

yesterday's headlines

50 years ago this week

■ Hopes for a year of no traffic deaths in Grosse Pointe Park end Jan. 1.

■ A 24-year-old St. Clair Shores male pedestrian dies when hit by a drunken 17-year-old Detroit male driving on Mack near Nottingham.

■ A husband's refusal to stop watching the televised Rose Bowl long enough to dismantle a household

Christmas tree results in police responding to a report of family trouble.

■ Patrolman Jack Mast restores peace by pointing out to the wife that the Rose Bowl is played but once per year. Mast then extracts a promise from the husband to fail to work when the game ends.

■ Support is gaining favor for the \$5,475,000 school bond issue to be decided at

25 years ago this week

■ Grosse Pointe Farms police exchange gunfire with three men (one from Detroit, the second from Tennessee and the third with no permanent address) dressed in army fatigues and ski masks.

■ The men are caught fleeing from their robbery of the 14 Karat Club in the 18400

block of Mack. One man is hit in the leg by backshot from a police shotgun.

■ High interest rates and a cash sale stipulation are blamed for the non-sale of Grosse Pointe Park's demonstration house.

■ A U.S. District Court ordered the house placed on the market for at least 60 days for a minimum bid of \$45,000.

■ Two years ago the park bought the house for \$1 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Former owners defaulted on the mortgage.

■ Bob Zieger scores 12 points to help his team end a four-game losing streak by the Grosse Pointe North Norsemen basketball squad. The Norsemen beat Bi County opponent Lakeview 60-51.

10 years ago this week

■ Wayne County Commissioner Andrew Richner of Grosse Pointe Park announces his campaign as Republican candidate for state representative.

■ A couple inches of fresh snow enhance the setting of the nature trail at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park.

■ Nancy Renick, owner of Village Toy Company, will be honored next month at the annual Playthings Awards Dinner in New York.

■ Renick will receive the 1995 Merchandising

Achievement Award from Playthings Magazine.

5 years ago this week

■ Ted Pongracz, second-generation owner of Pongracz Jewelers on the Hill, announces his retirement. He plans to spend more time boating.

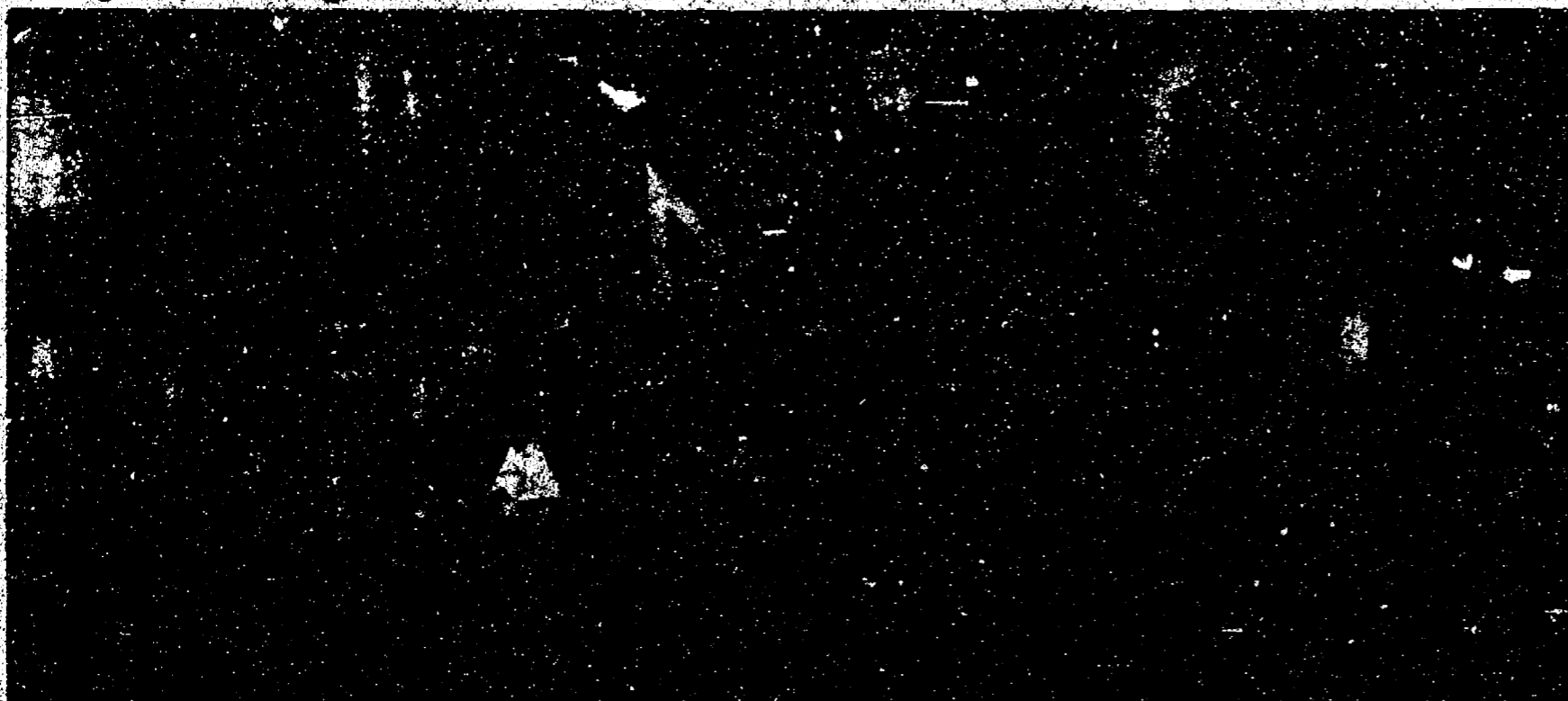
■ Pongracz's father, Edward, founded the jewelry store 70 years ago. A buyer is interested in taking over the operation.

■ A Detroit man is admitted to Bon Secours Hospital in the City of Grosse Pointe for treatment of injuries suffered when he crashes his car into a tree on Cadieux between Maumee and Jefferson — just yards from the hospital.

■ Local public safety directors ask their respective city councils for money to upgrade the eastside's emergency radio system.

— Brad Lindberg

50 years ago this week



Sailing trophy display presented by Bayview

The greatest display of sailing trophies ever seen in this area was on display at Bayview Yacht Club during the Christmas holidays. Shown are trophies won during 1955 by Bayview yachts. The collection represents a clean sweep of major events on the Great Lakes this year, including the Chicago-Mackinac, Bayview-Mackinac, Toledo Mills Trophy Race, St. Clair Yacht Club Long Distance Race, Bayview Long Distance Race, North Channel Race and Detroit River Yachting Association Season Championships awards in Cruising A, B, C, and Privateers classes. (Photo by Fred Runnells. From the Jan. 5, 1956 Grosse Pointe News.)

Accretion forum Jan. 12

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Accretion along parts of the western Lake St. Clair shoreline is changing how Grosse Pointers see their community's greatest natural asset.

As sand and soil accumulate north of municipal parks in the Shores and Farms, vistas of Lake St. Clair are becoming blocked from view.

During summer months, on-shore winds pick up the odor of washed-up and rot-

ting vegetation, dead fish and a growing quagmire of soupy soil reminiscent of a compost heap.

The Pointes' elected voices in Lansing have been unable to come up with a remedy.

Next week, Rep Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and Sen. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, will host an open forum on accretion. Members of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are scheduled to participate.

The forum starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We're hoping that by getting everyone who's interested in it together — neighbors, environmental groups and local officials — that it will become clear what needs to be done and how to do it," Gaffney said.

"This issue is of grave importance to property owners and other citizens," Scott said. "Being responsive, accessible and accountable to the residents is one of my top priorities."

Several Grosse Pointe Shores residents are preparing to seek permission from state officials to dredge accretion along the shoreline above Vernier. Hopes remain for state or federal funding to help pay for the estimated \$5 million project.

Topics during the forum will include the possibility of dredging, the cost of dredging, who would pay and environmental impacts, if any.

Michigan regulators have said no money exists for dredging.

"Things are tight with the state," Gaffney said.

He hopes the forum will evolve into a brain storming session that results in a clearer picture of the cause of accretion and how it can be addressed in a fiscal and environmental manner.

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Road, sewer work mark 2005 in the Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

During most of 2005, orange construction cones and wooden traffic barricades were scattered through Grosse Pointe Shores like gumdrops and pickup sticks.

From one end of the 1.5-square-mile community to the other, cones and barricades signaled a campaign of infrastructure improvements.

"2005 was an exciting year for Grosse Pointe Shores," said Mike Kenyon, village manager.

A \$3.5 million voter-approved bond issue fueled road repairs and sewer work.

"We've done about half the work so far, mostly resurfacing streets and relining rear yard sewers," Kenyon said.

Relining sewers doubles

the life of underground pipes while improving flow. The method is less costly and disruptive than replacing old pipes. Crews inject lining into pipes through sewer openings rather than excavating work sites and disrupting landscaping.

Some of this year's work was sidelined ahead of schedule.

Early winter and freezing temperatures made road contractors call it a season. Come warmer weather, concrete repairs and roadway crack sealing will be resumed. Below ground, liner will be injected into a sewer extending from the south pump station to Ballantyne.

"Next year, we have about \$1 million to fix streets," Kenyon said.

Earlier this year, Shores President Dr. James Cooper

forecast a full agenda at Village Hall.

"We have to be proactive," Cooper said in February.

2005 in review

His comments about taking steps to modernize the municipal harbor at Osirus Park were realized as the year neared an end.

In November, a special harbor committee ended more than two years of study by submitting a master plan for the harbor. Trustees approved the plan unanimously.

Specialists with The Abonnuarhe Group, a

world-wide harbor design and construction firm based in Benton Harbor, have been retained to keep the project on a practical heading.

Plans feature three phases of improvements. Phase one replaces the main upstream breakwall and a section of older fingerdocks. Phase two includes progressively more work culminating in phase three: reconfiguration of the entire harbor with upgraded utilities throughout.

Each phase could be accomplished in sequence as time, money and desire allow. Work could be spread over 20 years and cost upward of \$6 million, most to be paid by boaters through marina fees.

"We're looking forward to at least doing some work on the outer harbor next fall or the fall after that at the lat-

est," Kenyon said.

Another issue of financial and ecological import concerns the shoreline north of Osirus Park.

Five Lakeshore residents north of Vernier sought government permission to dredge thousands of acres of accretion from the shoreline.

Cost estimates of \$5 million have the residents seeking government grants, which they say will be easier to obtain if village officials jump on board.

Proponents of dredging said accretion is a village-wide issue because the buildup of sand and rotting vegetation has reduced property values along the Lakeshore. They said if lakeside property loses value, shortfalls in property tax revenue will have to be replaced by raising taxes on everyone, including inland homeowners.

Village officials oppose dredging for many reasons: high cost, undetermined financing, lack of unanimous support from homeowners in the target area, the fairness of taxing inland residents for a shoreline problem and the possibility of legal liability.

As 2005 came to a close, a group of mainly Shores residents who a few years ago founded

Neighbors Concerned about Yacht Club Expansion (NYCE) dissolved the organization and focused on the accretion issue, reformed as Neighbors Concerned about

the Lake Front (NCLF).

Village accomplishments during 2005 included winning status as a Tree City USA. Success reflected formation of a village tree board headed by Brett Marshall, owner of a tree service. Marshall has been volunteering to help protect more than 300 village-owned ash trees from emerald ash borer infestation.

Despite injecting ash trees with a chemical known to defeat the borer, 2005 ended with Marshall regretting that 15 ash trees succumbed, leaving 315 ash trees intact.

Kenyon, a former public safety officer, estimates that when year-end crime statistics are compiled in a few weeks, criminal activity will have gone down from the year before.

Yet 2005 will also be remembered as the year the Shores went to the dogs.

"We created, at the behest of resident Jan Pemberton, a dog park," Kenyon said.

Orange temporary fencing marks the park north of the main parking of Lakeshore lot at Village Hall.

"It's been an overwhelming success," Kenyon said. "Dogs are barking about it all over town. I think it will become a permanent structure."

Vocal approval from visiting K-9s prompted Kenyon's wife and fellow village administrator, Angela, to refer to the dog park as a bark park.

Schools 2005

From page 1A

assessment.

Student assessment is one way to check Grosse Pointe's improvements, and weaknesses. Comparing test scores both nationally and locally is a second method of helping to align the local curriculum with state expectations and keep students current.

"The other piece is the state has redone the core curriculum expectations. It's time for us to match ours with the state's and cull those for grade appropriateness," Klein said.

Grosse Pointe will have to increase its high school math requirements, should the state change the graduation requirements. That is one of the 2006 jobs on the "to do" list for the board.

Millage

Another high point in 2005, mentioned by Klein was the millage renewal, which was a substantial part of the school's operating budget.

It was a grateful and relieved staff and board of education when voters renewed two millages and restored a third on Feb. 22.

"Grosse Pointe has a tradition of supporting schools. The key point for me was renewal of the millage to keep the programs and services at a level expected by the community," she said.

Nearly a quarter of the school's operating funds were approved by voters.

Proposal 1 renewed the combined homestead "gap" and technology millages of 8.0784 mills. It will raise

\$16.4 million for operations. The second and third pertain to the renewal and restoration of the non-homestead millage. All are for five years.

Enrollment

From citizens' petitions, the board of education was asked to carefully review its enrollment procedure.

The process provided both administration and residents an accurate picture of the population during the summer-long enrollment procedure as 93.5 percent of the schools' families trickled into North High to fill out forms.

"Central office has been working with the district's attorney before being handed the petitions," Klein said. "We were working on a computerized database plus a district-wide census."

The citizens request was responded to in early June with a district-wide enrollment.

"It was designed to give more extensive data for us and to be able to follow up. Now there is data with folks with children at home. It helped with the database. Now there is rental information for us to stay current with them as their leases expire."

The process, she went on to say, contributed to increase citizen confidence in the district and for the administration to have a more accurate read on appropriate enrollment.

Some 93.5 percent registered.

"Most people who came through thanked us for doing it. The lion's share of

the people were neutral or positive about the process.

Renovation

And the beat goes on.

The big and the small projects were accomplished during the school year and many throughout the summer.

Take for example the celebration which kicked off the year. South High's auditorium was completed by Christmas 2004 and inaugurated in January, thanks to \$300,000 raised by the Mothers Club.

Also at South, the science building was opened in September having been designed with the faculty and teaching in mind — teaching science for today and the future, Klein described.

"The science building provides facilities it will provide," Klein said of the massive renovation and construction project at South. She doesn't dismiss the less extensive projects. Though they may be smaller projects, but nonetheless necessary, improvements to lighting, ceilings and lockers in schools across the district were accomplished. Those are the projects less noticeable, she noted. Visible projects that mean a great deal to the staff and parents are the new parking lots and student drop off sites.

Parcells was enhanced with a multi-purpose room, and a North science section is to be completed by the end of the first semester.

There, Klein said, teachers will be preparing students of another generation to be great scientists.

Also coming up in 2006 will be finalizing the plans for South's pool/multi-purpose room. Another project nearing completion is the opening of the new public library near Parcells. Parcells will be the site of new science rooms as well.

Budget

The budget is never far from the thoughts of board members and administration. If they aren't squeezing another dollar from the 2005-06 budget, they are scrutinizing the 2006-07 budget.

Under consideration at both the state and local level are issues of shifting the purchase and drawing on the number of years employed, and hospital care, as well as other issues.

Also impacting the budget is the possibility of revising the graduation requirements.

"The budget is never-ending," she said. "It's not unlike what is happening in like districts. All have been working on budgets no matter what their financial outlook will be. People have started work earlier, it means changes are substantial."

For example, Birmingham (a district Grosse Pointe compares itself with) has a smaller enrollment but is looking at changing its middle school day from seven to six hours (as is Grosse Pointe). People are trying to work through financial issues. Privatizing the cafeteria workers last year was one cost saving method approved.

Partnering with parent groups and boosters and the revenue enhancement plan (are avenues to help ease stress on the budget). We are moving ahead after last year."

However, she said, the keystone that the central administration stands on is that they are making the best decisions for the students, to provide the top quality education they can afford. We have to make sure, in the classroom, we have the best people prepared to teach a quality plan with complete continuity for the student to move on to a four year college. Those that take another path, we have support for them. For special education we must have available the same quality in the classroom.

The big picture is to keep improving to discover better ways to examine learning results and to keep doing or doing better in the context of the next 10 years.

Klein wrapped up by saying that Grosse Pointe and Michigan have lived through the biggest boom times and the biggest constrictions.

"The results have been to be nimble and quick on one's feet. We must find what our priorities are and the best impact. It's been a challenge. We will consider always what's the most important on the to-do list."



Photo by Brad Lindberg
A highlight in Grosse Pointe Shores during 2005 was the community achieving status from the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. In April, Shores President Dr. James Cooper accepted the Tree City award presented by Kevin Sayers of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

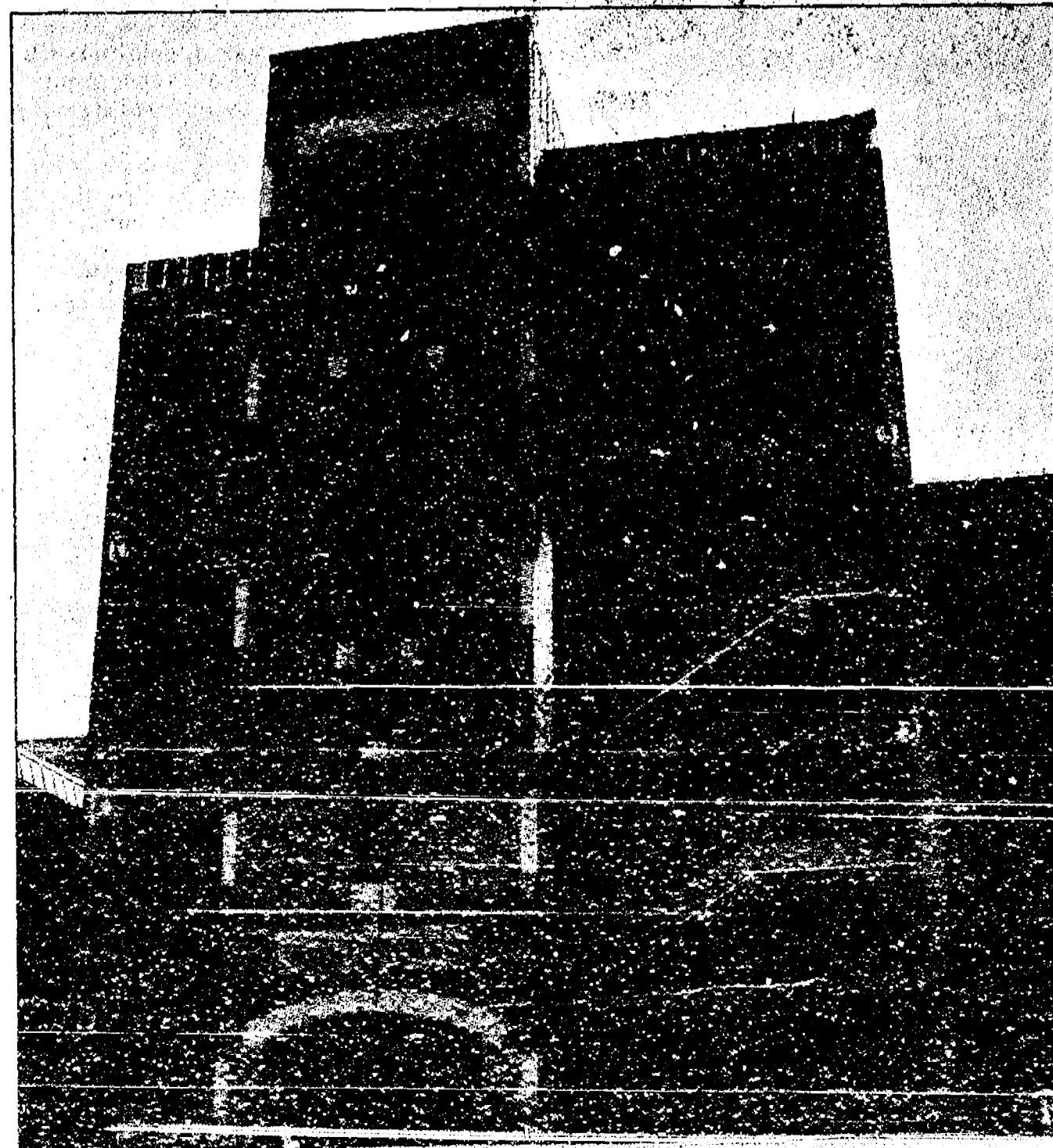


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The new science wing at Grosse Pointe North was among the school district's top construction projects in 2005.



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Local woman helps make life easier for families

By Patti Theron
Special Writer

Terri Murphy is someone who likes to help others — from the very young to the very old. Every school morning she is a crossing guard for Kerby Elementary School. So whether it's 2 degrees or 70 degrees, Murphy helps young children cross at the intersection of Kerby and Beaupre Roads every morning before they enter school.

"I really enjoy seeing the kids each morning. It's really a great way to start the day," said Murphy, who has been a guard for more than two years. Murphy received training for her position from the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety.

In addition to helping children safely cross the streets, Murphy has been a member of Kerby and Brownell Middle School Parent Teacher Organizations for a number of years. Last year she co-chaired the fall Kerby Carnival, one of the school's largest fundraisers.

When Murphy isn't at school or in a community meeting, she is busy helping families and seniors by providing care services through her new business "Home Helpers" located in a suite on Notre Dame Road. Home Helpers is a franchise which provides home care services for older adults, people recuperating from injury or illness, persons needing continuing care due to life-long challenges, and families needing short-term assistance as a result of pregnancy or bed rest.

"Basically I provide non-medical, in-home care services for people in need, such as older adults. Some of these services can include transportation to appointments, assistance with meals, personalized care, etc."

"Seniors want to be able to maintain their independence and be able to care for themselves as long as possible. But sometimes due to declining health, they are unable to get to some of life's daily tasks."

"We all lead very busy lives, and many of today's baby boomers are busy raising their own children which makes it even more



Grosse Pointe Terri Murphy, center, has volunteered in the community for several years, but the center of her life is caring for her family, pictured above in front of their Christmas tree.

difficult to care for aging parents," Murphy said.

She said she wished she had heard of this type of service when her own father was very ill and needed care.

Murphy's father was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease several years ago. "It's a very debilitating disease. My father was widowed several years earlier, and he did not want to go into a nursing home. My siblings and I alternated providing constant care for my dad up until his death several years ago."

Murphy said for one year, she and her daughter, Hailey (a preschooler at the time), visited her dad and helped take care of him. "I learned more about my dad in the last year of his life than I had ever known," Murphy said her sister who worked full-time during the day would come over in the evening to help care for her dad.

"I was happy that we were able to spend that time with him, but it would have been great if an in-

home care service would have been around to help my family. It would have made all of our lives a lot easier. There were so many daily things that needed to be done, not to mention that there are things that he wouldn't want us to do for him," said Murphy.

Murphy added that her father's illness and his request to live at home up until he went into hospice care, had a huge impact on her life.

Several years later, Murphy heard of "Home Helpers" (www.homehelpers.cc) and decided it was the business for her.

Murphy has a staff of caregivers who provide care for clients on an hourly, daily or weekly basis. Her caregivers go to client's homes, retirement communities, nursing homes, hospitals or rehabilitation centers.

Just this past Thanksgiving Day, Murphy and her husband Kurt were able to reunite a husband and wife, both in their 90s and married for 70 years, for a holiday dinner.

"Due to various illnesses and accidents they had ended up in different facili-

ties. They were both too frail for their daughter to move on her own, and the

centers. When the daughter called us, I really wasn't sure what to do. I didn't have any caregivers working on Thanksgiving Day, and this was an unusual request for us."

So the Murphys delayed their dinner and took the husband to the wife's nursing home and arranged for the daughter and her mother and father to have their dinner together. "The look on their faces was priceless. I think we were all touched by this experience," she said.

Murphy has many such stories to share. When she begins working with a family, they are often frustrated and stressed out. "We help them sort out their choices and make decisions that work for the whole family. There is always a sense of relief when we step in and help out."

Murphy's company also provides an emergency in-home monitoring service. "Every senior citizen living alone should have a personal emergency response unit. I have heard too many heartbreaking stories regarding seniors falling in their homes and being unable to immediately receive the assistance they need."

Murphy noted that we all

vicees are out there to care for our aging parents."

Murphy passes on these 10 Caregiving Considerations tips from Aging America Resources:

1) Medical condition — Has your loved one been recently diagnosed with a disease that could have an impact on his or her daily life?

2) Driving — Is your loved one able to still drive? Should he/she be restricted to driving only during the daylight hours? How is his/her vision and reflexes?

3) Food/nutrition — Is your loved one challenged by preparing daily meals? Are things in the refrigerator past their expiration date?

4) Hygiene — How does your loved one look? Are they bathing or showering on a regular basis? Do their bed linens and bath towels appear clean? Are they able to manage their laundry?

5) Behavior — Does your loved one seem depressed or lonely? Is he inconsistent in the things he says?

6) Daily tasks — Is your loved one finding daily tasks such as going out or preparing meals too challenging?

7) Medication — Is your loved one taking his/her prescriptions correctly?



Terri Murphy is pictured here with the Kerby Elementary Safety Patrol children who help her safely cross children on school mornings at the intersection of Kerby and Beaupre Roads. Grosse Pointe Farms' Police Officer Steve Puckett helps train the crossing guards and safety patrol children.

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want to live healthy and productive lives. "Many seniors volunteer at their local hospitals, churches or other organizations. Seniors want to be out and see their families and help their community. Sometimes seniors use our services just so they can get out and enjoy life a little bit more," Murphy added.

Others use Murphy's services to help a senior who is lonely and would like just a few hours of help and companionship. And during the holidays, many of us will be out visiting our friends and relatives. "Sometimes it's during these visits that we determine that our loved ones may be in need of some assistance in their daily duties," Murphy said.

"In today's mobile society where family members sometimes live hundreds of miles away, or perhaps can't check on their loved ones on a daily basis, it's important to know what types of ser-

8) Finances — Is your loved one able to manage his/her daily finances?

9) Mail — Is the mail stacking up? Do you see any past due or delinquency notices?

10) Safety — If your loved one smokes, is he/she careless when extinguishing a cigarette? Does your loved one turn off appliances such as the coffee pot, oven, etc.

"Keep the lines of communication open with other family members and ask them if they are also observing any unusual behavior from your loved one. Make sure your loved one knows that you're concerned about his health and that you want to come up with options that will help make life easier," recommended Murphy. "It's important to work together with your loved one and other family members to evaluate the best options for your loved one as he ages."

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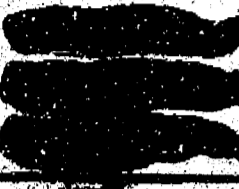


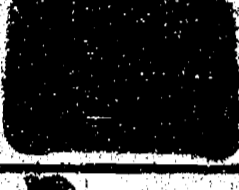

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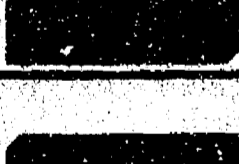

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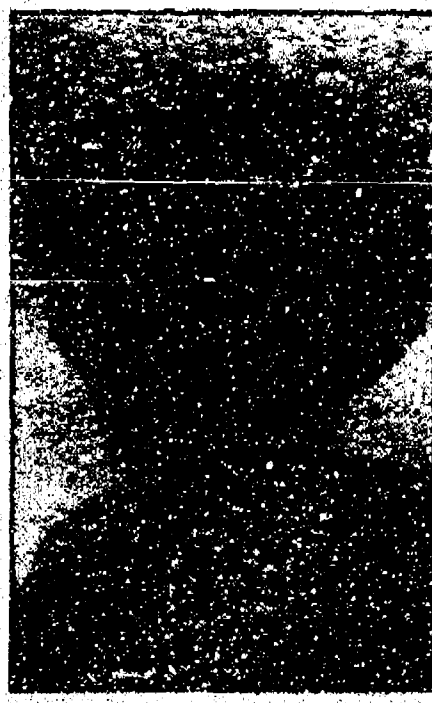
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Diane M. Crippin

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Diane M. Crippin, 77, died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1928, in Grosse Pointe to Jack and Anna Burgess. She graduated in 1948 from Grosse Pointe High School.

For 42 years, she proudly worked as transportation director and a bus driver for the University Liggett School.

Mrs. Crippin thoroughly enjoyed being around children, family and animals.

She is survived by her daughters, Judy (Kevin) Sullivan and Cheryl (Bill) Lasure; her son, Don (Denise) Brideau; grandchildren, Ryan Sullivan, Michael and Michelle Lasure, and Monique and Alex Brideau; and great-grandchildren, Nathan Lasure.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Donald Brideau; her second husband, Ronald Crippin; and sister, Jane Skiffington.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, at 10 a.m., preceded by a visitation at 9:30 a.m.

Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Janet Haley

Janet Haley of Harper Woods, died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

Mrs. Haley was a graduate of Hillsdale College.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, James Haley; her daughter, Jill Ann (Timothy) McCormack; and her grandchildren, D.J. Haley, Samantha and Timothy McCormack.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or First English Lutheran Church.

Patricia May Horne

Patricia May Horne, 80, died on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News, Va., where she had been taken the day before from

her home in Gloucester County after suffering from complications associated with a longstanding lung condition.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Horne was the daughter of Esther Daugherty and Andrew Jackson May, a mining engineer whose career involved a series of family moves during her childhood and included living in different parts of the United States, Newfoundland and Australia.

As a teenager, she attended and graduated from Greenbrier Junior College, after which she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University. She remained at Stanford for graduate school, where she earned a master's degree in public administration.

Mrs. Horne, who was known as Pat, started her career in Washington, D.C., where she met Boyd Ellison Horne, who became her husband in 1951. The couple moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1953 and remained here for 32 years before retiring to Gloucester County in 1985.

Mrs. Horne was active in various not-for-profit organizations in the Detroit area, including the Grosse Pointe Family Life Education Council and United Community Services.

She was an avid ceramist, taking classes at the prestigious Pewabic Pottery Studios in Detroit, and later at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She practiced in a home studio, delighting family and friends for many years with gifts of her art while was active in the craft.

She is survived by her husband, Boyd Horne; her daughters, Ginger Horne (Stephen J.) Kent of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Margaret Horne (David) Vergeyle of Minneapolis, Minn.; her son, Keith Jackson Horne of San Diego, Calif.; and grandchildren, Margaret Ladbrooke Kent, Kathryn Chase Vergeyle, Emily Ayres Horne, Chase Gibson Horne and Lily Ellison Horne.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Abingdon Episcopal Church in Virginia. Interment will follow in the church's cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Abingdon Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 82, White Marsh, VA 23183 or to The College of William & Mary, with designation to the ceramics program in the Department of Art, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

Maurice P.

L'Heureux, DVM

Maurice P. L'Heureux, DVM, 91, died on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1914, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Pierre and Marie L'Heureux.

He graduated from

Ontario Veterinary College in 1940. Dr. L'Heureux owned and operated the Harper Avenue Animal Hospital on Detroit's east side for 34 years before retiring in 1984.

During World War II, he served as a petty officer Canadian Navy.

Dr. L'Heureux was an honor roll member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Michigan Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association. He enjoyed numerous athletic activities, especially boating and golfing. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Beech Grove Golf Club, Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Boca Raton Golf Club.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda (John Hurley) Wetzel and Janet (Tim) McCafferty; sons, Paul and Jere (Susan); his eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and his brother, Gerald L'Heureux.

He was predeceased by his wife, Agnes, who died in 2000.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Dec. 30, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Interment is in Windsor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave., Box 44110, Detroit, MI 48244 or the American Cancer Society, 39425 Garfield, No. 24, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

Marie Luber

Grosse Pointe Woods resident since 1945, Marie Luber, 94, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, in California.

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods presented Mrs. Luber with a plaque honoring her for 45 years of distinguished and meritorious service as an election inspector.

Mrs. Luber's passion was golf. She was a member of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association for more than 25 years. She won the "Beat the Champ" trophy in 1955, 1959, 1969 and 1977.

As a member of Black River Country Club, she was club champion in 1972, 1973, 1975 and runner-up in 1977.

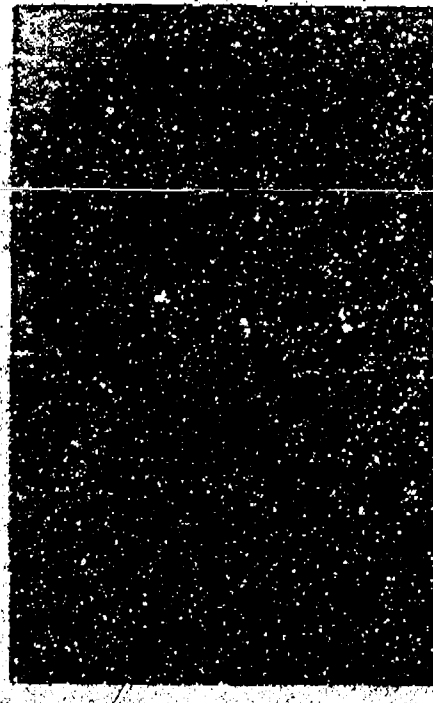
Mrs. Luber and her husband, Clarence, enjoyed ballroom and square dancing. They never missed an opportunity to attend dances at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

In 1973, they joined the War Memorial's travel group for a fabulous around-the-world trip. Mr. John Lake escorted the group to China, Japan, Africa, India, Europe and Brazil.

Besides golf, Mrs. Luber enjoyed bowling, ice skating, singing, musicals, traveling and entertaining.

She was always ready to say "Yes" to life. Her bright twinkling blue eyes, ready smile, attentive ear and zest for living will be missed by her family.

She is survived by her



Marie Luber

children, James (Kathryn), Jeanne (Bert) and Kerry (Kathryn); grandchildren, Jeffery (Lisa), Jayson (Gina), Justin (Pascha), Shara, Tia and Adam; and great-granddaughter, Kylie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence, and grandson, Jerrod.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Elizabeth Parcells

Elizabeth Parcells, coloratura soprano, died of cancer on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, at her home one day after her 54th birthday.

Mrs. Parcells performed with the Children's Theatre under the direction of Mrs. Reynolds, starting at age 5. She was in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church choir under Mac and Marion Johns for seven years. At age 16, she began her formal music education with Elsie Inselman. For several summers and her senior year of high school, she attended the Interlochen Arts Academy, Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree in 1976 in music, with honors, at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., where she studied voice with Mark Pearson.

In 1977, she was a winner of the Metropolitan Opera Council National Final Auditions in New York City. She moved to Europe in 1979 where she sang with solo ensembles at opera houses in Frankfurt, Augsburg, and Weisbaden, and spent four seasons with the Basel Opera.

She was also an active recitalist who performed in Boston, San Francisco, Rome and Paris. Starting in 1987, she gave recitals with guitarist Felix Justen. In April 1996, she was invited to participate with Luciano Pavarotti and Joan Sutherland in the gala concert that opened the new Detroit Opera House. Her farewell recital was given at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York in February 2005 under Pro



Elizabeth Parcells

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Mrs. Parcells performed in opera productions in Europe and America for 30 years. Her major roles included Donizetti's Maria Stuarda, Lucia di Lammermoor and Linda di Chamounix. She appeared regularly as Queen of the Night in Mozart's The Magic Flute and as Olympia in Offenbach's Tales of Hoffman. Her concert repertoire included Bach's Cantata 61, the Brahms Requiem, and Mozart's C Minor Mass, Motet and concert arias.

Recital work included 10 years of regular performances with Felix Justen in their voice and guitar duo. This is only a small portion of Ms. Parcells' accomplishments. For a more complete list including audio, please visit her official Web site at www.ElizabethParcells.com.

Mrs. Parcells is survived by her father, Charles A. Parcells Jr.; her dear friend and companion, Ric Hill; siblings, Charles III, Ann (Robert) Benoit, Frederick (Ellin), Kathryn (Alan Wasserman) and David; and niece, Claire Frances Parcells.

She was predeceased by her mother, Frances Hamilton Parcells.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Huron City Museums, cancer research, The New England Conservatory of Music, The Interlochen Arts Academy, and/or the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Milton F. Smith

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Milton F. Smith, 96, died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at St. John Hospital.

He was born to Frank and Harriet Smith on Oct. 1, 1909, in Detroit.

Mr. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in 1932 from the University of Michigan where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

He served his country from 1942 to 1945 during World War II as a major in the U.S. Air Force. He received the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.



Sheldon Dodge Smith

He was self-employed as a metallurgist, salesman and manufacturer and was a member of the Lochmoor Club.

Mr. Smith was an avid reader who especially enjoyed historical books. His interests included playing golf and traveling worldwide to Europe, Canada, South America, Antarctica, Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, China and South Korea.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Vuici-Smith; sons, Milton F. Jr. and Michael J. (the late Berdean) Smith; grandchildren, Katherine E. (Christopher) LaSalle, Heather B. (Daniel) H. and Christopher (Emily) Smith; great-grandchildren, Benjamin LaSalle, sister, Harriett Grady, brother-in-law, William E. Carroll; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Helen Mary and, sisters, Helen Hillsbrand and Marjorie Carroll.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

Sheldon Dodge Smith

Grosse Pointe resident Sheldon Dodge Smith died at his home on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005.

He was a loving husband and father. He was a successful and creative CPA and businessman.

A Grosse Pointe native, he was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and Wayne State University. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking and skiing. Mr. Smith lived a full life.

He was a true and loyal friend to many people. But above all else, Mr. Smith loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger; his daughters, Carrie (Joseph) Fidance, Shellie (Shane) Dix and Allyson Smith; his two grandchildren, Nadira and Milo; and his brother, Peter Smith.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, Dec. 31.

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National Kidney Foundation honors Judge Kelly

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKF-M) reached a milestone this year — celebrating its 50th anniversary. Recently, the NKF-M paid tribute to some of its dedicated volunteers for their hard work in the prevention of kidney disease.

One individual recognized was Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly, 48, of Grosse Pointe Park, who co-chaired for the NKF-M 50th anniversary celebration and fundraiser, "Glitz at the Ritz," which was held on Dec. 3.

A judge with the Michigan Court of Appeals, Kelly began her association with the NKF-M when her youngest son, William, was diagnosed with nephritic syndrome in 1999.

Shortly after, she discovered that her colleague, Judge Kurtis T. Wilder, was the chair of the NKF-M Board of Directors. He soon found ways for Kelly to get involved with the foundation.

Kelly's primary interest was in the area of children's programs. She joined the board of directors and signed up on the Detroit Executive Leadership Committee, where she cur-

rently chairs the children's and development committees, and the Belle Isle Kidney Walk.

One of the programs of which Kelly is most proud is the Healthy Kids & Kidneys program, which is funded by the Belle Isle Kidney Walk. It is a program that includes individual counseling, peer support, classroom presentations, physical activity challenges and a community health fair in an effort to reach young people with skills that will ensure healthy lives. In its first two years, 250 sixth-grade students have benefited from the program.

The National Kidney Foundation recently honored Judge Kirsten Kelly of Grosse Pointe Park, who attended with her husband, Bill Kelly, the organization's 50th anniversary gala, right.



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New Year brings much work to do

There is much that needs to be done in the Grosse Pointes during 2006.

In Grosse Pointe Park, city officials need to look at improvements in the northwest sector, colloquially known as the Cabbage Patch. The Pointes seem to be experiencing an abundance of rental properties. Perhaps encouraging owners to convert incomes back to single-family residences may be in the Park's best interests.

The West Park Farmer's Market was again a big draw to the Kercheval business district last summer, and we are confident Park officials are looking at even more ways to add to the vibrancy and property values of the area.

Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores have major harbor renovations planned. Our parks are universally believed to be among the biggest draws to living in the Pointes. The lakeside communities are also

fighting an unrelenting foe: accretion. Day after day, year after year, silt builds up along our coastline. In some cases, it has breached the sea wall. Where waves once lapped against steel, woods and debris now rest.

Exasperating the problem is the fact that it is unlawful for property owners or municipalities to remove the accretion and its nasty side-effects. Lake bottom belongs to the State of Michigan, and the state must protect it for its residents. Yet we have no say in what is acceptable and best for the community.

Grosse Pointe Woods continues to be concerned for its Mack Avenue business district. True, commercial vacancies are relatively low, especially during these poor economic times, but Woods elected leaders must be unremitting in their efforts to assist their business residents, as well as

homeowners.

Concerning residents, the Woods administration and council will again deliberate on the Brys Road problem. As long as there is an exit off I-94 at Eight Mile, traffic on Brys will continue to be a problem. Since disallowing westbound traffic on Eight Mile at Harper seems unworkable, then another solution needs to be found.

One idea may be to close the Mack median crossover at Brys. That would at least prevent through traffic on Brys at Mack. Those wishing to access Brys would need to make a "Michigan left" off Mack. That would do two things: 1) It would make using Brys for freeway access inconvenient, and 2) It would be much safer than having Brys through-traffic stacked up in the median crossover and causing traffic obstructions, and it would prevent Brys motorists trying to "shoot across" Mack.

Of course, fire officials will say the closing of the median crossover will hinder fire trucks accessing Brys. That, we think, is a fallacious argument.

The City of Grosse Pointe, of course, faces its continued struggle to get its Village business district back to full occupancy.

Karcheval Place, the planned development of the former Jacobson's building, continues to be mired in claims and counterclaims. The City is still being asked to ante-up millions of dollars by the developers. It has been questions who has title to the property.

We note that the recent winter tax bills for the Jacobson's site were sent to CVS in Rhode Island, not to Karcheval Place, the entity that claims to have closed on the property last August.

The development for Lot 2 looks promising for the Village, especially the plan submitted by the Jenna Companies. Further, if Lot 2 could be developed in conjunction with Lot 3 just across St. Clair, then some good, big things could be done.

Yes, 2006 looks like a year of hard work. It also looks like a good year for investing in the community, the Grosse Pointes.

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Reconsider library lease

The Grosse Pointe public school board is poised to approve a 100-year lease with the public library board for the property they share at Mack and Vernier. The monetary amount of the lease: \$1 a year.

The school board has been working on a permanent lease with the Grosse Pointe Public Library board for months. The schools and the library have been operating under a development agreement while the new library was being built. It is expected to open Jan. 28.

The three-year development agreement does not expire until August, but the school board seems in a hurry to get a permanent lease in place. What is the rush? There is little to be lost by proceeding cautiously and thoughtfully. There is a lot to be lost in haste.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System faces a chronic budget deficit of \$3 million a year for the foreseeable future. Each year, the school district must cut \$3 million from its operating budget. The cuts will compound year after year.

Throughout the history of the public schools and libraries, there has been a mutual sharing of resources. The school board used to run the libraries before they were spun off under their own board.

The library district now has its own millage and tax revenue. It has bonded for millions of dollars to build new libraries. It is also looking at building a new Central Branch Library. The libraries are no longer dependent children of the school system. They can afford to pay their own rent.

If the school board approves a 100-year, \$100 lease with the library board, there will not be another chance to capture much-needed funds — at least not in our lifetimes.

We think the school board has a fiscal

duty to see what would be a fair and equitable lease with the library board.

When the schools were flush with money and the two entities were as one, extravagant generosity was possible. Now that the fortunes have reversed, fiscal shrewdness is needed.

The school board was to be presented at last Tuesday night's work session a revised lease to consider. It still calls for \$1 a year in rent. The school board may vote on the lease at its regular meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, in the South High School's Wicking Library.

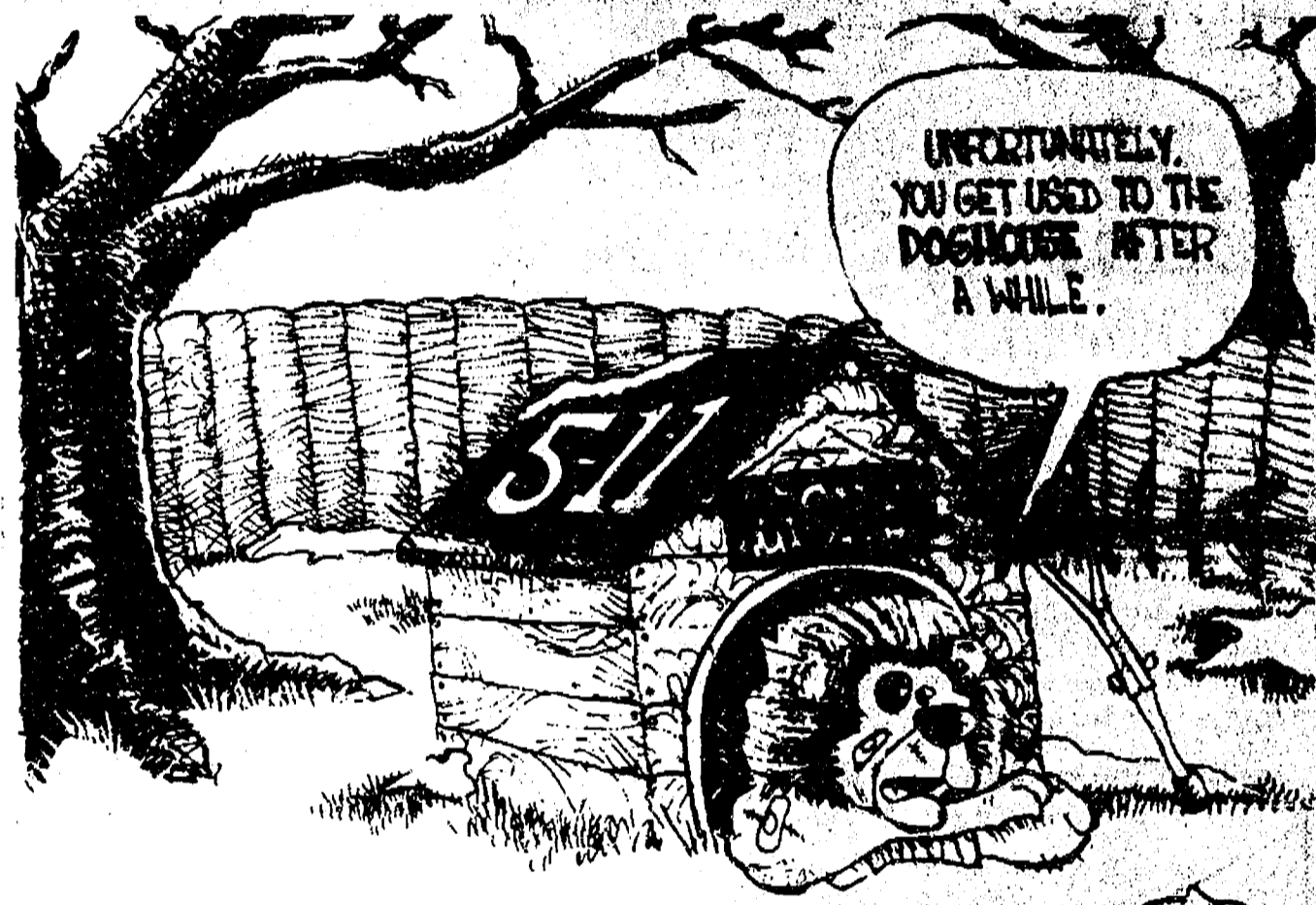
We urge residents and taxpayers to urge the school board to postpone the matter and to take another look at whether something more than \$1 a year in rent for the library system is justified. We think it is.

Ironically, while the school board has been haggling with itself over the terms of the lease, the school district's attorney was forwarding the lease to the library board for approval, and the library board approved it.

The lease was last before the school board on Dec. 5, when revisions were requested. It was tabled at the Dec. 12 school board meeting pending revisions. Though the lease had not yet been approved by the school board, the school district attorney on Dec. 19 forwarded it to the library board, which approved it.

The problem is compounded for the school board, which now must postpone action on the lease until necessary revisions be made. The school board must also make clear that the lease the library board signed was not binding in that it had not been approved by the school board.

Finally, the school board must ask its attorney whom he represents. Clearly this whole business smells of a conflict of interest.



Phil Hands
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Thank you

To begin the new year, I would like to say thank you. There are many people who brighten our spirits without knowing their impact, and I would like to express the appreciation that I am certain is shared by many.

Thank you to those who took the time to decorate their properties and shared those wonderful lights and sights with the rest of the community. Lakeshore hosted its consistently brilliant show, and there were many more to enjoy on the side streets.

Thank you to Lourdes (Ludy) Udasco, the lady with the hats, in the lot behind Kroger. Diminutive, always smiling and offering a greeting, she appears never to have met a stranger. Constant as the weather, Ludy is there to cheer all in her path as she returns errand carts to the store and spreads her goodwill. Her vast variety of hats is legendary, one for every occasion. She is truly an ambassador for the village.

Thanks to the postal carriers, the UPS and Fed Ex delivery drivers. You had an avalanche of mail, catalogs and packages and never quit until the jobs were completed. Yours are mostly unheralded quests, and where would we be without you?

Thanks to the sanitation workers who clean up humongous mounds of our trash at this time of year. And a round of applause to those who clear our streets in record time after a snowfall. Thanks also for the vigilance of our police and firemen.

Thank you to all those who took the time to send Christmas cards and to add brief personal messages.

Thank you for the concept of potluck dinners and for those who not only participate but also help out in the kitchen during these days of holi-

day overload.

Thank you for the magnificent music we are treated to in abundance at this time of year. The choirs and musicians have reached the zenith in this town, and we are the fortunate recipients. And thank you to the churches and their special services reminding us of the true meaning of the season. Bless you all.

Thank you for good books to read, warm fires, down comforters and cozy chairs. Thank you for gray skies to catch up on desk work and chores. Who wants to stay inside and work when the sun is out?

Thank you for the variety of four seasons and a community where there are so many options for us to pursue. Thank you for our libraries, schools, churches, parks and public meeting places all within a five-minute walk or ride. And thank you for our differences, adding interest and texture to the tapestries of our lives.

And here we go again: another blank slate to fill with our duties, dreams, and desires. No resolutions to break, only new attitudes to adopt. After all, attitudes are easy to come by, and resolutions are more likely to be attained with good ones.

Have a wondrous, joyful and healthy 2006.

— Offering from the loft

Letters

Thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to thank the business owners and merchants who so generously contributed either gifts or gift certificates to our annual scholarship luncheon/fashion show held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Nov. 16.

With their donations, the club was successful in reaching the goal set for this year's event. We are celebrating our 55th anniversary this year.

Our thanks to Chico's for presenting the lovely fashion show.

We greatly appreciate the donations from the following

business owners: Pat Scott Jewelers; Maloof Jewelry & Gifts; Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co.; Joseph DiMaggio, Goldsmith; Jan and Jim's Hallmark; Hallmark; Restaurant; Wild Birds Unlimited; Tiffany Place Salon; Viviano Flower Shop; Grosse Pointe Theatre; Woods Wholesale Wine; Edwin Paul Salon; Athenia Shish Kabob; Marcia Kuypers Jewelry; Breadsmith; Josef's French Pastry Shop; Bommarito Bakery & Pizzeria; Laura Miller; Jean Azar; Theresa Buccellato; Beverly Zimmermann; Doris Strak; Farmer Jack Market, Mack and Vernier, for all the table centerpieces; Philip F. Greco

Title Co., for all the table favors; and A.H. Peters Funeral Services for the printing of the tickets; and Carol Small of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and her staff for their great service.

My thanks to my cochairman, Mary Ann Schwartz; our president, Pamela Zimmer; and all members of my committee for their help and support. We sincerely thank each one for your contribution and we speak for the future student recipients as well.

As the holiday season approaches, we wish all a prosperous and blessed new year.

Doris Strak
Grosse Pointe
Woman's Club

The best bumper stickers

I just got home from a trip which required that I spend a few hours sitting in the car. I grew up taking long road trips with my family, so I am an expert at occupying the hours between destinations.

One of my favorite past-times is reading bumper stickers. Whenever I read one, I try to figure out what that person who placed it on the car is like.

Some people are easy: they wear their heart on their car's sleeve/fender.

Many want to express their political point-of-view. I keep my distance from anyone sporting a pro-NRA sticker, for obvious reasons.

My very liberal sister always has some very left-leaning and controversial message on her car's bumper. I worry that the driver with the NRA sticker is going to exercise his rights to bear arms on her.

I actually feel sorry for the children of the parents whose stickers proclaim that they are proud of their honors students. Do those children grow-up feeling that their parents are proud of them only for their achievements? Yes, it's great that the child is a good student, but I hope these parents would be proud of their children even if they got Cs.

Then there are the stickers of past political campaigns. I can understand why someone would keep the winning candidates stickers on their car. They might want the world to know that they picked a winner. But I can't figure out why people would keep the losers stickers. Either



they are in denial that their candidate lost, or they just gave up hope and became too lethargic to scrape off the sticker.

After 9/11, it seems that every car was brandishing an American flag. I see fewer and fewer of them now. Are we starting to take the country for granted again?

The most appropriate ones have driving or automobile themes. Some give gentle warnings. Some are antagonistic. Some are humorous. Here's a few examples:

If you can read this, you're

too close.

If you can read this, I can hit my brakes and sue you.

Cover me. I'm changing lanes.

I'm just driving this way to get you mad.

Hang up and drive.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

I'm not driving fast — just flying low.

No radio — already stolen.

I brake for animals.

I brake for no apparent reason.

I brake for... wait... AAAH! NO BRAKES!!!!!!

My favorites are the ran-

domly themed humorous ones. I like them because a little bit of laughter does wonders to break-up the boredom of a road trip. I thought I'd share some of my favorites to help ease those post-holiday blues. They are:

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

OK, who put a "stop payment" on my reality check?

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs.

Be nice to your kids... They'll pick out your nursing home.

Who are these kids and why are they calling me Mom?

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

I is a college student.

We have enough youth. How about a fountain of SMART?

How do I set the laser printer to stun?

Well, this day was a total waste of makeup.

Suburbia: where they tear out the trees & then name streets after them.

Artificial Intelligence usually beats real stupidity.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted a paycheck.

I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me.

Born free, Taxed to death.

Taxation WITH representation isn't so hot, either!

A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door.

It's as BAD as you think, and they ARE out to get you. Happy New Year.

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The Op-Ed Page



A jokester

Marshall V. Noecker is 90 years young, and he is a 20th century American business success story.

He grew up on a farm in North Dakota, graduated from the University of Minnesota and in 1939 passed his CPA exam in New York at age 23 while working for Ernst & Ernst. At the time, folks said he was the youngest CPA in the country, which now has over 100,000 CPAs.

Later, while working for Higgins Boats in World War II, he recognized the potential of aluminum and used

that knowledge to create an aluminum windows company that provided the materials and tools for making such windows to firms across the world. The Noecker Group now includes four companies.

Higgins Boats, run by Andrew Jackson Higgins, a rough and ready sort from New Orleans, could boast that when the American soldiers landed at Salerno in Italy in September 1942, 92 percent of 14,072 Naval craft under arms had been produced by his companies. Higgins built the PT patrol boats and the LST landing

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by Ben Burns

craft that served the armed forces.

A couple of years back, Noecker chronicled the story of his success with aluminum from windows to bus shelters in his book, "He Went East and He Done Good." That book can still be picked up by at the

local chain book stores.

More recently, Noecker, father of eight, who once ran for a state education post on a ticket with the late Gov. George Romney, published "Jokes, Humor Riddles and Puzzles," a compilation of stories, puzzles, jokes and riddles he used over the years while doing after-dinner speeches.

Noecker says he has sold more than 1,000 copies of the volume so far. (It costs \$14.95, but you can get a discount if you buy 10 copies at \$9.95 each.)

"People buy them and give them to their friends at work," Noecker said.

Asked what the best story in the 168-page book is, Noecker said he had gotten the most calls about this one:

"A man walks out into the street and manages to get a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, 'Perfect timing. You're just like Dave.'"

"Who?"

"Dave Bronson. There's a guy who did everything right. Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Dave every single time."

"There are always a few clouds over everybody," the passenger says.

"Not Dave. He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star."

"He was something, huh?" said the passenger.

"He had a memory like a trap. Could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which folk to eat with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse and the whole neighborhood blacks out."

"No wonder you remember him."

"Well, I never actually met Dave."

"Then how do you know so much about him?"

"I married his widow."

Noecker still goes to the office several days a week and now has 10 "wonderful" grandchildren. "It took 10 of them before one was named after me," he said, chuckling. That one, the son of Dr. Rick and Alex Ferrara is 6-year-old Marshall Ferrara.

Asked about his next publishing project, Noecker said he had been encour-

aged to write about his World War II experiences as a young CPA with Higgins Boats. Over the years, he has crossed the Atlantic by air 68 times. He used to say that he had been to Europe 34 times until his son, Bill, told him, "Dad it is more impressive to count each crossing."

"You have got to stay busy," the elder Noecker said. "You can't just stop working when you are 65."

Good advice from a successful businessman.

Rodin

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library

winter/spring season kicks off with a slide lecture at South High School on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. on sculptors Camille Claudel and August Rodin that ties into the Detroit Institute of Arts show that runs through Feb. 5.

The lecture is free to Friends members and \$10 for non-members. You can get more information at (313) 343-2074, extension 6.

Other Friends dates to keep in mind are the Classics Books Lecture Series that features Dr. George Bornstein from the University of Michigan discussing "The Odyssey" on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Library, and the used book sale at the Ewald Branch in the Park from March 8-11.

VIP encore

Recently I reported that I was expecting to check out of the Vattikuti Institute at the main campus of Henry Ford Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 15, after robotic prostate surgery. Well, as my purported ancestor Robert Burns once wrote about a field mouse whose nest he had plowed up: "The best laid plans o' mice and men..."

Apparently I will never qualify as a poster boy for the institute that correctly boasts that most folks go home within two days. My fellow surgery patients were up and walking the 1/16-mile hallway by late afternoon and were striding up and down by Thursday when they were discharged. It was a five day visit for me, and I am now recuperating at home. Thanks for all the calls, letters, CDs and flowers to boost my spirits.

Celebration

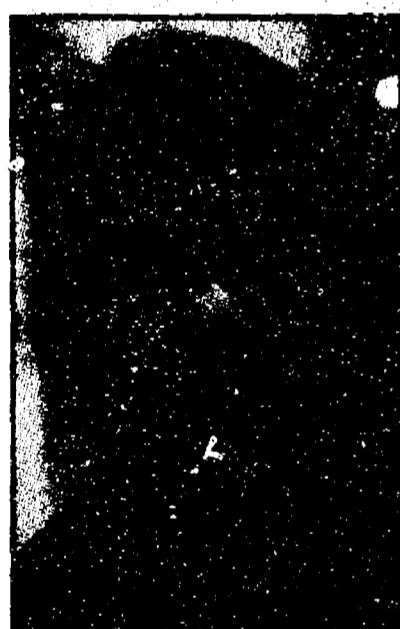
Catholic Bishop John Quinn presided over a celebration for Monsignor Peter S. Lentine to note his 39th anniversary as pastor of St. Philomena Parish in mid-December. There was some debate whether Father Lentine would purchase the necessary robes last year for his new office. Lentine, 86, who is noted for his humor, at first demurred saying that he probably wouldn't get to wear them that long.

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Streetwise

Question of the Week:

Do you think 2006 will be a better year for Michigan? Why or why not?



Tom Stewart

"Economically speaking, I sure hope so. It doesn't look real good for our state's auto workers."

Tom Stewart
St. Clair Shores



Carolyn Wujek

"I'm very optimistic. I think the Super Bowl is a real shot in the arm."

Carolyn Wujek
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Karen Pope

"I hope it will be. We are good at adjusting to changes, and this is time to change."

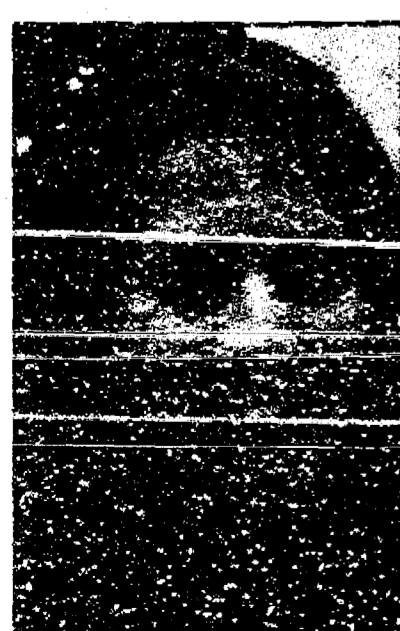
Karen Pope
Grosse Pointe Park



Sherrin Shehan

"I'm hopeful. I do think it will be better. We'll make it better."

Sherrin Shehan
Grosse Pointe Woods



Karen Klein

"I think Michigan will come back. This community alone will prove that Michigan is a great state."

Karen Klein
Grosse Pointe Woods



Adolph Bufalini

"I will say yes. If we think positive. Lots of good things to discover in Michigan."

Adolph Bufalini
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G.P. Chamber of Commerce announces upcoming schedule

By Mary Huebner and Jane Lightfoot, Co-Executive Directors Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has been quite busy.

We are open for business, have enrolled many members and hope those who haven't yet joined will seriously consider doing so.

Our value is increasing daily. Join us on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the Farms municipal office at 90 Kerby Road if you'd like to share ideas as we develop our new resident packet. We are finalizing our new Web site and will introduce it on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at our Inaugural Dinner.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, we will be hosting our Business Before Hours for members at Embellish Café and Gifts on Kercheval in the Park at 8 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 17 we will be hosting another New Member Orientation at The Woods Municipal Building in the Garden Room at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive.

We have received very



Jane Lightfoot, left, and Mary Huebner

favorable feedback about our Grosse Pointe Chamber Logo. The photographs were created by Elizabeth Nye

Carpenter of the Farms. Nye is a native Grosse Pointer who began a successful career in photogra-

phy with J.L. Hudson's. She then formed her own company and has worked with many local organizations, including the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Her posters of Grosse Pointe are also sold at many local galleries.

The Chamber Marketing Committee chaired by Chamber Director Eric Turin of Frontier 3 Advertising in the Park suggested a logo that would represent various factors about the Pointes. When it was suggested that photographs might be used rather than icons in our logo, Nye volunteered to share her work.

The posters were sold at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Inaugural dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Nye has agreed to donate the limited edition Grosse



Pointe autographed posters with proceeds benefiting the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

Reservations for the Chamber Inaugural dinner should be made by calling the Chamber offices at (313)

881-4722 (GPCC).

In addition, an interview about the Chamber, with John Prost on TV 5, will be aired during the week of Jan. 9. The show can be seen daily at 2:30 p.m., 10 p.m., and 5:30 a.m.

BetterInvesting gives insight

With increasingly short-term-minded institutional investors (who control 90 percent of the daily trading volume) causing frequent, erratic movement in stock

prices, what is the little guy, the individual investor, to do?

In the cover story from the January 2006 issue of BetterInvesting Magazine,

the monthly magazine of NAIC's BetterInvesting, Michael Maiello, author of "Buy the Rumor, Sell the Fact," discusses how individual investors should adapt to the impact of institutional investors and the "Index Effect," or the effects that stock indexes such as the S&P 500 can have on individual investors and their holdings.

Individual investors, he says, have little to gain by trying to "keep up" with daily marked activity.

"NASD's Reality Checks" is an article that reprints a speech delivered by Mary L. Schapiro, vice chairman of NASD at the 2005 BetterInvesting National Convention in Atlanta.

In her speech, Schapiro discusses NASD's role in protecting investors and promoting a healthy investing climate, as well as the areas in which investors must take responsibility to protect themselves.



Gift wrappers

The Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue received assistance wrapping gifts. The Grosse Pointe Key Club and Special Kids worked Dec. 1 and 2 making the association's Christmas promotion special. Christ the King Lutheran Church Youth group bagged more than 500 Mack Avenue parking meters from the north city limits of Grosse Pointe Woods to Grosse Pointe Farms and received \$200 for their efforts. The group used the money to buy food for veterans in Detroit. Pictured are Ken Poulos, Jeanne Lizza of Special Kids, Beth Stafford of Peoples State Bank, Lisa Repicky, Michael Fentin, Irida Mance, Bianca Prohaska, and Jim Anderson of Flagstar Bank.

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Business People

Gregory L. Ulrich, a partner at the law firm of Cummings, McCloy, Davis and Aho, recently spoke on Hot Topics in Property at the International Right of Way and American Society of Appraisers (Detroit Chapter) joint seminar.

Ulrich, who heads the firm's real estate group, addressed the current economic impact on development and appraisal issues, as well as important real estate law changes.

He concentrates his practice on real estate, business litigation, technology, estates, dispute resolution and governmental matters.

He received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1977 and an A.B., magna cum laude, from the University of Detroit in 1974.

Ulrich is a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Dennis J. Clark has been named Vice President of Compliance and Ethics for The Auto Club Group, the largest affiliation of AAA Clubs in the Midwest.

In the newly created position, Clark will be responsible for overseeing AAA's compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

He will also develop programs to ensure that all employees follow legal and ethical compliance procedures.

He has more than 30 years of experience in law in the practice of managing lit-

igation and providing advice and consultation to business organizations interested in developing and implementing legal compliance programs.

He most recently worked at Plunkett and Cooney, P.C., in Detroit, where he was a shareholder and served on the firm's board of directors from 1994 to 2002.

He is a past president of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern Michigan Chapter, and is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the American Bar Association White-Collar Crime Committee, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, and the State Bar of Michigan.

He holds a B.A., cum laude, degree from the University of Notre Dame and graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1973.

Clark is a Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

Elizabeth Behler and Christopher Scinta of Campbell-Ewald were recognized by the company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Anthony J. Hopp, as 2005 Employees of the Year for their exemplary leadership and exceptional service to the Campbell-Ewald enterprise throughout the year.

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Safety

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three current license suspensions and three misdemeanor traffic warrants out of Detroit.

In addition, the check reported the woman was never issued a driver license, but she was issued a personal identification card.

The woman was arrested and issued citations before she paid the \$100 bond and was released.

Another fight

At 9:01 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods police officers assisted Harper Woods police officers subdue a 15-year-old Detroit girl who physically assaulted her mother in the parking lot of a business in the 19700 block of Harper.

The girl was upset after her mother told her she had to leave the party and come home. The mother was physically attacked, suffering a dozen cuts on her arms and knees.

The teenager was arrested and taken into custody for assault and battery.

Stolen stuff

Overnight on Sunday, Dec. 25, an unknown person broke the window of a parked vehicle in front of a home in the 1000 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

The thief stole an in-dash radio, CDs, and sundries.

Change taken

Between 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26, and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, the vent window of a parked vehicle was broken as it sat in front of a home in the 1100 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.

Change worth \$10 was taken.

Bad guests?

Sometime on Wednesday, Dec. 28, an unknown person took a lock box from a bedroom closet in a home in the 700 block of Berkshire in Grosse Pointe Park.

The loss of coins and sundries was reported. In addition, the resident told police the theft was possibly committed by a house guest.

Home invasion

On Monday, Dec. 26, at 10:55 a.m., a resident in the 1000 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park heard dogs barking and upon checking heard voices and later a vehicle leaving.

The subject had entered the home through an unlocked front door and had stolen a television and a CD player.

Narcotics

At 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, at a home in the 14900 block of Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park, a resident discovered some property was stolen.

Responding officers located items from the home in another location on the same block.

Park police made an arrest, and search warrants were obtained. The authorities located additional items and narcotics.

Jewelry stolen

On Friday, Dec. 30, between 8 and 10:10 p.m., the rear porch of a home in the 600 block of Bedford in Grosse Pointe Park was forced open, and the thief stole jewelry and coins.

Tire slashed

Between Sunday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Dec. 31, the driver-side tire of a Chrysler van was slashed as the vehicle was parked in front of a home in the 1300 block of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park.

Stolen vehicle

Overnight on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a 1994 Dodge Ram pickup was taken from the street in front of a home in the 1000 block of Wayburn in Grosse Pointe Park.

Arrested

Grosse Pointe Park police officers on routine patrol observed a 22-year-old Detroit woman fighting another person in the street.

One of the fighters was armed with an eight-inch kitchen knife. She was arrested on the corner of Mack and Beaconsfield in Grosse Pointe Park.

Home invasion

Grosse Pointe Park police officers responded to a report of a home invasion in the 1400 block of Hampton.

They investigated a 45-year-old Park man and later arrested him at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, for stealing items from a home and carrying narcotics.

Busted

On Friday, Dec. 30, a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation and the driver, a 19-year-old Detroit man, was found to be wanted by Bloomfield police on an assault warrant.

The man was arrested on the corner of Alter and Jefferson near Grosse Pointe Park and handed over to Bloomfield police.

Smoking cigarettes

On Sunday, Jan. 1, at 10:44 p.m., a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation, at the intersection of Mack and Balfour.

The officers observed open intoxicants and noticed the odor of marijuana. The officers also located a .22 caliber handgun. A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested.

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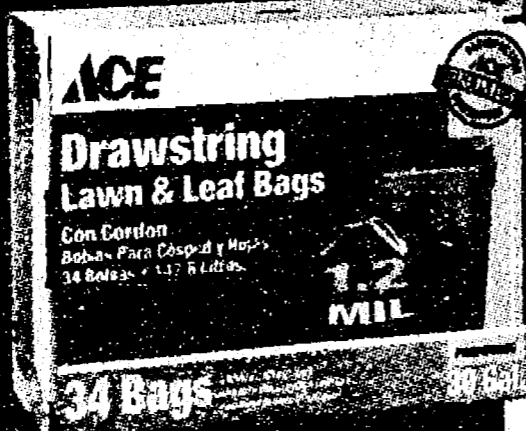
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Park's Vogler an ace at getting that rare hole in one

By Bob St. John
Staff Writer

Every golfer's ultimate shot is a hole in one.

Thousands of men and women around the world play golf, and many are still waiting to get that first ace.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert Vogler, 71, holed his ninth career hole in one on Nov. 10 when he aced the 150-yard par-3 16th hole at Chandler Park Golf Course, using a three iron.

He shot an 82 that round, which was actually a little high for Vogler, who carries a 6 handicap, which he said at Chandler Park is a little lower.

"It seems as if I'm getting aces at a more frequent pace the past couple of years," Vogler said. "I might be getting a little older, but I'm having as much fun playing golf now as when I was younger."

The retired engineer began playing golf in 1946, while working as a caddy at the Country Club of Detroit.

In 1954, Vogler had an opportunity to watch Arnold Palmer hit a miracle chip-in to help him eventually beat Robert Sweeney (1 up) to win the prestigious United States Amateur Tournament at the Country Club of Detroit.

"Sweeney should have won the tournament, but Arnie pulled off that historic shot that led him to the victory," Vogler said. "I remember that as if it were yesterday. There were hundreds of people around that green when he hit that shot. That is a great memory of the sport."

Vogler has holed aces of times a week, even when he helped his wife, Betty, raise their six children; boys James and Andrew; and

girls Mary, Anne, Nancy, and Molly.

"I was lucky because I was still able to get out a couple of times a week and play golf when our kids were growing up," he said. "Now that I'm retired, I play in a seniors league and I'm able to get out five times a week."

Vogler usually plays at Chandler Park, St. Clair Shores Country Club and Plumbrook, which he calls his "home" course.

"I play golf with guys in their 80s and 90s who are very competitive," he said. "It's great to get outside and enjoy myself with friends."

Vogler, who graduated from Servite High School in 1957, golfed 109 18-hole rounds of golf in 2005, and he walked every one.

"I don't believe in taking golf carts," he said. "They slow up the game. I see too many guys going in different directions just to find their ball. I am able to walk right to my ball when I play and the flow of the game is smoother."

He once paid a \$20 admission fee to watch the 1959 Masters at Augusta National.

Art Wall Jr. won that tournament with a 4-under-par 284, edging Cary Middlecoff by one stroke and Palmer by two. Wall Jr. took home a check for \$15,000 for that victory.

Some other notable names who Vogler watched that day were Dick Mayer, Stan Leonard, Charles R. Coe, Fred Hawkins, William J. Patton, Gene Littler, Billy Maxwell, Gene Blanton and

Vogler has nine aces to his credit, but Wall Jr. has an amazing 47 holes in one.

"I know several gentlemen who have nine, 10 and even

11 aces in their careers, which is pretty darn good," Vogler said.

Vogler's first hole in one came in 1961 at the age of 27 when he aced the 13th hole at Maple Lane.

It took 15 years for Vogler to record his second ace, which he accomplished in July 1976 on the sixth hole at Chandler Park.

His third ace game in June 1978 during a tournament. He aced the 12th hole at Bello Woods.

Sixteen years later, while playing Crystal Lake in August 1994, he aced the eighth hole to get hole in one No. 4.

Ace No. 5 came in June 1998 when he knocked his tee shot into the 231-yard par-3 17th hole at Shanty Creek.

"I think that was my most impressive hole in one," Vogler said. "I had to use a driver on the hole and I just wanted to get it close. The group playing in front of us waved us on; so I hit my tee shot. I knew it landed on the green, but I didn't know it went into the hole until I saw one of the guys holding the pin, jumping around. Then I knew I had a hole in one. It's quite a feeling of accomplishment, but I think it is rather lucky if you ask me."

In November 2000, Vogler aced the fourth hole at Plumbrook, and less than a year later (June 2001), he hit ace No. 7 at the 16th hole at Chandler Park.

Before the current hole in one, Vogler achieved ace No. 8 in August 2003 when he aced the 15th hole at the 15th hole at Crackle Wood.

Besides netting nine aces, several eagles and more than a thousand birdies, Vogler has never recorded a



Robert Vogler, left, and his wife, Betty, hold two of their nine grandchildren during a recent family get-together. Vogler and wife golf together once a year in a tournament. Three of his aces have come at Chandler Park Golf Course.

double-eagle, which is getting a two on a par 5 or even a three on the rare par-6 holes.

"It takes a very long hitter to get a double-eagle," Vogler said. "I don't have the longest shots, but I consistently hit the ball in the middle of the fairway. I have a decent short game and I can make my share of putts. Trust me, I have missed my share of short putts during my lifetime."

When he was growing up, Vogler used to wake up at 5:30 a.m. on Mondays in order to play 36 holes of golf while he caddied at the Country Club of Detroit.

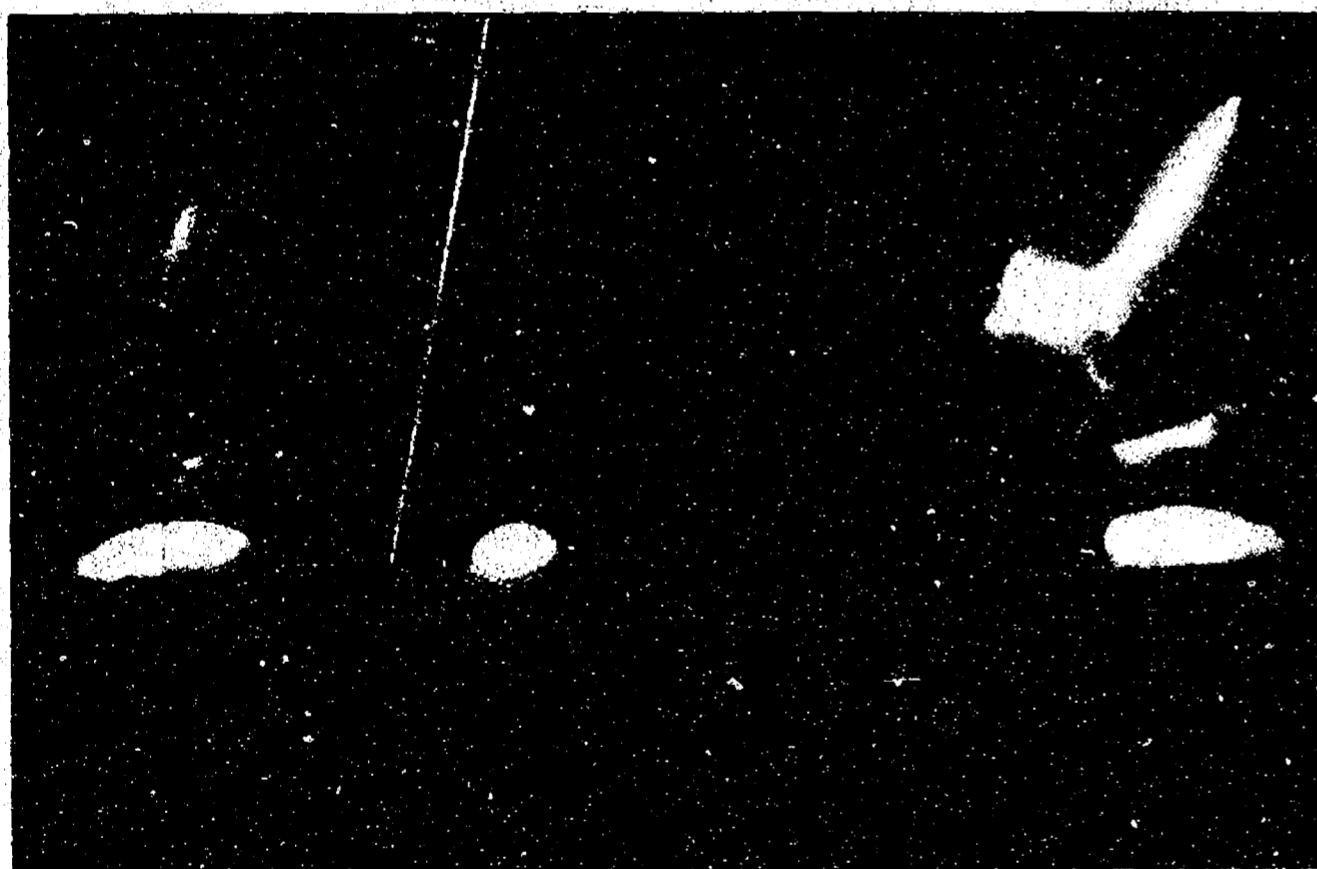
"We (the caddies) had to be off the course by 1 p.m.; so I had to get up early if I wanted to get 36 holes of golf

in." The passion to play competitive golf when Vogler was a kid is still burning bright, and that is one key to his ability to shoot such low scores.

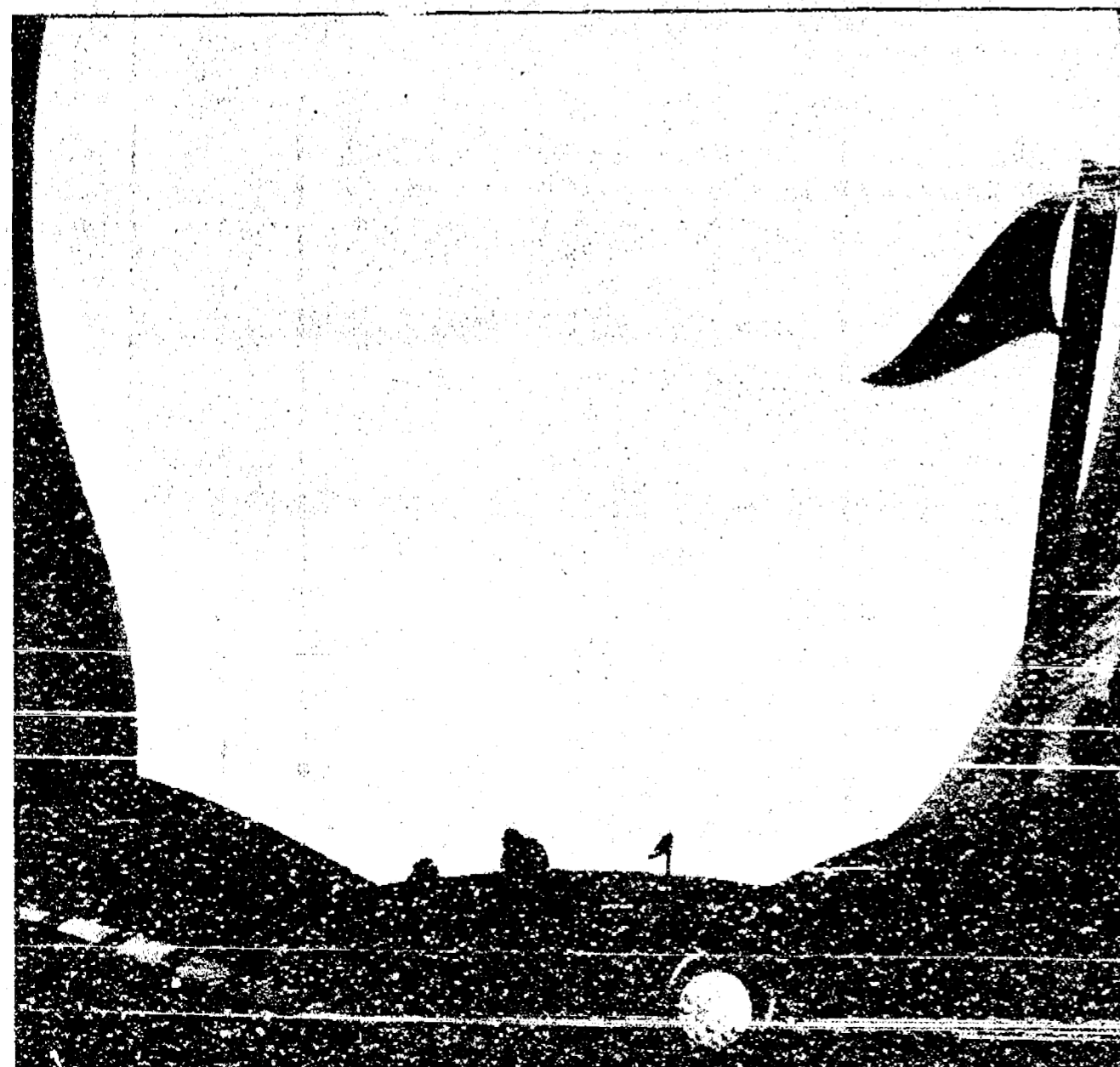
"I bowl during the winter, but the sport I love the most is golf," he said. "I play golf as long as the course cooperates, which usually means I can play well into November."

His lowest score is a 66, which he shot several years ago.

Vogler's clubs are packed away for the winter and his bowling ball is being used at his leisure, but you can bet when the weather breaks in the spring he will be teeing off at the first tee at his favorite courses.



Robert Vogler's love of golf began in 1946, and soon after he began to caddy at the Country Club of Detroit. He achieved his first hole in one in 1961 and his latest ace came in November 2005.



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Winter is the time to enjoy the sweet side of plants

Those of us who grow green like to use the fruits of our labor in a variety of ways. One path is to create food for pleasure. By that I mean sweet treats that please the palate.

At the last meeting of the Herb Society of America's Grosse Pointe Unit (HSA/GPU), longtime member and past president Mary Northcott of Grosse Pointe Farms shared her knowledge of herbal candies and syrups.

"I first saw candied rose petals in a store window," Northcott said. "I then learned how to make candied lemon verbena leaves at a Herb Society meeting and found I could make others myself. That was about a dozen years ago."

Northcott has shared her own creations with group members through the years and during the meeting she also offered samples that she had purchased on her travels to Europe.

Candied violet flowers, rose petals and fennel seeds were highlighted, as well as beautifully colored syrups made with lavender and rose petals. A lovely sorbet was used to cleanse the palate between tastings.

"The use of these items dresses up desserts and makes them more fun and unusual," Northcott said. However, she also men-



tioned that it's easier in spring or summer when the flowers are more plentiful.

What to do in winter?

After this holiday season of sweetmeats abounding, there are ways of creating desserts that don't raise blood sugar levels. Stevia rebaudiana, known simply as stevia to those of us who grow and use it, is originally a South American shrub. When made into an extract or powder, it is used in place of sugar.

The leaves are 10 to 30 times sweeter than sugar. Having grown the plant and giving a leaf to someone, whether young or old, to taste, the surprised look is always fun.

The Guarani Indians of Paraguay have used Stevia rebaudiana for centuries both nutritionally and medicinally. They refer to it as

"leafy leaf"

One interesting fact about stevia is that its sweetness is not due to carbohydrates-based molecules. Instead, its sweet taste is from natural molecular structures called glycosides.

During World War II, sugar shortages motivated people in England to investigate stevia as a sweetener. Under the direction of the Royal Botanical Gardens, cultivation of the plant began, but was abandoned after the war.

A variety of health-related studies continue, especially in Japan where stevia is used in prepared foods such as chewing gum, candy and soft drinks.

Stevia comes in various forms. You can find it most readily at health food stores in packets of powder, concentrates or extracts.

Choosing to cook or bake with stevia is best done with the help of a book or other source, as stevia is not used in the same amounts as sugar or other sweeteners.

One book, "Stevia, Naturally Sweet Recipes for Desserts, Drinks and More," by Rita DePuydt is useful in my kitchen. Here is a recipe I've shared with others with success. Enjoy it yourself, with your family or serve it to guests.

Bon appetit!

Banana Bread with Stevia

2 very ripe, seedless to large bananas
1/4 teaspoon powdered stevia extract
1/2 teaspoon stevia concentrate
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups whole-wheat pastry flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup oil
1 large egg
1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt or buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Oil a medium-sized loaf pan (7 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches).

Mash the bananas in a small bowl. Mix the stevia extract, stevia concentrate and lemon juice into the mashed bananas. Set aside.

Sift the flour, leavenings and salt together in a bowl. Beat the oil and egg together in a mixing bowl until creamy. Beat in the yogurt or buttermilk and vanilla. Stir the mashed bananas into the liquid mixture.

Add the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, stirring as little as possible. Mix in the walnuts just before the batter is completely blended.

Place into the loaf pan. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until a toothpick or fork stuck in the middle comes out clean. Turn out

the loaf and cool on a rack. For maximum flavor, use very ripe bananas (brown-spotted ones).

Kathleen Peabody of the Advanced Master Gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kpeabody@telglobal.net.

What's going on?

These three classes are part of the Detroit Garden Center's Winter Gardening Series. Cost is \$55 for the series or \$20 for each individual class. Call the Center for reservations and location information at (313) 259-6363 or e-mail detroitgardencent@yahoo.com.

Year-Round Indoor Garden Color: Which plants to grow and how to keep them blooming, from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 21. Jane Suhail shares the best lineup of flowering plants to grow in your home and gives simple steps to growing and blooming those plants indoors throughout the seasons.

Eight Months of

Color in the Landscape: Class runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28. Janet Macunovich explores how to fill your garden or landscape with color from spring through fall. Includes a dazzling slide show.

Protect the Landscape When You Build or Improve Your Home: Class is from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28. Macunovich and Deb Hall, a landscape designer and arborist, show how to plan remodeling and construction projects to identify what can be saved in a landscape, how to protect it, and how to help it recover when the crews and equipment have gone.

Stratford Festival ends season with surplus

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Richard Monette and Executive Director Antoni Cimolino, the Stratford Festival of Canada has ended its artistically successful 2005 season with a \$73,000 surplus on its \$52 million budget.

"We are especially proud of our accomplishments this past year," said Mr. Cimolino.

"It was a season marked early by a difficult sales environment, particularly in the United States. However, the extraordinary productions, excellent word of mouth, a reduction of in-year expenses and the introduction of incremental marketing initiatives, supported in part by the Ontario

Tourism Marketing Partnership (OTMP), drove a major turnaround at the box office between May and October, resulting in ticket sales of just under 540,000 for the season.

"I cannot say enough good things about the artists and staff of the Festival. They met initial challenges at the box office by taking special care with sponsorship and fundraising efforts throughout the season."

"Their dedicated efforts enabled the Festival to offset the shortfall in ticket revenues."

"The Playwright's Circle campaign raised approximately \$1.9 million, 6 percent over its goal," said Ibm Orr, Festival board chair-

man. He also noted a rise in support from U.S. members. "In spite of a dip in American attendance, United States donor support rose by 9 percent. It seems clear that while some people wished to remain closer to home last season, their belief in the festival remains stronger than ever."

"The need to build an endowment capable of generating annual income for the Festival was identified by Richard Monette in the early stages of his tenure as artistic director," said Orr.

"As a result, the For All Time Endowment Campaign was launched in 1999, and we have every confidence that we will achieve our \$50 million goal by the end of

Richard's term in 2007, in recognition of his extraordinary vision and leadership."

The festival's overall fundraising activity for the 2005 season generated \$6.8 million. A wealth of activities in the artistically rich 2005 season strongly supported the Festival's four key strategic goals: artistic excellence, relationships with patrons and donors, youth and diversity, and education.

The launch of the new Play On program, which offers \$20 tickets to young people between the ages of 18 and 29, saw a record number of young, new patrons in attendance, with over 14,000 tickets sold and enthusiastic feedback from users.

Education programs were expanded; for example, the Teaching Shakespeare School for teachers and students was offered to a greater number of teachers and was made available to schools in a broader geographical area, taking programs as far afield as Kenya, Ontario.

The Festival's archives and warehouse moved into a new state-of-the-art facility, ensuring the theatre's ability to preserve its past and protect its future.

The Birmingham Conservatory for Classical Theatre Training just entered its eighth session, with 12 of the most talented young actors in Canada.

The Festival launched a comprehensive Production Apprenticeship Program to ensure that its next generation of artisans learns from the current master craftspeople whose specialized skills contribute to the theatre's unparalleled production values.

"We're exceptionally proud of all that's happened this past season, and we're excited about the way 2006 is shaping up," said Cimolino.

"Response to the upcoming season during the members' pre-sale period has been extraordinary."

"And we're delighted to have achieved a significant milestone in our history: We reached just over \$1 million in single-day ticket sales so it looks like we're off to a promising start."

To date, sales for 2006 have reached \$6.6 million and 115,000 tickets, up 11 percent over the same period last year.

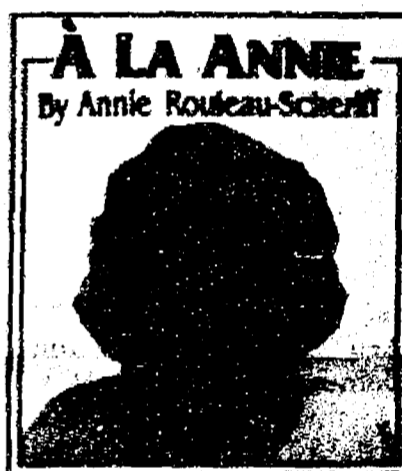
This is not your everyday dip

You could have rung in the New Year with this creamy, cheesy snow-white dip that's a snap to prepare and boasts a flavor that says it's not your everyday dip. Dorothy Erickson, parish office manager at Sacred Heart of Auburn Hills, shared the recipe with my Mom, who brought the dip to my sister's Christmas party last week.

And so the recipe for this tasty cracker-topper has made its way to my kitchen, and I can share it with you.

Dorothy's Creamy, Cheesy Snow-White Dip
8 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 400



degrees. In a medium bowl, combine the softened cream cheese with the remaining ingredients. Use a wooden spoon to work everything together well.

Spread the mixture into a tart or shallow pie dish that has been coated with nonstick spray. Bake the dip at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. The edges should be just beginning to brown. Don't over-cook it.

Serve hot with crackers or grilled pita wedges. The Swiss cheese and almonds give this yummy dip a wonderful flavor that will warm you up.

Hope you had a happy New Year.

Enter your healthiest recipes in Michigan recipe contest

As a way to raise awareness for diabetes in Michigan, the American Diabetes Association has teamed up with Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company to hold a recipe contest for Michigan residents.

Maintaining a healthy diet is key to managing diabetes, which affects 7.9 percent of Michigan residents. Studies indicate an additional 227,900 Michigan adults have the disease but remain undiagnosed.

The goal of the contest is to share creative and tasty recipes that can be enjoyed by those on a diabetic diet.

Three prizes will be awarded in two recipe categories — main course and dessert. The first place winner in each category will receive \$150, second place winner will receive \$100, and third place winner will receive \$50. Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

One recipe entry per person. Entrants must be ama-

teur chefs age 21 or older.

Recipes can be submitted to the American Diabetes Association via e-mail: npscarr@diabetes.org (state "Recipe Contest" in the subject line); or mail to: Recipe Contest, American Diabetes Association, 30900 Telegraph Road, Suite 117, Bingham Farms 48025.

All entries will be judged equally on creativity and practicality in a first round of judging. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Finalists will be notified by phone, mail and/or e-mail and will prepare their recipes for contest judges on Monday, Jan. 23, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

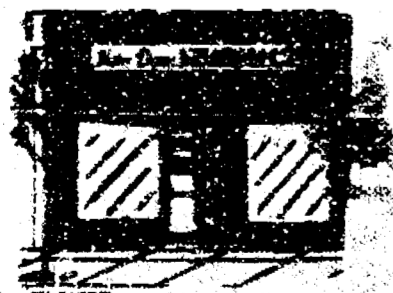
The recipes will be judged on taste, 50 percent; creative appeal of prepared dish, 25 percent; and ease of preparation and practicality of preparation, 25 percent. The finalists will be ranked on their recipe scores, with the highest score in each category deemed the first category winner.

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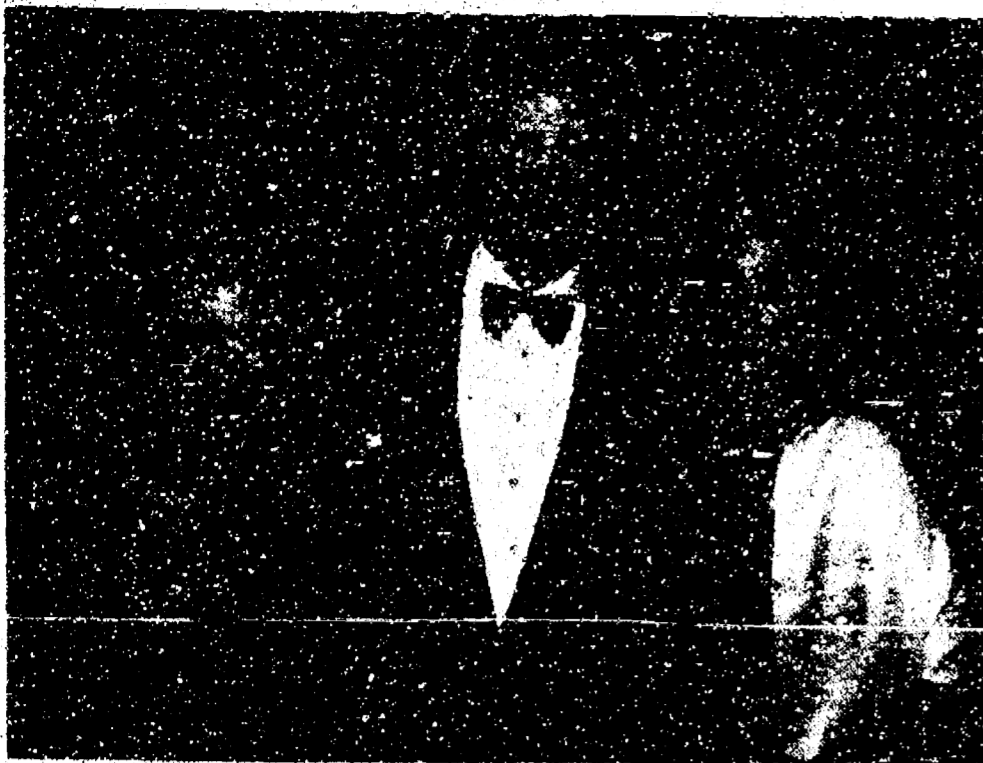
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Historical Society Ball

The Detroit Historical Society Ball was held on Dec. 3 at the Detroit Yacht Club. Some 362 people attended and raised more than \$165,000 for the Detroit Historical Museums & Society's exhibition and educational programs.

At the left, from left, are Mary Ann Bury, Gregory and Suzanne Frederickson, all of Grosse Pointe Park. At the right, are Dr. Kim and Mado Lie, also of Grosse Pointe Park.

File a patent the right way, beware of scams

All it takes is a good idea for a new product to be born. Perhaps you have an idea for something that will revolutionize how we live.

Many of the items we rely on every day were once the musings of resourceful individuals. Where would we be without the asphalt roads created by Belgian immigrant Edward de Smedt; William Kent's baby-carriage design; or Ron Popell's "Showtime Rotisserie Oven and Barbecue?"

An idea is just an idea unless it is secured and protected by a patent.

Types of U.S. Patents

Before you can apply for a patent, you must first determine under which category your idea falls. There are three types of U.S. patents and corresponding applications, according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

- **Utility Patent** — Used for anyone who invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, article of manufacture, or compositions of matters, or any new useful improvements of existing products.

- **Design Patent** — May be granted to anyone who invents a new, original, and ornamental design for an article of manufacture.

- **Plant Patent** — Applies to anyone who invents or discovers and asexually reproduces any distinct and new variety of plant.

Application process

Each year, the USPTO receives 350,000 applications for a nonprovisional utility patent — the most common form of patent. Therefore, in order for your invention to actually be

reviewed and considered, do your homework, and file your patent correctly. This can be done electronically or by mail.

The USPTO has specific instructions for filing, and the process can be daunting for many.

According to the office's official Web site uspto.gov, your application should include at least the following:

- **Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form or Transmittal Letter**
- **Fee Transmittal Form and Appropriate Fees**
- **Application Data Sheet**
- **Specification (with at least one claim)**
- **Drawings (when necessary)**
- **Executed Oath or Declaration**

Descriptions on what each element entails can be found on the Web site uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/utlity/utility.htm.

Keep in mind that these instructions include such specifics as the size and type of paper used for the application (standard letter), drawing views and brief descriptions, history of the invention, as well as particulars on the legibility of the application.

In addition, since filing a

patent is a legal process that entitles you to the rights to market and sell a product or idea, it may be wise to seek the expertise of a patent attorney who will know the ins and outs of the process. While it will mean you'll have an additional up-front expense, it could save you money in the long run by making sure the patent is filed correctly.

Beware of scams

There are many invention services out there claiming that they'll help you get a patent filed and your product to market.

Few of these services are legitimate. Often, they'll provide a free assessment of your invention to see if it can feasibly make it in the consumer market. Most often, your idea will be given the green light, and then you'll be solicited to pay certain fees to cover research and development costs accrued by the company in its efforts to bring your idea to fruition.

Seldom will you recuperate these costs by your invention getting patented and to market.

Before using an invention service, check out its legitimacy by contacting the

Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) to see if any claims have been filed against the company.

Patenting an invention is a complicated legal process, and anyone who promises you a get-rich-quick scenario is most likely engaging in less-than-honorable dealings.

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Seventeen Detroit-area restaurants and bakeries will serve their most savory soups and breads, with a cash bar, at the annual fundraiser for the Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS). The Souper Bowl City party will run from 5:30 to 10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Avenue in downtown Detroit.

Guests will be able to enjoy the music of Arizona

Son with Devin Scillian, the Keith Malinowski Jazz Trio and Living Soul & The Pearl Divers. Entertainment also includes a balloon artist, magic and a silent auction raffle. Chuck Gaidica will emcee and judge restaurants' soup displays. Tickets are available for \$35 online at www.cotsdetroit.org or at the door. All proceeds will go to help the homeless through COTS. For more information, call (313) 831-3777, ext. 285.

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Entertainment will be provided by Tom Wilson, host of the "Somewhere in Time" radio program carried at 6 p.m. Sundays on WMUZ (103.5 FM).

His topic will be "Big

Band Memories," and he will play selections of music by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman and more.

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Substance abuse linked to academic underachievement

Many people begin to use alcohol and other drugs during their teenage years, and some do so heavily. Studies have linked this fact to a number of negative consequences, and the latest research adds more to the list — a decline in grades and learning impairments that can last beyond adolescence.

According to the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 36 percent of teenagers with a D grade average reported that they used cigarettes, alcohol or illegal drugs in the past month. Use declined steadily with improved academic performance:

- 20 percent of students with a C average
- 13 percent of students with a B average
- 6 percent of students with an A average

The connection between poor academic performance and substance abuse probably involves a number of factors, says Mike Alle, supervisor of Intake Services at Hazelden Center for Youth and Families in Plymouth, Minn.

Among them are missed classes, lower test scores, and memory problems.

"If you've been studying hard over a long period of time before you start abusing alcohol or other drugs,

you may do fairly well in school for a while," Alle says. "Long-term memory at the onset of substance abuse doesn't appear to be affected. However, substance abuse does affect short-term memory and can impact long-term memory, or the ability to retain new information. So, with sustained marijuana use, for instance, even long-term memory could be impaired, and a decrease in academic performance is only one of many symptoms of substance abuse."

Research on adolescent development gives this statement a new urgency. It's now clear that the human brain continues to develop throughout the second decade of life. Scientists describe the brain during these years as highly "plastic," meaning that connections between brain cells are constantly being rewired on the basis of new experiences.

Alcohol may interfere with this process, with effects that last for years. Sandra Brown and colleagues at the University of California, San Diego, measured substance abuse and mental abilities in a group of students with an average age of 16.

Researchers followed up with assessments over the next seven years, until most

of the students turned 24. The results: Students with the highest levels of substance abuse as teenagers got the lowest scores on tests of memory and learning in their early 20s.

Patterns of drinking that involve repeated cycles of abuse and withdrawal appear to do the most damage. Yet this is exactly the form of drinking that teenagers are likely to do.

"Adults can go to a liquor store, purchase a six-pack, take it home, have a beer, and then put the rest in the refrigerator," Alle says. "Adolescents don't do that. They don't just sit down and have one beer. They usually consume abusively

— to intoxication."

At present, researchers aren't sure how much academic performance improves after students stop drinking and using other drugs.

"There is indirect evidence in the form of improvements in scores on tests of attention and memory after teens stop using," says Aaron White, assistant research professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center. But for the heaviest users, White adds, deficits in brain development may be permanent.

As a parent, you can prevent students from losing academic ground to substance abuse. A report from

the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information suggests that you:

- Talk with your teenager about the dangers. Numerous studies show that parental disapproval is a powerful deterrent to drinking and other drug use.
- Spend regular time with your teenager. Listen without judgment and try to understand the pressures that adolescents face. When your child makes wise choices, offer praise.
- Keep track of where your teenager is and meet his or her friends.
- Get teenagers involved in after-school activities so

they won't be able to just "hang out" in the afternoon — the time when they are most likely to experiment.

• Be a positive role model. Don't abuse alcohol or drugs yourself.

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

Noise levels: Know how loud is too loud

(ARA) — Experts say that toy cell phones and portable stereos may be damaging our children's hearing by delivering potentially deafening decibel levels to their ears. Coupled with loud blockbuster movies and computer games targeted to young people, our youth may be at increased risk for noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) — a common, but preventable form of injury.

More than 30 million Americans are exposed to hazardous sound levels on a regular basis, and an estimated 10 million already have hearing loss from noise.

The National Center for Environmental Health conducted a study of noise-induced hearing threshold shifts (NITS) among U.S. children and found that 14.9 percent of children between

the ages of 6 and 19 years have hearing loss in one or both ears. The study suggests that children are being exposed to excessive amounts of hazardous levels of noise.

How loud is too loud? According to guidelines established by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), regular or prolonged exposure to noises over 85 dB (decibels) can pose a hearing risk.

"In general, if you have to raise your voice to be heard, the environment is too loud for your ears," says researcher Sig Soli, Ph.D., House Ear Institute. "And the louder the sound, the less time it takes before your hearing will be affected. Just 15 minutes at a rock concert can subject you to 100 decibels or more of dam-

aging sound — the maximum duration of exposure for that sound level. Cranking up the volume too high on a stereo or headset can pose a similar risk."

In an increasingly noisy world, digital technology has compounded the problem of noise exposure by allowing us to increase volume levels on our stereos and headsets without sound distortion. Digital technology is popular with teens and preteens, making them more vulnerable to noise-induced hearing loss. Parents can set a good example by turning down the volume levels of all household stereos and wearing hearing protection around other noise sources like power tools and vacuum cleaners, and should encourage children to wear hearing protection (ear plugs or ear muffs) in noisy environ-

ments. "Concerned parents can protect their younger children's sensitive ears by choosing quieter toys or lowering the volume on noisy toys by taping over speakers or removing batteries," says James D. Boswell, CEO, House Ear Institute. "You can help your older children save their hearing by teaching them that loud noise is a potential health danger. If you buy them an MP3 player or a noisy computer game, take the time to demonstrate the safe sound level limits to protect their ears from permanent damage."

For more information on hearing and hearing loss, visit the House Ear Institute (HEI) Web site at www.hei.org or call (213) 483-4431 and ask about the Institute's Sound Partners hearing conservation program.

Memory screening is diagnostic tool

By Matilda Charles

One of the developments in recent years in dealing with Alzheimer's disease is the use of memory screenings by healthcare providers such as doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers or others trained in this area.

The typical screening involves giving an individ-

ual a series of questions or tasks that are designed to test memory as well as other cognitive functions.

For example, the subjects of the "screening" may be asked to draw a clock and place the 12 numbers that mark the hours in the correct order on the clock face. They may also be asked

about familiar matters such as where they live or the names of family members or friends.

The importance of these screenings is that they are not, in themselves, designed to diagnose any form of dementia.

Rather, they're used to alert the individual or fami-

ly member that something is happening with that person that should be checked out.

It should also be pointed out that if memory

always involve Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Sometimes it can be caused by depression, thyroid problems, medication interactions or vitamin B-12 deficiency. When diagnosed early, memory impairment caused by these factors can often be reversed.

If the follow-up examinations do find Alzheimer's or the presence of other currently irreversible (but one hopes, eventually curable) impairments, such as Parkinson's or Pick's disease, treatment can be started to help slow the progression of the condition.

Also, early diagnosis, as I've noted before, gives people time to make decisions about various personal as well as legal matters on their own, and not have to have others make those choices for them when they can no longer do so.

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Center of Lifelong Learning announces its winter classes for January 2006

The Center of Lifelong Learning is a nondenominational, educational center that serves adults 50 years and older.

The following classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 9.

Computer classes: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

All about CDs, the Internet connection and e-mail is offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call for specific times.

Fitness classes: Classes meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Study Topic: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Protect Yourself From Elder Abuse Series: Learn about identity theft, understanding elder abuse in a facility setting and financial exploitation.

The Book Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11.

The Center of Lifelong Learning is located at St. Peter the Apostle offices, 19851 Anita, in Harper Woods, across the street

from Eastland.

For information or a brochure, contact Nancy at (586) 421-1193 or visit its Web site at www.lifelonglearn.net

Friday is movie day

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by Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD



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Resolving to keep resolutions

By Debbie Farmer

Like most people, you probably didn't let New Year's Eve go by without making a few resolutions. After all, no matter how much we should all know better, we can't help resolving to do little things to improve our lives.

But let's face it: everyone knows that resolutions don't work. After all, if they did, we'd be surrounded by crowds of nonsmoking, thin people come midspring. Why do we even bother? My theory is that it's the appeal of a fresh start and a new beginning that drives otherwise rational people to make resolutions.

Some people do follow through with their resolutions. But these are also the same people who floss regularly and wash their windows every spring. Since I don't qualify for that group, you can understand why I'm not overly enthusiastic about making any resolutions this year. I figured I'd save time by rolling over the old ones from last year.

I've come to the radical conclusion that a year is not enough time to make major lifestyle changes.

It's not that I don't try to stick to my resolutions. Every year, I wake up on the first of January eager and determined to get in shape and organize my life and be more patient with my loved ones and all that. I come downstairs and eat my half of grapefruit while explaining to my children in great detail everything from why Paris Hilton perhaps

Family Daze By Debbie Farmer



isn't the role model I'd choose for them, to why trees can't sneeze. Then I put on my new sweat suit and set out on a nice, two-mile jog before returning to organize my linen closet.

On Jan. 3, I'm still determined to stick to my resolutions, but since by now I'm getting hungry from all of the fresh air, I add toast and scrambled eggs to my grapefruit. By Jan. 5, I skip the grapefruit altogether and reduce my exercise program to walking down the driveway to get the mail.

Needless to say, by the time February rolls around I'm too busy eating jelly doughnuts and watching trashy television talk shows to remember what, exactly, my resolutions were in the first place.

I know what you're thinking. You are thinking that things won't be any different this year. You're probably right.

So this year, I did what any well-educated, weak person would do: I went to a bookstore and skimmed all of the magazine articles about how to stick to resolutions. One article said that

the most important thing to do if you don't succeed is to determine the barriers that blocked you and try again. I created a mental list of everything that forced me to break my past resolutions like, say, loose candy flying into my mouth, but it only verified what I had suspected all along: the major barrier preventing me from keeping my resolutions is, well, me.

But just when I was ready to give up and go back to my old resolution-breaking ways, another article suggested that people should choose more realistic goals. Now that's more like it.

So, after eliminating everything that requires willpower or physical stamina, my new goals for 2006 are: I will vacuum every other week, buy more take-out Chinese food, and not feel guilty about leaving things like sewing Girl Scout patches and washing the car to seasoned professionals.

Of course, whenever I tell anybody about these they look at me as if I'm insane or something. But at least this year it won't be so hard to keep my resolutions. In fact, I have a feeling, I might even enjoy it.

Debbie Farmer is a humorist and a mother holding down the fort in California, and the author of "Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat." She can be reached at www.familydaze.com, or by writing familydaze@cox.net.

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Slow Cooking

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This winter, there's no better time to rediscover the joys of slow cooking. From comfort food to curries, the slow cooker is short on prep, but long on flavor.

Long gone are the days of the crockery pot as the ubiquitous unwanted wedding gift, the dusty relic of a '70s kitchen. Slow cooking is back, and it means business this time.

Although slow cooking has kept some steadfast fans since its introduction in the 1970s, its popularity has soared in recent years — and for good reason. Available in a variety

of styles, sizes and finishes, modern-day slow cookers have wooed cooks old and young alike for their ability to make succulent, home-cooked meals while you sleep, work or play.

Want a delicious stew, but don't want to tend a stove-top stockpot all day? Craving cake hot from the oven, but don't want to deal with a boiling-hot kitchen? Slow cooker to the rescue.

Accompanied by a host of up-to-date cookbooks, written for new-millennium needs, the versatile slow cooker can go low-carb, vegetarian, kosher, family-style — or pretty much any style you can imagine.

The beauty of crockery cooking lies in its ability to accommodate your busy lifestyle. Take a few minutes to prep the recipe the night before you

plan to cook it, or early in the morning before your day gets underway, and then all you have to do is pop the crockery insert into the cooker, plug it in and turn it on. When dinnertime rolls around, your exertion is usually limited to lifting the lid and dishing the food out.

Because of its "slow and low" cooking method, the

slow cooker is particularly good for turning large cuts of meat into mouthwateringly tender dishes. The recipes below showcase two classic beef preparations — pot roast and barbecued beef brisket. The crockery cooking method — combined with the added flavor infusion of bouillon, such as Wyler's

Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or Granules — provides a particularly savory end product.

After all, you could spend all day in the kitchen making your own beef broth for a pot roast or heating a roast in the oven ... but when the slow cooker and a few bouillon cubes do it for you, why would you want to?

Italian Pot Roast

Makes 6 servings

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 6 to 7 hours

- 1 3- to 4-pound boneless beef chuck pot roast
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 26-ounce jar Classico di Napoli (Tomato and Basil) Pasta Sauce
- 1/2 cup dry red wine or water
- 3 Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or 3 teaspoons Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Granules
- 6 medium redskin potatoes, quartered (about 1 pound)
- 1 1/2 cups baby carrots (about 8 ounces)
- 1 large onion, cut into wedges

In large skillet, over high heat, brown beef roast on both sides in hot oil. Remove roast from skillet; reserve beef juices. Place vegetables in bottom of cooker. Top with roast; pour beef juices, 1 cup pasta sauce, wine and bouillon cubes over vegetables and roast. Cover; cook on low setting for 6 to 7 hours or until roast and vegetables are tender. Transfer roast and vegetables to serving platter; cover with foil to keep warm. Reserve 1 cup juices. In medium saucepan, combine reserved juices and remaining pasta sauce. Heat through. Serve with roast and vegetables.

Barbecued Beef Brisket

Makes 6 servings

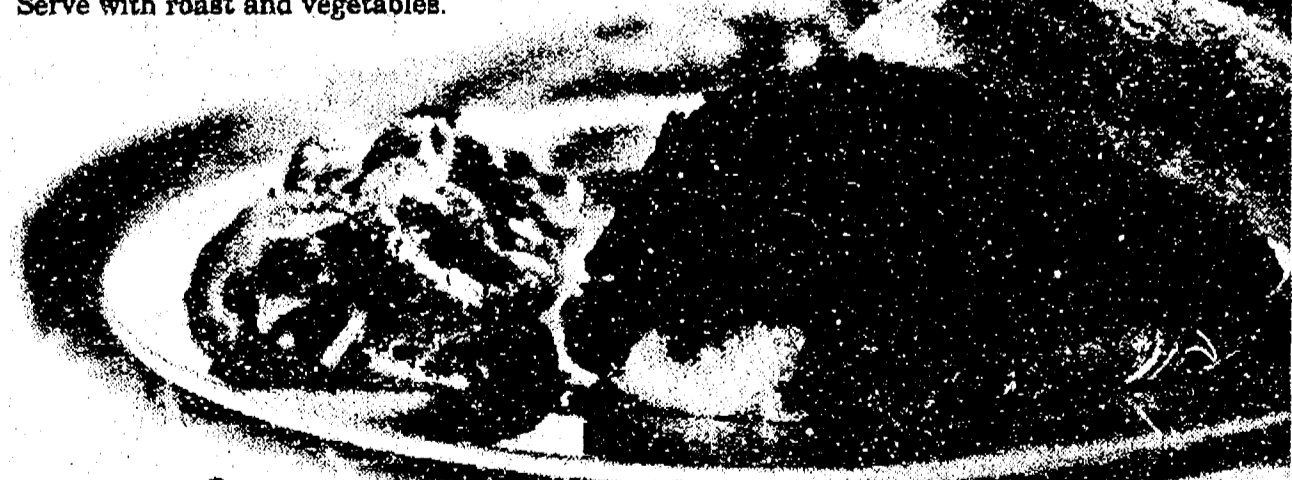
Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 6 to 7 hours

- 2 cups Jack Daniel's Original No. 7 barbecue sauce
- 1 medium onion, cut into wedges
- 3 Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes or 3 teaspoons Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Granules
- 1 3- to 4-pound boneless beef brisket roast
- Sandwich buns

In bottom of cooker, combine 1 cup barbecue sauce, onion and bouillon cubes. Place beef brisket on top. Cover; cook on low setting 6 to 7 hours or until brisket shreds easily. Remove brisket from cooker; reserve 1 cup cooking juices. Remove fat layer and shred meat. Return meat to cooker along with reserved meat juices and remaining barbecue sauce. Mix well; adding more barbecue sauce if needed. Cook meat mixture on high setting until hot. Serve on sandwich buns.

Nothing warms up a winter's day like classic BBQ beef sandwiches, made easy in this recipe by the addition of Jack Daniel's Original No. 7 barbecue sauce and Wyler's Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes.



Slow Cooking TIPS

Follow these basic guidelines for foolproof slow cooking.

- Raw vegetables should be cut into uniform pieces before placing in the slow cooker.
- Firmer vegetables, such as carrots, potatoes, etc., are usually placed in the cooker first, and then the meat is added on top.
- While the recipe should specify, keep in mind that certain ingredients should be added later in the cooking process, such as: pasta, dairy products, delicate vegetables and tender fish or seafood.
- While not always necessary, some recipes call for browning meat prior to putting it in the slow cooker because it enhances the flavor, color and texture.
- A rule of thumb for cooking times on different heat settings: Cooking at one hour on high is equivalent to cooking at 2 hours on low.
- Don't remove the slow cooker lid once it's on, because it will take 15 to 20 minutes for the temperature to return to its prior heat level.
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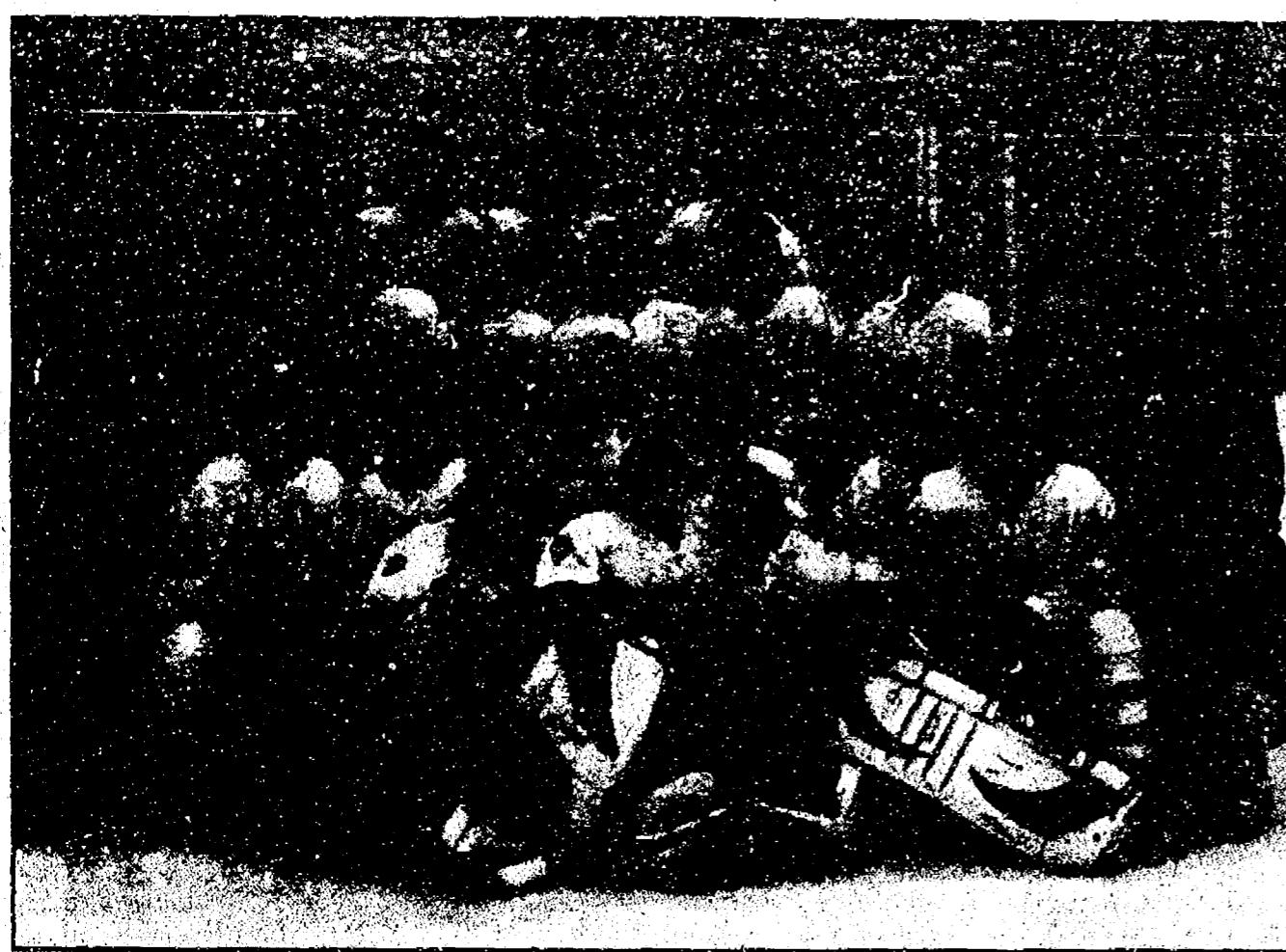
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Blue Devils' top line makes opponents see red



Grosse Pointe South's hockey team celebrates after winning the Alpena Invitational.

Norsemen look impressive in loss to Detroit PSL powerhouse

By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

Matt Trombley felt a lot better about his Grosse Pointe North basketball team after its game with Detroit Pershing than he did before the Norsemen took the court against the Doughboys in the PSL Coca-Cola Tournament.

Pershing came away with a 64-56 victory but North proved that it could compete with one of the better teams in the Detroit Public School League.

"We probably got them at the perfect time because they had just played a big game against Saginaw," Trombley said. "But I thought we played well. We played with more confidence than we have all year."

The game started like it could be a disaster for the Norsemen.

The Doughboys jumped out to a 9-0 lead before North's Paul Bramos hit a jumper from the corner to end Pershing's run.

"After that we started attacking the basket better," Trombley said.

The leading "attacker" was Dwight VanHoesen, who was fouled three times

in the first quarter and made all six of his free throws on the way to a 22-point performance.

A defensive mistake even turned out well for the Norsemen.

"We were in our half-court trap and we forgot about their 6-9 star, DeShawn Sims," Trombley said. "He went in for a dunk and missed it. We got the rebound and scored. After the first quarter, Pershing led 18-12 but we finished the quarter with confidence."

In the second quarter, North's defense gave the Doughboys some problems, VanHoesen hit three three-point baskets, Cory McCain scored six points and Colin Maloney came off the bench to provide a spark. At half-time the teams were tied at 32.

"We bothered them with our half-court defense," Trombley said. "We didn't give up penetration, and we got help defensively against their big guy. Our young guys are starting to understand what we want to do defensively."

North had a four-point lead with about two minutes

remaining in the third quarter but Pershing regained the lead and had a 49-46 advantage going into the final quarter.

North's offense also did a good job against Pershing.

"We executed the offense," Trombley said. "We ran two screen plays, and on the one we scored five straight baskets."

"They pressed a lot — both a half-court and a full-court trap — and we showed a lot of composure."

Trombley said that VanHoesen had his "best game attacking the basket."

McCain finished with eight points and Trombley said that it was his best game of the year.

"Marc Reno scored six points but they were important baskets," Trombley said. "He also had a good game defensively."

Kenyawn Patterson led Pershing with 17 points, and Sims had 16.

North, now 1-3, will open the Macomb Area Conference Red Division season tonight, Jan. 5, at Chippewa Valley.

The Norsemen then play at Romeo on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Woods-Shores Little League to meet Jan. 10

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League board of governors will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Woods City Hall council chambers.

Agenda items include

expansion of Little League offerings in Woods-Shores to include youth ages 13 through 18, presentation and approval of the league's financial report, discussion of field improvements and facility upgrades, tourna-

ment scheduling for 2006 and planning for the 2006 season.

Election of new and returning members to the board of governors will be

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By Chuck Klönke
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's forward line of Ryan Abraham, Lance Lucas and Tim Shield couldn't have a more fitting nickname.

Blue Devils coach Bob Bopp calls the unit his "Red Line" and it has certainly been making South's opponents see red — goal light red.

"That line's going to stay together for quite a while," Bopp said after South won the Alpena Invitational hockey tournament with a double-overtime 2-1 victory against University of Detroit Jesuit in the championship game.

"All three players are skilled and they work well together. They've scored a lot of points for us."

All three Red Line players are underclassmen. Abraham, who scored the winning goal at 2:35 of the second overtime, is a junior. The other two, both of whom assisted on Abraham's game winner, are sophomores.

"Shield has been great since the first day we've had him. Abraham is just a winner. And Lucas has been a fine addition to our team this year," Bopp said.

South's victory over U-D avenged last year's double-overtime loss to the Cubs in the tournament championship game.

The game was much different than the Blue Devils' 4-1 victory over East Kentwood in the opening round of the tournament.

"East Kentwood was a very fast team with quick and skilled players," insurance goal against East

Bopp said. "U-D's style is more patient with lots of stuff going on away from the puck trying to slow us down. And we didn't play with the same intensity we had against East Kentwood."

U-D is a team that thrives on emotion and when South failed to score on a couple of early chances, it seemed to boost the Cubs' confidence.

U-D took a 1-0 lead 10 minutes into the first period on a backhand shot that goalie Trevor Sattelmeyer played from the wrong angle.

That was the only mistake that the freshman netminder would make.

"He was outstanding," Bopp said. "He made many key saves. U-D's goalie was outstanding, too. They picked MVPs from each team at the end of the game and both goalies were chosen. Those were the correct picks."

Sattelmeyer made 22 saves, while the Cubs' netminder turned away 31 shots.

South played better in the second period and tied the game at 13:04 on a goal by Taylor Flaska. Trevor John passed to Flaska, who deflected the puck into the net as he was skating in front of the goal.

Flaska missed the first month of the season because of illness, but since his return he has played well.

"He scored a big goal in this game and a big one against Southgate," Bopp said.

Flaska also made a very important save in the second overtime, insurance goal against East

Kentwood.

Neither team scored in the third period or the first overtime. Finally, Abraham took a pass, skated from the boards behind the net into the slot area at the side of the goal and managed to put the puck past the Cubs' netminder.

"It sure feels a lot better to win in the second overtime than it does to lose a game like that," Bopp said.

Although he was pleased with the victory over U-D, Bopp thought his team played even better against previously-unbeaten East Kentwood.

"They might be as good as any team in the state," Bopp said of the Falcons, who have beaten Cranbrook Kingswood and Brother Rice this season.

Bopp learned more about Sattelmeyer in the semifinal game.

With less than a second remaining in the first period, Sattelmeyer had some trouble covering up a rebound and East Kentwood knocked the puck into the net.

"It was a difficult goal to give up after both teams played so well in the first period," Bopp said. "I was wondering how the goal would affect Trevor. He's very young, and these are big-time games to be in the nets for, but the goal didn't faze him at all. He played great the rest of the game."

At 7:22 of the second period, South's Red Line came through again. Lucas scored, assisted by Shield.

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Balancing act

Mike Burchi of University Liggett School does a balancing act as he tries to score on a power play while well covered by Berkley defenseman Alexander Resk. The Berkley goalie is Daniel Murphy-Brash. Berkley won the game 8-1 to remain unbeaten.



Pierce Middle School eighth graders Katie Hamm, left, and Katie Lanza finished first and second, respectively, in the school's Turkey Trot mile run.

130 runners compete for turkeys at Pierce

Pierce Middle School held its annual Turkey Trot and more than 130 sixth, seventh and eighth graders braved the cold to compete in a series of half-mile and one-mile runs.

The event was organized by the Pierce physical education department and sponsored by the school's PTO.

Seventeen students finished first or second in their respective races and earned a turkey. The top six in each race earned a medal.

Eighth graders winning turkeys were Katie Hamm,

Katie Lanza, Chloe Srebernak, Lindsay Phillips, Amrit Trewn, Tim Rogers, Undreas Hudson and Brad Menchl.

Seventh graders who earned turkeys were Sarah Ventimiglia, Shelby Stone, Christian Koppin and Eric Marshall.

Turkey winners from the sixth grade were Charlotte Burns, Meg Galea, Maddie Ethridge, Matt Reno and Eddie Mollison.

The Pierce Turkey Trot has been an annual event for more than 30 years.

Red Barons help spread holiday cheer

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons non-profit youth football organization has once again teamed up with another community group to help provide for less fortunate children during the holiday season.

The Southeastern Village (SEV) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to combine neighborhood development, school improvement and child welfare strategies to build a strong community that supports the families and students of the Southeastern Village. Its boundaries are Mack Avenue to the Detroit

River and from Mount Elliot to Alter Road.

The mission of the SEV, a learning community of choice in Detroit, is to revitalize the education of children and the well-being of the community through empowerment of residents, coordination of new and existing resources and the development of strong partnerships.

The Red Barons held a Good Will drive during their end-of-season recognition ceremony at the Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center.

The Red Barons collected unwrapped toys and other gifts at the door. Donated items included school supplies, toys, clothing, shoes and hygiene products.

The SEV works with 10 schools within its boundaries to identify needy families, who were beneficiaries of the drive.

The Red Barons' board of directors, led by President Rene St. Hilaire, spearheaded the drive.

"We're really proud to be part of the community efforts with SEV," St. Hilaire said. "The Red

Barons family encompasses a large part of our community and we are thankful to have the opportunity to help provide for children of less fortunate families this holiday season, and to such a worthy organization as the SEV."

The Red Barons organization includes nearly 300 players and cheerleaders and six teams, who reside in the Grosse Pointe school district.

For more information, visit www.gpredbarons.org or call the Red Barons hotline at (313) 207-8047.



Lauren Leverett was named rookie of the year on South's girls cross country team.

Another successful season for South girls cross country team

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team completed another successful season.

Among the accomplishments for coach Steve Zaranek's squad was a team size of 120 runners — the largest ever at the school and the largest in the state. Fifty-two of the runners earned varsity letters.

South reached the state finals for the 26th year in a row to continue a girls and boys state record streak.

The Blue Devils won their 16th state regional championship in the last 18 seasons.

South finished second in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division, and won four invitational championships — Algonac,

De La Salle, Saginaw Heritage and Center Line.

Jill McLaughlin earned all-league honors. She was joined on the all-regional team by teammates Lauren Leverett, Ashley Thibodeau, Jeannie Hollerbach, Emily McLaughlin, Sam Mackenzie and Sarah Petit.

Jill McLaughlin was named Most Valuable. She ran the fourth-fastest time in South's 27-year cross country history.

Leverett, a junior, was named Rookie of the Year.

Most Improved was fresh-

man Bethany Cavanagh.

Michelle Arthur and Sarah Mulhern received the Coaches Award.

The Captains Awards went to Robin Cook, Annie Sorge, Hollerbach and Herta Lusho.

The MAC also recognizes 10th through 12th graders who have maintained a 3.0 grade-point average. Ninety-two South girls earned all-league academic award certificates. The squad had a combined GPA of 3.7.



Jill McLaughlin was the most valuable runner on South's girls cross country team.

South

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and Abraham.

The Blue Devils took the lead at 12:54 of the second period on what Bopp felt was the best goal of the tournament.

Frankie DeLaura carried the puck into the Falcons' zone on a two-on-one break while South was shorthanded. DeLaura made a perfect pass across the ice to Geoff Osgood, who shot the puck over the goalie's shoulder and into the top corner of the net.

"That was a big goal and gave us a lot of confidence," Bopp said.

The game stayed 2-1 through most of the third period. Then South went on the power play and scored two goals. With 3 1/2 minutes remaining, the Blue Devils had a two-man advantage. Alaska made a perfect pass to Sam Mott at the back door and he put the puck in the net to give South a 3-1 lead.

Lucas capped the scoring with an empty-net goal, assisted by Shield and Abraham.

"It was our biggest win and our best-played game of the season against one of the best teams in the state," Bopp said. "Everyone who hit the ice for South played like it was a Stanley Cup Final game. It was great to see the effort from all the players."

One of the unsung heroes for the Blue Devils was David Altshuler. Altshuler, who had been used sparingly at forward, moved to defense for the tournament and earned his coach's praise.

"We're pretty deep up front, and with (Bryan) Mansfield out with an injury we decided to use David on defense," Bopp said. "He did just what I was looking for from him. He gave us some steady play on defense in both games."

South is now 8-2. The Blue Devils' next two games are Michigan Metro High School Hockey League contests, and both are on the road. South plays De La Salle at Fraser on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 5:45 p.m. and the Blue Devils visit Ann Arbor Pioneer at the Cube on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:45 p.m.

Aerobics class starts Jan. 9

The Fitness Firm is sponsoring an eight-week series of low-impact aerobics classes at First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, beginning Monday, Jan. 9.

Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45.

The cost is \$61. Participants may attend any or all classes.

For more information, call (313) 886-7534.

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NOTICE AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on January 12, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Woods Towing, located at 22755 Lexington, Eastpointe, MI. The following impounded/abandoned vehicles will be auctioned:

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Meeting

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held at the meeting.

The Woods city hall is located at 20025 Mack Plaza.

In addition to those who have already expressed an interest in serving on the board, nominations will be accepted from the audience.

Any member of the Woods-Shores Little League family is eligible to run for a position on the board. Visit the website at <http://eteamz.active.com/gpwsll/> to see the requirements for a board position.

Board members serve two-year terms. They govern the league, perform individual functions and oversee activities. Among the duties are player agents, registrar, tryout coordinator, safety officer, special events planner, grounds, facilities and equipments management

and fund raising.

The meeting is open to the public and participation from members of the Woods and Shores communities is welcome.

The Woods-Shores Little League provides a multi-level program for youth ages 6 through 18 living within the boundaries of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores.

There is T-ball for 6-year-olds, a "collegiate" instructional level program for 7- and 8-year-olds, and Major and Minor programs for 9- through 12-year-olds. Through a joint program with the Harper Woods Little League, baseball opportunities are provided for youth from 13 to 18.

Registration for the 2006 season will begin in February. The Grosse Pointe News will provide the exact dates and time.



Winning team

Alice Flood, 12, of the City of Grosse Pointe and a seventh grader at the Grosse Pointe Academy with her pony, Scout's Honor, was named Grand Champion Pony Hunter for 2005 by the Michigan Hunter Jumper Association. She was also awarded two division championships by the MEJA.

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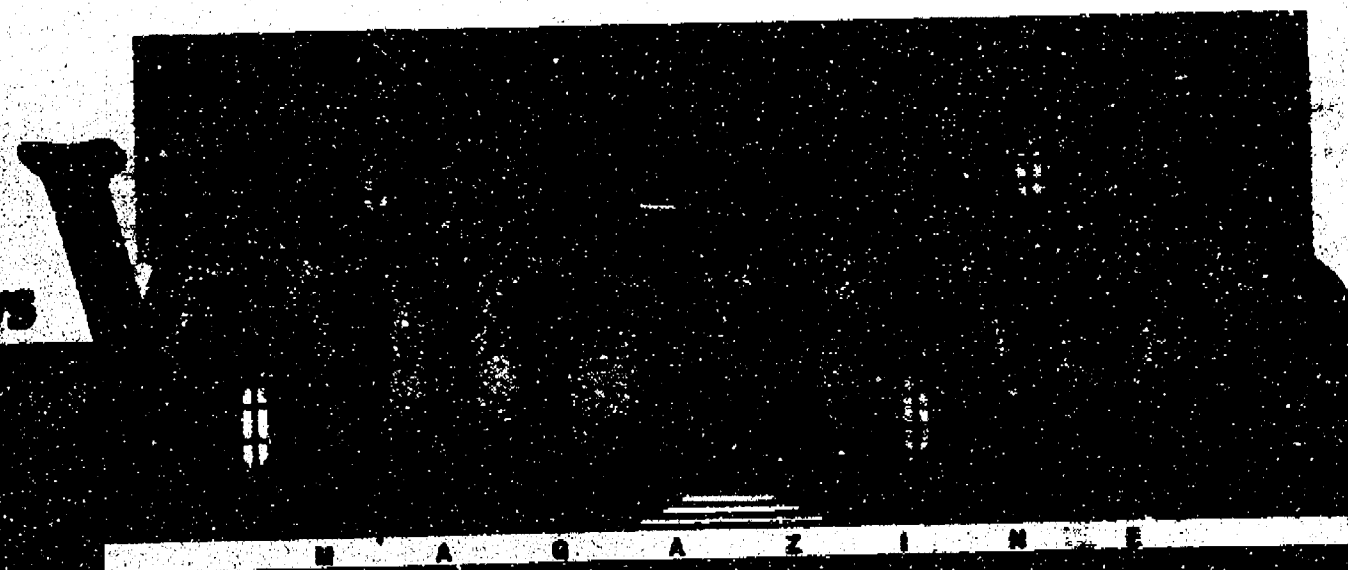
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Collecting board games

Collectors of vintage games enjoy all types of games, but it's the board games that are of special interest to most of them.

Getting in the "board" game has been happening since ancient times. I believe board games will never be obsolete because they create ties that bind family and friends together to sit down and give the same attention to each player's strategic maneuvering. Emotions come into play as in feeling happy, lucky, smart, intimate, and annoyed at turns. New games are invented each year and some will become classics.

Timelines of toys list the history of board games:

Scrabble was invented in 1931. It was first named the Criss Cross Game by Alfred M. Butts of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In 1948 Butts sold the rights to the game to entrepreneur James Brunot who copyrighted it as Scrabble (Hasbro).

Monopoly was invented in 1935 by Charles B. Darrow of Germantown, Pa. Darrow had success selling the game on his own before Parker Brothers would consider to buy the rights to the game — the amount it sold for is unknown.

Chutes and Ladders (Milton Bradley) was released in 1943. The game was based on an old game called Snakes and Ladders that European settlers brought with them to America.

Candyland was one of many imaginary games created in 1949 by Eleanor Abbott while she was recovering from polio. Abbott sold the game to Milton Bradley.

Yahtzee was invented by a Canadian couple in 1955. The couple, whose names are unknown, sold the rights of the game to Edwin S. Lowe who changed the game's name to Yahtzee. The Milton Bradley Company acquired the E.S. Lowe Co. and the Yahtzee game.

A Darrow Monopoly game in very good condition recently sold on e-bay for \$905; a 1946 Monopoly board game, in excellent condition, with all wooden playing pieces, sold on e-bay for \$27.47; and a 1953 scrabble board game, in mint condition, with wooden letter tiles, sold on e-bay for \$42.



"Maloney's Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory" lists the following collectors of vintage board games:

- Bill Smith wants all board games; any age or theme. Smith can be reached at 56 Locust St., East Douglas, MA 01516-2440; phone, (508) 476-2015.

- Bernard Newman wants pre-1930 board games, especially by McLoughlin, Parker, Bliss, Bradley, and Ives; must be in excellent condition with excellent graphics. Newman can be reached at 2004 Delancy Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103-6510; phone, (800) 523-3256; e-mail, bnewman@erols.com.

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- Lee Dennis, author of "Warman's Antique American Games, 1840 - 1940" and former curator-owner of the country's largest collection of board games. Dennis can be reached at 447 Park Ave., Apt. 12, Keene, NH 03431-6566; phone, (603) 358-0060.

- Rick Polizzi, co-author with Fred Shaeffer of "Spin Again: Board Games From the Fifties and Sixties." Polizzi can be reached at 4602 Morse Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3326.

Maybe it's time for you to get into the game of collecting board games.

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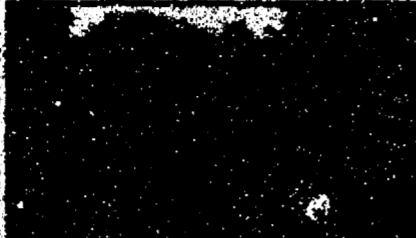
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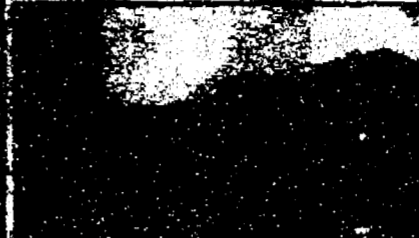
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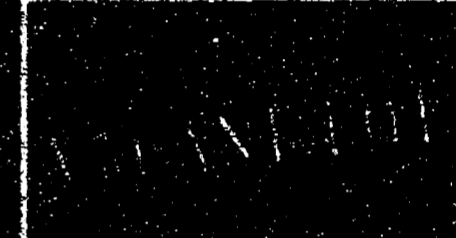
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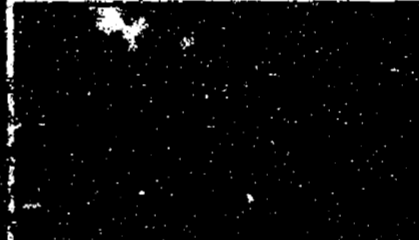
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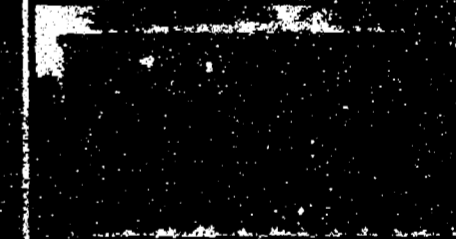
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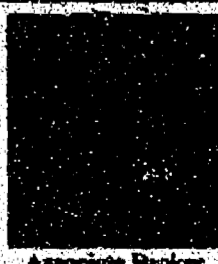


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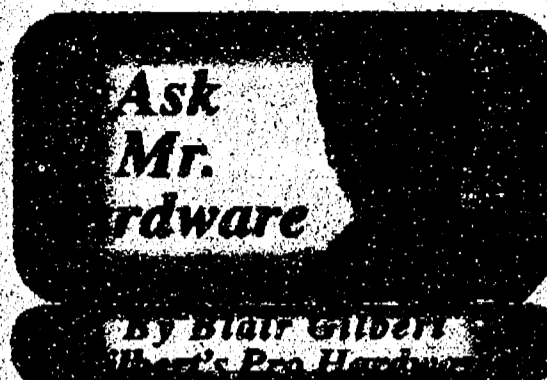
Q. Mr. Hardware, we vacation for six weeks every winter. Is there a safe low temperature to set the furnace? Should I turn off the water or the hot water heater while we are gone?

— Rose J. of Macomb Township

A. Rose, Turning down the thermostat is more important for those who are gone for extended periods as opposed to short vacations. A pipe near an outside wall that comes close to freezing when the house is 70 degrees could freeze and burst if the thermostat was set at 60 degrees, and you will not be home to know it.

If your pipes freeze and break, the first call will be to the plumber to repair the leak. The next calls will be to your insurance agency and a water damage company. You may even have to move out of the house while repairs are made.

The age and condition of your plumbing has a lot to do with whether or not you should shut off the water while you are gone. If you have old galvanized plumbing,



Ask Mr. Hardware
By Blair Gilbert
Gilbert's Pro Hardware

I would turn off the water when absent for an extended period of time. It is rare, but not impossible, for copper plumbing to develop a leak for no reason.

No matter what kind of plumbing you have, the biggest "loose end" is the hot water heater. Water heaters over 8 years old are prone to leaking on their own. They usually fail when one least expects it, at night, on a Sunday or a holiday. The old hot water tanks can last up to 16 years, but the new models are usually good for about eight to 12 years.

To conserve gas on the water heater set the "gas control valve"

on the tank to "pilot." This will shut off the main burner to the tank but will leave the pilot on. This way when you return from vacation you do not have to relight the pilot, just turn the gas valve back to "on."

Another safety precaution is to get a "Winter Watchman." It is a device that turns on a lamp if the temperature drops below a set temperature. Plug it into an outlet near a front window and plug a lamp into it. If the temperature

drops below the setting on the Watchman, the lamp will come on. This way friends and relatives who are watching the house can keep an eye on the temperature without having to go inside.

Send your questions to: Mr. Hardware c/o Gilbert's Pro Hardware at 21912 Harper in St. Clair Shores 48080; call (588) 776-9532, e-mail staff@mrhardware.com, or visit www.mrhardware.com to view past columns.

Paw's Corner

By Sam Mazzotta

Q. The best dog training tip I have used is how to settle a barking dog. Take an empty can and put three to four pennies in it. When your dog (or neighbor's dog) goes off, shake the can. The first time I tried it on my young terrier I threw it in her direction, not hitting her of course. It worked and still works today. It's so nice not having to yell at her. Cheers for now.

— Denise B., Campbell River, B.C., Canada.

A. The "penny can" is indeed an effective training tool. It often "shocks" dogs into silence and so is really effective for problem barkers. I'm not sure about throwing it — besides the possibility of your terrier suddenly changing direction and heading straight into the path of the can, it's also out of reach, requiring lots of extra walking and bending and such.

Remember also that the penny can is a type of negative reinforcement. While this type of reinforcement has a place in obedience training, too much of it is never a good thing. Balance the penny-can punishment with a treat or praise reward.

Here's one way to do this: When your dog starts barking, place your hand over her muzzle or gently hold it shut, saying "Quiet" in a calm, firm voice. When the dog stops barking, give her a treat and praise. The next time, wait for three seconds of silence before giving her a treat. Extend the wait-

ing period gradually. In a few weeks you should only have to say "quiet" for your dog to stop barking.

Allow your dog to bark, yip and frolic a bit every day, preferably when you're spending time with her.

Barking can often be an expression of boredom and frustration; so if you're challenging her with training or playing a rousing game of fetch, you're diminishing the amount of barking she'll do later.

Q. I read your article about the cat that's afraid to use the pet flap. A solution might be an electronically activated pet door that uses a collar that transmits to a receiver to activate the door. As a lover of cats, I looked on the Internet and found exactly what I was looking for. To find this product, go to www.hitecpet.com.

— Steve H., via e-mail.

A. Thank you. Readers, Power Pet automatic pet doors can be found at the Web address above, or do an Internet search for Staywell electronic pet doors. Infrared electronic pet doors cost much more than standard pet flap doors, but they can help keep out strays and may be easier to use for pets uncomfortable with flaps.

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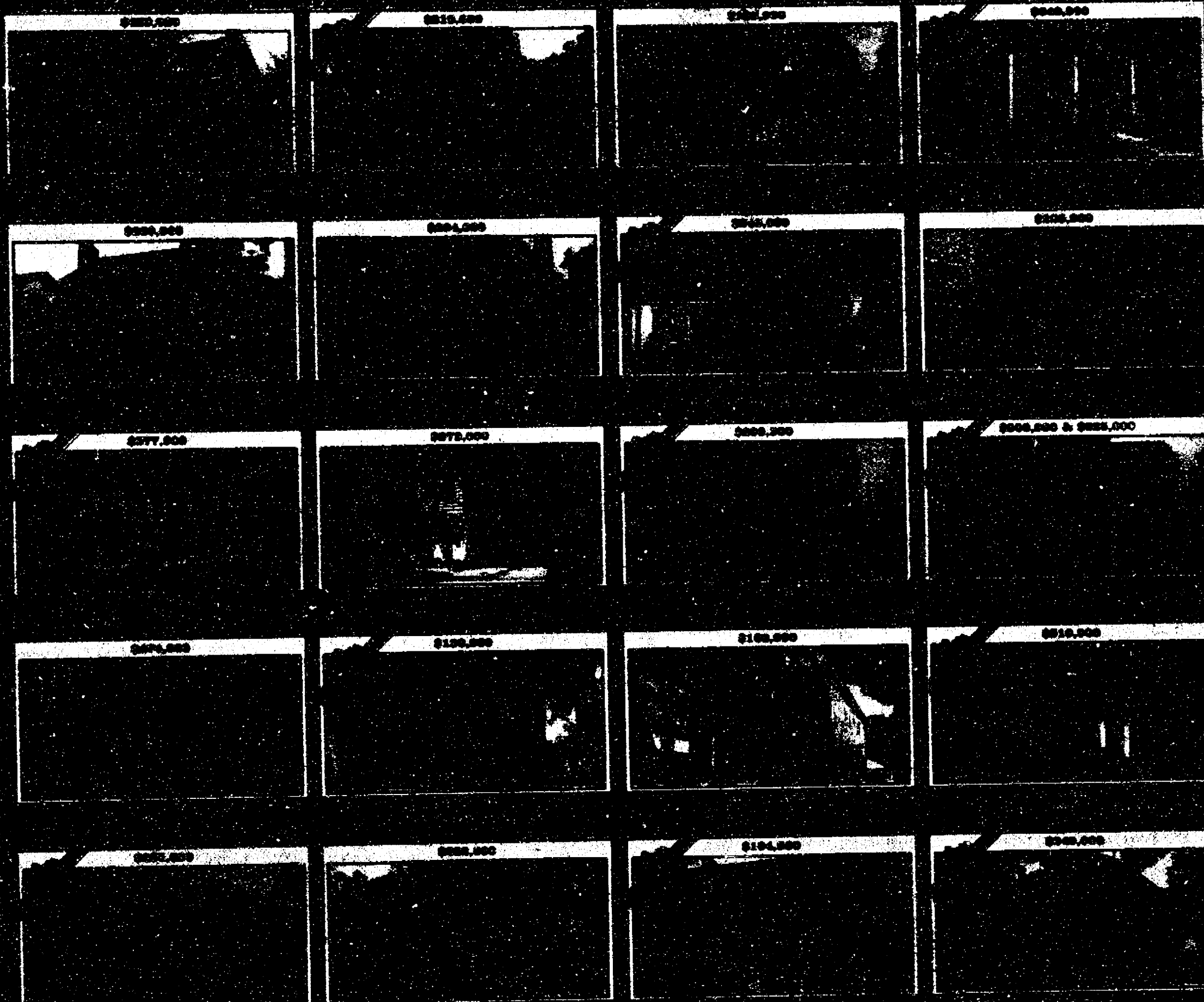


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These pollutants include dust, bacteria, viruses, mold, fungus, mildew and gases. Dust can come from hair, skin, clothes or shoes when you walk in and out. The mildew, fungus and molds can come with the dust or grow within the heating and cooling systems. To help reduce these pollutants and to maintain the efficiency of your existing central heating or cooling system, it is important to understand the type of filtration system you have and how to maintain it.

Filters come in different efficiencies that are measured in the percentage of "arrestance," that is, what amount and size of particles do they stop. The higher the percentage, the smaller the particle the filter will stop.

There are four types of filtration systems normally found in duct systems:

1. Conventional "throw-away" fiberglass. These are the most inexpensive and most common filters that you can buy. They're the filter you can see through. They stop only 15 percent of the largest dust particles in the air. But they have no effect on pollen, micro-organisms, smoke or other similar pollutants. Replace monthly, winter and summer.

2. HEPA, or pleated paper. These filters look like a paper version of drapery pleats and stop up to 45 percent of the particles in the air. This type of filter is the easiest upgrade for the money spent. These filters come in the same size as a fiberglass filter; except for the thickness of 2 to 3 inches. They are available at most hardware/home improvement stores. This type of filter gives the greatest degree of improvement for the money spent. Replace every one to three months.

3. Electronic (not electrostatic). This filter system uses ionizing cells and offers the best results. It has the highest capture rate of up to 95 percent of all airborne pollutants including bacteria, dust, animal hair, dust mites, mildew, lint, fungus, smoke, cooking grease, mold and viruses. An electronic air



filter pays for itself by increasing energy efficiency and prolonging the life of your system. These cells must be removed and cleaned at least once a month with either a

hose or in your dishwasher in order to enjoy maximum efficiency and a cleaner home. One benefit of this high-efficiency filter is a reduction in the need to dust the furniture.

4. Ultraviolet lights. These lights wash the air and work in conjunction with conventional filtering systems.

Remember as the furnace gets older, its efficiency level drops significantly. For example, a typical gas furnace installed in 1970 probably operates at less than 60 percent efficiency, even lower with dirty filters. Filters not only impact

the quality of your home breathing air but also the efficiency of your heating system, and your wallet.

Most importantly, make sure that all the air that goes through your heating or cooling system is filtered.

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Cutting costs: Becoming more energy efficient

(NAPSI) — Using energy wisely and taking the time to just check little things can make a big difference in how much natural gas you use and how much you spend on your energy bill. Here are a few tips to help families conserve energy and save money:

Reducing air leaks could cut as much as 10 percent from an average household's energy bill. Start by sealing leaks around doors, windows and other openings with caulk or weather-stripping. The most common places where air escapes are floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans, vents and electric outlets.

Use energy wisely

1. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees during the winter, and at 58 degrees when away from the house for more than a few hours. While sleeping, add an extra blanket for warmth.

2. Install an automatic setback or programmable thermostat to adjust the temperature automatically without sacrificing comfort.

3. Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Furnaces consume less energy if they "breathe" more easily. Use receipt of your gas bill as a reminder.

4. Warm air rises, so use registers to direct warm airflow across the floor.

5. Close vents and doors in unused rooms and close dampers on unused fireplaces.

6. Set water heater temperatures at 120 degrees. This helps save money since water heating is a typical family's third-largest energy expense, accounting for about 14 percent of utility bills.

7. Install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.

8. If radiators are located near cold walls, place a sheet of aluminum foil between the radiator and the wall to reflect heat back into the room.

9. Run washing machines and clothes dryers with a full load.

10. On sunny days, open draperies and blinds to let the sun's warmth in. Close them at night to insulate against cold air outside.

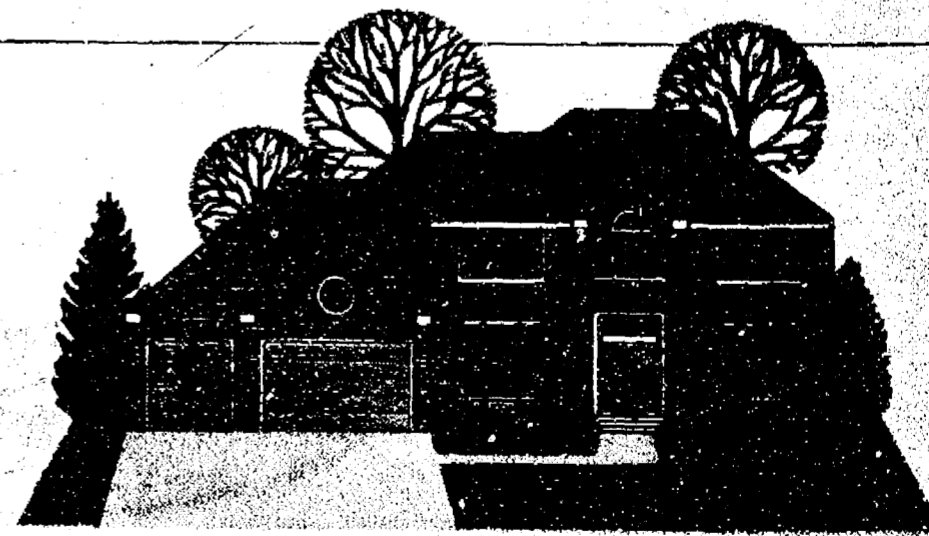
Long-term improvements

- Check to see if attic and basement have the recommended levels of insulation.

- Check the heating system and replace old, outdated appliances with high-efficiency natural gas models.

- Install storm or thermal windows and doors or double-paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to prevent drafts and retain heat.

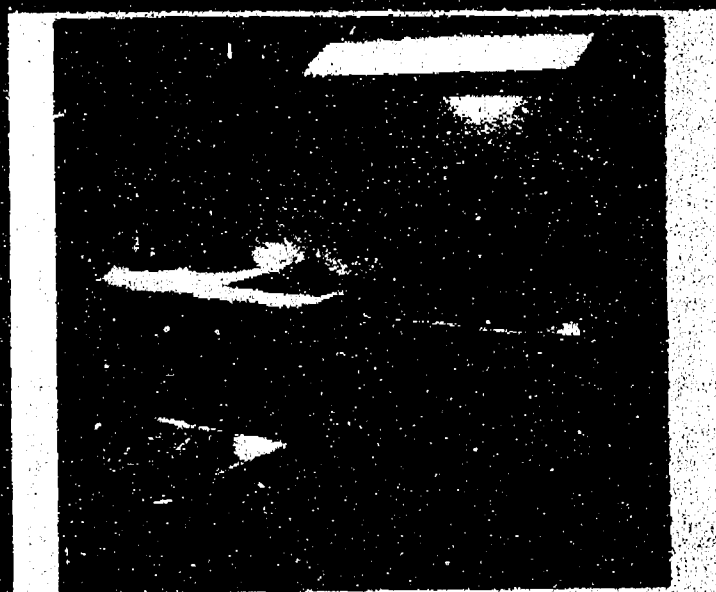
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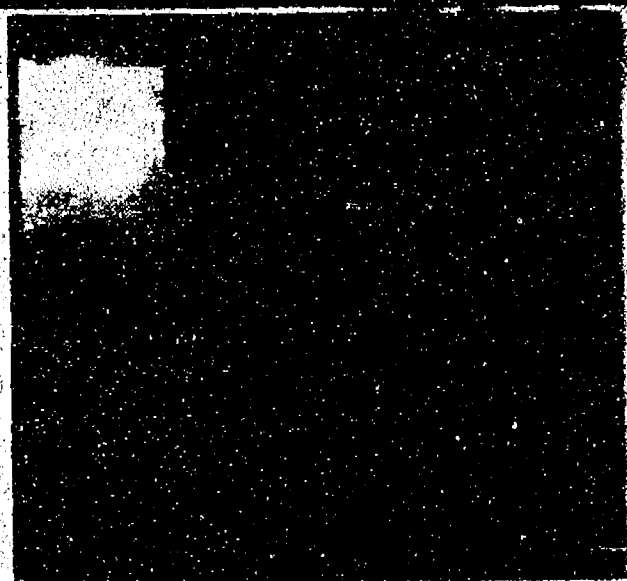
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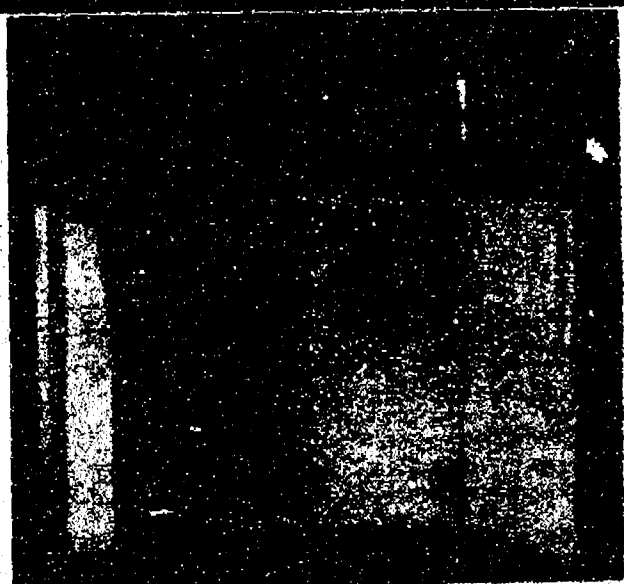
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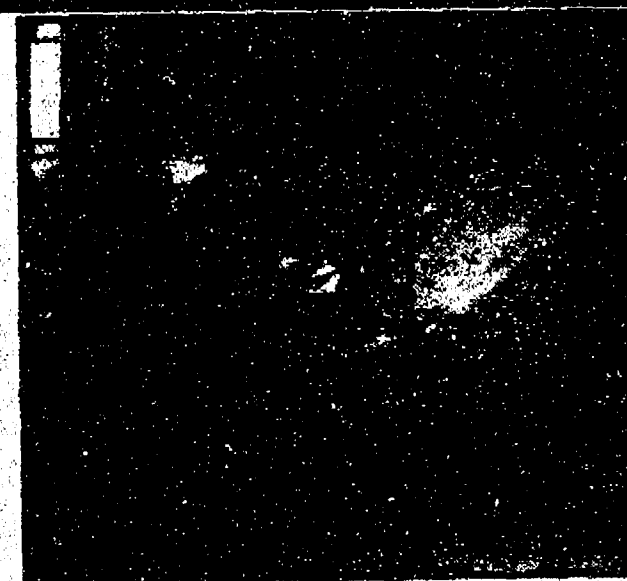
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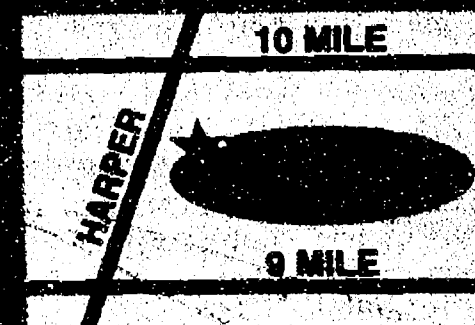


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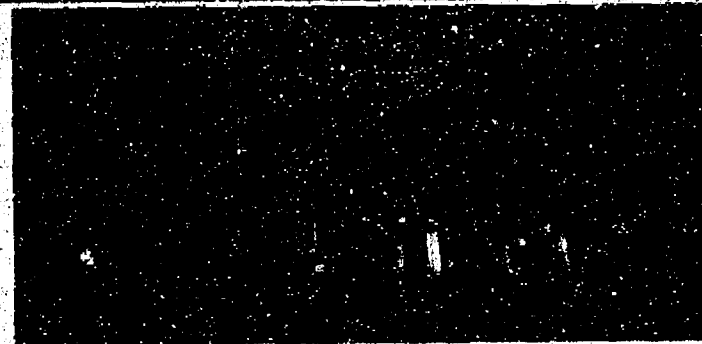


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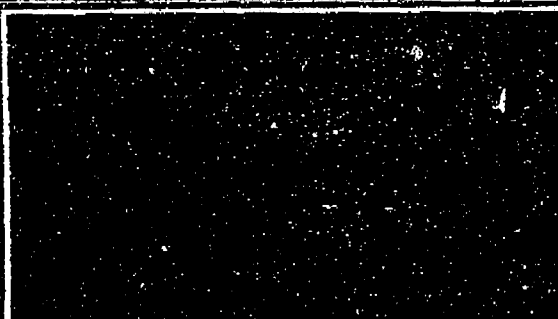
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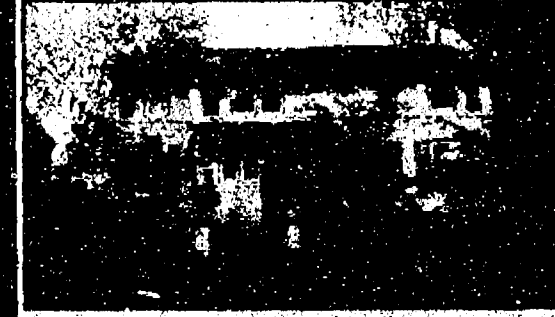
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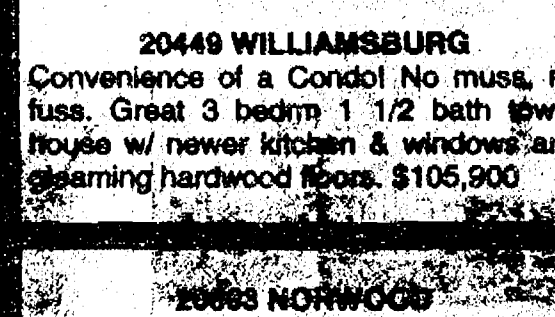
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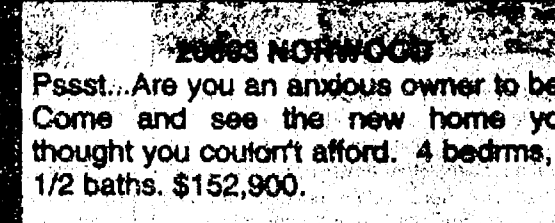
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Open House January 6th from 1-4. Chef's kitchen, marble counters, Pergo floor, island. Newer full bath in master bedroom, bonus room would make perfect nursery or hobby room. Outdoor kitchen makes a three bedroom, two and one half bath home a must see.
(LGP68DEL) 313-886-8845 \$294,800

GROSSE PONTE FARMS Custom
Spacious brick Cox and Baker Cape Cod with three bedrooms, two updated full baths. Gorgeous living and dining rooms with refinished hardwoods and natural fireplace. Updated kitchen, newer roof and windows. Two car garage.
(LGP21CHA) 313-886-8845 \$282,800

GROSSE PONTE PARK Opportunity
Just off Karchival and just a few hundred yards from the Village! With a little painting and tending this home will be outstanding. Lots of character and detailing throughout. Appliances included. Great investment.
(LGP48886) 313-886-8845 \$274,800

GROSSE PONTE Spacious
Spacious three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two car garage, two fireplaces, finished basement, library, Florida room, rear deck, air conditioning, fenced yard, corner lot, occupancy at closing. Home Warranty.
(LGP68CAD) 313-886-8845 \$288,000

GROSSE PONTE WOODS Custom
Built in 1990. Oak kitchen with island, breakfast counter and oak floors. Vaulted ceiling in family room. Neutral decor throughout. Finished basement. Central air. Copper plumbing. One year warranty.
(LGP04RMD) 313-886-8845 \$248,000

GROSSE PONTE WOODS Outstanding
In every way possible this four bedroom, two bath has been extensively updated, not to mention a large family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace and recreation room. A true gem!
(LGP28LOC) 313-886-8845 \$230,000

GROSSE PONTE WOODS Updated
Adorable three bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen, bath, windows, doors, roof, central air. Completely finished basement with ceramic tile floors, office or bedroom and updated lavatory. Hardwood floors and more!
(LGP78STA) 313-886-8845 \$224,800

GROSSE PONTE WOODS Multi-Family
Well maintained two-family brick dwelling with two bedrooms in each. Family room in lower, possible third bedroom. Fireplace in living room, eating space in kitchen, hardwood floors. Long term tenant in upper.
(LGP17VER) 313-886-8845 \$218,900

GROSSE PONTE WOODS Great Value
Nice three bedroom Colonial has a large living room, dining room, family room with fireplace. Half bath on first floor, full bath on second. Full basement, two car garage. Freshly painted with new carpet throughout. Immediate occupancy.
(LGP78RMD) 313-886-8845 \$174,800

GROSSE PONTE PARK Charming
Enjoy all the Grosse Pointe amenities including the private lakefront parks. Large deck perfect for entertaining. Natural fireplace in living room, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Kitchen appliances. Ready to move in.
(LGP30WAY) 313-886-8845 \$148,800

ST. CLAIR SHORES Gorgeous
Beautifully updated four bedroom, two and one half bath Colonial. Refinished hardwood floors, recessed lighting, newer carpeting, roof and humidifier. Remodeled half bath with granite and undermount sink. Newer GE appliances stay.
(LGP31NEW) 313-886-8845 \$274,900

THE GONG RATE

Mortgage Rates as of December 28, 2005

	Phone Number	30 Yr. Fixed Points	15 Yr. Fixed Points	1 Yr. ARM Points	Other Progs			
1st National Bank of Hawaii	(517) 545-2287	6	2	5.5	2	NR	NR	J
AXXA Discount Mortgage	(577) 728-3589	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	J
American's Premier Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.875	0	5.375	0	6.125	0	JBNVF
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8846	5.875	1	5.375	1	5	1	J
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) LOW-RATE	6	1.5	5.375	2.25	NR	NR	J
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 588-5805	5.825	0.75	5.125	1.625	2.5	1	JBNVF
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	6.125	0	5.75	0	5.625	0.5	JNVF
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 555-3100	6.125	0	5.75	0	3.625	2	JB
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 782-8830	6.125	0.25	5.75	0.125	5.125	0.25	VF
First International Mortgage	(248) 258-1594	5.75	0	5.375	0	NR	NR	JB
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.5	1.375	5	1.5	2.25	2	JBNVF
Group One Mortgage	(734) 653-4000	6	0	5.625	0	5.25	0	JBNVF
Horizon Financial Group	(800) 538-7887	5.825	2	5.125	2	NR	NR	J
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) HOME-600	5.875	2	5.5	2	3.75	2	JBNVF
Mahomet Mortgage	(800) 800-1313	5.875	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	JBNVF
Michigan Schools & Gov. CU	(586) 283-8800	6	0	5.625	0	4.875	0	J
National City Bank	(588) 825-0825	5.625	2.125	5.125	2.125	5.375	0.875	JBN
Pathway Financial LLC	(910) 728-2274	5.875	0	5.375	0	3.375	0	JF
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6983	5.375	3	4.875	3	3.125	3	JVF
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6	0	5.625	0	4.625	0	JB

Rates subject to change without notice. Rates and points based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down.

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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants based in Brighton

Six steps to personal financial independence in 2006

(ARA) — With the average per-person credit card debt in America at \$8,562 and total consumer debt topping \$1.7 trillion, this New Year consider committing to financial resolutions by creating a "Declaration of Personal Financial Independence."

"Many people struggle with living paycheck to paycheck and getting further into debt each month," says James E. Stowers, author of "Yes, You Can ... Achieve Financial Independence" and founder of American Century Investments. "The new year is a time to take a long look at how you're spending your time and money, and determine your financial priorities. Creating and signing your own 'Declaration of Personal Financial Independence' is a great way to put those New Year's resolutions into practice."

Stowers recommends the following six resolutions to help you become financially independent:

1. Determine to make a commitment. Ask yourself this question, "Who will take care of me financially, if I don't take care of myself?" Your answer to that question will determine your financial future. Are you expecting to have enough in your savings to be independent until the end of your life? Or are you expecting to be taken care of by the government, a relative or a charity? Can you count on one of them to be there for you when you retire? The best option is independence.

2. Identify your wants vs. needs. Most of us have more wants than we have income. By assessing your wants and needs, you can budget for everyday occurrences and save for the most important "wants" on your list. Conduct a thorough analysis of your needs so you know your monthly budget, and then prioritize your wants by what value they bring to you. You may be surprised by the items that fall to the bottom of your list.

3. Pay yourself first; then forget about it. Before you pay a single monthly bill, including your mortgage, rent or insurance, pay yourself first. A simple rule of thumb is to have at least 10 percent of your gross income saved and invested

for the long term. Then, fight the temptation to spend any of your savings. Time is your greatest asset; so the sooner you start saving and the longer you keep your savings in place, the more financially secure you'll be in retirement.

4. Practice responsible credit card use. Change your view on your credit cards, and you'll become a responsible user. Credit cards provide the convenience of not carrying cash in your wallet at all times. They shouldn't be used to buy now and pay much more and much later. Start imagining cash coming directly out of your pocket and concentrate on paying down the debt that keeps you a prisoner of your credit card balances.

5. Prepare for a financial emergency. Personal, property or business risks will be a reality for all of us at some time. If you don't provide for your emergencies, who will? Life is full of risks and financial pitfalls. By preparing for those risks now, you ensure the emergency does not have a profound impact on your lifestyle and financial goals. First, assess your current personal level of insurance coverage, evaluating its ability to cover your assets while allowing you to pay higher deductibles. Then, build an emergency reserve fund based on three to six months of living expenses. The reserve fund should remain readily available, safe and income-producing.

6. Get your money's worth. For at least one month, keep a record of every purchase, listing exactly the item and the cost. At the end of the month review the list and ask yourself these two questions:

- Am I getting my money's worth?
- Am I satisfied with the way I'm spending my money?

If you answer no to either of these two questions, it's time to reassess your spending and saving habits. Your goal is to continuously refine the way you spend money until you are completely comfortable with your habits.

"Yes, You Can ... Achieve Financial Independence" is available by calling (800) 234-3445 or online at stowers-innovations.com.

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Best Advice!www.buy-grosse-pointe-real-estate.com**FOR SALE****Single Family Lot**

90 Feet Frontage on a Dead End Street, leading to Lake St. Clair. Established Grosse Pointe neighborhood. Represented by Broker


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EXCEPTIONAL family home, 1252 Blairmoor Court. Five bedrooms, including master suite with Jacuzzi, 2.5 baths, new kitchen, carpet, hardwood floors, fireplace, unique 14' heated swim spa on enclosed porch, many extras. \$399,500. Must see this one! Call owner, (313)881-9088**GROSSE** Pointe Woods, 626 Blairmoor Court. 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, approximately 2,300 square feet. In-ground pool with Brick Paver patio, Caesar stone kitchen counter tops, marble foyer & powder room, \$429,000. (313)886-0478**CO-OP** apartment near Grosse Pointe Woods. 1,000 sq. ft. New windows. \$260/month. \$49,500. (313)885-8247**HARRISON** Cove- 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, attached garage, fireplace, balcony. Pond view. \$161,000. (313)378-6017**LAKESHORE** Village, 2 bedroom. New windows, air. Sale or lease. 313-617-8663**ZERO** down available. St. Clair Shores- 2 bedroom condo, 1 1/2 baths, upper with balcony. \$63,900. (586)202-2261Classified Advertising
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ST. Clair Shores, bordering Grosse Pointe on the Milk River, is a great 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, with attached garage. Enjoy tranquility and water activities all year round. Pat At Tappan and Associates. 313-884-6200, x214.

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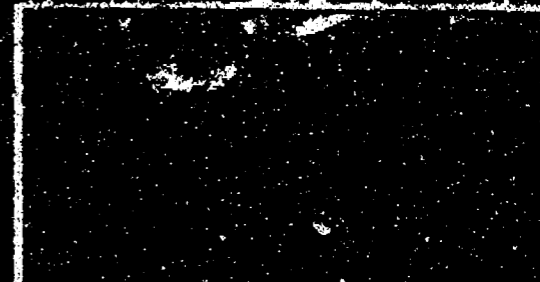
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OLD WORLD CRAFTSMANSHIP



Recently restored to the highest standards with state-of-the-art systems. Outstanding gourmet kitchen, step-down living room with doors leading to gardens and patio. The inviting library was constructed from inlaid wood from the Black Forest in Germany. By appointment. \$1,999,000.

A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE



Lovely entrance hall greets you, and the arched doors, hardwood floors, library and sunken living room with marble fireplace make this a special home to enjoy. Five bedrooms, three full and two half baths. Walked-in drive and motor court. \$1,485,000.

BEYOND YOUR DREAMS!



This luxury home boasts a two story entrance hall, all new baths, an incredible kitchen large enough to host a gathering and a family room and sunroom. Four bedrooms and three and one half baths. Fabulous gardens with a rare 100+ year old fern leaf birch. \$975,000.

SPECTACULAR KITCHEN ...



A large kitchen and library are found in this gracious Farms residence. Four bedrooms and two and one half baths, finished basement and attached garage. Secluded, manicured garden with patio. Truly a must see. \$945,000.

\$40,000 PRICE ADJUSTMENT!



This warm and elegant home has kept its integrity intact! Spacious rooms, hardwood floors and traditional details. Exquisite Pewabic tile throughout. Five bedrooms, two year old kitchen and a wonderful recreation room. \$499,000.

GREAT FLOOR PLAN



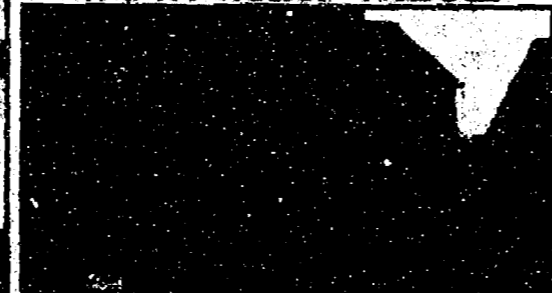
If you desire comfortable living among beautiful surroundings you must see this four bedroom brick home near the lake. Inviting front hall, Mutchler kitchen and huge family room. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths. \$674,900.

PRIZED LOCATION!



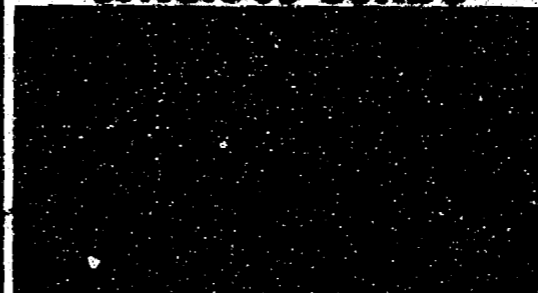
Sparkling center entrance Colonial offers unique detailing. Beautiful plaster work, gleaming hardwood floors, wainscoting, six-panel doors and multiple fireplace. The floor plan is ideal for entertaining. Four bedrooms, two full and two half baths. \$469,900.

WOW! WHAT VALUE!



Amazing all brick English Tudor is in move in condition. Many newer updates include cherry kitchen, roof, furnace and air, security system. The two and one half baths are a rare find in this price range. ANXIOUS CARNER! \$279,900

SPACIOUS CONDO



Well-situated and immaculate four bedroom, three and one half bath condo offers custom shutters throughout. Master bedroom has private bath. All appliances included. French doors from dining room lead to a private patio. \$285,000.

CHARMING DOLLHOUSE



Delightful one and one half story has an updated kitchen with hardwood floors and appliances, newer full bath with Jacuzzi and a garden room that leads to large patio and beautiful landscaped yard. Finished basement with newer full bath. \$219,500.