this cactus to produce flowers. The Christmas cactus (*S. bridgesii*) originated in a London, England, nursery shortly before the middle of the 19th century. Its parents are *S. russelliana* and *S. truncata ruckeri*.

Growing "holiday" cacti indoors

Schlumbergeras are wonderful house plants. I have had no problems getting them to rebloom year after year. They do well in pots on windows or as hanging plants.

Something that works well for our family is putting the plant outdoors in the summer. It is kept in the shade where the filtered outside light is enough to give it a burst of growth. Leaving it outdoors until the weather begins to change, when night temperatures are still above 40 degrees, gives the plant a little push to begin setting its blooms.

My parent's folks' plant blooms in late October after being outside for the summer. This year I left mine indoors all summer, and the blooms came a little closer to Thanksgiving.

The plant likes to be snug in its pot and watered to be moderately moist but never soggy.

Don't forget to water or the stems will begin to shrivel. Keep them watered



Photo by Kathy Peabody

The late-flowering *S. t. salmonea* is really a Thanksgiving cactus whose blooms last almost to Dec. 25.

more often as they are blooming.

Schlumbergeras are similar to poinsettias in that they are photoperiodic — they require a period of absolute darkness to help them bloom. They normally bloom during short days. Keep them in full sun indoors. They can be moved to a little less intense sun once they begin blooming.

Older plants can live happily in the same pot for several years. Scrape away a little of the topsoil and replace it with nourishing new soil with some bone-meal added. Repot and top dress in spring.

Occasional applications of a diluted liquid fertilizer is warranted. Prune plants in June to encourage branch-

ing. Remove a few sections with your finger or a sharp knife. The pieces can be rooted in moist vermiculite to make more plants.

If you don't grow *Schlumbergeras* or Christmas or Thanksgiving cactus, a visit to the Belle Isle Conservatory is just the thing to see them up close and personal. I visited this week, and it was just the thing to take in the beauty of the season.

Remember to bring in the green for the holidays. Merry Christmas.

Kathleen Peabody is a Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Trivia test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. Royalty: How many kings of Scotland were named Malcolm?
2. Geography: Into what body of water does the Illinois River flow?
3. History: Valerian was once a ruler of what empire?
4. Literature: Who created the character of Tarzan?
5. Presidents: In what state's Legislature did Abraham Lincoln serve before he became presi-

dent?

6. Philosophy: Who published "The Social Contract" in 1762?
7. Military: What is the name of the decoration given to U.S. soldiers wounded in the line of duty?
8. Math: Who invented logarithms?
9. Film: In what year was the movie "Forrest Gump" released?
10. Medicine: Gastritis is an inflammation of which

part of the body?

Answers

1. Four
2. Mississippi River
3. Roman
4. Edgar Rice Burroughs
5. Illinois
6. Jean Jacques Rousseau
7. Purple Heart
8. John Napier
9. 1994
10. Stomach

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South's depth pays off in another tournament triumph

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Playing twice within 24 hours might hurt a lot of high school hockey teams, especially if the first of the

two contests is a physical game.

That wasn't a concern, however, for Grosse Pointe South when it played Notre Dame in the championship

game in last weekend's University Liggett School Invitational.

"We played four forward lines in the Notre Dame game," said Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp after South's 4-2 victory over the Irish.

"Not many teams have the depth to do that, and I think that was an advantage for us."

South played a solid first period, and came out of it with a 1-0 lead on a goal by Anthony Swancoat, who fired the puck into the top corner of the net. The goal was set up by Nick Andrew.

It was the sixth time in six games that the Blue Devils have scored the first goal. South has never trailed this season.

The first period was only a preview of things to come for the Blue Devils, who completely dominated the second period.

"That was our best period

of hockey in years," Bopp said. "Our team looked quick and forechecked so well."

However, South didn't have anything to show for its efforts until Andrew took a pass from Swancoat, skated along the boards, cut to the net, deked a Notre Dame defenseman and scored with 31 seconds left in the period.

"Nick is a very hard worker who gives everything he has every shift," Bopp said. "We look to him more for that than scoring goals, but on this play he was very determined and it was great to see him score such a big goal."

Nine seconds later, South scored again. Robbie Barrett won the faceoff, got the puck back from Stefan Harris and fired the puck from the top of the circle, beating the

Irish goalie just under the crossbar.

"That was an awesome shot, and scoring nine seconds apart really gave us a lot of momentum," Bopp said.

Notre Dame cut the lead to 3-1 on a power-play goal by Jason McBride, assisted by John VanOenen and Steve Pokorski, at 6:08 of the third period.

Brian Gatliff restored South's three-goal margin with 51 seconds remaining in the period, assisted by Sean O'Brien.

Pokorski scored a power-play goal for Notre Dame with six seconds left. Chris Small and James Gat assisted.

South reached the championship game with a 3-1 win over St. Clair Shores United.

"We knew it would be a tough game because we hadn't played for a week and St. Clair Shores has a very good coach (Frank DiCristofaro)," Bopp said.

He was right. Both teams skated well in the first period, but South got the only goal of the period when Mark Diebel scored from Barrett and Harris at 8:03.

St. Clair Shores tied the game early in the second period when the Lakers had a two-man advantage. Richard Goodson got the goal from John Capek.

Gatliff broke the tie when he scored on an alert play with 1:40 left in the second period.

"Robbie Barrett won a faceoff in the St. Clair Shores zone and Brian made

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Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South captains, from left, Brian Gatliff, Pat LaRiviere and Trey Shield admire the championship trophy from the University Liggett School Invitational hockey tournament.

Norsemen make a point in victory over Harper Woods

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

After one of their last scrimmages before the start of the basketball season, Grosse Pointe North coach Matt Trombley and his assistant, Gary Bennett, noticed that the Norsemen's offense wasn't clicking on all cylinders.

Something had to be done so the North coaches moved Michael Bramos, last year's leading scorer and rebounder, to point guard on offense.

The move paid instant dividends as Bramos did a good job of running the offense in the Norsemen's 60-55 victory over Harper Woods in their non-league opener.

"I thought (Bramos) played pretty well," Trombley said. "Having him at the point will help me keep my sanity."

"We were having some problems getting control of the offense and Michael has calmed things down. It also helps that he's 6-5. He can pass over people so he rarely gets in trouble."

Playing the point didn't hamper Bramos's scoring or rebounding. He finished with 17 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

A 13-2 run gave North its biggest lead of the game, 31-14, with 5 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter. David Klein and Marcell Maxwell each had four points in the run that Bramos triggered with a three-point play.

North led 44-31 at half-

time and still had a 52-37 advantage after three quarters.

Harper Woods' Justin Popov took over the game in the fourth quarter. He scored 10 points in the Pioneer's 16-5 run that cut the lead to 57-53 with 2:07 remaining.

North answered with a free throw by Bryan Bennett to make it 58-53. Bennett then fed Klein a pass for a layup with 12.5 seconds left to secure the victory.

Trombley was pleased with the Norsemen's performance, considering that it was North's opener and Harper Woods already had played a game.

"I thought we responded to what they threw at us," Trombley said. "It helps to have the maturity that we have this year."

North went into the contest with two things in mind.

"We felt that the most important things in this game were to control the tempo and the boards," Trombley said.

Trombley also praised Maxwell's defensive work against Jerome Douglas, who was held to five points.

"Marcell did a fantastic job," Trombley said. "They played AAU basketball together, so Marcell was pretty excited about it."

Klein had 12 points, Bennett 10 and Maxwell added nine in a balanced scoring attack for North. Jake Krystoforski grabbed

five rebounds.

Popov finished with 22 points and eight rebounds for Harper Woods, while Bruce Mosely added 20 points.

"Mosely's a great player whose No. 1 thing is to create," Trombley said. "He scored 20 points, but I'd rather have him shooting than dishing off to his teammates, which he does so well."

Harper Woods coach Loren Ristovski said that the first half was too much for the Pioneer's to overcome.

"We didn't play well in the first half, and that came back to beat us in the end," Ristovski said. "I thought our kids did a much better job of defending and knocking down some shots in the second half, and that got us right back in the game."

"We had a great chance to pull out a win, but things didn't go our way down the stretch. We really missed Dan Harris tonight. His ability to score and defend would have put us over the top. He needs to get healthy and get back on the court."

Harris missed both of the Pioneer's opening games with an illness but is set to come back at the end of the week.

Earlier in the week, Harper Woods blasted Walled Lake Northern 76-47.

— Bob St. John contributed to this story.

Notre Dame holds off Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's basketball team split its season opening games last week, losing 52-49 at Trenton and beating visiting Grosse Pointe South 48-45.

"We had a disappointing loss against Trenton and came back with a win against South," head coach Don Sicko said. "We're searching for an identity with so many underclassmen on our squad, but I saw progress from our first game to our second."

South coach George Petrouleas hopes that his team makes similar progress.

"We hung around and had a shot to tie it at the end, but I wasn't really happy with some of our play," Petrouleas said. "We got some steps but couldn't score the key basket that would get us over the hump. And we had good looks, too."

"A lot of it had to do with

our inexperience. We're still trying to fit all the pieces together."

Notre Dame led by five points at halftime. South closed to within two a couple of times in the second half.

"We got a lot of help from our bench," Petrouleas said. "Two players who weren't in the program last year did a solid job. Nate Jones had four points and four rebounds, and Ryan Lofton had four points and two rebounds."

Notre Dame's Seth Quaranta had 22 points and eight rebounds, and Darryl Clements finished with 12 points and six rebounds.

Freshman Christian Hill chipped in with nine points and five assists to help the Irish get the victory.

Christian Conroy led South with 11 points. Kyle Bruen had a team-high five rebounds and five points.

"We're expecting more scoring from Kyle, but he had to play out of position

after Brett Read injured his ankle," Petrouleas said.

Petrouleas said that Read's status was day-to-day.

"It was nice to get that first win of the season," Sicko said. "We want to improve our balance and our depth, and that is what our nonleague schedule will help us accomplish."

The Fightin' Irish fell behind early against Trenton but battled back to take a lead in the third quarter.

"We had our chances to win this game, and some mistakes at critical times were a factor in the loss," Sicko said. "We had the same scenario against South, but this time our kids made the big plays and we won."

Clements had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Irish against Trenton, while Quaranta had 14 points and

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Photo by Lori Wilson
Bruce Mosely (4) and Justin Popov of Harper Woods don't give Grosse Pointe North's Jacob Bloomhuff much room to maneuver.

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Trinity Catholic beats Lutheran East in battle of first-year basketball coaches

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

In a battle of first-year coaches, Ed Banks and his Trinity Catholic boys basketball team beat host Lutheran East and Joe Beck

North wins swim opener

Michael VanBeek and Larry Briski each won two events to lead Grosse Pointe North's swimming team to a season-opening 130-50 victory over St. Clair.

VanBeek finished first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events, while Briski won the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

Other North winners were Matt Doak, one-meter diving; Karl Tech, 100 freestyle; and Andrew Fly, 100 breaststroke.

51-39.

The game was tied at 35-35 midway through the fourth quarter before the Lancers went on an 11-0 run to lead 46-35.

"If we play as we did in the second half, we will be a very good basketball team," Banks said. "We played with a lot of passion tonight, and it showed with a victory."

"We ran out of gas," Beck said. "Our guys played hard, but Trinity's athleticism wore us down by the midway point of the fourth quarter."

East led 12-9 after the first quarter, and senior Matt Johnston's triple tied the game at 19 heading to the half.

Trinity led 29-27 after the third quarter and stretched the margin to 35-31 early in the fourth period before

sophomore Joel Machemer hit two free throws to tie at 35.

The Lancers' fourth-quarter run was sparked by seniors Ron Hildreth, Quinton Washington and Lonnie Pettway.

"We had our chances to win this game but made some mistakes in the fourth quarter that allowed Trinity to score some easy baskets," Beck said. "I'm happy with our play but disappointed we lost."

Hildreth, Washington and sophomore Anthony Howard each scored 11 points to lead the Lancers, while Pettway finished with eight, and senior Lance Caldwell with five.

For the Eagles, senior Robert Carlisle had 13 points, followed by junior Andrew Zoellner with nine, Johnston with seven, and

senior Mike Meinhardt with six.

Later in the week, Trinity Catholic beat Taylor Light and Life 65-52, while Lutheran East split two games in the annual Lutheran Tournament.

The Lancers won their second straight road game, while the Eagles lost 46-41 to Lutheran Westland in one semifinal game and rebounded to edge Lutheran Northwest 51-49 in the consolation game.

Zoellner had 12 points against Westland, while Johnston and Machemer each tallied 10 points against Northwest.

The Trinity Catholic basketball team is 2-0 overall, while Lutheran East is 1-2.

Coming up for the Lancers is a home game on Friday, Dec. 19, against Charlotte Forten Academy.

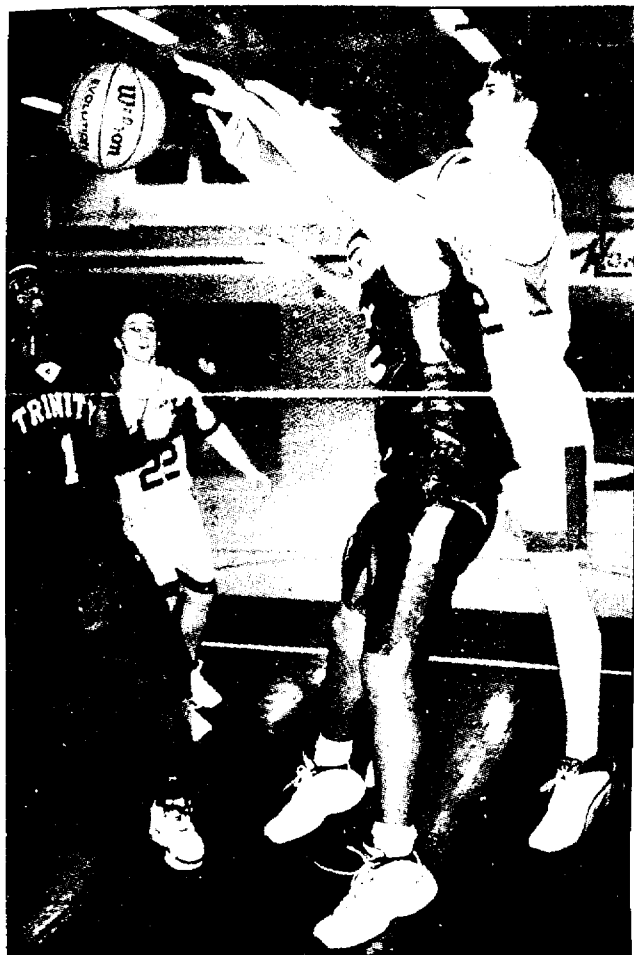


Photo by Bob Bruce

Trinity Catholic's Lonnie Pettway, center, is fouled by Lutheran East's Joel Machemer in the Lancers' season-opening victory.

HW wrestlers take 2nd in tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Harper Woods' wrestling squad had to settle for second place for a second straight weekend, taking the runner-up spot in its annual team tournament.

"We did a pretty good job, even though we wrestled with less than a full squad," head coach Adam Schihr said. "We had four kids who didn't wrestle."

Jeremy Myers was 4-0 and Jeff Bertges was 3-0 to lead the Pioneers, while Adam DiGiovanni, Bobby Monaghan, Keith Neal, Jeff Orjada, Antoine Kennedy and Jibril Showers were

each 3-1.

"We're getting to the point I want this team to be at," Schihr said. "We have some success wrestling some bigger Division I and II teams the past couple of weekends, which is encouraging since it is so early in the season."

The Pioneers improved to 8-3 overall and will compete in the annual Macomb County Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, at Anchor Bay.

"We will see what happens with our wrestlers," Schihr said. "We don't have a full squad, but we should still do pretty well."

South gymnasts set record in opener

It took only one meet for the Grosse Pointe South gymnastics team to set a school scoring record.

The Blue Devils posted their highest team score in history with a 131.3-81.5 victory over Berkley.

South dominated in all four events.

"We have an amazing team with a lot of potential," said coach Kelly Darlington. "We're off to a great start this season."

It's a young squad, but the Blue Devils have hopes of improving on last year's third-place finish in the Macomb Area Conference meet.

South was bolstered by the addition of freshmen Regan Wedenoja and Lindsay Holder. Both have competed in club gymnastics.

"Both of them are excellent additions to the team," said junior Liz Davisson. "Being from club gymnastics, they'll both help us get

the scores essential to win."

There are also several veterans on the 16-member South squad, including team captains Melissa Loveley, Jackie Madison and Kristin Zens.

Wedenoja and Holder turned in strong performances on vault with scores of 8.55 and 8.25, respectively. Loveley scored an 8.35, followed by Madelyn Mollison (7.85) and Zens and Davisson, each with 7.7 scores.

Top performances on uneven bars came from Loveley (7.45), Holder (7.7) and Davisson (7.3). India Wilson, Chelsea Seavitt and Wedenoja also performed solid routines.

Wedenoja nearly broke a pair of school records when she scored 9.05 on both balance beam and floor exercise.

Holder, Davisson and Wilson also had excellent scores on beam and floor, as did Madison.



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South

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a really smart play when he cut across the front of the net and beat the goalie," Bopp said.

It appeared that the Blue Devils got a goal from Trey Shield on a shot from the point in the third period but the referee disallowed it because he said a South player was in the crease.

"It was a bad call," Bopp said. "I watched the tape and it was a goal. That could have been a big call, but our players didn't let it bother them and they kept playing hard."

The work paid off with 2:37 left in the period. Ben Morawski passed the puck to Tom MacEachern, who was all alone in the slot, and he didn't make any mistakes as he beat the Lakers' goalie. Barrett also assisted.

South had a 30-16 edge in shots. Mark Grignon was in goal for the Blue Devils, and made two outstanding saves at the end of the first period.

"In both games our defensemen were the difference," Bopp said. "The defensemen are playing with a lot of confidence and making very few mistakes. The forwards were very disciplined with our forecheck, and that was another reason we did so well in both games."

Defensemen Shield, Brandon Krajniak and Harris were South's representatives on the all-tournament team.

South is on the road Saturday for a game against Ann Arbor Pioneer.



Photo by Dr. J. Richard Dunlap
Grosse Pointe South's Tom Porter skates between a pair of Notre Dame players.

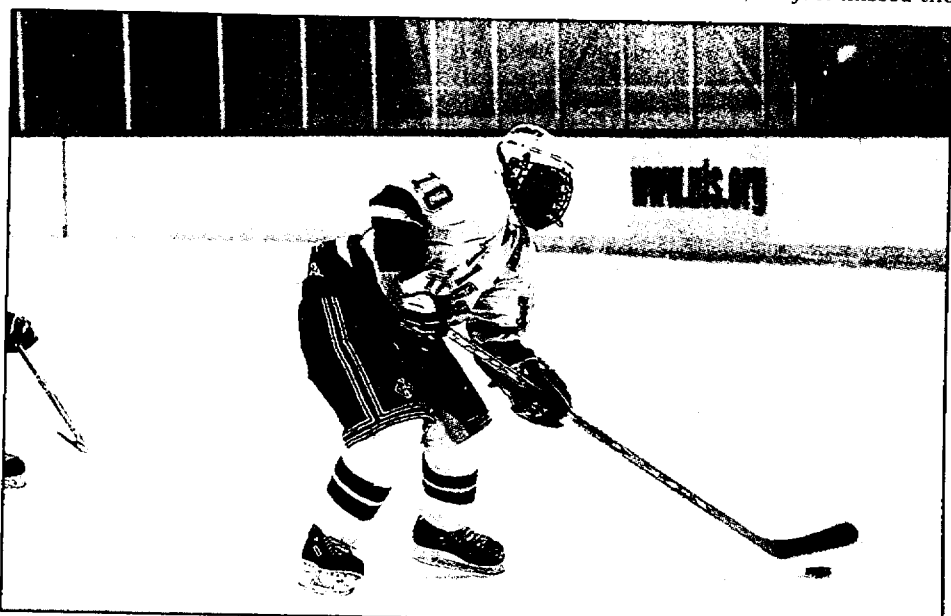


Photo by Lori Wilson
Tommy Russell played well for University Liggett School in the ULS Invitational last weekend. He had a goal and an assist in the Knights' 7-2 loss to St. Clair Shores in the consolation game.

Norsemen play well against two top hockey opponents

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's hockey team played well enough to earn a pair of victories in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League last week.

However, some days even a top-notch effort isn't quite enough.

That was the case last Saturday when the Norsemen dropped a 2-0 decision to Brother Rice.

"As hard as we worked, we deserved a better fate," said North coach Scott Lock. "But we ran into a hot goalie and when he didn't make the save, we just missed the

net or hit the posts.

"We have to find a way to score goals. We've only scored five goals in our last four games. Every team in our league has a good goalie, so it's going to be tough to score. Our goals-against is coming down. We have to concentrate more when we're around the net."

North had a 30-14 shooting edge on the Warriors. Rice scored in the first period. North goalie Jordan Zielke, who has played well recently, made the initial save, but on the rebound several players slid into him and the puck went into the net.

Rice's other goal was an empty-net tally with one second remaining.

Eric Dloski played a strong game for North.

"He played with a lot of energy," Lock said.

Zielke was outstanding in North's 2-1 win over Cranbrook Kingswood earlier in the week.

The game was scoreless until the Cranes scored in the third period. The Norsemen answered a minute later on a goal by Peter Baratta, assisted by

Shaun Fulton and Jack D'Amato, and less than two minutes later, Dloski broke the tie with Eddie Tropp and John Dallas getting the assists.

"Jordan Zielke was the No. 1 star of this game, but we played well as a team, and the third period was our best period in a long time," Lock said.

"Cranbrook is ranked No. 2 in Division III, so it was a good game all around for us."

Although Lock said that everyone on the team played well, he was especially pleased with the efforts of Jimmy Solomon, Drew Davis and Colin Brown.

"Those were both great high school hockey games," Lock said.

North continues to play a tough schedule this week-end. Both of the Norsemen's games in the High School Hockey Showcase at Trenton will be against league rivals.

North plays University of Detroit Jesuit at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and the Norsemen face Detroit Catholic Central on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Griesbaum school now offers players a choice

Youngsters attending the winter session of the Dan Griesbaum Baseball School next month won't have to decide whether they want to be pitchers or hitters.

"Last year, the students had to decide whether to attend the hitting camp or the pitching camp," said Griesbaum, the longtime Grosse Pointe South baseball coach who is co-director of the camp along with Matt Reno.

"We had a lot of kids who said that they'd like to go to both, so we're letting them do that this year. They can go to one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Or they can go both days to the same one."

The school, which will be held in the South gymnasiums, will run from 3 to 6 p.m. each day. The cost is \$45 per day, but if a player decides to attend both days, the cost is only \$80.

The camp is open to players in grades three through eight. Instructors are high school coaches and players.

School brochures are available at South and at the Neighborhood Club. Or they can be obtained by calling Griesbaum at (313) 884-7834 or Reno at (313) 886-5537.

Registration must be in by Wednesday, Jan. 7. There is no registration at the door.

South alumni to play Sunday

Grosse Pointe South's annual alumni hockey game will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Sports Arena.

All former boys hockey players from South are invited to participate.

Interested players should call Nancy Klick at (313) 884-2731 or Sharon Fromm at (313) 884-7068.

Irish

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10 rebounds.

Coming up for the Fightin' Irish is a home game on Friday, Dec. 19, against Redford Bishop Borgess. South travels to Port Huron the same night.

"We have a whole week to improve during practice and get ready to play Borgess," Sicko said. "It's another home game; so I hope we can give the fans something to cheer about."

—Chuck Klonke also contributed to this story.

North bounces back again from Cranbrook loss

Grosse Pointe North's girls hockey team is doing quite well this season — as long as the Norsemen aren't playing Cranbrook Kingswood.

After a disappointing 6-2 loss to the Cranes, North bounced back on Monday night with a 6-1 victory over University Liggett School.

"It's been a disappointing two performances against Cranbrook the past two weeks," said North coach Tim Van Eckoute. "We've played hard and had a lot of opportunities in both games but we've collapsed in our own zone."

North also lost to Cranbrook 7-2 in the championship game of the ULS Invitational.

The Norsemen take pride in their team defense and have allowed more than two goals in only three games, and two of those have been against Cranbrook.

North leads the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey league in shutouts and is third in goals-against but the two teams ahead of the Norsemen haven't played as many games.

North took command early against ULS with a four-goal first period.

Kristen Creager had two goals, Marissa LaValley had a goal and three assists and Maria Feldpausch, Chelsea Skorupski and Dayna Hohlfeldt added a goal apiece for North.

Elizabeth Palmer scored the Knights' goal.

North goalie Kelley Peers turned away 16 shots.

"Each time we've suffered a loss we've bounced back strong the next game," Van Eckoute said. "This team has a lot of heart and they work very hard. We keep improving, and that's our main goal."

That's a good thing because the second half of the schedule is even tougher than the first.

"There are a number of quality teams that we haven't seen yet, and we'll need to be playing our best," Van Eckoute said. "Our

first-half success has helped our younger players gain confidence and become comfortable with the system."

Earlier, North rebounded from the tournament loss to Cranbrook with an 8-0 victory over Walled Lake.

A five-goal outburst during the first 7 1/2 minutes of the game all but settled the outcome.

The Norsemen got first-period goals from Skorupski, Feldpausch, Mindy Dunn, Kate Zemenick and Emily Nelson. Megan Irving, Nelson, Jessica Richardson, Stephanie Harlan, Christy Sandmair and Skorupski collected assists.

Blue Devils shut out Northville

Strong defense and the hot shooting of Megan McCaughey carried Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey team to a 6-0 victory over an improved Northville squad.

The win put South in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's Eastern Division.

Northville, which is in its second season, played well as a team and stymied the Blue Devils' offense for much of the game.

Sarah Parker opened the scoring for South. She took a perfect pass from Stacey Campbell and shot the puck past Mustangs goalie Ashley Crawford. Kati

Dosch had passed the puck from the point to Campbell, who was behind the net.

At 9:45 of the first period, McCaughey scored the first of her four goals. Amanda Marsh and Emily Shefferly maneuvered the puck in front of the net and McCaughey backhanded it past Crawford. Crawford stopped 14 of the 16 shots the Blue Devils fired at her in the opening period.

Midway through the second period, freshman Caitlin Lariscy made it 3-0 with a hard wrist shot from the left circle. Thirty seconds later, McCaughey rebounded Michelle O'Donoghue's shot from the point into the net.

A minute later, McCaughey's persistence in front of the net paid off as she scored again to complete her first hat trick of the season. Hilliary Inger and Marsh assisted.

However, McCaughey wasn't through. She capped the scoring with a break-away goal in the third period.

South's defense corps kept the Mustangs out of the offensive end most of the night, and allowed only seven shots on goal.

Kristin Inger, Emele Williams and Dosch played well defensively. Whitney Hughes and Lauren Stanek shared the shutout in goal.

Pee Wee A Bulldogs win regional Silver Stick hockey tournament championship

The Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee A Bulldogs '92 survived a tough schedule to win the Regional Silver Stick tournament championship at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

In the final game, the Bulldogs fell behind 2-0 to St. Clair Shores but came back to win 4-2.

Among the Bulldogs' opponents in the tournament were a first-place team and two ranked squads in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey Association.

Grosse Pointe opened with a 3-1 win over the Michigan Jaguars, but the

Bulldogs dropped their second game 2-1 to Novi.

The Bulldogs needed a win in their third game to advance to the semifinals and they edged Farmington 2-1.

In the semifinal against Team USA, the Bulldogs went to two overtimes before winning 3-2.

Jacob Goldberg was given the MVP award for the Bulldogs.

He was supported on the forward lines by Cameron Bazin, Sam Corden, Albert Ford, Paul Keller, Brendan Kirk, Matt Lucchese, Chris Thieda and Dan Zukas.

The defense corps of Jeff Blazoff, Rory Deane, Nick Monforton, Alexander Plomaritis, Alex Tomovski and Andrew Wilson also turned in a solid effort in

ULS girls blank hockey foe

Allison Jones did a fine job as a soccer goalie last spring for University Liggett School, and she's doing just as well guarding the nets for the Knights girls hockey team.

Jones recorded her first shutout of the season last weekend as the Knights blanked Farmington Hills

front of goalies Jonathon Freismuth and Michael Held.

Matt Lucchese, Craig Bazin, Nick Corden and Dan Deane are the coaches.

Mercy 4-0 in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game.

Inga Moss led the ULS offense with a pair of goals. Caitlin Hanly and Sarah Hughes each scored once.

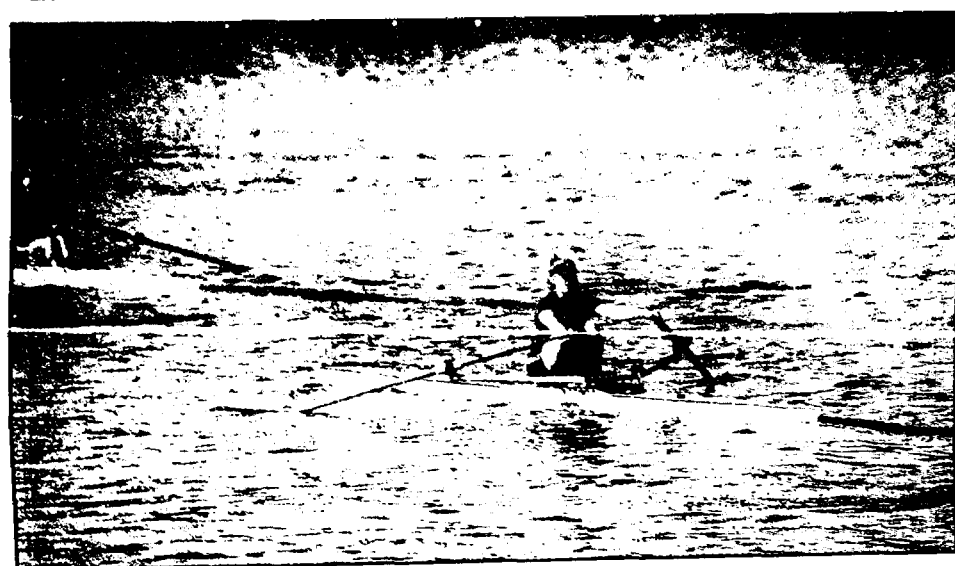
Kimmy Dickenson and Krista Murray picked up assists for the Knights, who are 1-4 in the league.

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Katie Bucien, left, and Molly Getz of the Detroit Junior Rowing Club were third and fourth, respectively, in the women's scholastic pairs at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta.

Junior rowers finish strong

The Detroit Junior Rowing Club made a strong showing at the recent Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia, which is billed as the largest one-day regatta in the world.

The regatta is rowed over a 2 1/2-mile course and features 10 straight hours of racing.

The event attracts rowers from all over North America, and has become one of the nation's premier fall regattas. The course twists through some of the country's most beautiful and historic park land.

The best showing by the local rowers, who are students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, was by the women's scholastic two boat of Emily Tancer and Leah Martin. They were second among 12 entries with a time of 16:42.05.

In women's singles, Katie Bucien was third in 17:40.78, and Molly Getz was fourth in 18:04.97.

The women's scholastic four plus coxswain boat was seventh in a 27-boat field. Crew members were

coxswain Ashley Stevens, Katharine Kovacek, Alison Couzens, Caroline Sweeny and Molly Somes. Their time was 17:44.98.

The men's scholastic eight boat of Matt Johnson, Dan Sheppard, Brandon Koch, Chris Renema, Brennan Brophy, Colin Edwards, Steve Lambers, Rob Heide and coxswain Alex Duncan was 13th in a field of 167 entries.

The Detroit Boat Club crew, which consists of many of the same junior rowers, tied for first place at the American Heritage River Fall Classic at the Wyandotte Boat Club — the season's final regatta.

In men's junior novice eight, the crew of John Monaghan, Alex Smith, David Macon, Rob Bashara, Hunter Freeman, Dan Kastner, Mike Robinson, Eric Memminger and coxswain Matt Hollerbach was first in 17:29.47.

Tancer and Martin were first in women's junior pairs in 21:01.92.

The men's novice fours plus coxswain crew of Dan Reinhard, Colin Edwards,

Dan Redziniak, Ross Neuchterlein and coxswain Dan Cyr had a winning time of 18:09.12.

Also finishing first was the men's junior four plus crew of Johnson, George Sleator, Koch, Sheppard and Duncan.

Coach Pete Rosberg won the men's singles with a time of 19:37.82.

The DBC also had several second-place finishes.

The women's junior four plus coxswain boat of Getz, Bucien, Kovacek and Stacey Campbell was second in 20:02.87.

The men's junior eight boat of Johnson, Sheppard, Koch, Renema, Brophy, Edwards, Lambers, Heide and Duncan had a second-place time of 14:57.48. In third place was the DBC boat of Peter Furest, Sleator, Reinhard, Brett Torgler, Chris Cullen, Alexei Dodson, Bruce Nichols, Mike Sonneck and Cyr with a time of 15:29.62.

Bucien was second in women's junior singles with a time of 21:51.52. Getz, Tancer and Martin took the next three places.

South spikers first at Athens

By Chuck Klonke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South got its volleyball season off to a good start with a first-place finish in the 10-team Troy Athens Red Hawk Invitational.

"I was very excited about the way we played," said coach Kevin Nugent.

"One thing we have this year is a good group of returning seniors. We don't have to spend time teaching them the system. They know it, and they can just go out and play."

"They've been through everything, so they're not surprised by anything that happens on the court."

South posted a 5-0-4 record on Saturday. The Blue Devils swept their two matches with St. Clair, Auburn Hills Avondale, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Utica Eisenhower and Birmingham Seaholm. South got a split in its

matches with Athens, Sterling Heights, Warren-Mott and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Julianna Burrows and Liz Ridgway are a pair of third-year seniors. Burrows is an outside hitter, who led South with 57 service points in the tournament.

"She's so poised on the court," Nugent said. "She just took over some games." Ridgway is a dominant middle blocker.

"Liz controls the net," Nugent said. "She'll either get a block or make the opponent misdirect their shots. When other people on our team get digs, they can thank her."

Other seniors who played last year are outside hitter Megan Switalski, right-side blocker Leslie Dasaro and Julie VandeVusse.

"Julie is our jack of all trades," Nugent said. "She can play anywhere. She's a solid back row player, and

she's the best on our team at hitting spots with her serves. That was really important in the St. Clair match."

The only junior starter is setter Rachel Sullivan.

"She has a great command of the offense," Nugent said.

Several juniors who spent most of the season on the junior varsity last year are providing depth this season while they get ready to step into more prominent roles next year.

Ashley Read, Sharonda Sterling and Allison Fennell are middle blockers. Brooke Ziehr and Kelly Springborn are defensive specialists, and Jessica Ogden is an outside hitter.

Springborn turned in a fine performance in the tournament, and sophomore Dana Schweitzer came up from the JV team and did an excellent job of filling in during the tournament.

North defends tourney title

There's always pressure on a defending champion, but that didn't seem to bother Grosse Pointe North's volleyball team when it defended its championship at the Portage Northern Invitational.

The Norsemen posted a 4-2 record and won the Silver Division title at the tournament for the second year in

a row. North defeated L'Anse Creuse 25-20, 25-21 in the championship match.

In earlier action, the Norsemen posted victories against Portage Northern's B team, Flushing and Flint Carman-Ainsworth, and lost to Zeeland and Livonia Ladywood.

North had an excellent

team effort with everyone on the squad contributing to the Norsemen's success.

Emily Schleicher had 46 digs, three ace serves, 33 kills and eight blocks. Jessie Koltun finished with 30 kills and 16 blocks. Jenny Gaitley and Liz Andary had 24 kills apiece, while Sara Chapman had 34 digs and seven aces.

South volleyball camp will hold first session on Dec. 27

The second annual Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils Winter Volleyball Camp Series will hold its first session on Saturday, Dec. 27 in the school's gym.

The first session will stress passing fundamentals and defense.

The second session on Saturday, Jan. 17, will concentrate on attacking and serving fundamentals.

The camp will be held on three levels. Level I is for grades three and four and will be from 8 to 10 a.m. each day. Level II is for fifth

and sixth graders and will be from 10 a.m. until noon. Level III is for grades seven and eight and will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Winter Volleyball Camp Series is created and run by current and former members of South's volleyball program, and is overseen by the Blue Devils coaching staff, which

Blue Devils showing team spirit

Grosse Pointe South wrestling coach Jose Ramirez is pleased with the teamwork his squad has shown during the first few weeks of the season.

"We've had a lot of kids who've sacrificed for the team by moving out of their weight class to fill voids," Ramirez said after the Blue Devils opened the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division season with a 54-24 victory over Marine City.

South also split its four matches at the Harper Woods Invitational. The Blue Devils beat Burton Bendle 48-36, and Lake Shore 39-36, and lost to Harper Woods 54-30, and Chippewa Valley's B team 48-36.

Last week was a good one for first-year varsity wrestler Chris Muer.

He got a key victory in the Marine City match and also got the clinching pin in the win over Lake Shore.

"He moved down to 152 for the Marine City match to fill a void," Ramirez said. "He wrestled at 160 against Lake Shore, and won a match that we needed if we were going to beat them. It was a nice win because Lake Shore beat us twice last year in close matches."

A.J. Dixon and Brett Torgler also had good performances in the Marine City match.

"Brett weighs about 212, but he's been moving up to heavyweight in some of our matches," Ramirez said.

Torgler won three of his four matches in the Harper Woods tournament, including one at heavyweight. Blake Walker, Jeffrey Hobstetter and Will Poirier

Trinity spikers win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Trinity Catholic's girls volleyball team won two of three matches in the Sacred Heart Tournament last weekend.

"We had some fun in the tournament, and the girls played pretty well," head coach Elvira Mihali said.

The Lancers beat Detroit Holy Redeemer and Redford St. Katherine Drexel and lost to Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

Onicko Biggs, Nicole Gailliard and D'Andrea Kimble led the way for the Lancers, which are 2-1 overall.

Mihali's squad will practice several times during the two-week holiday break before facing Cardinal Mooney in its league opener on Monday, Jan. 5.

"I will make some changes during the break," Mihali said. "Our serving, spiking and blocking were strong in the tournament, and I think those will be our strong points throughout the year."

Knights win non-leaguer

Maurice Taylor scored 34 points to lead University Liggett School to an 80-27 victory over Macomb Christian in a non-league basketball game.

Barré Mackie scored 21 points and Jonathan Wright added 18 for the Knights, who evened their overall record at 1-1.

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ULS skaters drop two games

Tommy Russell scored two goals for University Liggett School's hockey team, but it still suffered a 3-2 loss to East China.

Knights' goalie Antonio Evangelista turned away 28 shots.

Russell also scored a pair of unassisted goals in ULS's 5-2 loss to Dakota.

Evangelista again played well in goal for the Knights.

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Lutheran East calls on Beck to lead basketball fortunes

Winter preview

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Joe Beck is the new Lutheran East boys varsity head basketball coach this season.

Beck steps into a situation that is pressure filled, but it's something he can handle since he has been involved with the program as an assistant coach for a few years.

"I know the guys, and they know me as a coach," Beck said during a preseason conversation. "I played here at East, and I know what it takes to win. I want to build this program into a consistent winner, and I think the guys we have will work hard to get the job done."

Watch for seniors Robert Carlisle and Matt Johnston,

who will be the catalysts for the Eagles. Other returning players are seniors Ray Ware and Mike Meinhardt.

The Eagles are coming off a sub-par season (6-15 overall and 3-9 in the Metro Conference).

The other varsity players are seniors Ken Altenburg, Adam Roth and Tom Kempinski; juniors Andrew Zoellner; and sophomores Joel Machemer and Josh Schurig.

"Our system is more complicated than in year's past; so it will take some time for the guys to fully understand how it works," Beck said. "Our attitude is better, which I hope translates into more wins."

The Eagles, who once owned the Metro Conference, are looking to make it into the top tier of teams for the first time in several years.

"I think we can finish in the top three or four," Beck said. "Harper Woods is the favorite, and Lutheran Northwest and Lutheran North should be good, too, but I think we can compete."

Beck has the luxury of a light schedule that consists of 11 conference tilts and

nonleague games against Trinity Catholic, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Warren Zoe Chrsitian, Monroe Lutheran South, Taylor Light and Life, Huron Valley and Allen Park Cabrini.

"I'm excited to be the head coach," Beck said. "It will be a challenge, but I'm ready for it."

Volleyball

Head coach Reay Zoellner has guided his Lutheran East girls volleyball team to the Class D quarterfinals the past two seasons.

Those squads were led by veterans, but this year's team is loaded with inexperienced spikers.

"We will have a young team, but the girls are athletic," Zoellner said. "It will be a full team effort this season."

Seniors Brandy Dona and Jamie Pokropowicz are the only returning players from last year's 34-10-5 squad.

The newcomers are juniors Shana Pritchett and Quimisha Goss; and sophomores Jessie Kollar, Chrystal Pendell, Courtney Beschke, Mary Orosz and

Ashley Maestri.

"I have set goals for the girls, and I know it will take some time for them to gel, but they will," Zoellner said. "I think we will be a better team during the second half of our season because the girls will have some experience they can build on."

The Eagles, co-champs of the Metro Conference last season, are picked to finish in the middle of the pack this year.

Lutheran Westland is the team to beat, while Lutheran North and Livonia Clarenceville will be right behind it.

"We aren't the team to beat because Lutheran Westland returns most of its players from last year's co-championship squad, but our girls will battle," Zoellner said. "Our girls are talented, and it will take some time for them to get used to playing on the varsity."

Besides playing eight league matches and the Metro Conference Tournament, Zoellner scheduled matches against Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Madison Heights Lamphere, Lutheran North

(nonleague), Warren Woods-Tower, Lake Shore, Southfield Christian, Plymouth Agape Christian and city rival Trinity.

The squad will also compete in the Capac and Lutheran East invitational.

"We have relatively the same number of matches as a year ago, but more matches are scheduled with schools our size," Zoellner said.

Wrestling

The Lutheran East wrestling team is heading in the right direction under third-year head coach John Widmer.

"We have a few more kids on the team than last year, which should make us more competitive," Widmer said.

The Eagles have struggled in recent years to win matches because their lineup has been loaded with voids.

Widmer still has five voids to try and fill this season, but he says the team has a brighter outlook.

"Our guys have wrestling experience, which should help us stay in matches,"

Widmer said.

The team is led by senior Chris Jurczak (112-pound class), who has earned a spot in the regionals the past few years.

Others on the team are Steve Lyon (125 pounds), Adam Lyon (140 pounds), Brendan Kelso (145 pounds), Alex Goetz (160 pounds), Quentin Parker (189 pounds), Matthew Goetz (215 pounds) and Justin Sommer (275 pounds).

The Eagles should finish in the middle of the pack of the Metro Conference, which would be a boost in the standings.

Last weekend the Eagles started their season by hosting their 26th annual Lutheran East Tournament.

Birmingham Seaholm, Hazel Park, Grosse Pointe South, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Warren Fitzgerald, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Lutheran Westland, Plymouth Salem, Grosse Pointe North and Chicago Waltham Lutheran competed.

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also had good performances at Harper Woods.

Ramirez was also pleased with the efforts of a trio of junior varsity wrestlers who were called up for the tournament because Dixon and Joe Pawlowski were taking tests, and Tim Pawlowski was out with two broken ribs and an injured thumb.

"Scott Backman, Shaun Thacker and Mitch Smith all did a good job of filling in for us," Ramirez said.

This weekend, South will compete in the Macomb County Invitational.

Ramirez said that the Blue Devils' approach to the tournament is different this year.

"Last year we just wanted to get some people through to the second day," he said. "This year our expectations are higher. We're looking to place in some weight classes."

Regina's new coach is eager

By Bob St. John
Sports Writer

Tina McLaughlin has taken the reigns of Regina's volleyball team, which struggled last year, posting a 10-20-7 mark.

McLaughlin played high school volleyball for Chippewa Valley, and coached St. Lawrence grade school's girls varsity program for a few years.

Last season she was Madison Heights Bishop Foley's junior varsity volleyball coach.

"I have been involved with the game for a long time," McLaughlin said. "I'm ready for the challenge, and

it's my intention to turn Regina's volleyball program into a winner."

The Saddlelites will be led by seniors Sara Clark, Alicia Biernat, Meghan Sweeney, Sarah Orlikowski, Jamie Harbison and Megan Pelgus.

"The seniors are true leaders," McLaughlin said. "They have stepped up, and they really want to win, which will rub off on our younger players."

Juniors Victoria Kazirowski, Sarah Frontzak, Dana Zak, Nicole Watson, Elizabeth Cody, Michelle Oben and Melissa

Helminiak are also on the varsity squad.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us, but the girls are anxious to learn, and they are practicing hard," McLaughlin said.

The Saddlelites slipped to 0-6 in the Catholic League Central Division a year ago, losing each match in two games.

"That has to change," McLaughlin said. "We have to get back to playing challenging matches with our league foes. Our division is very tough, but we have to start winning league matches and making the Catholic League playoffs."

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